



Figure 3: A schematic of the concept of an AC generator.

12. Suppose the AC generator in Fig. 2 has $V_0 = 12\text{ V}$ so that $\epsilon(t) = V_0 \sin(\omega t)$. If the AC generator pushes current through a resistance $R = 50\Omega$, what is the average power generated?

$$P = IV$$

$$\epsilon(t) = V_0 \sin(\omega t) \quad \text{12 V}$$

$$V_{RMS} = \frac{0.707(V_0 \sin(\omega t))}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 \cdot 12\text{ V} = 8.484\text{ V}$$

$$P = I^2 R$$

$$I_{RMS} = \frac{V_{RMS}}{R} = \frac{8.484\text{ V}}{50\Omega} = 0.17\text{ A}$$

$$P_{average} = I_{RMS}^2 R$$

$$P_{average} = (0.17\text{ A})^2 (50\Omega) = \boxed{1.45\text{ W}}$$