Ex:



The current source is a dc current source. After being open for a long time, the switch is closed at t = 0.

- a) Write an expression for V(s), the Laplace transform of v(t).
- b) From V(s), the Laplace transform of v(t), find the numerical values of v(t) for $t = 0^+$ and $t \to \infty$.
- c) By taking the inverse Laplace transform of V(s), write a numerical time-domain expression for v(t).
- sol'n: (a) First we find initial conditions for L and C. (We need these for s-domain models of L and C.)

For $t = 0^-$, L acts like short, C acts like open circuit.



When we close the switch, we short out the first R.

s-domain model:



Note: A DC source corresponds to a step function even if there is no switch and the source has the same output for all time. Thus, we have I_g/s as the source in the *s*-domain. (Conceptually, we only need the current source for t > 0 because the initial conditions on L and C account for what the current source did for t < 0.)

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{I}_{g}\right\} = \mathcal{L}\left\{\mathbf{I}_{g}u(t)\right\} = \frac{1}{s}$$

Note: We may choose either a series *s*L and V-source for L or a parallel sL and I-source for L. Here, the parallel I-source model is more convenient. The same applies to the C.

Normally, we might use superposition at this point, turning on the I-sources one at a time and then summing currents or voltages to get a final answer.

Here, however, we have parallel I-sources that sum:

Combining the parallel impedances and using V = Iz, we have

$$V(s) = \left(\frac{1}{2s} + 2\mu FV\right) \cdot sL \parallel R \parallel \frac{1}{sC}$$

To compute the parallel z value, we factor out numerators and use the following identity:

$$\frac{1}{a} \left\| \frac{1}{b} \right\| \frac{1}{c} = \frac{1}{a+b+c}$$

Thus, we factor out *sL* and *R*:

$$sL\|R\|\frac{1}{sC} = sLR \cdot \frac{1}{R}\left\|\frac{1}{sL}\right\|\frac{1}{sLRsC} = \frac{sLR}{R+sL+s^2RLC}$$

Now divide by *RLC* to get denominator in proper form:

$$sL \|R\| \frac{1}{sC} = \frac{1}{C} \frac{s}{s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

Check: Using the numerator and the first term in the denominator, we have the following units analysis:

$$\frac{s/C}{s^2} = \frac{1}{sC}$$

Thus, we have an impedance as we should have. The other terms in the denominator have the same units as s^2 since the units of *s* are, ironically, 1/sec or 1/s.

Now we plug in numbers to compute V(s):



quadratic poles term

Find poles for quadratic term in preparation for partial fractions:

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1M}{8} \pm \sqrt{\frac{1M}{8}}^2 - 10G$$
 not complex poles
 $\sqrt{(125k)^2 - (100k)^2}$

 $s_{1,2} = -125k \pm 75k \text{ rad/s}$ (based on $5^2 - 4^2 = 3^2$ pythagorean triple)

 $s_1 = -50k$, $s_2 = -200$ rad/s

Now use partial fractions:

$$V(s) = \frac{k_1}{s + 50k} + \frac{k_2}{s + 200k}$$

$$k_1 = V(s)(s + 50k) \Big|_{s=-50k} = \frac{1 - 50k \cdot 4\mu}{2} \cdot \frac{1M}{-50k + 200k}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 200m}{2} \frac{1M}{150k}$$

$$= \frac{800\mu}{2} \frac{1M}{150k} = \frac{8}{3}$$

$$k_2 = V(s)(s + 50k) \Big|_{s=-200k} = \frac{1 - 200k4\mu}{2} \frac{1M}{-200k + 50k}$$

$$= \frac{m! \cdot 1M}{-2(150k)} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$V(s) = \frac{8/3}{s + 50k} - \frac{2/3}{s + 200k}$$

sol'n: (b) Use the initial value theorem to find $v(t=0^+)$:

$$v(t=0^{+}) = \lim_{s \to \infty} sV(s) = \lim_{s \to \infty} s \frac{1+s4\mu}{2} \frac{1M}{s^{2} + \frac{1M}{4}s + 10G}$$

The largest power of s dominates in the numerator and in the denominator.

$$v(t=0^+) = \lim_{s \to \infty} sV(s) = \lim_{s \to \infty} \frac{s^2 4\mu 1M}{2s^2} = \frac{4}{2} = 2V \sqrt{2}$$

Note: We expect $v(0^+) = 2V$ since this is the initial capacitor voltage. Use the final value theorem to find $v(t \rightarrow \infty)$:

$$v(t \to \infty) = \lim_{s \to 0} sV(s) = \lim_{s \to 0} s \frac{1 + s4\mu}{2} \frac{1M}{s^2 + \frac{1M}{4}s + 10G}$$
$$= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1M}{10G} = 0V \quad \checkmark$$

Note: We expect v(t) to decay, since L becomes a short.

sol'n: (c) From part (a) we have

$$V(s) = \frac{8/3}{s+50k} - \frac{2/3}{s+200k}.$$

Use the standard inverse Laplace transform term:

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1}\left\{\frac{k}{s+a}\right\} = ke^{-at}$$

This gives the final answer:

$$v(t > 0) = \frac{8}{3}e^{-50kt} - \frac{2}{3}e^{-200kt} V$$