

# CMOS Delay-7 (H.7) Elmore Delay

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# References

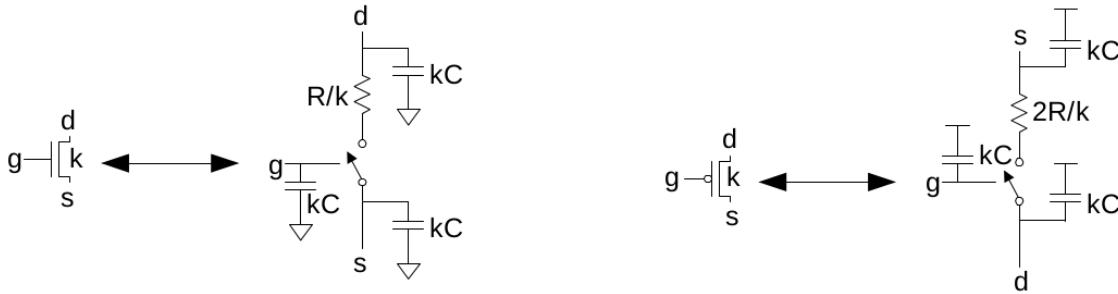
Some Figures from the following sites

[1] <http://pages.hmc.edu/harris/cmosvlsi/4e/index.html>  
Weste & Harris Book Site

[2] [en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)

# RC Delay Model

- Use equivalent circuits for MOS transistors
  - Ideal switch + capacitance and ON resistance
  - Unit nMOS has resistance  $R$ , capacitance  $C$
  - Unit pMOS has resistance  $2R$ , capacitance  $C$
- Capacitance proportional to width
- Resistance inversely proportional to width

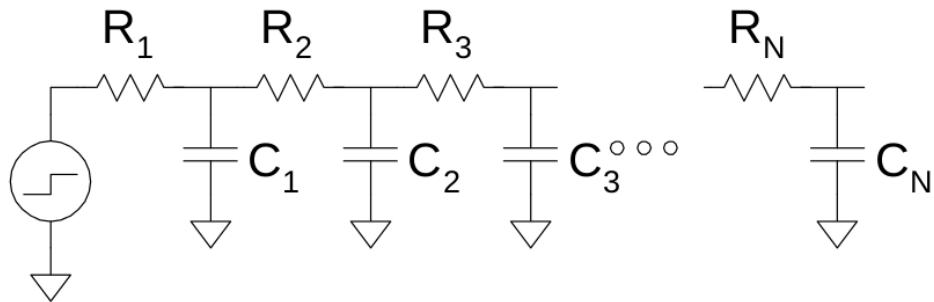


# Elmore Delay

- ON transistors look like resistors
- Pullup or pulldown network modeled as *RC ladder*
- Elmore delay of RC ladder

$$t_{pd} \approx \sum_{\text{nodes } i} R_{i-\text{to-source}} C_i$$

$$= R_1 C_1 + (R_1 + R_2) C_2 + \dots + (R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N) C_N$$



# Step Response & Impulse Response

$$x(t) = u(t)$$

Step response ↗

$$x(t) = u(-t)$$

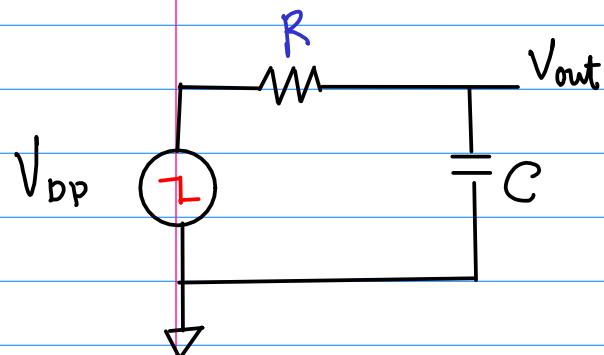
Step response ↘

$$x(t) = \delta(t)$$

impulse response



# Transient Response : 1<sup>st</sup> Order RC Systems



$$\frac{\frac{1}{sC}}{R + \frac{1}{sC}} = \frac{1}{1 + sRC}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + sRC}$$



$$\frac{V_{DD}}{2} = V_{DD} e^{-t/\tau}$$

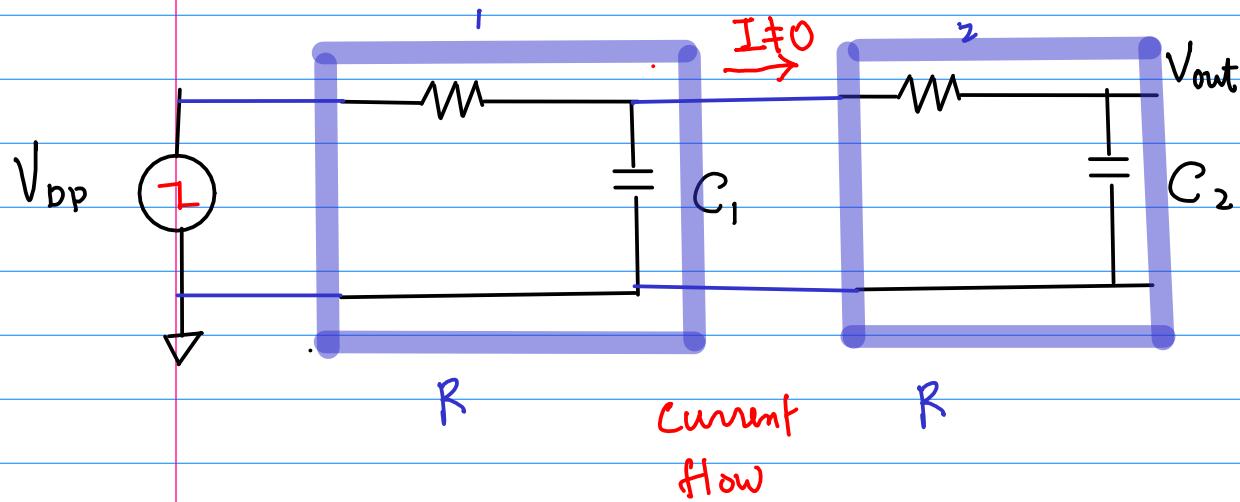
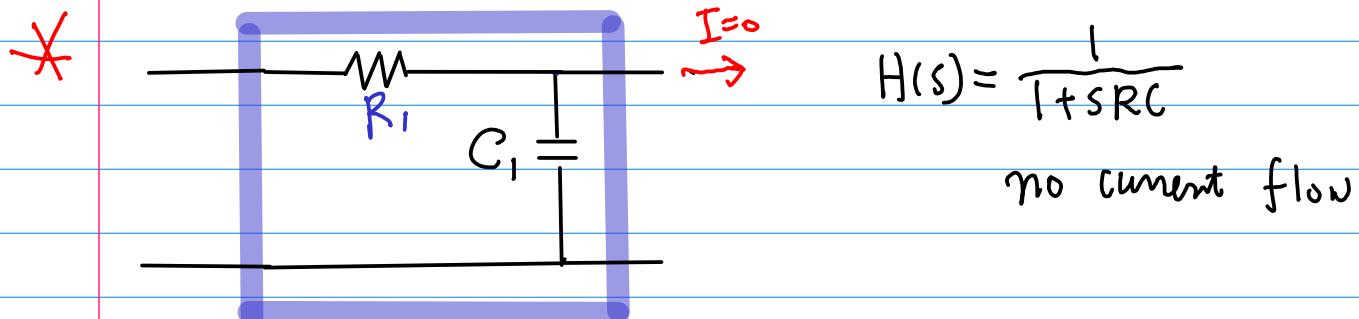
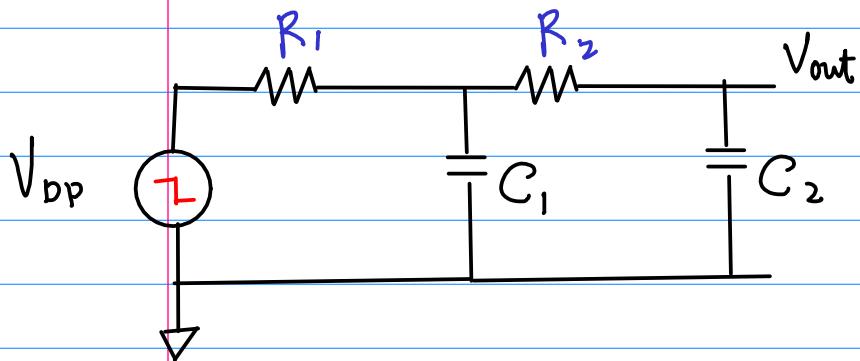
$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-t/\tau}$$

$$-t/\tau = \ln 2^{-1}$$

$$t = \ln 2 \tau$$

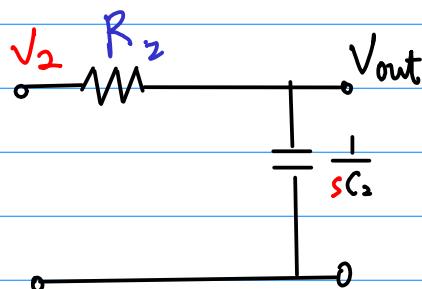
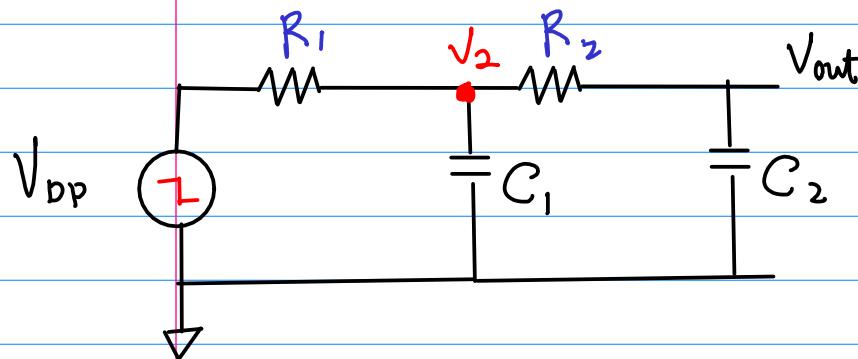
$$\begin{aligned} t_{pd} &= RC \ln 2 \\ &= R \ln 2 \cdot C \\ &= R' C \end{aligned}$$

# Transient Response : 2<sup>nd</sup> Order RC Systems

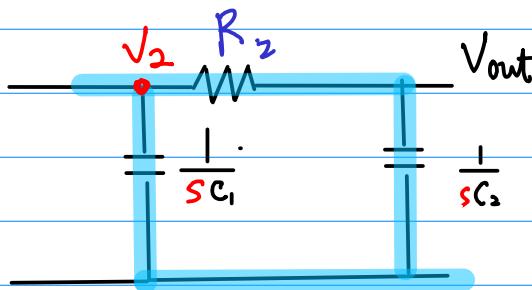


~~$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + sR_1C_1} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + sR_2C_2} = \frac{1}{1 + s(R_1C_1 + R_2C_2) + s^2R_1R_2C_1C_2}$$~~

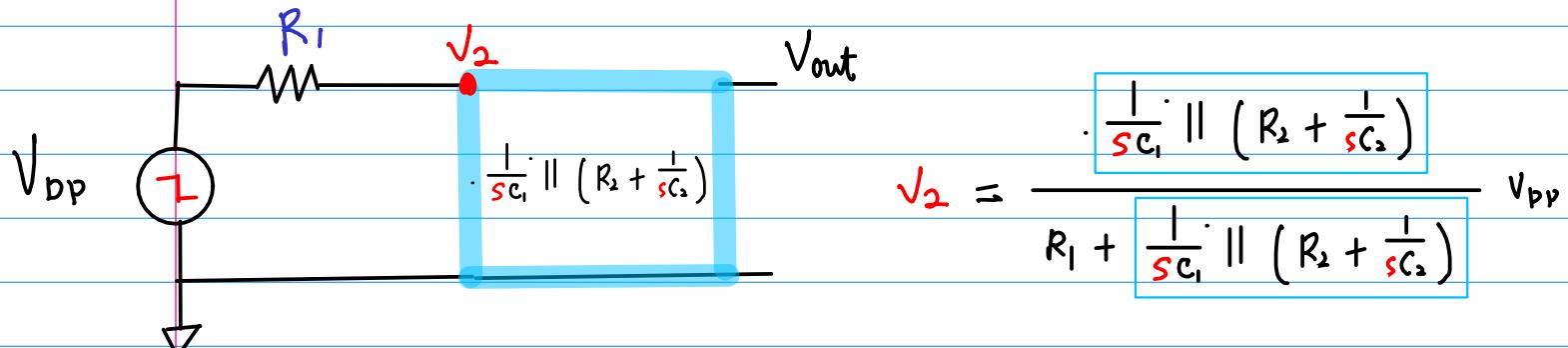
# Voltage Divider



$$V_{out} = \frac{\frac{1}{sC_2}}{R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_2}} \sqrt{2}$$

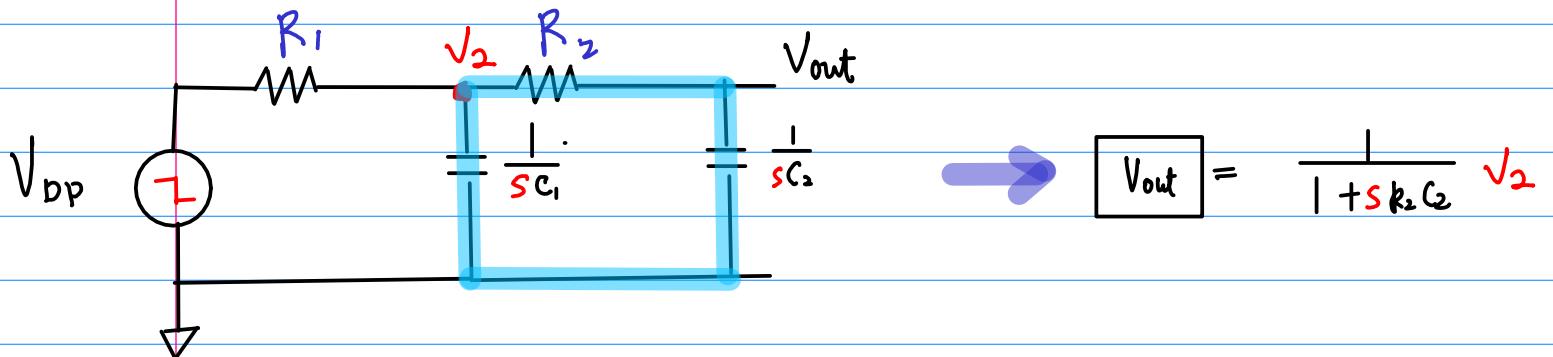


$$\cdot \frac{1}{sC_1} \parallel (R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_2})$$



→  $V_{out} = \frac{1}{1 + sR_2 C_2} \sqrt{2}$

# Transfer Function $H(s)$



$$V_{out} = \frac{1}{1+sR_2C_2} V_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{sC_1} \parallel \left( R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_2} \right) &= \frac{1}{sC_1 + \frac{1}{R_2 + \frac{1}{sC_2}}} = \frac{1}{sC_1 + \frac{sC_2}{sR_2C_2 + 1}} \\ &= \frac{sR_2C_2 + 1}{s^2R_2C_1C_2 + sC_1 + sC_2} = \frac{sR_2C_2 + 1}{s^2R_2C_1C_2 + s(C_1 + C_2)} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{\frac{sR_2C_2 + 1}{s^2R_2C_1C_2 + s(C_1 + C_2)}}{R_1 + \frac{sR_2C_2 + 1}{s^2R_2C_1C_2 + s(C_1 + C_2)}} V_{pp} = \frac{sR_2C_2 + 1}{s^2R_1R_2C_1C_2 + s(R_1C_1 + R_1G + R_2C_2) + 1} V_{pp}$$

$$V_{out} = \frac{1}{1+sR_2C_2} V_2 = \frac{1}{(1+sR_2C_2)} \frac{(sR_2C_2 + 1)}{s^2R_1R_2C_1C_2 + s(R_1C_1 + R_1G + R_2C_2) + 1} V_{pp}$$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] + s^2R_1C_1R_2C_2}$$

# Quadratic Equations the reciprocals of the roots

$$as^2 + bs + c = 0$$

$$s = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{2a}{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}$$



$$\frac{1}{2c} \left[ -b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}} = \frac{-b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{(-b)^2 - (b^2 - 4ac)} = \frac{-b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{4ac}$$

$$\frac{2a}{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}} = 2a \cdot \frac{-b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{4ac} = \frac{1}{2c} \left[ -b \mp \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \right]$$

the reciprocals of the poles of  $H(s)$

$$as^2 + bs + c = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{-a}{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}} \quad \rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{2c} \left[ -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \right]$$

$$1 + s[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] + s^2R_1C_1R_2C_2 = (1 + s\zeta_1)(1 + s\zeta_2) = 0$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{\zeta_1}, -\frac{1}{\zeta_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \zeta_1, \zeta_2$$

$$a = R_1C_1R_2C_2$$

$$b = [R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2]$$

$$c = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{2c} \left[ -b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} \right] \quad \rightarrow$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] \mp \sqrt{[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2]^2 - 4R_1C_1R_2C_2} \right]$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = -\frac{1}{2} [R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4R_1C_1R_2C_2}{[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2]^2}} \right]$$

## Time constants $\zeta_1$ & $\zeta_2$

$$1 + s[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] + s^2R_1C_1R_2C_2 = (1 + s\zeta_1)(1 + s\zeta_2) = 0$$

$$s = -\frac{1}{\zeta_1}, -\frac{1}{\zeta_2}$$

$$\frac{1}{s} = -\frac{1}{2} [R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4R_1R_2C_1C_2}{[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2]^2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{R_2}{R_1} = R'$$

$$\frac{C_2}{C_1} = C'$$

$$\sqrt{1 - \frac{4R_1R_2C_1C_2}{[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2]^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{4 \frac{R_2}{R_1} \frac{C_2}{C_1}}{\left[1 + (1 + \frac{R_2}{R_1}) \frac{C_2}{C_1}\right]^2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{1 - \frac{4 R' C'}{\left[1 + (1 + R') C'\right]^2}}$$

$$\zeta_1, \zeta_2 = \frac{1}{2} [R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4 R' C'}{\left[1 + (1 + R') C'\right]^2}} \right]$$

# Unit Step Response

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{1 + s[R_1C_1 + (R_1 + R_2)C_2] + s^2R_1C_1R_2C_2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(1+s\zeta_1)(1+s\zeta_2)} = \left[ \frac{A}{(1+s\zeta_1)} + \frac{B}{(1+s\zeta_2)} \right]$$

$A = \frac{1}{(1+s\zeta_2)} \Big _{s=-\frac{1}{\zeta_1}} = \frac{1}{(1-\frac{\zeta_2}{\zeta_1})} = \frac{\zeta_1}{\zeta_2 - \zeta_1}$
$B = \frac{1}{(1+s\zeta_1)} \Big _{s=-\frac{1}{\zeta_2}} = \frac{1}{(1-\frac{\zeta_1}{\zeta_2})} = \frac{\zeta_2}{\zeta_2 - \zeta_1}$

$$H(s) = \frac{1}{\zeta_1 - \zeta_2} \left[ \frac{\zeta_1}{(1+s\zeta_1)} - \frac{\zeta_2}{(1+s\zeta_2)} \right]$$

$$h(t) = \frac{1}{\zeta_1 - \zeta_2} \left[ \zeta_1 e^{-\frac{t}{\zeta_1}} - \zeta_2 e^{-\frac{t}{\zeta_2}} \right]$$

Step response to  $\downarrow$

$$V_{out}(t) = \frac{1}{\zeta_1 - \zeta_2} \left[ \zeta_1 e^{-\frac{t}{\zeta_1}} - \zeta_2 e^{-\frac{t}{\zeta_2}} \right] V_{DD}$$

$$\tau_1, \tau_2 = \frac{1}{2} [R_1 C_1 + (R_1 + R_2) C_2] \left[ 1 \pm \sqrt{1 - \frac{4 R' C'}{[1 + (1 + R') C']^2}} \right]$$

$$\tau = \tau_1 + \tau_2 = [R_1 C_1 + (R_1 + R_2) C_2]$$

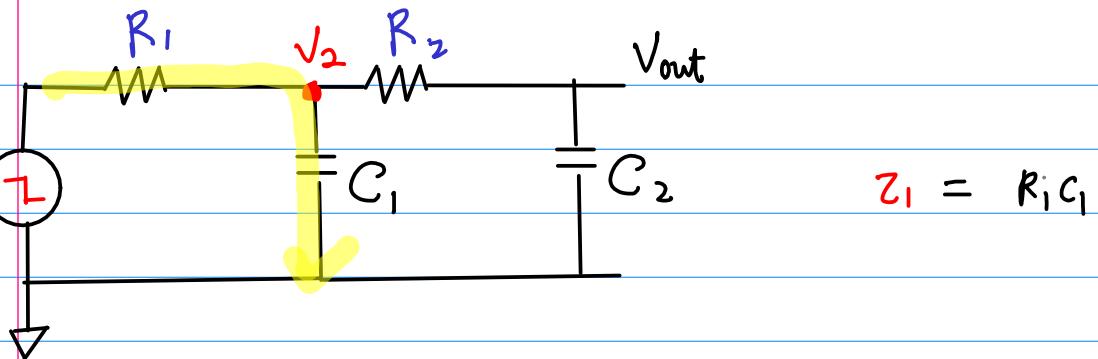
$$R = R_1 = R_2$$

$$C = C_1 = C_2$$

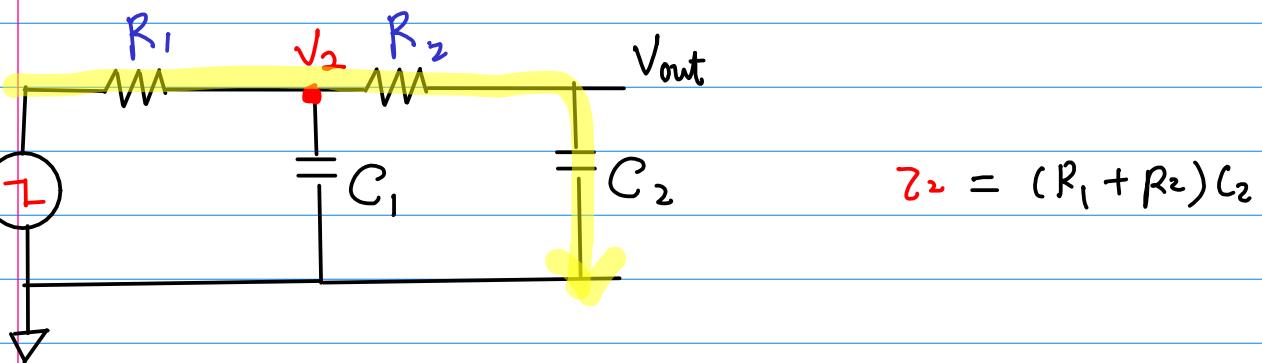
$$\tau_1 = 2.6 RC$$

$$\tau_2 = 0.4 RC$$

$$\tau = 3.0 RC$$

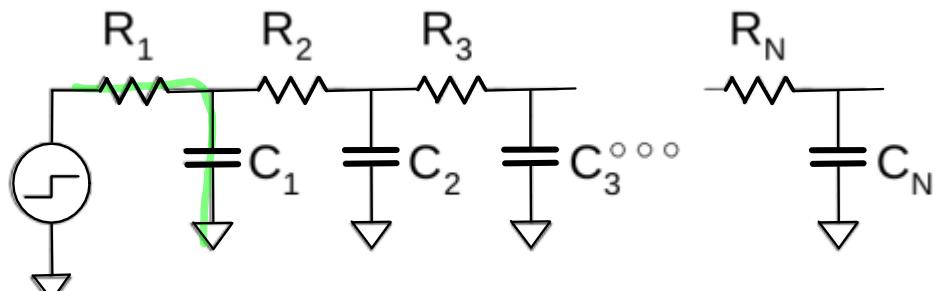


$$z_1 = R_1 C_1$$

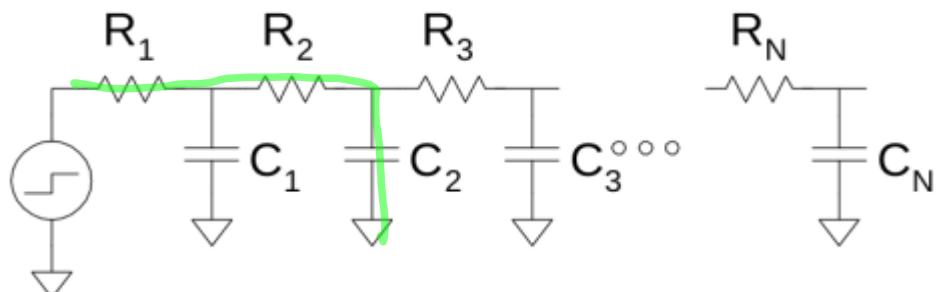


$$z_2 = (R_1 + R_2) C_2$$

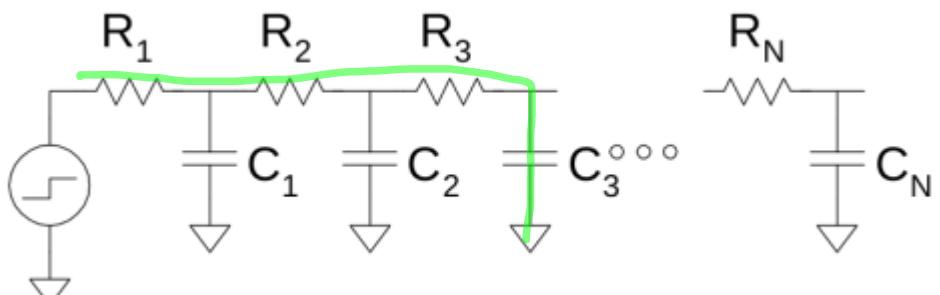
$$Z = z_1 + z_2 = [R_1 C_1 + (R_1 + R_2) C_2]$$



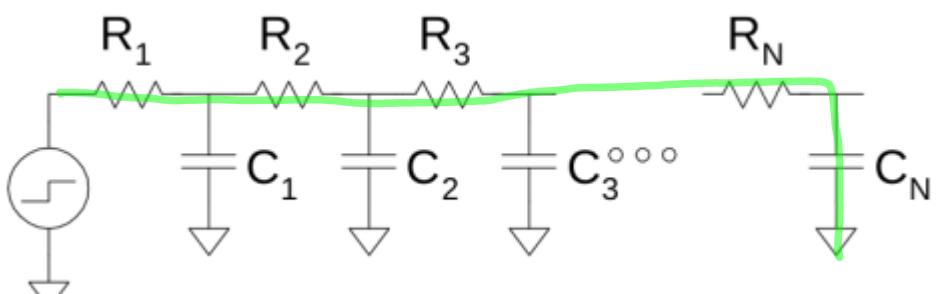
$$R_1 C_1$$



$$(R_1 + R_2) C_1$$



$$(R_1 + R_2 + R_3) C_1$$



$$(R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N) C_N$$

$$t_{pd} = R_1 C_1 + (R_1 + R_2) C_2 + \dots + (R_1 + R_2 + \dots + R_N) C_N$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=1}^i R_j \right) c_i$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \left( \sum_{j=i}^n c_j \right) R_i$$

