

AC Notes

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AC = Alternating Current

This term is used for any time-varying voltage or current waveform
Periodic waveforms: Waveshape repeats

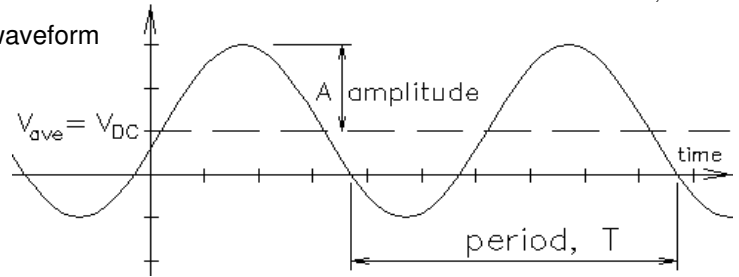
T = Period = repeat time

f = frequency, cycles / second $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{\omega}{2\pi}$

ω = radian frequency, radians/sec $\omega = 2\pi \cdot f$

A = amplitude

DC = average



Sinusoidal AC

$y(t) = A \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \phi)$

voltage: $v(t) = V_p \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \phi)$

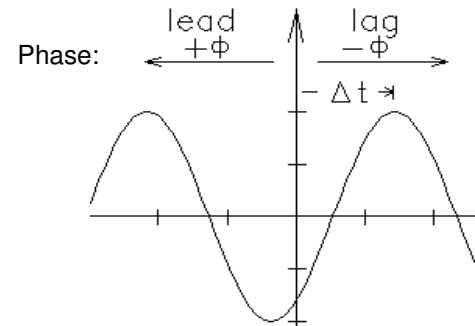
current: $i(t) = I_p \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \phi)$

Phase: $\phi = -\frac{\Delta t}{T} \cdot 360 \cdot \text{deg}$ or $\phi = -\frac{\Delta t}{T} \cdot 2\pi \cdot \text{rad}$

Phasor

$V(\omega) = V_p \cdot e^{j\phi}$

$I(\omega) = I_p \cdot e^{j\phi}$



Adding and subtracting Sinusoidal AC voltages or currents

Voltages and currents are represented by phasors draw on a real - imaginary "phasor" diagram. These phasors add and subtract just like vectors.

$v_1(t) = V_{p1} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \phi)$ $v_2(t) = V_{p2} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$

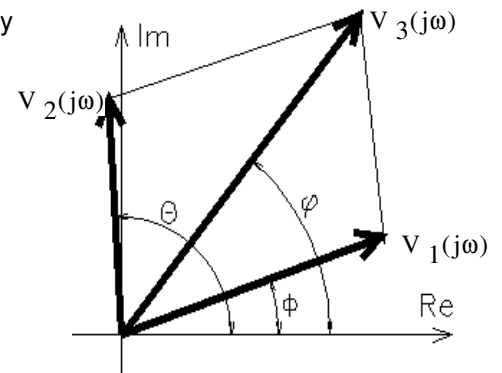
The problem: $v_3(t) = v_1(t) + v_2(t) = ?$

Draw phasors as shown, $V_1(j\omega) = V_{p1} \angle \phi$ and $V_2(j\omega) = V_{p2} \angle \theta$

Add the phasors just as you would vectors to get: $V_3(j\omega) = V_{p3} \angle \psi$

$$V_{p3} = \sqrt{(V_{p1} \cdot \cos(\phi) + V_{p2} \cdot \cos(\theta))^2 + (V_{p1} \cdot \sin(\phi) + V_{p2} \cdot \sin(\theta))^2}$$

$$\psi = \arctan\left(\frac{V_{p1} \cdot \sin(\phi) + V_{p2} \cdot \sin(\theta)}{V_{p1} \cdot \cos(\phi) + V_{p2} \cdot \cos(\theta)}\right)$$



Convert phasor back to time-domain voltage: $v_3(t) = v_1(t) + v_2(t) = V_{p3} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t + \psi)$ Done

Phasor analysis, For steady-state sinusoidal response ONLY

Phasors are used for much more than just adding and subtracting sinusoidal waveforms and are drawn on a complex plane for a very good reason. The math is all based on the Euler's equation:

Euler's equation $e^{j\alpha} = \cos(\alpha) + j \cdot \sin(\alpha)$ OR: $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{e^{j\alpha} + e^{-j\alpha}}{2}$ $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{e^{j\alpha} - e^{-j\alpha}}{2j}$

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

$\text{Re}[e^{j(\omega t + \theta)}] = \cos(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$

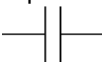
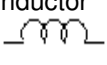
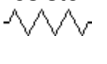
If we freeze this at time $t=0$, then we can represent $\cos(\omega \cdot t + \theta)$ by $e^{j\theta}$ That's the phasor

Capacitors and Inductors in AC circuits cause 90° phase shifts between voltages and currents because they integrate and differentiate. But... integration and differentiation is a piece-of-cake in phasors.

Calculus $\frac{d}{dt} [A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta)}] = j \cdot \omega \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta)} = \omega \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta + 90 \text{ deg})} = \omega \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\theta + 90 \text{ deg})}$ Drop the ωt ($t=0$) to get:

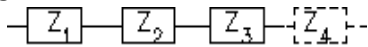
$\int A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta)} dt = \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega} \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta)} = \frac{1}{\omega} \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\omega t + \theta - 90 \text{ deg})} = \frac{1}{\omega} \cdot A \cdot e^{j(\theta - 90 \text{ deg})}$

Phasor analysis with impedances, For steady-state sinusoidal response ONLY

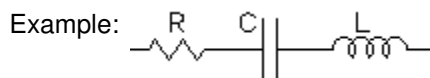
	AC impedance			
Capacitor 	$i_C = C \cdot \frac{d}{dt} v_C$	$v_C = \frac{1}{C} \int i_C(t) dt$	$Z_C = \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot C} = \frac{-j}{\omega \cdot C}$	$V_C(j\omega) = \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot C} \cdot I(j\omega)$
Inductor 	$v_L = L \cdot \frac{d}{dt} i_L$	$i_L = \frac{1}{L} \int v_L(t) dt$	$Z_L = j \cdot \omega \cdot L$	$V_L(j\omega) = j \cdot \omega \cdot L \cdot I(j\omega)$
Resistor 	$v_R = i_R \cdot R$	$i_R = \frac{v_R}{R}$	$Z_R = R$	$V_R(j\omega) = R \cdot I(j\omega)$

You can use impedances just like resistances as long as you deal with the complex arithmetic.
ALL the DC circuit analysis techniques will work with AC.

series:



$$Z_{eq} = Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + \dots$$



$$Z_{eq} = R + \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot C} + j \cdot \omega \cdot L$$

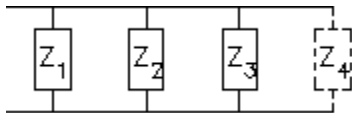
Voltage divider:

$$V_{Zn} = V_{total} \cdot \frac{Z_n}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3 + \dots}$$

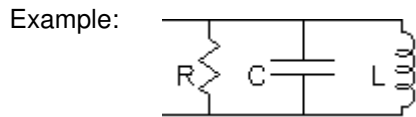
If: $R := 200 \cdot \Omega$ $C := 2 \cdot \mu F$ $L := 16 \cdot \text{mH}$ and $\omega := 4000 \cdot \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$

then $Z_{eq} = R + \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot C} + j \cdot \omega \cdot L = 200 \cdot \Omega - 125j \cdot \Omega + 64j \cdot \Omega = 200 - 61j \cdot \Omega$

parallel:



$$Z_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{Z_1} + \frac{1}{Z_2} + \frac{1}{Z_3} + \dots}$$



$$Z_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot C}\right)} + \frac{1}{j \cdot \omega \cdot L}}$$

Current divider:

$$I_{Zn} = I_{total} \cdot \frac{\frac{1}{Z_n}}{\frac{1}{Z_1} + \frac{1}{Z_2} + \frac{1}{Z_3} + \dots}$$

If: $R := 200 \cdot \Omega$ $C := 2 \cdot \mu F$ $L := 16 \cdot \text{mH}$ and $\omega := 4000 \cdot \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{sec}}$

then $Z_{eq} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{R} + j \cdot \omega \cdot C - \frac{j}{\omega \cdot L}} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{200 \cdot \Omega} + 8 \cdot 10^{-3} \cdot j \cdot \frac{1}{\Omega} - 0.01563 \cdot j \cdot \frac{1}{\Omega}}$

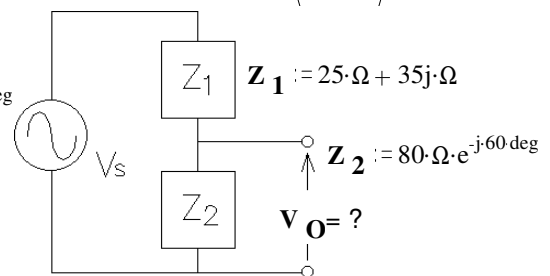
$$= 60.1 \cdot \Omega + 91.7 \cdot \Omega = 109.7 \Omega / 56.7^\circ$$

$$\sqrt{(60.1 \cdot \Omega)^2 + (91.7 \cdot \Omega)^2} = 109.6 \cdot \Omega \quad \text{atan}\left(\frac{91.7 \cdot \Omega}{60.1 \cdot \Omega}\right) = 56.76 \cdot \text{deg}$$

Example

Find V_O in the circuit shown. Express it as a magnitude and phase angle (the way V_S is expressed).

$$V_S := 6 \cdot V \cdot e^{j18 \cdot \text{deg}}$$



$$V_O := \frac{Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \cdot V_S \quad \text{Simple voltage divider}$$

$$|Z_2| \cdot \cos(-60 \cdot \text{deg}) = 40 \cdot \Omega \quad |Z_2| \cdot \sin(-60 \cdot \text{deg}) = -69.282 \cdot \Omega$$

$$Z_2 = 40 - 69.282j \cdot \Omega \quad Z_1 + Z_2 = 25 \cdot \Omega + 35j \cdot \Omega + 40 \cdot \Omega - 69.282j \cdot \Omega = 65 - 34.282j \cdot \Omega = 73.486 \cdot \Omega \cdot e^{j27.81 \cdot \text{deg}}$$

$$V_O := \frac{Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2} \cdot V_S = \frac{80 \cdot \Omega \cdot e^{-j60 \cdot \text{deg}}}{73.486 \cdot \Omega \cdot e^{j27.81 \cdot \text{deg}}} \cdot (6 \cdot V \cdot e^{j18 \cdot \text{deg}}) = \frac{80 \cdot \Omega}{73.486 \cdot \Omega} \cdot 6 \cdot V \cdot e^{j(-60 - (-27.81) + 18) \cdot \text{deg}} = 6.53 \cdot V \cdot e^{-j14.2 \cdot \text{deg}}$$