ECE159 Cheat Sheet

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Basic Concepts

Foundation for all circuit analyses.

Voltage, Current & Power

$$V = \int_C \mathbf{E} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \frac{dW}{dq}, \quad I = \frac{dq}{dt}, \quad P = VI$$

$$W = \int_{t_0}^{t_1} P(t) dt$$

Fields & Energy Density

$$F = qE$$
, $U_E = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$, $u_E = \frac{1}{2}\varepsilon_r\varepsilon_0E^2$
 $U_B = \frac{1}{2}Li^2$, $\nu_B = \frac{1}{2\mu_r\mu_0}B^2$

Basic DC Analysis

Use for resistive network calculations.

Ohm's Law

$$V = IR$$

Resistors

$$R_{eq} = \sum R_i, \quad rac{1}{R_{eq}} = \sum rac{1}{R_i}, \quad P = I^2 R = rac{V^2}{R}$$
 First-Order Circuits Transient response: ex

Division Rules

$$V_i = V \frac{R_i}{R_{eq}}, \quad I_i = I \frac{G_i}{G_{eq}} = I \frac{1/R_i}{\sum 1/R_i}$$

Kirchhoff's Laws

$$\sum I_{in} = \sum I_{out} \quad (KCL), \quad \sum V = 0 \quad (KVL) \qquad i(t) = i_{\infty} + (i_0 - i_{\infty})e^{-tR/L}, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

Maximum Power Transfer

Select load to maximize delivered power.

$$R_L = R_{th}, \quad P_{\text{max}} = \frac{V_{th}^2}{4R_{th}}$$

For AC circuit

$$Z_L = Z_{\rm th}^{\star}$$

$$P_{\text{avg}} = \frac{|V_{\text{th}}|^2}{8R_L} \quad P_{\text{max}} = \frac{|V_{\text{th}}|^2}{4R_L}$$

Operational Amplifiers

Assume ideal unless specs given.

Ideal Assumptions

$$V_{+} = V_{-}, \quad I_{+} = I_{-} = 0$$

Common Configs

Inverting:
$$V_{out} = -\frac{R_f}{R_{in}}V_{in}$$
,
Non-inv.: $V_{out} = \left(1 + \frac{R_f}{R_{in}}\right)V_{in}$,
Buffer: $V_{out} = V_{in}$.

Transient response: exponential approach to steady state.

RC (Voltage)

$$v(t) = v_{\infty} + (v_0 - v_{\infty})e^{-t/RC}, \quad \tau = RC$$

RL (Current)

$$i(t) = i_{\infty} + (i_0 - i_{\infty})e^{-tR/L}, \quad \tau = \frac{L}{R}$$

Capacitor

Blocks DC, smoothing/filtering.

$$C = \frac{Q}{V}, \quad X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C}$$

$$i(t) = C\frac{dV}{dt}, \ V(t) = \frac{1}{C} \int i(t) dt$$

$$E_C = \frac{1}{2}CV^2$$

Inductor

Passes DC, used in chokes/filters.

$$X_L = \omega L$$

$$v(t) = L \frac{di}{dt}, \ i(t) = \frac{1}{L} \int v(t) dt$$

$$E_L = \frac{1}{2} L I^2$$

Power

Compute p(t) in time domain, P in steady-state AC.

General

$$p(t) = v(t)i(t), \quad p_R = i^2 R = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

AC Average

$$P = \frac{1}{2}V_p I_p \cos \theta = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos \theta$$

Product-to-Sum

$$\cos A \cos B = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B)]$$

Complex & Reactive Power

Use phasors for AC analysis, P and Q form a right angled Δ

$$S = P + jQ, \quad |S| = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2},$$

$$Q = V_{rms}I_{rms}\sin\theta,$$

$$pf = \cos\theta = \frac{P}{|S|}$$

In General, we have (bold = complex):

$$\begin{split} S &= P + jQ = \mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{rms}}(\mathbf{I}_{\mathrm{rms}})^* \\ &= V_{\mathrm{rms}}I_{\mathrm{rms}} \angle (\theta_v - \theta_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{V}_m\mathbf{I}_m^* \\ &= \mathbf{Z}I_{\mathrm{rms}}^2 \\ &= \frac{V_{\mathrm{rms}}^2}{\mathbf{Z}^*} \\ &= \frac{\mathbf{Z}}{|Z|}|S| \end{split}$$

Power Factor

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 $\theta = \theta_v - \theta_i$ Leading pf: $\theta < 0$; Lagging pf: $\theta > 0$

PFC

Add C to // to the load adjust reactive power.

$$Q_{old} = P \tan(\cos^{-1} p f_{old}),$$

$$Q_{new} = P \tan(\cos^{-1} p f_{new}),$$

$$Q_{corr} = Q_{old} - Q_{new}$$

$$X_C = \frac{V_{rms}^2}{Q_{corr}}, C = \frac{1}{\omega X_C}, Z_{corr} = \frac{1}{i\omega C}$$

Impedance & Resonance

Series/parallel combinations; LC resonance.

$$Z_{ser} = \sum Z_i, \frac{1}{Z_{par}} = \sum \frac{1}{Z_i}, f_0 = \frac{1}{2\pi\sqrt{LC}}$$

Db formula.

$$H_{\rm dB} = 20 \log_{10} H$$

Mutual Inductance

Phasor-domain relations and dot-convention.

$$V_1 = j\omega L_1 I_1 + j\omega M I_2,$$

$$V_2 = j\omega M I_1 + j\omega L_2 I_2$$

Dot Convention:

- If I_1 enters the dotted terminal of coil 1, the induced voltage in coil 2 at its dotted terminal is $+j\omega MI_1$.
- If I_1 enters the undotted end, the induced voltage at the dotted end of coil 2 is $-j\omega MI_1$.
- Polarity: "dots" mark the same instantaneous polarity of induced voltages.

Maths

Useful tricks and identities for signal and circuit math.

Trig Conversions

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$$\sin(x) = \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right), \quad -\sin(x) = \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

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• Multiplying: $z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 e^{j(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$
• Dividing: $\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{j(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$

Cramer's Rule (2x2)

Solve linear systems: Ax = b

$$\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} e \\ f \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Delta = ad - bc, \quad x = \frac{ed - bf}{\Delta}, \quad y = \frac{af - ec}{\Delta}$$

Complex Number Tricks

- z = a + jb (Rectangular)
- $z = re^{j\theta} = r(\cos\theta + j\sin\theta)$
- $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$, $\theta = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$