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CAPACITIVE REACTANCE

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## EXPERIMENT 5

### CAPACITIVE REACTANCE

**Note:** Use MATLAB to quickly perform theoretical calculations by defining a vector of frequencies then using array arithmetic.

#### PROCEDURE A - AC-EXCITED SERIES RC CIRCUIT

Table 1

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $V_s$ (peak) (V) |       | $V_s$ period $T$ (ms) |       | $V_c$ (peak) (V) |       | $\angle V_c$ with $V_s$ (Lag = negative) |              |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                          | Theory           | Meas. | Theory                | Meas. | Theory           | Meas. | Theory                                   | Meas.        |
| 50                       | 5                | 5.1   | 20                    | 20.8  | 4.999            | 4.95  | $-0.94^\circ$                            | 0            |
| 100                      | 5                | 5     | 10                    | 9.3   | 4.997            | 4.95  | $-1.89^\circ$                            | 0            |
| 200                      | 5                | 5.1   | 5                     | 4.6   | 4.988            | 4.95  | $-3.78^\circ$                            | 0            |
| 300                      | 5                | 5.1   | 3.33                  | 3.2   | 4.988            | 4.92  | $-5.65^\circ$                            | $-4.5^\circ$ |
| 500                      | 5                | 5.2   | 2                     | 2     | 4.938            | 4.9   | $-9.37^\circ$                            | $-9^\circ$   |
| 700                      | 5                | 5.3   | 1.43                  | 1.5   | 4.876            | 4.8   | $-13^\circ$                              | $-12^\circ$  |
| 1100                     | 5                | 5     | 0.909                 | 0.92  | 4.738            | 4.7   | $-19.95^\circ$                           | $-18^\circ$  |
| 2000                     | 5                | 5.2   | 0.5                   | 0.47  | 4.478            | 4.2   | $-33.42^\circ$                           | $-30^\circ$  |

Table 2

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $V_R$ (peak) (V) |       | $\angle V_R$ with $V_s$ (Lead = positive) |              | $V_R$ period $T$ (ms) |       | $I$ and $\angle I$ (mA) = $V_R/R$ |       |
|--------------------------|------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                          | Theory           | Meas. | Theory                                    | Meas.        | Theory                | Meas. | Theory                            | Meas. |
| 50                       | 0.082            | 0.05  | $89.05^\circ$                             | $90^\circ$   | 20                    | 18.9  | 0.025                             | 0.015 |
| 100                      | 0.165            | 0.2   | $88.12^\circ$                             | $90^\circ$   | 10                    | 9.6   | 0.05                              | 0.061 |
| 200                      | 0.329            | 0.3   | $86.22^\circ$                             | $85^\circ$   | 5                     | 4.8   | 0.1                               | 0.091 |
| 300                      | 0.493            | 0.5   | $84.35^\circ$                             | $85^\circ$   | 3.33                  | 3.25  | 0.149                             | 0.151 |
| 500                      | 0.814            | 0.8   | $80.63^\circ$                             | $81^\circ$   | 2                     | 1.97  | 0.247                             | 0.242 |
| 700                      | 1.125            | 1.2   | $76.99^\circ$                             | $76.5^\circ$ | 1.429                 | 1.4   | 0.341                             | 0.364 |
| 1100                     | 1.706            | 1.5   | $70.05^\circ$                             | $72^\circ$   | 0.909                 | 0.89  | 0.517                             | 0.455 |
| 2000                     | 2.75             | 2.75  | $56.58^\circ$                             | $55^\circ$   | 0.5                   | 0.495 | 0.833                             | 0.833 |

6. Can we just subtract the magnitudes of  $|V_s| - |V_c|$  to obtain the magnitude  $|V_R|$ ? Why or why not?

...No, because they are vectors... (we should take the angle in consider).....

7. What is the relationship between the periods  $T$  of the two signals  $V_s$  and  $V_R$ ?

...The signals are equal in length but shifted in phase by  $\theta^\circ$ .....  
because they are rotating with same angular speed.

Table 3

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $X_C =  V_C / I $<br>(peak/peak) (k $\Omega$ ) |       | $ Z  =  V_S / I $<br>(peak/peak) (k $\Omega$ ) |       | $\angle Z = \angle V_S - \angle I$<br>(degrees) |        |
|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                          | Theory                                         | Meas. | Theory                                         | Meas. | Theory                                          | Meas.  |
| 50                       | 199.96                                         | 330   | 200                                            | 340   | -89.05°                                         | -90°   |
| 100                      | 99.94                                          | 81.15 | 100                                            | 81.96 | -88.12°                                         | -90°   |
| 200                      | 49.88                                          | 54.39 | 50                                             | 56.04 | -86.22°                                         | -85°   |
| 300                      | 33.42                                          | 32.58 | 33.56                                          | 33.77 | -84.35°                                         | -85°   |
| 500                      | 19.96                                          | 20.25 | 20.24                                          | 21.49 | -80.63°                                         | -81°   |
| 700                      | 14.28                                          | 13.19 | 14.66                                          | 14.56 | -76.99°                                         | -76.5° |
| 1100                     | 9.09                                           | 10.35 | 9.67                                           | 10.99 | -70.05°                                         | -72°   |
| 2000                     | 5                                              | 5.04  | 6                                              | 6.24  | -56.58°                                         | -55°   |

10. Using the measured values in Table 3, plot (by hand) the following figures using the graph paper attached at the end of the report: (1)  $X_C$  and  $|Z|$  on the same plot versus source frequency; (2)  $\angle Z$  versus source frequency; (3)  $V_C$  and  $V_R$  on the same plot versus source frequency.

11. For the above plots, state your conclusions under the plot?

Table 4

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $ S $ (mVA) | $\angle S$ (degrees) | $P$ (mW) | $Q$ (mVAR) | PF value | PF lead or lag |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------------|
|                          | Measured    | Measured             | Measured | Measured   | Measured | Measured       |
| 50                       | 0.0383      | -90°                 | 0        | -0.0383    | 0        | lead           |
| 100                      | 0.1525      | -90°                 | 0        | -0.1525    | 0        | lead           |
| 200                      | 0.232       | -85°                 | 0.0202   | -0.2311    | 0.087    | lead           |
| 300                      | 0.385       | -85°                 | 0.0336   | -0.3835    | 0.087    | lead           |
| 500                      | 0.6292      | -81°                 | 0.0984   | -0.6214    | 0.156    | lead           |
| 700                      | 0.965       | -76.5°               | 0.2253   | -0.9383    | 0.233    | lead           |
| 1100                     | 1.1375      | -72°                 | 0.3515   | -1.0818    | 0.309    | lead           |
| 2000                     | 2.166       | -55°                 | 1.2424   | -1.7743    | 0.574    | lead           |

13. Using the values in Table 4, plot (by hand) the following figure using the graph paper attached at the end of the report:  $P$  and  $Q$  on the same plot versus source frequency.

14. For the above plot, state your conclusions under the plot?

15. At what frequency the real power  $P$  is maximum? Why?

At 2000 Hz... because the ckt. is in series configuration and changing the frequency will affect all the Voltages & Currents Value (the total impedance will decrease so current ↑).

16. At what frequency the magnitude of the reactive power  $|Q|$  is maximum? Why? So  $P \uparrow$ .

At 2000 Hz... (f ↑, Z ↓, I ↑, Q ↑).....

# PROCEDURE B - AC-EXCITED PARALLEL RC CIRCUIT

Table 5

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $V_{R'}$ (peak) (V) |       | $\angle V_{R'}$ with $V_s$ (Lead = positive) |       | $V_R = V_C \approx V_s$ (peak) (V) |       | $\angle V_R$ with $V_s$ (degrees) |       |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                          | Theory              | Meas. | Theory                                       | Meas. | Theory                             | Meas. | Theory                            | Meas. |
| 160                      | 0.05                | 0.05  | 0.917°                                       | 1°    | 5                                  | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 320                      | 0.05                | 0.05  | 1.833°                                       | 2°    | 5                                  | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 800                      | 0.05                | 0.05  | 4.574°                                       | 4.5°  | 5                                  | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 1100                     | 0.05                | 0.05  | 6.277°                                       | 4.5°  | 5                                  | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 1600                     | 0.051               | 0.05  | 9.09°                                        | 9°    | 5                                  | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 2200                     | 0.051               | 0.05  | 12.407°                                      | 13.5° | 5                                  | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 3500                     | 0.053               | 0.05  | 19.29°                                       | 18°   | 5                                  | 4.90  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 6500                     | 0.0596              | 0.06  | 33.02°                                       | 31.5° | 5                                  | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |

Table 6

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $I$ (peak) (mA) = $V_{R'}/R'$ |       | $\angle I$ with $V_s$ (Lead = positive) |       | $I_R$ (peak) (mA) = $V_R/R$ |       | $\angle I_R$ with $V_s$ (degrees) |       |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|                          | Theory                        | Meas. | Theory                                  | Meas. | Theory                      | Meas. | Theory                            | Meas. |
| 160                      | 5                             | 5     | 0.917°                                  | 1°    | 5                           | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 320                      | 5                             | 5     | 1.833°                                  | 2°    | 5                           | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 800                      | 5                             | 5     | 4.574°                                  | 4.5°  | 5                           | 5     | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 1100                     | 5                             | 5     | 6.277°                                  | 4.5°  | 5                           | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 1600                     | 5.1                           | 5     | 9.09°                                   | 9°    | 5                           | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 2200                     | 5.1                           | 5     | 12.407°                                 | 13.5° | 5                           | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 3500                     | 5.3                           | 5     | 19.29°                                  | 18°   | 5                           | 4.90  | 0°                                | 0°    |
| 6500                     | 5.96                          | 6     | 33.02°                                  | 31.5° | 5                           | 4.95  | 0°                                | 0°    |

Table 7

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $I_C = I - I_R$ (mA) (magnitude (peak) and phase (degrees)) (phasor subtraction) |                     |
|--------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                          | Theory                                                                           | Measured            |
| 160                      | 0.08 $\angle$ 90.5°                                                              | 0.09 $\angle$ 90.5° |
| 320                      | 0.16 $\angle$ 90.9°                                                              | 0.17 $\angle$ 91°   |
| 800                      | 0.4 $\angle$ 92°                                                                 | 0.39 $\angle$ 92°   |
| 1100                     | 0.55 $\angle$ 93°                                                                | 0.39 $\angle$ 85°   |
| 1600                     | 0.81 $\angle$ 87.4°                                                              | 0.78 $\angle$ 90.8° |
| 2200                     | 1.1 $\angle$ 91°                                                                 | 1.17 $\angle$ 94°   |
| 3500                     | 1.75 $\angle$ 89.9°                                                              | 1.55 $\angle$ 95°   |
| 6500                     | 3.248 $\angle$ 90°                                                               | 3.14 $\angle$ 87°   |

Table 8

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $B_C =  I_C / V_C $<br>(peak/peak) (mS) |       | $ Y  =  I / V_S $<br>(peak/peak) (mS) |       | $\angle Y = \angle I - \angle V_S$<br>(degrees) |       |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
|                          | Theory                                  | Meas. | Theory                                | Meas. | Theory                                          | Meas. |
| 160                      | 0.016                                   | 0.018 | 1                                     | 1     | 0.917°                                          | 1°    |
| 320                      | 0.032                                   | 0.034 | 1                                     | 1     | 1.833°                                          | 2°    |
| 800                      | 0.08                                    | 0.078 | 1                                     | 1     | 4.574°                                          | 4.5°  |
| 1100                     | 0.11                                    | 0.079 | 1                                     | 1.01  | 6.277°                                          | 4.5°  |
| 1600                     | 0.162                                   | 0.158 | 1.02                                  | 1.01  | 9.09°                                           | 9°    |
| 2200                     | 0.22                                    | 0.236 | 1.02                                  | 1.01  | 12.407°                                         | 13.5° |
| 3500                     | 0.35                                    | 0.316 | 1.06                                  | 1.02  | 19.29°                                          | 18°   |
| 6500                     | 0.649                                   | 0.634 | 1.192                                 | 1.21  | 33.02°                                          | 31.5° |

9. Using the *measured* values in Table 8, plot (by hand) the following figures using the graph paper attached at the end of the report: (1)  $B_C$  and  $|Y|$  on the same plot versus source frequency; (2)  $\angle Y$  versus source frequency; (3)  $I_C$  and  $I_R$  on the same plot versus source frequency.

10. For the above plots, state your conclusions under the plot?

Table 9

| AC Source Frequency (Hz) | $ S $ (mVA) | $\angle S$ (degrees) | $P$ (mW) | $Q$ (mVAR) | $PF$ value | $PF$ lead or lag |
|--------------------------|-------------|----------------------|----------|------------|------------|------------------|
|                          | Measured    | Measured             | Measured | Measured   | Measured   | Measured         |
| 160                      | 12.5        | -1°                  | 12.5     | -0.218     | 1          | lead             |
| 320                      | 12.5        | -2°                  | 12.49    | -0.436     | 1          | lead             |
| 800                      | 12.5        | -4.5°                | 12.46    | -0.981     | 0.997      | lead             |
| 1100                     | 12.38       | -4.5°                | 12.34    | -0.971     | 0.997      | lead             |
| 1600                     | 12.38       | -9°                  | 12.23    | -1.94      | 0.988      | lead             |
| 2200                     | 12.38       | -13.5°               | 12.04    | -2.89      | 0.973      | lead             |
| 3500                     | 12.25       | -18°                 | 11.65    | -3.89      | 0.951      | lead             |
| 6500                     | 14.85       | -31.5°               | 12.66    | -7.76      | 0.853      | lead             |

12. Using the values in Table 9, plot (by hand) the following figure using the graph paper attached at the end of the report:  $P$  and  $Q$  on the same plot versus source frequency.

13. For the above plot, state your conclusions under the plot?

14. At what frequency the real power  $P$  is maximum? Why?

...The real power is constant because the change in frequency will not affect on the resistance (connected in parallel with the source and don't have  $\omega$ )

15. At what frequency the magnitude of the reactive power  $|Q|$  is maximum? Why?

...At 6500 because by increasing the frequency ( $f \uparrow$ ,  $X_C \downarrow$ ,  $V_{const}$ ,  $I \uparrow$ ,  $Q \uparrow$ ) and the angle increases so  $\sin(\theta)$  will increase too.







