

# Engineering Electromagnetics

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# Introduction: Waves and Phasors

## 1. Review of Complex Numbers

### Complex Number

$$z = x + jy$$

Where  $x$  and  $y$  are the *real* (Re) and *imaginary* (Im) parts of  $z$ , respectively

$$j = \sqrt{-1}$$

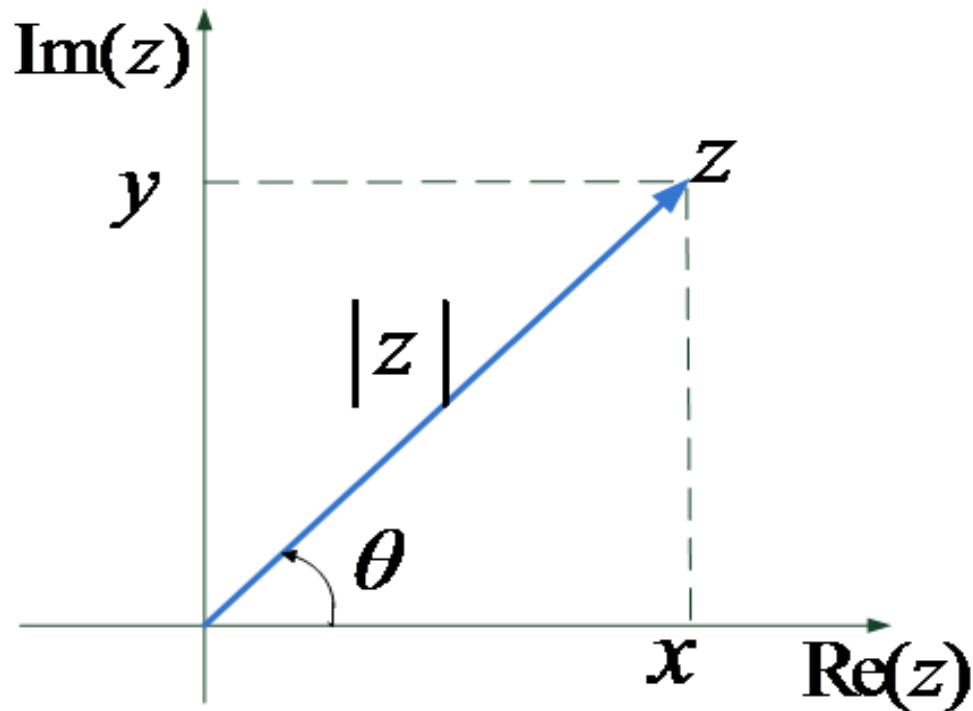
### Polar Form of $z$ is

$$z = |z| e^{j\theta} = |z| \angle \theta$$

*Euler's identity* is

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

Where  $|z|$  and  $\theta$  are the *modulus* and *argument* of  $z$ , respectively



$$x = |z| \cos \theta$$

$$y = |z| \sin \theta$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}(y / x)$$

**Relationship between rectangular and polar representation of a complex number**

**Ensure that  $\theta$  is in the proper quadrant**

## Complex Conjugate

$$z^* = (x + jy)^* = x - jy = |z| e^{-j\theta} = |z| \angle -\theta$$

The vector of  $z^*$  and the vector of  $z$  are **symmetric about the x axis**

**Magnitude of  $z$**       $|z| = |z^*| = \sqrt{z z^*}$

## Equality

If two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$  are given by

$$z_1 = x_1 + jy_1 = |z_1| e^{j\theta_1} \quad z_2 = x_2 + jy_2 = |z_2| e^{j\theta_2}$$

then  $z_1 = z_2$  **if and only if**

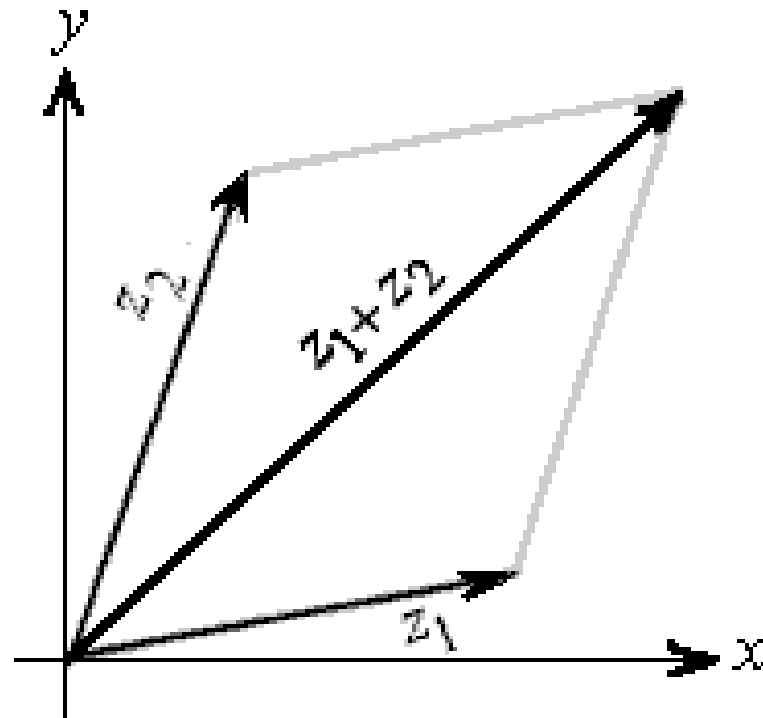
$$x_1 = x_2 \quad \text{and} \quad y_1 = y_2$$

or equivalently

$$\theta_1 = \theta_2 \quad \text{and} \quad |z_1| = |z_2|$$

# Addition

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2)$$

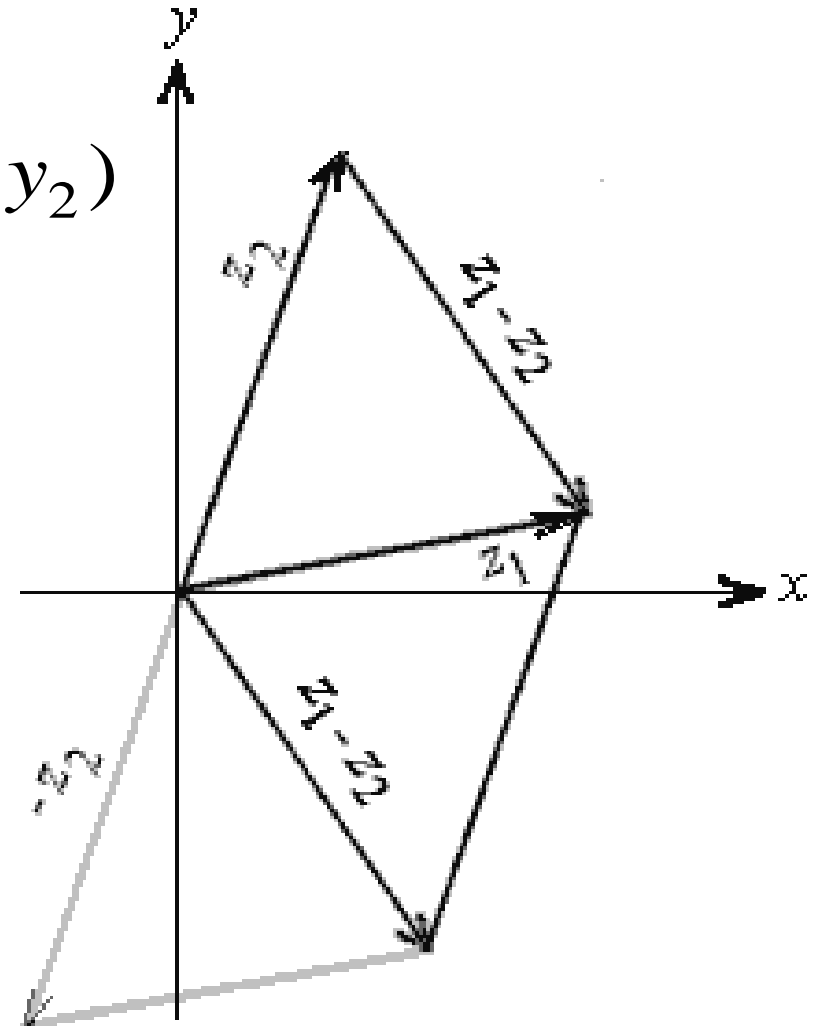


# Subtraction

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 - z_2 &= z_1 + (-z_2) \\ &= (x_1 - x_2) + j(y_1 - y_2)\end{aligned}$$

**In terms of vector:**

**(End point) – (Starting point)**

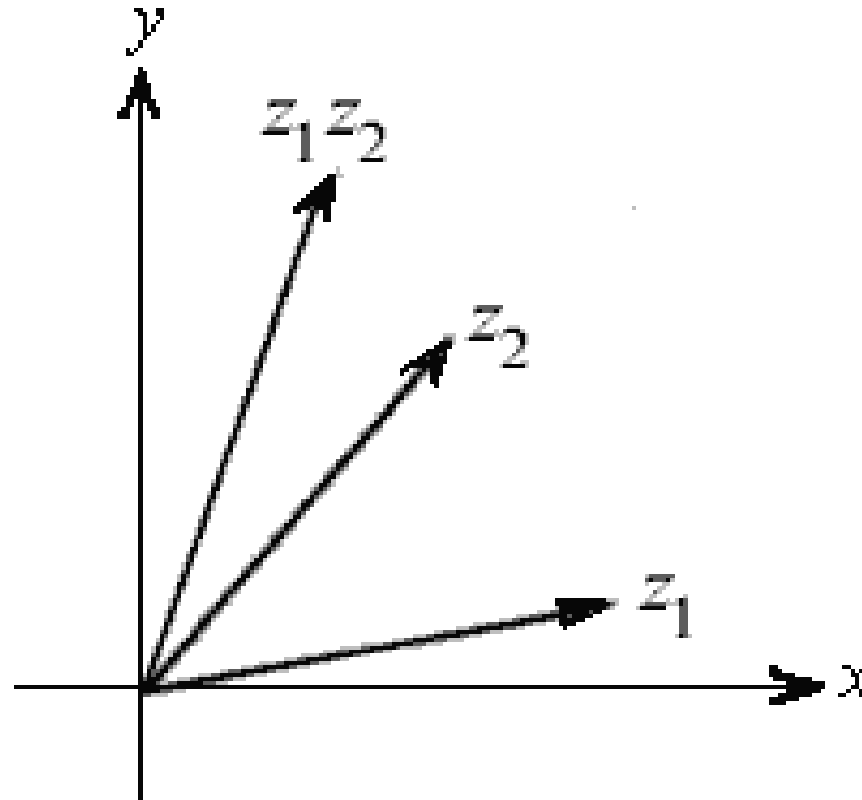


# Multiplication

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= (x_1 + jy_1)(x_2 + jy_2) \\ &= (x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2) + j(x_1 y_2 + x_2 y_1) \end{aligned}$$

**Or**

$$\begin{aligned} z_1 z_2 &= |z_1| e^{j\theta_1} \cdot |z_2| e^{j\theta_2} \\ &= |z_1| |z_2| e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)} \\ &= |z_1| |z_2| [\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + j \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2)] \end{aligned}$$



**The geometric interpretation of multiplication** of complex numbers  $z_1 z_2$  is stretching (or squeezing) and rotation of vectors in the plane:

If you have two complex numbers  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , you can draw a vector  $z_1$ , multiply its length by the  $|z_2|$ , and rotate the resulting vector counterclockwise through the angle  $\text{Arg}(z_2)$ . If  $|z_2| > 1$ , we deal with stretching. If  $|z_2| < 1$ , it is a case of squeezing.



# Division

**For**  $z_2 \neq 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{x_1 + jy_1}{x_2 + jy_2} = \frac{x_1 + jy_1}{x_2 + jy_2} \cdot \frac{x_2 - jy_2}{x_2 - jy_2} \\ &= \frac{(x_1x_2 + y_1y_2) + j(x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)}{x_2^2 + y_2^2}\end{aligned}$$

**Or**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{z_1}{z_2} &= \frac{|z_1|e^{j\theta_1}}{|z_2|e^{j\theta_2}} = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)} \\ &= \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}[\cos(\theta_1 - \theta_2) + j\sin(\theta_1 - \theta_2)]\end{aligned}$$

# Powers

For any positive integer  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} z^n &= (|z| e^{j\theta})^n \\ &= |z|^n e^{jn\theta} = |z|^n (\cos n\theta + j \sin n\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} z^{1/2} &= \pm |z|^{1/2} e^{j\theta/2} \\ &= \pm |z|^{1/2} [\cos(\theta/2) + j \sin(\theta/2)] \end{aligned}$$

# Useful Relations

$$-1 = e^{j\pi} = e^{-j\pi} = 1\angle 180^\circ$$

$$j = e^{j\pi/2} = 1\angle 90^\circ$$

$$-j = -e^{j\pi/2} = e^{-j\pi/2} = 1\angle -90^\circ$$

$$\sqrt{j} = (e^{j\pi/2})^{1/2} = \pm e^{j\pi/4} = \frac{\pm(1+j)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

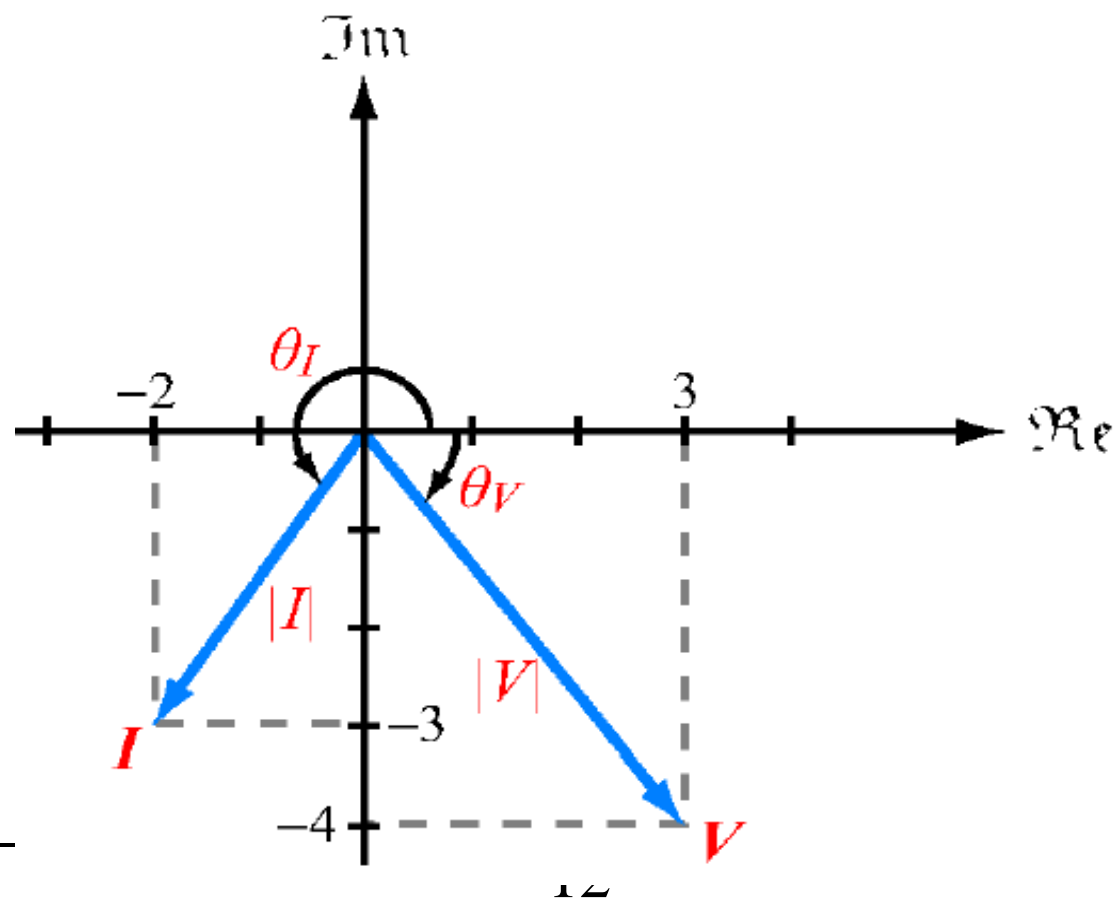
$$\sqrt{-j} = \pm e^{-j\pi/4} = \frac{\pm(1-j)}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Example 1-3** Given two complex numbers

$$V = 3 - 4j$$

$$I = -(2 + 3j)$$

(a) Express  $V$  and  $I$  in polar form, and find (b)  $VI$  (c)  $VI^*$  (d)  $V/I$  and (e)  $\sqrt{I}$



## Solution

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}|V| &= \sqrt[+]{VV^*} \\ &= \sqrt[+]{(3-4j)(3+4j)} = \sqrt[+]{9+16} = 5\end{aligned}$$

$$\theta_V = \tan^{-1}(-4/3) = -53.1^\circ$$

$$V = |V|e^{j\theta_V} = 5e^{-53.1^\circ} = 5\angle -53.1^\circ$$

$$|I| = \sqrt[+]{2^2 + 3^2} = \sqrt[+]{13} = 3.61$$

Since  $I = (-2 - j3)$  is in the third quadrant in the complex plane

$$\theta_I = 180^\circ + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = 236.3^\circ$$

$$I = 3.61\angle 236.3^\circ$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}
 VI &= 5\angle -53.1^\circ \times 3.61\angle 236.3^\circ \\
 &= 18.05e^{j(236.3^\circ - 53.1^\circ)} = 18.05e^{j183.2^\circ}
 \end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 VI^* &= 5\angle -53.1^\circ \times 3.61\angle -236.3^\circ \\
 &= 18.05e^{j(-236.3^\circ - 53.1^\circ)} = 18.05e^{-j289.4^\circ} \\
 &= 18.05e^{j70.6^\circ}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(d) \quad \frac{V}{I} = \frac{5\angle -53.1^\circ}{3.61\angle 236.3^\circ} = 1.39\angle -289.4^\circ = 1.39\angle 70.6^\circ$$

$$(e) \quad \sqrt{I} = \sqrt{3.61e^{j236.3^\circ}} = \pm\sqrt{3.61}e^{j236.3^\circ/2} = \pm 1.90e^{j118.15^\circ}$$

**Exercise 1.7** Express the following complex functions in polar form:

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 &= (4 - j3)^2, \\z_2 &= (4 - j3)^{1/2}.\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 &= (4 - j3)^2 \\&= \left[ (4^2 + 3^2)^{1/2} \angle -\tan^{-1} 3/4 \right]^2 \\&= [5 \angle -36.87^\circ]^2 = 25 \angle -73.7^\circ.\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}z_2 &= (4 - j3)^{1/2} \\&= \left[ (4^2 + 3^2)^{1/2} \angle -\tan^{-1} 3/4 \right]^{1/2} \\&= [5 \angle -36.87^\circ]^{1/2} = \pm \sqrt{5} \angle -18.4^\circ.\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Introduction of phasor

Phasor analysis is a useful mathematical tool for solving problems involving linear systems in which the excitation is a periodic function. For example, we have learned in circuit theory for alternating current (AC) that sinusoidal varying voltages and currents can be expressed in phasor forms:

$$V(t) = \operatorname{Re}\{\tilde{V}e^{j\omega t}\}$$

$$I(t) = \operatorname{Re}\{\tilde{I}e^{j\omega t}\}$$

$\tilde{V}$  and  $\tilde{I}$  are called phasors of  $V(t)$  and  $I(t)$ .

More generally, any sinusoidally time-varying (a.k.a. time-harmonic) function  $Z(t)$  can be expressed as

$$Z(t) = \operatorname{Re}\{\tilde{Z}e^{j\omega t}\}$$

where  $\tilde{Z}$  is a **time-independent** function called the **phasor** of the **instantaneous** function  $Z(t)$ .



The benefit of using the phasor form is that:

$$\frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} Z(t) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial t^n} \left\{ \text{Re} \left( \tilde{Z} e^{j\omega t} \right) \right\} = \text{Re} \left\{ (j\omega)^n \tilde{Z} e^{j\omega t} \right\}$$

The last term can be rewritten as  $\text{Re} \left\{ \left[ (j\omega)^n \tilde{Z} \right] e^{j\omega t} \right\}$

The differentiation with respect to time can be replaced by multiplication of the phasor form with the factor  $j\omega$ .

Time-domain sinusoidal functions  $z(t)$  and their cosine-reference phasor-domain counterparts  $\tilde{Z}$ , where  $z(t) = \Re[\tilde{Z}e^{j\omega t}]$

**Note:**

1. In the table, the coefficient  $A$  is real
2.  $\sin(\omega t) = \cos(\omega t - \pi / 2)$
3. By Euler's identity, the real part of a complex number is a cosine function. Thus, **the phasor is, by definition, automatically cosine referenced.**

$z(t)$		$\tilde{Z}$
$A \cos \omega t$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$A$
$A \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$Ae^{j\phi_0}$
$A \cos(\omega t + \beta x + \phi_0)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$Ae^{j(\beta x + \phi_0)}$
$Ae^{-\alpha x} \cos(\omega t + \beta x + \phi_0)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$Ae^{-\alpha x} e^{j(\beta x + \phi_0)}$
$A \sin \omega t$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$Ae^{-j\pi/2}$
$A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0)$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$Ae^{j(\phi_0 - \pi/2)}$
$\frac{d}{dt}(z(t))$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$j\omega\tilde{Z}$
$\frac{d}{dt}[A \cos(\omega t + \phi_0)]$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$j\omega Ae^{j\phi_0}$
$\int z(t) dt$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\frac{1}{j\omega}\tilde{Z}$
$\int A \sin(\omega t + \phi_0) dt$	$\longleftrightarrow$	$\frac{1}{j\omega} Ae^{j(\phi_0 - \pi/2)}$

### 3. Wave Propagation: Direction and Speed

Consider a wave,

$$E(z, t) = A \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t - \frac{2\pi}{\lambda}z\right)$$

Define

time period

wavelength

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \text{ (angular frequency)} \quad \text{and} \quad k = \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} \text{ (wavenumber)}$$

The field can be written as

$$E(z, t) = A \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

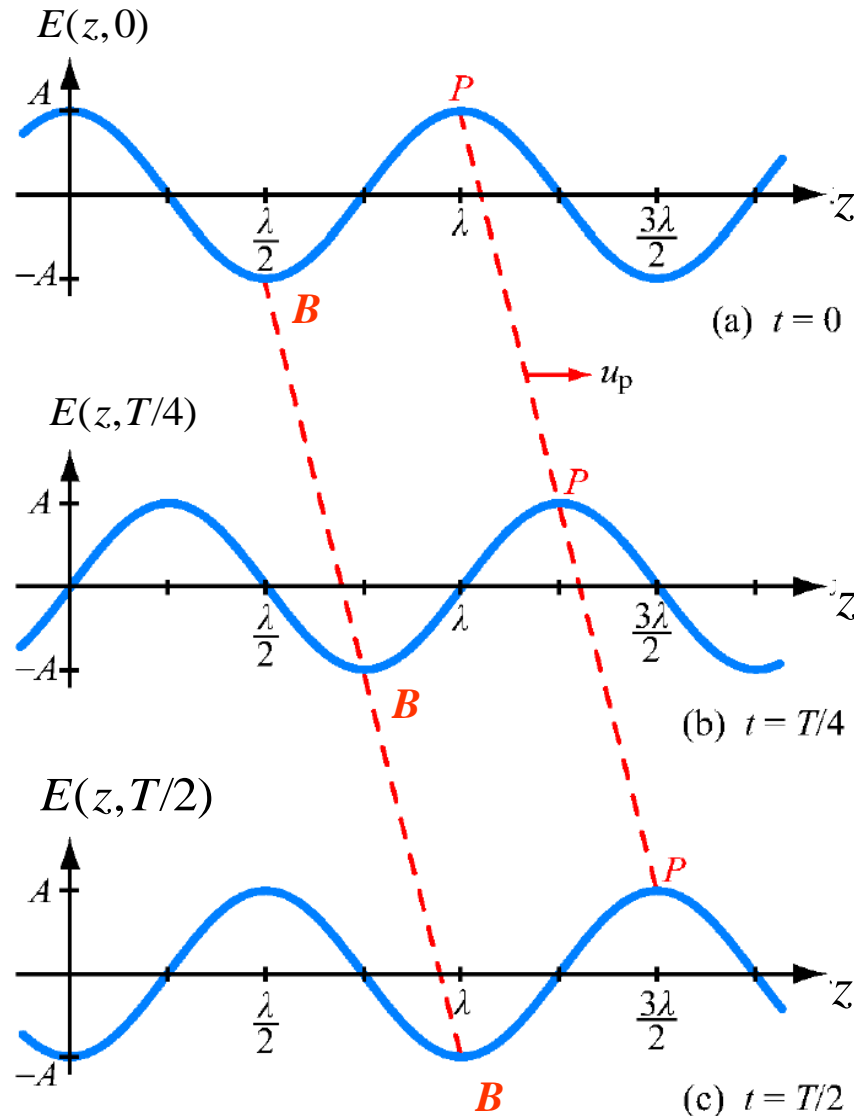
Will be discussed in  
detailed in later lectures

The corresponding phasor:

$$\tilde{E}(z) = Ae^{-jkz}$$

For convenience, from here onwards we drop off the  $\sim$  on the top since the instantaneous and phasor forms can be easily distinguished.

We take three time ( $t = 0, T/4, T/2$ ) snapshots of the wave profile



$$A \cos \left( \frac{2\pi}{T} t - \frac{2\pi}{\lambda} z \right)$$

or

$$A \cos(\omega t - kz)$$

**Note:** The wave travels a distance of one wavelength ( $\lambda$ ) per time period ( $T$ )

To determine the moving direction and speed of a wave, actually we examine **a fixed point** in the wave, for example, the peak, the trough, or the zero point. The moving direction and speed of a wave is the same as those of the chosen fixed point, regardless of what fixed point we choose.

Mathematically, we examine a point with  $A \cos(\omega t - kz)$  being a constant, i.e.,

$$\omega t - kz = \text{Constant}$$

Taking differentiation on both sides, we have

$$\omega dt - k dz = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow u_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = \frac{\omega}{k} > 0 \quad (\text{m/s})$$

The wave propagates in **+z** direction, with **phase velocity:  $\omega/k$**

By the same argument, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(z) = Be^{+jkz} &\rightarrow E(z, t) = \operatorname{Re}\{Be^{+jkz}e^{j\omega t}\} \\ &= B\cos(\omega t + kz) \end{aligned}$$

$$u_p = \frac{dz}{dt} = -\frac{\omega}{k} < 0 \quad (\text{m/s})$$

The wave propagates in  $-z$  direction, with **phase velocity:  $\omega/k$**

To summarize:

$Ae^{-jkz}$  is a wave propagating in the  $+z$  direction.

$Be^{+jkz}$  is a wave propagating in the  $-z$  direction.

## □ Textbooks:

- *Fundamentals of Applied Electromagnetics*,  
F. T. Ulaby, E. Michielssen, U. Ravaioli,  
Pearson Education, 2010, 6<sup>th</sup> edition

## Suggested reading [textbook]:

- Section 1-4: Traveling Waves
- Section 1-6: Review of Complex Numbers
- Section 1-7: Review of Phasors