

EE100: Basic Electrical Engineering

Module-II

Alternating Voltages and Currents



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ELECTRIFYING SHOWDOWN AC VS. DC

Get ready to plug into the electrifying world of electrical currents as we compare the battle of AC (Alternating Current) and DC (Direct Current). These two forms of electrical power have shaped our modern world, and understanding their differences is key to grasping the fundamentals of electricity.

DC (DIRECT CURRENT)

- Current that flows in a single direction
- Commonly used in batteries and electronic devices
- Voltage level remains constant over time
- Well-suited for short-distance transmission and storage

AC (ALTERNATING CURRENT)

- Current that periodically reverses direction
- Widely used in homes and businesses for powering appliances
- Can be easily converted to different voltage levels using transformers
- Efficient for long-distance transmission of electricity

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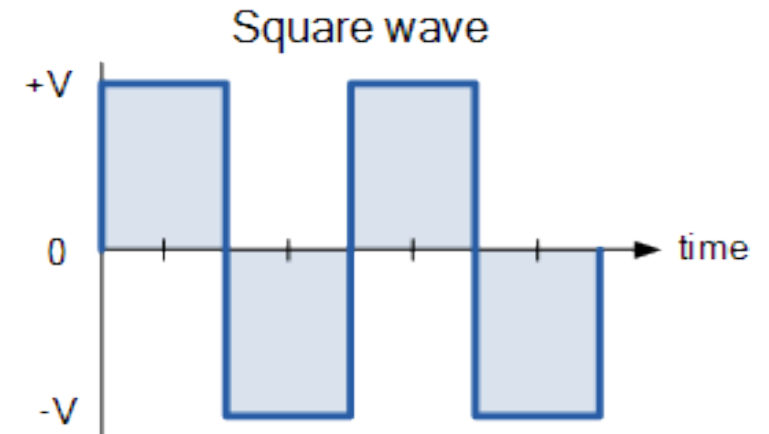
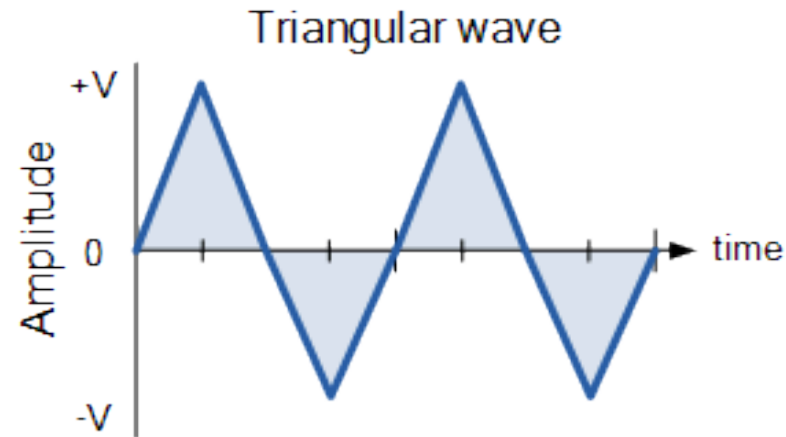
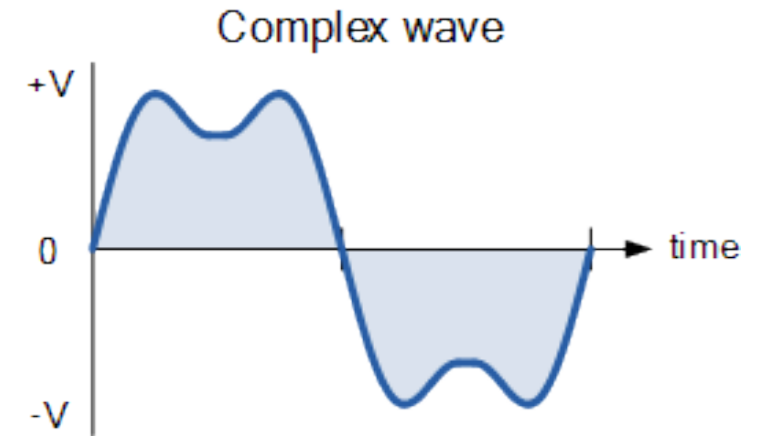
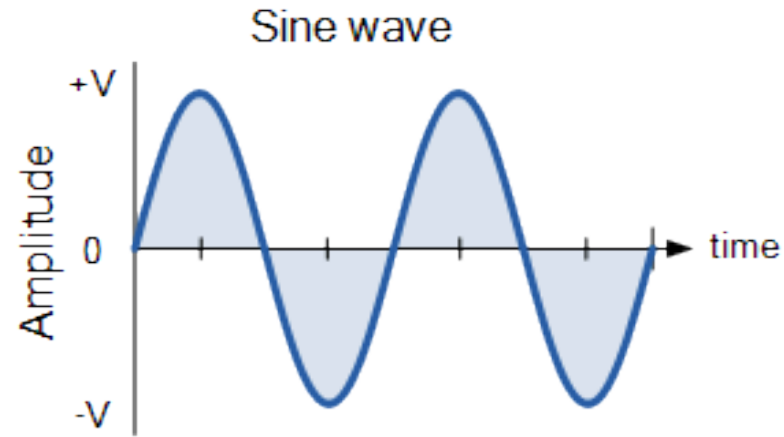




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Alternating Voltage

A voltage which periodically changes its polarity at regular intervals of time is called an alternating voltage.





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Why Sine Waveform?

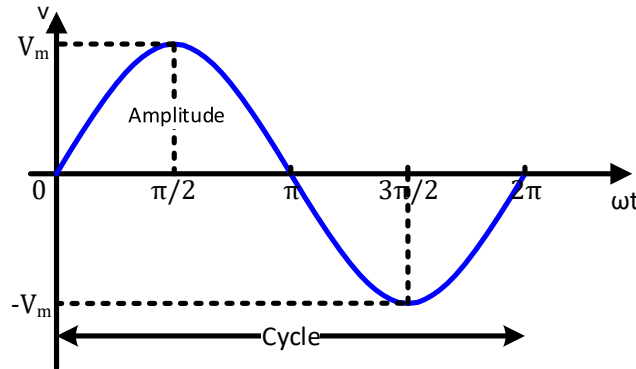
- ☐ The sine waveform produces the least disturbance in the electrical circuit and is the smoothest and efficient waveform.
- ☐ The use of sinusoidal voltages applied to appropriately designed coils results in a revolving magnetic field which has the capacity to do work.
- ☐ The mathematical computations are much simpler with this waveform.
- ☐ By means of Fourier series analysis, it is possible to represent any periodic function of whatever waveform in terms of sinusoids.





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A.C. Terminology



Instantaneous value

The value of an alternating quantity at any instant is called instantaneous value. The instantaneous values of alternating voltage and current are represented by v and i respectively.

Cycle

One complete set of positive and negative values of an alternating quantity is known as a cycle.

Time period

The time taken in seconds to complete one cycle of an alternating quantity is called its time period. It is generally represented by T .

Frequency

The number of cycles that occur in one second is called the frequency (f) of the alternating quantity. It is measured in cycles/sec (C/s) or Hertz (Hz). One Hertz is equal to 1C/s.

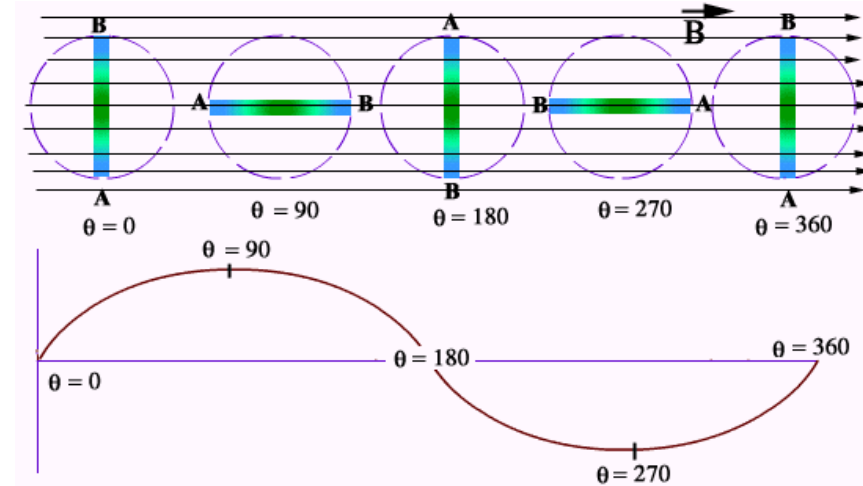
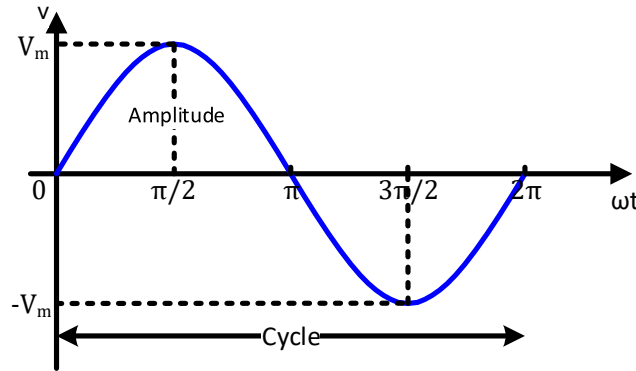
Amplitude

The maximum value (positive or negative) attained by an alternating quantity is called its amplitude or peak value.



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Time period and frequency.

Consider an alternating quantity having a frequency of f C/s and time period T second

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

Angular velocity and frequency

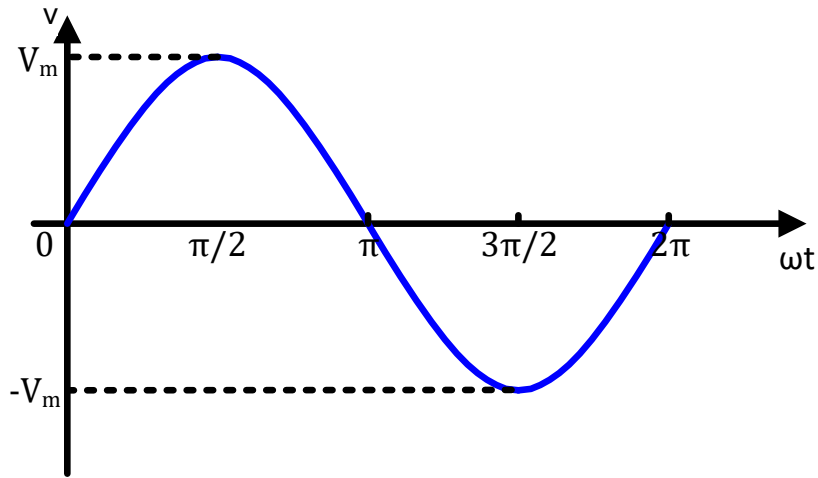
In one revolution of the coil, the angle turned is 2π radians and the voltage wave completes 1 cycle. The time taken to complete one cycle is the time period T of the alternating voltage

$$\text{Angular velocity } \omega = \frac{\text{Angle turned}}{\text{Time taken}} = \frac{2\pi}{T} = 2\pi f$$



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Representation



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

V_m = the amplitude of the sinusoid

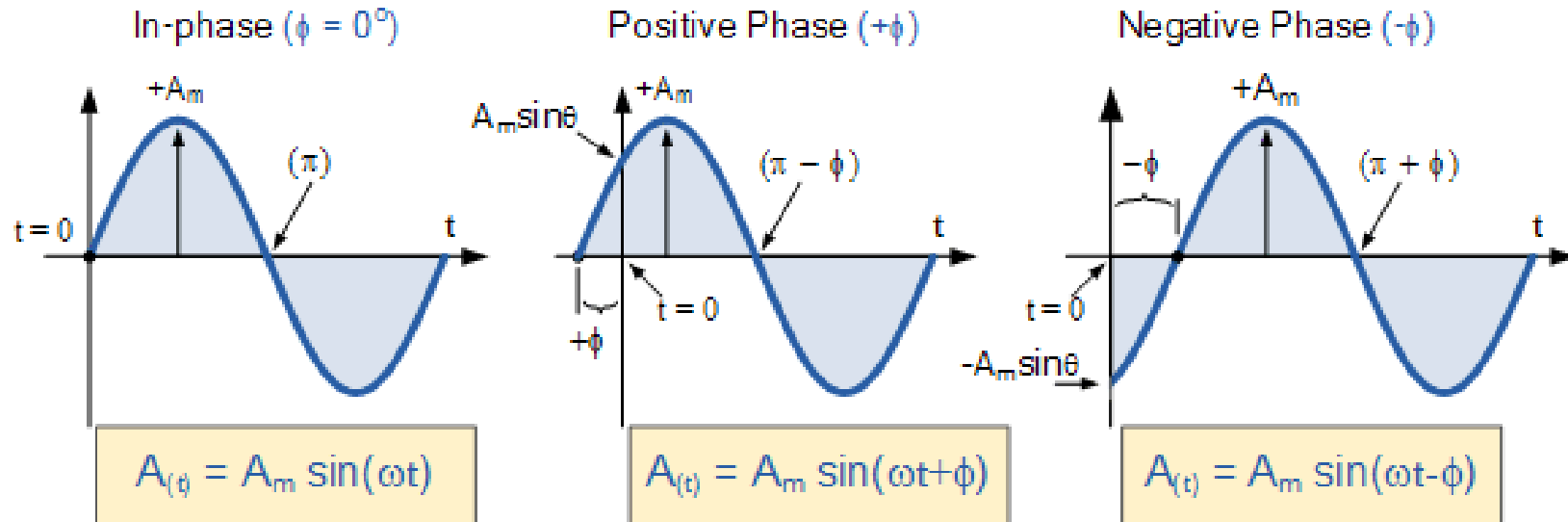
ω = the angular velocity in radians/s

ωt = the argument of the sinusoid

In general

$$v(t) = V_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$(\omega t + \phi)$ is the argument and ϕ is the phase. Both argument and phase can be in radians or degrees

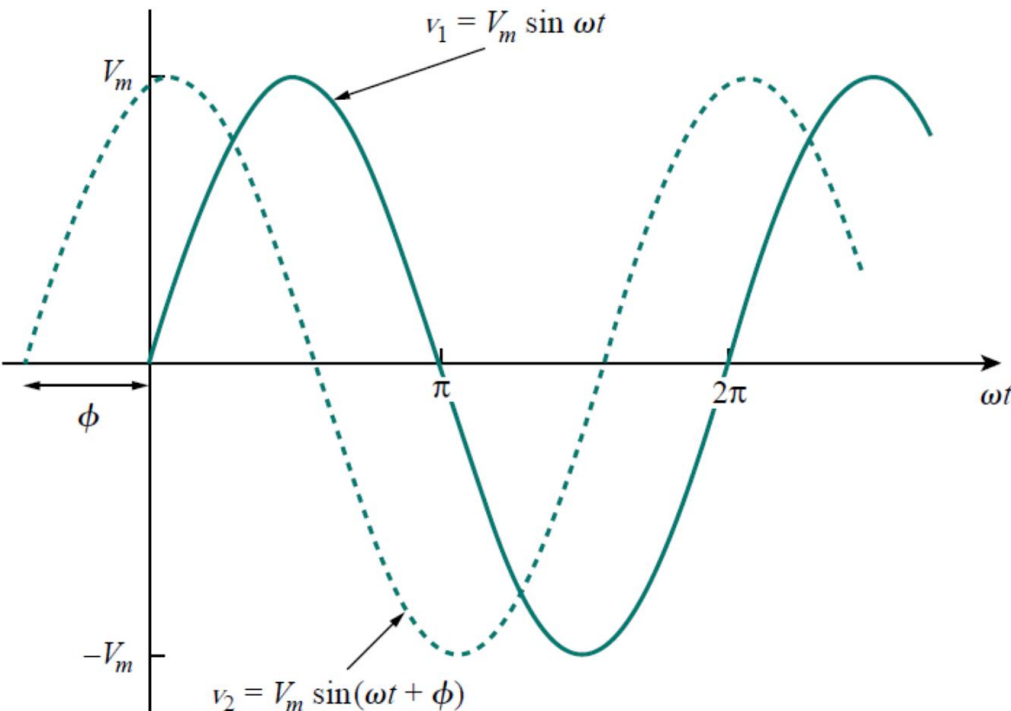




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Representation

Consider two sinusoids



$$v_1(t) = V_m \sin \omega t$$

$$v_2(t) = V_m \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

- The starting point of $v_2(t)$ occurs first in time. Hence, $v_2(t)$ *leads* $v_1(t)$ by ϕ or that $v_1(t)$ *lags* $v_2(t)$ by ϕ .
- If, $\phi \neq 0^\circ$ then $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ are *out of phase*.
- If $\phi = 0^\circ$, then $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ are said to be *in phase* i.e., they reach their minima and maxima at exactly the same time.
- $v_1(t)$ and $v_2(t)$ is compared in this manner because they operate at the same frequency and they do not need to have the same amplitude.



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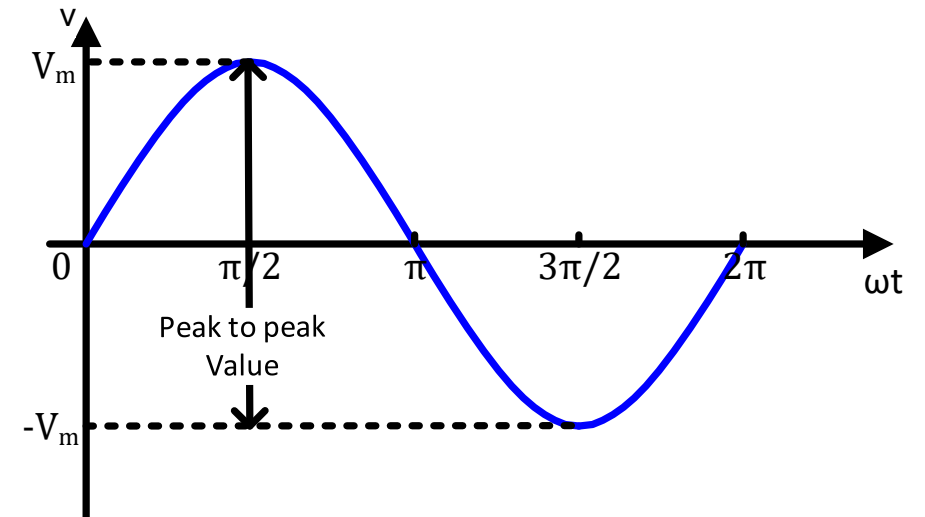
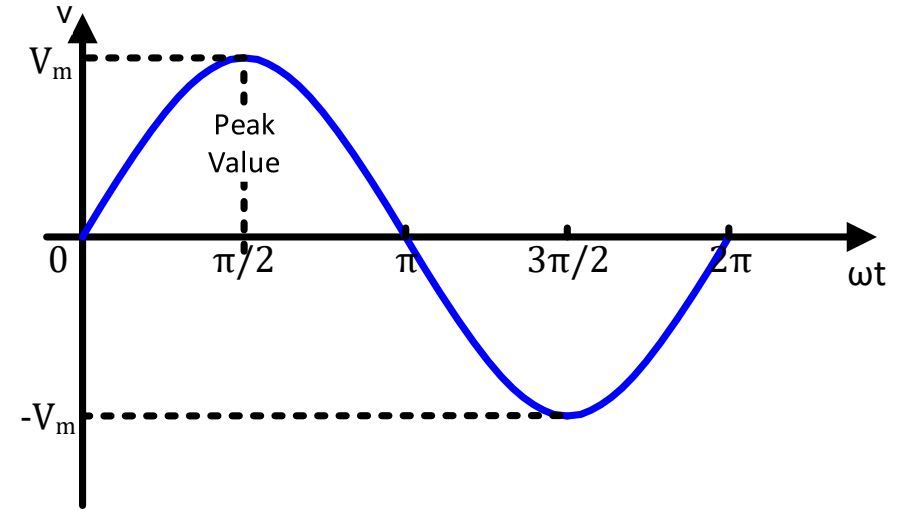
Representation

There are four ways to express the magnitude of an alternating voltage or current.

- ❖ Peak value
- ❖ Peak to peak value
- ❖ Average value
- ❖ RMS value

Peak value

Peak to peak value

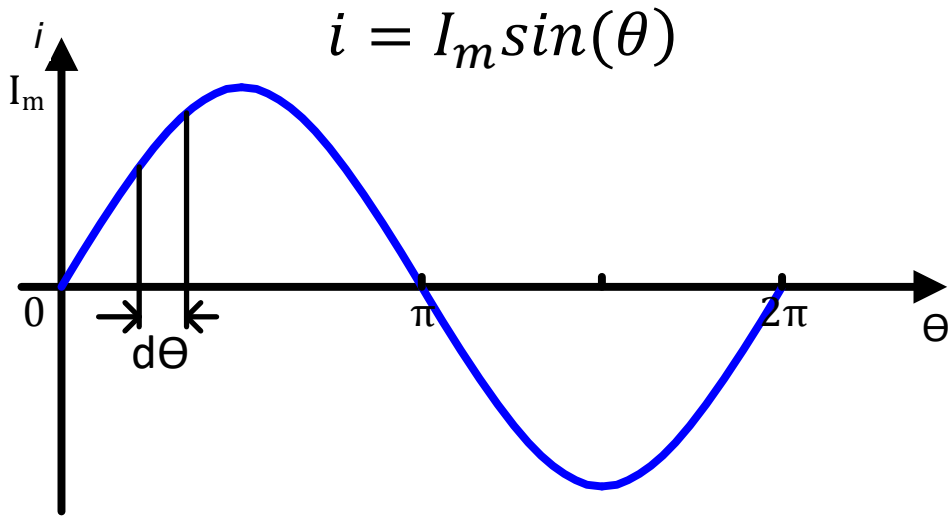




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Average value

- ❖ The average value of alternating current (or voltage) over one cycle is zero. It is because the waveform is symmetrical about time axis and positive area exactly cancels the negative area. However, the average value over a half-cycle (positive or negative) is not zero. *Therefore, average value of alternating current (or voltage) means half-cycle average value unless stated otherwise.*
- ❖ The half-cycle average value of a.c. is that value of steady current (d.c.) which would send the same amount of charge through a circuit for half the time period of a.c. as is sent by the a.c. through the same circuit in the same time.



$$\text{Area of the strip} = i d\theta$$

$$\text{Area of half-cycle} = \int_0^{\pi} i d\theta = \int_0^{\pi} I_m \sin \theta d\theta = I_m [-\cos \theta]_0^{\pi} = 2I_m$$

$$\text{Average Value } I_{av} = \frac{\text{Area of half-cycle}}{\text{Base length of half-cycle}} = \frac{2I_m}{\pi}$$

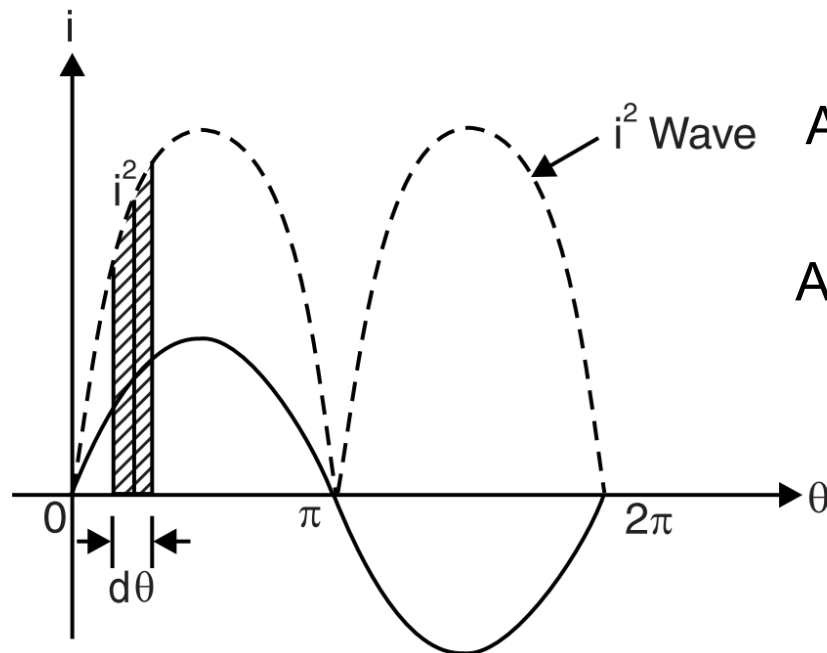
$$I_{av} = 0.637 I_m$$



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RMS value

The effective or r.m.s. value of an alternating current is that steady current (d.c.) which when flowing through a given resistance for a given time produces the same amount of heat as produced by the alternating current when flowing through the same resistance for the same time.



$$I_{rms} = 0.707 I_m$$

$$i = I_m \sin(\theta) \quad i^2 = I_m^2 \sin^2(\theta)$$

Area of the strip = $i^2 d\theta$

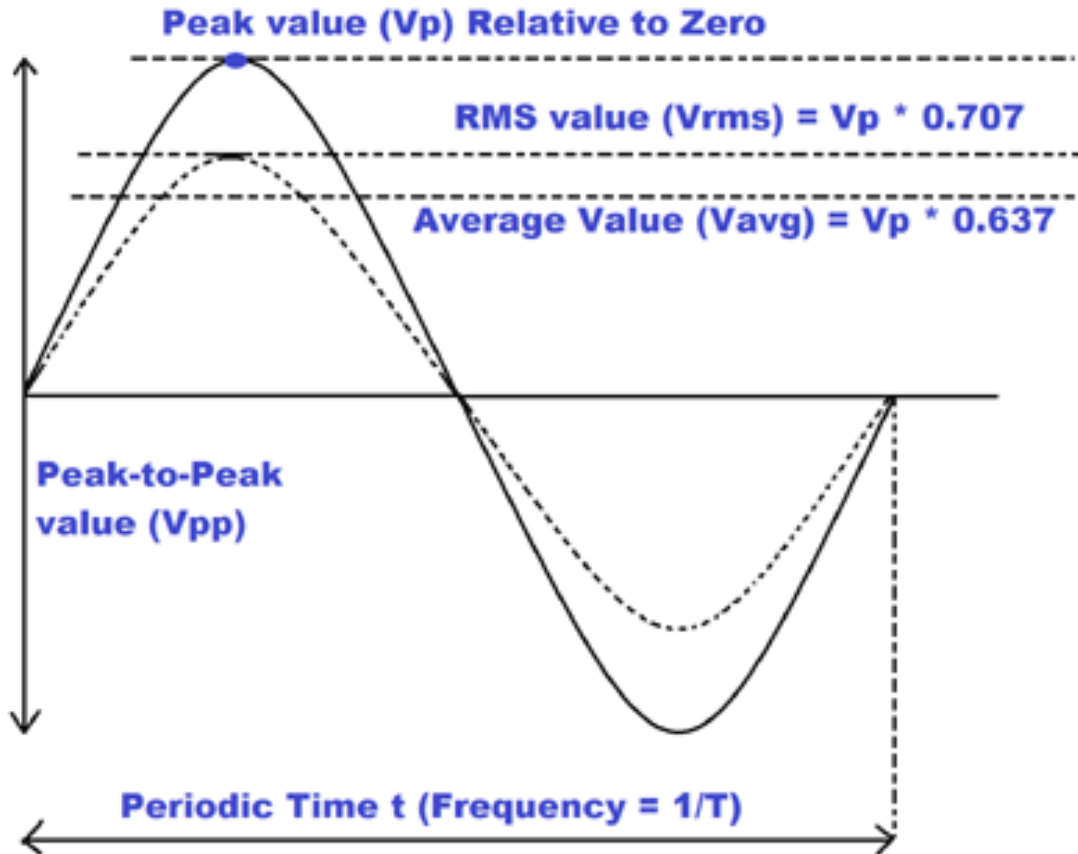
$$\text{Area of half-cycle} = \int_0^\pi i^2 d\theta = \int_0^\pi I_m^2 \sin^2(\theta) d\theta = I_m^2 \int_0^\pi \sin^2(\theta) d\theta = \frac{\pi I_m^2}{2}$$

$$I_{av}^2 = \frac{\text{Area of half-cycle squared wave}}{\text{Base length of half-cycle}} = \frac{\pi I_m^2 / 2}{\pi}$$

$$I_{rms} = \sqrt{I_{av}^2} = \sqrt{\frac{I_m^2}{2}} = 0.707 I_m$$



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Note:

- ✓ The domestic a.c. supply is 230 V, 50 Hz. It is the r.m.s. or effective value.

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

$$v = 230 \times \sqrt{2} \sin(2\pi f \times t)$$

$$v = 230 \times \sqrt{2} \sin(314t)$$



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Form factor

The ratio of r.m.s. value to the average value of an alternating quantity is known as form factor.

$$\text{Form factor} = \frac{\text{R. M. S value}}{\text{Average value}}$$

$$\text{Form factor} = \frac{0.707 \times \text{Max.value}}{0.637 \times \text{Max.value}} = 1.11$$

Peak factor

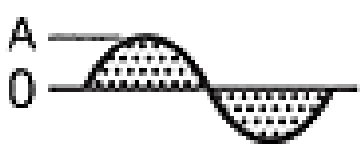
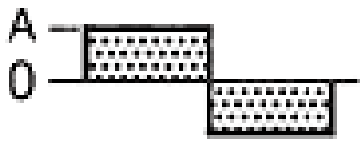
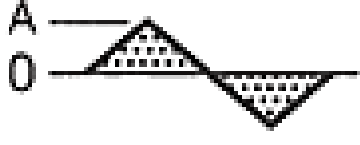
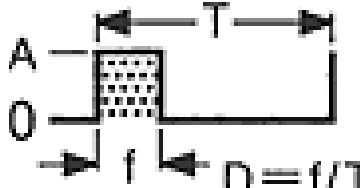
The ratio of maximum value to the r.m.s. value of an alternating quantity is known as peak factor.

$$\text{Peak factor} = \frac{\text{Max. value}}{\text{R. M. S. value}}$$

$$\text{Peak factor} = \frac{\text{Max.value}}{0.707 \times \text{Max.value}} = 1.414$$



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Waveform	Effective value V_{rms}	Average value V_{avg}	Conversion factor V_{rms}/V_{avg}	Reading errors for average sensing Instruments	Crest factor CF
	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} A$ $\doteq 0.707$	$\frac{2}{\pi} A$ $\doteq 0.637$	$\frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$ $\doteq 1.111$	0%	$\sqrt{2}$ $\doteq 1.414$
	A	A	1	$\frac{A \times 1.111 - A}{A} \times 100$ $= 11.1\%$	1
	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} A$	0.5 A	$\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ $\doteq 1.155$	$\frac{0.5A \times 1.111 - \frac{A}{\sqrt{3}}}{\frac{A}{\sqrt{3}}} \times 100 = -3.8\%$	$\sqrt{3}$ $\doteq 1.732$
	$A\sqrt{D}$	$A \frac{f}{T}$ $= A \cdot D$	$\frac{A\sqrt{D}}{AD} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}}$	$(1.111\sqrt{D} - 1) \times 100\%$	$\frac{A}{\sqrt{AD}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{D}}$



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Example

Find the amplitude, phase, period, and frequency of the sinusoid

$$v(t) = 12\sin(50t + 10^\circ)$$

Solution:

The amplitude is $v_m = 12\text{ V}$

The phase is $\phi = 10^\circ$

The angular frequency is $\omega = 50\text{ rad/s}$

The period $T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{50} = 0.1257\text{ s}$

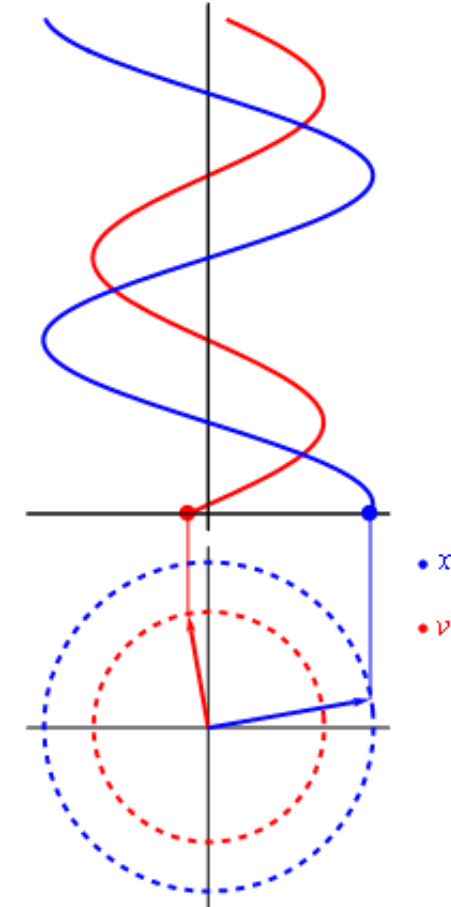
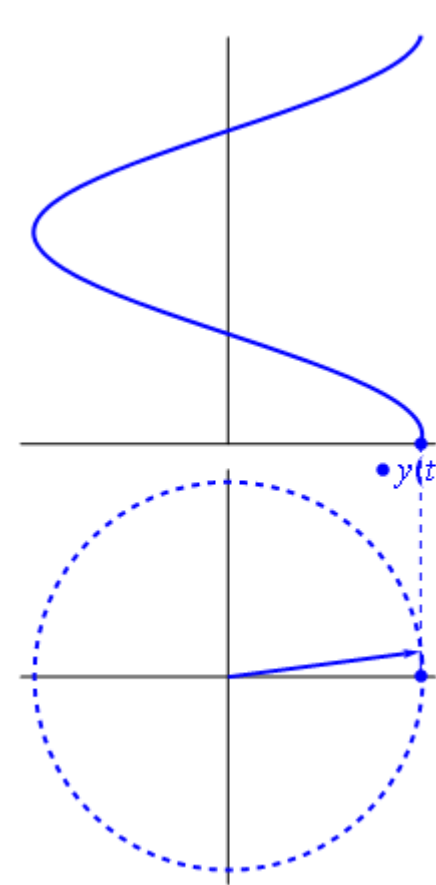
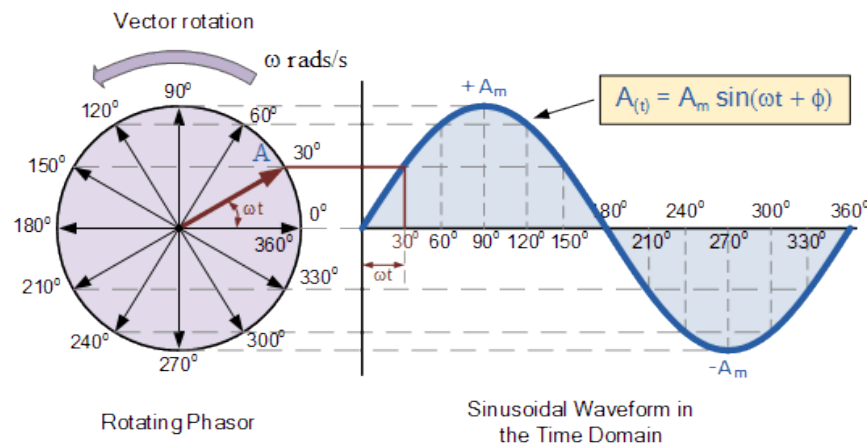
The frequency is $f = \frac{1}{T} = 7.958\text{ Hz}$



Concept of Phasors

Sinusoids are easily expressed in terms of phasors, which are more convenient to work with than sine and cosine functions.

- ❑ The sinusoidal alternating voltage or current is represented by a line of definite length rotating in anticlockwise direction at a constant angular velocity (ω). Such a rotating line is called a **phasor**.
- ❑ The length of the phasor is taken equal to the maximum value (on a suitable scale) of the alternating quantity and angular velocity equal to the angular velocity of the alternating quantity.

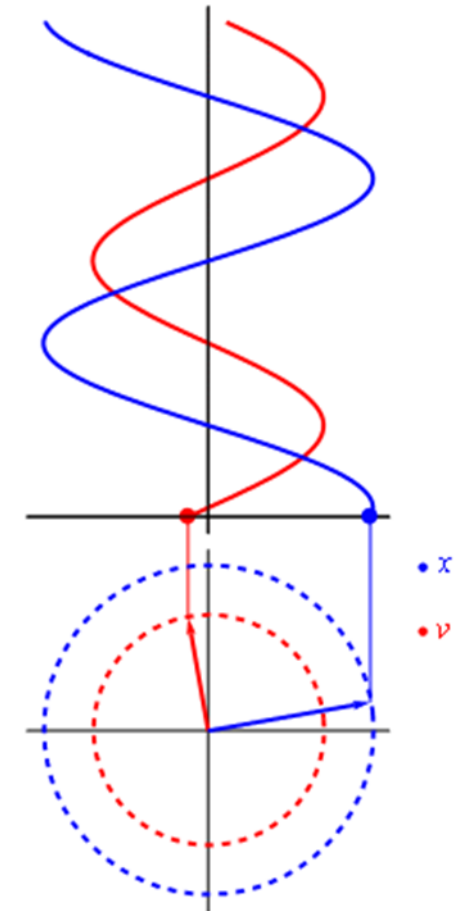
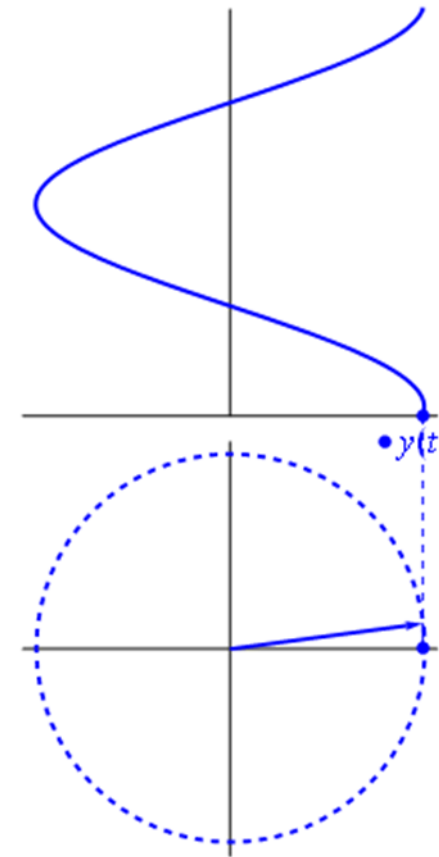
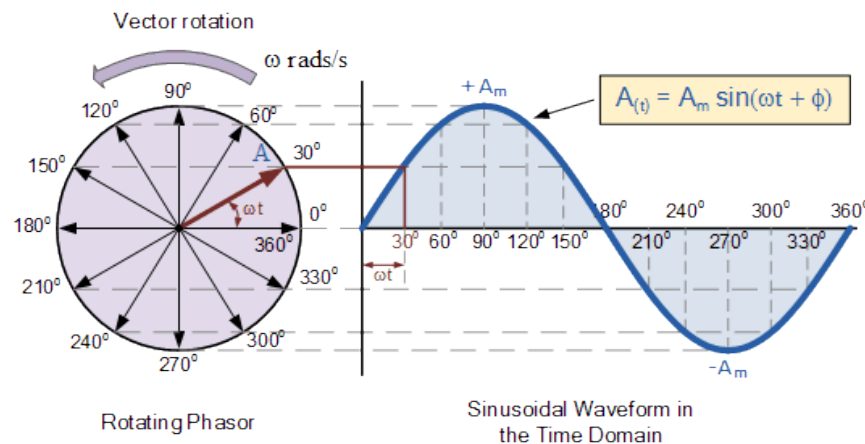




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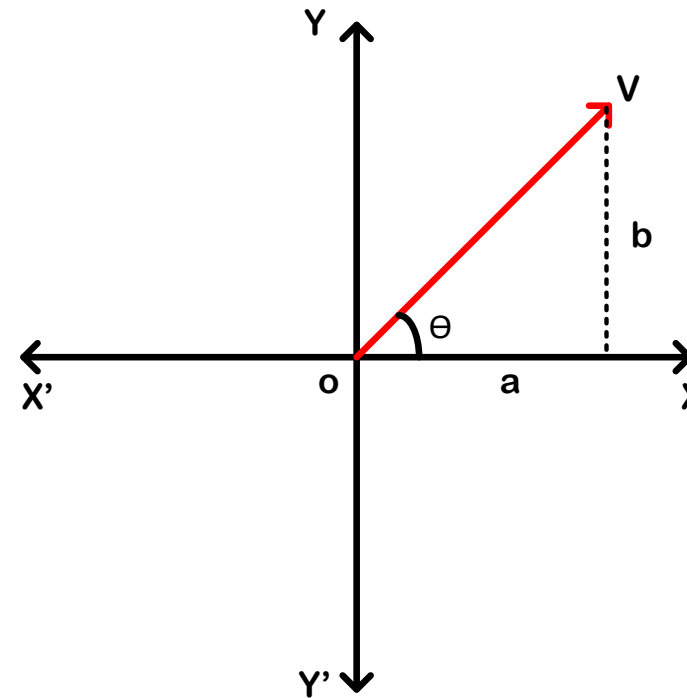
Representation

There are four ways of representing a phasor in the mathematical form viz.

- (i) Rectangular form
- (ii) Trigonometrical form
- (iii) Polar form
- (iv) Exponential form.

Rectangular form

In this representation, the phasor is resolved into horizontal and vertical components and is expressed in the complex form



$$\mathbf{V} = a + jb$$

$$V = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

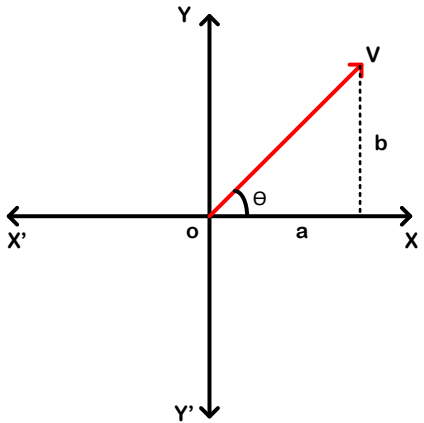
where $j = \sqrt{-1}$; a is the real part of \mathbf{V} ; b is the imaginary part of \mathbf{V} .



Concept of Phasors

Trigonometrical form

It is similar to the rectangular form except that in-phase and quadrature components of the phasor are expressed in the trigonometrical form.



$$a = V \cos \theta$$

$$b = V \sin \theta$$

$$\mathbf{V} = V (\cos \theta + j \sin \theta)$$

In general

$$\mathbf{V} = V (\cos \theta \pm j \sin \theta)$$

Polar form

$$\mathbf{V} = V \angle \theta$$

V is the magnitude of the phasor and θ is its phase angle measured CCW from the reference axis

In general

$$\mathbf{V} = V \angle \pm \theta$$

Exponential form

According to Euler's equation :

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

$$e^{-j\theta} = \cos(\theta) - j\sin(\theta)$$

Trigonometrical form of \mathbf{V}

$$\mathbf{V} = V (\cos(\theta) \pm j\sin(\theta))$$

$$\mathbf{V} = V e^{\pm j\theta}$$



Concept of Phasors

Phasor Representation

Given a sinusoid

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

$$v(t) = \text{Re}(V_m e^{j(\omega t + \phi)})$$

$$v(t) = \text{Re}(V_m e^{j\phi} e^{j\omega t})$$

$$v(t) = \text{Re}(\mathbf{V} e^{j\omega t})$$

$$\mathbf{V} = V_m e^{j\phi} = V_m \angle \phi$$

\mathbf{V} is thus the *phasor representation* of the sinusoid $v(t)$

i.e., a phasor is a complex representation of the magnitude and phase of a sinusoid.

$$v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{V} = V_m \angle \phi$$

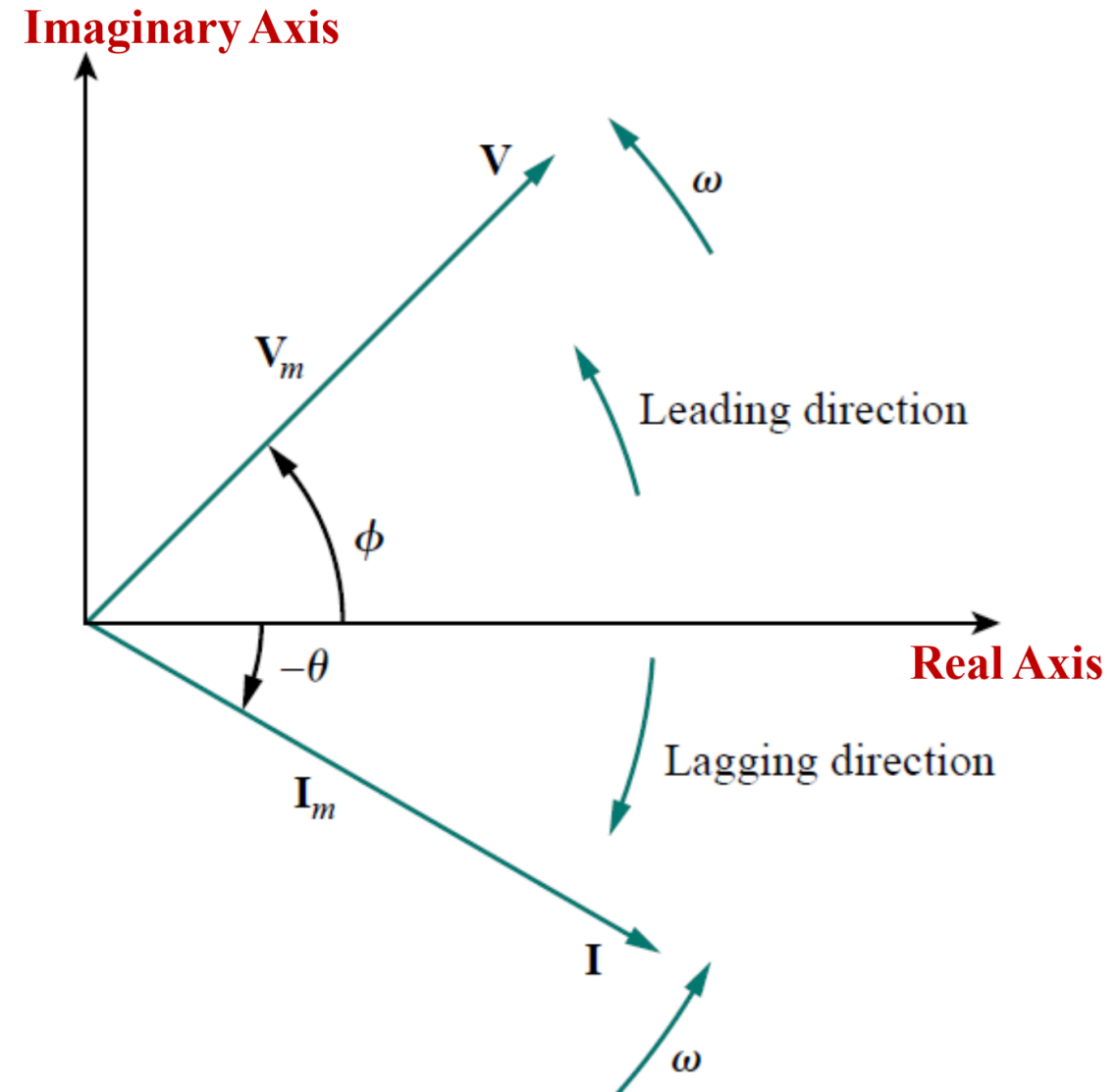


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Phasor Diagram

$$\mathbf{V} = V_m \angle \phi$$

$$\mathbf{I} = I_m \angle -\theta$$





Concept of Phasors

Basic Operations

$$\mathbf{V} = a + jb = V \angle \phi$$

Given the Complex number

$$\mathbf{V}_1 = a_1 + jb_1 = V_1 \angle \theta_1$$

$$\mathbf{V}_2 = a_2 + jb_2 = V_2 \angle \theta_2$$

Addition

$$\mathbf{V}_1 + \mathbf{V}_2 = (a_1 + a_2) + j(b_1 + b_2)$$

Subtraction

$$\mathbf{V}_1 - \mathbf{V}_2 = (a_1 - a_2) + j(b_1 - b_2)$$

Multiplication

$$\mathbf{V}_1 \mathbf{V}_2 = V_1 V_2 \angle (\theta_1 + \theta_2)$$

Division

$$\frac{\mathbf{V}_1}{\mathbf{V}_2} = \frac{V_1}{V_2} \angle (\theta_1 - \theta_2)$$

Reciprocal

$$\frac{1}{\mathbf{V}} = \frac{1}{V} \angle (-\theta)$$

Square Root

$$\sqrt{\mathbf{V}} = \sqrt{V} \angle (\theta/2)$$

Thank
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