

# Inductor-Capacitor (LC) Circuits

Session 3d for Basic Electricity  
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# Module: Basic Electronics

## (AC Circuits and Impedance: two parts)

- Text: “Electricity One-Seven,” Harry Mileaf, Prentice-Hall, 1996, ISBN 0-13-889585-6 (Covers much more material than this section)
- References:
  - “Digital Mini Test: Principles of Electricity Lessons One and Two,” SNET Home Study Coordinator, (203) 771-5400
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Alex Pounds)
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Mark Sokos)
  - [Basic Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to George Mason University)
  - [Vector Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to California Polytec at [atom.physics.calpoly.edu](http://atom.physics.calpoly.edu) )
- Alternating Current and Impedance
  - 5 on-line sessions plus one lab
- Resonance and Filters
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## Section 3:

# AC, Inductors and Capacitors

- **OBJECTIVES:** This section introduces AC voltage / current and their effects on circuit components (resistors, inductors, transformers and capacitors). The concept of impedance and the use of the vector analogy for computations is also introduced.

# Section 3 Schedule:

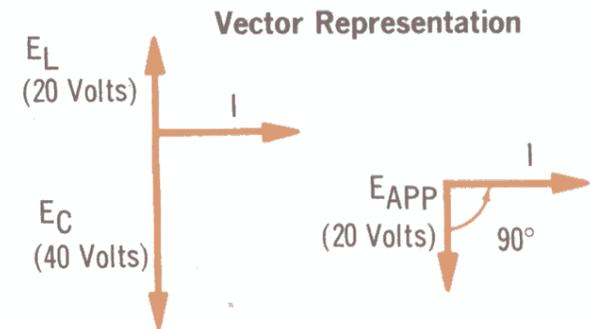
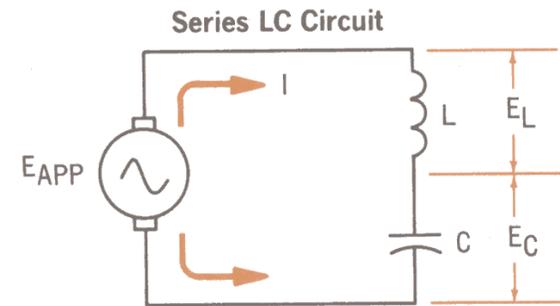
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# Session 3c (R-C) Review

- Capacitive reactance  $X_C = 1/2\pi fC$  at  $-90^\circ$  (Note:  $X_L = 2\pi fL$  at  $-90^\circ$ )
- Impedances ( $R$ ,  $X_L$ ,  $X_C$ ) in series add as vectors (Phasors).
- Impedances in parallel add as inverses
  - Adding Vectors
    - Separately add their horizontal and vertical components
    - Graphically: head-to-tail or parallelogram
  - Multiplying Vectors
    - Multiply their magnitudes (lengths)
    - Add their phases
  - Dividing Vectors
    - Divide their magnitudes (lengths)
    - Subtract their phases
- Ohm's and Kirchoff's laws still work with AC
- Real power is only dissipated in resistors

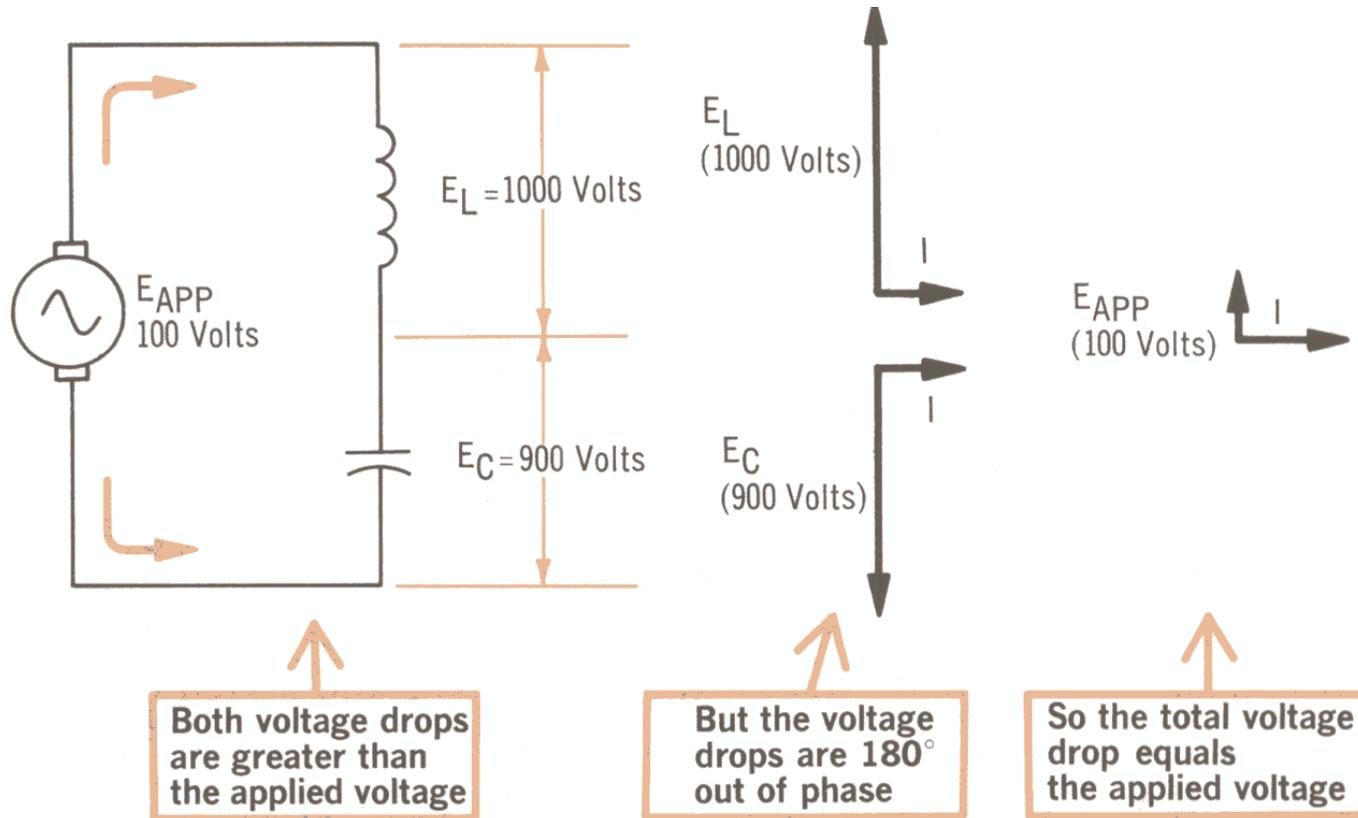
# Series LC- Voltage

- AC voltages add as vectors
- Current is the same in all series components
  - the reference phase
- Inductor voltage drop ( $E_L$ ) points up (leads current by  $90^\circ$ )
- Capacitor voltage drop ( $E_C$ ) points down (lags current by  $90^\circ$ )
- Add  $E_L$  and  $E_C$  to get  $E_{APP}$ 
  - $E_L = 20\angle 90^\circ$
  - $E_C = 40\angle -90^\circ = -40\angle 90^\circ$
  - $E_{APP} = -20\angle 90^\circ = 20\angle -90^\circ$  (capacitive circuit)



# Series LC – Voltage

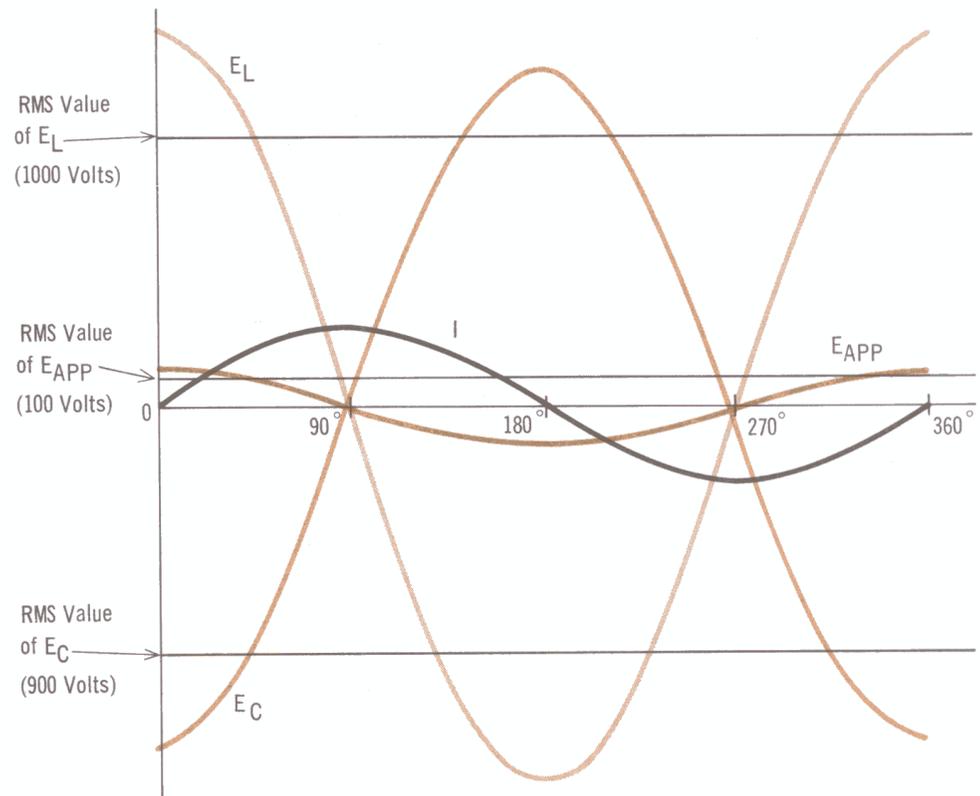
## An Inductive Circuit



# Series LC – Voltage Waveforms

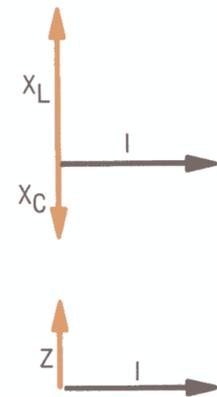
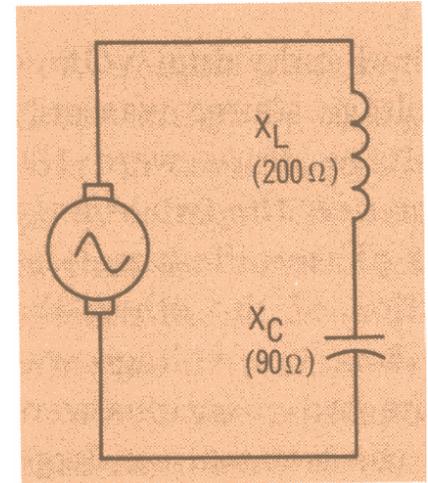
## Inductive Circuit

- Current (reference phase) is a sine
- $E_L$  leads and is a cosine
- $E_C$  lags and is a negative cosine
- They subtract to yield  $E_{APP}$  as a positive cosine (Inductive)



# Series LC - Impedance

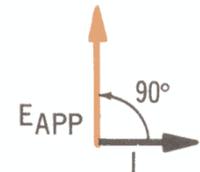
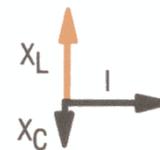
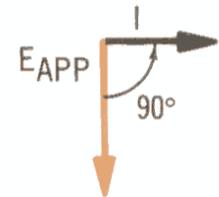
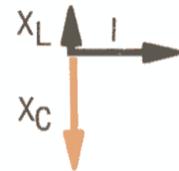
- Impedances in series add as vectors
- $X_L$  and  $X_C$  are in opposite directions
  - Magnitudes subtract
  - $Z = 110 \angle 90^\circ$  (Inductive)



# Series LC

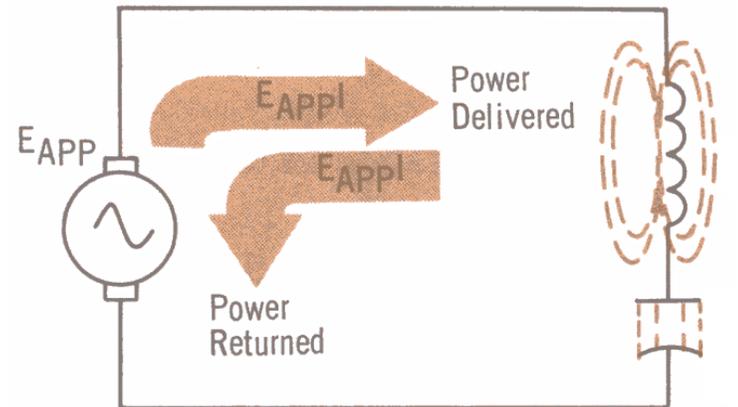
## Inductive vs. Capacitive

- The circuit acts capacitive when the capacitive reactance dominates
- The circuit acts inductive when the inductive reactance dominates
- “Resonance” occurs when they are equal



# Series LC - Power

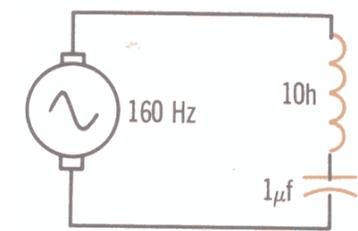
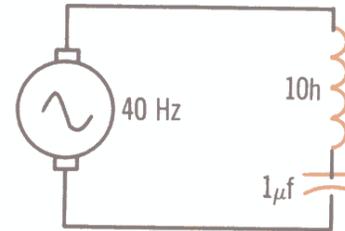
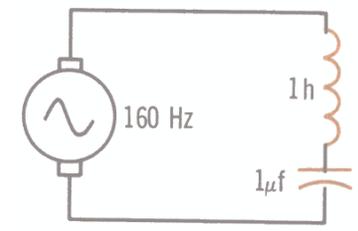
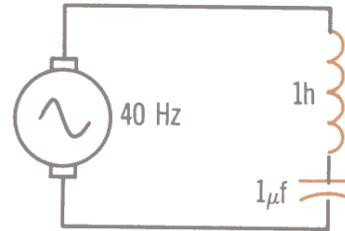
- No real power is dissipated (no resistance)
- Power is alternately stored and returned
  - Magnetic Field (Inductor)
  - Electric Field (Capacitor)



True Power in an Ideal LC Circuit is Zero

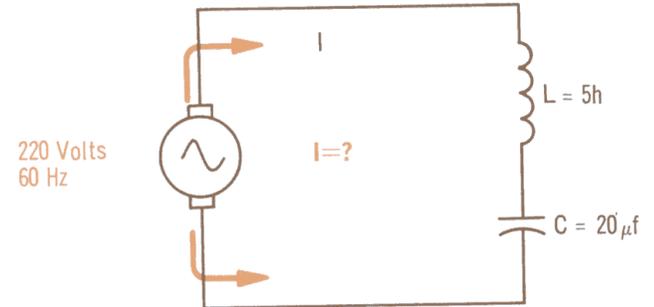
# The Effect of Frequency

- Top at 40 Hz
  - $X_L = 2\pi \cdot 40 \cdot 1 = 251\Omega$
  - $X_C = 1/2\pi \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-6} = -3981\Omega$
  - $Z = -3730\Omega$  (capacitive)
- Top at 160 Hz
  - $X_L = 2\pi \cdot 160 \cdot 1 = 1005\Omega$
  - $X_C = 1/2\pi \cdot 160 \cdot 10^{-6} = -995\Omega$
  - $Z = 10\Omega$  (inductive, near resonance)
- Bottom at 40 Hz
  - $X_L = 2\pi \cdot 40 \cdot 10 = 2512\Omega$
  - $X_C = 1/2\pi \cdot 40 \cdot 10^{-6} = -3981\Omega$  **book error**
  - $Z = -1469\Omega$  (capacitive)



# Series RC Example

- $$\begin{aligned} Z &= 2\pi * 60 * 5 - 1 / (2\pi * 60 * 20 * 10^{-6}) \\ &= 1884 - 1 / (7512 * 10^{-6}) \\ &= 1884 - 1 / (0.7512 * 10^{-2}) \\ &= 1884 - 1.331 * 10^2 \\ &= 1884 - 133.1 = \mathbf{1751\Omega \text{ at } 90^\circ} \end{aligned}$$



- $$\begin{aligned} I &= 220 \angle 0 / 1751 \angle 90^\circ \\ &= 0.1256 \text{ Amps at } -90^\circ \text{ (negative sine; } E_{APP} \text{ is cosine)} \end{aligned}$$
- $$E_L = 0.1256 \angle -90^\circ * 1884 \angle 90^\circ = 237 \text{ volts at } 0^\circ$$
- $$E_C = 0.1256 \angle -90^\circ * 133.1 \angle -90^\circ = 17 \text{ volts at } 180^\circ = -17 \text{ volts at } 0^\circ$$
- Note that  $E_{APP} = E_L - E_C = 220 \text{ volts at } 0^\circ$  (Kirchoff's Voltage Law)

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