

Steps in solving a linear dynamic network (for now):

1. Choose to use node method or loop method, based on circuit topology and types of energy storage elements.
2. Write down node or loop equations, which yields differential and/or integral equations for variables.
3. Assume exponential solution, so that all variables are proportional to e^{st} .
4. Rewrite node or loop equations in terms of amplitudes.
5. Write equations in matrix form, e.g., $M(s)\underline{E} = \underline{0}$. N.B.: Can skip steps (2), (3), and (4), and do this step directly.
6. Find roots of equation $\det[M(s)] = 0$; for each root s_i , find \underline{E}^i .

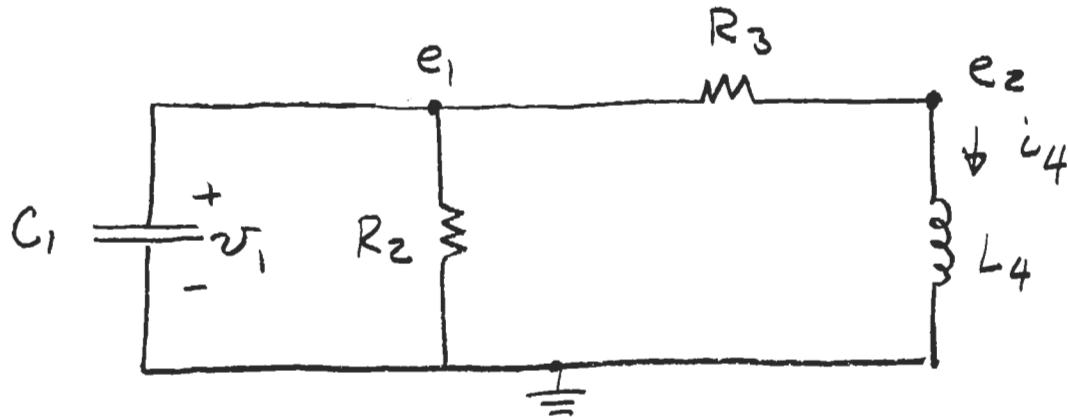
7. By superposition, general solution is

$$\underline{e}(t) = \sum_i a_i \underline{E}^i e^{s_i t}$$

8. From this solution, find the voltage or current in each capacitor or inductor.
9. Solve for the a_i that give the correct initial conditions.

Lecture S10

From last time:



$$C_1 = \frac{1}{2} F \quad R_2 = 4 \Omega \quad R_3 = 6 \Omega \quad L_4 = 2 H$$

Using the node method, and assuming an exponential solution, we found

$$(C_1 s + G_2 + G_3) E_1 - G_3 E_2 = 0$$

$$-G_3 E_1 + (G_3 + \frac{1}{L_4 s}) E_2 = 0$$

Note: $C_1 s$, $\frac{1}{L_4 s}$ are like conductances

They are called "admittances"

$L_4 s$, $\frac{1}{C_1 s}$ are like resistances

They are called "impedances"

Plug in component values:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{5}{12} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2s} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} E_1 \\ E_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$M(s) \underline{E} = \underline{0}$

The "characteristic equation" is

$$\phi(s) = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2}s + \frac{5}{12} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2s} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{2s^2 + 7s + 5}{24s} = 0$$

The "characteristic values" are

$$s_1 = -1 \text{ sec}^{-1} \quad s_2 = -5/2 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

Solution procedure: For each characteristic value, find characteristic vector \underline{E} that satisfies equations. Sum up solutions, and set constant such that initial conditions are satisfied.

$$S_1 = -1 :$$

$$\begin{aligned} M(-1) &= \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2}(-1) + \frac{5}{12} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{2}(-1) \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} -\frac{1}{12} & -\frac{1}{6} \\ -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Row reduce $M(-1)$

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} \textcircled{1} & -\frac{1}{12} & -\frac{1}{6} & & \\ \textcircled{3} & \overline{\quad 1 \quad \quad 2 \quad} & & \textcircled{1} \times (-12) & \\ \textcircled{2} & -\frac{1}{6} & -\frac{1}{3} & & \\ \textcircled{4} & \overline{\quad 0 \quad \quad 0 \quad} & & \textcircled{2} + \frac{1}{6} \times \textcircled{3} & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Reduced matrix is } \bar{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{M} \underline{E} &= \underline{0} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{E} &= \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

So one solution is:

$$\underline{e}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1(t) \\ e_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t}$$

$$S_z = -5/2 :$$

$$M(-5/2) = \begin{bmatrix} -5/6 & -1/6 \\ -1/6 & -1/30 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row reduce:

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} \textcircled{1} & -5/6 & -1/6 & & \\ \textcircled{3} & 1 & 1/5 & \textcircled{1} \times (-4/5) & \\ \hline \textcircled{2} & -1/6 & -1/30 & & \\ \textcircled{4} & 0 & 0 & \textcircled{2} + \frac{1}{6} \times \textcircled{3} & \end{array}$$

$$\text{Reduced matrix is } \bar{M} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/5 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\bar{M} \underline{E} = \underline{0} \Rightarrow \underline{E} = \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{bmatrix}$$

So one solution is

$$\underline{e}(t) = \begin{pmatrix} e_1(t) \\ e_2(t) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{-5/2 t}$$

The general solution is

$$\underline{e}(t) = a \begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} e^{-t} + b \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} e^{-\frac{5}{2}t}$$

Suppose the initial conditions are that

$$v_1(0) = 2 \text{ volt} \quad i_4(0) = 1 \text{ ampere}$$

Can we use these to find a, b ?
Yes, but it is difficult.

Express $v_1(t)$, $i_4(t)$ in terms of $e_1(t)$, $e_2(t)$:

$$\begin{aligned} v_1(t) &= e_1(t) - 5 = e_1(t) \\ &= -2a e^{-t} - b e^{-5/2 t} \end{aligned}$$

$$i_4(t) = \frac{1}{L_4} \int v_4(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{L_4} \int e_2(t) dt$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \int (a e^{-t} + 5 b e^{-5/2 t})$$

$$= -\frac{a}{2} e^{-t} - b e^{-5/2 t}$$

Note: This step is a pain, especially if s_i are complex.

Therefore,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} v_1(0) = -2a - b = 2 \\ i_4(0) = -\frac{a}{2} - b = 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} a = -2/3 \\ b = -2/3 \end{array}$$

Therefore,

$$\boxed{\begin{array}{l} v_1(t) = \frac{4}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{2}{3} e^{-\frac{5}{2}t} \\ i_4(t) = \frac{1}{3} e^{-t} + \frac{2}{3} e^{-\frac{5}{2}t} \end{array}}$$

Problems with approach:

- ① Complicated, with many steps
 - ② Equations (in $v(t)$) are not in terms of fundamental variables — $v_1(t)$ and $i_4(t)$
- \Rightarrow would like approach that emphasizes role of fundamental variables

The concept of "state"

The state of a system is a set of variables (of smallest possible size) that, together with any inputs to the system, is sufficient to predict the future (important) behavior of the system.

- Each state variable is associated with "memory"
- Each state variable is associated with an initial condition
- State variables are often associated with energy storage.

In our example, the states are $v_1, i_4, \underline{\text{NOT}} e_1, e_2$.

The state vector is the vector of state variables:

$$\underline{x} = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ i_4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

The Definition of “State”

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