

Chapitre 1
**Kirchhoff's laws in sinusoidal
regime**

Introduction

- Why a sinusoidal regime?
 - Electrical energy is produced, distributed, and consumed in sinusoidal alternating form,
 - Raising the voltage and/or lowering it is done by simple devices: **transformers**.
- Purpose of this chapter:
 - Basic notions of alternating current (single phase),
 - Reminder of **Kirchhoff's laws** and alternating current application,
 - Simplification of these laws in steady state thanks to the use of complex notation,
 - Concept of impedance.

Direct Current (DC) reminders

Current direction rules

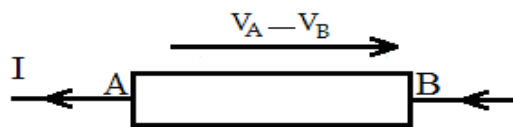
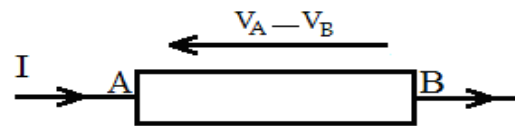
- Let us not forget that the **conventional** direction of electric current is the **opposite** of the direction of **movement of electrons**.
- Electrons move from **lower** potential to **higher** potential.
- The current is symbolized by an arrow going from the **highest** potential to the **lowest** potential,
- If the direction of the current is not known, then an arbitrary direction is chosen,
- If, after calculation, we obtain a negative current, this means that the current flows in the opposite direction:



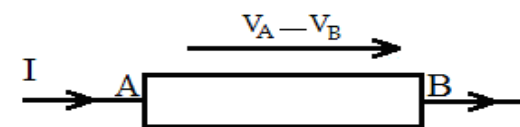
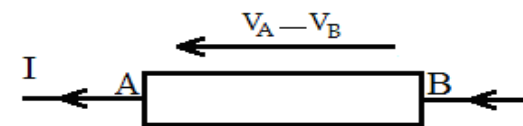
Direct Current (DC) reminders

Voltage direction rules

- An arrow near the latter symbolizes a voltage across a dipole.
- The tip of the arrow **generally** symbolizes the highest potential if the latter is known,
- otherwise, the orientation of the arrow is done arbitrarily.
- The direction of the voltage/current pair is, however, dependent: the same direction for a generator and the opposite direction for a load.



Load Case

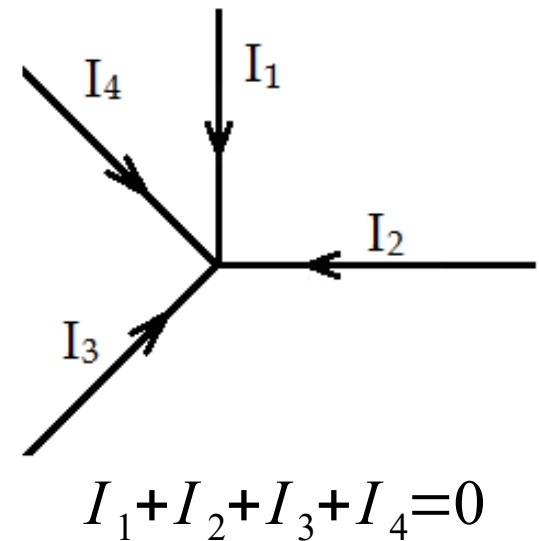
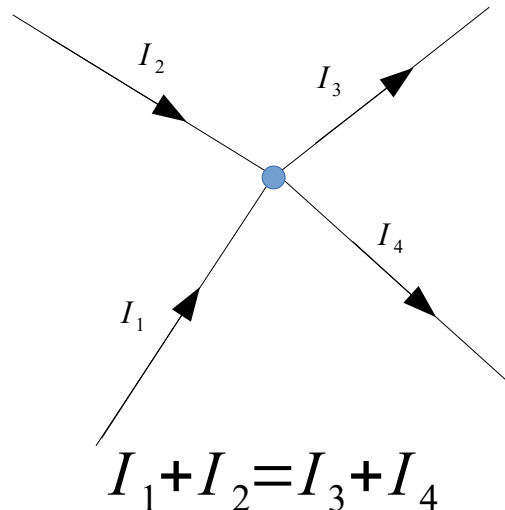


Generator case

Kirchhoff's Laws

Junction rule

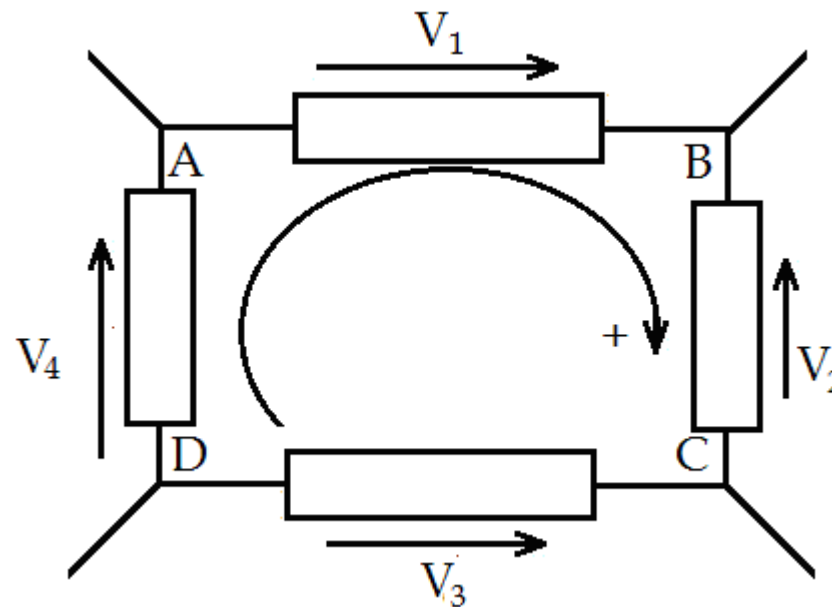
- Law connecting the currents of several branches (wires) interconnected into a single node.
- A node: junction point between several conductors:
- The sum of the intensities of the currents arriving at a node is equal to that of the currents leaving the node.



Kirchhoff's Laws

Loop rule

- **Loop:** a set of conductors (wires) and components starting from one point and returning to the same point (forming a loop).
- The algebraic sum of the tensions along the mesh is zero.
- **Example :**

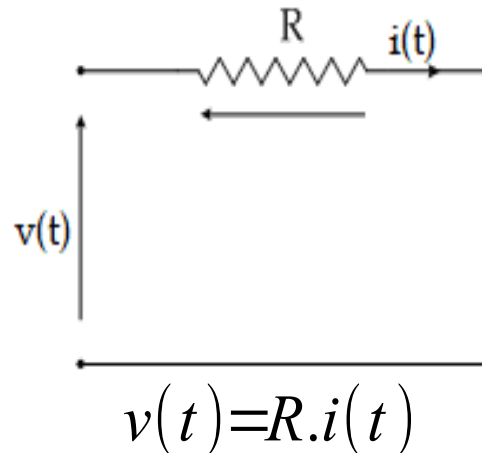


$$V_1 - V_2 - V_3 + V_4 = 0$$

Usual dipoles in variable regime

Resistance :

- Governed by Ohm's law:



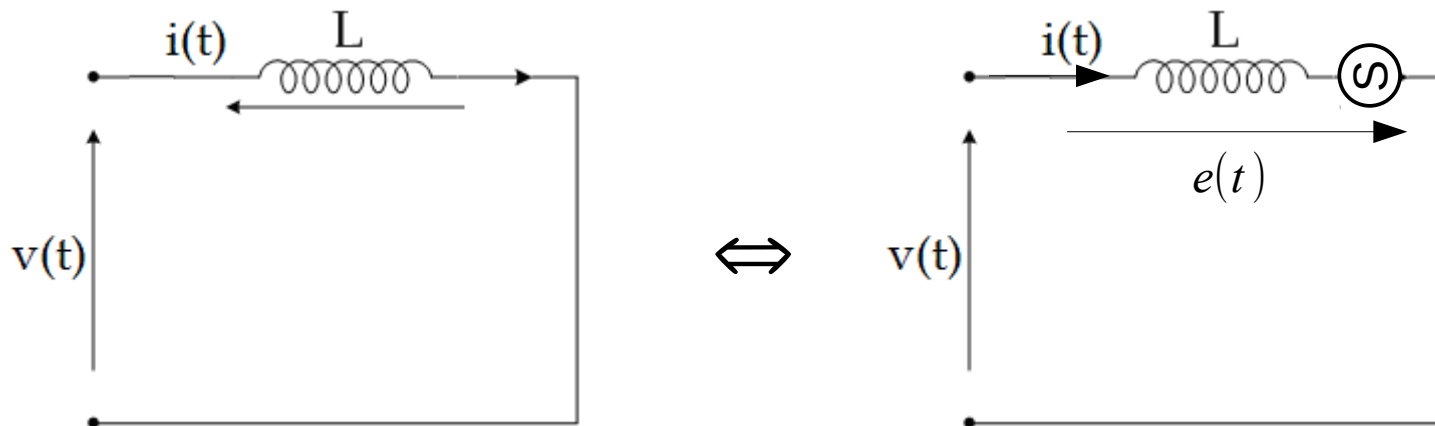
- Voltage is always proportional to current.
- A resistance does not create a time lag between voltage and current.

Usual dipoles in variable regime

Inductance (1/2) :

- **Governed by Lenz's law:** A potential difference across an inductor induces a (counter) electromotive force that opposes the electric current. This electromotive force is:

$$e(t) = \frac{-d\phi_B(t)}{dt} \quad \text{where} \quad \phi_B(t) = L \cdot i(t) \quad \text{and then} \quad v(t) = -e(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$



Usual dipoles in variable regime

Inductance (2/2) :

We deduce that:

- The voltage is always ahead of the current in the coil because the **Lenz** effect states that there is opposition to establishing an electric current.
- In continuous (permanent) mode, the coil behaves like a short circuit (closed circuit) because $v(t) \Rightarrow 0$.
- Breaking electric current in a coil can lead to the production of very high voltages, because :

$$di(t) \neq 0 \quad \text{et} \quad dt \rightarrow 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad v(t) \rightarrow \infty$$

Usual dipoles in variable regime

Capacitor (1/2) :

- Governed by the fundamental laws studied in electrostatics:

- Relationship between potential and charge

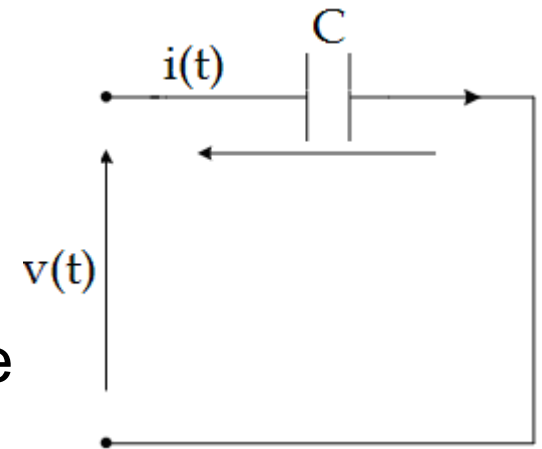
$$Q = C.V$$

- Relationship between load and current:

$$i(t) = dq(t)/dt$$

- Hence :

$$i(t) = C \cdot \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$$



Usual dipoles in variable regime

Capacitor (2/2) :

We deduce the following:

- The capacitor reacts like a coil except that voltage and current roles must be reversed, and therefore,
- The current is ahead of the voltage,
- A sudden variation in voltage produces an infinite current,
$$dv(t) \neq 0 \quad \text{et} \quad dt \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow i(t) \rightarrow \infty$$
- In continuous operation, the capacitor behaves like an open circuit because zero current passes through it. $i(t) = 0$.

Sinusoidal alternating quantities

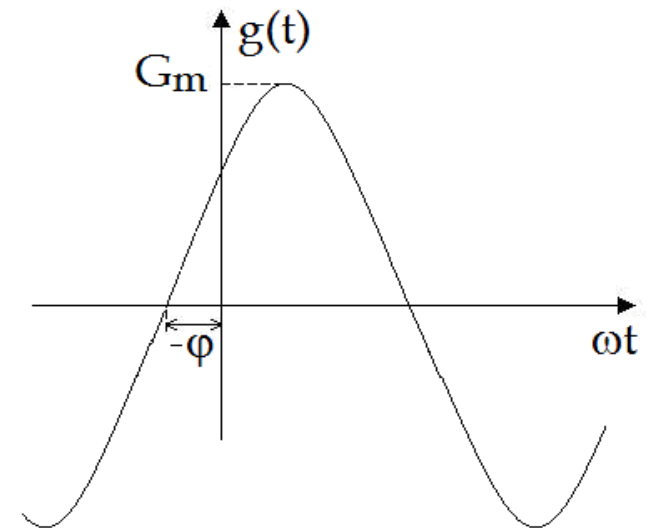
Generalities :

- The quantity G varies as a function of time according to the law:

$$g(t) = G_m \cdot \sin(\omega \cdot t + \varphi) \quad \text{or even} \quad g(t) = G_m \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \varphi')$$

- Conventions :

- Variable quantities such as $g(t)$ are noted in lowercase,
- ω is the pulsation with $\omega = 2\pi f$ where f is the frequency.
- G_m is the maximum value of $g(t)$.
- φ is called the phase shift of g relative to an established reference.
- The phase shift φ reflects a time shift $\Delta t = \frac{\varphi}{\omega}$



Sinusoidal alternating quantities

Valeur efficace (RMS) :

RMS or root mean square current of the alternating current (La valeur efficace, notée I (en majuscule)) of current $i(t)$ represents the DC current (I) that dissipates the same amount of power as the average power dissipated by the alternating current $i(t)$.

- Let us calculate the energy dissipated in AC over a period:

$$W(T) = \int_0^T P(t) dt = \int_0^T v(t) \cdot i(t) dt = \int_0^T R i^2(t) dt$$

- Let us calculate the energy dissipated in the case of a direct current I

$$W(T) = \int_0^T P(t) dt = \int_0^T V \cdot I dt = \int_0^T R I^2 dt = R I^2 T$$

- By equalizing the two dissipated energies, we obtain:

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T i^2(t) dt} \quad \text{or in general} \quad G_{eff} = G = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T g^2(t) dt}$$

Sinusoidal alternating quantities

RMS in the case of sinusoidal signal :

Problem :

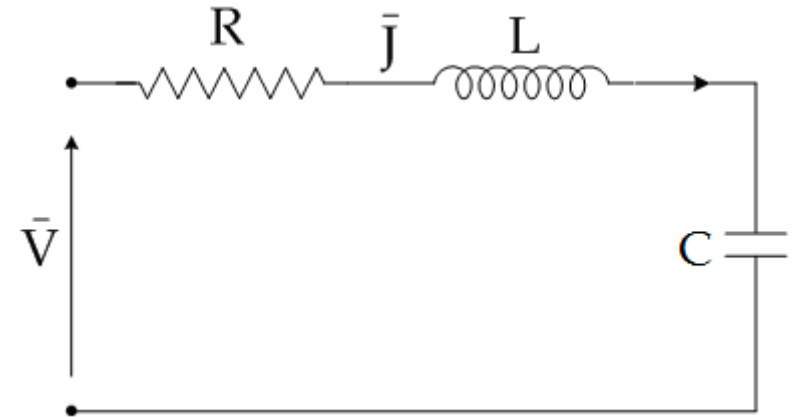
Show that if $g(t)$ is sinusoidal, then the effective value of $g(t)$ is related to the maximum value as follows:

$$G = G_m / \sqrt{2}$$

Phasor Representation (Fresnel)

Problem statement :

- Let us consider the determination of the currents and voltages of the RLC circuit using classical notions.
- The calculations are laborious
- Are there alternative calculation methods for determining **steady-state** currents and voltages when the source is **sinusoidal**?
- YES, two solutions:
 - Phasor (Fresnel diagram): limited to simple circuits,
 - Complex notation: much easier to use).



Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

Solution with respect to time (1/4) :

Let us determine current $i(t)$ knowing that $v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t)$

- Loop law :

$$v(t) = v_R(t) + v_L(t) + v_C(t)$$

- Let us express each potential difference :

$$v(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt$$

- We derive

$$\dot{v}(t) = R\dot{i}(t) + L\ddot{i}(t) + \frac{1}{C}i(t)$$

- or else :

$$C.\dot{v}(t) = LC\ddot{i}(t) + RC.\dot{i}(t) + i(t)$$

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

Solution with respect to time (2/4) :

We have to solve the following differential equation :

$$C.\dot{v}(t)=LC\ddot{i}(t)+RC.\dot{i}(t)+i(t)$$

- Homogeneous solution for $v(t)=0$
 - Solution of the form $e^{\alpha t}$. As R and $C > 0$, we show that this solution tends to 0 with time (transitory : pre-steady state).
- Particular solution :
 - as $v(t)=V_m \cos(\omega t)$ then, we suppose $i(t)=I_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$
or
$$i(t)=I_m \cos(\varphi) \cdot \cos(\omega t) - I_m \sin(\varphi) \cdot \sin(\omega t)$$

then,
$$i(t)=i_1 \cos(\omega t) + i_2 \sin(\omega t)$$

with
$$I_m = \sqrt{i_1^2 + i_2^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi = -\arctg(i_2/i_1)$$
 - Let us determine i_1 and i_2 .

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

Solution with respect to time (3/4):

- Replacing this, in the differential equation, we obtain :

$$\begin{aligned} -C.V_m\omega.\sin(\omega t) = & LC(-i_1\omega^2\cos(\omega t) - i_2\omega^2\sin(\omega t)) \\ & + RC.(-i_1\omega\sin(\omega t) + i_2\omega\cos(\omega t)) + i_1\cos(\omega t) + i_2\sin(\omega t) \end{aligned}$$

- then :

$$\begin{aligned} -CV_m\omega\sin(\omega t) = & \sin(\omega t)\{-i_2\omega^2LC - i_1RC\omega + i_2\} \\ & + \cos(\omega t)\{-i_1\omega^2LC + RC\omega i_2 + i_1\} \end{aligned}$$

- We obtain the two following equations :

$$\begin{cases} i_1(LC\omega^2 - 1) - RC\omega i_2 = 0 \\ i_1(RC\omega) + i_2(LC\omega^2 - 1) = C\omega V_m \end{cases}$$

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

Solution with respect to time (3/4): (4/4):

- The system's solution :

$$i_1 = \frac{-R(C\omega)^2}{(LC\omega^2 - 1)^2 + (RC\omega)^2} \cdot V_m$$

$$i_2 = \frac{-C\omega(LC\omega^2 - 1)}{(LC\omega^2 - 1)^2 + (RC\omega)^2} \cdot V_m$$

- and then :

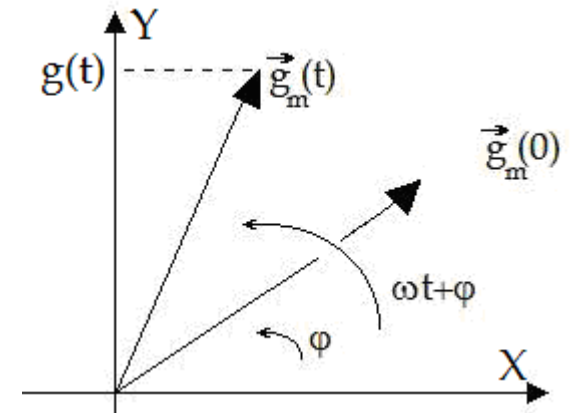
$$I_m = \frac{C\omega}{\sqrt{(LC\omega^2 - 1)^2 + (RC\omega)^2}} \cdot V_m \quad \text{et la phase} \quad \varphi = \arctg\left(\frac{1 - LC\omega^2}{RC\omega}\right)$$

- Resolution process too complicated for such a simple circuit \Rightarrow
ANOTHER METHOD : **Phasor (Fresnel diagram)**

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

A sinusoidal function as a vector :

- Alternative solution for **the steady state**,
- A representation in the (OXY) which means in the complex plan.
- The time is frozen (atemporal representation. We take $t=0$),
- The sinusoidal is represented by a vector starting at O,
- The **module** of the vector represents the **RMS (la valeur efficace)**
- **The angle** between the vector and (OX) represents **the phase**.
- In fact, the vector turns with an angular speed ω
- The projection of the vector on (OX) or (OY) allows finding values in **cosinus** or in **sinus**. In general, the **cosinus** version is the one used (à $\sqrt{2}$ près).



Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

RLC circuit : graphic solution (1/4)

- Let us consider the determination of currents and voltages of the RLC circuit using the Fresnel diagram.

- Loop Law :

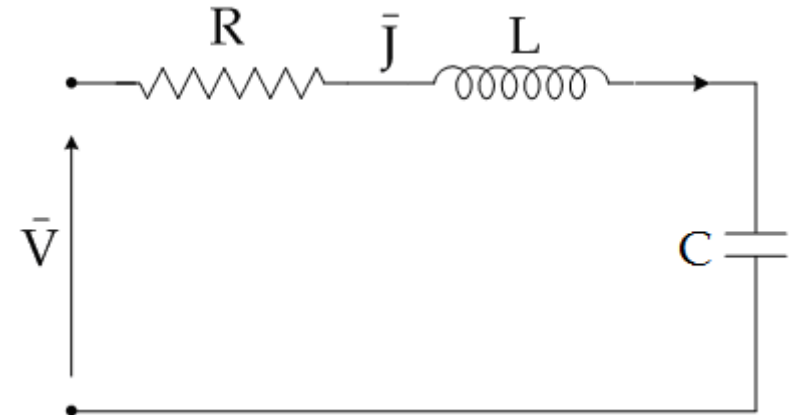
- $v(t) = v_R(t) + v_L(t) + v_C(t)$

- Let us express each potential difference :

- $$v(t) = Ri(t) + L \frac{di(t)}{dt} + \frac{1}{C} \int_0^t i(t) dt$$

- As $v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t)$ then, we suppose $i(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$
- let us take the current as the phase origin. Then :

$$i(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t) \quad \text{et} \quad v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

RLC circuit : graphic solution (2/4)

$$\text{Then : } V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) = (R)(I_m \cos(\omega t)) - (L\omega)(I_m \sin(\omega t)) + \left(\frac{1}{C\omega}\right)(I_m \sin(\omega t))$$

$$V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) = (R)(I_m \cos(\omega t)) + (L\omega)(I_m \cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})) + \left(\frac{1}{C\omega}\right)(I_m \cos(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}))$$

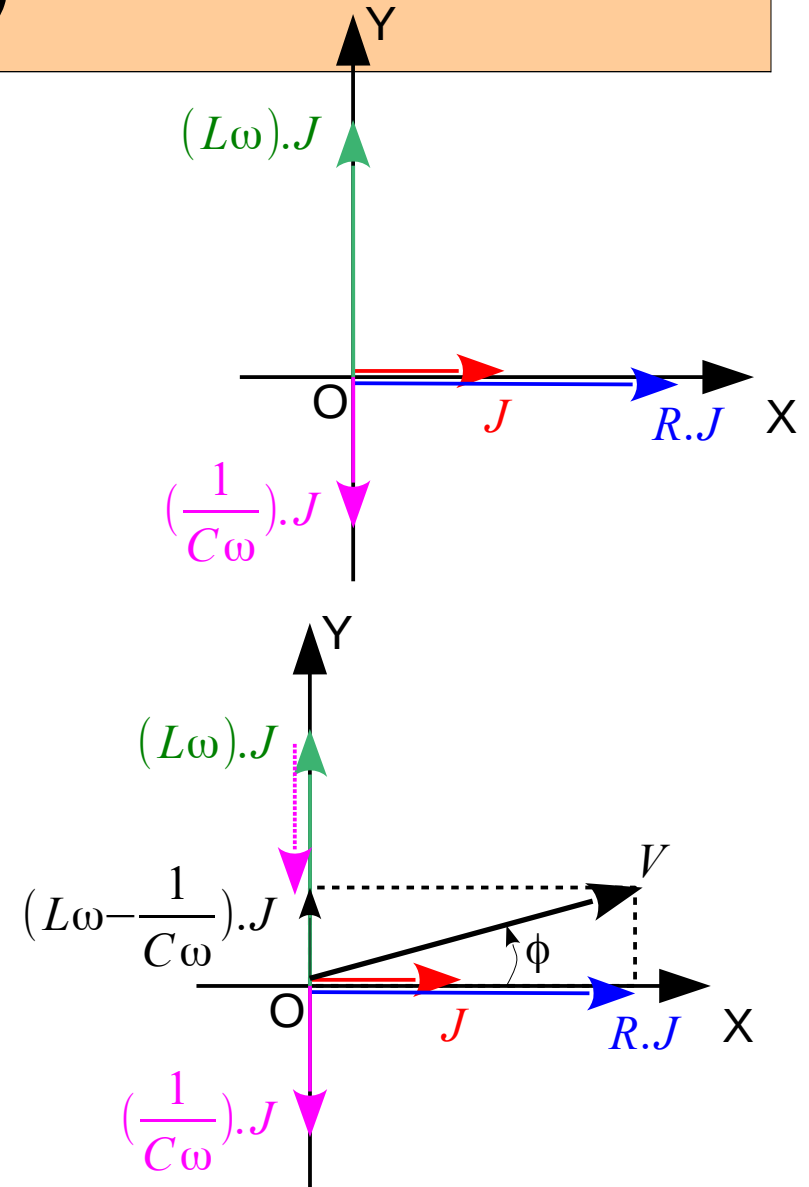
- In the phasor form :

$$\vec{V} = \vec{V}_R + \vec{V}_L + \vec{V}_C \quad \text{with} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \vec{V} \Leftrightarrow V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\ \vec{V}_R \Leftrightarrow (R)(I_m \cos(\omega t)) \\ \vec{V}_L \Leftrightarrow (L\omega).(I_m \cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})) \\ \vec{V}_C \Leftrightarrow (\frac{1}{C\omega})(I_m \cos(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})) \\ \vec{I} \Leftrightarrow I_m \cos(\omega t) \end{array} \right.$$

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

RLC circuit : graphic solution(3/4)

- We represent the current \vec{I} on (Ox) ,
- Then \vec{V}_R parallel to \vec{I} ,
- Then \vec{V}_L on (Oy)
- Finally \vec{V}_C on (Oy') opposed to \vec{V}_L
- We draw the sum $\vec{V} = \vec{V}_R + \vec{V}_L + \vec{V}_C$
- We, then, deduce the module and the phase of the result.



Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

RLC circuit : graphic solution (4/4)

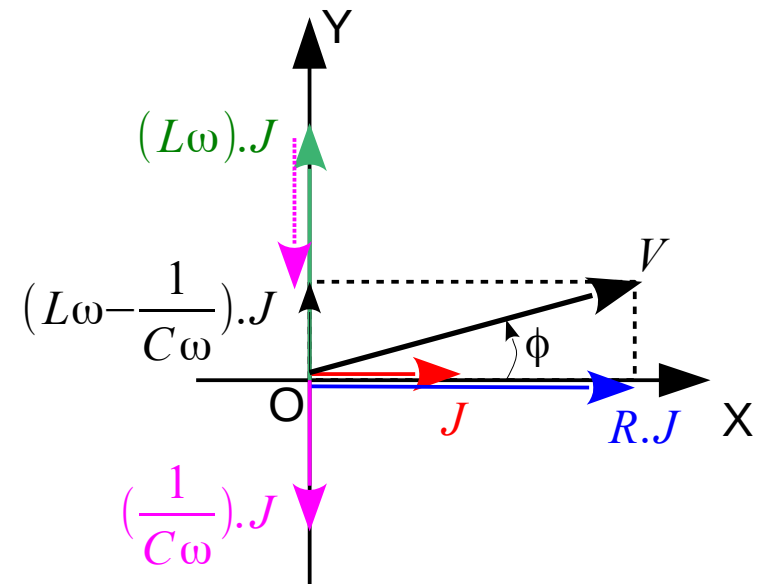
- The module :

$$V^2 = R^2 I^2 + \left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega} \right)^2 I^2$$

- Then RMS and max of current :

$$I = \frac{C\omega}{\sqrt{(LC\omega^2 - 1)^2 + (RC\omega)^2}} \cdot V$$

$$I_m = \frac{C\omega}{\sqrt{(LC\omega^2 - 1)^2 + (RC\omega)^2}} \cdot V_m$$



- Phase of the voltage in respect to the current : $\phi = \arctg\left(\frac{LC\omega^2 - 1}{RC\omega}\right)$
- Phase of the current in respect to the voltage $\varphi = \arctg\left(\frac{1 - LC\omega^2}{RC\omega}\right)$

Phasor (Fresnel diagram)

RLC circuit : graphic solution Remarks + Conclusions

Remarks

- The voltage $v_R(t)$ is in phase with the current $i(t)$
- The voltage $v_L(t)$ is ahead of current $i(t)$. The phase shift is of $+\pi/2$. We say : they are in quadrature.
- The voltage $v_C(t)$ has a lag towards current $i(t)$. The phase shift is of $-\pi/2$. they are in quadrature.

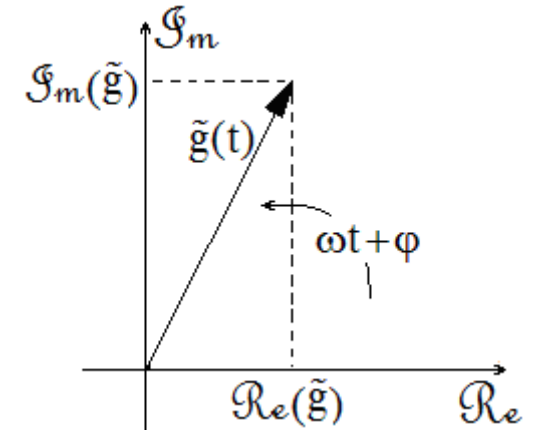
Conclusions :

- More simple than the time solution, however still complex,
- Is there any simpler method ?
- **YES** : Use complex numbers .

Complex Representation

Principle

- A physical value $g(t) = G_m \cos(\omega t + \varphi)$ such as a voltage signal,
- We write it in the complex form :
 - $g(t) \Leftrightarrow \tilde{g}(t) = G_m e^{j(\omega t + \varphi)} = \tilde{G}_m e^{j\omega t}$
 - $\tilde{G}_m = G_m e^{j\varphi}$ is the complex amplitude
 - We define too $G = G_m e^{j\varphi} = \tilde{G}_m / \sqrt{2}$.
- We do all our processing (linear calculations) using complex numbers.
- The result of our calculations is another quantity $\tilde{h}(t)$ such as current for example. To get the true value of $h(t)$, we return to the real domain :
 $h(t) = \Re(\tilde{h}(t))$.
- Nonlinear calculations such as power calculations are not feasible in this way !



Complex Representation

Derivation and integration rules :

- As

$$\tilde{g}(t) = \tilde{G}_m e^{j\omega t}$$

- the derivation gives :

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{g}(t)}{\partial t} = j\omega \tilde{g}(t)$$

- For the integration we get :

$$\int \tilde{g}(t) dt = \frac{1}{j\omega} \tilde{g}(t)$$

Complex Representation – case study

Resistance case :

- Ohm's Law in real domain :

$$v(t) = R \cdot i(t)$$

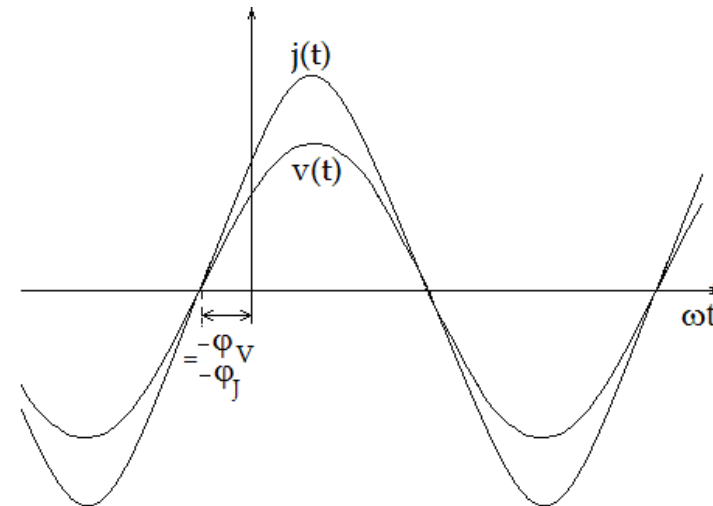
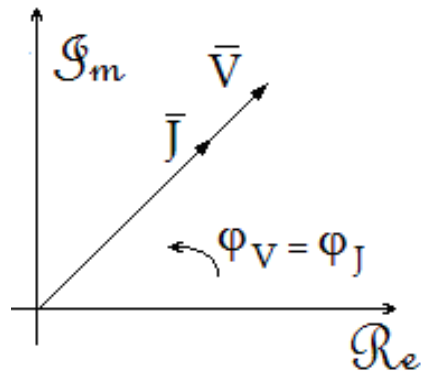
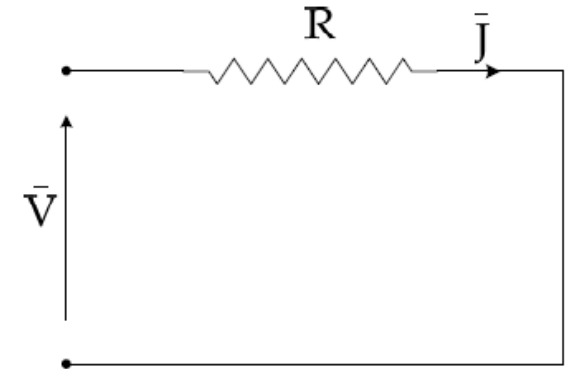
- In the complex domain

$$\tilde{v}(t) = R \cdot \tilde{i}(t)$$

- In other words only the module is affected :

$$\tilde{V} = R \tilde{I} \quad \text{and} \quad \varphi_V = \varphi_R + \varphi_I = \varphi_I \quad \text{because} \quad \varphi_R = 0$$

- Voltage and current are in phase ($\Delta\varphi = 0$)



Complex Representation – case study

Inductance case (1/2) :

- **Lenz Law:**
$$v(t) = L \frac{di(t)}{dt}$$
- In the complex domain
$$\tilde{v}(t) = L \frac{d\tilde{i}(t)}{dt} = jL\omega \tilde{i}(t)$$
- Which we can write in the form of generalized Ohm's law :

$$\tilde{v}(t) = Z_L \tilde{i}(t) \quad \text{with} \quad Z_L = jL\omega \quad \text{impedance of an inductance.}$$

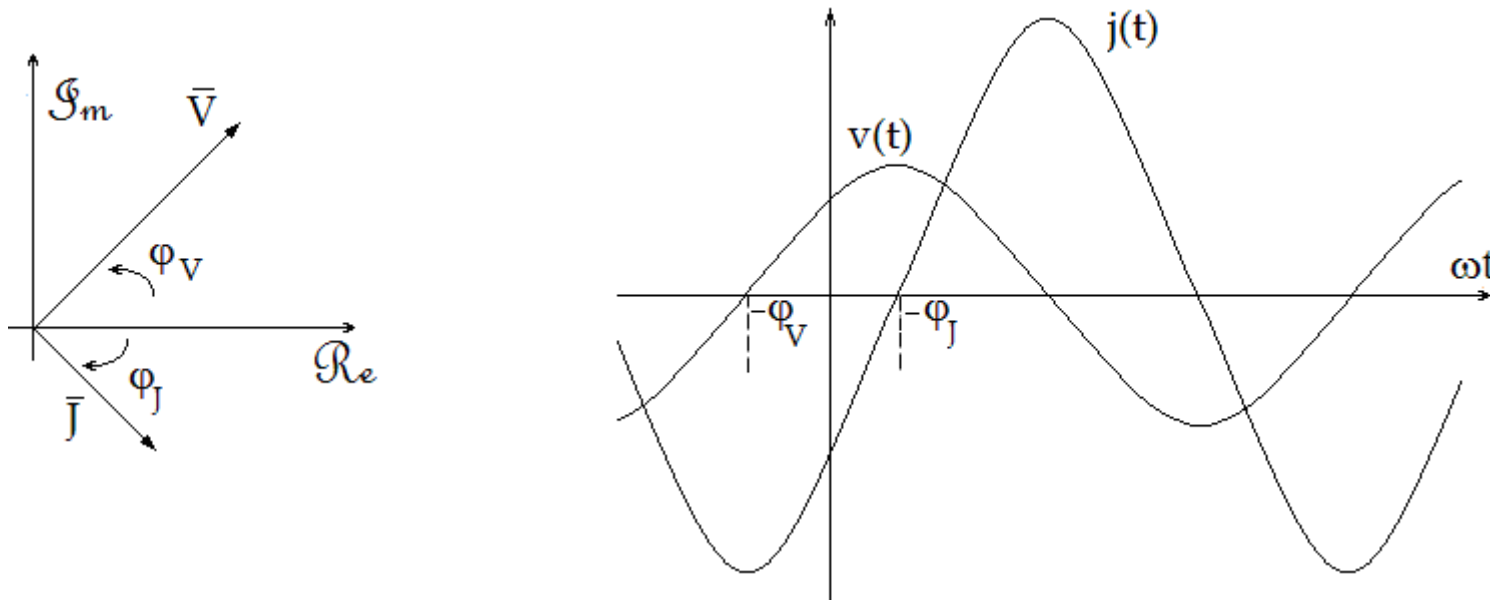
- Voltage across the inductance is ahead of the current and the phase shift is $\pi/2$.
- Indeed :

$$\varphi_{\tilde{v}} = \varphi_{\tilde{i}} + \varphi_j + \varphi_{L\omega} \quad \text{and then} \quad \varphi_{\tilde{v}} = \varphi_{\tilde{i}} + \pi/2 \quad \text{because} \quad \varphi_{L\omega} = 0$$

Complex Representation – case study

Inductance case (2/2):

- Phasor and temporal diagrams :



- Current lags behind voltage

Complex Representation – case study

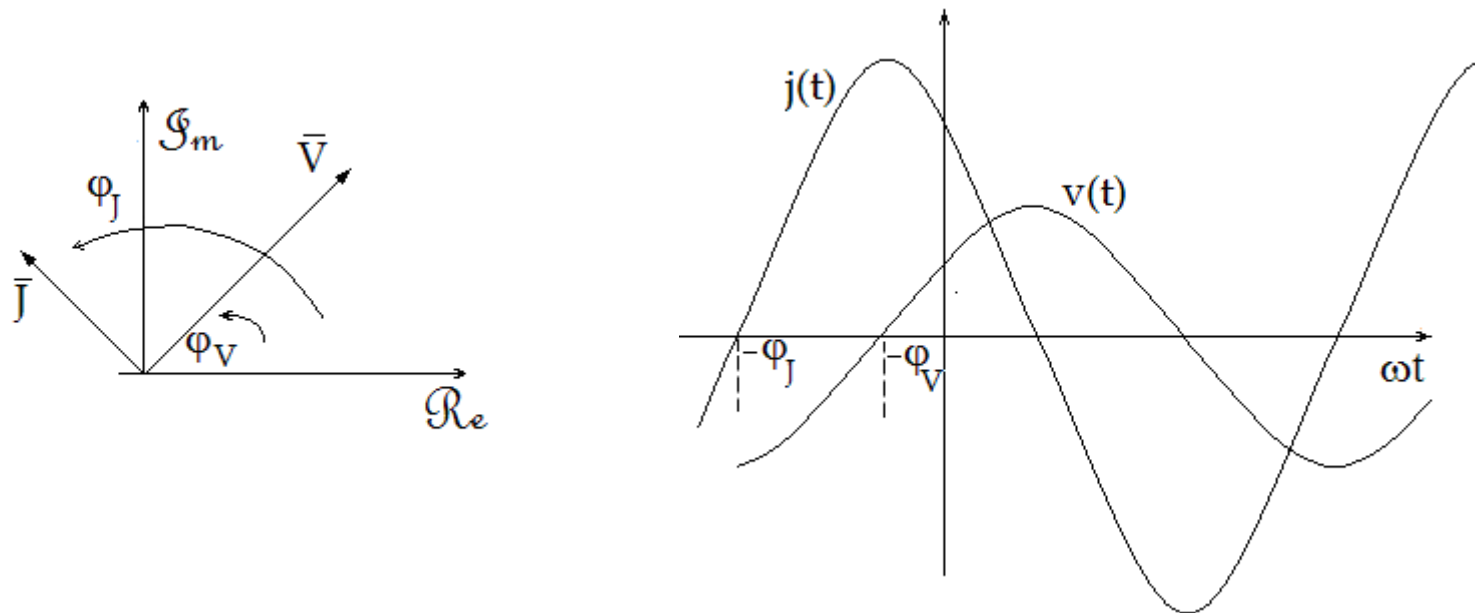
Capacitor case (1/2) :

- Current-voltage relation : $i(t) = C \cdot \frac{dv(t)}{dt}$ then $v(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt$
- In the complex domain $\tilde{v}(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int \tilde{i}(t) dt = \frac{1}{jC\omega} \tilde{i}(t)$
- Which we can write in the form of generalized Ohm's law :
 - $\tilde{v}(t) = Z_c \tilde{i}(t)$ with $Z_c = \frac{1}{jC\omega} = \frac{-j}{C\omega}$ the capacitor impedance.
- The voltage across the capacitor is lagged by the current and the phase shift is $-\pi/2$.
- Indeed :
 - $\varphi_{\tilde{v}} = \varphi_{\tilde{i}} + \varphi_{-j} - \varphi_{C\omega}$ then $\varphi_{\tilde{v}} = \varphi_{\tilde{i}} - \pi/2$ because $\varphi_{C\omega} = 0$

Complex Representation – case study

Capacitor case (2/2) :

- Phasor and temporal diagrams :



- The current is ahead of the voltage.

Complex Representation

RLC Circuit :

- Let us consider determining the currents and voltages of the RLC circuit using complex notation.

- Loop law :

$$v(t) = v_R(t) + v_L(t) + v_C(t)$$

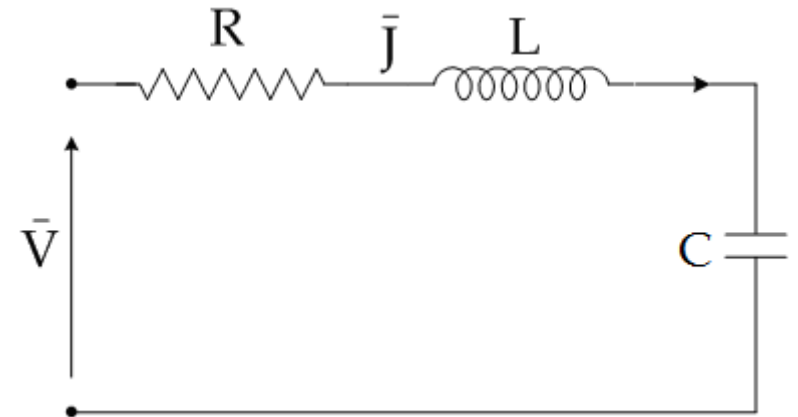
- In complex notation :

$$\tilde{v}(t) = \tilde{v}_R(t) + \tilde{v}_L(t) + \tilde{v}_C(t)$$

- Let us express the voltages as a function of the current :

$$\tilde{v}(t) = R\tilde{i}(t) + Z_L\tilde{i}(t) + Z_C\tilde{i}(t) = \left\{ R + jL\omega - \frac{j}{C\omega} \right\} \tilde{i}(t) = Z\tilde{i}(t)$$

- Z represents the impedance of the circuit. $Z = R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)$



Complex Representation

RLC circuit : Definitions and remarks

Définitions :

- We will generally write Z in the form :

$$Z = R + jX$$

- The real part of Z is R . It is called « **resistance** »,
- *The imaginary part of Z is X . It is called « **reactance** ».*

Remarks :

- In our circuit : $X = L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}$
- $X > 0$ indicates a dominant inductive effect,
- $X < 0$ indicates a dominant capacitive effect
- $X = 0$ indicates a resonance state.

Complex Representation

RLC circuit : calculations

- We found :

$$\tilde{v}(t) = R\tilde{i}(t) + Z_L\tilde{i}(t) + Z_C\tilde{i}(t) = \left\{ R + jL\omega - \frac{j}{C\omega} \right\} \tilde{i}(t)$$

- Hence the value of $\tilde{i}(t)$:

$$\tilde{i}(t) = \frac{\tilde{v}(t)}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)}$$

- The complex amplitude of $\tilde{i}(t)$

$$\tilde{I}_m e^{j\omega t} = \frac{\tilde{V}_m e^{j\omega t}}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)} \quad \text{or else} \quad \tilde{I}_m = \frac{\tilde{V}_m}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)}$$

Complex Representation

RLC circuit

- We can now deduce the amplitude and the phase of the current in relation to those of the voltage. Indeed :

$$\tilde{I}_m = \frac{\tilde{V}_m}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)} \quad \text{then} \quad I_m e^{j\varphi_I} = \frac{V_m e^{j\varphi_V}}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)}$$

- We now just need to compare the modulus and phase of the complex numbers located on either side of the equality :

$$\left| I_m e^{j\varphi_I} \right| = \frac{\left| V_m e^{j\varphi_V} \right|}{\left| R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right) \right|} \quad \text{and then} \quad I_m = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)^2}}$$

Complex Representation

RLC circuit

- For the phase :

$$\varphi\{I_m e^{j\varphi_I}\} = \varphi\left\{\frac{V_m e^{j\varphi_V}}{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)}\right\} \quad \text{and then} \quad \varphi_I = \varphi_V - \varphi\left\{R + j\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)\right\}$$

- and then :

$$\varphi_I = \varphi_V - \arctg\left\{\frac{\left(L\omega - \frac{1}{C\omega}\right)}{R}\right\} = \varphi_V - \arctg\left\{\frac{LC\omega^2 - 1}{RC\omega}\right\}$$

- finally :

$$\Delta\varphi = \varphi_V - \varphi_I = \arctg\left\{\frac{LC\omega^2 - 1}{RC\omega}\right\}$$

Complex Representation

RLC circuit : Conclusions

- The generalization of Ohm's law in the complex domain makes it possible to take into account more simply inductors and capacitors knowing the expression of their impedance.
- The laws of loops and junctions are used exactly as in DC.
- It is faster to work directly with complex amplitudes \tilde{G}_m or \bar{G} because the term « phasor » $e^{j\omega t}$ is omitted.
- To obtain the effective values, it will suffice to divide the modules of the complex amplitudes by $\sqrt{2}$. which means $G = |\tilde{G}_m| / \sqrt{2} = |\bar{G}|$.
- We retain that $Z_L = jL\omega$, $Z_c = \frac{1}{jC\omega}$ and $Z_R = R$.
- The association of impedances is identical to that of resistances.