

Forced Oscillations Example

Consider the forced LCR circuit, which can be described by:

$$Q''(t) + RQ'(t) + \frac{1}{C}Q = F \cos(\beta t), \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1,$$

where $Q(t)$ is the charge at time t , R the resistance, C the capacitance, and the inductance $L = 1$. The forcing has amplitude F and frequency β .

On the following page you will find plots of different solutions $Q(t)$ for various values of R , C , F , and ω , corresponding in no particular order to:

A $R = 1, C = 1/100, F = 1, \beta = 9 \Rightarrow$

$$Q''(t) + Q'(t) + 100Q = \cos(9t), \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

B $R = 0, C = 1/16, F = 1, \beta = 4 \Rightarrow$

$$Q''(t) + 16Q = \cos(4t), \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

C $R = 0, C = 1/16, F = 0, \beta$ not relevant \Rightarrow

$$Q''(t) + 16Q = 0, \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

D $R = 1, C = 1/100, F = 1, \beta = 10 \Rightarrow$

$$Q''(t) + Q'(t) + 100Q = \cos(10t), \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

E $R = 1, C = 1/100, F = 0, \beta$ not relevant \Rightarrow

$$Q''(t) + Q'(t) + 100Q = 0, \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

F $R = 0, C = 1/100, F = 0, \beta$ not relevant \Rightarrow

$$Q''(t) + 100Q = 0, \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

G $R = 8.1, C = 1/100, F = 0, \beta$ not relevant \Rightarrow

$$Q''(t) + 8.1Q'(t) + 16Q = 0, \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

H $R = 0, C = 1/100, F = 1, \beta = 9 \Rightarrow$

$$Q''(t) + 100Q = \cos(9t), \quad Q(0) = 0, \quad Q'(0) = 1.$$

Match the differential equation with its solution's plot by writing the appropriate letter in the box to the *left* of the plot, on the following page.

Hints:

1. You don't need to solve each problem completely.
2. Look at the plots carefully and don't forget to check the axis scales.

