

# Physics-272 Lecture 20

- AC Power
- Resonant Circuits
- Phasors (2-dim vectors, amplitude and phase)

# What is *reactance*?

You can think of it as a frequency-dependent resistance.

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

For high  $\omega$ ,  $X_C \sim 0$

- Capacitor looks like a wire (“short”)

For low  $\omega$ ,  $X_C \rightarrow \infty$

- Capacitor looks like a break

$$X_L = \omega L$$

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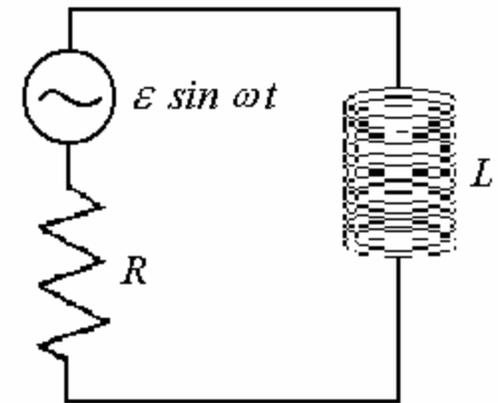
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(inductors resist change in current)

$$("X_R" = R)$$

An RL circuit is driven by an AC generator as shown in the figure.

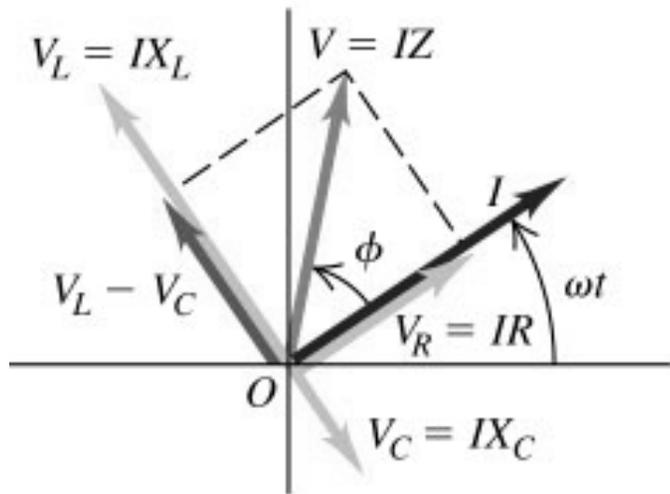


For what driving frequency  $\omega$  of the generator, will the current through the resistor be largest

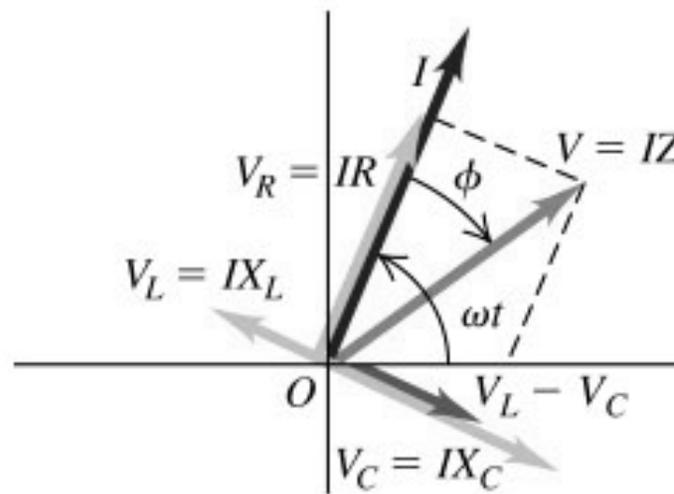
- a)  $\omega$  large    **b)  $\omega$  small**    c) independent of driving freq.

The current amplitude is inversely proportional to the frequency of the generator. ( $X_L = \omega L$ )

# Alternating Currents: LRC circuit



(b)



(c)

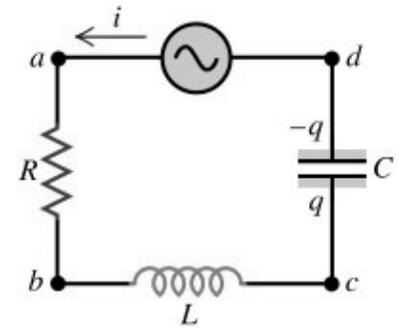


Figure (b) has  $X_L > X_C$  and (c) has  $X_L < X_C$ .

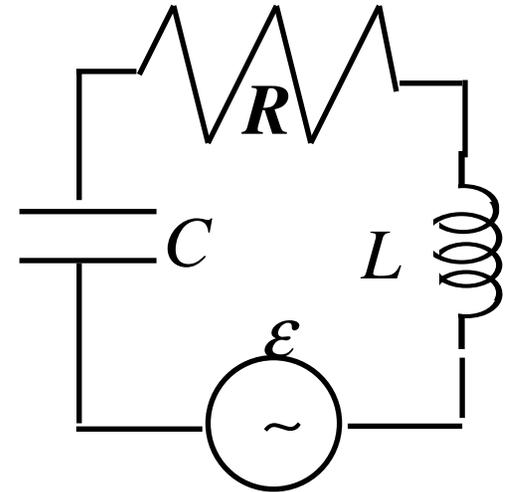
Using Phasors, we can construct the phasor diagram for an LRC Circuit. This is similar to 2-D vector addition. We add the phasors of the resistor, the inductor, and the capacitor. The inductor phasor is  $+90^\circ$  and the capacitor phasor is  $-90^\circ$  relative to the resistor phasor.

Adding the three phasors vectorially, yields the voltage sum of the resistor, inductor, and capacitor, which must be the same as the voltage of the AC source. Kirchoff's voltage law holds for AC circuits.

Also  $V_R$  and  $I$  are in phase.

# Phasors

**Problem:** Given  $V_{\text{drive}} = \varepsilon_m \sin(\omega t)$ ,  
find  $V_R$ ,  $V_L$ ,  $V_C$ ,  $I_R$ ,  $I_L$ ,  $I_C$

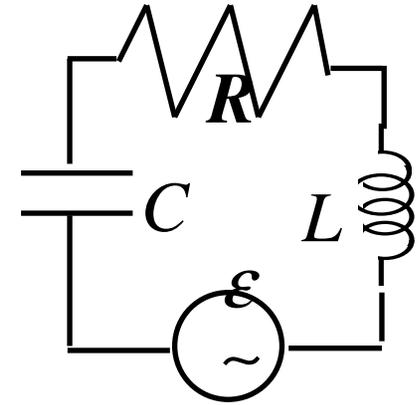


## **Strategy:**

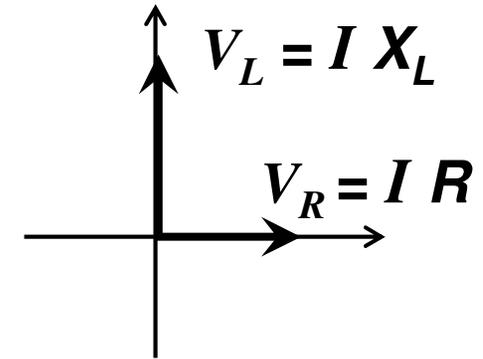
We will use Kirchhoff's voltage law that the (phasor) sum of the voltages  $V_R$ ,  $V_C$ , and  $V_L$  must equal  $V_{\text{drive}}$ .

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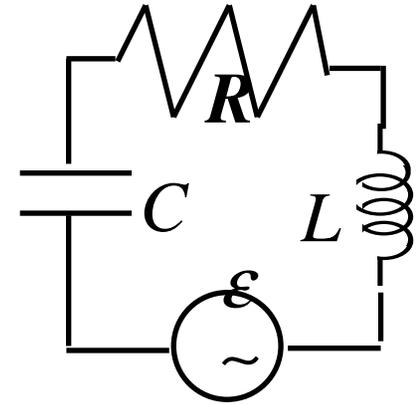


2. Next draw the phasor for  $V_L$ . Since the inductor voltage  $V_L$  always leads  $I_L \rightarrow$  draw  $V_L$   $90^\circ$  further *counterclockwise*. The length of the  $V_L$  phasor is  $I_L X_L = I \omega L$

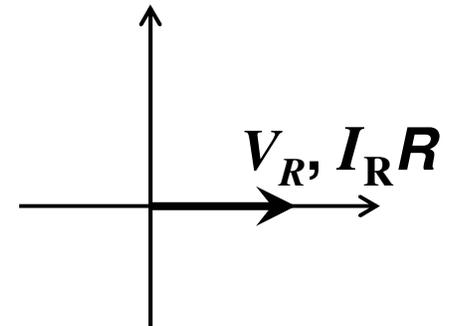


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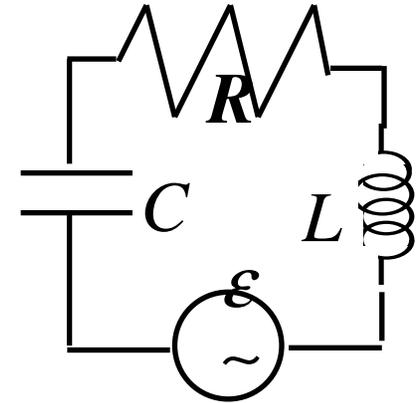


1. Draw  $V_R$  phasor along  $x$ -axis (this direction is chosen for convenience). Note that since  $V_R = I_R R$ , this is also the direction of the current phasor  $i_R$ . Because of Kirchhoff's current law,  $I_L = I_C = I_R \equiv I$  (i.e., the same current flows through each element).

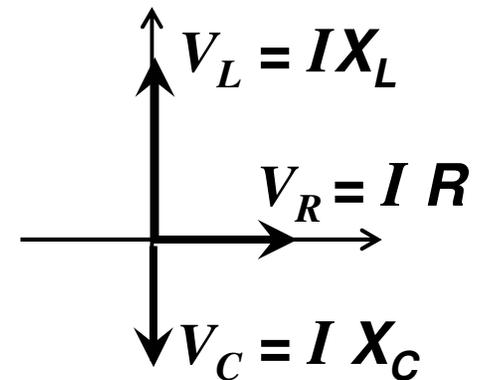


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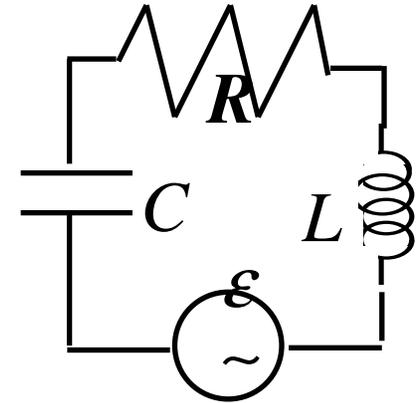
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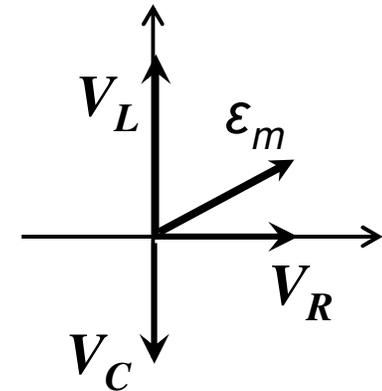
The lengths of the phasors depend on  $R, L, C$ , and  $\omega$ .  
The relative orientation of the  $V_R, V_L$ , and  $V_C$  phasors is always the way we have drawn it. Memorize it!

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- The phasors for  $V_R, V_L$ , and  $V_C$  are added like *vectors* to give the drive voltage  $V_R + V_L + V_C = \varepsilon_m$  :



- From this diagram we can now easily calculate quantities of interest, like the net current  $I$ , the maximum voltage across any of the elements, and the *phase* between the current the drive voltage (and thus the power).

## Voltage $V(t)$ across AC source

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(t) &= \sqrt{(V_R)^2 + (V_L - V_C)^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\
 &= \sqrt{(IR)^2 + (IX_L - IX_C)^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi) \\
 &= I \sqrt{(R)^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi) = IZ \cos(\omega t + \phi)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$Z = \sqrt{(R)^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2} \quad Z \text{ is called "impedance"}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{V_L - V_C}{V_R} = \frac{\omega L - 1/\omega C}{R}$$

Also:

$$V = V^{MAX} = I Z$$

$$\text{Like: } V_R = IR$$

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

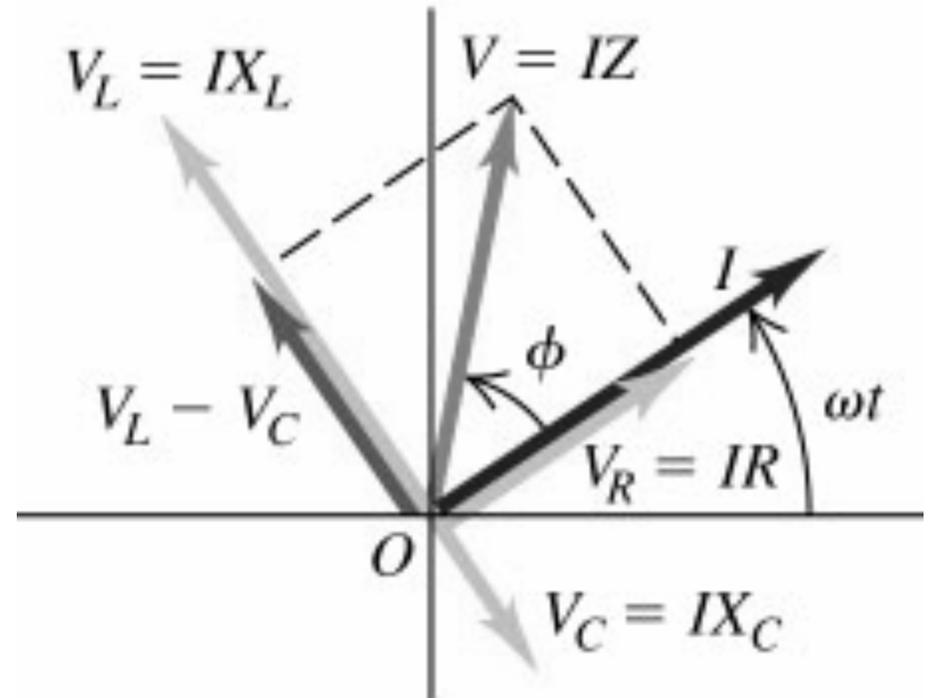
$$i = I \cos \omega t$$

$$v = V \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

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# LRC series circuit; Summary of instantaneous Current and voltages

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$$i(t) = I \cos(\omega t)$$

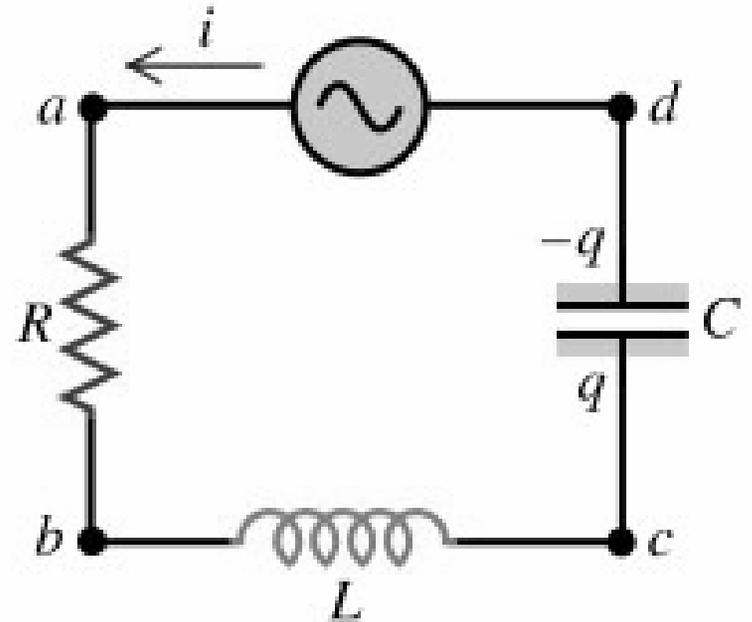
$$v_R(t) = IR \cos(\omega t)$$

$$v_C(t) = IX_C \cos(\omega t - 90) = I \frac{1}{\omega C} \cos(\omega t - 90)$$

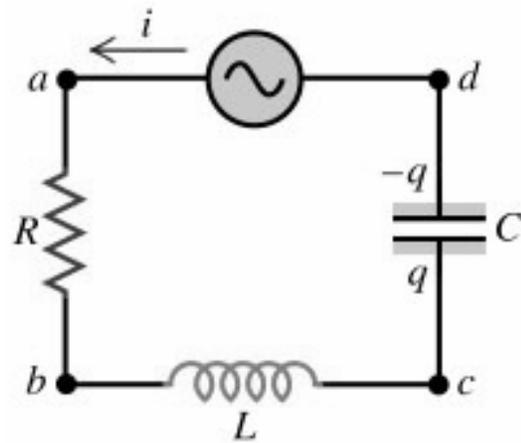
$$v_L(t) = IX_L \cos(\omega t + 90) = I \omega L \cos(\omega t + 90)$$

$$v_{ad}(t) = I \sqrt{(X_R)^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2} \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

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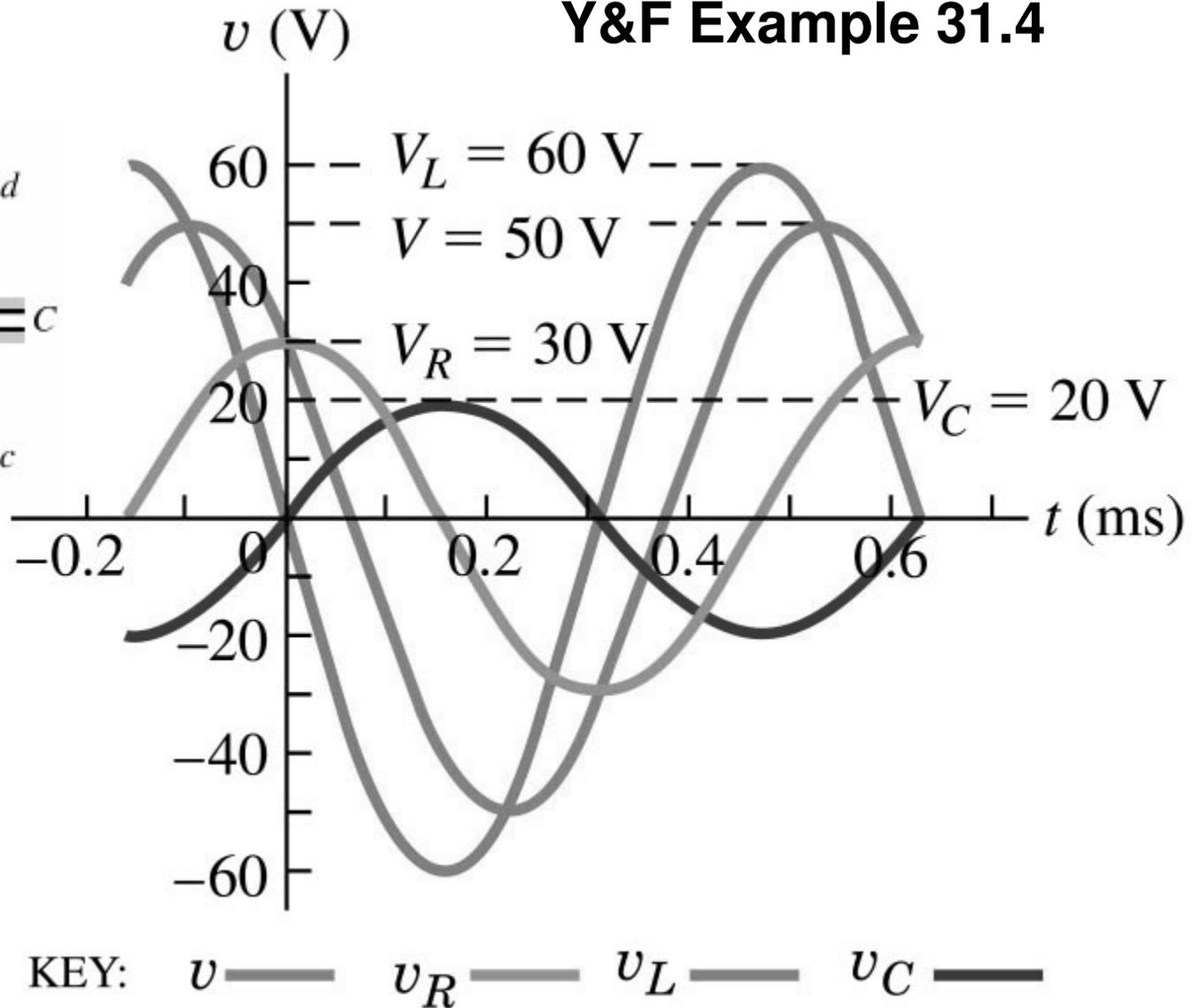


# Alternating Currents: LRC circuit, Fig. 31.11



$V = 50\text{V}$   
 $\omega = 10000\text{rad/s}$   
 $R = 300\text{ohm}$   
 $L = 60\text{mH}$   
 $C = 0.5\mu\text{C}$

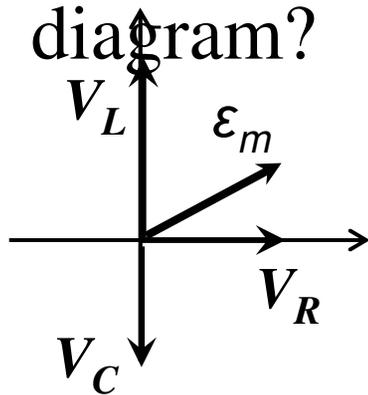
Y&F Example 31.4



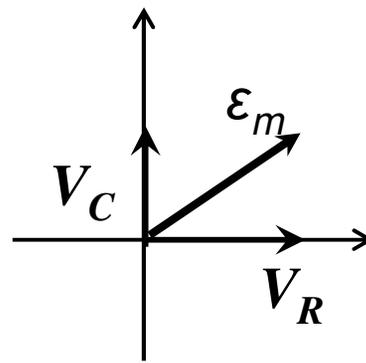
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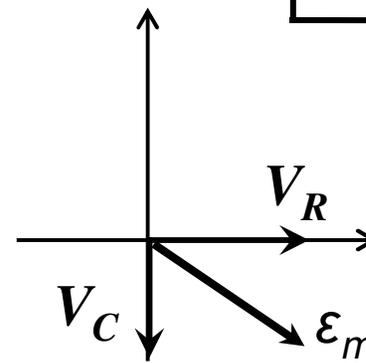
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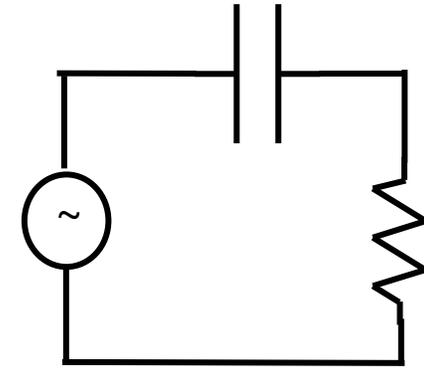
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(b)



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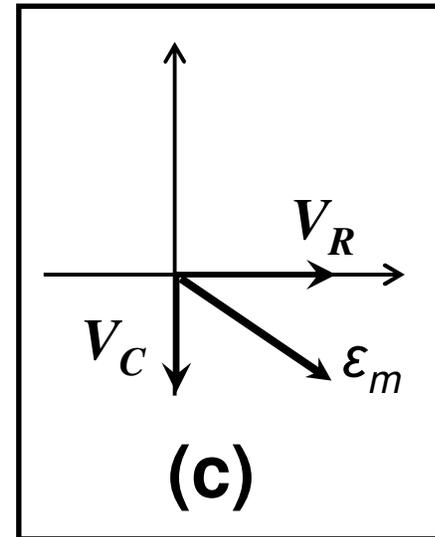
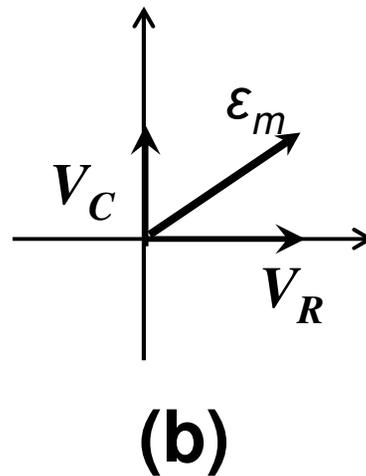
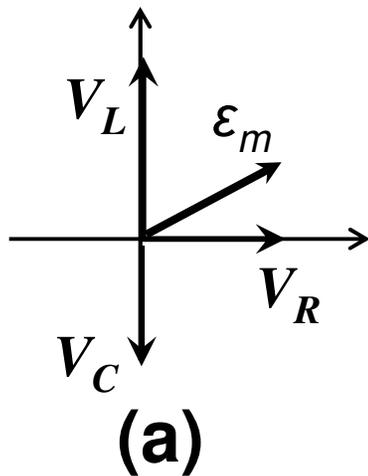
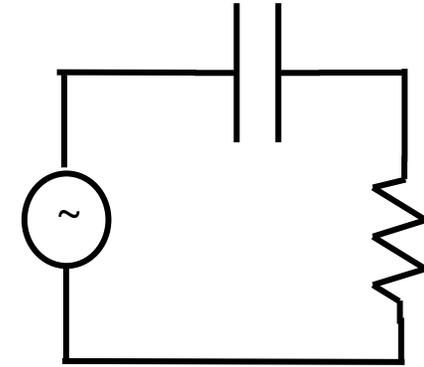
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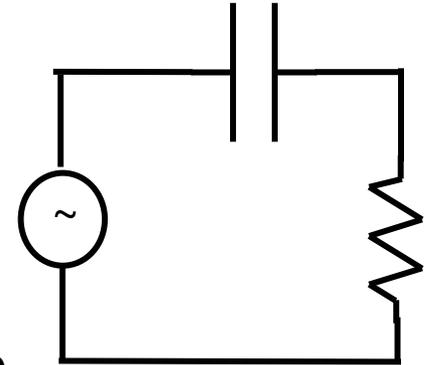
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- The phasor diagram for the driven series RLC circuit always has the voltage across the capacitor lagging the current by  $90^\circ$ . The vector sum of the  $V_C$  and  $V_R$  phasors must equal the generator emf phasor  $\epsilon_m$ .

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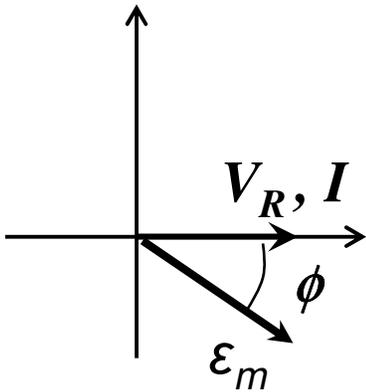


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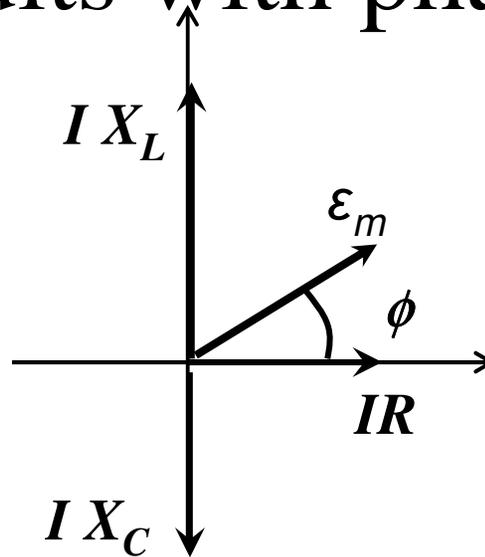
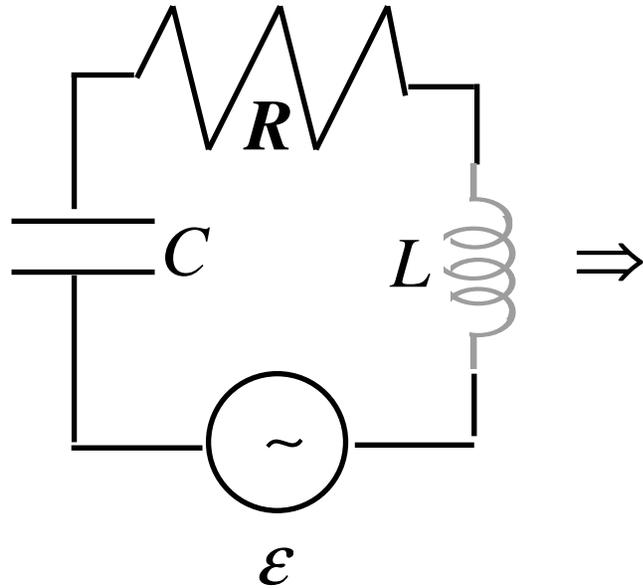
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First, remember that the current phasor  $I$  is *always* in the same orientation as the resistor voltage phasor  $V_R$  (since the current and voltage are always in phase). From the diagram, we see that the drive phasor  $\varepsilon_m$  is *lagging* (clockwise)  $I$ . Just as  $V_C$  lags  $I$  by  $90^\circ$ , in an AC driven RC circuit, the drive voltage will also lag  $I$  by some angle less than  $90^\circ$ . The precise phase lag  $\phi$  depends on the values of  $R$ ,  $C$  and  $\omega$ .

# LRC Circuits with phasors...

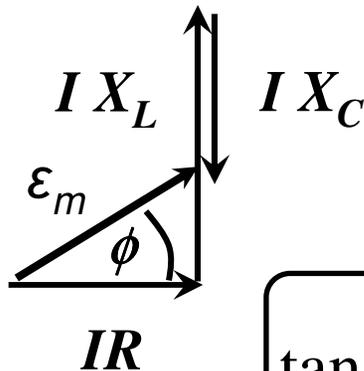


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⇓

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# LRC series circuit; Summary of instantaneous Current and voltages

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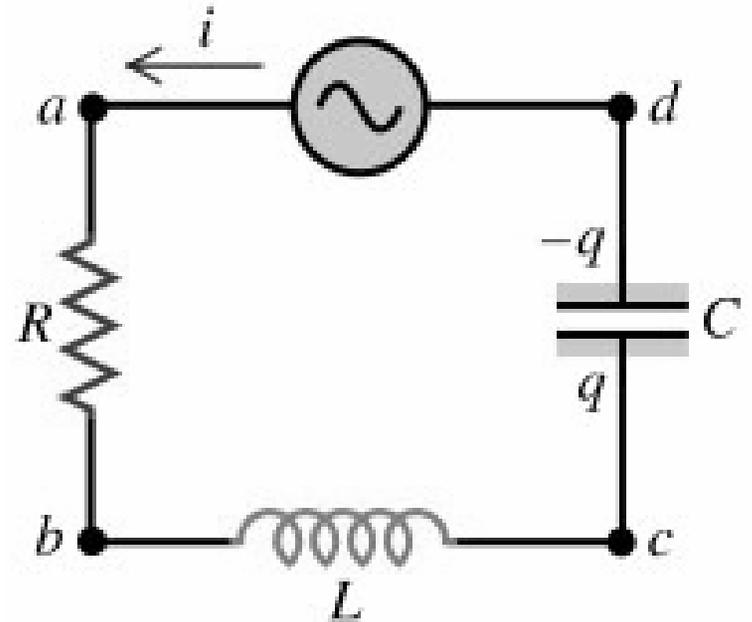
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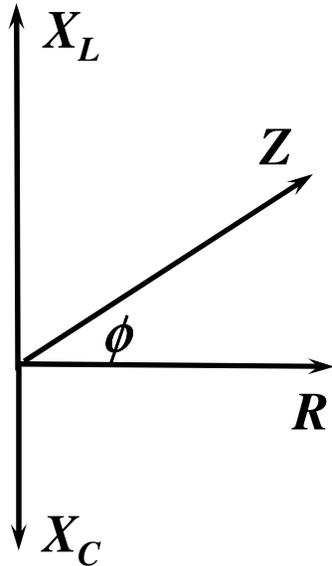
# Lagging & Leading

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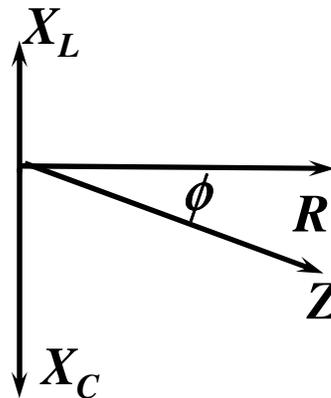
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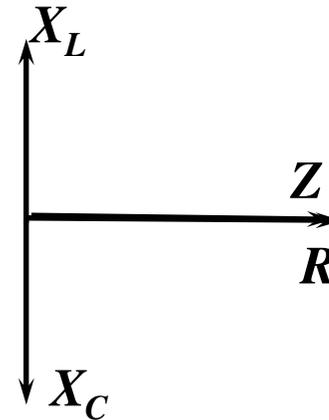
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**current  
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applied voltage**



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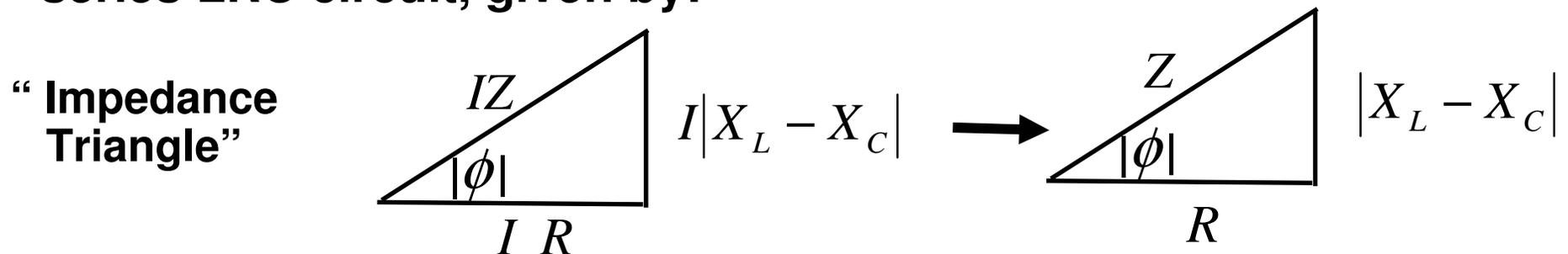
**current  
IN PHASE WITH  
applied voltage**

# Impedance, $Z$

- From the phasor diagram we found that the current amplitude  $I$  was related to the drive voltage amplitude  $\varepsilon_m$  by

$$\varepsilon_m = I Z$$

- $Z$  is known as the “impedance”, and is basically the frequency dependent equivalent resistance of the series LRC circuit, given by:



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

or

$$Z = \frac{R}{\cos(\phi)}$$

- Note that  $Z$  achieves its minimum value ( $R$ ) when  $\phi = 0$ . Under this condition the maximum current flows in the circuit.

# Resonance

- For fixed  $R$ ,  $C$ ,  $L$  the current  $I$  will be a maximum at the resonant frequency  $\omega$  which makes the impedance  $Z$  purely resistive ( $Z = R$ ). i.e.,

$$I_m = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{Z} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}}$$

reaches a maximum when:

$$X_L = X_C$$

This condition is obtained when:

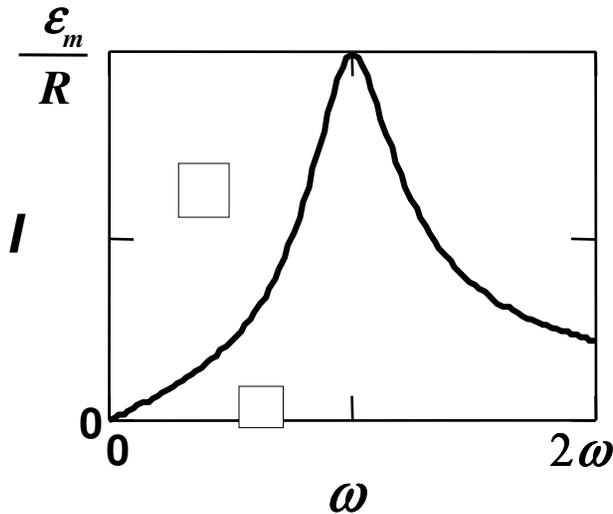
$$\omega L = \frac{1}{\omega C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

- Note that this resonant frequency is identical to the natural frequency of the LC circuit by itself!**
- At this frequency, the current and the driving voltage are in phase:**

$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R} = 0$$

# Resonance

Plot the current versus  $\omega$ , the frequency of the voltage source:



- For  $\omega$  very large,  $X_L \gg X_C$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow 90^\circ$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$
- For  $\omega$  very small,  $X_C \gg X_L$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow -90^\circ$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$

**Example: vary R**

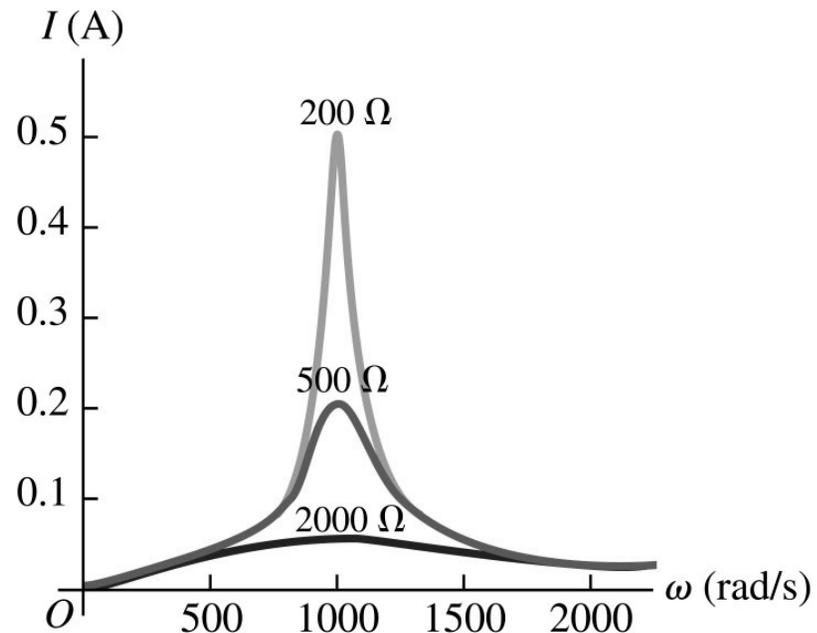
**V=100 v**

**$\omega=1000$  rad/s**

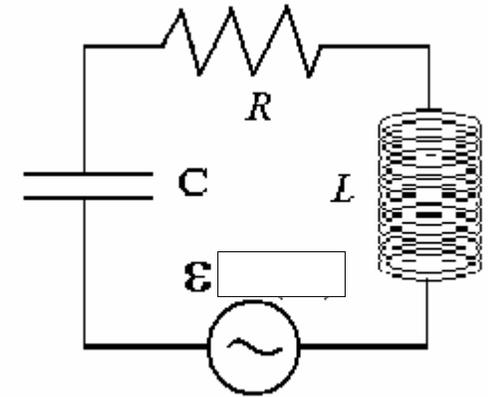
**R=200, 500, 2000 ohm**

**L=2 H**

**C=0.5  $\mu$ C**



Clicker: a general AC circuit containing a resistor, capacitor, and inductor, driven by an AC generator.



1) As the frequency of the circuit is either raised above or lowered below the resonant frequency, the impedance of the circuit \_\_\_\_\_.

a) always increases

b) only increases for lowering the frequency below resonance

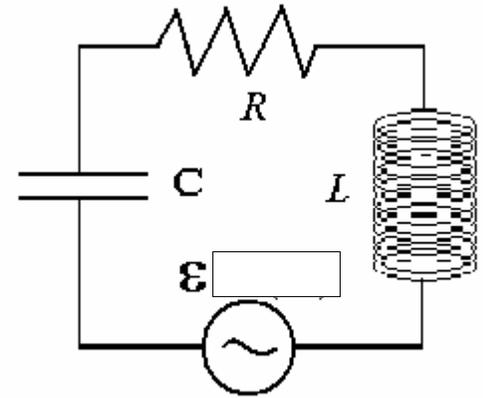
c) only increases for raising the frequency above resonance

2) At the resonant frequency, which of the following is true?

a) The current leads the voltage across the generator.

b) The current lags the voltage across the generator.

c) The current is in phase with the voltage across the generator.



- Impedance =  $Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$
- At resonance,  $(X_L - X_C) = 0$ , and the impedance has its minimum value:  $Z = R$
- As frequency is changed from resonance, either up or down,  $(X_L - X_C)$  no longer is zero and  $Z$  must therefore increase.

Changing the frequency away from the resonant frequency will change both the inductive and capacitive reactance such that  $X_L - X_C$  is no longer 0. This, when squared, gives a positive term to the impedance, increasing its value. By definition, at the resonance frequency,  $I_{\max}$  is at its greatest and the phase angle is 0, so the current is in phase with the voltage across the generator.

# Announcements

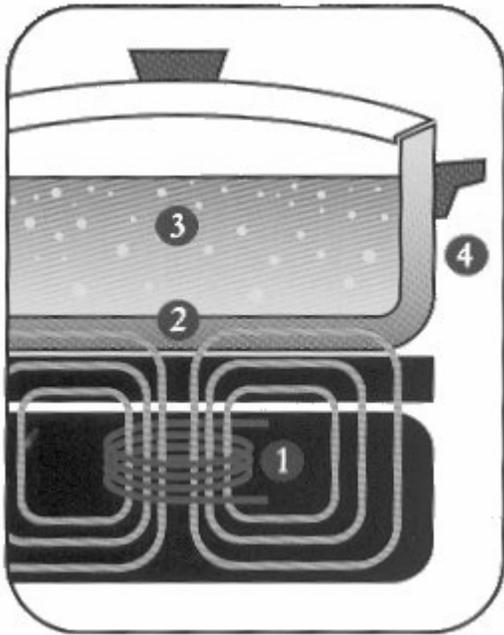
Finish *AC* circuits (review resonance and discuss power)

Move on to electromagnetic (EM) waves

Mini-quiz on magnetic induction

# Induction Cooking

(another application of magnetic induction)



Special induction  
Requires cookware that  
can sustain magnetic flux

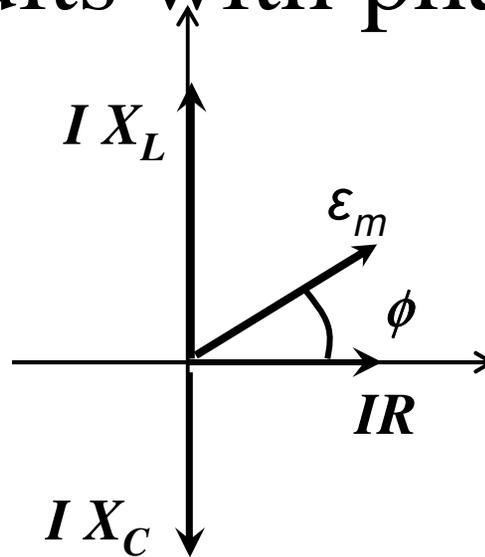
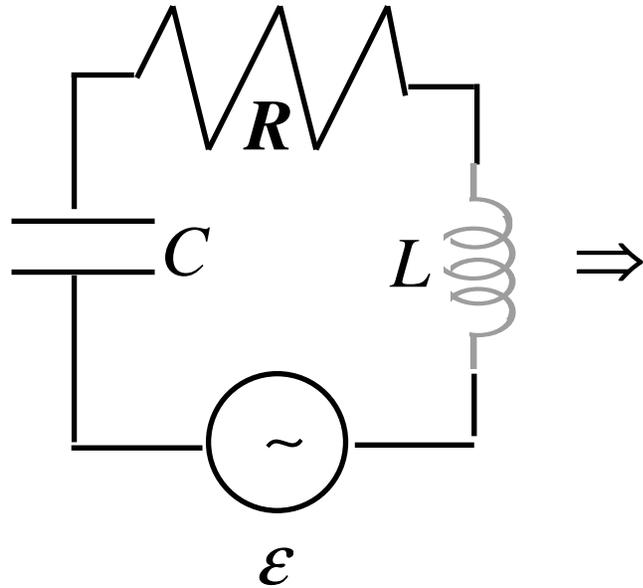
Stove top does not  
become hot !!

**ELI the ICE man**  
(a mnemonic for phase relationships  
in AC circuits)



Also a heavy metal band  
from Missouri (Eli the  
Iceman). Inspired by  
"AC/DC" ?

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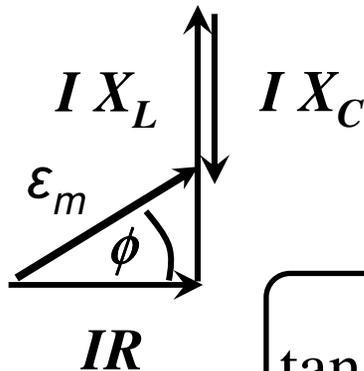


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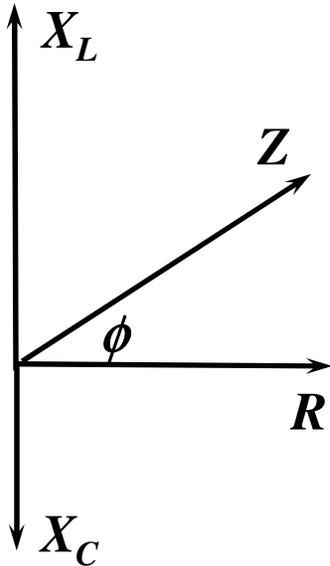
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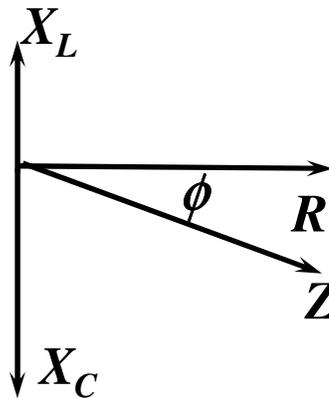
$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$$

$$X_L \equiv \omega L$$
$$X_C \equiv \frac{1}{\omega C}$$



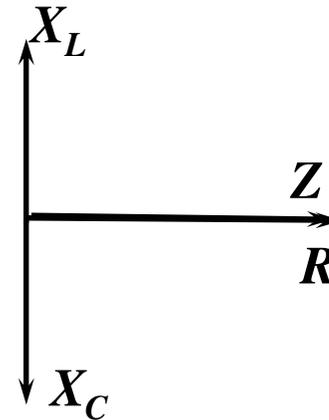
$$X_L > X_C$$
$$\phi > 0$$

**current  
LAGS  
applied voltage**



$$X_L < X_C$$
$$\phi < 0$$

**current  
LEADS  
applied voltage**



$$X_L = X_C$$
$$\phi = 0$$

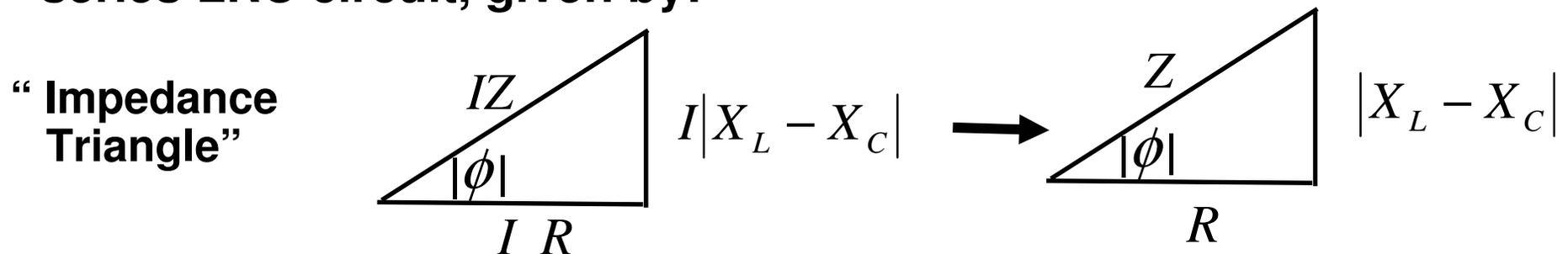
**current  
IN PHASE WITH  
applied voltage**

# Impedance, $Z$

- From the phasor diagram we found that the current amplitude  $I$  was related to the drive voltage amplitude  $\varepsilon_m$  by

$$\varepsilon_m = I Z$$

- $Z$  is known as the “impedance”, and is basically the frequency dependent equivalent resistance of the series LRC circuit, given by:



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

or

$$Z = \frac{R}{\cos(\phi)}$$

- Note that  $Z$  achieves its minimum value ( $R$ ) when  $\phi = 0$ . Under this condition the maximum current flows in the circuit.

# Resonance

- For fixed  $R$ ,  $C$ ,  $L$  the current  $I$  will be a maximum at the resonant frequency  $\omega$  which makes the impedance  $Z$  purely resistive ( $Z = R$ ). i.e., 
$$I = \frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}}$$

reaches a maximum when:

$$X_L = X_C$$

This condition is obtained when:

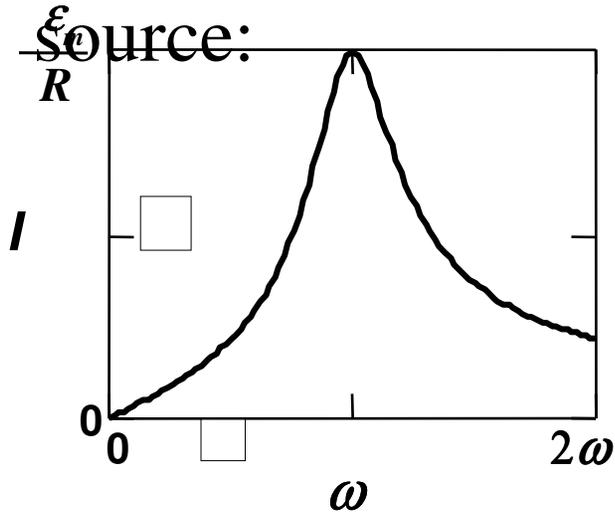
$$\omega L = \frac{1}{\omega C} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

- Note that this resonant frequency is identical to the natural frequency of the LC circuit by itself!**
- At this frequency, the current and the driving voltage are in phase:**

$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R} = 0$$

# Resonance

Plot the current versus  $\omega$ , the frequency of the voltage



- For  $\omega$  very large,  $X_L \gg X_C$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow 90^\circ$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$
- For  $\omega$  very small,  $X_C \gg X_L$ ,  $\phi \rightarrow -90^\circ$ ,  $I \rightarrow 0$

**Example: vary R**

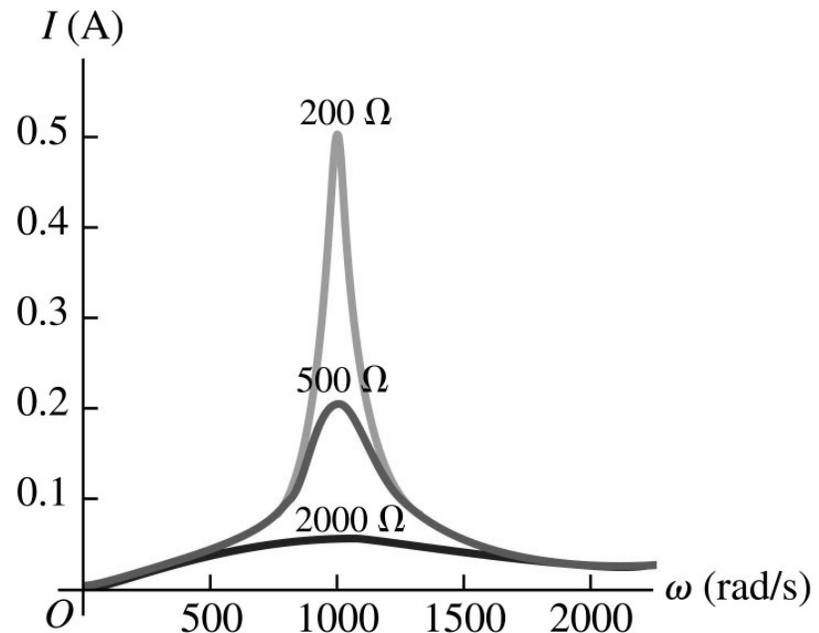
**V=100 v**

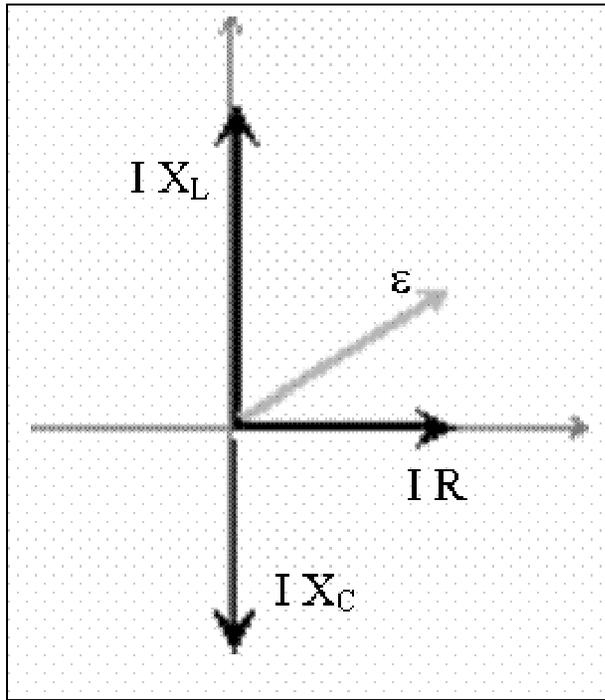
**$\omega=1000$  rad/s**

**R=200, 500, 2000 ohm**

**L=2 H**

**C=0.5  $\mu$ C**





4) Fill in the blanks. This circuit is being driven \_\_\_\_\_ its resonance frequency.

a) above

b) below

c) exactly at

5) The generator voltage \_\_\_\_\_ the current.

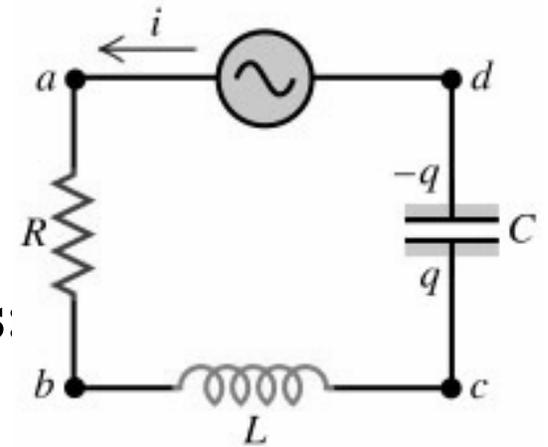
a) leads

b) lags

c) is in phase with

## Power in LRC circuit

$$i(t) = I(t)\cos(\omega t); \quad v_{ad}(t) = V \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



**The instantaneous power delivered to L-R-C is:**

$$P(t) = i(t)v_{ad}(t) = V \cos(\omega t + \phi)I \cos(\omega t)$$

**We can use trig identities to expand the above to,**

$$\begin{aligned} P(t) &= V[\cos(\omega t)\cos(\phi) - \sin(\omega t)\sin(\phi)]I \cos(\omega t) \\ &= VI \cos^2(\omega t)\cos(\phi) - VI \sin(\omega t)\cos(\omega t)\sin(\phi) \\ P_{ave} &= \langle P(t) \rangle = VI \langle \cos^2(\omega t) \rangle \cos(\phi) - VI \langle \sin(\omega t)\cos(\omega t) \rangle \sin(\phi) \\ &= VI \langle \cos^2(\omega t) \rangle \cos(\phi) = VI \left( \frac{1}{2} \right) \cos(\phi) \\ P_{ave} &= \langle P(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} VI \cos(\phi) = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\phi) \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{ave} = V_{RMS} I_{RMS} \cos(\phi)$$

## Power in LRC circuit, continued

$$P_{ave} = \langle P(t) \rangle = \frac{1}{2} VI \cos(\phi) = V_{RMS} I_{RMS} \cos(\phi)$$

General result.  $V_{RMS}$  is voltage across element,  $I_{RMS}$  is current through element, and  $\phi$  is phase angle between them.

Example; 100Watt light bulb plugged into 120V house outlet, Pure resistive load (no L and no C),  $\phi = 0$ .

$$P = I_{rms} V_{rms} = \frac{V_{rms}^2}{R}$$

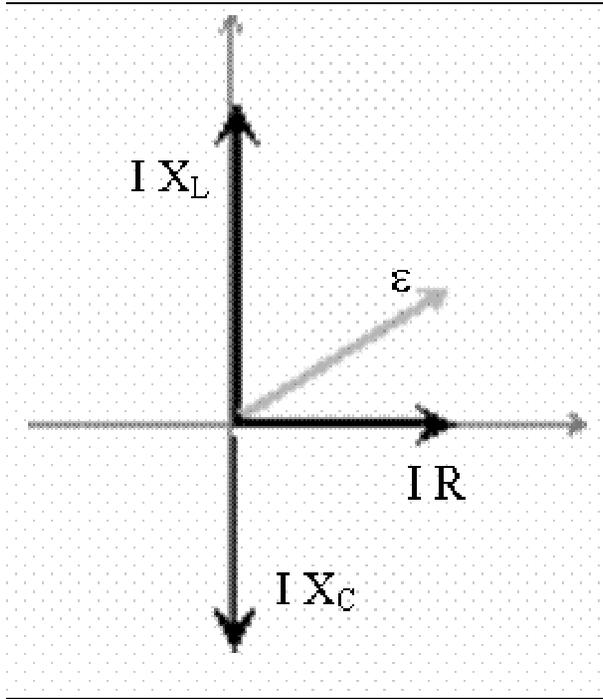
$$R = \frac{V_{rms}^2}{P_{ave}} = \frac{120^2}{100} = 144\Omega$$

$$I_{rms} = \frac{P_{ave}}{V_{rms}} = \frac{100}{120} = 0.83A$$

Note: 120V house voltage is rms and has peak voltage of  $120\sqrt{2} = 170V$

Question: What is  $P_{AVE}$  for an inductor or capacitor?

$$\underline{\phi = 90^\circ}$$



Not a clicker question

If you wanted to increase the power delivered to this  $RLC$  circuit, which modification(s) would work?

Note:  $\varepsilon$  fixed.

a) increase  $R$

b) increase  $C$

c) increase  $L$

d) decrease  $R$

e) decrease  $C$

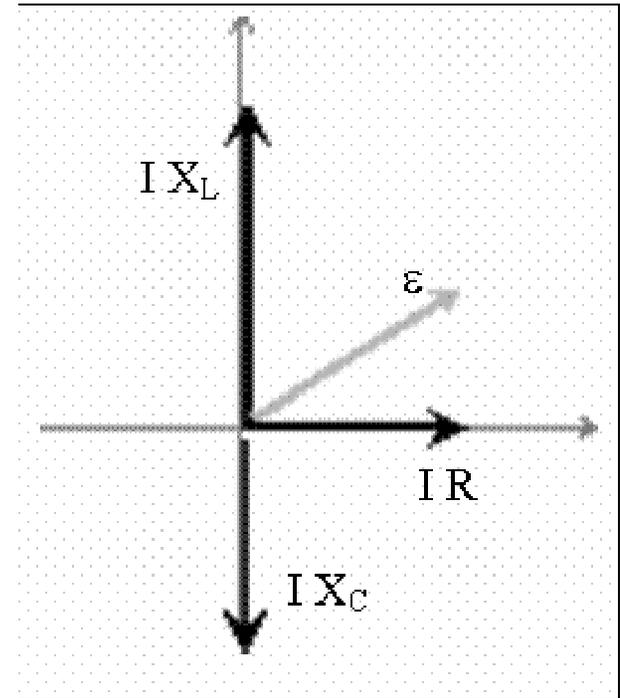
f) decrease  $L$

II) Would using a larger resistor increase the current?

a) yes

b) no

- Power  $\sim I \cos \phi \sim (1/Z)(R/Z) = (R/Z^2)$
- To increase power, want  $Z$  to decrease:
  - $L$ : decrease  $X_L \Rightarrow$  decrease  $L$
  - $C$ : increase  $X_C \Rightarrow$  decrease  $C$
  - $R$ : decrease  $Z \Rightarrow$  decrease  $R$



Since power peaks at the resonant frequency, try to get  $X_L$  and  $X_C$  to be equal by decreasing  $L$  and  $C$ . Power also depends inversely on  $R$ , so decrease  $R$  to increase Power.

# Summary

- Power

“power factor”

$$\langle P(t) \rangle = \mathcal{E}_{rms} I_{rms} \overbrace{\cos \phi}^{\text{“power factor”}}$$
$$= (I_{rms})^2 R$$

$$\mathcal{E}_{rms} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathcal{E}_m$$

$$I_{rms} \equiv \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I_m$$

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

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

- Driven Series LRC Circuit:

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

- Resonance condition
  - Resonant frequency