

Simulation # 1

# **Resonance in Series and Parallel Single Phase AC Circuits**



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## Aim of the Expt.:

1. To study various configurations of R, L, and C components to study resonating behavior of an AC circuit

## Theory:

### Series resonance:

For a circuit excited with ac source which has R, L and C connected in series, as shown in Figure 1, various reactance values are given by

$$|X_L| = \omega L = 2\pi fL$$

$$|X_C| = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi fC}$$

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

Above equation shows the dependence of  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  on the frequency. An interesting phenomenon, known as series resonance, occurs when the frequency of excitation is such that  $X_L = X_C$ . Value of resonating frequency for RLC series circuit is given by

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

The plot of frequency versus resistance, reactance, and current is as shown in Figure 2. At resonating condition, the impedance  $Z$  is purely resistive. The circuit behaves AS Inductive above  $f_r$  (since  $|X_L| > |X_C|$ ), and circuit bthe ecomes capacitive below  $f_r$  when  $|X_L| < |X_C|$ . The impedance diagram for all three conditions is drawn in Figure 3.

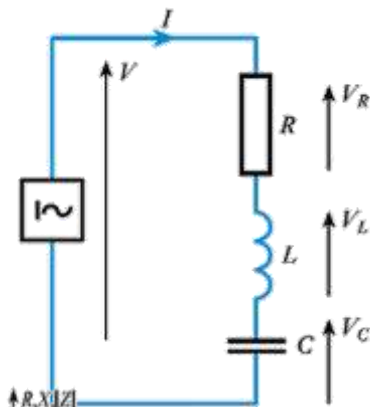


Figure 1 Series RLC circuit 'A'

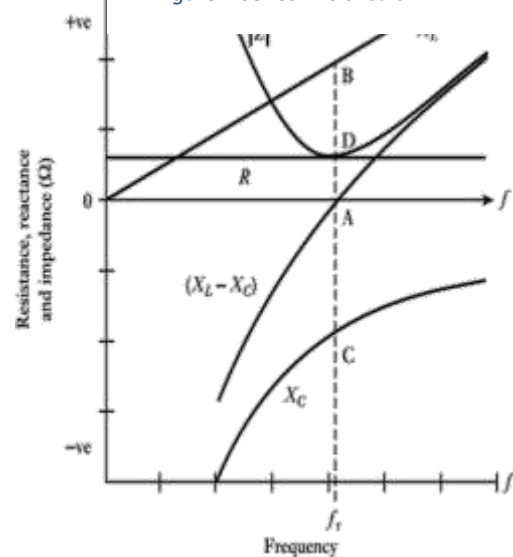


Figure 2 Variation of reactance and impedance with frequency

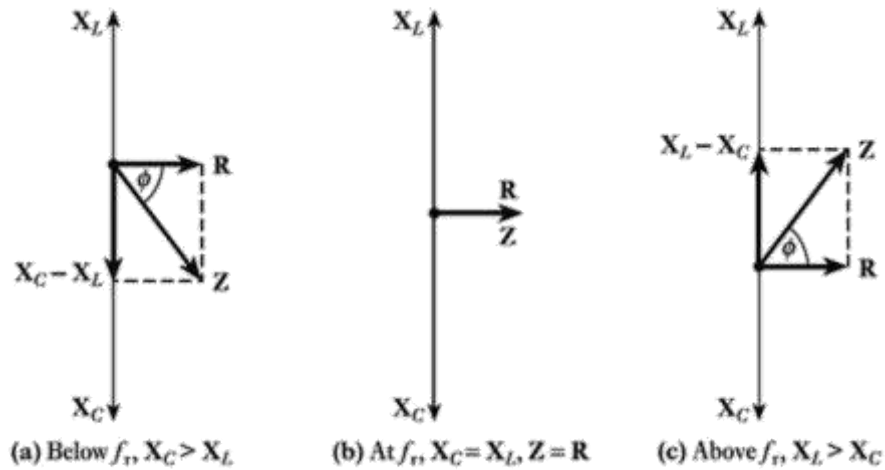


Figure 3 Phasor diagram for the various values of  $f_r$  for series RLC circuit

**The bandwidth (BW) of a circuit:** the frequency range between the **half-power points**, when  $I = I_{\max}/\sqrt{2}$  as shown in Figure 4.

**BW** =  $\omega_2 - \omega_1$ , where  $\omega_1$  and  $\omega_2$  being lower and upper cut off frequencies

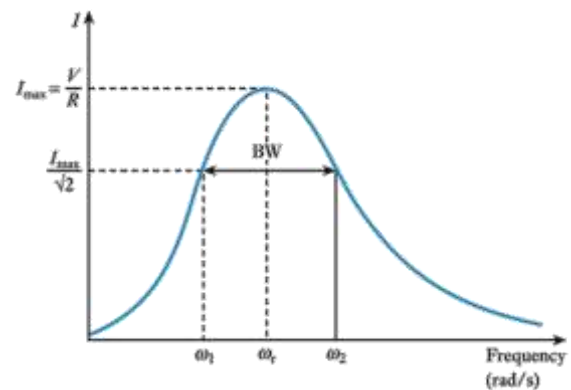


Figure 4 Variation of current due to change in frequency. The graph exhibits resonating and two half-power points

### Resonance in the parallel circuit:

The resonating frequency for the parallel circuit shown in Figure 5 is given by

$$f_r = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{L^2}}$$

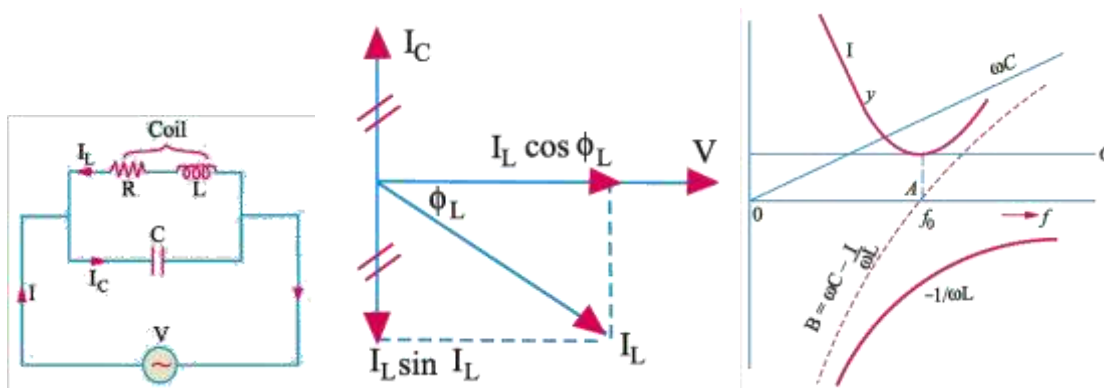


Figure 5 (a) Parallel RL-C circuit under consideration (b) Phasor diagram at resonance (c) Graph for variation in reactance, admittance, current due to change in frequency

## Comparison of series and parallel resonance circuit:

item	series circuit (R-L-C)	parallel circuit (R-L and C)
Impedance at resonance	Minimum	Maximum
Current at resonance	Maximum = $V/R$	Minimum = $V/(L/CR)$
Effective impedance	$R$	$L/CR$
Power factor at resonance	Unity	Unity
Resonant frequency	$1/2\pi\sqrt{LC}$	$\frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{LC} - \frac{R^2}{L^2}\right)}$
It magnifies	Voltage	Current
Magnification is	$\omega L/R$	$\omega L/R$

Figure 6 Comparison of series and parallel resonance circuit

## Circuit Analysis:

1. For circuit in Figure 1, calculate  $f_r$ , BW, Q-factor, current and voltage across all components at resonance. Values of components in the circuit are:  $C = 159.2 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $L = 63.7 \text{ mH}$ ,  $R = 4\Omega$ ,  $V_{\text{in}}=20\text{V}$ ,  $50 \text{ Hz}$ .
2. For Figure 11, calculate  $f_r$ , BW, Q-factor, current and voltage across all components at resonance. Values of components in the circuit are:  $C = 10 \mu\text{F}$ ,  $L = 100 \text{ mH}$ ,  $R = 100 \Omega$ ,  $V_{\text{in}}=10 \text{ V}$ ,  $50 \text{ Hz}$ .

## Simulation:

1. Build the circuits in Figure 7 and save the Multisim file for later use.
2. Simulate each for variable frequency AC analysis.  
Go to Simulate -> Analyses -> AC analysis
3. Choose the range of start and stop frequency appropriately to showcase the resonating phenomenon. Choose the output variables (I(R1) and P(R1) to display and run the simulation.

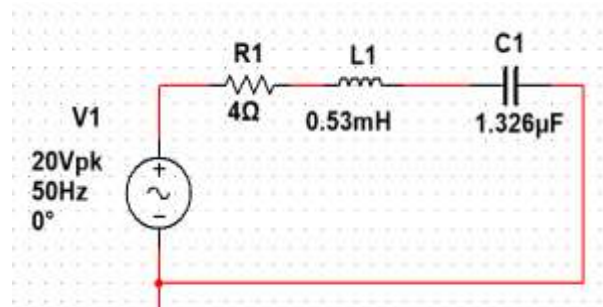


Figure 7 Circuit A for simulation

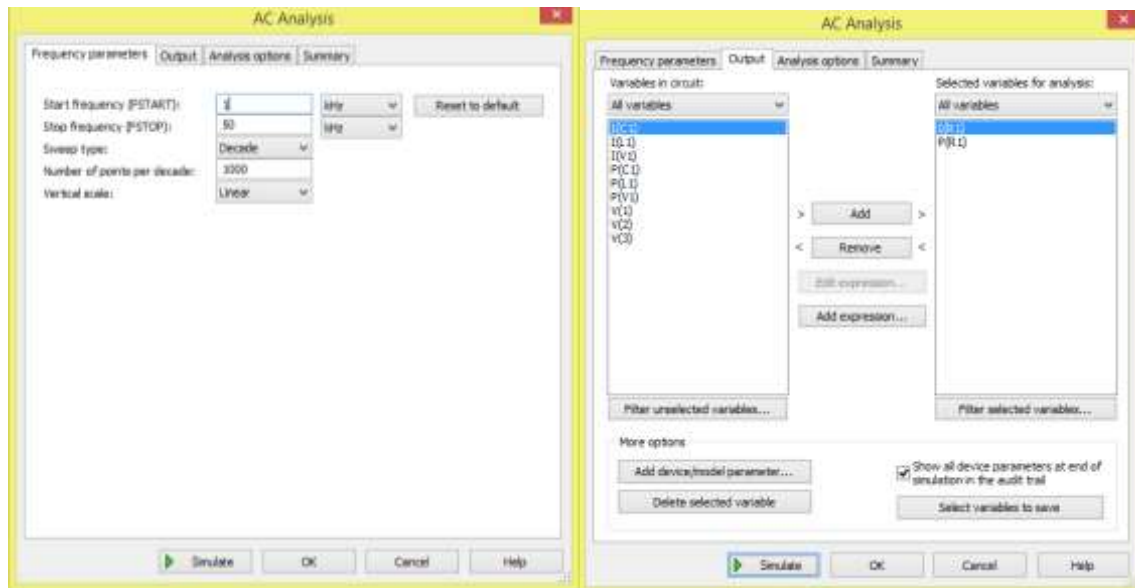






Figure 8 Parameters for AC analysis

#### 4. Save the graph after

- Converting the background color to black (Click this )
- Add grid (Click this )
- Thicken the curve if required. Click this icon 
- Add cursor and move it to the desired point (In this case, it is at  $f_r$ ). To add cursor click this 
- Always use this procedure to save the graph for EE 273 lab.
- The graph should look similar to the one shown in Figure 9.

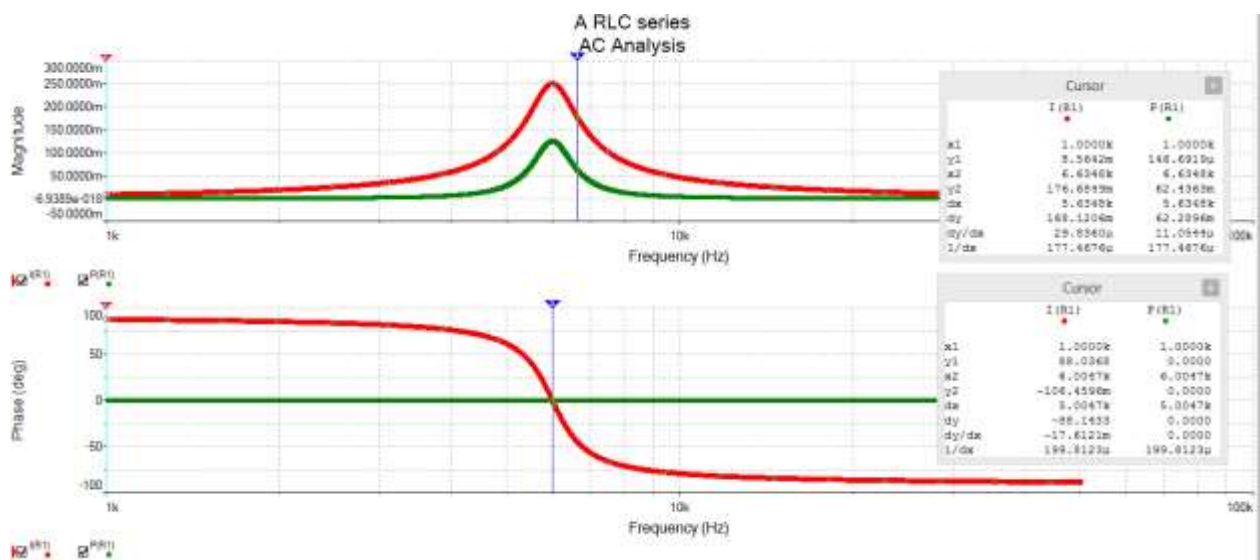


Figure 9 Graph for Series RLC and the analysis using cursors

- Note various parameters approximately ( $f_r$  and Half power frequencies) from the graph and fill the following table for each circuit.

6. To find parameters at resonance, first, find  $f_r$  and then simulate the circuit with source frequency changed to  $f_r$ .

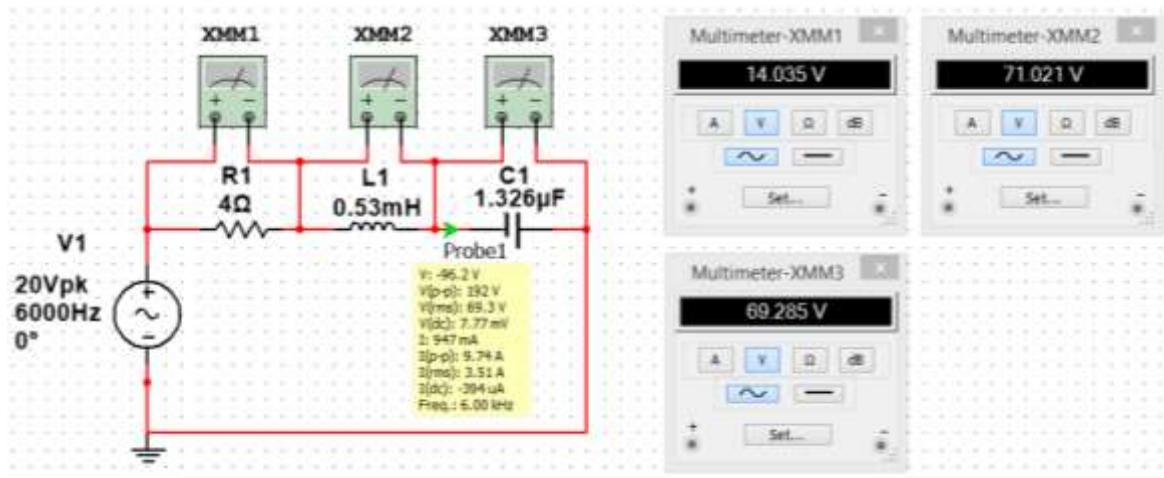


Figure 10 Determination of various circuit parameters at the resonating frequency

7. Carry out simulation in a similar way to simulate circuit B, C, and D.

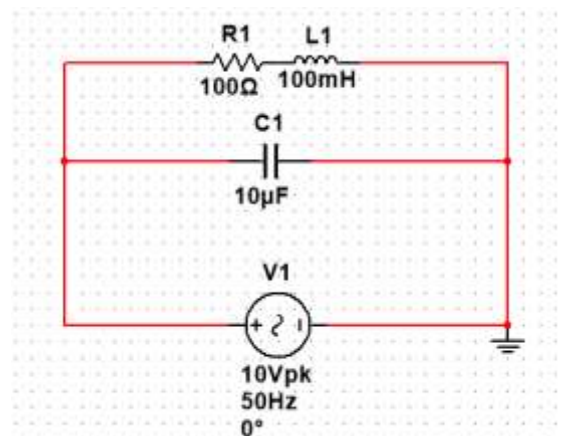


Figure 11 Circuit B

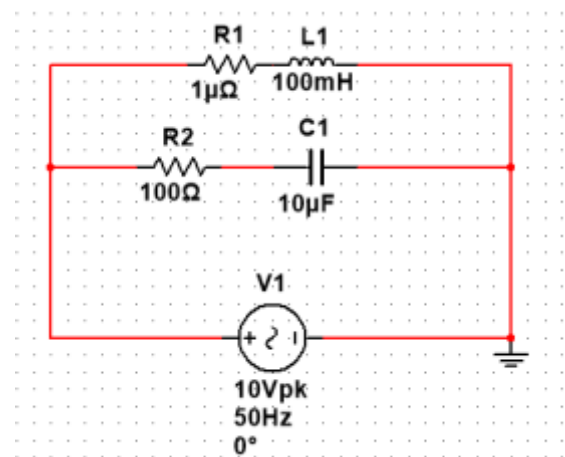


Figure 12 Circuit C

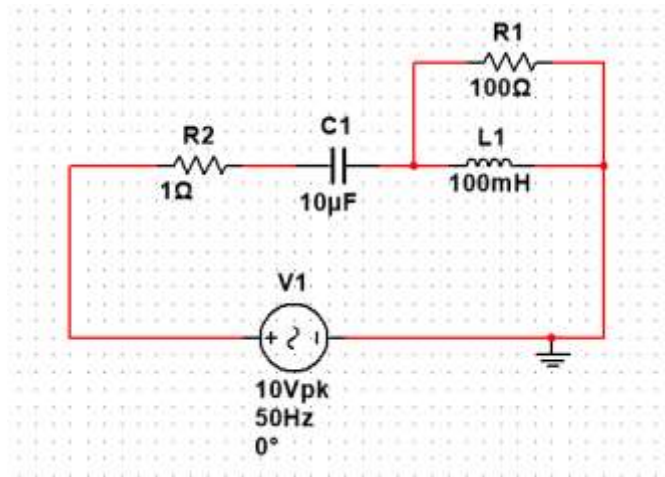


Figure 13 Circuit D

## Questions:

- Fill the table using quantities found in the simulation.  
Note: Leave parameters blank if cannot be calculated using graph.

Circuit	Resonating frequency	Half Power frequencies		Bandwidth	Q-factor	Parameters at resonance			
		$f_1$	$f_2$			Current	$V_R$	$V_L$	$V_C$
A									
B									
C									
D									

- What happens if circuit C is simulated with R (which is in series with L) removed?
- Discuss how the phase diagram can be used to determine the power of the circuit or nature (Reactive/resistive/ capacitive) of the circuit?