UBC Physics 102 Lecture 14

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- ▷ LRC circuits
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- Again, because we can only fit half as many turns on coil 2, $l_{w1} = 2l_{w2}$.



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• Finally, the time constant is $\tau = L/R$ so

$$\frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} = \left(\frac{L_1}{L_2}\right) \left(\frac{R_2}{R_1}\right) = (4) \left(\frac{1}{8}\right) = \frac{1}{2}. \quad \Box$$



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• Solution is oscillation, $Q(t) = Q_0 \cos(\omega_0 t)$ where

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

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