

# Lecture 12 – RLC circuit 2

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# Parallel RLC circuit

- Fundamental equation:

$$C \frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} v = 0$$

- Overdamped when:

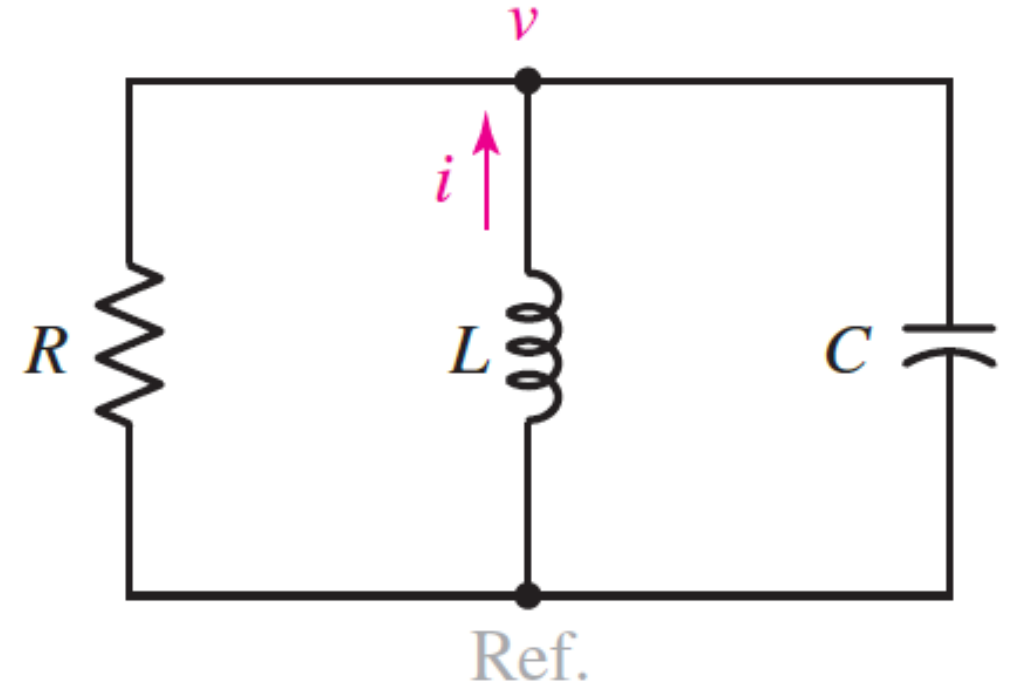
$$\frac{1}{4R^2 C^2} > \frac{1}{LC}$$

- Output:  $v = A_1 e^{st} + A_2 e^{st}$

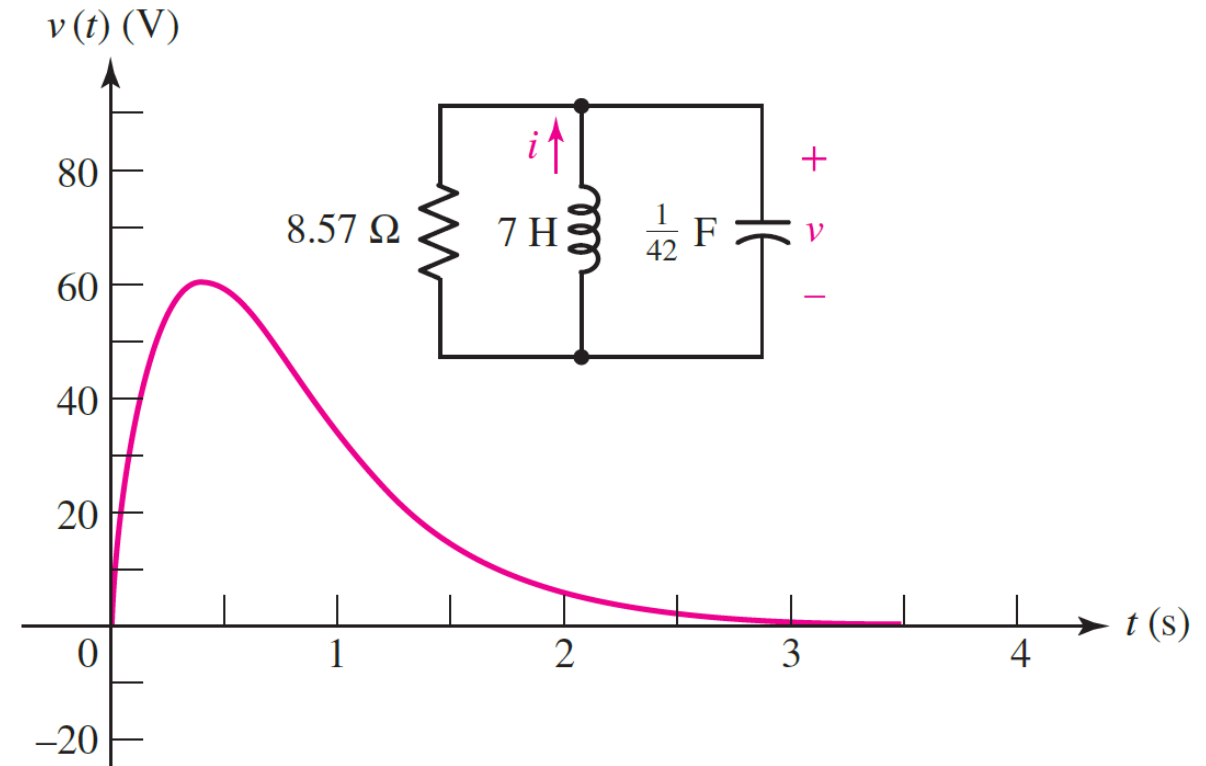
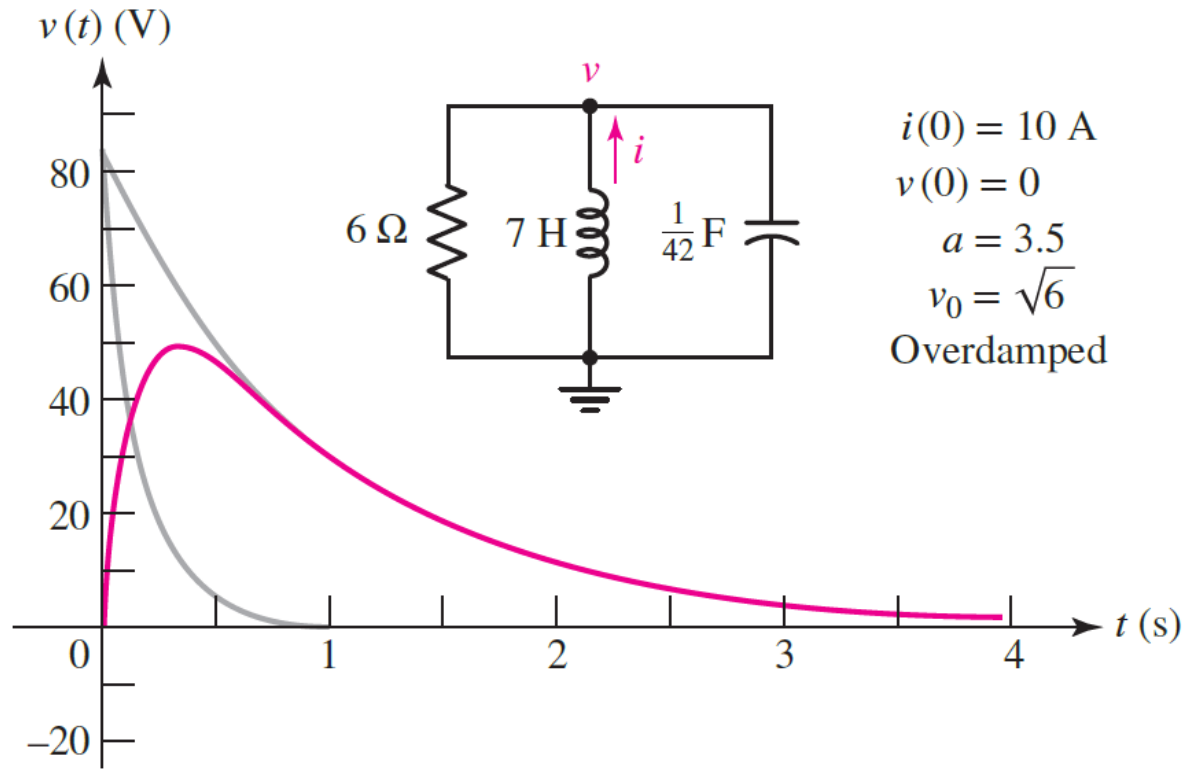
- Critically damped when:

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

- Output:  $v = A_1 t e^{st} + A_2 e^{st}$



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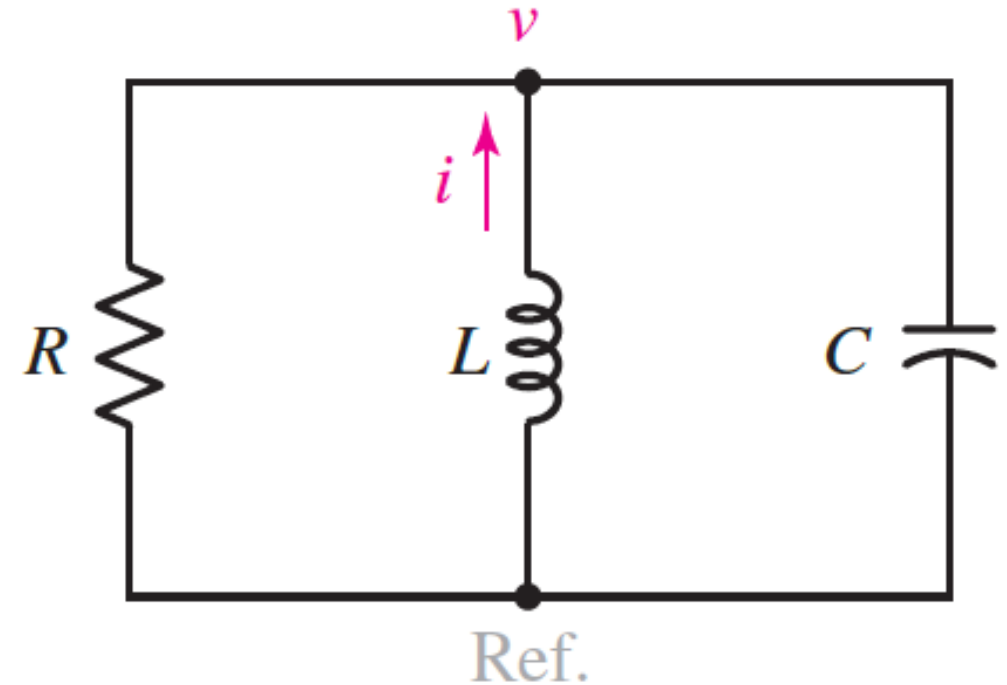
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- Finally, we look at the case when  $4R^2C^2 < LC$
- In this case, both  $s$  values are imaginary and complex conjugates
- We can now define some terms for better analysis of this problem
- We define:

$$\omega_0 \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$\alpha \equiv \frac{1}{2RC}$$

- Thus,  $s = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$
- We can define  $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$



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- Thus, the general solution to the differential equation becomes:

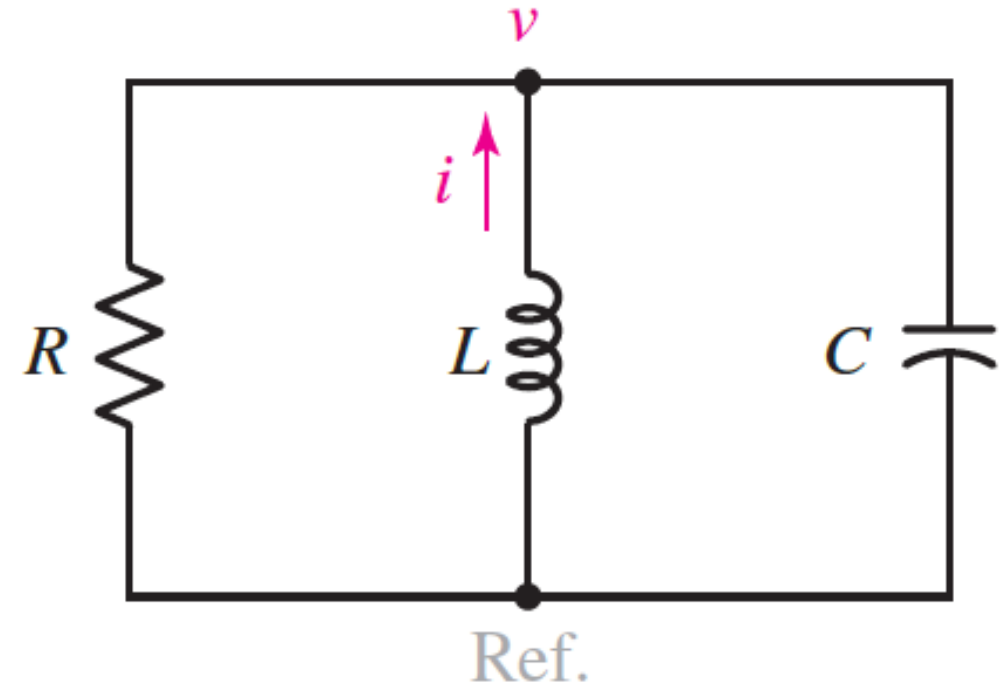
$$v = e^{-\alpha t} (A_1 e^{j\omega t} + A_2 e^{-j\omega t})$$

- This equation can be rewritten as:

$$v = e^{-\alpha t} \left\{ (A_1 + A_2) \left[ \frac{(e^{j\omega t} + e^{-j\omega t})}{2} \right] + j(A_1 - A_2) \left[ \frac{(e^{j\omega t} - e^{-j\omega t})}{2j} \right] \right\}$$

$$v = e^{-\alpha t} \{B_1 \cos \omega t + B_2 \sin \omega t\}$$

- This is the general solution. To find the values of parameters, we need to take an example



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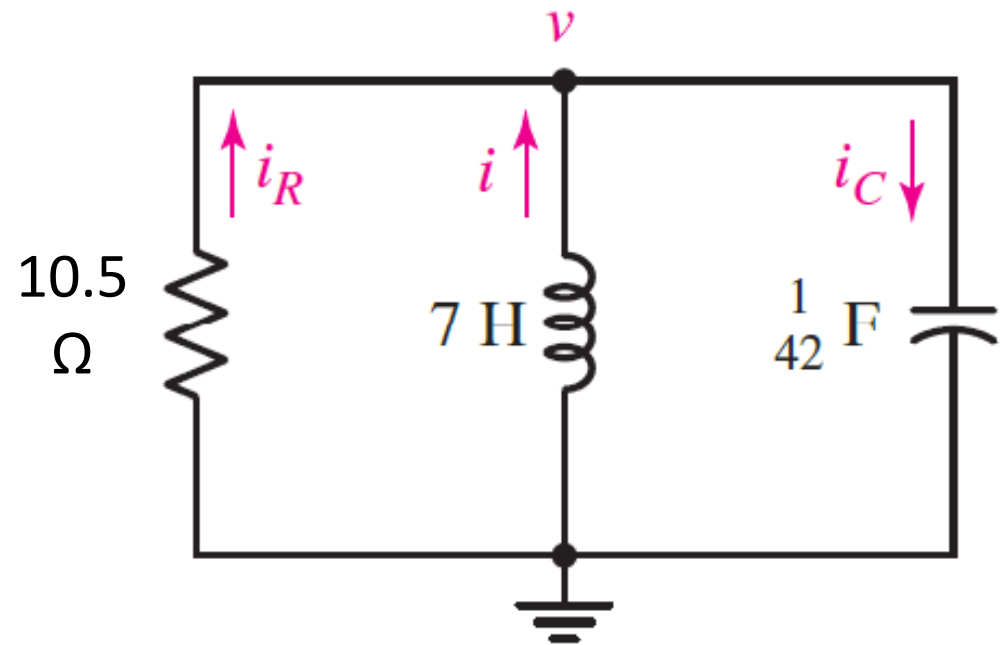
- We go back to the example with  $R = 10.5 \, \Omega$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{2RC} = 2$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

- Thus, the response is now:  
$$v = e^{-2t} \{B_1 \cos \sqrt{2}t + B_2 \sin \sqrt{2}t\}$$
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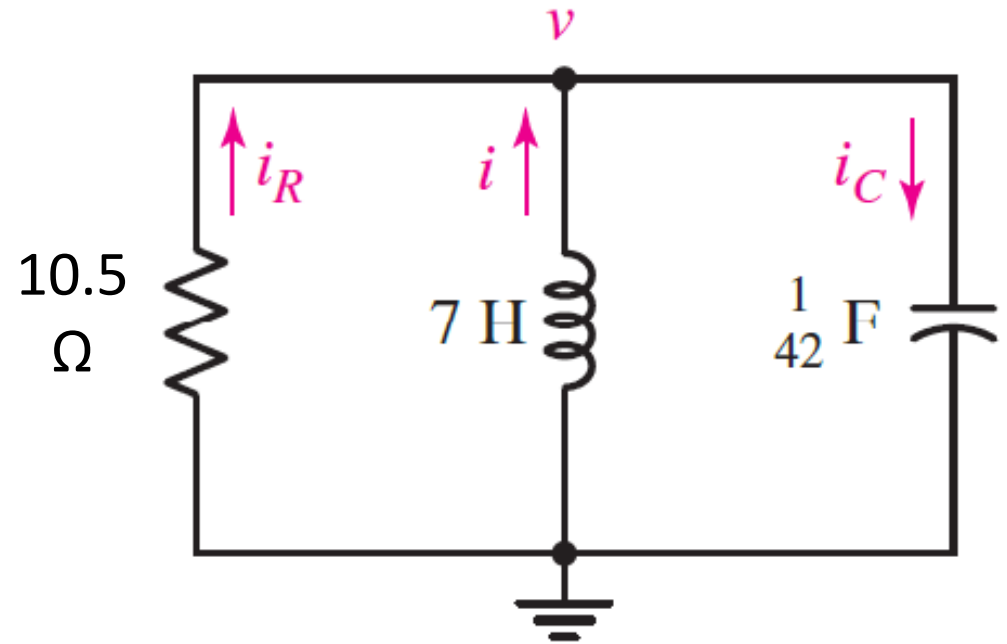
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- For  $B$ , we take the initial condition that  $i(0) = 10$  and  $v(0) = 0$
- If  $v(0) = 0$ , then  $B_1$  has to be zero
- Thus,

$$v = e^{-2t} B_2 \sin \sqrt{2}t$$

Take the derivative:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dv}{dt} &= B_2 \left[ \sqrt{2} e^{-2t} \cos \sqrt{2}t \right. \\ &\quad \left. - 2e^{-2t} \sin \sqrt{2}t \right] \end{aligned}$$



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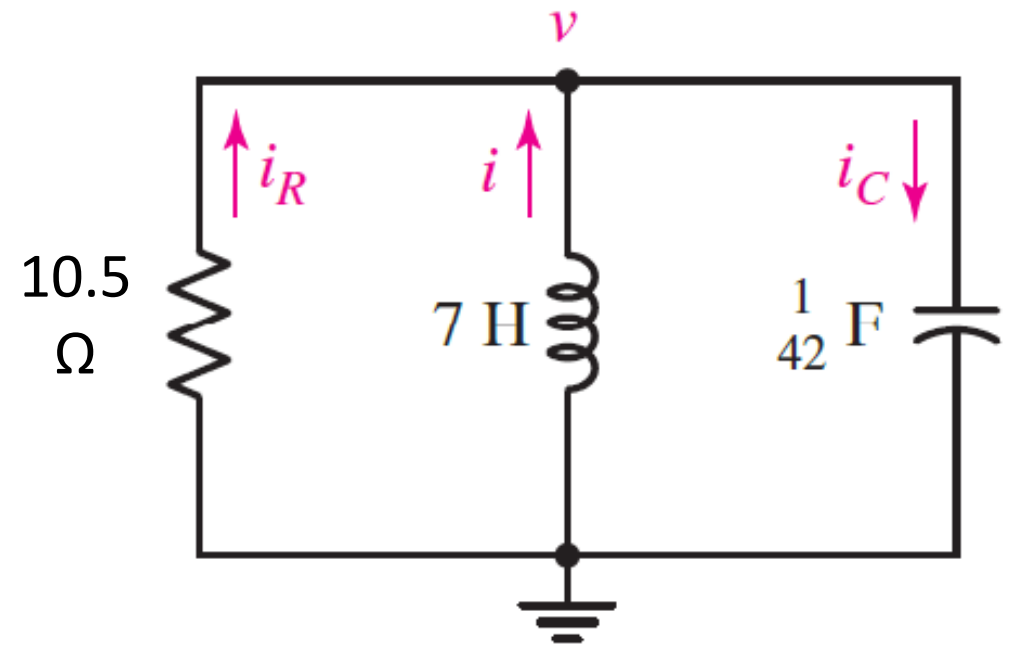
- We put:

$$\left. \frac{dv}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{i_L(0)}{C} = 420$$

$$\sqrt{2} B_2 = 420$$

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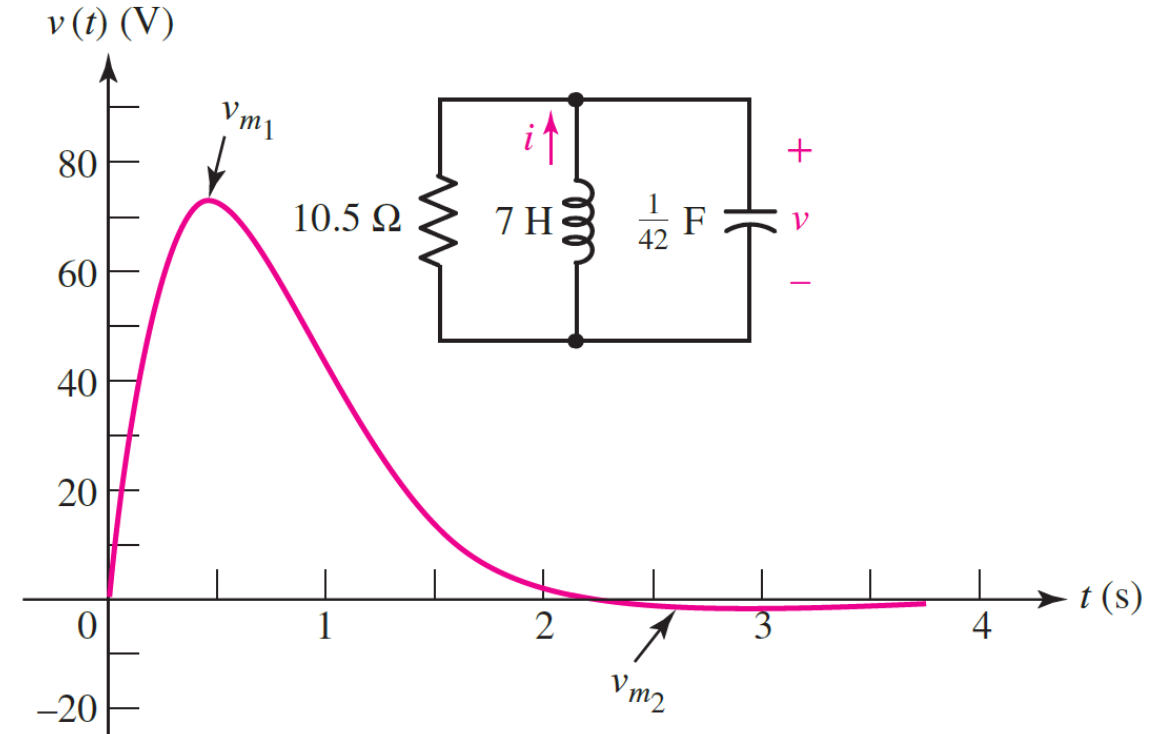


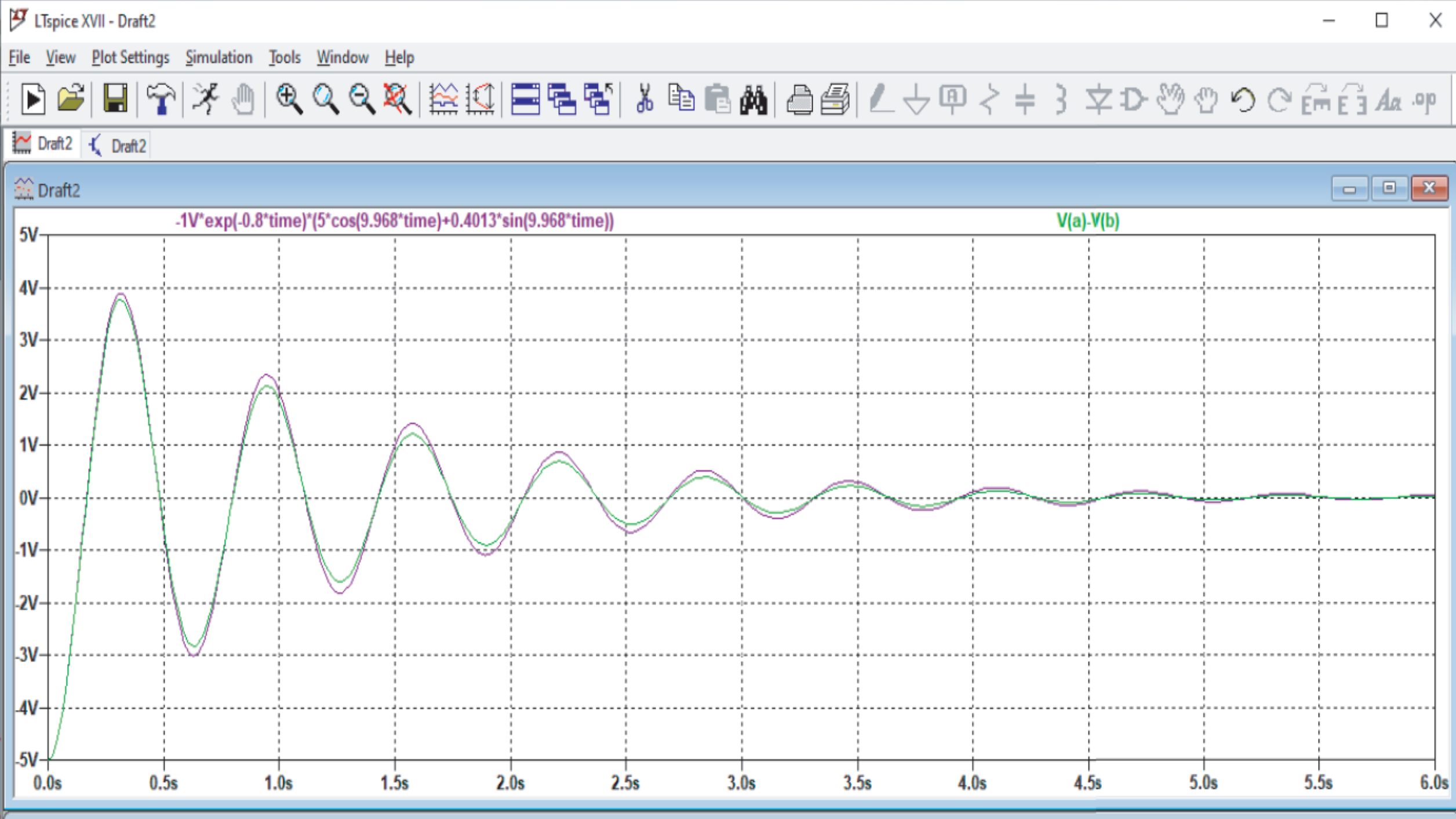
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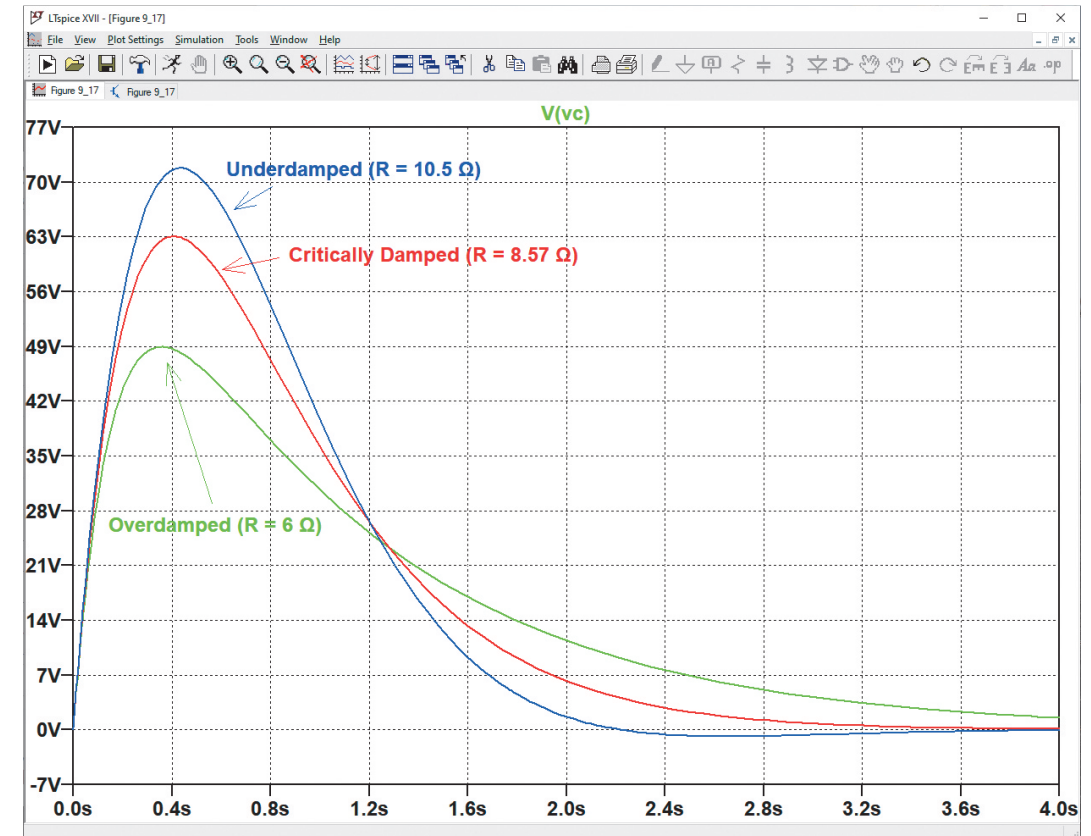
- Properties:
- The response is real!
- It has an oscillatory component that crosses zero on the x-axis for every  $\sqrt{2}t = n\pi$
- It has an exponential decay component that causes the voltage to die out
- Most of the oscillations are hidden (damped) because of this decay





# The Parallel RLC circuit

- When the damping is changed by increasing the size of the parallel resistance, the maximum magnitude of the response is greater, and the amount of damping is smaller
- The response becomes oscillatory when underdamping is present
- The minimum settling time is obtained for slight underdamping



# The LC circuit

- Lets look at an extreme case
- When  $R \rightarrow \infty$ , i.e. R is open circuit
- This results in a “lossless LC” circuit with the characteristic equation:

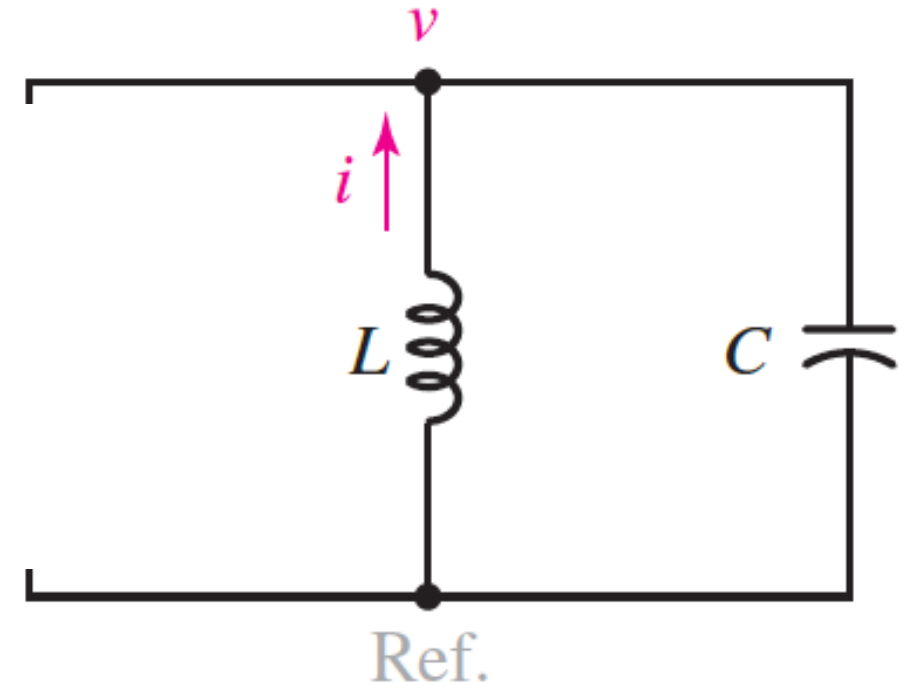
$$C \frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{L} v = 0$$

- In this case as well, the general response remains the same, with:

$$\alpha = 0$$

$$\omega = \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$$v = B_1 \cos \omega t + B_2 \sin \omega t$$



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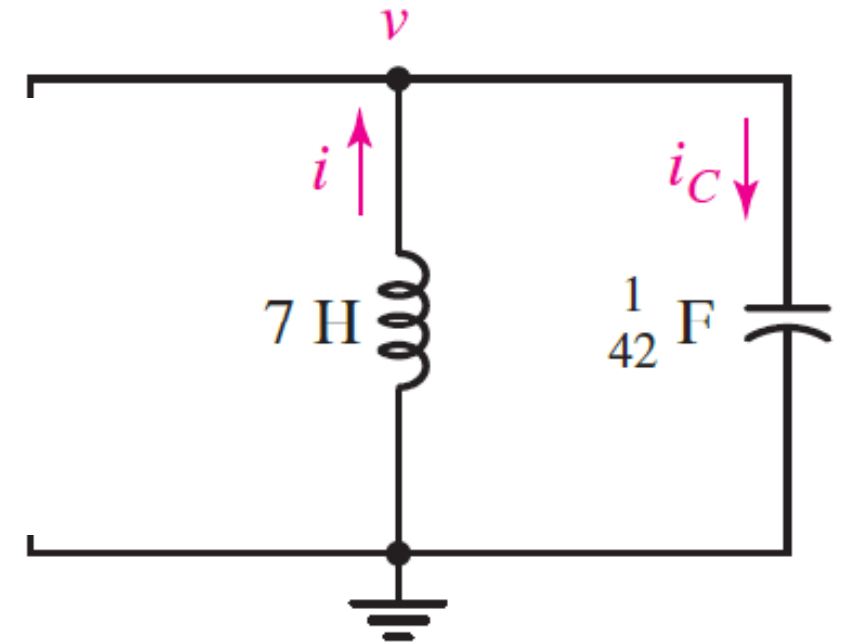
- To calculate B we need to take some values:  $v(0) = 0$  and  $i(0) = 10$
- Thus,

$$v = B_2 \sin \sqrt{6}t$$
$$\frac{dv}{dt} = \sqrt{6}B_2 \cos \sqrt{6}t$$
$$\left. \frac{dv}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{i(0)}{C} = 420 = \sqrt{6}B_2$$

- Thus,

$$v = \frac{420}{\sqrt{6}} \sin \sqrt{6}t$$

- No damping at all! The oscillations will continue at the same amplitude for ever



# The series RLC circuit

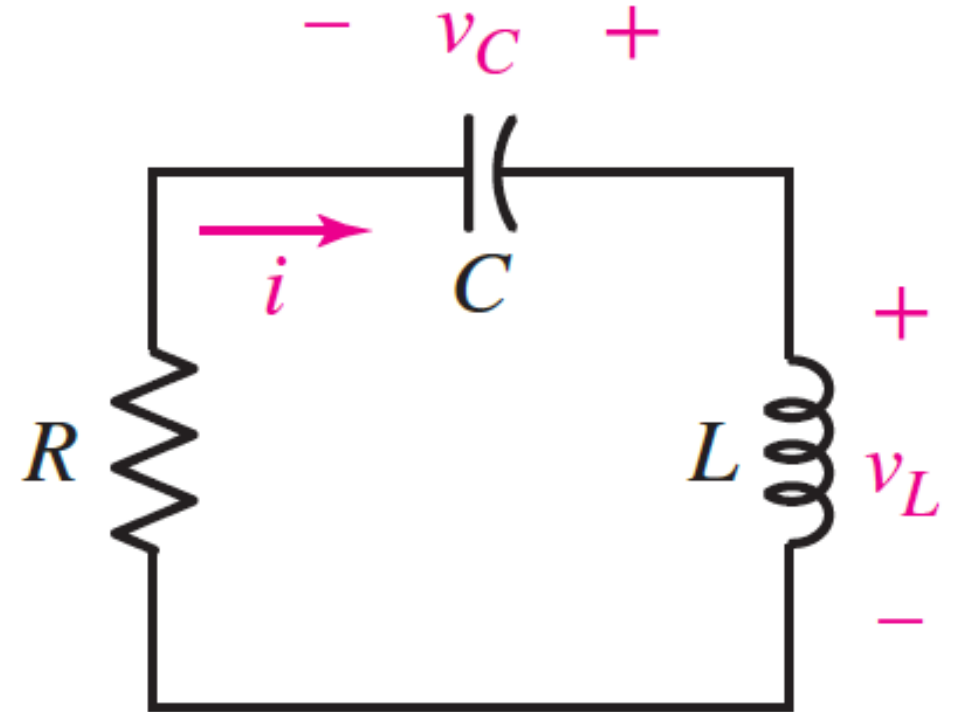
- The dual of the circuit we have been analysing
- The same differential equation, now in the form of current:

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

- Compare this with the one for parallel:

$$C \frac{d^2 v}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{R} \frac{dv}{dt} + \frac{1}{L} v = 0$$

- Our complete discussion of the parallel RLC circuit is directly applicable to the series RLC circuit, including that  $i(0) = 0$  and  $v(0) = 10$



# The RLC circuit

Condition	Criteria	$\alpha$	$\omega_0$	Response
Overdamped	$\alpha > \omega_0$	$\frac{1}{2RC}$ (parallel) $\frac{R}{2L}$ (series)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$	$A_1 e^{s_1 t} + A_2 e^{s_2 t}$ , where $s_{1,2} = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{\alpha^2 - \omega_0^2}$
Critically damped	$\alpha = \omega_0$	$\frac{1}{2RC}$ (parallel) $\frac{R}{2L}$ (series)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$	$e^{-\alpha t}(A_1 t + A_2)$
Underdamped	$\alpha < \omega_0$	$\frac{1}{2RC}$ (parallel) $\frac{R}{2L}$ (series)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$	$e^{-\alpha t}(B_1 \cos \omega_d t + B_2 \sin \omega_d t)$ , where $\omega_d = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \alpha^2}$