# EE2003 Circuit Theory

### Chapter 6 Capacitors and Inductors

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# 6.1 Capacitors (1)

 A capacitor is a passive element designed to store energy in its electric field.



A **capacitor** consists of two conducting plates separated by an insulator (or dielectric).

# 6.1 Capacitors (2)

 Capacitance C is the ratio of the charge q on one plate of a capacitor to the voltage difference v between the two plates, measured in farads (F).

$$q = C v$$
 and  $C = \frac{\varepsilon A}{d}$ 

- Where ε is the permittivity of the dielectric material between the plates, <u>A</u> is the surface area of each plate, <u>d</u> is the distance between the plates.
- Unit: F, pF (10<sup>-12</sup>), nF (10<sup>-9</sup>), and <u>µF (10<sup>-6</sup></u>)

# 6.1 Capacitors (3)

- If *i* is flowing into the +ve terminal of C
  - Charging => i is +ve
  - Discharging => i is –ve

$$\begin{array}{c|c} i & C \\ \bullet & \downarrow \\ \bullet & \downarrow \\ + v & - \end{array}$$

• The current-voltage relationship of capacitor according to above convention is

$$i = C \frac{d v}{d t}$$
 and  $v = \frac{1}{C} \int_{t_0}^t i d t + v(t_0)$ 

# 6.1 Capacitors (4)

 The energy, w, stored in the capacitor is

$$w = \frac{1}{2} C v^2$$

$$i$$
  $C$   
 $+ v$   $-$ 

A capacitor is

- an **<u>open circuit</u>** to dc (dv/dt = 0).
- its voltage cannot change abruptly.

# 6.1 Capacitors (5)

#### Example 1

The current through a 100-µF capacitor is

 $i(t) = 50 \sin(120 \pi t) \text{ mA.}$ 

Calculate the voltage across it at t = 1 ms and t = 5 ms.

Take v(0) =0. *Answer:* v(1ms) = 93.14mV v(5ms) = 1.7361V



### 6.1 Capacitors (6) Example 2

An initially uncharged 1-mF capacitor has the current shown below across it.

Calculate the voltage across it at t = 2 ms and t = 5 ms. i(mA)



# 6.2 Series and Parallel Capacitors (1)

 The equivalent capacitance of *N* parallelconnected capacitors is the sum of the individual capacitances.

$$i \underbrace{i_1}_{C_1} \underbrace{i_2}_{C_2} \underbrace{i_3}_{C_3} \underbrace{i_N}_{C_N} \underbrace{+}_{v}_{-}$$
(a)
$$C_{eq} = C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_N$$

$$i \underbrace{C_{eq}}_{-} \underbrace{+}_{v}_{-}$$
(b)

# 6.2 Series and Parallel Capacitors (2)

 The equivalent capacitance of N series-connected capacitors is the reciprocal of the sum of the reciprocals of the individual capacitances.







# 6.2 Series and Parallel Capacitors (3)

#### Example 3

Find the equivalent capacitance seen at the terminals of the circuit in the circuit shown below:



# 6.2 Series and Parallel Capacitors (4)

#### Example 4

Find the voltage across each of the capacitors in the circuit shown below:



**Answer:**  $v_1 = 30V$  $v_2 = 30V$  $v_3 = 10V$  $v_4 = 20V$ 

# 6.3 Inductors (1)

 An inductor is a passive element designed to store energy in its magnetic field.



• An inductor consists of a coil of conducting wire.

# 6.3 Inductors (2)

 Inductance is the property whereby an inductor exhibits opposition to the change of current flowing through it, measured in henrys (H).

$$v = L \frac{d i}{d t}$$
 and  $L = \frac{N^2 \mu A}{l}$ 

 The unit of inductors is Henry (H), mH (10<sup>-3</sup>) and μH (10<sup>-6</sup>).

# 6.3 Inductors (3)

• The current-voltage relationship of an inductor:

$$i = \frac{1}{L} \int_{t_0}^t v(t) \, dt + i(t_0)$$

The power stored by an inductor:

$$w = \frac{1}{2} L i^2$$



 An inductor acts like a short circuit to dc (di/dt = 0) and its current cannot change abruptly.

# 6.3 Inductors (4)

#### Example 5

The terminal voltage of a 2-H inductor is

v = 10(1-t) V

Find the current flowing through it at t = 4 s and the energy stored in it within 0 < t < 4 s.

Assume i(0) = 2 A.

Answer: i(4s) = -18V w(4s) = 320J



# 6.3 Inductors (5)

#### Example 6

Determine  $V_{c'}$ ,  $i_L$ , and the energy stored in the capacitor and inductor in the circuit of circuit shown below under dc conditions.



Answer:  $i_L = 3A$   $v_C = 3V$   $w_L = 1.125J$  $w_C = 9J$ 

# 6.4 Series and Parallel Inductors (1)

 The equivalent inductance of series-connected inductors is the sum of the individual inductances.



# 6.4 Series and Parallel Inductors (2)

 The equivalent capacitance of parallel inductors is the reciprocal of the sum of the reciprocals of the individual inductances.



$$\frac{1}{L_{eq}} = \frac{1}{L_1} + \frac{1}{L_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{L_N}$$

# 6.4 Series and Parallel Capacitors (3)

#### Example 7

Calculate the equivalent inductance for the inductive ladder network in the circuit shown below:



# 6.4 Series and Parallel Capacitors (4)

Current and voltage relationship for R, L, C

Circuit element	Units	Voltage	Current	Power
Resistance	ohms (Ω)	v = Ri (Ohm's law)	$i = \frac{v}{R}$	$p = vi = i^2 R$
Inductance	henries (H)	$v = L \frac{di}{dt}$	$i = \frac{1}{L} \int v  dt + k_1$	$p = vi = Li \frac{di}{dt}$
	farads (F)	$v = \frac{1}{C} \int i  dt + k_2$	$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$	$p = vi = Cv \frac{dv}{dt}$
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