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**Chapter 6.2**  
**Series RLC Circuits**

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## Section 6.2 Objective

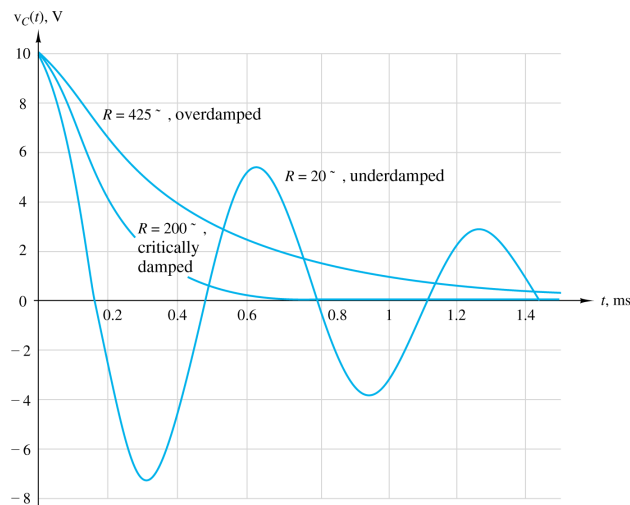
- Be able to determine the natural and step responses of series RLC circuits.

## Equations for Analysing the Natural Response of Parallel *RLC* Circuits

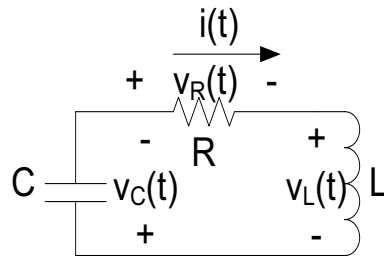
Characteristic equation	$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$
Neper, resonant, and damped frequencies	$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$
Roots of the characteristic equation	$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}, \quad s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$
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(Note that the equations in the last three rows assume that the reference direction for the current in every component is in the direction of the reference voltage drop across that component.)

## Summary of Transient Responses



### Source - Free Series RLC Circuit



$$v_R + v_L + v_C = 0$$

$$i(t)R + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt = 0$$

$$L \frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + R \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i(t) = 0$$

### Comparing Series and Parallel RLC Circuits

Parallel RLC

$$C \frac{d^2 v(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{dv(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} v(t) = 0$$

$$v(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{1}{2RC} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2RC}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Series RLC

$$L \frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + R \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i(t) = 0$$

$$i(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

## Series RLC Circuit Solution

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad \alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \begin{array}{l} s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \\ s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \end{array}$$

If:

$$\alpha > \omega_0 \text{ (overdamped):} \quad i(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

$$\alpha = \omega_0 \text{ (critically damped):} \quad i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 t + A_2)$$

$$\alpha < \omega_0 \text{ (underdamped):} \quad i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (B_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + B_2 \sin(\omega_d t))$$

### Equations for Analysing the Natural Response of Series RLC Circuits

Characteristic equation  $s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0$

Neper, resonant, and damped frequencies  $\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$

Roots of the characteristic equation  $s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}, \quad s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

$\alpha^2 > \omega_0^2$ : overdamped  $i(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}, \quad t \geq 0$

$$i(0^+) = A_1 + A_2 = I_0$$

$$\frac{di(0^+)}{dt} = s_1 A_1 + s_2 A_2 = \frac{1}{L} (-RI_0 - V_0)$$

$\alpha^2 < \omega_0^2$ : underdamped  $i(t) = B_1 e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_d t + B_2 e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega_d t, \quad t \geq 0$

$$i(0^+) = B_1 = I_0$$

$$\frac{di(0^+)}{dt} = -\alpha B_1 + \omega_d B_2 = \frac{1}{L} (-RI_0 - V_0)$$

$\alpha^2 = \omega_0^2$ : critically damped  $i(t) = D_1 t e^{-\alpha t} + D_2 e^{-\alpha t}, \quad t \geq 0$

$$i(0^+) = D_2 = I_0$$

$$\frac{di(0^+)}{dt} = D_1 - \alpha D_2 = \frac{1}{L} (-RI_0 - V_0)$$

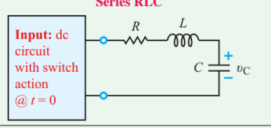
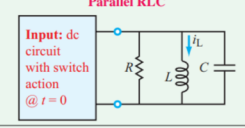
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## Equations for Analysing the Step Response of Series RLC Circuits

Characteristic equation	$s^2 + \frac{R}{L}s + \frac{1}{LC} = \frac{V}{LC}$
Neper, resonant, and damped frequencies	$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}} \quad \omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$
Roots of the characteristic equation	$s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}, \quad s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$
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$\alpha^2 < \omega_0^2$ : underdamped	$v_C(t) = V_f + B_1' e^{-\alpha t} \cos \omega_d t + B_2' e^{-\alpha t} \sin \omega_d t, t \geq 0$ $v_C(0^+) = V_f + B_1' = V_0$ $\frac{dv_C(0^+)}{dt} = -\alpha B_1' + \omega_d B_2' = \frac{I_0}{C}$
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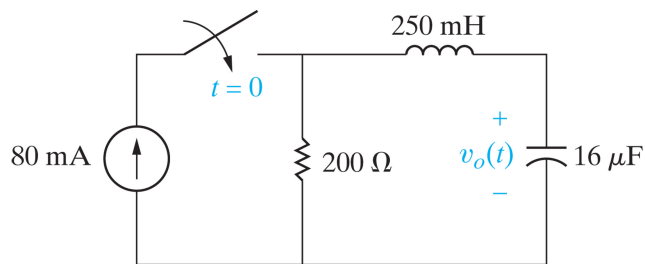
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## Zybooks Response Summary

Series RLC	Parallel RLC
	
<b>Total Response</b>	<b>Total Response</b>
<b>Overdamped</b> ( $\alpha > \omega_0$ ) $v_C(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} + v_C(\infty)$ $A_1 = \frac{1}{C} \frac{i_C(0) - s_2 [v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)]}{s_1 - s_2}$ $A_2 = \left[ \frac{1}{C} \frac{i_C(0) - s_1 [v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)]}{s_2 - s_1} \right]$	<b>Overdamped</b> ( $\alpha > \omega_0$ ) $i_L(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} + i_L(\infty)$ $A_1 = \frac{1}{L} \frac{v_L(0) - s_2 [i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)]}{s_1 - s_2}$ $A_2 = \left[ \frac{1}{L} \frac{v_L(0) - s_1 [i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)]}{s_2 - s_1} \right]$
<b>Critically Damped</b> ( $\alpha = \omega_0$ ) $v_C(t) = (B_1 + B_2 t) e^{-\alpha t} + v_C(\infty)$ $B_1 = v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)$ $B_2 = \frac{1}{C} i_C(0) + \alpha [v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)]$	<b>Critically Damped</b> ( $\alpha = \omega_0$ ) $i_L(t) = (B_1 + B_2 t) e^{-\alpha t} + i_L(\infty)$ $B_1 = i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)$ $B_2 = \frac{1}{L} v_L(0) + \alpha [i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)]$
<b>Underdamped</b> ( $\alpha < \omega_0$ ) $v_C(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (D_1 \cos \omega_d t + D_2 \sin \omega_d t) + v_C(\infty)$ $D_1 = v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)$ $D_2 = \frac{1}{C} i_C(0) + \alpha [v_C(0) - v_C(\infty)]$ $\omega_d$	<b>Underdamped</b> ( $\alpha < \omega_0$ ) $i_L(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (D_1 \cos \omega_d t + D_2 \sin \omega_d t) + i_L(\infty)$ $D_1 = i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)$ $D_2 = \frac{1}{L} v_L(0) + \alpha [i_L(0) - i_L(\infty)]$ $\omega_d$
<b>Auxiliary Relations</b>	
$\alpha = \begin{cases} \frac{R}{2L} & \text{Series RLC} \\ \frac{1}{2RC} & \text{Parallel RLC} \end{cases}$ $s_1 = -\alpha + \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$	$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$ $s_2 = -\alpha - \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$

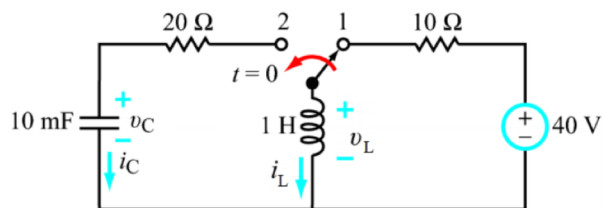
### Textbook Problem 8.50 (Nilsson 11<sup>th</sup>)

The circuit contains no initial energy. Find  $v_o(t)$  for  $t \geq 0$ .



$$v_o(t) = 16 - 16e^{-400t}\cos 300t - 21.33e^{-400t}\sin 300t \text{ V}$$

### Zybooks Participation Exercise 6.5.3



## Summary: Solving RLC Circuits

1. Identify the series or parallel RLC circuit;
2. Find  $\alpha$  and  $\omega_0$ ;
3. Determine whether the circuit is overdamped, critically damped, or underdamped;
4. Assume a solution (natural response + forced response):

$$A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} + V_f \quad \text{Overdamped}$$

$$A_1 t e^{st} + A_2 e^{st} + V_f \quad \text{Critically damped}$$

$$e^{-\alpha t} (B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t) + V_f \quad \text{Underdamped}$$

5. Find  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $V_f$  using initial and final conditions.

### Equations for Analysing the Natural Response of Parallel RLC Circuits

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### Equations for Analysing the Step Response of Parallel RLC Circuits

Characteristic equation	$s^2 + \frac{1}{RC}s + \frac{1}{LC} = \frac{I}{LC}$
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## Section 6.2 Summary

- Showed how to determine the natural and step responses of series RLC circuits.