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Linear Circuits

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An introduction to linear electric components and a study of circuits containing such devices.



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Module 4 Frequency Analysis Wrap Up

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Summary of the Module



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Concept Map





Resistive vs Reactive Circuits





SINUSOIDS AND PHASORS

- Be able to
 - identify sinusoid properties (amplitude, frequency, angular frequency, period, phase)
 - find phasors of sinusoidal functions
 - add sinusoids using phasors
- Understand and describe the properties of sinusoids in capacitors and inductors



IMPEDANCE

- Understand impedance
- Be able to
 - calculate impedances of resistors, capacitors, and inductors
 - identify the relationship between voltage and current based on impedance value





AC CIRCUIT ANALYSIS

- Given a source frequency, be able to
 - convert RLC circuits into equivalent circuits with impedances
 - find equivalent impedances for devices in series/parallel
 - solve for voltages and currents using resistor analysis methods (Ohm's Law, KCL, KVL, Mesh, Node, Thévenin, Norton)





TRANSFER FUNCTIONS

- Know
 - the definition of a transfer function
 - how a linear system responds to a sinusoid in steady state (how the amplitude and phase change but the frequency stays the same)
 - the meaning of the plot of the transfer function in terms of finding an output amplitude
- Be able to
 - find the transfer functions of simple RL, RC and RLC circuits
 - sketch the magnitude and angle of the transfer functions of a first-order system on a linear scale



FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

- Know
 Know
 - the definition of a frequency spectrum
- Be able to
 - plot a frequency spectrum of a sum of sinusoids
 - Recognize high and low frequency content in a signal in both the time domain and in the frequency domain





FREQUENCY RESPONSE

- Know
 Know
 - the what a frequency response is
 - and understand the graphical features of RC and RLC circuits when plotted on linear scales and on Bode scales
- Be able to
 - sketch a frequency response from a transfer function on linear scales
 - match time domain and frequency domain inputs and corresponding outputs for a circuit with a known frequency response

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Important Concepts and Skills

FILTERING

- Know
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 - the motivation for using filters
 - the definition of a filter
 - the frequency response features of lowpass, highpass, bandpass, and notch filters
- Be able to
 - identify RC and RLC circuits as being lowpass, bandpass, highpass, or notch
 - determine acceptable circuit parameters to achieve desired bandwidth, corner frequencies, and/or passband or rejection frequencies



Reminder

- Do all homework for this module
- Study for the quiz
- Continue to visit the forum

