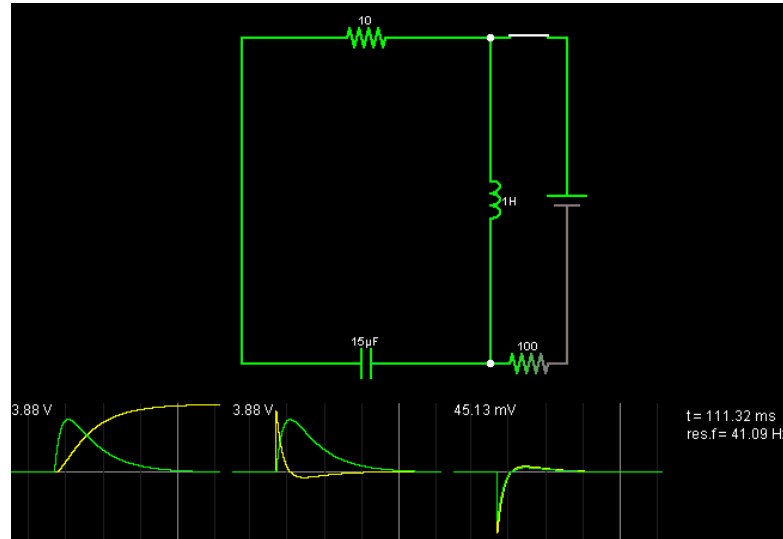


# EE 42/100: Lecture 8



1<sup>st</sup>-Order RC Transient Example,  
Introduction to 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Transients

# Circuits with non-DC Sources

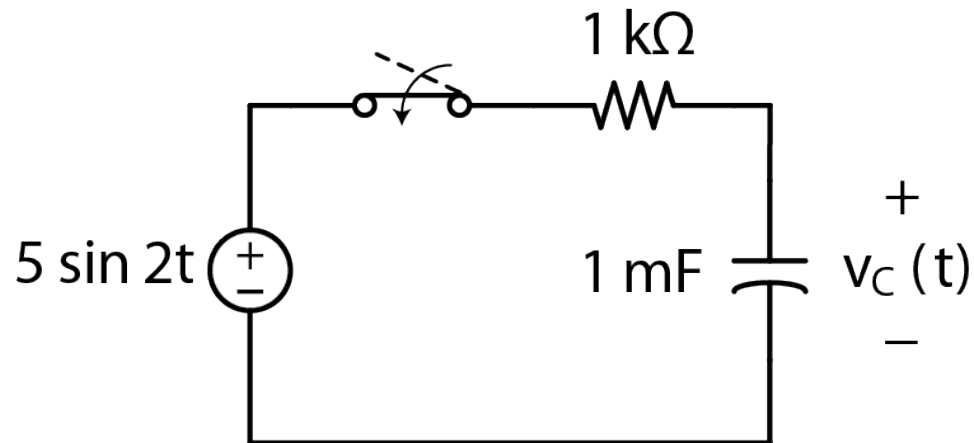
- Recall that the solution to our ODEs is

$$x(t) = x_c(t) + x_p(t) = Ke^{-t/\tau} + x_p(t)$$

- Particular solution is constant for DC sources.
  - Allows us to plug in final condition found using DC steady-state.
- But in general, the particular solution may not be constant!

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- This circuit looks like another innocent RC circuit, but... the source is sinusoidal!



- **Governing ODE:**  $v_C(t) + \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} = 5 \sin 2t$

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- Because the forcing function is now **sinusoidal**, so is the particular solution.
- We now want a part. solution of the form

$$v_{Cp}(t) = A \sin 2t + B \cos 2t$$

- We will plug this solution back into the ODE to solve for the constants
  - No DC steady-state final condition!

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- We plug  $v_{Cp}(t) = A \sin 2t + B \cos 2t$  into the ODE:

$$v_C(t) + \frac{dv_C(t)}{dt} = 5 \sin 2t$$

$$A \sin 2t + B \cos 2t + 2A \cos 2t - 2B \sin 2t = 5 \sin 2t$$

- The sine terms must sum to 5, while the cosine terms must sum to 0.

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- We obtain a system of linear equations:

$$A - 2B = 5$$

$$B + 2A = 0$$

- The solution is  $A = 1, B = -2$

- Thus,  $v_{C_p}(t) = \sin 2t - 2 \cos 2t$

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- Last step: homogeneous solution

$$v_{Ch}(t) = Ke^{-t/\tau} = Ke^{-t}, \tau = 1$$

- Combine with the particular solution:

$$v_C(t) = \sin 2t - 2 \cos 2t + Ke^{-t}$$

- Finally, use initial condition to solve for K.

# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- Capacitor is initially uncharged:

$$v_C(0) = 0 = \sin 0 - 2 \cos 0 + Ke^0 = -2 + K$$

- We have finally completed the solution:

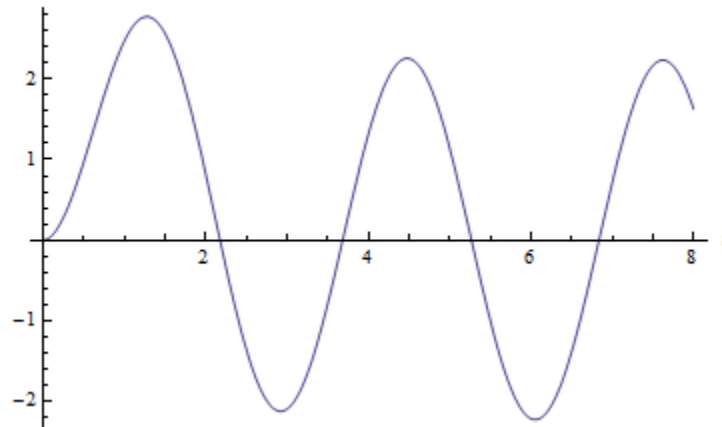
$$\begin{aligned}v_C(t) &= \sin 2t - 2 \cos 2t + 2e^{-t} \\ &= \sqrt{5} \cos(2t + 3.605) + 2e^{-t}\end{aligned}$$

- Notice **frequency** is unchanged!



# RC Example: Sinusoidal Source

- Take a look at the voltage waveform:



- As before, an exponential **natural response** initially dominates; then it yields to the **forced response** as time passes

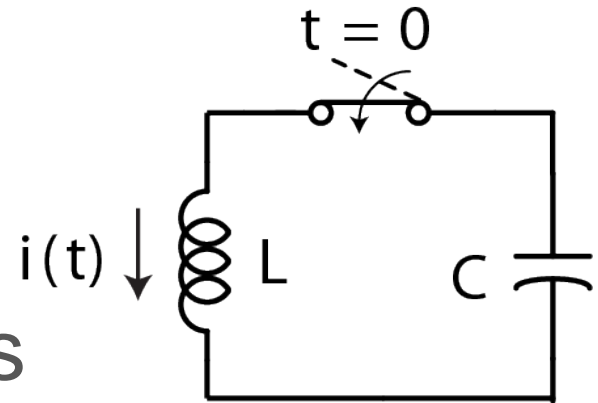
# 2<sup>ND</sup>-ORDER RLC CIRCUITS

# 2<sup>nd</sup>-Order Circuits

- When we have more than 1 energy storage device, we get higher order ODEs.
- Comp. solution becomes much more complicated than just exponential function.
- Effects: Oscillation, ringing, damping

# LC Tank

- Suppose  $C$  has some initial charge  $V_0$ 
  - Close the switch at  $t = 0$
  - What's the behavior of  $i(t)$ ?
- Neither element dissipates energy!
- We should not see anything like a decaying exponential.

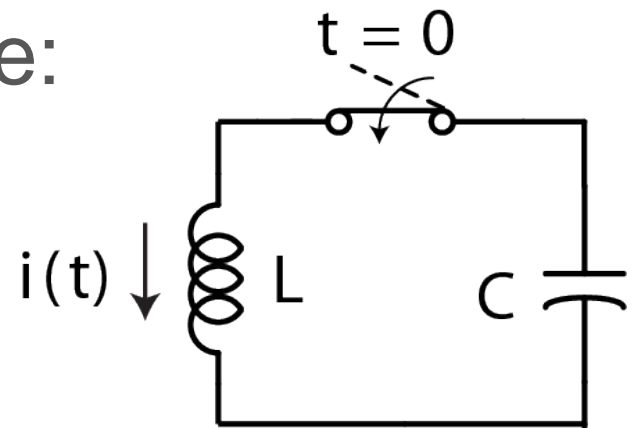


# LC Tank

- KVL loop:  $L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt = 0$

- Differentiate and rearrange:

$$\frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} i(t) = 0$$



where  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$  is the resonant frequency

# LC Tank Solution

- We want to solve  $\frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 i(t) = 0$

- The complementary solution is

$$i(t) = A \sin \omega_0 t + B \cos \omega_0 t$$

- Initial conditions:  $i(0_+) = 0$

- Inductor current cannot change instantly

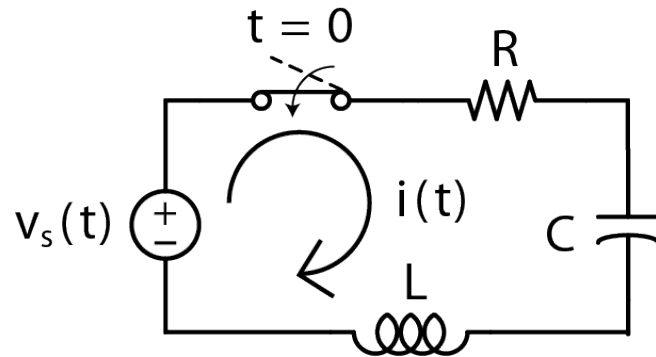
$$i(t) = A \sin \omega_0 t$$

# LC Tank Solution

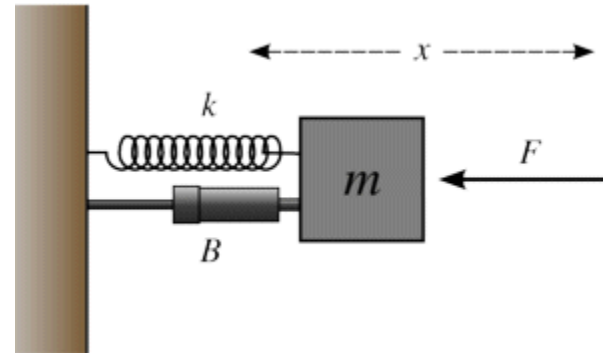
- Can solve for the amplitude constant using 1<sup>st</sup> derivative initial condition
- More importantly, we see that the **natural response** is a **sinusoidal function**
  - Frequency determined by values of  $L$  and  $C$
- Current, voltage, and energy simply slosh back and forth between the two devices!

# Series RLC Circuit

## RLC Circuit



## Spring-Mass-Damper

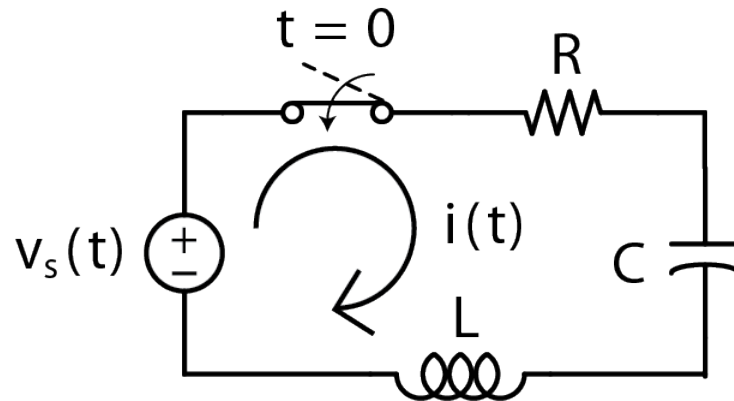


- Voltage
- Current
- Capacitance
- Inductance
- Resistance

- Force
- Velocity
- Spring
- Mass
- Damper



# Series RLC Circuit



- KVL loop:  $Ri(t) + \frac{1}{C} \int i(t)dt + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} = v_s(t)$
- Differentiate:  $R \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} i(t) + L \frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} = \frac{dv_s(t)}{dt}$
- Divide by  $L$ :  $\frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dv_s(t)}{dt}$

# General Form of ODE

- RLC ODE: 
$$\frac{d^2 i(t)}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \frac{dv_s(t)}{dt}$$

- All ODEs can be written as follows:

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x(t) = f(t)$$

- The **particular solution / forced response** depends on the form of **forcing function**

# Homogeneous Equation

$$\frac{d^2 x(t)}{dt^2} + 2\alpha \frac{dx(t)}{dt} + \omega_0^2 x(t) = 0$$

- The complementary solution is much more complex now!
- Depends on the following parameters:
  - Damping coefficient  $\alpha = R/2L$
  - Resonant frequency  $\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC}$
  - Damping ratio  $\zeta = \alpha/\omega_0$

# Damping Coefficient

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

- Larger coefficient = more damping
- Mechanical analogue: friction
- Intuitively, resistance slows down current flow -> greater decay
- But inductance tries to keep current going

# Damping Ratio

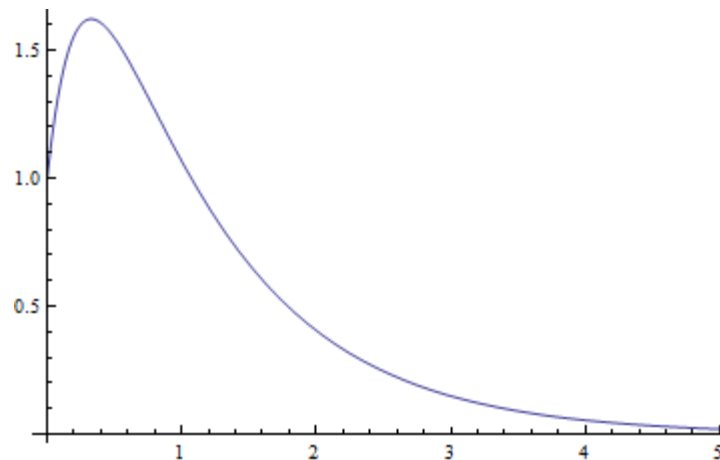
$$\zeta = \frac{\alpha}{\omega_0}$$

- The **damping ratio** tells us whether damping or oscillating dominates
- We get **THREE (3!)** different comp. solutions depending on its value
- Physically, does the current oscillate first, or does it just die out exponentially?

# Overdamped Response

$$\zeta > 1, \quad \alpha > \omega_0$$

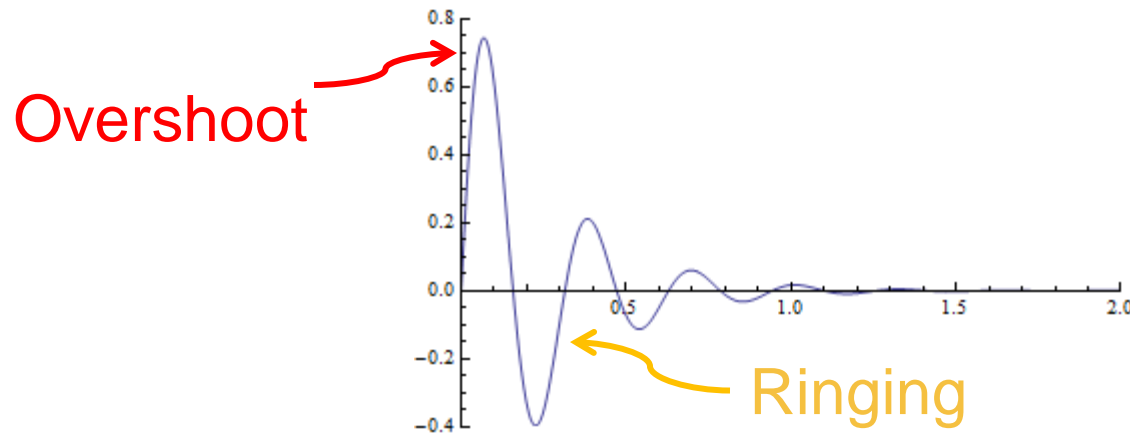
- Damping dominates; resistance is too (damn) high, preventing oscillations.
- Current decays at a rate determined by  $\zeta$



# Underdamped Response

$$\zeta < 1, \quad \alpha < \omega_0$$

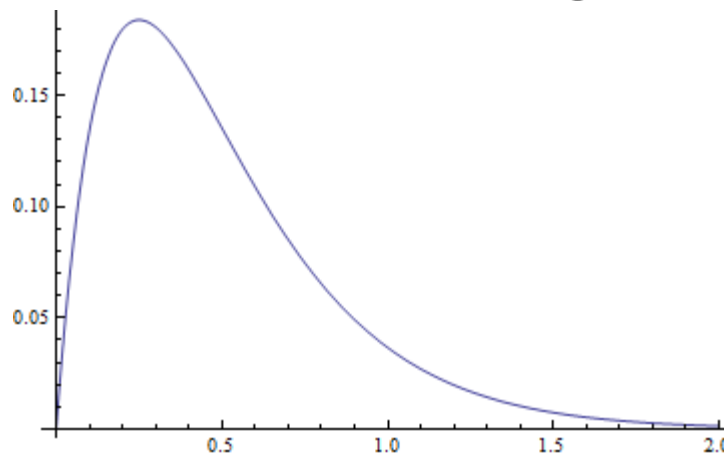
- Damping is still present, but not strong enough to prevent oscillation
- Frequency of oscillation proportional to  $\omega_0$



# Critically Damped Response

$$\zeta = 1, \quad \alpha = \omega_0$$

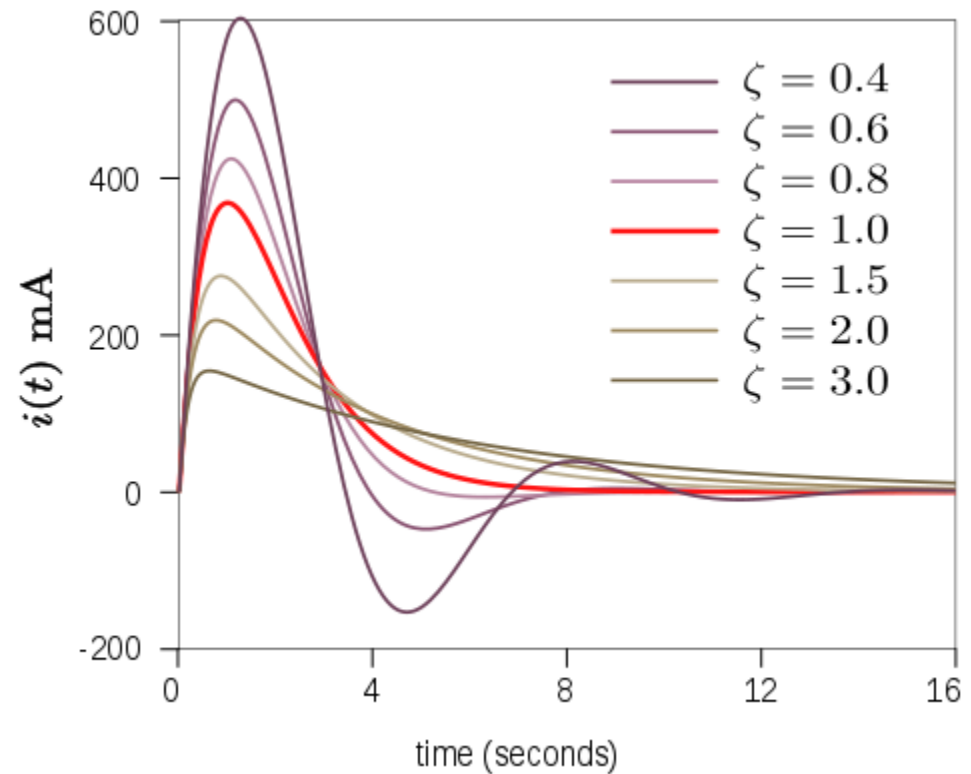
- This response decays as fast as possible **without** causing any oscillations.
  - Important for systems that need to settle down quickly without overshooting.





# Summary

- Comparison of responses with different damping ratios
- Notice the tradeoff between initial overshoot and decay rate



Source: Wikipedia, RLC Transient Plot.svg

# Summary

- We will not be quantitatively solving for the comp. solutions for 2<sup>nd</sup>-order ODEs.
  - You should still be able to derive the ODEs.
  - Understand qualitatively what's happening.
- Conclusion: These circuits are a b!tch to solve, **especially** with sinusoidal sources.
  - Next time we'll approach this problem from an entirely different perspective.