Basic Passive Components

Variable

R

L

T

Resistor (Ohms)

Fixed

▶Inductor (Henries)

▶Transformer

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Things to know!

Voltage is designated by V (Volts) (or sometimes E)
Current is designated by I (Amps)
Power is designated by P (Watts)

Your powers of 10: Pico, nano, micro, milli, kilo, mega, giga
 High school algebra for series and parallel circuits
 Very basic knowledge of complex numbers for X_C and X_L

Powers of Ten - Steps of 1000

Giga (G)	10^9	1,000,000,000
Mega (M)	10^6	1,000,000
kilo (k)	10^3	1,000
	10^0	1
milli (m)	10^-3	0.001
micro (µ)	10^-6	0.0000001
nano (n)	10^-9	0.00000001
pico (p)	10^-12	0.00000000001

Resistor

Characteristics:

- Resists the flow of current

In theory, equal resistance to AC or DC (No reactance)

- Doesn't store energy
 - Power is dissipated as heat
- Voltage and current are in phase
- Non-polarized
- Metal Film, Wirewound, Carbon
- Variable: Rheostat (2 pins), Potentiometer (3 pins)
- Large range of values $m\Omega$ to $G\Omega$
- Large range of power mW to KW

Formulas:

- V = I * R (Ohm's Law)
 - Voltage = Current * Resistance
- $P = V * I \text{ or } P = I^2 * R$

Power = Voltage * Current



Resistor



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Test Questions

T5D06: What is the resistance of a circuit that draws 4 amperes from a 12-volt source?

- A) 3 ohms
- B) 16 ohms
- C) 48 ohms
- D) 8 Ohms

• R = V / I --> R = 12 / 4 = 3 Ohms (A)

T5D07: What is the current flow in a circuit with an applied voltage of 120 volts and a resistance of 80 ohms?

- A) 9600 amperes
- B) 200 amperes
- C) 0.667 amperes
- D) 1.5 amperes

• I = V / R --> I = 120 / 80 = 1.5 Amperes (D)

T5D10: What is the voltage across a 2-ohm resistor if a current of 0.5 amperes flows through it?

- A) 1.0 volt
- B) 0.25 volts
- C) 2.5 volts
- D) 1.5 volts

• V = I * R --> V = 0.5 * 2 = 1.0 Volt (A)

Series / Parallel Resistors

Series:



V-

- $-Rt = R1 + R2 + \dots$
- Always LARGER than the largest value
- Current is the same through all resistors
- Voltage across each resistor is dependent on the individual resistor values

Parallel: $V_+ \xrightarrow{R1} \sqrt{12} \xrightarrow{I1} \xrightarrow{I1} \xrightarrow{I2}$

- -Rt = 1 / (1/R1 + 1/R2 + ...)
- Always SMALLER than the smallest value
- For two resistors, Rt = (R1 * R2) / (R1 + R2)
- Voltage is the same across all resistors
- Current through each resistor is dependent on the individual resistor values

Test Questions

G5C05: If three equal value resistors in series produce 450 ohms, what is the value of each resistor?

- A) 1500 ohms
- B) 90 ohms
- C) 150 ohms
- D) 175 ohms
- R = Rt/3 = 450 / 3 = 150 Ohms (C)

G5C15: What is the total resistance of a 10 ohm, a 20 ohm, and a 50 ohm resistor connected in parallel?

- A) 5.9 ohmsB) 0.17 ohms
- C) 10000 ohms
- D) 80 ohms
- Rt1 = (R1*R2) / (R1+R2) --> Rt1 = (10*20) / (10+20) = 200 / 30 = 6.667 Ohms
 Rt = (Rt1*R3) / (Rt1+R3) = (6.667*50) / (6.667+50) = 333.333 / 56.667 = 5.88 Ohms (A)

- OR -

• Rt = 1 / (1/R1 + 1/R2 + 1/R3) = 1 / (0.1 + 0.05 + 0.02) = 1 / 0.17 = 5.88 Ohms (A)

- OR - Use currents, Assume 50V to make the math easy

• $[I(50\Omega) = 1A] + [I(20\Omega) = 2.5A] + [I(10\Omega) = 5A] --> It = 8.5A$ Rt = V/I = 50 / 8.5 = 5.88 Ohms (A) Uses

▶Convert Current to Voltage V = I * R



▶Gain Setting

Ratio of resistance values determines amplifier gain



Uses

Limit circuit current

Drop excess voltage to prevent LED burn out



Match impedance

Very inefficient at high power, but used a lot on high speed PCB traces



Impedance Plots



Impedance Plot



Sine waves and phase angles



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Capacitor

Characteristics:

- Resists a CHANGE in voltage
- Stores energy in an electric field Ideally any input energy is returned to the source
- Non-polarized: Air, Ceramic, Film, Mica
- Polarized: Electrolytic (Aluminum, Tantalum)
- Variable: Generally air (2 pins)
- Usually from pF to μ F
- Passes AC, Blocks DC
- Current through the capacitor leads the voltage by 90° -- ELI the ICE man
- Capacitive reactance has a negative phase angle (-jX)

Formulas:

- $X_C = 1 / (2\pi fC)$; Reactance decreases with increase in frequency or capacitance
- -I = C dv/dt

Current = Capacitance * Change in voltage with respect to time

Capacitor



Series / Parallel Capacitors



Series:

- -Ct = 1 / (1/C1 + 1/C2 + ...)
- For two capacitors, Ct = (C1 * C2) / (C1 + C2)
- Always SMALLER than the smallest value
- AC Current is the same through all capacitors
- Voltage across each capacitor is dependent on the individual capacitor values



Parallel:

- $-Ct = C1 + C2 + \dots$
- Always LARGER than the largest value
- Voltage is the same across all capacitors
- AC Current through each capacitor is dependent on the individual capacitor values

Capacitor construction

Capacitance: $\mathbf{C} \propto \epsilon \mathbf{A}/\mathbf{d}$

- ε: Permittivity (Dielectric constant)
- A: Area of the electrodes
- d: Distance between the electrodes







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Test Questions

G5C09: What is the capacitance of three 100 μ F capacitors connected in series?

A) 0.30 μF
B) 0.33 μF
C) 33.3 μF

D) 300 µF

• $C = Ct/3 = 100 \mu F / 3 = 33.3 \mu F (C)$

G5C08: What is the equivalent capacitance of two 5.0 nF capacitors and one 750 pF capacitor connected in parallel?

A) 576.9 nF B) 1733 pF C) 3583 pF D) 10.750 nF

• Ct = C1 + C2 + C3 = 5.0 + 5.0 + 0.75 = 10.75nF(D)

Uses

Decoupling / Bypass

Keep high frequency noise from affecting power supply lines



▶Coupling

Pass AC signals between circuits with different DC voltages



Uses

▶ Filtering

Simple (first order) low pass and high pass RC filters



▶Tuned Circuits

Frequency selectivity when used with an inductor





Impedance Plot



Inductor

Characteristics:



- Resists a CHANGE in current
- Stores energy in a magnetic field Ideally any input energy is returned to the source
- Non-polarized
- Cores: Air, Iron, Ferrite (Permeability μ)
- Variable: Tapped (Roller inductor), Moveable core
- Usually from nH to H
- Passes DC, Impedes AC
- Voltage across the inductor leads the current by 90° -- ELI the ICE man
- Inductive reactance has a positive phase angle (+jX)

Formulas:

- $X_L = 2\pi fL$; Reactance increases with an increase in frequency or inductance
- L = $N^2 * AL$; Inductance depends on number of turns and Inductance Index
- V = L di/dt

Voltage = Inductance * Change in current with respect to time

Inductor



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Test Questions

E5D09: What happens to reactive power in an AC circuit that has both ideal inductors and ideal capacitors?

- A) It is dissipated as heat in the circuit
- B) It is repeatedly exchanged between the associated magnetic and electric fields, but is not dissipated
- C) It is dissipated as kinetic energy in the circuit
- D) It is dissipated in the formation of inductive and capacitive fields

Test Questions

E6D05: What is one reason for using ferrite cores rather than powdered iron in an inductor? (C)

- A) Ferrite toroids generally have lower initial permeability
- B) Ferrite toroids generally have better temperature stability
- C) Ferrite toroids generally require fewer turns to produce a given inductance value
- D) Ferrite toroids are easier to use with surface mount technology

E6D06: What core material property determines the inductance of an inductor? (D)

- A) Thermal impedance
- B) Resistance
- C) Reactivity
- D) Permeability

E6D08: What is one reason for using powdered-iron cores rather than ferrite cores in an inductor? (B)

- A) Powdered-iron cores generally have greater initial permeability
- B) Powdered-iron cores generally maintain their characteristics at higher currents
- C) Powdered-iron cores generally require fewer turns to produce a given inductance
- D) Powdered-iron cores use smaller diameter wire for the same inductance

Series / Parallel Inductors

Series:



- $-Lt = L1 + L2 + \dots$
- Always LARGER than the largest value
- Current is the same through all inductors
- Voltage across each inductor is dependent on the individual inductor values



- -Lt = 1 / (1/L1 + 1/L2 + ...)
- Always SMALLER than the smallest value
- For two inductors, Lt = (L1 * L2) / (L1 + L2)
- Voltage is the same across all inductors
- Current through each inductor is dependent on the individual inductor values

Test Questions

G5C10: What is the inductance of three 10 mH inductors connected in parallel? A) 0.30 H

B) 3.3 H

C) 3.3 mH

D) 30 mH

- Lt1 = (L1*L2) / (L1+L2) --> Lt1 = (10*10) / (10+10) = 100 / 20 = 5 mH
 Lt = (Lt1*L3) / (Lt1+L3) = (10*5) / (10+5) = 50 / 15 = 3.33 mH (C)
 OR -
- Lt = 1 / (1/L1 + 1/L2 + 1/L3) = 1 / (100 + 100 + 100) = 1 / 300 = 3.33 mH (C)
 OR -
- Lt = 10 / 3 = 3.33 mH (C)

G5C11: What is the inductance of a 20 mH inductor connected in series with a 50 mH inductor? A) 0.07 mH

B) 14.3 mH

C) 70 mH

D) 1000 mH

• Lt = L1 + L2 = 20 + 50 = 70 mH (C)

Uses

Switching Power Supplies

Energy is stored in the inductor's magnetic field



▶Loading Coil

Tunes out the capacitive reactance of the antenna



Uses

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Common Mode Choke

Lots of info from K9YC and GM3SEK





Impedance Plot



Transformer

Characteristics:

- Consists of two (or more) coupled inductors One primary, one or more secondaries
- Only responds to a differential AC input voltage
- Non-polarized (sort of) ...
- Typical Cores: Iron, Ferrite

Uses:

- Transforming impedance or voltage / current
- Changing a balanced line to an unbalanced line (balun)
- Common mode noise rejection
- Isolation

Formulas:

- If N1 = Number of turns on the primary, N2 = Number of turns on the secondary
- Voltage ratio = N2 / N1 ---> VOut = VIn * (N2 / N1)
- Current ratio = N1 / N2 ---> IOut = IIn * (N1 / N2); Power must remain constant!
- Impedance ratio = V / I = $(N2 / N1) / (N1 / N2) = (N2 / N1)^2$

 $--> Z2 = Z1 * (N2 / N1)^2$

Transformer



Test Questions

G5C06: What is the RMS voltage across a 500-turn secondary winding in a transformer if the 2250-turn primary is connected to 120 VAC?

- A) 2370 volts

 B) 540 volts

 C) 26.7 volts
- D) 5.9 volts

• VOut = VIn * (N2/N1) = 120 * (500/2250) = 26.7 Volts (C)

G5C07: What is the turns ratio of a transformer used to match an audio amplifier having 600 ohm output impedance to a speaker having 4 ohm impedance?

- A) 12.2 to 1
- B) 24.4 to 1
- C) 150 to 1
- D) 300 to 1
- Z2 = Z1 * (N2/N1)²; By convention Z2 is the highest impedance for turns ratio (N2/N1) = Sqrt(Z2/Z1) = Sqrt(600/4) = Sqrt(150) = 12.25 (A)

Uses

▶Ethernet

- Eliminate ground loops
- Reject common mode noise



Linear Power Supplies

- Convert line voltage to desired output voltage and current



Uses

Professional Audio

- Receive phantom power
- Match impedances



▶ RF Coupling

 Control voltage, impedance and frequency response between stages



Bias Tee



RLC Demo

