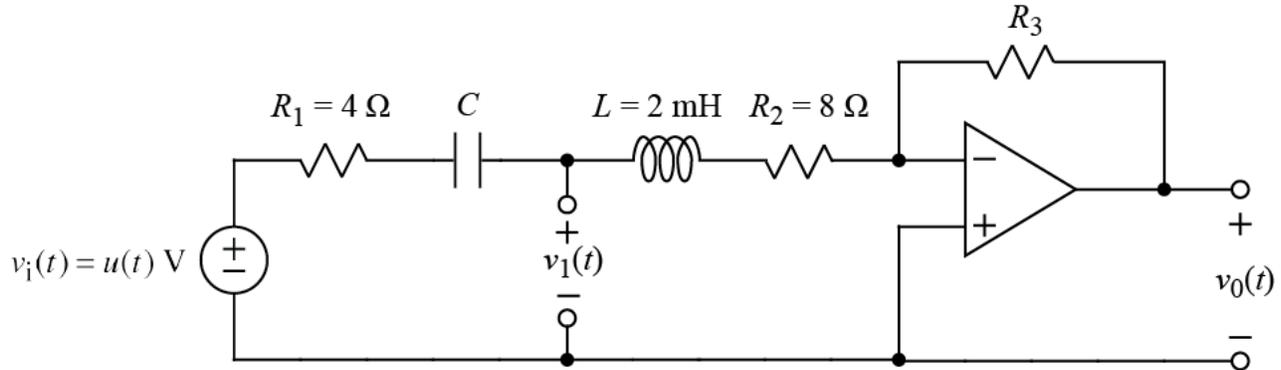


Ex:



The voltage source in the above circuit is off (0 V) for  $t < 0$ .

An engineer wishes to use the above circuit to create two decaying sinusoidal signals  $120^\circ$  out-of-phase to drive a three-phase motor for a short time. (A third signal that is  $120^\circ$  out-of-phase with the first two may be created by an additional op-amp circuit, not shown, that computes  $-v_0 - v_1$ .) The signal at  $v_0(t)$  will necessarily be a decaying sinusoid of the following form:

$$v_0(t) = -v_m e^{-\alpha t} \sin(\beta t)$$

where  $v_m$ ,  $\alpha$ , and  $\beta$  are positive real-valued constants.

The design problem now is to create a  $v_1(t)$  signal that is  $120^\circ$  out-of-phase with  $v_0(t)$ .

- Find a symbolic expression for the Laplace-transformed output,  $\mathbf{V}_1(s)$ , in terms of not more than  $R_1$ ,  $R_2$ ,  $R_3$ ,  $L$ ,  $C$ , and values of sources or constants.
- Choose a numerical value for  $C$  to make

$$v_1(t) = v_m e^{-\alpha t} \cos(\beta t - 30^\circ).$$

Hint:  $\cos(A - B) = \cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B$

- Why could the desired  $v_1(t)$  not be obtained if the positions of the  $L$  and  $C$  were reversed?

**SOL'N:** a) The input voltage source is a step function that Laplace transforms to  $1/s$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_i(s) = \frac{1}{s}$$

Before time zero, the input voltage is zero and it follows that initial conditions for both the  $L$  and  $C$  are zero.

At the  $-$  input of the op-amp, we have the same voltage (because of the negative feedback) as at the  $+$  input, namely zero volts.

We can express the current flowing toward the  $-$  input as the input voltage divided by the sum of impedances up to the  $-$  input. This is true in the Laplace domain and is just an example of Ohm's law.

$$\mathbf{I}(s) = \frac{1}{s} \frac{1}{sL + R + \frac{1}{sC}} = \frac{1/L}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}}$$

where  $R$  represents  $R_1 + R_2$ .

To find  $\mathbf{V}_1(s)$ , we observe that we may use the voltage drop across  $L$  and  $R_2$ . Again, we use Ohm's law, multiplying the impedances of  $L$  and  $R_2$  by  $\mathbf{I}(s)$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_1(s) = \mathbf{I}(s)(sL + R_2) = \frac{s + \frac{R_2}{L}}{s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC}} = \frac{s + \frac{R_2}{L}}{\left(s + \frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 + \frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

The second form for the answer will figure into our solution to (b).

- b) Using the hint, we rewrite the expression for  $v_1$  in terms of sine and cosine.

$$v_1(t) = v_m e^{-\alpha t} [\cos(\beta t) \cos(30^\circ) + \sin(\beta t) \sin(30^\circ)]$$

or

$$v_1(t) = v_m e^{-\alpha t} \left[ \cos(\beta t) \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sin(\beta t) \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

We Laplace transform the expression for  $v_1(t)$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_1(s) = v_m \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \frac{s + \alpha}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} + \frac{1}{2} \frac{\beta}{(s + \alpha)^2 + \beta^2} \right]$$

Matching the denominator to our answer from (a), we identify the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

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$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L}$$

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

We can calculate the numerical value of  $\alpha$ .

$$\frac{R}{2L} = \frac{4+8}{2(2\text{m})} \text{r/s} = 3\text{k}$$

Now we turn our attention to the numerator of  $\mathbf{V}_1(s)$ .

$$\mathbf{V}_1(s) = v_m \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{3}(s+\alpha) + \beta}{(s+\alpha)^2 + \beta^2} \right] = \left[ \frac{v_m \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} s + v_m \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \alpha + v_m \frac{1}{2} \beta}{(s+\alpha)^2 + \beta^2} \right]$$

From the solution to (a), the coefficient of  $s$  is unity, which dictates the necessary value of  $v_m$ .

$$v_m = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Now we consider the constant term of the numerator, which must map the solution from (a). Using our value of  $v_m$  and the solution to (a) gives the following equation.

$$\alpha + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \beta = \frac{R_2}{L}$$

or

$$\frac{R_1 + R_2}{2L} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \beta = \frac{R_2}{L}$$

or, if we subtract  $R_2/2L$  from both sides, we have the following equation:

$$\frac{R_1}{2L} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \beta = \frac{R_2}{2L}$$

A few calculations:

$$\frac{R_1}{2L} = \frac{4}{2(2\text{m})} \text{r/s} = 1\text{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{R_2}{2L} = \frac{8}{2(2\text{m})} \text{r/s} = 2\text{k}$$

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Using these values, we have an equation for  $\beta$ .

$$1\text{k} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\beta = 2\text{k}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\beta = 1\text{k}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{3}\beta^2 = 1\text{M}$$

or, using the expression for  $\beta$  from earlier, we have the following:

$$\beta^2 = \frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 = 3\text{M}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{LC} - (3\text{k})^2 = 3\text{M}$$

or

$$\frac{1}{2\text{m}C} = 12\text{M}$$

Finally, we can solve for  $C$ .

$$C = \frac{1}{2\text{m}12\text{M}} = \frac{1}{24\text{k}} \approx 41.7\mu\text{F}$$

- c) With the  $C$  on the right,  $v_1(t)$  would end up at 1 V as the  $C$  would charge. Thus, the signal could not be a decaying sinusoid. It would have a DC offset.