# Alternating Current (AC) Circuits

- AC Voltages and Phasors
- Resistors, Inductors and Capacitors in AC Circuits
- RLC Circuits
- Power and Resonance
- Transformers

AC Sources

$$\Delta v(t) = \Delta V_{max} \sin(\omega t)$$

- AC sources have voltages and currents that vary sinusoidally.
- The current in a circuit driven by an AC source also oscillates at the same frequency.
- The standard AC frequency in the US is 60 Hz (337 rad/s).
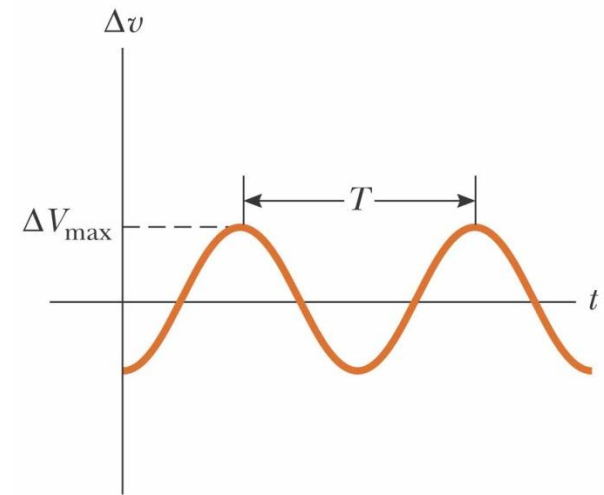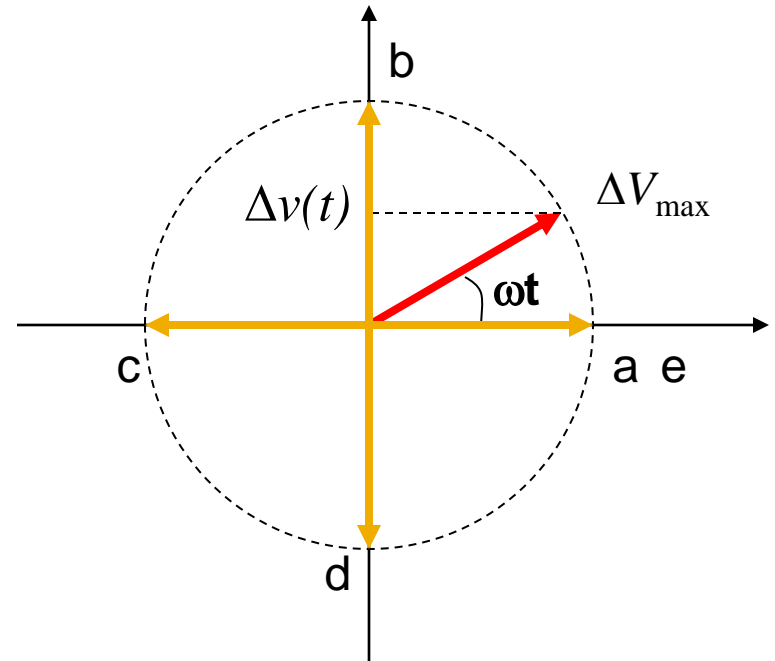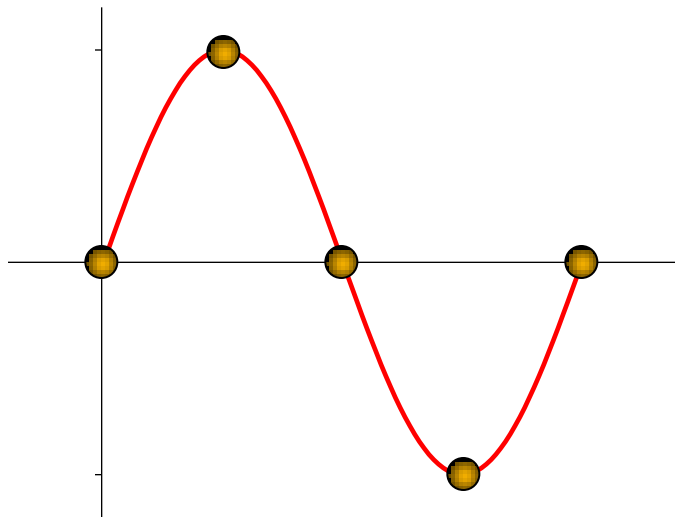

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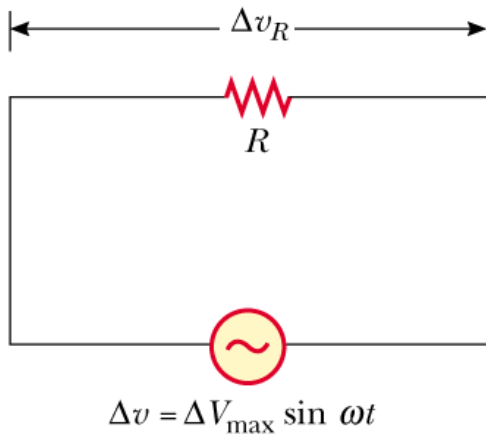$$T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

Phasors

Consider a sinusoidal voltage source: $\Delta v(t) = \Delta V_{\max} \sin(\omega t)$

This source can be represented graphically as a vector called a **phasor**:
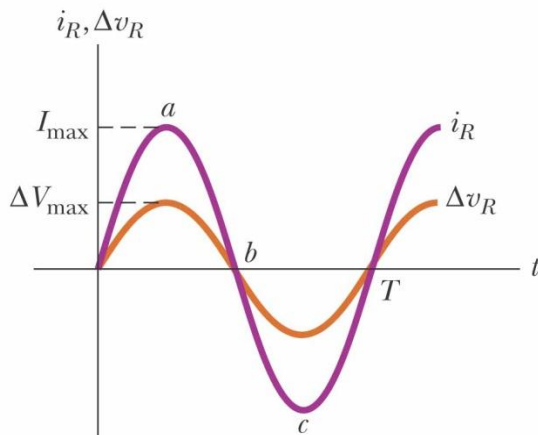
Resistors in AC Circuits

$$\Delta v - \Delta v_R = 0$$
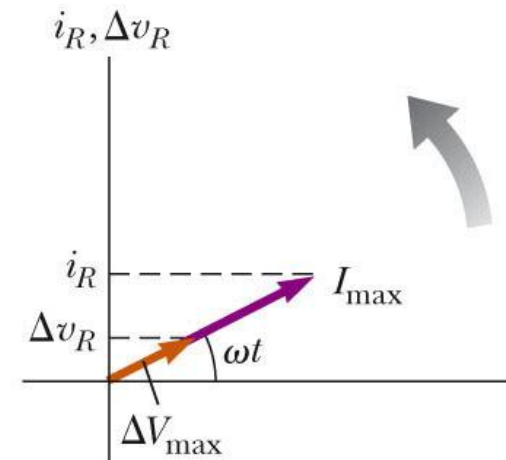
$$\Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t = \Delta v_R$$

$$i_R = \frac{\Delta v_R}{R} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{R} \sin \omega t = I_{max} \sin \omega t$$

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

$$\Delta v_R = I_{max} R \sin \omega t$$

$$\Delta v = \Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t$$

Since both have the same arguments in the sine term, i_R and Δv_R are in line, they are **in phase**.
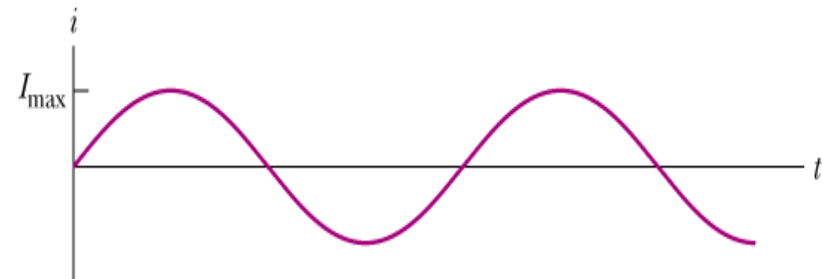
Root Mean Square (RMS) Current and Voltage

$$i_R = I_{max} \sin \omega t$$

$$\mathcal{P}(t) = R i_R^2 = R I_{max}^2 \sin^2 \omega t$$
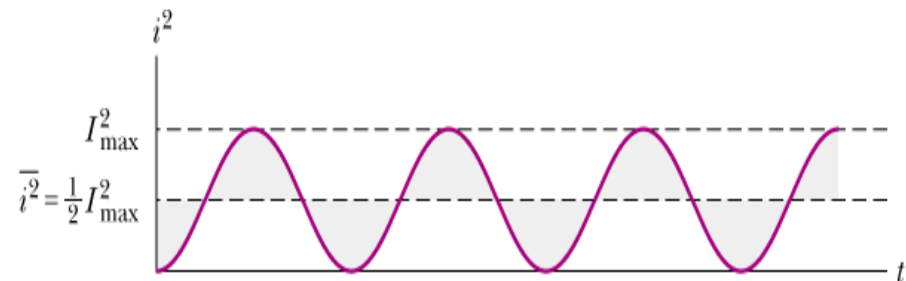
$$\mathcal{P}(t) = R i_R^2 = R I_{max}^2 \sin^2 \omega t$$

(a)

(b)

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = R I_{max}^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = I_{rms}^2 R$$

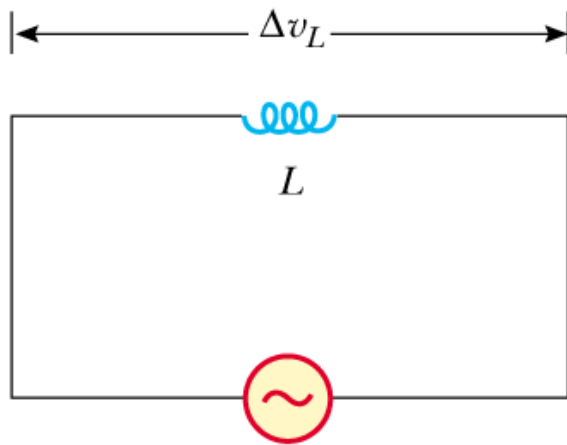$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_{max}}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 I_{max}$$

$$\Delta V_{rms} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 \Delta V_{max}$$

Inductors in AC Circuits

$$\Delta v - \Delta v_L = 0$$

$$\Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t = L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$di = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{L} \sin \omega t dt$$

$$i_L = \int di = -\frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\omega L} \cos \omega t$$
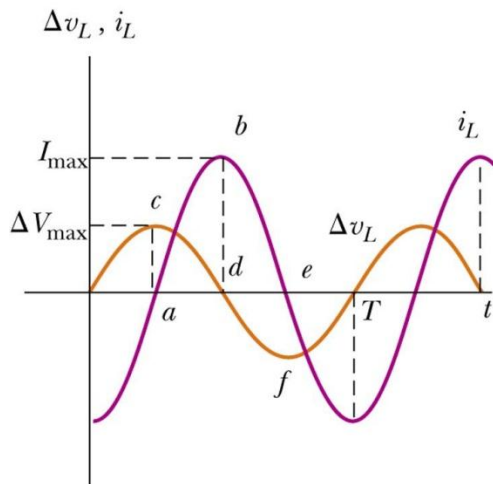
$$i_L = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\omega L} \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

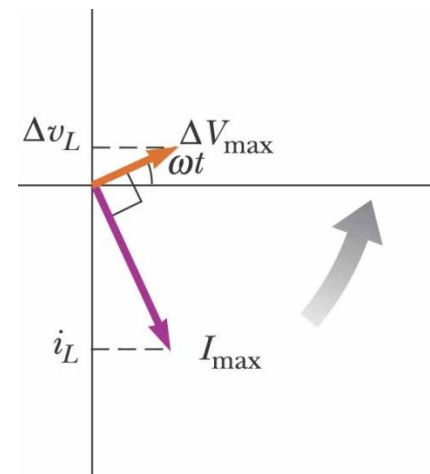$$I_{max} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\omega L} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{X_L}$$
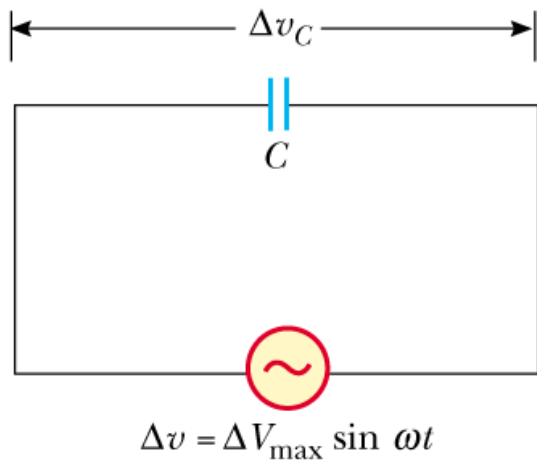
$$X_L = \omega L$$ **Inductive Reactance**

$$\Delta v_L = -I_{max} X_L \sin \omega t$$

For a sinusoidal voltage, the current in the inductor always **lags** the voltage across it by 90°.

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Capacitors in AC Circuits

$$\Delta v = \Delta v_C = \Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t$$

$$q = C \Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t$$

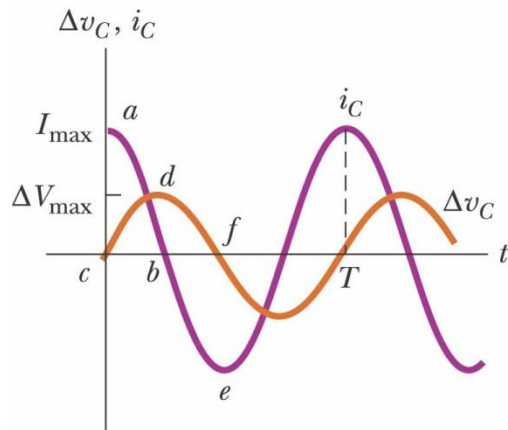$$i_C = \frac{dq}{dt} = \omega C \Delta V_{max} \cos \omega t$$

$$i_C = \omega C \Delta V_{max} \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

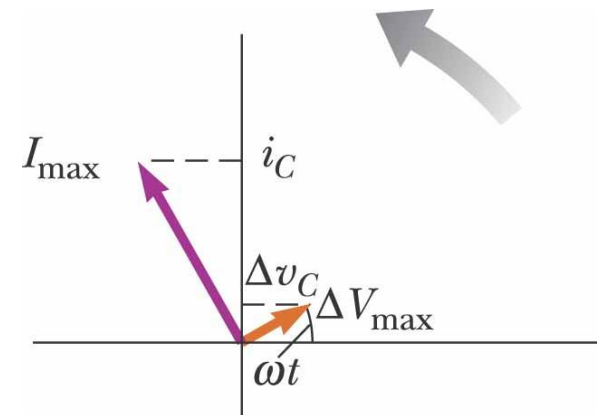$$I_{max} = \omega C \Delta V_{max} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{X_C}$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$ **Capacitive Reactance**

$$\Delta v_C = I_{max} X_C \sin \omega t$$

For a sinusoidal voltage, the current in the capacitor always **leads** the voltage across it by 90°.

RLC Series Circuit

$$\Delta v = \Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t$$

$$i = I_{max} \sin(\omega t - \phi)$$

$$\Delta v_R = I_{max} R \sin \omega t = \Delta V_R \sin \omega t$$

$$\Delta v_L = I_{max} X_L \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \Delta V_L \cos \omega t$$
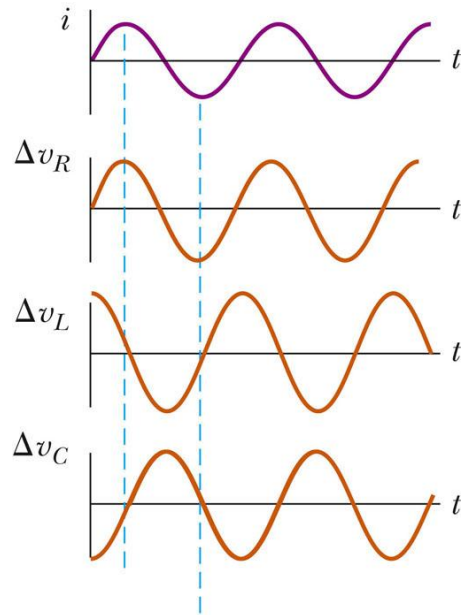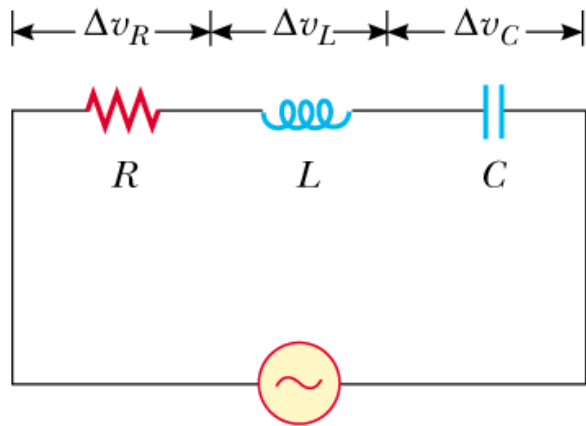
$$\Delta v_C = I_{max} X_C \sin\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -\Delta V_C \cos \omega t$$

$$\Delta v = \Delta v_R + \Delta v_L + \Delta v_C$$

Using Phasors in a RLC Circuit

(a) Resistor   (b) Inductor   (c) Capacitor

$$\Delta V_{max} = \sqrt{\Delta V_R{}^2 + \left(\Delta V_L - \Delta V_C\right)^2}$$

$$\Delta V_{max} = \sqrt{\left(I_{max}R\right)^2 + \left(I_{max}X_L - I_{max}X_C\right)^2}$$

$$\Delta V_{max} = I_{max}\sqrt{R^2 + \left(X_L - X_C\right)^2}$$
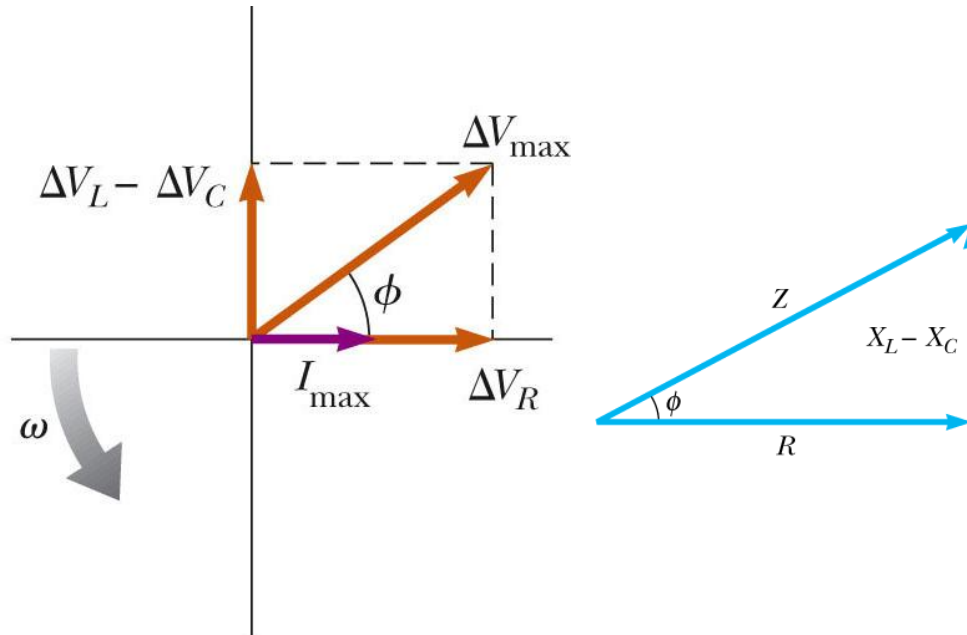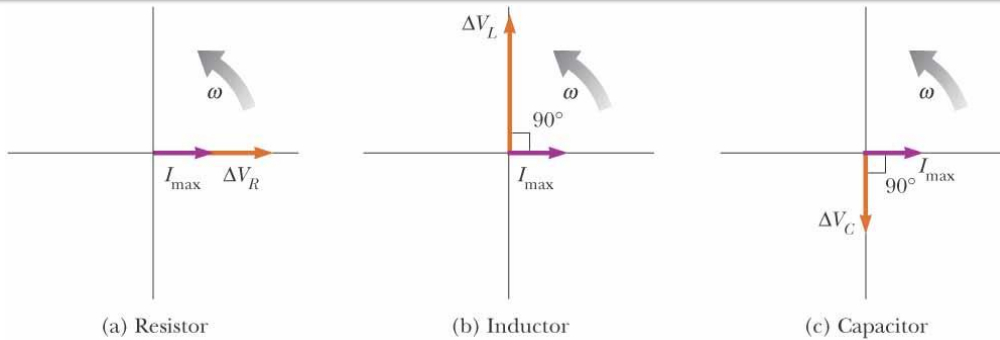
$$I_{max} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(X_L - X_C\right)^2}}$$

$$Z \equiv \sqrt{R^2 + \left(X_L - X_C\right)^2}$$ Impedance

$$\Delta V_{max} = I_{max}Z$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R}\right)$$

Example 33.4

R = 425 Ω
L = 1.25 H
C = 3.5 μF
ω = 377 s⁻¹
ΔV_{max} = 150 V
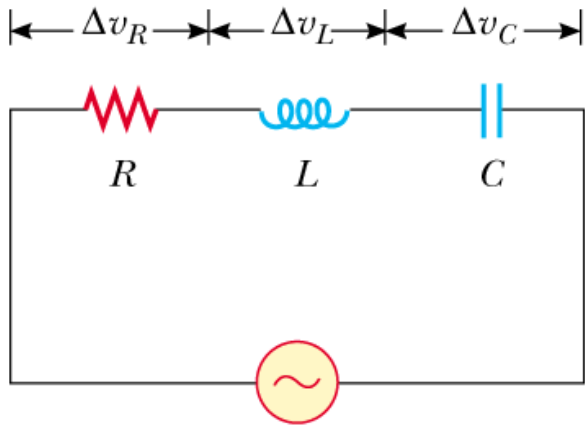
$$X_L = \omega L = \left(377 s^{-1}\right)\left(1.25 H\right) = 471\Omega$$

$$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{\left(377 s^{-1}\right)\left(3.5\mu F\right)} = 758\Omega$$

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + \left(X_L - X_C\right)^2} = \sqrt{\left(425\Omega\right)^2 + \left(471\Omega - 758\Omega\right)^2} = 513\Omega$$

$$I_{max} = \frac{\Delta V_{max}}{Z} = \frac{150V}{513\Omega} = 0.292A$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{X_L - X_C}{R}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{471\Omega - 758\Omega}{425\Omega}\right) = -34°$$

$$\Delta V_R = I_{max}R = \left(0.292A\right)\left(425\Omega\right) = 124V$$

$$\Delta V_L = I_{max}X_L = \left(0.292A\right)\left(471\Omega\right) = 138V$$

$$\Delta V_C = I_{max}X_C = \left(0.292A\right)\left(758\Omega\right) = 221V$$

$$\Delta v_R = \left(124V\right)\sin 377t$$

$$\Delta v_L = \left(138V\right)\cos 377t$$

$$\Delta v_C = -\left(221V\right)\cos 377t$$

Power in an AC Circuit

$$\mathcal{P} = i\Delta v = I_{max} \sin(\omega t - \phi)\Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t$$

$$\mathcal{P} = I_{max} \Delta V_{max} \left(\sin \omega t \cos \phi - \cos \omega t \sin \phi\right) \sin \omega t$$

$$\mathcal{P} = I_{max} \Delta V_{max} \sin^2 \omega t \cos \phi - I_{max} \Delta V_{max} \sin \omega t \cos \omega t \sin \phi$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = \frac{1}{2} I_{max} \Delta V_{max} \cos \phi$$

$$\boxed{\mathcal{P}_{av} = I_{rms}{}^2 R}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = I_{rms} \Delta V_{rms} \cos \phi$$

No power loss occurs in an ideal capacitor or inductor.

$$\Delta v_R = \Delta V_{max} \cos \phi = I_{max} R$$

For a purely resistive load, $\phi=0$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = I_{rms}\left(\frac{\Delta V_{max}}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\frac{I_{max} R}{\Delta V_{max}} = I_{rms} \frac{I_{max} R}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = I_{rms} \Delta V_{rms}$$

Resonance in Series RLC Circuits

A circuit is in resonance when its current is maximum.

$$I_{rms} = \frac{\Delta V_{rms}}{Z}$$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{\Delta V_{rms}}{\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}}$$

I_{rms}=max when X_L-X_C=0

$$X_L = X_C$$

$$\omega_0 L = \frac{1}{\omega_0 C}$$

$$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$ Resonance Frequency
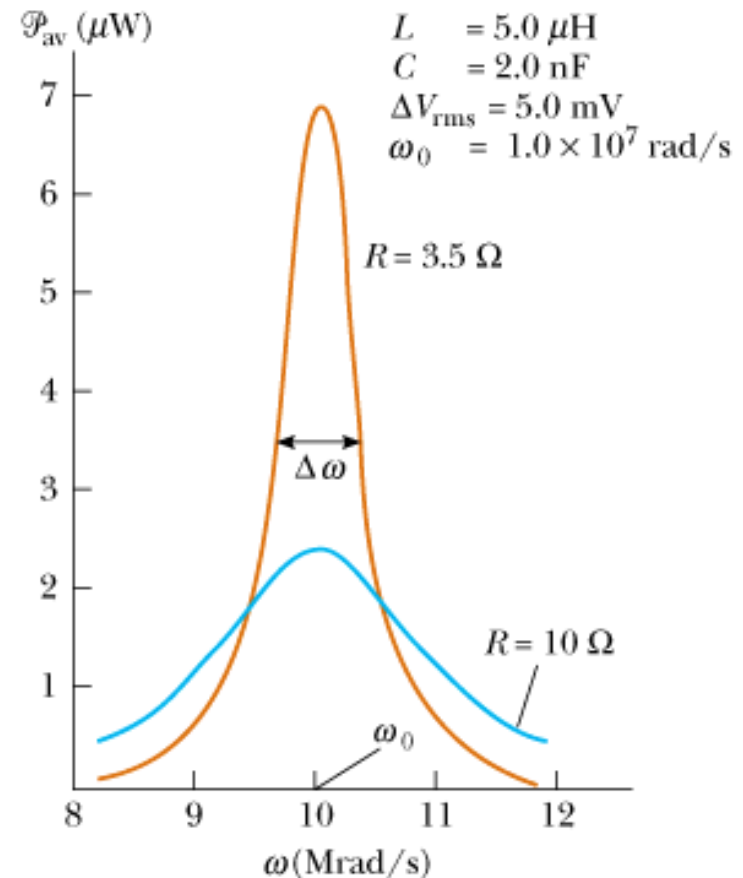
Power in Series RLC Circuits

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = I_{rms}{}^2 R = \frac{(\Delta V_{rms})^2}{Z^2} R = \frac{(\Delta V_{rms})^2 R}{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

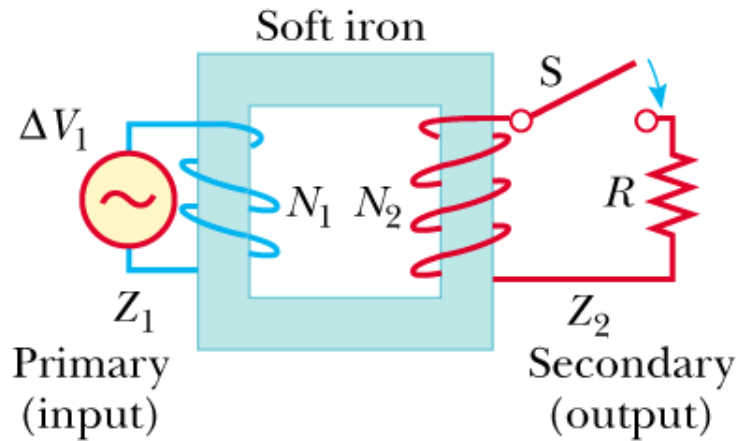$$(X_L - X_C)^2 = \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)^2 = \frac{L^2}{\omega^2}\left(\omega^2 - \omega_0{}^2\right)^2$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av} = \frac{(\Delta V_{rms})^2 R \omega^2}{R^2 \omega^2 + L^2\left(\omega^2 - \omega_0{}^2\right)^2}$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{av,\max} = \frac{(\Delta V_{rms})^2}{R} \qquad \omega = \omega_0$$

$$Q = \frac{\omega_0}{\Delta\omega} = \frac{\omega_0 L}{R} \qquad \text{Quality Factor}$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
L &= 5.0\ \mu\text{H} \\
C &= 2.0\ \text{nF} \\
\Delta V_{rms} &= 5.0\ \text{mV} \\
\omega_0 &= 1.0 \times 10^7\ \text{rad/s}
\end{aligned}
$$

$R = 3.5\ \Omega$

$R = 10\ \Omega$

Transformers

Soft iron

ΔV_1

N_1 N_2

S

R

Z_1
Primary
(input)

Z_2
Secondary
(output)

I_1

I_2

ΔV_1

R_L

ΔV_2

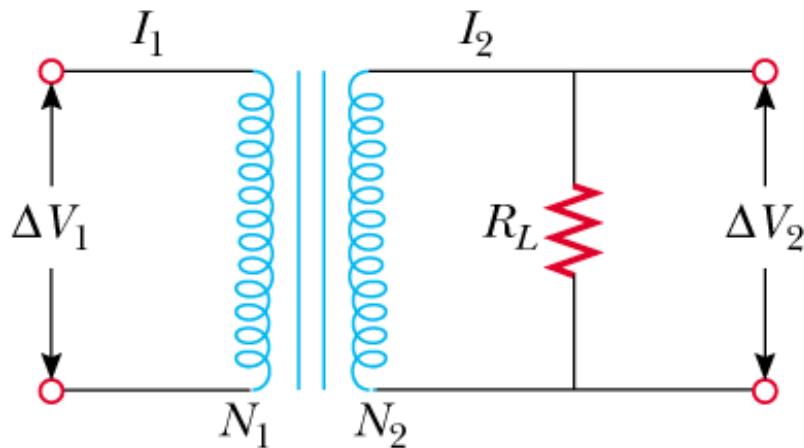N_1 N_2

$$\Delta V_1 = -N_1 \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

$$\Delta V_2 = \frac{N_2}{N_1} \Delta V_1$$
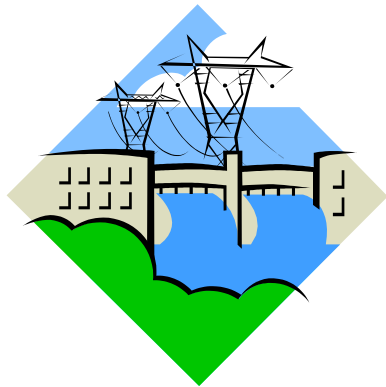
$$I_1 \Delta V_1 = I_2 \Delta V_2$$

$$I_2 = \frac{\Delta V_2}{R_L} \qquad I_1 = \frac{\Delta V_1}{R_{eq}}$$
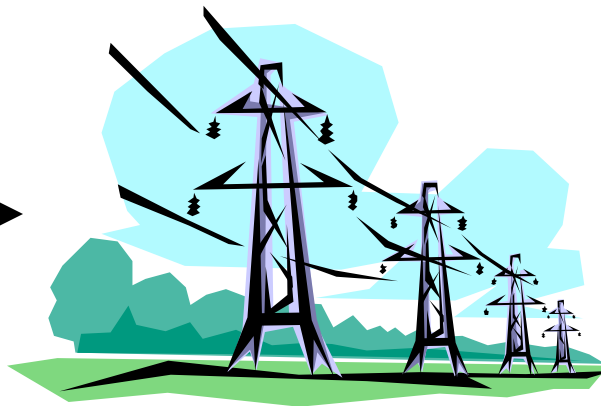
$$R_{eq} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2} \right)^2 R_L$$
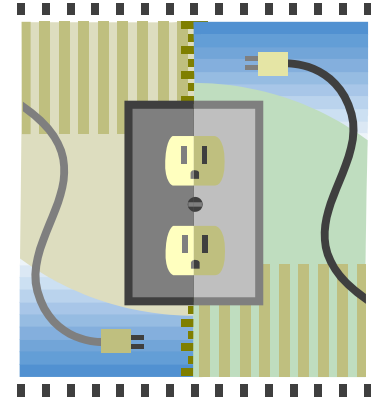
Power Transmission

Power is transmitted in high voltage over long distances and then gradually stepped down to 240V by the time it gets to a house.

22 kV

230 kV

240 V

$\mathcal{P}_g$= 20 MW

Cost = 10¢/kWh

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{P}_g}{\Delta V} = \frac{20 \times 10^6 W}{230 \times 10^3 V} = 87A$$

$$\mathcal{P} = I^2 R = (87A)^2 (2\Omega) = 15kW$$

$$TotalCost = (15kW)(24h)(\$0.1) = \$36$$

For 22kV transmission:

Total Cost = \$4100

For Next Class

- Midterm 2 Review on Tuesday
- Midterm 2 on Wednesday
- Reading Assignment for Thursday
  - Chapter 34 – Electromagnetic Waves
- WebAssign: Assignment 11 (due Tuesday, 5 PM)