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Question

A series LCR circuit with $L = 0.12\,\text{H}$, $C = 480 \times 10^{-9}\,\text{F}$, $R = 23\,\Omega$ is connected to a 230 V variable frequency supply.

(a) What is the source frequency for which current amplitude is maximum? Obtain this maximum value.

(b) What is the source frequency for which the average power absorbed by the circuit is maximum? Obtain the value of this maximum power.

(c) For which frequencies of the source is the power transferred to the circuit half the power at resonant frequency? What is the current amplitude at these frequencies?

(d) What is the Q-factor of the given circuit?

Solution: Given parameters are:

TABLE 0
Given Data

Symbol	Value	Parameter
L	$0.12\,\text{H}$	Inductance
C	$480\,\text{nF}$	Capacitance
R	$23\,\Omega$	Resistance
V	$230\,\text{V}$	Supply voltage

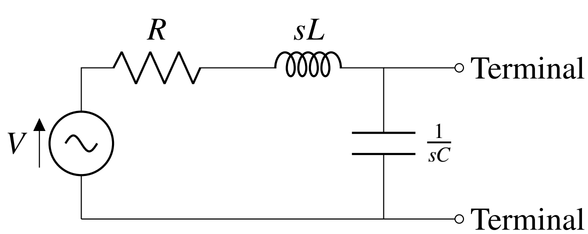

Fig. 0. Circuit diagram with sinusoidal voltage source, resistor, inductor, and capacitor.

The impedance of the above circuit is given as:

$$Z_{\text{total}} = R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} + j\omega L \tag{1}$$

The magnitude of impedance is:

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)^2} \tag{2}$$

(a) At resonance, the circuit becomes purely resistive. The reactances of capacitor and inductor cancel out as follows:

$$Ls + \frac{1}{sC} = 0 \tag{3}$$

$$\implies s = j\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = j\omega \tag{4}$$

The source frequency for maximum current amplitude is given by:

$$\omega_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} \tag{5}$$

$$\omega_{\text{max}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{(0.12\,\text{H})(480 \times 10^{-9}\,\text{F})}} \tag{6}$$

$$\omega_{\text{max}} \approx 4166.67\,\text{rad/s} \tag{7}$$

(b) The source frequency for which the average power absorbed by the circuit is maximum is the same as the resonance frequency.

$$I_{\text{max}} = \frac{V}{Z_{\text{total}}} = \frac{V}{R} \tag{8}$$

At resonance, $Z_{\text{total}} = R$, so $I_{\text{max}} = \frac{V}{R}$.

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2} I_{\text{max}}^2 R \tag{9}$$

Substitute $I_{\text{max}} = \frac{V}{R}$ into the expression for P_{avg}:

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{V}{R}\right)^2 R \tag{10}$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{V^2}{R} \tag{11}$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = 1150\,\text{W} \tag{12}$$

(c) The angular frequencies at which the power would be half of the power at the resonant frequency will be:

$$\omega' = \omega_R \pm \Delta\omega \tag{13}$$

Here, $\Delta\omega = \frac{R}{2L}$

$$\Delta\omega = \frac{23}{2 \times 0.12} \implies \Delta\omega = 95.83\,\text{rad/s} \tag{14}$$

So,

$$\omega_1' = 4166.67 + 95.83 = 4262.3\,\text{rad/s} \tag{15}$$

$$\omega_2' = 4166.67 - 95.83 = 4070.87\,\text{rad/s} \tag{16}$$

The amplitude of current at these frequencies will be the RMS value.

$$I = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}} \implies \frac{10}{\sqrt{2}} \implies 10\,\text{A}$$

(d) The Q-factor of a series RLC circuit is given by the formula:

$$Q = \frac{1}{R}\sqrt{\frac{L}{C}} \tag{17}$$

Substitute the given values into this formula:

$$Q = \frac{1}{23}\sqrt{\frac{0.12}{480 \times 10^{-9}}} \tag{18}$$

Now, let's calculate this:

$$Q \approx \frac{1}{23}\sqrt{\frac{0.12}{480 \times 10^{-9}}} \tag{19}$$

$$Q \approx \frac{1}{23} \times 916.6667 \tag{20}$$

$$Q \approx 39.6826 \tag{21}$$