

Power (ac)

For any system, the power delivered to a load at any instant is defined by the product of the applied voltage and the resulting current; that is,

$$p = vi$$

In this case, since v and i are sinusoidal quantities, let us establish a general case where

$$v = V_m \sin(\omega t + \theta)$$

$$i = I_m \sin \omega t$$

Substituting the above equations for v and i into the power equation will result in

$$p = vi = V_m I_m \sin \omega t \sin(\omega t + \theta)$$

$$p = VI \cos \theta (1 - \cos 2\omega t) + VI \sin \theta \sin 2\omega t$$

RESISTIVE CIRCUIT

For a purely resistive circuit, v and i are in phase,

$$p_R = VI \cos 0 (1 - \cos 2\omega t) + VI \sin 0 \sin 2\omega t$$

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APPARENT POWER

$$S = VI \quad \text{volt - amperes, VA}$$

$$p = S \cos \theta = SF_p$$

INDUCTIVE CIRCUIT AND REACTIVE POWER

For a purely inductive circuit, v leads i by 90° ,

$$p_L = VI \cos 90 (1 - \cos 2\omega t) + VI \sin 90 \sin 2\omega t$$

$$p_L = VI \sin 2\omega t$$

In general, the reactive power associated with any circuit is defined to be $VI \sin \theta$. The symbol for reactive power is Q , and its unit of measure is the *volt-ampere reactive* (VAR).

$$Q = VI \sin \theta \quad \text{volt-ampere reactive, VAR}$$

For the inductor

$$Q_L = VI$$

$$F_p = \cos \theta = \cos 90 = 0$$

CAPACITIVE CIRCUIT

$$p_C = VI \cos(-90)(1 - \cos 2\omega t) + VI \sin(-90) \sin 2\omega t$$

$$p_C = -VI \sin 2\omega t$$

$$Q_C = VI \quad \text{VAR}$$

$$F_p = \cos \theta = \cos 90 = 0$$

THE POWER TRIANGLE

The three quantities **average power**, **apparent power**, and **reactive power** can be related in the vector domain by

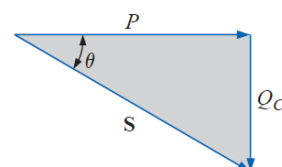
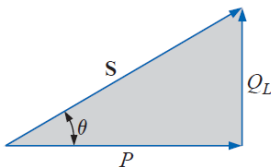
$$S = P + Q$$

For an inductive load, the *phasor power* \mathbf{S} , as it is often called, is defined by

$$S = P + jQ_L$$

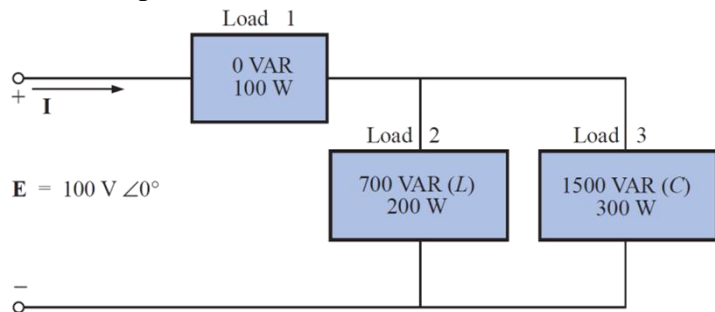
For a capacitive load, the phasor power \mathbf{S} is defined by

$$S = P - jQ_C$$



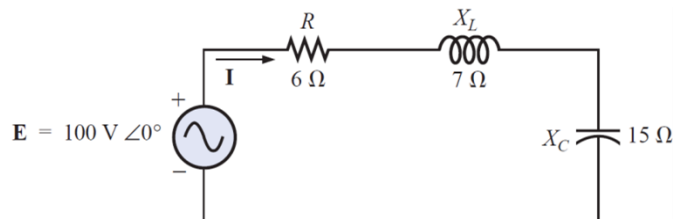
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Find the total number of watts, volt-amperes reactive, and volt-amperes, and the power factor F_p of the network. Draw the power triangle and find the current in phasor form.



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Find the total number of watts, volt-amperes reactive, and volt amperes, and the power factor F_p for the network and sketch the power triangle.



Example:

An electrical device is rated 5 kVA, 100 V at a 0.6 power-factor lag. What is the impedance of the device in rectangular coordinates?

POWER-FACTOR CORRECTION

The process of introducing reactive elements to bring the power factor closer to unity is called **power-factor correction**. Since most loads are inductive, the process normally involves introducing elements with capacitive terminal characteristics having the sole purpose of improving the power factor.

Example:

A 5-hp motor with a 0.6 lagging power factor and an efficiency of 92% is connected to a 208-V, 60-Hz supply.

- Establish the power triangle for the load.
- Determine the power-factor capacitor that must be placed in parallel with the load to raise the power factor to unity.
- Determine the change in supply current from the uncompensated to the compensated system.

Example:

a. A small industrial plant has a 10-kW heating load and a 20-kVA inductive load due to a bank of induction motors. The heating elements are considered purely resistive ($F_p = 1$), and the induction motors have a lagging power factor of 0.7. If the supply is 1000 V at 60 Hz, determine the capacitive element required to raise the power factor to 0.95.

b. Compare the levels of current drawn from the supply.