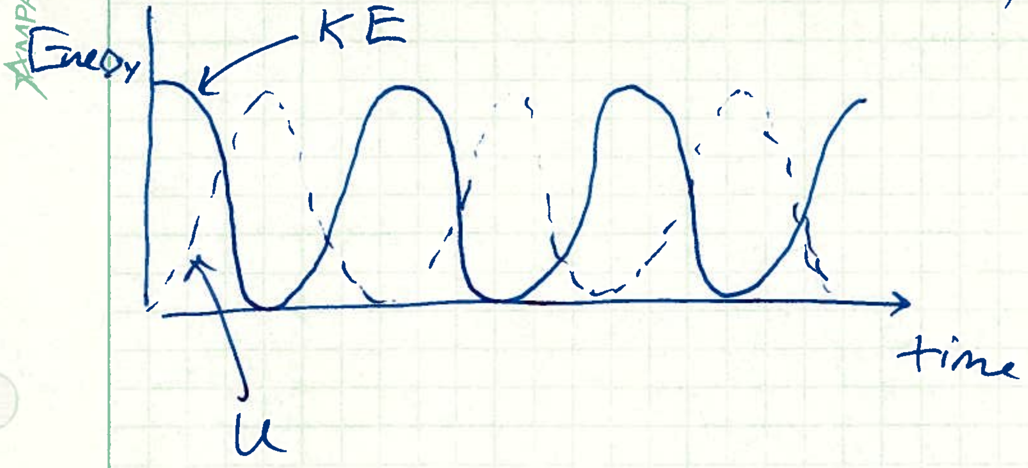
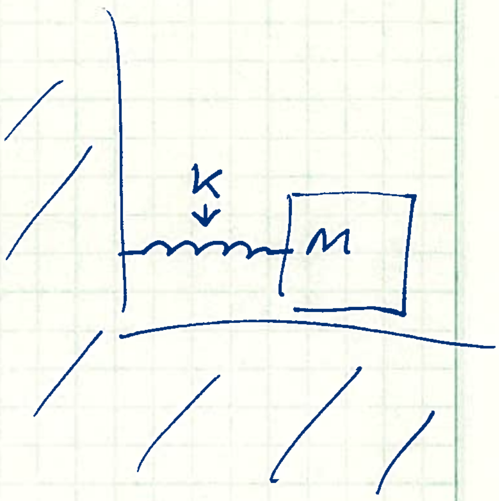
Electrical Oscillators

Mechanical Oscillator: energy is converted between kinetic and elastic potential

$KE = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{1}{2}m\dot{x}^2$

$U = \frac{1}{2}kx^2$

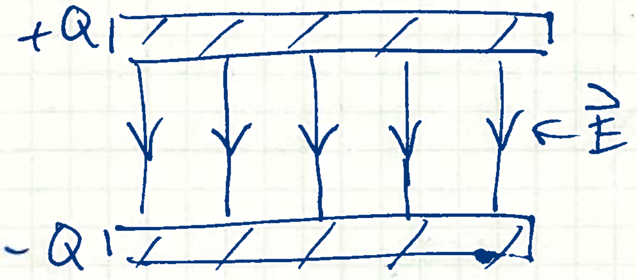




Electrical Oscillator: Energy is converted between electric ($\vec{E}$ field) and magnetic ($\vec{B}$ Field).

① **Capacitor:** Device for storing energy in an electric field

Ex: Parallel Plate Capacitor



Each small volume of space (dV) with an electric field $\vec{E}$ stores a small amount of electric energy (dU_E):

$$dU_E = \underbrace{\tfrac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2}_{u_E} dV \quad , \quad u_E \equiv \tfrac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2$$

Energy, big U

energy density, little u

$=$ "electric energy density of free space"

$= \dfrac{\text{Joules}}{\text{meter}^3}$

The total energy stored is

$$\text{"big } U\text{"} \rightarrow U_E = \int_{\substack{\text{all}\\ \text{space}}} \tfrac{1}{2}\varepsilon_0 |\vec{E}|^2 dV$$

If the electric field is created by a capacitor with charges $+Q$ and $-Q$ and voltage difference V, then the total energy can be written

$$U_E = \tfrac{1}{2} QV = \tfrac{1}{2} CV^2 = \frac{Q^2}{2C}$$

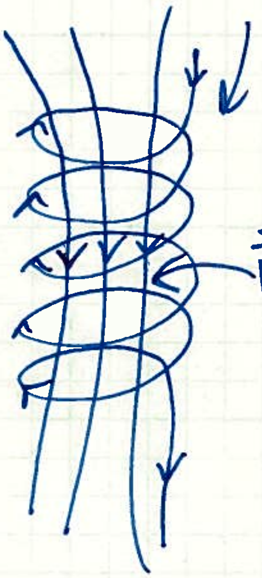
where C = capacitance $= \dfrac{Q}{V}$

Capacitance is a constant that only depends on the shape and material of the capacitor.

"$Q = CV$" says "charge on the capacitor is proportional to the voltage across it. C is the proportionality constant."

② **Inductor:** Device for storing energy in a magnetic field.

A simple solenoid:



current = I

$\vec{B}$ Field created by current I

The energy density of a magnetic field is

$$dU_B = \frac{1}{2\mu_0}|\vec{B}|^2 dV \quad , \quad \underset{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{"little u"}}}{u_B} = \frac{1}{2\mu_0}|\vec{B}|^2$$

= "magnetic energy density of free space"

The total magnetic energy is

"big U" $\rightarrow U_B = \int_{\text{all space}} \frac{1}{2\mu_0}|\vec{B}|^2 dV$

= $\frac{\text{Joules}}{\text{meter}^3}$

For an inductor, the total energy can be written as

$$U_B = \frac{1}{2}LI^2 \quad , \text{ where } L = \text{"self-inductance"}$$

L is determined by the shape and material of the inductor. It is the proportionality constant between magnetic flux and current:

Φ_B = magnetic flux through the inductor $= L\,I$

↑ proportionality constant.

← current

Similarities between C & L

Device	Circuit Symbol	MKS unit	Stores energy in:	Proportionality Constant:	Determin by
C		Farad	$\vec{E}$	$Q = CV$	Shape and material
L		Henry	$\vec{B}$	$\Phi_B = LI$	

If you know the shape & material of your $\left\{\begin{matrix}\text{capacitor}\\ \text{inductor,}\end{matrix}\right.$ then you can calculate $\left\{\begin{matrix}C\\ L\end{matrix}\right\}$.

Neither C nor L depends on: $\left.\begin{matrix}Q\\ V\\ I\end{matrix}\right\}$ These things depend on time, but C & L are constant.

Voltage Rules:

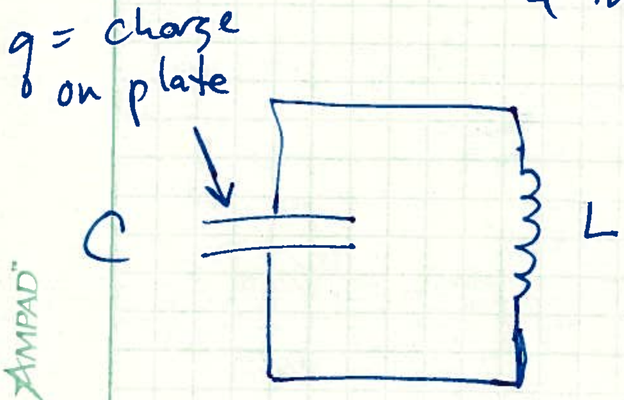
Capacitor: $|V_c| = \left|\frac{1}{c}Q\right|$ or $\boxed{V_C = \frac{1}{c}Q}$ (ignoring any sign)

Inductor: $|V_L| = \left|-\frac{d\Phi_B}{dt}\right| = \left|-\frac{d}{dt}(LI)\right| = \left|L\frac{dI}{dt}\right|$

$\therefore \boxed{V_L = L\frac{dI}{dt}}$ (ignoring any sign)

LC oscillator

Simplest electrical oscillator. Energy exchanges between electric & magnetic.



Voltage Loop rule:

$$V_c + V_L = 0$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{C} q\right) \quad \left(L \frac{dI}{dt}\right) = L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2}$$

since $I = \frac{dq}{dt}$

$$\therefore \quad \frac{1}{C} q + L \frac{d^2q}{dt^2} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{q} + \frac{1}{LC} q = 0}$$

Simple harmonic oscillator equation

Solution: $q(t) = q_0 e^{i(\omega_0 t + \delta)}$, where $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ = "natural freq."

q_0 & δ are determined by the initial conditions

$$\dot{q}(t) = I(t) = (i\omega_0)\left(q_0 e^{i(\omega_0 t + \delta)}\right)$$

$$= i\omega_0 q(t)$$

↑ current has a phase shift of 90° compared to charge

Energy: U_E = electric energy

$$= \frac{1}{2C} q^2 = \frac{1}{2C}\left[q_0 \cos(\omega_0 t+\delta)\right]^2$$

$$= \frac{q_0^2}{2C} \cos^2(\omega_0 t+\delta)$$

U_B = magnetic energy

$$= \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} L \left[\underbrace{Re\left(i\omega q_0 e^{i(\omega_0 t+\delta)}\right)}_{-\omega_0 q_0 \sin(\omega_0 t+\delta)} \right]^2$$

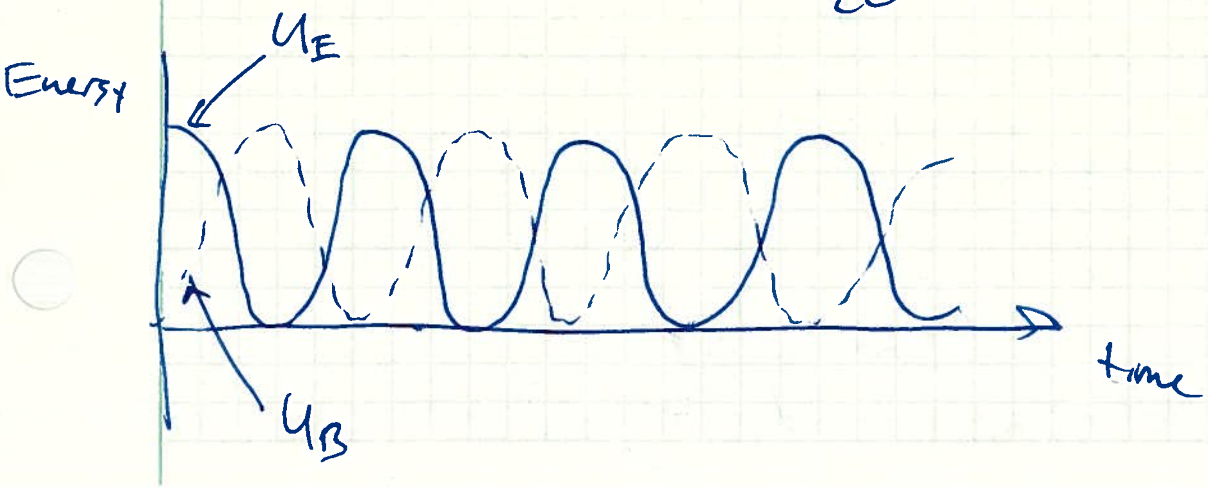
$$= \frac{1}{2} q_0^2 \underbrace{\omega_0^2 L} \sin^2(\omega_0 t+\delta)$$

$\omega_0^2 = \frac{1}{LC}$ so $\omega_0^2 L = \frac{1}{C}$

$$= \frac{q_0^2}{2C} \sin^2(\omega_0 t+\delta)$$

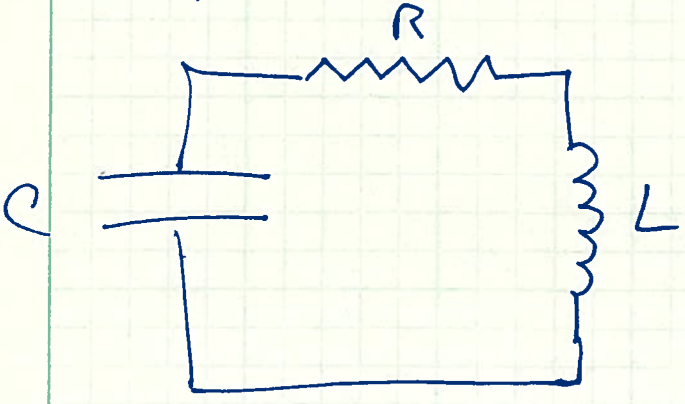
Total energy $= U_E + U_B = \frac{q_0^2}{2C}\left[\underbrace{\cos^2(\omega_0 t+\delta) + \sin^2(\omega_0 t+\delta)}_{1}\right]$

$$= \frac{q_0^2}{2C} = \text{constant}$$



LC oscillilator with damping – RLC circuit

Add a resistor to the circuit: Electrical energy will be converted to heat in the resistor



Voltage Rule:

$$V_C + V_R + V_L = 0$$

$$V_C \rightarrow \frac{q}{C} \qquad V_R \rightarrow IR = \dot{q}R \qquad V_L \rightarrow L\frac{dI}{dt} = L\frac{d^2q}{dt^2} = L\ddot{q}$$

$$\therefore \frac{q}{C} + R\dot{q} + L\ddot{q} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{q} + \frac{R}{L}\dot{q} + \frac{1}{LC}q = 0}$$

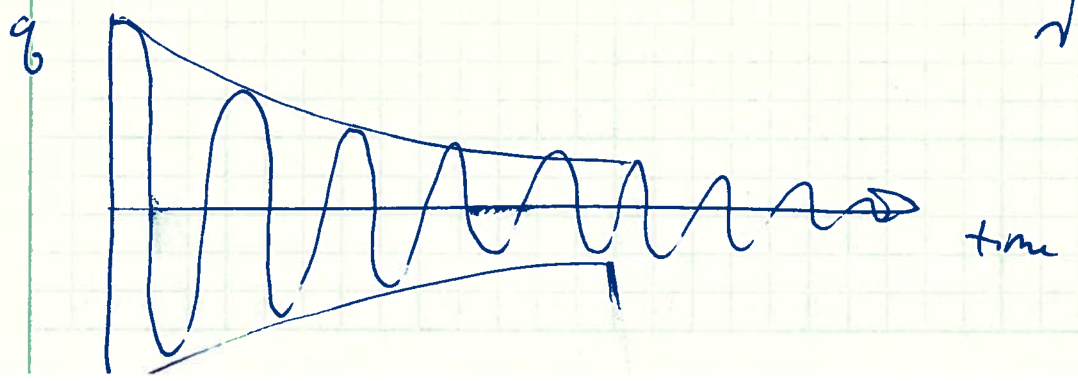
Simple Harmonic Oscillator with damping

Solution (light damping):

$$\boxed{q(t) = q_0 e^{-\gamma t/2} e^{i(\omega t + \delta)}}$$

where $\gamma = \frac{R}{L}$

and $\omega = \sqrt{\omega_0^2 - \frac{\gamma^2}{4}}$



Driven RLC circuit — Series

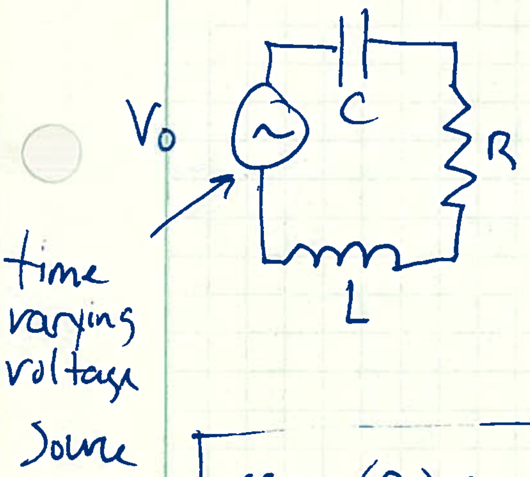
Suppose we have an oscillating circuit with a voltage source that varies in time as a cosine:

$$V_{source}(t) = V_0 \cos(\underset{\uparrow}{\omega} t) = V_0 e^{i\underset{\uparrow}{\omega} t}$$

forcing frequency

We choose δ (phase shift) $= 0$ be choosing $t = 0$ correctly.

Then the RLC series circuit looks like:



Voltage Loop Rule:

$$\underset{\left(V_0 e^{i\omega t}\right)}{\underset{\downarrow}{V_S}} = \cancel{V_R}\ \underset{\left(\frac{1}{C}q\right)}{\underset{\downarrow}{V_C}} + \underset{\left(R\dot{q}\right)}{\underset{\downarrow}{V_R}} + \underset{\left(L\ddot{q}\right)}{\underset{\downarrow}{V_L}}$$

$$\boxed{\ddot{q} + \left(\frac{R}{L}\right)\dot{q} + \left(\frac{1}{LC}\right)q = \left(\frac{V_0}{L}\right)e^{i\omega t}}$$

Driven Harmonic Oscillator.

Steady State Solution: $q(t) = q_0 e^{i(\omega t+\delta)}$ or $A e^{i(\omega t+\delta)}$

where $\cancel{A = q_0}$

$$q_0(\omega) = \frac{(V_0/L)}{\sqrt{(\omega_0^2-\omega^2)^2 + (\omega\gamma)^2}}$$

ω = driving frequency,

$\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$,

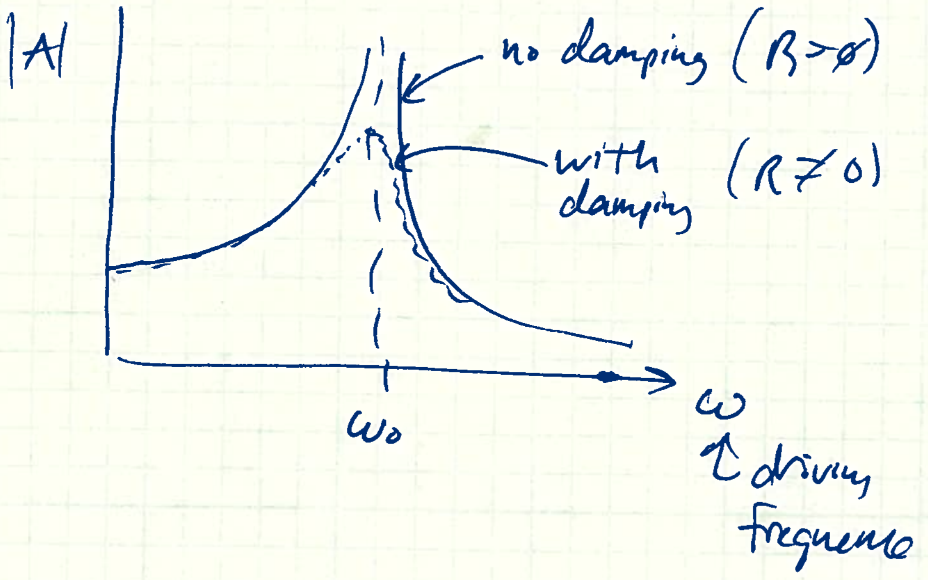
$\gamma = (R/L)$

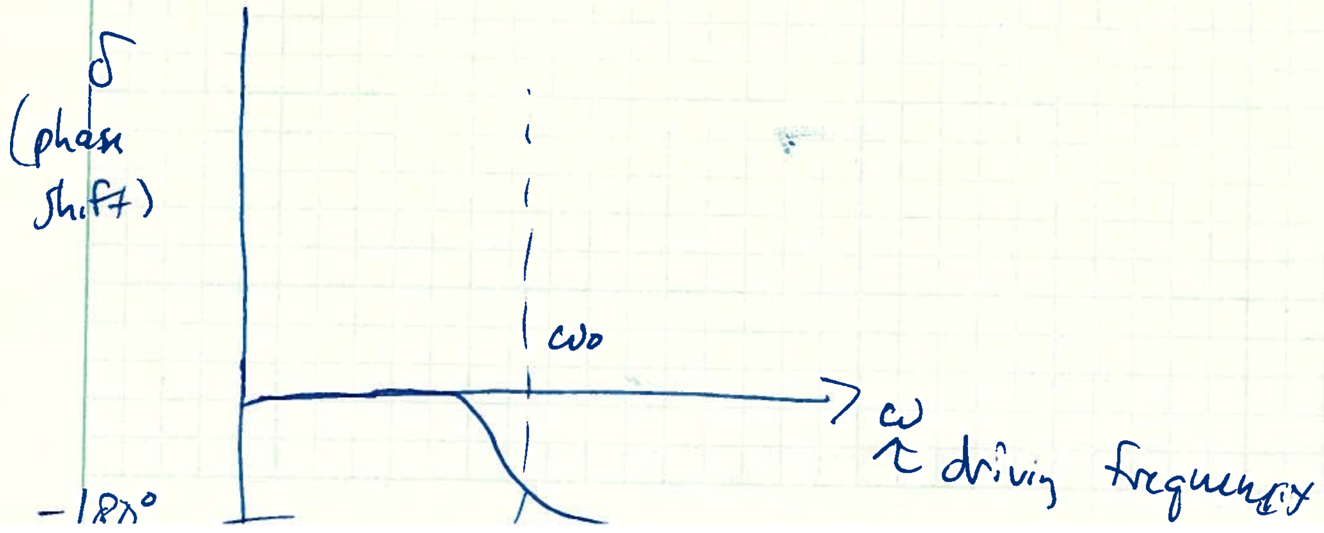
and $$\delta(\omega) = -\tan^{-1}\left[\frac{\omega\gamma}{(\omega_0^2-\omega^2)}\right]$$

Just like the forced mechanical oscillator, we have a resonance when $\omega \approx \omega_0$.

When $\omega \approx \omega_0$, the following things become very large:

1) the peak charge on the capacitor
2) the peak current in the circuit
3) the total energy stored in the C & L.





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Phasor Analysis of AC circuits

Phasors give us a geometric method for thinking about harmonic oscillators. Particularly useful for AC circuits.

Basic Principles

① Resistors: Voltage Rule: $V = IR$

If $V_R = V_0 e^{i\omega t}$, then $I = \underbrace{\frac{V_0}{R}}_{\text{no phase shift}} e^{i\omega t}$

$\boxed{V_R = IR}$ Ohm's Law for resistors

② Capacitors: $Q = CV$

$$I = \frac{dQ}{dt} = C\frac{dV}{dt}$$

If $V = V_0 e^{i\omega t}$, then $I = i\omega C \underbrace{V_0 e^{i\omega t}}_{V}$

or

$$V = I \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{i\omega C}\right)}$$

Define $\boxed{X_C \equiv \frac{1}{i\omega C}}$

"Capacitive Reactance"

Then $\boxed{V = IX_C}$ "Ohm's Law for Capacitors"

③ Inductors: $V = L\frac{dI}{dt}$

If $V = V_0 e^{i\omega t}$

Then $I = \frac{1}{i\omega L}\underbrace{\left(V_0 e^{i\omega t}\right)}_{V}$

OR

$$V = I\underbrace{(i\omega L)}$$

Define $i\omega L \equiv X_L =$ "inductive reactance"

Then $\boxed{V = IX_L}$ Ohm's Laws for Inductors

Summarizing

Resistors: $V = IR$, ⇒ V & I are 100% in phase (no phase difference)

Capacitors: $V = IX_C$, $X_C = \frac{1}{i\omega C} = \frac{\boxed{-i}}{\omega C} \leftarrow$ phase difference

⇒ Voltage lags the current by 90° ($\pi/4$)

Inductors: $V = IX_L$, $X_L = \boxed{i}\omega L$ phase difference

⇒ Voltage leads the current by 90°.

In AC circuits, Capacitors and Inductors behave like resistors in that the peak voltage is proportional to the peak current. (Like Ohm's Law for resistors.) On the other hand,

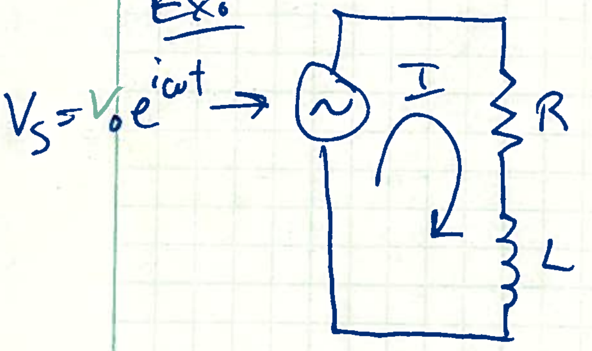
① There is a phase shift of +90° or −90° between voltage & current.

② The proportionality "constant" ~~for~~ depends on the frequency: $X_C = \frac{-i}{\omega C}$, $X_L = i\omega L$.

frequency dependent

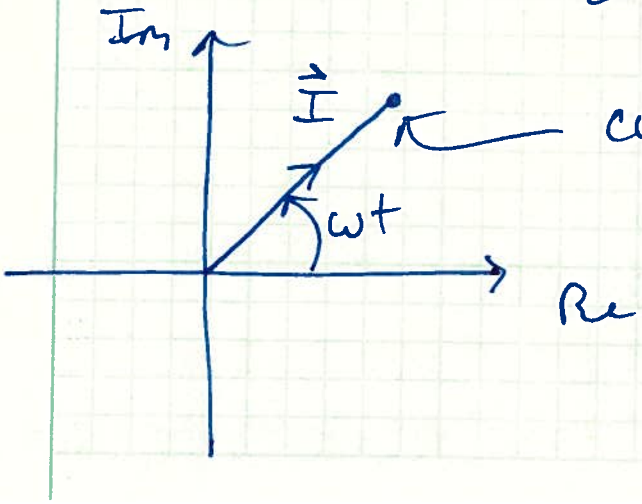
Application to Phasor Analysis

Ex:



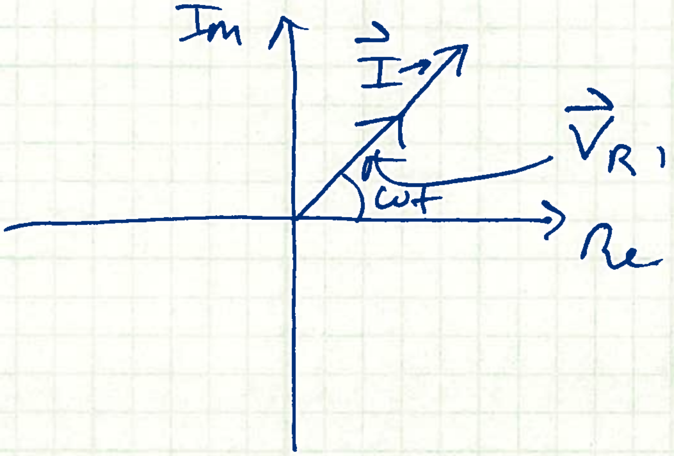
Driven RL circuit. This circuit has one and only one current.

Let's draw it in the complex plane:



current phasor, rotating at frequency ω. Makes an angle ωt with the real axis.

Add the voltage phasor for the resistor

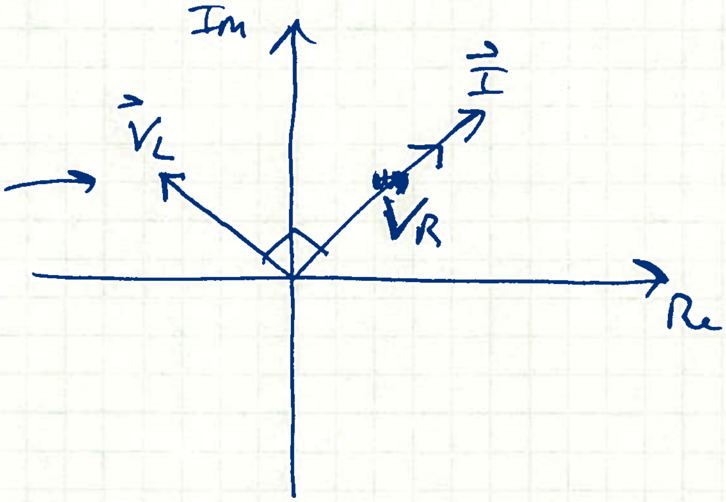


$\vec{V}_R$, voltage phasor for resistor

In-phase with the current.

Now add the voltage phasor for the inductor:

Voltage of Inductor leads the current by 90°.

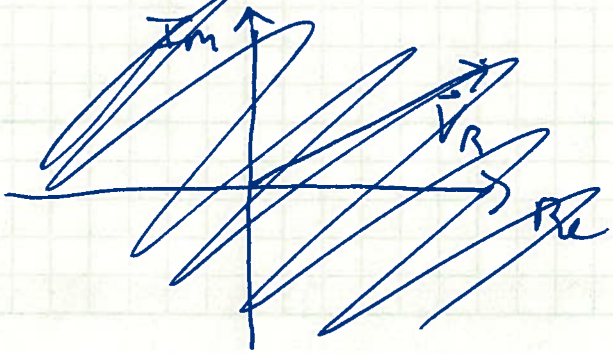


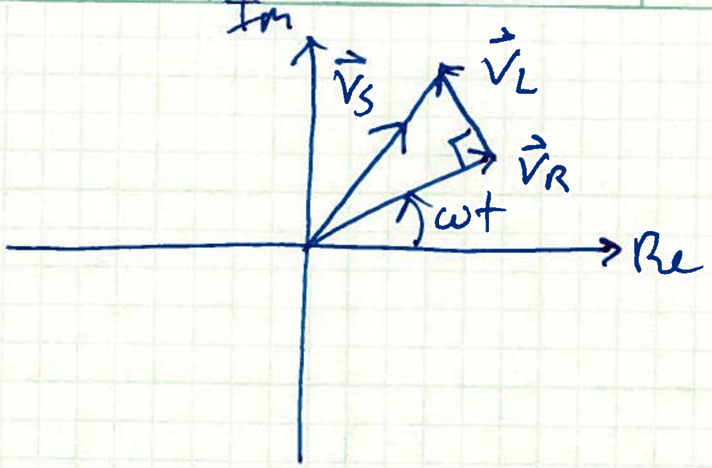
Now the voltage loop rule says:

$V_S = V_R + V_L$ which we can interpret geometrically.

$\vec{V}_S = \vec{V}_R + \vec{V}_L$ ⟸ phasors

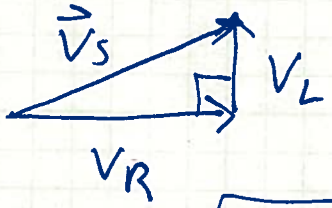
or





This is a phasor diagram for the voltages in the circuit

This is useful because we can use ~~the~~ geometry to figure out the relationships:



so $$|\vec{V}_S| = V_0 = \sqrt{|V_R|^2 + |V_L|^2}$$

$$|V_R| = I_0 R$$

$$|V_L| = I_0 \left|(i\omega L)\right| = I_0(\omega L)$$

$$V_0 = \sqrt{(I_0 R)^2 + (\omega L I_0)^2}$$

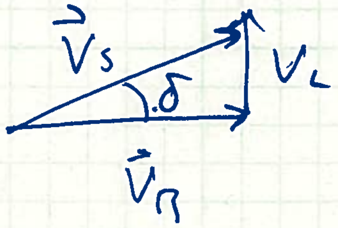
$$V_0 = I_0 \underbrace{\left[\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}\right]}_{} = I_0 Z$$

Define Z = "impedance"

Peak current $$\boxed{I_0 = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{R^2 + (\omega L)^2}}}$$

Peak current drops as driving frequency increases

How about phase differences?



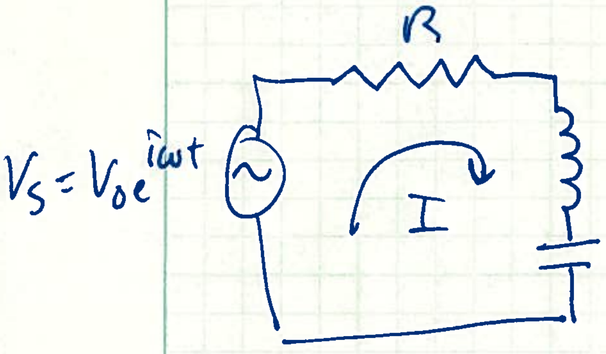
phase difference between V_R & V_S: (or I & V_S)

$$\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{|V_L|}{|V_R|}\right) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega L I_0}{R I_0}\right)$$

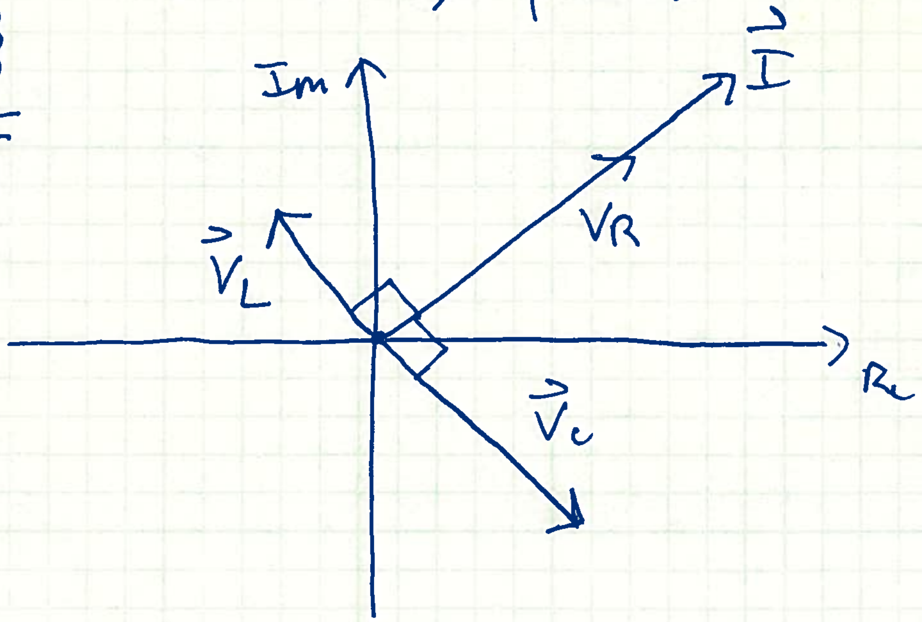
$$\boxed{\delta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\omega L}{R}\right)}$$

Example

Driven RLC circuit:

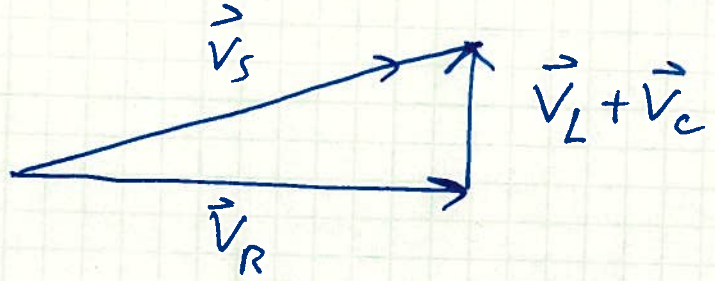


One current phasor, four voltage phasors:



Voltage Loop Rule: $\vec{V}_S = \vec{V}_R + \vec{V}_L + \vec{V}_C$

Note that $\vec{V}_L$ & $\vec{V}_C$ are in opposite directions.



$$\therefore \quad |\vec{V}_S| = V_0 = \sqrt{|V_R|^2 + \left(|\vec{V}_L + \vec{V}_C|\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(I_0 R)^2 + \left(I_0 \omega L - \frac{I_0}{\omega C}\right)^2}$$

$$= I_0 \underbrace{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)^2}}_{Z = \text{impedance of this circuit}}$$

$$\therefore \quad I_0 = \text{peak current} = \frac{V_0}{\sqrt{R^2 + \left(\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\right)^2}}$$

$$= \frac{(V_0/L)}{\sqrt{\left(\frac{R^2}{L^2}\right) + \left(\omega - \frac{1}{\omega LC}\right)^2}}$$

$$= \quad \frac{R}{L} = \gamma \quad , \quad \frac{1}{LC} = \omega_0^2$$

$$\boxed{I_0 = \frac{\omega (V_0/L)}{\sqrt{(\omega r)^2 + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}}}$$

Resonance when $\omega \approx \omega_0$.

Previously we found by solving the differential equation that

$$q_0 = \frac{(V_0/L)}{\sqrt{(\omega r)^2 + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)^2}} \quad \text{or} \quad q(t) = q_0 e^{i\omega t}$$

which means that

$$I(t) = \dot{q}(t) = \underbrace{i\omega q_0}_{I_0 = \omega q_0} e^{i\omega t}$$

or

$$I_0 = \frac{\omega (V_0/L)}{\sqrt{(\omega r)^2 + (\omega^2 - \omega_0^2)}}$$

so we got the same result without calculating with the differential equation.