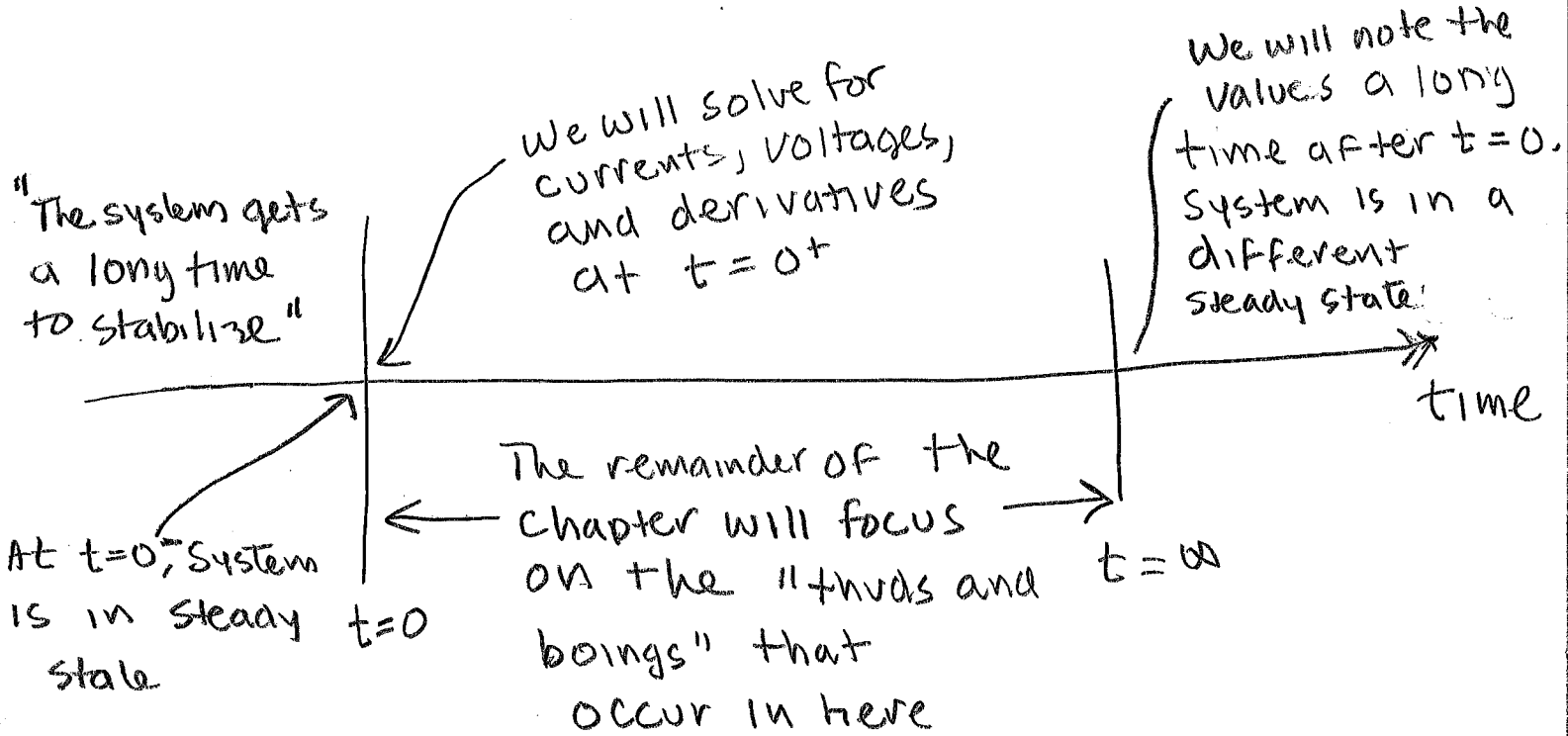


SECTION 8.3

LECTURE #3

SOURCE FREE RLC CIRCUIT

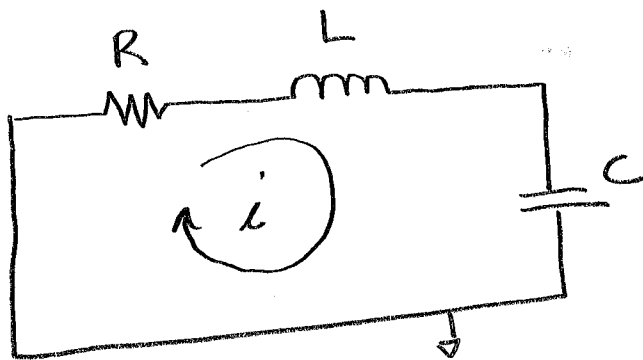


What Chapter 8 is about

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find current as a function of time.

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← Wouldn't this circuit just do nothing?

Initial conditions at steady state

- $i_L(0^-) \rightarrow$  Energy in inductor
- $V_C(0^-) \rightarrow$  Energy in capacitor

KVL

for capacitor  $i_C = C \frac{dV_C}{dt}$

so  $V_C = \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i_C dt$  ← we want to add voltages

so

$$Ri + L \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_{-\infty}^t i(\tau) d\tau = 0 \quad \text{EQ 8.3}$$

↑ resistor voltage      ↑ inductor voltage      capacitor voltage

Eliminate the integral by taking the derivative of the equation.

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

divide by L and rearrange

$$\frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} + \frac{R}{L} \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{i}{LC} = 0$$

Second order differential equation, It must have two solutions.

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The solutions have the form  $i(t) = A e^{st}$

the "n<sup>th</sup> derivative"

We note that  $\frac{d^n}{dt^n} (A e^{st}) = A s^n e^{st}$

$$\text{so } \frac{d^2 i}{dt^2} = s^2 e^{st} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{di}{dt} = s e^{st}$$

so our KVL/differential equation becomes

$$s^2 e^{st} + \frac{R}{L} s e^{st} + \frac{1}{LC} e^{st} = 0$$

Factoring out  $e^{st}$  gives

$$s^2 + \frac{R}{L} s + \frac{1}{LC} = 0 \quad \leftarrow \text{Eq 8.8 in text}$$

"Characteristic Equation"

Value of characteristic equation is that we can solve for  $s_1, s_2$  for our solution

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

Solve characteristic equation with the quadratic formula

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

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2} \quad \leftarrow \text{EQ 8.10}$$

3 cases to consider:

$\alpha > \omega_0 \rightarrow$  "overdamped"  $\rightarrow$  "thud"

$\alpha = \omega_0 \rightarrow$  "critically damped"  $\rightarrow$  "thump"

$\alpha < \omega_0 \rightarrow$  "underdamped"  $\rightarrow$  "boing"

Overdamped ( $\alpha > \omega_0$ )

$s_1, s_2$  are real, I can plot this

$$r(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \quad \leftarrow \text{"thud"}$$

"response" voltage current, sound pressure...

Critically damped  $\rightarrow \alpha = \omega_0$

$$r(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t}$$

(see EQ 8.15 to 8.21)

Underdamped  $\rightarrow \alpha < \omega_0$

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

I can't plot this! because  $s_1, s_2$  are complex.

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

This is negative  $\uparrow$  This is positive

$$s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{j^2 (\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2)} = -\alpha \pm j \omega_d$$

where  $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$

$$\text{So } r(t) = A_1 e^{(-\alpha + j\omega_d)t} + A_2 e^{(-\alpha - j\omega_d)t}$$

opposite signs

$$\text{or } r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} [A_1 e^{j\omega_d t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega_d t}]$$

Euler's identity:

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta)$$

so

$$r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left[ \overbrace{A_1 (\cos(\omega t) + j \sin(\omega t))}^{\text{Substitution}} + \overbrace{A_2 (\cos(\omega t) - j \sin(\omega t))}^{\text{Substitution}} \right]$$

collect like terms ...

$$r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left[ (A_1 + A_2) \cos(\omega t) + j (A_1 - A_2) \sin(\omega t) \right]$$

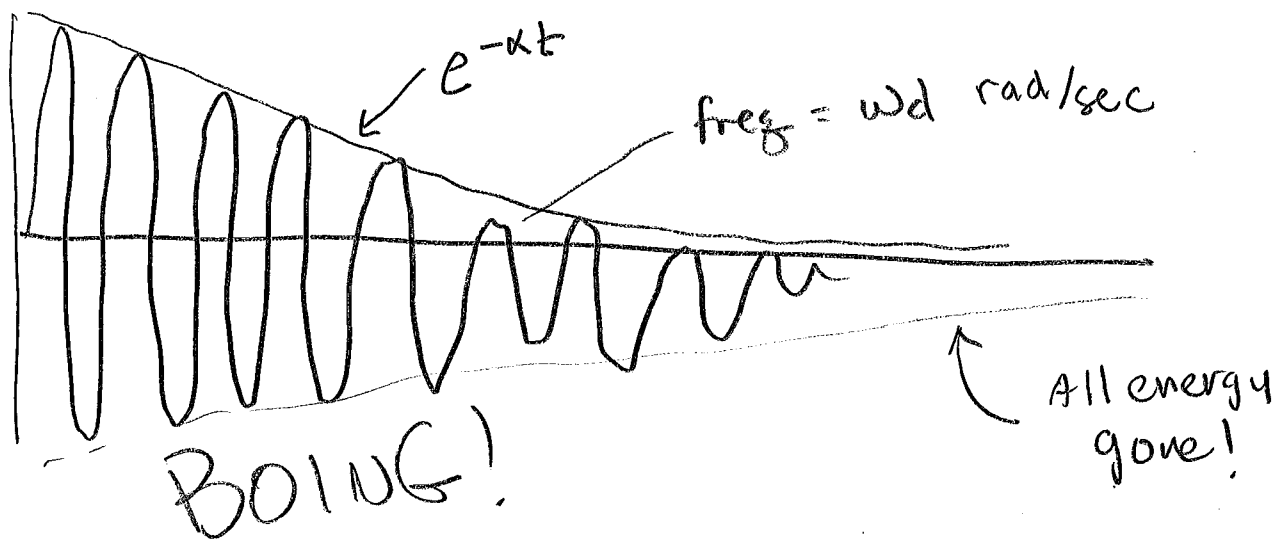
We will find later that  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  are complex conjugates so ...

$$A_1 + A_2 = 2 \operatorname{Re}\{A_1\} = B_1 \quad \leftarrow \begin{array}{l} \text{complex parts} \\ \text{cancel} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } j(A_1 - A_2) &= j \left[ \operatorname{Re}\{A_1\} + j \operatorname{Im}\{A_1\} - \operatorname{Re}\{A_2\} + j \operatorname{Im}\{A_2\} \right] \\ &= j \cdot \left[ \underbrace{2 \operatorname{Re}\{A_1\}}_{=0} + \underbrace{2j \operatorname{Im}\{A_2\}}_{=2j \operatorname{Im}\{A_2\}} \right] \\ &= B_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} \left[ B_1 \cos(\omega t) + B_2 \sin(\omega t) \right]$$

EQ 8.26 in text



## Summary

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Overdamped  $\rightarrow r(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t} \rightarrow \text{Thvd}$

Critically damped  $\rightarrow r(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{s t} \rightarrow \text{Thvmp}$

Underdamped  $\rightarrow r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} [B_1 \cos(\omega t) + B_2 \sin(\omega t)]$   
"Boing"

But wait, ... what are  $A_1, A_2, B_1, B_2$ ?

We need those for plotting.

1) They will depend on initial conditions

2) Knowing initial conditions allows us to set up multiple equations in multiple unknowns.

3) Then we get a real expression that we can plot in Excel or see on an oscilloscope.

For source-free Series RLC circuit:

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

and  $\alpha$  and  $\omega_0$  determine the type of response.

$r(t) = A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$ , overdamped,  $\alpha > \omega_0$ , "Thud"

$r(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t}$ , critically damped,  $\alpha = \omega_0$ , "Thump"

$r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + A_2 \sin(\omega_d t))$ ,  
 underdamped,  $\alpha < \omega_0$ , "Boing"  
↑  
called these  
B last time

Now we learn how to compute constants  $A_1, A_2$

OVERDAMPED

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

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

So  $r(0^+) = A_1 + A_2 \rightarrow$  Hey that's  $r(0^+)!$

$$dr/dt = A_1 s_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 s_2 e^{s_2 t}$$

so  $\frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) = A_1 s_1 + A_2 s_2 \rightarrow$  and this is  $\frac{dr(0^+)}{dt}!$



and We have two equations in two unknowns

$$A_1 + A_2 = r(0^+)$$

$$A_1 s_1 + A_2 s_2 = \frac{dr}{dt}(0^+)$$

this is why we studied  
initial conditions

Using matrices (the easy way in your calculator)

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ s_1 & s_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} r(0^+) \\ \frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{or } \begin{bmatrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ s_1 & s_2 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} r(0^+) \\ \frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) \end{bmatrix}$$

Critically damped

$$r(t) = (A_2 + A_1 t) e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$r(0^+) = A_2$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} [A_2 e^{-\alpha t} + A_1 t e^{-\alpha t}]$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\alpha A_2 e^{-\alpha t} + A_1 e^{-\alpha t} - A_1 \alpha t e^{-\alpha t}$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) = -\alpha A_2 + A_1 \quad \text{so } \rightarrow$$

$$A_2 = r(0^+)$$

$$A_1 = \frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) + \alpha A_2$$

Underdamped

$$r(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + A_2 \sin(\omega_d t))$$

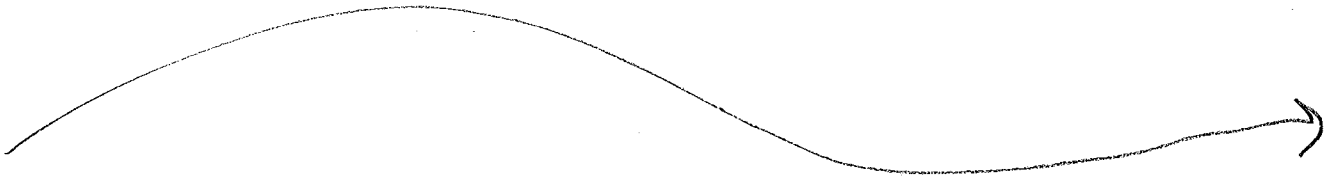
$$r(0^+) = A_1$$

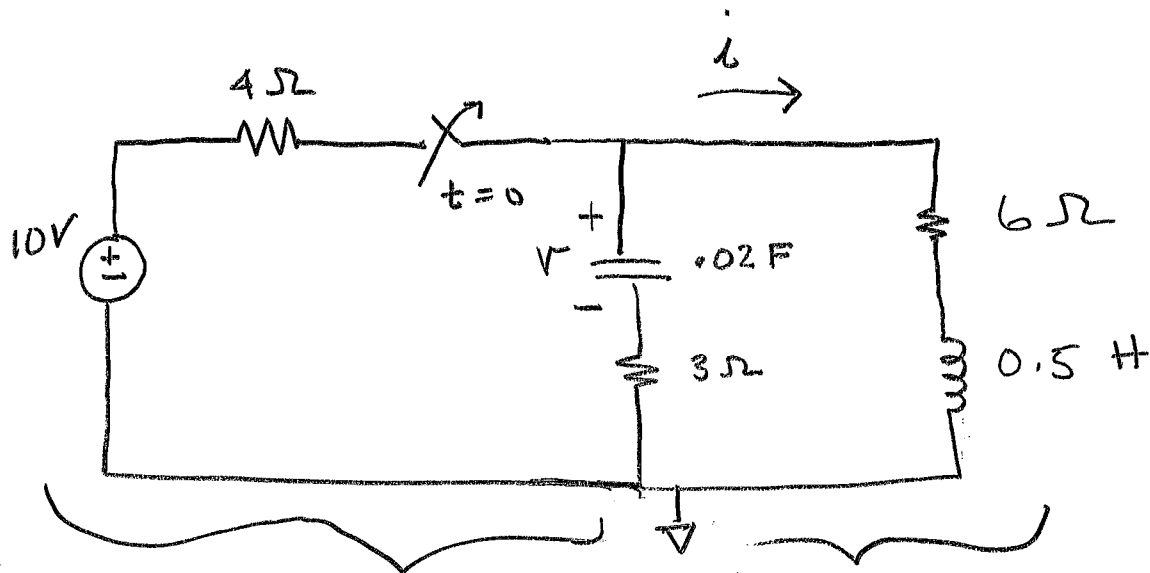
$$\frac{dr}{dt} = -\alpha e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + A_2 \sin(\omega_d t)) + e^{-\alpha t} (-A_1 \omega_d \sin(\omega_d t) + A_2 \omega_d \cos(\omega_d t))$$

$$\frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) = -\alpha A_1 + A_2 \omega_d$$

or  $A_1 = r(0^+)$

$$A_2 = \frac{\frac{dr}{dt}(0^+) + \alpha A_1}{\omega_d}$$





This stuff just creates the initial conditions.

after  $t=0$  we are left with a series RLC circuit.

Strategy

- 1) Triage the problem. What's going on?  
What is the topology?
- 2) Get initial conditions  $i(0^+)$  and  $\frac{di}{dt}(0^+)$
- 3) Determine type of response (overdamped critically damped underdamped)
- 4) Compute  $s_1, s_2$  or  $\omega_d$  (depends on response type)
- 5) Compute  $A_1, A_2$  and time-domain response
- 6) Check everything to see if it makes sense

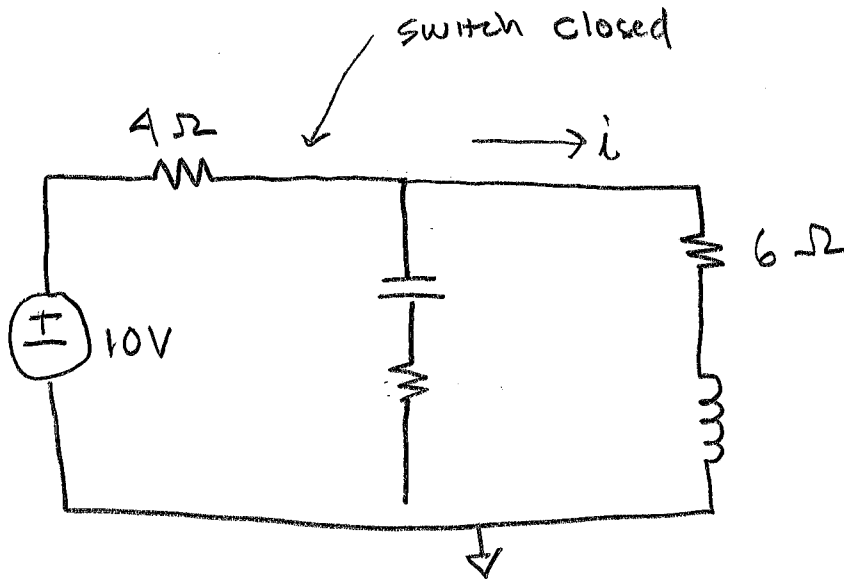
Step 1 - Triage at  $t = 0^-$

What is the inductor current?

What is inductor voltage?

What is capacitor current?

What is capacitor voltage?

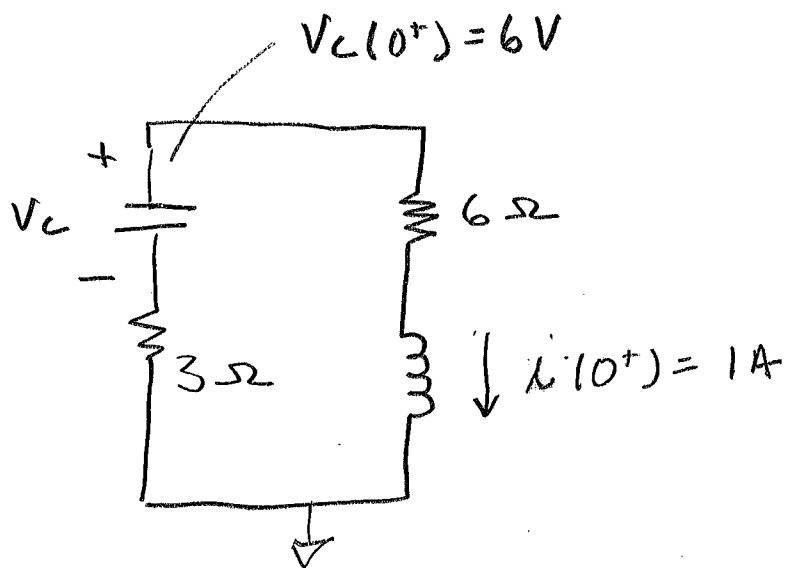


Inductor Current =  $\frac{10}{6+4} = 1 \text{ A}$  , Inductor Voltage is zero

Capacitor Voltage =  $\frac{6}{6+4} \times 10 = 6 \text{ V}$  , Capacitor current is zero

Open the switch at  $t=0$

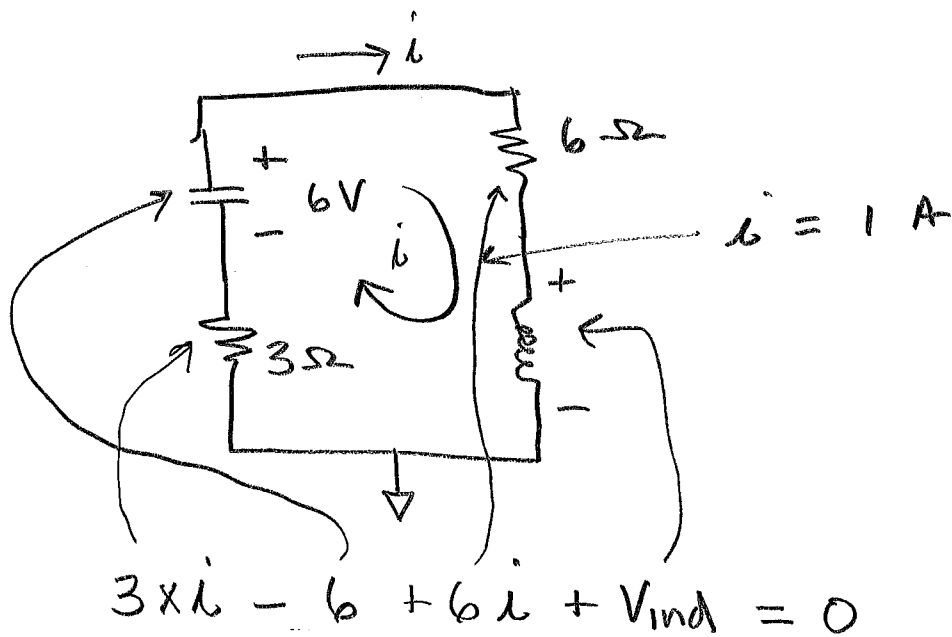
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When switch opens, inductor current doesn't change but it now goes through capacitor.

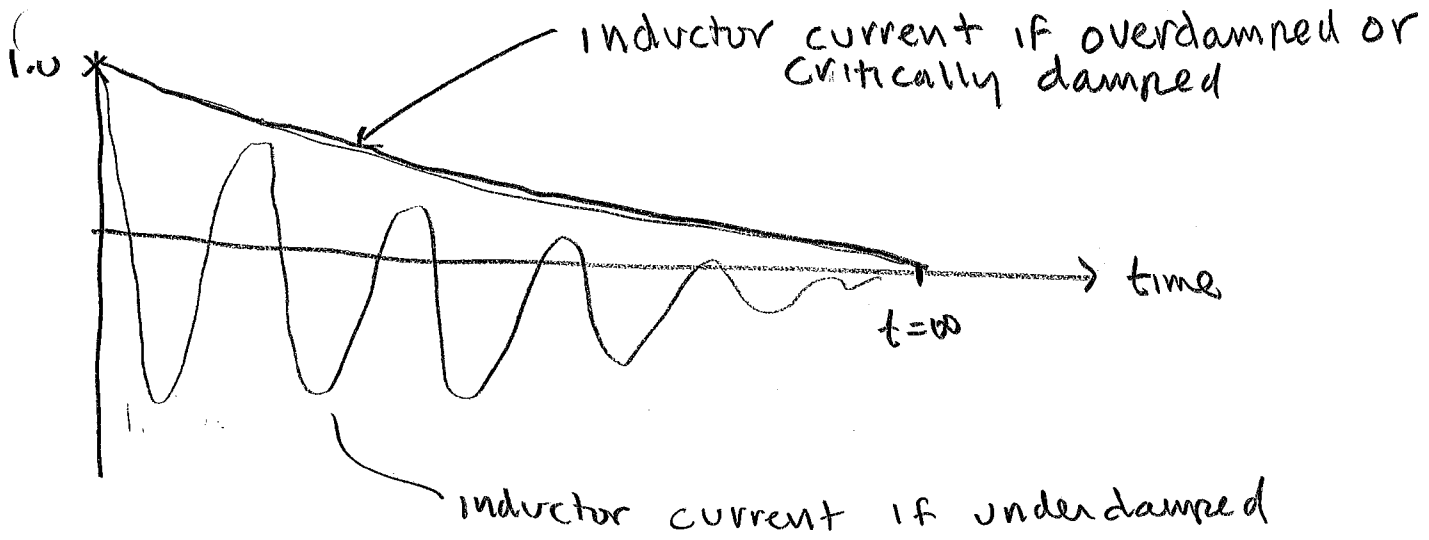
Capacitor voltage can't change quickly, stays at 6 Volts

Let's get inductor voltage...



So  $V_{ind}$  at  $t=0^+ = 6 - 3i - 6i = 6 - 3 - 6 = -3V$

We know that at  $t = \infty$  all voltages and currents in this circuit will be zero



STEP 2 - get initial conditions  $i(0^+)$   $\frac{di}{dt}(0^+)$

$$i(0^+) = i_L(0^+) = i_L(0^-) = \frac{10}{6+4} = 1 \text{ A}$$

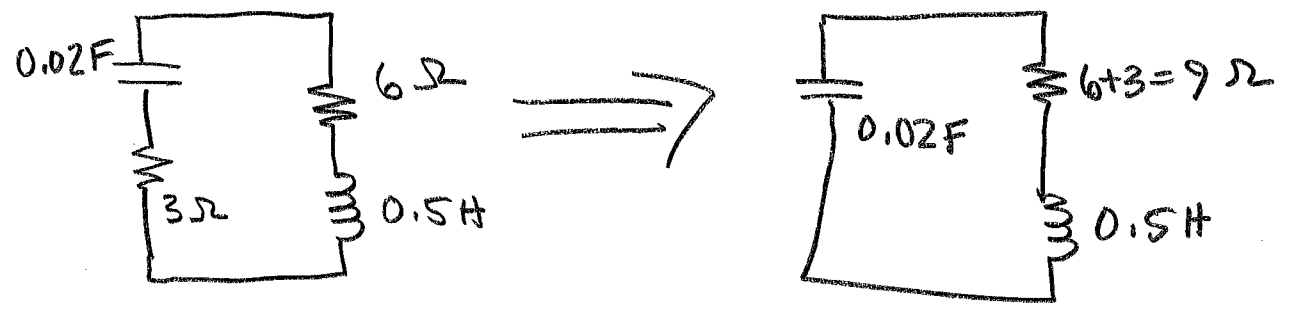
$$\text{Since } V_L = L \frac{di}{dt}, \quad \frac{di}{dt}(0^+) = \frac{V_L(0^+)}{L}$$

We found  $V_L(0^+)$  during triage,  $= -3 \text{ V}$

$$\text{So } \frac{di}{dt}(0^+) = \frac{-3}{0.5 \text{ H}} = -6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{s}}$$

Step 3

( Determine the type of response



Use EQ 8.11

$$\alpha = \frac{R}{2L} = \frac{9}{1} = 9, \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{0.5 \times 0.02}} = 10 \text{ r/s}$$

(  $\alpha < \omega_0$  so underdamped (Pg 321)

STEP 4

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} \rightarrow \text{top of pg 323}$$

$$\omega_d = \sqrt{10^2 - 9^2} = \sqrt{19} = 4.359 \text{ r/s}$$

Step 5 Determine  $A_1, A_2$

Use Equations on pg 10 of this lecture

$$A_1 = i(0^+) = 1$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\frac{di}{dt}(0^+) + \alpha A_1}{\omega_d} = \frac{-6 + 9 \times 1}{4.359} = 0.6882$$

Put it all together...

$$i(t) = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 \cos(\omega_d t) + A_2 \sin(\omega_d t))$$

$$i(t) = e^{-9t} [\cos(4.359t) + 0.6882 \cdot \sin(4.359t)]$$

Step 6      Check our work

• we tried  $i(0^+) = 1 \text{ A}$

substitute in our equation

$$i(0) = e^0 [\cos(0) + 0] = 1.0 \text{ A} \quad \checkmark$$

• we tried  $\frac{di}{dt}(0^+) = -6 \text{ A/s}$

use our formula for  $\frac{di}{dt}$  on pg 10

$$\frac{di}{dt}(0^+) = -\alpha A_1 + A_2 \omega_d$$

$$= -9 \times 1 + 0.6882 \times 4.359 = -6 \frac{\text{A}}{\text{s}} \quad \checkmark$$

• we tried  $i(\infty) = 0$

note  $e^{-9t}$  as first factor of solution  $\checkmark$