### **Transfer Characteristics**

- Often define circuits by their "Transfer Characteristics"
- Apply an input voltage to one side of a circuit
- Output voltage measured across some part of the circuit
- Transfer characteristics: Plots the output against input
- Thus that state what the output will be for any input



### **Op Amp Integrator**

- Recall resistor followed by a capacitor RC integrator
- If the RC time constant is long relative to period
- The resistor dominates the voltage drop and
- The voltage across the capacitor becomes the integral
- Consider an inverting op amp circuit
- $\bullet$  But replace  $R_{\rm f}$  with a capacitor  $C_{\rm f}$
- Since summing point SP = a virtual ground.

$$V_{sp} = 0 \qquad I_{sp} = 0$$

• As with the regular inverting op amp

$$I_{in} = I_s = I_i = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s}$$

• For the following capacitor then the current is

$$I_f = C_f \frac{dV_f}{dt}$$



## **Op Amp Integrator Cont'd**

• Since there can be no current through the op amp

$$I_f = C_f \frac{dV_f}{dt} = \frac{V_{in}}{R_s} = I_s$$

 $I_s = I_f$ 

• Thus the voltage across the output capacitor is

$$V_f = \frac{1}{R_s C_f} \int V_{in} dt$$

• Since

$$V_{out} = -V_f$$

•Thus the op amp output voltage is

$$V_{out} = -\frac{1}{R_s C_f} \int V_{in} dt$$

- Where  $\tau = R_s C_f$  = time constant of RC circuit
- However the op amp supplies the current
- And the summing point is a ground
- Thus RC need not be longer than the input period.



## **Op Amp Integrator Single Pulse Input**

- Consider an op amp integrator circuit for a single square pulse
- •4 V for 10 ms duration
- What is the response?
- Assuming C is initially uncharged then

$$\tau = R_s C_f = 5000 \times 10^{-6} = 5 m \,\mathrm{sec}$$

• During the pulse; t <10 msec

$$V_{out} = -\frac{1}{R_s C_f} \int V_{in} dt = -\frac{1}{0.005} \int_0^t 4 \, dt = -800t \, V$$

- After the pulse t = 10 msec for all times
- Because only period when input current flows is important

$$V_{out} = \left[-800t\right]_0^{0.01} = -8V$$

• Op amp will maintain this



## **Op Amp Integrator For a Single Pulse**

- Result: slope to a constant value of 8 V
- Falling edge of pulse does not matter
- Only the period of voltage input



### **Op Amp Integrator for a Stream of Pulses**

- For a stream of pulses period T
- When period T < RC get a triangle wave output
- Negative voltage gives positive rising edge
- Slope of out wave is

$$V_{out} = -\frac{1}{R_s C_f} \int V_{in} dt = -\frac{V_{in}}{R_s C_f}$$

- Input of positive voltage starts decreasing voltage portion
- Called a sawtooth wave or triangular wave output



### **Op Amp Capacitive Differentiator**

- Can change the op amp circuit to a Differentiator
- Exchange the resistor and capacitor
- Have the capacitor on the input, resistor as feedback
- Want RC time constant short relative to period of any signal
- For the feedback side

$$I_f = \frac{V_f}{R_f}$$

• Recall that for a capacitor

$$I_{in}(t) = C_s \frac{dV_{in}}{dt}$$

• Since the summing point SP is a ground this equation is exact



#### **Op Amp Capacitive Differentiator Output**

•Again for inverting op amp circuits

$$I_s = I_f$$
  $V_f = -V_{out}$ 

• Thus the output becomes

$$V_{out} = -R_f I_{in} = -R_f C_s \frac{dV_{in}}{dt}$$

- Where  $\tau = R_f C_s$  is the time constant of the RC circuit.
- Note the response time of op amp limits the operation
- Even if RC is very small



# **Op Amp Capacitive Differentiator & Stream of Pulses**

- Thus for a string of pulses (square wave)
- Get a sudden change called an impulse
- Direction opposite to that of falling/rising edge
- Followed by an exponential decay
- Decay is as capacitor charges/discharges
- Decay time set by the RC time constant
- Other waveforms integrated eg sin wave gives cos wave



## Second Order Systems (EC 8)

- Second Order circuits involve two energy storage systems
- Create second order Differential Equations
- Transfer of energy from one storage to another and back again
- In circuits Resistors, Inductors and Capacitors
- Called RLC circuits
- L stores energy in Magnetic field from the current
- C stores energy in Electric field from stored charge
- As L discharges energy from B field it is stored in C
- As C discharges charge it is stored in L
- Resistor is always loosing energy
- Eg. series Voltage source, Resistor, Inductor and Capacitor
- Also parallel RLC (equations different)



## **Damped Spring DE (EC 8)**

• Math often uses the damped spring with weight for 2<sup>nd</sup> order DE

$$m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + c\frac{dy}{dt} + ky = 0$$

Where m=mass of weight c=damping constant k=spring constant y=vertical displacement

- Energy is stored in momentum of weight
- Energy also in position of spring
- Energy lost in damping pot



## **Solution of Second Order Systems**

- General solution to Second Order circuits
- Proceeds similar to First Order Circuits
- (1) Use Kirchhoff's laws for circuit equation
- (2) Manipulate to get I or V in terms of derivatives in time

(3) Generate the "Differential Equation form"

• also called "Homogeneous equation form"

(4) Solve the Differential Equation:

- Solution substitution method: assume a solution
- For step change assume exponential type solution.
- Second order equations generally have two solutions
- Response is combination of both solutions

(5) Use initial or final conditions for constants of integration

• Conditions may include derivatives at those times



#### Solution of Series RLC Second Order Systems

- Consider a series RLC with voltage source suddenly applied
- For series RLC used KVL
- Note for parallel will use KCL

(1) Using KVL to write the equations:

$$V_0 = L\frac{di}{dt} + iR + \frac{1}{C}\int_0^t idt$$

(2) Want full differential equation

• Differentiating with respect to time

$$0 = L\frac{d_2i}{dt^2} + \frac{di}{dt}R + \frac{1}{C}i$$

- (3) This is the differential equation of second order
- Second order equations involve 2nd order derivatives



### **Comparison of RLC and Damped Spring DE (EC 8)**

• Looking at the damped spring with weight 2<sup>nd</sup> order DE

$$m\frac{d^2y}{dt^2} + c\frac{dy}{dt} + ky = 0$$

Where m=mass of weight c=damping constant k=spring constant y=vertical displacement

- Energy is stored in momentum of weight and spring
- For the RLC series the DE is

$$L\frac{d^2i}{dt^2} + R\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C}i = 0$$

- Current i is related to the displacement y
- L is equivalent to the momentum energy stored m
- 1/C is equivalent to the spring constant k
- R is equivalent to the damping loss c

