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## 31 Electromagnetic Oscillations and Alternating Current

### 31.1 LC Oscillations, Qualitatively

In  $RC$  and  $RL$  circuits the charge, current, and potential difference grow and decay exponentially.

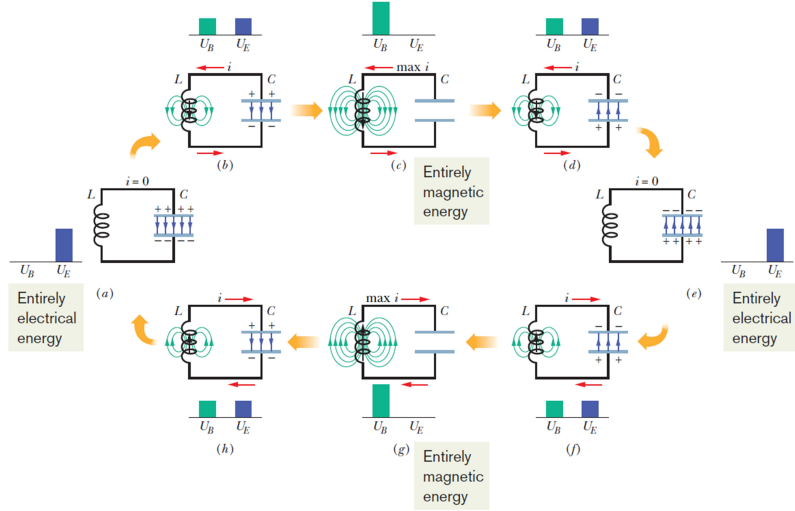
On the contrary, in an  $LC$  circuit, the charge, current, and potential difference vary sinusoidally with period  $T$  and angular frequency  $\omega_0$ .

The resulting oscillations of the capacitor's electric field and the inductor's magnetic field are said to be electromagnetic oscillations.

The energy stored in the electric field of the capacitor at any time is  $U_E = \frac{q^2}{2C}$  where  $q$  is the charge on the capacitor at that time.

The energy stored in the magnetic field of the inductor at any time is  $U_B = \frac{Li^2}{2}$  where  $i$  is the current through the inductor at that time.

As the circuit oscillates, energy shifts back and forth from one type of stored energy to the other, but the total amount is conserved.

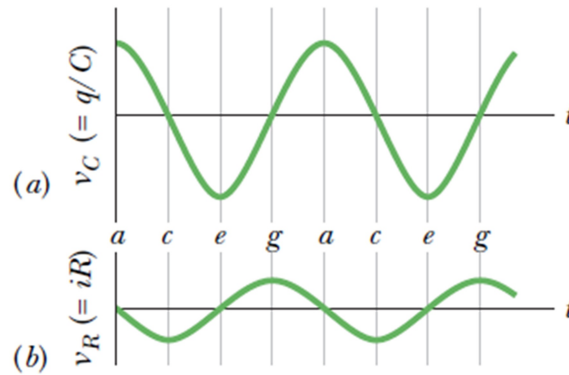


The time-varying potential difference (or voltage)  $V_C$  that exists across the capacitor  $C$  is

$$V_C = \frac{q}{C}$$

To measure the current, we can connect a small resistance  $R$  in series with the capacitor and inductor and measure the time-varying potential difference  $V_R$  across it:

$$V_R = iR$$



**Fig. 31-2** (a) The potential difference across the capacitor of the circuit of Fig. 31-1 as a function of time. This quantity is proportional to the charge on the capacitor. (b) A potential proportional to the current in the circuit of Fig. 31-1. The letters refer to the correspondingly labeled oscillation stages in Fig. 31-1.

## 31.2 The Electrical Mechanical Analogy

One can make an analogy between the oscillating  $LC$  system and an oscillating block-spring system.

Two kinds of energy are involved in the block-spring system. One is potential energy of the compressed or extended spring; the other is kinetic energy of the moving block.

Here we have the following analogies:

Comparison of the Energy in Two Oscillating System			
Block-Spring		$LC$ Oscillator	
Element	Energy	Element	Energy
Spring	Potential, $\frac{1}{2}kx^2$	Capacitor	Electric, $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{C}\right)q^2$
Block	Kinetic, $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$	Inductor	Magnetic, $\frac{1}{2}Li^2$
	$v = \frac{dx}{dt}$		$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$

With the correspondences:

$$(x, v) \Longleftrightarrow (q, i)$$

$$(k, m) \Longleftrightarrow \left(\frac{1}{C}, L\right)$$

The angular frequency for the block-spring system is

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}.$$

Therefore, the angular frequency for the  $LC$  Oscillator corresponds to

$$\omega_0 = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}.$$

The Block-Spring Oscillator:

$$E = U_b + U_s = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}kx^2$$

$$0 = \frac{dE}{dt} = mv \frac{dv}{dt} + kx \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\frac{d^2x}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}x = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= x_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \text{Re} [x_0 e^{i\phi} e^{i\omega_0 t}] \\ &= \text{Re} [X_0 e^{i\omega_0 t}] = \text{Re} [X(t)] \end{aligned}$$

where

$$X(t) = X_0 e^{i\omega_0 t}.$$

Note that the complex function  $X(t)$  satisfies

$$\frac{d^2X}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 X = \frac{d^2X}{dt^2} + \frac{k}{m}X = 0$$

The  $LC$  Oscillator: (To avoid confusion of current  $i$  with the imaginary  $i \equiv \sqrt{-1}$ , we will represent  $\sqrt{-1}$  by  $j$ ,  $j = \sqrt{-1}$ , from now on in this chapter.)

$$U = U_B + U_E = \frac{1}{2}Li^2 + \frac{1}{2}\frac{q^2}{C}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \frac{dU}{dt} = Li \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} \frac{dq}{dt} \\ \Rightarrow \quad \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} q &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= q_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \operatorname{Re} [q_0 e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_0 t}] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} [Q_0 e^{j\omega_0 t}] = \operatorname{Re} [Q(t)] \end{aligned}$$

Note that the complex function

$$Q(t) = Q_0 e^{j\omega_0 t}.$$

satisfies

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \omega_0^2 Q = \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

Taking the time derivative of the identity  $q(t) = \operatorname{Re} [Q(t)]$ , we get

$$i(t) = \frac{dq}{dt} = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} \right] = \operatorname{Re} [I(t)].$$

The real current  $i(t)$  can also be expressed as the real part of a complex current, if  $I(t)$  is identified as

$$\begin{aligned} I(t) &= \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt} (Q_0 e^{j\omega_0 t}) \\ &= j\omega_0 Q_0 e^{j\omega_0 t} = j\omega_0 Q(t) \end{aligned}$$

### Angular Frequencies:

The real charge  $q$  satisfies

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} q = 0,$$

so does the complex charge  $Q(t)$

$$\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + \frac{1}{LC} Q = 0$$

which has the general solution

$$Q(t) = A e^{j\omega_0 t} + B e^{-j\omega_0 t}$$

where  $A = a_1 + ia_2$  and  $B = b_1 + ib_2$  can be any complex numbers ( $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2$  are real). Thus

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= \operatorname{Re}[Q(t)] = (a_1 + b_1) \cos \omega_0 t - (a_2 - b_2) \sin \omega_0 t \\ &= q_0 \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} q_0 &= \sqrt{(a_1 + b_1)^2 + (a_2 - b_2)^2} \\ \tan \phi &= \frac{a_2 - b_2}{a_1 + b_1} \end{aligned}$$

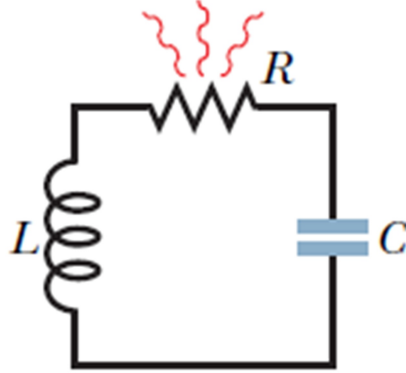
The electric energy stored in the LC circuit at time  $t$  is

$$U_E = \frac{q^2}{2C} = \frac{q_0^2}{2C} \cos^2(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$

The magnetic energy stored is

$$\begin{aligned} U_B &= \frac{Li^2}{2} = \frac{\omega_0^2 L q_0^2}{2} \sin^2(\omega_0 t + \phi) = \frac{q_0^2}{2C} \sin^2(\omega_0 t + \phi) \\ U &= U_E + U_B = \frac{q_0^2}{2C} = \frac{\omega_0^2 L q_0^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

### 31.3 Damped Oscillations in an RLC Circuit



**Fig. 31-5** A series  $RLC$  circuit. As the charge contained in the circuit oscillates back and forth through the resistance, electromagnetic energy is dissipated as thermal energy, damping (decreasing the amplitude of) the oscillations.

$$\begin{aligned}
 U &= U_B + U_E = \frac{Li^2}{2} + \frac{q^2}{2C} \\
 \Rightarrow \quad \frac{dU}{dt} &= Li \frac{di}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} \frac{dq}{dt} = -i^2 R \\
 \Rightarrow \quad L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} &= 0 \quad (\text{RLC circuit}) \tag{1}
 \end{aligned}$$

To find a solution, assume  $Q(t) = e^{\alpha t}$ . By requiring  $Q(t)$ , which may be complex, to satisfy

$$L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0 \tag{2}$$

and  $\frac{dQ}{dt} = \alpha Q$ ,  $\frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} = \alpha^2 Q$ , gives us

$$L \frac{d^2 Q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dQ}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = \left( L\alpha^2 + R\alpha + \frac{1}{C} \right) Q = 0$$

or

$$\alpha^2 + \frac{R}{L}\alpha + \omega_0^2 = 0$$

where  $\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$ . When  $\omega_0^2 \geq \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2$ ,  $\alpha$  is equal to

$$\alpha = -\frac{R}{2L} \pm j\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

which leads to a complex solution  $Q(t)$

$$Q(t) = e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} e^{\pm j\omega t}$$

where

$$\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

The real part of (2) yields

$$L\frac{d^2 \operatorname{Re}[Q]}{dt^2} + R\frac{d \operatorname{Re}[Q]}{dt} + \frac{\operatorname{Re}[Q]}{C} = 0$$

and we may identify the real  $q$  as  $\operatorname{Re}[Q]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Re}[Q] &= \operatorname{Re}\left[e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} e^{\pm j\omega t}\right] \\ &= e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} \cos \omega t \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Similarly the imaginary part of  $Q$  also satisfies

$$L\frac{d^2 \operatorname{Im}[Q]}{dt^2} + R\frac{d \operatorname{Im}[Q]}{dt} + \frac{\operatorname{Im}[Q]}{C} = 0$$

and we have another real solution

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{Im}[Q] &= \operatorname{Im}\left[e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} e^{j\omega t}\right] \\ &= e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} \sin \omega t \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

The general solution is a linear combination of (3) and (4).

$$\begin{aligned} q(t) &= e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} (a \cos \omega t + b \sin \omega t) \\ &= q_0 e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$



### 31.3.1 Example, Damped RLC Circuit

A series  $RLC$  circuit has inductance  $L$ , capacitance  $C$ , and resistance  $R$  and begins to oscillate at time  $t = 0$ .

(a) At what time  $t$  will the amplitude of the charge oscillations in the circuit be 50% of its initial value?

The charge amplitude at any time  $t$  is  $q_0 e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t}$ , in which  $q_0$  is the amplitude at time  $t = 0$ . We want the time when the charge amplitude has decreased to  $0.50q_0$ , that is, when

$$q_0 e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} = 0.50q_0$$

$$e^{-\frac{R}{2L}t} = 0.50$$

$$-\frac{R}{2L}t = \ln(0.50)$$

$$t = -\frac{2L}{R} \ln(0.50) = \frac{2L}{R} \ln 2.0$$

(b) How many oscillations are completed within this time  $t$ ?

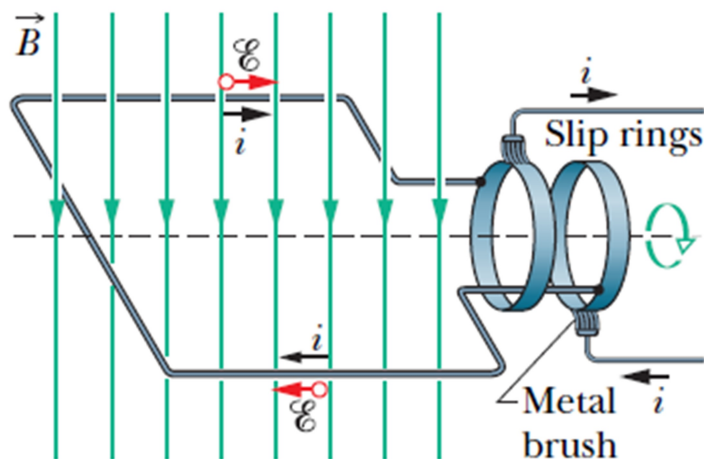
The time for one complete oscillation is the period

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}} = \frac{2\pi}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}}$$

The number of complete oscillations is

$$\frac{t}{T} = \frac{\frac{2L}{R} \ln 2.0}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC} - \left(\frac{R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

## 31.4 Alternating Current



The basic mechanism of an alternating-current generator is a conducting loop rotated in an external magnetic field.

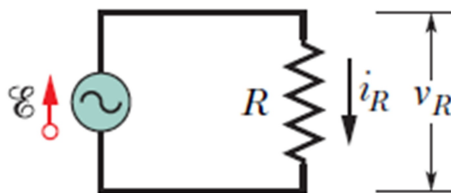
$$\xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t)$$

$$i(t) = i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi)$$

$\omega_d$  is called the driving angular frequency, and  $i_0$  is the amplitude of the driven current.

## 31.5 Three Simple Circuits

### 31.5.1 A Resistive Load



**Fig. 31-8** A resistor is connected across an alternating-current generator.

$$iR = \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) = \operatorname{Re}[\xi_c(t)]$$

where we have defined the complex emf  $\xi_c(t) = \xi_0 e^{j\omega_d t}$ . The real emf  $\xi$  is the real part of  $\xi_c$ .

$$\xi(t) = \operatorname{Re}[\xi_c(t)]$$

Since

$$i(t) = \operatorname{Re}[I(t)]$$

we have

$$\operatorname{Re}[RI(t)] = \operatorname{Re}[\xi_c(t)]$$

which suggests that we may relate the complex current  $I$  to the complex  $\xi_c$  by

$$\xi_c = RI \quad (6)$$

**Example** In Fig. 31-8, resistance  $R$  is  $200\Omega$  and the sinusoidal alternating emf device operates at amplitude  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$  and frequency  $f_d = 60Hz$ .

(a) What are the potential difference  $v_R(t)$  across the inductance and the amplitude of  $v_R$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} v_R(t) &= \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) \\ &= \xi_0 \cos(2\pi f_d t) = (36.0V) \cos(120\pi t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude  $v_{R0}$  is the same as  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$ .

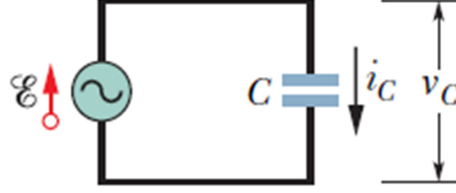
(b) What are the current  $i_R(t)$  in the circuit as a function of time and the amplitude of  $i_R$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} i_R &= i_0 \cos(\omega_d t) = \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{V_R}{R}\right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re}\left[\frac{\xi_0}{R} e^{j\omega_d t}\right] = \frac{\xi_0}{R} \cos(\omega_d t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude

$$i_0 = \frac{\xi_0}{R} = \frac{36.0V}{200\Omega} = 0.180A$$

### 31.5.2 A Capacitive Load



$$\frac{q(t)}{C} = \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) = \text{Re}[\xi_c(t)]$$

Now that

$$q(t) = \text{Re}[Q(t)]$$

and

$$I(t) = \frac{dQ(t)}{dt} = j\omega_d Q(t)$$

or

$$Q(t) = \frac{I(t)}{j\omega_d}$$

We thus have

$$\text{Re}\left[\frac{Q(t)}{C}\right] = \text{Re}\left[\frac{1}{j\omega_d C} I(t)\right] = \text{Re}[\xi_c(t)]$$

which suggests that we may relate the complex current  $I$  to the complex  $\xi_c$  by

$$\xi_c = \frac{1}{j\omega_d C} I \quad (7)$$

**Example** In the previous figure, capacitance  $C$  is  $15.0\mu F$  and the sinusoidal alternating emf device operates at amplitude  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$  and frequency  $f_d = 60Hz$ .

(a) What are the potential difference  $v_C(t)$  across the inductance and the amplitude of  $v_C$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} v_C(t) &= \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) \\ &= \xi_0 \cos(2\pi f_d t) = (36.0V) \cos(120\pi t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude  $v_{C0}$  is the same as  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$ .

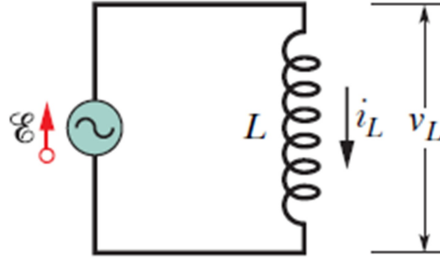
(b) What are the current  $i_C(t)$  in the circuit as a function of time and the amplitude of  $i_C$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} i_C &= i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_C) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{V_C}{1/j\omega_d C} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} [j\omega_d C \xi_0 e^{j\omega_d t}] = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \omega_d C \xi_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \frac{\pi}{2})} \right] \\ &= \omega_d C \xi_0 \cos \left( \omega_d t + \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = -\omega_d C \xi_0 \sin(\omega_d t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude

$$i_0 = \omega_d C \xi_0 = (2\pi)(60 \text{ Hz})(15.0 \mu\text{F}) 36.0 \text{ V} = 0.203 \text{ A}$$

### 31.5.3 An Inductive Load



**Fig. 31-12** An inductor is connected across an alternating-current generator.

$$L \frac{di}{dt} = \xi(t) = \operatorname{Re} [\xi_c(t)]$$

Now that

$$i = \operatorname{Re} [I]$$

and

$$\frac{dI(t)}{dt} = j\omega_d I(t).$$

We thus have

$$\operatorname{Re} \left[ L \frac{dI(t)}{dt} \right] = \operatorname{Re} [j\omega_d L I(t)] = \operatorname{Re} [\xi_c(t)]$$

which suggests that we may relate the complex current  $I$  to the complex  $\xi_c$  by

$$\xi_c = j\omega_d L I \quad (8)$$

**Example** In Fig. 31-12, inductance  $L$  is  $230mH$  and the sinusoidal alternating emf device operates at amplitude  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$  and frequency  $f_d = 60Hz$ .

(a) What are the potential difference  $v_L(t)$  across the inductance and the amplitude of  $v_L$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} v_L(t) &= \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) \\ &= \xi_0 \cos(2\pi f_d t) = (36.0V) \cos(120\pi t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude  $v_{L0}$  is the same as  $\xi_0 = 36.0V$ .

(b) What are the current  $i_L(t)$  in the circuit as a function of time and the amplitude of  $i_L$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} i_L &= i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_L) = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{V_L}{j\omega_d L} \right] \\ &= \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\xi_0}{j\omega_d L} e^{j\omega_d t} \right] = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{\xi_0}{\omega_d L} e^{j(\omega_d t - \frac{\pi}{2})} \right] \\ &= \frac{\xi_0}{\omega_d L} \cos\left(\omega_d t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\xi_0}{\omega_d L} \sin(\omega_d t) \end{aligned}$$

The amplitude

$$i_0 = \frac{\xi_0}{\omega_d L} = \frac{36.0V}{(2\pi)(60Hz)(230mH)} = 0.415A$$

### 31.5.4 Summary

(6), (7) and (8) can be summarized as

$$V = XI$$

where  $V$  is the complex potential across the device  $R$ ,  $C$  or  $L$ .  $X = \frac{V}{I}$ , the ratio between the complex potential and the complex current, is called the impedance of the device.

$$X = \begin{cases} R & \text{resistor} \\ \frac{1}{j\omega C} & \text{capacitor} \\ j\omega L & \text{inductor} \end{cases}$$

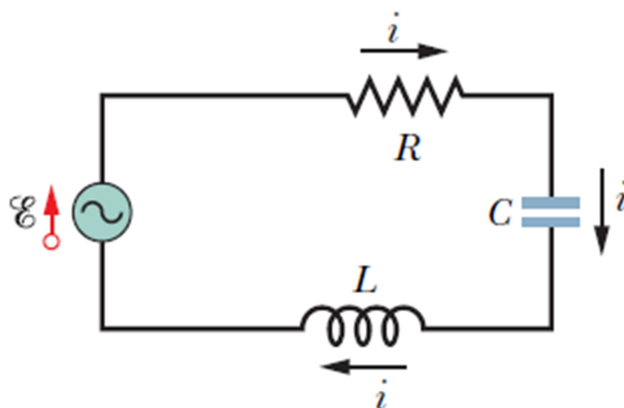
or

$$V_R = RI$$

$$V_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} I$$

$$V_L = j\omega LI$$

## 31.6 Forced Oscillations



A single-loop circuit containing a resistor, a capacitor, and an inductor. A generator, represented by a sine wave in a circle, produces an alternating emf that establishes an alternating current; the direction of the emf and current are indicated at only one instant.

Loop equation:

$$L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri + \frac{q}{C} = \xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t) \quad (9)$$

with

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt}$$

The general solution for the 2nd order differential equation

$$L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = \xi_0 \cos(\omega_d t)$$

can be expressed as a sum of

$$q(t) = q_h(t) + q_p(t)$$

where  $q_p(t)$  is any particular solution of (9) and  $q_h(t)$  is the solution satisfying the homogeneous equation

$$L \frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} + R \frac{dq}{dt} + \frac{q}{C} = 0$$

with solution given by (5). Note that  $q_h(t) \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  and therefore only  $q_p$  survives as the steady state solution

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} q(t) \rightarrow q_p(t).$$

Whatever the natural angular frequency  $\omega$  of a circuit may be, we shall show that forced oscillations of charge, current, and potential difference in the circuit always occur at the driving frequency  $\omega_d$ . Since  $q = \text{Re}[Q]$ ,  $i = \text{Re}[I]$  and  $\xi = \text{Re}[\xi_c]$ , Eq. (9) can be written as

$$\text{Re} \left[ L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{Q}{C} \right] = \text{Re}[\xi_c] = \text{Re}[\xi_0 e^{j\omega_d t}] \quad (10)$$

Thus, if

$$L \frac{dI}{dt} + RI + \frac{Q}{C} = \xi_c = \xi_0 e^{j\omega_d t} \quad (11)$$

is satisfied, then Eq. (9) is automatically satisfied. Assuming

$$I = I_0 e^{j\omega_d t}, Q = Q_0 e^{j\omega_d t}$$

we have

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = j\omega_d Q$$

and a particular solution of (11) can be found by requiring

$$\left( j\omega_d L + R + \frac{1}{j\omega_d C} \right) I = \xi_0 e^{j\omega_d t}$$



The above equation may also be obtained by noting that the impedance  $X = \frac{\xi_c}{I}$  of the series RLC circuit is the sum of its three individual pieces.

$$X = X_L + X_R + X_C = j\omega_d L + R + \frac{1}{j\omega_d C}$$

$$\xi_c = XI = (X_L + X_R + X_C) I$$

$$I(t) = \frac{\xi_c}{X} = \frac{\xi_0}{j\omega_d L + R + \frac{1}{j\omega_d C}} e^{j\omega_d t} = i_0 e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega_d t} = i_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi)}$$

where we have identified the complex number

$$\frac{\xi_0}{j\omega_d L + R + \frac{1}{j\omega_d C}} = i_0 e^{j\phi}$$

with

$$i_0 = \left| \frac{\xi_0}{j\omega_d L + R + \frac{1}{j\omega_d C}} \right| = \frac{\xi_0}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C}\right)^2}} \quad (12)$$

and

$$\tan \phi = -\frac{\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C}}{R}$$

The physical current is then equal to

$$\begin{aligned} i(t) &= \text{Re}[I] = \text{Re}[i_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi)}] \\ &= i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi) \end{aligned}$$

### 31.6.1 Resonance

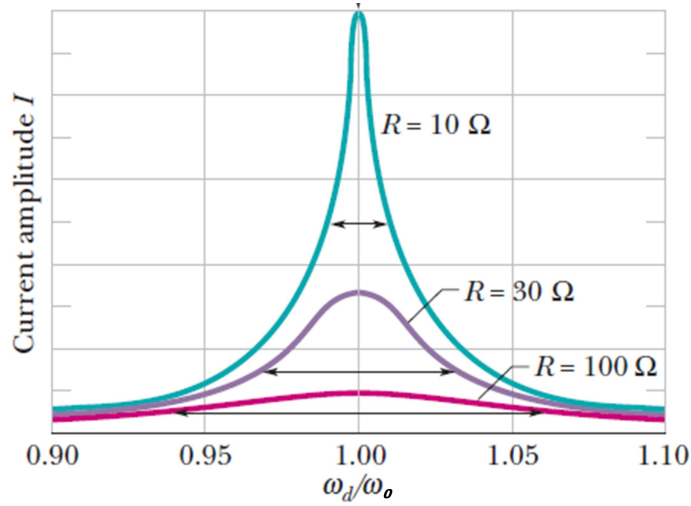
The amplitude for the oscillating current  $i$  given in (12) attains its maximum when

$$\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\omega_d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \omega_0$$

That is the resonance occurs when the driving angular frequency  $\omega_d$  matches the natural angular frequency  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ .



Resonance curves for the driven  $RLC$  circuit with three values of  $R$ . The current amplitude of the alternating current depends on how close the driving frequency  $\omega_d$  is to the natural frequency  $\omega_0 = 1/\sqrt{LC}$ . The horizontal arrow on each curve measures the curve's half-width, which is the width at the half-maximum level and is a measure of the sharpness of the resonance.

The maximum level the value of  $i_0$  when  $\omega_d = \omega_0$  :

$$i_m = i_0|_{\omega_d=\omega_0} = \frac{\xi_0}{R}.$$

To attain the half-maximum level, we need

$$i_0 = \frac{\xi_0}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C}\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{2}i_m = \frac{\xi_0}{2R},$$

or

$$\omega_d L - \frac{1}{\omega_d C} = \pm\sqrt{3}R.$$

Thus

$$\omega_d \mp \sqrt{3}\frac{R}{L} - \frac{1}{\omega_d LC} = 0.$$

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$$\omega_d^2 \mp \sqrt{3}\frac{R}{L}\omega_d - \omega_0^2 = 0.$$

This happens when

$$\omega_d = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{2L} \pm \sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}R}{2L}\right)^2}.$$

Only positive  $\omega_d$  is meaningful, therefore we have two frequencies at which  $i_0 = \frac{1}{2}i_m$ .

$$\omega_{\pm} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{2L} + \sqrt{\omega_0^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}R}{2L}\right)^2}$$

and the width

$$\omega_+ - \omega_- = \frac{\sqrt{3}R}{L}$$

is proportional to  $R$ . (Note  $i_m$  is proportional to  $\frac{1}{R}$ .)

### 31.7 Power in Alternating Current Circuits

The instantaneous rate at which energy is dissipated in a device is

$$P = i(t) v(t)$$

where  $v(t)$  is the voltage drop in the direction of the current  $i$  across the device. Suppose  $I(t) = i_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi_1)}$  and  $V(t) = v_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi_2)}$  are the complex current and voltage corresponding to  $i$  and  $v$  with

$$i = \text{Re}[I] = i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_1)$$

and

$$v = \text{Re}[V] = v_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_2).$$

Then

$$P = iv = i_0 v_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_1) \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_2)$$

The average rate at which energy is dissipated is

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle P \rangle &= i_0 v_0 \langle \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_1) \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_2) \rangle \\
&= i_0 v_0 \left\langle \begin{aligned} &(\cos(\omega_d t) \cos \phi_1 - \sin(\omega_d t) \sin(\phi_1)) \\ &\times (\cos(\omega_d t) \cos \phi_2 - \sin(\omega_d t) \sin(\phi_2)) \end{aligned} \right\rangle \\
&= i_0 v_0 \left\langle \begin{aligned} &\cos^2(\omega_d t) \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 \\ &+ \sin^2(\omega_d t) \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \\ &- \cos(\omega_d t) \sin(\omega_d t) \cos \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \\ &- \cos(\omega_d t) \sin(\omega_d t) \cos \phi_2 \sin \phi_1 \end{aligned} \right\rangle
\end{aligned}$$

Since the averages

$$\langle \cos^2(\omega_d t) \rangle = \langle \sin^2(\omega_d t) \rangle = \frac{\langle \cos^2(\omega_d t) + \sin^2(\omega_d t) \rangle}{2} = \frac{1}{2},$$

and

$$\langle \cos(\omega_d t) \sin(\omega_d t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \langle \sin(2\omega_d t) \rangle = 0,$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle P \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} i_0 v_0 \langle \cos \phi_1 \cos \phi_2 + \sin \phi_1 \sin \phi_2 \rangle \\
&= \frac{1}{2} i_0 v_0 \cos(\phi_1 - \phi_2) = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [i_0 v_0 e^{j(\phi_1 - \phi_2)}] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [i_0 v_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi_1)} e^{-j(\omega_d t + \phi_2)}] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [i_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi_1)} (v_0 e^{j(\omega_d t + \phi_2)})^*] \\
&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [IV^*] = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [(IV^*)^*] = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [I^* V]
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $X$  be the device impedance that satisfies

$$V = IX$$

Then we also have

$$\langle P \rangle = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [I^* V] = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re} [I^* IX] = \frac{1}{2} |I|^2 \operatorname{Re} [X] = \frac{1}{2} i_0^2 \operatorname{Re} [X] \quad (13)$$

Only real part of  $X$  contributes the the average dissipation of energy.

For the current  $i(t) = i_0 \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_1)$ , define the root mean square  $i_{rms}$  as

$$i_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle i^2(t) \rangle} = i_0 \sqrt{\langle \cos^2(\omega_d t + \phi_1) \rangle} = \frac{i_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Similarly, the root mean square for the voltage  $v(t) = \cos(\omega_d t + \phi_2)$  is

$$v_{rms} = \sqrt{\langle v^2(t) \rangle} = v_0 \sqrt{\langle \cos^2(\omega_d t + \phi_2) \rangle} = \frac{v_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

For a resistance with  $X = R$ , and  $v_0 = i_0 R$ , we have  $v(t) = Ri(t)$ ,  $v_0 = Ri_0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_R \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} i_0^2 \operatorname{Re}[X] = \frac{1}{2} i_0^2 R = \left( \frac{i_0}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 R \\ &= i_{rms}^2 R = \frac{\left( \frac{i_0 R}{\sqrt{2}} \right)^2}{R} = \frac{v_{rms}^2}{R} \end{aligned}$$

For  $L$  and  $C$ , the impedances  $X_L = j\omega_d L$  and  $X_C = -j\frac{1}{\omega_d C}$ .  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  are purely imaginary, the average power dissipated therefore vanishes

$$\begin{aligned} \langle P_L \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} i_0^2 \operatorname{Re}[X_L] = 0 \\ \langle P_C \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} i_0^2 \operatorname{Re}[X_C] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

The  $L$  and  $C$  devices store and release energy but do not consume energy.

### 31.7.1 Example, Power Dissipation of Driven RLC circuit

A series  $RLC$  circuit, driven by  $\xi_{rms} = 120V$  at frequency  $f_d = \frac{\omega_d}{2\pi} = 60Hz$ , contains a resistance  $R = 200\Omega$ , an inductance with  $X_L = 80.0\Omega j$ , and a capacitance with  $X_C = -150\Omega j$ .

(a) What is the average rate  $\langle P \rangle$  at which energy is dissipated in the resistance?

The complex current  $I(t)$  is related to the complex emf  $\xi_c$  by

$$I = \frac{\xi_c}{R + X_L + X_C}.$$

Let  $\xi_0$  be the amplitude of the oscillating emf  $\xi(t)$ . We then have

$$\xi_0 = |\xi_c| = \sqrt{2} \xi_{rms}$$

According to (13),

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle P \rangle &= \frac{1}{2} |I^2| \operatorname{Re}[X] = \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\xi_c}{R + X_L + X_c} \right|^2 R \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{(\sqrt{2} \times 120V)^2}{|(200 - 70.0j)\Omega|^2} \times 200\Omega = \frac{120^2}{200^2 + 70.0^2} \times 200W \\
 &= \frac{120^2}{200^2 + 70.0^2} \times 200W = 64.1W
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) What new capacitance  $C_{new}$  is needed to maximize  $\langle P \rangle$  if the other parameters of this circuit are not changed?

$$\begin{aligned}
 X_C &\rightarrow X_{C_{new}} = -\frac{1}{\omega_d C_{new}} j \\
 \langle P \rangle &\rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left| \frac{\xi_c}{R + X_L + X_{C_{new}}} \right|^2 R
 \end{aligned}$$

$\langle P \rangle$  is maximized when

$$|R + X_L + X_{C_{new}}|^2 = \left| 200\Omega + 80.0j\Omega - \frac{1}{\omega_d C_{new}} j \right|^2$$

attains the minimum value, which occurs at

$$80.0j\Omega - \frac{1}{\omega_d C_{new}} j = 0$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned}
 C_{new} &= \frac{1}{\omega_d \times 80.0\Omega} = \frac{1}{(2\pi)(60Hz)(80.0\Omega)} = 3.32 \times 10^{-5} F \\
 &= 33.2\mu F
 \end{aligned}$$

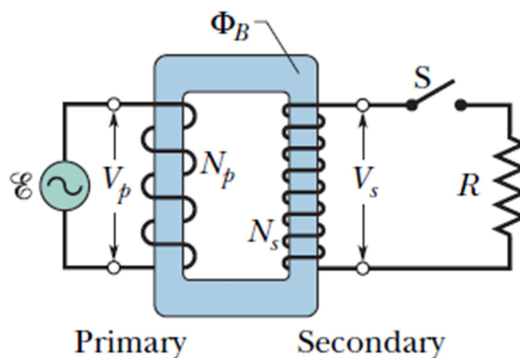
## 31.8 Transformers

In electrical power distribution systems it is desirable for reasons of safety and for efficient equipment design to deal with relatively low voltages at both the generating end (the electrical power plant) and the receiving end (the home or factory).

Nobody wants an electric toaster or a child's electric train to operate at, say,  $10kV$ .

On the other hand, in the transmission of electrical energy from the generating plant to the consumer, we want the lowest practical current (hence the largest practical voltage) to minimize  $i^2R$  losses (often called ohmic losses) in the transmission line.

A device with which we can raise and lower the ac voltage in a circuit, keeping the product current voltage essentially constant, is called the transformer.



**Fig. 31-18** An ideal transformer (two coils wound on an iron core) in a basic transformer circuit. An ac generator produces current in the coil at the left (the *primary*). The coil at the right (the *secondary*) is connected to the resistive load  $R$  when switch  $S$  is closed.

The ideal transformer consists of two coils, with different numbers of turns, wound around an iron core.

In use, the primary winding, of  $N_p$  turns, is connected to an alternating-current generator whose emf at any time  $t$  is given by

$$\xi(t) = \xi_0 \cos(\omega)t$$

The secondary winding, of  $N_s$  turns, is connected to load resistance  $R$ , but its circuit is an open circuit as long as switch  $S$  is open.

The small sinusoidally changing primary current  $I_{mag}$  produces a sinusoidally changing magnetic flux  $B$  in the iron core.

Because  $B$  varies, it induces an emf  $(-\frac{d\phi_B}{dt})$  in each turn of the secondary. This emf per turn  $\xi_{1turn}$  is the same in the primary and the secondary. Across the primary, the voltage  $V_p = \xi_{1turn}N_p$ . Similarly, across the secondary the voltage is  $V_s = \xi_{1turn}N_s$ . Thus

$$V_s = V_p \frac{N_s}{N_p} \quad (\text{transformation of voltage})$$

If  $N_s > N_p$ , the device is a step-up transformer because it steps the primary's voltage  $V_p$  up to a higher voltage  $V_s$ . Similarly, if  $N_s < N_p$ , it is a step-down transformer.

If no energy is lost along the way, conservation of energy requires that

$$I_s V_s = I_p V_p$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$I_s = I_p \frac{V_p}{V_s} = I_p \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

Now

$$I_s = \frac{V_s}{R} = V_p \frac{N_s}{N_p} \frac{1}{R}$$

Hence

$$I_p \frac{N_p}{N_s} = V_p \frac{N_s}{N_p} \frac{1}{R}$$

or

$$V_p = I_p \left( \frac{N_p}{N_s} \right)^2 R = I_p R_{eq}$$

Here  $R_{eq}$  is the load resistance as "seen" by the generator.

For maximum transfer of energy from an emf device to a resistive load, the resistance of the emf device must equal the resistance of the load. To see this, assume  $r$  is the internal resistance and  $R$  is the resistance of the load, then

$$P_R = i^2 R = \left( \frac{\xi}{r + R} \right)^2 R.$$

Maximum of  $P_R$  occurs at

$$0 = \frac{dP_R}{dR} = \xi^2 \frac{d}{dR} \left( \frac{R}{(r + R)^2} \right) = \xi^2 \frac{R - r}{(r + R)^3}$$

i.e., at  $R = r$ . For ac circuits, for the same to be true, the impedance (rather than just the resistance) of the generator must equal that of the load.



### 31.8.1 Example

A transformer on a utility pole operates at  $V_p = 8.5kV$  on the primary side and supply electrical energy to a number of nearby houses at  $V_s = 120V$ , both quantities being *rms* values. Assume an ideal step-down transformer, a purely resistive load.

(a) What is the turns ratio  $\frac{N_p}{N_s}$  of the transformer?

$$\frac{N_p}{N_s} = \frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{8.5kV}{120V} = 71$$

(b) The average rate of energy consumption (or dissipation) in the houses served by the transformer is  $78kW$ . What are the *rms* currents in the primary and secondary of the transformer?

$$I_p = \frac{\langle P \rangle}{V_p} = \frac{78kW}{8.5kV} = 9.2A$$

$$I_s = \frac{\langle P \rangle}{V_s} = \frac{78kW}{120V} = 650A$$

(c) What is the resistive load  $R$ , in the secondary circuit?

$$R_s = \frac{V_s}{I_s} = \frac{120V}{650A} = 0.18\Omega$$

Similarly, for the primary circuit

$$R_p = \frac{V_p}{I_p} = \frac{8.5kV}{9.2A} = 930\Omega$$