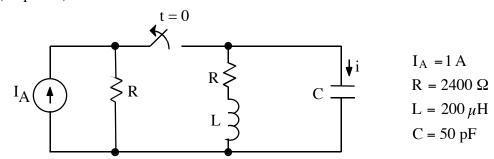
## UNIT 1 PRACTICE EXAM SOLUTION: Prob 3



3. (50 points)



- a. After being closed for a long time, the switch is opened at t=0. Write a numerical time-domain expression for i(t), the current through the capacitance. This expression must not contain any complex numbers.
- b. State whether i(t) is underdamped, overdamped, or critically damped.

**ans:** a) 
$$i(t > 0) = \left(-\frac{1}{2}\cos 8Mt - \frac{3}{8}\sin 8Mt\right)e^{-6Mt}A$$

**b**) Underdamped.

sol'n: (a) When the switch is open, we have series RLC.

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = \frac{2.4 \text{ k}}{2.200 \mu} = \frac{1.4 k}{400} \text{ M} = 6 \text{ M/s}$$

$$\omega_o^2 = \frac{1}{LC} = \frac{1}{200 \mu} \frac{1}{50 p} = \frac{1}{10 k \mu p} = \frac{1 \text{ M} \cdot \text{M} \cdot \text{M}}{10 k} = 100 \text{ M}^2/\text{s}^2$$

$$\therefore \quad \omega_o = 10 \text{ M/s}$$

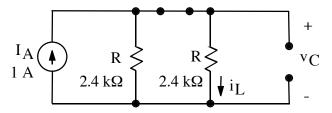
$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_o^2 - \alpha^2} = \sqrt{(10 \text{ M})^2 - (6 \text{ M})^2} = 8 \text{ M/s} \qquad \left(6^2 + 8^2 = 10^2\right)$$

Now find initial condition (i.e. i and di/dt, or v and dv/dt at  $t = 0^+$ ).

$$i_L(t=0^+) = i_L(t=0^-)$$

$$v_C(t=0^+) = v_C(t=0^-)$$
 cannot change instantly

Circuit for t = 0: L's = wires, C's = open circuits.



$$i_L(t=0^-) = \frac{1}{2} A$$
 (current divider)

$$v_C(t = 0^-) = I_A R \parallel R = I_A \cdot \frac{R}{2} = 1 \text{A} \cdot 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega = 1.2 \text{ kV}$$

$$i_L(t=0^+) = \frac{1}{2}A, \quad v_C(t=0^+) = 1.2 \text{ kV}$$

After the switch is open, i = -iL since C and L are in series.

 $\therefore$  Solve for  $i_L$  and then change the sign. Note that  $i_L$  is the variable in the differential equation for a series RLC. Thus, we know how to find it.

We also need

$$\left. \frac{di_L(t)}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+}.$$

Use V-loop for RLC at  $t = 0^+$ :

$$L\frac{di_L}{dt} + i_L R - v_C = 0 \text{ V}.$$

Note that at  $t = 0^+$ ,  $(i_R = i_L \text{ since } R, L \text{ in series})$ ,

$$\left. \frac{di_L}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = \frac{-i_L(t=0^+)R + v_C(t=0^+)}{L}$$

$$\frac{di_L}{dt}\bigg|_{t=0^+} = \frac{-\frac{1}{2}A \cdot 2.4 \text{ k}\Omega + 1.2 \text{ k}\Omega}{200 \text{ }\mu\text{H}}$$

$$\left. \frac{di_L}{dt} \right|_{t=0^+} = 0 \text{ A/s}$$

Now use general underdamped solution:

$$i_L(t) = (B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t)e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$B_{1} = i_{L}(t = 0^{+}), \qquad -\alpha B_{1} + \omega_{d} B_{2} = \frac{di_{L}}{dt}\Big|_{t=0^{+}} = 0 \text{ A/s}$$

$$\therefore B_{1} = \frac{1}{2} \text{A}, \qquad B_{2} = \frac{\alpha B_{1}}{\omega_{d}} = \frac{6M}{8M} \frac{1}{2} \text{A} = \frac{3}{8} \text{A}$$

$$\therefore -i(t > 0) = \left(\frac{1}{2} \cos 8Mt + \frac{3}{8} \sin 8Mt\right) e^{-6Mt} \text{A}$$

**sol'n:** (b)  $\omega_o > \alpha \Rightarrow$  underdamped