

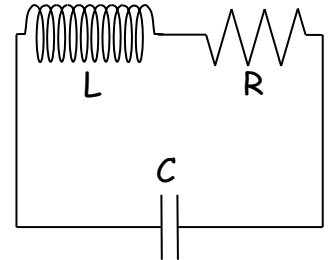
HOMEWORK SET 13: THE MECHANICAL-ELECTRICAL CONNECTION

Due Friday, October 21, 2022

PROBLEMS FROM MT3 (Not in TM5 ... text from MT3 on T:\O'Donoghue\Mechanics\ClassNotes) .

1) 3-22 Show that for an RLC circuit in which the resistance is small, the logarithmic decrement of the oscillations is approximately $\pi R \sqrt{C/L}$.

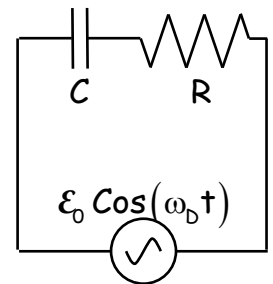
The logarithmic decrement is defined on p. 111 of TM5.



2) 3-23 Compute the oscillation frequencies, periods and amplitude after 2 periods (as a fraction of A_0) for the circuit shown for $L = 0.01$ H, $C = 10 \mu\text{F}$, and $R = 10 \Omega$.

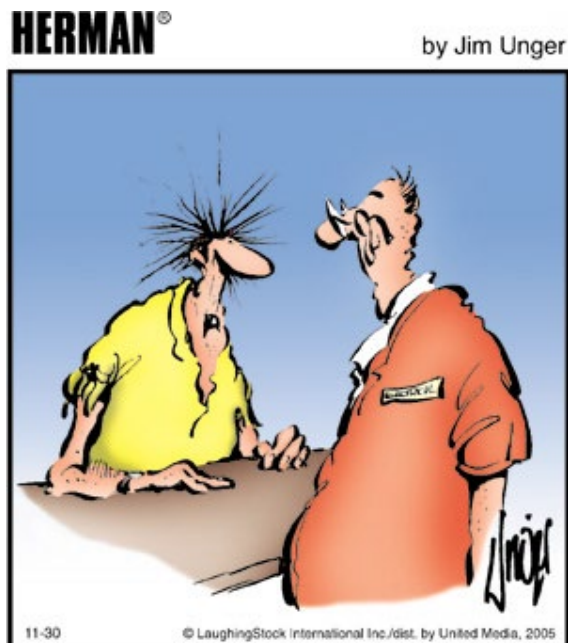
3) 3-24 An electrical circuit consists of a resistor R and a capacitor C connected in series to a source of alternating emf. Find expressions for the charge and current as a function of time and show that the current decreases to zero as the frequency of the alternating emf approaches zero.

Solve a differential equation similar to that in Example 3.5 (above Figure 3-18 on p. 125). Guess a solution that is a sum of a cosine and a sine, then force it to work ... look back at how we solved the driven harmonic oscillator ... but use $Q(t) = A \cos(\omega_b t) + B \sin(\omega_b t)$. I get,



$$Q(t) = \frac{C \epsilon_0}{\omega_b^2 R^2 C^2 + 1} [\cos(\omega_b t) + \omega_b RC \sin(\omega_b t)]$$

$$I(t) = \frac{\omega_b C \epsilon_0}{\omega_b^2 R^2 C^2 + 1} [\omega_b RC \cos(\omega_b t) - \sin(\omega_b t)]$$



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