

Relevant Formulas

$Z = R + jX$	(complex impedance)
$X_L = j\omega L$	(reactance of an inductor)
$X_C = \frac{-j}{\omega C}$	(reactance of a capacitor)
$ Z = \sqrt{\Re(Z)^2 + \Im(Z)^2}$	(magnitude of impedance)
$Z_{eq} = Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + \dots$	(series connection)
$\frac{1}{Z_{eq}} = \frac{1}{Z_1} + \frac{1}{Z_2} + \frac{1}{Z_3} + \dots$	(parallel connection)
$\tilde{V} = V_0 e^{j\omega t}$	(voltage phasor)
$\tilde{I} = I_0 e^{j(\omega t - \phi)} = \frac{\tilde{V}}{Z}$	(current phasor)
$I_0 = \frac{V_0}{ Z }$	(current amplitude)
$\tan \phi = \frac{\Im(Z)}{\Re(Z)}$	(tangent of phase angle)
$\tilde{I}_C = \frac{\tilde{V}_C}{X_C}$	(capacitor current phasor)
$\tilde{I}_L = \frac{\tilde{V}_L}{X_L}$	(inductor current phasor)
$\phi = 0$	(resonance condition)
$P_{av} = \frac{I_0 V_0}{2} \cos \phi = I_{rms} V_{rms} \cos \phi$	(average power)
$P_{av,R} = I_{rms}^2 R$	(average power dissipated in resistor)

In simple (all parallel or all series) AC RLC Circuits, a helpful mnemonic is:

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In inductors, current lags voltage by $\pi/2$ and in capacitors, current leads voltage by $\pi/2$, and in resistors, in phase with the voltage

Therefore:

$$\tilde{I}_L = I_{0,L} e^{j(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

$$\tilde{I}_C = I_{0,C} e^{j(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2})}$$

$$\tilde{I}_R = I_{0,R} e^{j(\omega t)}$$