

Q- Calculate the voltages V_1 and V_2 for the circuit shown in figure.

If the total impedance in the circuit is Z then the current through the circuit is given by using Ohms law as

$$I = E/Z.$$

The voltage drop across any element of the circuit is given by

$$V_1 = Z_1 * I_1$$

Now if the elements of the circuit are in series the current through each element will be the same I and hence voltage across any element is given by

$$V_1 = Z_1 I = Z_1 * (E/Z)$$

Or
$$V_1 = \frac{Z_1 E}{Z}$$

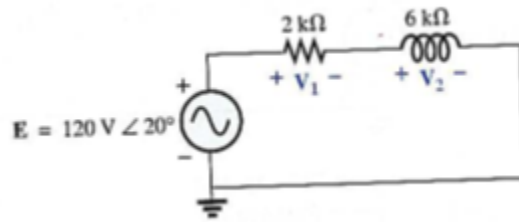
Similarly, the voltage across the second element will be

$$V_2 = \frac{Z_2 E}{Z}$$

As the whole source voltage is divided to the elements we have

$$V_s = \frac{Z_1 E}{Z} + \frac{Z_2 E}{Z} + \frac{Z_3 E}{Z} + \dots$$

This is called voltage divider rule.



(a) The source voltage is

$$E = 120 \text{ V } \angle 20^\circ$$

The total impedance of the circuit

$$Z = 2 \text{ k}\Omega + 6 \text{ k}\Omega \text{ j}$$

In phasor form

$$Z = \sqrt{(2k)^2 + (6k)^2} \angle \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{6k}{2k} \right) = 6.325k \angle 71.57^\circ$$

Hence voltage across the resistor

$$V_1 = \frac{Z_1 E}{Z} = \frac{(2k \angle 0^\circ) * (120 \text{ V } \angle 20^\circ)}{(6.325k \angle 71.57^\circ)} = \left(\frac{2k * 120}{6.325k} \right) \angle (20 - 71.57)$$

Or
$$V_1 = 37.945 \text{ V } \angle -51.57^\circ$$

And voltage across the inductor

$$V_2 = \frac{Z_2 E}{Z} = \frac{(6k \angle 90^\circ) * (120 \text{ V } \angle 20^\circ)}{(6.325k \angle 71.57^\circ)} = \left(\frac{6k * 120}{6.325k} \right) \angle (90 + 20 - 71.57)$$

Or
$$V_2 = 113.834 \angle 38.43^\circ$$