

# Chapter 31 – Alternating Current

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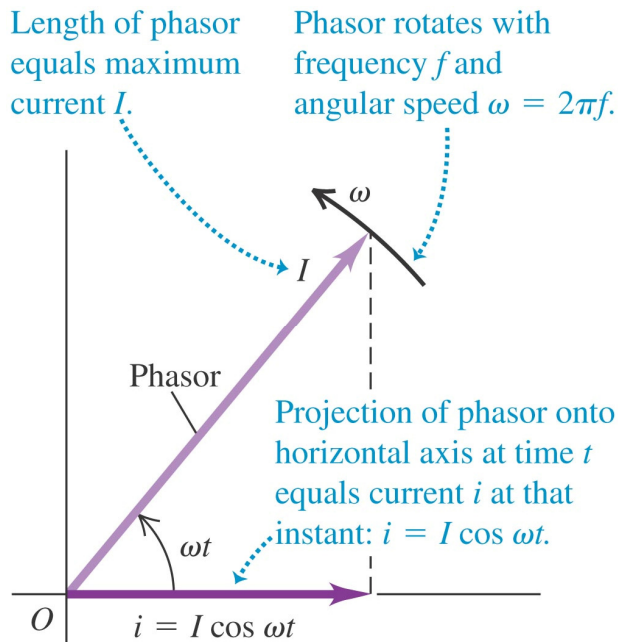
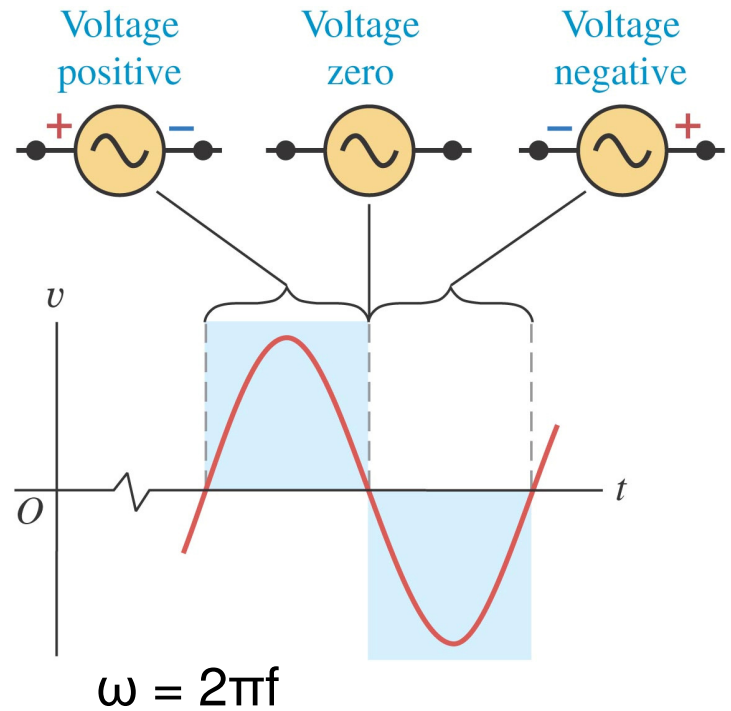
# 1. Phasors and Alternating Currents

Ex. source of ac: coil of wire rotating with constant  $\omega$  in a magnetic field  $\rightarrow$  sinusoidal alternating emf.

$$v = V \cos \omega t$$

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

$v, i$  = instantaneous potential difference / current.  
 $V, I$  = maximum potential difference / current  $\rightarrow$  voltage/current amplitude.



## Phasor Diagrams

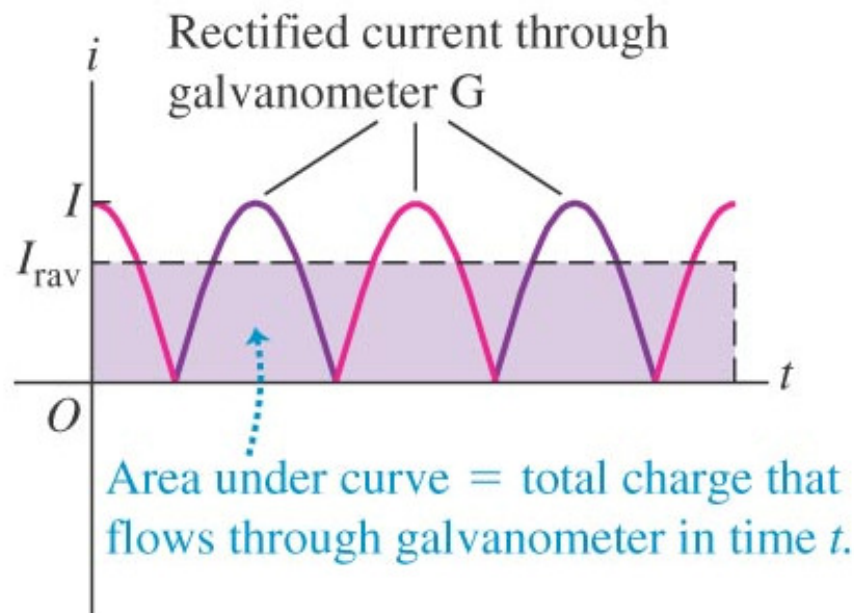
- Represent sinusoidally varying voltages / currents through the projection of a vector, with length equal to the amplitude, onto a horizontal axis.
- **Phasor**: vector that rotates counterclockwise with constant  $\omega$ .

- **Diode** (rectifier): device that conducts better in one direction than in the other. If ideal,  $R = 0$  in one direction and  $R = \infty$  in other.

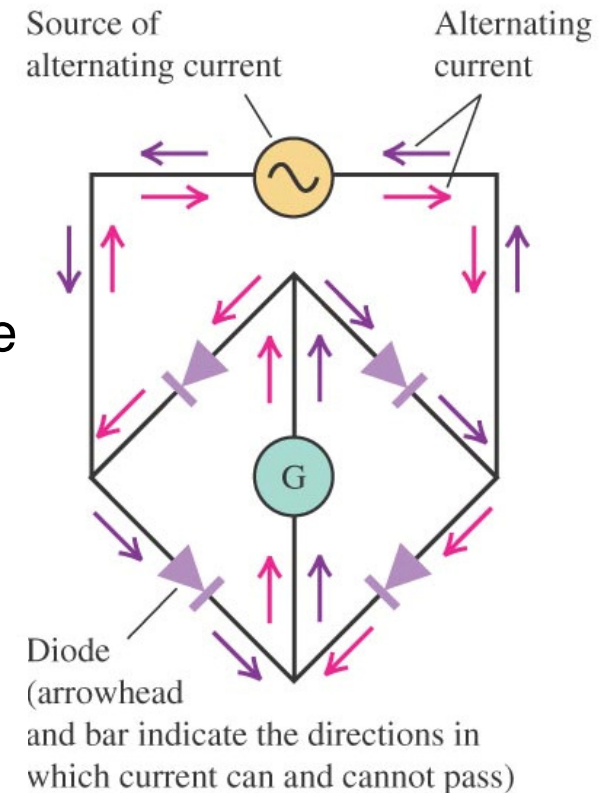
**Rectified average current ( $I_{rav}$ )**: during any whole number of cycles, the total charge that flows is same as if current were constant ( $I_{rav}$ ).

$$i_{rav} = \frac{2}{\pi} I$$

average value of  $I \cos \omega t$  or  $I \sin \omega t$



## full wave rectifier circuit



## Root-Mean Square (rms) values:

$$i_{rms} = \sqrt{(i^2)_{av}} = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}}$$

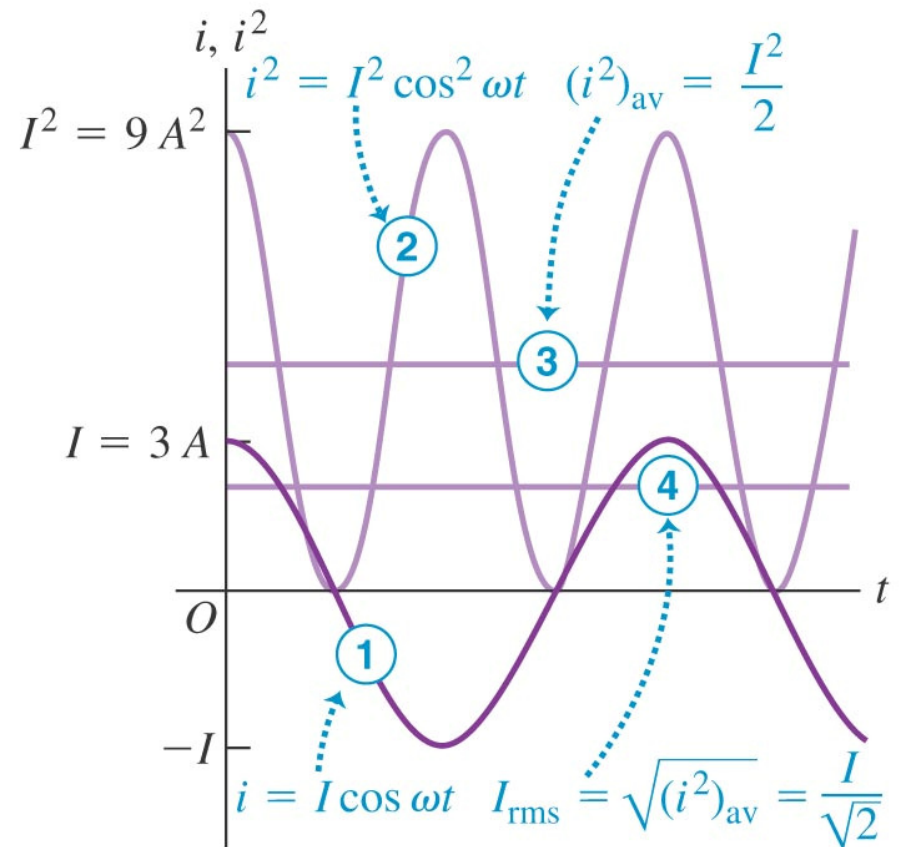
$$i^2 = I^2 \cos^2 \omega t$$

$$\cos^2 \omega t = 0.5 \cdot (1 + \cos 2\omega t)$$

$$i^2 = 0.5I^2 + 0.5I^2 \cos(2\omega t)$$

**Meaning of the rms value** of a sinusoidal quantity (here, ac current with  $I = 3 \text{ A}$ ):

- ① Graph current  $i$  versus time.
- ② Square the instantaneous current  $i$ .
- ③ Take the *average* (mean) value of  $i^2$ .
- ④ Take the *square root* of that average.

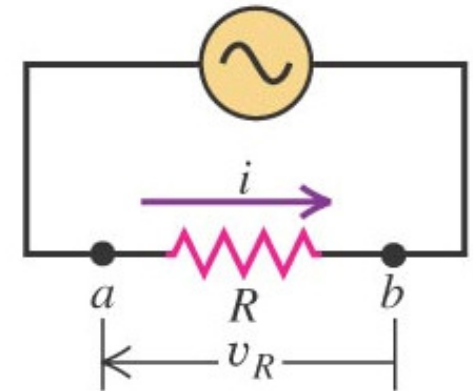


## 2. Resistance and Reactance

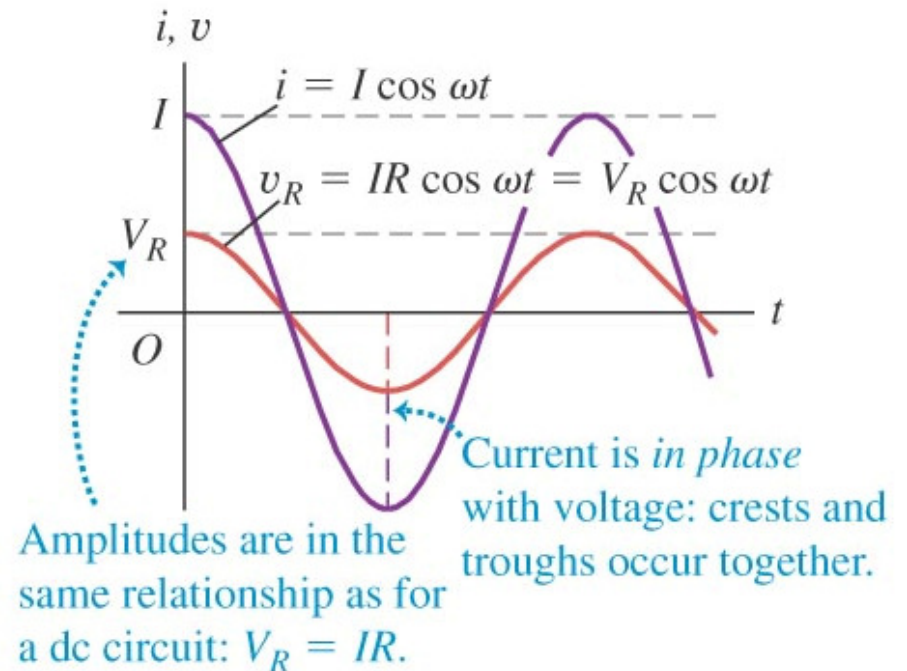
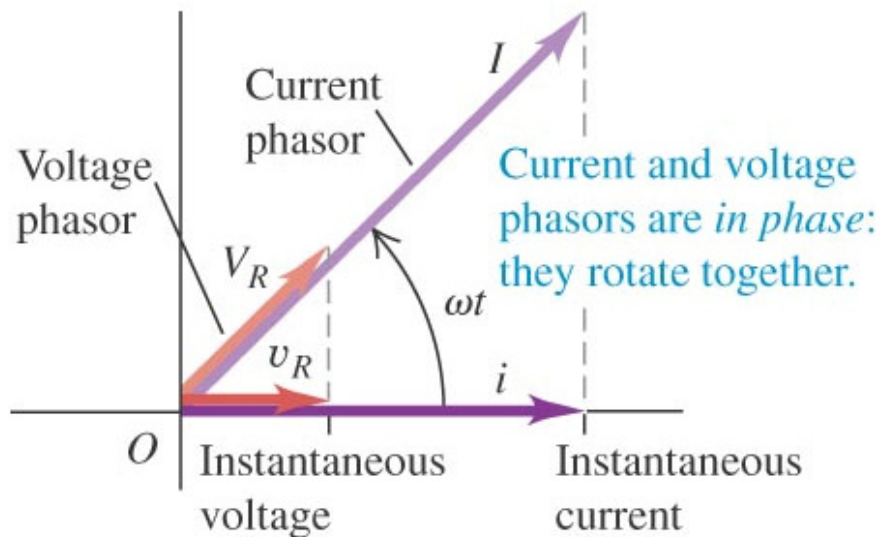
### Resistor in an ac circuit

$$v_R = iR = (IR) \cos \omega t = V_R \cos \omega t \quad (\text{instantaneous potential})$$

$$V_R = IR \quad (\text{amplitude -max- of voltage across R})$$



- Current in phase with voltage  $\rightarrow$  phasors rotate together



## Inductor in an ac Circuit

- Current varies with time  $\rightarrow$  self-induced emf  $\rightarrow$   
 $di/dt > 0 \rightarrow \varepsilon < 0$

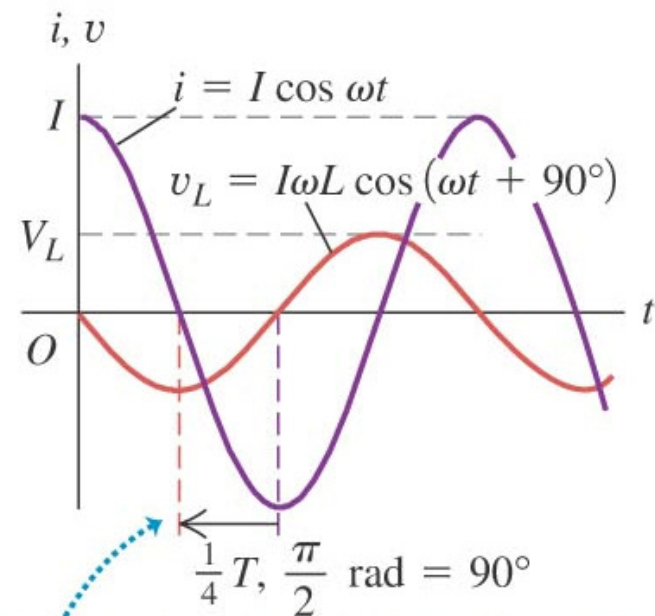
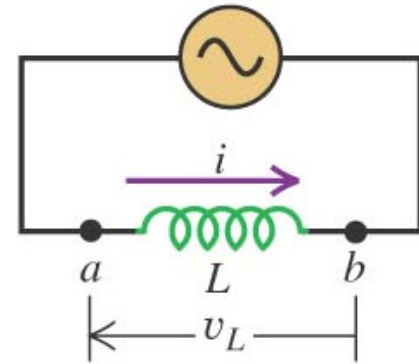
$$\varepsilon = -L \frac{di}{dt}$$

$$V_a > V_b \rightarrow V_{ab} = V_a - V_b = V_L = L \frac{di}{dt} > 0$$

$$v_L = L \frac{di}{dt} = L \frac{d}{dt} (I \cos \omega t)$$

$$v_L = -I\omega L \sin \omega t = I\omega L \cos(\omega t + 90^\circ)$$

$v_L$  has  $90^\circ$  "head start" with respect to  $i$ .



Voltage curve leads current curve by a quarter-cycle (corresponding to  $\phi = \pi/2 \text{ rad} = 90^\circ$ ).

## Inductor in an ac circuit

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

$$v_L = \frac{I \omega L}{V_L} \cos(\omega t + 90^\circ)$$

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

$\varphi = \text{phase angle} = \text{phase of voltage relative to current}$

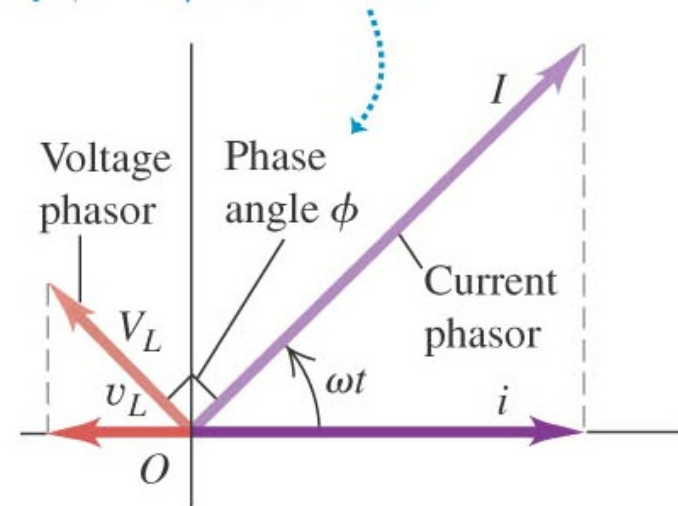
Pure resistor:  $\varphi = 0$

Pure inductor:  $\varphi = 90^\circ$

Inductive reactance:  $X_L = \omega L$

Voltage amplitude:  $V_L = IX_L = I\omega L$

Voltage phasor *leads* current phasor by  $\phi = \pi/2 \text{ rad} = 90^\circ$ .

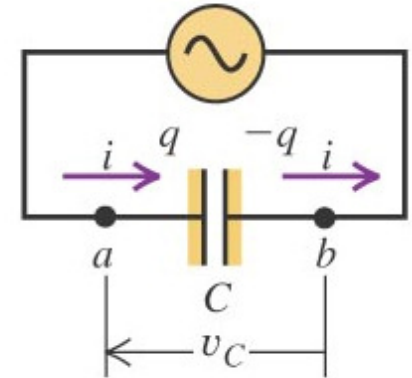


$$I = \frac{V_L}{\omega L} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{High } \omega \rightarrow \text{low } I \\ \text{Low } \omega \rightarrow \text{high } I \end{array}$$

Inductors used to block high  $\omega$

## Capacitor in an ac circuit

As the capacitor charges and discharges  $\rightarrow$  at each  $t$ , there is "i" in each plate, and equal displacement current between the plates, as though charge was conducted through  $C$ .



$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = I \cos \omega t \quad \rightarrow \quad \int dq = \int I \cos \omega t dt$$

$$q = \frac{I}{\omega} \sin \omega t$$

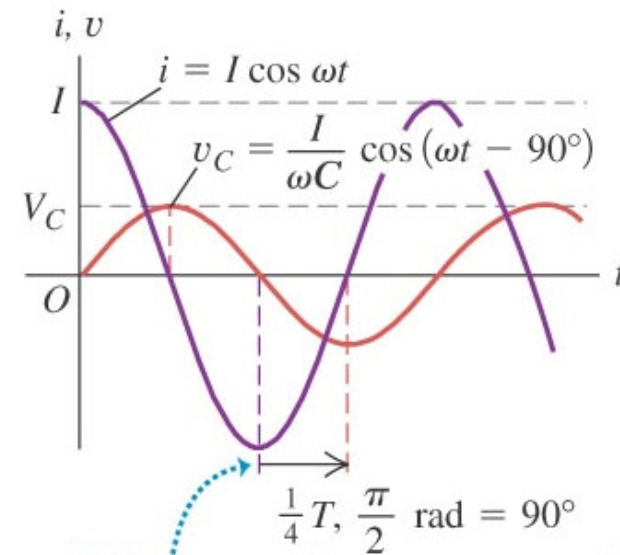
$$v_c = \frac{q}{C} = \frac{I}{\omega C} \sin \omega t = \frac{I}{\omega C} \cos(\omega t - 90^\circ)$$

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

Pure capacitor:  $\phi = 90^\circ$

$v_c$  lags current by  $90^\circ$ .

$$C = q / v_C$$



Voltage curve lags current curve by a quarter-cycle (corresponding to  $\phi = \pi/2$  rad =  $90^\circ$ ).



Capacitive reactance:

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

$$V_C = IX_C$$

(amplitude of voltage across C)

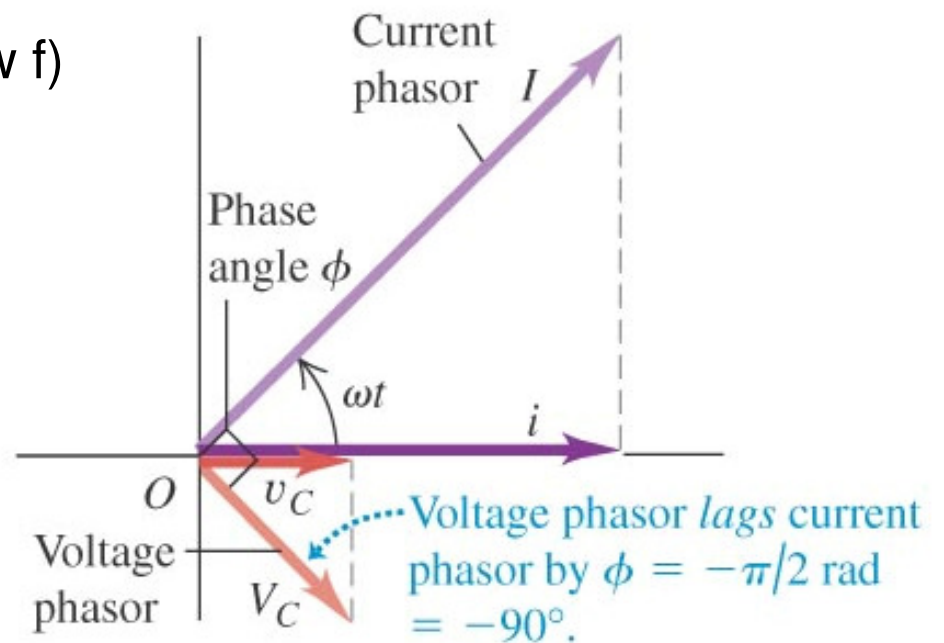
$$I = V_C \omega C$$

High  $\omega \rightarrow$  high I

Low  $\omega \rightarrow$  low I

Capacitor in an ac circuit

Capacitors used to block low  $\omega$  (or low f)  
 $\rightarrow$  high-pass filter



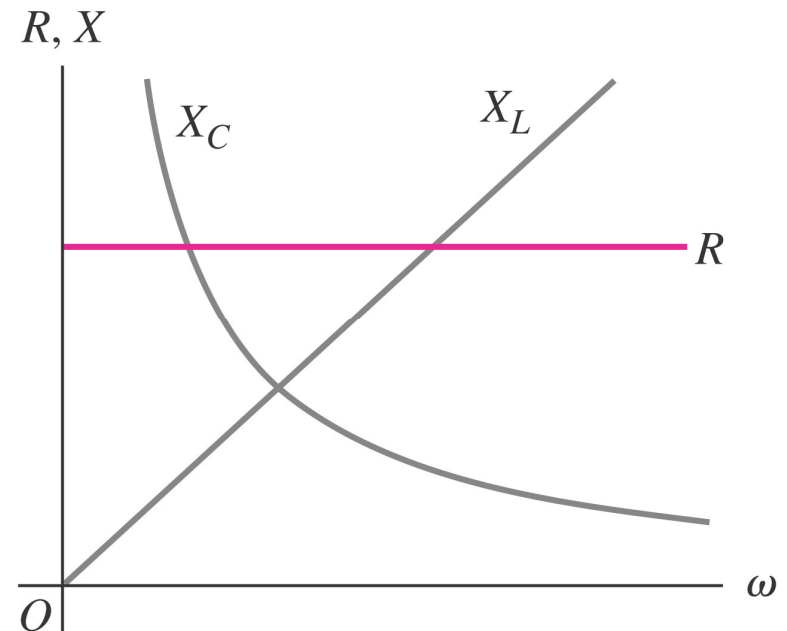
## Comparing ac circuit elements:

- R is independent of  $\omega$ .
- $X_L$  and  $X_C$  depend on  $\omega$ .
- If  $\omega = 0$  (dc circuit)  $\rightarrow X_C = 1/\omega C \rightarrow \infty$   
 $\rightarrow i_c = 0$

$$X_L = \omega L = 0$$

- If  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $X_L \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow i_L = 0$

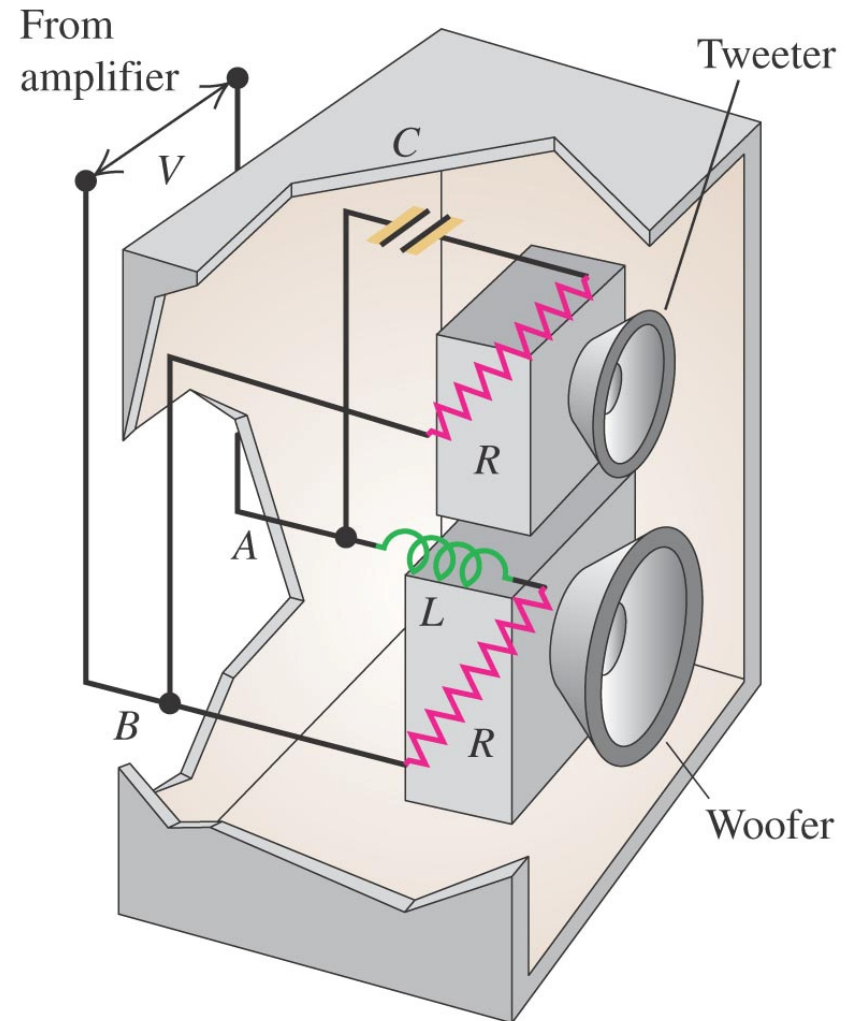
$X_C = 0 \rightarrow V_C = 0 \rightarrow$  current changes direction so rapidly that no charge can build up on each plate.



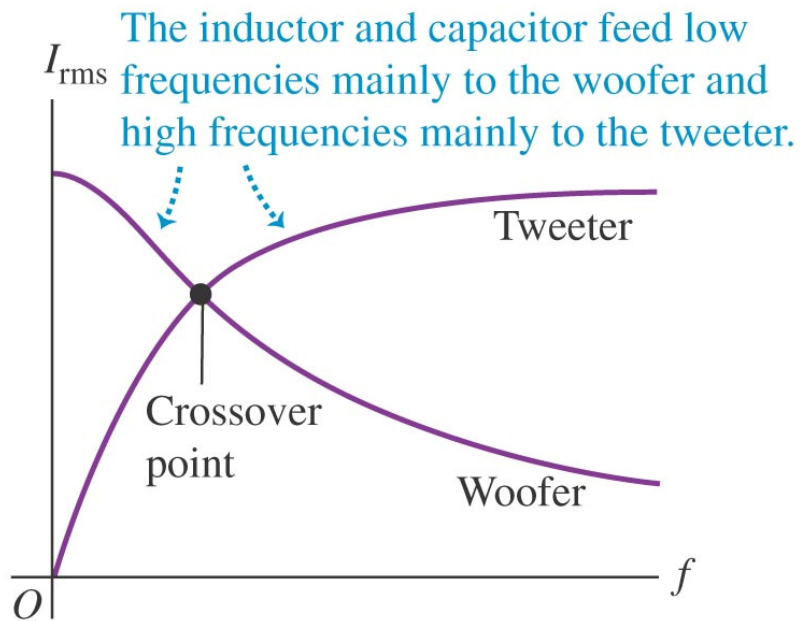
Circuit Element	Amplitude Relationship	Circuit Quantity	Phase of $v$
Resistor	$V_R = IR$	$R$	In phase with $i$
Inductor	$V_L = IX_L$	$X_L = \omega L$	Leads $i$ by $90^\circ$
Capacitor	$V_C = IX_C$	$X_C = 1/\omega C$	Lags $i$ by $90^\circ$

Example: amplifier  $\rightarrow$  C in tweeter branch blocks low-f components of sound but passes high-f; L in woofer branch does the opposite.

A crossover network in a loudspeaker system

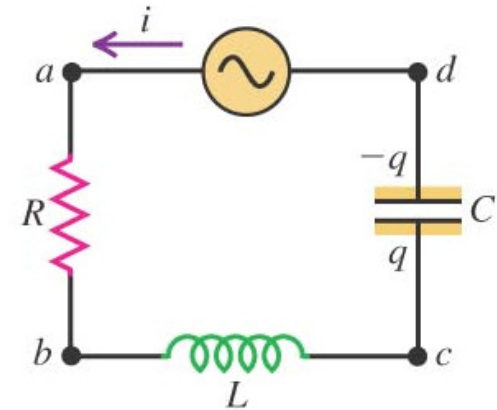


Graphs of rms current as functions of frequency for a given amplifier voltage



### 3. The L-R-C Series Circuit

- Instantaneous  $v$  across L, C, R =  $v_{ad} = v$  source
- Total voltage phasor = vector sum of phasors of individual voltages.
- C, R, L in series  $\rightarrow$  same current,  $i = I \cos \omega t \rightarrow$  only one phasor ( $I$ ) for three circuit elements, amplitude  $I$ .



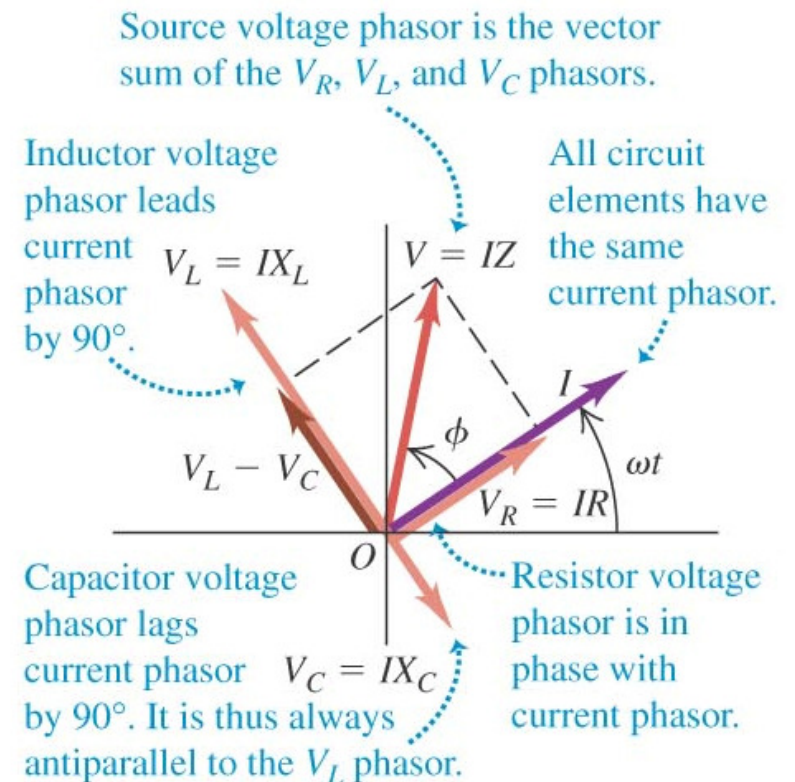
- The projections of  $I$  and  $V$  phasors onto horizontal axis at  $t$  give rise to instantaneous  $i$  and  $v$ .

$$V_C = IR$$

$$V_L = IX_L$$

$$V_C = IX_C$$

(amplitudes = maximum values)



- The instantaneous potential difference between terminals a,d =
- = algebraic sum of  $v_R$ ,  $v_C$ ,  $v_L$  (instantaneous voltages) =
- = sum of projections of phasors  $V_R$ ,  $V_C$ ,  $V_L$
- = projection of their vector sum ( $V$ ) that represents the source voltage  $v$  and instantaneous voltage  $v_{ad}$  across series of elements.

$$V = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_L - V_C)^2} = \sqrt{(IR)^2 + (IX_L - IX_C)^2} = I\sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

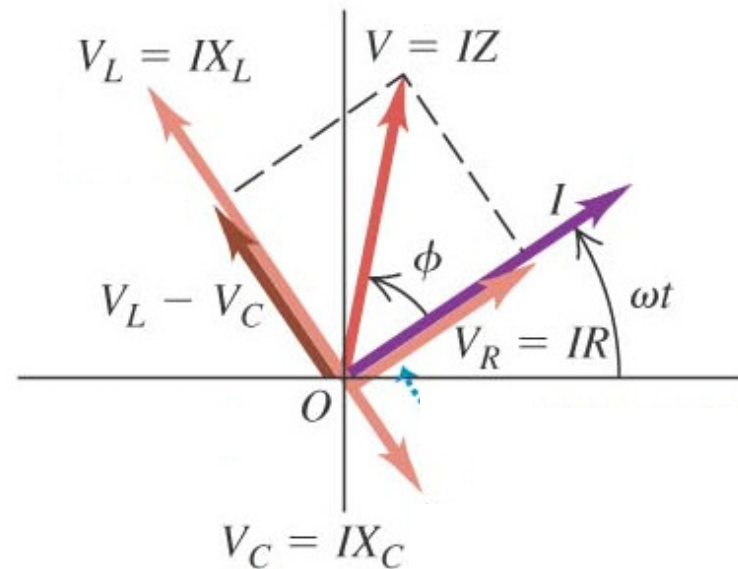
Impedance:

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

$$V = IZ$$

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + [\omega L - (1/\omega C)]^2}$$

Impedance of R-L-C series circuit



$$\tan \varphi = \frac{V_L - V_C}{V_R} = \frac{I(X_L - X_C)}{IR} = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$$

Phase angle of the source voltage with respect to current

$$\tan \varphi = \frac{\omega L - 1/\omega C}{R}$$

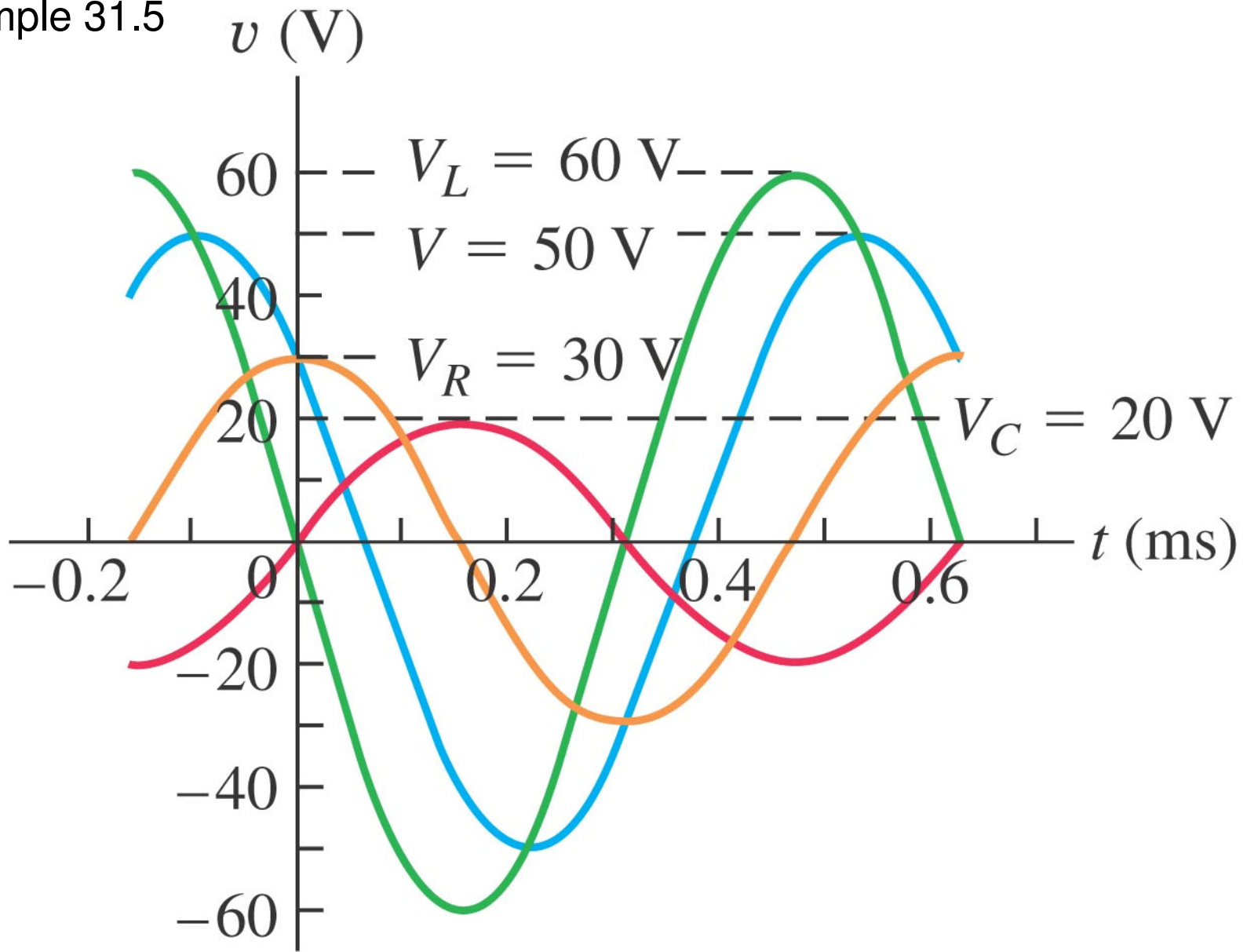
$$i = I \cos \omega t$$

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

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

$$\frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} Z$$

Example 31.5



KEY:  $v$  —  $v_R$  —  $v_L$  —  $v_C$  —

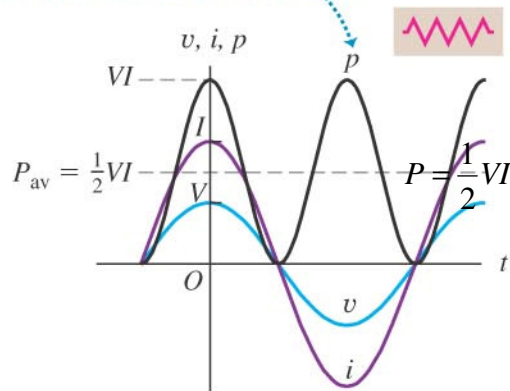
## 4. Power in Alternating-Current Circuits

$$P = \frac{1}{2}VI$$

$$P_{av} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} = V_{rms} I_{rms} = I_{rms}^2 R = \frac{V_{rms}^2}{R}$$

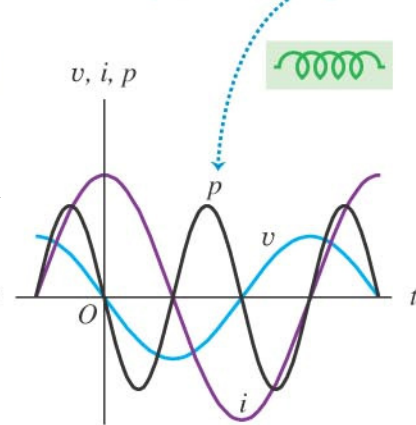
(a) Pure resistor

For a resistor,  $p = vi$  is always positive because  $v$  and  $i$  are either both positive or both negative at any instant.

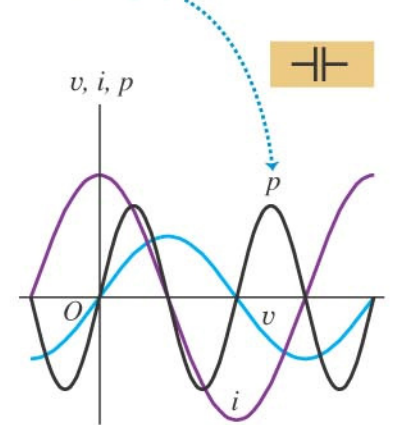


(b) Pure inductor

For an inductor or capacitor,  $p = vi$  is alternately positive and negative, and the average power is zero.

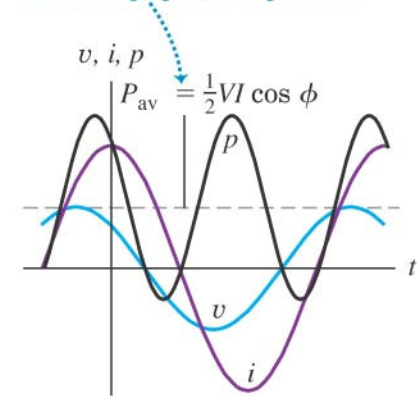


(c) Pure capacitor



(d) Arbitrary ac circuit

For an arbitrary combination of resistors, inductors, and capacitors, the average power is positive.



KEY: Instantaneous current,  $i$  —

Instantaneous voltage across device,  $v$  —

Instantaneous power input to device,  $p$  —



## Power in a General Circuit

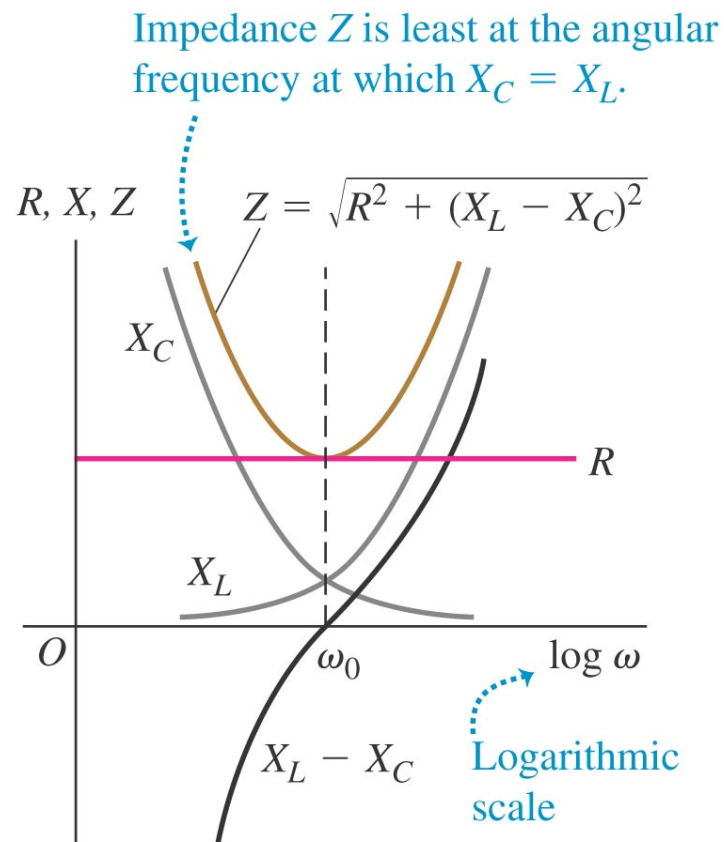
$$\begin{aligned} P &= vi = [V \cos(\omega t + \varphi)][I \cos \omega t] = [V(\cos \omega t \cos \varphi - \sin \omega t \sin \varphi)][I \cos \omega t] \\ &= VI \cos \varphi \cos^2 \omega t - VI \sin \varphi \cos \omega t \sin \omega t \end{aligned}$$

$$P_{av} = \frac{1}{2} VI \cos \varphi = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos \varphi$$

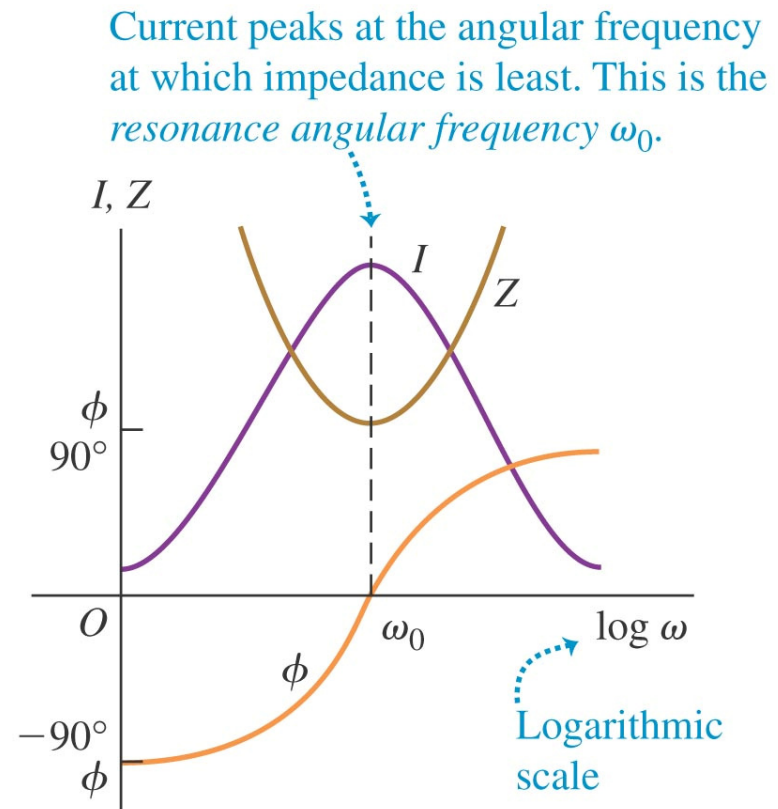
## 5. Resonance in Alternating-Current Circuits

$$X_L = X_C \quad \omega_0 L = \frac{1}{\omega_0 C} \quad \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

Reactance, resistance, and impedance as functions of angular frequency



Impedance, current, and phase angle as functions of angular frequency



## 6. Transformers

$$\mathcal{E}_1 = -N_1 \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt} \quad \mathcal{E}_2 = -N_2 \frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}$$

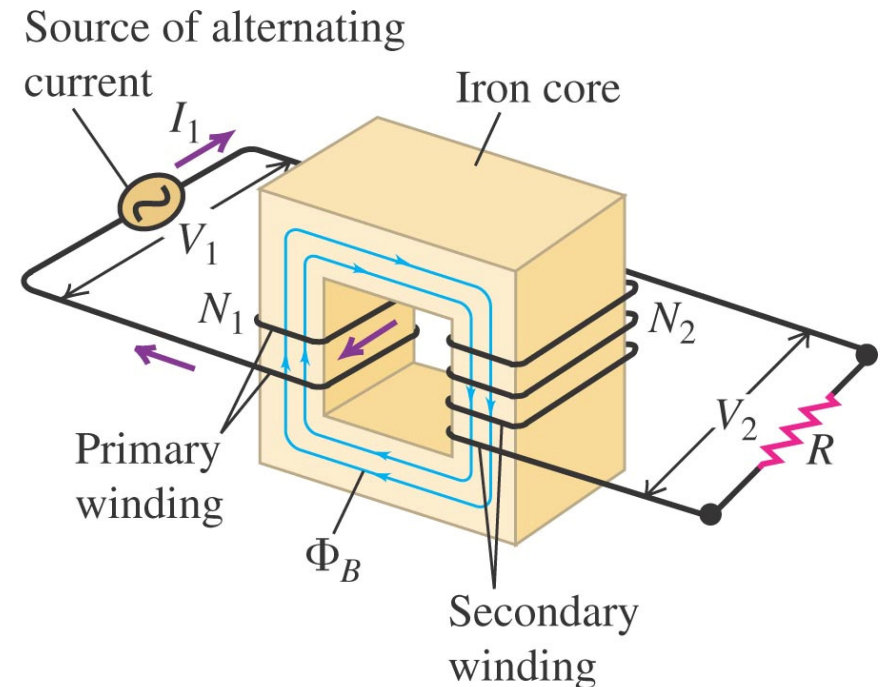
$$\frac{\mathcal{E}_2}{\mathcal{E}_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$

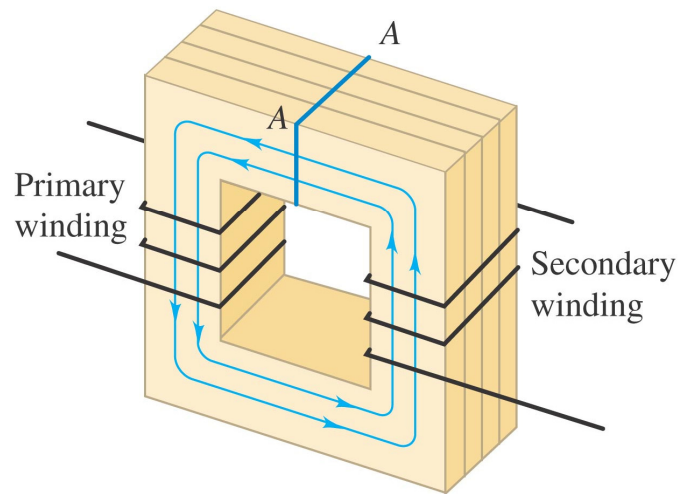
$$\frac{V_2}{I_1} = \frac{R}{(N_2 / N_1)}$$

The induced emf *per turn* is the same in both coils, so we adjust the ratio of terminal voltages by adjusting the ratio of turns:

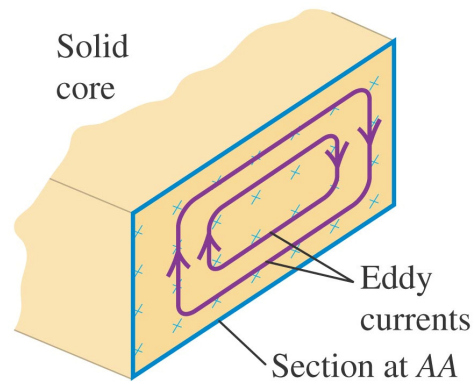
$$\frac{V_2}{V_1} = \frac{N_2}{N_1}$$



Schematic transformer



Large eddy currents in solid core



Smaller eddy currents in laminated core

