

# Why Laplace transforms?

## First-order RC cct

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Substitute element relations

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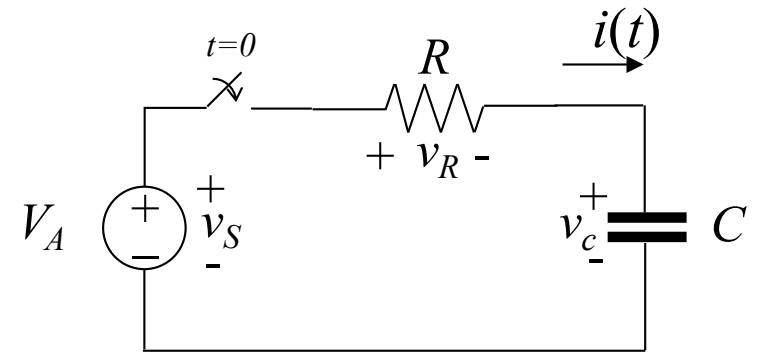
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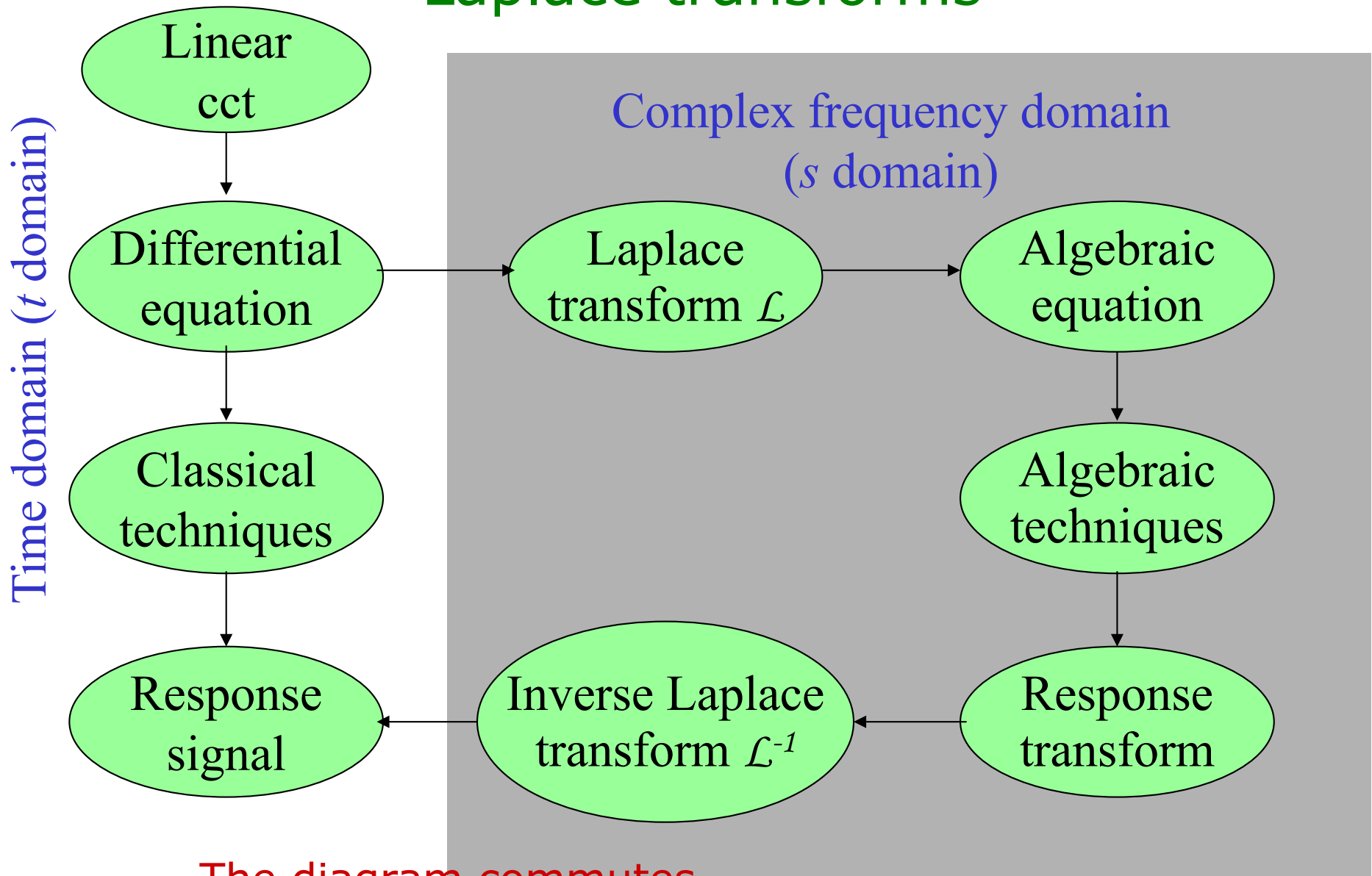
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# Laplace transforms



The diagram commutes

Same answer whichever way you go

# Laplace Transform - definition

## Function $f(t)$ of time

Piecewise continuous and exponential order  $|f(t)| < Ke^{bt}$

$$F(s) = \int_{0^-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

$0^-$  limit is used to capture transients and discontinuities at  $t=0$

$s$  is a complex variable ( $\sigma + j\omega$ )

There is a need to worry about regions of convergence of the integral

Units of  $s$  are  $\text{sec}^{-1} = \text{Hz}$

A frequency

If  $f(t)$  is volts (amps) then  $F(s)$  is volt-seconds (amp-seconds)

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$$F(s) = \int_{0-}^{\infty} \delta(t)e^{-st} dt = 1 \quad \text{for all } s$$

# Laplace Transform Pair Tables

Signal	Waveform	Transform
impulse	$\delta(t)$	1
step	$u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s}$
ramp	$tu(t)$	$\frac{1}{s^2}$
exponential	$e^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{s+\alpha}$
damped ramp	$te^{-\alpha t}u(t)$	$\frac{1}{(s+\alpha)^2}$
sine	$\sin(\beta t)u(t)$	$\frac{\beta}{s^2+\beta^2}$
cosine	$\cos(\beta t)u(t)$	$\frac{s}{s^2+\beta^2}$
damped sine	$e^{-\alpha t}\sin(\beta t)u(t)$	$\frac{\beta}{(s+\alpha)^2+\beta^2}$
damped cosine	$e^{-\alpha t}\cos(\beta t)u(t)$	$\frac{s+\alpha}{(s+\alpha)^2+\beta^2}$



# Laplace Transform Properties

## Linearity – absolutely critical property

Follows from the integral definition

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$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}(A \cos(\beta t)) &= \mathcal{L}\left(\frac{A}{2}(e^{j\beta t} + e^{-j\beta t})\right) = \frac{A}{2}\mathcal{L}(e^{j\beta t}) + \frac{A}{2}\mathcal{L}(e^{-j\beta t}) \\ &= \frac{A}{2} \frac{1}{s - j\beta} + \frac{A}{2} \frac{1}{s + j\beta} \\ &= \frac{As}{s^2 + \beta^2}\end{aligned}$$

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Denote 
$$x = \frac{-e^{-st}}{s}, \text{ and } y = \int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau$$

so 
$$\frac{dx}{dt} = e^{-st}, \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = f(t)$$

Integrate by parts 
$$\mathcal{L}\left[\int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau\right] = \left[\frac{-e^{-st}}{s} \int_0^t f(\tau)d\tau\right]_0^{\infty} + \frac{1}{s} \int_0^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt$$

# Laplace Transform Properties

## Differentiation Property

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right\} = sF(s) - f(0-)$$

Proof via integration by parts again

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right\} &= \int_{0-}^{\infty} \frac{df(t)}{dt} e^{-st} dt = \left[ f(t)e^{-st} \right]_{0-}^{\infty} + s \int_{0-}^{\infty} f(t)e^{-st} dt \\ &= sF(s) - f(0-)\end{aligned}$$

Second derivative

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^2 f(t)}{dt^2}\right\} &= \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d}{dt} \left[ \frac{df(t)}{dt} \right]\right\} = s \mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{df(t)}{dt}\right\} - \frac{df}{dt}(0-) \\ &= s^2 F(s) - sf(0-) - f'(0-)\end{aligned}$$

# Laplace Transform Properties

## General derivative formula

$$\mathcal{L}\left\{\frac{d^m f(t)}{dt^m}\right\} = s^m F(s) - s^{m-1} f(0-) - s^{m-2} f'(0-) - \dots - f^{(m-1)}(0-)$$

## Translation properties

$s$ -domain translation

$$\mathcal{L}\{e^{-\alpha t} f(t)\} = F(s + \alpha)$$

$t$ -domain translation

$$\mathcal{L}\{f(t - a)u(t - a)\} = e^{-as} F(s) \text{ for } a > 0$$

# Laplace Transform Properties

Initial Value Property

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} sF(s)$$

Final Value Property

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} f(t) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} sF(s)$$

Caveats:

Laplace transform pairs do not always handle discontinuities properly

Often get the average value

Initial value property no good with impulses

Final value property no good with cos, sin etc

## Rational Functions

We shall mostly be dealing with LTs which are rational functions – ratios of polynomials in  $s$

$$F(s) = \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \cdots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 s + a_0}$$
$$= K \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \cdots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \cdots (s - p_n)}$$

$p_i$  are the poles and  $z_i$  are the zeros of the function

$K$  is the scale factor or (sometimes) gain

A proper rational function has  $n \geq m$

A strictly proper rational function has  $n > m$

An improper rational function has  $n < m$



# A Little Complex Analysis

## We are dealing with linear ccts

Our Laplace Transforms will consist of rational functions (ratios of polynomials in  $s$ ) and exponentials like  $e^{-s\tau}$

These arise from

- discrete component relations of capacitors and inductors
- the kinds of input signals we apply
  - Steps, impulses, exponentials, sinusoids, delayed versions of functions

Rational functions have a finite set of discrete *poles*

$e^{-s\tau}$  is an *entire function* and has no poles anywhere

To understand linear cct responses you need to look at the poles – they determine the exponential modes in the response circuit variables.

Two sources of poles: the cct – seen in the response to  $I_{cs}$   
the input signal LT poles – seen in the forced response

# Residues at poles

Functions of a complex variable with isolated, finite order poles have *residues* at the poles

Simple pole: residue =  $\lim_{s \rightarrow a} (s - a)F(s)$

Multiple pole: residue =  $\frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \frac{d^{m-1}}{ds^{m-1}} ((s - a)^m F(s))$

The residue is the  $c_{-1}$  term in the Laurent Series

Bundle complex conjugate pole pairs into second-order terms if you want

$$(s - \alpha - j\beta)(s - \alpha + j\beta) = \left[ s^2 - 2\alpha s + (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) \right]$$

but you will need to be careful

Inverse Laplace Transform is a sum of complex exponentials  
For circuits the answers will be real

# Inverting Laplace Transforms in Practice

We have a table of inverse LTs

Write  $F(s)$  as a partial fraction expansion

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= \frac{b_m s^m + b_{m-1} s^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 s + b_0}{a_n s^n + a_{n-1} s^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 s + a_0} \\ &= K \frac{(s - z_1)(s - z_2) \dots (s - z_m)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2) \dots (s - p_n)} \\ &= \frac{\alpha_1}{(s - p_1)} + \frac{\alpha_2}{(s - p_2)} + \frac{\alpha_{31}}{(s - p_3)} + \frac{\alpha_{32}}{(s - p_3)^2} + \frac{\alpha_{33}}{(s - p_3)^3} + \dots + \frac{\alpha_q}{(s - p_q)} \end{aligned}$$

Now appeal to linearity to invert via the table

Surprise!

Computing the partial fraction expansion is best done by calculating the residues

# Inverting Laplace Transforms

Compute residues at the poles  $\lim_{s \rightarrow a} (s - a)F(s)$

$$\frac{1}{(m-1)!} \lim_{s \rightarrow a} \frac{d^{m-1}}{ds^{m-1}} \left[ (s-a)^m F(s) \right]$$

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$$\lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{(s+1)^3 (2s^2 + 5s)}{(s+1)^3} = -3 \qquad \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d}{ds} \left[ \frac{(s+1)^3 (2s^2 + 5s)}{(s+1)^3} \right] = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2!} \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} \frac{d^2}{ds^2} \left[ \frac{(s+1)^3 (2s^2 + 5s)}{(s+1)^3} \right] = 2$$

$$\mathcal{L}^{-1} \left[ \frac{2s^2 + 5s}{(s+1)^3} \right] = e^{-t} (2 + t - 3t^2) u(t)$$

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$$k_1 = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1} (s+1)F(s) = \left. \frac{20(s+3)}{s^2+2s+5} \right|_{s=-1} = 10$$

$$k_2 = \lim_{s \rightarrow -1+2j} (s+1-2j)F(s) = \left. \frac{20(s+3)}{(s+1)(s+1+2j)} \right|_{s=-1+2j} = -5-5j = 5\sqrt{2}e^{j\frac{5}{4}\pi}$$

$$f(t) = \left[ 10e^{-t} + 5\sqrt{2}e^{(-1+j2)t+j\frac{5}{4}\pi} + 5\sqrt{2}e^{(-1-j2)t-j\frac{5}{4}\pi} \right] u(t)$$
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Convert to polynomial plus strictly proper rational function

Use polynomial division

$$\begin{aligned} F(s) &= s + 2 + \frac{s + 2}{s^2 + 4s + 3} \\ &= s + 2 + \frac{0.5}{s + 1} + \frac{0.5}{s + 3} \end{aligned}$$

Invert as normal

$$f(t) = \left[ \frac{d\delta(t)}{dt} + 2\delta(t) + 0.5e^{-t} + 0.5e^{-3t} \right] u(t)$$

# Multiple Poles

Look for partial fraction decomposition

$$F(s) = \frac{K(s - z_1)}{(s - p_1)(s - p_2)^2} = \frac{k_1}{s - p_1} + \frac{k_{21}}{s - p_2} + \frac{k_{22}}{(s - p_2)^2}$$

$$Ks - Kz_1 = k_1(s - p_2)^2 + k_{21}(s - p_1)(s - p_2) + k_{22}(s - p_1)$$

Equate like powers of  $s$  to find coefficients

$$k_1 + k_{21} = 0$$

$$-2k_1p_2 - 2k_{21}(p_1 + p_2) + k_{22} = K$$

$$k_1p_2^2 + k_{21}p_1p_2 - k_{22}p_1 = Kz_1$$

Solve

# Recall motivating example for LT

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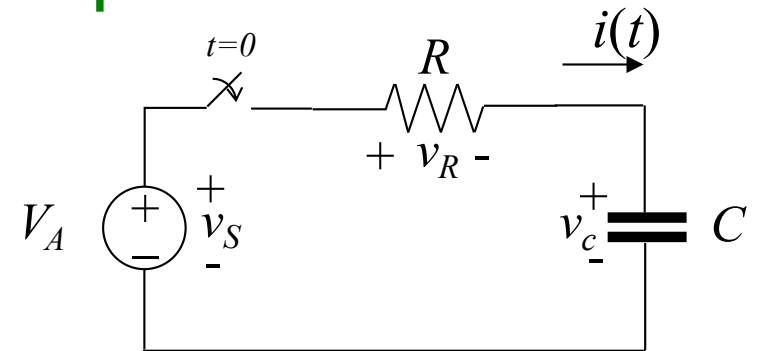
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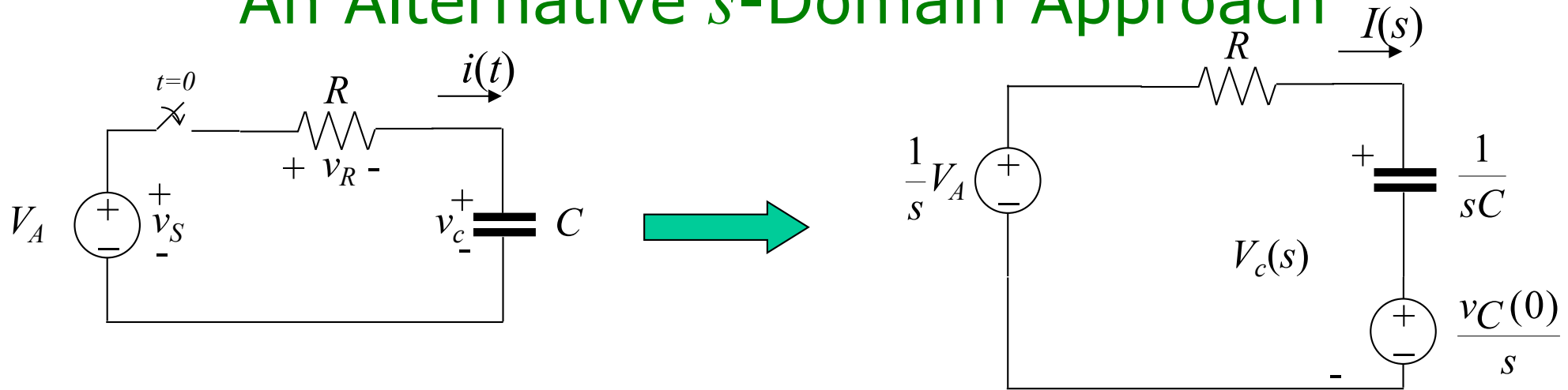
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# An Alternative $s$ -Domain Approach



## Transform the cct element relations

Work in  $s$ -domain directly

$$V_C(s) = \frac{1}{Cs} I_C(s) + \frac{v_C(0)}{s}$$

$$I_C(s) = sC V_C(s) - C v_C(0)$$

OK since  $\mathcal{L}$  is linear

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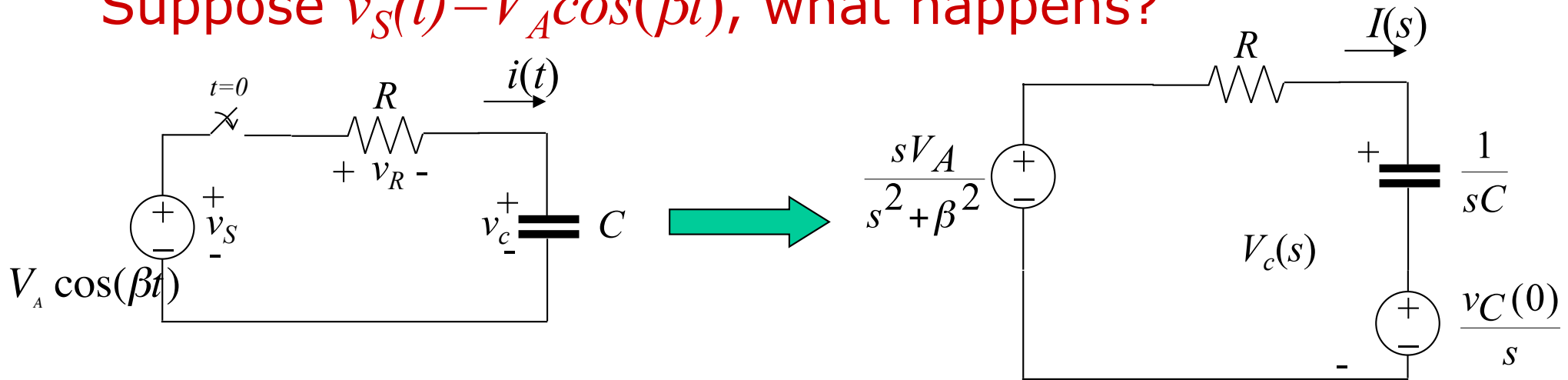
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KVL in  $s$ -Domain

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# Time-varying inputs

Suppose  $v_S(t) = V_A \cos(\beta t)$ , what happens?



**KVL as before**  $(RCs + 1)V_C(s) - RCv_C(0) = \frac{sV_A}{s^2 + \beta^2}$

$$V_C(s) = \frac{\frac{sV_A}{RC}}{(s^2 + \beta^2)(s + 1/RC)} + \frac{v_C(0)}{s + 1/RC}$$

**Solve**  $v_C(t) = \left[ \frac{V_A}{\sqrt{1 + (\beta RC)^2}} \cos(\beta t + \theta) - \frac{V_A}{1 + (\beta RC)^2} e^{-t/RC} + v_C(0) e^{-t/RC} \right] u(t)$

# Laplace Transforms – recap for ccts

## What's the big idea?

1. Look at initial condition responses of ccts due to capacitor voltages and inductor currents at time  $t=0$

Mesh or nodal analysis with  $s$ -domain impedances (resistances) or admittances (conductances)

Solution of ODEs driven by their initial conditions

Done in the  $s$ -domain using Laplace Transforms

2. Look at forced response of ccts due to input ICSs and IVSs as functions of time

Input and output signals  $I_O(s)=Y(s)V_S(s)$  or  $V_O(s)=Z(s)I_S(s)$

The cct is a system which converts input signal to output signal

3. Linearity says we add up parts 1 and 2

The same as with ODEs