

## V. Solving Electric Circuit ODE

(The quantities  $R$ ,  $L$ ,  $C$ , and  $E$  below do not necessarily represent realistic physical electric circuits.)

1. A simple series circuit consists of a 50 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and a constant EMF  $E(t) = 100$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:
  - [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the current at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the current at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] find the "steady-state" current  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} I(t)$ ;
  - [f] approximate the time(s) when the current is at 90% of steady-state;
  - [g] compute the time unit  $\tau$  for this circuit;
  - [h] compute the average current over the time interval  $t = 0$  to  $t = 5\tau$ .
2. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 100 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, a constant EMF  $E(t) = 50$ , and an initial current of 0 amps.
3. A simple series circuit consists of a 30 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and a constant EMF  $E(t) = 50$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:
  - [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the charge at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the charge at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] find the "steady-state" charge  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} Q(t)$ ;
  - [f] approximate the time(s) when the charge is at 90% of steady-state;
  - [g] compute the time unit  $\tau$  for this circuit;
  - [h] compute the average charge over the time interval  $t = 0$  to  $t = 5\tau$ .
4. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 50 ohm resistor, a 0.005 farad capacitor, a constant EMF  $E(t) = 100$ , and an initial charge of 0 coulombs.
5. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50 e^{-2t}$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:
  - [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the current at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the current at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] approximate what the maximum current is and the time when it is achieved.
6. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 40 ohm resistor, a 10 henry inductor, a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50 e^{-4t}$ , and an initial current of 0 amps.

7. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-2t}$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:
- [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the charge at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the charge at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] approximate what the maximum charge is and the time when it is achieved.
8. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-2t}$ , and an initial charge of 0.2 coulombs.
9. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-4t}$ , and an initial charge of 0 coulombs.
10. A simple series circuit consists of a 40 ohm resistor, a 15 henry inductor, and an oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50 \cos(6t)$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:
- [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the current at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the current at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] identify the "steady-state" current as an oscillatory function;
  - [f] compute the root-mean-square steady-state current for this circuit.
11. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 15 henry inductor, an oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50 \cos(3t)$ , and an initial current of 0 amps.
12. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.005 farad capacitor, and an oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50 \cos(6t)$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:
- [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;
  - [b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;
  - [c] compute the charge at  $t = 0.01$ ;
  - [d] compute the charge at  $t = 1.0$ ;
  - [e] identify the "steady-state" charge as an oscillatory function;
  - [f] compute the root-mean-square steady-state charge for this circuit.
13. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.005 farad capacitor, an oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50 \cos(6t)$ , and initial charge 3 coulombs.
14. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.005 farad capacitor, an oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50 \cos(3t)$ , and initial charge 0 coulombs.
15. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and an EMF  $E(t) = 20e^{-3t} + 10e^{-6t}$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:

- [a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;  
[b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;  
[c] compute the current at  $t = 0.01$ ;  
[d] compute the current at  $t = 1.0$ ;  
[e] approximate what the maximum current is and the time when it is achieved.
16. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 20 ohm resistor, a 5 henry inductor, an EMF  $E(t) = 20e^{-t} + 10e^{-4t}$ , and an initial current of 0 amps.
17. A simple series circuit consists of a 20 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and an EMF  $E(t) = 20e^{-3t} + 10e^{-6t}$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:  
[a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;  
[b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;  
[c] compute the charge at  $t = 0.01$ ;  
[d] compute the charge at  $t = 1.0$ ;  
[e] approximate what the maximum charge is and the time when it is achieved.
18. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 20 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, an EMF  $E(t) = 20e^{-3t} + 10e^{-6t}$ , and an initial charge of 0.2 coulombs when the switch is closed.
19. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 20 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, an EMF  $E(t) = 20e^{-t} + 10e^{-4t}$ , and an initial charge of 0 coulombs when the switch is closed.
20. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and a decaying oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-3t} \cos(4t)$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:  
[a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;  
[b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;  
[c] compute the current at  $t = 0.01$ ;  
[d] compute the current at  $t = 1.0$ ;  
[e] approximate what the maximum current is and the time when it is achieved.
21. Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 15 ohm resistor, a 30 henry inductor, a decaying EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-2t} \cos(6t)$  and an initial current of 0 amps.
22. A simple series circuit consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and a decaying oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-2t} \cos(6t)$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:  
[a] write down the ODE and initial condition mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;  
[b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;  
[c] compute the charge at  $t = 0.01$ ;

- [d] compute the charge at  $t = 1.0$ ;
- [e] approximate what the maximum charge is and the time when it is achieved.
- 23.** Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, a decaying oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-2t} \cos(6t)$ , and a charge of 0.1 coulombs when the switch is closed.
- 24.** Repeat the preceding problem for a simple series circuit that consists of a 25 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, a decaying oscillatory EMF  $E(t) = 50e^{-4t} \cos(3t)$ , and a charge of 0 coulombs when the switch is closed.
- 25.** A simple series circuit consists of a 50 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and an EMF  $E(t)$  that is a constant 100 volt battery that drives the circuit for one second and then is disconnected. If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed, then determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ . [Suggestions: [a] Represent the EMF as a piecewise defined function and use the method of integrating factors. [b] Or, first solve the problem for an EMF that is constantly 100 volts, then determine the current  $I(1)$  and use this value as the initial value for the same circuit with an EMF of 0 volts. Piece these two solutions together to get the current for the given circuit.]
- 26.** A simple series circuit consists of a 50 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and an EMF  $E(t)$  that is a constant 25 volt battery that drives the circuit for one second and then is disconnected. If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed, then determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ . [Suggestions: [a] Represent the EMF as a piecewise defined function and use the method of integrating factors. [b] Or, first solve the problem for an EMF that is constantly 25 volts, then determine the charge  $Q(1)$  and use this value as the initial value for the same circuit with an EMF of 0 volts. Piece these two solutions together to get the charge for the given circuit.]
- 27.** A simple series circuit consists of a 100 ohm resistor, a 25 henry inductor, and an EMF  $E(t)$  that is a constant 50 volt battery that drives the circuit for two seconds and then is disconnected. If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed, then determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ .
- 28.** Repeat the previous problem for the case when the initial current is 1 amp.
- 29.** A simple series circuit consists of a 20 ohm resistor, a 0.01 farad capacitor, and an EMF  $E(t)$  that is a constant 50 volt battery that drives the circuit for two seconds and then is disconnected. If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed, then determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ .
- 30.** Repeat the previous problem for the case when the initial charge on the capacitor is 1 coulomb when the switch is closed.
- 31.** Use an appropriate integrating factor to solve the following ODE:

[a]  $\frac{dy}{dx} - y = 2e^{3x}$

[b]  $xy' + 2y = x \cos(x^3)$

[c]  $LI'(t) + RI(t) = V$  where  $L$ ,  $R$ , and  $V$  are positive constants.

- 32.** A simple series circuit consists of a varying resistance of  $50/(1 + 0.5t)$  ohms, a 25 henry inductor, and a constant EMF  $E(t) = 100$ . If the initial current is 0 amps when the switch is closed:

[a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;

[b] determine the current  $I(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ .

- 33.** A simple series circuit consists of a 50 ohm resistor, a varying capacitance of  $0.005 + 0.01t$  farads, and a constant EMF  $E(t) = 100$ . If the initial charge on the capacitor is 0 coulombs when the switch is closed:

[a] write down the (DE and initial condition) mathematics model from Kirchhoff's laws;

[b] determine the charge  $Q(t)$  for any time  $t > 0$ ;