

# A.C. Principles

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## SECTION A

In the following statements one of the suggested answers is best. Place the identifying letter of your choice on your answer sheet.

1. The value of AC voltage shown on the name plate of an appliance is the:
    - (a) average value
    - (b) peak value
    - (c) instantaneous value
    - (d) r.m.s. value
  2. The value of AC voltage that has the same heating effect as the equivalent value of DC voltage is the:
    - (a) rms value.
    - (b) peak value.
    - (c) average value.
    - (d) peak to peak value.
  3. For one complete cycle of an AC supply, the current flow:
    - (a) will remain constant in magnitude.
    - (b) will flow in one direction only.
    - (c) will flow in one direction then reverses direction.
    - (d) reaches a maximum in one direction then falls to zero.
  4. The standard unit of frequency is the:
    - (a) Hertz (Hz)
    - (b) Volt (V)
    - (c) period (T)
    - (d) cycle per second (CPS)
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5. The term *frequency* of an AC supply is defined as the:
- number of cycles completed in one minute.
  - number of cycles completed in one second.
  - time required to complete one cycle.
  - the amount of a cycle completed in one second.

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

6. The standard \_\_\_\_\_ (a) \_\_\_\_\_ of the AC supply in Australia is 50Hz, and this means that there are 50 \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_.

Frequency, 50 cycles per second

7. \_\_\_\_\_ will continuously change its direction of current flow with time.

AC

8. With reference to a sinusoidal waveform, define what is meant by the following terms:
- period;

The period of a wave is the amount of time it takes to complete one cycle. Frequency is the number of complete cycles that a wave completes in a given amount of time. Usually measured in Hertz (Hz), 1 Hz being equal to one complete wave cycle per second. Frequency =  $1/(\text{period in seconds})$

- form factor;

calculate the form factor by dividing the RMS value of the waveform by its average value. If the RMS value of the AC wave is 25 volts and the average value is 22.52 volts, then the form factor of the AC wave is  $25/22.52=1.11$ .

- peak value;  
the difference between the highest or lowest to zero line
- average value;
- peak to peak value;

- B Peak-to-peak (pk-pk) is the difference between the highest and the lowest values in a waveform. In alternating current (AC) the peak-to-peak value is twice and

- instantaneous value.

The instantaneous value is the value of an alternating quantity (ac voltage, ac current or ac power) at a particular instant of time in a cycle. The instantaneous value of any variable quantity is designated by the smaller case letter of its symbol. For example, v for voltage, i for current, etc.

2. The ratio of the peak value of voltage to the rms value of voltage is known as the\_(a)\_\_\_\_, and for a sinusoidal waveform has a value of\_(b)\_\_\_\_\_.

Crest Factor, 2.8284 times  $V_{RMS}$

3. The ratio of the rms value of voltage to the average value of voltage is known as the \_\_\_\_ (a)\_\_\_\_, and for a sinusoidal waveform has a value of\_\_\_\_ (b)\_\_\_\_\_.

Form Factor , 1.11

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## SECTION B

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4. A sinusoidal wave has a maximum value of 340 volts. Determine the instantaneous value of voltage at angles of:
- (a)  $45^\circ$  (240V)
  - (b)  $105^\circ$  (328.4V)
  - (c)  $260^\circ$  (334.8V)
  - (d)  $330^\circ$  (-170V)
5. A sinusoidal wave has a frequency of 400 Hz.. Determine the period for this frequency.(2.5mS)
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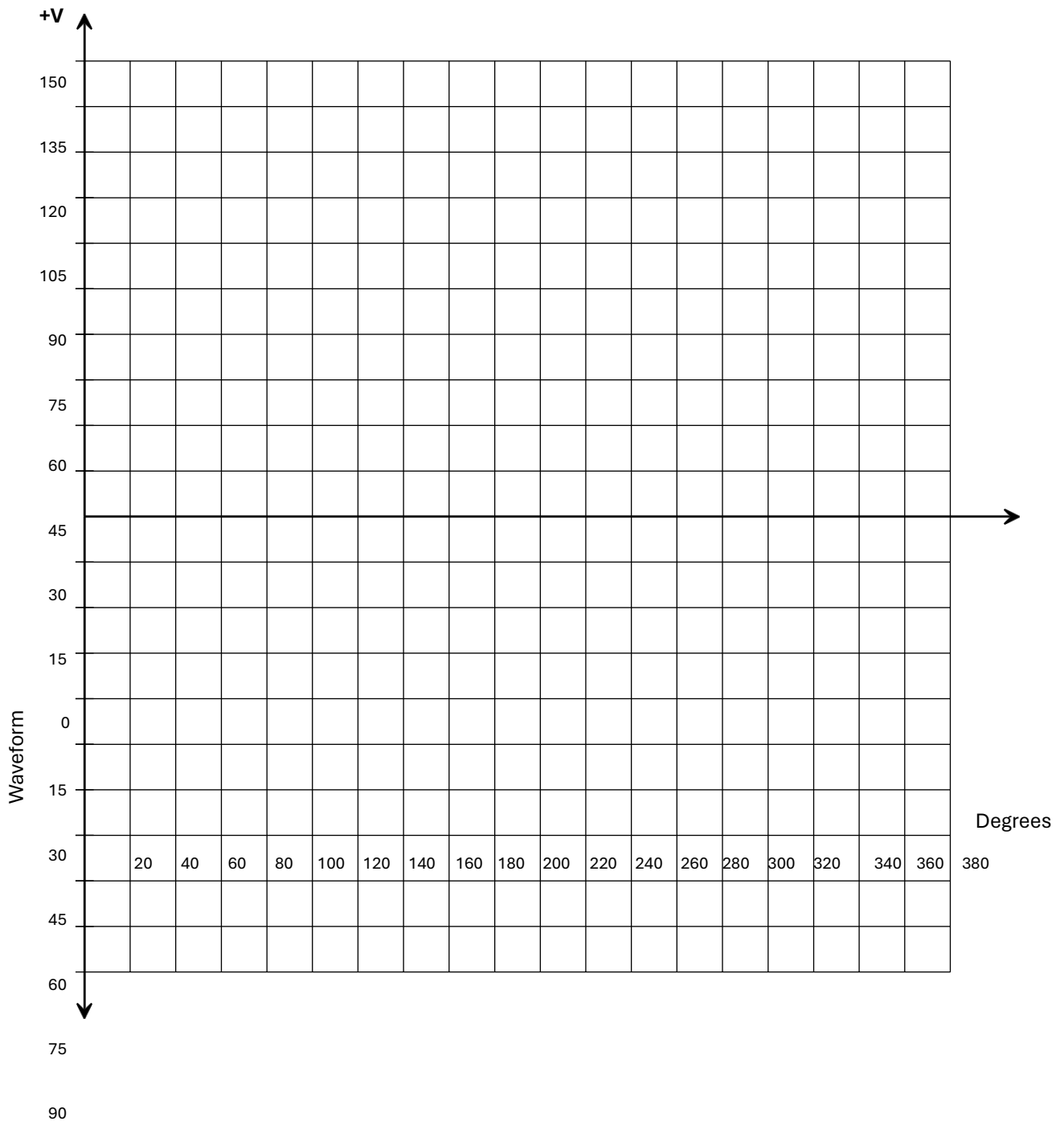
6. A sinusoidal wave has a maximum value of 500 volts. For this wave, determine:
  - (a) the rms value; (353.6V)
  - (b) the peak to peak value; (1000V)
  - (c) the average value. (318.5V)
7. Determine the frequencies for the following periodic times:
  - (a) 0.02 seconds (50Hz)
  - (b) 0.0833 seconds (12Hz)
  - (c) 1 millisecond (1000Hz)
  - (d) 0.05 milliseconds (20kHz)

The following questions refers to Table 1 and the graph shown on page 4. Add page 4 to your submitted tutorial solution.

8. Complete the sin value row of Table 1 by determining the sine values for the angles as shown.
  9. If the maximum voltage of the waveform is 120V, complete the voltage value row of Table 1 by determining the instantaneous values of voltage for the angles shown using your calculated sin values.
  10. Carefully plot the results on the graph supplied, completing your waveform using either French curves or a flexicurve. **Do not finish your waveform in freehand!**
  11. On your completed waveform, label the following:
    - (a) the peak value,
    - (b) the peak to peak value,
    - (c) the periodic time,
  12. Draw and label straight lines where you would expect to find the:
    - (a) the rms value,
    - (b) the average value.
  13. From your waveform, determine the value of voltage at:
    - (a)  $20^\circ$  (41V)
    - (b)  $100^\circ$  (118V)
    - (c)  $220^\circ$  (-077V)
    - (d)  $140^\circ$  (77V)
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<b>Degrees</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>180</b>
<b>Sin Value</b>	0	0.2588	0.5	0.707	0.866	0.965	1	0.965	0.866	0.707	0.5	0.2588	0
<b>Voltage Value</b>	0	31	60	84.84	103.92	115.8	120	115.8	103.92	84.84	60	31	0
<b>Degrees</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>360</b>	
<b>Sin Value</b>	-0.2588	-0.5	-0.707	-0.866	-0.965	-1	-0.9655	-0.866	-0.707	-0.5	-0.2588	0	
<b>Voltage Value</b>	-31	-60	-84.84	-103.92	-115.8	-120	-115.8	-103.92	-84.84	-60	-31	0	

Table 1



105

120

135

150

- **V**

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## Sinusoidal Waveforms

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### SECTION A

In the following statements one of the suggested answers is best. Place the identifying letter of your choice on your answer sheet.

1. When measuring the phase difference with a CRO., the CRO.  
(a) must be able to show two waveforms.  
(b) needs to have a high sensitivity.  
(c) time base must be re-calibrated.  
(d) must be set to DC input.
  2. Phasors are quantities which vary in:  
(a) magnitude and time only  
(b) magnitude and direction only  
(c) magnitude, direction and time  
(d) direction only
  3. If one waveform leads another, then it will pass through \_\_\_\_\_ and maximum values \_\_\_\_\_ the other waveform.  
(a) zero; before  
(b) zero; after  
(c) zero; simultaneously with
  4. In practice, when representing AC quantities by phasor diagram, the phasors are usually drawn to scale to represent:  
(a) rms values  
(b) instantaneous values  
(c) maximum values  
(d) average values
  5. The term *phase angle* is defined as the:
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- (a) angle used to determine the instantaneous value of voltage or current.
- (b) the angular displacement between two waveforms of the same frequency.
- (c) the angular displacement between two waveforms of different frequencies.
- (d) the number of degrees into a cycle where the peak value is reached.

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

6. Two waveshapes are said to be \_\_\_\_\_ when they pass through their zero points or peak values simultaneously.

**Inphase**

7. To represent a voltage quantity in a phasor diagram, an arrow with a/an (a) \_\_\_\_\_ head is used, whilst a current quantity is represented by an arrow with a/an (b) \_\_\_\_\_ head. Draw an example of a voltage phasor representing 100V (1.0mm = 2.5V), and an example of a current phasor representing 24A (1.0mm = 0.3A).

**Open , Closed**

8. If two waveshapes do not pass through the same changes at the same time, they are said to be

**Phase difference**

9. To determine the frequency of a sinewave from a CRO., you would read the (a) \_\_\_\_\_ axis and use the setting of the (b) \_\_\_\_\_ switch.

**X , Time/div**

10. Briefly describe how you could determine:

- (a) if two waveshapes are in phase;----- Pass through zero line at the same time
- (b) if two waveshapes are out of phase;----- Pass through zero line differently
- (c) if out of phase, which one leads or lags the other. That cross zero line first.

11. Phasors are normally drawn to scale to represent \_\_\_\_\_ quantities.

**Vector**

12. The relationship between frequency and periodic time states that frequency is \_\_\_\_\_ (a) to periodic time. This can be written mathematically as \_\_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_\_

**Ratio ,  $F=1/T$**

13. Phasors are said to rotate in a/an \_\_\_\_\_ direction.

**Anti clockwise**

14. Briefly describe how you could prove that the rms value of a sinewave is 0.707 of the peak value of a sinewave. Accompany your answer with a clearly labelled diagram.



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## SECTION B

## SEE TEACHER SOLUTION

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15. A display of a sinusoidal waveform on a CRO. is 2.8 divisions high and 8 divisions long. If the VOLTS/DIV is set to 10V, and the SWEEP TIME/DIV is set to 1mS, determine:
- the peak value of voltage (28V)
  - the expected rms value of voltage (19.8V)
  - the frequency of the waveform (125Hz)
16. Two sinusoidal waves with a frequency of 50 Hz are displayed on a CRO. If the horizontal displacement between the waveforms is measured to be 3.5mS, determine the phase angle between the two waveshapes ( $63^\circ$ )
17. Draw a phasor diagram to represent a voltage V1 of 240V and a second voltage V2 of 180V, such that V1 leads V2 by  $50^\circ$ . Use a scale of 1.0mm = 2.0V, and make V1 the reference.
18. Draw a phasor to represent a current I1 of 2.5A, a second current I2 of 3A and a third current I3 of 1.75A, drawn to scale of 1.0mm = 25mA. I1 leads I2 by  $30^\circ$ , and I3 lags I2 by  $45^\circ$ . Use I2 as your reference phasor.
19. The diagram of figure 1 represents two sinusoidal waveforms of the same frequency. If the VOLTS/DIV switch is set to 10V, and the SWEEP TIME/DIV switch is set to 5mS, determine:
- the peak values of voltage for waveforms V1 and V2; (V1pk=30V; V2pk=36V)
  - the peak to peak values of voltage for waveforms V1 and V2; (V1pk-pk=60V; V2pk-pk=72V)
  - the expected rms values of the two waveforms; (V1=21.2V; V2=25.5V)
  - the frequency of the waveforms; (20Hz)
  - the phase angle between the two waveforms; ( $57.6^\circ$ )
  - if V1 leads or lags V2.
  - draw a phasor diagram to represent the two voltages, using a scale of 1.0mm = 0.2V.

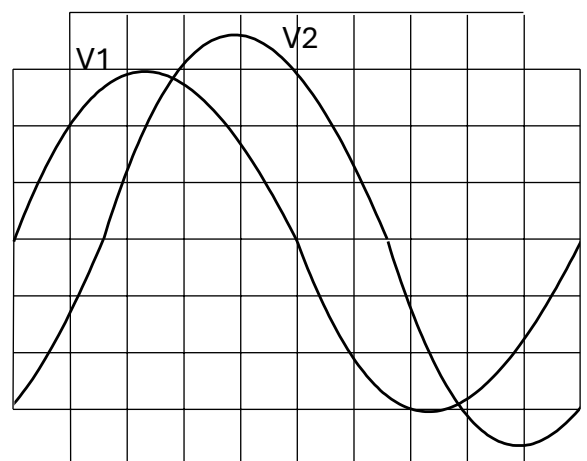


Figure 1

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## Phasor Quantities

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1. Current phasors are represented by an arrow with a/an \_\_\_ head, whilst voltage phasors are represented by an arrow with a/an \_\_\_ head.
  - (a) closed, open
  - (b) open, open
  - (c) open, closed
  - (d) closed, closed
2. The resultant of two or more voltages differing in phase angle may be determined by:
  - (a) algebraic addition
  - (b) averaging the voltage values
  - (c) phasor addition
  - (d) numerical addition
3. To find the phasor difference of two phasor quantities, the method to use is:
  - (a) tip to tail.
  - (b) tip to tip.
  - (c) tail to tail.
  - (d) non existent.
4. If a phasor is used to show a \_\_\_\_\_ quantity, it will be drawn above the \_\_\_\_\_ reference line.
  - (a) lagging, horizontal
  - (b) leading, horizontal
  - (c) leading, vertical
  - (d) lagging, vertical
5. The resultant of two voltages, having the same phase angle but different numerical values can be determined by:  
numerical addition

numerical subtraction  
phasor subtraction  
algebraic addition

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6. When adding phasor quantities, the method used is described as \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ to \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_, but when subtracting phasor quantities, the method used is described as \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_ to \_\_\_(d)\_\_\_.

Head Tail / Tail Tail

7. Phasor addition or subtraction is used to add or subtract quantities which are differing in\_\_\_.

Directions

8. When solving for series circuits using phasor diagrams, the reference to use is circuit\_\_\_(a)\_\_\_, whilst for parallel circuits, the reference to use is circuit\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ . These references are used because they are\_\_\_(c)\_\_\_ to all parts of their respective circuits.

Current, Voltage the same

9. Briefly explain why it is important for phasors to be drawn accurately and to scale.

To get correct answer

10. If a phasor quantity leads the reference phasor, it is drawn \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ the reference, and if a phasor quantity lags the reference phasor, it is drawn\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ the reference.

Above, below

11. List three advantages of using phasor diagrams for phasor addition or subtraction over using waveform diagrams for waveform addition or subtraction.

We can **simplify the calculation of AC circuit behaviour, especially in steady-state conditions**. Phasor analysis allows us to transform complex waveforms into simpler phasors and analyze the magnitude and phase relationships between voltages and currents in AC circuits.

## SECTION B

### SEE TEACHER CALCULATION

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12. Using a scale of 1mm = 1.0 volts, determine the resultant of the voltages  $V_a$  and  $V_b$  in the diagram of figure 1 by phasor diagram. Clearly label all voltages and angles on your diagram. [120V @ 17° lag]
13. A heating element is connected in parallel to a 240 volt, 50Hz single phase motor. The current drawn by the heating element is 10A, and is in phase with the supply voltage, whilst the current drawn by the motor is 7A, and lags the supply voltage by 70°. Using a scale of 1mm = 0.1A, determine the current drawn from the supply, and the resultant circuit phase angle. [14A @ 28° lag]

14. A capacitor is connected in series with a resistor. The voltage across the capacitor is 190 volts leading by  $90^\circ$ , and the voltage across the resistor is 147 volts, and is in phase with the circuit

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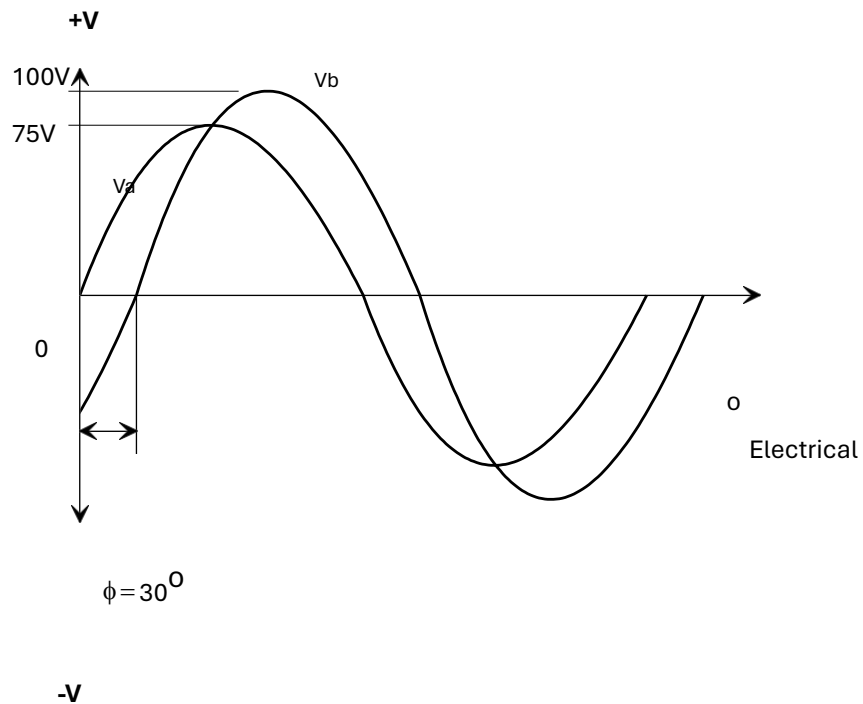
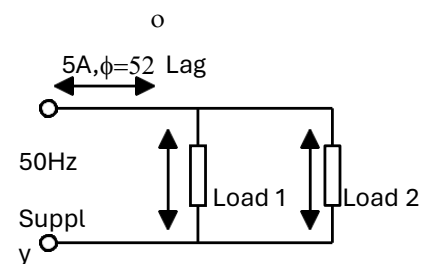


Figure 1

current. Using a scale of 1mm = 2.0V, determine the value of voltage connected across the supply, and the resultant circuit phase angle. [240V @ 52° lead]

15. A 240 volt, 50Hz single phase motor draws 18A from the supply at a lagging phase angle of 40°. A capacitor connected across the motor draws 7A at a leading phase angle of 90°. Using a scale of 1mm = 0.2A, determine the current drawn from the supply, and the resultant circuit phase angle. [14.5A @ 18.5° lag]
16. For the circuit of figure 2, determine the value and phase angle for the branch current I2. Use a scale of 1mm = 0.05A. [4.5A @ 90° lead].



I1      I2  
 9A  
 phi = 70  
 Lag

Figure 2



## NOTES

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## Resistance & Capacitance in AC Circuits

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### SECTION A

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1. The phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current in a purely resistive circuit is:
    - (a) 180 electrical degrees.
    - (b) 90 electrical degrees.
    - (c) 45 electrical degrees.
    - (d) 0 electrical degrees.
  2. The opposition to current flow in a purely capacitive circuit is known as \_\_\_\_\_ and is measured in \_\_\_\_\_
    - (a) capacitive reactance, ohms
    - (b) resistance, ohms
    - (c) capacitive reactance, farads
    - (d) impedance, farads
  3. The phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current in a purely capacitive circuit is:
    - (a) 180 electrical degrees.
    - (b) 90 electrical degrees.
    - (c) 45 electrical degrees.
    - (d) 0 electrical degrees.
  4. Adding extra resistance to a purely resistive circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:
    - (a) increase.
    - (b) decrease.
    - (c) remain unchanged.
    - (d) become maximum.
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5. The capacitive reactance of a capacitor is inversely proportional to the \_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ value.
- (a) supply frequency, capacitance  
 (b) supply current, capacitance  
 (c) supply frequency, supply voltage  
 (d) supply voltage, capacitance
6. Adding extra capacitance to a purely capacitive circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:
- (a) increase.  
 (b) decrease.  
 (c) remain unchanged.  
 (d) become maximum.

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

7. The power dissipation in an AC circuit is known as the \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ power, and for a capacitive circuit is equal to \_\_\_\_\_(b)\_\_\_.

True, Reactive power

8. In a purely resistive circuit, the circuit current and the circuit voltage are \_\_\_.

In phase

9. If extra resistance is added to a purely resistive circuit, the equivalent circuit resistance can be found by\_.

Numerical Addition

10. In a purely capacitive circuit, the circuit current and the circuit voltage are\_(b)\_\_\_, and the current\_(b)\_\_\_the voltage by\_(c)\_\_\_.

90 degree out of phase , leads 90 degree

11. The capacitive \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ of a capacitor is measured in ohms because it\_(b)\_\_\_ current flow.

Reactance , opposes

12. A capacitor "looks" like an \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ circuit to a DC supply once it is charged, but "looks" like a \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ circuit to an AC supply due to the charge and discharge \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_ that are continuously flowing.

Open, reactive , the electrical charges

13. A purely resistive AC circuit can be treated in the same manner as a\_(a)\_\_\_ circuit. This is because the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) in a resistive circuit is\_(b)\_\_\_.

Resistive , Zero

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14. A circuit of  $20\Omega$  resistance draws  $16A$  when connected to an AC supply. Determine:
  - (a) the voltage applied to the circuit, ( $320V$ )
  - (b) the power consumed by the circuit, ( $5.12kW$ )
15. A heating element is connected to a  $240$  volt,  $50Hz$  supply. If the rating of the heater is  $1.5kW$ , determine the current flowing in the circuit. ( $6.25A$ )
16. Determine the capacitive reactance of a  $47\mu F$  capacitor when connected to a  $32V$ ,  $50Hz$  supply. ( $67.7\Omega$ )
17. Determine the current taken by a  $390\mu F$  capacitor when connected to a  $240V$ ,  $50Hz$  supply. ( $29.4A$ )
18. A capacitor takes  $3A$  when connected to a  $240V$ ,  $50Hz$  supply. Determine:
  - (a) the capacitive reactance of the capacitor; ( $80\Omega$ )
  - (b) the capacitance of the capacitor. ( $39.8\mu F$ )
19. A capacitor takes  $6A$  when connected to a  $240V$ ,  $50Hz$  supply. Determine how much current the capacitor will take if it is reconnected to a  $115V$ ,  $400Hz$  supply. ( $23A$ )

20. For the circuit of figure 1, determine:

- (a) the resistances of  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ; ( $4.8\Omega$ ;  $3.43\Omega$ )
- (b) the current taken from the supply; ( $12A$ )
- (c) the equivalent resistance of the circuit; ( $2\Omega$ )
- (d) the power dissipated by each resistive ( $120W$ ;  $168W$ )
- (e) the total power dissipated by the circuit, ( $288W$ )
- (f) draw the phasor diagram for the circuit .

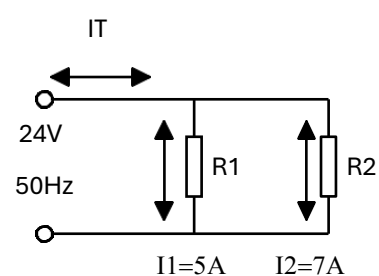


Figure 1

21. For the circuit of figure 2, determine:

- (a) the capacitive reactances of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ; ( $56.8\Omega$ ;  $81.6\Omega$ )
- (b) the capacitances of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ; ( $56\mu F$ ;  $39\mu F$ )
- (c) the current taken from the supply; ( $7.16A$ )
- (d) the equivalent capacitive reactance of the circuit; ( $33.5\Omega$ )
- (e) the equivalent capacitance of the circuit ( $95\mu F$ );
- (f) the total power dissipated by the circuit, ( $0W$ )
- (g) draw the phasor diagram for the circuit .

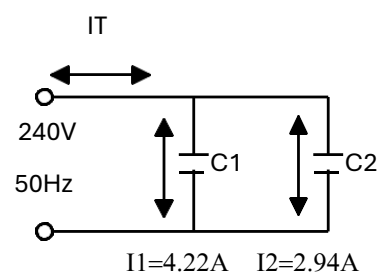


Figure 2

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## Inductance in AC Circuits

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1. The phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current in a purely inductive circuit is:
  - (a) 0 electrical degrees.
  - (b) 45 electrical degrees.
  - (c) 90 electrical degrees.
  - (d) 180 electrical degrees.
2. The opposition to current flow in a purely inductive circuit is known as \_\_\_\_\_ and is measured in \_\_\_\_\_
  - (a) resistance, ohms
  - (b) inductive reactance, ohms
  - (c) inductive reactance, henries
  - (d) impedance, henries
3. Adding extra inductance to a purely inductive circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:
  - (a) increase.
  - (b) decrease.
  - (c) remain unchanged.
  - (d) become maximum.
4. Inductors (such as ballasts) are used to control current in AC circuits as they:
  - (a) have a low power loss.
  - (b) have a good power factor.
  - (c) are cheaper than resistors.
  - (d) have a low value of reactance.



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5. The inductive reactance of an inductor is \_\_\_\_\_ to the supply frequency and \_\_\_\_\_ to the circuit inductance value.
- (a) proportional, inversely proportional
  - (b) proportional, proportional**
  - (c) inversely proportional, inversely proportional
  - (d) inversely proportional, proportional

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

6. The power dissipation for an inductive circuit is equal to \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_. This is because the energy is returned to the supply when the (b) collapses.

**Zero, Current**

7. Inductive reactance is an example of \_\_\_\_\_ Law "in action".

**Lenz**

8. In a purely inductive circuit, the circuit current and the circuit voltage are \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_, and the current \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_ the voltage by \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_\_. This is due to the \_\_\_(d)\_\_\_\_ that is continuously generated in the inductor.

**90 degree out of phase, lags 90 degree, induced voltage**

9. The inductive \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_ of an inductor is measured in \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_ because it opposes current flow.

**Reactance, Ohm**

10. An "ideal" inductor has \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_ resistance, whilst a practical inductor has \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_.

**Zero, small**

11. As the frequency of a supply connected to an ideal coil increases, the \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_\_ of the coil increases.

**Inductive reactance**

## SECTION B

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12. When connected to a 24V, 50Hz supply, an ideal inductor draws 1.2A. Determine the reactance of the inductor. ( $20\Omega$ )
13. If a coil of negligible resistance has an inductance of 0.05 henry, determine its inductive reactance if connected to a:
- (a) 50Hz supply, ( $15.7\Omega$ )
  - (b) 33Hz supply, and ( $10.4\Omega$ )
  - (c) 1kHz supply. ( $314\Omega$ )
14. A coil of negligible resistance draws 0.5A when connected to a 240V, 50Hz supply. Determine the inductance of the coil. (1.53H)
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15. An ideal 153mH inductor is rated to be used on a 240V, 50Hz supply, but instead is connected to a 200V, 400Hz supply. Determine the current flowing in the inductor for both of these conditions. (@50Hz: 5A; @400Hz: 0.52A)
16. A coil of negligible resistance draws 1A when connected to a 32V, 120Hz supply.
- (a) Determine how much current it will draw from a 415V, 50Hz supply. (31.1A)
  - (b) Draw a phasor diagram for each of the operating conditions. Pick a suitable scale for each diagram, noting the scales you have used next to your phasor diagrams.

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## R.L & R.C Series AC Circuits

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### SECTION A

In the following statements one of the suggested answers is best. Place the identifying letter of your choice on your answer sheet.

1. The phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current in an R.L. series circuit is between:  
(a)  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  lagging.  
(b)  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  leading.  
(c)  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  lagging.  
(d)  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  leading.
  2. Adding extra inductance to an R.L. series circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:  
(a) remain unchanged.  
(b) increase.  
(c) become maximum.  
(d) decrease.
  3. The opposition to current flow in any ac circuit containing \_\_\_\_\_ and reactive components is known as \_\_\_\_\_ and is measured in ohms.  
(a) capacitive , reactance  
(b) inductive reactance  
(c) resistive, impedance  
(d) inductive, impedance
  4. Adding extra resistance to an R.C. series circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:  
(a) remain unchanged.  
(b) increase.  
(c) become maximum.  
(d) decrease.
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5. If the inductive reactance and resistance of an R.L. series circuit are equal, the circuit phase angle will be:
- (a)  $45^\circ$  lead
  - (b)  $45^\circ$  lag
  - (c)  $30^\circ$  lead
  - (d)  $60^\circ$  lag

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

6. To decrease the phase angle in an R.L. series circuit, either (a) \_\_\_ the circuit resistance, or (b) \_\_\_ the circuit inductance.

Increase , decrease

7. In an impedance triangle for an R.L. series circuit, the circuit resistance is (a) \_\_\_ with the reference, the circuit (b) \_\_\_ will \_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_ the reference, whilst the circuit impedance is the (d) \_\_\_. Accompany your answer with a diagram to show the relationships for a series R.L. circuit.

Inphase ,current, lag , vector sum

8. The circuit phase angle for an R.C. circuit is between (a) \_\_\_ and (b) \_\_\_, and the current will (c) \_\_\_ the voltage.

Current and Voltage, lead

9. To increase the phase angle in an R.C. series circuit, either (a) \_\_\_ the circuit resistance, or (b) \_\_\_ the circuit (c) \_\_\_.

Decrease, increase, capacitance

10. Increasing the supply frequency to an R.L. series circuit will cause the circuit phase angle to

\_\_\_\_\_.  
Increase

11. Decreasing the supply frequency to an R.C. series circuit will cause the circuit phase angle to

\_\_\_\_\_.  
Increase

12. When using an impedance triangle to solve for series R.L or R.C circuits, the phase angle is measured between the circuit (a) \_\_\_ and the circuit (b) \_\_\_.

Resistance, Impedance

## SECTION B

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13. Determine the impedance of a series R.L circuit consisting of a  $220\Omega$  resistor and a  $1.59\text{H}$  ideal inductor when connected to a  $240\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. ( $546\Omega$ )
  14. If a  $120\Omega$  resistor is connected in series with  $0.75\text{H}$  ideal inductor, determine how much current will flow if connected to a  $415\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. ( $1.57\text{A}$ )
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15. Determine the impedance if the  $220\Omega$  resistor of Q12 is now connected in series with a  $22\mu\text{F}$  capacitor when connected to a 240V, 50Hz supply. ( $263\Omega$ )
16. A  $560\Omega$  resistor is connected in series with a  $5.68\mu\text{F}$  capacitor. Determine the current flowing in this circuit if connected to a 240V, 50Hz supply. (303mA)
17. An R.L. series circuit draws 0.333A when connected to a 32V, 50Hz supply. Determine the value of the circuits resistance and inductance if the circuit phase angle is measured to be  $60^\circ$  lag. ( $R=48\Omega$ ;  $L=265\text{mH}$ )
18. When connected to a 200V, 400Hz supply, an R.C. series circuit draws 2A. If the circuit phase angle is found to to  $45^\circ$ , determine the value of the circuits resistance and capacitance. ( $R=70.7\Omega$ ;  $C=5.6\mu\text{F}$ )
19. When connected to a 50Hz supply, an R.L. series circuit draws 0.4A. If the voltage drop across the resistor is 16V, and the voltage drop across the ideal inductor is 12V, determine:
  - (a) the voltage applied to the circuit by phasor diagram using a scale of  $1\text{mm} = 0.2\text{V}$ ; (20V)
  - (b) the circuit phase angle. ( $37^\circ$  lag)
  - (c) the resistance of the resistor; ( $40\Omega$ )
  - (d) the reactance of the inductor; ( $30\Omega$ )
  - (e) the circuit impedance; ( $50\Omega$ )
  - (f) the inductance of the inductor; (95.5mH)
  - (g) the minimum power rating for the resistor. (6.4W)
20. When connected to a 50Hz supply, an  $80\Omega$  resistor connected in series with a  $33\mu\text{F}$  capacitor draws a current of 2A . Determine by phasor diagram the voltage applied to the circuit and the circuit phase angle using a scale of  $1\text{mm} = 2\text{V}$ . ( $250\text{V}$ ;  $\phi = 50^\circ$  lead)

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## Series R.L.C Circuits

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### SECTION A

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1. If the circuit phase angle in an R.L.C. series circuit is between  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  lagging, then the \_\_\_\_\_ is higher than the \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - (a) capacitive reactance, inductive reactance



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4. Series resonance occurs when:

- (a)  $X_L = Z$
- (b)  $X_C = Z$
- (c)  $X_L = X_C$
- (d)  $X_L + X_C = R$

5. As the voltage drops in a series R.L.C. circuit are \_\_\_\_\_, they are added by \_\_\_\_\_ .

- (a) out of phase, phasor addition
- (b) in phase, phasor addition
- (c) out of phase, numerical addition
- (d) in phase, numerical addition

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

- 6. To decrease the phase angle in a series R.L.C. circuit, either \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ the circuit effective reactance, or \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ the circuit resistance.
- 7. At series resonance, the circuit impedance is a \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ value, and the circuit current is a \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ value.
- 8. If resonance occurs in a power series R.L.C. circuit, the \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ across the reactive components can become \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_ .
- 9. Increasing the supply frequency to a series R.L.C. circuit with a leading phase angle will cause the inductive reactance to \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_, the capacitive reactance to \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_, and the circuit phase angle to \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_.
- 10. Decreasing the supply frequency to a lagging R.L.C. series circuit will cause the circuit phase angle to \_\_\_\_\_.
- 11. When a series circuit is operating at resonant frequency, \_\_\_(a)\_\_\_ reactance equals \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_, and impedance equals \_\_\_(b)\_\_\_, and the circuit current is \_\_\_(c)\_\_\_

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- 12. A  $27\Omega$  resistor is connected in series with a  $250\text{mH}$  inductor and a  $33\mu\text{F}$  capacitor. If connected to a  $50\text{Hz}$  supply, determine the impedance of the circuit. ( $32.4\Omega$ )
- 13. Determine the supply current if a  $50\Omega$  resistor is connected in series with an inductor with a reactance of  $60\Omega$  and a capacitor with a reactance of  $80\Omega$  when connected to a  $240\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. ( $4.46\text{A}$ )

- 4 /  $X_L = X_C$
- 5/Out of phase / phasor addition
- 6/Decrease/ Increase
- 7/Minimum , Maximum
- 8/Voltage/maximum
- 9/Increase/ Decrease/ Decrease
- 10/ Decrease

11/Zero/ resistance/maximum

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14. A 200mH inductor is connected in series with a 100 $\mu$ F capacitor and an unknown resistor. Determine the value of the unknown resistor if the circuit draws 5A when connected to a 240V, 50Hz supply. (36.6 $\Omega$ )

15. For the circuit of figure 1, determine the:

- reactance of the inductor (235.6 $\Omega$ )
- reactance of the capacitor (159 $\Omega$ )
- impedance of the circuit (280.6 $\Omega$ )
- current flowing in the circuit (1.48A)
- voltage drop across the inductor (348V)
- voltage drop across the capacitor (235V)
- voltage drop across the resistor (399V)
- circuit phase angle (15.8 $^\circ$  lag)

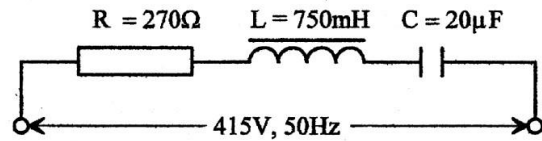


Figure 1

16. If the circuit of figure is connected to a variable frequency power supply, determine the resonant frequency of the circuit. (41Hz)
17. When connected to a 50Hz supply, an 560 $\Omega$  resistor connected in series with a 2.71H ideal inductor and a 5 $\mu$ F capacitor draws a current of 400mA . Determine by phasor diagram the voltage applied to the circuit and the circuit phase angle using a scale of 1mm = 2V. (240V;21 $^\circ$ lag)

## Parallel A.C. Circuits

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### SECTION A

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1. The phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current in an R.C. parallel circuit is between:
    - (a)  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  lagging.
    - (b)  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  leading.
    - (c)  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  lagging.
    - (d)  $90^\circ$  and  $180^\circ$  leading.
  2. Adding extra inductance to an R.L. parallel circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:
    - (a) remain unchanged.
    - (b) increase.
    - (c) become maximum.
    - (d) decrease.
  3. In a parallel resonant circuit, circuit impedance is a\_\_\_\_, and circuit current is a\_\_\_\_.
    - (a) maximum, maximum
    - (b) minimum, minimum
    - (c) maximum, minimum
    - (d) minimum, maximum
  4. Adding extra capacitance to a leading R.L.C. parallel circuit will cause the phase angle ( $\phi$ ) between voltage and current to:
    - (a) remain unchanged.
    - (b) increase.
    - (c) become maximum.
    - (d) decrease.
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5. In a parallel L.C. circuit, the component with the largest \_\_\_\_ will determine the phase angle for the circuit.
- (a) current
  - (b) voltage
  - (c) reactance
  - (d) resistance

For the following questions, complete the statements on your answer sheet with the word or phrase you think fits best.

6. To decrease the phase angle in an R.L. parallel circuit, either (a) \_\_\_\_ the circuit resistance, or (b) \_\_\_\_ the circuit inductance.

**Increase/ Decrease**

7. Increasing the frequency of the supply to an R.L.C. parallel circuit will cause the resistive current to (a) \_\_\_\_\_, the inductive current to \_\_\_\_\_ (b) and the capacitive current to \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_.

**Unchange, Decrease, increase**

8. The circuit phase angle for an R.L. parallel circuit is between (a) \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_ (b) \_\_\_\_, and the current will (c) \_\_\_\_ the voltage.

**0 to -90, lag**

The phase angle in a parallel RL circuit is **between 0 to -90 degrees**. Use  $V_R$  to find  $I_R$  then use  $V = 2\pi f L I_L$  to find  $I_L$ . Use the magnitude of Voltage for  $V$  and frequency for  $f$ . The phase angle will be  $\arctan(I_L / I_R)$   $\arctan(I_L / I_R)$ .

9. To increase the phase angle in an R.C. parallel circuit, either (a) \_\_\_\_ the circuit resistance, or (b) \_\_\_\_ the circuit \_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_.

**Decrease/ Increase**

10. Increasing the supply frequency to an R.L. parallel circuit will cause the circuit phase angle to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Increase**

11. Decreasing the supply frequency to an R.C. parallel circuit will cause the circuit phase angle to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Increase**

12. At parallel resonance, the circulating (a) \_\_\_\_ between the reactive components can be (b) \_\_\_\_.

**Current, Large**

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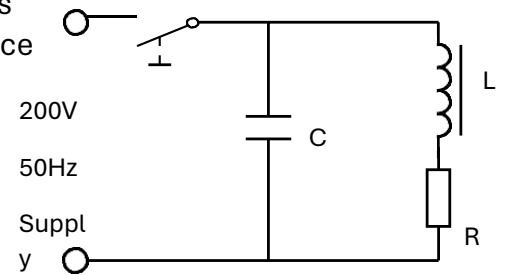
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13. For the circuit of figure 1, if the capacitive reactance is  $25\Omega$ , the inductive reactance is  $30\Omega$  and the resistance is  $10\Omega$ , determine

- the impedance, current and phase angle for the capacitive branch; ( $25\Omega$ ,  $8A$ ,  $90^\circ$  lead)
- the impedance, current and phase angle for the inductive branch; ( $31.6\Omega$ ,  $6.33A$ ,  $71.5^\circ$  lag)
- the supply current and circuit phase angle; ( $2.83A$ ,  $45^\circ$  lead) ( $1mm = 0.1A$ )
- the circuit impedance. ( $70.6\Omega$ )



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14. For the circuit of figure 1, if the capacitor is  $25\mu\text{F}$ , the inductor is  $250\text{mH}$  and the resistance is  $15\Omega$ , determine:
- (a) the capacitive current and phase angle; ( $1.57\text{A}$ ,  $90^\circ$  lead)
  - (b) the inductive current and phase angle; ( $2.5\text{A}$ ,  $79^\circ$  lag)
  - (c) the supply current and circuit phase angle; ( $1\text{A}$ ,  $61.6^\circ$  lag) ( $1\text{mm} = 25\text{mA}$ )
  - (d) the circuit impedance ( $200\Omega$ )
15. If a  $120\Omega$  resistor is connected in parallel with  $382\text{mH}$  inductor with a resistance of  $35\Omega$ , determine how much current will flow if connected to a  $415\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. ( $5.4\text{A}$ )  
( $1\text{mm} = 50\text{mA}$ )
16. An L.C. parallel circuit is connected to a single phase  $240\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. If the current through the capacitor  $12\text{A}$ , and the current through the inductor is  $16\text{A}$  at a phase angle of  $60^\circ$  lagging, determine the:
- (a) impedance of the inductor; ( $15\Omega$ )
  - (b) resistance of the inductor; ( $7.5\Omega$ )
  - (c) impedance of the capacitor; ( $20\Omega$ )
  - (d) current drawn from the supply; ( $8.2\text{A}$ ) ( $1\text{mm} = 0.2\text{A}$ )
  - (e) circuit phase angle. ( $13.1^\circ$  lag)
  - (f) circuit impedance; ( $29.3\Omega$ )
17. An  $80\Omega$  resistor connected in parallel with a  $33\mu\text{F}$  capacitor is connected to a  $250\text{V}$ ,  $50\text{Hz}$  supply. Determine by phasor diagram the current drawn from the supply and the circuit phase angle using a scale of  $1\text{mm} = 0.05\text{A}$ . ( $4\text{A}$ ;  $\phi = 40^\circ$  lead)