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## Ac circuits & electromagnetic oscillations

- in this chapter we combine resistance, capacity and inductance in ac circuits
  - focus on electromagnetic oscillations and the exchange of energy between electric and magnetic fields
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### The Ir-circuit

#### Switching on the dc supply

- consider a simple dc circuit with an ideal voltage source  $V_0$ , a resistor  $R$  and an inductor  $L$  in series
- applying kirchhoff's loop rule gives

$$V_0 = L \frac{dI}{dt} + IR$$

- solving the differential equation yields

$$I(t) = \frac{V_0}{R} \left( 1 - e^{-t/\tau} \right)$$

with the time constant

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

- after about  $5\tau$  the current nearly reaches its steady state value

Switching off the dc supply

- when the dc supply is switched off ( $V_0 = 0$ ) the inductor resists the change in current
- kirchhoff's loop rule becomes

$$L \frac{dI}{dt} + IR = 0$$

- the solution for the decaying current is

$$I(t) = I_0 e^{-t/\tau}$$

with

$$\tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

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# Electromagnetic oscillations

## Lc-circuit

- the lc-circuit consists only of an inductor and a capacitor in series
- initially the capacitor is charged to  $Q_0$ , with voltage

$$V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

- applying kirchhoff's rule leads to

$$-L \frac{dI}{dt} + \frac{Q}{C} = 0$$

and using  $I = -\frac{dQ}{dt}$ , we obtain the differential equation

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

- its general solution is

$$Q(t) = Q_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

with the angular frequency

$$\omega = \sqrt{\frac{1}{LC}}$$

- the energy oscillates between the capacitor (electric field) and the inductor (magnetic field)

Lrc-circuit

- adding a resistor introduces damping into the oscillations
- the governing equation becomes

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

- the system can be underdamped, overdamped or critically damped depending on the relation between  $R^2$  and  $4LC$

Ac circuits

Resistance vs. reactance

- resistance  $R$  is independent of frequency and dissipates energy as heat
- reactance (inductive  $X_L$  and capacitive  $X_C$ ) depends on frequency and temporarily stores energy
- the phase difference between voltage and current arises due to reactance

Resistor in an ac circuit

- follows ohm's law:

$$V = IR$$

- voltage and current are in phase
- the average power is given by

$$\bar{P} = I_{rms}^2 R$$

Inductor in an ac circuit

- the voltage across an inductor is

$$V = L \frac{dI}{dt}$$

- for a sinusoidal current  $I(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t)$  the voltage is

$$V(t) = \omega L I_0 \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

- the inductive reactance is

$$X_L = \omega L$$

- the voltage leads the current by  $90^\circ$

Capacitor in an ac circuit

- the voltage across a capacitor is determined by

$$V = \frac{Q}{C}$$

- for a sinusoidal current the resulting voltage is

$$V(t) = \frac{I_0}{\omega C} \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

- the capacitive reactance is

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

- the voltage lags the current by  $90^\circ$

Summary of ac circuit components

- resistor: no phase shift; dissipates energy as heat
  - inductor: voltage leads current; reactance  
 $X_L = \omega L$
  - capacitor: voltage lags current; reactance  
 $X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$
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## Filters

- high-pass filters allow high-frequency signals to pass while attenuating low-frequency ones
  - low-pass filters allow low-frequency signals to pass while attenuating high-frequency ones
  - these filters are common in signal processing and audio electronics
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## Impedance

- impedance combines resistance and reactance into a complex quantity:

$$Z = R + j(X_L - X_C)$$



- its magnitude is

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

- the phase angle is given by

$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$$

- impedance determines the relationship between voltage and current in ac circuits
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## Ac lrc-circuit & phasor diagrams

- in a series lrc-circuit the sum of the voltage drops equals the source voltage:

$$V = V_R + V_L + V_C$$

- in the phasor diagram:
  - $V_R$  is drawn along the positive x-axis (in phase with the current)
  - $V_L$  is drawn  $90^\circ$  ahead of  $V_R$
  - $V_C$  is drawn  $90^\circ$  behind  $V_R$

- the resultant voltage is found by vector addition:

$$V_0 = I_0 Z$$

with

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

- similarly, for rms values:

$$V_{rms} = I_{rms} Z$$

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## Resonance in ac circuits

- resonance occurs when the inductive and capacitive reactances cancel ( $X_L = X_C$ )
- the resonant angular frequency is

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

and the resonant frequency is

$$f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

- at resonance:
  - the impedance is purely resistive ( $Z = R$ )
  - voltage and current are in phase ( $\phi = 0$ )
  - the current is maximized, with

$$I_{max} = \frac{V_{rms}}{R}$$

- the sharpness of the resonance depends on the value of  $R$
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## Impedance matching

- maximum power transfer occurs when the source impedance matches the load impedance:

$$Z_1 = Z_2$$

- for purely resistive circuits, maximum power is delivered when  $R_1 = R_2$

- mismatched impedances lead to reduced power transfer efficiency and potential signal distortion

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