# Chapter 13 The Laplace Transform in Circuit Analysis

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# Key points

- How to represent the initial energy of L, C in the s-domain?
- Why the functional forms of natural and steadystate responses are determined by the poles of transfer function *H*(*s*) and excitation source *X*(*s*), respectively?
- Why the output of an LTI circuit is the convolution of the input and impulse response? How to interpret the memory of a circuit by convolution?

Section 13.1 Circuit Elements in the s Domain

1. Equivalent elements of R, L, C

A resistor in the s domain

*iv*-relation in the time domain

$$v(t) = R \cdot i(t).$$

By operational Laplace transform:

$$L\{v(t)\} = L\{R \cdot i(t)\} = R \cdot L\{i(t)\},$$
  
$$\Rightarrow V(s) = R \cdot I(s).$$

Physical units: V(s) in volt-seconds, I(s) in ampere-seconds.

An inductor in the s domain

• *iv*-relation in the time domain

$$v(t) = L \cdot \frac{d}{dt}i(t).$$

By operational Laplace transform:

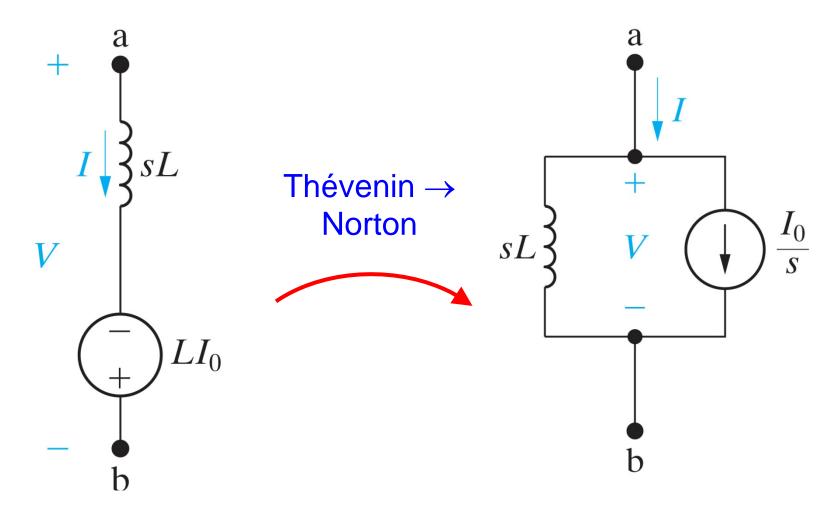
$$L\{v(t)\} = L\{L \cdot i'(t)\} = L \cdot L\{i'(t)\},$$
  

$$\Rightarrow V(s) = L \cdot [sI(s) - I_0] = sL \cdot I(s) - LI_0.$$
  
initial current

Equivalent circuit of an inductor

Series equivalent:

Parallel equivalent:

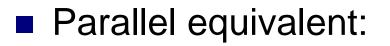


# A capacitor in the s domain

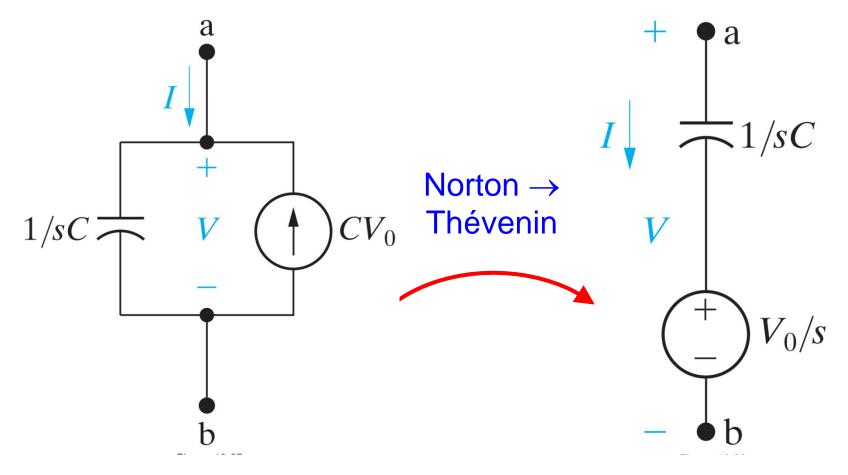
*iv*-relation in the time domain

$$i(t) = C \cdot \frac{d}{dt} v(t).$$

By operational Laplace transform:  $L\{i(t)\} = L\{C \cdot v'(t)\} = C \cdot L\{v'(t)\},$   $\Rightarrow I(s) = C \cdot [sV(s) - V_0] = sC \cdot V(s) - CV_0.$ initial voltage Equivalent circuit of a capacitor



Series equivalent:



Section 13.2, 13.3 Circuit Analysis in the s Domain

- 1. Procedures
- 2. Nature response of RC circuit
- 3. Step response of RLC circuit
- 4. Sinusoidal source
- 5. **MCM**
- 6. Superposition

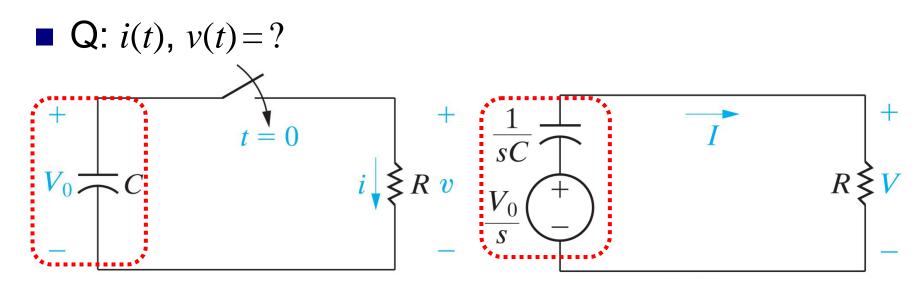
How to analyze a circuit in the s-domain?

- Replacing each circuit element with its s-domain equivalent. The initial energy in L or C is taken into account by adding independent source in series or parallel with the element impedance.
- Writing & solving algebraic equations by the same circuit analysis techniques developed for resistive networks.
- 3. Obtaining the t-domain solutions by inverse Laplace transform.

# Why to operate in the s-domain?

- It is convenient in solving transient responses of linear, lumped parameter circuits, for the initial conditions have been incorporated into the equivalent circuit.
- It is also useful for circuits with multiple essential nodes and meshes, for the simultaneous ODEs have been reduced to simultaneous algebraic equations.
- It can correctly predict the impulsive response, which is more difficult in the t-domain (Sec. 13.8).

#### Nature response of an RC circuit (1)



- Replacing the charged capacitor by a Thévenin equivalent circuit in the s-domain.
- KVL,  $\Rightarrow$  algebraic equation & solution of I(s):

$$\frac{V_0}{s} = \frac{I}{sC} + IR, \implies I(s) = \frac{CV_0}{1 + RCs} = \frac{V_0/R}{s + (RC)^{-1}}.$$

Nature response of an RC circuit (2)

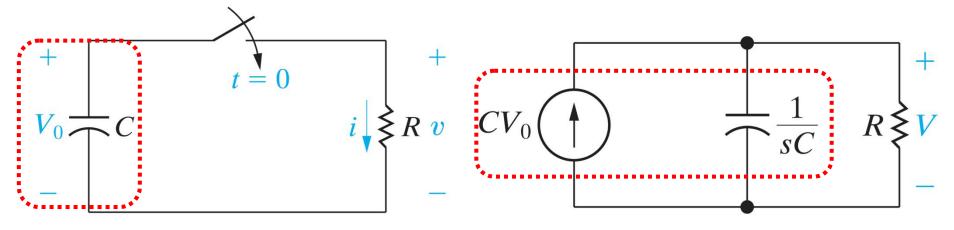
The t-domain solution is obtained by inverse Laplace transform:

$$i(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{V_0 / R}{s + (RC)^{-1}} \right\} = \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-t/(RC)} L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s} \right\}$$
$$= \frac{V_0}{R} e^{-t/(RC)} u(t).$$

*i*(0<sup>+</sup>) = V<sub>0</sub>/R, which is true for v<sub>C</sub>(0<sup>+</sup>) = v<sub>C</sub>(0<sup>-</sup>) = V<sub>0</sub>.
 *i*(∞) = 0, which is true for capacitor becomes open (no loop current) in steady state.

Nature response of an RC circuit (3)

To directly solve v(t), replacing the charged capacitor by a Norton equivalent in the s-domain.

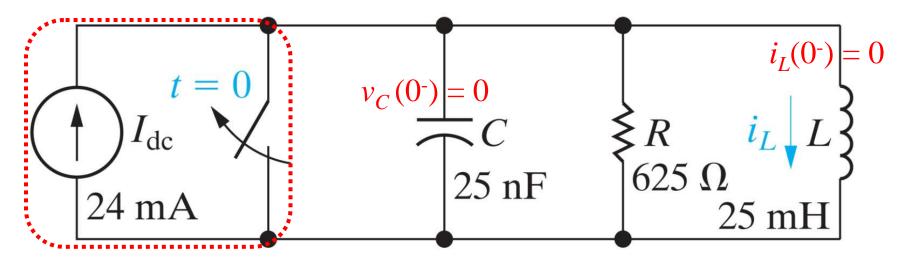


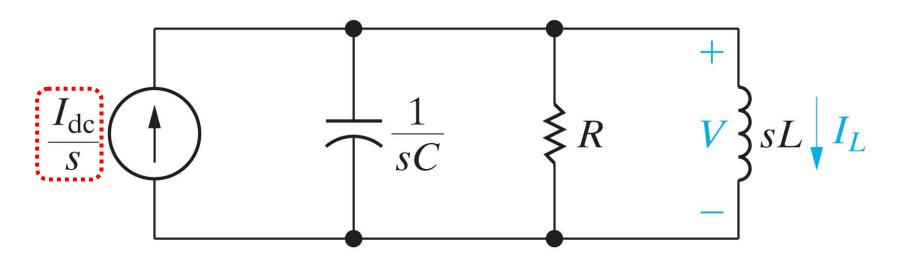
Solve V(s), perform inverse Laplace transform:

$$CV_{0} = sCV + \frac{V}{R}, \implies V(s) = \frac{V_{0}}{s + (RC)^{-1}}.$$
  
$$\implies v(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ V_{0} / \left[ s + (RC)^{-1} \right] \right\} = V_{0} e^{-t/(RC)} u(t) = Ri(t).$$

#### Step response of a parallel RLC (1)

**Q**: 
$$i_L(t) = ?$$





Step response of a parallel RLC (2)

• KCL,  $\Rightarrow$  algebraic equation & solution of V(s):

$$\frac{I_{dc}}{s} = sCV + \frac{V}{R} + \frac{V}{sL}, \Rightarrow V(s) = \frac{I_{dc}/C}{s^2 + (RC)^{-1}s + (LC)^{-1}}.$$

• Solve  $I_L(s)$ :

$$I_L(s) = \frac{V(s)}{sL} = \frac{I_{dc}(LC)^{-1}}{s[s^2 + (RC)^{-1}s + (LC)^{-1}]}$$
$$= \frac{3.84 \times 10^7}{s[s^2 + (6.4 \times 10^4)s + (1.6 \times 10^9)]}.$$

Step response of a parallel RLC (3)

 Perform partial fraction expansion and inverse Laplace transform:

$$\begin{split} I_L(s) &= \frac{24}{s} + \frac{20\angle 127^\circ}{s - (-32k + j24k)} + \frac{20\angle -127^\circ}{s - (-32k - j24k)} (\text{mA} \cdot \text{s}). \\ i_L(t) &= 24u(t) + \left[ 20e^{j127^\circ}e^{-(32k)t}e^{j(24k)t}u(t) + c.c. \right] \\ &= \left\{ 24 + 40e^{-(32k)t}\cos\left[ (24k)t + 127^\circ \right] \right\} u(t) (\text{mA}) \\ &= \left\{ 24 - e^{-(32k)t} \left[ 24\cos(24k)t - 32\sin(24k)t \right] \right\} u(t) (\text{mA}). \end{split}$$

Transient response due to a sinusoidal source (1)

For a parallel RLC circuit, replace the current source by a sinusoidal one:  $i_g(t) = I_m \cos \omega t \cdot u(t)$ . The algebraic equation changes:

$$sCV + \frac{V}{R} + \frac{V}{sL} = \left[I_{g} = \frac{sI_{m}}{s^{2} + \omega^{2}}\right],$$
  

$$\Rightarrow V(s) = \frac{(I_{m}/C)s^{2}}{(s^{2} + \omega^{2})[s^{2} + (RC)^{-1}s + (LC)^{-1}]},$$
  

$$\Rightarrow I_{L}(s) = \frac{V}{sL} = \frac{I_{m}(LC)^{-1}s}{(s^{2} + \omega^{2})[s^{2} + (RC)^{-1}s + (LC)^{-1}]}.$$

Transient response due to a sinusoidal source (2)

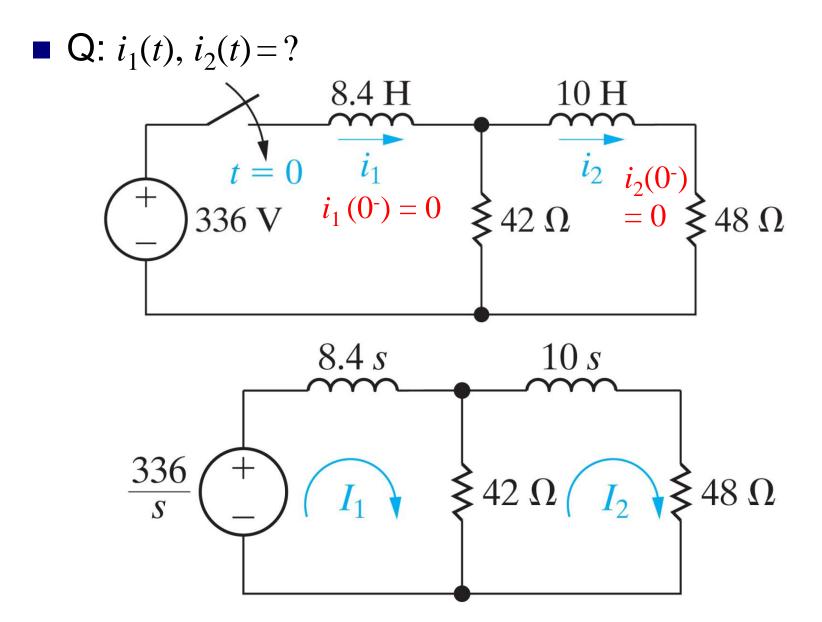
 Perform partial fraction expansion and inverse Laplace transform:

$$I_{L}(s) = \frac{K_{1}}{s - j\omega} + \frac{K_{1}^{*}}{s + j\omega} + \frac{K_{2}}{s - (-\alpha - j\beta)} + \frac{K_{2}^{*}}{s - (-\alpha - j\beta)}.$$
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$$i_L(t) = \left\{ 2 \left| K_1 \right| \cos\left(\omega t + \angle K_1\right) + 2 \left| K_2 \right| e^{-\alpha t} \cos\left(\beta t + \angle K_2\right) \right\} u(t).$$

Steady-state response (source) Natural response (RLC parameters)

Step response of a 2-mesh circuit (1)

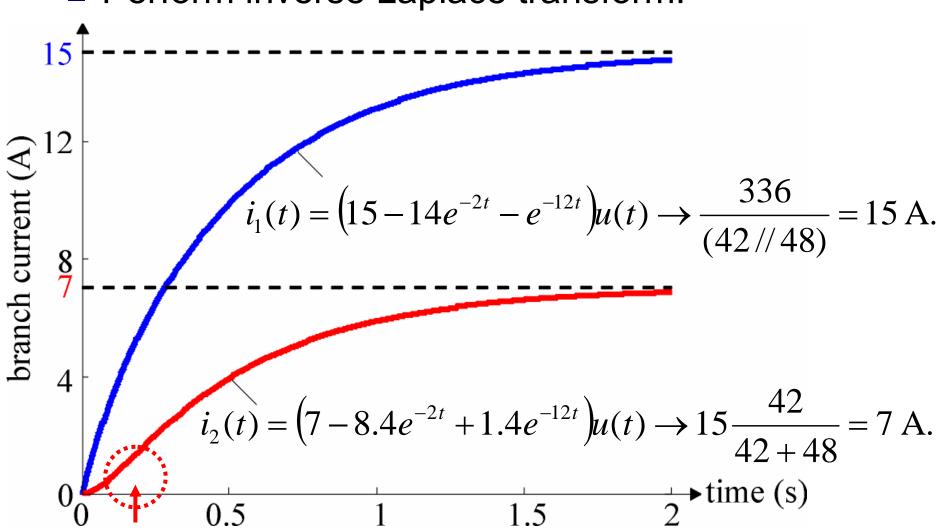


Step response of a 2-mesh circuit (2)

• MCM,  $\Rightarrow$  2 algebraic equations & solutions:

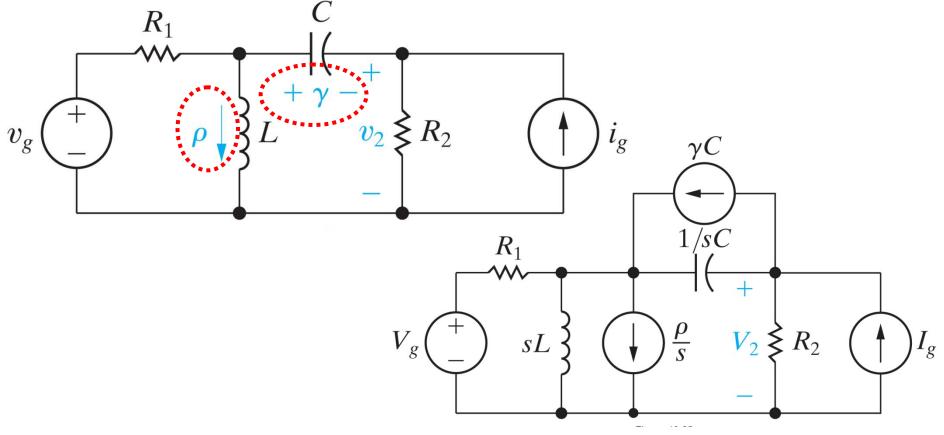
$$\begin{cases} 8.4sI_1 + 42(I_1 - I_2) = \frac{336}{s} \cdots (1) \\ 42(I_2 - I_1) + (10s + 48)I_2 = 0 \cdots (2) \\ \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 42 + 8.4s & -42 \\ -42 & 90 + 10s \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 336/s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$
$$\begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 42 + 8.4s & -42 \\ -42 & 90 + 10s \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \times \begin{bmatrix} 336/s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{15}{s} - \frac{14}{s+2} - \frac{1}{s+12} \\ \frac{7}{s} - \frac{8.4}{s+2} + \frac{1.4}{s+12} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Step response of a 2-mesh circuit (3)
 Perform inverse Laplace transform:

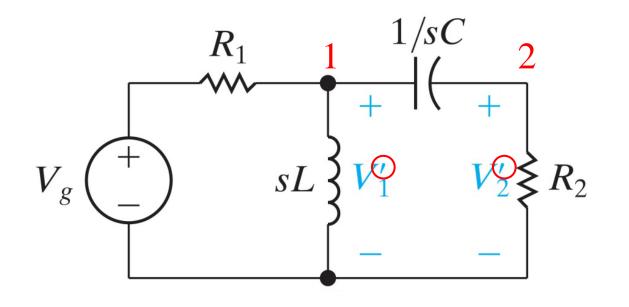


Use of superposition (1)

Given 2 independent sources  $v_g$ ,  $i_g$  and initially charged C, L,  $\Rightarrow v_2(t) = ?$ 



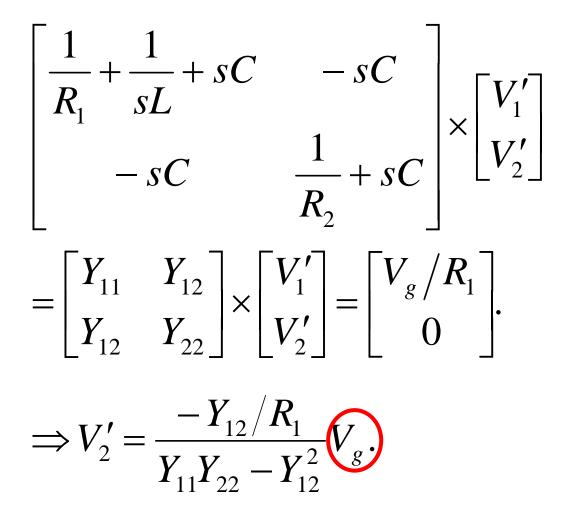
# Use of superposition: $V_g$ acts alone (2)



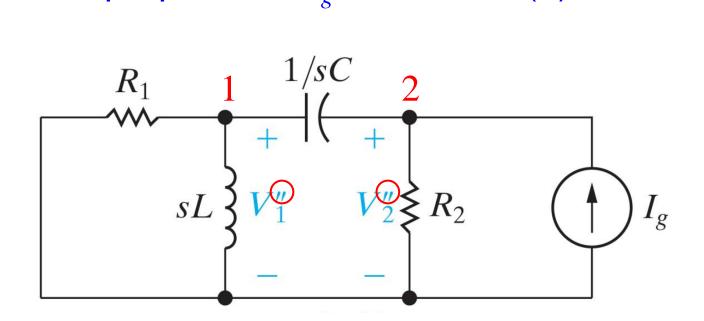
$$\begin{cases} \frac{V_{1}'-V_{g}}{R_{1}} + \frac{V_{1}'}{sL} + \frac{V_{1}'-V_{2}'}{(sC)^{-1}} = 0, \\ \frac{V_{2}'-V_{1}'}{(sC)^{-1}} + \frac{V_{2}'}{R_{2}} = 0. \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \left(\frac{1}{R_{1}} + \frac{1}{sL} + sC\right)V_{1}' - sCV_{2}' = \frac{V_{g}}{R_{1}}, \\ -sCV_{1}' + \left(\frac{1}{R_{2}} + sC\right)V_{2}' = 0. \end{cases}$$

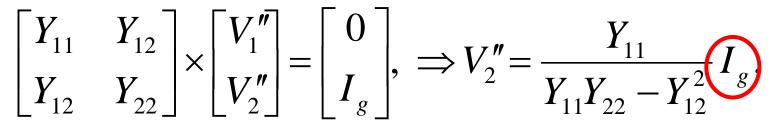
Use of superposition (3)

For convenience, define admittance matrix:



# Use of superposition: $I_g$ acts alone (4)

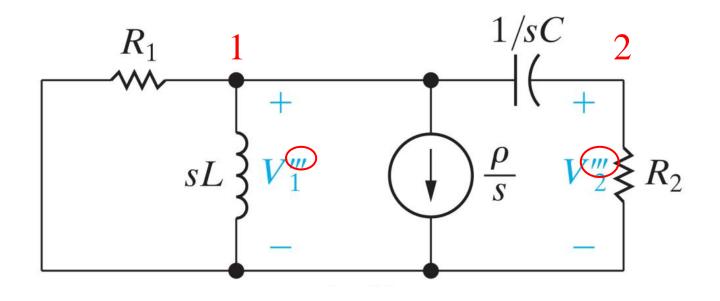




Same matrix

Same denominator

# Use of superposition: Energized L acts alone (5)

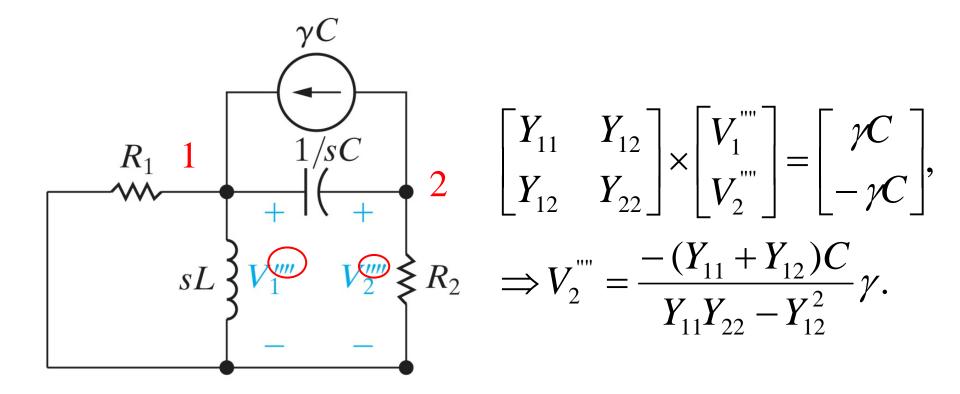


 $\begin{bmatrix} Y_{11} & Y_{12} \\ Y_{12} & Y_{22} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_1''' \\ V_2''' \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\rho/s \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \implies V_2''' = \frac{Y_{12}/s}{Y_{11}Y_{22} - Y_{12}^2} \rho$ 

Same matrix

Same denominator

## Use of superposition: Energized C acts alone (6)



• The total voltage is:  $V_2 = V_2' + V_2'' + V_2''' + V_2'''$ .

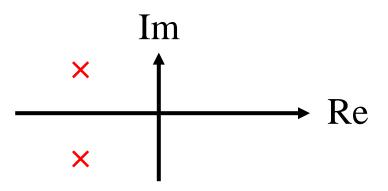
Section 13.4, 13.5 The Transfer Function and Natural Response What is the transfer function of a circuit?

The ratio of a circuit's output to its input in the s-domain:

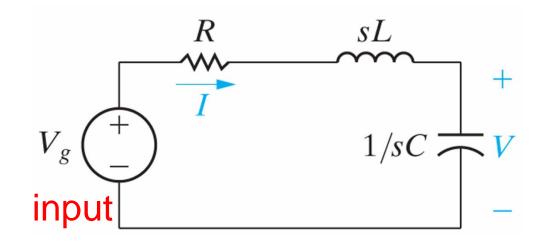
$$H(s) = \frac{Y(s)}{X(s)}$$

A single circuit may have many transfer functions, each corresponds to some specific choices of input and output. Poles and zeros of transfer function

- For linear and lumped-parameter circuits, H(s) is always a rational function of s.
- Poles and zeros always appear in complex conjugate pairs.
- The poles must lie in the left half of the s-plane if bounded input leads to bounded output.



#### **Example: Series RLC circuit**



■ If the output is the loop current *I*:

$$H(s) = \frac{I}{V_g} = \frac{1}{R + sL + (sC)^{-1}} = \frac{sC}{s^2 LC + sRC + 1}.$$

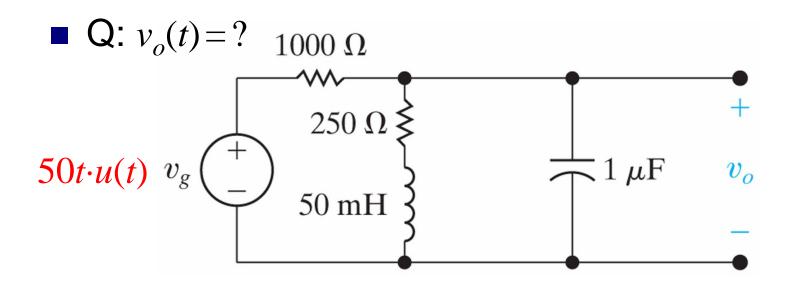
• If the output is the capacitor voltage *V*:

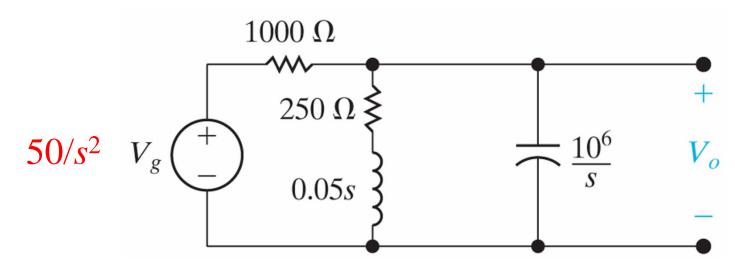
$$H(s) = \frac{V}{V_g} = \frac{(sC)^{-1}}{R + sL + (sC)^{-1}} = \frac{1}{s^2 LC + sRC + 1}.$$

How do poles, zeros influence the solution?

- Since Y(s) = H(s)X(s),  $\Rightarrow$  the partial fraction expansion of the output Y(s) yields a term K/(s-a)for each pole s = a of H(s) or X(s).
- The functional forms of the transient (natural) and steady-state responses y<sub>tr</sub>(t) and y<sub>ss</sub>(t) are determined by the poles of H(s) and X(s), respectively.
- The partial fraction coefficients of  $Y_{tr}(s)$  and  $Y_{ss}(s)$ are determined by both H(s) and X(s).

## Example 13.2: Linear ramp excitation (1)





# Example 13.2 (2)

• Only one essential node,  $\Rightarrow$  use NVM:

$$\frac{V_o - V_g}{1000} + \frac{V_o}{250 + 0.05s} + \frac{V_o}{10^6/s} = 0,$$

$$\Rightarrow H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_g} = \frac{1000(s + 5000)}{s^2 + 6000s + (2.5 \times 10^7)}.$$

• H(s) has 2 complex conjugate poles:

$$s = -3000 \pm j4000.$$

•  $V_g(s) = 50/s^2$  has 1 repeated real pole:  $s = 0^{(2)}$ .

## Example 13.2 (3)

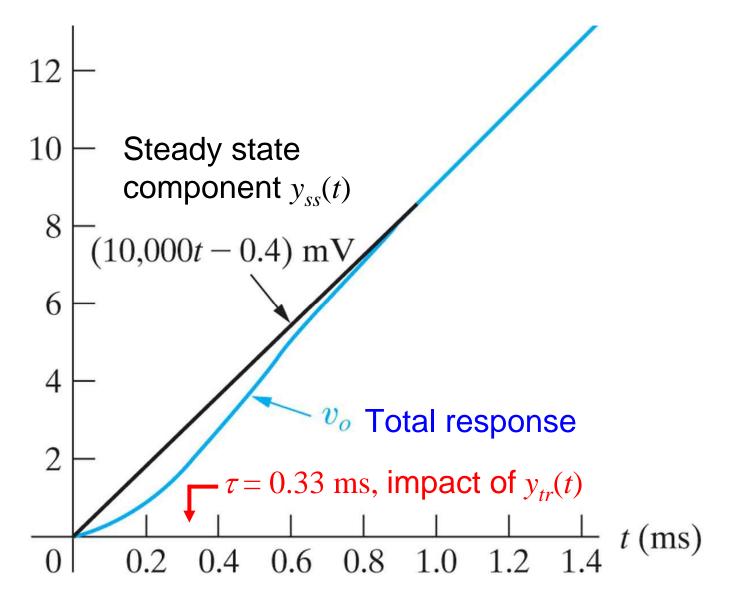
The total response in the s-domain is:

$$V_{o}(s) = H(s)V_{g}(s) = \frac{5 \times 10^{4}(s + 5000)}{s^{2}(s^{2} + 6000s + 2.5 \times 10^{7})} = Y_{tr} + Y_{ss}$$
  
expansion coefficients depend on  $H(s) \& V_{g}(s)$   
$$= \frac{5\sqrt{5} \times 10^{-4} \angle 80^{\circ}}{s + 3000 - j4000} + \frac{5\sqrt{5} \times 10^{-4} \angle - 80^{\circ}}{s + 3000 + j4000} + \frac{10}{s^{2}} - \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{s}.$$
  
poles of  $H(s)$ :  $-3k \pm j4k$  pole of  $V_{g}(s)$ :  $0^{(2)}$ 

The total response in the t-domain:

$$v_o(t) = y_{tr} + y_{ss} = \left[\sqrt{5} \times 10^{-3} e^{-3,000t} \cos(4,000t + 80^\circ)\right] u(t) + \left(10t - 4 \times 10^{-4}\right) u(t).$$

## Example 13.2 (4)



Section 13.6 The Transfer Function and the Convolution Integral

- 1. Impulse response
- 2. Time invariant
- 3. Convolution integral
- 4. Memory of circuit

#### Impulse response

If the input to a linear, lumped-parameter circuit is an impulse δ(t), the output function h(t) is called impulse response, which happens to be the natural response of the circuit:

$$X(s) = L\{\delta(t)\} = 1, \ Y(s) = H(s) \times 1 = H(s),$$
$$y(t) = L^{-1}\{Y(s)\} = L^{-1}\{H(s)\} = h(t).$$

The application of an impulse source is equivalent to suddenly storing energy in the circuit. The subsequent release of this energy gives rise to the natural response.

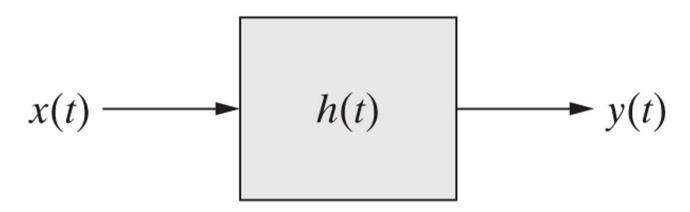
## Time invariant

 For a linear, lumped-parameter circuit, delaying the input x(t) by τ simply delays the response y(t) by τ as well (time invariant):

$$\begin{split} X(s,\tau) &= L\{x(t-\tau)u(t-\tau)\} = e^{-\tau s}X(s), \\ Y(s,\tau) &= H(s)X(s,\tau) = e^{-\tau s}H(s)X(s) = e^{-\tau s}Y(s), \\ y(t,\tau) &= L^{-1}\{Y(s,\tau)\} = L^{-1}\{Y(s)\}\Big|_{t\to t-\tau} \\ &= y(t-\tau)u(t-\tau). \end{split}$$

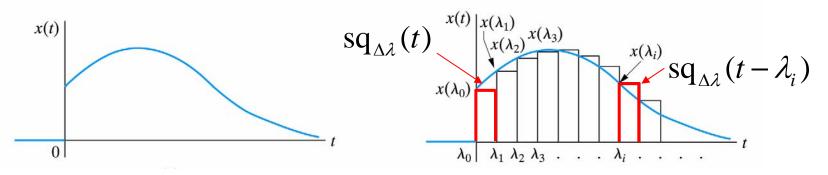
# Motivation of working in the time domain

- The properties of impulse response and timeinvariance allow one to calculate the output function y(t) of a "linear and time invariant (LTI)" circuit in the t-domain only.
- This is beneficial when x(t), h(t) are known only through experimental data.



Decompose the input source x(t)

• We can approximate x(t) by a series of rectangular pulses  $rec_{\Delta\lambda}(t-\lambda_i)$  of uniform width  $\Delta\lambda$ :



By having  $\Delta\lambda \rightarrow 0$ ,  $\Rightarrow \operatorname{rec}_{\Delta\lambda}(t-\lambda_i)/\Delta\lambda \rightarrow \delta(t-\lambda_i)$ , x(t) converges to a train of impulses:

$$x(t) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x(\lambda_i) \times \lim_{\Delta \lambda \to 0} \operatorname{rec}_{\Delta \lambda} (t - \lambda_i)$$

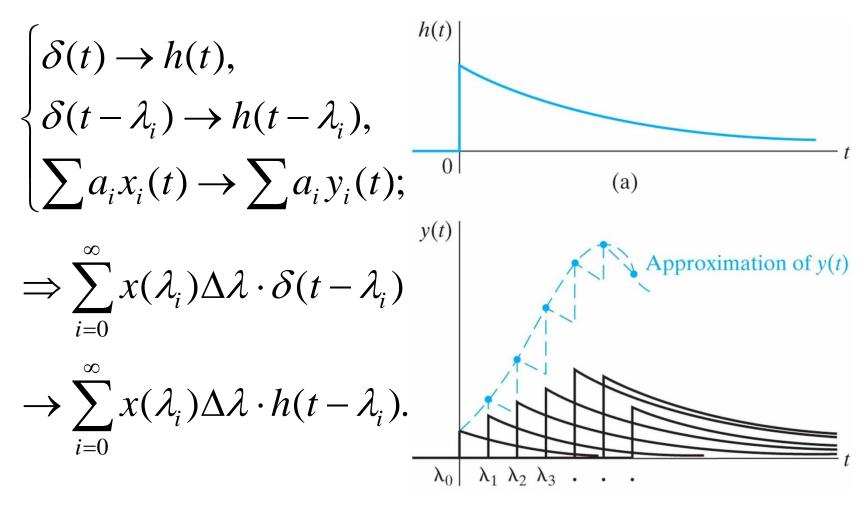
$$x(\lambda_0) \Delta \lambda = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x(\lambda_i) \times \lim_{\Delta \lambda \to 0} \operatorname{rec}_{\Delta \lambda} (t - \lambda_i)$$

$$x(\lambda_0) \Delta \lambda = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} x(\lambda_i) \times \Delta \lambda \times \delta(t - \lambda_i).$$

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Synthesize the output y(t) (1)

Since the circuit is LTI:



# Synthesize the output y(t) (2)

• As  $\Delta\lambda \rightarrow 0$ , summation  $\rightarrow$  integration:

$$y(t) = \int_0^\infty x(\lambda)h(t-\lambda)d\lambda \to \int_{-\infty}^\infty x(\lambda)h(t-\lambda)d\lambda.$$

By change of variable  $u = t - \lambda$ ,  $\Rightarrow$ 

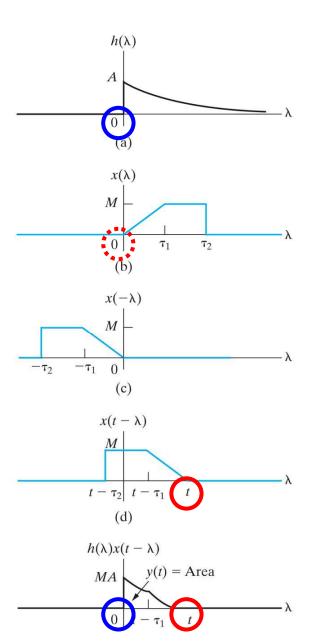
$$y(t) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t-u)h(u)du.$$

The output of an LTI circuit is the convolution of input and the impulse response of the circuit:

$$y(t) = x(t) * h(t)$$
  
=  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda)h(t-\lambda)d\lambda = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t-\lambda)h(\lambda)d\lambda.$ 

## Convolution of a causal circuit

- For physically realizable circuit, no response can occur prior to the input excitation (causal),  $\Rightarrow \{h(t) = 0 \text{ for } t < 0\}.$
- Excitation is turned on at t=0,  $\Rightarrow \{x(t)=0 \text{ for } t<0\}. \Rightarrow$ y(t) = x(t) \* h(t)=  $\int_{0}^{t} x(t-\lambda)h(\lambda)d\lambda.$

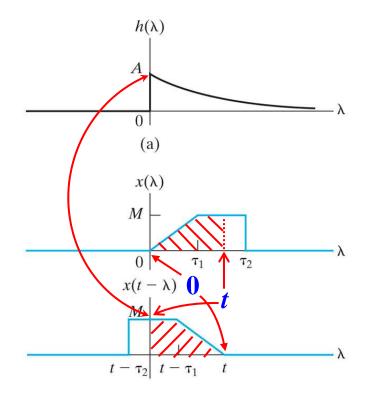


# Effect of x(t) is weighted by h(t)

The convolution integral

$$y(t) = \int_0^t x(t - \lambda)h(\lambda)d\lambda$$

shows that the value of y(t)is the weighted average of x(t) from t=0 to t=t [from  $\lambda$ =t to  $\lambda=0$  for  $x(t-\lambda)$ ].

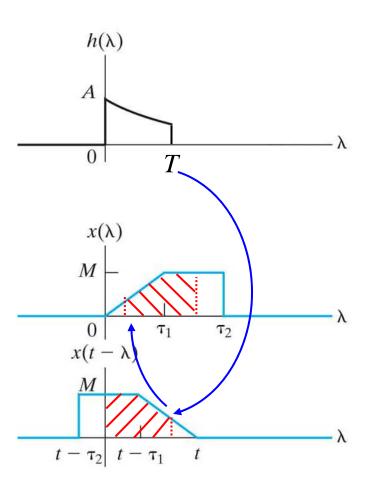


If h(t) is monotonically decreasing, the highest weight is given to the present x(t).

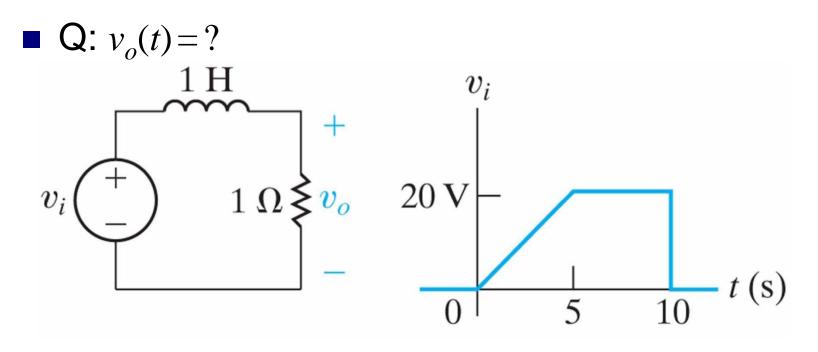
## Memory of the circuit

If h(t) only lasts from t=0 to t=T, the convolution integral  $y(t) = \int_0^t x(t-\lambda)h(\lambda)d\lambda$ . implies that the circuit

has a memory over a finite interval t = [t-T,t].



If  $h(t) = \delta(t)$ , no memory, output at *t* only depends on x(t),  $\Rightarrow y(t) = x(t) * \delta(t) = x(t)$ , no distortion. Example 13.3: RL driven by a trapezoidal source (1)

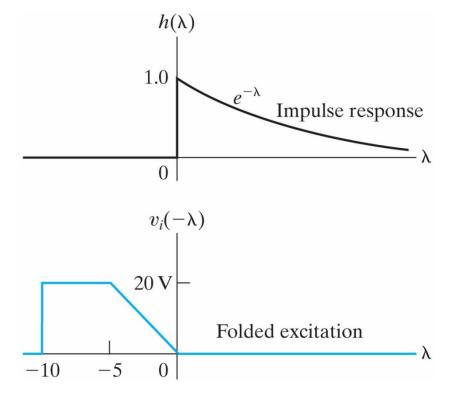


$$V_o = \frac{1}{s+1} V_i, \implies H(s) = \frac{V_o}{V_i} = \frac{1}{s+1}.$$
$$\implies h(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ \frac{1}{s+1} \right\} = e^{-t} u(t).$$

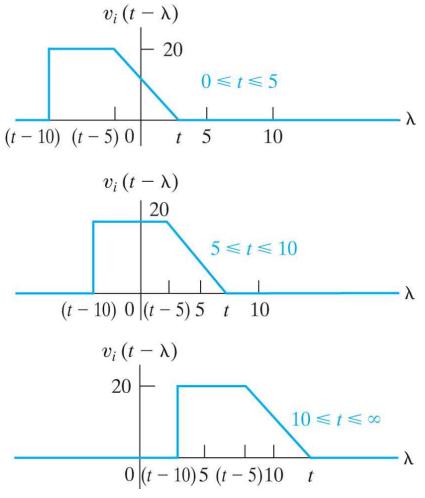
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#### Example 13.3 (2)

$$v_o(t) = \int_0^t v_i(t-\lambda)h(\lambda)d\lambda.$$

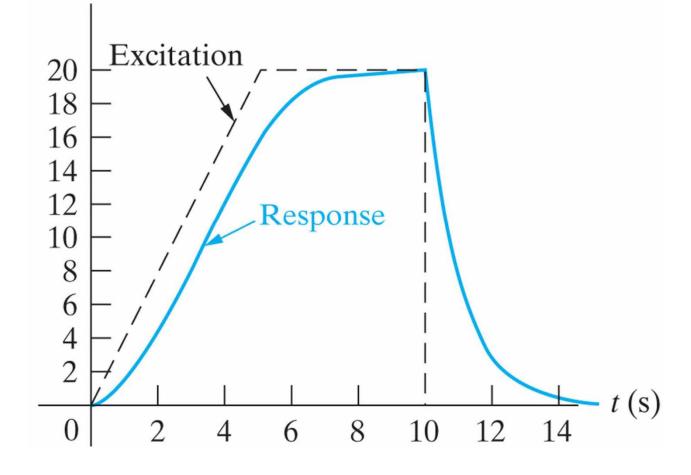


#### Separate into 3 intervals:



## Example 13.3 (3)

Since the circuit has certain memory,  $v_o(t)$  has some distortion with respect to  $v_i(t)$ .



Section 13.7 The Transfer Function and the Steady-State Sinusoidal Response How to get sinusoidal steady-state response by H(s)?

- In Chapters 9-11, we used phasor analysis to get steady-state response  $y_{ss}(t)$  due to a sinusoidal input  $x(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \phi)$ .
- If we know H(s),  $y_{ss}(t)$  must be:

$$y_{ss}(t) = |H(j\omega)| A\cos[\omega t + \phi + \theta(\omega)],$$
  
where  $H(j\omega) = H(s)|_{s=j\omega} = |H(j\omega)| e^{j\theta(\omega)}.$ 

The changes of amplitude and phase depend on the sampling of H(s) along the imaginary axis.

# Proof

$$x(t) = A\cos(\omega t + \phi) = A\cos\phi \cos\omega t - A\sin\phi \sin\omega t.$$

$$X(s) = A\cos\phi \frac{s}{s^{2} + \omega^{2}} - A\sin\phi \frac{\omega}{s^{2} + \omega^{2}} = A\frac{s\cos\phi - \omega\sin\phi}{s^{2} + \omega^{2}}.$$

$$Y(s) = H(s)X(s) = H(s) \cdot A\frac{s\cos\phi - \omega\sin\phi}{s^{2} + \omega^{2}} = Y_{tr}(s) + Y_{ss}(s);$$
where  $Y_{ss}(s) = \frac{K_{1}}{s - j\omega} + \frac{K_{1}^{*}}{s + j\omega}, K_{1} = Y(s)(s - j\omega)|_{s = j\omega}$ 

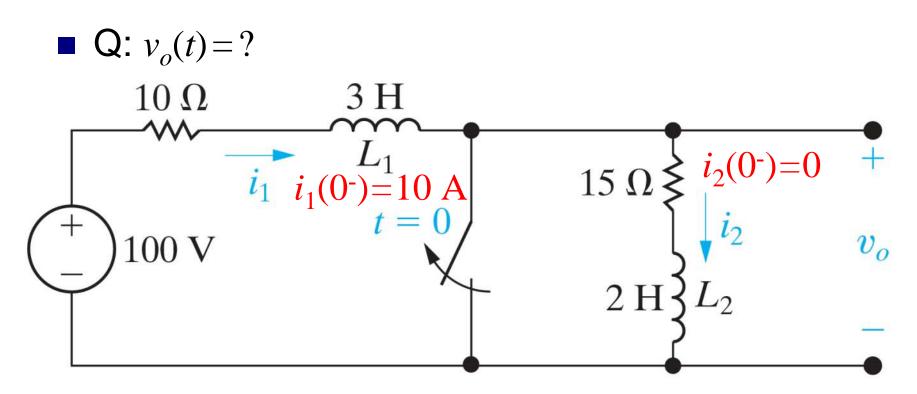
$$= H(s)A\frac{[s]\cos\phi - \omega\sin\phi}{[s + j\omega]}|_{s = j\omega} = H(j\omega)A\frac{j\omega\cos\phi - \omega\sin\phi}{2j\omega} = \frac{H(j\omega)Ae^{j\phi}}{2}.$$

$$y_{ss}(t) = L^{-1}\left\{\frac{|H(j\omega)|e^{j\theta(\omega)}Ae^{j\phi}}{2(s - j\omega)}\right\} + c.c. = A|H(j\omega)|\cos[\omega t + \phi + \theta(\omega)].$$

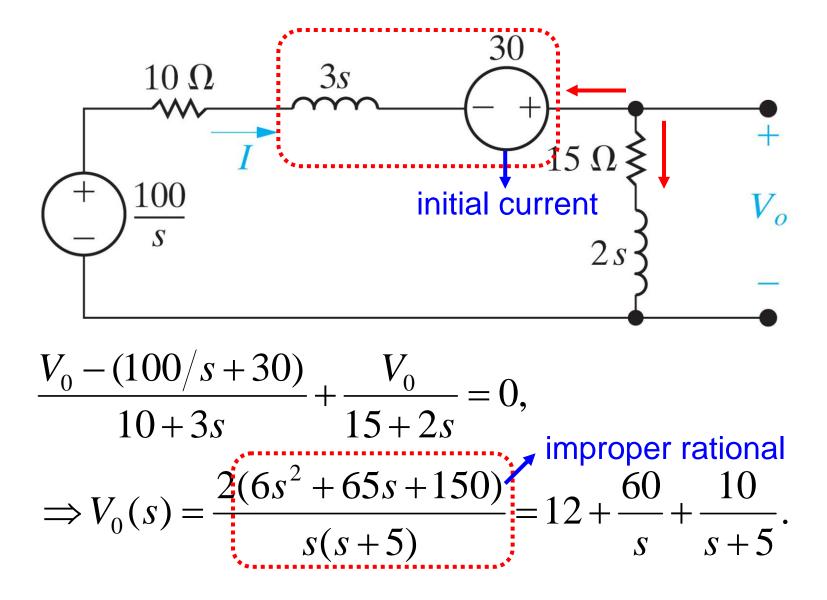
# Obtain H(s) from $H(j\omega)$

- We can reverse the process: determine H(jω) experimentally, then construct H(s) from the data (not always possible).
- Once we know H(s), we can find the response to other excitation sources.

Section 13.8 The Impulse Function in Circuit Analysis E.g. Impulsive inductor voltage (1)



The opening of the switch forces the two inductor currents i<sub>1</sub>, i<sub>2</sub> change immediately by inducing an impulsive inductor voltage [v=L·i'(t)]. E.g. Equivalent circuit & solution in the s-domain (2)



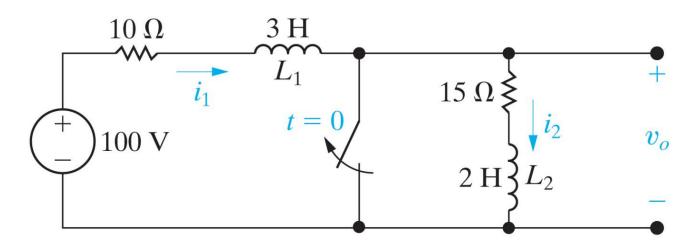
E.g. Solutions in the t-domain (3)

$$v_0(t) = L^{-1} \left\{ 12 + \frac{60}{s} + \frac{10}{s+5} \right\} = \underline{12\delta(t)} + (60 + 10e^{-5t})u(t).$$

To verify whether this solution  $v_o(t)$  is correct, we need to solve i(t) as well.

$$I(s) = \frac{100/s + 30}{10 + 3s + 15 + 2s} = \frac{4}{s} + \frac{2}{s + 5}, \Rightarrow i(t) = (4 + 2e^{-5t})u(t).$$

## Impulsive inductor voltage (4)



The jump of  $i_2(t)$  from 0 to 6 A causes  $i'_2(t) = 6\delta(t)$ , contributing to a voltage impulse  $L_2 i'_2(t) = 12\delta(t)$ .

• After 
$$t > 0^+$$
,  
 $v_o(t) = (15\Omega)i_2(t) + (2H)i'_2(t)$   
 $= 15(4 + 2e^{-5t}) + 2(-10e^{-5t}) = 60 + 10e^{-5t}$ ,  
consistent with that solved by Laplace transform.

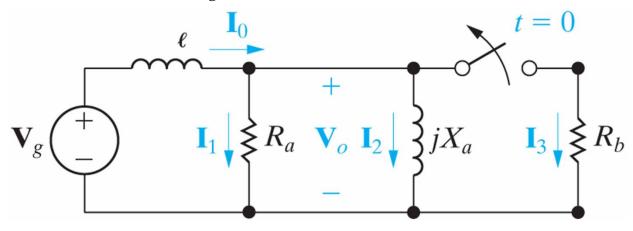
# Key points

- How to represent the initial energy of L, C in the s-domain?
- Why the functional forms of natural and steadystate responses are determined by the poles of transfer function *H*(*s*) and excitation source *X*(*s*), respectively?
- Why the output of an LTI circuit is the convolution of the input and impulse response? How to interpret the memory of a circuit by convolution?

# Practical Perspective Voltage Surges

Why can a voltage surge occur?

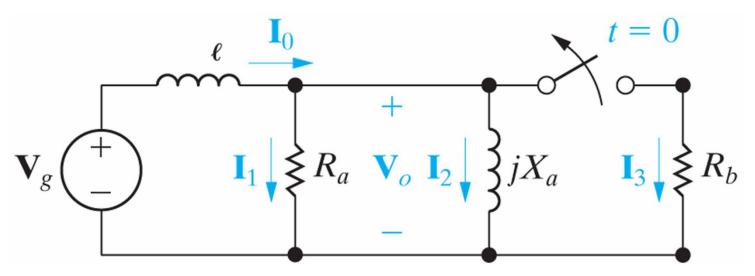
- Q: Why a voltage surge is created when a load is switched off?
- Model: A sinusoidal voltage source drives three loads, where R<sub>b</sub> is switched off at t=0.



Since  $i_2(t)$  cannot change abruptly,  $i_1(t)$  will jump by the amount of  $i_3(0^-)$ ,  $\Rightarrow$  voltage surge occurs.

#### Example

• Let  $V_o = 120 \angle 0^\circ$  (rms), f = 60 Hz,  $R_a = 12 \Omega$ ,  $R_b = 8$  $\Omega$ ,  $X_a = 41.1 \Omega$  (i.e.  $L_a = X_a / \omega = 109$  mH),  $X_l = 1 \Omega$  (i.e.  $L_l = 2.65$  mH). Solve  $v_o(t)$  for  $t > 0^\circ$ .



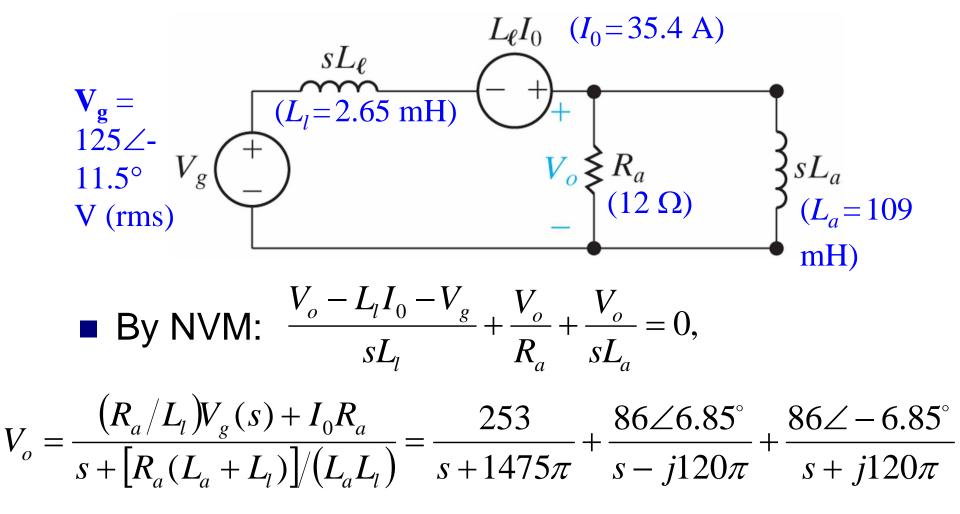
To draw the s-domain circuit, we need to calculate the initial inductor currents  $i_2(0^-)$ ,  $i_0(0^-)$ .

Steady-state before the switching

- The three branch currents (rms phasors) are:
  - $\mathbf{I_1} = \mathbf{V_o} / R_a = (120 \angle 0^\circ) / (12 \ \Omega) = 10 \angle 0^\circ \text{ A},$  $\mathbf{I_2} = \mathbf{V_o} / (jX_a) = (120 \angle 0^\circ) / (j41.1 \ \Omega) = 2.92 \angle -90^\circ \text{ A},$  $\mathbf{I_3} = \mathbf{V_o} / R_b = (120 \angle 0^\circ) / (8 \ \Omega) = 15 \angle 0^\circ \text{ A},$
- The line current is:  $I_0 = I_1 + I_2 + I_3 = 25.2 \angle -6.65^\circ A$ .
- Source voltage:  $\mathbf{V_g} = \mathbf{V_o} + \mathbf{I_0}(jX_l) = 125 \angle -11.5^\circ \text{ V}.$
- The two initial inductor currents at  $t=0^-$  are:
- $i_2(t) = 2.92(\sqrt{2})\cos(120\pi t 90^\circ), \Rightarrow i_2(0^-) = 0;$
- $i_0(t) = 25.2(\sqrt{2})\cos(120\pi t 6.65^\circ), \Rightarrow i_0(0^-) = 35.4 \text{ A}.$

## S-domain analysis

The s-domain circuit is:



**Inverse Laplace transform** 

Given 
$$V_o(s) = \frac{253}{s+1475\pi} + \frac{86\angle 6.85^\circ}{s-j120\pi} + \frac{86\angle -6.85^\circ}{s+j120\pi}$$
,

 $\Rightarrow v_o(t) = \left[253e^{-1475\pi t} + 173\cos(120\pi t + 6.85^\circ)\right] \cdot u(t).$ 

