

# AQA A-Level Physics

## 13.3 Analogue signal processing

### Flashcards



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A circuit that can select certain frequencies (or range thereof) from a mix of AC frequencies in the circuit.

In a stereo system, high frequencies go to one speaker (tweeter) and low to another (woofer).



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A circuit with an inductor  $L$  (stores energy as a magnetic field) and a capacitor connected in parallel.



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A measure of a coil's resistance to current changing, unit: Henry (H).

A coil has 1H inductance when current changing at 1A per second induces a voltage of 1V across it.



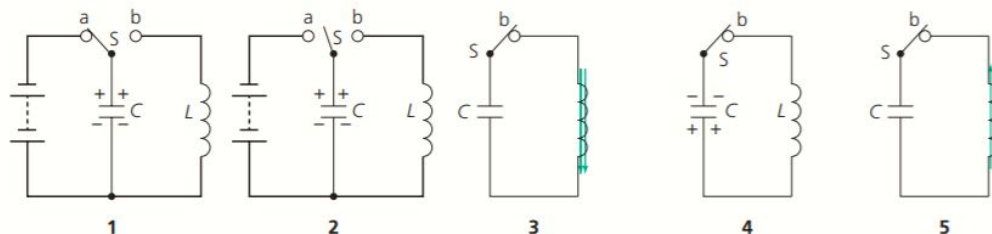
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1. Capacitor charges as switch is at 'a'.
2. S disconnected and capacitor stores electrostatic potential energy.
3. S at 'b', capacitor discharges its energy stored as magnetic field energy in inductor, after capacitor is discharged magnetic field starts to collapse so emf induced in opposite direction (Lenz's law).
4. Capacitor re-charges with opposite polarity and cycle repeats.



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Figure 16 Operation of an LC circuit



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Energy only stored in the capacitor is like a spring at maximum displacement.

Energy only stored by the magnetic field is like when the mass is at the equilibrium position and moving with maximum velocity.



How can the resonant frequency of an LC circuit be calculated?



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$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

L = inductance (H)

C = capacitance (F)

$f_0$  = resonant frequency (Hz)



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$$Q = f_0 / f_B$$

$f_0$  = resonant frequency (Hz)

$f_B$  = bandwidth frequency (the frequency range between the 50% maximum energy points on the energy response curve) (Hz)



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An integrated circuit amplifier used as a system block in electronic systems to amplify voltages.



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An ideal op-amp has an infinite open loop gain  $A_{OL}$  and infinite input resistance.



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Non-inverting input and inverting input.



State one use of an op-amp.



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It can be used to compare two voltages.  
When they are equal, the output is 0.



What is the transfer function of an op-amp?





What is the transfer function of an op-amp?

An open loop output function

$$V_{out} = A_{OL}(V_+ - V_-)$$

This shows that the op-amp amplifies the difference between its inverting and non-inverting terminals.

