

PHYSICS 169

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9.1 Inductance

An inductor stores energy in magnetic field
just as a capacitor stores energy in **electric field**

A changing **B-field** will lead to an induced emf in a circuit

Question


If a circuit generates a changing magnetic field
does it lead to an induced emf in same circuit?

YES! Self-Inductance

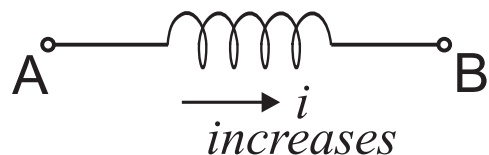
Inductance L of any current element is

$$\mathcal{E}_L = \Delta V_L = -L \frac{di}{dt} \quad \text{Negative sign comes from Lenz Law}$$

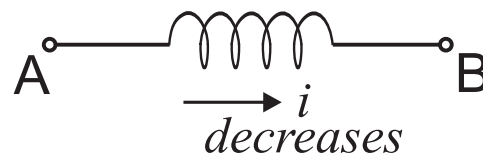
Unit of L : Henry (H) $1 \text{ H} = 1 \frac{\text{Vs}}{\text{A}}$

- All circuit elements (including resistors) have some inductance
- Commonly used inductors: solenoids and toroids
- circuit symbol 

Example Solenoid



$$\mathcal{E}_L = V_B - V_A = -L \frac{di}{dt} < 0$$
$$\therefore V_B < V_A$$



$$\mathcal{E}_L = V_B - V_A = -L \frac{di}{dt} > 0$$
$$V_B > V_A$$

Recall Faraday's Law

$$\mathcal{E}_L = -N \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} = -\frac{d}{dt} (N\Phi_B)$$

where Φ_B is magnetic flux $\rightarrow N\Phi_B$ is flux linkage

\therefore Alternative definition of Inductance

$$-\frac{d}{dt} (N\Phi_B) = -L \frac{di}{dt} \Rightarrow L = \frac{N\Phi_B}{i}$$

\therefore Inductance is also **flux linkage per unit current**

Calculating Inductance:

① Solenoid 

To first order approximation $\rightarrow B = \mu_0 n i$

$n = N/\ell$ \rightarrow number of coils per unit length

Consider a subsection of length l of solenoid

Flux linkage $= N \Phi_B$
 $= n l \cdot B A$ where A is cross-sectional area

$$\therefore L = \frac{N \Phi_B}{i} = \mu_0 n^2 l A$$

$$\frac{L}{l} = \mu_0 n^2 A = \text{Inductance per unit length}$$

Note

□ $L \propto n^2$

□ Inductance (like capacitance) depends only on geometric factors (not on i)

② Toroid

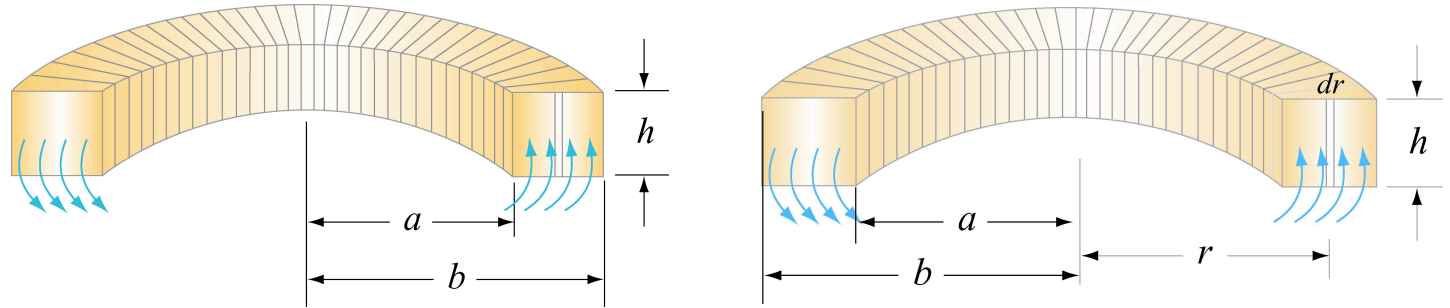
Inside toroid

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i N}{2\pi r}$$

Outside toroid

$$B = 0$$

Recall \blackleftarrow B-field lines are concentric circles



Flux linkage through toroid

$$N \Phi_B = N \int \vec{B} \cdot d\vec{a} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{B} \parallel d\vec{a} \\ da = h dr \end{array} \right\} \text{KEY}$$

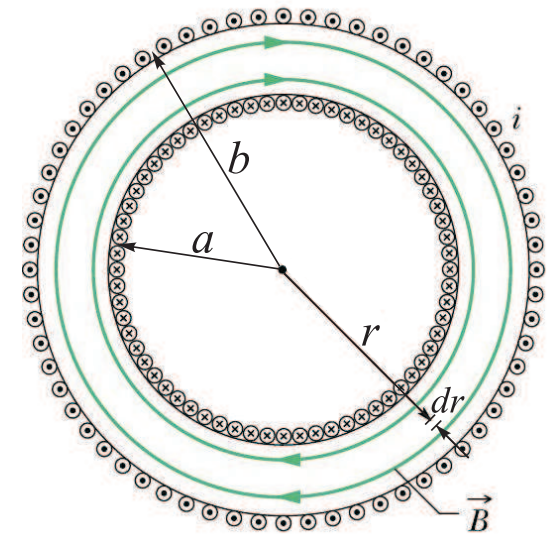


$$= \frac{\mu_0 i N^2}{2\pi} \int_a^b \frac{h dr}{r}$$

$$= \frac{\mu_0 i N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Inductance } L = \frac{N \Phi_B}{i} = \frac{\mu_0 N^2 h}{2\pi} \ln \left(\frac{b}{a} \right)$$

Again $L \propto N^2$



9.2 LR Circuits

(A) Charging an inductor

When switch is adjusted to position a

By **loop rule** (clockwise)

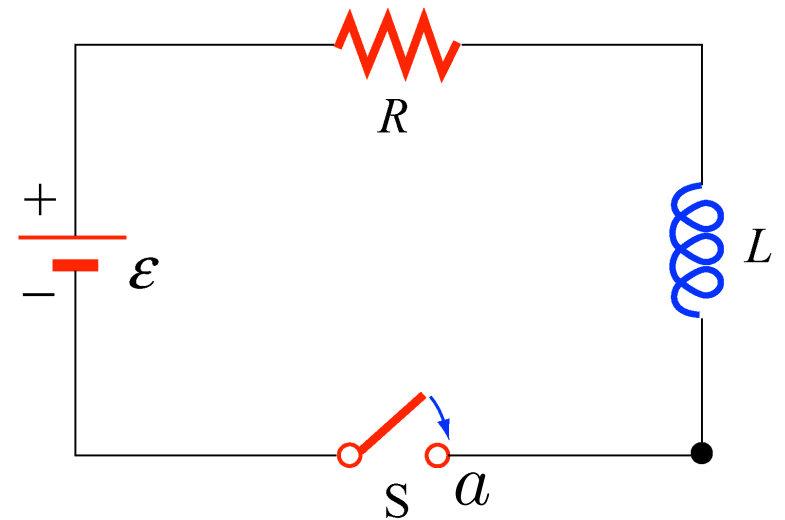
$$\mathcal{E}_0 - \Delta V_R + \Delta V_L = 0$$



$$\mathcal{E}_0 - iR - L \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

$$\therefore \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L} i = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{L}$$

First Order Differential
Equation



Similar to equation for charging a capacitor!

changing variables

$$x = (\mathcal{E}_0/R) - i \qquad dx = -di$$

$$x + \frac{L}{R} \frac{dx}{dt} = 0$$

$$\int_{x_0}^x \frac{dx'}{x'} = -\frac{R}{L} \int_0^t dt$$

$$\ln(x/x_0) = -Rt/L$$

$$x = x_0 e^{-Rt/L}$$

$$i = 0 \text{ @ } t = 0 \Rightarrow x_0 = \mathcal{E}_0/R$$

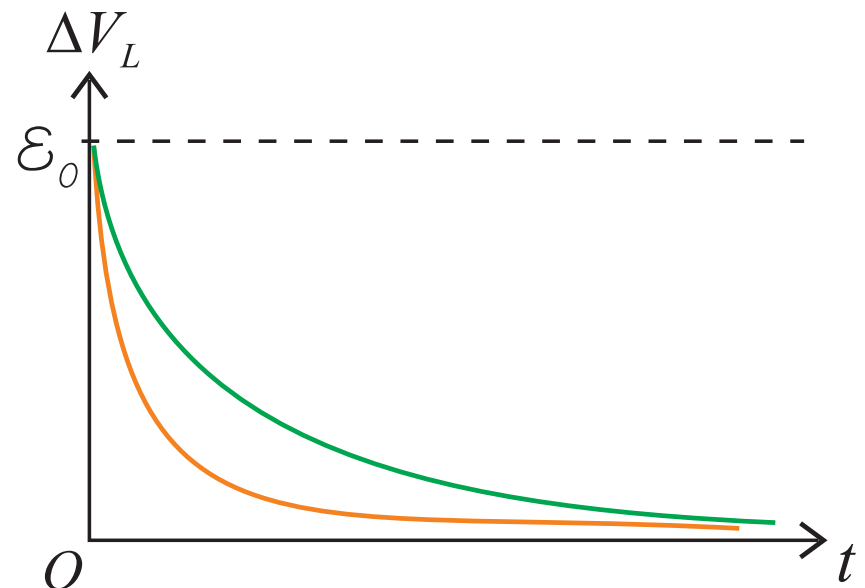
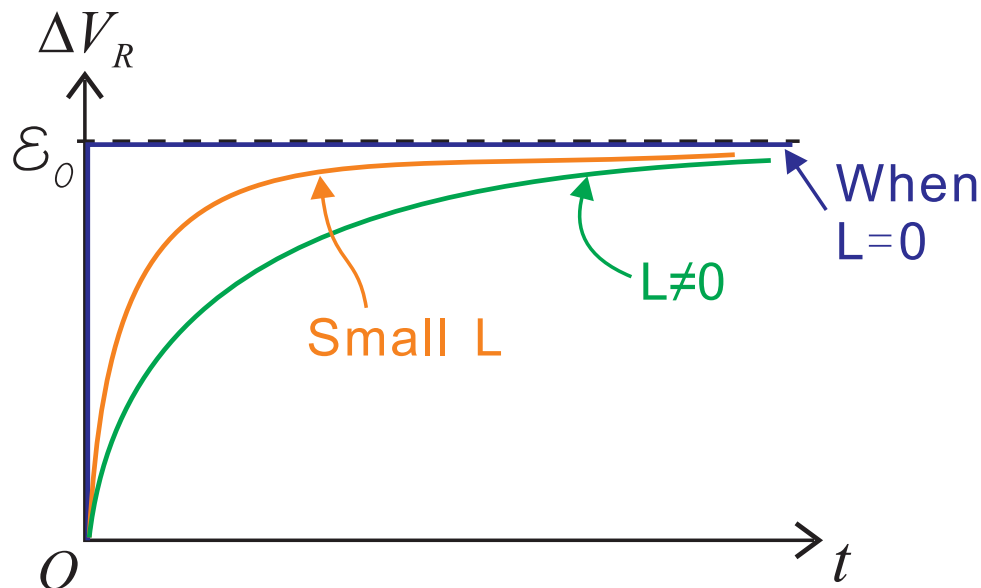
$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{R} - i = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{R} e^{-Rt/L}$$

Solution $\rightarrow i(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{R} (1 - e^{-t/\tau_L})$

$\tau_L = L/R \rightarrow$ Inductive time constant

$|\Delta V_R| = iR = \mathcal{E}_0(1 - e^{-t/\tau_L})$

$|\Delta V_L| = L \frac{di}{dt} = L \cdot \frac{\mathcal{E}_0}{R} \cdot \frac{1}{\tau_L} \cdot e^{-t/\tau_L} = \mathcal{E}_0 e^{-t/\tau_L}$



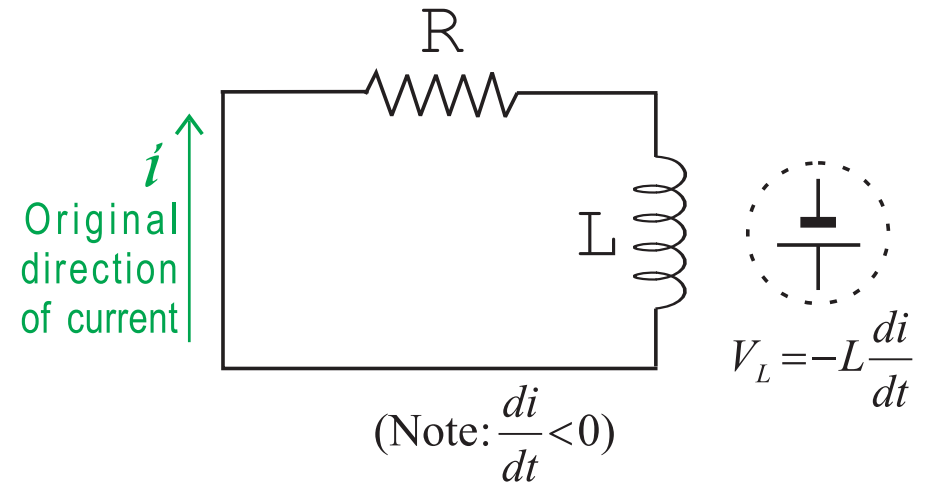
(B) Discharging an inductor

When switch is adjusted at position b after inductor has been **charged**

i.e. current $i = \mathcal{E}_0/R$ is flowing in circuit

By loop rule

$$\begin{array}{rcc} \Delta V_L & - & \Delta V_R = 0 \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ -L \frac{di}{dt} & - & iR = 0 \end{array}$$

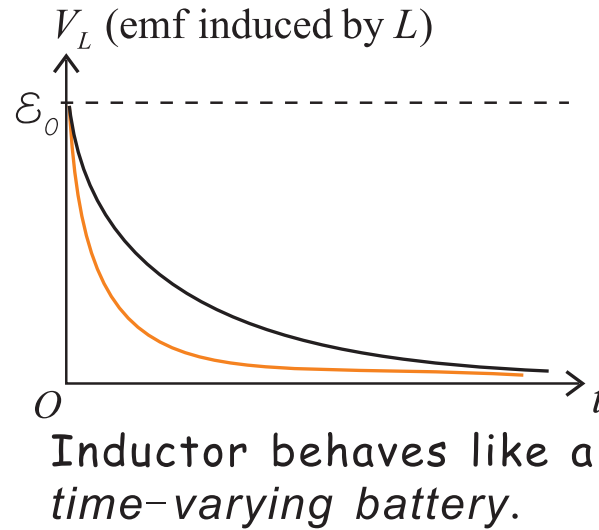
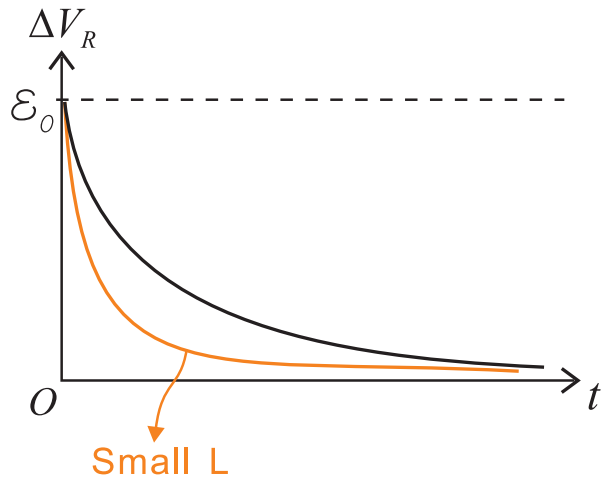


Treat inductor as source of emf

$$\therefore \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{R}{L}i = 0 \quad \text{Discharging an inductor}$$

$$i(t) = i_0 e^{-t/\tau_L}$$

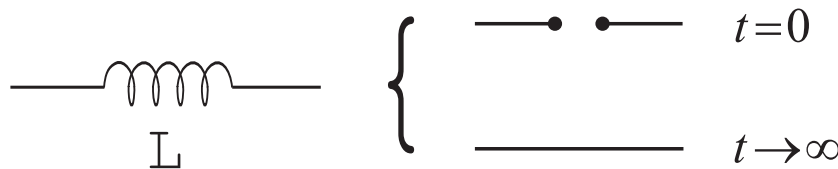
where $i_0 = i(t = 0) =$ Current when circuit just switch to position b



Summary

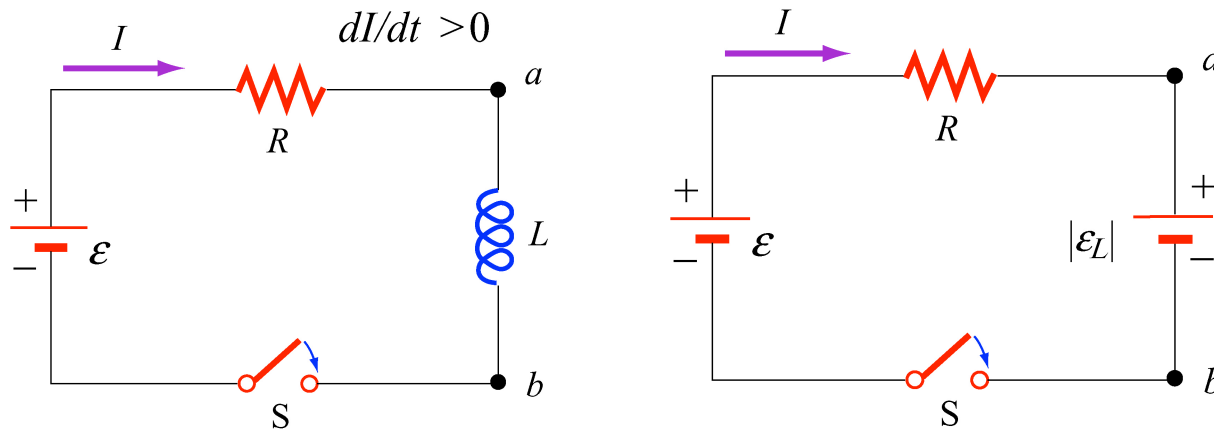
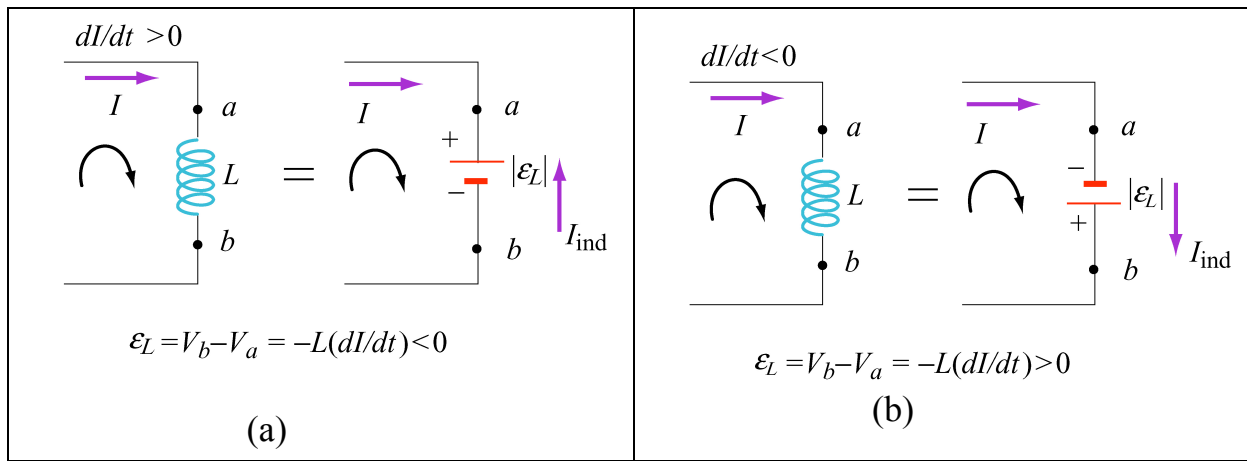
During charging of inductor

1. At $t = 0$ inductor acts like open circuit when **current flowing is zero**
2. At $t \rightarrow \infty$ inductor acts like **short circuit** when **current flowing is stabilized at maximum**

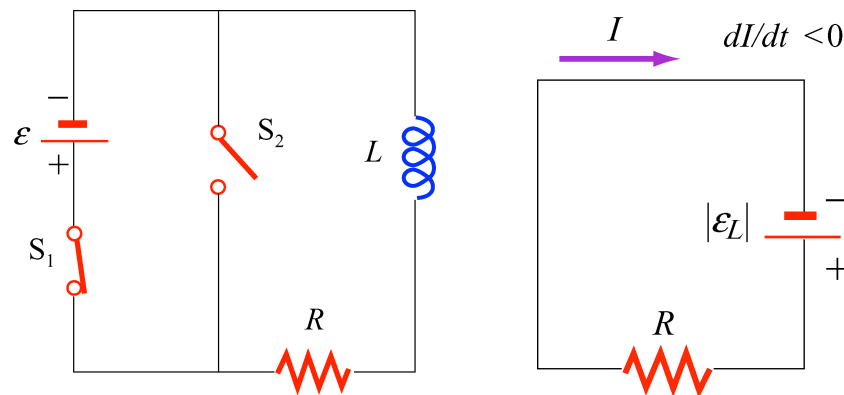


3. Inductors are used everyday in switches for safety concerns

Summary



RL circuit with rising current and equivalent circuit



RL circuit with decaying current and equivalent circuit

9.3 Energy Stored in Inductors

Inductors stored magnetic energy through magnetic field stored in circuit

Recall equation for charging inductors

$$\mathcal{E}_0 - iR - L \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

Multiply both sides by i

$$\underbrace{\mathcal{E}_0 i}_{\substack{\text{Power input by emf} \\ \text{(Energy supplied} \\ \text{one charge} = q\mathcal{E}_0)}} = \underbrace{i^2 R}_{\substack{\text{Joule's heating} \\ \text{(Power dissipated} \\ \text{by resistor)}}} + \underbrace{Li \frac{di}{dt}}_{\text{Power stored in inductor}}$$

\therefore Power stored in inductor

Integrating both sides and use initial condition

$$\text{At } t = 0, \quad i(t = 0) = U_B(t = 0) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{ Energy stored in inductor } \rightarrow U_B = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$$

Energy Density Stored in Inductors

Consider an **infinitely long** solenoid of cross-sectional area A

For a portion l of solenoid

$$L = \mu_0 n^2 l A$$

\therefore Energy stored in inductor:

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2} L i^2 = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 n^2 i^2 \underbrace{l A}_{\text{Volume of solenoid}}$$

\therefore **Energy density** (= Energy stored per unit volume) inside inductor

$$u_B = \frac{U_B}{l A} = \frac{1}{2} \mu_0 n^2 i^2$$

Recall magnetic field inside solenoid

$$B = \mu_0 n i$$

$$\therefore u_B = \frac{B^2}{2\mu_0}$$

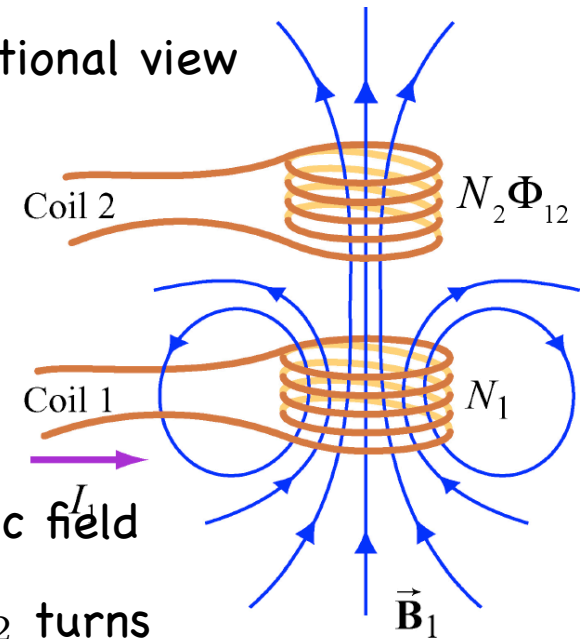
This is a **general result of energy stored in a magnetic field**

9.4 Mutual Inductance

Very often the magnetic flux through the area enclosed by a circuit varies with time because of time-varying currents in nearby circuits

mutual inductance depends on interaction of two circuits

Consider two closely wound coils of wire shown in cross-sectional view



Current I_1 in coil 1 which has N_1 turns creates a magnetic field

Some magnetic field lines pass through coil 2 which has N_2 turns

The magnetic flux caused by the current in coil 1 and passing through coil 2 is Φ_{12}

We define the mutual inductance of coil 2 with respect to coil 1

$$M_{12} \equiv \frac{N_2 \Phi_{12}}{I_1}$$

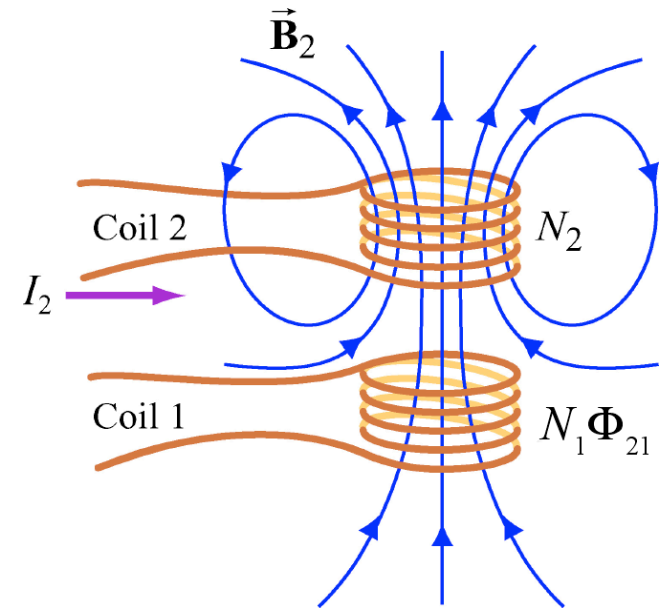
If current I_1 varies with time

we see from Faraday's law that emf induced by coil 1 in coil 2 is

$$\mathcal{E}_2 = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi_{12}}{dt} = -N_2 \frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{M_{12} I_1}{N_2} \right) = -M_{12} \frac{dI_1}{dt}$$

If current I_2 varies with time \rightarrow emf induced by coil 2 in coil 1 is

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = -M_{21} \frac{dI_2}{dt}$$

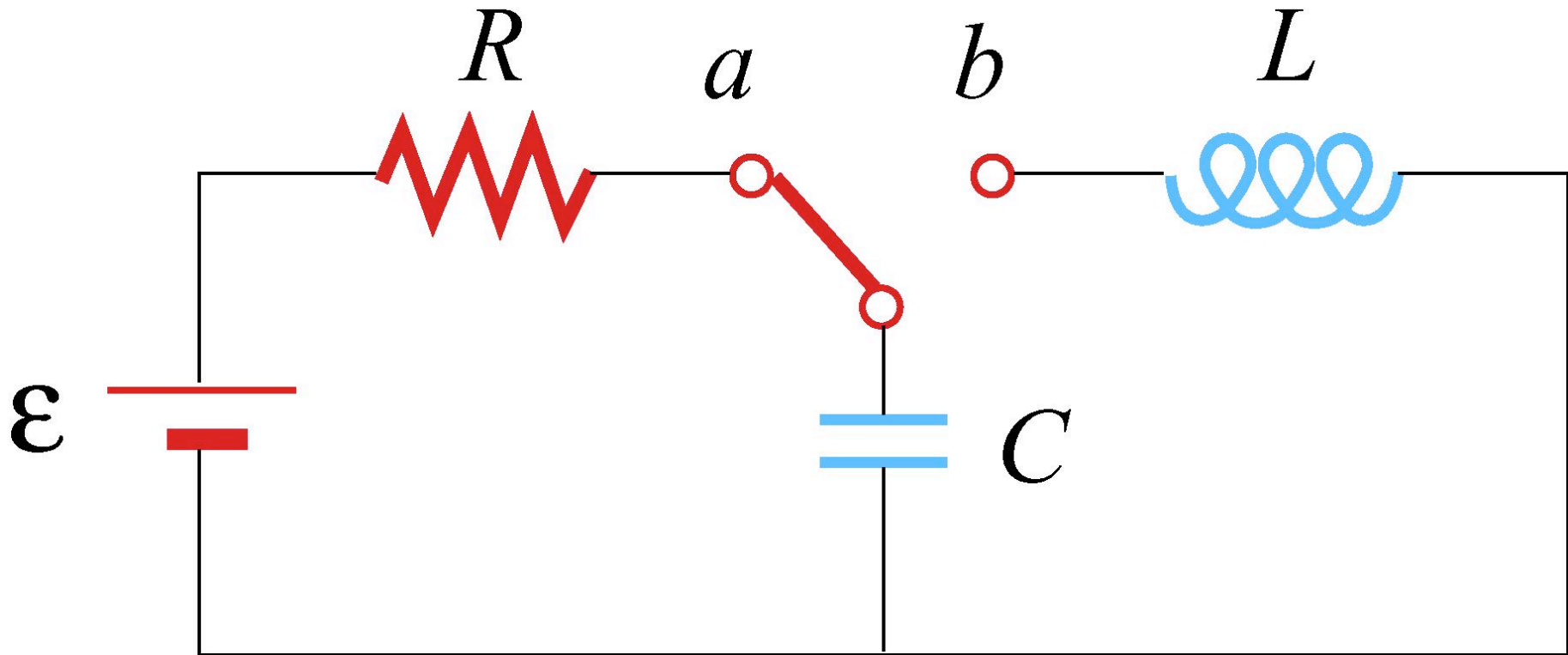


In mutual induction emf induced in one coil

is always proportional to rate at which current in other coil is changing

It is easily seen that $M_{12} = M_{21} = M$

9.5 LC Circuit (Electromagnetic Oscillator)

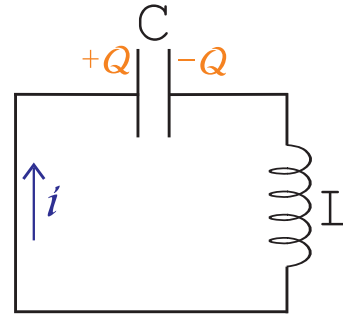


After the capacitor is charged we move the switch to position b

Initial charge on capacitor = Q

Initial current = 0

No battery



Assume current i to be in direction that **decreases** charge
on **positive capacitor plate**

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{dQ}{dt} \quad (10.1)$$

By **Lenz Law** we also know **poles** of inductor

Loop rule $\rightarrow V_C + V_L = 0$

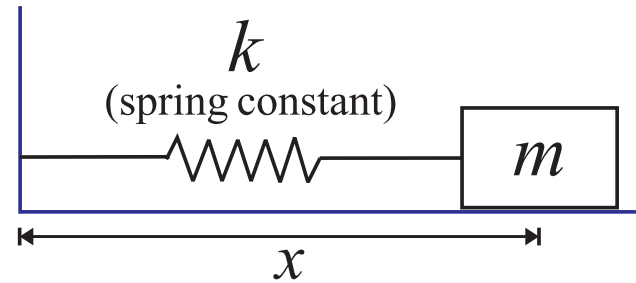
$$-\frac{Q}{C} - L \frac{di}{dt} = 0 \quad (10.2)$$

Combining equations (10.1) and (10.2) we get

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

This is similar to equation of motion of
a simple harmonic oscillator

$$\frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$



Another approach (**conservation of energy**)

Total energy stored in circuit

$$U = U_E + U_B$$

$$U = \frac{Q^2}{2C} + \frac{1}{2} Li^2$$

Since resistance in circuit is zero **no energy** is dissipated in circuit

∴ Energy contained in circuit is **conserved**

$$\therefore \frac{dU}{dt} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{Q}{C} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dt} + Li \frac{di}{dt} = 0 \quad \left(\because i = \frac{dQ}{dt} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow L \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

Solution to this differential equation is in form

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dQ}{dt} = -\omega Q_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$= -\omega^2 Q$$

$$\therefore \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \omega^2 Q = 0$$

$$\therefore \omega^2 = \frac{1}{LC} \quad \text{Angular frequency of } LC \text{ oscillator}$$

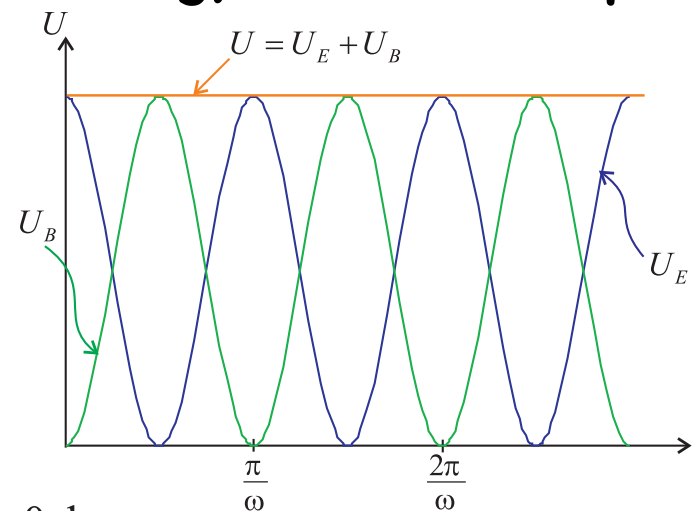
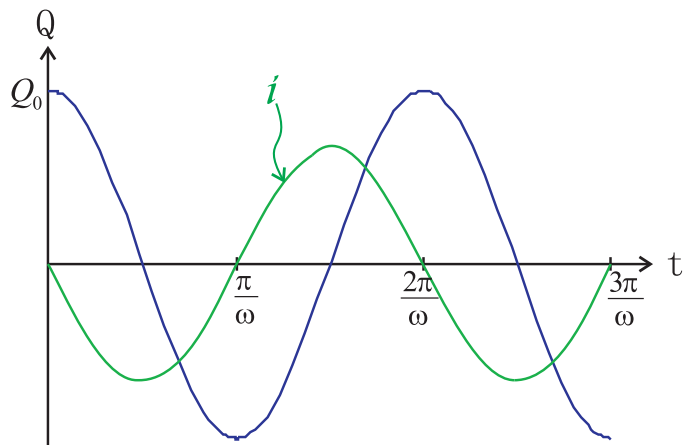
Q_0, ϕ are constants derived from initial conditions
 (Two initial conditions, **e.g.** $Q(t=0)$ and $i(t=0) = \left. \frac{dQ}{dt} \right|_{t=0}$ are required)

$$\text{Energy stored in capacitor} = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C} \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\text{Energy stored in inductance} = \frac{1}{2} L i^2 = \frac{1}{2} L \omega^2 Q_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

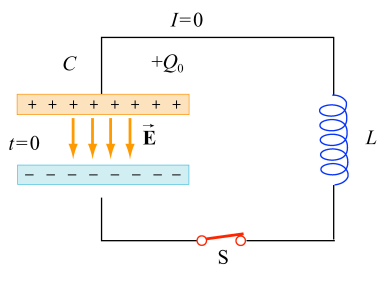
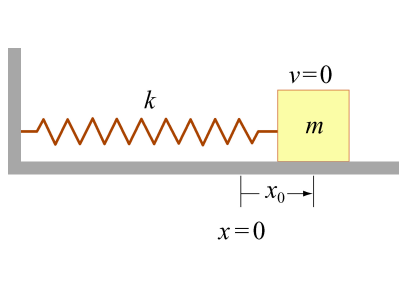
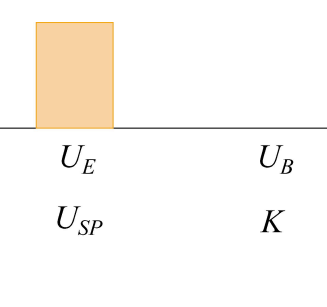
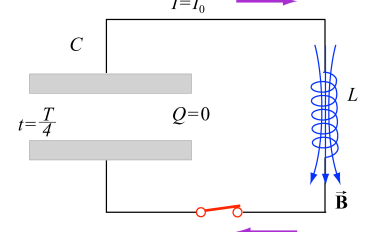
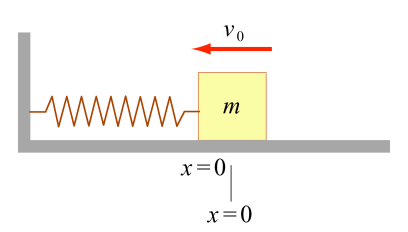
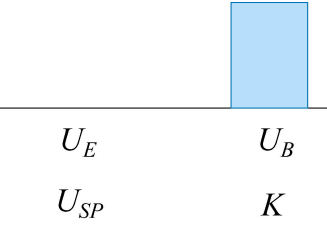
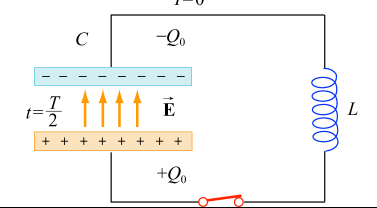
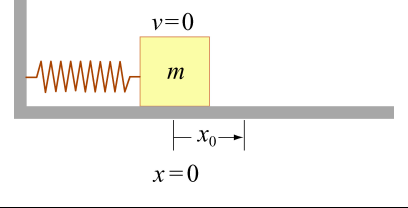
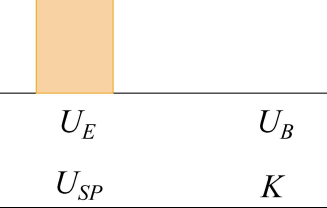
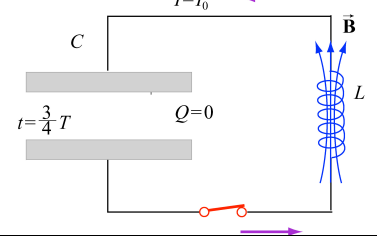
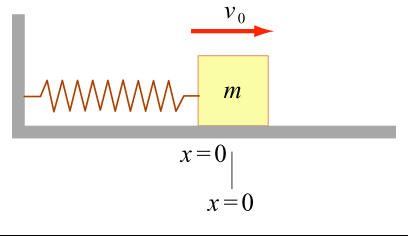
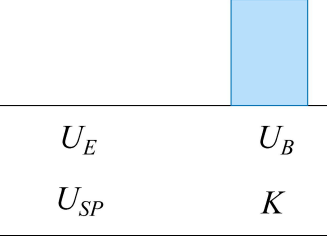
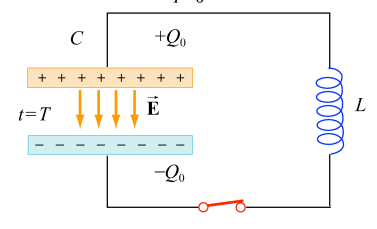
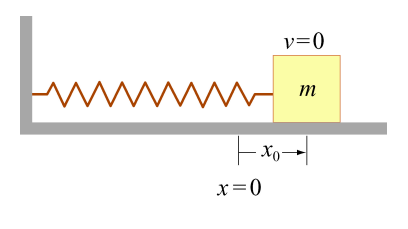
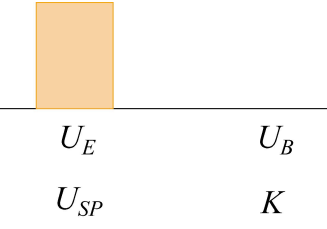
$$\left(\text{Since } L\omega^2 = \frac{1}{C} \right) = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C} \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total energy stored} &= \frac{Q_0^2}{2C} \\ &= \text{Initial energy stored in capacitor} \end{aligned}$$



Assume $\phi = 0$ here

Energy oscillations in LC system and mass-spring system

LC Circuit	Mass-spring System	Energy
 <p>$I=0$ $+Q_0$ $t=0$ \vec{E} L S</p>	 <p>k m $v=0$ x_0 $x=0$</p>	 <p>U_E U_B U_{SP} K</p>
 <p>$I=I_0$ $Q=0$ $t=\frac{T}{4}$ \vec{B} L S</p>	 <p>v_0 m $x=0$ $x=0$</p>	 <p>U_E U_B U_{SP} K</p>
 <p>$I=0$ $-Q_0$ $t=\frac{T}{2}$ \vec{E} L S</p>	 <p>$v=0$ m x_0 $x=0$</p>	 <p>U_E U_B U_{SP} K</p>
 <p>$I=I_0$ $Q=0$ $t=\frac{3}{4}T$ \vec{B} L S</p>	 <p>v_0 m $x=0$ $x=0$</p>	 <p>U_E U_B U_{SP} K</p>
 <p>$I=0$ $+Q_0$ $t=T$ \vec{E} L S</p>	 <p>$v=0$ m x_0 $x=0$</p>	 <p>U_E U_B U_{SP} K</p>

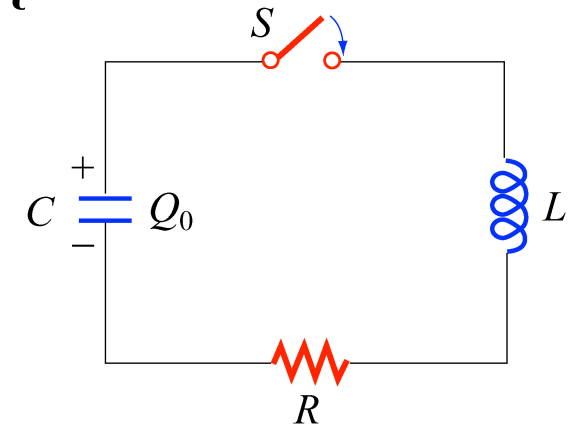
9. 6 RLC Circuit (Damped Oscillator)

In real life circuit \blacktriangleright there's **always** resistance

energy stored in LC oscillator is **NOT** conserved
and

$$\frac{dU}{dt} = \text{Power dissipated in resistor} = -i^2 R$$

Negative sign shows that energy U is decreasing



Joule's heating

$$\therefore Li \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} \cdot \overbrace{\frac{dQ}{dt}}^i = -i^2 R$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \cdot \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

This is similar to equation of motion of a **damped harmonic oscillator** (e.g. if a mass-spring system faces a frictional force $\vec{F} = -b\vec{v}$)

Solution to equation is of form

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \underbrace{e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t}}_{\text{exponential decay term}} \underbrace{\cos(\omega' t + \phi)}_{\text{oscillating term}}$$

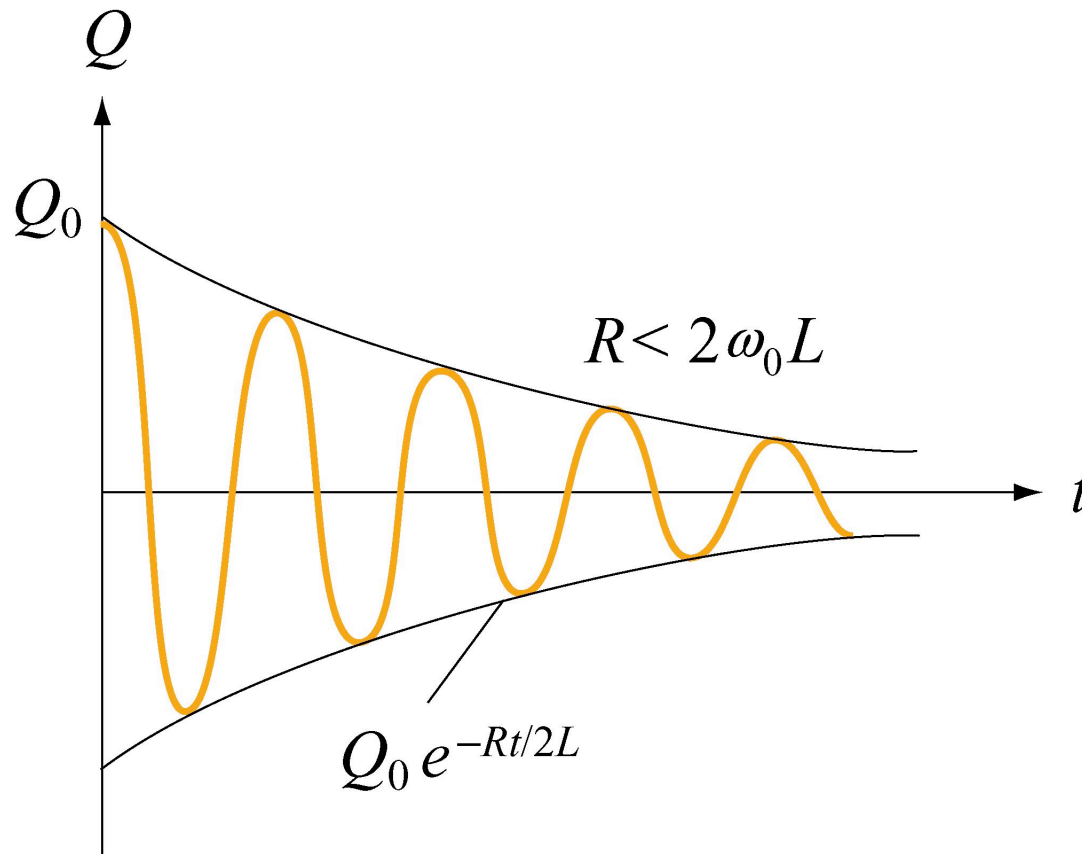
$$\omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

$$\omega' = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{R}{2L} \quad \text{damping factor}$$

There are three possible scenarios depending on the relative values of γ and ω_0

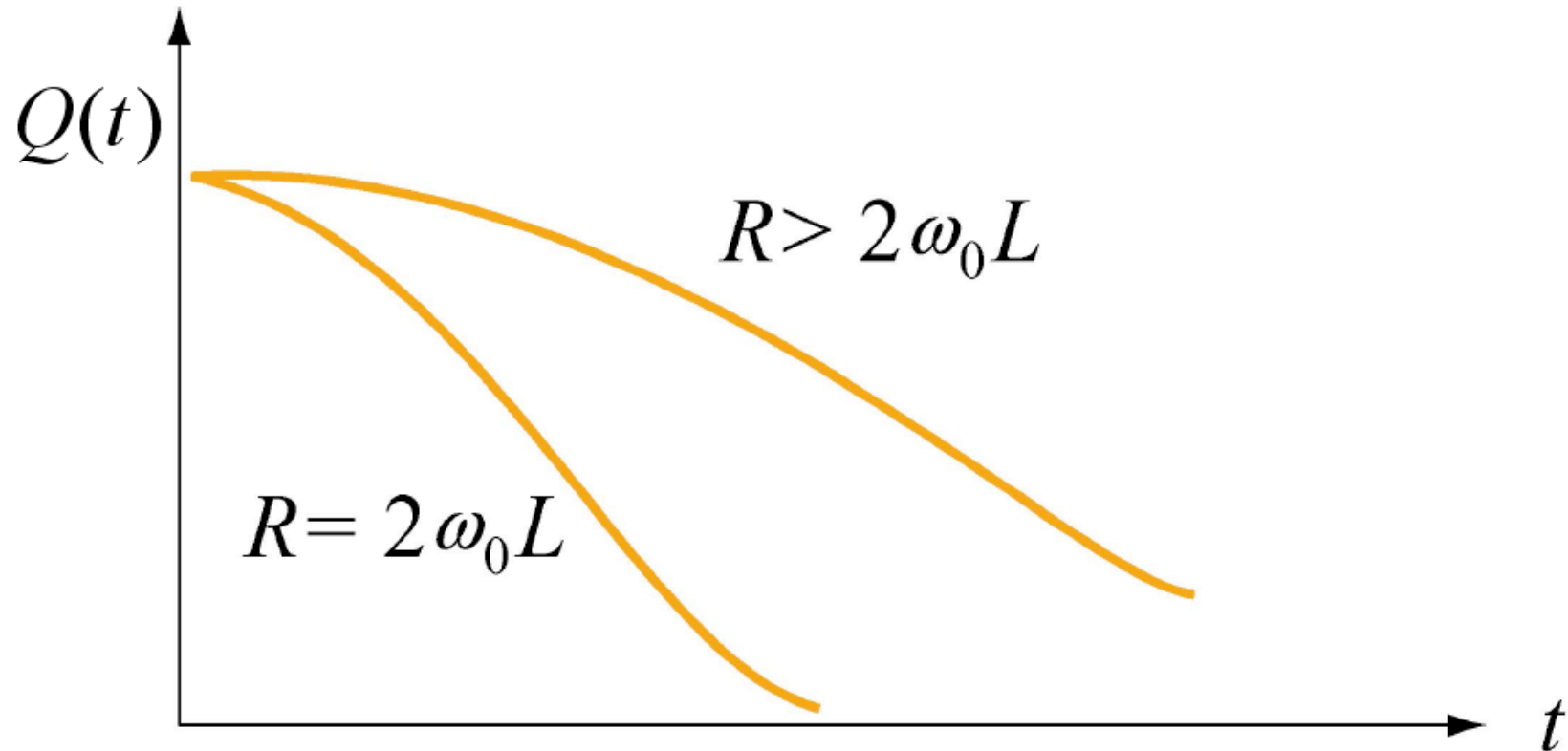
Case I: Underdamping $\omega_0 > \gamma$



Underdamped oscillator always oscillates

at a **lower** frequency than **natural frequency** of oscillator

Case II: Overdamping $\omega_0 < \gamma$



Case III: Critical damping $\omega_0 = \gamma$



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