

# Course Updates

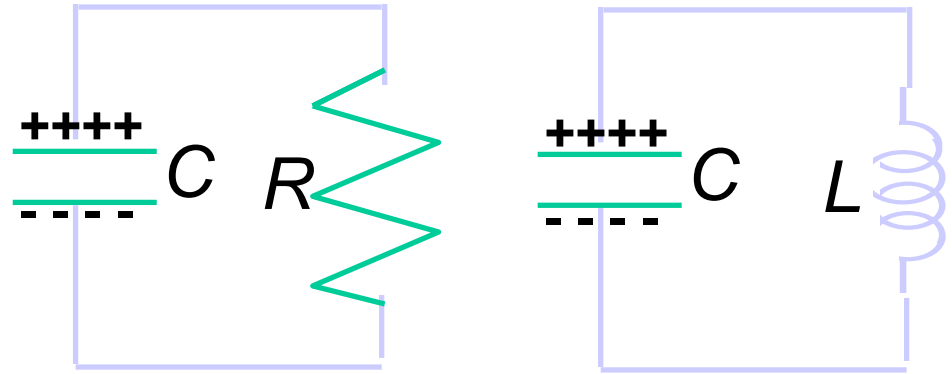
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## Reminders:

- 1) Assignment #10 → due Wednesday
- 2) Quiz # 5 **Friday**
- 3) Today finish RLC circuits

# LC Circuits

- **Consider the RC and LC series circuits shown:**
- **Suppose that the circuits are formed at  $t=0$  with the capacitor charged to value  $Q$ .**



There is a qualitative difference in the time development of the currents produced in these two cases. Why??

- Consider from point of view of energy!
  - In the RC circuit, any current developed will cause energy to be dissipated in the resistor.
  - In the LC circuit, there is NO mechanism for energy dissipation; energy can be stored both in

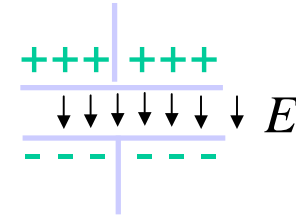
# Energy in the *Electric* and *Magnetic* Fields

Energy stored in a capacitor ...

$$U = \frac{1}{2} C V^2$$

... energy density

...



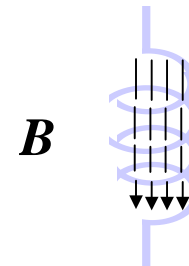
$$u_{\text{electric}} = \frac{1}{2} \epsilon_0 E^2$$

Energy stored in an inductor ....

$$U = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

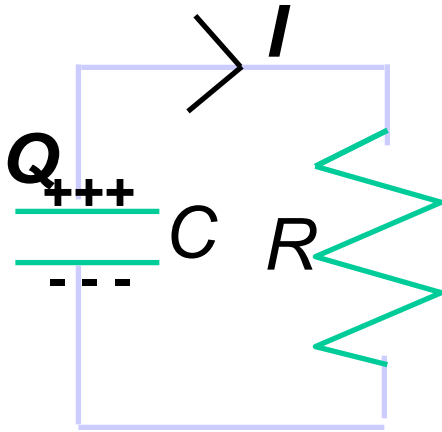
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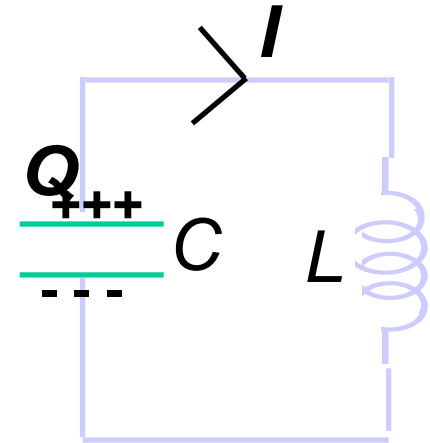
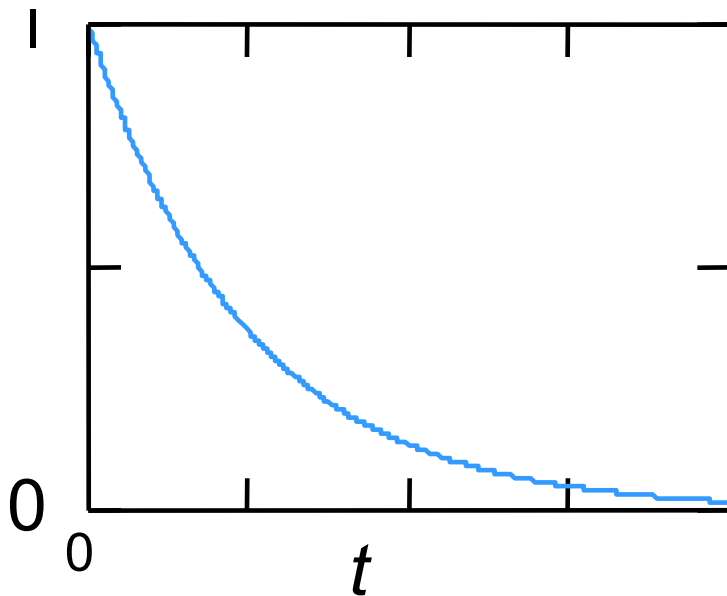
$$u_{\text{magnetic}} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{\mu_0}$$

# RC/LC Circuits



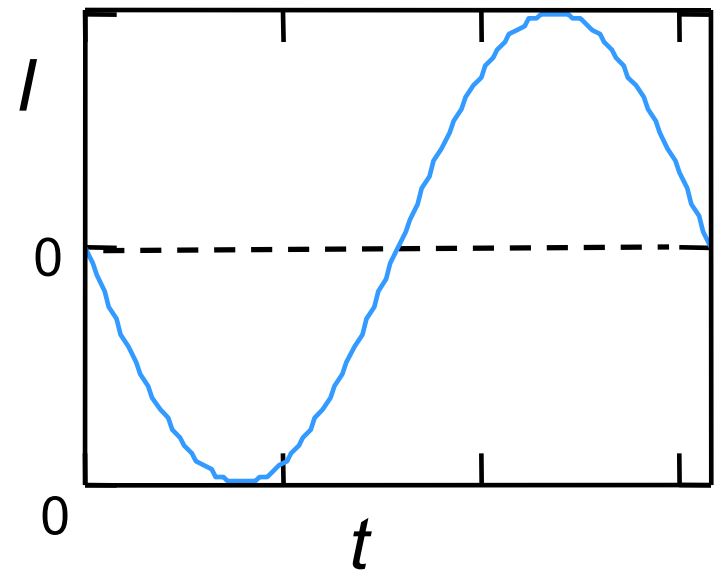
**RC:**

**current decays exponentially**

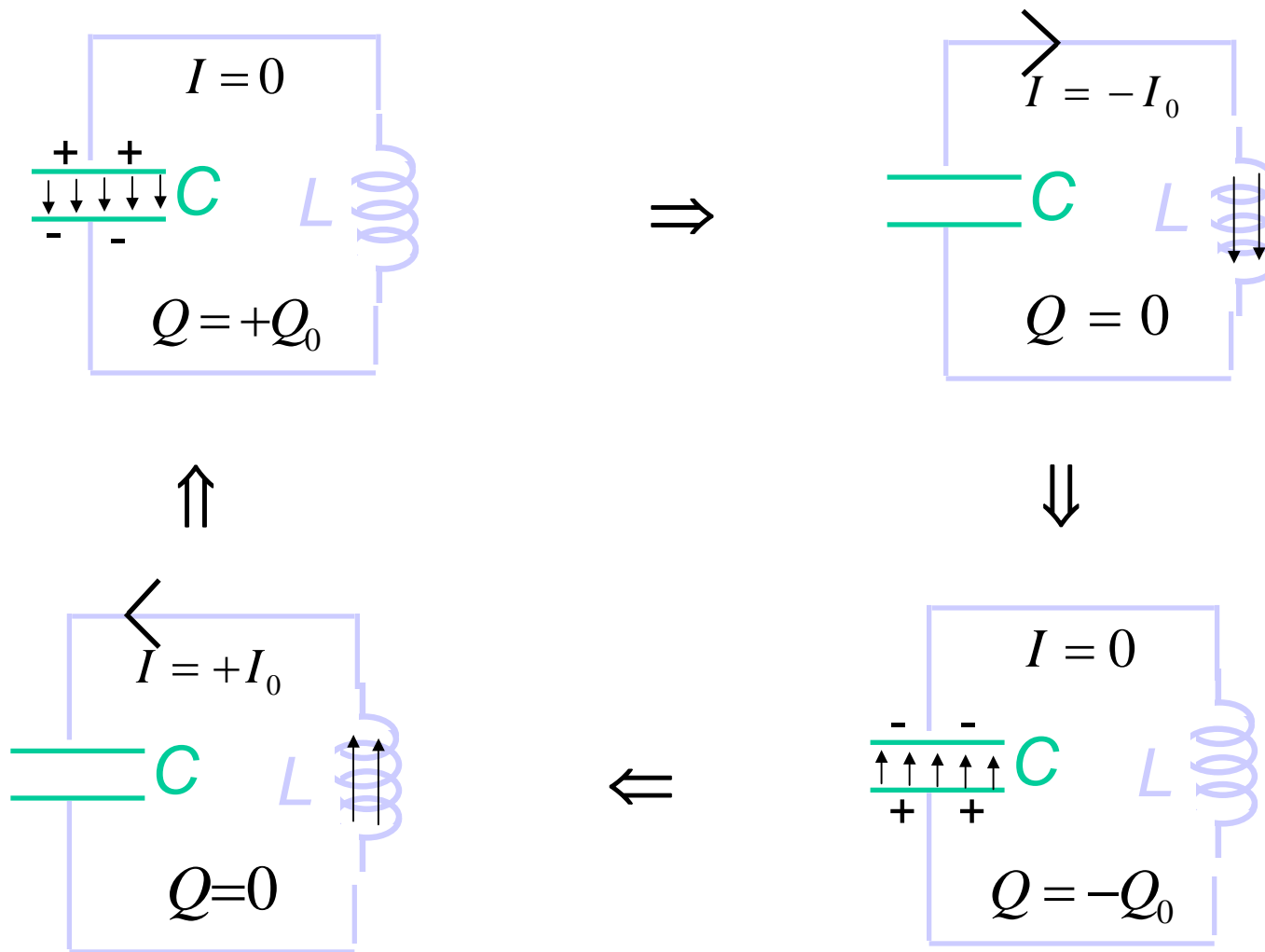


**LC:**

**current oscillates**

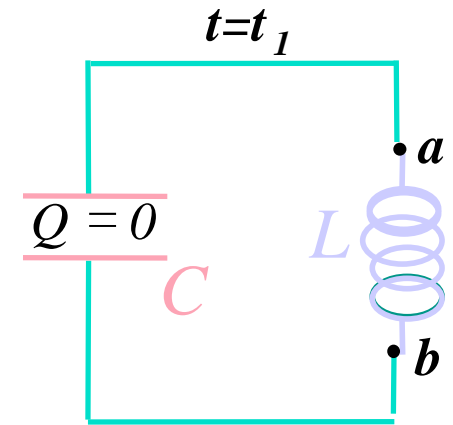
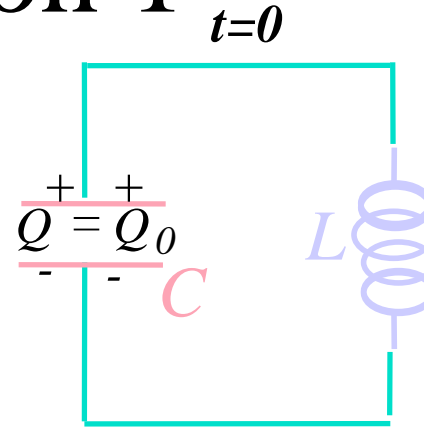


# LC Oscillations (qualitative)



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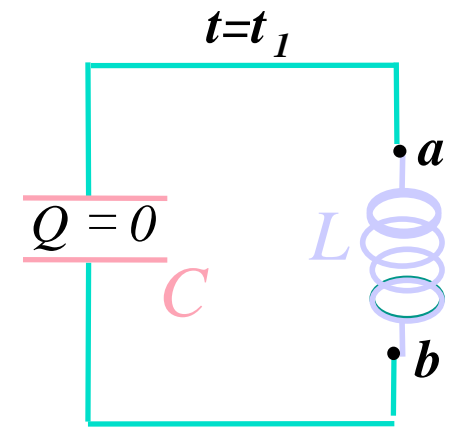
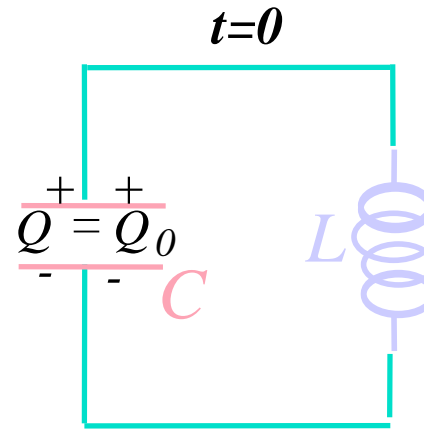
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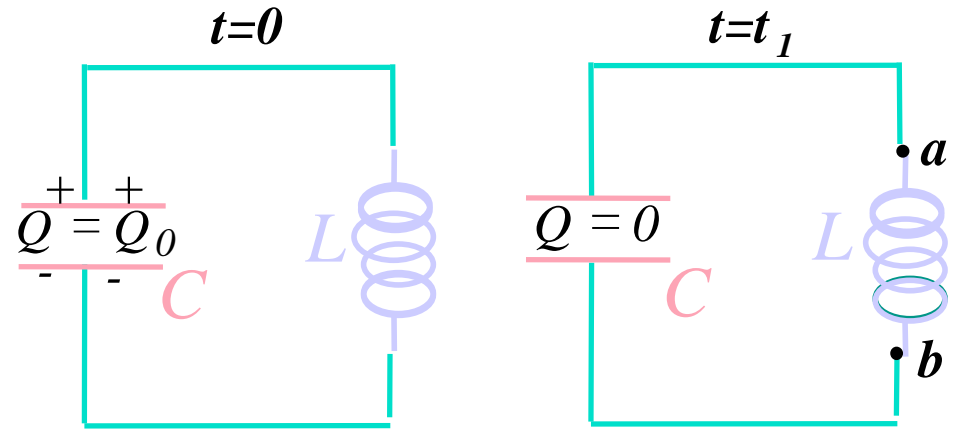
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$t_1$ ?

- $V_{ab}$  is the voltage across the inductor, but it is also (minus) the voltage across the capacitor!
- Since the charge on the capacitor is zero, the voltage across the capacitor is zero!

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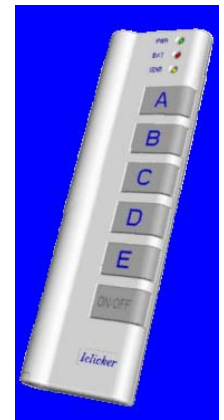


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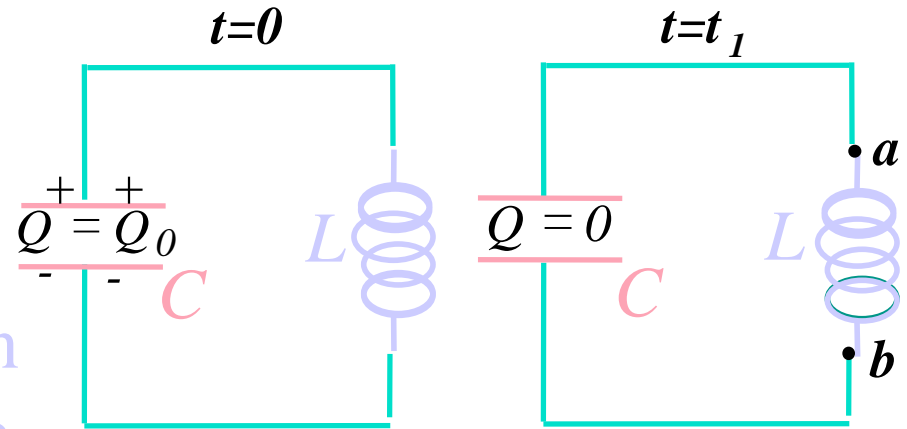
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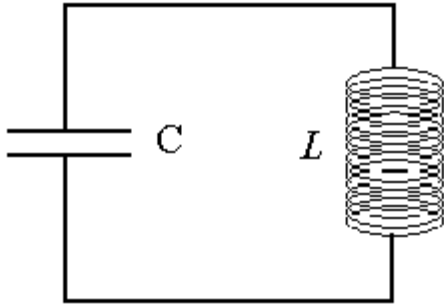
- At  $t=t_1$ , the charge on the capacitor is zero.

- At  $t=t_1$ , the current is a maximum.

$$U_{C1} = \frac{Q_1^2}{2C} = 0$$

$$U_{L1} = \frac{1}{2} L I_1^2 = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C} > 0$$

### Question 3:



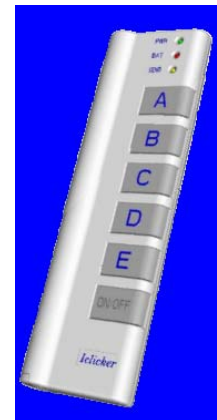
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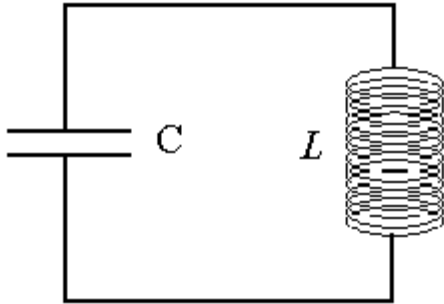
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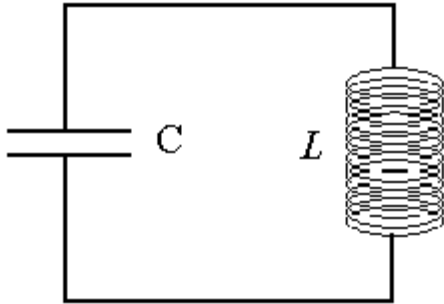
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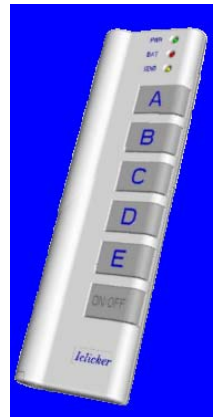
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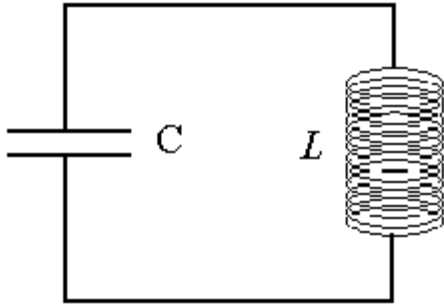
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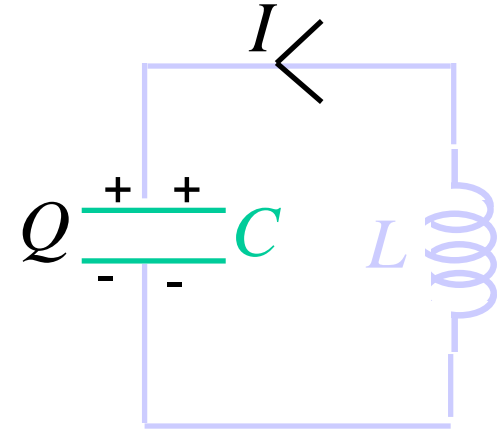
# LC Oscillations

(quantitative, but only for  $R=0$ )

- What is the oscillation frequency  $\omega_0$ ?

- Begin with the loop rule:

$$L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$



- Guess solution: (just harmonic oscillator!)

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

remember:

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

where  $\phi, Q_0$  determined from initial conditions

- Procedure: differentiate above form for  $Q$  and substitute into loop equation to find  $\omega$ .

- Note: Dimensional analysis  $\rightarrow \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

# LC Oscillations (quantitative)

- **General solution:**

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

- **Differentiate:**

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

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

- **Substitute into loop eqn:**

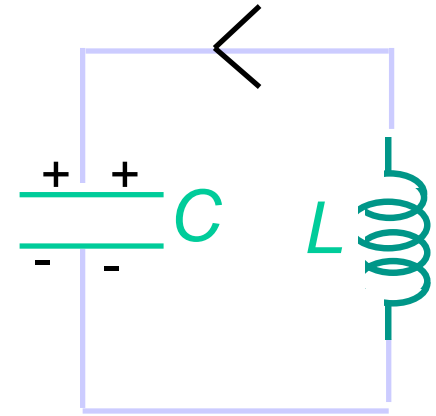
$$L(-\omega^2 Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)) + \frac{1}{C}(Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)) = 0 \Rightarrow -\omega^2 L + \frac{1}{C} = 0$$

Therefore,

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

which we could have determined  
from the mass on a spring result:

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}} = \sqrt{\frac{1/C}{L}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$



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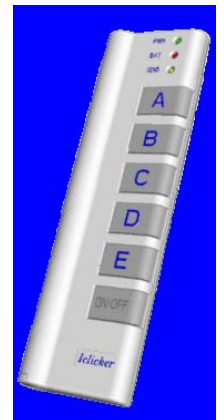
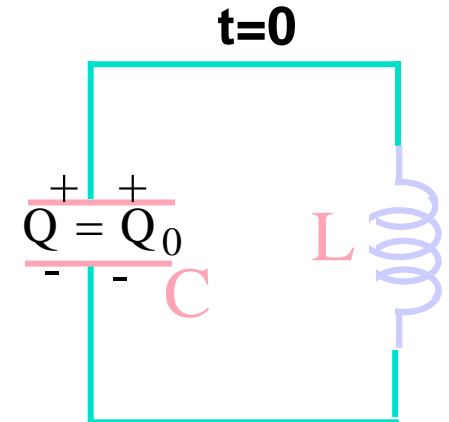
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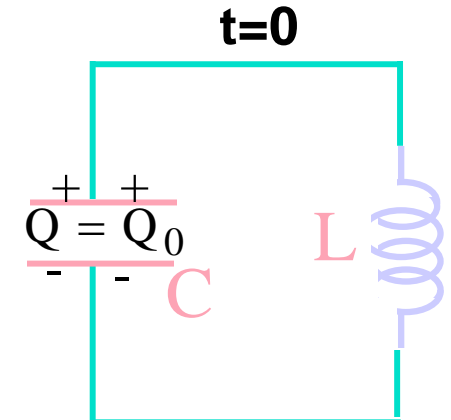
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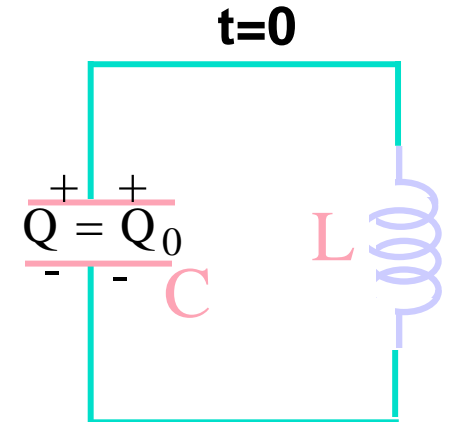


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- $Q_0$  determines the amplitude of the oscillations (initial condition)
- The frequency of the oscillations is determined by the circuit parameters ( $L, C$ ), just as the frequency of oscillations of a mass on a spring was determined by the physical parameters ( $k, m$ )!

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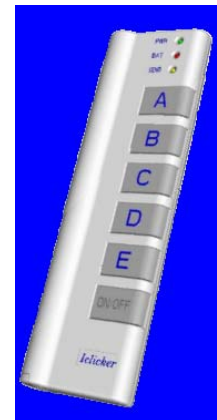


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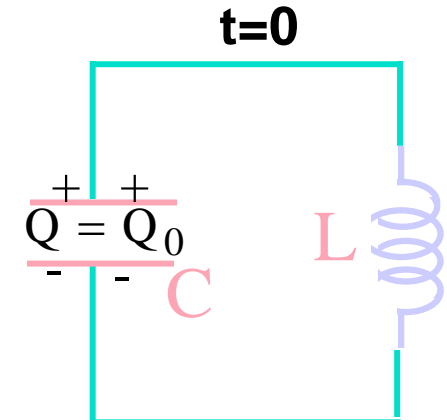
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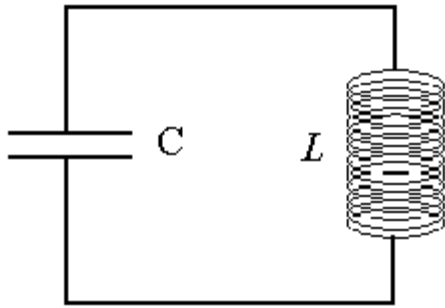
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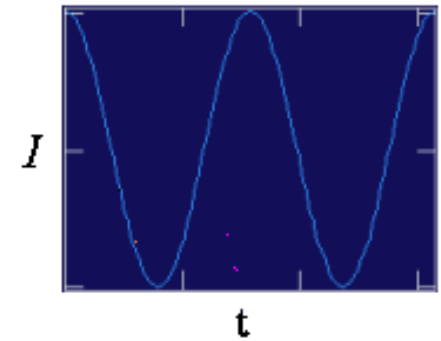
- The initial charge determines the total energy in the circuit:**  

$$U_0 = Q_0^2 / 2C$$
- The maximum current occurs when  $Q=0$ !**
- At this time, all the energy is in the inductor:  $U = 1/2 LI_0^2$**
- Therefore, doubling the initial charge quadruples the total energy.**
- To quadruple the total energy, the max current must double!**



## Confirmation 1:

The current in a LC circuit is a sinusoidal oscillation, with frequency  $\omega$ .

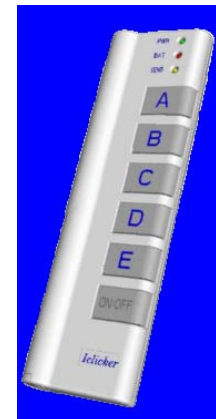


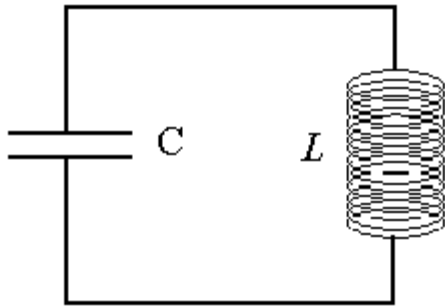
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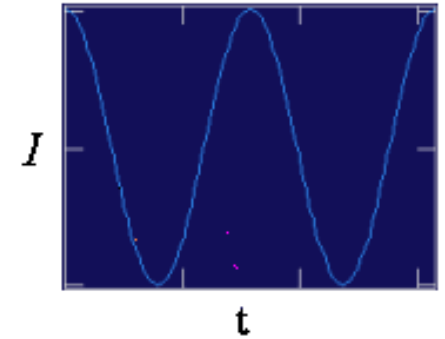
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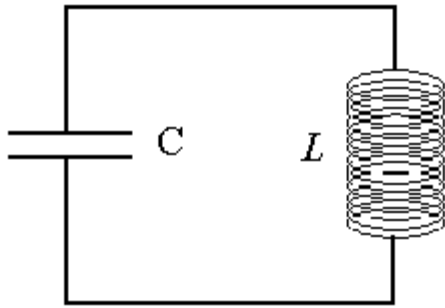


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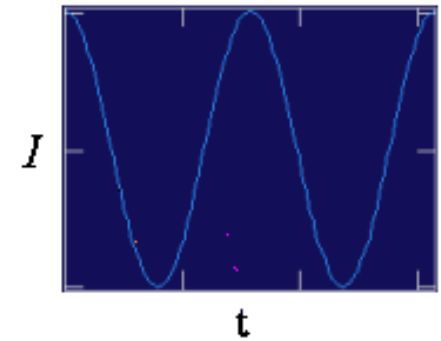
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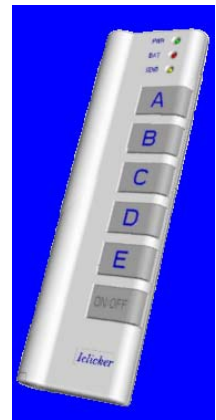


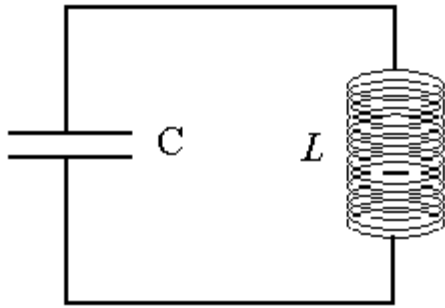
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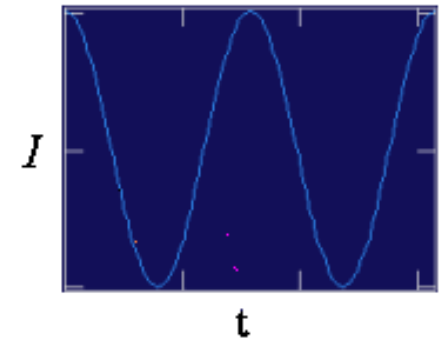
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# LC Oscillations

## Energy Check

- Oscillation frequency  $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$  has been found from the loop equation.
- The other unknowns (  $Q_0, \phi$  ) are found from the initial conditions. E.g., in our original example we assumed initial values for the charge ( $Q_i$ ) and current ( $0$ ). For these values:  $Q_0 = Q_i, \phi = 0$ .
- **Question: Does this solution conserve energy?**

$$U_E(t) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{Q^2(t)}{C} = \frac{1}{2C} Q_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$U_B(t) = \frac{1}{2} L i^2(t) = \frac{1}{2} L \omega^2 Q_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$



# Energy Check

## Energy in Capacitor

$$U_E(t) = \frac{1}{2C} Q_0^2 \cos^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

## Energy in Inductor

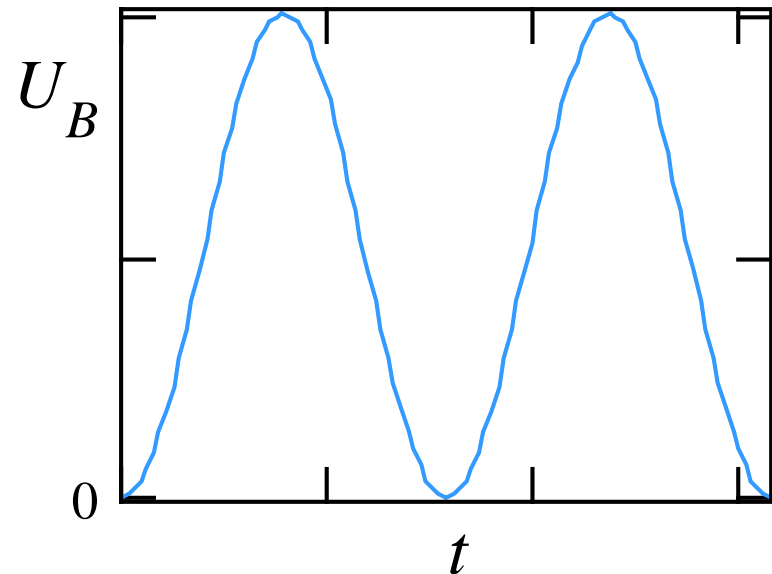
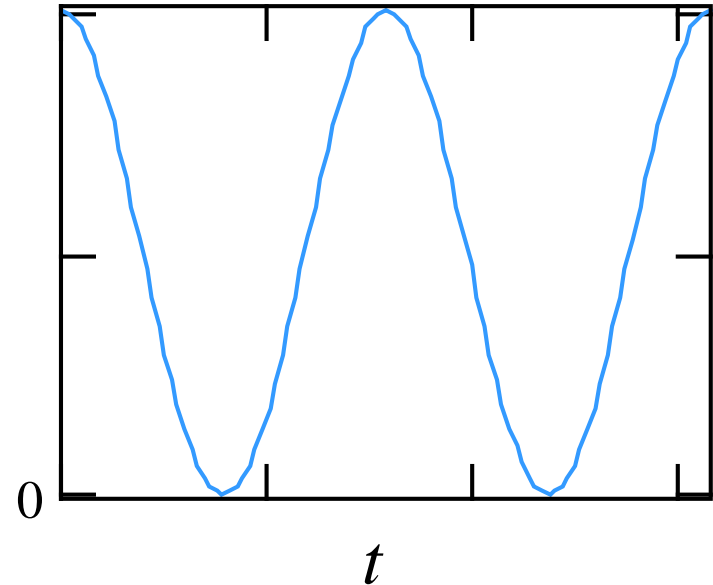
$$U_B(t) = \frac{1}{2} L \omega^2 Q_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \quad \Downarrow$$

$$U_B(t) = \frac{1}{2C} Q_0^2 \sin^2(\omega t + \phi)$$

Therefore,

$$U_E(t) + U_B(t) = \frac{Q_0^2}{2C}$$



## Inductor-Capacitor Circuits

**Solving a LC circuit problem; Suppose  $\omega=1/\sqrt{LC}=3$  and given the initial conditions,**

$$Q(t=0) = 5C$$

$$I(t=0) = 15A$$

**Solve find  $Q_0$  and  $\phi_0$ , to get complete solution using,**

$$Q(t=0) = 5 = Q \cos(0 + \phi_0)$$

$$I(t=0) = 15 = -Q\omega \sin(0 + \phi_0) = -3Q \sin(0 + \phi_0)$$

**and we find,**

$$(5)^2 + \left(-\frac{15}{3}\right)^2 = Q^2 [\sin^2(\phi_0) + \cos^2(\phi_0)] = Q^2, \quad Q = 5\sqrt{2}$$

$$\phi_0 = \text{inv. tan}\left(-\frac{15}{5 \cdot 3}\right), \quad \phi_0 = -45^\circ$$

## Mathematical Insert

The following are all equally valid solutions

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \sin(\omega t + \phi_1)$$

$$Q(t) = Q_0 (\cos(\omega t)\cos(\phi_0) - \sin(\omega t)\sin(\phi_0))$$

$$Q(t) = A \cos(\omega t) + B \sin(\omega t)$$

The LC circuit eqn is the analog of the spring force eqn

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

$$m \frac{d^2 x}{dt^2} = -Kx$$

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

# Inductor-Capacitor-Resistor Circuit

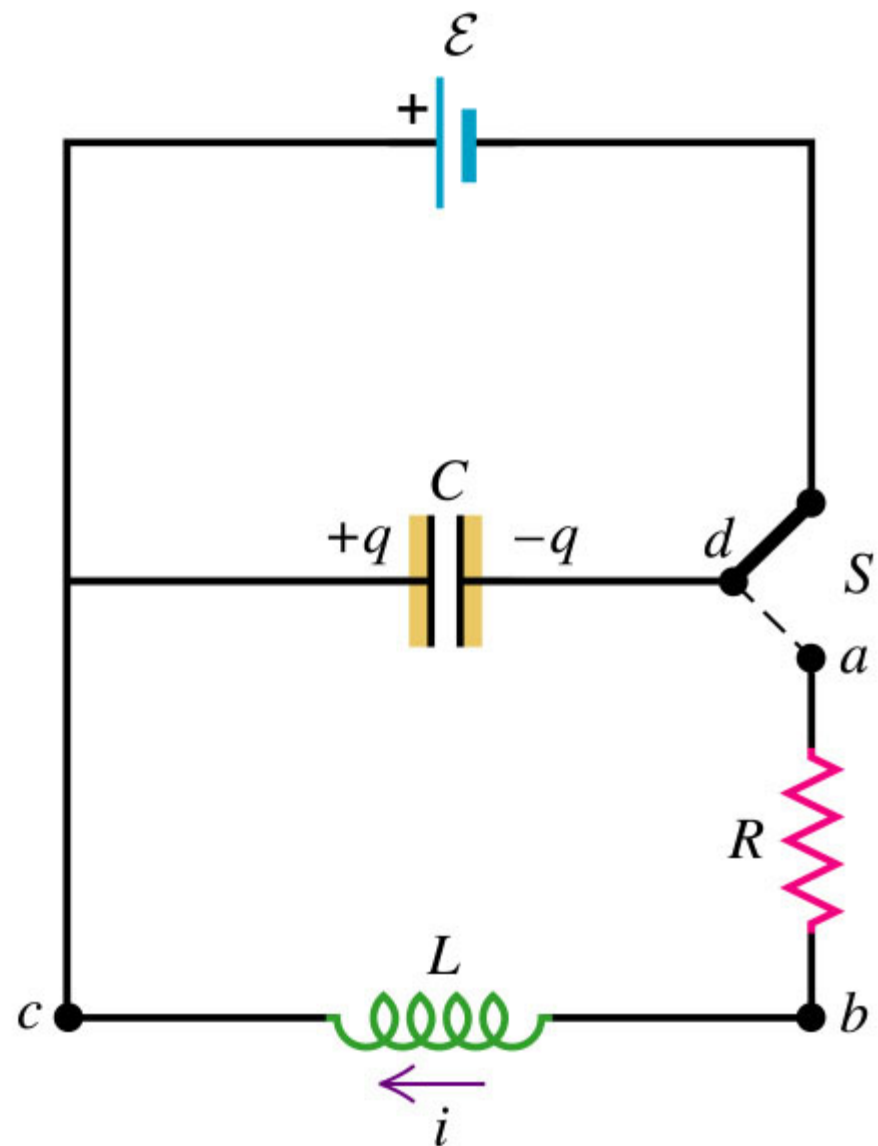
$$0 = \frac{Q}{C} + RI + L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2}$$

$$0 = L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C}$$

Solution will have form of

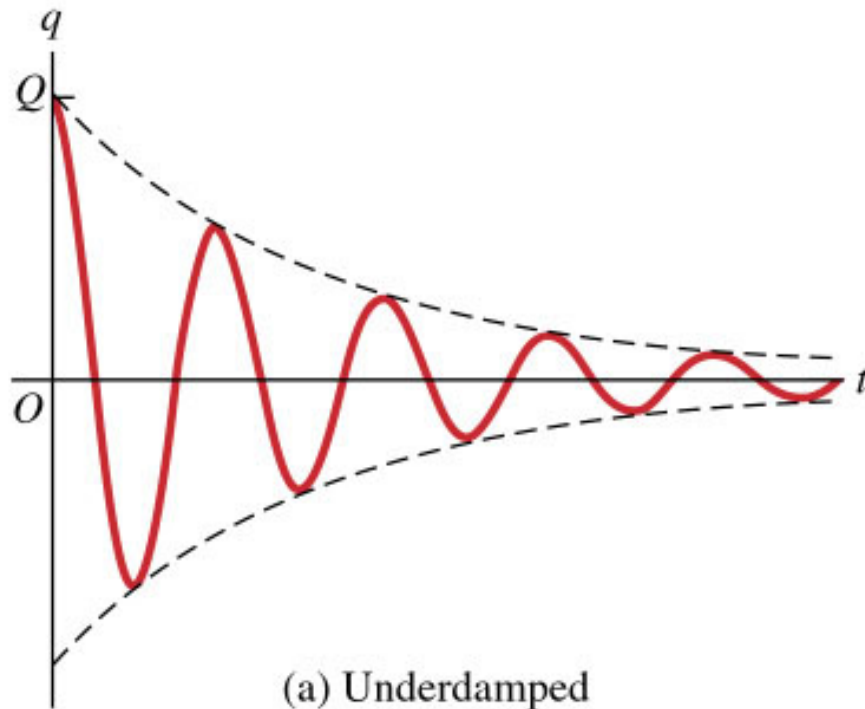
$$Q(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$$

If,  $\frac{1}{LC} > \frac{R^2}{4L^2}$



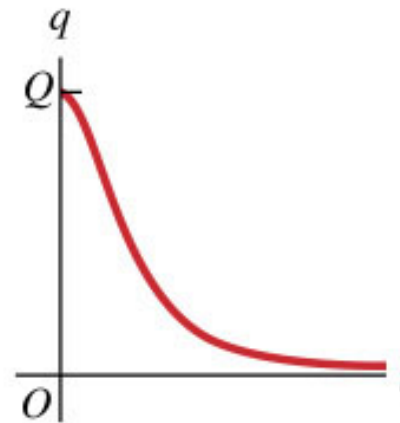
# Inductor-Capacitor-Resistor Circuit

3 solutions, depending on  $L, R, C$  values



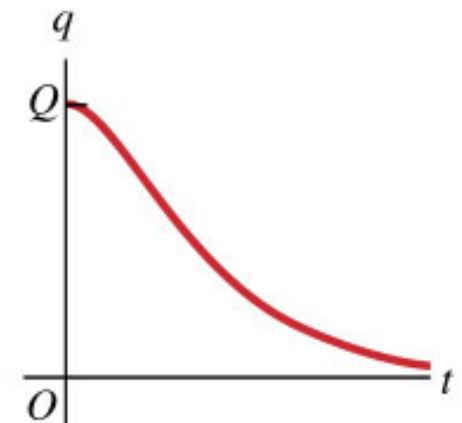
(a) Underdamped  
circuit (small  $R$ )

$$\frac{1}{LC} > \frac{R^2}{4L^2}$$



(b) Critically damped  
circuit (larger  $R$ )

$$\frac{1}{LC} = \frac{R^2}{4L^2}$$



(c) Overdamped  
circuit (very large  $R$ )

$$\frac{1}{LC} < \frac{R^2}{4L^2}$$

## Inductor-Capacitor-Resistor Circuit Solving for all the terms

$$Q(t) = Ae^{-\alpha t} \cos(\omega' t + \phi)$$
$$= Ae^{-\left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)t} \cos\left(\sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{4L^2}}t + \phi\right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} \text{ and } \omega' = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{4L^2}}$$

**Solution for underdamped circuit;**  $\frac{1}{LC} > \frac{R^2}{4L^2}$

**For other solutions, use starting form, solve for  $\lambda$  and  $\lambda'$ ,**

$$Q(t) = Ae^{-\lambda t} + Be^{-\lambda' t}$$

# For next time

- Homework #10 [due Wednesday]
- Quiz on Friday: Faraday's Law, Inductance and Inductors

