

Revisit to RC Linear Circuit Theory

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This paper discusses two RC linear circuits. (i) The first one is the spatial and temporal response of *spatially shift-variant* (non-uniform) networks with positive and negative resistors. Response of general spatially shift-variant networks whose resistor components are different from each other is investigated. This study is motivated by the vision chip in [1] whose network consists of positive and negative resistors with parasitic capacitors; we previously found there that when the negative resistance effect becomes large, the resistor network becomes unstable [2]. We also showed that both spatial and temporal network behaviors have some relationships even for the shift-variant network [3]. In this paper, we have further investigated their relationships and obtained the following conjecture from extensive simulations: *“The network is temporally unstable if there is a node where the input current is injected and its node voltage as the spatial impulse response is negative. However even if there is NOT such a node, there are some networks which are temporally unstable”*. (ii) The second one is a relaxation digital-to-analog converter (ReDAC) configuration with positive and negative polarity output with a simple RC high pass filter (HPF) [4]. Its digital input is provided in two’s complement format, to which the proposed ReDAC configuration directly matches. The proposed ReDAC with HPF is an extension of the conventional ReDAC using a simple RC low-pass filter (LPF) which generates an analog output with only positive polarity. We remark that the RC linear circuit theory is considered as a mature research area, but still there are challenging problems.

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