

# Electrical Engineering 2

## ENGI2191

Complex Power and Components

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## Lecture Objectives:

### Aim of this lecture:

The aim of this lecture is to understand the concepts of complex power and its components in electrical networks.

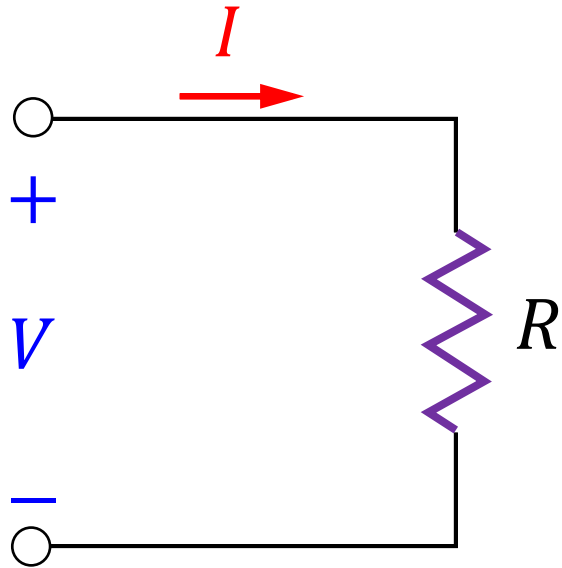
### Intended Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the lecture and associated problems you should be able to:

- Understand the fundamental concepts of complex power
- Identify the theoretical basis of complex power and its importance in electrical networks.
- Identify the concept of power factor in electrical system.

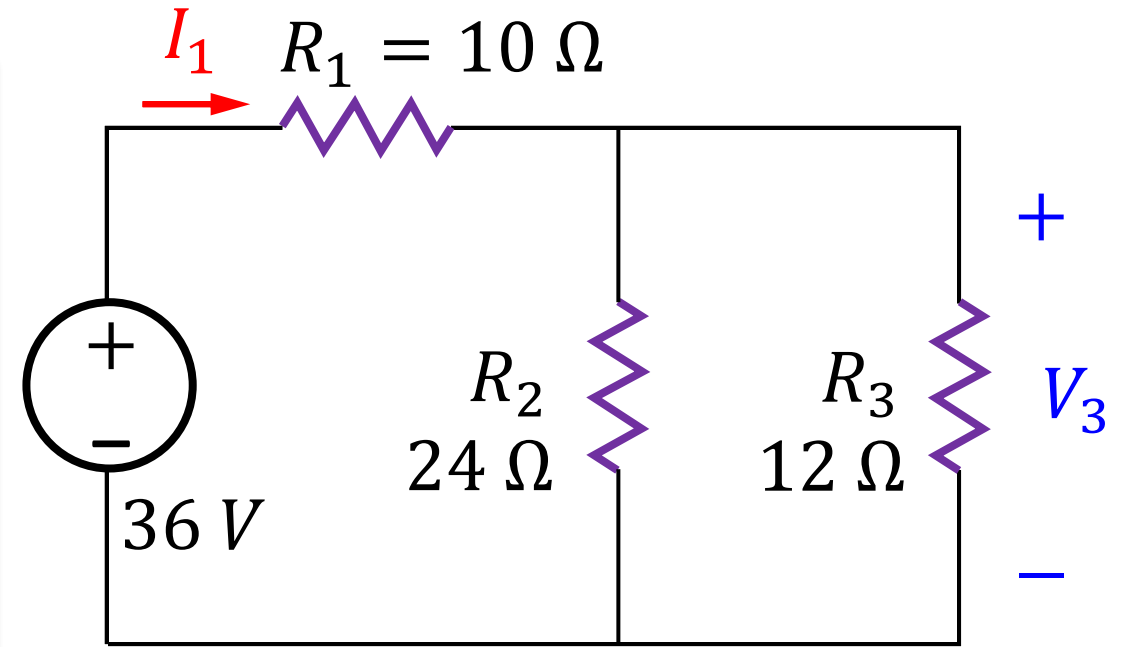
## Complex Power and Components:

Power of a resistor:



$$P = V I \quad [W]$$

$$V = R I \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{cases} P = R I^2 & [W] \\ P = \frac{V^2}{R} & [W] \end{cases}$$



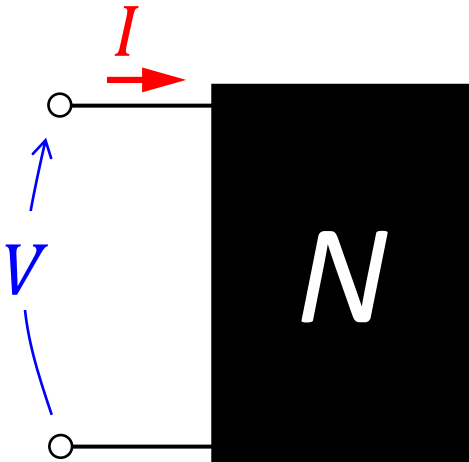
$$I_1 = 2 A \quad V_3 = 16 V$$

$$\begin{cases} P_1 = R_1 (I_1)^2 = 40 & [W] \\ P_3 = \frac{(V_3)^2}{R_3} = 21.3 & [W] \end{cases}$$



## Complex Power and Components:

In AC networks we deal with phasors, so what is the mechanism of power analysis?



$$V = V_{rms} \angle \theta_v$$

$$I = I_{rms} \angle \theta_i$$

“Complex power” of an element or a network is a complex number defined by:

$$S = V I^*$$



$$S = V_{rms} \angle \theta_v \cdot I_{rms} \angle -\theta_i$$

$$S = V_{rms} I_{rms} \angle (\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

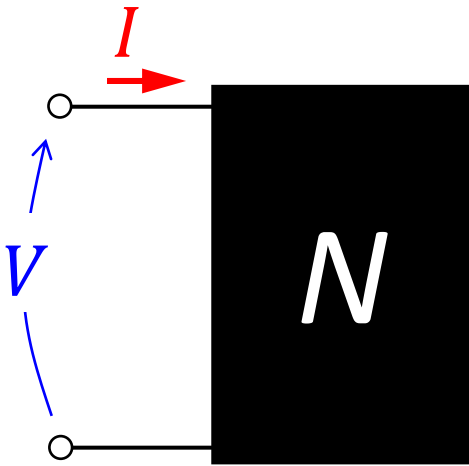
And in form of a complex number:

$$S = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos (\theta_v - \theta_i) + j V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin (\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

It is more convenience to define  $\varphi = \theta_v - \theta_i$

$$S = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos (\varphi) + j V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin (\varphi)$$

## Complex Power and Components:



$$V = V_{rms} \angle \theta_v$$

$$I = I_{rms} \angle \theta_i$$

$$S = \underbrace{V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\varphi)}_{\text{Active power, } P} + j \underbrace{V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin(\varphi)}_{\text{Reactive power, } Q}$$

Active power,  $P$

Reactive power,  $Q$

$$P = \text{Re}[S] = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\varphi) \quad \text{W, kW, MW}$$

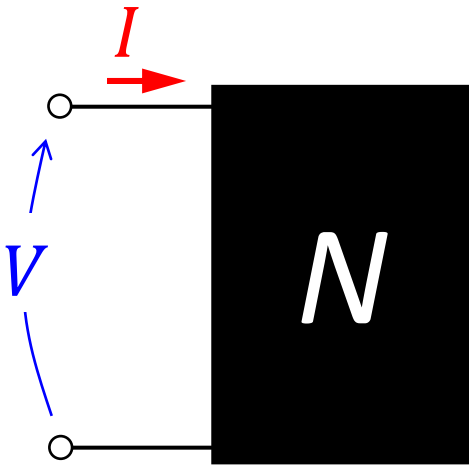
$$Q = \text{Im}[S] = V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin(\varphi) \quad \text{VAR, kVAR, MVAR}$$

$$S = P + jQ$$

The magnitude of the complex power  $S$  is defined as apparent power:

$$S = |S| = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2} = V_{rms} I_{rms} \quad \text{VA, kVA, MVA}$$

## Complex Power and Components:



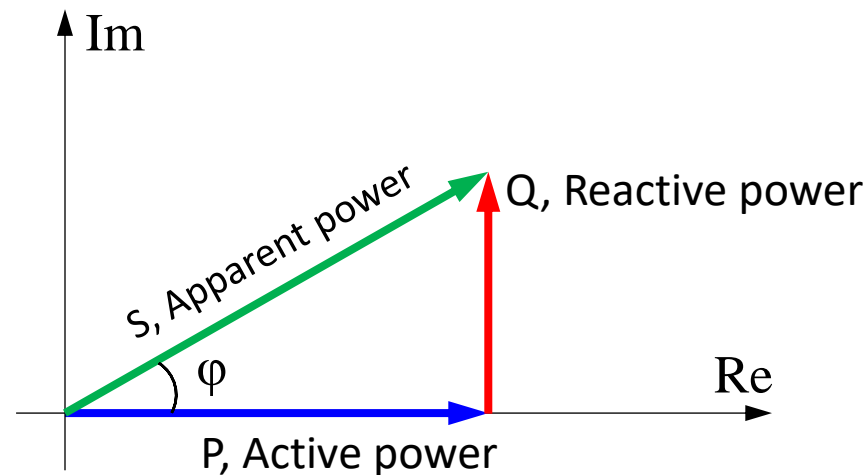
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$$I = I_{rms} \angle \theta_i$$

$$S = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\varphi) + j V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin(\varphi)$$

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The relationship between complex, active and reactive power is shown by a phasor diagram, known as “power triangle”:

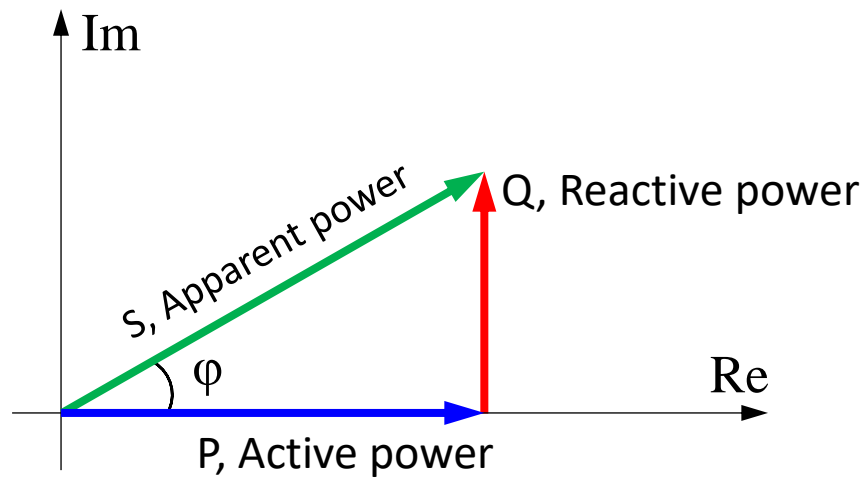


$$\begin{cases} P = S \cos(\varphi) \\ Q = S \sin(\varphi) \end{cases}$$

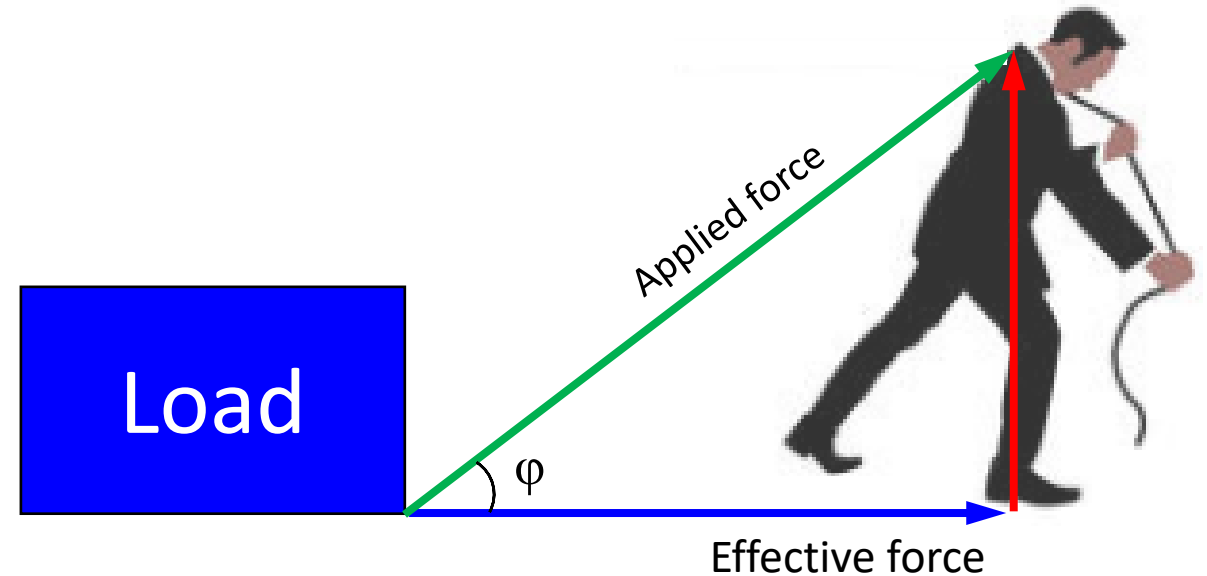


## Complex Power and Components:

Physical concept of complex power:



$$\text{Active power} = S \times \cos(\varphi)$$



$$\text{Effective Force} = F \times \cos(\varphi)$$

## Complex Power and Components:

Can we say this?



How much crisp you can get from the bag?

How much coffee you can get from the mug?

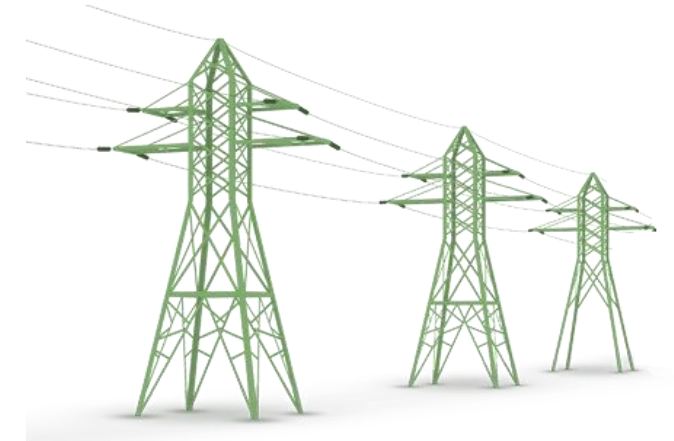


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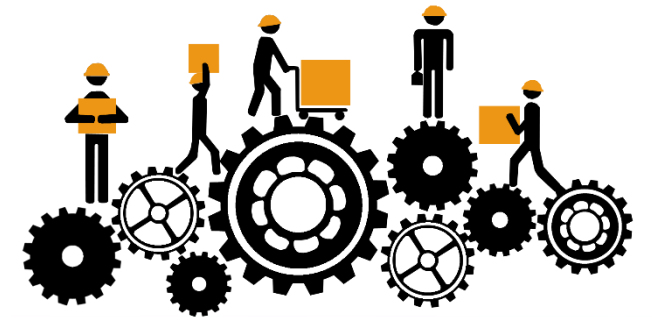
We need reactive power to generate electricity at the power stations.



We need reactive power to transfer electricity to the national grid.



We need reactive power to run industry.



## Complex Power and Components:

### Power Factor (*p.f.*)

The ratio of active power  $p$  to apparent power  $S$  is known as power factor (*p.f.*) and calculated by:

$$p.f. = \frac{P}{S} = \frac{V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)}{V_{rms} I_{rms}} = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = \cos \varphi$$

Power factor is a measure of how efficiently electrical power is converted into useful work.

The phase angle  $(\theta_v - \theta_i)$  is angle of the load impedance and is known as the *power factor angle*.

$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{V_{rms} \angle \theta_v}{I_{rms} \angle \theta_i} = Z \angle (\theta_v - \theta_i) = Z \angle \varphi$$

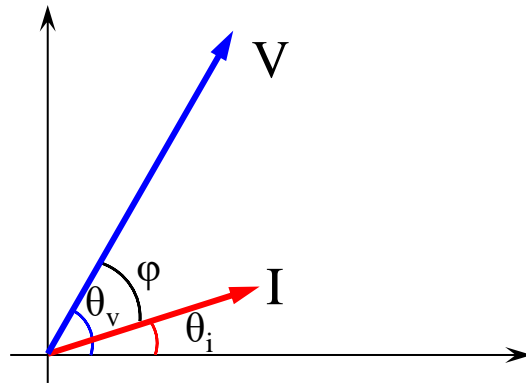
➤➤➤ The ideal power factor is unity, or one, that can be achieved with pure resistive loads.

➤➤➤ Unity power factor in a dream that never came true! 🤔

## Complex Power and Components:

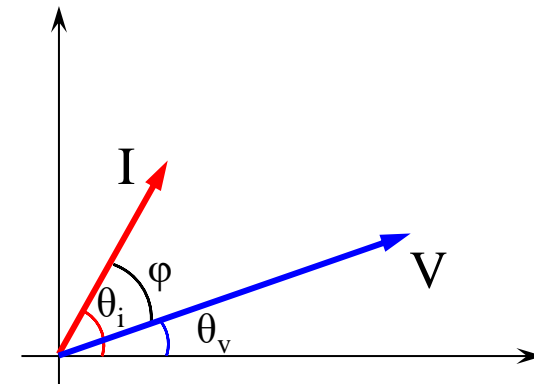
$p.f.$  is lagging in inductive loads

$$(\theta_v - \theta_i) > 0$$



$p.f.$  is leading in capacitive loads

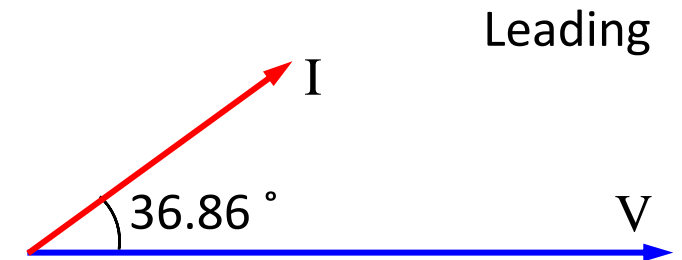
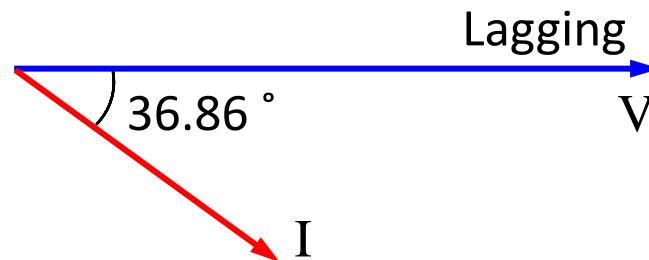
$$(\theta_v - \theta_i) < 0$$



Understanding power factor is significantly important, because it conveys the “*load behaviour*”.

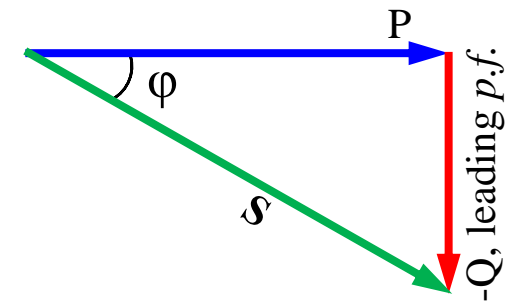
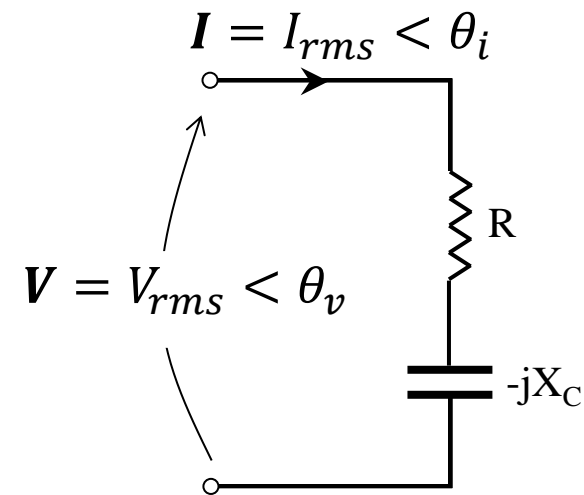
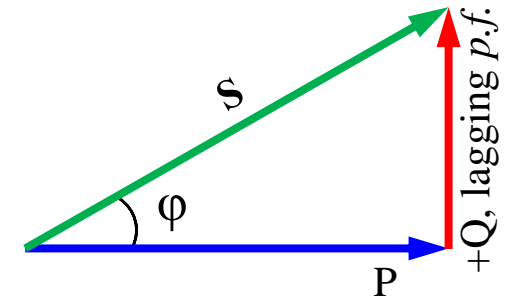
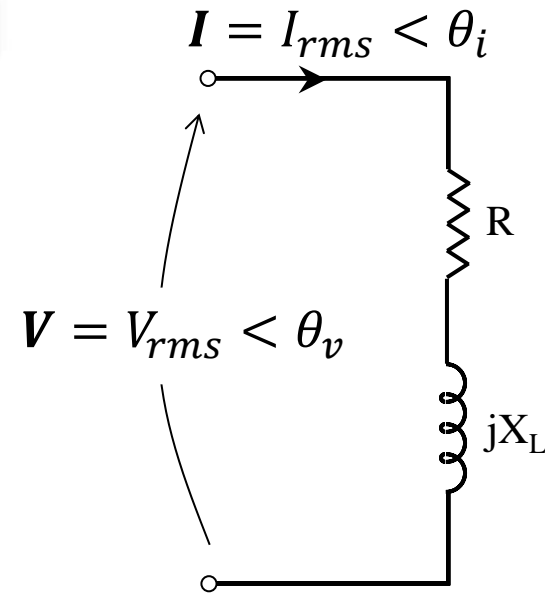
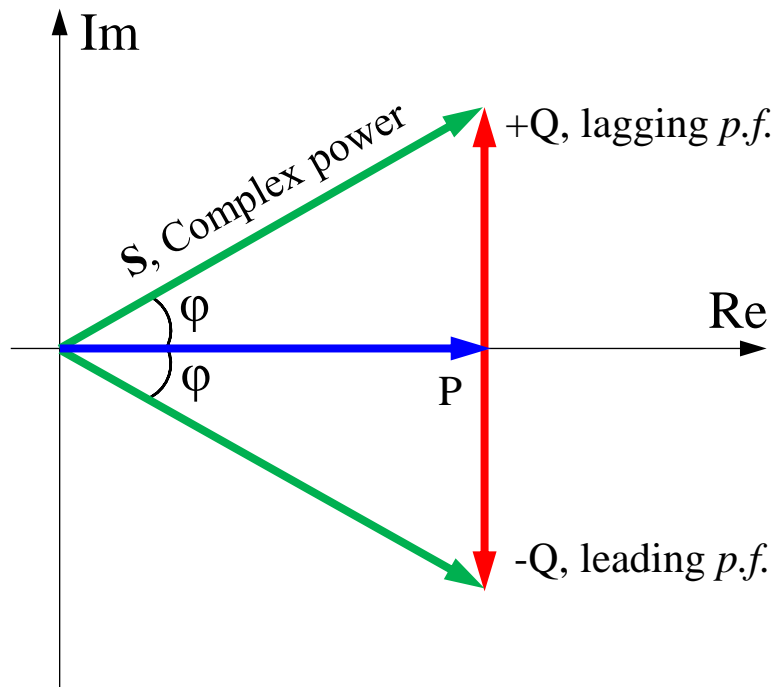
$$p.f. = 0.8$$

$$\phi = \cos^{-1}(0.8) = 36.86^\circ$$



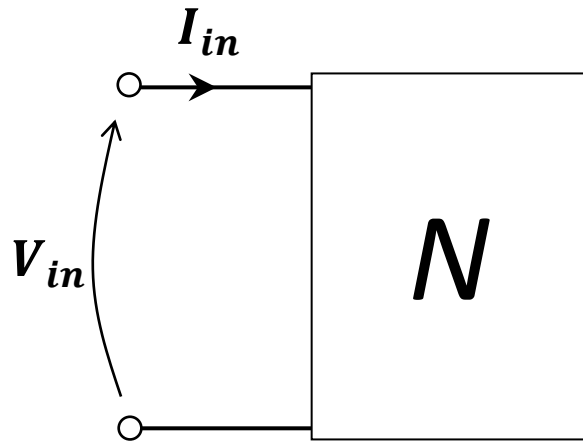


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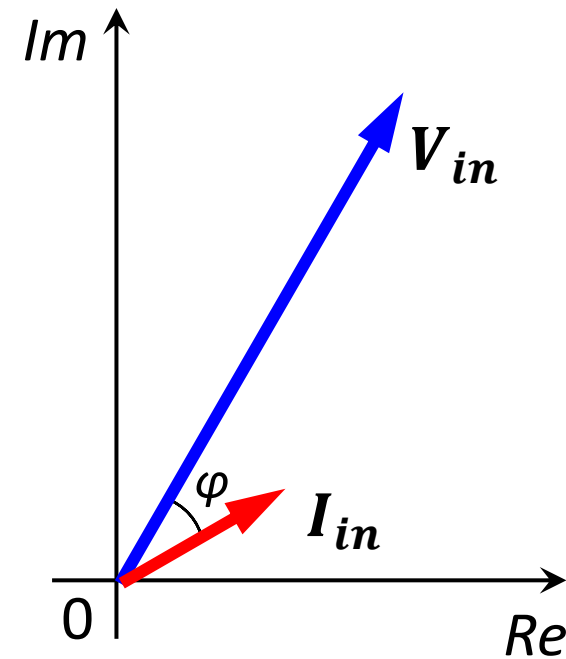
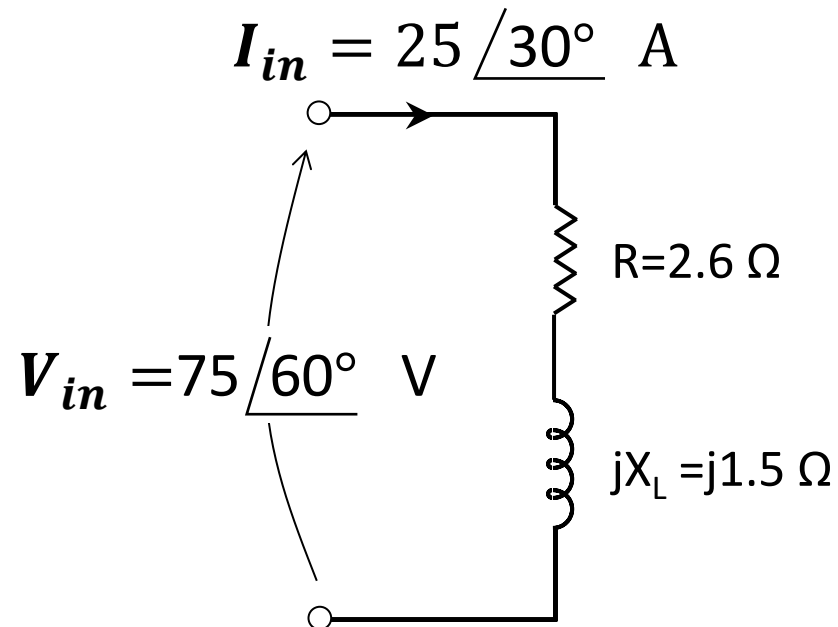


$$V_{in} = 75 \angle 60^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$I_{in} = 25 \angle 30^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$Z_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}} = \frac{75 \angle 60^\circ}{25 \angle 30^\circ} = 3 \angle 30^\circ \quad [\Omega]$$

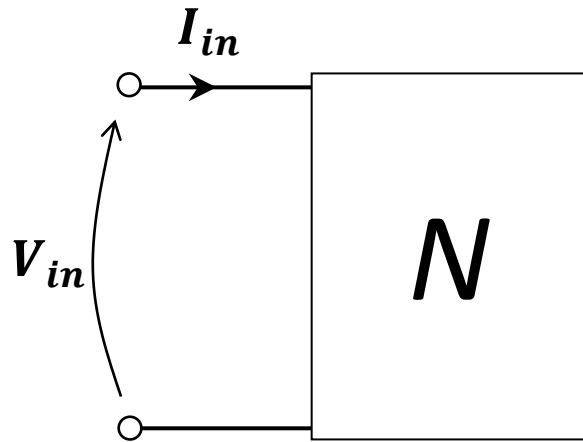
$$Z_{in} = 2.6 + j1.5 \quad [\Omega]$$



$$p.f. = 0.866 \text{ lagging}$$

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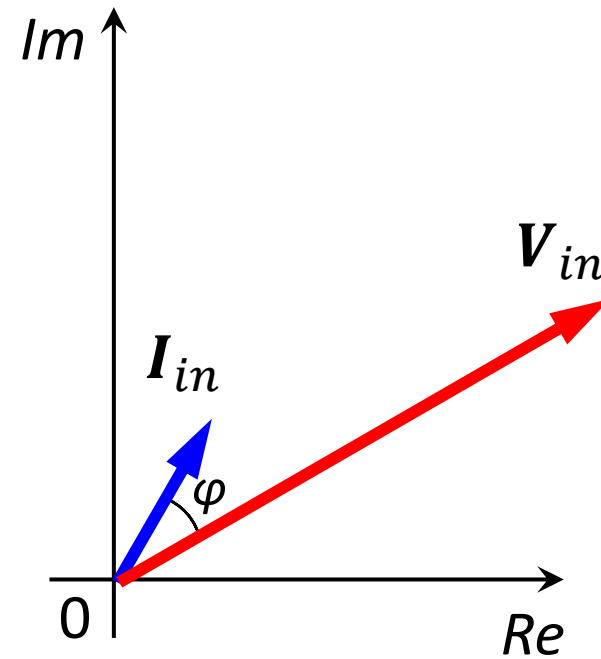
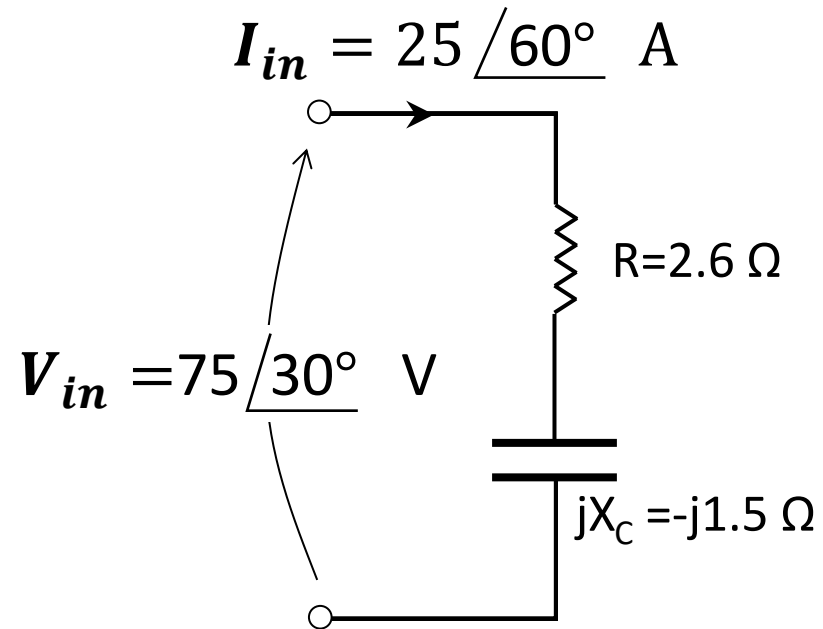


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$$Z_{in} = \frac{V_{in}}{I_{in}} = \frac{75 \angle 30^\circ}{25 \angle 60^\circ} = 3 \angle -30^\circ \quad [\Omega]$$

$$Z_{in} = 2.6 - j1.5 \quad [\Omega]$$



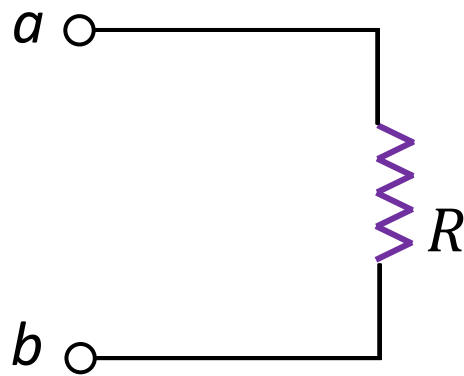
$$p.f. = 0.866 \text{ leading}$$



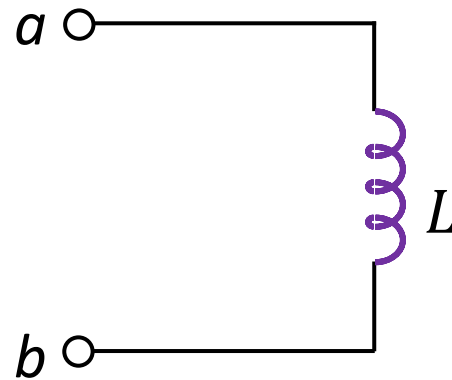
## Complex Power and Components:

### Quiz:

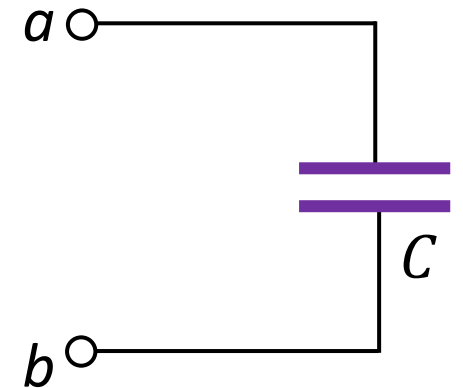
- How much is the reactive power in a pure resistor?
- How much is active power in a pure inductor and a pure capacitor?



Ideal resistor



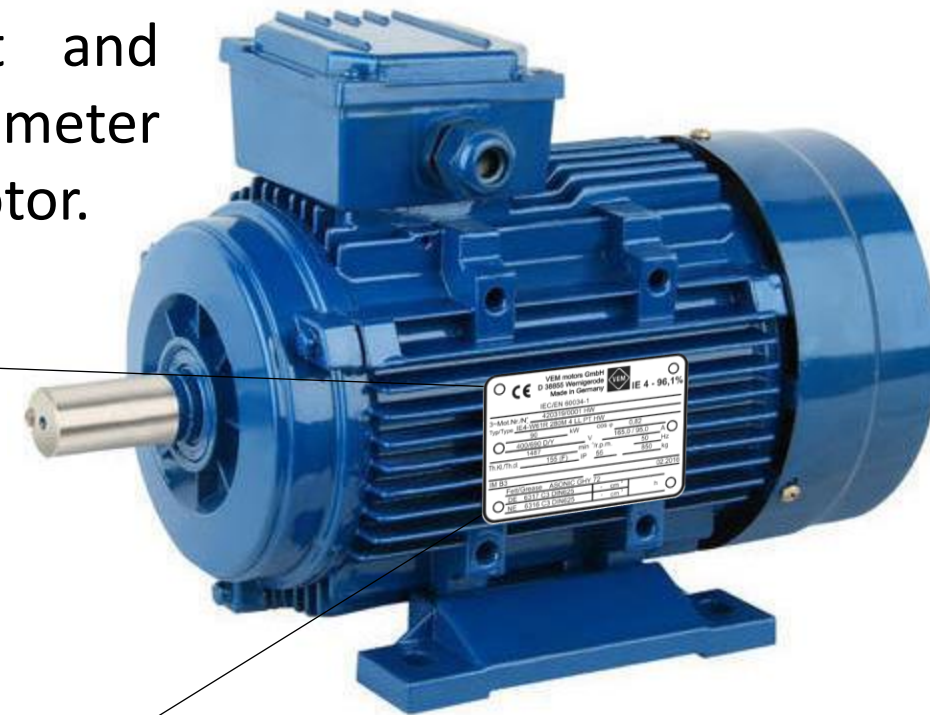
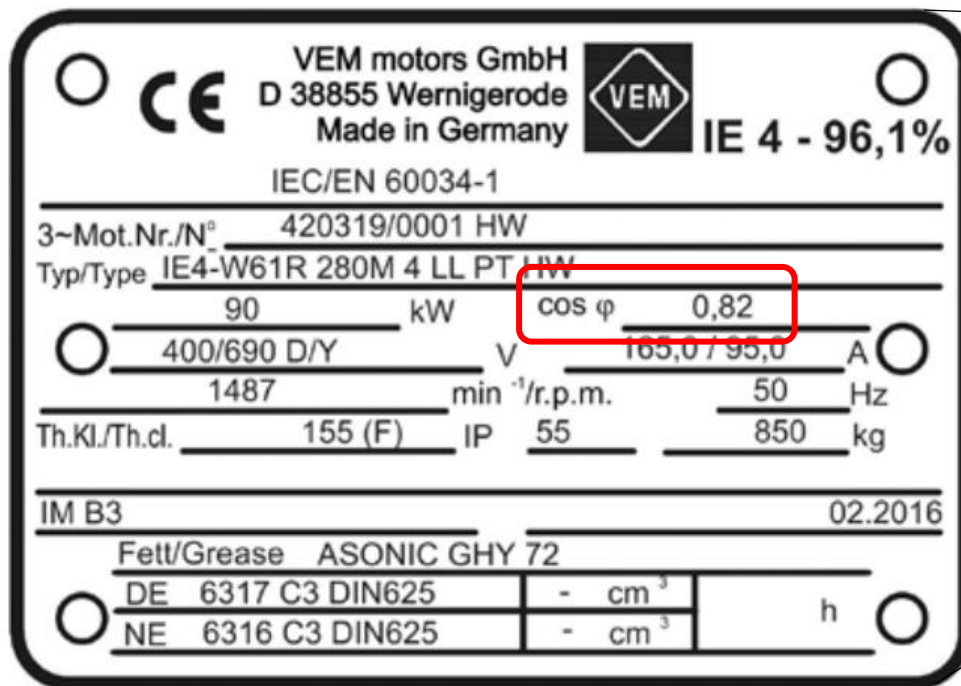
Ideal inductor



Ideal capacitor

## Complex Power and Components:

Apart from rated voltage, power, current and frequency, **power factor** is also an important parameter to characterise inductive loads, e.g. an electric motor.



# Electrical Measuring Instruments





## Complex Power and Components:





## Complex Power and Components:

Electric meter is a measuring device to measure ELECTRIC ENERGY in kWh.



Electromagnetic meter



Digital meter



Smart meter



## Complex Power and Components:



Electromechanical meters

KVARh

Reactive Energy, KVARh

KWh

Active Energy, KWh



Digital meter

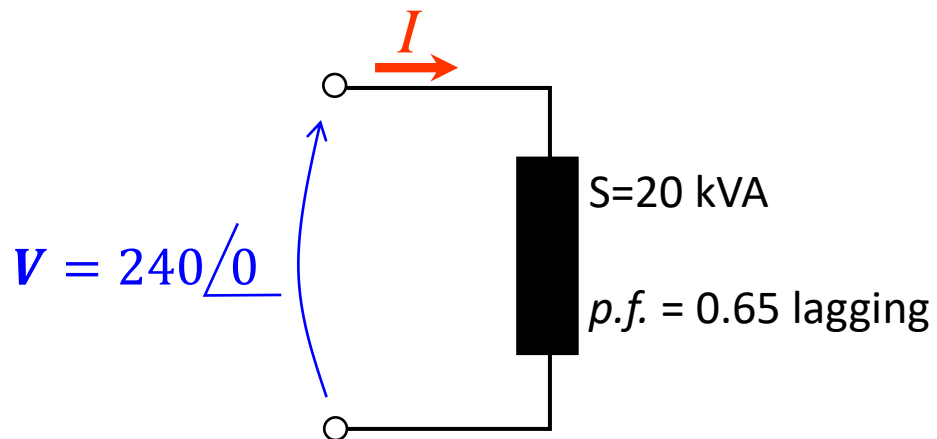


### Example:

An industrial load with apparent power of 20 kVA and power factor of 0.65 (lagging) is supplied by a voltage source with *rms* voltage of 240 V and frequency of 50 Hz. Find the following values:

- a) Load current
- b) Load impedance
- c) Complex, active and reactive power
- d) Draw the power triangle of the load

**Solution:**

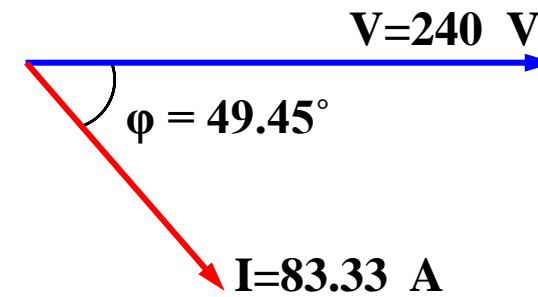
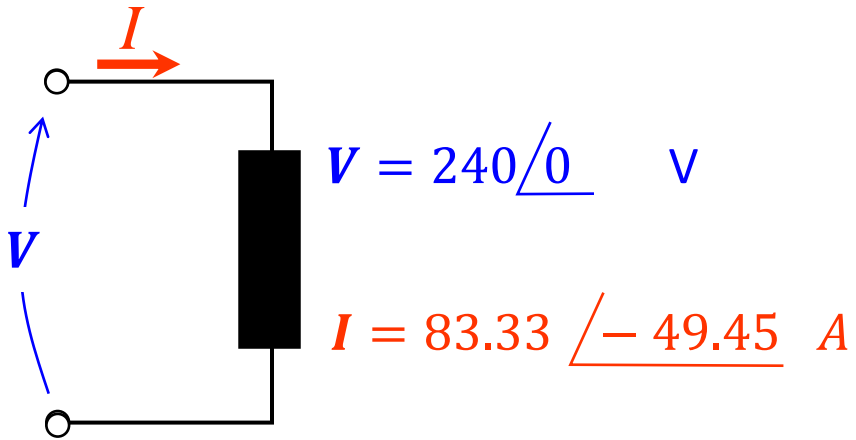


$$S = V_{rms} I_{rms} \ggg I_{rms} = \frac{S}{V_{rms}} = \frac{20 \times 10^3}{240} = 83.33 \text{ A}$$

$$p.f. = \cos(\varphi) = 0.65 \ggg \begin{cases} \varphi = \cos^{-1}(0.65) \\ \varphi = 49.45^\circ \end{cases}$$

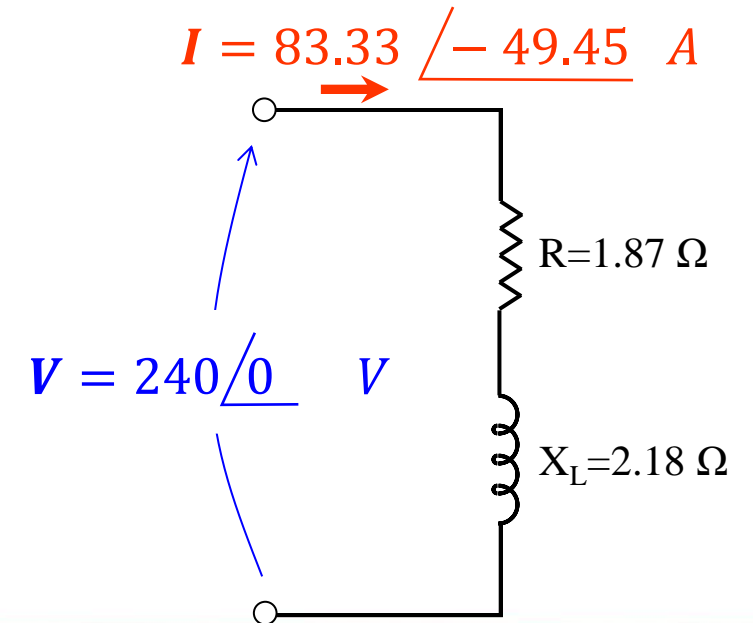
$$I = 83.33 \angle -49.45^\circ \text{ A}$$

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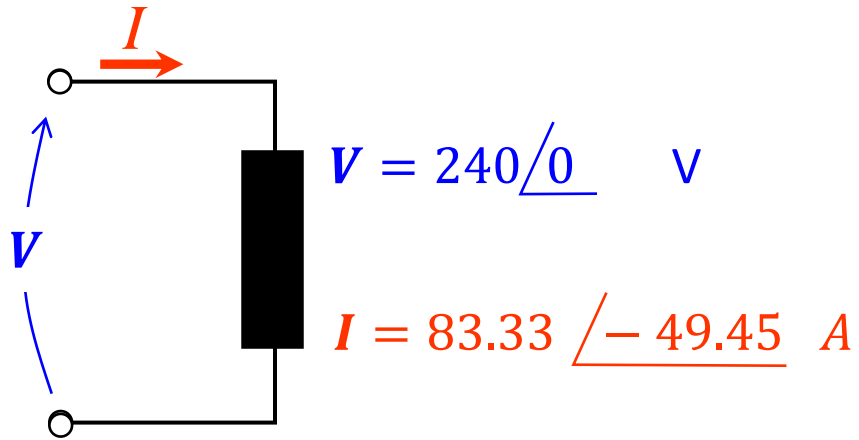


$$Z = \frac{V}{I} = \frac{240 \angle 0^\circ}{83.33 \angle -49.45^\circ} = 2.88 \angle 49.45^\circ \Omega$$

$$Z = 2.88 \angle 49.45^\circ = 1.87 + j2.18 \Omega \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} R = 1.87 \Omega \\ X_L = 2.18 \Omega \end{array} \right.$$



### Example:



$$S = V I^*$$

$$S = V_{rms} \angle \theta_v I_{rms} \angle -\theta_i$$

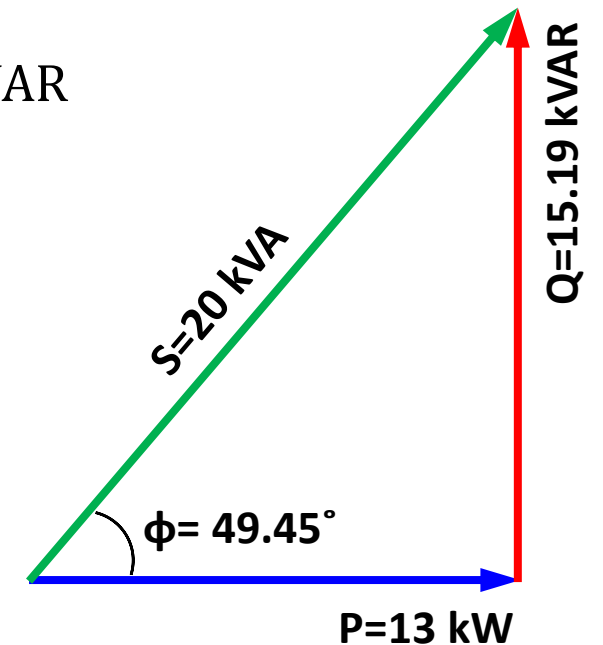
$$S = (240 \angle 0^\circ)(83.33 \angle -49.45^\circ)$$

$$S = 20 \angle 49.45^\circ \text{ kVA}$$

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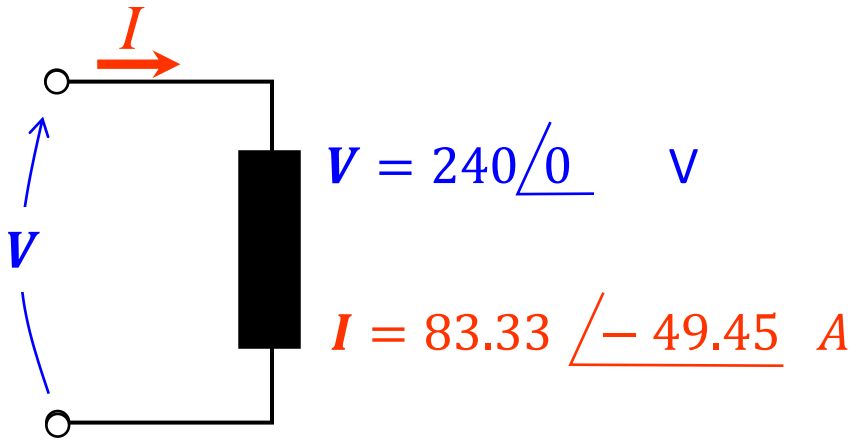
$$S = 13 + j15.19 \text{ kVA}$$

$$\begin{cases} P = 13 \text{ kW} \\ Q = 15.19 \text{ kVAR} \end{cases}$$





### Example:

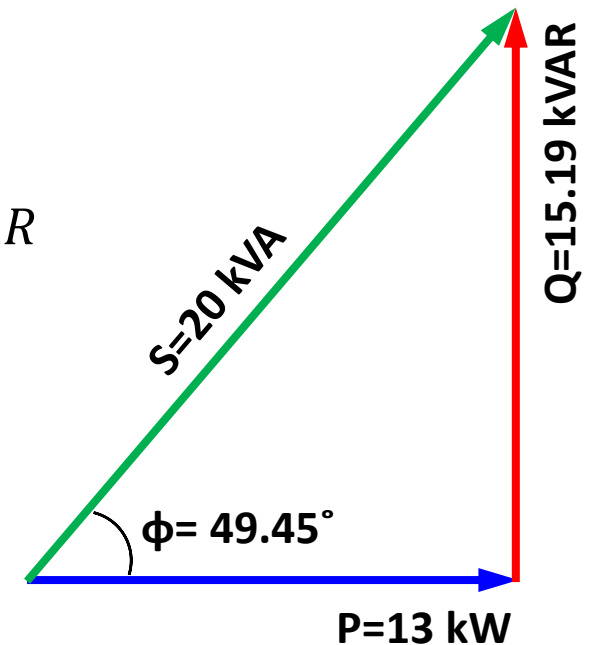


$$P = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\varphi) = 240 \times 83.33 \times \cos(49.45) = 13 \text{ kW}$$

$$Q = V_{rms} I_{rms} \sin(\varphi) = 240 \times 83.33 \times \sin(49.45) = 15.19 \text{ kVAR}$$

$$P = S \cos(\varphi) = 20 \times \cos(49.45) = 13 \text{ kW}$$

$$Q = S \sin(\varphi) = 20 \times \sin(49.45) = 15.19 \text{ kVAR}$$

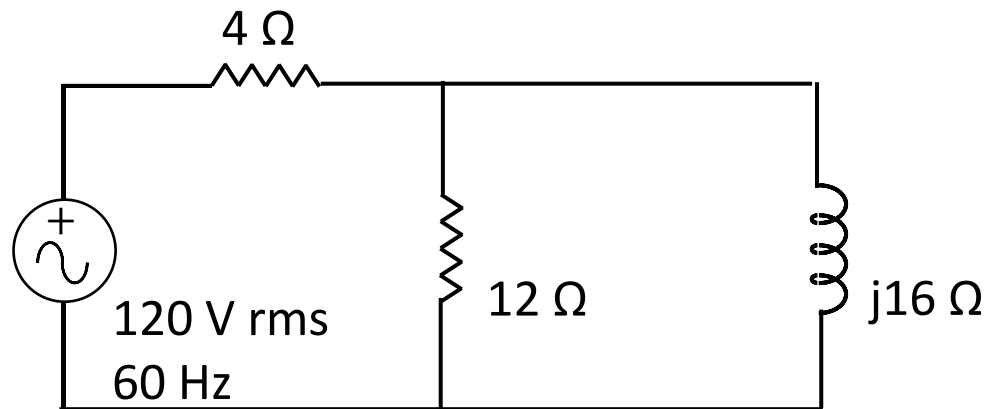


### Example:

### Drill:

Consider the following circuit:

- a) Find the operating power factor of the voltage source
- b) Find the current of the voltage source
- c) Find the active and reactive power of the voltage source
- d) Draw the power triangle



Answer:

$$p.f. = 0.89$$

$$I_s = 9.21 \angle -26.25^\circ \text{ A}$$







## Reading list:

### Recommended text books:

- DeCarlo Lin, "*Linear Circuit Analysis*", Oxford University Press, Second Edition, 2003
- W H Hayt, J E Kemmerly, S M Durbin, "*Engineering Circuit Analysis*", McGraw-Hill, 9<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2019

