

Circuit analysis in Laplace domain



COLUMBIA | ENGINEERING
The Fu Foundation School of Engineering and Applied Science



Laplace transform pairs

- As long as $f(t)$ doesn't grow faster than an exponential function, for each $f(t)$ in time domain there is a unique $F(s)$ in Laplace domain (frequency domain) and for each $F(s)$ there is a unique $f(t)$. $f(t)$ and $F(s)$ are therefore transform pairs.

$$f(t) \Leftrightarrow F(s)$$

- Check Laplace transform table for most popularly used Laplace transform pairs.

Laplace transform pairs

- Laplace transform is a linear operator

$$L[f(t)] = \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt = F(s)$$

$$L[f(t) + g(t)] = L[f(t)] + L[g(t)]$$

$$f(t) + g(t) \Leftrightarrow F(s) + G(s)$$

Laplace transform properties

- Time Integration:

$$L\left[\int_0^t f(x)dx\right] = \frac{1}{s} F(s)$$

- Time Differentiation:

$$L\left[\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right] = sF(s) - f(0)$$

Laplace transform properties

$$L\left[\frac{d^2 f(t)}{dt^2}\right] = s^2 F(s) - sf(0) - f'(0)$$

$$L\left[\frac{d^3 f(t)}{dt^3}\right] = s^3 F(s) - s^2 f(0) - sf'(0) - f''(0)$$

general case

$$L\left[\frac{d^n f(t)}{dt^n}\right] = s^n F(s) - s^{n-1} f(0) - s^{n-2} f'(0) \\ - \dots - f^{(n-1)}(0)$$

Laplace transform to solve ODEs

- Find $y(t)$

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 5\dot{y}(t) + 6y(t) = 1$$

Laplace domain:

$$s^2 Y(s) + 5s Y(s) + 6Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 + 5s^2 + 6s}$$

Partial fraction expansion

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 + 5s^2 + 6s} = \frac{1}{s(s+2)(s+3)}$$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{3(s+3)} - \frac{1}{2(s+2)} + \frac{1}{6s}$$

$$y(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-3t} - \frac{1}{2} \cdot e^{-2t} + \frac{1}{6}$$

Matlab command for partial fraction expansion:

$b = [1];$

$a = [1 \ 5 \ 6 \ 0];$

$[r,p,k] = \text{residue}(b,a)$

Laplace transform to solve ODEs

- Find $y(t)$

$$\ddot{y}(t) + 3\dot{y}(t) + 2y(t) = 1$$

Laplace domain: $s^2 Y(s) + 3s Y(s) + 2Y(s) = \frac{1}{s}$

$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{s^3 + 3s^2 + 2s}$$

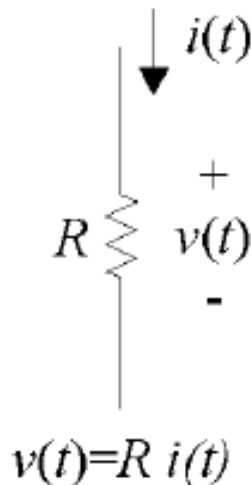
$$Y(s) = \frac{1}{2(s+2)} - \frac{1}{(s+1)} + \frac{1}{2s}$$

Time domain: $y(t) = \frac{1}{2} e^{-2t} - e^{-t} + \frac{1}{2}$

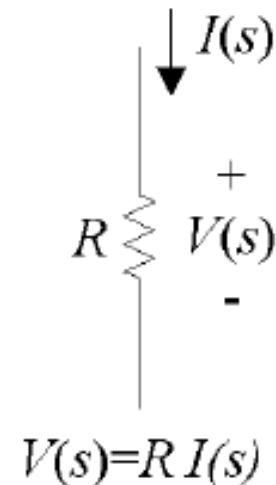
Basic components in Laplace domain

- Resistor

Time Domain



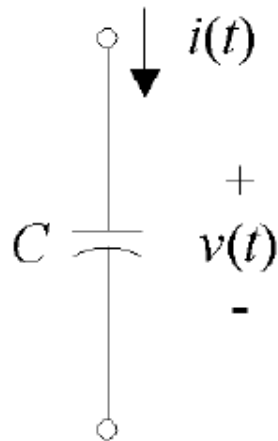
Laplace Domain



Basic components in Laplace domain

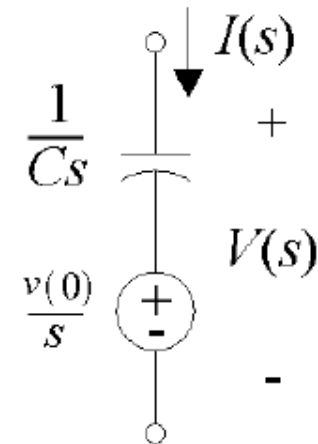
- Capacitor

Time Domain



$$v(t) = v(0) + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt$$

Laplace Domain

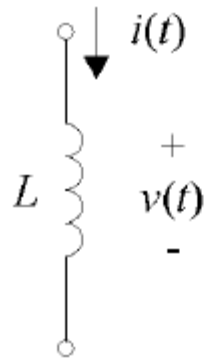


$$V(s) = \frac{v(0)}{s} + \frac{I(s)}{Cs}$$

Basic components in Laplace domain

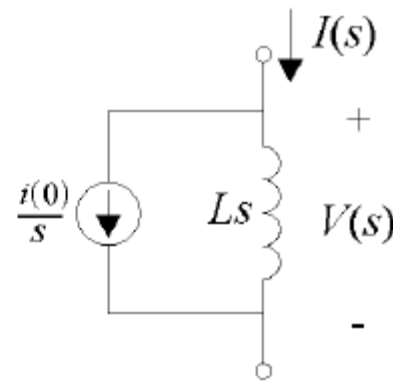
- Inductor

Time Domain



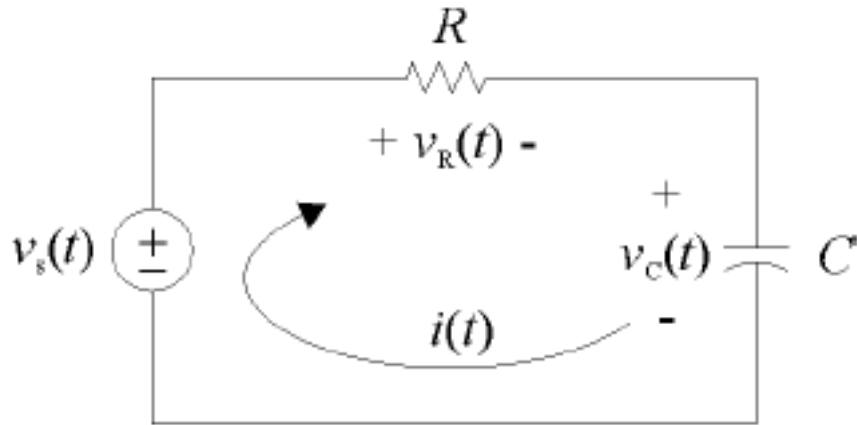
$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}, \text{ I.C.: } i(0)$$

Laplace Domain



$$I(s) = \frac{i(0)}{s} + \frac{V(s)}{Ls}$$

Circuit analysis in Laplace domain



Laplace transform

$$V_s(t) = RC \frac{dV_c(t)}{dt} + V_c(t)$$

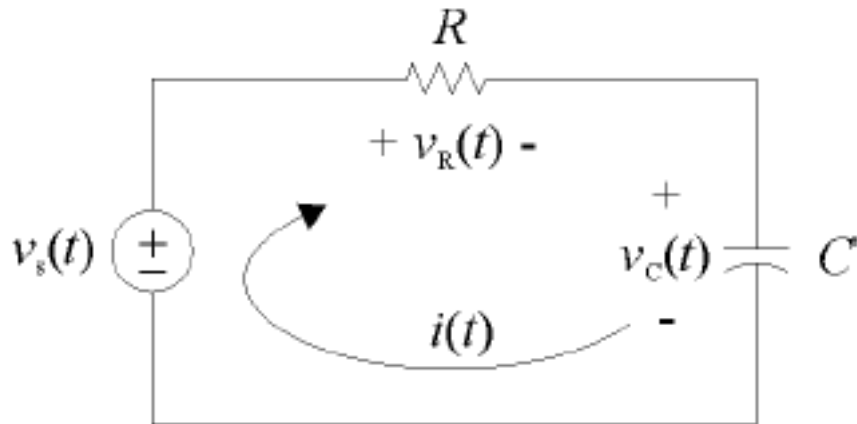
$$V_s(t) = u(t)$$

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{1 + RCs} \cdot \frac{1}{s}$$

Inverse Laplace transform

$$V_c(t) = 1 - e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

RC circuit



- What if $v_s(t)$ is a delta function?

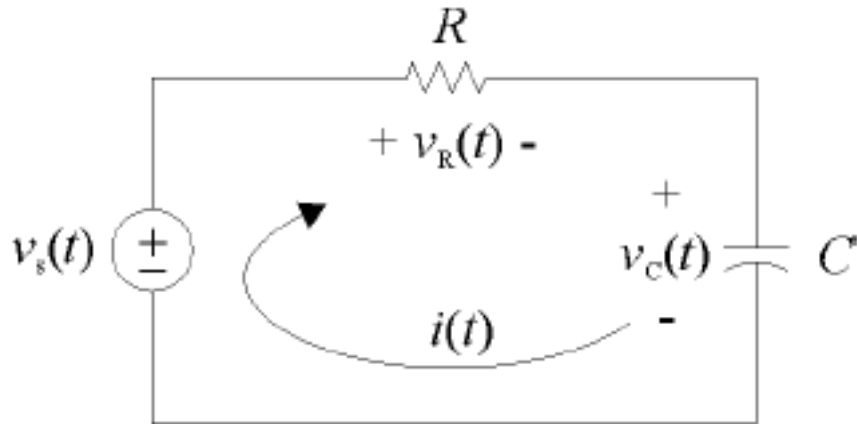
$$v_s(t) = \delta(t)$$

$$RC \frac{dv_c(t)}{dt} = v_s(t) - v_c(t)$$

$$v_c(t) = ?$$

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{1 + RCs} \quad \Rightarrow \quad v_c(t) = \frac{1}{RC} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}}$$

RC circuit

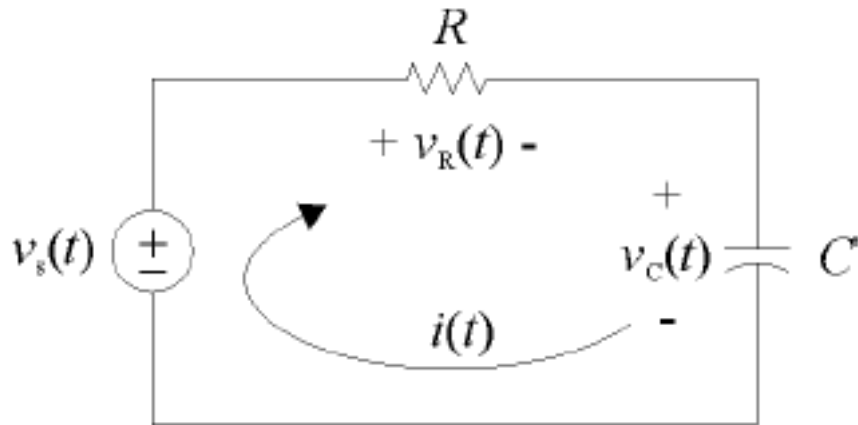


- What is the voltage across the capacitor given that $v_s(t)$ is a sinusoidal signal?

$$v_s(t) = \sin(t)$$

$$v_C(t) = ?$$

RC circuit



- Input signal:

$$v_s(t) = \sin(t)$$

- What is the voltage across the capacitor?

$$V_s(s) = \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$V_c(s) = \frac{1}{1 + RCs} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

RC circuit

- Response to the 1 rad/s sinusoidal signal

$$V_c(s) = \frac{\frac{1}{RC}}{s + \frac{1}{RC}} \cdot \frac{1}{s^2 + 1}$$

$$L^{-1}[V_c(s)] = \frac{1}{RC} \left(\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{RC}\right)^2 + 1} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{RC}\right)^2 + 1}} \sin(t - \theta) \right)$$

$$= \frac{RC}{(RC)^2 + 1} e^{-\frac{t}{RC}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{(RC)^2 + 1}} \sin(t - \theta)$$

Transient response

Steady-state response

Where: $\theta = \tan^{-1}(RC)$