

# Oscillating Currents

- **Ch.30: Induced E Fields: Faraday's Law**
- **Ch.30: RL Circuits**
- **Ch.31: Oscillations and AC Circuits**

# Review: Inductance

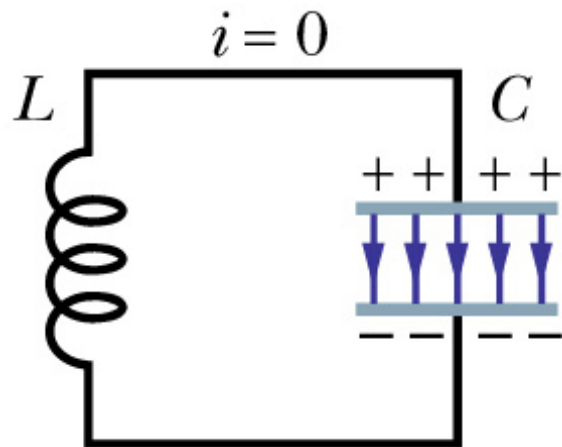
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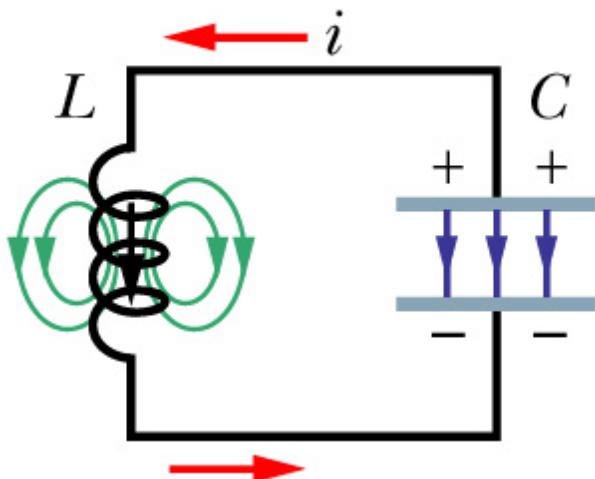
- SI unit of inductance is the **henry (H)**.

# LC Circuit Oscillations

Suppose we try to discharge a capacitor, using an *inductor* instead of a resistor:



At time  $t=0$  the capacitor has maximum charge and the current is zero.



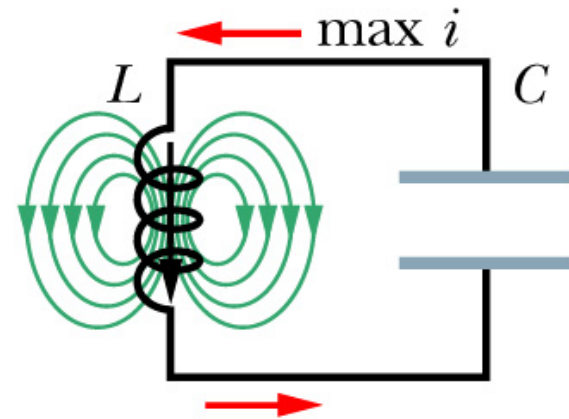
Later, current is increasing and capacitor's charge is decreasing

# Oscillations (cont'd)

What happens when  $q=0$ ?

Does  $I=0$  also?

No, because inductor does not allow sudden changes.

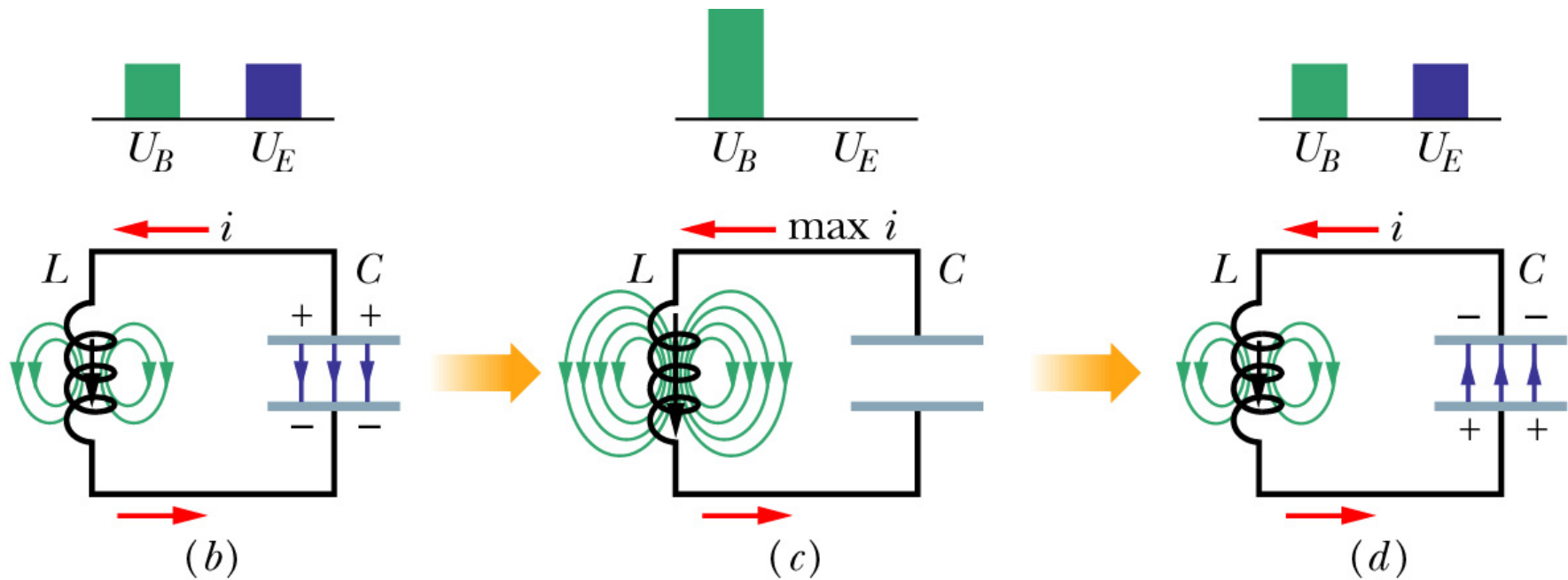


In fact,  $q = 0$  means  $i = \text{maximum!}$

So now, charge starts to build up on  $C$  again, but in the *opposite direction!*



## Textbook Figure 31-1

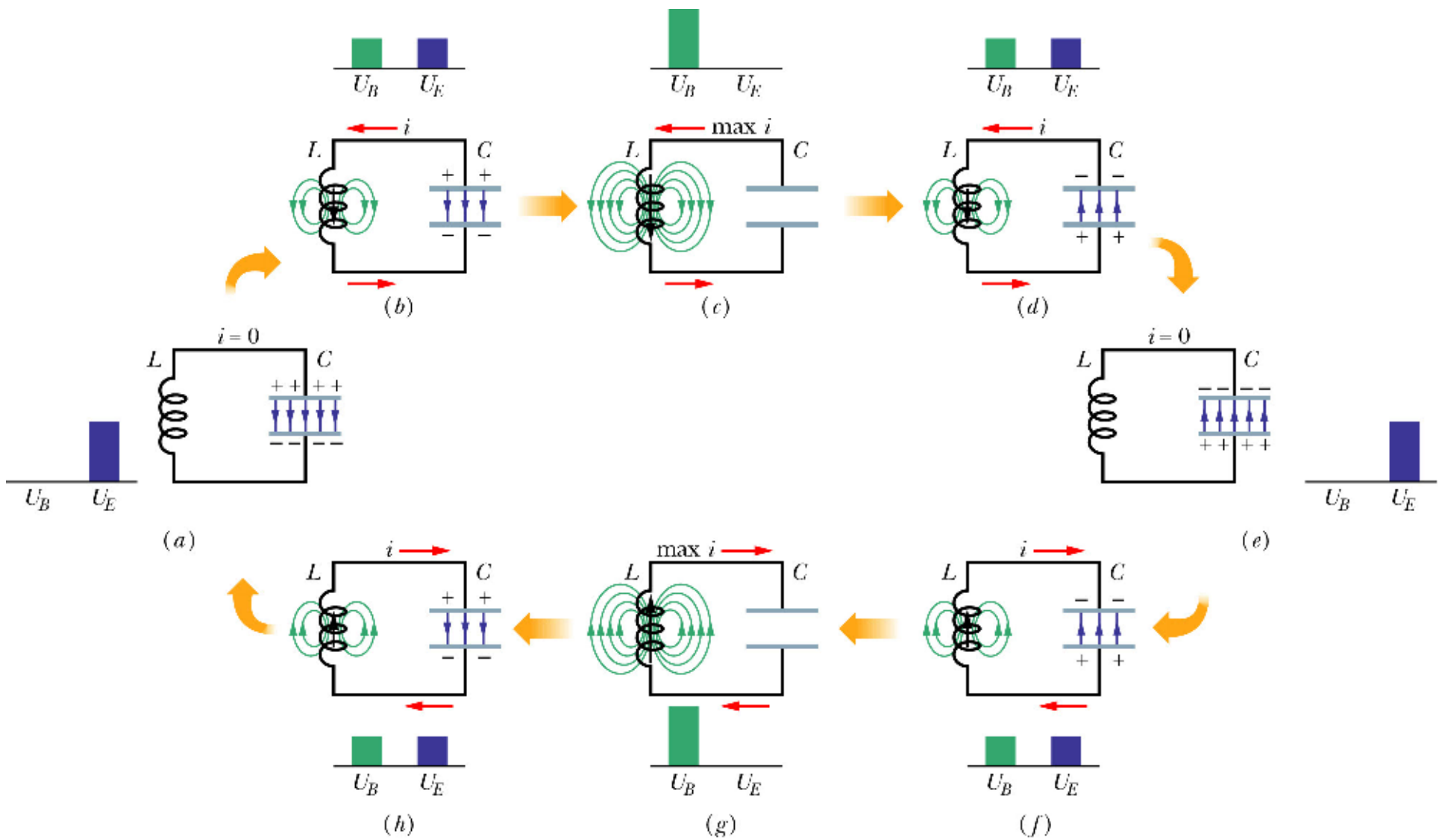


Energy is moving back and forth between C,L

$$U_L = U_B = \frac{1}{2} Li^2$$

$$U_C = U_E = \frac{1}{2} q^2 / C$$

# Textbook Figure 31-1



# Mechanical Analogy

- Looks like SHM (Ch. 15) Mass on spring.
- Variable  $q$  is like  $x$ , distortion of spring.
- Then  $i=dq/dt$ , like  $v=dx/dt$ , velocity of mass.

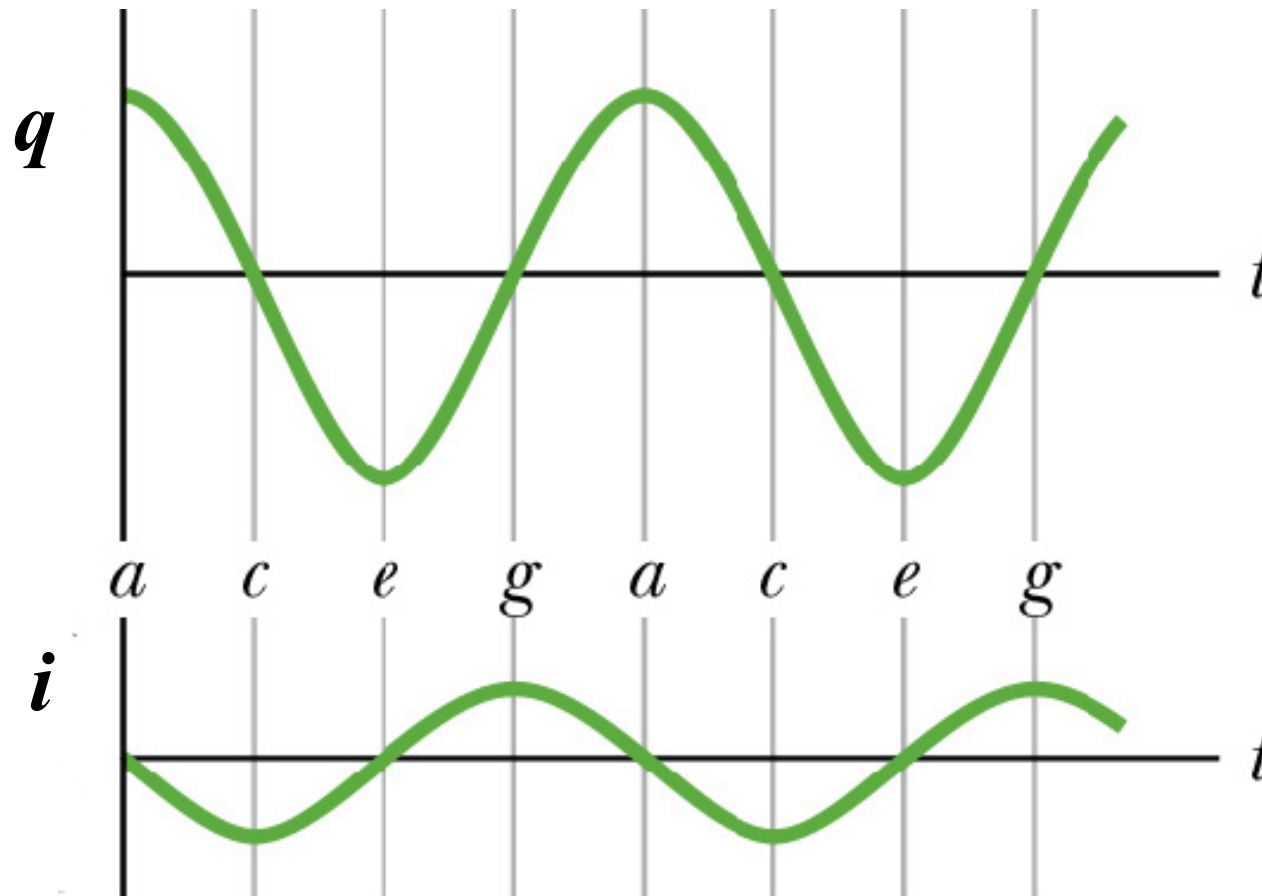
By analogy with SHM, we can guess that

$$q = Q \cos(\omega t)$$

$$i = \frac{dq}{dt} = -\omega Q \sin(\omega t)$$

# Look at Guessed Solution

$$q = Q \cos(\omega t) \qquad i = \frac{dq}{dt} = -\omega Q \sin(\omega t)$$



# Mathematical description of oscillations

**Note essential terminology:**  
*amplitude, phase, frequency, period, angular frequency.* You **MUST** know what these words mean! If necessary review Chapters 10, 15.

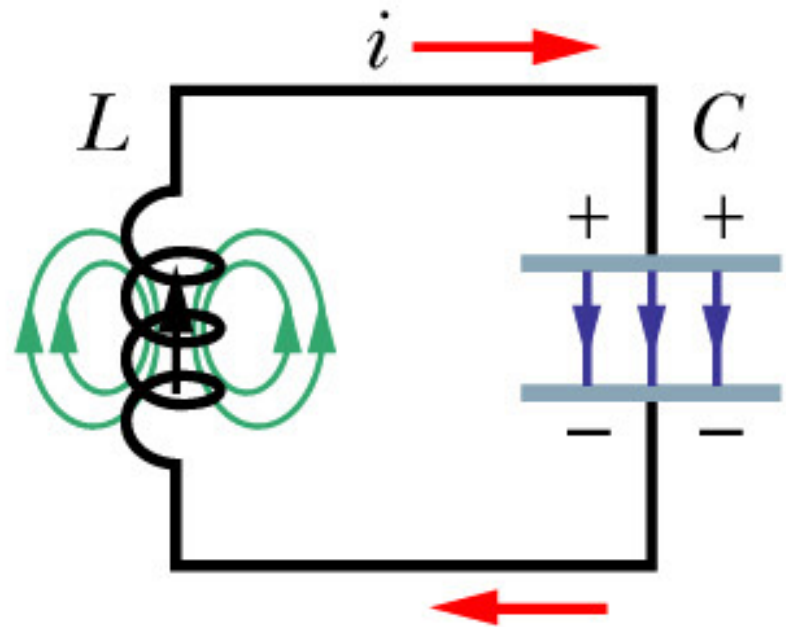
# Get Equation by Loop Rule

If we go with the current as shown, the loop rule gives:

$$-\frac{q}{C} - L \frac{di}{dt} = 0$$

Now replace  $i$  by  $dq/dt$  to get:

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} = - \left( \frac{1}{LC} \right) q$$



# Guess Satisfies Equation!

Start with  $q = Q \cos(\omega t)$

so that  $\frac{dq}{dt} = -\omega Q \sin(\omega t)$

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} = -\left(\frac{1}{LC}\right)q$$

And taking one more derivative gives us

$$\frac{d^2 q}{dt^2} = -\omega^2 Q \cos(\omega t) = -\omega^2 q$$

So the solution is correct, provided our angular frequency satisfies

$$\omega^2 = \left(\frac{1}{LC}\right)$$

# LC Circuit Example

Given an inductor with  $L = 8.0 \text{ mH}$  and a capacitor with  $C = 2.0 \text{ nF}$ , having initial charge  $q(0) = 50 \text{ nC}$  and initial current  $i(0) = 0$ .

- (a) What is the frequency of oscillations (in Hz)?**
- (b) What is the maximum current in the inductor?**
- (c) What is the capacitor's charge at  $t = 30 \mu\text{s}$ ?**



## Example: Part (a)

$$L = 8 \text{ mH}, \quad C = 2 \text{ nF}, \quad q(0) = 50 \text{ nC}, \quad i(0) = 0$$

(a) What is the frequency of the oscillations?

$$\omega = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{8 \times 10^{-3} \times 2 \times 10^{-9}}} = 2.5 \times 10^5 \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}$$

$$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ rad} / \text{s}}{6.28 \text{ rad} / \text{cycle}} = 4 \times 10^4 = \underline{\underline{40 \text{ kHz}}}$$

## Example: Part (b)

(  $L = 8 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C = 2 \text{ nF}$ ,  $q(0) = 50 \text{ nC}$ ,  $i(0) = 0$  )

**(b) What is the maximum current?**

$$E = \frac{Q^2}{2C} = \frac{(50 \times 10^{-9})^2}{2 \times 2.0 \times 10^{-9}} = 6.25 \times 10^{-7} \text{ J}$$

$$\text{But } E = \frac{1}{2} LI^2 \quad \text{so} \quad I^2 = \frac{2E}{L}$$

$$\text{So } I = \sqrt{\frac{2E}{L}} = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 6.25 \times 10^{-7}}{8 \times 10^{-3}}} = \underline{12.5 \text{ mA}}$$

## Example: Part (c)

(  $L = 8 \text{ mH}$ ,  $C = 2 \text{ nF}$ ,  $q(0) = 50 \text{ nC}$ ,  $i(0) = 0$  )

(c) What is the charge at  $t = 30 \text{ } \mu\text{s}$ ?

$$q(t) = Q \cos(\omega t)$$

$$= (50 \text{ nC}) \cos(2.5 \times 10^5 \times 30 \times 10^{-6})$$

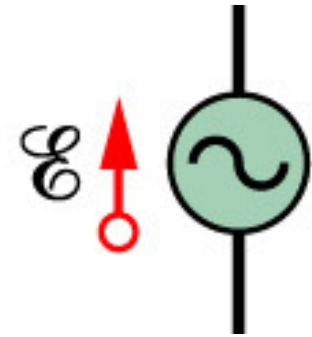
$$= (50 \text{ nC}) \cos(7.5 \text{ rad})$$

$$= (50 \text{ nC}) \cos(430^\circ)$$

$$= 50 \times 0.347 = \underline{17 \text{ nC}}$$

# AC Voltage Sources

- For an AC circuit, we need an *alternating emf*, or AC power supply.
- This is characterized by its *amplitude* and its *frequency*.



$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_m \sin \omega t$$

*amplitude* →  $\mathcal{E}_m$        $\omega$  → *angular frequency*

# Notation for oscillating functions

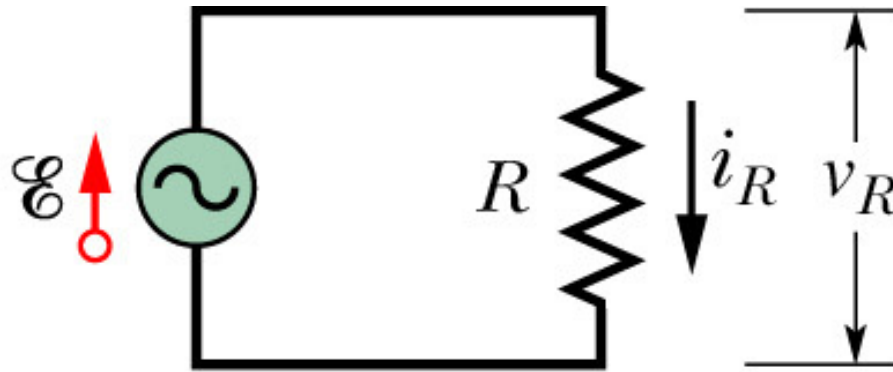


Note that the textbook uses *lower-case* letters for oscillating **time-dependent** voltages and currents, with *upper-case* letters for the corresponding **amplitudes**.

$$v = V \sin \omega t$$

$$i = I \sin \omega t$$

# AC Currents and Voltages



$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_m \sin \omega t = v_R = V_R \sin \omega t$$

Ohm's Law gives:  $i_R = v_R / R = (\mathcal{E}_m / R) \sin \omega t$

So the AC current is:  $i_R = I_R \sin \omega t$

So the amplitudes are related by:  $V_R = I_R R$

# AC Voltage-Current Relations

- First apply an alternating emf to a resistor, a capacitor, and an inductor *separately*, before dealing with them all at once.
- For  $C$ ,  $L$ , define *reactance*  $X$  analogous to resistance  $R$  for resistor. Measured in ohms.

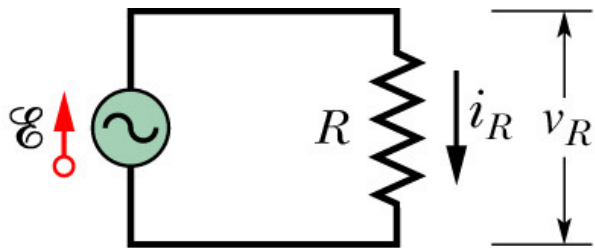
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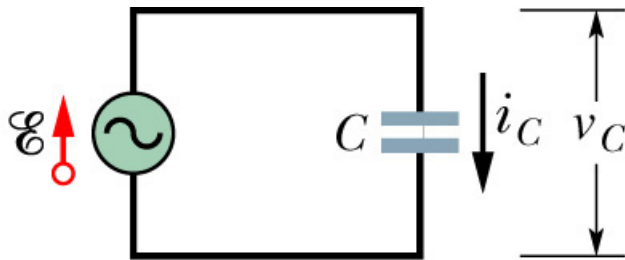
$$V_L = I_L X_L$$

# Summary for R, C, L Separately

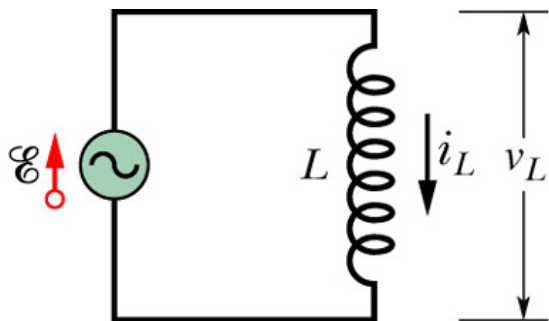
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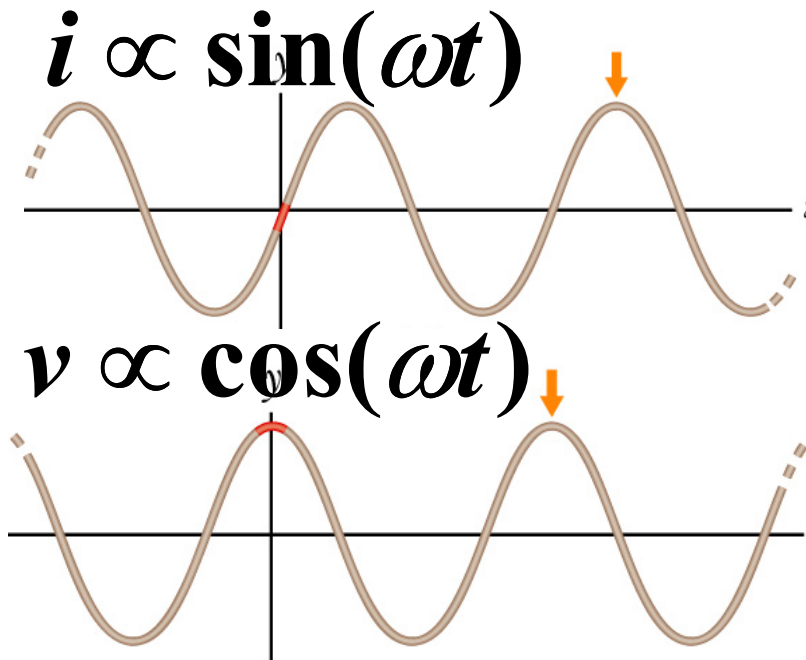
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**Proof:**

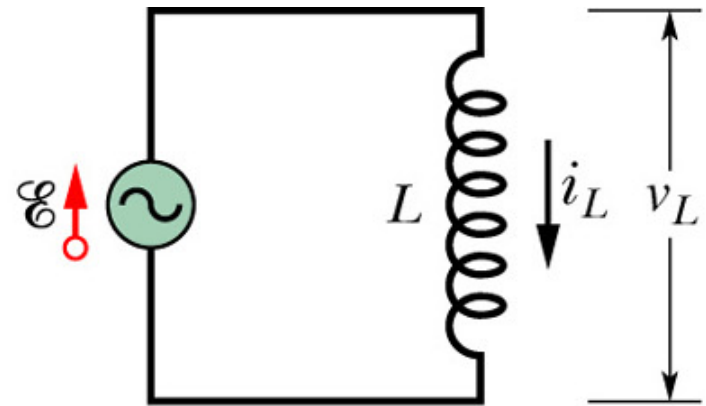
$$\text{Let } i = I \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\text{Drop is } v = L \frac{di}{dt} = LI\omega \cos(\omega t)$$



$v$  hits peak before  $i$

## Q.31-2



An inductor  $L$  carries a current with *amplitude*  $I$  at *angular frequency*  $\omega$ .  
What is the *amplitude*  $V$  of the voltage across this inductor?

$$I = 3.0 \text{ A}$$

$$\omega = 200 \text{ rad / s}$$

$$L = .03 \text{ H}$$

- (1)  $V_L = 0.5 \text{ V}$       (2)  $V_L = 2.0 \text{ V}$       (3)  $V_L = 6.0 \text{ V}$   
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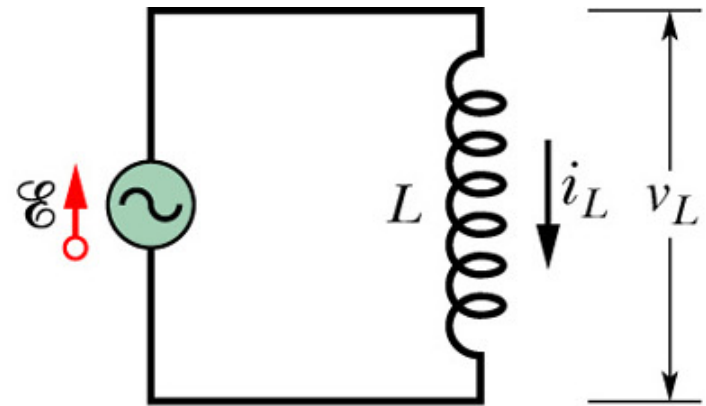
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The *reactance* is:

$$X_L = \omega L = 200 \times .03 = 6.0 \Omega$$

Thus the *voltage amplitude* is:

$$V_L = I_L X_L = 3.0 A \times 6.0 \Omega = 18 V$$



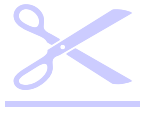
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# Impedance



The “AC Ohm’s Law” is:

$$\mathcal{E}_m = IZ$$

where  $Z$  is called the *impedance*.

Obviously, for a resistor,  $Z = R$

for a capacitor  $Z = X_C$  and for an inductor  $Z = X_L$

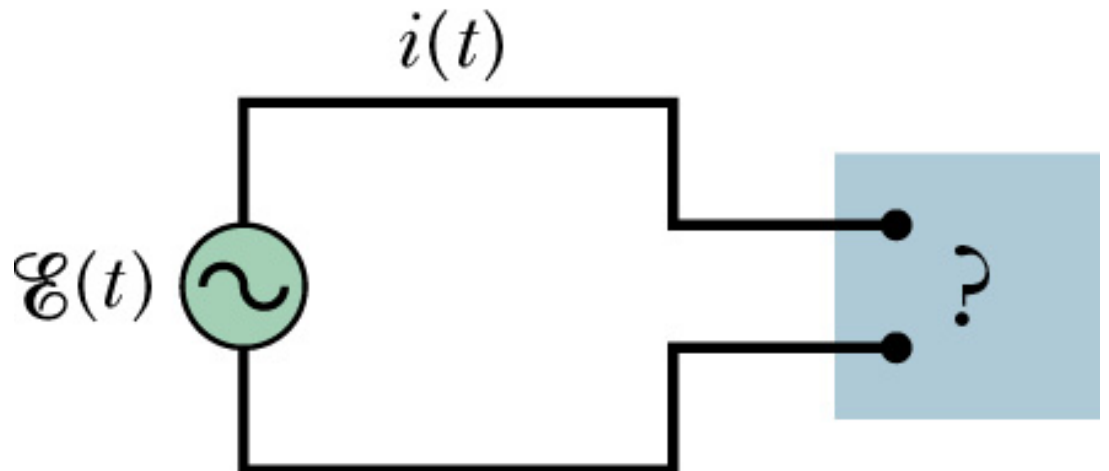
**But if you have a combination of circuit elements,  $Z$  is more complicated.**

# Impedance and Phase Angle

General problem:  
if we are given

$$\mathcal{E}(t) = \mathcal{E}_m \sin \omega t$$

can we find  $i(t)$ ?



We can always write  $i(t) = I \sin(\omega t - \phi)$

By definition of impedance  $I = \mathcal{E}_m / Z$

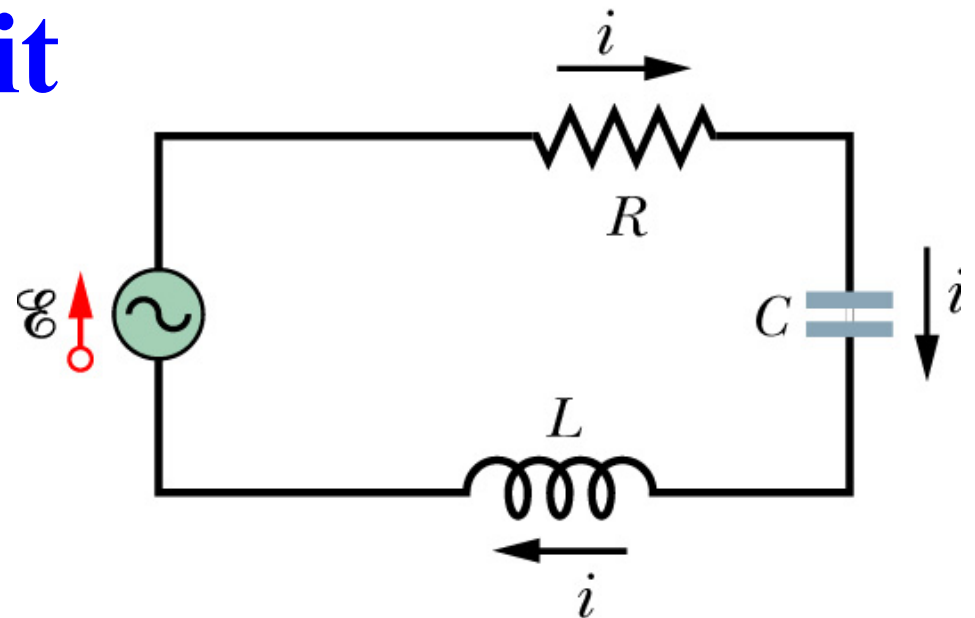
Given  $\mathcal{E}_m$  and  $\omega$ , find  $Z$  and  $\phi$ .

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# Series RLC Circuit

1. The currents are all equal.

2. The voltage drops add up to the applied emf as a function of time:  $\mathcal{E} = v_R + v_C + v_L$



**BUT:** Because of the *phase differences*, the

**amplitudes** do *not* add:

$$\mathcal{E}_m \neq V_R + V_C + V_L$$

So the impedance is not just a sum:

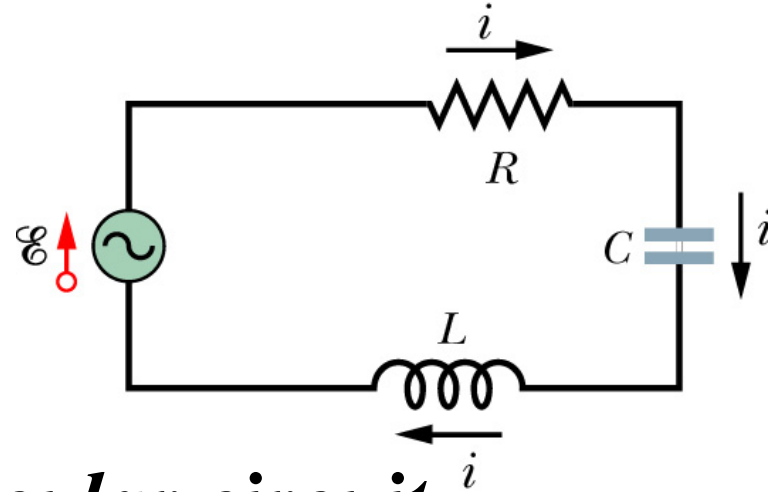
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# Results for series circuits

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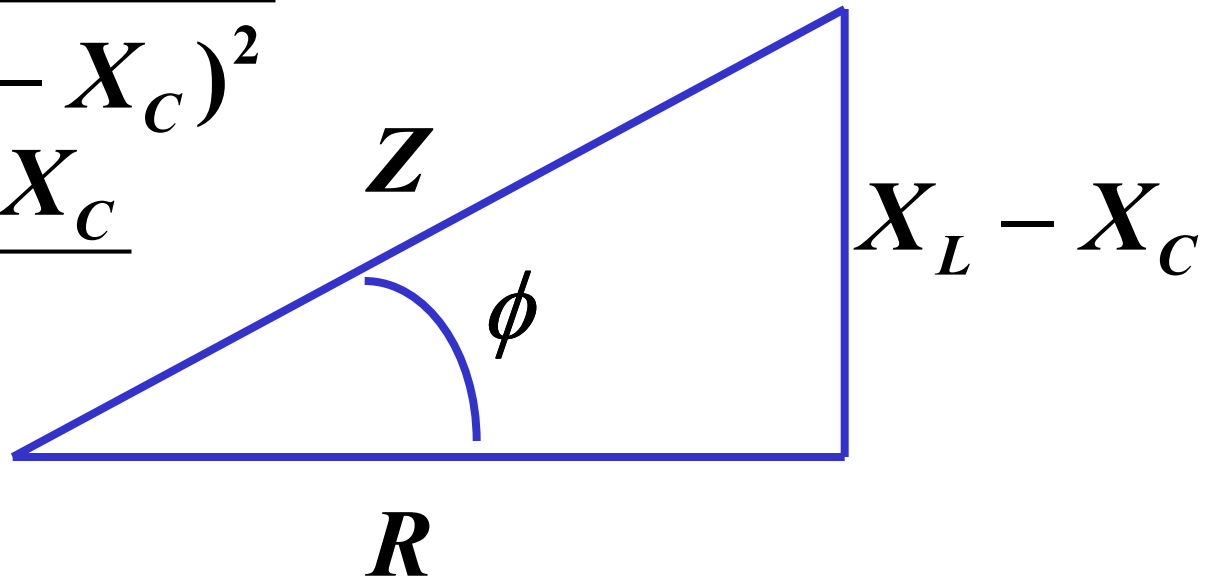
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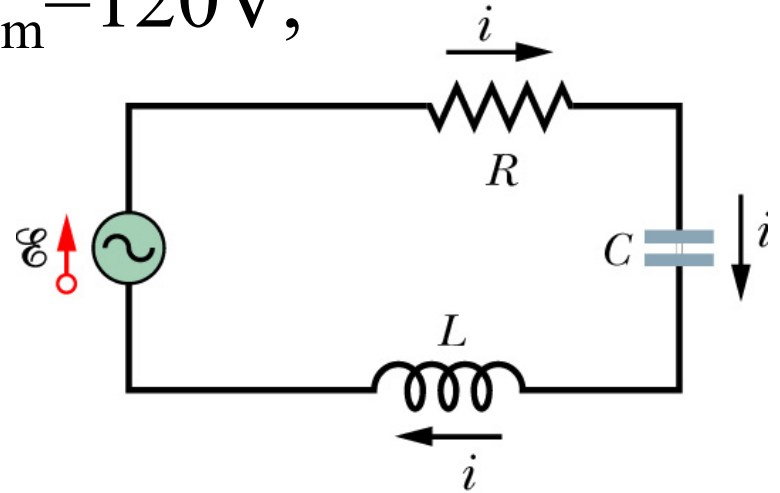
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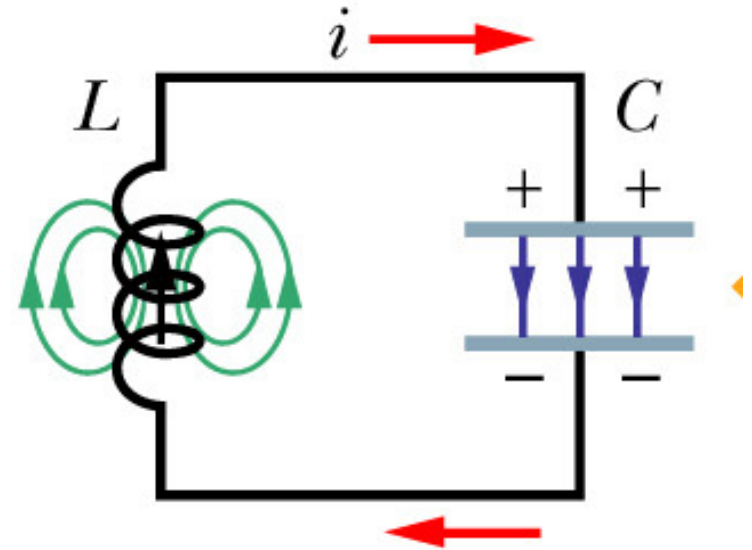
Loop rule gives differential equation:

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Solution if frequency is correct:

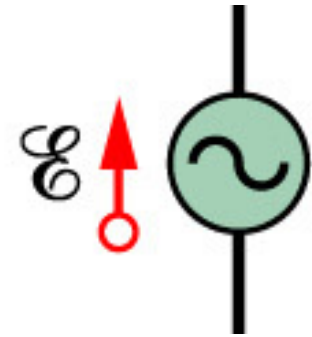
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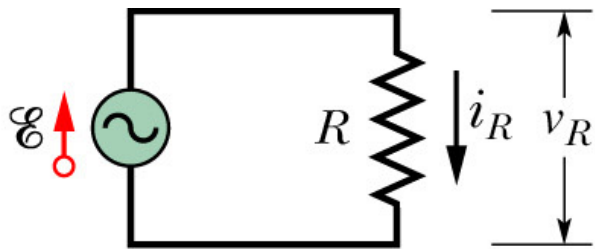


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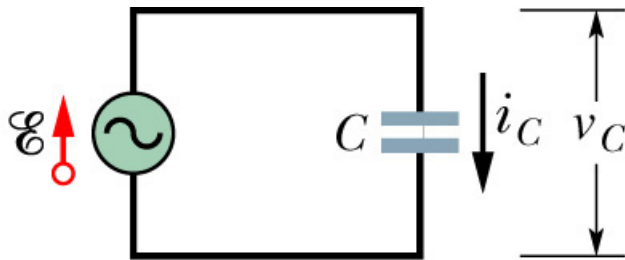
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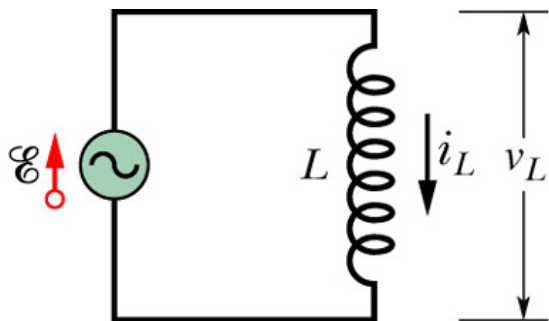
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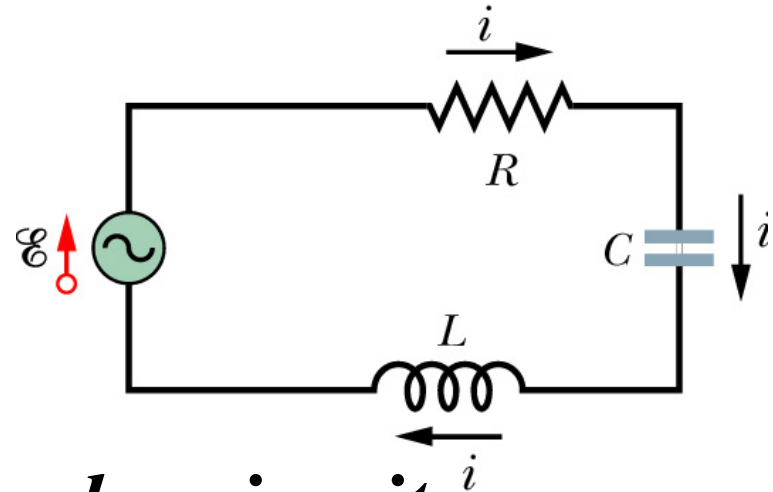
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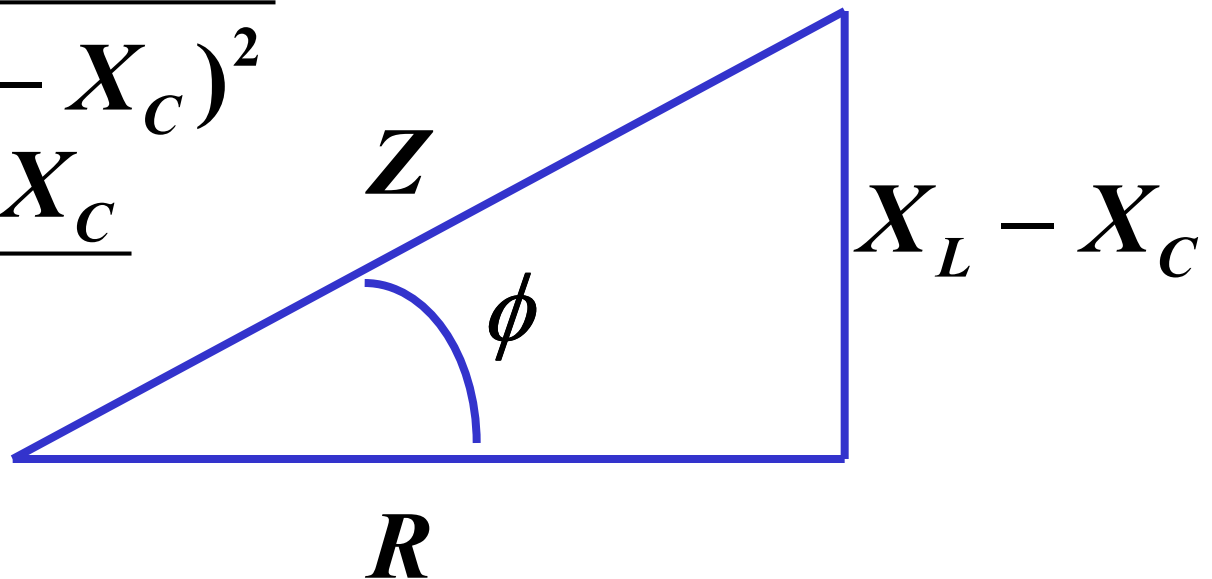
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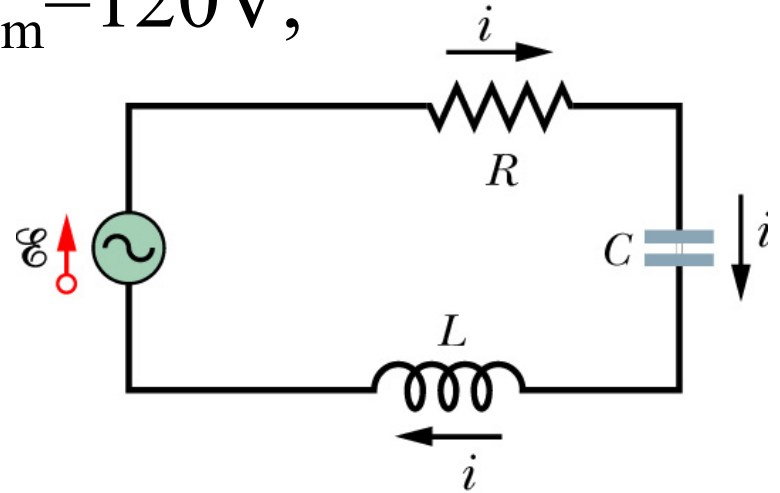
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## Q.31-4

**In a series RLC circuit, find the resistance, given the impedance and phase constant:**

$$\mathbf{Z = 500 \Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{\phi = 60^\circ}$$

$$\mathbf{R = ?}$$

$$\mathbf{(1) 400 \Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{(2) 350 \Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{(3) 300 \Omega}$$

$$\mathbf{(4) 250 \Omega}$$

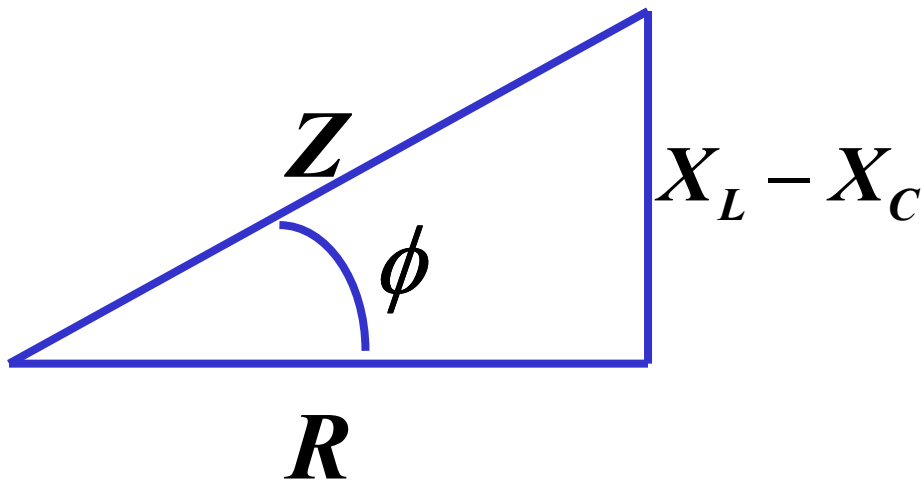
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$$\cos(60^\circ) = \sin(30^\circ) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R = Z / 2 = 250 \Omega$$

(1)  $400 \Omega$

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# Resonance

For a given series RLC circuit, what applied frequency will give the biggest current?

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

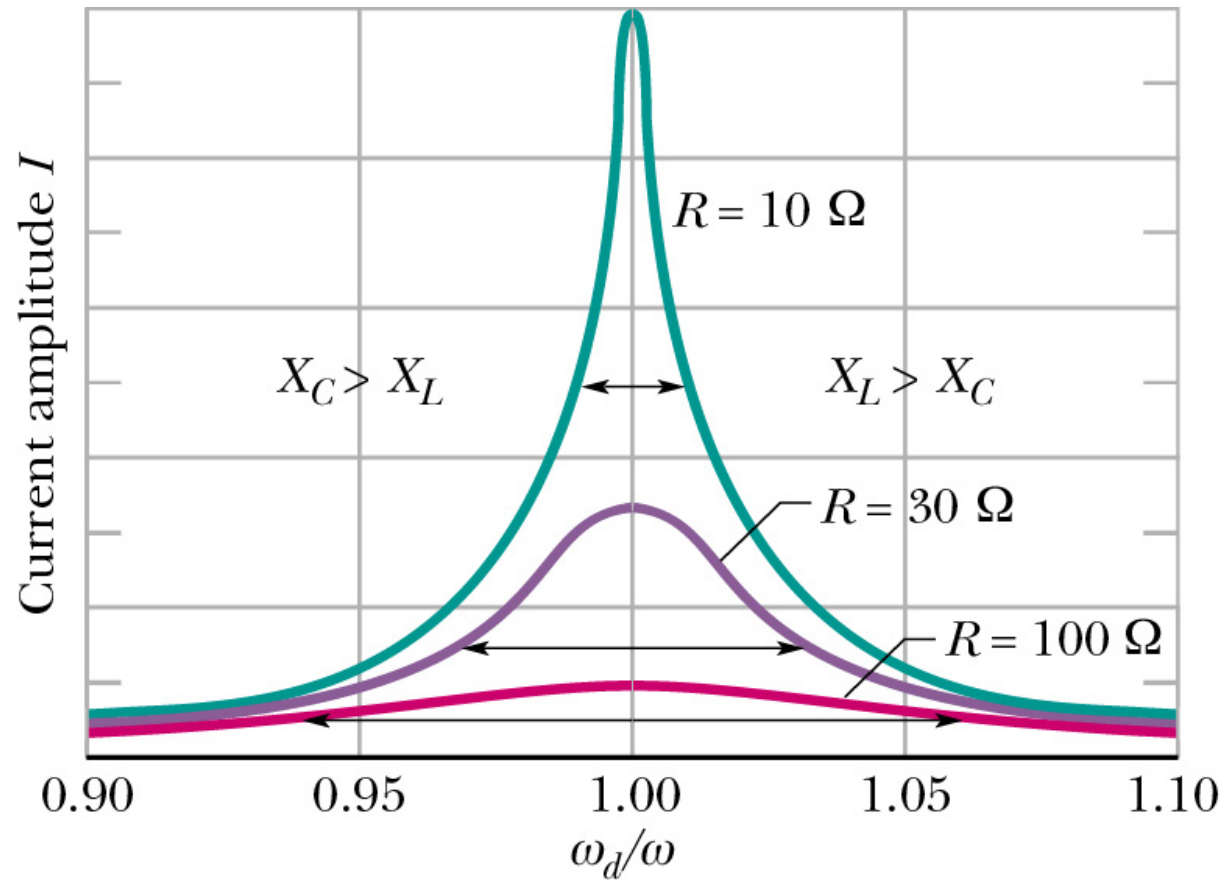
$I$  is biggest when denominator is smallest, which is when reactances cancel:

$$\omega L = \frac{1}{\omega C} \quad \text{Which gives} \quad \omega^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$$

Same as natural frequency for oscillations!



# Resonance Plot: $I$ vs $\omega$



Peak at  $\omega = 1/\sqrt{LC}$

Becomes sharper as  $R \rightarrow 0$


# Power in AC Circuits

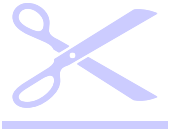
To know how much power will be consumed in an AC circuit we need more than the impedance  $Z$ ; we also need the phase angle  $\phi$ .

# AC Power

What is the power provided by an AC source?

- Only interested in the *time average!*
- Time average power to L and C is *zero*.
- So  $P_{\text{ave}}(\text{from source}) = P_{\text{ave}}(\text{to resistor})$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P_{\text{ave}} &= \langle \mathbf{v}_R \mathbf{i}_R \rangle = \langle (V_R \sin \omega t)(I_R \sin \omega t) \rangle \\ &= V_R I_R \langle \sin^2 \omega t \rangle = \frac{1}{2} V_R I_R \end{aligned}$$




## RMS Values

$$V_{RMS} = \sqrt{\langle v^2 \rangle} = \sqrt{\langle V^2 \sin^2 \omega t \rangle} = V \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} = V / \sqrt{2}$$

*Likewise*  $I_{RMS} = \sqrt{\langle i^2 \rangle} = I / \sqrt{2}$

So for a resistor:

$$P_{ave} = \underline{\underline{V_{RMS} I_{RMS}}} = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{2} VI$$

# Power and Phase Angle

Power to resistor  $P = i_R^2 R = I_{R^2} R \sin^2(\omega t - \phi)$

$$P_{avg} = I_R^2 R \langle \sin^2 \rangle_{avg} = \frac{1}{2} I_R^2 R$$

But we want result in terms of impedance and phase angle:

$$R = Z \cos \phi$$

$$\text{So } P_{avg} = \frac{1}{2} I^2 Z \underline{\cos \phi}$$

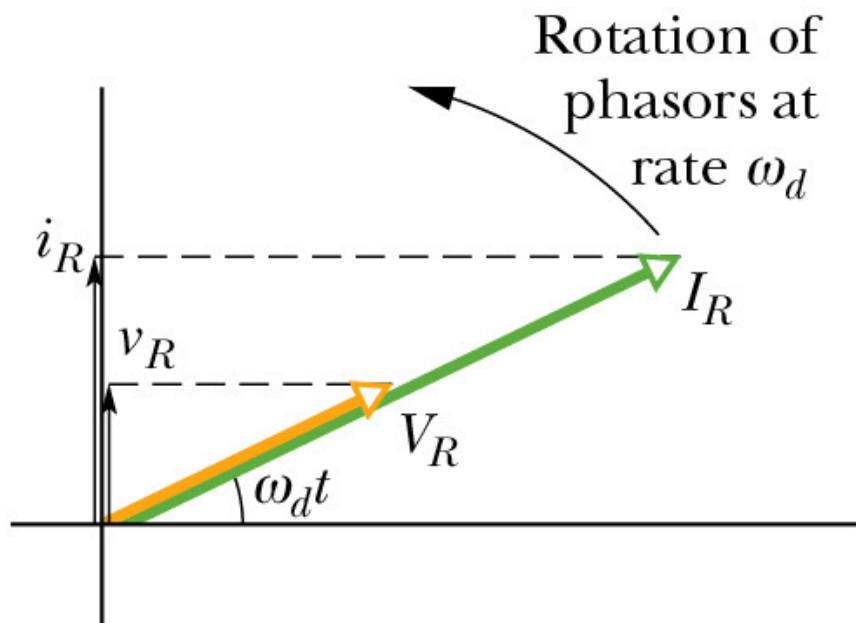
*Power factor*

What about more complicated circuits?

## Method of Phasors

- Useful mathematical trick for working with oscillating functions having different phase relationships.
- We'll use it to derive the known result for the series circuit, to show how it works. Good for general case.

$$\underline{i_R = I_R \sin(\omega t)}$$

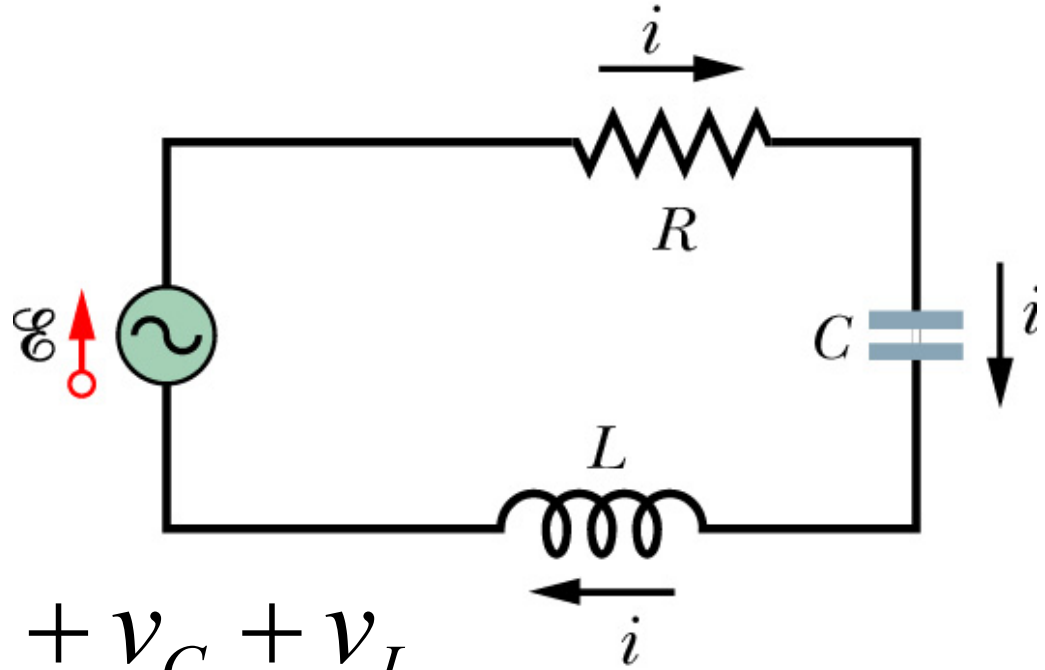


$I_R$  = Length of phasor

$i_R$  = Vertical component of phasor

# Series RLC Circuit

1. The currents are all equal.
2. The voltage drops add up to the applied emf:



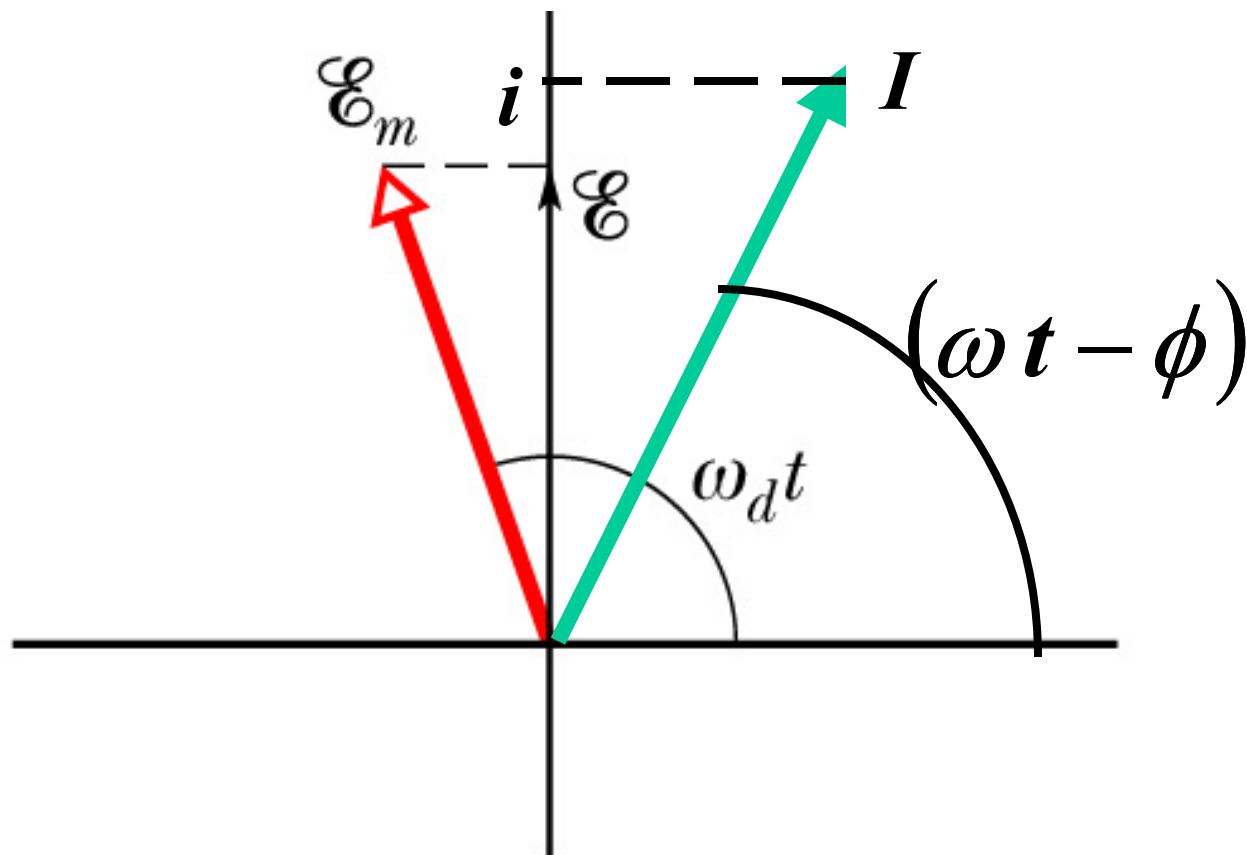
$$\mathcal{E} = v_R + v_C + v_L$$

Because of the phase differences, the amplitudes do not add, **but** in the phasor diagram, this means that the vertical components **do** add, so we get the right answer if we add the phasors **as vectors**.

# Phasors for Series RLC Circuit

$$\mathcal{E} = v_R + v_C + v_L = \mathcal{E}_m \sin \omega t$$

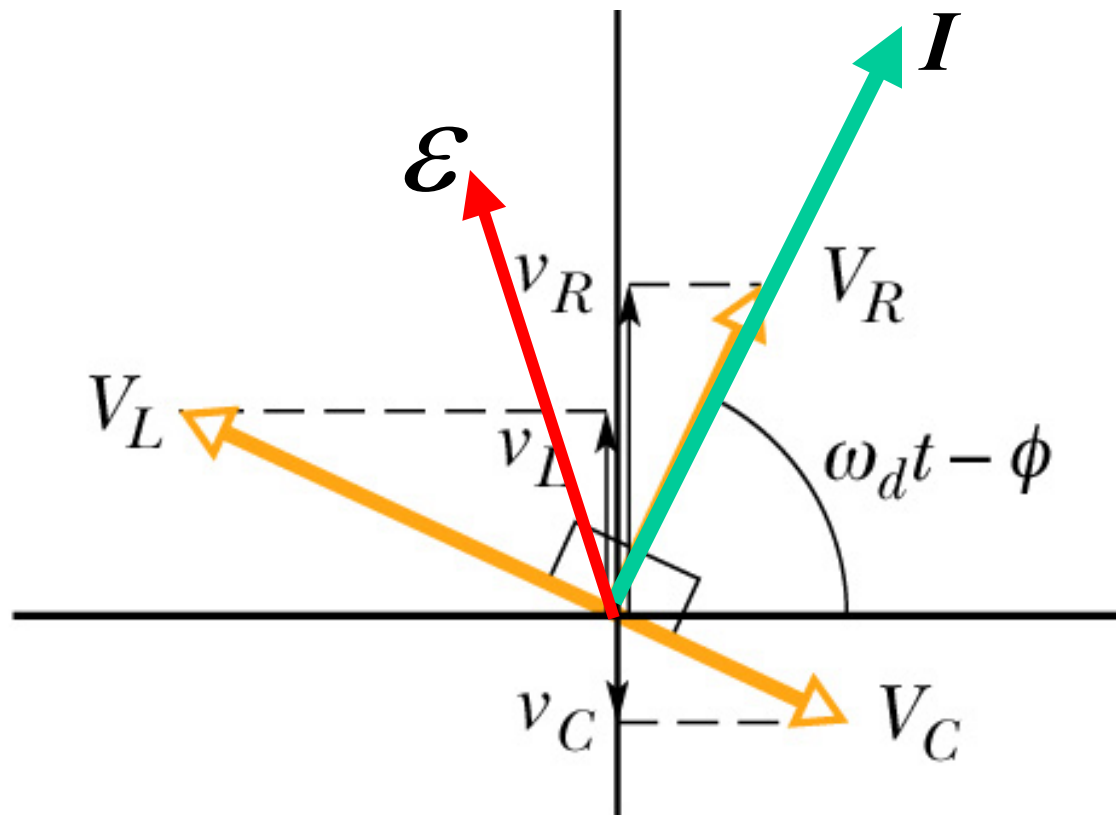
$$i_R = i_C = i_L = I \sin(\omega t - \phi)$$





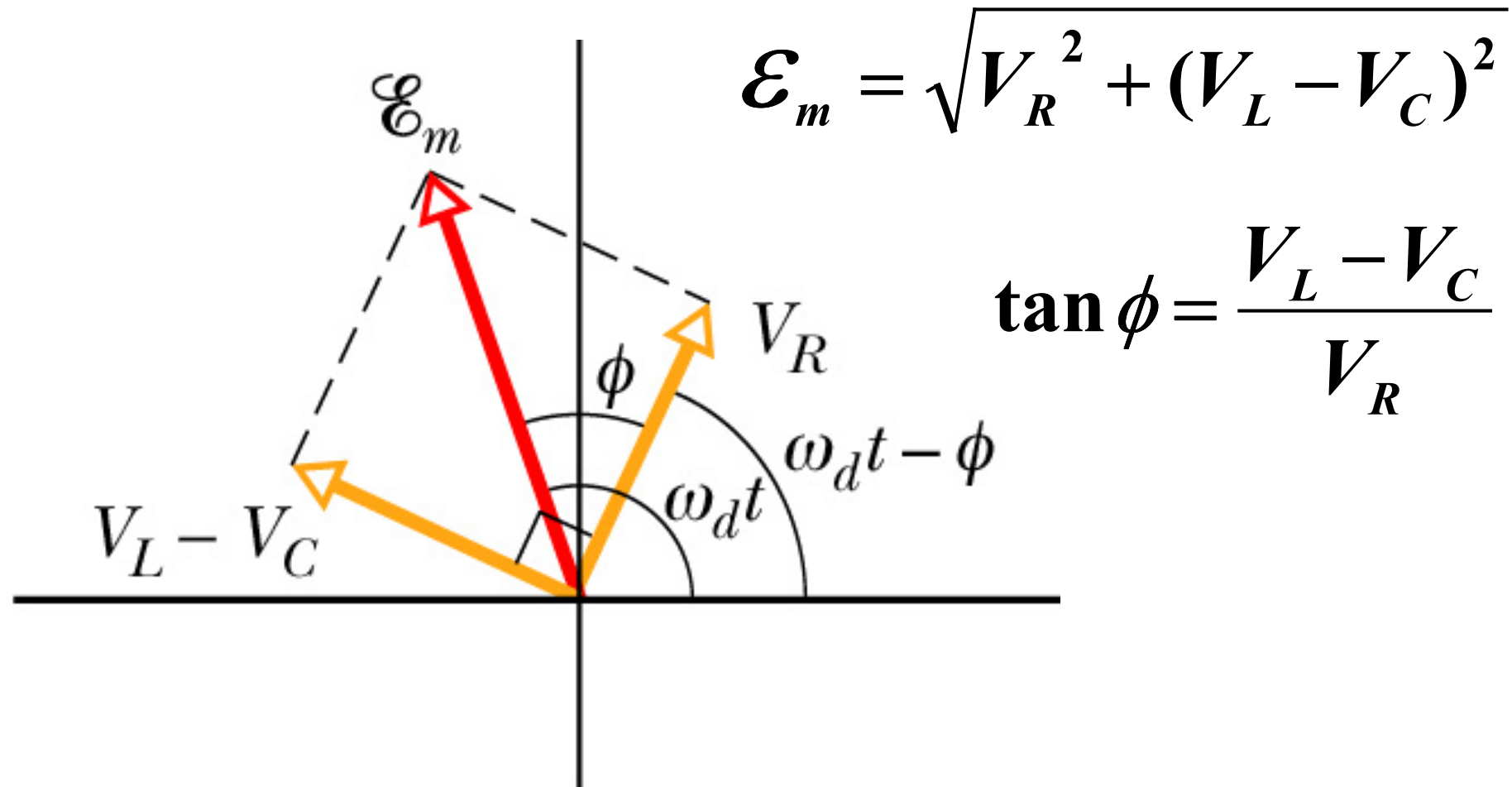
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# Impedance and Phase Angle

$$\mathcal{E}_m = \sqrt{V_R^2 + (V_L - V_C)^2} \quad \tan \phi = \frac{V_L - V_C}{V_R}$$

Divide by the common current amplitude  $I$ :

$$\mathcal{E}_m = IZ, \quad V_R = IR, \quad V_L = IX_L, \quad V_C = IX_C$$

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

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