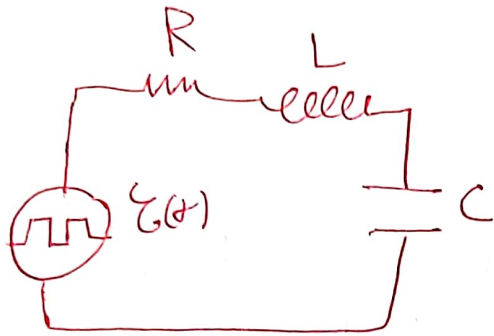


Expt 7 : Damped Oscillations

Theory : RLC circuit



- Voltage across the capacitor in this circuit are described using

$$Q(t) = A_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + A_2 e^{\lambda_2 t}$$

A_1, A_2 constants

$$\lambda_1 = -\frac{R}{2L} + \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

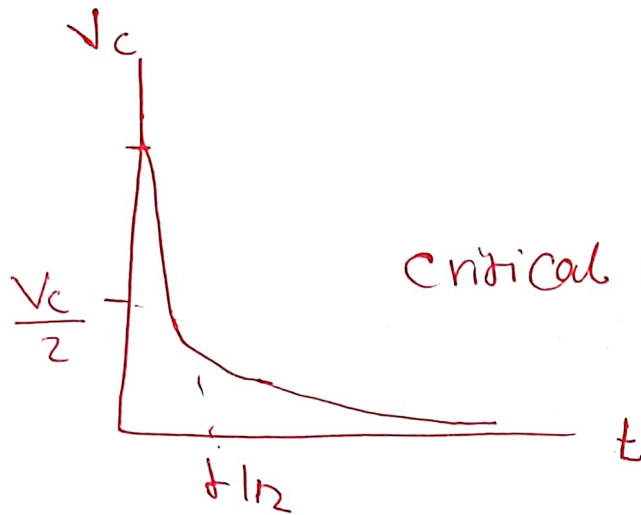
$$\lambda_2 = -\frac{R}{2L} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{LC}}$$

as R change the value of λ change $\therefore Q(t)$ on the capacitor will change too.

Case 1 : Critical damping

$$\text{i.e. } \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right) = \frac{1}{LC}$$

$$\therefore h_1 = h_2 = -\frac{R}{2L}$$



critical damping.

$$\therefore Q(t) = A e^{(-R/2L)t} + B e^{(-R/2L)t}$$

Constant

$\therefore$ then the charge (which lead to the voltage to settle same) will decay exponentially

→ This case it serves as a boundary between overdamping and under damping

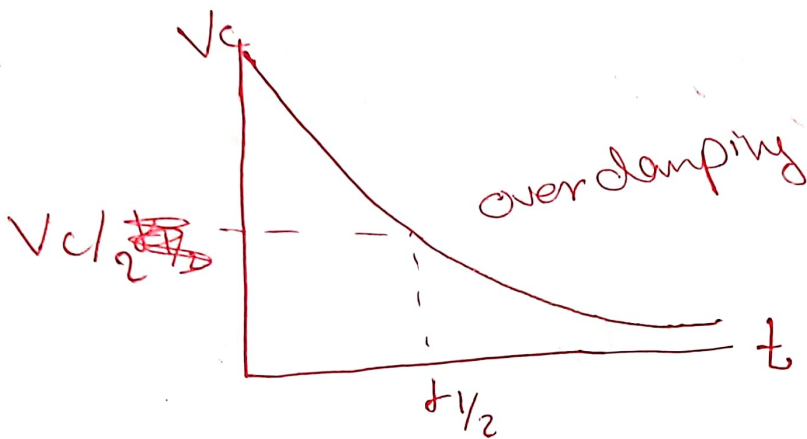
if $R > R_c \therefore$ overdamping

if $R < R_c \therefore$ underdamping

Case 2 : over-damping

$$\text{if } \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 > \frac{1}{LC}$$

→ also exponentially decay



Case 3 : under damping

$$\text{if } \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2 < \frac{1}{LC}$$

∴ the term under the square root (negative)

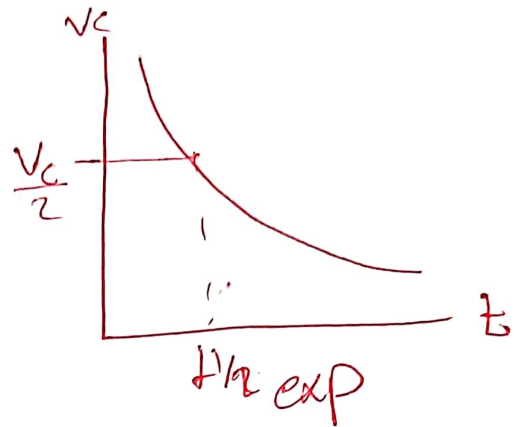
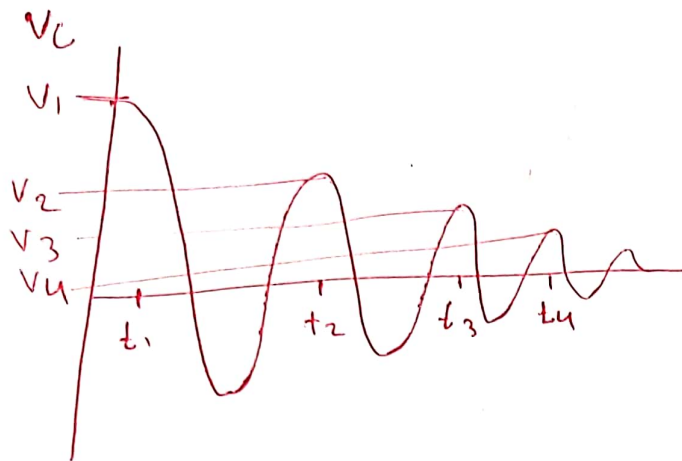
The solution become

$$\therefore Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-\delta t} \cos(\omega' t + \theta_0)$$

$$\delta = \frac{R}{2L}$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

→ this eq represent a sinusoidal function with a amplitude that decaying exponentially



$$\frac{Q_0}{2} = Q_0 e^{-\delta t_{1/2}} \longleftrightarrow \delta = \frac{R}{2L}$$

Substituting

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{2L (\ln 2)}{R} \quad \text{then} \quad t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln 2}{\delta}$$

$V_C = \frac{Q(t)}{C}$ ∴ V_C behave exactly as the same as $Q(t)$ in all three cases.

$$\underline{\underline{\Delta R = \text{zero}}}$$

$$R_{\text{under}} = R_0 = \frac{(2L) \ln(2)}{\tau_{1/2 \text{ exp}}} \approx 138.6 \Omega$$

$$\tau_{1/2} \approx 100 \mu\text{s}$$

$$L = 10 \text{ mH}$$

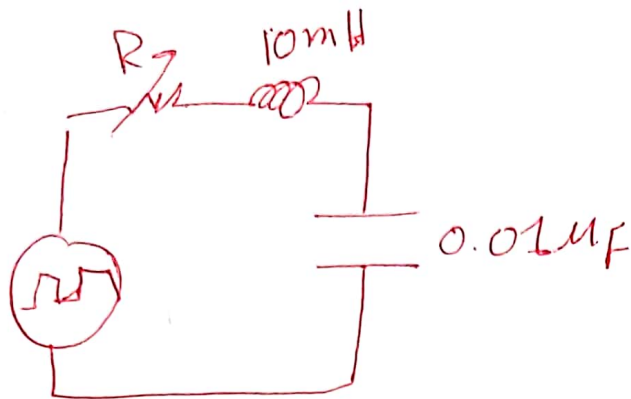
$$f_{\text{input}} \approx 700$$

$$C \approx 25 \text{ nF}$$

$$\tau_{\text{exp}} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\tau_{1/2}}$$

$$f_{\text{exp}}$$

Procedure :



1. Underdamping

find $t_{1/2}$ / I_{exp}

2. Critical and overdamping
find decay constant (δ)

3. define the range of values
of R in each case

$t_{1/2} \rightarrow$ Graph (in 3 cases)

$\delta \rightarrow$ decay constant $\delta = \frac{\ln(2)}{t_{1/2}}$

$R \rightarrow$ calculate R in each case

find I in underdamping.