

Lecture # 26

AC circuits

The more resistance there is in an LRC circuit, the more likely it is for the circuit to oscillate

(1) True

(2) False

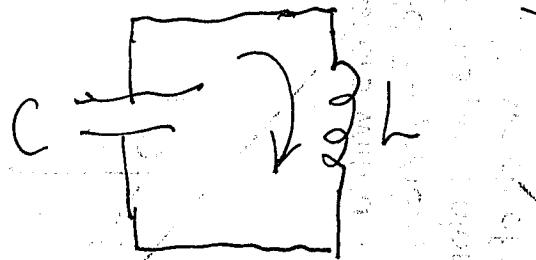
(3) oscillation independent of resistance

Recall that in an LC circuit, the radian frequency of oscillation is  $\omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$ . If

the maximum current in the inductor is  $I_{max}$ , the

maximum charge,  $Q_{max}$ , across the capacitor is

$$I = I_{max} \cos(\omega_0 t + \phi)$$



$$(1) Q_{max} = \sqrt{LC} I_{max}$$

$$(2) Q_{max} = \frac{+}{\sqrt{LC}} I_{max}$$

$$(3) Q_{max} = L I_{max}$$

$$(4) Q_{max} = I_{max}/C$$

Remember: oscillation transfers magnetic energy in inductor to electrical energy in capacitor. Total energy is always conserved  $\frac{1}{2}(LI^2 + \frac{Q^2}{C}) = \frac{I_{max}^2 L}{2} = \frac{Q_{max}^2}{2C}$

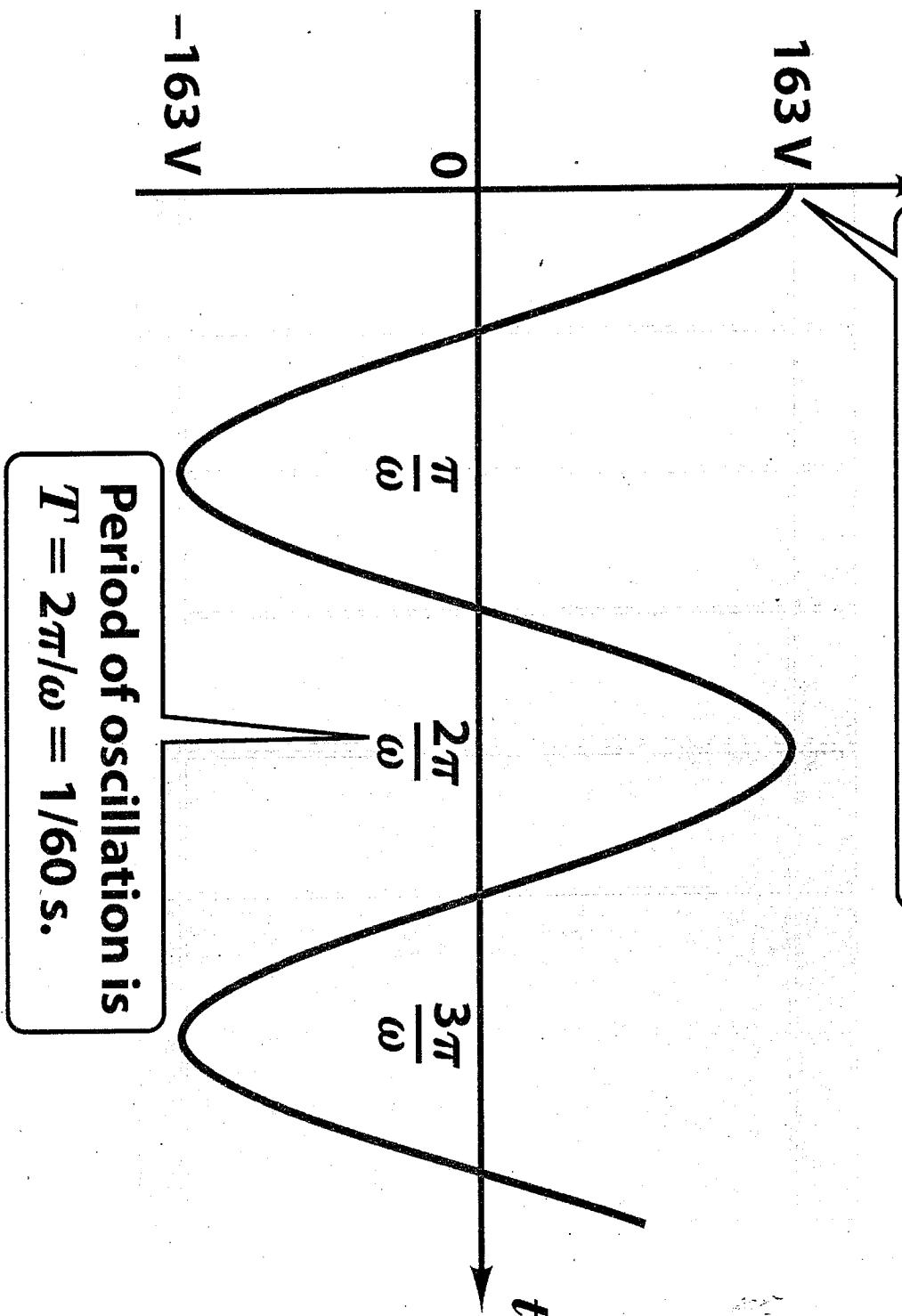
AC - currents! The voltage call around us

**"115-V AC" voltage at electric outlets is oscillating emf with amplitude 163 V.**

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

$$V_{RMS} = \left( \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T V(t)^2 dt \right)^{1/2} = V_{max} / \sqrt{2}$$

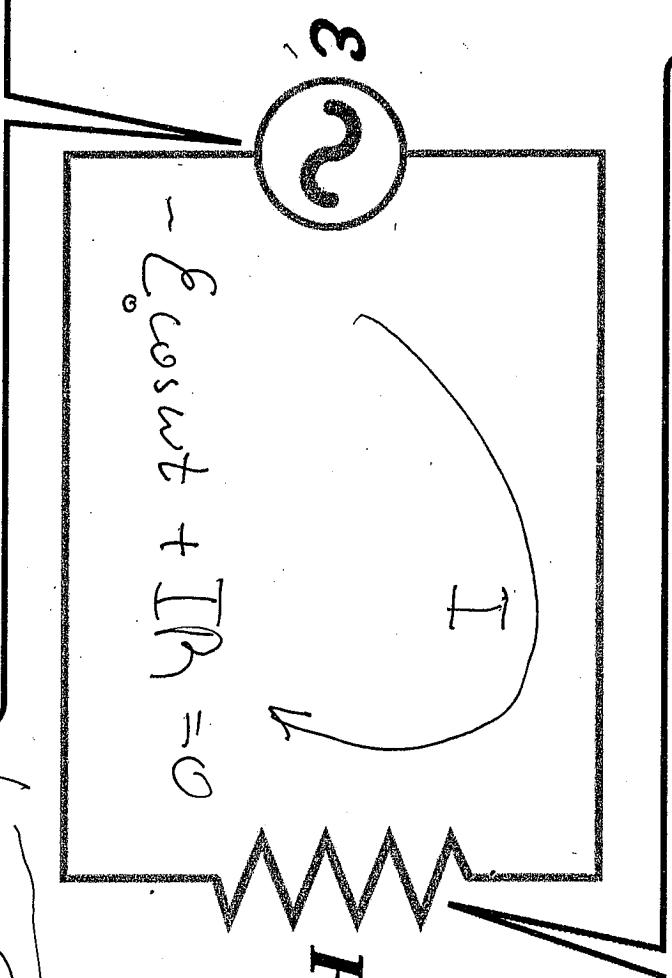
$I_{RMS}$



**Period of oscillation is**  
 $T = 2\pi/\omega = 1/60\text{ s.}$

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**Simplest AC circuit: oscillating emf supplies oscillating current through resistor.**



Wave in circle is circuit symbol for source of oscillating emf.

$$I = \frac{\mathcal{E}_0 \cos \omega t}{R}$$

**For AC resistor circuit,  
maxima of emf and current  
occur simultaneously, ...**

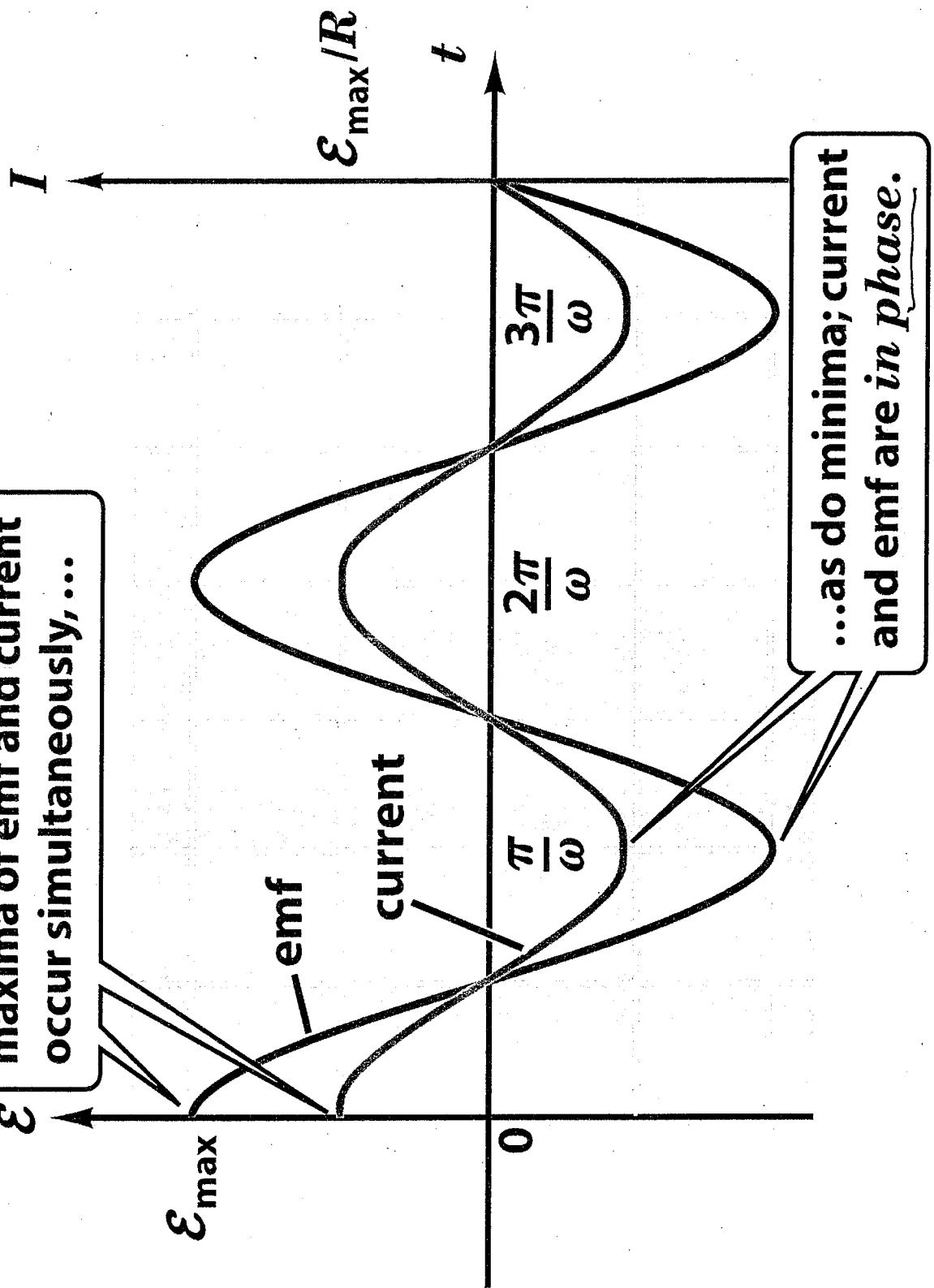


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$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega}$$

Average Power delivered

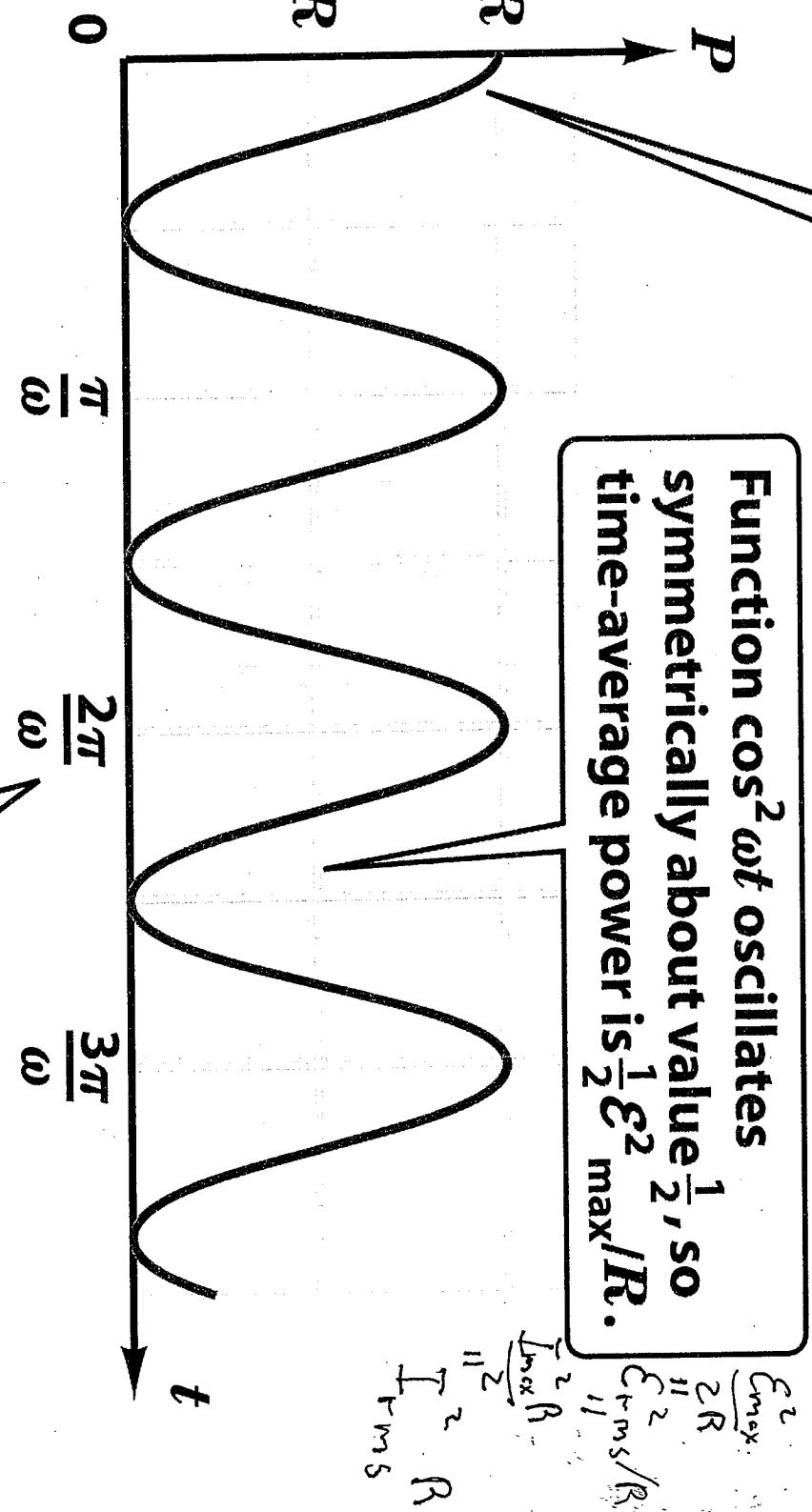
$$= \frac{1}{T} \int_0^T dt I(t) E(t)$$

$$= \frac{E_{\max} I_{\max}}{T} \int_0^T dt \cos^2 \omega t = \frac{E_{\max} I_{\max}}{2}$$

**Power dissipated in resistor is always positive.**

Function  $\cos^2 \omega t$  oscillates symmetrically about value  $\frac{1}{2}$ , so time-average power is  $\frac{1}{2} E^2_{\max}/R$ .

$$E^2_{\max}/2R$$



In one period  $T = 2\pi/\omega$  of emf, power goes through two cycles.

**AC capacitor circuit: oscillating emf produces oscillating charge on capacitor,  $Q = C\mathcal{E}$ .**

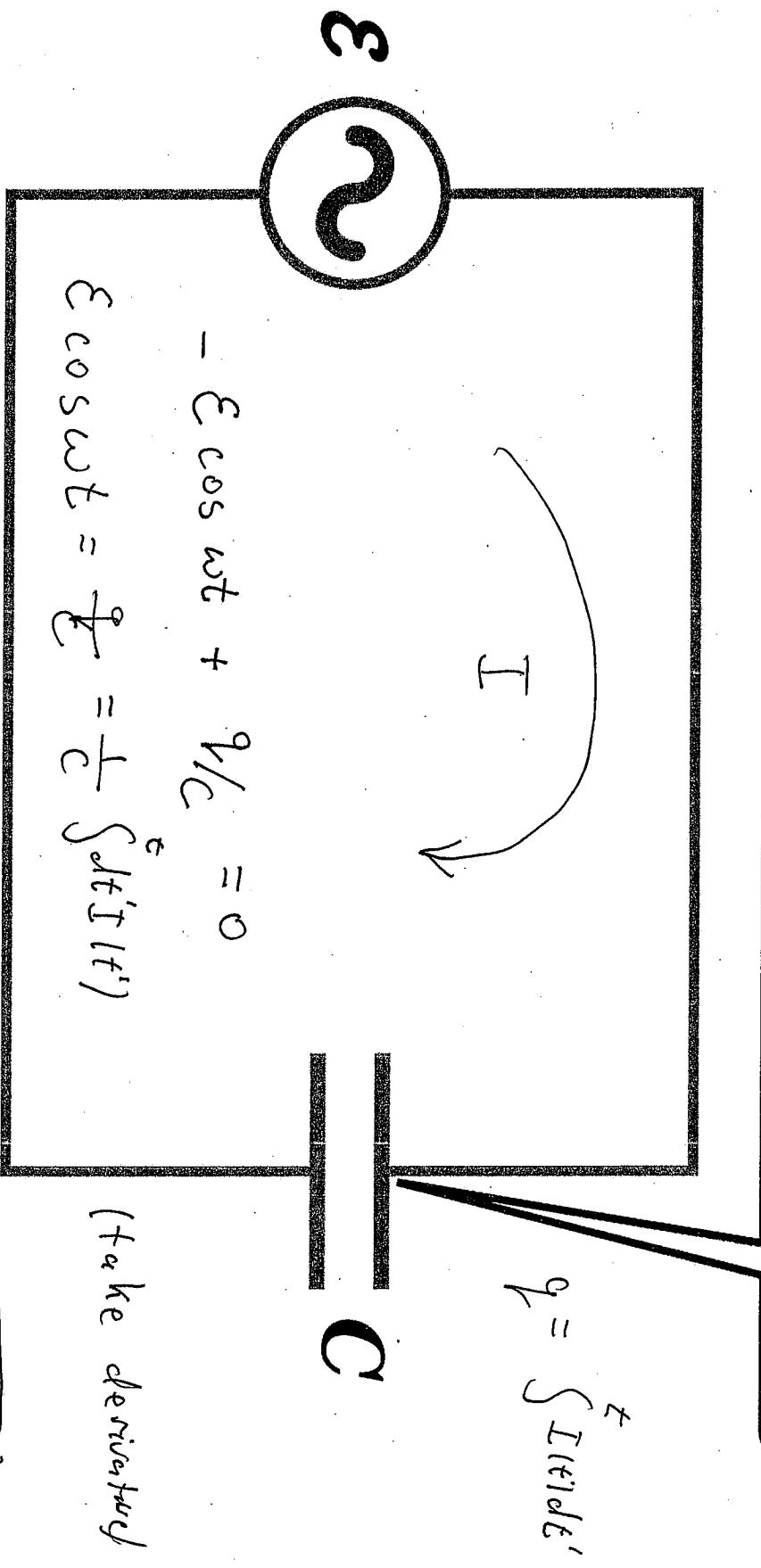


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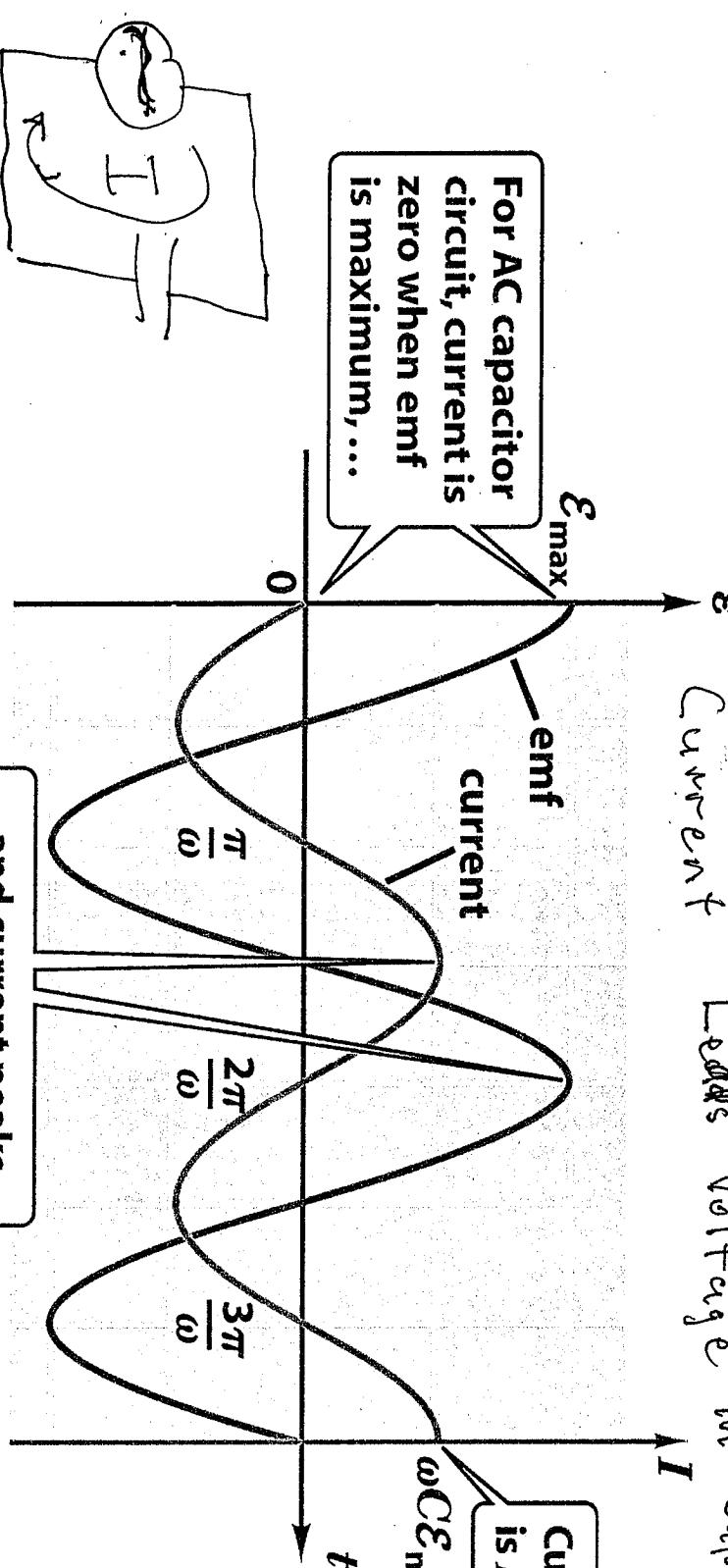
## Capacitive Circuit

[Current leads Voltage]

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{\max} \cos(\omega t)$$

$$I = \omega C \mathcal{E}_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}) = -\omega C \mathcal{E}_{\max} \sin(\omega t)$$

Current Leads Voltage in Capacitive circuit



For AC capacitor circuit, current is zero when emf is maximum, ...

Current amplitude is  $I_{\max} = \omega C \mathcal{E}_{\max}$

...and current peaks earlier in time than nearest voltage peak.

$X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$  (unit of resistance)

take derivative

$$-\mathcal{E} \cos \omega t + \int I dt' / C = 0$$

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$$I = -\omega C \mathcal{E} \sin \omega t$$

$$I = -\frac{\mathcal{E}_m}{X_C} \sin \omega t$$

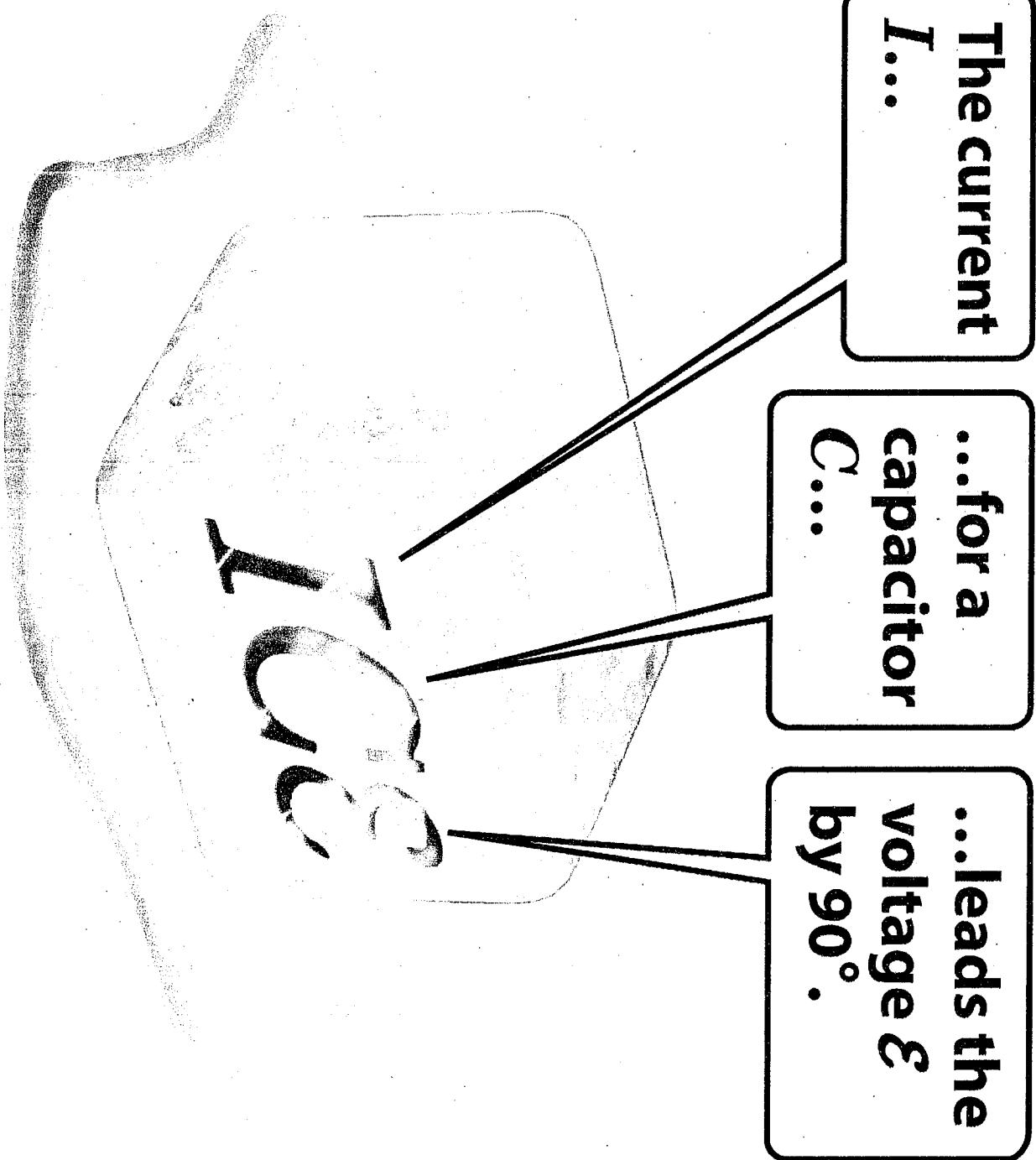
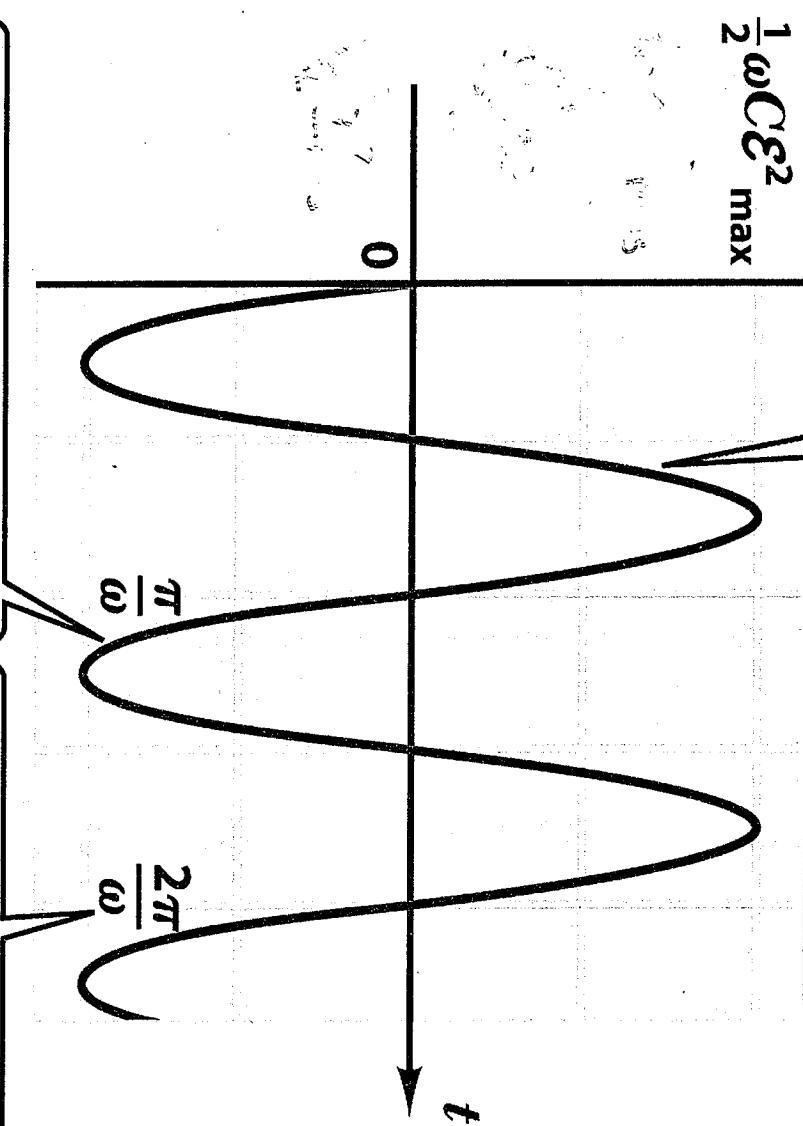


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**P**  
Source of emf delivers  
positive work to capacitor  
half of the time...



...and gets it all back  
during the other half;  
average power is zero.

In one period  $T = 2\pi/\omega$  of emf,  
power goes through two cycles.

$$\mathcal{E} = \mathcal{E}_{\max} \cos \omega t$$

**AC inductor circuit: oscillating emf produces oscillating current in inductor.**

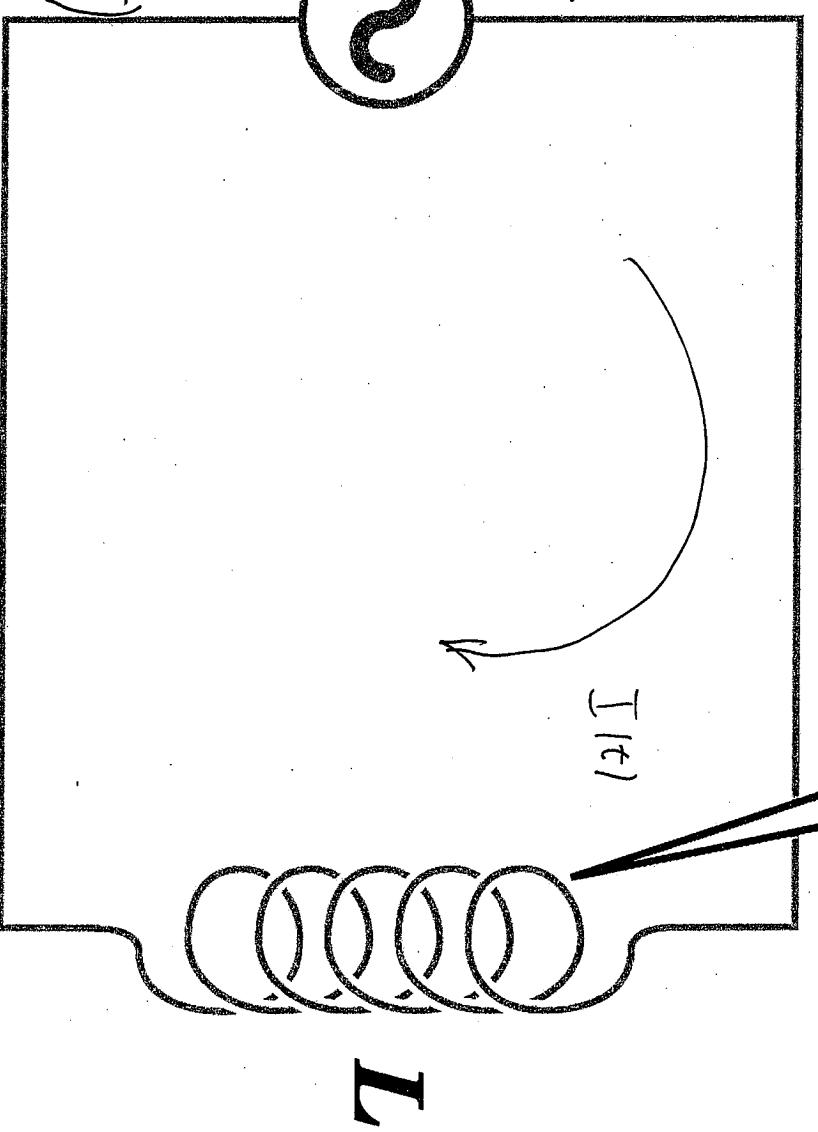
$$-\mathcal{E} + L \frac{dI}{dt} = 0$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\max}}{L} \cos \omega t$$

$$I(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\max}}{\omega L} \sin \omega t$$

$$\omega L = X_L$$

$\mathcal{E}$



$$I(t) = \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\max}}{X_L} \sin(\omega t)$$

$$= \frac{\mathcal{E}_{\max}}{X_L} \cos(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})$$

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$X_L = \omega L \equiv$  inductive impedance

$I$  in inductor

current lags voltage

$$I(t) = \frac{E_{\max} \cos(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2})}{X_L}; X_L = \omega L$$

$$\frac{E_{\max}}{X_L}$$

...and voltage peaks earlier in time than nearest current peak.

Current amplitude is  $I_{\max} = E_{\max}/\omega L$ .

For AC inductor circuit, current is zero when emf is maximum, ...

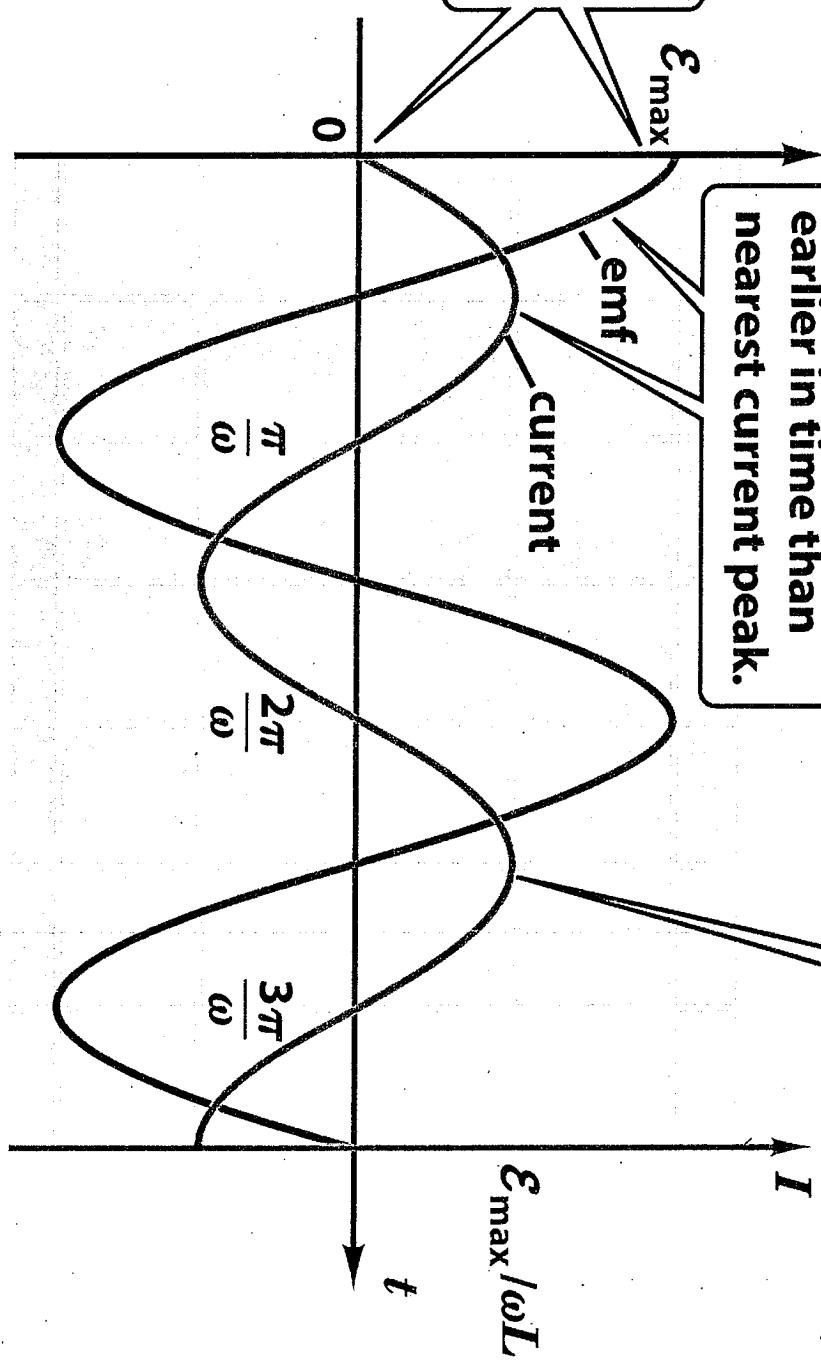


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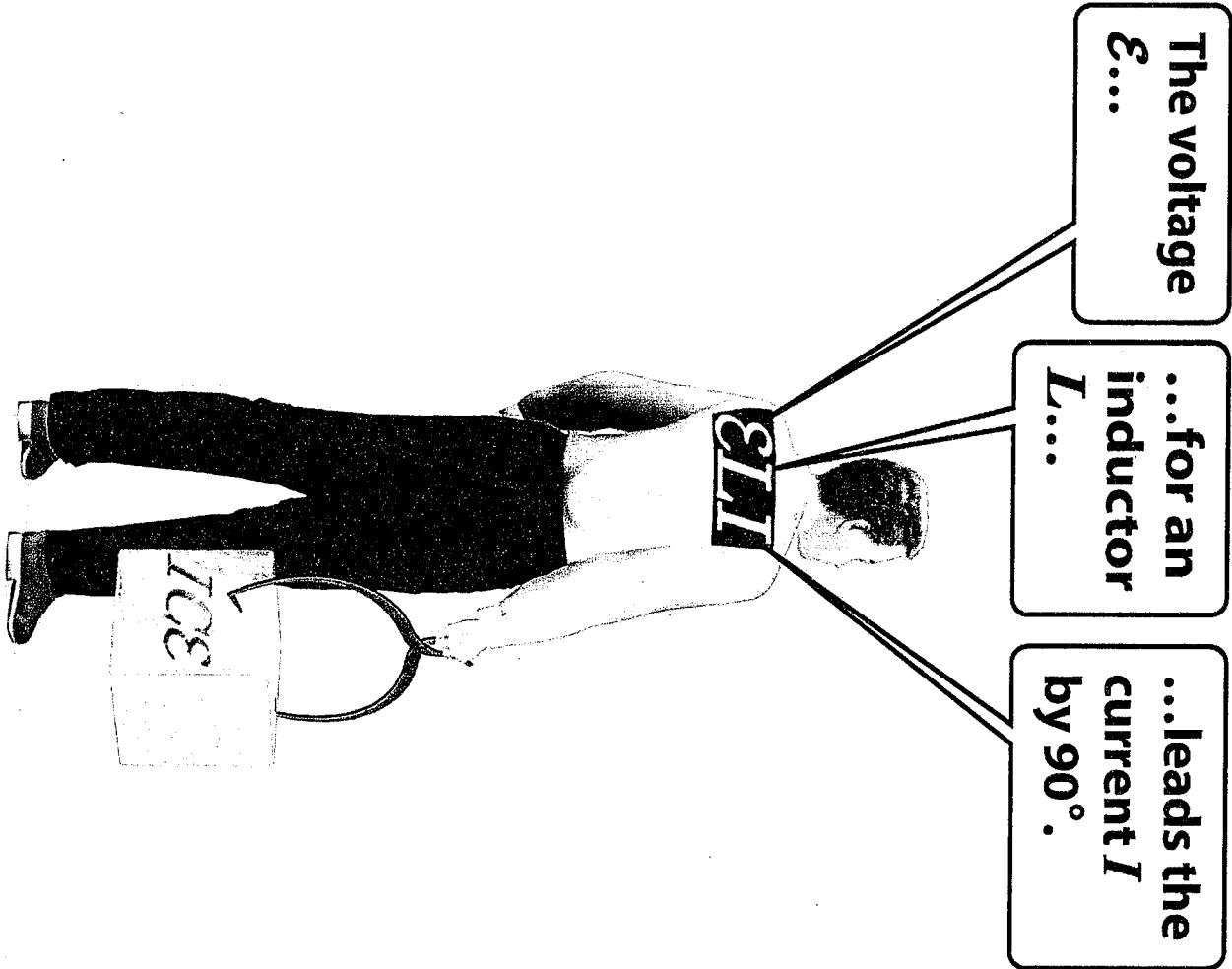


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$$-E_{max} \cos \omega t + L \frac{dI}{dt} + \int \frac{dt'}{C} I(t') = 0$$

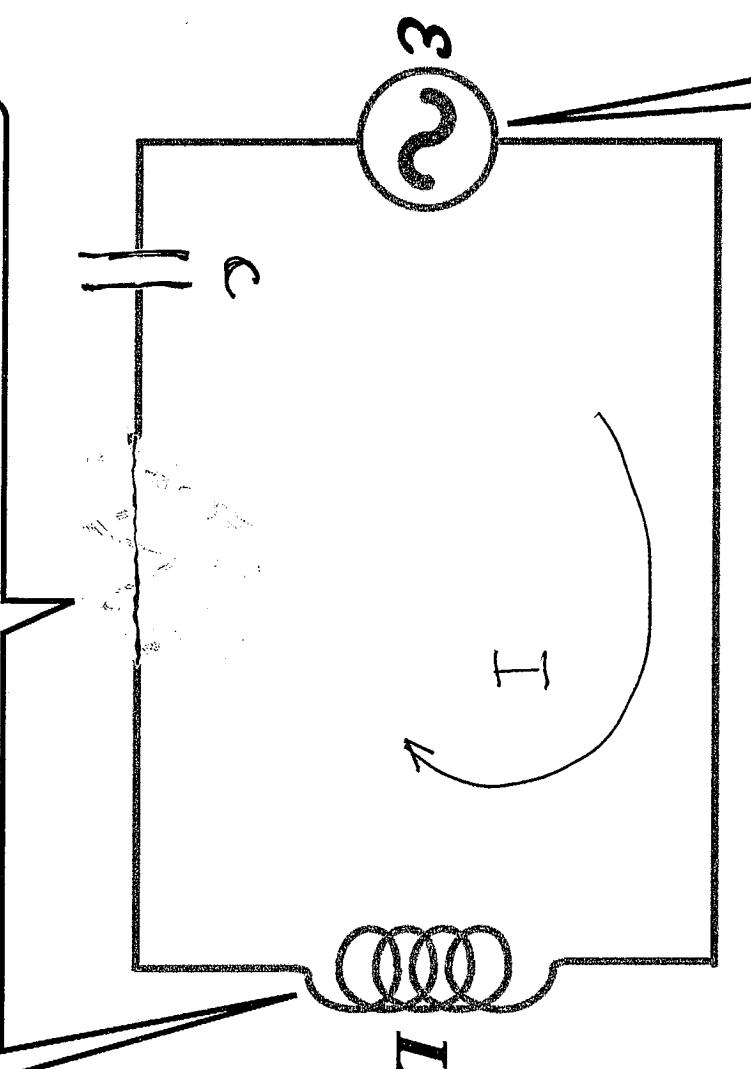
Oscillating emf  
of source...

$$I(t) = \frac{E_{max} \sin \omega t}{\{\omega L - \frac{1}{\omega C}\}} = \frac{\sin \omega t E_{max}}{\{X_L - X_C\}}$$

when  $X_L = X_C$

$$\omega = \omega_0 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$$

$\omega_0$  = natural  
oscillation  
frequency



...must equal sum of  
instantaneous voltages across  
components connected in series.

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