Lecture 7: Nodal Analysis

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With initial condition





Example 1:



Input Initial condition

$$i(t) = \underbrace{\frac{1}{3}(1 - e^{-4t})u(t)}_{4t} - \underbrace{4e^{-4t}}_{4t}$$

zero state solution zero input solution

So, the above circuit is linear w.r.t. input and state respectively, But as a complete system it is not linear

Exercise :





[**Hint:** It is more convenient to replace the inductor by an inductor and a current source in parallel]

Example 2:



KCL

$$E_1: \qquad i_1 + i_2 - 3 = 0 \tag{1}$$

$$E_2: \quad -i_2 + i_3 + 1 = 0 \tag{2}$$

$$E_3: \qquad 3 - i_1 - i_3 - 1 = 0 \tag{3}$$

Notice that $\sum_{k=1}^{3} E_k = 0$ So, the equations are linearly dependent i.e. no new information is contained by E_3 . Hence remove E_3

$$E_1 : i_1 + i_2 - 3 = 0$$
$$E_2 : -i_2 + i_3 + 1 = 0$$

One can check that E_2 can not be derived from E_1 . This is not something specific to this circuit. In any circuit having N nodes there will be only N - 1 linearly independent equation.



KCL, KVL, branch relation



w.r.t to the reference node , volatge at node 1 is equal to V_1

Consider the following circuit in order to understand that by taking the voltage w.r.t. to reference node will automatically satisfy the KVL



node voltage at node $3 = V_1 + V$.

Now come back to example 2, assign node voltages (Volatge of a node w.r.t. the reference node). KVL will be automatically satisfied.



At node 1

$$-3 + i_1 + i_2 = 0$$

$$i_1 = \frac{V_1}{2}, \quad i_2 = \frac{V_1 - V_2}{5}$$

$$\frac{V_1}{2} + \frac{V_1 - V_2}{5} = 3$$

Similarly, at node 2

$$\frac{V_2 - V_1}{5} + \frac{V_2}{2} = -1$$

Above two equations can be written in matrix form as follows:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1/2 + 1/5 & -1/5 \\ -1/5 & 1/2 + 1/5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1/2 + 1/5 & -1/5 \\ -1/5 & 1/2 + 1/5 \end{bmatrix}$$

is known as conductance (in general admittance) matrix. Note that the diagonal terms are the sum of the conductances incident at a node and the off-diagonal term is the negative of the conductance between the two nodes. Now solve for node voltages. This method is known as **Nodal analysis**

Note: Reference node can be any node but it makes sense to take the node with the largest number of branches, as reference node.

Example 3: circuit with dependent current source



Write it in the matrix form and solve to get $V_1 \& V_2$

Example 4: circuit with voltage source in loop



Assume current through node 1 and 2 is i_v

$$-3 + \frac{V_1}{2} + i_v = 0$$
$$1 + \frac{V_2}{2} - i_v = 0$$

Add above equations then we get KCL at super node as

$$\frac{V_1}{2} + \frac{V_2}{2} = 2$$

and the equation for the voltage source as

$$V_1 - V_2 = 2$$

Solve for $V_1 \& V_2$

The equations can also be written using modified nodal analysis. Here the unknowns are all the node voltages and currents through voltage sources.

$$-3 + \frac{V_1}{2} + i_v = 0$$

1 + $\frac{V_2}{2} - i_v = 0$
 $V_1 - V_2 = 2$

In the matrix form, it can be wriiten as

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.5 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0.5 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ V_2 \\ i_V \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ -1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$