Mechanical Oscillator



- law of motion: F = ma, $a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$
- law of force: F = -kx
- equation of motion: $\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = -\frac{k}{m}x$
- displacement: $x(t) = x_{max} \cos(\omega t)$
- velocity: $v(t) = -\omega x_{max} \sin(\omega t)$
- angular frequency: $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$
- kinetic energy: $K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$
- potential energy: $U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$
- total energy: E = K + U = const.



Electromagnetic Oscillator (LC Circuit)

• loop rule: $\frac{Q}{C} + L\frac{dI}{dt} = 0, I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$

• equation of motion:
$$\frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} = -\frac{1}{LC}Q$$

- charge on capacitor: $Q(t) = Q_{max} \cos(\omega t)$
- current through inductor: $I(t) = -\omega Q_{max} \sin(\omega t)$
- angular frequency: $\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$
- magnetic energy: $U_B = \frac{1}{2}LI^2$ (stored on inductor)
- electric energy: $U_E = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$ (stored on capacitor)
- total energy: $E = U_B + U_E = \text{const.}$





mechanical oscillations

- position: $x(t) = A\cos(\omega t)$ [red]
- velocity: $v(t) = -A\sin(\omega t)$ [green]
- period: $\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$



electromagnetic oscillations

- charge: $Q(t) = A\cos(\omega t)$ [red]
- current: $I(t) = -A\sin(\omega t)$ [green]

• period:
$$\tau = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}, \quad \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

- potential energy: $U(t) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2(t)$ [r]
- kinetic energy: $K(t) = \frac{1}{2}mv^2(t)$ [g]
- total energy: E = U(t) + K(t) = const



- electric energy: $U_E(t) = \frac{1}{2C}Q^2(t)$ [r]
- magnetic energy: $U_B(t) = \frac{1}{2}LI^2(t)$ [g]
- total energy: $E = U_E(t) + U_B(t) = \text{const}$

Mechanical Oscillator with Damping



• law of motion: F = ma, $a = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2}$

• law of force:
$$F = -kx - bv$$
, $v = \frac{dx}{dt}$

• equation of motion:
$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{b}{m} \frac{dx}{dt} + \frac{k}{m} x = 0$$

Solution for initial conditions x(0) = A, v(0) = 0:

(a) underdamped motion: $b^2 < 4km$

$$x(t) = Ae^{-bt/2m} \left[\cos(\omega't) + \frac{b}{2m\omega'} \sin(\omega't) \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \omega' = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m} - \frac{b^2}{4m^2}}$$

(b) overdamped motion: $b^2 > 4km$

$$x(t) = Ae^{-bt/2m} \left[\cosh(\Omega't) + \frac{b}{2m\Omega'} \sinh(\Omega't) \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega' = \sqrt{\frac{b^2}{4m^2} - \frac{k}{m^2}}$$



Damped Electromagnetic Oscillator (RLC Circuit)





(b) overdamped motion: $R^2 > \frac{4L}{C}$

$$Q(t) = Q_{max} e^{-Rt/2L} \left[\cosh(\Omega' t) + \frac{R}{2L\Omega'} \sinh(\Omega' t) \right] \quad \text{with} \quad \Omega' = \sqrt{\frac{R^2}{4L^2} - \frac{1}{LC}}$$



Name the LC circuit with the highest and the lowest angular frequency of oscillation.



LC Circuit: Application (2)



At time t = 0 a charge Q = 2C is on each capacitor and all currents are zero.

- (a) What is the energy stored in the circuit?
- (b) At what time t_1 are the capacitors discharged for the first time?
- (c) What is the current through each inductor at time t_1 ?



LC Circuit: Application (3)

In these LC circuits all capacitors have equal capacitance C and all inductors have equal inductance L. Sort the circuits into groups that are equivalent.



Oscillator with Two Modes



Electromagnetic:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{mode \#1:} \ L\frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} + \frac{Q}{C} + L\frac{dI}{dt} = 0, & I = \frac{dQ}{dt} \\ \Rightarrow \ \frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{Q}{LC} \quad \Rightarrow \ \frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} = -\omega^2Q, & \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \end{array}$$

mode #2:
$$L\frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} + \frac{2Q}{C} = 0, \quad I = \frac{dQ}{dt}$$

 $\Rightarrow \frac{dI}{dt} = -\frac{3Q}{LC} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{d^2Q}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 Q, \quad \omega = \sqrt{\frac{3}{LC}}$





Mechanical:

mode #1: $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$ mode #2: $\omega = \sqrt{\frac{3k}{m}}$



RLC Circuit: Application (1)



In the circuit shown the capacitor is without charge.

When the switch is closed to position *a*...

(a) find the initial rate dI/dt at which the current increases from zero,

(b) find the charge Q on the capacitor after a long time.

Then, when the switch is thrown from a to b...

(c) find the time t_1 it takes the capacitor to fully discharge,

(d) find the maximum current I_{max} in the process of discharging.





In the circuit shown the capacitor is without charge and the switch is in position a.

(i) When the switch is moved to position *b* we have an *RL* circuit with the current building up gradually: $I(t) = (\mathcal{E}/R)[1 - e^{-t/\tau}].$

Find the time constant τ and the current I_{max} after a long time.

(ii) Then we reset the clock and move the switch from *b* to *c* with no interruption of the current through the inductor. We now have a an *LC* circuit: $I(t) = I_{max} \cos(\omega t)$.

Find the angular frequency of oscillation ω and the maximum charge Q_{max} that goes onto the capacitor periodically.





In the circuit shown the capacitor is without charge and the switch is in position a.

(i) When the switch is moved to position b we have an RC circuit with the capacitor being charged

up gradually: $Q(t) = \mathcal{E}C[1 - e^{-t/\tau}].$

Find the time constant τ and the charge Q_{max} after a long time.

(ii) Then we reset the clock and move the switch from b to c.

We now have a an *LC* circuit: $Q(t) = Q_{max} \cos(\omega t)$.

Find the angular frequency of oscillation ω and the maximum current I_{max} that flows through the inductor periodically.

