SECTION 4: SECOND-ORDER TRANSIENT RESPONSE

ENGR 202 – Electrical Fundamentals II



Second-Order Circuits

- In this and the previous section of notes, we consider second-order RLC circuits from two distinct perspectives:
 - Frequency-domain
 - Second-order, RLC filters
 - Time-domain
 - Second-order, RLC step response

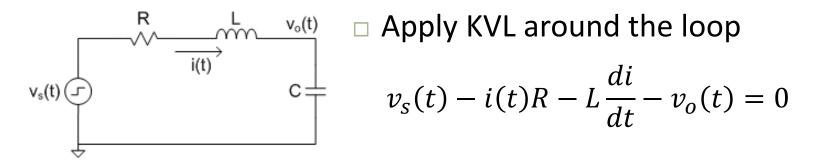
Transient Response of Second-Order Circuits

Second-Order Transient Response

- In ENGR 201 we looked at the transient response of first-order RC and RL circuits
 - Applied KVL
 - Governing differential equation
 - Solved the ODE
 - Expression for the step response
- □ For *second-order circuits*, process is the same:
 - Apply KVL
 - Second-order ODE
 - Solve the ODE
 - Second-order step response

Step Response of RLC Circuit

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- Determine the response of the following RLC circuit
 Source is a voltage step: v_s(t) = 1V · u(t)
 Output is the voltage across the capacitor

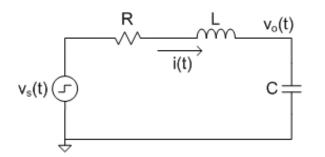


\Box Want an ODE in terms of $v_o(t)$

- Need to eliminate i(t)
- **\square** Can express i(t) in terms of the output voltage:

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv_0}{dt}$$
 so, $\frac{di}{dt} = C \frac{d^2v_0}{dt^2}$

Step Response of RLC Circuit



 Substituting in the expression for current, the KVL equation becomes

$$v_s(t) - C\frac{dv_o}{dt}R - LC\frac{d^2v_o}{dt^2} - v_o(t) = 0$$

Rearranging gives the governing second-order ODE:

$$\frac{d^2 v_o}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv_o}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v_o(t) = \frac{1}{LC} v_s(t)$$

- □ A second-order, linear, non-homogeneous, ordinary differential equation
- Non-homogeneous, so solve in two parts
 - 1) Find the complementary solution to the homogeneous equation

- 2) Find the particular solution for the step input
- General solution will be the sum of the two individual solutions:

$$v_o(t) = v_{oc}(t) + v_{op}(t)$$

⁸ Complementary Solution

Complementary Solution –
$$v_{oc}(t)$$

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- The homogeneous equation is obtained by setting the forcing function (input) to zero

$$\frac{d^2 v_o}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv_o}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v_o(t) = 0$$

For an ODE of this form, we assume a solution of the form

$$v_{oc}(t) = e^{st}$$

• Where *s* is an unknown *complex* value. Then

$$\frac{dv_{oc}}{dt} = se^{st} \text{ and } \frac{d^2v_{oc}}{dt^2} = s^2e^{st}$$

 Substituting back into the homogeneous ODE yields the characteristic equation

$$s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

Complementary Solution – $v_{oc}(t)$

 $s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$

The characteristic equation can be rewritten as

 $s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_o^2 = 0$

or

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_o s + \omega_o^2 = 0$$

The *roots* of the characteristic equation (also called *poles*) tell us about the:

Form of the complementary solution

- Nature of the response
- These roots (or *poles*) are

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$
, $s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

where

$$\alpha = rac{R}{2L}$$
 and $\omega_0 = rac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

Complementary Solution – $v_{oc}(t)$

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We've said we can write the *characteristic equation* as

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

or

$$s^2 + 2\zeta\omega_0 s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

 \Box The **damping ratio**, ζ , can be defined as

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

- A few key points:
 - $\bullet \omega_0$ is the resonant frequency
 - $\Box \zeta$ characterizes the nature (sharpness) of the resonance
 - Both are related to the roots of the characteristic equation

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Complementary Solution – $v_{oc}(t)$

Complementary solution has the same form as that of a first-order circuit:

$$v_{oc}(t) = e^{st}$$

- **s** is the roots of the characteristic equation
 - Now two values identical or distinct
 - May be complex
- Form of the solution depends on the values of s
 Can be characterized in terms of the value of ζ:

• $\zeta > 1 - over-damped$ case:

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

• $\zeta = 1 - critically-damped$ case:

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 t e^{s_1 t}$$

• $\zeta < 1 - under - damped$ case:

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) + K_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

$$v_s(t)$$

Over-Damped RLC Circuit – $\zeta > 1$

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Roots of the characteristic equation are

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$
, $s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

These are related to the damping ratio as

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

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□ If $\zeta > 1$, then

- $\alpha > \omega_0$ • $\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2 > 0$ – i.e., the discriminant is **positive**
- *s*₁ and *s*₂ are *real and distinct*
- Complimentary solution has the following form

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

□ Recall that $\zeta > 1$ (actually, $\zeta \ge 0.707$) corresponded to no peaking in the frequency domain

Critically-Damped RLC Circuit – $\zeta = 1$

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$
, $s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

 $\Box \quad \text{If } \zeta = 1 \text{, then}$

- $\alpha = \omega_0$ • $\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2 = 0$ – i.e., the discriminant is **zero**
- **\square** s_1 and s_2 are **real and identical**
- Complimentary solution has the following form

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 t e^{s_1 t}$$

- This is the lowest value of ζ for which the step response is **monotonic**
 - Constantly increasing
 - No overshoot

Under-Damped RLC Circuit – $\zeta < 1$

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- □ If ζ < 1, then
 - $\square \ \alpha < \omega_0$
 - $\alpha^2 \omega_0^2 < 0$ i.e., the discriminant is *negative*
 - **•** s_1 and s_2 are a *complex conjugate pair*
- Complimentary solution has the following form

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) + K_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

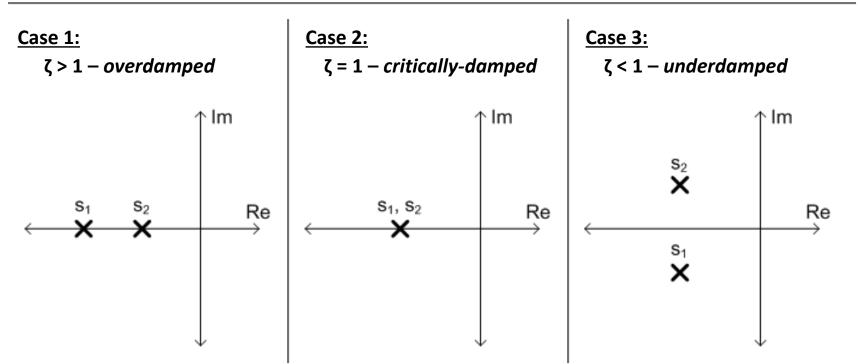
• ω_d is the *damped natural frequency*

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = \omega_0 \sqrt{1 - \zeta^2}$$

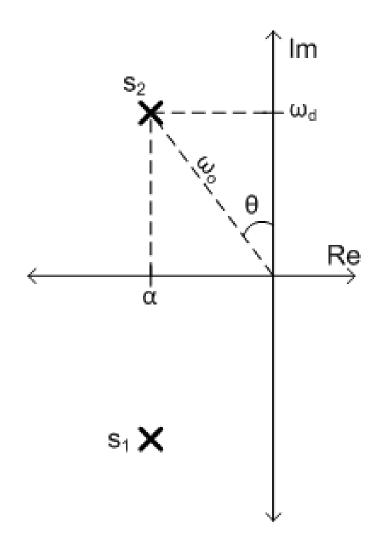
- Response now contains *damped sinusoidal* components
 Will exhibit *overshoot*
 - Possible ringing

Damping Cases – Geometric Interpretation

- Roots of characteristic equation (system poles) are, in general, complex
 - Can plot them in the *complex plane*
 - Pole locations tell us a lot about the nature of the response
 - Speed risetime, settling time
 - Overshoot, ringing



Under-Damped Case – α , ζ , and ω_0



Under-damped case - ζ < 1
 Roots are a complex-conjugate pair

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm j\omega_d$$

- α is the real part
- **D** ω_d is the imaginary part
- The *magnitude* of the root is

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\alpha^2 + \omega_d^2}$$

 Angle between imaginary axis and vector to the poles is related to damping

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0} = \sin(\theta)$$



Particular solution – $v_{ov}(t)$

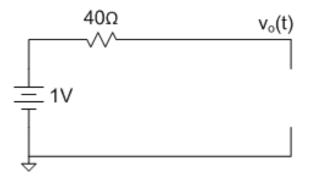
 General solution for the RLC step response is the sum of the complementary and particular solutions

$$v_o(t) = v_{oc}(t) + v_{op}(t)$$

- We now have the complementary solution with two unknown constants, K_1 and K_2
 - Constants to be determined later through application of *initial conditions*
- □ Next, determine the *particular solution*, $v_{op}(t)$
 - For a circuit driven by a step input, this is simply the circuit's steady-state response

$$v_{op}(t) = v_o(t \to \infty)$$

Particular solution – $v_{op}(t)$



Particular solution is the circuit's steady-state response

- $\blacksquare \text{ Inductor} \rightarrow \text{short}$
- **\Box** Capacitor \rightarrow open

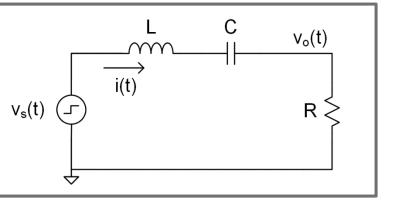
$$v_{op}(t) = v_o(t \to \infty) = v_s(t > 0)$$

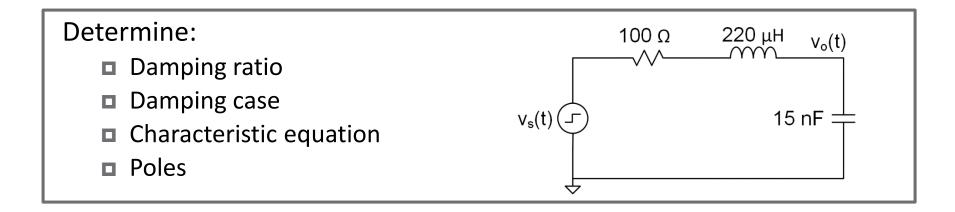
For a unit step input, the particular solution is

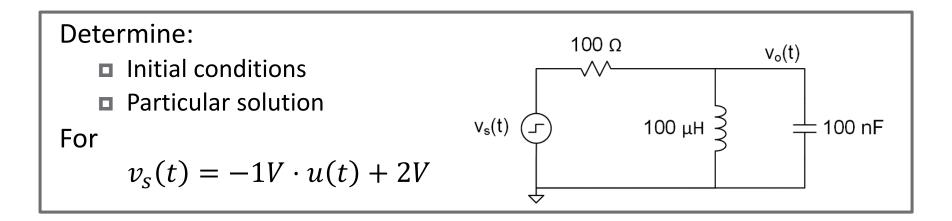
$$v_{op}(t) = 1 V$$

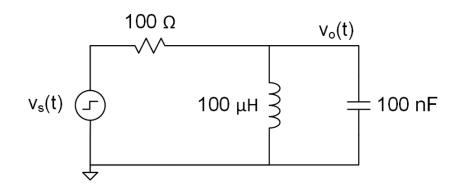


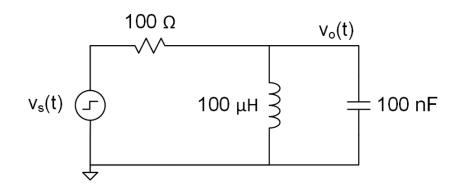
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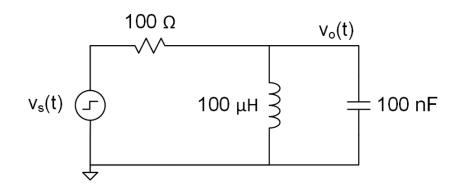




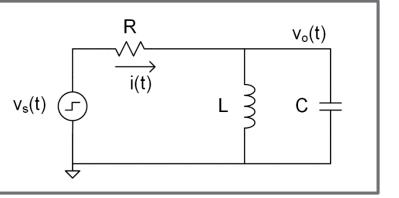








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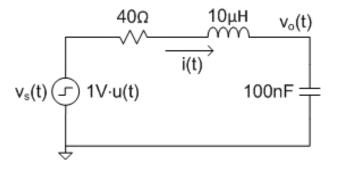




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- Determine $v_o(t)$
- Input is a unit voltage step

$$v_s(t) = 1V \cdot u(t)$$



First, apply KVL

$$v_s(t) - i(t)R - L\frac{di}{dt} - v_o(t) = 0$$

□ Eliminate i(t) using the i-v relationship for the capacitor

$$i(t) = C \frac{dv_o}{dt}$$
 and $\frac{di}{dt} = C \frac{d^2 v_o}{dt^2}$

This gives the second-order ODE in terms of $v_o(t)$, which can then be rearranged to standard form

$$v_{s}(t) - RC \frac{dv_{o}}{dt} - LC \frac{d^{2}v_{o}}{dt^{2}} - v_{o}(t) = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{d^{2}v_{o}}{dt^{2}} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv_{o}}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v_{o}(t) = \frac{1}{LC} v_{s}(t)$$

- □ Find the complementary solution, $v_{oc}(t)$
- □ The homogeneous equation

$$\frac{d^2 v_o}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{dv_o}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} v_o(t) = 0$$

□ The characteristic equation

$$s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$$

This can be rewritten as

$$s^2 + 2\alpha s + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = \frac{40 \ \Omega}{2 \cdot 10 \ \mu H} = 2 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

and

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10 \ \mu H \cdot 100 \ nF}} = 1 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

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The damping ratio is

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0} = \frac{2 \times 10^6}{1 \times 10^6} = 2$$

■ $\zeta > 1$, so the circuit is over-damped □ Solution is of the form

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_1 t} + K_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

 \Box s₁ and s₂ are the roots of the characteristic equation

$$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -268 \times 10^3 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

$$s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} = -3.73 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

The complementary solution is

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-268 \times 10^3 t} + K_2 e^{-3.73 \times 10^6 t}$$

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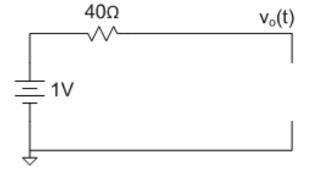
- The particular solution is the circuit's steady-state solution
- Steady-state equivalent circuit:
 - Capacitor \rightarrow open
 - $\blacksquare \text{ Inductor} \rightarrow \text{short}$
- □ So, the *particular solution* is

 $v_{op}(t) = 1 V$

The general solution:

$$v_o(t) = v_{oc}(t) + v_{op}(t)$$
$$v_o(t) = K_1 e^{-268 \times 10^3 t} + K_2 e^{-3.73 \times 10^6 t} + 1 \text{ M}$$

□ Next, we'll apply *initial conditions* to determine the unknown coefficients, K_1 and K_2

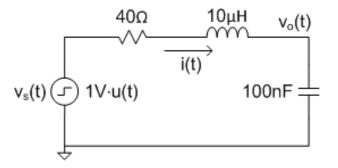


Initial Conditions:
For t < 0

$$\bullet v_s(t < 0) = 0$$

$$i(t < 0) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{v}_o(t < 0) = 0$$



■ At *t* = 0

$$v_s(0) = 1 V$$

Capacitor voltage cannot change instantaneously

$$v_o(0) = v_o(t < 0) = 0 V$$

Inductor current cannot change instantaneously

$$i(0) = i(t < 0) = 0 A$$

And, current is related to the output voltage, so

$$\left. \frac{dv_o}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \dot{v}_o(0) = 0$$

- The two initial conditions are: $v_o(0) = 0$ (1) $\dot{v}_o(0) = 0$ (2) $v_o(t) = 10 \text{ MH} \quad v_o(t)$ $v_o(t) = 10 \text{ MH} \quad v_o(t)$ $v_o(t) = 10 \text{ MH}$
- Use the initial conditions to determine K₁ and K₂
 Applying the first initial condition

$$v_{o}(t) = K_{1}e^{s_{1}t} + K_{2}e^{s_{2}t} + 1V$$

$$v_{o}(0) = K_{1} + K_{2} + 1V = 0$$

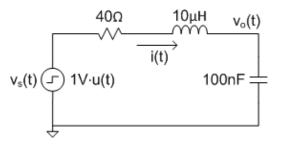
$$K_{2} = -K_{1} - 1V$$
(3)

Applying the second initial condition

$$\dot{v}_{o}(t) = s_{1}K_{1}e^{s_{1}t} + s_{2}K_{2}e^{s_{2}t}$$

$$\dot{v}_{o}(0) = s_{1}K_{1} + s_{2}K_{2} = 0$$
(4)

Substituting (3) into (4) $s_1K_1 - s_2(K_1 + 1V) = 0$ $K_1(s_1 - s_2) = s_2 \cdot 1V$ $K_1 = \frac{s_2}{s_1 - s_2} \cdot 1V = -1.08V$



 \Box Substituting the value of K_1 back into (3)

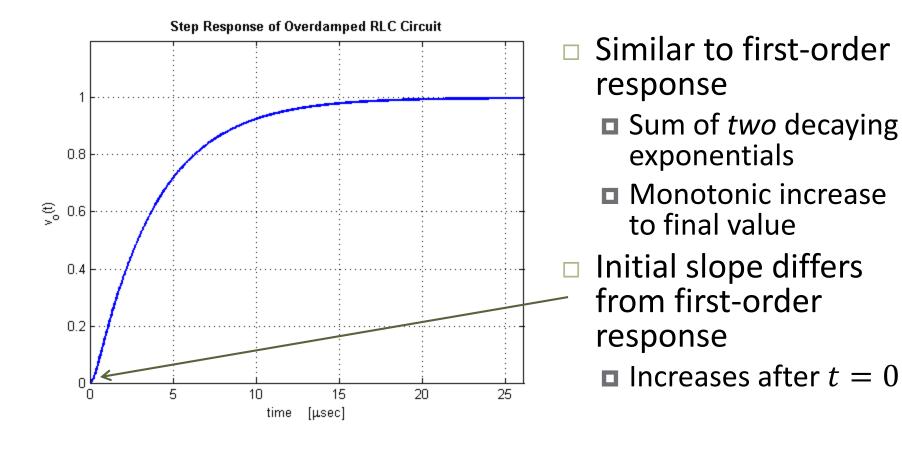
 $K_2 = -K_1 - 1 V = 0.08 V$

The step response for this over-damped RLC circuit is

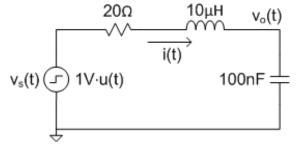
$$v_o(t) = -1.08 \, V \cdot e^{s_1 t} + 0.08 \, V \cdot e^{s_2 t} + 1 \, V$$

 $v_o(t) = -1.08 \, V \cdot e^{-268 \times 10^3 t} + 0.08 \, V \cdot e^{-3.73 \times 10^6 t} + 1 \, V$

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- Now consider the same circuit with decreased resistance
- To determine the form of the response, first determine the *damping ratio*, ζ

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

where

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = \frac{20 \ \Omega}{2 \cdot 10 \ \mu H} = 1 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

and

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10 \ \mu H \cdot 100 \ nF}} = 1 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

The damping ratio is $\zeta = 1$, and the circuit is *critically-damped* The *complementary solution* will be of the following form:

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{s_{1,2}t} + K_2 t e^{s_{1,2}t}$$

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The *critically-damped* circuit will have two real, identical poles

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha = -1 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

The complementary solution is

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-1 \times 10^6 t} + K_2 t e^{-1 \times 10^6 t}$$

The *particular solution* is still given by the steady-state response, and has not changed

$$v_{op}(t) = v_o(t \to \infty) = v_s(t > 0) = 1 V$$

The general solution is the sum of the complementary and particular solutions

$$v_o(t) = K_1 e^{-1 \times 10^6 t} + K_2 t e^{-1 \times 10^6 t} + 1 V$$

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- Next, determine the unknown coefficients by applying initial conditions
 - Following the same reasoning as in the previous example, initial conditions are the same

$$v_o(0) = 0$$
 and $\dot{v}_o(0) = 0$

Applying the first initial condition

$$v_o(0) = K_1 + 1 V = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad K_1 = -1 V$$

Applying the second initial condition

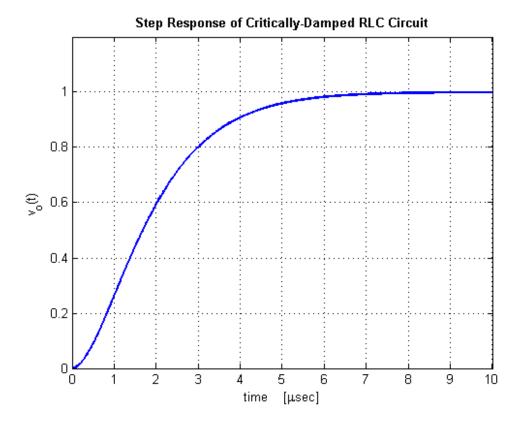
$$\dot{v}_o(t) = K_1 s_{1,2} e^{s_{1,2}t} + K_2 (t s_{1,2} e^{s_{1,2}t} + e^{s_{1,2}t})$$

$$\dot{v}_o(0) = K_1 s_{1,2} + K_2 = 0 \quad \rightarrow \quad K_2 = -s_{1,2} K_1 = -1 \times 10^6 V$$

□ The step response of this critically-damped circuit:

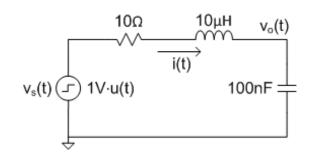
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- Similar to over-damped response
- Faster risetime
 - Dominant, slow pole replaced by higherfrequency double pole
- Again, increasing initial slope differs from firstorder response
- Response never exceeds its final value





Again decrease the resistance
 First, determine the *damping ratio*, ζ

$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

where, now

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = \frac{10 \ \Omega}{2 \cdot 10 \ \mu H} = 500 \times 10^3 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

and

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10 \ \mu H \cdot 100 \ nF}} = 1 \times 10^6 \frac{rad}{sec}$$

The damping ratio is ζ = 0.5, and the circuit is *under-damped* The *complementary solution* will be of the following form:

$$v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) + K_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t)$$

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The damped natural frequency is

$$\omega_{d} = \omega_{0}\sqrt{1-\zeta^{2}} = \sqrt{\omega_{0}^{2}-\alpha^{2}} = 866 \times 10^{3} \frac{rad}{sec}$$

The complementary solution is

 $v_{oc}(t) = K_1 e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \cos(866 \times 10^3 t) + K_2 e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \sin(866 \times 10^3 t)$

Once again, the *particular solution* is

$$v_{op}(t) = v_o(t \to \infty) = v_s(t > 0) = 1 V$$

The general solution is the sum of the complementary and particular solutions

$$v_o(t) = K_1 e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \cos(866 \times 10^3 t) + K_2 e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \sin(866 \times 10^3 t) + 1 V$$

$$v_o(t) = K_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) + K_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t) + 1 V$$

Next, determine the unknown coefficients by applying initial conditions

$$v_o(0) = 0$$
 and $\dot{v}_o(0) = 0$

Applying the first initial condition

$$v_o(0) = K_1 + 1 V = 0$$

 $K_1 = -1 V$

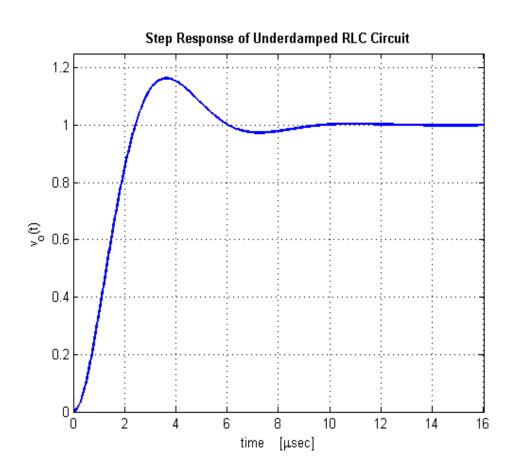
Applying the second initial condition

$$\dot{v}_o(t) = K_1 \left[-\omega_d e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t) - \alpha e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) \right]$$
$$+ K_2 \left[\omega_d e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega_d t) - \alpha e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\omega_d t) \right]$$
$$\dot{v}_o(0) = -K_1 \alpha + K_2 \omega_d = 0$$
$$K_2 = K_1 \frac{\alpha}{\omega_d} = -\frac{500 \times 10^3}{866 \times 10^3} = -0.58$$

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- The step response for this under-damped RLC circuit is

$$v_o(t) = -e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \cos(866 \times 10^3 t)$$
$$-0.58e^{-500 \times 10^3 t} \sin(866 \times 10^3 t) + 1V$$

- Damped oscillatory components
 - Overshoot
 - Possible ringing
- Exponential damping
 - Oscillatory components decay to zero
 - Rate of decay determined by α , real part of poles



Overshoot

- Response exceeds its final value
- Ringing
 - Response oscillate about its final value
 - Not much ringing in this example

Damping ratio

 Overshoot and ringing are inversely proportional to ζ

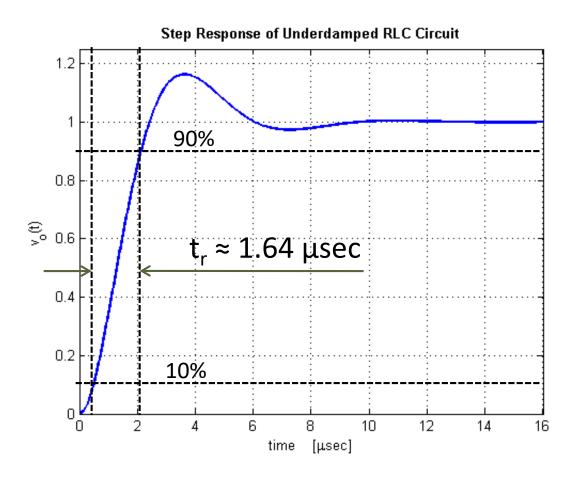


Step Response – Risetime

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- The time it takes a response to transition between two set levels
- Typically 10% and 90% of full swing
- Occasionally 20% and 80%
- Very rough approximation:

$$t_r \approx \frac{1.8}{\omega_0}$$

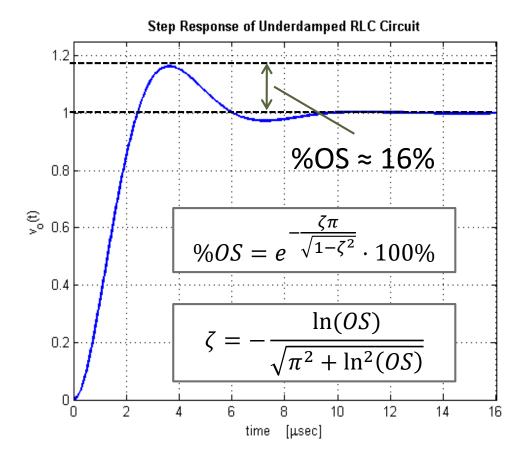


Step Response – Overshoot

Overshoot

- Response's excursion beyond its final value
- Expressed as a percentage of the fullscale swing
- Inversely proportional to damping ratio

ζ	%OS
0.45	20
0.5	16
0.6	10
0.7	5

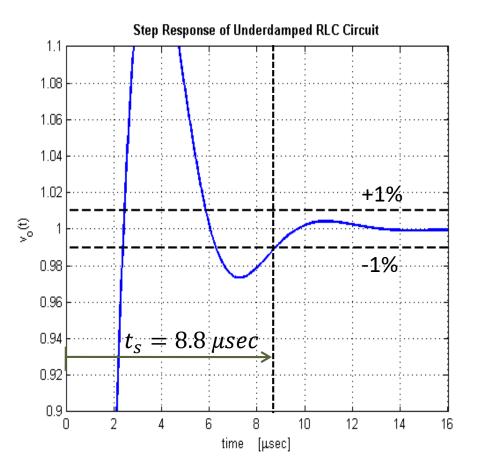


Step Response – Settling Time

Settling time

- The time it takes a response to settle (finally) to within some percentage of the final value
- Typically ±1%, ±2%, or ± 5%
- Inversely proportional to the real part of the circuit's poles (roots of the characteristic equation)
- For $\pm 1\%$ settling time:

$$t_s \approx \frac{4.6}{\alpha} = \frac{4.6}{\zeta \omega_0}$$



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