

Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering (4311101) - Winter 2023 Solution

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Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Define Power & Energy.

Solution

Answer:

- **Power:** Rate of doing work or energy consumption per unit time. Measured in Watts (W).
- **Energy:** Ability to do work or the work done. Measured in Joules (J) or Watt-hours (Wh).

Table 1. Power vs Energy

| Parameter | Definition | Formula | Unit |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Power | Rate of energy transfer | $P = W/t$ | Watt (W) |
| Energy | Capacity to do work | $E = P \times t$ | Joule (J) or Watt-hour (Wh) |

Mnemonic

“Power Performs, Energy Endures”

Question 1(b) [4 marks]

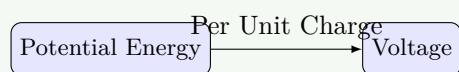
Define current and electrical potential.

Solution

Answer:

- **Current:** Flow of electric charge per unit time. Measured in Amperes (A).
- **Electrical Potential:** Work done per unit charge to move a charge from one point to another. Measured in Volts (V).

Figure 1. Current and Potential



Mnemonic

“Current Charges, Potential Pushes”

Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Explain KCL and KVL with examples.

Solution

Answer:

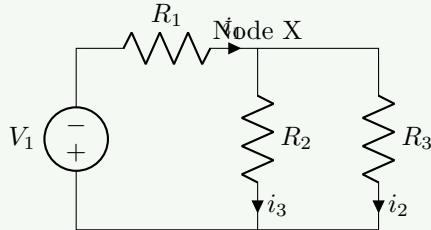
Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL):

- Sum of currents entering a node equals sum of currents leaving it.
- Example: At node X, $i_1 + i_2 = i_3$

Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL):

- Sum of voltage drops around any closed loop equals zero.
- Example: $V_1 - V(R_1) - V(R_2) = 0$

Figure 2. KCL Circuit Example

**Mnemonic**

“Currents Come-Leave, Voltages Voyage-Loop”

Question 1(c) OR [7 marks]

Explain different types of connections for Resistors.

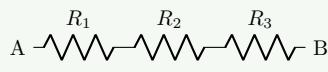
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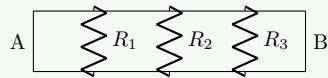
Table 2. Series vs Parallel Connection

| Parameter | Series Connection | Parallel Connection |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Total Resistance | $R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$ | $1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 + \dots$ |
| Current | Same through all resistors | Divides through each path |
| Voltage | Divides across resistors | Same across all resistors |
| Application | Voltage dividers | Current division |

Figure 3. Resistor Connections



Series Connection



Parallel Connection

Mnemonic

“Series Sum, Parallel Parts”

Question 2(a) [3 marks]

Define Resistance and Resistivity. Also state their unit of measurement.

Solution**Answer:**

- **Resistance:** Opposition to current flow, measured in Ohms (Ω).

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

- **Resistivity:** Material property indicating resistance per unit dimension, measured in Ohm-meter ($\Omega \cdot m$).

$$\rho = \frac{R \cdot A}{L}$$

Mnemonic

“Resistance Restricts, Resistivity Relates to material”

Question 2(b) [4 marks]

Define cell and write names of different types of cell.

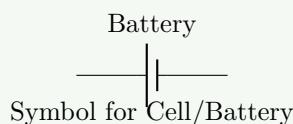
Solution**Answer:**

Cell: Device that converts chemical energy into electrical energy creating a voltage.

Types of Cells:

1. **Primary cells:** Dry cell, Alkaline cell, Mercury cell
2. **Secondary cells:** Lead-acid, Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium-ion

Figure 4. Analysis of a Battery Cell



Mnemonic

“Primary Produces once, Secondary Serves repeatedly”

Question 2(c) [7 marks]

Calculate total equivalent resistance of the above circuit if $R_1=5\Omega$, $R_2=3\Omega$, $R_3=4\Omega$, $R_4=1\Omega$, $R_5=2\Omega$.

Solution**Answer:**

Note: Based on standard bridge/series-parallel circuit typically associated with this problem structure.

Step-by-step solution:

1. R_2 and R_3 are in series:

$$R_{23} = R_2 + R_3 = 3\Omega + 4\Omega = 7\Omega$$

2. R_{23} and R_4 are in parallel:

$$\frac{1}{R_{234}} = \frac{1}{R_{23}} + \frac{1}{R_4} = \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1+7}{7} = \frac{8}{7}$$

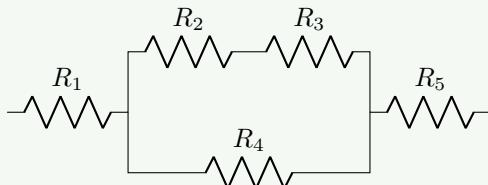
$$R_{234} = \frac{7}{8} = 0.875\Omega$$

3. R_1 , R_{234} , and R_5 are in series:

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_{234} + R_5 = 5\Omega + 0.875\Omega + 2\Omega = 7.875\Omega$$

Therefore, equivalent resistance = 7.875Ω

Figure 5. Circuit Diagram



Simplified representation of connections

Mnemonic

“Series-Sum, Parallel-Product over Sum”

Question 2(a) OR [3 marks]

Find the cost of energy if 100W bulb operated 10 hours daily for 30 days. Rate of energy is Rupees 5/unit.

Solution**Answer:**

Table 3. Energy Calculation

| Parameter | Value | Calculation |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| Power | $100\text{W} = 0.1\text{kW}$ | Given |
| Operating hours | $10 \text{ h/day} \times 30 \text{ days} = 300 \text{ hours}$ | Given |
| Energy consumed | $0.1\text{kW} \times 300\text{h} = 30\text{kWh} = 30 \text{ units}$ | $E = P \times t$ |
| Rate | Rs. 5/unit | Given |
| Total cost | $30 \text{ units} \times 5 \text{ Rs/unit} = \text{Rs. } 150$ | Cost = Units × Rate |

Therefore, cost of energy = Rs. 150

Mnemonic

“Energy x Rate = Electric bill fate”

Question 2(b) OR [4 marks]

State ohm's law and explain the use ohm's law to calculate current in any circuit.

Solution

Answer:

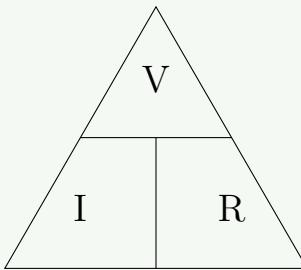
Ohm's Law: Current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to voltage and inversely proportional to resistance.

Formula:

$$V = I \times R \quad \text{or} \quad I = \frac{V}{R} \quad \text{or} \quad R = \frac{V}{I}$$

Application: To find current in a circuit, measure voltage across a component and divide by its resistance ($I = V/R$).

Figure 6. Ohm's Law Triangle



Mnemonic

“Volts Invite current, Resistance Restricts”

Question 2(c) OR [7 marks]

Show that the current in a purely capacitive circuit leads the applied voltage by 90° and the current in a purely inductive circuit lags the applied voltage by 90° .

Solution

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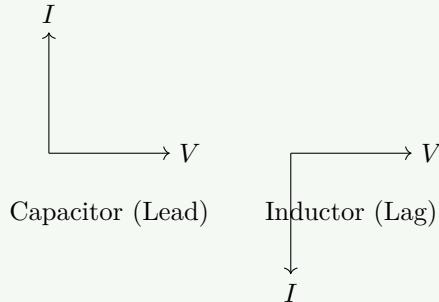
For Capacitive Circuit:

- Voltage equation: $v = V_m \sin(\omega t)$
- Current: $i = C \frac{dv}{dt} = \omega C V_m \cos(\omega t) = I_m \sin(\omega t + 90^\circ)$
- **Result:** Current leads voltage by 90°

For Inductive Circuit:

- Voltage equation: $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$
- Integrating voltage gives current: $i = -\frac{V_m}{\omega L} \cos(\omega t) = I_m \sin(\omega t - 90^\circ)$
- **Result:** Current lags voltage by 90°

Figure 7. Phase Relationships



Mnemonic

“ELI the ICE man - In EL (inductor), I lags E; in ICE (capacitor), I leads E”

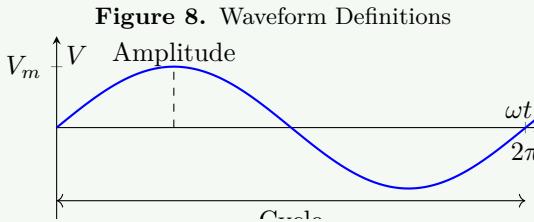
Question 3(a) [3 marks]

Define cycle, form factor and amplitude.

Solution

Answer:

- **Cycle:** One complete repetition of a waveform.
- **Form Factor:** Ratio of RMS value to average value. For sine wave = 1.11.
- **Amplitude:** Maximum displacement of a waveform from its mean position.



Mnemonic

“Cycles Complete, Form Factors Find ratio, Amplitude Achieves maximum”

Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Define RMS and Average value. Write expression of RMS and average value of sinusoidal waveform.

Solution**Answer:****Table 4.** RMS vs Average Value

| Parameter | Definition | Formula for Sine Wave |
|---------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| RMS Value | Square root of mean of squared values | $V_{rms} = V_m / \sqrt{2} = 0.707V_m$ |
| Average Value | Mean of all instantaneous values over half cycle | $V_{avg} = 2V_m / \pi = 0.637V_m$ |

- **RMS (Root Mean Square):** Equivalent DC value that produces same heating effect.
- **Average Value:** Mean of all instantaneous values over a half cycle.

Mnemonic

“RMS Relates to heating, Average Adds and divides”

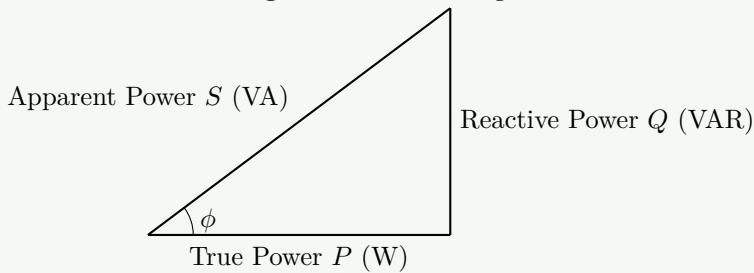
Question 3(c) [7 marks]

Explain the terms Apparent power, True Power and Reactive power. State their unit of measurement.

Solution**Answer:****Table 5.** Types of Power

| Power Type | Definition | Formula | Unit |
|--------------------|---|--------------------|----------------------------|
| Apparent Power (S) | Total power supplied | $S = VI$ | VA (Volt-Ampere) |
| True Power (P) | Actual power consumed | $P = VI \cos \phi$ | W (Watt) |
| Reactive Power (Q) | Power oscillating between source and load | $Q = VI \sin \phi$ | VAR (Volt-Ampere Reactive) |

Power Triangle: $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2$

Figure 9. Power Triangle**Mnemonic**

“Active Performs work, Reactive Returns energy, Apparent Adds vectors”

Question 3(a) OR [3 marks]

Write mathematical expressions of 3-phase voltages.

Solution

Answer:

Three-phase voltage expressions:

Table 6. 3-Phase Voltages

| Phase | Expression |
|---------|--|
| R-phase | $V_R = V_m \sin(\omega t)$ |
| Y-phase | $V_Y = V_m \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$ |
| B-phase | $V_B = V_m \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ)$ |

Where V_m is the maximum voltage and ω is the angular frequency.

Mnemonic

“Red phase Reference, Yellow lags 120, Blue brings up 240”

Question 3(b) OR [4 marks]

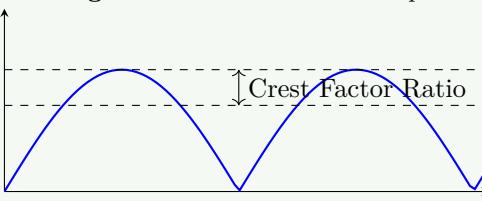
Define crest factor and state value of crest factor for sine wave.

Solution

Answer:

- **Crest Factor:** Ratio of peak value to RMS value of a waveform.
- **Formula:** Crest Factor = $\frac{\text{Peak Value}}{\text{RMS Value}}$
- **For sine wave:** Crest Factor = $\frac{1}{0.707} = 1.414$

Figure 10. Crest Factor Concept



Mnemonic

“Crest Compares peak to RMS”

Question 3(c) OR [7 marks]

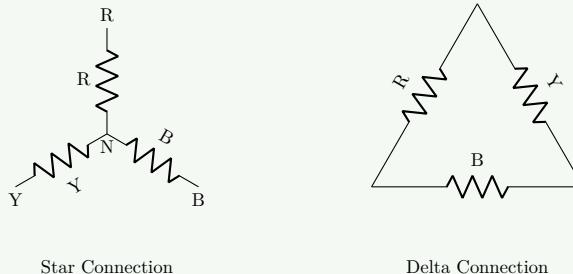
Describe different three phase electrical connections.

Solution

Answer:

Table 7. Star vs Delta Connection

| Parameter | Star (Y) Connection | Delta (Δ) Connection |
|------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Line Voltage (V_L) | $\sqrt{3} \times$ Phase Voltage | Same as Phase Voltage |
| Line Current (I_L) | Same as Phase Current | $\sqrt{3} \times$ Phase Current |
| Neutral Wire | Present | Absent |
| Application | Unbalanced loads, Residential | Balanced loads, Industrial |

Figure 11. Star and Delta Connections**Mnemonic**

“Star Shows neutral, Delta Delivers higher current”

Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Calculate the peak to peak value of a sinusoidal voltage if RMS value is 230V.

Solution

Answer:

Table 8. Calculation Steps

| Parameter | Formula | Calculation |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| RMS Value | Given | 230V |
| Peak Value | $V_m = \sqrt{2} \times V_{rms}$ | $V_m = \sqrt{2} \times 230 = 325.27V$ |
| Peak-to-Peak | $V_{p-p} = 2 \times V_m$ | $V_{p-p} = 2 \times 325.27 = 650.54V$ |

Therefore, peak-to-peak value = 650.54V

Mnemonic

“RMS to Peak - multiply by root2, Peak to Peak - double it”

Question 4(b) [4 marks]

An alternating current is given by $i=142.14\sin 628t$ find frequency and time period.

Solution

Answer:

Given equation: $i = 142.14 \sin(628t)$ implies $\omega = 628$ rad/s.

Table 9. Calculation Steps

| Parameter | Formula | Calculation |
|-------------|---------------------|--|
| Frequency | $f = \omega/(2\pi)$ | $f = 628/(2\pi) = 100 \text{ Hz}$ |
| Time Period | $T = 1/f$ | $T = 1/100 = 0.01 \text{ s} = 10 \text{ ms}$ |

Therefore, frequency = 100 Hz and time period = 0.01 s

Mnemonic

“Frequency From omega divide 2pi, Time takes inverse”

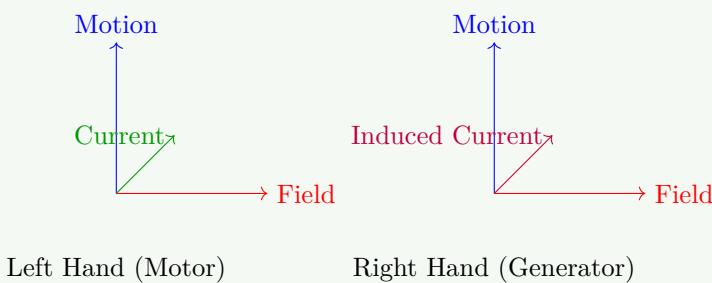
Question 4(c) [7 marks]

State and explain Fleming's left hand rule and right hand rule.

Solution

Answer:

- **Fleming's Left Hand Rule (Motor):**
 - Used to determine direction of **force** on a current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field.
 - Thumb: Motion (Force)
 - Forefinger: Magnetic field
 - Middle finger: Current
- **Fleming's Right Hand Rule (Generator):**
 - Used to determine direction of **induced current** when a conductor moves in a magnetic field.
 - Thumb: Motion of conductor
 - Forefinger: Magnetic field
 - Middle finger: Induced current

Figure 12. Fleming's Rules Hand Positions

Mnemonic

“Left Lifts motors, Right Raises generators”

Question 4(a) OR [3 marks]

A conductor of length 1 metre moves with speed of 30m/s in magnetic field of 0.6 Tesla making angle of 30° with the field. Calculate dynamically EMF induced in it. (use $\sin 30^\circ=0.5$)

Solution**Answer:****Table 10.** Given Parameters

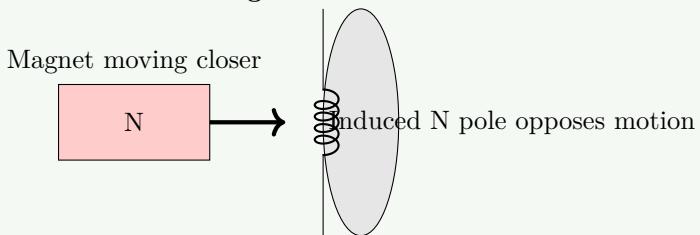
| Parameter | Value |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Length (l) | 1 meter |
| Speed (v) | 30 m/s |
| Magnetic Field (B) | 0.6 Tesla |
| Angle (θ) | 30° |

Formula: $E = Blv \sin \theta$ **Calculation:**

$$E = 0.6 \times 1 \times 30 \times 0.5 = 9 \text{ volts}$$

Therefore, induced EMF = 9 volts**Mnemonic**

“EMF Emerges from Field, velocity and Length with angle”

Question 4(b) OR [4 marks]**State & explain Lenz's law.****Solution****Answer:****Lenz's Law:** The direction of induced EMF or current is always such that it opposes the cause that produces it.**Application:** When a magnet approaches a coil, induced current creates a magnetic field that repels the approaching magnet.**Figure 13.** Lenz's Law**Mnemonic**

“Lenz Likes to Oppose”

Question 4(c) OR [7 marks]**Explain Statically and dynamically induced EMF.****Solution****Answer:**

Table 11. Statically vs Dynamically Induced EMF

| Parameter | Statically Induced EMF | Dynamically Induced EMF |
|------------------------|---|--|
| Definition | EMF induced due to change in current/flux | EMF induced due to movement of conductor in magnetic field |
| Physical Action | Fixed conductor, changing field | Moving conductor in fixed field |
| Example | Transformer | Generator |
| Formula | $e = -N \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$ | $e = Blv \sin \theta$ |

Mnemonic

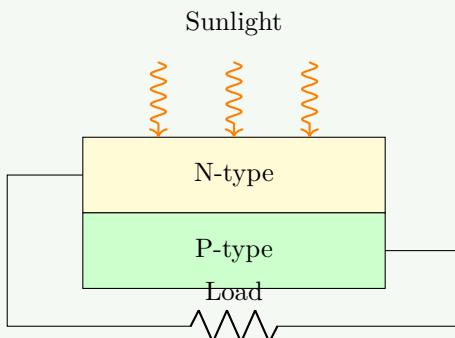
“Static Stays but flux Changes, Dynamic Drives through field”

Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Explain PV Cell.

Solution**Answer:**

- **PV Cell:** Device that converts sunlight directly into electricity using photovoltaic effect.
- **Working:** Sunlight excites electrons in semiconductor material, creating voltage difference.
- **Material:** Typically made from silicon with P-N junction.

Figure 14. PV Cell Structure**Mnemonic**

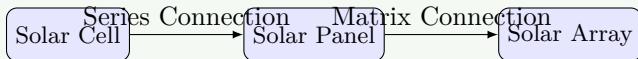
“Photons Visit, Current Created”

Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Explain the solar PV panel and arrays.

Solution**Answer:****Table 12.** Solar System Hierarchy

| Component | Description |
|-----------|--|
| PV Cell | Basic unit that converts sunlight to electricity (0.5V - 0.6V) |
| PV Panel | Multiple cells connected in series/parallel (typically 12V, 24V) |
| PV Array | Multiple panels connected to achieve required voltage/current |

Figure 15. Cell to Array Hierarchy**Mnemonic**

“Cells Combine into Panels, Panels Produce Arrays”

Question 5(c) [7 marks]

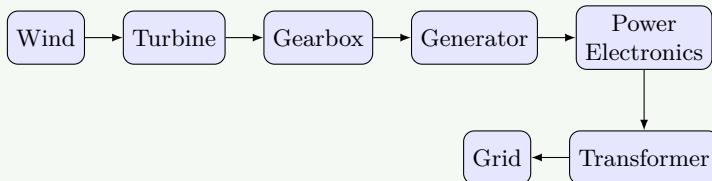
Draw and explain block diagram of wind power system.

Solution

Answer:

Components of Wind Power System:

1. **Wind Turbine:** Converts wind energy to mechanical energy
2. **Gearbox:** Increases rotational speed for generator
3. **Generator:** Converts mechanical energy to electrical energy
4. **Power Electronics:** Controls and regulates electrical output
5. **Transformer:** Steps up/down voltage for transmission/distribution
6. **Control System:** Monitors and optimizes overall operation

Figure 16. Wind Power System Block Diagram**Mnemonic**

“Wind Turns Gears, Generating Electrical Returns”

Question 5(a) OR [3 marks]

State the benefits of green energy.

Solution

Answer:

Table 13. Benefits of Green Energy

| Benefit Category | Examples |
|-----------------------|---|
| Environmental | Reduces pollution, Minimizes carbon footprint |
| Economic | Creates jobs, Reduces energy dependency |
| Health | Improves air quality, Reduces health issues |
| Sustainability | Renewable, Inexhaustible sources |

Mnemonic

“Clean Energy Creates Economic Salvation”

Question 5(b) OR [4 marks]

Explain Solar PV applications in brief.

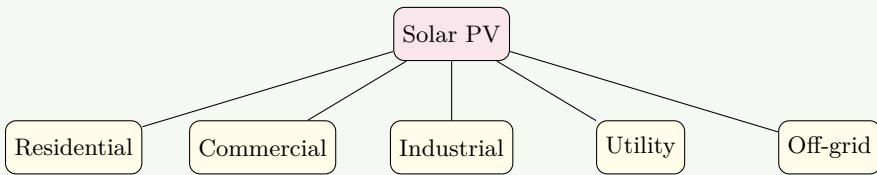
Solution

Answer:

Solar PV Applications:

1. **Residential:** Rooftop systems, Solar water heaters
2. **Commercial:** Building integrated PV, Solar parking
3. **Industrial:** Process heating, Power generation
4. **Utility Scale:** Solar farms, Grid support
5. **Off-grid:** Rural electrification, Remote applications

Figure 17. Solar PV Applications

**Mnemonic**

“Residences, Commerce, Industry Utilize Solar”

Question 5(c) OR [7 marks]

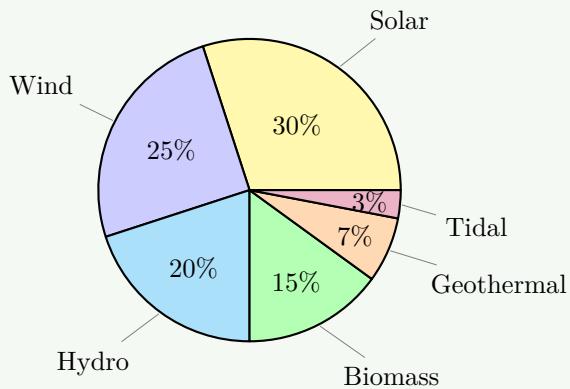
Explain different types of Green energy.

Solution

Answer:

Table 14. Types of Green Energy

| Type | Source | Applications |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Solar | Sun | PV systems, Thermal plants |
| Wind | Moving air | Wind turbines, Windmills |
| Hydro | Flowing water | Dams, Run-of-river systems |
| Biomass | Organic matter | Combustion, Biogas production |
| Geothermal | Earth's heat | Direct heating, Power plants |
| Tidal | Ocean tides | Barrage systems, Tidal turbines |

Figure 18. Green Energy Sources Distribution**Mnemonic**

“Sun, Wind, Hydro, Biomass, Geothermal, Tidal”