

impedance

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Impedance in AC circuits is equivalent to [Resistance](#) in DC circuits. It is quite clear the concepts of **resistance** in the writings of [Keely](#) and [Russell](#) are more akin to **AC Impedance** than **DC Resistance** (as commonly understood). [see [12.31 - Heat Generated Through Resistance to Compression](#) for a more complex expose]

We can use the idea of **impedance** when considering the [rhythmic balanced interchange](#) between [syntropy](#) force and [entropy](#) energy as they see-saw back and forth. see also [Dynaspheric Force](#) and [Universal Heart beat](#). [DP](#) [see [Antagonism](#)]

Impedance

[Impedance](#) is the total amount of [resistance](#) and [reactance](#). [Reactance](#) occurs when a component that has [inductance](#) or [capacitance](#) causes an additional restriction to the [alternating current](#). For example, a speaker has [resistance](#) due to the coil's wire, but also has [reactance](#) caused by the coil's [inductance](#) when powered by [alternating current](#).

Electrical impedance

Electrical **impedance** is the measure of the opposition that a circuit presents to the passage of a [current](#) when a [voltage](#) is applied. In quantitative terms, it is the complex [ratio](#) of the [voltage](#) to the [current](#) in an [alternating current](#) (AC) circuit. **Impedance** extends the concept of [resistance](#) to AC circuits, and possesses both [magnitude](#) and [phase](#), unlike [resistance](#), which has only [magnitude](#). When a circuit is driven with [direct current](#) (DC), there is no distinction between **impedance** and [resistance](#); the latter can be thought of as **impedance** with zero phase angle.

It is necessary to introduce the concept of **impedance** in AC circuits because there are other mechanisms impeding the flow of [current](#) besides the normal [resistance](#) of DC circuits. There are an additional two impeding mechanisms to be taken into account in AC circuits: the [induction](#) of voltages in conductors self-induced by the magnetic fields of currents ([inductance](#)), and the electrostatic storage of [charge](#) induced by voltages between conductors ([capacitance](#)). The **impedance** caused by these two effects is collectively referred to as [reactance](#) and forms the imaginary part of complex **impedance** whereas [resistance](#) forms the real part.

The [symbol](#) for **impedance** is usually Z and it may be represented by writing its [magnitude](#) and [phase](#) in the form $Z \angle \theta$. However, [complex number](#) representation is often more powerful for circuit analysis purposes. The term **impedance** was coined by [Oliver Heaviside](#) in July 1886. Arthur Kennelly was the first to represent impedance with [complex numbers](#) in 1893.

Impedance is defined as the frequency domain [ratio](#) of the [voltage](#) to the [current](#). In other words, it is the voltage-to-current [ratio](#) for a single complex exponential at a particular frequency f . In general, **impedance** will be a [complex number](#), with the same units as [resistance](#), for which the SI unit is the [ohm](#) (Ω). For a sinusoidal current or [voltage](#) input, the polar form of the complex **impedance** relates the [amplitude](#) and [phase](#) of the [voltage](#) and [current](#). In particular,

- 1 - The [magnitude](#) of the complex **impedance** is the [ratio](#) of the [voltage amplitude](#) to the [current amplitude](#).
- 2 - The [phase](#) of the complex **impedance** is the phase shift by which the [current](#) is ahead of the [voltage](#).
- 3 - The [reciprocal](#) of **impedance** is admittance (i.e., admittance is the current-to-voltage [ratio](#), and it conventionally carries units of siemens, formerly called mhos). [Wikipedia, Electrical Impedance](#) [↗](#)

See Also

Acoustic Impedance

Antagonism

Ohms Law

Poynting component

Reactance

Resistance