## HE1027 Electrical Principals

Alternating Current



## Why We Need AC Current?

- Easy to transform from one voltage to another
- Energy efficient electrical transmission
- Low maintenance costs of high-speed AC motors
- Easy to interrupt the current (about $1 / 20$ th as much DC)
- DC is more lethal than AC
- Electrolytic corrosion is more problematic with DC
- DC produces more heat while operation

How AC Works?


## Alternating Waveform



## Measurement of AC Signals

| $\uparrow^{V}$ | Waveform | sinusoidal |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $10 \mathrm{v}$ | Instantaneous value at $t=0.3$ | 7V |
|  | Instantaneous value at $\mathrm{t}=0.75$ | 10V |
| 0.5 1.0 1.5 2.0 2.5 3.0 | Peak amplitude | 10V |
| -10v | Peak value | 10V |
| $\dagger$ ¢ | Peak-to-peak value | 20V |
|  | Period | 1s |
|  | Cycle | 3 |
|  | Frequency | 1 cps or 1 Hz |

## Power Frequency Worldwide



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$y(\alpha)=A_{m} \sin \alpha$
$\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{m}}$ - peak value
$\alpha$ - distance in radians
radians $=\frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}} \times($ degrees $)$
distance in radians=angular velocity $(\omega) \times$ time
$y(t)=A_{m} \sin \omega t$
Instantaneous value of current $i=I_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha=I_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \omega t$
Instantaneous value of voltage $v=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \omega \mathrm{t}$

Not all waves have to start at 0 : $\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin (\omega t+\theta)$
$\theta$ - angle that the waveform has been shifted

Effective value of sinusoidal quantity is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ of peak value
AC current with peak value of 10A will deliver the same power as DC current of 7.07A

## Derivative

The derivative measures the sensitivity to change of the function value (output value) with respect to a change in its argument (input value)
(derivative of $y$ with respect to $x$ ) $=\frac{d y}{d x}$

If $d y$ does not change then $d y=0$ and $d y / d x=0$
If $d y$ changes quickly then $d y=\max$ and $d y / d x=\max$

## Derivative of Sine Wave



## Resistor in AC Current

Instantaneous value of current $i=I_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha=I_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \omega t$
Instantaneous value of voltage $v=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha=\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \omega \mathrm{t}$

- Omh's Law: $\mathrm{R}=\frac{\mathrm{V}}{\mathrm{I}}$
- $\mathrm{R}=\frac{v}{i}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{m}} \sin \alpha}=\frac{\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}}}{\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{m}}}$
- $\mathrm{V}_{\mathrm{m}}=\mathrm{R}^{*} \mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{m}}$
- $I_{m}=\frac{V_{m}}{R}$



## Some Math

- For DC we used often sum of different voltages or currents.
- For AC we can do it for each time point (NO) or use complex numbers
- Complex numbers are two-dimensional: real and imaginary
- What is $\sqrt{-4}$ ?
- Numbers can be recorded in rectangular form or polar form
- Rectangular form: $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{X}+\mathrm{i} \mathrm{Y}$
- Polar form: $\mathrm{C}=Z \angle \theta$


## Plotting Complex Numbers

- Rectangular form (C=X+iY):
- Real part $X$ on horizontal axis (4)
- Imaginary part Y on vertical axis (3)
- Polar form:
- Magnitude $Z$ is a radius (5)
- Angle $\theta$ counterclockwise from positive real axis
- To convert from rectangular to polar:

$$
\begin{gathered}
Z=\sqrt{X^{2}+Y^{2}} \\
\theta=\tan ^{-1} \frac{Y}{X}
\end{gathered}
$$

- To convert from polar to rectangular:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& X=Z \cos \theta \\
& Y=Z \sin \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

## Mathematical Operations with Complex Numbers

| Addition $\begin{gathered} C_{1}+C_{2}=\left(X_{1}+X_{2}\right)+i\left(Y_{1}+Y_{2}\right) \\ (2+i 4)+(3+i 1)=5+i 5 \end{gathered}$ <br> Addition can be in polar form only if the same angle or difference is $180^{\circ}$ $2 \angle 37^{\circ}+3 \angle 37^{\circ}=5 \angle 37^{\circ}$ | Subtraction $\begin{gathered} C_{1}-C_{2}=\left(X_{1}-X_{2}\right)+i\left(Y_{1}-Y_{2}\right) \\ (2-i 3)-(-5+i 4)=7-i 7 \end{gathered}$ <br> Subtraction in polar form only if the same angle or difference is $180^{\circ}$ $6 \angle 45^{\circ}-2 \angle 225^{\circ}=6 \angle 45^{\circ}-\left(-2 \angle 45^{\circ}\right)=8 \angle 45^{\circ}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| Multiplication $C_{1}{ }^{*} C_{2}=\left(X_{1} X_{2}-Y_{1} Y_{2}\right)+i\left(X_{1} Y_{2}+X_{2} Y_{1}\right)$ <br> or just remember that $\mathrm{j}^{2}=-1$ $\mathrm{C}_{1}{ }^{*} \mathrm{C}_{2}=\mathrm{Z}_{1}{ }^{*} \mathrm{Z}_{2} \angle\left(\theta_{1}+\theta_{2}\right)$ | Division $\frac{C_{1}}{C_{2}}=\frac{X_{1} X_{2}+Y_{1} Y_{2}}{X_{2}^{2}+Y_{2}^{2}}+i \frac{X_{1} Y_{2}+X_{2} Y_{1}}{X_{2}^{2}+Y_{2}^{2}}$ <br> or just remember multiply all by conjugate of the denominator $\frac{C_{1}}{C_{2}}=\frac{Z_{1}}{Z_{2}} \angle\left(\theta_{1}-\theta_{2}\right)$ |

## Phasors

- Math operations with sinusoidal functions are hard
- Easier to work with phasors
- Phasor is a complex number representing a sinusoidal function

$$
v=V_{m} \sin (\omega t \pm \theta) \rightarrow V_{m} \angle \pm \theta
$$

- After all math, it can be converted back
- Effective value $\left(0.707 \mathrm{~A}_{m}\right)$, rather than the peak, values are used almost exclusively in the analysis of AC circuits
- Phasor algebra for sinusoidal quantities is applicable only for waveforms having the same frequency


## Example

Find the input voltage of the circuit if $v_{a}=50 \sin \left(377 t+30^{\circ}\right)$ and $v_{b}=30 \sin \left(377 t+60^{\circ}\right)$


## Resistance Elements

- $I_{m}=\frac{V_{m}}{R}$
- In phasor form $v=V_{m} \sin \omega t->\mathbf{V}=\mathrm{V} \angle 0^{\circ}$, where $\mathrm{V}=0.707 \mathrm{~V}_{\mathrm{m}}$
- $I=\frac{V \angle 0^{\circ}}{R \angle \theta^{\circ}}=\frac{V \angle 0^{\circ}}{R \angle 0^{\circ}}=\frac{V}{R} \angle\left(0^{\circ}-0^{\circ}\right)=\frac{V}{R} \angle 0^{\circ}$
- $i=\sqrt{2}\left(\frac{V}{R}\right) \sin \omega t$


## Example

Find voltage $v$

$$
\mathrm{i}=4 \sin \left(\omega \mathrm{t}+30^{\circ}\right)->\mathrm{I}=4^{*} 0.707 \mathrm{~A} \angle 30^{\circ}=2.828 \mathrm{~A} \angle 30^{\circ}
$$

$$
i=4 \sin \left(\omega t+30^{\circ}\right)
$$



## Power



- Power curve is always above horizontal axis



## Frequency and Resistors

- For ideal resistor frequency has no effect
- In reality, resistor has some capacitance and some inductance
- When frequency is beyond megahertz, there are some changes:



## Suggested reading

## Introductory Circuit Analysis <br> -Kap 13: 13.1-13.4, 13.5-13.8 <br> -Kap 14: 14:5-14:9, 14:11

## Suggested exercises

-AC (kapital 13): 1, 11, 49, 50
-Complex math (kapital 14): 37, 39, 41, 43, 49
-Phasors (kapital 14): 53, 55, 57

