

$C_2 =$ variable standard capacitor

$C_4 =$ fixed standard capacitor

At balance

$$(R_1 + j\omega L_1) \left(\frac{1}{j\omega C_4} \right) = \left(R_2 + \frac{1}{j\omega C_2} \right) R_3$$

separating real and imaginary terms,

$$L_1 = R_2 R_3 C_4 \quad \text{and} \quad R_1 = R_3 \frac{C_4}{C_2}$$

Advantages

- i) we get 2 independent equations as C_2 and R_2 are variable since R_2 and C_2 are in same arm, convergence to balance conditions is much easier
- ii) balance equations are simple and don't contain frequency component.
- iii) bridge can be used over a wide range of inductances.

Disadvantages

- i) bridge requires a variable capacitor which is expensive and its accuracy is about 1 percent (1%).
- ii) value of C_2 becomes large when measuring high Q coils.

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