

EE240 Circuits I
Quiz 02 Solutions

Question 1 (6 marks)

The voltage $v_L(t)$ across the inductor of inductance $\frac{1}{2}H$ is shown in Figure 1 below. Determine the current through the inductor. Also plot the current for $-2 \leq t \leq 5$.

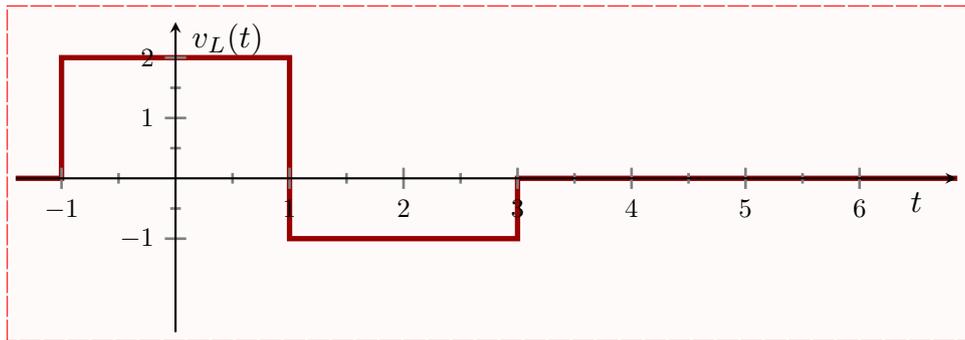


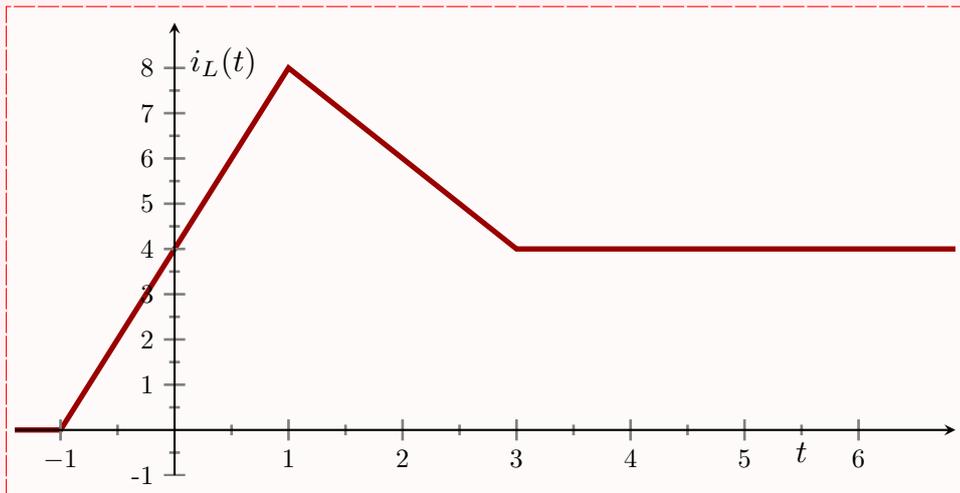
Figure 1: Voltage across the Inductor.

Solution: Current through inductor is given by

$$i_L = \frac{1}{L} \int_{-\infty}^t v_L(\tau) d\tau = 2 \int_{-\infty}^t v_L(\tau) d\tau dt$$

$$i_L = \begin{cases} 0 & t \leq -1 \\ 2 \int_{-1}^t (2) dt = 4(t+1) = 4t+4 & -1 < t \leq 1 \\ 2 \int_{-1}^1 (2) dt + 2 \int_1^t (-1) dt = -2t+10 & 1 < t \leq 3 \\ 2 \int_{-1}^1 (2) dt + 2 \int_1^3 (-1) dt = 4 & 3 < t \end{cases}$$

The plot is given below:



Question 2 (4 marks)

Draw a circuit with voltage source (10 V), switch, inductor (1 H) and resistor (2Ω) in series. The switch is initially open and closed at $t = 0$. Label the voltages across resistor and inductor as $v_R(t)$ and $v_L(t)$ respectively and plot the waveforms of the voltages.

Solution: Plots given below:

