

RC Circuit Steady-State Analysis in Time-Domain

Series RC circuit, $v_{out}(t)$ measured across C,
sinusoidal voltage source $v_{in}(t)$:

$$v_{in}(t) = A_i \cos(\omega t) \quad v_{out}(t) = A_o \cos(\omega t + \vartheta)$$

KCL:

$$\frac{v_{out}(t) - v_{in}(t)}{R} + C \frac{d v_{out}}{d t} = 0$$

$$v_{out}(t) - v_{in}(t) + RC \frac{d v_{out}}{d t} = 0$$

$$A_o \cos(\omega t + \vartheta) - A_i \cos(\omega t) + RC[-A_o \omega \sin(\omega t + \vartheta)] = 0$$

Trig. identities:

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y, \quad \sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

Euler's
equations:

$$e^{jx} = \cos x + j \sin x, \quad e^{-jx} = \cos x - j \sin x \quad [\text{Special case: } e^{j\pi} = -1]$$

$$\cos x = \frac{1}{2}(e^{jx} + e^{-jx}) = \text{Re}(e^{jx}), \quad \sin x = \frac{1}{j2}(e^{jx} - e^{-jx}) = \text{Im}(e^{jx}) = \text{Re}(-j e^{jx})$$

Relate to trig.
identities:

$$e^{j(x+y)} = \cos(x+y) + j \sin(x+y) = e^{jx} e^{jy} = (\cos x + j \sin x)(\cos y + j \sin y)$$

$$= [\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y] + j[\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y]$$

Apply trig. identities to KCL equation:

$$A_o [\cos(\vartheta) \cos(\omega t) - \sin(\vartheta) \sin(\omega t)] - A_i \cos(\omega t) - RCA_o \omega [\sin(\vartheta) \cos(\omega t) + \cos(\vartheta) \sin(\omega t)] = 0$$

$$\{A_o [\cos(\vartheta) - RC \omega \sin(\vartheta)] - A_i\} \cos(\omega t) - \{A_o [\sin(\vartheta)] + RCA_o \omega [\cos(\vartheta)]\} \sin(\omega t) = 0$$

In order for this to be true for all time values, t :

$$A_o [\cos(\vartheta) - RC \omega \sin(\vartheta)] - A_i = 0$$

$$A_o [\sin(\vartheta)] + RCA_o \omega [\cos(\vartheta)] = 0$$

Apply Euler's equations to KCL equation:

$$A_o \cos(\omega t + \vartheta) - A_i \cos(\omega t) + RC[-A_o \omega \sin(\omega t + \vartheta)] = 0$$

$$\text{Re}\{A_o \exp[j(\omega t + \vartheta)] - A_i \exp[j\omega t] + RC j A_o \omega \exp[j(\omega t + \vartheta)]\} = 0$$

$$\text{Re}\left\{\left[\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right) - A_i + \frac{R}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)}\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right)\right] e^{j\omega t}\right\} = 0$$

$$\text{Re}\left\{\frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right) - A_i}{R} + \frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)}\right\} e^{j\omega t} = 0 \quad \text{The following must be true for all } t :$$

$$\text{Re}\left\{\frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right) - A_i}{R} + \frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)}\right\} \cos(\omega t) - \text{Im}\left\{\frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right) - A_i}{R} + \frac{\left(A_o e^{j\vartheta}\right)}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)}\right\} \sin(\omega t) = 0$$