

# Topic 1: Power System Basics

## Phasors

Instantaneous AC voltage (or current):

$$v(t) = \underbrace{V_m}_{\text{peak value}} \cos \left( \underbrace{\omega t}_{\text{angular frequency (rad/s)}} + \underbrace{\theta_v}_{\text{phase angle (rad)}} \right)$$

in North America,  $f = 60 \text{ Hz}$   $\therefore \omega = 2\pi \times 60 = 377 \text{ rad/s}$

i.e.  $\omega$  is constant in steady-state.  $\therefore$  only need  $V_m$  &  $\theta_v$  to characterize a sinusoid.

In power systems, we use RMS (effective) value. This is the "DC equivalent" for an AC voltage or current:

$$V_{\text{rms}} \triangleq \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v^2(t) dt}$$

for sinusoids only,  $V_{\text{rms}} = V = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}}$

i.e. we are dropping RMS subscript

A phasor is a complex number (vector) that contains the magnitude (in RMS) & phase angle of a sinusoid  
used peak values in ENGG 225

From Euler's Identity:  $e^{\pm j\theta} = \cos \theta \pm j \sin \theta$

$$\therefore \cos \theta = \operatorname{Re}[e^{j\theta}]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, } v(t) &= V_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \\ &= \sqrt{2} \cdot V \operatorname{Re}[e^{j(\omega t + \theta_v)}] \\ &= \sqrt{2} \cdot V \operatorname{Re}[e^{j\omega t} \cdot e^{j\theta_v}] \end{aligned}$$

$$V e^{j\theta_v} = V \angle \theta_v \text{ is the phasor}$$

representation of  $v(t)$ .

- ignored the  $t$  term here. Phasor is a snapshot of this rotating vector at  $t=0$ .

Time Domain

Phasor

$$v(t) = \sqrt{2} V \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \longleftrightarrow \bar{V} = V \angle \theta_v$$

can also use bold font to indicate a phasor

this is in polar co-ord's.

Rect. coord representation:

$$\bar{V} = V \cdot \cos \theta_v + j V \cdot \sin \theta_v$$

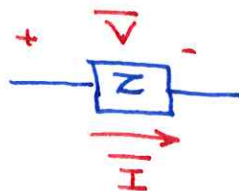
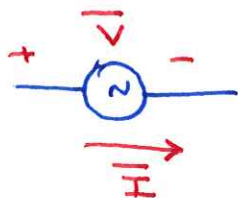
Ex:  $\bar{V} = 120 \angle 45^\circ$  Express in time domain?

$$v(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot 120 \cos(\omega t + 45^\circ)$$

technically, should be in radians

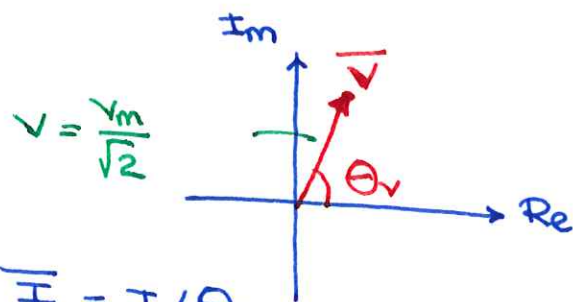
## Power: Instantaneous, Real, Reactive, Complex

Consider an element in an AC circuit (source or impedance)



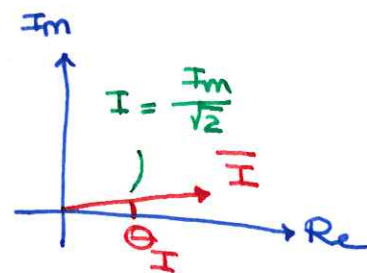
if the voltage across the element is  $\underline{V} = V \angle \theta_V$ ,

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



and the current through it is:  $\underline{I} = I \angle \theta_I$

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



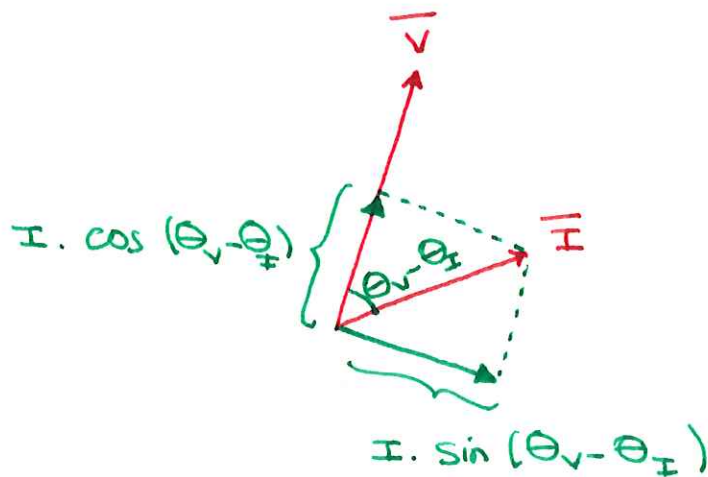
then, instantaneous power is:

$$p(t) \triangleq v(t) \cdot i(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_V) \cdot I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_I)$$

after a lot of trig sorcery...

$$P(t) = \underbrace{V \cdot I \cdot \cos(\theta_V - \theta_I) [1 + 2 \cos(2\omega t + 2\theta_V)]}_{\text{inst power from portion of } \underline{I} \text{ in phase with } \underline{V} \text{ (i.e. resistive)}} +$$

$$\underbrace{V \cdot I \cdot \sin(\theta_V - \theta_I) \cdot \sin(2\omega t + 2\theta_V)}_{\text{inst power from portion of } \underline{I} \text{ 90}^\circ \text{ out of phase with } \underline{V} \text{ (i.e. reactive)}}$$



Note:  $p(t)$  is not constant with time

Real Power / Resistive Power is the average of the 1<sup>st</sup> term

in eq(i):

$$P_{avg} = P_{real} = P = V \cdot I \cdot \cos(\theta_V - \theta_I)$$

unit: Watts (W)

Define power factor

$$PF = \cos(\theta_V - \theta_I)$$

power angle

$$P = \underbrace{V \cdot I}_{\text{apparent power, } S} (PF)$$

apparent power,  $S$  - product of RMS voltage & RMS current

$$S = V \cdot I$$

Lagging PF:  $\vec{I}$  lags  $\vec{V}$  :  $\theta_I < \theta_V$

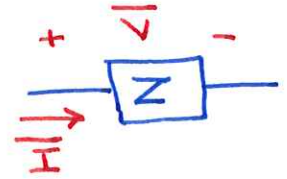
Leading PF:  $\vec{I}$  leads  $\vec{V}$  :  $\theta_I > \theta_V$



## Power Factor for Complex Impedances

consider a generic complex impedance  $Z$ . we can write:

$$Z = \underbrace{R}_{\text{resistance}} + j \underbrace{X}_{\text{reactance}}$$

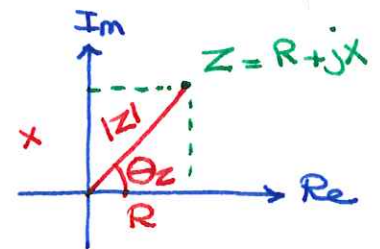


i) for an inductive element :  $X = \omega L > 0$

(reminder  $Z_L = j\omega L$ )

$$\therefore \theta_Z > 0$$

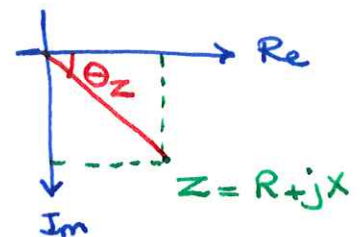
$\theta_Z$  is also  $\leq 90^\circ$  since  $R \geq 0$



ii) for a capacitive element :  $X = \frac{-1}{\omega C}$

(reminder  $Z_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C} = j \frac{-1}{\omega C}$ )

$$\therefore \theta_Z < 0$$



Now, from Ohm's Law :

$$\underbrace{\underline{V}} = \underbrace{\underline{I}} \cdot \underbrace{\underline{Z}}$$
$$\angle \underline{V} = \angle \underline{I} + \angle \underline{Z}$$

$$\therefore \theta_V = \theta_I + \theta_Z \quad \therefore \boxed{\theta_Z = \theta_V - \theta_I}$$

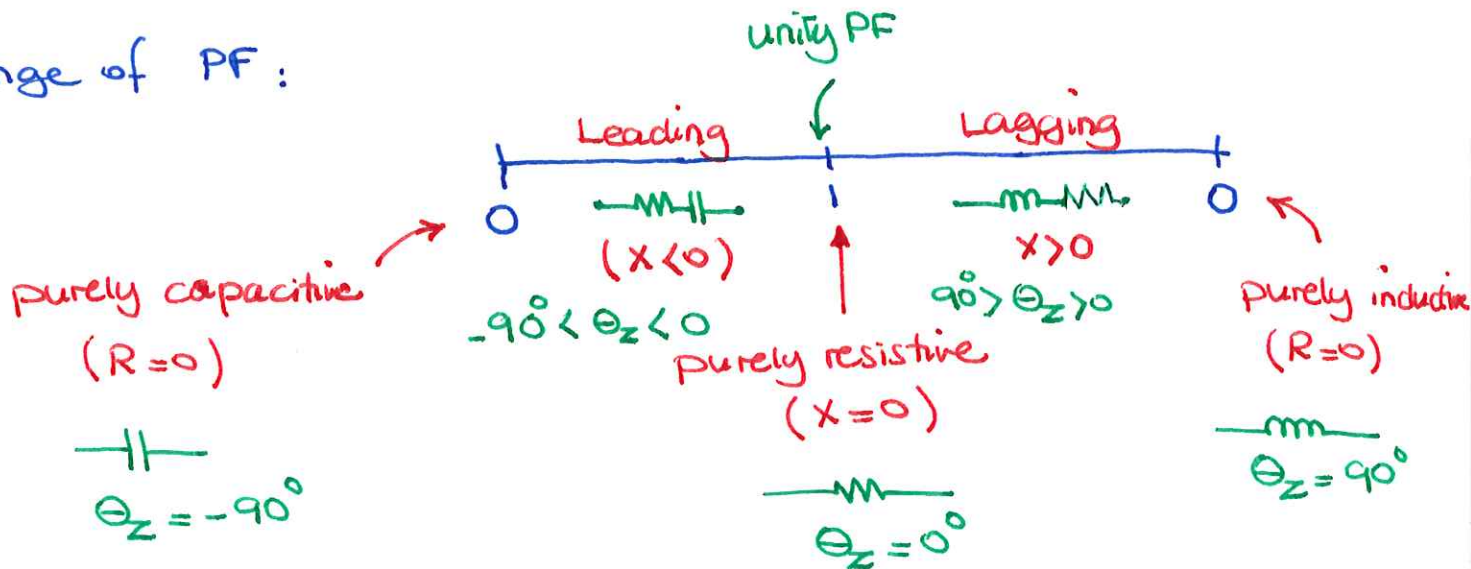
i.e. the power angle for complex impedances is the same

$$\text{as } \theta_Z \quad \text{PF} = \cos(\theta_V - \theta_I) = \cos(\theta_Z)$$

i) For an inductive element,  $\theta_Z > 0 \therefore \theta_V - \theta_I > 0 \therefore \theta_V > \theta_I$   
 $\therefore \bar{I}$  lags  $\bar{V}$ , i.e. lagging PF

ii) For a capacitive element,  $\bar{I}$  leads  $\bar{V}$ , i.e. leading PF

• Range of PF:



Reactive Power : is the magnitude of the second term in eq(i)

The avg of second term is zero.

$$Q = V \cdot I \cdot \sin(\theta_V - \theta_I) \quad \text{unit: VAR (Volts-Amps-reactive)}$$

It is a measure of power travelling back & forth between the source & inductors/capacitors due to creation & collapse of electric field in C & magnetic field in L.

Complex Power :  $\bar{S}$  combines real power & reactive power in one quantity.

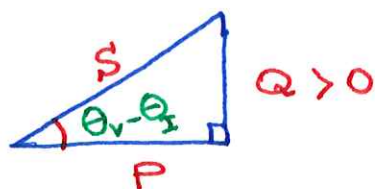
$$\bar{S} = P + jQ \quad [\text{rect. format}]$$

$$= S \angle \theta_V - \theta_I \quad [\text{polar format}]$$

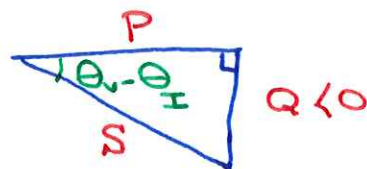
apparent power.  
 unit: VA (Volts-Amps)

↑  
 magnitude of  $\bar{S}$

• we can represent  $P$ ,  $Q$ , and  $S$  on a power triangle:



• for  $(\theta_v - \theta_i) > 0$



• for  $(\theta_v - \theta_i) < 0$

• For both cases:  $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2$

• Eq for complex Power:

$$\boxed{\bar{S} = \bar{V} \bar{I}^*}$$

complex conjugate

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{S} &= (\sqrt{L} \angle \theta_v) (\bar{I} \angle \theta_i)^* = (\sqrt{L} \angle \theta_v) \cdot (\bar{I} \angle -\theta_i) \\ &= \bar{V} \bar{I} \angle \theta_v - \theta_i \end{aligned}$$

from \*

converting to rect. coordinates:

$$\bar{S} = \underbrace{\bar{V} \cdot \bar{I} \cdot \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)}_P + j \underbrace{\bar{V} \cdot \bar{I} \cdot \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)}_Q$$

• Note: Complex power is not a phasor. We cannot express it as  $S(t) = v \cdot i \cdot \cos(\omega t + \theta_v - \theta_i)$

Power for impedances ( $R, L, C$ )

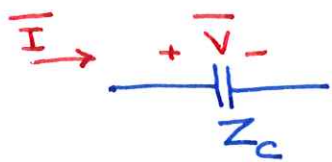


combining  $\bar{S} = \bar{V} \bar{I}^*$  &  $\bar{V} = \bar{I} \cdot R$  we can show that:

$$\begin{cases} P = I^2 \cdot R = \frac{V^2}{R} \\ Q = 0 \end{cases}$$

$P > 0$ . Always absorbs real power

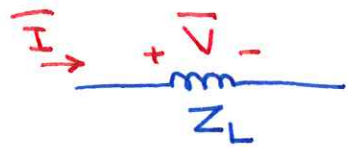




we can show that:

$$\begin{cases} P = 0 \\ Q = I^2 X_c = \frac{V^2}{X_c} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } X_c = \frac{-1}{\omega C}$$

$Q < 0$ . "supplies" reactive power

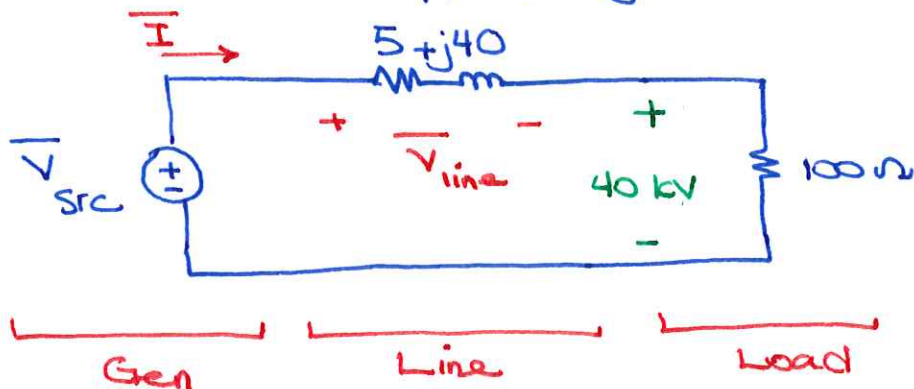


we can show that:

$$\begin{cases} P = 0 \\ Q = I^2 X_L = \frac{V^2}{X_L} \end{cases} \quad \text{where } X_L = \omega L$$

$Q > 0$ . "absorbs" reactive power

Ex: Find power supplied by the source:



Need to find  $\overline{V}_{src}$  &  $\overline{I}$  to find power from the source.

$$\overline{I} = \frac{40 \text{ kV}}{100 \Omega} = 400 \text{ A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From KVL: } \overline{V}_{src} &= \overline{V}_{line} + 40 \text{ kV} = 400 \text{ A} (5 + j40) + 40000 \\ &= 44.9 \angle 20.8^\circ \text{ kV} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overline{S}_{source} &= - \overline{V}_{src} \overline{I}^* = - (44.9 \angle 20.8^\circ) (400 \angle 0)^\circ = \\ &= - (17.98 \angle 20.8^\circ) \text{ MVA} \end{aligned}$$

$\overline{I}$  in dir of voltage rise



$$= \underbrace{-16.8 \text{ mW}}_P - j \underbrace{6.4 \text{ mVAR}}_Q$$

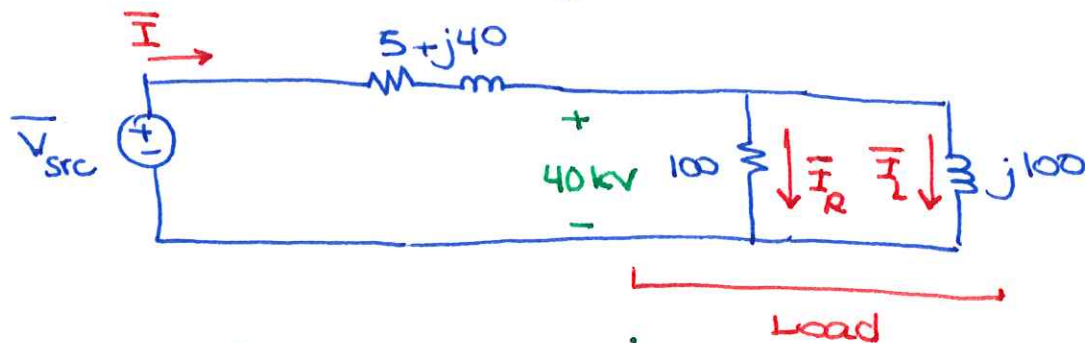
$P$  supplies 16.8 mW

$Q = -6.4 \text{ mVAR}$   
"supplies" reactive power

• Load power factor = 1 (unity PF)

$Q_{\text{load}} = 0$  since no reactive element.

• Repeat last example with an inductance added to the load (to model txfrs, motors, etc.)



$$Z_{\text{load}} = 100 \parallel j100 = \frac{100 \times j100}{100 + j100} = 70.7 \angle 45^\circ \Omega$$

$$\theta_Z = 45^\circ$$

$$\therefore \theta_V - \theta_I = 45^\circ \text{ for combined load}$$