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### Chapter 1 - Basics

- Electric current = (i): time rate of change of charge, measured in amperes (A).
- Charge = (q): integral of i
- Voltage (or potential difference)
- = (V): energy required to move a unit charge through an element
- **Power** = (W):  $vi = (i^2)R$
- Passive sign convention: when the current enters through the positive terminal of an element (p = +vi)

#### Remember:

- +Power absorbed = -Power supplied --> sum of power in a circuit = 0
- Energy (J) = integral of P

### Chapter 2

Ohms Law: v=iR
Conductance (G) = 1/R = i/v
Branch: single element such as a voltage source or a resistor.
Node: point of connection
between two or more branches
Loop: any closed path in a circuit.

Kirchhoff's current law (KCL): algebraic sum of currents entering a node (or a closed boundary) is zero.

#### Chapter 2 (cont)

Kirchhoff's voltage law (KVL): algebraic sum of all voltages around a closed path (or loop) is zero.

**Voltage D**: v1 = ((R1) / (R1 + R2)) \* v

**Voltage D:** v2 = ((R2 / (R1 + R2))

Current D: i1 = (R2 \* i) / (R1 + i)

R2)

**Current D**: i2 = (R1 \* i) / (R1 + R2)

### Chapter 3 - Methods of Analysis

**Nodal Analysis:** want to fine the node voltages

Step 1:

select reference node

- assign voltages v1 --> vn to remaining nodes

Step 2:

apply KCL to each node

- want to express branch currents in

terms of voltage

Step 3:

solve for unknowns

Important:

current flows from high to low (+ ==> -)

#### SuperNode Properties

- 1. The voltage source inside the supernode provides a constraint equation needed to solve for the node voltages
- 2. Supernode had no voltage of its own
- Supernode requires the application of both KCL and KVL Mesh Analysis

# Chapter 3 - Methods of Analysis (cont)

Step 1:

Assign mesh currents or loops Step 2:

Apply KVL

- use OHMS LAW to express voltages in terms of the mesh current

Step 3:

Solve for the unknown

#### Supermesh

- when two meshes have an independent or dependent CURRENT source between them

### Chapter 4 - Circuit Theorems

#### Superposition

principal states that the
VOLTAGE ACROSS or
CURRENT THROUGH an
element in a linear circuit is the
SUM of the VOLTAGES OR
CURRENTS that are caused
after solving for each INDEPENDENT source separately
How to solve a superposition
circuit

Step 1: Turn OFF ALL independent sources except for ONE ==> find voltage or current
Step 2: Repeat above for all other independent sources
Step 3: Add all voltages/currents together to find final value

Thevenin's Theorem

V(th) = V(oc)

# Chapter 4 - Circuit Theorems (cont)

circuit with Load: I(L) = V(th) / (R(th) + R(L)) ==> V(L) = R(L) / (L) ==> (R(L) / ((R(th) + R(L))) / (V(th))

#### Norton's Theorem

R(n) = R(th)

I(n) = i(sc) ==> (sc) = short circuit

I(n) = V(th) / R(th)

#### **Maximum Power Transfer**

max power is transferred to the LOAD RESISTOR when the LOAD RESISTOR is EQUAL to the THEVENIN RESISTANCE: R(L) = R(th)  $p(max) = V(th)^2 / 4R(th)$ 

# Chapter 6 - Capacitors and Inductors

#### Capacitors

q = C \* v

capacitance: ratio of the charge on one plate to the voltage difference between the two plates

i(t) = C(dv/dt)

v(t) = 1/C [Integral: i(T)dT + v(t0))]

T = time constant energy (w) = .5Cv<sup>2</sup>

Important:

VOLTAGE of a capacitor cannot change instantaneously

Capacitors in Series: 1 / Ceq =

1/C1 + 1/C2 + 1/Cn

Capacitors in Parallel: Ceq = C1

+ C2 + Cn Inductors v = L(di / dt)

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# Chapter 6 - Capacitors and Inductors (cont)

i = (1/L) [Integral: (v(T)dT + i(t0)]energy (w) =  $.5Li^2$ 

#### Important:

CURRENT through an inductor cannot change instantaneously

### Inductors in Series:

Leq = L1 + L2 + Ln

## Inductors in Parallel:

1/Leq = 1/L1 + 1/L2 + 1/Ln

#### Chapter 7 - First Order Circuits

#### Source Free RC Circuits

v(t) = V0 \* e<sup>-t/T</sup> ==> T = RC How to Solve SOURCE FREE RC CIRCUITS

Step 1: Find v0 = V0 across the capacitor

Step 2: Find T (time constant)

#### Source Free RL Circuits

 $i(t) = 10 * e^{-t/T} ==> T = L / R$  $vr(t) = iR = 10 * Re^{-t/T}$ 

How to Solve SOURCE FREE RL CIRCUITS

Step 1: Find i(0) = 10 through the inductor

#### Step 2: Find T (time constant)

#### Step response of an RC circuit

v(t) = V0 when t < 0

 $v(t) = Vs + (V0 - Vs)e^{-t/T}$  when t > 0

 $v = vn + vf ==> vn = V0e^{-t/T}, vf = Vs(1-e^{-t/T})$ 

OR

 $v(t) = v(infinity) + [(v(0) - v(infi-nity)]e^{-t/T}$ 

# Chapter 7 - First Order Circuits (cont)

How to solve a STEP RESPONSE OF AN RC CIRCUIT

Step 1: Find initial capacitor voltage v0 (t < 0)

Step 2: Find final capacitor voltage v(in) (t > 0)

Step 3: Find T (time constant) (t

#### Step response of an RL circuit

 $i(t) = i(infiniti) + [i(0) - i(infinity)]e^{-t/T}$ 

How to solve a STEP RESPONSE OF AN RL CIRCUIT

Step 1: Find initial inductor current i0 (t = 0)

Step 2: Find final final inductor current i(inf) ==> (t > 0)

Step 3: Find T (time constant) (t > 0)

# Chapter 8 - Second Order Circuits

## Source Free RLC Circuits

v(0) = 1/C [integral ( idt = v0 ) from 0 to -infinity]

i(0) = I(0)

#### **Determining Dampness**

(alpha) = R / (2L)

(omega w0) = 1 / sqrt(LC)

1 - Overdamped (a > w0)

 $i(t) = Ae^{s1t} + Be^{s2t}$ 

2 - Critically Damped (a = w0)

s1 = s2 = a

 $i(t) = (A + Bt)e^{-at}$ 

3 - Underdamped (a < w0)

 $i(t) = e^{-at}(A\cos(w0t) + B\sin(w0t))$ 

# Chapter 8 - Second Order

## Source Free Parallel Circuits

roots of characteristic euqation  $s1,2 = -a (+-) sqrt(a^2 + w0^2)$ a = 1/(2RC)

w0 = 1/sqrt(LC)

1 - Overdamped (a > w0)

 $i(t) = Ae^{s1t} + Be^{s2t}$ 

2 - Critically Damped (a = w0)

s1 = s2 = a

 $i(t) = (A + Bt)e^{-at}$ 

3 - Underdamped (a < w0)

 $i(t) = e^{-at}(Acos(wd(t)) + Bsin(w-d(t)))$ 

Step Response of a SERIES

**RLC Circuit** 

1 - Overdamped (a > w0)

 $v(t) = Vs + Ae^{s1t} + Be^{s2t}$ 

2 - Critically Damped (a = w0)

s1 = s2 = a

 $v(t) = Vs + (A + Bt)e^{-at}$ 

3 - Underdamped (a < w0)

 $v(t) = Vs + e^{-at}(Acos(wd(t)) + Bsin(wd(t)))$ 

# Step Response of a PARALLEL

**RLC Circuit** 

1 - Overdamped (a > w0)

 $i(t) = Is + Ae^{s1t} + Be^{s2t}$ 

2 - Critically Damped (a = w0)

s1 = s2 = a

 $i(t) = Is + (A + Bt)e^{-at}$ 

3 - Underdamped (a < w0)

 $i(t) = Is + e^{-at}(Acos(wd(t)) +$ 

Bsin(wd(t)))

# Chapter 9 - Sinusoids and Phasors

w = omega

T = 2\*pie / w

 $I = 2^{\circ} \text{pie / w}$ 

freq = 1 / T (Hertz) v(t) = v(m)\*sin(wt + theta)

v1(t) = v(m)\*sin(wt)

v2(t) = v(m)\*sin(wt + theta)

sin(A +- B) = sinAcosB +-

cosAsinB

cos(A +- B) = cosAcosB +-

sinAsinB

Acos(wt) + Bsin(wt) = C\*cos(wt -

theta)

 $C = \operatorname{sqrt}(A^2 + B^2)$ 

theta =  $tan^{-1}$  (B/A)

Complex Numbers

rectangular form: z = x + jy

polar: z = r < (theta)

expolar:  $z = re^{j(theta)}$ 

sin: r (cos(theta) + j\*sin(theta))

z = x + jy

z1 = x1 + jy1 == r1 < (theta)1

z2 = x2 + jy2 == r2 < (theta)2

#### operations

addition: z1 + z2 == (x1 + x2) +

j\*(y1 + y2)

subtraction: z1 - z2 == (x1 - x2)

+ j\*(y1 - y2)

multiplication: z1*z2 == r1*r2 <

((theta)1 + (theta)2)

division: z1/z2 == r1/r2 <

((theta)1 - (theta)2)

reciprocal: 1/z = 1/r < -(theta)

square: sqrt(z) = sqrt(r) <

(theta)/2



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### Chapter 9 - Sinusoids and Phasors (cont)

complex conjugate:  $z^* = x - jy = r$ < -(theta) =  $re^{-j(theta)}$ 

### real vs. imaginary

 $e^{+-j(theta)} = cos(theta) +- j*sin(-$ 

theta)

cos(theta) = REAL

jsin(theta) = IMAGINARY

### voltage-current relationship

R v = Ri (time domain) v = RI

(frequency domain)

L v = L(di/dt) (time) v = jwLI

C i = C(dv/dt) (time) V = I / jwC

### Impedance vs. admittance

RZ = R (impedance) Y = 1 / R

IZ = jwLY = 1/jwL

CZ = 1 / jwCY = jwC

### **Complex Numbers with**

### Impedance

Z = R + jx = |Z| < (theta)

 $|Z| = \operatorname{sqrt}(R^2 + X^2)$ 

 $(theta) = tan^{-1}(X / R)$ 

 $R = |Z|^* cos(theta)$ 

X = |Z|\*sin(theta)

### Chapter 10 - AC Circuits

## **Analyzing AC Circuits**

Step 1: Transform circuit to

phasor or frequency domain

Step 2: Solve Using Circuit

Techniques

Step 3: Transform phasor ==>

time domain



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