# KTH EI1120 Elkretsanalys (CENMI) TEN1 2019-03-15 kl. 14–19

*Permitted material:* Beyond writing-equipment, up to three pieces of paper up to A4 size can be brought, with free choice of content: handwritten, printed; small, large; text, diagram, image; one or both sides, etc. These papers do not need to be handed in with the exam.

Unless it is stated otherwise, the final answer to a question should be expressed in terms of the known quantities given in the question, and any clear simplifications should be done. Component values such as R for a resistor, U for an independent voltage source, or K for a dependent source, are assumed to be known quantities. Marked currents or voltages such as  $i_x$  are assumed to be definitions, not known quantities.

Clearly drawn and labelled diagrams are a good way to help yourself avoid mistakes, and to make clear to others what you are doing. By showing clearly your intermediate steps in a solution, you improve your chance of getting points even if the final result is wrong. You may write in Swedish or English; but we suggest that writing in either is seldom necessary if you make good use of diagrams and equations!

Determination of exam grade. Denote as A, B and C the available points from sections A, B and C of this exam: A=12, B=10, C=18. Denote as a, b and c the points actually obtained in the respective sections, and as  $a_k$  and  $b_k$  the points från KS1 and KS2, and as h the homework 'bonus'. The requirement for passing the exam (E or higher) is:

$$\frac{\max(a, a_{\mathbf{k}})}{A} \ge 40\% \quad \& \quad \frac{\max(b, b_{\mathbf{k}})}{B} \ge 40\% \quad \& \quad \frac{c}{C} \ge 40\% \quad \& \quad \frac{\max(a, a_{\mathbf{k}}) + \max(b, b_{\mathbf{k}}) + c + h}{A + B + C} \ge 50\%$$

The grade is then determined by the total including bonus, i.e. the last of the terms above: boundaries (%) are 50 (E), 60 (D), 70 (C), 80 (B), 90 (A). If the exam misses a pass by a small margin on just one criterion, a grade of Fx may be registered, with the possibility of completing to E by an extra task arranged later.

For this VT19 round, students who have their final project-task approved will get full points on Q9 in this exam.

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#### **1**) [4p] $R_5$ Find: $U_1$ $U_2$ a) [1p] the current $i_4$ $R_6$ $R_3$ **b**) [1p] the voltage $u_2$ $R_1$ $I_2$ the power delivered from source $I_1$ **c**) [1p] $R_2$ the power delivered from source $U_1$ **d**) [1p] + $u_2$

#### Section A. Direct Current

**2)** [4p]

Write equations that could be solved without further information to find the potential  $v_1$  in terms of the component values.





## Section B. Transient Calculations

- 4) [5p] Find:
- **a)** [1p] Power absorbed by  $R_2$  at  $t = 0^-$
- **b)** [1p] Energy stored in  $L_2$  at  $t = 0^+$
- c) [2p] Power supplied by  $C_1$  at  $t = 0^+$
- **d)** [1p] Energy stored in  $C_2$  as  $t \to \infty$



- **5**) [5p]
- **a)** [4p] Find the voltage u(t), for t > 0.
- **b)** [1p] Find the power absorbed by  $R_2$  for t > 0.



 $L_1$ 

 $R_1$ 

u(t)

 $\zeta L_2$ 

Both of the above are expected to be functions of time.

## Section C. Alternating Current

## **6)** [4p]

The source's voltage is  $U(t) = \hat{U}\sin(\omega t)$ . Determine u(t).

**7)** [4p]

**a)** [2p] Determine this circuit's network function,

$$H(\omega) = \frac{u_1(\omega)}{u_0(\omega)}.$$

**b)** [1p] Show that the solution of 'a' can be written in the form

$$H(\omega) = \frac{-j\omega/\omega_0 (1 + j\omega/\omega_3)}{(1 + j\omega/\omega_1) (1 + j\omega/\omega_2)}.$$

It is sufficient to show how to express the parameters  $\omega_{0,1,2,3}$  in terms of the circuit component values.



U(t)

c) [1p] Sketch a Bode amplitude plot of the function  $H(\omega)$  shown in 'b'. Assume  $\omega_0 \ll \omega_1 \ll \omega_2 \ll \omega_3$ . Mark the gradients (other than zero) and the frequencies  $\omega_1$  etc.

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# **8)** [4p]

The source has angular frequency  $\omega$ .

Component values n and C can be chosen, but other component values are fixed.

a) [3p] Determine the values of n and C that will maximise the power delivered to resistor  $R_2$ .

**b)** [1p] What is the value of this maximum power to  $R_2$ ?

**9)** [6p]

At the left of this circuit is a balanced three-phase source, of *line*-voltage U, angular frequency  $\omega$ , and phase-rotation a,b,c. The phase of  $v_a$  is taken as the reference:  $v_a = 0$ .

**a)** [2p] What apparent power is supplied by the source?

**b)** [1p] What is  $i_x$  as a phasor (magnitude and angle)?

c) [1p] What value of capacitance C is needed in order for the source to supply purely active power?

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C

 $R_2$ 

1:n

 $\leq_{R_1}$ 

d) [2p] The first phase ('a') of the source explodes. In its new state, the circuit can be modelled by replacing the uppermost voltage-source in the diagram by an open-circuit. What now is  $i_y$  (magnitude and angle)?

The End.

Please don't waste remaining time ... check your solutions!

## Översättningar:

*Hjälpmedel:* Upp till tre A4-ark (båda sidor) med studentens egna anteckningar på valfritt sätt: handskrivet eller datorutskrift; text, diagram, bild; stor eller liten textstorlek, o.s.v. Dessa måste inte lämnas in med skrivningarna.

Om inte annan information anges i ett tal ska: komponenter antas vara ideala; angivna värden av komponenter (t.ex. R för ett motstånd, U för en spänningskälla, K för en beroende källa) antas vara kända storheter; och andra markerade storheter (t.ex. strömmen markerad i ett motstånd eller spänningskälla) antas vara okända storheter. Lösningar ska uttryckas i kända storheter och förenklas.

Var tydlig med diagram och definitioner av variabler. Du får skriva på svenska eller engelska, men vi rekommenderar att diagram och ekvationer används i stället i de flesta fall.

- 1. [4p] Bestäm följande:
- a) [1p] strömmen  $i_4$
- b) [1p] spänningen  $u_2$
- c) [1p] effekten levererad från källan  ${\cal I}_1$
- d) [1p] effekten levererad från källan  $U_1$

**2.** [4p] Skriv ekvationer som skulle kunna lösas, utan vidare information, för att bestämma potentialen  $v_1$  som funktion av kretsens komponentvärden.

- 3. [4p] Vilken maximaleffekt kan levereras från
  a) [3p] polerna a-o
  b) [1p] polerna b-a
- av kretsen?

**4.** [5p] Bestäm:

- a) [1p] Effekten absorberad av  $R_2$  vid  $t = 0^-$ .
- b) [1p] Energin lagrad i  $L_2$  vid  $t = 0^+$ .
- c) [2p] Effekten försörjd av  $C_1$  vid  $t = 0^+$ .
- d) [1p] Energin lagrad i  $C_2$  vid  $t \to \infty$ .

**5.** [5p]

- a) [4p] Bestäm spänningen u(t) vid t > 0.
- b) [1p] Bestäm effekten absorberad av  $R_2$  vid t > 0.

**6.** [4p] Källans spänning är  $U(t) = \hat{U}\sin(\omega t)$ . Bestäm u(t).

**7.** [4p]

a) [2p] Härled kretsens nätverksfunktion,  $H(\omega) = u_1(\omega)/u_0(\omega)$ .

b) [1p] Visa att funktionen från deltal 'a' kan skrivas  $H(\omega) = \frac{-j\omega/\omega_0 (1+j\omega/\omega_3)}{(1+j\omega/\omega_1) (1+j\omega/\omega_2)}$ .

c) [1p] Skissa ett Bodeamplituddiagram av  $H(\omega)$  från deltal 'b'. Antag  $\omega_0 \ll \omega_1 \ll \omega_2 \ll \omega_3$ . Markera viktiga punkter och lutningar.

8. [4p] Källan har vinkelfrekvens  $\omega$ . Komponentvärden n och C kan väljas men andra komponentvärden är fasta.

a) [3p] Bestäm värden n och C som ger maximaleffekt till  $R_2$ .

b) [1p] Hur mycket effekt blir den till  $R_2$  vid situationen från deltal 'a'?

**9.** [6p] Till vänster i kretsen är en balanserad trefas källa, med huvudspänning U, vinkelfrekvens  $\omega$ , och fasföljd a,b,c. Fasvinkeln av  $v_a$  tas som referens, d.v.s.  $v_a = 0$ .

- a) [2p] Vilken skenbareffekt levererar källan?
- b) [1p] Bestäm  $i_x$  (som fasvektor magnitud och vinkel).
- c) [1p] Vilken kapacitans C behövs för att källan matar rent aktiveffekt.

d) [2p] Första fasen (a) i källan exploderar. Situationen efteråt kan modelleras genom att ersätta den övre spänningskällan vid  $v_a$  med en öppenkrets. Bestäm  $i_y$  (magnitud och vinkel).

Q1.



The following is one way in which the original circuit can be re-drawn to be a bit clearer. Some further quantities have been marked here for use during the solutions.



The current  $i_4$  is found by current-division of the fixed source-current  $I_1$  between the parallel resistors  $R_3$  and  $R_4$ .

The voltage  $u_2$  is found by voltage division between  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ . The voltage across this series pair is  $U_1$ , which can be seen from KVL. A negative sign is needed due to the direction in which  $u_2$  is marked relative to the voltage  $U_1$  across the pair of resistors.

The power delivered by source  $I_1$  is found by finding the voltage  $u_z$  across this source, and multiplying it by the source's value (current). In order for this product to give the power *from* the source,  $u_z$  must be defined in the direction shown in the diagram above; otherwise a negative sign is needed.

By KVL around the loop of {  $I_1$ ,  $R_3 || R_4$ ,  $U_1$  }, this voltage is

$$u_z = U_1 + \frac{R_3 R_4 I}{R_3 + R_4}.$$

The power delivered by source  $U_1$  is  $P_{U_1} = U_1 i_y$ .

By KCL above source  $U_1$ ,

$$i_y = \frac{U_1}{R_1 + R_2} - I_1 + i_x.$$

It is just the  $i_x$  term that is a bit awkward to find.

The voltage across the rightmost branch of the circuit  $(R_5, U_2, R_6, I_2)$  is determined by source  $U_1$ , and is not affected by the branches further to the left.

The circuit on the right shows the part of the original circuit relevant to finding  $i_x$ , after a Norton-Thevenin source-transformation on the pair {  $R_6$ ,  $I_2$  }.

From this circuit, by KVL and Ohm's law,

$$i_x = \frac{U_1 + U_2 + I_2 R_6}{R_5 + R_6}.$$

Hence,

$$P_{\rm U1} = \left(\frac{U_1 + U_2 + I_2 R_6}{R_5 + R_6} + \frac{U_1}{R_1 + R_2} - I_1\right) U_1$$

#### Q2.

There isn't any particularly nice step-by-step method apparent for this circuit, so it's fortunate we only have to write suitable equations, rather than having to solve all the way for  $v_1$ .

Two possible methods are shown below: the extended nodal analysis, and the method based on supernodes and avoiding defining extra variables. The former is almost certainly easier to write, although the latter is probably easier to solve.



#### Extended nodal analysis.

Simple rules to follow for writing the equations, but not so nice to solve!

Start with KCL at all nodes except the reference.

This circuit has two voltage sources: one independent and one dependent. Their currents are not initially known, so we define them: call them  $i_{\alpha}$  in  $U_1$ , and  $i_{\beta}$  in  $Ku_y$ , into the +-terminals. There is already a current  $i_x$  defined in the source U, but this time we'll choose to define our own current  $i_{\alpha}$  separately.

KCL(1): 
$$0 = I_1 + \frac{v_1 - v_3}{R_1} + i_\beta$$
 (1)

KCL(2): 
$$0 = -i_{\beta} + \frac{v_2 - v_3}{R_2} + \frac{v_2 - v_4}{R_4} - I_2$$
 (2)

KCL(3): 
$$0 = i_{\alpha} + \frac{v_3 - v_1}{R_1} + \frac{v_3 - v_2}{R_2} - K_1 i_x$$
 (3)

KCL(4): 
$$0 = \frac{v_4}{R_3} + K_1 i_x + \frac{v_4 - v_2}{R_4} + I_2$$
 (4)

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The above are 4 equations, in 7 unknowns. The 4 unknown node-potentials and 4 KCL equations would give a well defined solution. But the 2 voltage sources have given further unknowns, of their currents; this hints that we should look to the voltage sources to provide corresponding further equations. The sources set the following relation between pairs of node-potentials:

$$v_3 = U_1 \tag{5}$$

$$v_1 - v_2 = K_2 u_y (6)$$

Now one further unknown,  $u_y$ , has been introduced. There are still two more unknowns than equations: these are due to the marked quantities  $i_x$  and  $u_y$ , which are the controlling variables of the two dependent sources. They have to be defined as equations, in order to convey the same information as the diagram tells us about them; otherwise the equations don't provide enough information to solve the shown circuit.

$$i_x = -i_\alpha \tag{7}$$

$$u_y = v_4 - v_2 \tag{8}$$

The above equations (1)-(8) are a sufficient solution.

#### Nodal analysis: simplify on the way, e.g. supernode

Another approach is to try to reduce the number of equations from the start, instead of ending up as in the above example, with lots of simpler equations to solve.

If we follow this principle, and use the idea of supernodes, then we end up with just two equations to solve; after solving them, other potentials could be found by simple relations given by the voltage sources. First we'll do the preparation work of choosing which potentials to keep, on the way to writing the KCL equations.

The nodes 0 and  $v_3$  are joined into a supernode by the independent voltage source; they are a 'ground supernode'. Instead of using the potential  $v_3$  in equations, we therefore substitute

$$v_3 = U_1. \tag{1}$$

Nodes  $v_1$  and  $v_2$  are joined by the dependent voltage source, giving the relation  $v_1 = v_2 + K_2 u_y$ . We usually try to avoid marked quantities such as  $u_y$  in the equations (see later), so looking at the diagram we substitute for this in terms of node potentials,  $u_y = v_4 - v_2$ , leading to

$$v_1 = (1 - K_2) v_2 + K_2 v_4.$$
<sup>(2)</sup>

Only one of the supernode's potentials  $v_1$  or  $v_2$  needs to be kept as an unknown in the equations. It could seem good to keep  $v_1$ , since this is what we're actually asked to find. However, in this case a little experimenting suggests that it's easier to write the equations if it's  $v_2$  that's defined. So we'll keep  $v_2$ , and substitute from (2) wherever  $v_1$  tries to appear in a KCL or other equation.

If our aim is to write our KCLs without including further unknowns that need further equations, then we should avoid using the controlling variables  $i_x$  and  $u_y$  in the equations. From the diagram, it is easy to express the latter as

$$u_y = v_4 - v_2,$$

which would have been messier if  $v_1$  instead of  $v_2$  had been chosen as the potential to keep in the supernode. The current  $i_x$  is harder: it can be found from KCL in node 3,

$$i_x = -K_1 \, i_x + \frac{v_3 - v_2}{R_2} + \frac{v_3 - v_1}{R_1},$$

but this introduces a further  $i_x$  term and also a  $v_1$  and  $v_3$ , which are not the node potentials we decided to keep, and therefore have to be substituted. Putting it together,

$$i_x = \frac{\frac{U_1 - v_2}{R_2} + \frac{U_1 - ((1 - K_2)v_2 + K_2v_4)}{R_1}}{1 + K_1} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)U_1 - \left(\frac{1 - K_2}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right)v_2 - \frac{K_2v_4}{R_1}}{1 + K_1}.$$

Now we can write the two necessary KCL equations: one for the supernode that contains the nodes marked  $v_1$  and  $v_2$ , and one for the node marked  $v_4$ .

KCL(1&2): 
$$0 = I_1 + \frac{(1-K_2)v_2 + K_2v_4 - U_1}{R_1} + \frac{v_2 - v_3}{R_2} + \frac{v_2 - v_4}{R_4} - I_2$$
 (3)

KCL(4): 
$$0 = \frac{v_4}{R_3} + \frac{v_4 - v_2}{R_4} + I_2 + K_1 \frac{\left(\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) U_1 - \left(\frac{1 - K_2}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2}\right) v_2 - \frac{K_2 v_4}{R_1}}{1 + K_1}$$
(4)

The equations (3) and (4) are part of the solution, and must be solved together. The equations (1) and (2) are the remainder of the solution, and are necessary in order to make up an equation system that can be solved for all node potentials.

As this question only required that  $v_1$  can be solved for, one could omit (1).

The 'moral' of the above is probably that the extended method was much easier to write for this circuit. It has the further advantage that if the circuit is changed, the corresponding change can easily be made in the equations, since each equation directly describes some feature of the circuit without being obfuscated by substitutions and rearrangements.

Various checks can be done, symbolically or numerically, to compare the above solutions with each other or with another calculation. Confession: in writing the extended-method equations, I initially got the wrong sign on  $i_{\alpha}$ , having looked at the arrow marked for  $i_x$ ; checking is a worthwhile effort.

Below we use Matlab's symbolic toolbox to compare the above two sets of equations symbolically. Then we subsitute numbers into the symbolic solutions and compare the result with a calculation by the program SPICE 2g.6 (from 15/March/1983!).

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syms U1 I1 I2 K1 K2 R1 R2 R3 R4
syms v1 v2 v3 v4
syms ix uy
% extended nodal analysis
syms ia ib
s1 = solve( ...
    { . . .
     0 == I1 + (v1-v3)/R1 + ib, ...
     0 = -ib + (v2-v3)/R2 + (v2-v4)/R4 - I2, ...
     0 == ia + (v3-v1)/R1 + (v3-v2)/R2 - K1*ix, ...
     0 = v4/R3 + K1*ix + (v4-v2)/R4 + I2, ...
     v3 == U1, ...
     v1 - v2 == K2*uy, ...
     ix == -ia, ...
     uy == v4 - v2 ...
     }, ...
     { v1, v2, v3, v4, ix, uy, ia, ib }
                                         );
% supernode
s2 = solve(\ldots)
    { ...
        0 == I1 + ((1-K2)*v2 + K2*v4 - U1)/R1 + (v2-v3)/R2 + (v2-v4)/R4 - I2, \dots
        0 = v4/R3 + (v4-v2)/R4 + I2 + \dots
              K1*( (1/R1 + 1/R2)*U1 - ((1-K2)/R1 + 1/R2)*v2 - K2*v4/R1 )/(1+K1), ...
        v3 == U1, ...
        v1 == (1-K2)*v2 + K2*v4 ...
     }, ...
     { v1, v2, v3, v4 } );
%% symbolic check
simplify( s1.v1 - s2.v1 )
simplify( s1.v2 - s2.v2 )
simplify( s1.v3 - s2.v3 )
simplify( s1.v4 - s2.v4 )
  % --> all zero : good
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%% numeric check
U1=27; I1=1; I2=5; K1=0.2; K2=0.11; R1=20; R2=13; R3=3; R4=40;
for fld={'v1','v2','v3','v4'},
  fprintf(' s = 7.4f n', fld{1}, double(subs(s1.(fld{1}))) );
end
%
    v1 = 43.0120
%
   v2 = 49.4805
%
   v3 = 27.0000
%
   v4 = -9.3247
% Input "netlist" file for SPICE
%
EI1120_VT19_TEN1_Q2
V1
    3 0 DC 27.0
            DC
I1
      1 0
                 1.0
12
      4 2 DC
                 5.0
F1
       4 3
            V1
                -0.2
      1 2 4 2
E1
                 0.11
R1
       1
         3
                 20.0
R2
       2 3
                 13.0
       4 0
                  3.0
RЗ
R4
       4 2
                 40.0
.OP
.PRINT DC V(0) V(1) V(2) V(3) V(4)
.END
% output:
% node voltage
                  node voltage node voltage
                                                    node voltage
% (1) 43.0120 (2) 49.4805 (3) 27.0000 (4) -9.3247
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## Q3.

The opamp's output behaves as a voltage source. Its potential,  $v_b$ , will be whatever value is necessary in order for the inverting input to have the same potential as the noninverting input, which is U.

KCL at the inverting input gives  $I_1 = (v_b - U) / R_1$ , from which

$$v_b = U + I_1 R_1.$$



 $R_2$ 

 $U + I_1 R_1$ 

Seen by the components to the right of the opamp output, the opamp output therefore behaves as a fixed voltage source  $v_b$ , with its other side connected to the reference node. For solving the circuit at the right, we can represent the opamp and its feedback and inputs as a voltage source  $U + I_1 R_1$ , leading to the following circuit.

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(Note that replacing the opamp with a fixed voltage source is valid and useful because we're interested in what happens on the right of the opamp, and we are not considering changing anything in its feedback and inputs – if we considered connecting other things to 'extract power' from the parts around the left, that might change the circuit so the opamp would have a different voltage.)

#### a)

Between terminals a-o, we can find a Norton equivalent by doing source transformation on the voltage source and adjacent resistor from the above diagram, leading to the circuit on the right.

Between a-o this simplifies to a Norton source of

$$I_{\rm N} = \frac{U}{R_2} + \frac{R_1}{R_2}I_1 + I_2$$
 and  $R_{\rm N} = \frac{R_2R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$ 

The maximum power that such a source can supply is

$$P_{\text{max:ao}} = \frac{1}{4}I_{\text{N}}^{2}R_{\text{N}} = \frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{U}{R_{2}} + \frac{R_{1}}{R_{2}}I_{1} + I_{2}\right)^{2}\frac{R_{2}R_{3}}{R_{2} + R_{3}} = (U + I_{1}R_{1} + I_{2}R_{2})^{2}\frac{R_{3}}{4R_{2}(R_{2} + R_{3})}.$$

## b)

The terminal 'b' is at a node that disappeared when doing the source transformation in question 'a' above. That method is therefore not directly useful now.

Instead, we can find a Thevenin equivalent by source transformation of current source  $I_2$  and its parallel resistor  $R_3$ , to give the circuit shown on the right.







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 $R_3$ 

This simplifies to the circuit at the left below, by combining the two series sources into an equivalent one and re-drawing. That circuit in turn simplifies to a Thevenin source, by voltage division and parallel resistance.



The Thevenin equivalent between a-b is therefore

$$U_{\rm T} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3} \left( I_2 R_3 - I_1 R_1 - U \right)$$
 and  $R_{\rm T} = \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$ .

The maximum power that such a source can supply is

$$P_{\text{max:ab}} = \frac{U_{\text{T}}^2}{4R_{\text{T}}} = \frac{\left(\frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_3}\right)^2 \left(I_2 R_3 - I_1 R_1 - U\right)^2}{4\frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}} = \frac{R_2 \left(I_2 R_3 - I_1 R_1 - U\right)^2}{4R_3 \left(R_2 + R_3\right)}$$

Both 'a' and 'b' could have been done instead by other methods, such as nodal analysis, superposition, etc. Since I seem to be in a mood for writing lots of diagrams in this year's solutions, I'm trying more of the 'intuitive' step-by-step solutions.

#### **Q4**.

Task — find:

a)  $P_{\rm B2}(0^-) = U^2/R_2$ 

**b)** 
$$W_{L2}(0^+) = \frac{1}{2}L_2\left(\frac{U}{R_2} + I\right)^2$$

c) 
$$P_{C1}(0^+) = \frac{(U - IR_3)UR_3}{R_1R_2 + R_2R_3 + R_3R_1}$$

d) 
$$W_{\rm C2}(\infty) = \frac{1}{2}C_2U^2$$



At time  $t = 0^-$ , the switch is still open-circuit.

No change has happened in the circuit yet, so equilibrium is assumed. This means that inductors have no voltage, capacitors have no current

The circuit below shows the situation for  $t = 0^-$ , with the switch open, inductors short-circuited and capacitors open-circuited. All the inductor currents and capacitor voltages are marked; these may be useful when we come to  $t = 0^+$ , so we will find all of them now.

 $i_{\rm L1} = 0$ KCL, with zero current at the open-circuited capacitors.

 $i_{\rm L2} = \frac{U}{R_2} + I$ 

KVL to find voltage across  $R_2$ , then Ohm's law for its current, then KCL above source I.

$$u_{\rm C1} = U$$
  
KVL around the top left loop.

 $u_{\rm C2} = IR_3$ KCL below  $R_3$ , Ohm's law in  $R_3$ , and KVL around the bottom left loop.



Question 'a' requires the power absorbed by resistor  $R_2$  in this equilibrium state. By KVL around the top right loop, the voltage across this is U, so the power is  $U^2/R_2$ .

At time  $t = 0^+$ , the switch is closed, and inductors and capacitors cannot be assumed to be in equilibrium any more, since a change has happened.

The switch short-circuits the current source. Seen from all the rest of the circuit, the current source is 'invisible' (irrelevant): whatever current it produces just circulates in the one node that it's connected to. So we're probably best to remove it from the diagram for clarity, since none of the questions wants to know something about it such as what power it produces or what voltage it has ... both of which are zero.

The capacitors and inductors have known continuous variables at  $t = 0^+$ , since these must be the same as at  $t = 0^-$ . They are therefore modelled here as fixed sources, whose values were found above for  $t = 0^-$ . To begin with we'll leave them as neat symbols such as  $u_{c1}$ .

As inductor  $L_1$  was found to have zero current it is more simply modelled as an open-circuit. Simplicity is key to improving our chance of seeing neat solutions.

The circuit below is the resulting view of the situation at  $t = 0^+$ .

Question 'b' wants the energy stored in the inductor  $L_2$ . Energy depends on the continuous variable, which is the same at  $t = 0^+$  as at  $t = 0^-$ , so this question can be answered entirely from the earlier circuit.

The energy is 
$$\frac{1}{2}L_2 i_{L_2}^2$$
, which is  $\frac{1}{2}L_2 \left(\frac{U}{R_2} + I\right)^2$ .

Question 'c' wants the power delivered by the capacitor  $C_1$ . This is more difficult. The current upwards through the capacitor needs to be found, and multiplied with the voltage  $u_{C1}$ . Any of superposition, source transformation or nodal analysis could be used to find the current.



To apply nodal analysis in a simple way with one KCL, we can regard the circuit as three parallel branches, as shown in a simpler form below.

The two series-connected voltage sources have been combined to a single one of  $u_{C1} - u_{C2}$ .

Then the values calculated at  $t = 0^-$  have been substituted to give  $U - IR_3$  for that source, and  $\frac{U}{R_2} + I$ for the source on the right representing  $L_2$ .

The resistors  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  were in parallel, so have been combined also.

Using the marked potential v, KCL gives

$$\frac{v - U + IR_3}{R_1} + \frac{v - U}{R_2 R_3} \left(R_2 + R_3\right) + \frac{U}{R_2} + I = 0$$

After some effort, a solution for v is found,

$$v = \frac{R_2 (R_1 + R_3) (U - IR_3)}{R_1 R_2 + R_1 R_3 + R_2 R_3},$$

from which in turn the current  $i_x$  is found,

$$i_x = \frac{U - IR_3 - v}{R_1} = \frac{(U - IR_3)R_3}{R_1R_2 + R_1R_3 + R_2R_3}.$$

The above was quite a lot of effort with unwieldy expressions for component values. It added to the effort that we did it by the canonical node-potential method, then found  $i_x$  from v.

One rather neat 'more intuitive' alternative method is the following:

We want to find  $i_x$  in the above circuit. Imagine breaking the circuit (introducing an opencircuit) at the point where  $i_x$  is marked, and finding the Thevenin equivalent between the two sides of the break.

The Thevenin resistance can be found by setting sources to zero and simplifying the remanining resistors, which gives  $R_{\rm T} = R_1 + R_{23}$ .

The Thevenin voltage of the left relative to the right side of the break is  $U - IR_3 + i_{L2}R_{23} - U$ , which is seen from KVL in the left loop, bearing in mind that with the break in the circuit all of the current from the current source must pass up through  $R_{23}$ .

Putting in the given quantities instead of our defined names,

$$U_{\rm T} = U - IR_3 + i_{\rm L2}R_{23} - U = -IR_3 + \left(\frac{U}{R_2} + I\right)\frac{R_2R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$
$$= -IR_3 + (U + IR_2)\frac{R_3}{R_2 + R_3} = \frac{(U - IR_3)R_3}{R_2 + R_3}$$

What we *want* is the short-circuit current of this Thevenin source:

$$i_x = \frac{U_{\rm T}}{R_{\rm T}} = \frac{\frac{(U-IR_3)R_3}{R_2+R_3}}{R_1 + \frac{R_2R_3}{R_2+R_3}} = \frac{(U-IR_3)R_3}{R_1R_2 + R_2R_3 + R_3R_1}$$

That felt somehow a bit more satisfying than the nodal way, but neither was trivial!

Now we find the power from the capacitor by multiplying this current by the capacitor's voltage,

$$P_{\rm C1}(0^+) = u_{\rm C1}i_x = Ui_x = \frac{(U - IR_3)UR_3}{R_1R_2 + R_2R_3 + R_3R_1}.$$

At time  $t \to \infty$ , equilibrium can again be assumed. The difference from  $t = 0^-$  is that the switch is now closed, and all memory of the short-circuited current source I will now have disappeared from the circuit.

Question 'd' wants the energy stored in capacitor  $C_2$ .

This is  $\frac{1}{2}C_2 u_{C2}^2$ .

The voltage  $u_{C2}$  can be found by taking a KVL around  $\{ C_2, R_1, L_1, U, L_2 \}$ , in which only  $C_2$  and U have non-zero voltages.

Thus the energy is  $\frac{1}{2}C_2U^2$ .

A nice feature of squaring the voltage is that we didn't have to care about its direction.



# **Q5**.

Solutions of the circuit at the right, for t > 0:

**a)** 
$$u(t) = IR_1 - U e^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C}$$

**b)** 
$$P_{\text{R2}}(t) = \frac{U^2 R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} e^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C}$$



#### Initial conditions

The diagram to the right shows the circuit with the switch open.

At  $t = 0^-$  an equilibrium can be assumed, in which the capacitor has no current, and there is therefore no voltage drop across the resistors in the loop.

From KVL,  $u(0^{-}) = IR_1 - U$ .



#### Circuit at t > 0

When the switch closes, the circuit becomes simpler.

The capacitor's voltage is a continuous variable, so it is initially unchanged:  $u(0^+) = u(0^-) = IR_1 - U$ .

The rest of the circuit that the capacitor is connected to has a Thevenin equivalent of  $U_{\rm T} = IR_1$  and  $R_{\rm T} = R_1 + R_2$ .



As  $t \to \infty$  the circuit will reach a new equilibrium, in which the capacitor's voltage will equal the Thevenin voltage.

We now know the initial value and final value of u(t) for  $t \ge 0$ . The time-constant is  $CR_{T}$ .

Putting these into the usual exponential decay expression for first-order circuits,

$$u(t) = u(\infty) + (u(0^{+}) - u(\infty)) e^{-t/\tau} = IR_1 + (IR_1 - U - IR_1) e^{-t/R_{\rm T}C}$$
$$u(t) = IR_1 - U e^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C}.$$

The power in  $R_2$  is  $i^2 R_2$  where *i* is the current through  $R_2$ . Looking at the circuit, the current is the same through  $R_2$  and the capacitor as they are in series. The direction doesn't matter, as the current is squared to find the power.

We could find i(t) from u(t) using KVL and Ohm's law, or by using the equation of a capacitor. Let's try the latter:

$$i = C \frac{\mathrm{d}}{\mathrm{d}t} \left( IR_1 - U \mathrm{e}^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C} \right) = -\frac{-UC}{(R_1 + R_2)C} \mathrm{e}^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C} = \frac{U}{R_1 + R_2} \mathrm{e}^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C}.$$

So,

$$P_{R_2} = i^2 R_2 = \left(\frac{U}{R_1 + R_2} e^{-t/(R_1 + R_2)C}\right)^2 R_2 = \frac{U^2 R_2}{(R_1 + R_2)^2} e^{-2t/(R_1 + R_2)C}.$$

#### **Q6**.

Task: determine u(t), given  $U(t) = \hat{U}\sin(\omega t)$ .

First, represent the circuit suitably for AC analysis, with phasors and impedances.

Let's use "sine reference", so that the time-domain quantity  $\sin \omega t$  is represented by a phasor with zero angle. And let's use the peak of the sinusoid as the magnitude of the corresponding phasor.

With these choices, the source becomes a phasor of  $U(\omega) = \hat{U}/\underline{0}$ .

The inductances are represented by their impedances,  $j\omega L_1$  and so forth.



$$u(\omega) = U(\omega) \frac{j\omega L_2}{j\omega L_2 + \frac{j\omega L_1 R_1}{R_1 + j\omega L_1}}.$$



U(t)

That's it ... except that some rearrangement is useful in order to get nicer expressions for the magnitude and angle of this result. It is necessary to have that polar description in order to write the final result for u(t).

Substituting for  $U(\omega)$ , cancelling the j $\omega$  factors, and then cancelling  $L_2$ ,

$$u(\omega) = \hat{U} \frac{L_2}{L_2 + \frac{R_1 L_1}{R_1 + j\omega L_1}} = \hat{U} \frac{L_2 (R_1 + j\omega L_1)}{L_2 (R_1 + j\omega L_1) + R_1 L_1} = \hat{U} \frac{R_1 + j\omega L_1}{\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right) R_1 + j\omega L_1}$$

Now the magnitude and angle must be found, in order to write the time-function u(t). The above expression is a quotient of two rectangular complex numbers.

One approach is to find the polar form of each, and take the ratio of magnitudes and the difference in angles:

$$|u(\omega)| = \hat{U} \sqrt{\frac{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2}{\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right)^2 R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2}} \qquad \underline{/u(\omega)} = \operatorname{atan} \frac{\omega L_1}{R_1} - \operatorname{atan} \frac{\omega L_1}{\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right) R_1}$$

Another is to get a single rectangular complex number before converting, i.e. to separate real and imaginary parts. Multiply the numerator and denominator by the complex conjugate of the denominator,

$$u(\omega) = \hat{U} \frac{(R_1 + j\omega L_1) \left( \left( 1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right) R_1 - j\omega L_1 \right)}{\left( 1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right)^2 R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2} = \hat{U} \frac{\left( 1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right) R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2 + j\omega \frac{L_1^2 R_1}{L_2}}{\left( 1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2} \right)^2 R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2}$$

$$|u(\omega)| = \hat{U} \frac{\sqrt{\left(\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right)R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2\right)^2 + \left(\omega\frac{L_1^2 R_1}{L_2}\right)^2}}{\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right)^2 R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2} \qquad \qquad \underline{/u(\omega)} = \operatorname{atan} \frac{\omega\frac{L_1^2 R_1}{L_2}}{\left(1 + \frac{L_1}{L_2}\right)R_1^2 + \omega^2 L_1^2}$$

The expressions from the two methods should, of course, be equivalent to each other. If one likes having just one atan function it may be better to use the second method for the angle, and the first for a neater expression for magnitude.

All the expressions for magnitude or angle were tediously long. It would be acceptable in the exam to write them just once, and to show how they would be used to write the time-function u(t). Bearing in mind the sine-reference and peak value scale that we chose when defining the phasors, this is:

$$u(t) = |u(\omega)| \sin \left(\omega t + \underline{/u(\omega)}\right).$$

Note that this is exceptional — usually one should write the final answer with just the given (known) quantities. It's often possible to simplify the final expression after substituting the values of help-variables that were used during the solution. But one can't do such simplification between the magnitude and angle expressions.

#### Q7.

a) Determine 
$$H(\omega) = u_1(\omega)/u_0(\omega)$$
.

This circuit can be seen as a standard inverting amplifier configuration, with input impedance  $Z_{\rm i}$  and feedback impedance  $Z_{\rm f}$  formed from the groups of resistors and capacitors,

$$Z_{i} = R_{1} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{1}}$$
 and  $Z_{f} = R_{3} + \frac{R_{2}\frac{1}{j\omega C_{2}}}{R_{2} + \frac{1}{j\omega C_{2}}}$ 

By KCL at the inverting input, or by the standard inverting-amplifier formula,



$$H(\omega) = \frac{u_1(\omega)}{u_0(\omega)} = \frac{-Z_{\rm f}}{Z_{\rm i}} = -\frac{R_3 + \frac{R_2 \frac{1}{j\omega C_2}}{R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_2}}}{R_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}}$$

Rearranging,

$$H(\omega) = -\frac{\left(j\omega C_2 R_2 R_3 + R_2 + R_3\right)\frac{1}{j\omega C_2}}{\left(R_1 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_1}\right)\left(R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_2}\right)} = \frac{-j\omega C_1 \left(R_2 + R_3\right)\left(1 + j\omega C_2 \frac{R_2 R_3}{R_2 + R_3}\right)}{\left(1 + j\omega C_1 R_1\right)\left(1 + j\omega C_2 R_2\right)}.$$
  
**b)** Express  $H(\omega)$  in the form  $\frac{-j\omega/\omega_0 \left(1 + j\omega/\omega_3\right)}{\left(1 + j\omega/\omega_1\right)\left(1 + j\omega/\omega_2\right)}.$ 

The final expression for  $H(\omega)$  in part 'a' is already in a suitable form. We just need to show what values the various  $\omega_x$  must have:

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{C_1 \left( R_2 + R_3 \right)}, \quad \omega_1 = \frac{1}{C_1 R_1}, \quad \omega_2 = \frac{1}{C_2 R_2}, \quad \omega_3 = \frac{R_2 + R_3}{C_2 R_2 R_3}$$

The values of  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  could have been defined the opposite way round; that would show poor taste in spite of being technically correct.

c) Sketch a Bode amplitude plot of  $H(\omega)$ , assuming  $\omega_0 \ll \omega_1 \ll \omega_2 \ll \omega_3$ .

An example is shown on the right. This has a ratio 1000 between different frequencies, leading to 60 dB at the maximum. Lower ratios would give a lower maximum and a bigger deviation between the Bode approximation and the exact magnitude.



#### **Q8**.

Component values n and C can be chosen, but other component values are fixed.

This is a fairly standard maximum power question: one can identify a fixed source, and a freely variable load-impedance consisting of the transformer and the components on its right.



The slight 'twist' is that as the resistor in the load is fixed, the real part of load impedance has to be varied by the transformer ratio; then the capacitor can be chosen to give the desired imaginary part.

a) Determine the values of n and C that will maximise the power delivered to resistor  $R_2$ .

If we see the 'source' as everything to the left of the transformer, then the source impedance is

$$Z_{
m s} \;=\; rac{{
m j}\omega LR_1}{R_1+{
m j}\omega L} \;=\; rac{{\omega ^2 L^2 R_1 + {
m j}\omega LR_1^2 }}{R_1^2 + {\omega ^2 L^2 }}.$$

The remainder of the circuit is then the load. The branch on the right of the transformer is an impedance of  $R_2 + \frac{1}{i\omega C}$ . What the source 'sees' at the transformer's left terminals is therefore this impedance scaled,

$$Z_1 = \frac{R_2}{n^2} - j\frac{1}{n^2\omega C}$$

Now that the source and load impedances are both expressed with real and imaginary parts separated, it is easy to use the AC maximum power theorem:

$$Z_{\rm l} = Z_{\rm s}^* \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad \frac{R_2}{n^2} - j\frac{1}{n^2\omega C} = \frac{\omega^2 L^2 R_1 - j\omega L R_1^2}{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2}.$$

Equating real and imaginary parts separately, we notice that the real parts have only n as a free variable, so we set this first,

$$\frac{R_2}{n^2} = \frac{\omega^2 L^2 R_1}{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2} \implies n = \sqrt{\frac{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2}{\omega^2 L^2 R_1 / R_2}}.$$

With n set, it is just C that is free to set the imaginary part of the load impedance,

$$\frac{1}{n^2\omega C} = \frac{\omega L R_1^2}{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2} \qquad \Longrightarrow \qquad C = \frac{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2}{n^2 \omega^2 L R_1^2}.$$

To be the ideal solution, one should try to express each of the two sought quantities in terms only of the known ones. The above expression for C requires a solution of n, so we can substitute the expression for n into it. This results in a large simplification,

$$C = \frac{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2}{\frac{R_1^2 + \omega^2 L^2}{\omega^2 L^2 R_1 / R_2} \omega^2 L R_1^2} = \frac{L}{R_1 R_2}.$$

It's nice if you did that, but as we didn't say absolutely clearly that each separate expression in the solution shall not depend on the other, we won't deduct any points for leaving C in terms of n.

A note about choices of 'source' and 'load'. We made probably the most obvious choice, by including the transformer in the load as its value n was one of the free variables. But the dividing line between source and load doesn't matter as long as one does not include any components in the 'load' that can consume or produce active power: remember that the maximum power theorem is about maximising active power to the load impedance, so if the original task is to maximise the active power to a particular component or set of components then the 'load impedance' chosen for the solution must have the same active power as those components. The transformer, capacitor and inductor cannot consume or produce any active power, so they could be included either in the load or in the source, and the condition  $Z_1 = Z_s^*$  would still be valid.

**b)** What is the value of this maximum power to  $R_2$ ?

A long way to approach this is to solve the whole circuit with the chosen values of n and C from part 'a'. It's not very recommended. After much work, it should reduce to the expression below.

A shorter way is to consider that the maximum power is a property of the source. If we know that the load is chosen to extract the maximum power from the source, then we don't need to consider the details of the load any more, but just to find the source's maximum power. That could be done for example by studying the case with the simplest possible form of load that is the complex conjugate of the source's impedance.

With the definition of 'source' that we chose in 'a', that simplest load would be a parallel combination of  $R' = R_1$ and a capacitor C' that 'cancels' L by having  $\omega^2 LC' = 1$ . Then the capacitor and inductor in parallel become an infinite impedance (open circuit), and so half the short-circuit current of the source passes in the load resistor.



Thus, since the short-circuit current is the current-source current,

$$P_{\max} = \frac{I^2 R_1}{4}.$$

Notice that it would be even simpler if we moved the inductor to be part of the 'load' for finding the source's maximum power: that is valid, as the inductor does not consume or produce active power.

# Angular frequency $\omega$ . Phase-rotation a,b,c. Line-voltage U. Reference $\underline{vv_a} = 0$ . Thus, $v_a = \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}}\underline{/0}$ $v_b = \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}}\underline{/\frac{2\pi}{3}}$ $v_c = \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}}\underline{/\frac{2\pi}{3}}$

**a)** What apparent power is supplied by the source?

The only things here apart from the source are the impedances: three types, three of each. The complex power that these consume must be the complex power that the source produces, and similarly therefore for any quantity derived from complex power, such as apparent power.

In each impedance the voltage is fixed by the source, so its complex power is easily found from the relation  $|u|^2/Z^*$  for a voltage u applied to impedance Z. The total is

$$S = 3\frac{(U/\sqrt{3})^{2}}{\left(\frac{1}{j\omega C}\right)^{*}} + 3\frac{U^{2}}{(R+j\omega L)^{*}} = U^{2}\left(\frac{3R}{R^{2}+\omega^{2}L^{2}} + j\frac{3\omega L}{R^{2}+\omega^{2}L^{2}} - j\omega C\right).$$

Note the importance of adding powers as complex powers, not apparent powers: for example, the capacitor and inductor cancel each other to some extent, but the sums of their apparent powers would simply add.

The question was about the apparent power, so we must now take the absolute value,

$$|S| = U^2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{3R}{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3\omega L}{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2} - \omega C\right)^2}.$$

**b)** What is  $i_x$  as a phasor (magnitude and angle)?

By KVL and Ohm's law,

$$i_x = \frac{v_b - v_a}{R + j\omega L}$$

Putting in the phasor values of  $v_a$  and  $v_b$ , and simplifying,

$$i_x = \frac{\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{1}{-\frac{2\pi}{3}} - \frac{1}{-\frac{1}{2}} \right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \cos\frac{-2\pi}{3} - 1 + j\sin\frac{-2\pi}{3} \right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{-1}{2} - 1 + j\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}} \left( \frac{-3}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)}{R + j\omega L}$$

In polar form this is

$$i_x = \frac{U\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - j\frac{1}{2}\right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{U\left(\tan\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \pi\right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{U\left(\frac{-5\pi}{6}\right)}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{U\left(\frac{-5\pi}{6}\right)}{\sqrt{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}} \frac{\tan\frac{-\omega L}{R} - \frac{5\pi}{6}}{4\pi L}.$$

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Q9.

The  $-\pi$  after the atan was added because the real part of the complex number was negative; it could alternatively have been  $+\pi$ . The result, of  $-5\pi/6$  radians or  $-150^{\circ}$ , could be seen by drawing the phasor diagram, bearing in mind the usual relation of line-voltages having 30° shifts from phase-voltages.

c) What value of capacitance C is needed in order for the source to supply purely active power?

In part 'a' we found an expression for the total complex power supplied by the source. In order for the source to supply purely active (real) power, the reactive power must be zero. The imaginary part of the complex power expression is zero if

$$C = \frac{3L}{R^2 + \omega^2 L^2}.$$

d) The top phase of the three-phase voltage source 'disappears', becoming an open-circuit: find  $i_y$ .

In contrast to the earlier parts of this question, this is now an *unbalanced* three-phase system. To aid thinking, it's worth drawing the diagram with the top source removed, to see that  $i_y$  is all coming through two parts of the delta load.

**One way.** If you're really confident about three-phase systems, phasor diagrams, Thevenin equivalents, spatial thinking, symmetry, etc, it might be possible to see a quick intuitive approach. Consider the Thevenin source seen by the capacitor in which  $i_y$  is marked. One terminal is at zero potential. The other terminal is in the middle of a voltage divider between two equal impedances of  $R + j\omega L$ , that are connected between potentials  $v_b$  and  $v_c$ ; its potential is therefore halfway between those potentials  $v_a$  and  $v_b$  in the complex plane. The Thevenin impedance is the parallel sum of the two equal impedances.

$$U_{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{-1}{2} \cdot \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}}$$
 and  $Z_{\mathrm{T}} = \frac{R + \mathrm{j}\omega L}{2}$ 

The current  $i_y$  is what this Thevenin source would supply to a capacitor C, which is

$$i_y = \frac{-U}{2\sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}R + j\omega\frac{1}{2}L - j\frac{1}{\omega C}} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L - \frac{2}{\omega C})^2}} \frac{/\pi - \tan\frac{\omega L - \frac{2}{\omega C}}{R}}{.}$$

Another way. It's likely you'd feel more confident doing it the more 'formal' way. We'll define potential  $v_x$  at the node where  $i_y$  is marked; that node previously was marked  $v_a$ , but it could be confusing to have different meaning for  $v_a$  in different sub-questions. This node has three branches connected to it: they are all impedances, connecting to known potentials. By KCL at this node,  $v_x$ ,

$$0 = \frac{v_x - 0}{\frac{1}{\mathrm{j}\omega C}} + \frac{v_x - v_b}{R + \mathrm{j}\omega L} + \frac{v_x - v_c}{R + \mathrm{j}\omega L} = v_x \,\mathrm{j}\omega C \left(R + \mathrm{j}\omega L\right) + v_x - v_b + v_x - v_c,$$

resulting in

$$v_x = \frac{v_b + v_c}{2 + j\omega C \left(R + j\omega L\right)} = \frac{v_b + v_c}{2 - \omega^2 C L + j\omega C R}$$

The current in the capacitor is then directly found as

$$i_y = \frac{v_x - 0}{\frac{1}{j\omega C}} = \frac{j\omega C (v_b + v_c)}{2 + j\omega C (R + j\omega L)} = \frac{v_b + v_c}{\frac{2}{j\omega C} + (R + j\omega L)}.$$

The sum  $v_b + v_c$  is  $\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}} (1/-120^\circ + 1/+120^\circ)$ , which reduces to  $\frac{-U}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Substituting this, and making into polar form,

$$i_y = \frac{\frac{U}{\sqrt{3}}/\pi}{R + j\omega L - j\frac{2}{\omega C}} = \frac{U}{\sqrt{3}\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L - \frac{2}{\omega C})^2}} / \pi - \operatorname{atan} \frac{\omega L - \frac{2}{\omega C}}{R}.$$