

## Average power for circuit elements

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In [2] §2.2 is a comparison of field energy expressions with their circuit equivalents. It's clearly been too long since I've worked with circuits, because I'd forgotten all the circuit energy expressions:

$$\begin{aligned}W_R &= \frac{R}{2} |I|^2 \\W_C &= \frac{C}{4} |V|^2 \\W_L &= \frac{L}{4} |I|^2 \\W_G &= \frac{G}{2} |V|^2\end{aligned}\tag{1.1}$$

Here's a recap of where these come from

*Energy lost to resistance* Given

$$v(t) = Ri(t)\tag{1.2}$$

the average power lost to a resistor is

$$\begin{aligned}p_R &= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v(t)i(t)dt \\&= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T \operatorname{Re}(Ve^{j\omega t}) \operatorname{Re}(Ie^{j\omega t})dt \\&= \frac{1}{4T} \int_0^T (Ve^{j\omega t} + V^*e^{-j\omega t}) (Ie^{j\omega t} + I^*e^{-j\omega t}) dt \\&= \frac{1}{4T} \int_0^T (V I e^{2j\omega t} + V^* I^* e^{-2j\omega t} + V I^* + V^* I) dt \\&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(V I^*) \\&= \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{Re}(I R I^*) \\&= \frac{R}{2} |I|^2.\end{aligned}\tag{1.3}$$

Here it is assumed that the averaging is done over some integer multiple of the period, which kills off all the exponentials.

*Energy stored in a capacitor* I tried the same sort of analysis for a capacitor in phasor form, but everything cancelled out. Referring to [1], the approach used to figure this out is to operate first strictly in the time domain. Specifically, for the capacitor where  $i = Cdv/dt$  the power supplied up to a time  $t$  is

$$\begin{aligned} p_C(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t C \frac{dv}{dt} v(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} C v^2(t). \end{aligned} \tag{1.4}$$

The  $v^2(t)$  term can now be expanded in terms of phasors and averaged for

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{p}_C &= \frac{C}{2T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{4} \left( V e^{j\omega t} + V^* e^{-j\omega t} \right) \left( V e^{j\omega t} + V^* e^{-j\omega t} \right) dt \\ &= \frac{C}{2T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{4} 2 |V|^2 dt \\ &= \frac{C}{4} |V|^2. \end{aligned} \tag{1.5}$$

*Energy stored in an inductor* The inductor energy is found the same way, with

$$\begin{aligned} p_L(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^t L \frac{di}{dt} i(t) dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} L i^2(t), \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

which leads to

$$\bar{p}_L = \frac{L}{4} |I|^2. \tag{1.7}$$

*Energy lost due to conductance* Finally, we have conductance. In phasor space that is defined by

$$G = \frac{I}{V} = \frac{1}{R'}, \tag{1.8}$$

so power lost due to conductance follows from power lost due to resistance. In the average we have

$$\begin{aligned} p_G &= \frac{1}{2G} |I|^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{2G} |VG|^2 \\ &= \frac{G}{2} |V|^2 \end{aligned} \tag{1.9}$$

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