



Alternating Current- L4

1. In an AC circuit, the power factor

- A. is unity when the circuit contains an ideal resistor only.
- B. is zero when the circuit contains an ideal inductor only.
- C. Both options (A) and (B)
- D. None of these

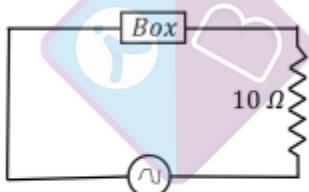
The power factor of AC circuit is $\cos \phi$.

For pure resistive AC circuit, $\phi = 0^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \phi = 1$

For pure inductive AC circuit, $\phi = 90^\circ \Rightarrow \cos \phi = 0$

Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.

2. In the circuit shown in the figure, the power factor of the box is 0.5 and the power factor of the circuit is $\sqrt{3}/2$. Current leads the voltage. Find the effective resistance of the box.



- A. 1Ω
- B. 3Ω
- C. 5Ω
- D. 7Ω

The power factor of the box is 0.5.

So, $\cos \phi_1 = 0.5 \Rightarrow \phi_1 = 60^\circ$

Also, the power factor of the circuit is $\sqrt{3}/2$.

So, $\cos \phi_2 = \sqrt{3}/2 \Rightarrow \phi_2 = 30^\circ$

Let R be the effective resistance of the box. Then,

$$\tan \phi_1 = \frac{X_C}{R} \Rightarrow \sqrt{3} = \frac{X_C}{R} \dots (1)$$

Also,

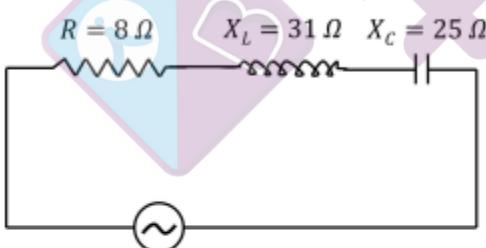
$$\tan \phi_2 = \frac{X_C}{R+10} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{X_C}{R+10} \dots (2)$$

On solving equations (1) and (2), we get,

$$R = 5 \Omega$$

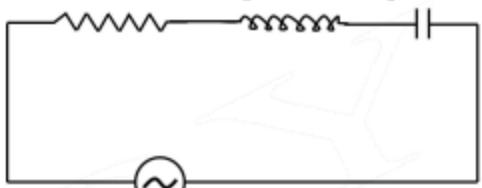
Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.

3. The given AC RLC circuit is connected to an AC source of 110 V; 50 Hz. The power factor of the circuit is -



- A. 0.56
- B. 0.64
- C. 0.80
- D. 0.33

$$R = 8 \Omega \quad X_L = 31 \Omega \quad X_C = 25 \Omega$$



$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

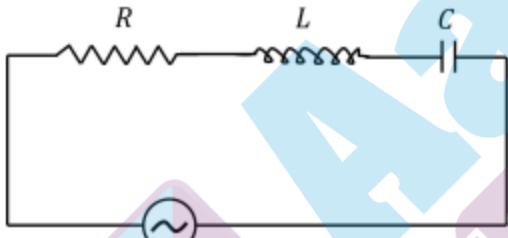
$$\Rightarrow Z = \sqrt{8^2 + (31 - 25)^2} = 10 \Omega$$

So, power factor,

$$\cos \phi = \frac{R}{Z} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.80$$

Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.

4. For the given AC RLC circuit, at a particular frequency (f) of the AC source, the current leads the voltage by 45° . The relation between R , L and C is -

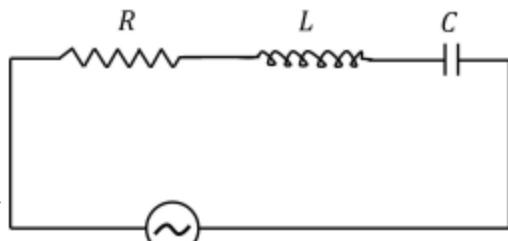


A. $C = \frac{1}{2\pi f(2\pi fL - R)}$

B. $C = \frac{1}{2\pi f(2\pi fL + R)}$

C. $C = \frac{1}{\pi f(2\pi fL - R)}$

D. $C = \frac{1}{\pi f(2\pi fL + R)}$



Suppose, the AC source voltage is given by,

$$V = V_m \sin(\omega t)$$

Then, the AC in the circuit is,

$$I = I_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

So,

$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_C - X_L}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan 45^\circ = \frac{X_C - X_L}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow R = X_C - X_L$$

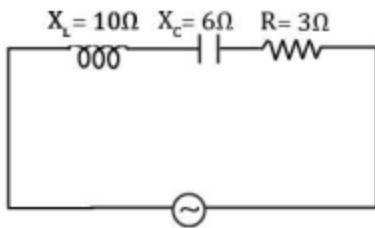
$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{\omega C} - \omega L$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{1}{2\pi f C} - 2\pi f L$$

$$\Rightarrow C = \frac{1}{2\pi f (2\pi f L + R)}$$

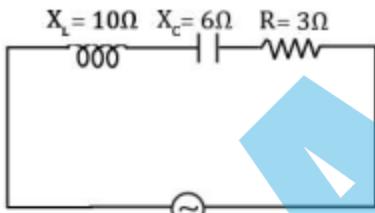
Hence, option (B) is the correct answer.

5. For the given AC LCR circuit, at a particular frequency of the AC source, the expression for current (i) as a function of time (t) will be -



$$V = 10\sin(\omega t + \pi/4)$$

- A. $i = 4 \sin(\omega t + 8^\circ)$
- B. $i = 4 \sin(\omega t - 8^\circ)$
- C. $i = 2 \sin(\omega t - 8^\circ)$
- D. $i = 2 \sin(\omega t + 8^\circ)$



$$V = 10\sin(\omega t + \pi/4)$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R} = \frac{10 - 6}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 53^\circ$$

\Rightarrow Voltage lead the current by 53° as $X_L > X_C$

So, current,

$$i = \frac{V_0}{Z} \sin(\omega t + 45^\circ - 53^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow i = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3^2 + (10 - 6)^2}} \sin(\omega t - 8^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow i = 2 \sin(\omega t - 8^\circ)$$

Hence, option (C) is the correct answer.