

Physics 517/617 Experiment 2

R-L-C Circuits

1) Design and construct either a high or low pass RC filter with a 3 dB point of about 600 Hz and a minimum impedance between 5 k Ω and 50 k Ω .

Measure the frequency response (i.e. voltage gain and output voltage phase shift relative to the input voltage) of the filter you built in part 1) to a sine wave. Make measurements over the frequency range 10 Hz-100 kHz (or as high as you can go). Plot the measurements with the theoretical expectations superimposed on the same plots. Use a Bode plot for the voltage gain.

2) Design and construct an LRC series circuit with a resonant frequency between 1 kHz and 10 kHz and a Q between 1 and 10.

Measure the frequency response of the circuit built in part 2) to a sine wave. Measure V_R , V_C and V_L as the frequency is varied from 10 Hz to 100 kHz. Measure the phase relationship between R and the voltage source. Measure the Q of the circuit using the half power points and the resonant frequency ω_0 .

a) Plot the measurements with the theoretical expectations superimposed on the same plots. How are your measurements compare with the theoretical calculations. Use Bode plots for all gain measurements.

b) Measure the internal resistance of the inductor. Draw a new circuit diagram that includes an internal resistor in series with the inductor. Why the internal resistor is treated as in series instead of in parallel to the inductor? (Hint: consider the behavior of an inductor at high frequency.) Calculate the new theoretical expectations for your measurements and superimpose the results on the same plots. How are your measurements compare with the new theoretical calculations.

Note: The black terminals of your cables connected to the signal generator and scope are both connected to ground. If the two black terminals are connected to the two different points in the circuit, both points will be at the same potential, i.e. ground. Therefore make sure that the scope ground and the signal generator ground are connected to the same point in the circuit for any measurement.

Some useful readings besides Simpson:

- a) Diefenderfer pages 27-34, 48-50.
- b) Hayes and Horowitz lab manual pages 32-50.
- c) Horowitz and Hill pages 29-44.

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Calculate and measure the response of the circuit built in part 1) to a rectangular voltage pulse. Vary the pulse width (include the case where RC is close to the pulse width) and capture using the PC's WAVESTAR program the response of the circuit (i.e. output voltage). Under what conditions does your circuit integrate or differentiate the input pulse?