

Concept Question 10-9: In each source of a three-phase configuration, the voltage varies sinusoidally at an angular frequency ω , and so does the current. At what angular frequency does the power vary and why?

The power varies at 2ω . This is because power is the product of voltage and current, so power varies as $\cos^2(\omega t)$, which consists of a dc component and an ac component at $2\omega t$:

$$\cos^2(\omega t) = (1/2)(1 + \cos(2\omega t))$$