RLC Exam like Example

Consider this circuit where the switch has been closed long enough for the circuit to stabilized. Then open switch at t=0.



- (a) Write the DE for circuit & initial conditions (current or voltage across each element).
- (b) Solve DE for I through R_1
- (c) What type of damping does this have? What R_1 is needed for the other damping types?
- (d) For the (c) which is underdamped what is the 3 natural freq., damped freq. and damping factor?
- (a) Using KVL

$$L\frac{di}{dt} + iR + \frac{1}{C}\int i \cdot dt = 0$$

• Differentiating

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

• Initial conditions, C is fully charged, acts a V source

C has $V_C = 40V$

- L acts as a short before switch opens (no change in I)
- Therefore, current controlled by R

$$I_L = I_R = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{40}{20} = 2A$$

 $V_L = 0$, $V_R = IR = 40V$

(b) Assuming an exponential solution then get the equations

$$I(t) = Ae^{st}$$

$$0 = s^{2}L + sR + \frac{1}{C}$$

$$40V \int_{C_{1}} \begin{cases} L_{1} & A_{m}H \\ 20SL & 2A \end{cases}$$

$$IO_{\mu}F \int_{R_{1}} P \int_{R_{1}} P$$

• Solving this quadratic

$$0 = s^2 + s\frac{R}{L} + \frac{1}{CL}$$

• The roots are

$$s = \frac{R}{2L} \pm \left[\left(\frac{R}{2L} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$\frac{R}{2L} = \frac{20}{2 \times 4 \times 10^{-3}} = 2.5 \times 10^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$
$$\frac{1}{LC} = \frac{1}{4 \times 10^{-3} \times 10^{-5}} = 2.5 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-2}$$

• Thus the discriminate

$$\left[\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC} \right] = \left[\left(2.5 \times 10^3\right)^2 - 2.5 \times 10^7 \right] = -1.875 \times 10^7 \text{ sec}^{-2}$$

- Because the discriminate is negative.
- This is an underdamped solution

$$\begin{array}{c} 40V \\ C_{1} \\ IO_{\mu}F \end{array} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} L_{1} \\ 4mH \\ R_{1} \\ R_{1} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} L_{1} \\ 20SL \\ R_{1} \\ R_{1} \end{array} \right\} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} 2A \\ 2A \\ R_{1} \end{array} \right\}$$

• Underdamped solved using ' α , ω ' form

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = 2.5 \times 10^{3} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$
$$\omega_{n}^{2} = \frac{1}{LC} = 2.5 \times 10^{7} = 5000 \text{ rad / sec}$$
$$\therefore \omega^{2} = \omega_{n}^{2} - \alpha^{2} = 2.5 \times 10^{7} - 6.25 \times 10^{6} = 1.875 \times 10^{7}$$
$$\omega = 4.33 \times 10^{3}$$

• Thus the solution will be of the form

$$i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left[A_1 e^{j\omega t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega t} \right]$$

• At t = 0, I = 2A

$$i(0) = e^{0} [A_{1}e^{0} + A_{2}e^{0}] = A_{1} + A_{2}$$

 $A_{1} + A_{2} = 2A$

•As 2^{nd} order also need the derivative at t = 0

$$L\frac{di}{dt} + I_0 R = V_C$$
$$L\frac{di}{dt} = V_C - I_0 R = 0$$
$$\frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{di(0)}{dt} = -\alpha e^{-\alpha t} \Big[A_1 e^{j\omega t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega t} \Big] + e^{\alpha t} \Big[j\omega A_1 e^{j\omega t} - j\omega e^{-j\omega t} \Big]$$
$$= -\alpha \Big[A_1 + A_2 \Big] + j\omega \Big[A_1 - A_2 \Big] = 0$$
$$\therefore j\omega \Big[A_1 - A_2 \Big] = -\alpha \Big[A_1 + A_2 \Big]$$
$$A_1 - A_2 = \frac{-\alpha}{j\omega} \Big[A_1 + A_2 \Big] = j \frac{2.5 \times 10^3}{4.33 \times 10^3} \Big[2 \Big]$$

• Thus

$$A_1 + A_2 = 2$$
$$A_1 - A_2 = j1.155$$

• Adding

$$2A_1 = 2 + j1.155$$

 $A_1 = 1 + j0.577$

• Subtracting

$$2A_2 = 2 - j1.155$$

 $A_2 = 1 - j0.577$

$$\therefore i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left\{ \underbrace{\left[e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t} \right]}_{2\cos\omega t} + 0.577 \underbrace{j\left[e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t} \right]}_{2\sin\omega t} \right\}$$
$$i(t) = e^{-2500 t} \left[2\cos\omega t + 1.155\sin\omega t \right]$$

•Alternate solution - assume

$$i(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t}\cos(\omega t + \theta)$$

•At t = 0

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$$A\cos\theta = 2$$
$$A = \frac{2}{\cos\theta}$$

$$\frac{di}{dt} = -\alpha e^{0} \cos \theta - \omega e^{0} \sin \theta$$
$$= -\alpha \cos \theta - \omega \sin \theta = 0$$
$$\cos \theta = -\frac{\omega}{\alpha} \sin \theta$$
$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \tan \theta = -\frac{\alpha}{\omega}$$
$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(-0.577) = -30^{\circ}$$
$$A = \frac{2}{\cos(-30^{\circ})} = 2.31$$

$$\therefore i(t) = 2.31e^{-2500 t} \cos(\omega t - 30^\circ)$$

(c) This was underdamped, for critical damping

$$\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$

thus

$$R = \left(\frac{(2L)^2}{LC}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{4L}{C}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{8 \times 10^{-3}}{10^{-5}}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$
$$R = 40\Omega$$

- •For overdamped needs $R_1 > 40\Omega$ say 60Ω
- •Thus

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = 7.5 \times 10^3 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

• Thus the discriminate

$$\left[\left(\frac{R}{2L} \right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC} \right] = \left[\left(7.5 \times 10^3 \right)^2 - 2.5 \times 10^7 \right] = 3.125 \times 10^7$$

• Thus the solution is

$$s_{1} = \alpha + \sqrt{3.125 \times 10^{7}} = 13090 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$s_{2} = \alpha - \sqrt{3.125 \times 10^{7}} = 1909 \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$i(t) = \left[A_{1}e^{-13090 t} + A_{2}e^{-1909 t}\right]$$