

# Is it possible to construct a circuit with just passive elements (resistor, inductor, capacitor) that will work as voltage amplifier?

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**Abstract—** We use different type of elements such as BJT in order to get the voltage amplified. In this paper I have tried if it is somehow possible to amplify voltage only by using resistor, inductor and capacitor which may help us to build an efficient Electrical Network.

**Content—** Consider a single phase series A.C. circuit with a voltage source  $V = V_m \cdot \sin(\omega t)$ , Resistor of resistance  $R$ , Inductor of inductance  $L$  and Capacitor of capacitance  $C$ . Say  $V_R$ ,  $V_L$  and  $V_C$  be the voltage across Resistor, Inductor and Capacitor.  $I$  be the current flowing through the circuit then

$$\begin{aligned} I &= I_m \cdot \sin(\omega t + \phi) \\ V_R &= V_{Rm} \cdot \sin(\omega t + \phi) \\ V_L &= V_{Lm} \cdot \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ V_C &= V_{Cm} \cdot \cos(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

Where

$$(V_m)^2 = (V_{Rm})^2 + (V_{Lm} - V_{Cm})^2$$

At resonance condition  $V_{Lm} - V_{Cm} = 0$  i.e.  $V_{Lm} = V_{Cm}$  and  $\phi = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} V &= V_R = I \cdot R = I_m \cdot \sin(\omega t) \cdot R \\ &= I_m \cdot R \cdot \sin(\omega t) \end{aligned}$$

$$I_m = \frac{V_m}{R}$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{L \cdot C}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_L &= I \cdot j \cdot \omega \cdot L = I_m \cdot \sin(\omega t) \cdot j \cdot \omega \cdot L \\ &= I_m \cdot \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{L \cdot C}} \right) \cdot L \cdot \end{aligned}$$

$\cos(\omega t)$  (As multiplying  $j$  brings a  $\pi/2$  phase shift)

$$= I_m \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \cdot \cos(\omega t)$$

$$= \frac{V_m}{R} \cdot \sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \cdot \cos(\omega t)$$

If we take  $V$  as input voltage and  $V_L$  as output then the ratio  $V_{Lm}/V_m$  will be the voltage gain (in amplitude) which is equal to  $\frac{\sqrt{L}}{\sqrt{C} \cdot R}$  which is not necessary to be less 1 i.e. it may have value greater than 1 and act as voltage amplifier.

For instance  $L = 0.1 \text{H}$ ,  $C = 10 \mu\text{F}$  and  $R = 10 \Omega$  i.e.  $\omega$  (at resonance) = 1000 rad/sec.

The voltage gain will be equal to 10 i.e. if I apply  $V = 12 \sin(\omega t)$  then output will be  $V_L = 120 \cos(\omega t)$ .

It should be noted that the output that we will get will be across the Inductor. Also the same output we can get across the Capacitor as  $V_L = V_C$

For real practice say ( $f = 100 \text{ sec}^{-1}$ )  $\omega$  (at resonance) =  $2 \cdot \pi \cdot f = 314 \text{ rad/sec}$  we can choose the value of  $L$  to be  $1 \text{H}$  corresponding  $C = 1 / (314 \cdot 314) = 10.14 \mu\text{F}$  and take  $R = 31.4 \Omega$  then the voltage gain will remain the same i.e. 10.

It may happen that we cannot obtain the resonance condition exactly to the mathematical figures.

At that condition

$I = I_m \cdot \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$  (Where  $\varphi$  is the initial phase)

$$\begin{aligned} V_L &= I \cdot \omega \cdot j \cdot L = I_m \cdot \omega \cdot L \cdot \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \\ &= V_{Lm} \cdot \cos(\omega t + \varphi) \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{Lm} = I_m \cdot \omega \cdot L = V_m \cdot \omega \cdot \frac{L}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega \cdot L - \frac{1}{\omega \cdot C}\right)^2}}$$

For  $\omega=314 \text{ radsec}^{-1}$ ,  $L=1\text{H}$ ,  $C=10\mu\text{F}$  and  $R=30\Omega$

We have  $\varphi = -0.14$  radian

$V_{Lm} = V_m \cdot 10.49$

i.e. if I apply  $V=12 \sin(\omega t)$  then output will be

$$V_L = 125.88 \cos(\omega t - 0.14)$$

**In order to get D.C. output we can use rectifier on both input and output terminals.**

In this way we can vary the value of R, L and C that is suitable for frequency and required voltage gain.

**Conclusion—** In short yes we can have a voltage amplifier that consists of an A.C. source as input, Inductor, Capacitor and Resistor (at least theoretically).

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