

# SINUSOIDAL WAVE

INTRODUCTION TO AC CIRCUITS

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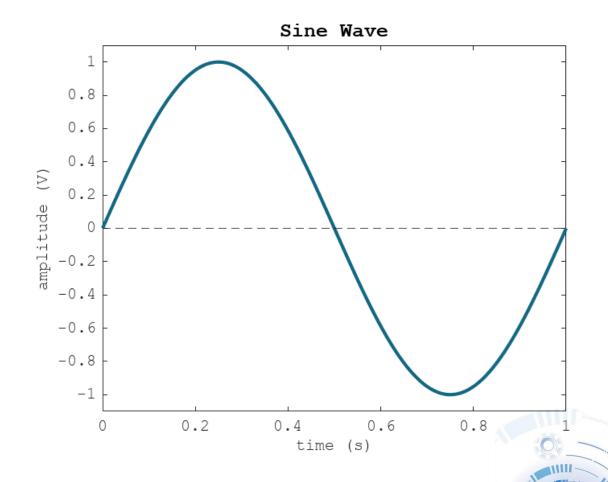


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A <u>sinusoidal wave</u> is a periodic oscillation described mathematically by the <u>sine</u> or <u>cosine</u> <u>function</u>. It is the foundation for analyzing alternating current (<u>AC</u>) circuits, which are essential in power systems, communication systems, and signal processing.



#### INSTANTANEOUS VOLTAGE

Instantaneous voltage v(t) refers to the value of voltage at a specific instant of time during the cycle of an alternating waveform.

#### Formula:

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

#### where:

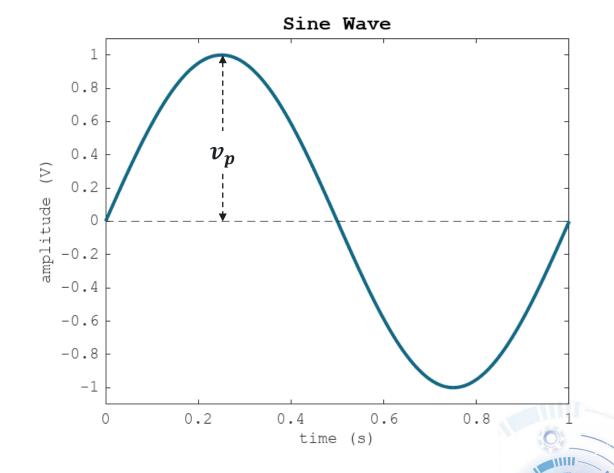
v(t) = instantaneous voltage (V)

 $V_p = \text{peak/maximum voltage } (V)$ 

 $\omega = 2\pi f = \text{angular speed } (rad/s)$ 

f = frequency(Hz)

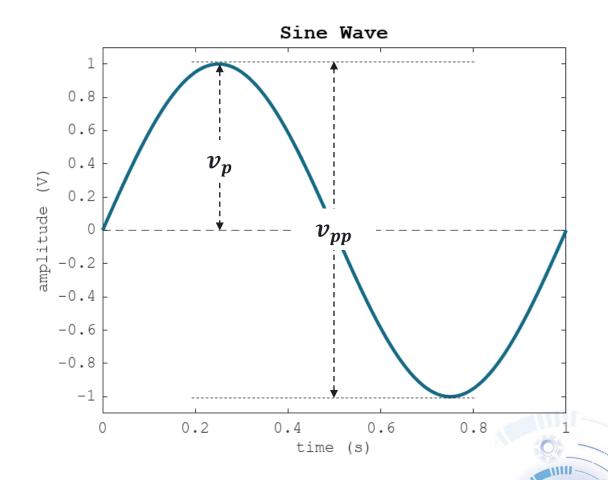
t = time(s)



#### PEAK-TO-PEAK VOLTAGE

Peak-to-peak voltage  $v_{PP}$  is a measure of the total voltage swing of a waveform, specifically the difference between the maximum positive peak and the maximum negative peak of an alternating current (AC) or voltage signal.

$$v_{pp} = 2v_p$$

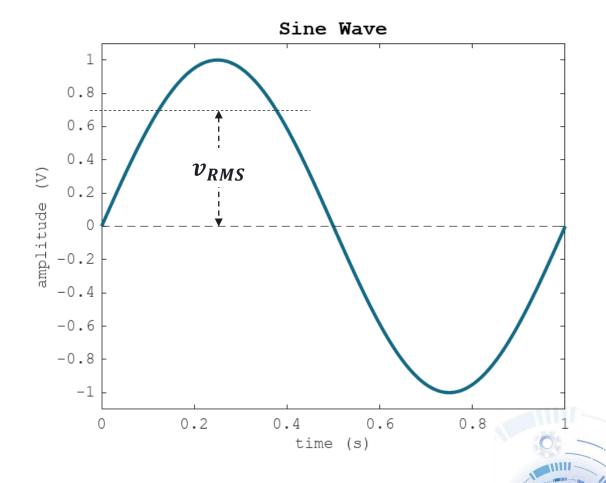


# ROOT-MEAN-SQUARE VOLTAGE

The <u>root-mean-square voltage</u>  $v_{RMS}$  is a measure of the <u>effective voltage</u> of an AC signal. When you measure an AC voltage using a multimeter, the displayed value is the RMS voltage.

Formula:

$$v_{RMS} = \frac{v_p}{\sqrt{2}}$$

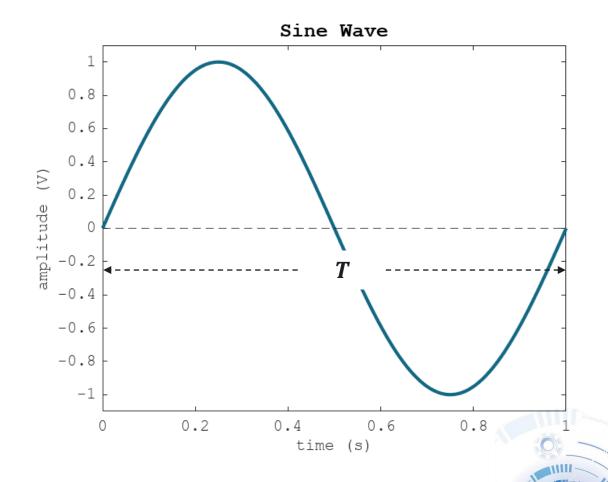


### PERIOD AND FREQUENCY

The **period** *T* of a waveform describes the time it takes for **one complete cycle** of the waveform to occur. It is the inverse of the **frequency** *f*, which is the **number of cycles** that the occur per second.

#### Formula:

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



#### **EXERCISE**

The rms value of the voltage in a **60-cycle** circuit is

Solution:

**115 volts**. Write the **equation** for the sinusoidal wave.



#### **EXERCISE**

A sinusoidal voltage waveform is described by the equation:

 $v(t) = 120\sin 377t$ 

Determine the following:

- a. Frequency *f*
- b. Period *T*
- c. RMS voltage  $v_{RMS}$
- d. Peak-to-peak voltage  $v_{PP}$
- e. If this voltage is applied across a  $10\Omega$  resistor, what is the average power dissipated in the resistor?



# **LABORATORY**

