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Kirchhoff's Law

MATH 211 - 01

Consider the RLC circuit with an inductance of 1 H, a resistance of 100 Ω , a capacitance of 400 μF and a voltage source of 30 V. The initial current is 2 A and the initial charge is 0 C.

- 1. Set up the differential equation whose solution models the charge in the circuit at time t.
- 2. Find the transient solution.
- 3. State the linearly independent solutions from the transient solution and verify that they satisfy the differential equation.
- 4. Is the transient solution considered to be overdamped, critically damped or underdamped?
- 5. Find the steady-state solution.
- 6. Write the general solution to the differential equation.
- 7. Find the charge as a function of time.
- 8. Find current as a function of time.
- 9. Find the limiting factor of the charge as a function of time.
- 10. Now, consider the voltage source of $E(t)=30e^{-50t}$. What would the steady state solution be here?
- 11. Write the new general solution to the differential equation.
- 12. Now, find charge and current as functions of time.
- 13. Find the limiting factor of the current in the circuit.