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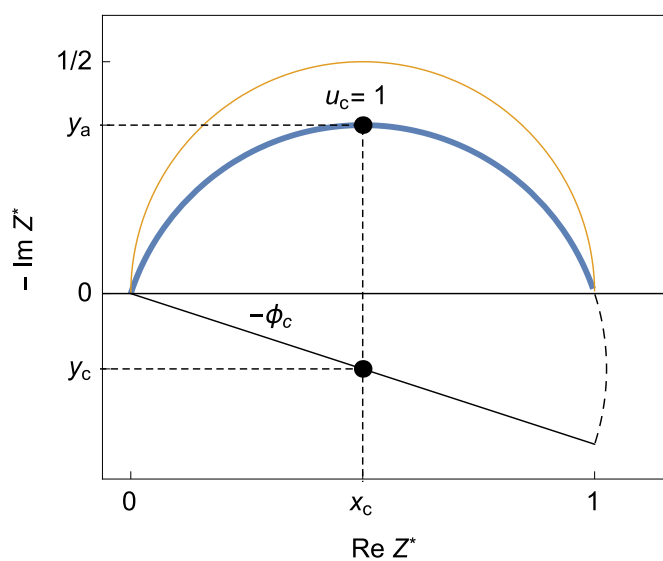


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Chapter 1

Circuits containing one CPE

1.1 Constant Phase Element (CPE), symbol Q

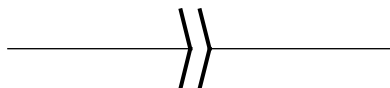


Figure 1.1: Most often used symbol for CPE (see also the Appendix A).

$$Z = \frac{1}{Q(i\omega)^\alpha}, \quad \text{Re } Z = \frac{c_\alpha}{Q\omega^\alpha}, \quad \text{Im } Z = -\frac{s_\alpha}{Q\omega^\alpha}$$

$$c_\alpha = \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right), \quad s_\alpha = \sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)$$

$$|Z| = \frac{1}{Q\omega^\alpha}, \quad \phi_Z = -\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}$$

The Q unit ($\text{F cm}^{-2} \text{s}^{\alpha-1}$) depends on α ⁽¹⁾.

1.2 Circuit (R+Q)

1.2.1 Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = R + \frac{1}{Q(i\omega)^\alpha}, \quad \text{Re } Z = R + \frac{c_\alpha}{Q\omega^\alpha}, \quad \text{Im } Z = -\frac{s_\alpha}{Q\omega^\alpha}$$

¹ Different equations for CPE: $Z = \frac{Q}{(i\omega)^{1-\alpha}}$ [6], $Z = \frac{1}{(Q i\omega)^\alpha}$ [33].

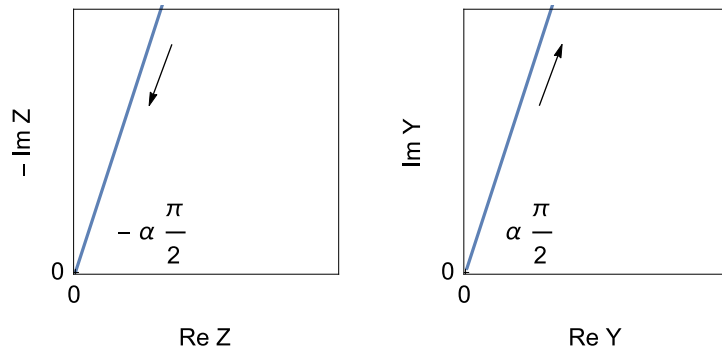


Figure 1.2: Nyquist diagram of the impedance and admittance for the CPE element, plotted for $\alpha = 0.8$. The arrows always indicate the increasing frequency direction.

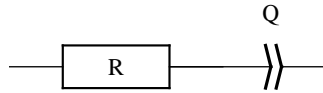


Figure 1.3: Circuit (R+Q).

1.2.2 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(\omega) = \frac{Z(\omega)}{R} = 1 + \frac{1}{\tau (i\omega)^\alpha}, \quad \tau = RQ$$

The τ unit depends on α : $u_\tau = s^\alpha$.

$$Z^*(u) = 1 + \frac{1}{(iu)^\alpha}, \quad u = \omega \tau^{1/\alpha}$$

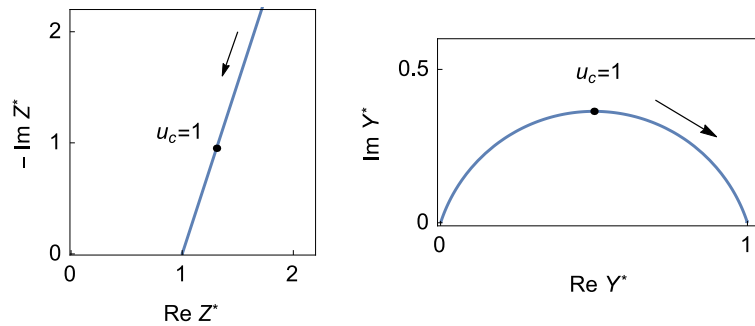


Figure 1.4: Nyquist diagram of the reduced impedance and admittance ($Y^* = RY$) for the (R+Q) circuit, plotted for $\alpha = 0.8$.

1.3 Circuit (R/Q)

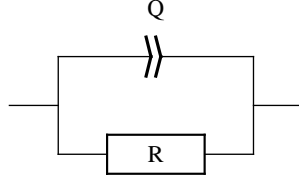


Figure 1.5: Circuit (R/Q).

1.3.1 Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R}{1 + \tau (i\omega)^\alpha}; \quad \tau = RQ$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{R(1 + \tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha)}{1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 2\tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha}; \quad \operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{R\tau \omega^\alpha s_\alpha}{1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 2\tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha}$$

1.3.2 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(\omega) = \frac{Z(\omega)}{R} = \frac{1}{1 + \tau (i\omega)^\alpha}; \quad \tau = RQ$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z^*(\omega) = \frac{1 + \tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha}{1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 2\tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha}; \quad \operatorname{Im} Z^*(\omega) = -\frac{\tau \omega^\alpha s_\alpha}{1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 2\tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha}$$

$$\frac{d\operatorname{Im} Z^*(\omega)}{d\omega} = \frac{\alpha \tau \omega^{-1+\alpha} (-1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha}) s_\alpha}{(1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 2\tau \omega^\alpha c_\alpha)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \omega_c^\alpha = 1/\tau \quad [7]$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z^*(\omega_c) = 1/2, \quad \operatorname{Im} Z^*(\omega_c) = -\frac{s_\alpha}{2(1 + c_\alpha)}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{2}{\pi} \arccos \left(-1 + \frac{2}{1 + 4 \operatorname{Im} Z^*(\omega_c)^2} \right)$$

$$Z^*(u) = \frac{1}{1 + (iu)^\alpha}, \quad u = \omega \tau^{1/\alpha}$$

(Figs. 1.6, 1.7)

1.3.3 Pseudocapacitance #1

The value of the pseudocapacitance C ($C/(\text{F cm}^{-2})$) for the (R/C) circuit giving the same characteristic frequency than that of the (R/Q) circuit (Fig. 1.8) is obtained from [6]:

$$\omega_c = \frac{1}{(RQ)^{1/\alpha}} = \frac{1}{RC} \Rightarrow C = Q^{1/\alpha} R^{(1-\alpha)/\alpha}$$

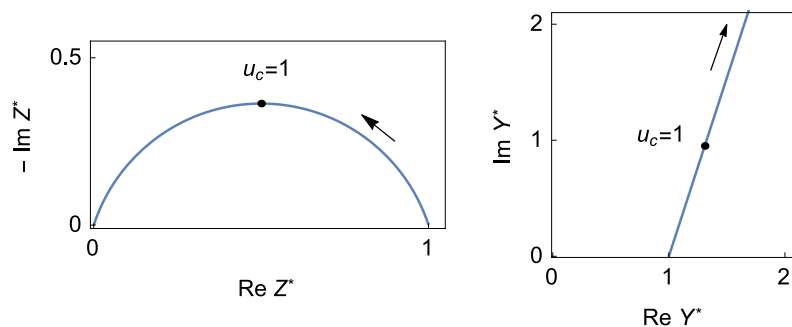


Figure 1.6: Nyquist diagram of the reduced impedance (depressed semi-circle [28]) and admittance ($Y^* = RY$) for the (R/Q) circuit, plotted for $\alpha = 0.8$.

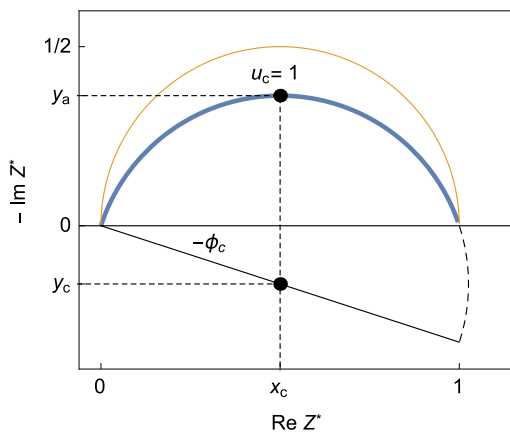


Figure 1.7: The Nyquist diagram of the reduced impedance belongs to the circle with $x_c = 1/2$, $y_c = -c_\alpha/(2s_\alpha)$ and radius $r = 1/(2s_\alpha)$. $\phi_c = (1 - \alpha)\pi/2$ [2].

1.3.4 Pseudocapacitance #2

The value of the pseudocapacitance C ($C/(\text{F cm}^{-2})$) for the (R_C/C) circuit giving the same impedance for the characteristic frequency of the (R_Q/Q) circuit (Fig. 1.8) is obtained from [3, 11]:

$$C = Q^{1/\alpha} R_Q^{(1/\alpha)-1} \sin(\alpha\pi/2), \quad R_C = \frac{R_Q}{2(\cos(\alpha\pi/4))^2}$$

with:

$$\tau_{(R_C/C)} = (R_Q Q)^{1/\alpha} \tan(\alpha\pi/4)$$

1.4 Circuit (R/Q)+(R/Q)+ .. (Voigt)

$$Z(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{RQ}} \frac{R_i}{1 + \tau_i (i\omega)^{\alpha_i}}; \quad \tau_i = R_i Q_i$$

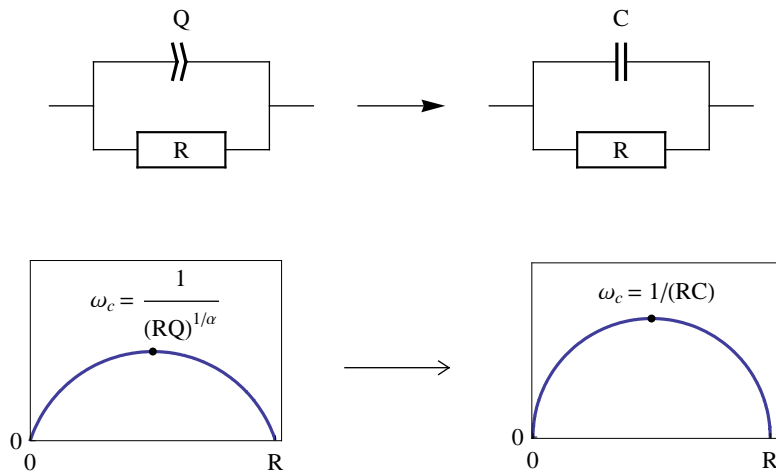


Figure 1.8: (R/Q) and (R/C) circuits with the same characteristic frequency at the apex (or summit) of impedance arc.

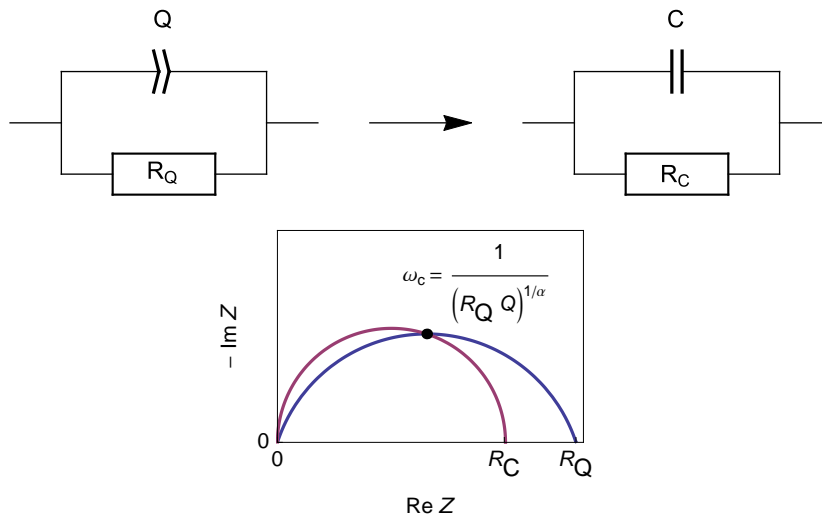


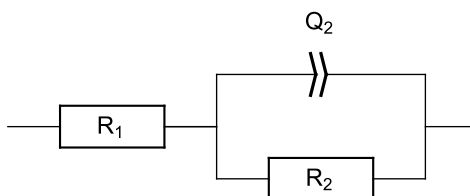
Figure 1.9: (R_Q/Q) and (R_C/C) circuits with the same impedance for the characteristic frequency of the (R_Q/Q) circuit.

$$\text{Re } Z(\omega) = \sum_{i=1}^{n_{RQ}} \frac{R_i (1 + \tau_i \omega^{\alpha_i} c_{\alpha i})}{1 + \tau_i^2 \omega^{2\alpha_i} + 2 \tau_i \omega^{\alpha_i} c_{\alpha i}}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = - \sum_{i=1}^{n_{\text{RQ}}} \frac{R_i \tau_i \omega^{\alpha_i} s_{\alpha_i}}{1 + \tau_i^2 \omega^{2\alpha_i} + 2 \tau_i \omega^{\alpha_i} c_{\alpha_i}}$$

1.5 Circuit ($\mathbf{R}_1 + (\mathbf{R}_2/\mathbf{Q}_2)$)

Fig. 1.10.

Figure 1.10: Circuit ($\mathbf{R}_1 + (\mathbf{R}_2/\mathbf{Q}_2)$).

1.5.1 Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = R_1 + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 + \frac{1}{R_2}}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{(R_1 + R_2)(1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_1}, \quad \tau_1 = R_2 Q_2, \quad \tau_2 = \frac{R_1 R_2 Q_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

1.5.2 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = \frac{Z(u)}{R_1 + R_2} = \frac{1 + T (iu)^{\alpha_2}}{1 + (iu)^{\alpha_2}} \quad (1.1)$$

$$u = \tau_1^{1/\alpha_2} \omega, \quad T = \tau_2/\tau_1 = R_1/(R_1 + R_2) < 1$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z^*(u) = \frac{T c_\alpha u^{\alpha_2} + c_\alpha u^{\alpha_2} + T u^{2\alpha_2} + 1}{2 c_\alpha u^{\alpha_2} + u^{2\alpha_2} + 1}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z^*(u) = -\frac{(1 - T) u^{\alpha_2} s_\alpha}{2 c_\alpha u^{\alpha_2} + u^{2\alpha_2} + 1}$$

1.6 Circuit ($\mathbf{R}_1/(\mathbf{R}_2 + \mathbf{Q}_2)$)

Fig. 1.12.

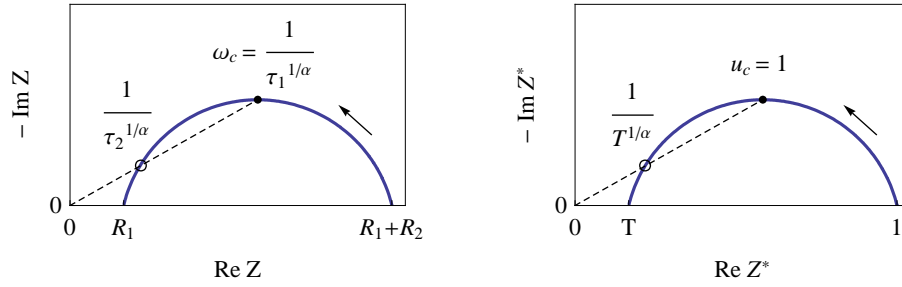


Figure 1.11: Nyquist diagrams of the impedance and reduced impedance for the $(R_1+(R_2/Q_2))$ circuit.

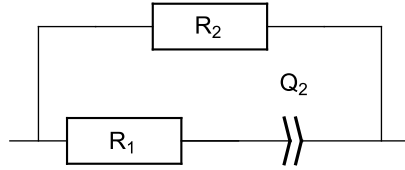


Figure 1.12: Circuit $(R_1/(R_2+Q_2))$.

1.6.1 Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + \tau_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2})}{1 + \tau_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}, \quad \tau_1 = (R_1 + R_2) Q_2, \quad \tau_2 = R_2 Q_2$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) (\tau_1 + \tau_2) \omega^{\alpha_2} + \tau_1 \tau_2 \omega^{2\alpha_2} + 1 \right)}{\tau_1 \left(\tau_1 \omega^{\alpha_2} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{\alpha_2} + 1 \right)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\omega^{\alpha_2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) R_1 (\tau_1 - \tau_2)}{\tau_1 \left(\tau_1 \omega^{\alpha_2} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{\alpha_2} + 1 \right)}$$

1.6.2 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = \frac{Z(u)}{R_1} = \frac{1 + T (iu)^{\alpha_2}}{1 + (iu)^{\alpha_2}}$$

$$u = \tau_1^{1/\alpha_2} \omega, \quad T = \tau_2/\tau_1 = R_2/(R_1 + R_2) < 1$$

cf. Eq. (1.1) and Fig. 1.11.

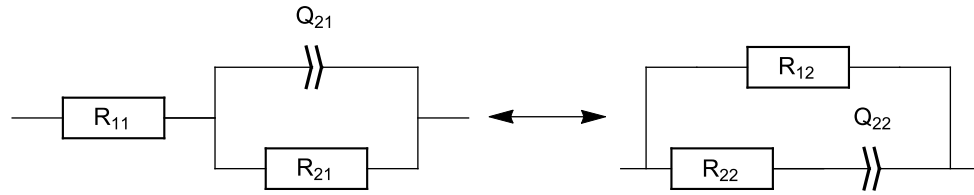


Figure 1.13: The $(R+(R/Q))$ and $(R/(R+Q))$ circuits are non-distinguishable for $\alpha_{21} = \alpha_{22}$ [1].

1.7 Transformation formulae between $(R+(R/Q))$ and $(R/(R+Q))$

1.7.1 $\alpha_{21} = \alpha_{22}$

Transformations formulae $(R+(R/Q)) \rightarrow (R/(R+Q))$

$$R_{12} = R_{11} + R_{21}, R_{22} = \frac{R_{11}^2}{R_{21}} + R_{11}, Q_{22} = \frac{Q_{21}R_{21}^2}{(R_{11} + R_{21})^2}$$

Transformations formulae $(R/(R+Q)) \rightarrow (R+(R/Q))$

$$Q_{21} = \frac{Q_{22}(R_{12} + R_{22})^2}{R_{12}^2}, R_{11} = \frac{R_{12}R_{22}}{R_{12} + R_{22}}, R_{21} = \frac{R_{12}^2}{R_{12} + R_{22}}$$

1.7.2 $\alpha_{21} \neq \alpha_{22}$

The $(R+(R/Q))$ and $(R/(R+Q))$ circuits (Fig. 1.13) are distinguishable for $\alpha_{21} \neq \alpha_{22}$

Chapter 2

Circuits made of two CPEs

2.1 Circuit (Q_1+Q_2)

Fig. 2.1.

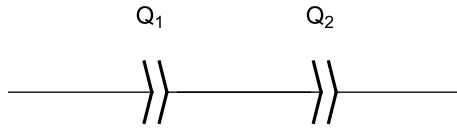


Figure 2.1: Circuit (Q_1+Q_2).

2.1.1 $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$

$$Z(\omega) = \left(\frac{1}{Q_1} + \frac{1}{Q_2} \right) \frac{1}{(i\omega)^\alpha} = \frac{1}{Q(i\omega)^\alpha}, \quad Q = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{Q_1 + Q_2}$$

cf. § 1.1.

2.1.2 $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$

Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{Q_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1}} + \frac{1}{Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}} = \frac{Q_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} + Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}{Q_1 Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_1}}{Q_1} + \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_2}}{Q_2}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_1}}{Q_1} - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_2}}{Q_2}$$

$$|Z_{Q_1}| = |Z_{Q_2}| \Rightarrow \omega = \omega_c = \left(\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} \right)^{\frac{1}{\alpha_1 - \alpha_2}}$$

- $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ (Figs. 2.2 and 2.3)

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}, \quad \omega \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1}}$$

- $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1}}, \quad \omega \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}$$

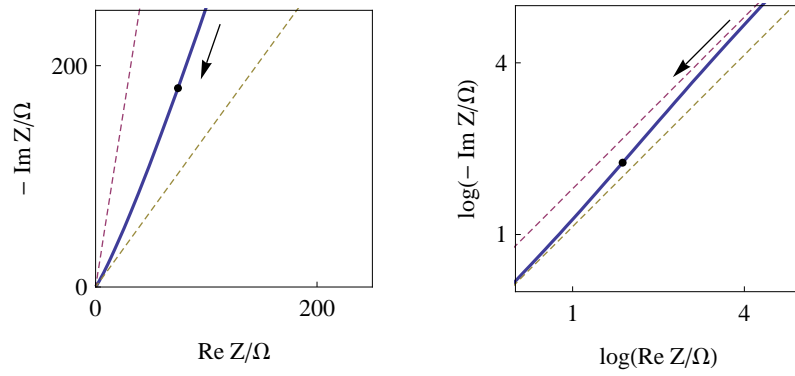


Figure 2.2: Nyquist and log Nyquist [10] diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1+Q_2) circuit, plotted for $Q_1 = 10^{-2} \text{ F cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{\alpha_1-1}$, $Q_2 = 10^{-2} \text{ F cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{\alpha_2-1}$, $\alpha_1 = 0.6$, $\alpha_2 = 0.9$ ($\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$). Dots: $\omega_c = (Q_2/Q_1)^{1/(\alpha_1-\alpha_2)}$.

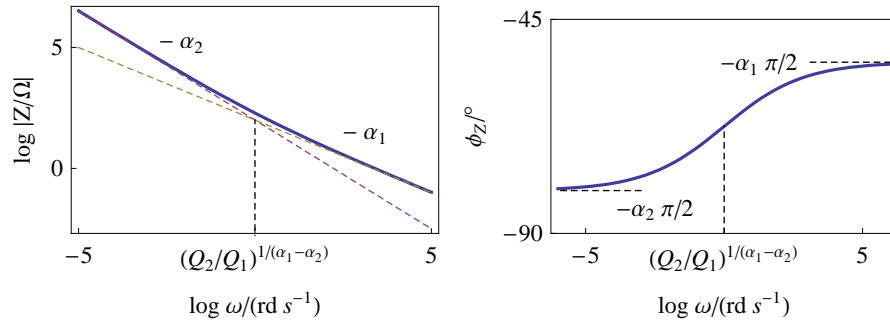


Figure 2.3: Bode diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1+Q_2) circuit. Same values of parameters as in Fig. 2.2. $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$.

2.1.3 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = Q_1 \omega_c^{\alpha_1} Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(iu)^{\alpha_1}} + \frac{1}{(iu)^{\alpha_2}}, \quad u = \frac{\omega}{\omega_c}$$

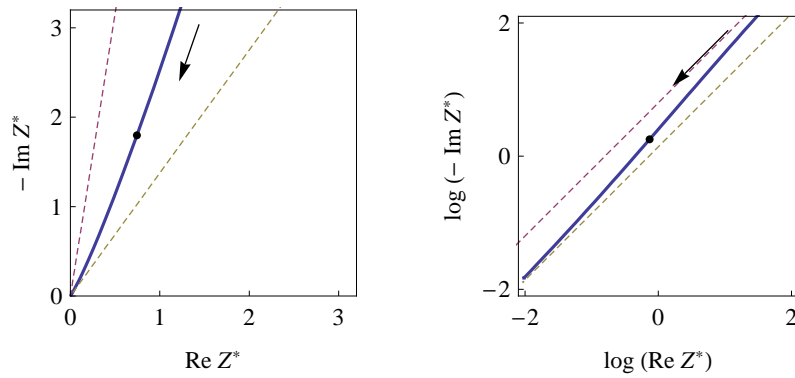


Figure 2.4: Nyquist and log Nyquist [10] diagrams of the reduced impedance for the (Q_1+Q_2) circuit, plotted for $\alpha_1 = 0.6, \alpha_2 = 0.9$ ($\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$). Dots: $u_c = 1$.

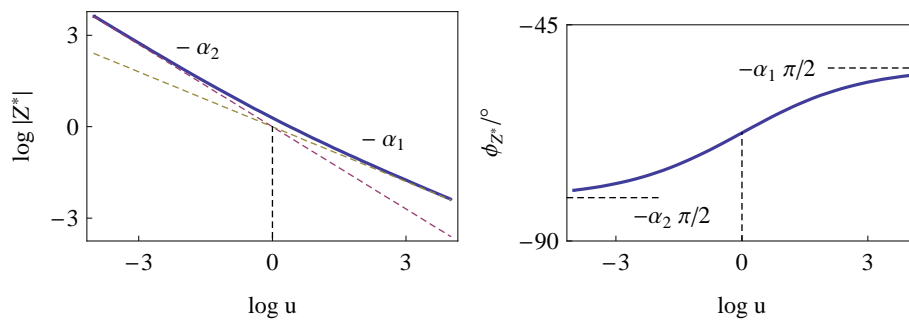
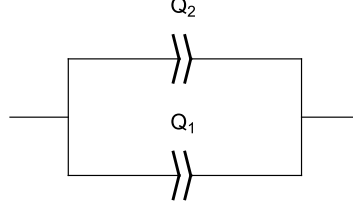


Figure 2.5: Bode diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1+Q_2) circuit. Same values of parameters as in Fig. 2.4. $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$.

2.2 Circuit (Q_1/Q_2)

Fig. 2.6

Figure 2.6: Circuit (Q_1/Q_2).

2.2.1 $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(Q_1 + Q_2)(i\omega)^\alpha} = \frac{1}{Q(i\omega)^\alpha}, \quad Q = Q_1 + Q_2$$

cf. § 1.1.

2.2.2 $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$

Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{Q_1(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} + Q_2(i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) Q_1\omega^{\alpha_1} + \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) Q_2\omega^{\alpha_2}}{Q_1^2\omega^{2\alpha_1} + Q_2^2\omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)\right) Q_1Q_2\omega^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) Q_1\omega^{\alpha_1} + \sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) Q_2\omega^{\alpha_2}}{Q_1^2\omega^{2\alpha_1} + Q_2^2\omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\cos\left(\frac{1}{2}\pi(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)\right) Q_1Q_2\omega^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}}$$

- $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$ (Figs. 2.7 and 2.8)

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_1(i\omega)^{\alpha_1}}, \quad \omega \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_2(i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}$$

- $\alpha_1 > \alpha_2$

$$\omega \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_2(i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}, \quad \omega \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow Z(\omega) \approx \frac{1}{Q_1(i\omega)^{\alpha_1}}$$

2.2.3 Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = Q_1 \omega_c^{\alpha_1} Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(iu)^{\alpha_1} + (iu)^{\alpha_2}}, \quad u = \frac{\omega}{\omega_c}$$

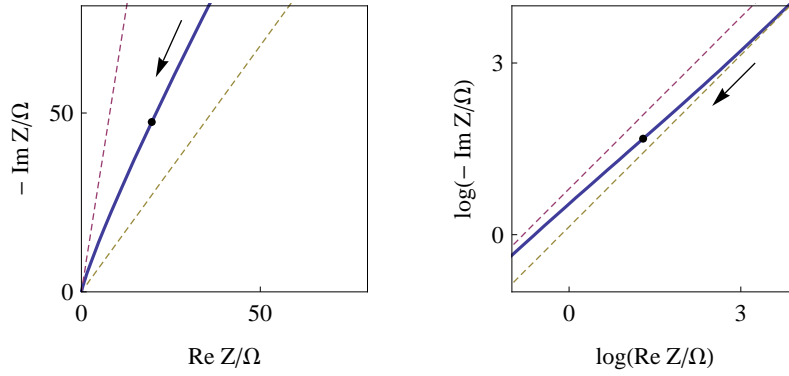


Figure 2.7: Nyquist and log Nyquist [10] diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1/Q_2) circuit plotted for $Q_1 = 10^{-2} \text{ F cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{\alpha_1-1}$, $Q_2 = 10^{-2} \text{ F cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{\alpha_2-1}$, $\alpha_1 = 0.6$, $\alpha_2 = 0.9$ ($\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$). Dots: $\omega_c = (Q_2/Q_1)^{1/(\alpha_1-\alpha_2)}$.

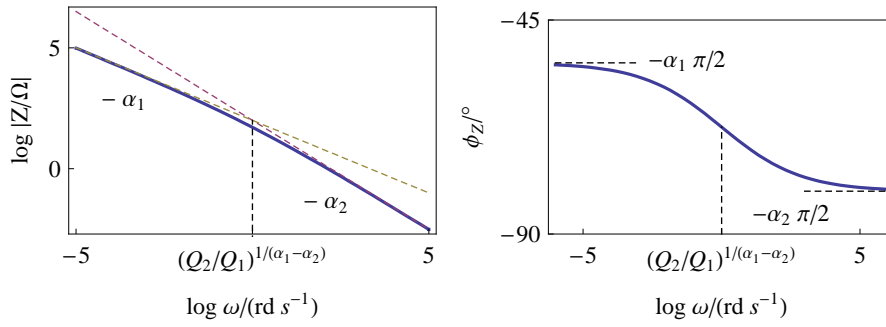


Figure 2.8: Bode diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1/Q_2) circuit. Same values of parameters as in Fig. 2.7. $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$.

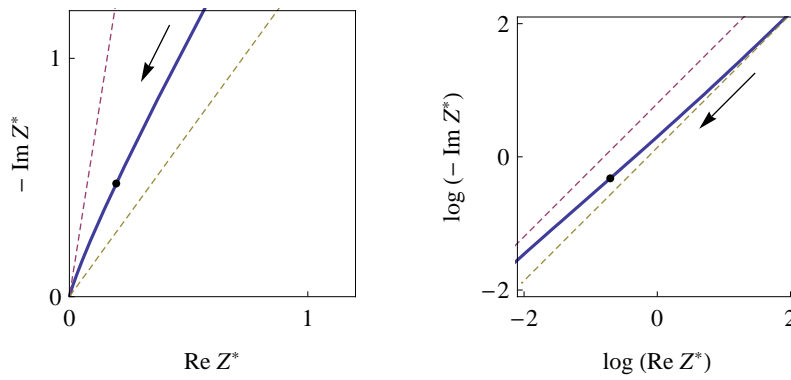


Figure 2.9: Nyquist and log Nyquist [10] diagrams of the reduced impedance for the (Q_1/Q_2) circuit, plotted for $\alpha_1 = 0.6$, $\alpha_2 = 0.9$ ($\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$). Dots: $u_c = 1$.

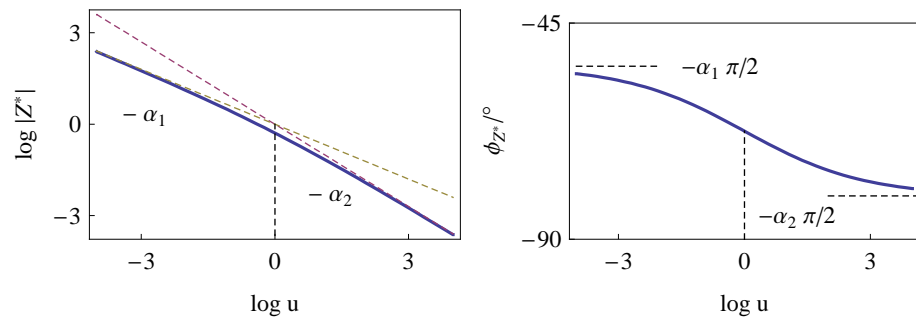


Figure 2.10: Bode diagrams of the impedance for the (Q_1/Q_2) circuit. Same values of parameters as in Fig. 2.9. $\alpha_1 < \alpha_2$.

Chapter 3

Circuits made of one R and two CPEs

3.1 Circuit $((R_1/Q_1) + Q_2)$

Fig. 3.1.

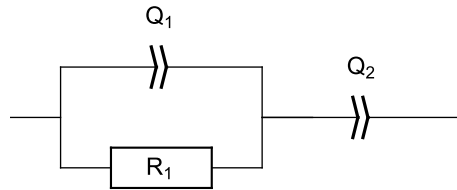


Figure 3.1: Circuit $((R_1/Q_1)+Q_2)$.

3.1.1 $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$

Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + Q_1 (i\omega)^\alpha} + \frac{1}{Q_2 (i\omega)^\alpha}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1 + (i\omega)^\alpha \tau_2}{(i\omega)^\alpha Q_2 (1 + (i\omega)^\alpha \tau_1)}, \quad \tau_1 = R_1 Q_1, \quad \tau_2 = (Q_1 + Q_2) R_1, \quad \tau_1 < \tau_2$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) (\tau_1 \tau_2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 1) \omega^{-\alpha} + \cos(\pi\alpha) \tau_1 + \tau_2}{Q_2 (\tau_1 (\tau_1 \omega^\alpha + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)) \omega^\alpha + 1)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right) (\tau_1 \tau_2 \omega^{2\alpha} + 1) \omega^{-\alpha} + \sin(\pi\alpha) \tau_1}{Q_2 (\tau_1 (\tau_1 \omega^\alpha + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2}\right)) \omega^\alpha + 1)}$$

Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = \frac{Z(u)}{R_1} = \frac{1}{T-1} \frac{1 + T(iu)^\alpha}{(iu)^\alpha (1 + (iu)^\alpha)} \quad (3.1)$$

$$u = \omega \tau^{1/\alpha}, \quad T = \tau_2/\tau_1 = 1 + Q_2/Q_1 > 1$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z^*(u) = \frac{u^{-\alpha} \left((T + \cos(\alpha\pi))u^\alpha + (Tu^{2\alpha} + 1) \cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right) \right)}{(T-1) \left(2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right) u^\alpha + u^{2\alpha} + 1 \right)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z^*(u) = u^{-\alpha} \left(\frac{1}{1-T} - \frac{u^{2\alpha}}{2 \cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right) u^\alpha + u^{2\alpha} + 1} \right) \sin\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)$$

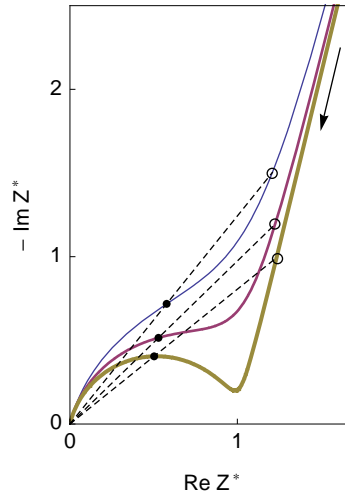


Figure 3.2: Nyquist diagram of the reduced impedance for the $((R_1/Q_1)+Q_2)$ circuit (Fig. 3.1, Eq. (3.1)), plotted for $T = 4, 9, 90$ and $\alpha = 0.85$. The line thickness increases with increasing T . Dots: reduced characteristic angular frequency $u_{c1} = 1$; circles: reduced characteristic angular frequency $u_{c2} = 1/T^{1/\alpha}$ ($\phi_{u_{c1}} = \phi_{u_{c2}}$).

3.1.2 $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$ **Impedance**

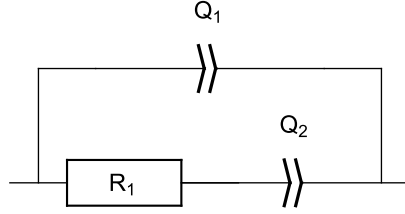
$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + Q_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1}} + \frac{1}{Q_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_2}}{Q_2} + \frac{R_1 \left(\cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) Q_1 R_1 \omega^{\alpha_1} + 1 \right)}{Q_1 R_1 \left(Q_1 R_1 \omega^{\alpha_1} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) \right) \omega^{\alpha_1} + 1}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) Q_1 R_1^2 \omega^{\alpha_1}}{Q_1 R_1 \left(Q_1 R_1 \omega^{\alpha_1} + 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_1}{2}\right) \right) \omega^{\alpha_1} + 1} - \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi\alpha_2}{2}\right) \omega^{-\alpha_2}}{Q_2}$$

3.2 Circuit $((R_1 + Q_1)/Q_2)$

Fig. 3.3

Figure 3.3: Circuit $((R_1+Q_2)/Q_1)$.

3.2.1 $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$

Impedance

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^\alpha Q_1 + \frac{1}{R_1 + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^\alpha Q_2}}} = \frac{1 + Q_2 R_1 (i\omega)^\alpha}{(i\omega)^\alpha (Q_1 + Q_2) \left(1 + \frac{(i\omega)^\alpha Q_1 Q_2 R_1}{Q_1 + Q_2}\right)}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1 + \tau_2 (i\omega)^\alpha}{(i\omega)^\alpha (Q_1 + Q_2) (1 + (i\omega)^\alpha \tau_1)}, \quad \tau_1 = \frac{Q_1 Q_2 R_1}{Q_1 + Q_2}, \quad \tau_2 = Q_2 R_1$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{\omega^{-\alpha} (\cos(\pi\alpha)\omega^\alpha + \tau_2\omega^\alpha + \cos(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})(\tau_2\omega^{2\alpha} + 1))}{(2 \cos(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})\omega^\alpha + \omega^{2\alpha} + 1) (Q_1 + Q_2) \tau_1}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\omega^{-\alpha} \sin(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})(2 \cos(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})\omega^\alpha + \tau_2\omega^{2\alpha} + 1)}{(2 \cos(\frac{\pi\alpha}{2})\omega^\alpha + \omega^{2\alpha} + 1) (Q_1 + Q_2) \tau_1}$$

Reduced impedance

$$Z^*(u) = \frac{Z(u)}{R_1} = \frac{T-1}{T^2} \frac{1 + T(iu)^\alpha}{(iu)^\alpha (1 + (iu)^\alpha)} \quad (3.2)$$

$$u = \omega \tau^{1/\alpha}, \quad T = \tau_2/\tau_1 = 1 + Q_2/Q_1 > 1$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z^*(u) = \frac{(T-1)u^{-\alpha} ((T + \cos(\alpha\pi))u^\alpha + (Tu^{2\alpha} + 1) \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}))}{T^2 (2 \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})u^\alpha + u^{2\alpha} + 1)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z^*(u) = -\frac{(T-1)u^{-\alpha} (2 \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})u^\alpha + Tu^{2\alpha} + 1) \sin(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})}{T^2 (2 \cos(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2})u^\alpha + u^{2\alpha} + 1)}$$

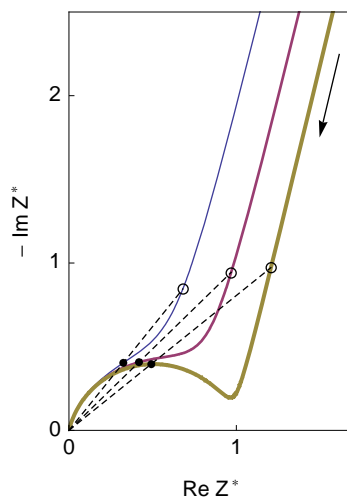


Figure 3.4: Nyquist diagram of the reduced impedance for the $((R_1+Q_1)/Q_2)$ circuit (Fig. 3.3, Eq. (3.2)), plotted for $T = 4, 9, 90$ and $\alpha = 0.85$. The line thickness increases with increasing T . Dots: reduced characteristic angular frequency $u_{c1} = 1$; circles: reduced characteristic angular frequency $u_{c2} = 1/T^{1/\alpha}$ ($\phi_{u_{c1}} = \phi_{u_{c2}}$).

3.2.2 $\alpha_1 \neq \alpha_2$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{\frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2} + R_1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 \left(\frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1} + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2} + R_1 \right)}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1 + \tau (i\omega)^{\alpha_2}}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 + \tau (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} Q_1}, \quad \tau = R_1 Q_2$$

$$\text{Re } Z(\omega) = \frac{(\omega^{\alpha_1} c_{\alpha_1} (1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_2}) Q_1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} (\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} + c_{\alpha_2}) Q_2)}{(\omega^{2\alpha_1} (1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_2}) Q_1^2 + 2\omega^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} (\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_1} + c_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2}) Q_1 Q_2 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2)}$$

$$c_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi (\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{Im } Z(\omega) = \frac{(-\omega^{\alpha_1} (1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_2}) Q_1 s_{\alpha_1} - \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 s_{\alpha_2})}{(\omega^{2\alpha_1} (1 + \tau^2 \omega^{2\alpha_2} + 2\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_2}) Q_1^2 + 2\omega^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} (\tau \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_1} + c_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2}) Q_1 Q_2 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2)}$$

Chapter 4

Circuits made of two Rs and two CPEs

4.1 Circuit $((R_1/Q_1)+(R_2/Q_2))$

Fig. 4.1.

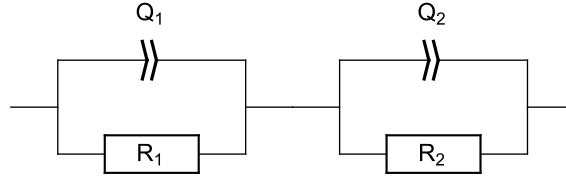


Figure 4.1: Circuit $((R_1/Q_1)+(R_2/Q_2))$.

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 + \frac{1}{R_1}} + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 + \frac{1}{R_2}}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} \tau_1} + \frac{R_2}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_2}, \quad \tau_1 = R_1 Q_1, \quad \tau_2 = R_2 Q_2$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 + R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} R_2 \tau_1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} R_1 \tau_2}{(1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} \tau_1) (1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}$$

$$\operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} c_{\alpha_1} \tau_1)}{1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} \tau_1 (2 c_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} \tau_1)} + \frac{R_2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} c_{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}{1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} \tau_2 (2 c_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}$$

$$\operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = -\frac{\omega^{\alpha_1} R_1 s_{\alpha_1} \tau_1}{1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} \tau_1 (2 c_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} \tau_1)} - \frac{\omega^{\alpha_2} R_2 s_{\alpha_2} \tau_2}{1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} \tau_2 (2 c_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}$$

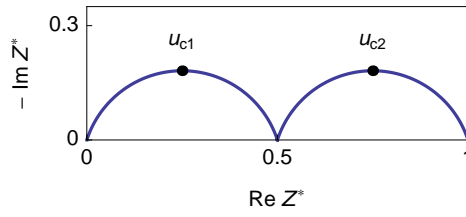


Figure 4.2: Nyquist diagrams of the reduced impedance for the $((R_1/Q_1)+(R_2/Q_2))$ circuit (Fig. 4.1). $R_1 = R_2$, $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$, $Q_2 \gg Q_1$.

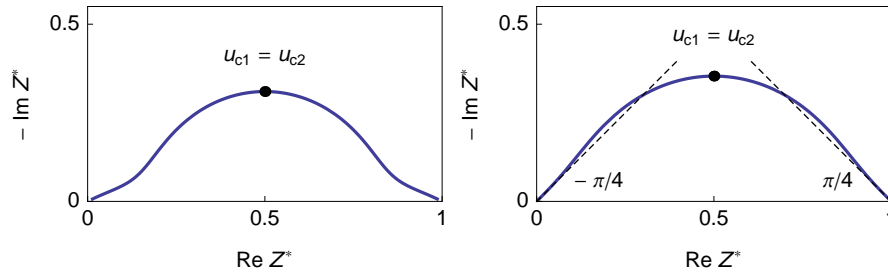


Figure 4.3: Unusual Nyquist diagrams of the reduced impedance for the $((R_1/Q_1)+(R_2/Q_2))$ circuit (Fig. 4.1). $R_1 = R_2$, $Q_2 = Q_1$, $\alpha_1 = 1$. Left: $\alpha_2 = 0.3$, right: $\alpha_2 = 0.5$.

4.2 Circuit $((R_1+(R_2/Q_2))/Q_1)$

Fig. 4.4.

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 + \frac{1}{R_1 + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 + \frac{1}{R_2}}}}$$

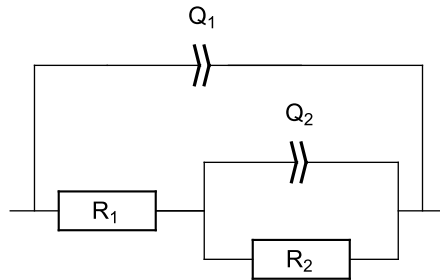


Figure 4.4: Circuit $((R_1+(R_2/Q_2))/Q_1)$.

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 + R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_1 R_2}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} Q_1 Q_2 R_1 R_2}$$

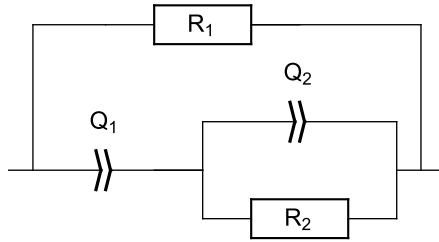
$$\begin{aligned} \text{Re } Z(\omega) = & (R_1 + R_2 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1) R_2^2 + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)^2 + \omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (R_2 + 2R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)))) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1)) R_2^2 + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)) + 2\omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 \\ & \times (C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_2 + C_{\alpha_2} R_1 (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)))))) \end{aligned}$$

$$c_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} = \cos\left(\frac{\pi(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Im } Z(\omega) = & (\omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (-\omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 R_1^2 R_2^2 - 2\omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_1 R_2 (R_1 + R_2) - \\ & (R_1 + R_2)^2) S_{\alpha_1} - \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2^2 S_{\alpha_2}) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1)) R_2^2 + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)) + 2\omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 \\ & \times (C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_2 + C_{\alpha_2} R_1 (2C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)))))) \end{aligned}$$

4.3 Circuit $((Q_1+(R_2/Q_2))/R_1)$

Fig. 4.5.

Figure 4.5: Circuit $((Q_1+(R_2/Q_2))/R_1)$.

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1} + \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 + \frac{1}{R_2}}}}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} Q_1 Q_2 R_1 R_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = & (R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2) + \omega^{2\alpha_1} Q_1^2 R_2 \\ & \times (R_2 + R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)) + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (2 R_2 (C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} Q_2 R_2) + \\ & C_{\alpha_1} R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)))) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1)) R_2^2 + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)) + \\ & 2 \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_2 + C_{\alpha_2} R_1 (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)))))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = & -\omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_2^2 (S_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 ((2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2) S_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_2 S_{\alpha_2})) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{2\alpha_2} Q_2^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1)) R_2^2 + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2) (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)) + \\ & 2 \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_2 + C_{\alpha_2} R_1 (2 C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (R_1 + R_2)))))) \end{aligned}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + \tau_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} + \tau_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2})}{1 + (1 + R_1/R_2) \tau_1 (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} + \tau_2 (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} + \tau_1 \tau_2 (R_1/R_2) (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2}}$$

$$\tau_1 = Q_1 R_2, \quad \tau_2 = Q_2 R_2$$

4.4 Circuit $((Q_2 + R_2)/R_1)/Q_1$

Fig. 4.6.

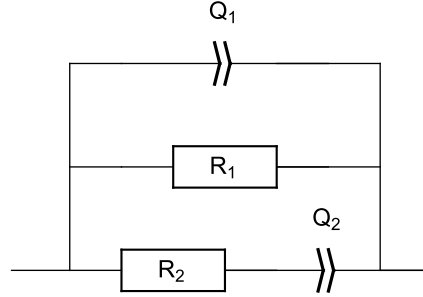


Figure 4.6: Circuit $((Q_2 + R_2)/R_1)/Q_1$.

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 + \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{(i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2} + R_2}}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} Q_1 Q_2 R_1 R_2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re} Z(\omega) = & (R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (\omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (R_1 + R_2) + C_{\alpha_2} (R_1 + 2 R_2)) + \\ & \omega^{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2))) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (R_1 + R_2) (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (R_1 + R_2)) + \\ & \omega^{2\alpha_1} Q_1^2 R_1^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)) + 2\omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 \\ & \times (C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_1 + 2 C_{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_2} R_2 + \omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_1} Q_2 R_2 (R_1 + R_2)))) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im} Z(\omega) = & (R_1^2 (-\omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)) S_{\alpha_1}) - \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 S_{\alpha_2}) / \\ & (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (R_1 + R_2) (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (R_1 + R_2)) + \\ & \omega^{2\alpha_1} Q_1^2 R_1^2 (1 + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2 (2 C_{\alpha_2} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 R_2)) + 2\omega^{\alpha_1} Q_1 R_1 \\ & \times (C_{\alpha_1} + \omega^{\alpha_2} Q_2 (C_{\alpha_1 m \alpha_2} R_1 + 2 C_{\alpha_1} C_{\alpha_2} R_2 + \omega^{\alpha_2} C_{\alpha_1} Q_2 R_2 (R_1 + R_2)))) \end{aligned}$$

$$Z(\omega) = \frac{R_1 (1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_2)}{1 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1} \tau_1 + (1 + R_1/R_2) (i\omega)^{\alpha_2} \tau_2 + (i\omega)^{\alpha_1 + \alpha_2} \tau_1 \tau_2}$$

$$\tau_1 = Q_1 R_1, \tau_2 = Q_2 R_2$$

Appendix A

Symbols for CPE

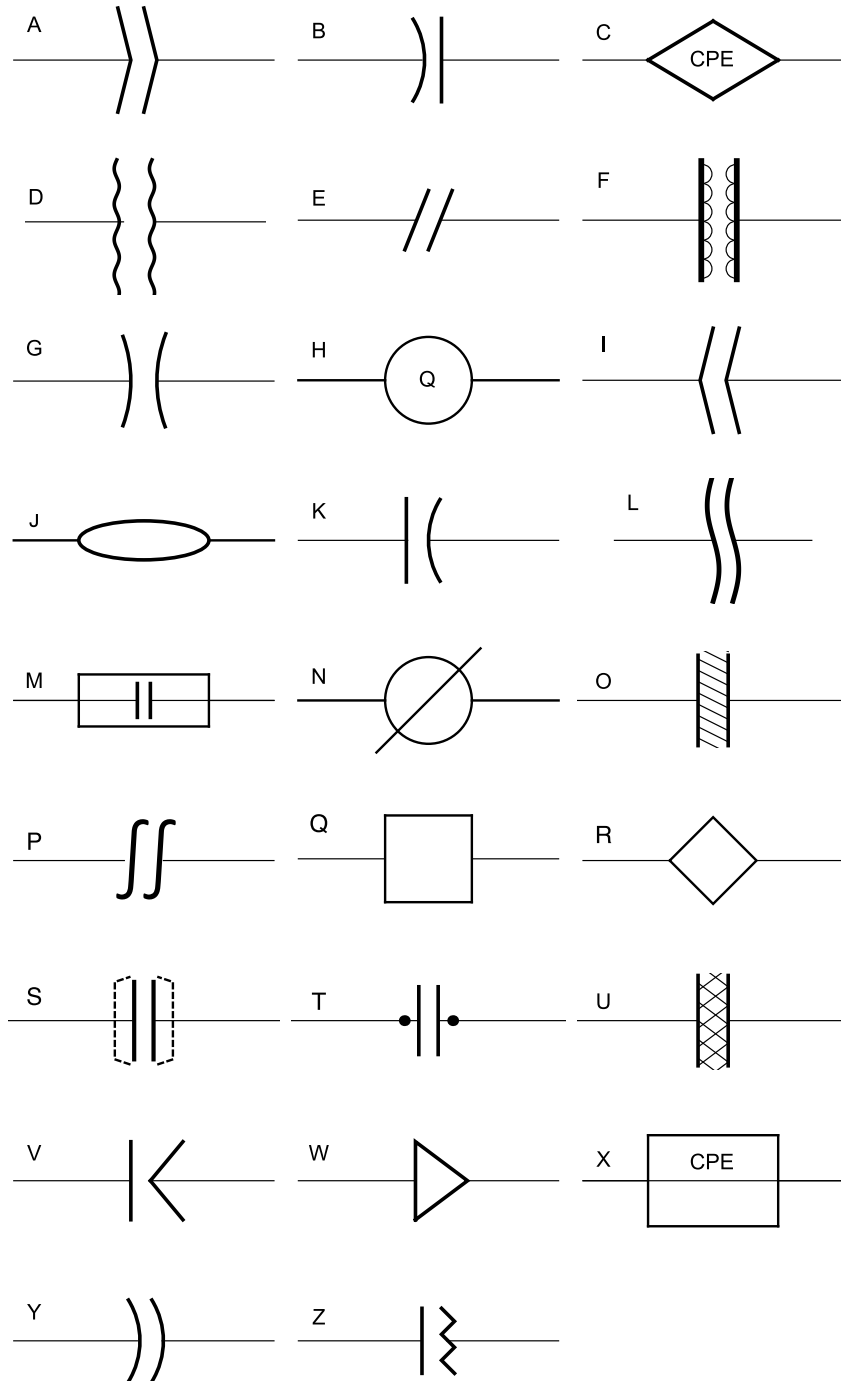


Figure A.1: Some CPE symbols, taken from A: [16], B: [24], C: [29], D: [6], E: [13], F: [21], G: [22], H: [27], I: [15], J: [19], K: [25], L: [3, 11], M: [14], N: [18, 4, 5], O: [17], P: [30], Q, R: [31], S: [9], T: [20], U [26], V: [12], W: [32], X: [8], Y: [2], Z: [23]. What an imagination !

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