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Alternating Current Circuits : Sinusoids and Phasors

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Outcomes

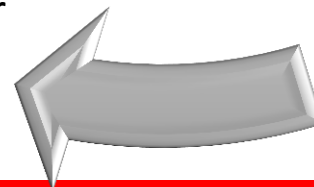
Draw the power triangle, and compute the capacitor size required to perform power factor correction on a load.

Convert time-domain sinusoidal voltages and currents to phasor notation, and vice versa; represent circuit using impedance

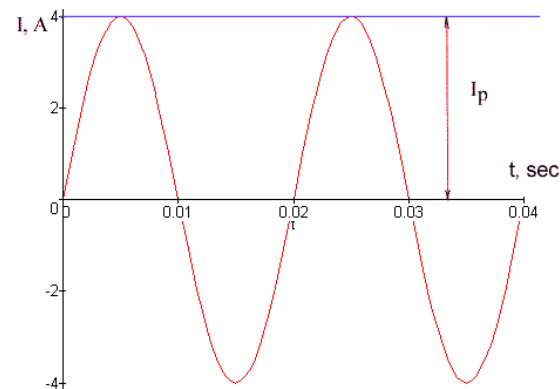


Learn complex power notation; compute apparent power, real, and reactive power for complex load.

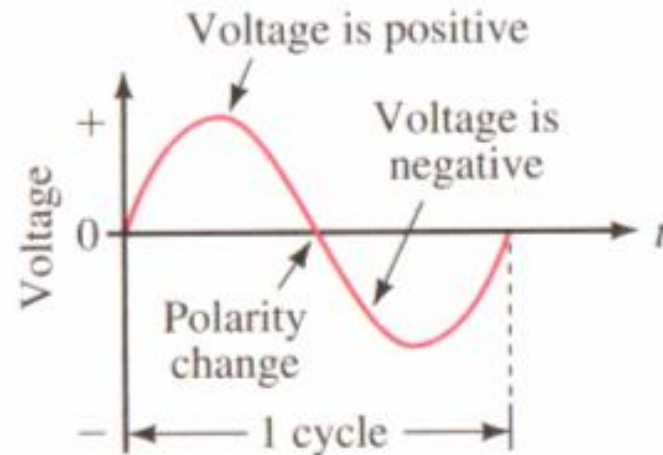
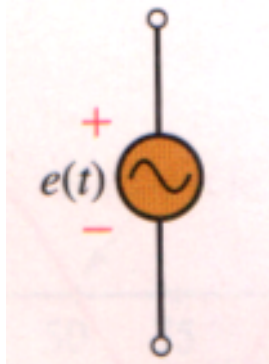
Solve steady-state ac circuits, using phasors and complex impedances.



- This chapter will focus on circuit analysis with varying source voltage or current (sinusoidally).
- A sinusoid is a signal that has the form of the sine or cosine function.
- A sinusoidal current is usually referred to as alternating current (AC).



- AC is an electrical current whose magnitude and direction vary sinusoidally with time.
- Such a current reverses at regular time intervals and has alternately positive and negative values.



Variation of voltage
versus time

- ❑ The circuits analysis is considering the time-varying voltage source or current source.
- ❑ Circuits driven by sinusoidal current or voltage sources are called ac circuits.
- ❑ A sinusoid can be express in either **sine** or **cosine** form.

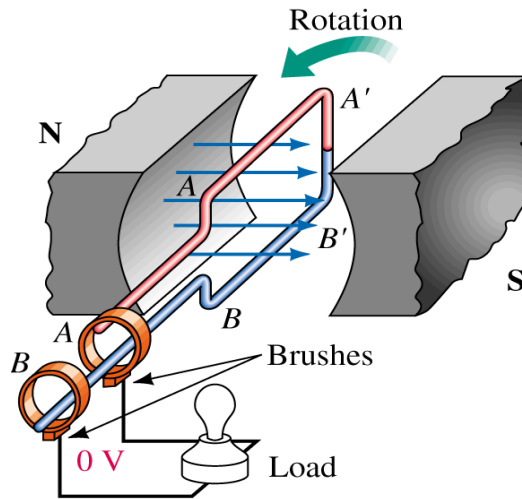


Generating AC Voltage

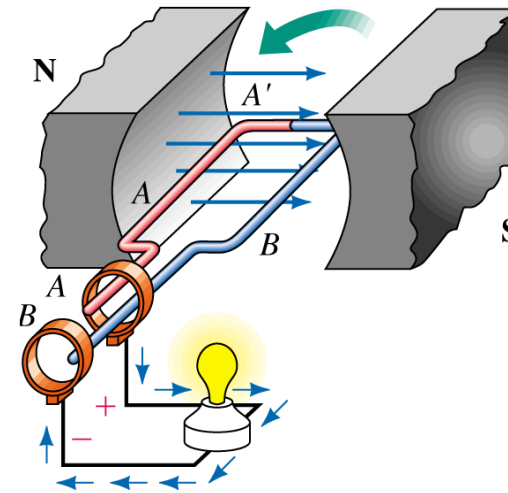
- ❑ One way to generate an ac voltage is to rotate a coil of wire at constant angular velocity in a uniform magnetic field.
- ❑ The magnitude of the resulting voltage is proportional to the rate at which flux lines are cut.



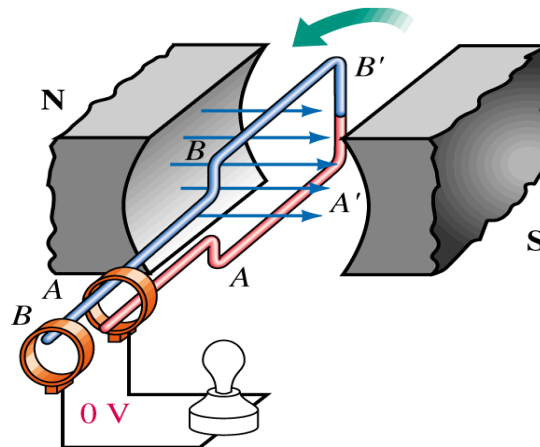
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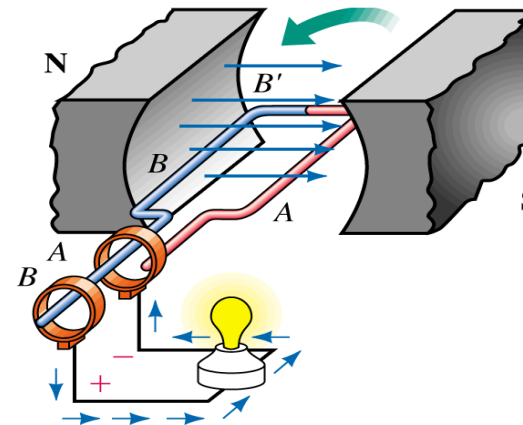
(a) 0° Position: Coil sides move parallel to flux lines. Since no flux is being cut, induced voltage is zero.



(b) 90° Position: Coil end A is positive with respect to B. Current direction is out of slip ring A.



(c) 180° Position: Coil again cutting no flux. Induced voltage is zero.



(d) 270° Position: Voltage polarity has reversed, therefore, current direction reverses.

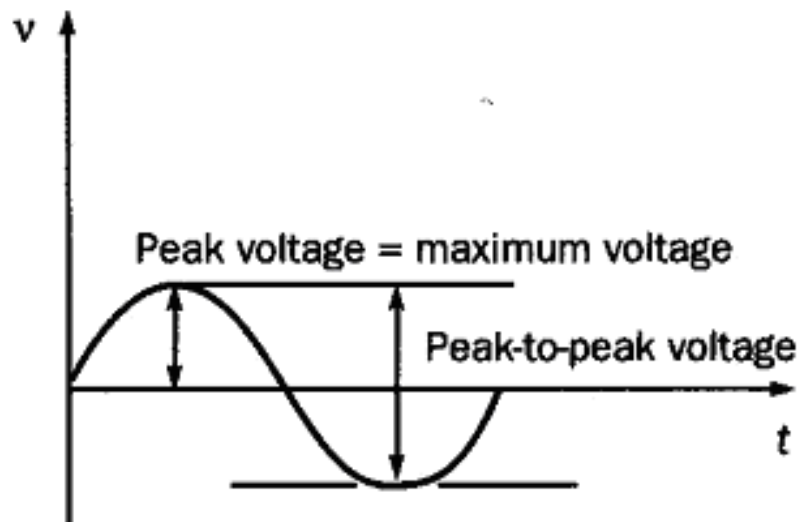
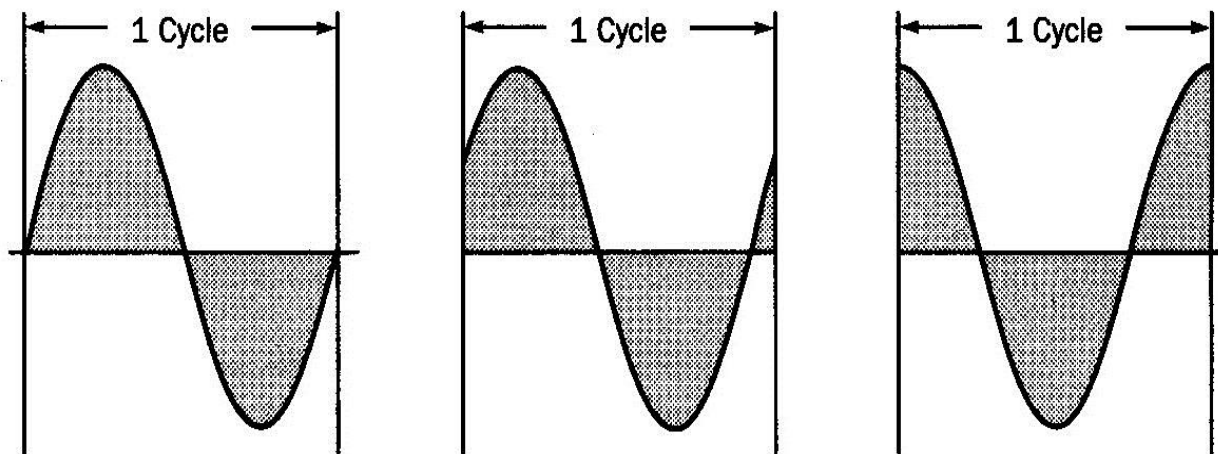
Waveform Definition and Terms

Period – the time taken to complete a cycle, $T(s)$

Peak value – the maximum instantaneous value measured from its zero value, $V_p @ V_m (V)$

Peak-to-peak value – the maximum variation between the maximum positive instantaneous value and the maximum negative value, $V_{p-p} (V)$





■ Consider the expression of a sinusoidal voltage

$$v(t) = V_m \sin \omega t$$

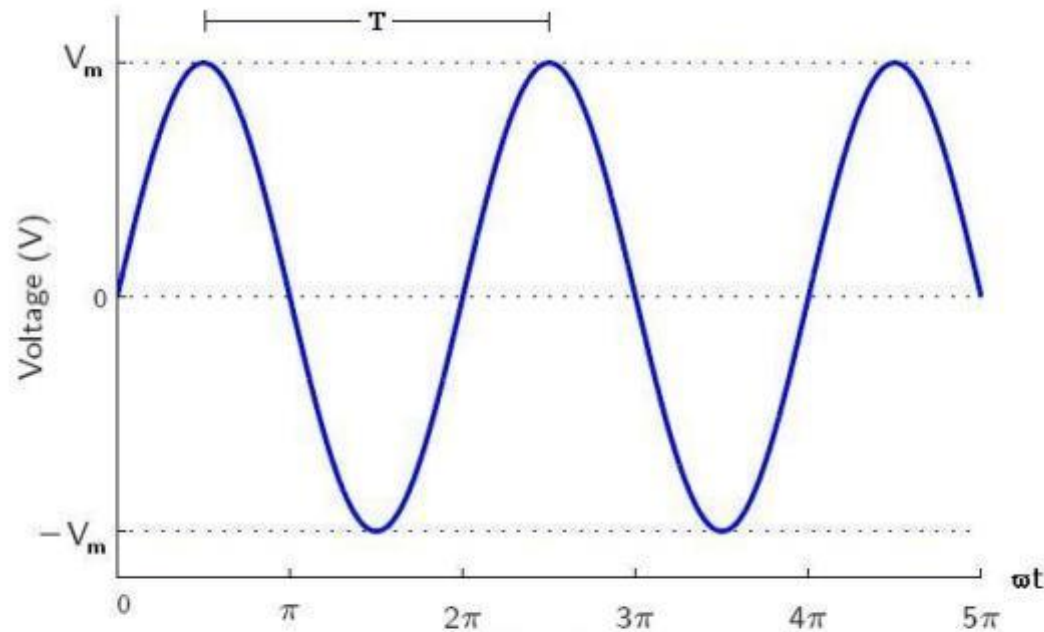
amplitude of sinusoid

argument of
sinusoid

angular frequency in
radian/second



Sinusoids



- The sinusoid repeats itself every T seconds, thus T is called the **period** of the sinusoid or the **time taken to complete one cycle**. (s)



- The number of cycles per second is called frequency, f . (Hz)

$$f = \frac{1}{T}$$

- Angular frequency, ω . (rad/sec) $\omega = 2\pi f$

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

- An important value of the sinusoidal function is its RMS (root-mean-square) value.

$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}} = V_{dc}$$



ω Usually expressed in radians per second

θ is expressed in degree

$$2\pi \text{ radians} = 360^\circ$$

to convert from degrees
to radians, multiply by

$$\frac{\pi}{180}$$

to convert from radians
to degrees, multiply by

$$\frac{180}{\pi}$$



■ If the waveform **does not pass** through zero at $t = 0$, it **has a phase shift**.

■ For a waveform shifted left,

$$v(t) = V_m \sin(\omega + \phi)$$

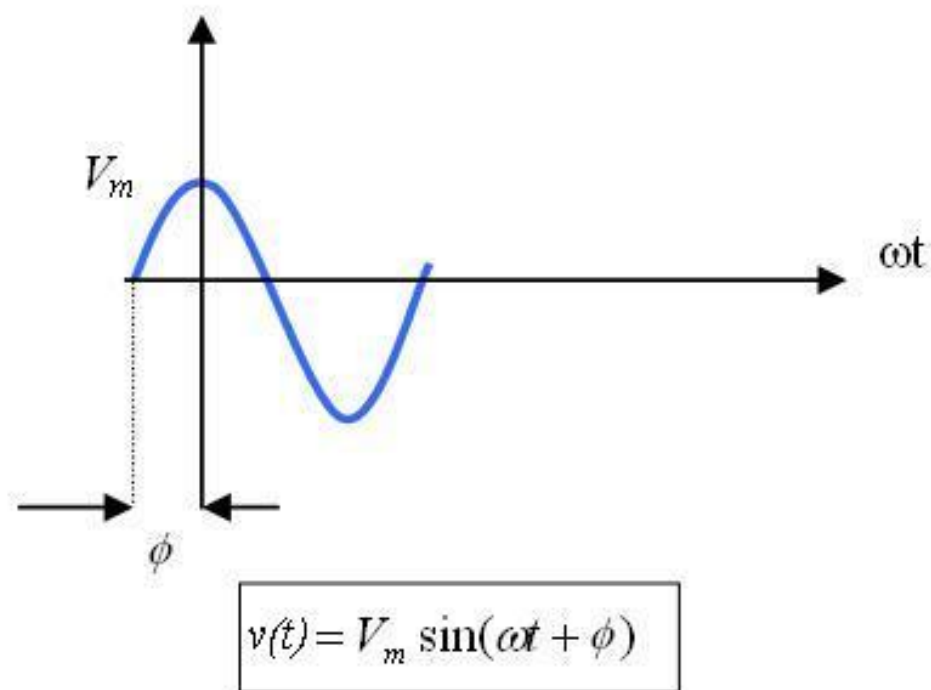
■ For waveform shifted right,

$$v(t) = V_m \sin(\omega - \phi)$$

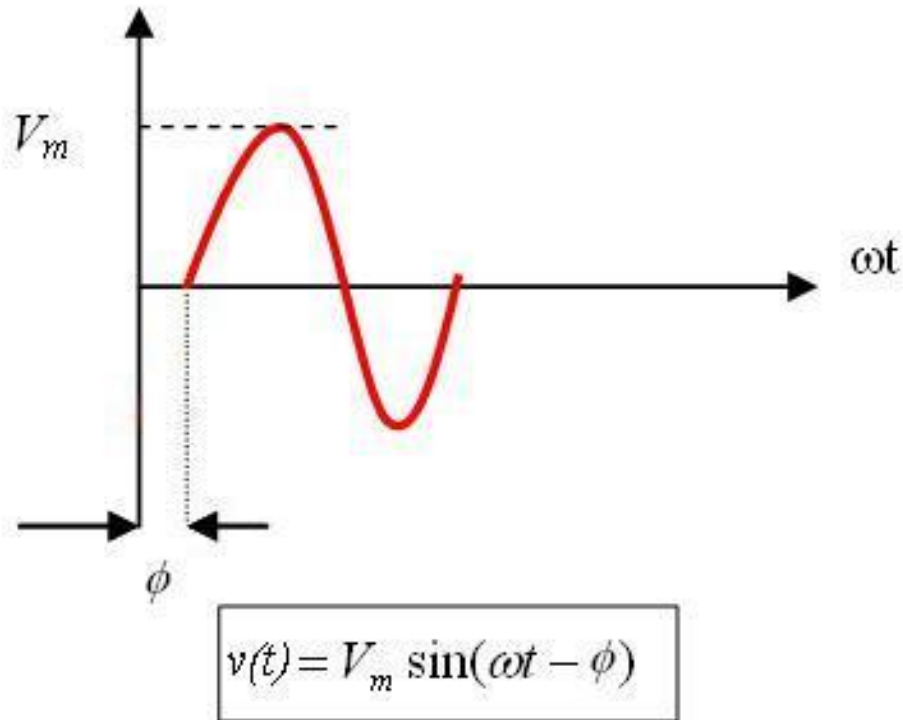
phase angle of
sinusoid function



Sinusoids



Sinusoids



Example #1

Find the amplitude, phase, period and frequency of the sinusoid

$$v(t) = 12 \sin(50t + 10^\circ)$$

Solution

Amplitude $V_m = 12 \text{ V}$

Period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 0.1257 \text{ s}$

Phase $\phi = 10^\circ$

Frequency $f = \frac{1}{T} = 7.958 \text{ Hz}$

Angular
frequency $\omega = 50 \text{ rad/s}$



Example #2

A sinusoidal voltage is given by the expression

$$v = 300 \cos(120\pi t + 30^\circ)$$

- i. What is the frequency in Hz?
- ii. What is the period of the voltage in milliseconds?
- iii. What is the magnitude of v at $t = 2.778$ ms?
- iv. What is the RMS value of v ?

Solution

frequency $f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = 60 \text{ Hz}$

period $T = \frac{1}{f} = 16.667 \text{ ms}$



Example #2

$$v = 300 \cos \left([120\pi \times 2.778 \text{ m}] + 30^\circ \right)$$

$$v = 300 \cos \left(60^\circ + 30^\circ \right) = 0 \text{ V}$$

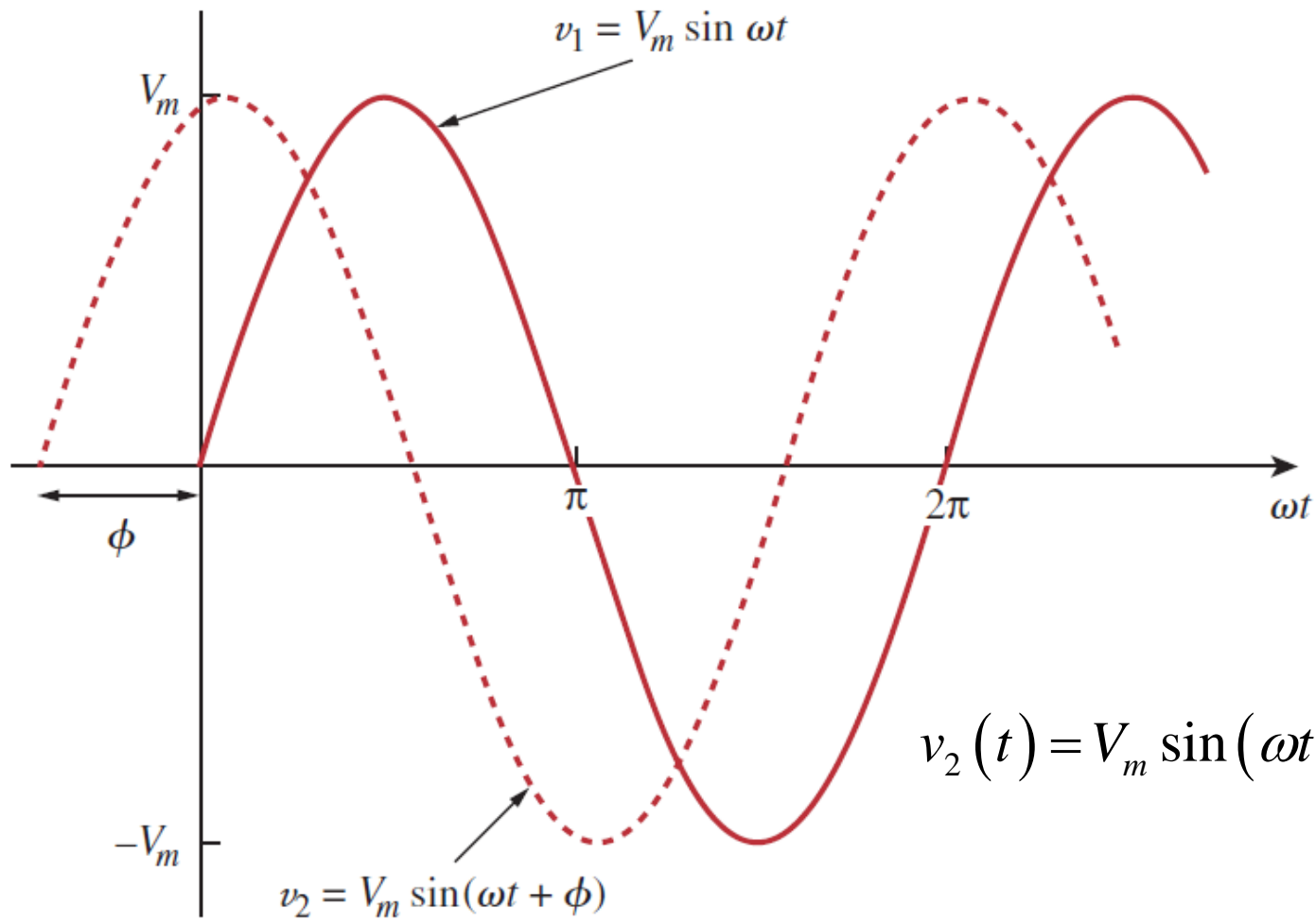
$$V_{rms} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$V_{rms} = 212.13 \text{ V}$$



Sinusoids

$$v_1(t) = V_m \sin \omega t$$



$$v_2(t) = V_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

Sinusoids

- The v_2 is occurred first in time.
- Thus it can be said that v_2 leads v_1 by φ or v_1 lags v_2 by φ .
- If $\varphi \neq 0$ we can say v_1 and v_2 are **out of phase**.
- If $\varphi = 0$ we can say v_1 and v_2 are **in phase**.
- v_1 and v_2 scan be compared in this manner because they operate at the same frequency (do not need to have the same amplitude).



Transformation between cosine and sine form

$$\sin A \Rightarrow \cos(A - 90^\circ)$$

$$\cos A \Rightarrow \sin(A + 90^\circ)$$

Converting from negative to positive magnitude

$$-\sin A \Rightarrow \sin(A \pm 180^\circ)$$

$$-\cos A \Rightarrow \cos(A \pm 180^\circ)$$

$$\text{where } A = \omega t + \phi$$



Example #3

For the following sinusoidal voltage, find the value v at $t = 0$ s and $t = 0.5$ s.

$$v = 6 \cos(100t + 60^\circ)$$

Solution

at $t = 0$ s

$$v = 6 \cos(0 + 60^\circ)$$

$$v = 3 \text{ V}$$

at $t = 0.5$ s

$$v = 6 \cos(50 \text{ rad} + 60^\circ)$$

$$v = 4.26 \text{ V}$$

Note: both ωt and φ must be in same unit before adding them up.



Example #4

Calculate the phase angle between

$$v_1 = -10 \cos(\omega t + 50^\circ)$$

$$v_2 = 12 \sin(\omega t - 10^\circ)$$

State which sinusoid is leading.

Solution

In order to compare v_1 and v_2 , we must express them in the same form (either in cosine or sine function) with positive magnitude.

Note: the value of φ must be between 0° to $\pm 180^\circ$



Example #4

$$v_1 = -10 \cos(\omega t + 50^\circ) = 10 \cos(\omega t + 50^\circ - 180^\circ)$$

$$v_1 = 10 \cos(\omega t - 130^\circ)$$

$$v_2 = 12 \sin(\omega t - 10^\circ) = 12 \cos(\omega t - 10^\circ - 90^\circ)$$

$$v_2 = 12 \cos(\omega t - 100^\circ)$$

the equation v_2 can be written in the following form

$$v_2 = 12 \sin(\omega t - 10^\circ) = 12 \cos(\omega t - 10^\circ - 90^\circ)$$

$$v_2 = 12 \cos(\omega t - 130^\circ + 30^\circ)$$

' + 30°' in the above expression means v_2 leads v_1 by 30°



Phasors

- ❑ Sinusoid can be express in terms of phasors, which are more convenient to work with than sine and cosine functions.
- ❑ A phasors is a **complex number** that can be represents the **amplitude** and the **phase** of a sinusoid.
- ❑ The frequency term is dropped since we know that the frequency of the sinusoidal response is the same as the source.
- ❑ The sine/cosine expression is also dropped since we know that the response and source are both sinusoidal.



$$r = a \pm jb \quad \text{Rectangular form}$$

Real part

Imaginary part

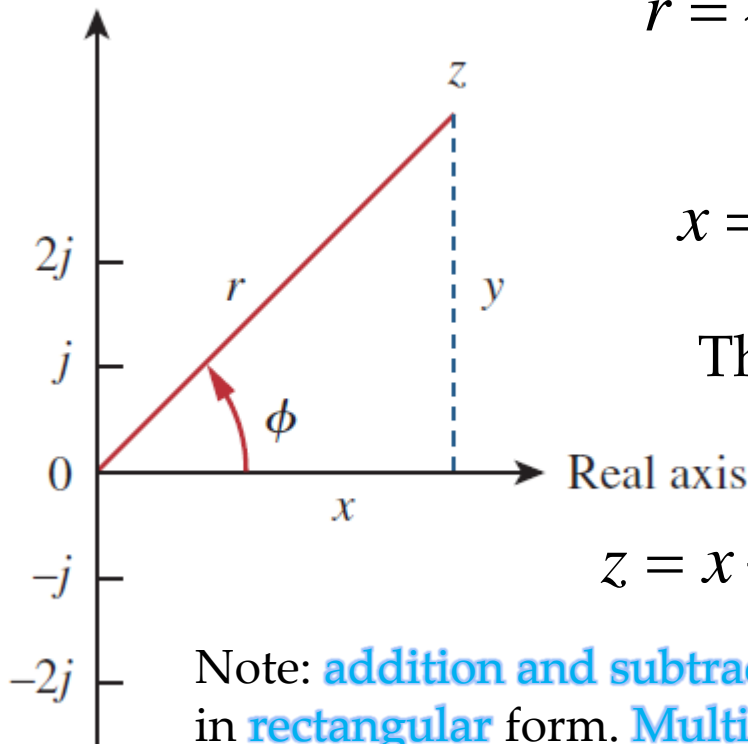
$$\mathbf{V} = r \angle \theta \quad \text{Polar form}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = r e^{j\theta} \quad \text{Exponential form}$$



- ▣ The relationship between the rectangular form and the polar form is shown below:

Imaginary axis



$$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$$

$$x = r \cos \phi$$

$$y = r \sin \phi$$

Then z can be written as

$$z = x + jy = r \angle \phi = r \cos \phi + j(r \sin \phi)$$

Note: **addition and subtraction** of complex number better perform in **rectangular** form. **Multiplication** and **division** in **polar** form.

Basic properties of complex number:

Addition

$$r_1 + r_2 = (a_1 + a_2) + j(b_1 + b_2)$$

Subtraction

$$r_1 - r_2 = (a_1 - a_2) + j(b_1 - b_2)$$

Multiplication

$$r_1 r_2 = a_1 a_2 \angle (\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

Division

$$\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{a_1}{a_2} \angle (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$



Euler Identities

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{e^{j\theta} + e^{-j\theta}}{2}$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{e^{j\theta} - e^{-j\theta}}{2j}$$

$$e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j \sin(\theta)$$

$$e^{-j\theta} = \cos(\theta) - j \sin(\theta)$$

$$|e^{j\theta}| = \sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}$$

$$\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$|e^{j\theta}| = 1$$

$$\cos \theta = \operatorname{Re}(\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$$



- First, consider the cosine function as in:

$$v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

- This expression is in time domain.
- In phasor method, we no longer consider in time domain instead in phasor domain (also known as **frequency domain**).
- The cosine function will be represented in phasor as:

$$\mathbf{V} = V_m \angle \phi$$



Phasors

- The phasor representation carries only the amplitude and phase angle information.
- The frequency term is dropped since we know that the frequency of the sinusoidal response is the same as the source.
- The cosine expression is also dropped since we know that the response and source are both sinusoidal.



■ Sinusoid-phasor transformation:

$$V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V_m \angle \phi$$

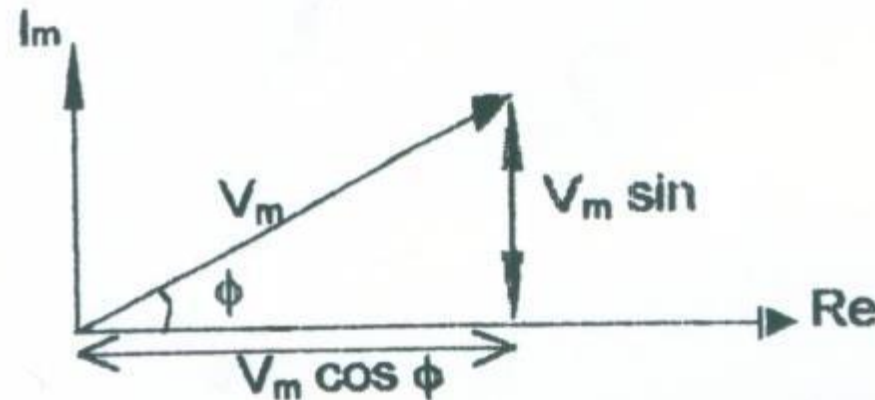
$$V_m \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad V_m \angle (\phi - 90^\circ)$$

$$I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad I_m \angle \phi$$

$$I_m \sin(\omega t + \phi) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad I_m \angle (\phi - 90^\circ)$$



- The phasor can be represented by a phasor diagram as shown below.



- Once a sinusoidal voltage or current is represented in its phasor form, simple arithmetic operation can be done.

Example #5

Given $y_1 = 20 \cos(100t - 30^\circ)$ and $y_2 = 40 \cos(100t + 60^\circ)$.
Express $y_1 + y_2$ as a single cosine function.

Solution

In phasor form $y_1 = 20 \angle -30^\circ$; $y_2 = 40 \angle 60^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}y_1 + y_2 &= 20 \angle -30^\circ + 40 \angle 60^\circ \\&= (17.31 - j10) + (20 + j34.64) \\&= 37.32 + j24.64 \\&= 44.72 \angle 33.4^\circ\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $y_1 + y_2 = 44.72 \cos(100t + 33.4^\circ)$



Example #6

Suppose that

$$v_1(t) = 20 \cos(\omega t - 45)$$

$$v_2(t) = 10 \sin(\omega t + 60)$$

Find the total of this voltage and write into polar form

Solution

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = 20 \angle -45$$

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = 14.14 - j14.14$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = 10 \angle -30$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = 8.660 - j5$$



Example #6

$$\mathbf{V}_s = \mathbf{V}_1 + \mathbf{V}_2$$

$$\mathbf{V}_s = (14.14 - j14.14) + (8.660 - j5)$$

$$\mathbf{V}_s = 22.80 - j19.14$$

$$\mathbf{V}_s = 29.77 \angle -40.01$$

$$v_s(t) = 29.77 \cos(\omega t - 40.01)$$

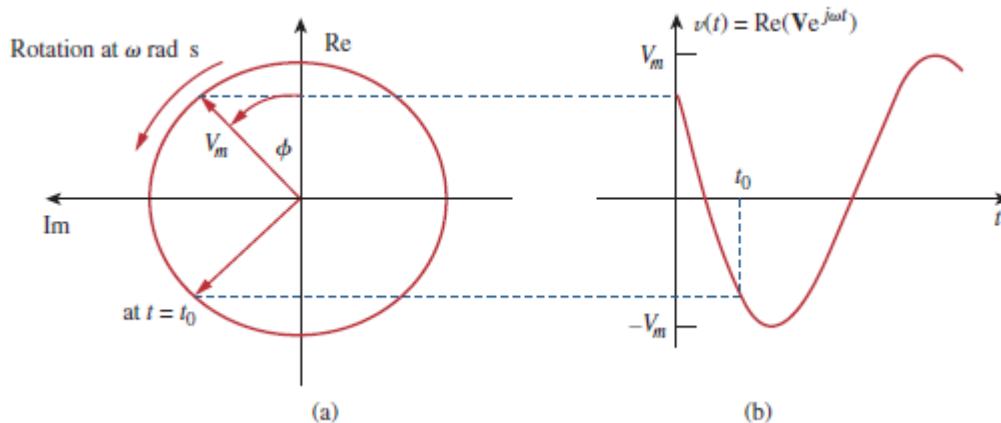


Phasors as rotating vector

Consider a sinusoidal voltage given by;

$$v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \theta) \quad v(t) = \text{Re} \left[V_m e^{j(\omega t + \theta)} \right]$$

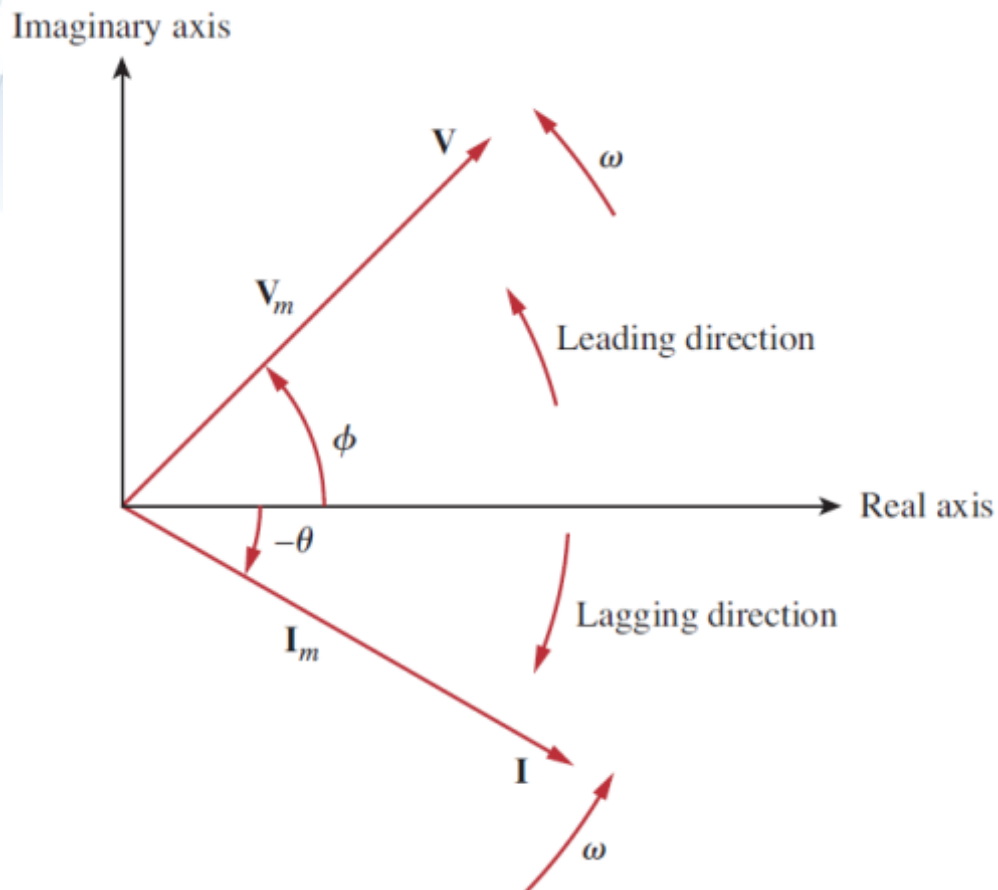
$$V_m e^{j(\omega t + \theta)} = V_m \angle (\omega t + \theta)$$



As time increases, the sinor rotates on a circle of radius V_m at angular velocity of ω in the counterclockwise direction

Phasor Relationship

Consider the phasors



$$\mathbf{V} = V_m \angle \phi$$

$$\mathbf{I} = I_m \angle -\theta$$

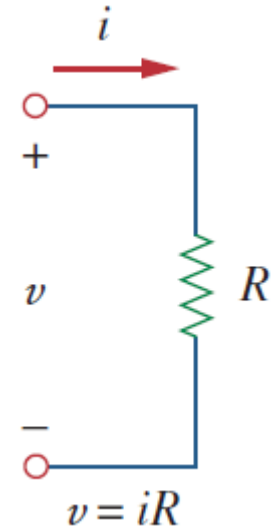
Resistor

Let the current through the resistor

$$i = I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Then the voltage across it is

$$v = iR = RI_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$



The phasor form of the voltage

$$\mathbf{V} = RI_m \angle \phi$$

The phasor form of the current

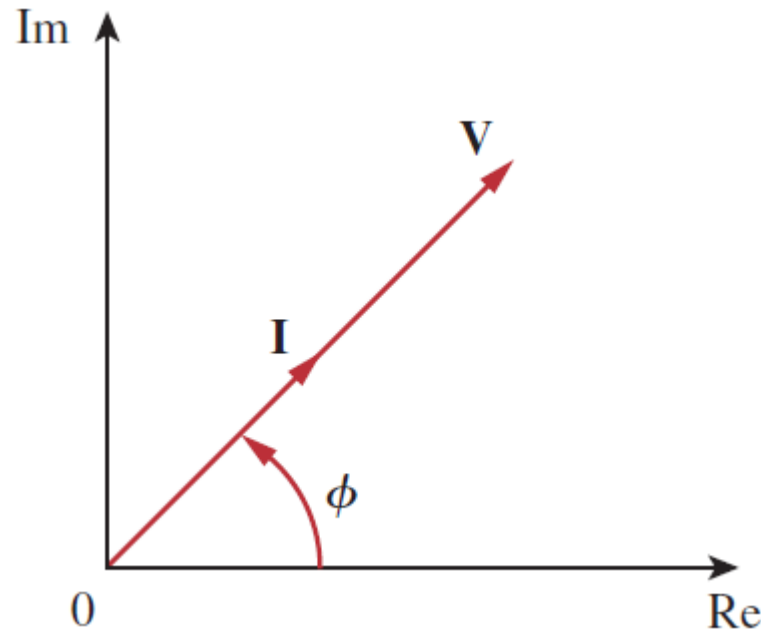
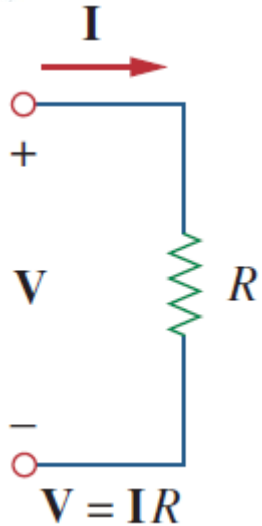
$$\mathbf{I} = I_m \angle \phi$$

Hence $\mathbf{V} = R\mathbf{I}$

Resistor

$$V = RI$$

From the equation, we know that the voltage and current are in phase. Then



Inductor

Let the current through the inductor

$$i = I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Then the voltage across it is

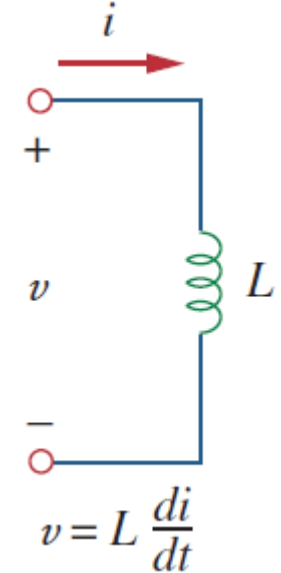
$$v = L \frac{di}{dt} = -\omega L I_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

We know that

$$-\sin A = \cos(A + 90^\circ)$$

Then we can write the voltage as

$$v = \omega L I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi + 90^\circ)$$



Phasor Relationship

Inductor

Which transform to phasor

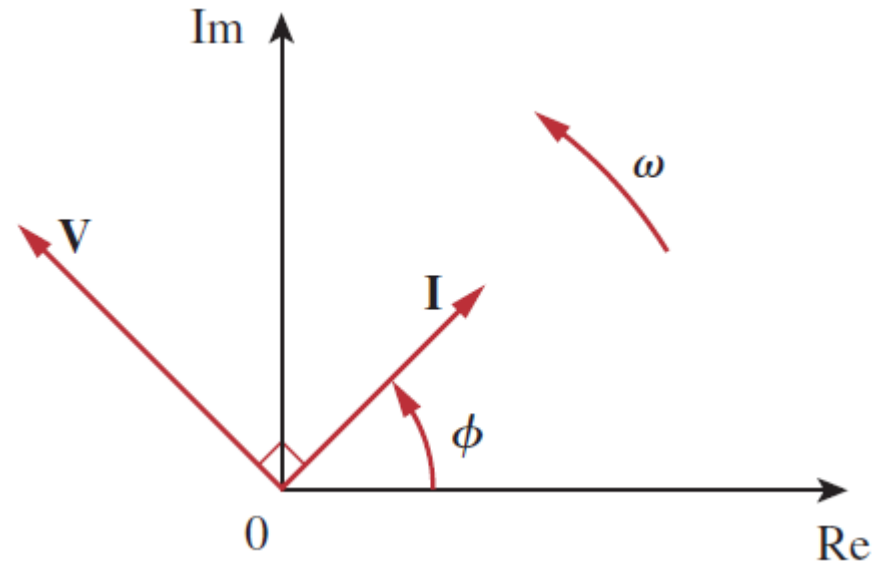
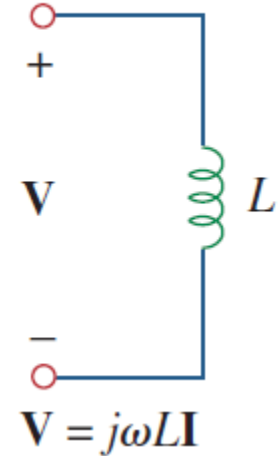
$$\mathbf{V} = \omega L I_m \angle \phi + 90^\circ$$

The phasor form of the current

$$\mathbf{I} = I_m \angle \phi$$

Hence $\mathbf{V} = j\omega L \mathbf{I}$

The voltage and current are 90° out of phase. Specifically, the current lags the voltage by 90°



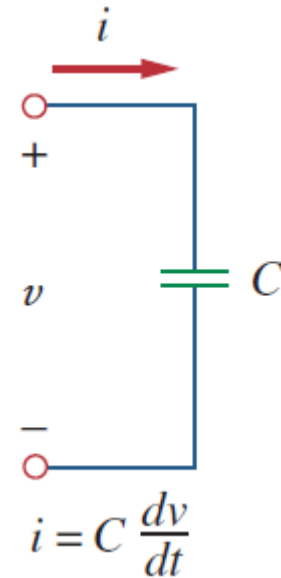
Let the voltage across the capacitor

$$v = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

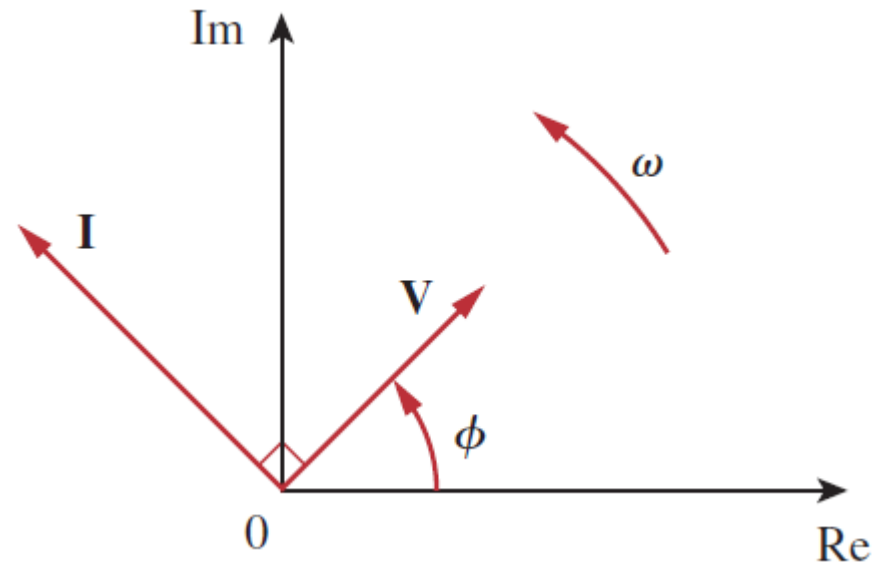
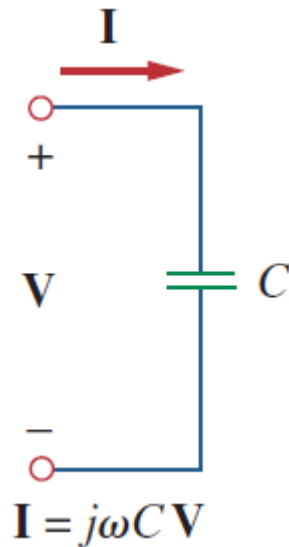
Then the current through it is

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = j\omega C \mathbf{V} \Rightarrow \mathbf{V} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{j\omega C}$$



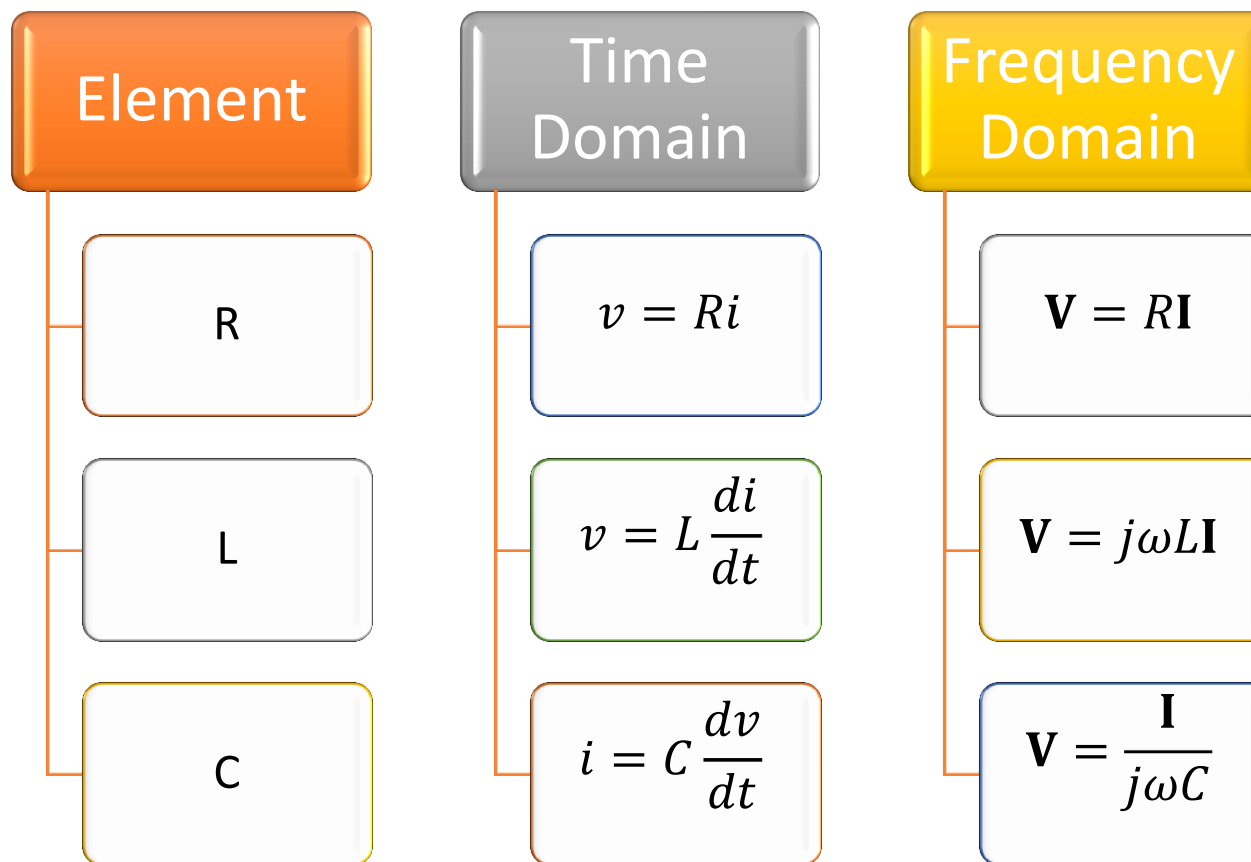
Capacitor



The current and voltage are 90° out of phase. Specifically, the current leads the voltage by 90°



Summary of voltage-current relationships



Example #5

The voltage $v = 12 \cos(60t + 45^\circ)$ is applied to a 0.1 H inductor.
Find the steady-state current through the inductor

Solution

Voltage for inductor is $\mathbf{V} = j\omega L \mathbf{I}$

where

$$\omega = 60$$

$$L = 0.1$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{j\omega L} = \frac{12 \angle 45}{j60 \times 0.1} = \frac{12 \angle 45}{6 \angle 90}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = 2 \angle -45^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$i(t) = 2 \cos(60t - 45^\circ) \text{ A}$$



Example #6

If voltage $v = 10 \cos(100t + 30^\circ)$ is applied to a 50μ F capacitor, calculate the current through the capacitor

Solution

Voltage for capacitor is $\mathbf{V} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{j\omega C}$ where $\omega = 100$
 $C = 50\mu$

$$\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{V} (j\omega C) = 10\angle 30 (j100 \times 50\mu) = 10\angle 30 (5\text{ m}\angle 90)$$

$$\mathbf{I} = 50\angle 120^\circ \text{ mA}$$

$$i(t) = 50 \cos(100t + 120^\circ) \text{ mA}$$



- The impedance \mathbf{Z} of a circuit is the **ratio** of the **phasor voltage \mathbf{V}** to the **phasor current \mathbf{I}** , measured in ohms (Ω).

Resistor

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{I}} = \mathbf{Z}_R$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_R = R$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_L = j\omega L$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

Inductor

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{I}} = \mathbf{Z}_L$$

- When $\omega = 0$, $\mathbf{Z}_L = 0$ **inductor short circuit** and $\mathbf{Z}_C \rightarrow \infty$ **capacitor open circuit**

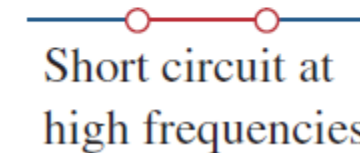
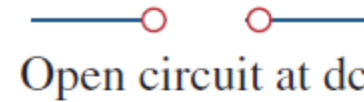
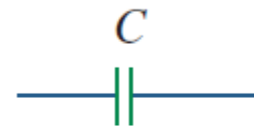
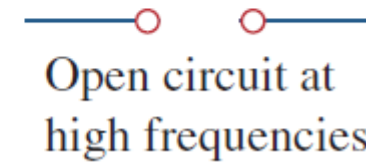
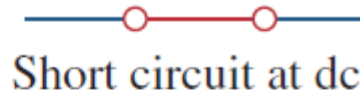
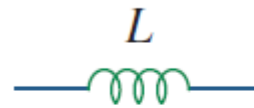
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Capacitor

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{I}} = \mathbf{Z}_C$$



Impedance



- As a complex quantity, the impedance may be expressed in rectangular form as

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + jX$$

Real \mathbf{Z} = resistance

Imaginary \mathbf{Z} = reactance

- The impedance is **inductive** when X is **positive** or **capacitive** when X is **negative**.

$\mathbf{Z} = R + jX$ Inductive or lagging since current lags voltage

$\mathbf{Z} = R - jX$ Capacitive or leading since current leads voltage



- The impedance may also be expressed in polar as

$$\mathbf{Z} = |\mathbf{Z}| \angle \theta$$

$$|\mathbf{Z}| = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{X}{R}$$

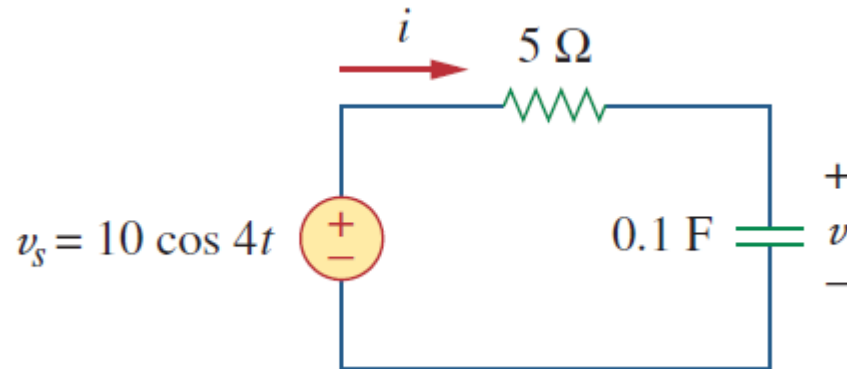
$$R = |\mathbf{Z}| \cos \theta$$

$$X = |\mathbf{Z}| \sin \theta$$



Example #7

Find $v(t)$ and $i(t)$ in the circuit shown



Solution

$$v_s = 10 \cos 4t, \quad \omega = 4$$

$$\mathbf{V}_s = 10 \angle 0^\circ$$

The impedance

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} = 5 + \frac{1}{j(4)(0.1)}$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = 5 - j2.5$$



Example #7

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{IZ}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}}{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{10 \angle 0}{5 - j2.5}$$

$$\mathbf{I} = 1.6 + j0.8 = 1.789 \angle 26.57^\circ \text{ A}$$

The voltage across capacitor

$$\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{IZ}_C$$

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{\mathbf{I}}{j\omega C} = \frac{1.789 \angle 26.57^\circ}{5 - j2.5}$$

$$\mathbf{V} = 4.47 \angle -63.43^\circ \text{ V}$$



Example #7

In time domain

$$i(t) = 1.789 \cos(4t + 26.57^\circ) \text{ A}$$

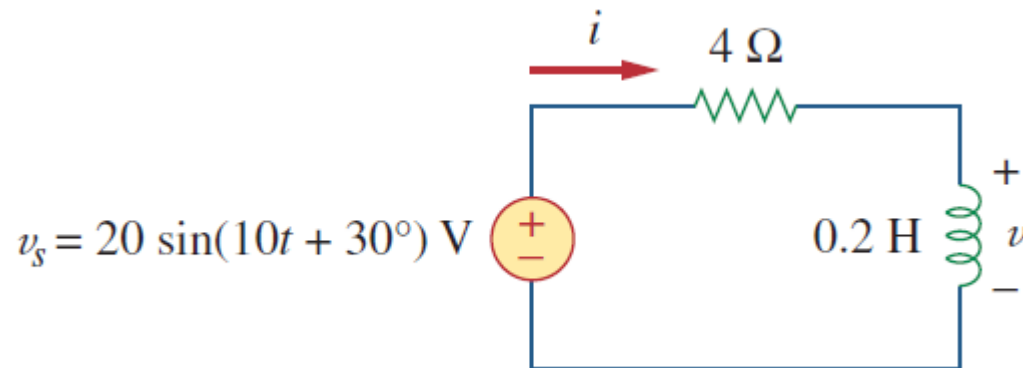
$$v(t) = 4.47 \cos(4t - 63.43^\circ) \text{ V}$$

Notice that $i(t)$ leads $v(t)$ by 90° as expected



Example #8

Determine $v(t)$ and $i(t)$



Answer

$$v(t) = 8.944 \sin(10t + 93.43^\circ) \text{ V}$$

$$i(t) = 4.472 \sin(10t + 3.43^\circ) \text{ A}$$

