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ECOR1043: Circuits

Introduction to AC, Complex Numbers and Reactance

Sinusoids, complex numbers, capacitance and
Inductance

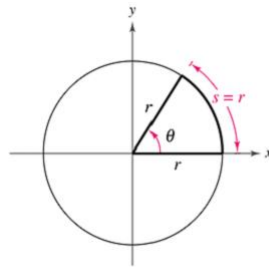
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Radians and Degrees

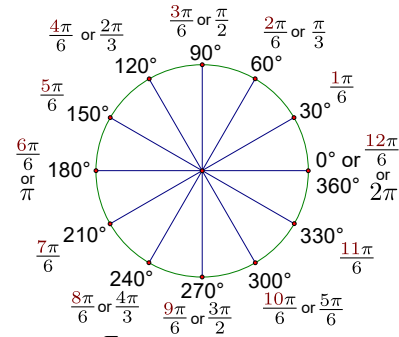
- Radians

- One radian is the measure of a central angle θ that intercepts arc s equal in length to the radius r of the circle.



Arc length = radius when $\theta = 1$ radian.

$$2\pi = 360$$



- To convert degrees to radians, multiply degrees by $\frac{\pi}{180^\circ}$
- To convert radians to degrees, multiply radians by $\frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$

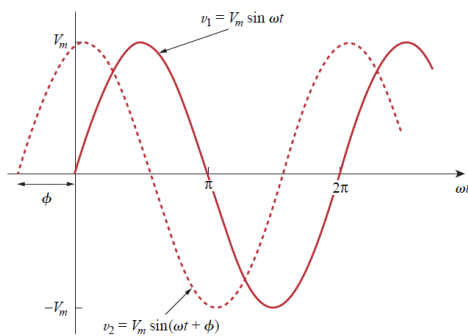
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Sinusoids

- A sinusoid is a signal that has the form of the sine or cosine function.
- A general expression for the sinusoid,

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



V_m = Amplitude (measure in V or A)

f = Signal frequency, measured in Hertz (Hz)

$\omega = 2\pi f$ = Angular frequency, units of radians/second (rad/s)

$T = \frac{1}{f}$ = Signal period (length of time for 1 'cycle')

ϕ = Phase (degrees or radians)

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Sinusoids

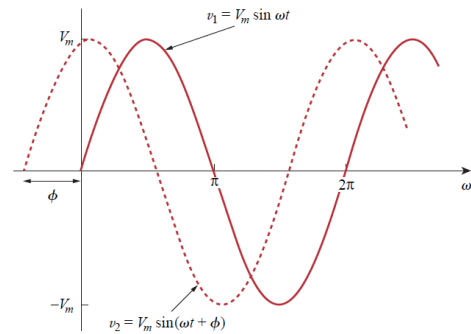
- Ex. 1:
 - Given a sinusoid $5\sin(4\pi t - 60^\circ)$, calculate its amplitude, phase, angular frequency, period, and frequency.

- Solution

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

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

- Amplitude $V_m =$
- Phase $\phi =$
- Angular frequency $\omega =$
- Frequency $f =$
- Period $T =$



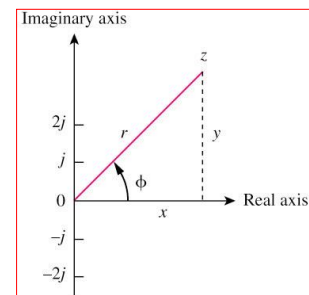
$$V_m = 5, \phi = -60^\circ, \omega = 4\pi \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{s}}, f = 2\text{Hz}, T = 0.5\text{s}$$

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Complex Numbers

- Complex numbers
 - It is more convenient to work with complex numbers in our sinusoidal analysis
 - Dealt with similar to vectors in mechanics (two components)



- Rectangular representation

$$z = x + jy = r(\cos \phi + j \sin \phi)$$

where $j = \sqrt{-1}$

- Polar representation

$$z = r \angle \phi$$

Rectangular to Polar conversion

Magnitude	→	$r = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$
	where	
Phase angle	→	$\phi = \tan^{-1} \frac{y}{x}$

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Complex Numbers

- Mathematic operation of complex number:

$$z_1 = x_1 + jy_1$$

$$z_2 = x_2 + jy_2$$

- Addition:

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2)$$

- Subtraction:

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + j(y_1 - y_2)$$

- Multiplication:

In polar form

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \angle (\varphi_1 + \varphi_2)$$

- Division:

In polar form

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \angle (\varphi_1 - \varphi_2)$$

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Complex Numbers

- Ex. 2: Complex Addition/Subtraction

- Solve for $C = A + B$ and $D = B - A$

- $A = 3 + j2$

- $B = -6 + j9$

$$z_1 + z_2 = (x_1 + x_2) + j(y_1 + y_2)$$

$$z_1 - z_2 = (x_1 - x_2) + j(y_1 - y_2)$$

Solve for $C=A+B$

Solve for $D=B-A$

$$C = -3 + j11$$

$$D = -9 + j7$$

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Complex Numbers

- Ex. 3: Complex Multiplication/Division

- Solve for $G = E \times F$ and $H = \frac{E}{F}$

- $E = 5 \angle 70^\circ$

- $F = 3 \angle -\pi/2$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 \angle \varphi_1 + \varphi_2$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} \angle \varphi_1 - \varphi_2$$

Solve for $G = E \times F$

Solve for $H = E/F$

$$G = 15 \angle -20^\circ \text{ or } 15 \angle 340^\circ$$

$$H = \frac{5}{3} \angle 160^\circ \text{ or } H = \frac{5}{3} \angle -200^\circ$$

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Resistance, Reactance and Impedance

- Resistance

- The friction against the flow of current
- It is present in all conductors to some extent most notably in resistors
- Symbolized with R and measured in ohms Ω . It is frequency independent

- Reactance

- The inertia against the flow of currents
- It is present anywhere electric or magnetic fields are developed in proportion to an applied alternating voltage or current
- It is present in capacitors and inductors, and it is frequency dependent
- Symbolized with X and measured in ohms Ω .

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Resistance, Reactance and Impedance

- Impedance Z
 - This is a comprehensive expression of any and all forms of opposition to current flow, including both resistance and reactance.
 - It is present in all circuits, and in all components
 - As a complex quantity, the impedance may be expressed in rectangular form as

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + jX$$

Where R is the real part which is resistance and X is imaginary part and represents reactance

- It is measured in ohms Ω .
- The magnitude of this impedance is

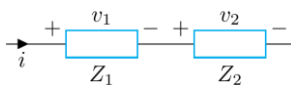
$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2}$$

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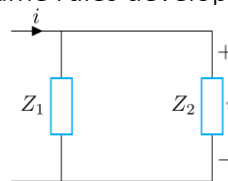
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Resistance, Reactance and Impedance

- Impedance Z (cont.)
 - Impedances can be combined using the same rules developed for resistors



$$Z_s = Z_1 + Z_2$$



$$Z_p = \frac{Z_1 Z_2}{Z_1 + Z_2}$$

$$Z_s = \sum k Z_k$$

$$\frac{1}{Z_p} = \sum k \frac{1}{Z_k}$$

- Ohm's law holds for impedance

$$V = IZ$$

- KVL and KCL laws hold for impedance

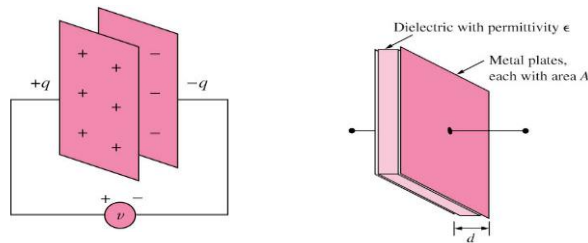
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Capacitors

- A capacitor is a passive element designed to store energy in its electric field.
- A capacitor consists of two conducting plates separated by an insulator (or dielectric).
- **Capacitance C** is the ratio of the charge q on a capacitor to the voltage difference v between the two plates, measured in **farads (F)**.

$$q = C \times v$$

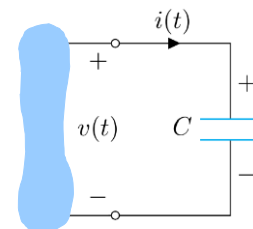
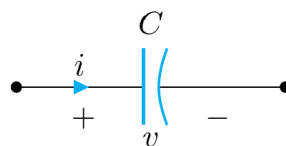
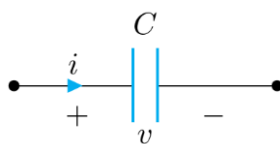


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Capacitors

- It acts as an open circuit at DC (0Hz) and a short circuit at very high-frequencies (∞)
- Each plate will hold an electrical charge, one positive and the other negative (similar to a battery)
- Ideal capacitor does not dissipate energy. It takes power from the circuit when storing energy in its field and returns stored energy when delivering power to the circuit.



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Capacitors

- The impedance is

$$\mathbf{Z}_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

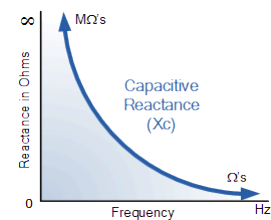
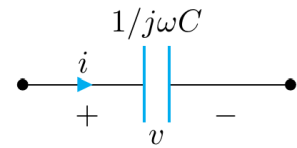
$$\mathbf{Z}_C = -\frac{j}{\omega C}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_C = -jX_C$$

Note that real part=0. Recall $z = x + jy$

Where $X_C = 1/\omega C$ is reactance of capacitor

ω is angular frequency
 $\omega = 2\pi f$



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Capacitors

- Ex. 4:
 - What is the input impedance of the circuit?
 - We know that

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + \mathbf{Z}_C$$

$$R = 5\Omega, C = 0.1\text{F}, \omega = 4 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_C = \frac{1}{j\omega C}$$

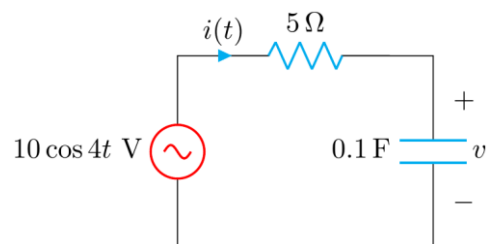
$$\mathbf{Z}_C = \frac{1}{j4 \times 0.1}$$

- So, the input impedance is

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + \mathbf{Z}_C$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = 5 + \frac{1}{j0.4}$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = 5 - j2.5\Omega$$

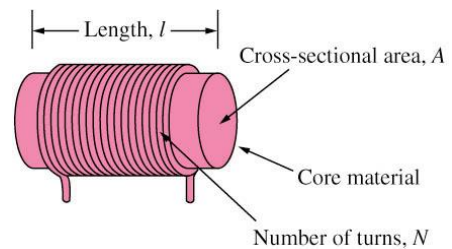


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Inductors

- An inductor is a passive element designed to store energy in its magnetic field.
- An inductor consists of a coil of conducting wire.
- Inductance is the property whereby an inductor exhibits opposition to the change of current flowing through it and measured in *Henry (H)*.

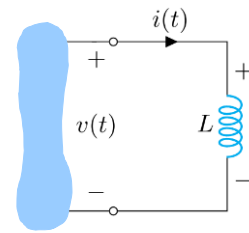
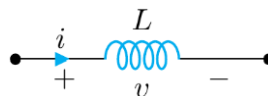
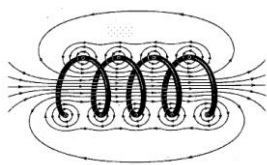


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Inductors

- It acts as a short circuit for DC (0Hz), and an open circuit for high frequencies (∞)
- When current flows through a wire, it creates a magnetic field around the wire in circular lines.
- Ideal inductor does not dissipate energy. It takes power from the circuit when storing energy and returns stored energy when delivering power to the circuit.



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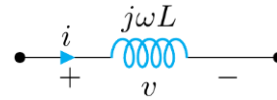
Inductors

- The impedance is

$$\mathbf{Z}_L = j\omega L$$

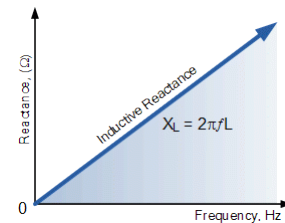
$$\mathbf{Z}_L = jX_L$$

Here also, real part=0. Recall $z = x + jy$



Where $X_L = \omega L$ is reactance of inductor

ω is angular frequency
 $\omega = 2\pi f$



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Inductors

- Ex. 5: What is the input impedance of the circuit?
- We know that

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + \mathbf{Z}_L$$

$$R = 4\Omega, L = 0.2\text{H}, \omega = 10 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_L = j\omega L$$

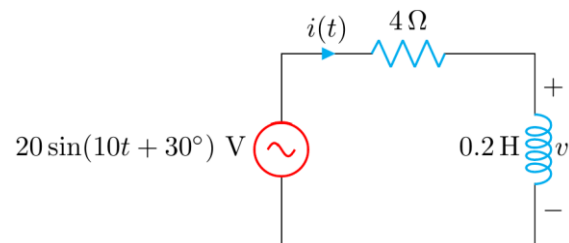
$$\mathbf{Z}_L = j \times 10 \times 0.2$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_L = j2$$

– So, the input impedance is

$$\mathbf{Z} = R + \mathbf{Z}_L$$

$$\mathbf{Z} = 4 + j2 \Omega$$



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Practice Problems

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Input Impedance

- Prob 1:
 - Given a sinusoid $50\sin(6\pi t - 50^\circ)$, what is the angular frequency ω and frequency f .
- Solution:
 - We know that the general formula for a sinusoid is

$$v(t) = V_m \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$$
 - Therefore, the angular frequency is

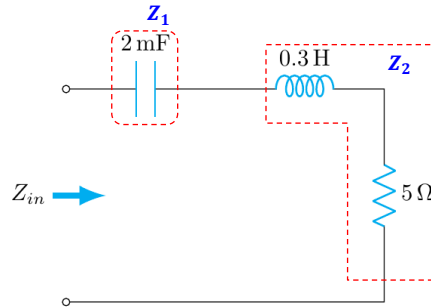
$$\omega = 6\pi \text{ rad/s} \quad \text{----- A}$$
 - To get the frequency f in Hz:
 - Since $\omega = 2\pi f$, substitute this in eq. A above
 - $2\pi f = 6\pi$
 - $f = \frac{6\pi}{2\pi}$
 - $f = 3\text{Hz}$

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Input Impedance

- Prob 2:
 - Find the input impedance of the circuit. Assume that the circuit operates at $\omega = 50$ rad/s.



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Input Impedance

- Prob 2. (Solution):
 - Find the input impedance of the circuit. Assume that the circuit operates at $\omega = 50$ rad/s.

– Solution:

$$Z_1 = \frac{1}{j\omega C} = \frac{1}{j50 \times 2 \times 10^{-3}} = -j10\Omega$$

$$Z_2 = j\omega L = j50 \times 0.3 = j15\Omega$$

$$Z_3 = 5\Omega$$

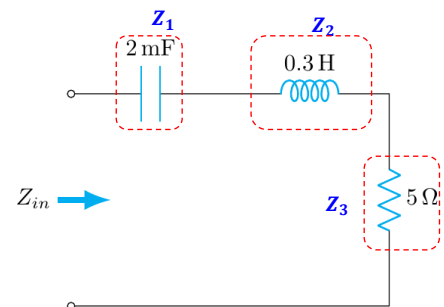
Therefore:

$$Z_{in} = Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_3$$

$$Z_{in} = -j10 + j15\Omega + 5$$

$$Z_{in} = (5 + j5)\Omega$$

- Note that this impedance is presented by the circuit at frequency $\omega=50$ rad/s and it will change at any other frequency



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