



First Order Circuits II: Step Response to Complete Response

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Overview

- Previous Class: Natural response as found in source-free circuits
 - Time dependent functions $v(t)$ & $i(t)$ behavior in first order circuits (circuits with a single storage element)
- **Today:** Response to a dc 'step' input = **Forced response**
 - Input is a switch or unit step, $u(t)$ function

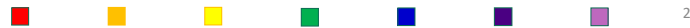


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Contemplating Mathematical Models

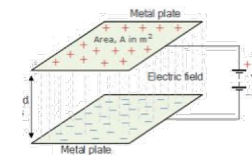
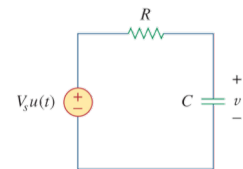
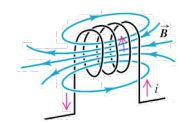
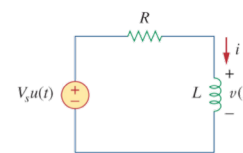
- One thing that we must remember is that **all the mathematical tools** we use are a model intended to **describe the observed characteristics of the real world.**
- Mother Nature doesn't know anything about any equations
- The real world does what it does and we as engineers **develop models to understand and predict** what will happen in any given situation.

- Steve Umans



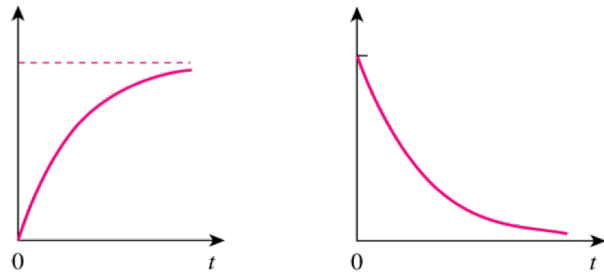
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Steady-State Behavior: Behave as... Short Circuit or Open Circuit?



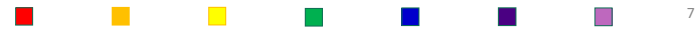
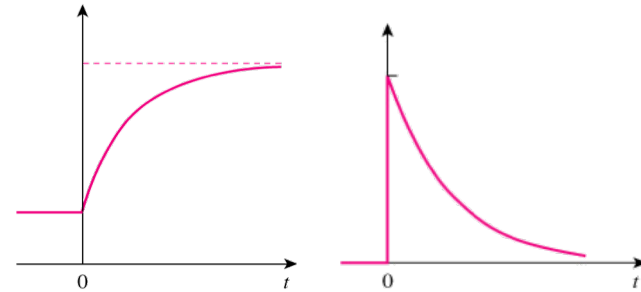
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When the Circuit is in DC Steady-State:
Which is Inductor V & I



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When the Circuit is in DC Steady-State:
Which is Capacitor V & I



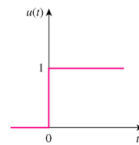
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* Continuity Relationship *

• Stored energy cannot change instantaneously → it is “continuous”

• Capacitor: $i_C =$ ----

- $v_C(0^-) = v_C(0^+) \equiv V_0$
- Capacitor current?



• Inductor: $v_L =$ ----

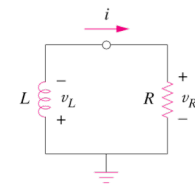
- $i_L(0^-) = i_L(0^+) \equiv I_0$
- Inductor voltage?



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Derive the Natural Response Expression

• Show that $i(t) = I_0 e^{-tR/L}$



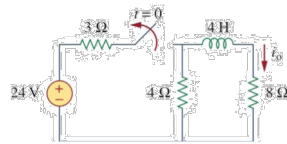
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Recap: Natural Response

- Form of solution?
- Time periods of interest?
- Which values do you calculate using information from which time periods?

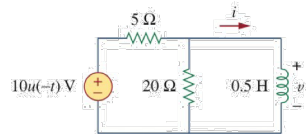
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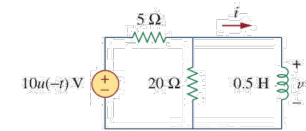
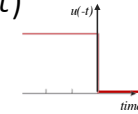
- Write $i(t)$ expression



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Solve RL Circuit → with $u(-t)$

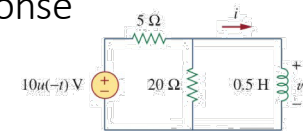
- What is the role of $u(-t)$?
- Find $i(t)$:
 - Find I_0 for $t < 0$
 - Use $i_L(0^-) = i_L(0^+) \equiv I_0$
- Find τ for $t > 0$
 - $R = R_{Th}$ at L
 - 5Ω resistor?



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RL Circuit Natural Response

- Write $v_R(t)$ expression



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- Discuss polarity of current flow, and $v_R(t)$ and $v_L(t)$

The Complete Response

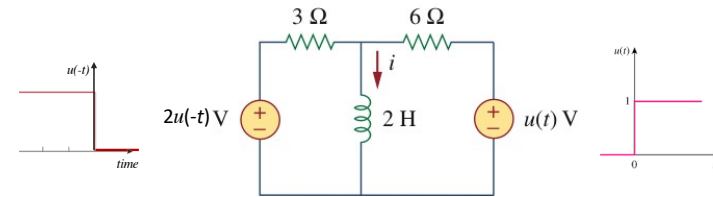
$$i(t) = i_n(t) + i_f(t)$$

- Complete response = Step response =
 - **Natural response** (stored energy) +
 - **Forced response** (independent source)
- The **superposition** of the response to stored energy & to a power source

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Complete Response of an RL Circuit

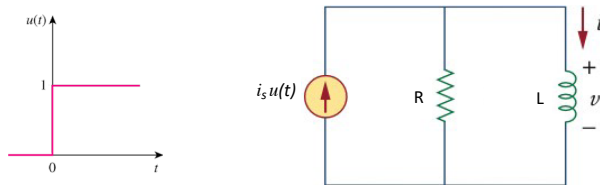
- Find $i(t)$ for all time $t > 0$



- **But first** – to learn the new concept, find only the forced response

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RL Circuit: Forced Response



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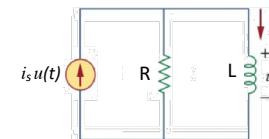
RL Circuit: Forced Response

- Determine $i_L(t)$ and $v(t)$ for all time.
- Assume that the current through the inductor is zero for $t < 0$ (for the forced response, assume no stored energy).

1. What is $i_L(t=0)$?
2. What is $v(t=0)$?
3. What is $i_L(t > 0)$?

KVL:

KCL:



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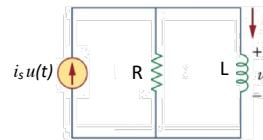
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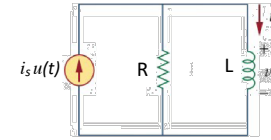
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RL Circuit: Forced Response

KVL: $v = L \frac{di_L}{dt} = i_R R$

KCL: $i_L + i_R = i_S$ so $i_R = -(i_L - i_S)$



Substitute KCL into KVL and rearrange

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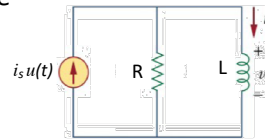
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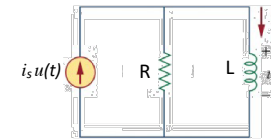


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RL Circuit: Forced Response

$$i_L(t) - i_S = -i_S e^{-\frac{R}{L}t}$$



Rearrange to get our desired expressions

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RL Circuit: Forced Response

- What do each of these terms represent?
- What is the graph of this response?
- Note change in notation: i_s to i_∞

$$i_L(t) = i_\infty \left(1 - e^{-\frac{R}{L}t} \right)$$

$$\left\{ v_c(t) = V_\infty \left(1 - e^{-t/RC} \right) \right\}$$



Graph of Forced Response?



The Complete Response

$$i(t) = i_n(t) + i_f(t)$$

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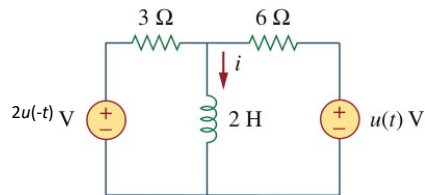
Graph of Complete Response?



Complete Response of an RL Circuit

Find $i(t)$ for $t > 0$

- 1) Write the form of the solution
- 2) Identify what you need to calculate, and for which time periods

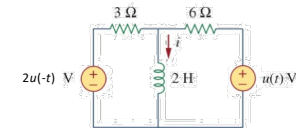


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1) Initial Conditions

- Find the initial conditions
 - $t = 0^-$ leads to $t = 0^+$
 - "Continuity relationship" for L and C
- At $t = 0^-$ we know $i_L(0^-)$, so therefore...

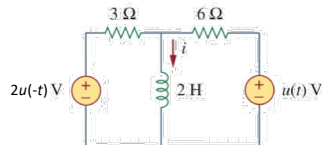


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2) Time Constant

- Find $\tau = L/R$
- This often means finding R_{eq} from the storage element



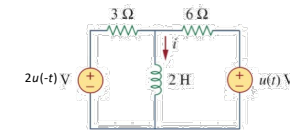
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3) Form the Natural Response

$$v_n(t) = V_0 e^{-t/\tau} \quad \text{or}$$

$$i_n(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

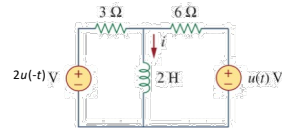


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4) Final Condition, I_∞ $i_f(t) = i_L(t) = I_\infty(1 - e^{-tR/L})$

- Find the value of current at time $t = \infty$ (again in DC steady-state)



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6) Total, Complete Response

$$i(t) = i_f(t) + i_n(t)$$

$$v(t) = v_f(t) + v_n(t)$$

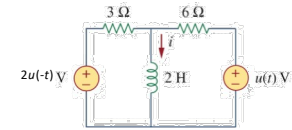


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5) Form the Forced Response

$$i_L(t) = I_\infty(1 - e^{-tR/L})$$



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Text Formulas for Step Response

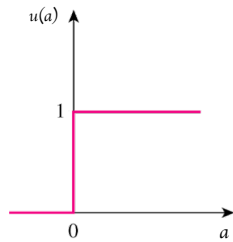
- RC circuit $v(t) = v(\infty) + [v(0) - v(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$
- RL circuit $i(t) = i(\infty) + [i(0) - i(\infty)]e^{-t/\tau}$
- Be careful not to use these equations without understanding how to develop them – you may be asked to explain **each** term



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Recap: Unit Step Function

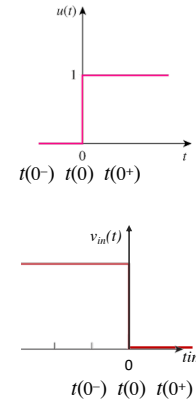


$$u(a) = \begin{cases} 0, & a < 0 \\ 1, & a > 0 \end{cases}$$



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Recap: Unit Step Function



$$u(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & t < 0 \\ 1, & t > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$u(-t) = \begin{cases} \text{---} & t < 0 \\ \text{---} & t > 0 \end{cases}$$



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Summary

- Complete response = step response = total response = the sum of
 - Natural response +
 - Forced response
- Practice the analysis method, step by step
- Know what each term means in the i(t) and v(t) step response expressions



Questions?



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