

**1. Explain in one sentence each the meaning of capacitor and inductor**

A capacitor is a device used to store electric energy in an electric field, usually comprised of two plates separated by a dielectric compound. An inductor is a device that stores energy in a magnetic field when a current flows through it, usually comprised of a coil of wire.

**2. Find the resonant angular frequency  $\omega$  and the period  $T$  for an RLC circuit with  $R = 100 \, \Omega$ ,  $C = 0.1 \, \text{F}$ , and  $L = 0.5 \, \text{H}$ . (That's a pretty large capacitance by the way).**

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

$$\omega_0 = 4.47 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

$$T = 1.40 \text{s}$$

**3. How would your answer for the angular frequency  $\omega$  in Q2 change if you doubled the resistance  $R$ ? Would anything else change**

Doubling the resistance would not change angular frequency. It will halve the Q factor, and reduce the maximum current.

**4. Suppose you connected a DMM set to ammeter mode in the circuit with the parameters in Q2. Describe what you would observe.**

You would observe the current oscillating at the resonant frequency 4.47 rad/s, amplitude  $I_{\text{max}}$ , and period 1.40s. The DDM should pick up this oscillation, otherwise it will display the average current.