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# Chapter 1

## Alternating Current

### 1.1 AC Signals

- Direct Current: DC has polarity (direction) which stays the same. Amplitude may vary, but charge always flows in the same direction
- Alternating Current: Voltage polarity and current direction reverses periodically
- Period: Length of time (seconds) for one repetition of a cycle
- Frequency:  $f = \frac{1}{T}$  [Hz]

### 1.2 Sine Wave

In its purest form, AC signals are sine waves, for example:

$v(t) = V_o \sin(2\pi ft) = V_o \sin(\omega t)$  Any AC wave that consists of only one frequency is sinusoidal

Utility AC is a sine wave with frequency 50Hz

### 1.3 Amplitude of an AC wave

- Peak Amplitude ( $V_p$ ): Maximum positive deviation
- Peak-to-Peak Amplitude ( $V_{p-p}$ ): Net difference between positive and negative peak amplitude

$$V_{p-p} = 2 \times V_p \quad (1.1)$$

Figure 1.1: Peak to Peak Amplitude

- Root-Mean-Square Amplitude ( $V_{rms}$ ): Effective amplitude of a sinusoidal AC wave. Average power dissipated in a resistor with an AC voltage = power dissipated with DC voltage of  $V_{rms}$   
 $V_{rms} \leq V_p \forall$  AC Waves

$$V_{rms} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T v^2(t) dt} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_{\alpha}^{T+\alpha} v^2(t) dt} \quad (1.2)$$

Figure 1.2: RMS Amplitude

Sinusoidal AC Wave	$V_{rms} = \frac{V_o}{\sqrt{2}} \approx 0.707V_o$
Square Ac Wave	$V_{rms} = V_p$
Triangular Wave	$V_{rms} = \frac{V_o}{\sqrt{3}} \approx 0.577V_o$

Figure 1.3: AC RMS Values

## 1.4 Phase Shifting

$f(x + \alpha)$  is a horizontal translation of  $f(x)$

Where:

If  $a > 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is shifted to the left

If  $a < 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is shifted to the right

If  $v_1(t) = V_o \sin(\omega t)$ , then  $v_2 = V_o \sin(\omega t + \phi) = V_o \sin \left[ \omega \left( t + \frac{\phi}{\omega} \right) \right]$  is a shifted version of  $v_1(t)$  by  $\frac{\phi}{\omega}$  seconds to the left (where  $\phi$  is in radians and positive)

$v_2(t)$  leads  $v_1(t)$  by  $\phi$  radians ( $180 \times \frac{\phi}{\pi}$  degrees)

$v_1(t)$  lags  $v_2(t)$  by  $\phi$  radians ( $180 \times \frac{\phi}{\pi}$  degrees)

## 1.5 Complex Numbers

### 1.5.1 Polar Form

Rectangular form :  $z = x + jy$

Polar form :  $z = re^{j\theta} = r\angle\theta$

- $r$  is called the **magnitude** of  $z$  :  $r = |z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
- $\theta$  is called the **argument** of  $z$  :  $\theta = \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$  or more accurately  $\theta = \arg(x + jy)$ ,  $-\pi < \theta \leq \pi$  radians (Convention)

## 1.5.2 Properties of Complex Numbers

$$(x + jy) \pm (p + jq) = (x \pm p) + j(y \pm q)$$

(add real and imaginary parts)

(a) Addition and Subtraction

$$(x + jy) \times (p + jq) = (xp - yq) + j(yp + xq)$$

Or in polar form

$$Ae^{j\theta} \times Be^{j\phi} = AB e^{j(\theta+\phi)}$$

(multiply magnitudes, add angles)

(b) Multiplication

By rationalisation

$$\frac{(x + jy)}{(p + jq)} = \frac{(x + jy) \times (p - jq)}{(p + jq) \times (p - jq)} = \frac{(x + jy) \times (p - jq)}{(p^2 + q^2)}$$

In polar form:

$$\frac{Ae^{j\theta}}{Be^{j\phi}} = \frac{A}{B} e^{j(\theta-\phi)}$$

(divide magnitudes, subtract angles)

(c) Division

$$\begin{aligned} e^{j(\theta+2\pi n)} &= e^{j\theta} e^{j2\pi n} \\ &= e^{j\theta} \times 1 \\ &= e^{j\theta} \end{aligned}$$

(d) Cyclicity

Figure 1.4: Complex Number Operations

## 1.6 Magnetic Circuits

### 1.6.1 Phasors

$$v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \theta) = \text{Re}[V e^{j\omega t}] = V_0 \angle \theta = V_0 e^{j\theta}$$

Only for sinusoids, component signals cannot be represented as phasors (square, triangle waves, etc)

### 1.6.1.1 Solving RL RC Circuits

$$\begin{aligned}
 v(t) &= L \frac{di}{dt} + Ri(t) \\
 \operatorname{Re} [Ve^{j\omega t}] &= L \frac{d}{dt} \operatorname{Re} [Ie^{j\omega t}] \\
 &= L \operatorname{Re} \left[ I \frac{d}{dt} e^{j\omega t} \right] \\
 Ve^{j\omega t} &= j\omega LIe^{j\omega t} \\
 V &= j\omega LI
 \end{aligned}$$

Given an RL circuit with the following values

$$v_s(t) = 50 \cos(100t) \quad (1.3)$$

$$C = 0.2H \quad (1.4)$$

$$R = 30\Omega \quad (1.5)$$

Using KCL

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_s &= V_R + V_L \\
 &= IR + Ij\omega L \\
 &= I(30 + j100 \times 0.2) \\
 50 &= I(30 + j20) \\
 \frac{50}{30 + j20} &= I \\
 1.138 - j0.76923 &= I \\
 1.386\angle -33.7^\circ &= I \\
 \therefore i(t) &= 1.386 \cos(100t - 0.588)[A]
 \end{aligned}$$

### 1.6.2 Oersted's Rules

- The magnetic field lines run encircle the current-carrying wire (Right hand screw rule)
- The magnetic field lines lie in a plan perpendicular to the wire
- If the direction of the current is reversed, the direction of the magnetic force reverses
- The strength of a field is directly proportional to the magnitude of the current
- The strength of the field at any point is inversely proportional to the distance of the point from the wire

This leads to Ampere's Law: The line integral of the magnetic field  $B(x)$  around any closed curve  $C$  is proportional to the total current  $I$  passing through any surface bounded by the curve

$$\oint \mathbf{B} \cdot d\mathbf{l} = \mu_0 I$$

Figure 1.5: Ampere's Law

### 1.6.3 Electric Ohm's Law

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