



FIGURE 8.17 Voltage, current, and power in the time domain, showing rms values for voltage and current as well as average power.

$\mathbf{Z} = 1 + j1.118 = 1.5 \angle 48.176^\circ$, which has inductive reactance. To calculate current use $\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{170 \angle 10^\circ}{1.5 \angle 48.176^\circ} = 113.33 \angle -38.176^\circ$. Current lags the voltage. The rms values of voltage and current are $V = \frac{170}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 120$ V and $I = \frac{113.33}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 80$ A. From Equation 8.17 $p(t) \approx (120 \times 80)[\cos(-48.176^\circ) + \cos(2\omega t - 28.176^\circ)] = 9.63(0.667 + \cos(754t - 28.176^\circ))$ kW. The average power is the constant term $P = 9.63 \times 0.667 = 6.42$ kW. If we wanted to calculate directly from Equation 8.18 we have $P = 120 \times 80 \cos(-48.176^\circ) = 9.63 \times 0.667 = 6.42$ kW. All of these calculations can be expedited by using the following script, which produces the plots shown in Figure 8.18:

```

# RLC
w= 377; V.s=c(170,10)
v.lab<- c("v(t)","i(t)"); v.units<- c("V","A")
R=1;C=1000*10^-6;L=10*10^-3
Z.r<- c(R,w*L-1/(w*C)); Z.p<- polar(Z.r)
I.p<- div.polar(V.s,Z.p)
x<- list(V.s,I.p)
print(Z.r); print(Z.p); print(I.p)
inst.pow.plot(x,rms=TRUE)
    
```

Note that the average power is reduced by the factor $\cos \theta$ with respect to the one for a purely resistive impedance $P = VI$.

8.5 COMPLEX POWER

Besides instantaneous power in the time domain and its average, it is of great importance to consider AC power in the frequency domain using phasors. *Complex power* is defined as a complex number

Another way of seeing this is to use the tangent of both angles $\Delta Q = P(\tan(\cos^{-1} \theta) - \tan(\cos^{-1} \theta_c))$ where the quantity $\tan(\cos^{-1} \theta) - \tan(\cos^{-1} \theta_c)$ is sometimes called the kW-factor, kWf , then $\Delta Q = P \times kWf$.

This required reduction ΔQ in kVAR is provided by a capacitor, which has a leading reactance. Thus we set $\Delta Q = Q_{cap}$. Recall that for a capacitor $X = 1/(\omega C)$ and that from Equation 8.24 $Q = V^2/X$. Therefore, $Q_{cap} = V^2/X = V^2 (\omega C)$. In other words, solving for C we can calculate the capacitance C needed to correct the power factor:

$$C = \frac{Q_{cap}}{\omega V^2} \quad (8.26)$$

These calculations and graphics are implemented as functions `pf.corr()` and `pf.corr.tri()` in the package `renpow` taking arguments of load in kW, rms voltage V in V, existing pf , and desired pf_c . We will see how to apply these using an example.

Example 8.18

A plant draws 40 A from a 240 V line (RMS) at 60 Hz to supply a 5 kW lagging load. Calculate apparent power, power factor, phase angle, reactive power, and capacitance to improve power factor to $pf = 0.9$. Answer: Apparent power $S = 40 \times 240\text{VA} = 9.6\text{kVA}$. Power factor $pf = \frac{P}{S} = \frac{5\text{kW}}{9.6\text{kVA}} = 0.52$. The phase angle is $\theta = \cos^{-1} 0.52 = 58.61^\circ$. Reactive power is $Q = S \sin \theta = 9.6\text{kVA} \times 0.853 = 8.2\text{kVAR}$. To improve pf to 0.9 we need a new phase angle of $\theta_c = \cos^{-1} 0.9 = 25.842^\circ$. The new apparent power is $S_c = \frac{P}{pf_c} = \frac{5\text{kW}}{0.9} = 5.56\text{kVA}$ and the new reactive power of $Q_c = S_c \sin \theta_c = 5.56\text{kVA} \times \sin 25.842^\circ = 2.42\text{kVAR}$.

Therefore, we need a reactive power reduction of $Q_{cap} = 8.2 - 2.42 = 5.78\text{kVAR}$. Use Equation 8.26 to get $C = \frac{5.78 \times 1000}{377 \times 240^2} \simeq 266.1\text{ }\mu\text{F}$.

We can solve the example using functions of `renpow` in the following manner:

```
P=5; V=240; I=40; pf=0.9
pf <- P*1000/(V*I)
# call pf correction function
pfcorr <- pf.corr(P,V,pf,pfc)
```

In this particular example, we know the current and use it to calculate existing pf so that we can use it as argument to `pf.corr` function. The output `pfcorr` has the relevant results of the correction:

```
> pfcorr <- pf.corr(P,V,pf,pfc)
P=5kW, V=240V, pf=0.52, pfc=0.9
S=9.6kVA, theta=58.61°, Q=8.2kVAR, I=40
Sc=5.56kVA, theta=25.84°, Qc=2.42kVAR, Ic=23.15
kWf=1.15, Qcap=5.78kVAR, Cap=266.1uF
>
```

In addition, we can visualize the changes in the power triangle yielding Figure 8.24, which we already described while discussing the aforementioned process.

```
pf.corr.tri(pfcorr)
```

8.6.2 POWER FACTOR CORRECTION AND PEAK DEMAND

Suppose monthly utility rates are given in \$ per kWh consumed in a month plus \$ per peak kVA. The latter is the highest demand of apparent power during the month. We will discuss this matter following an example based on problem 3.12 of Masters [5].