

24. (a) Since  $T = 2\pi/\omega = 2\pi\sqrt{LC}$ , we may rewrite the power on the exponential factor as

$$-\pi R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \frac{t}{T} = -\pi R \sqrt{\frac{C}{L}} \frac{t}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}} = -\frac{Rt}{2L} .$$

Thus  $e^{-Rt/2L} = e^{-\pi R \sqrt{C/L}(t/T)}$ .

- (b) Since  $-\pi R \sqrt{C/L}(t/T)$  must be unitless (as is  $t/T$ ),  $R \sqrt{C/L}$  must also be unitless. Thus, the SI unit of  $\sqrt{C/L}$  must be  $\Omega^{-1}$ . In other words, the SI unit for  $\sqrt{L/C}$  is  $\Omega$ .
- (c) Since the amplitude of oscillation reduces by a factor of  $e^{-\pi R \sqrt{C/L}(T/T)} = e^{-\pi R \sqrt{C/L}}$  after each cycle, the condition is equivalent to  $\pi R \sqrt{C/L} \ll 1$ , or  $R \ll \sqrt{L/C}$ .