

Section 12: LRC Series Circuits

Potential Drops Across Components:

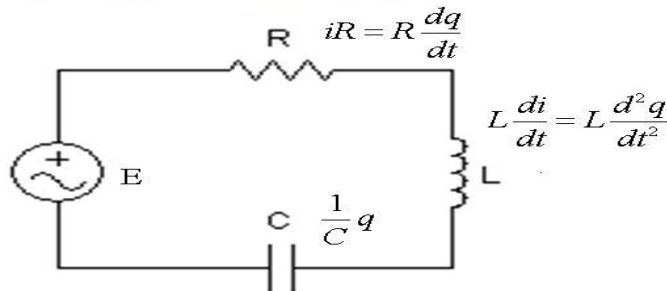


Figure: Kirchhoff's Law: The charge q on the capacitor satisfies $Lq'' + Rq' + \frac{1}{C}q = E(t)$.

This is a second order, linear, constant coefficient nonhomogeneous (if $E \neq 0$) equation.

LRC Series Circuit (Free Electrical Vibrations)

$$L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} q = 0$$

If the applied force $E(t) = 0$, then the **electrical vibrations** of the circuit are said to be **free**. These are categorized as

overdamped if $R^2 - 4L/C > 0$, (2 real roots)

critically damped if $R^2 - 4L/C = 0$, (1 real root)

underdamped if $R^2 - 4L/C < 0$. (complex roots)

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From our basic theory of linear equations we know that the solution will take the form

$$q(t) = q_c(t) + q_p(t).$$

The function of q_c is influenced by the initial state (q_0 and i_0) and will decay exponentially as $t \rightarrow \infty$. Hence q_c is called the **transient state charge** of the system.

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The function q_p is independent of the initial state but depends on the characteristics of the circuit (L , R , and C) and the applied voltage E . q_p is called the **steady state charge** of the system.

Example

An LRC series circuit has inductance 0.5 h, resistance 10 ohms, and capacitance $4 \cdot 10^{-3}$ f. Find the steady state current of the system if the applied force is $E(t) = 5 \cos(10t)$.

The model is $L q'' + R q' + \frac{1}{C} q = E$

$$L = \frac{1}{2}, R = 10, C = 4 \cdot 10^{-3}, E(t) = 5 \cos(10t)$$

$$\frac{1}{2} q'' + 10 q' + \frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^{-3}} q = 5 \cos(10t)$$

We want to find $i_p = \frac{dq_p}{dt}$.

$$\frac{1}{4 \cdot 10^{-3}} = \frac{10^3}{4} = \frac{1000}{4} = 250$$

Standard form:

$$q'' + 20q' + 500q = 10 \cos(10t)$$

let's identify q_c :

$$r^2 + 20r + 500 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 20r + 100 - 100 + 500 = 0$$

$$(r+10)^2 + 400 = 0$$

$$(r+10)^2 = -400$$

$$r+10 = \pm \sqrt{-400} = \pm 20i$$

$$r = -10 \pm 20i$$

$$q_1 = e^{-10t} \cos(20t), \quad q_2 = e^{-10t} \sin(20t)$$

$$\ddot{q}'' + 20\dot{q}' + 500q = 10 \cos(10t)$$

Find q_p using MUC.

$$q_p = A \cos(10t) + B \sin(10t)$$

This is correct.

$$500 \quad q_p = A \cos(10t) + B \sin(10t)$$

$$20 \quad \dot{q}_p' = -10A \sin(10t) + 10B \cos(10t)$$

$$1 \quad \ddot{q}_p'' = -100A \cos(10t) - 100B \sin(10t)$$

$$\ddot{q}_p'' + 20\dot{q}_p' + 500q_p = 10 \cos(10t)$$

$$\cos(10t) (-100A + 200B + 500A) + \sin(10t) (-100B - 200A + 500B)$$

$$= 10 \cos(10t) + 0 \sin(10t)$$

Matching gives

$$400A + 200B = 10$$

$$-200A + 400B = 0$$

$\xrightarrow{2 \times \text{times}}$

$$400A + 200B = 10$$

$$-400A + 800B = 0$$

add

$$1000B = 10$$

$$B = \frac{10}{1000} = \frac{1}{100}$$

$$400B = 200A$$

$$A = 2B = 2 \left(\frac{1}{100} \right) = \frac{2}{100}$$

The steady state charge

$$q_p = \frac{2}{100} \cos(10t) + \frac{1}{100} \sin(10t)$$

The steady state current $i_p = \frac{dq_p}{dt}$

$$i_p = \frac{-2}{100} (10) \sin(10t) + \frac{1}{100} (10) \cos(10t)$$

$$i_p = \frac{1}{10} \cos(10t) - \frac{2}{10} \sin(10t)$$