November 3rd Chapter 33 RLC Circuits



"I can't believe this! ... Can't anyone here get the lid off the mayonnaise?"

LC Circuits

- LC Circuit inductor & capacitor in series
- Find *q*, *i* and *V* vary sinusoidally with period *T* (angular frequency ω)
- The energy oscillates between E field stored in the capacitor and the B field stored in the inductor

$$i = 0$$

$$L$$

$$C$$

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$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$

$$U_E = \frac{1}{2} \frac{q^2}{C}$$

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2}Li^2$$

LC Circuits

• Total energy of LC circuit

$$U = U_{B} + U_{E} = \frac{Li^{2}}{2} + \frac{q^{2}}{2C}$$

 Analogy to block-spring system (PHY183)

$$U = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$
$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$







LC Circuits (checkpoint #1)

- A charged capacitor & inductor are connected in series at time t=0. In terms of period, T, how much later will the following reach their maximums:
 - q of capacitor

T/2

- V_c with original polarity
- Energy stored in *E* field
 T/2
- The current

T/4



LC Circuits

• The phase constant, ϕ , is determined by the conditions at time t=0 (or some other time)

$$q = Q\cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

• If $\phi = 0$ then at t = 0, q = Q

• Current is
$$i = -I \sin(\omega t)$$



• Where
$$I = \omega Q$$
 and $\omega = \sqrt{-1}$

LC Circuits

$$U_E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \cos^2(\omega t)$$

$$U_B = \frac{Q^2}{2C} \sin^2(\omega t)$$



Maximum value for both

$$U_{E,\max} = U_{B,\max} = Q^2/2C$$

- At any instant, sum is $U = U_B + U_E = Q^2/2C$
- When $U_E = \max$, $U_B = 0$, and conversely, when $U_B = \max$, $U_E = 0$

LC Circuits (checkpoint #2)-quiz

- Capacitor in LC circuit has $V_{C,max} = 15 V$ and $U_{E,max} = 150 J$. When capacitor has $V_C = 5 V$ and $U_E = 50 J$, what are the
 - 1) emf across the inductor?
 - 2) the energy stored in the *B* field?
- Apply the loop rule
 - Net potential difference around the circuit must be zero
 1) 5 V answer B

$$v_L(t) = v_C(t)$$
 2) 100 J - answer C

$$U_{E,\max} = U_E(t) + U_B(t)$$



Damped oscillator

- RLC circuit resistor, inductor and capacitor in series
- Total electromagnetic energy, $U = U_E + U_B$, is no longer constant



- Energy decreases with time as it is transferred to thermal energy in the resistor
- Oscillations in *q*, *i* and *V* are damped
 - Same as damped block and spring



RLC Circuits

 Resistor does not store electromagnetic energy so total energy at any time is

$$U = U_{B} + U_{E} = \frac{Li^{2}}{2} + \frac{q^{2}}{2C}$$

L

 Rate of transfer to thermal energy is (minus sign means *U* is decreasing)



Differentiating gives

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = Li\frac{di}{dt} + \frac{q}{C}\frac{dq}{dt} = -i^2R$$

• Use relations
$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$
 $\frac{di}{dt} = \frac{d^2q}{dt^2}$

• Differential equation for damped RLC circuit is

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



$$q = Qe^{-Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t)$$

RLC Circuits

$$q = Q e^{-Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t)$$

• Where
$$\omega' = \sqrt{\omega^2 - (R/2L)^2}$$
 $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$

- Charge in RLC circuit is sinusoidal but with an exponentially decaying amplitude $C = -\frac{Rt}{2L}$
- Damped angular frequency, ω' , is always less than ω of the undamped oscillations
- If R is small enough can replace ω' with ω

RLC Circuits

$$q = Q e^{-Rt/2L} \cos(\omega' t)$$

• Find U_E as function of time

$$U_{E} = \frac{q^{2}}{2C} = \frac{Q^{2}}{2C} e^{-Rt/L} \cos^{2}(\omega' t)$$

• Total energy decreases as

$$U_{tot} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} e^{-Rt/L}$$

AC generator

- Mechanically turn loop in B field, induces a current and therefore an emf
- Driving angular frequency ω_d is equal to angular speed that loop rotates in *B* field.
- Used Faraday's law to find emf

$$\mathcal{E} = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = NBA \,\omega_d \sin \omega_d t$$
$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_m \sin \omega_d t \quad \mathcal{E}_m = NBA \,\omega_d$$





Forced Oscillations

Driving frequency ω_d will overpower the natural frequency ω

Resistive load

$$v_{R} = V_{R} \sin \omega_{d} t$$

$$V_{R} = \mathcal{E}_{m}$$

$$v_{C} = V_{C} \sin \omega_{d} t$$

$$V_{C} = \mathcal{E}_{m}$$

$$v_{C} = V_{L} \sin \omega_{d} t$$

$$V_{L} = \mathcal{E}_{m}$$

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Forced oscillations - Resistive load

 Use definition of resistance to find *i_R*

$$v_R = V_R \sin \omega_d t$$

$$i_R = \frac{v_R}{R} = \frac{V_R}{R} \sin \omega_d t$$

- Voltage and current are functions of sin(ω_dt) with φ = 0 so are in phase
- No damping of v_R and i_R , since the generator supplies energy





Forced oscillations - Resistive load

Compare current to general form

$$i_R = \frac{v_R}{R} = \frac{V_R}{R} \sin \omega_d t$$

$$i_R = I_R \sin(\omega_d t - \phi)$$

- Minus sign for phase is tradition
- For purely resistive load the phase constant $\phi = 0$
- Voltage amplitude is related to current amplitude



$$I_R = \frac{V_R}{R}$$

$$V_R = I_R R$$

Forced oscillations - Capacitive load

Use definition of capacitance

$$q_C = C v_C = C V_C \sin \omega_d t$$



 Use definition of current and differentiate

$$i_{C} = \frac{dq_{C}}{dt} = \omega_{d} C V_{C} \cos \omega_{d} t$$

 Replace cosine term with a phase-shifted sine term

 $\cos\omega_d t = \sin(\omega_d t + 90^\circ)$

Capacitive load

Voltage and current relations

$$v_C = V_C \sin \omega_d t$$



 $i_C = \omega_d C V_C \sin(\omega_d t + 90^\circ) = I_C \sin(\omega_d t + 90^\circ)$

$$I_C = \frac{V_C}{X_C} \qquad \qquad X_C = \frac{1}{\omega_d C}$$

 X_c is called the capacitive reactance has units of ohms

Forced oscillations - Capacitive load

• Compare v_c and i_c of capacitor

 $v_C = V_C \sin \omega_d t$

$$i_C = \omega_d C V_C \sin(\omega_d t + 90^\circ)$$



 Voltage and current are out of phase by 90°

Current leads voltage by T/4



Forced Oscillations - Inductive load

Voltage and current relations

$$v_L = V_L \sin \omega_d t$$



$$i_L = \frac{V_L}{\omega_d L} \sin(\omega_d t - 90^\circ) = I_L \sin(\omega_d t - 90^\circ)$$

$$I_L = \frac{V_L}{X_L} \qquad \qquad X_L = \omega_d L$$

 X_c is called the inductive reactance has units of ohms

Forced Oscillations - Inductive load

Compare v_L and i_L of inductor

$$v_L = V_L \sin \omega_d t$$

$$i_L = I_L \sin(\omega_d t - 90^\circ)$$

- Compare i_L to v_L
- *i*_L and *v*_L are 90° out of phase
- Current lags voltage by T/4



Summary of Forced Oscillations

Element	Reactance/	Phase of	Phase	Amplitude
	Resistance	Current	angle ϕ	Relation
Resistor	R	In phase	0°	$V_R = I_R R$
Capacitor	$X_{C} = 1/\omega_{d}C$	Leads v _C (ICE)	-90°	$V_C = I_C X_C$
Inductor	$X_L = \omega_d L$	Lags v _L (ELI)	+90°	$V_L = I_L X_L$

- ELI (positively) is the ICE man
 - Voltage or emf (E) before current (I) in an inductor (L)
 - Phase constant ϕ is positive for an inductor
 - Current (I) before voltage or emf (E) in capacitor (C)