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8-Representing AC Voltages and Currents by Complex Numbers:

The sinusoidal voltage $e(t) = 200 \sin(\omega t + 40^\circ)$ of Figure 14(a) and (b) can be represented by its phasor equivalent, $E = 200V \angle 40^\circ$, as in (c).

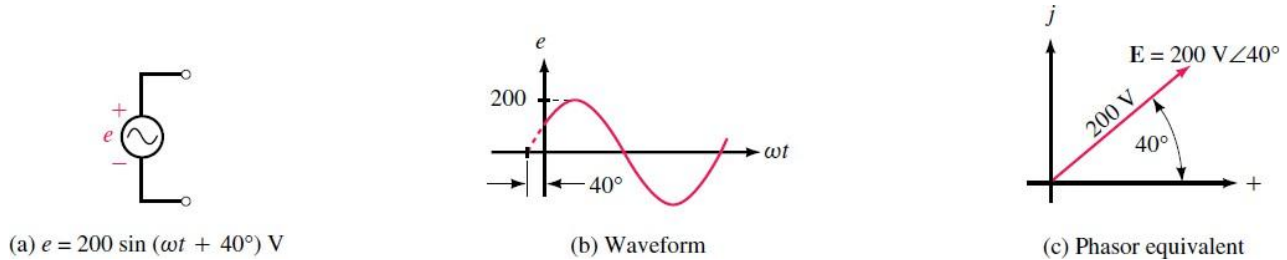


Figure 14

To convert between forms:

$$C = a + jb \quad (\text{rectangular form})$$

$$C = c \angle \theta \quad (\text{polar form})$$

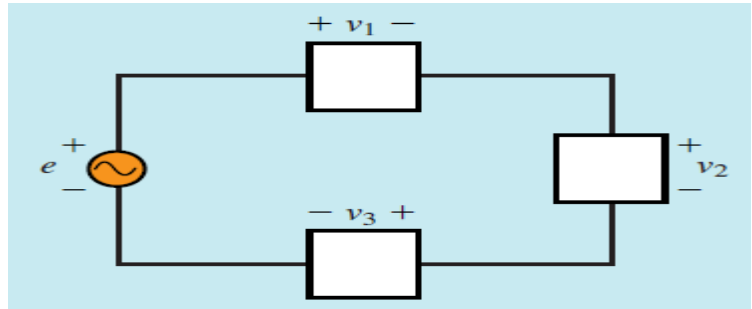
$$a = c \cos \theta, \quad b = c \sin \theta, \quad c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \quad \text{and} \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \frac{b}{a}$$

$$j = \sqrt{-1}, \quad j^2 = -1, \quad j^3 = -j, \quad j^4 = 1, \quad \text{and} \quad j = \frac{-1}{j}$$

The conjugate of a complex number (denoted by an asterisk $*$) is a complex number with the same real part but the opposite imaginary part. Thus, the conjugate of $C = c \angle \theta = a + jb$ is $C^* = c \angle -\theta = a - jb$. For example, if $C = 3 + j4 = 5 \angle 53.13^\circ$, then $C^* = 5 \angle -53.13^\circ = 3 - j4$.

EXAMPLE For Figure 15, $v_1 = \sqrt{2}(16)\sin\omega t$ V, $v_2 = \sqrt{2}(24)\sin(\omega t + 90^\circ)$ V, $v_3 = \sqrt{2}(15)\sin(\omega t - 90^\circ)$ V. Determine source voltage e .

Figure 15



solution:

Applying KVL:

$$\begin{aligned} E &= V_1 + V_2 + V_3 = 16\angle 0^\circ + 24\angle 90^\circ + 15\angle -90^\circ \\ &= 16 + j0 + 24j - 15j = 16 + 9j = 18.36\angle 29.36^\circ \\ &= \sqrt{2}(18.36)\sin(\omega t + 29.36^\circ) \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

H.W: For figure 16, $i_1 = \sqrt{2}(23)\sin\omega t$ mA, $i_2 = \sqrt{2}(0.29)\sin(\omega t + 63^\circ)$ A, and $i_3 = \sqrt{2}(127) \times 10^{-3}\sin(\omega t - 72^\circ)$ A. Determine current i_T .

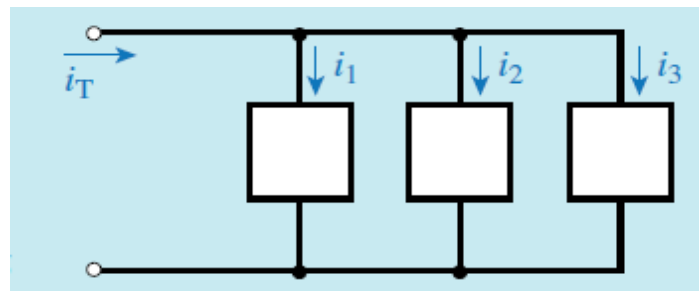


Figure 16

Ans. $i_T = \sqrt{2}(238) \times 10^{-3}\sin(\omega t + 35.4^\circ)$ A

9. Ohm's Law for AC Circuits:

-Resistors

when a resistor is subjected to a sinusoidal voltage as shown in Figure 17, the resulting current is also sinusoidal and in phase with the voltage.

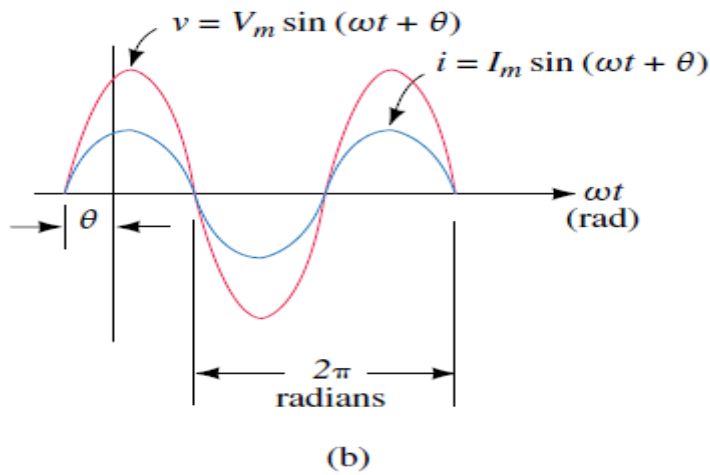


Figure 17

The sinusoidal voltage $v = V_m \sin(\omega t + \theta)$ may be written in phasor form as $\mathbf{V} = V \angle \theta^\circ$. Whereas the sinusoidal expression gives the instantaneous value of voltage for a waveform having an amplitude of V_m (volts peak), the phasor form has an amplitude which is the effective (or rms) value.

The voltage and current phasors may be shown on a phasor diagram as in Figure 18.

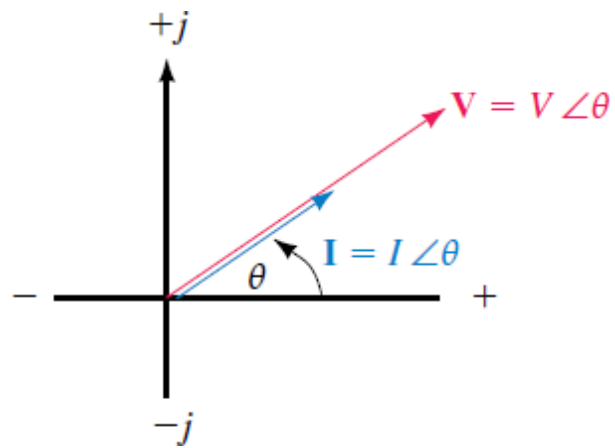


Figure 18

Example:

Refer to the resistor shown in Figure 19:

- a. Find the sinusoidal current i using phasors.
- b. Sketch the sinusoidal waveforms for v and i .
- c. Sketch the phasor diagram of \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{I} .

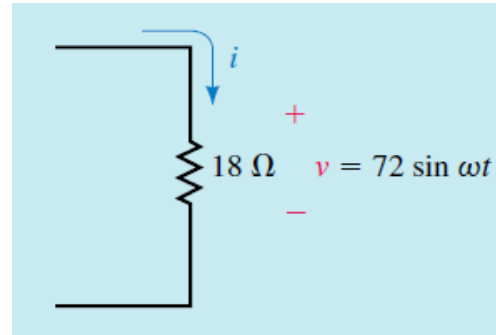


Figure 19

Solution:

- a. The phasor form of the voltage is determined as follows:

$$v = 72 \sin \omega t \leftrightarrow 50.9V \angle 0^\circ$$

From Ohm's law, the current phasor is determined to be

$$I = \frac{V}{Z_R} = \frac{50.9V \angle 0^\circ}{18\Omega \angle 0^\circ} = 2.83A \angle 0^\circ$$

which results in the sinusoidal current waveform having an amplitude of $i = 4 \sin \omega t$

b & c. The voltage- current waveforms, and phasor are shown in Figure 20.

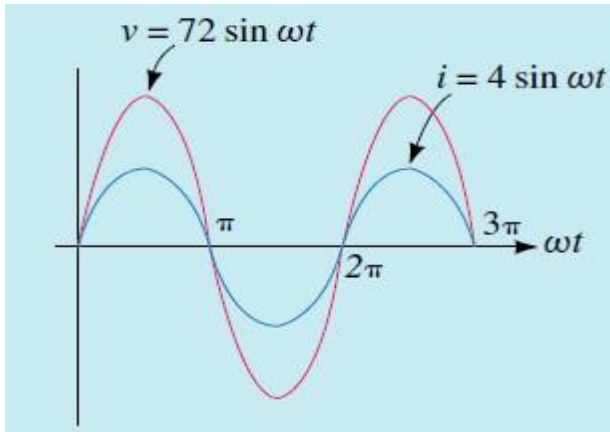
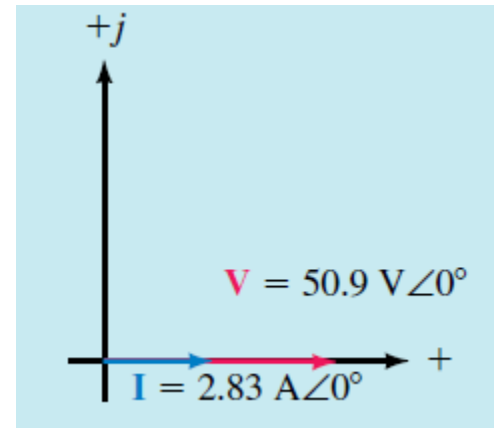


Figure 20



H.W:

Refer to the resistor of Figure 21:

- Use phasor algebra to find the sinusoidal voltage, v .
- Sketch the sinusoidal waveforms for v and i .
- Sketch a phasor diagram showing V and I .

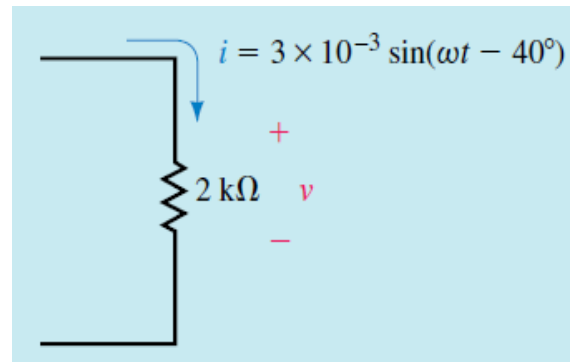


Figure 21

• Inductors

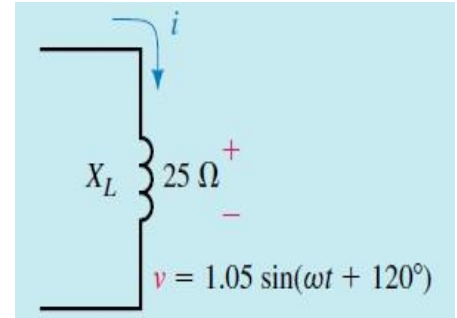
When an inductor is subjected to a sinusoidal current, a sinusoidal voltage is induced across the inductor such that the voltage across the inductor leads the current waveform by exactly 90° . If we know the reactance of an inductor, then from Ohm's law the current in the inductor may be expressed in phasor form as:

$$I = \frac{V}{Z_L} = \frac{V \angle \theta^\circ}{X_L \angle 90^\circ} = \frac{V}{X_L} \angle (\theta^\circ - 90^\circ)$$

In vector form, the reactance of the inductor is given as: $Z_L = X_L \angle 90^\circ$
 where $X_L = \omega L = 2\pi fL$

Example: Consider the inductor shown in Figure 22:

- Determine the sinusoidal expression for the current i using phasors.
- Sketch the sinusoidal waveforms for v and i .
- Sketch the phasor diagram showing \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{I} .



Solution:

- The phasor form of the voltage is determined as follows:

$$v = 1.05 \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ) \leftrightarrow 0.742V \angle 120^\circ$$

From Ohm's law, the current phasor is determined to be

$$I = \frac{V}{Z_R} = \frac{0.742V \angle 120^\circ}{25\Omega \angle 90^\circ} = 29.7mA \angle 30^\circ$$

The amplitude of the sinusoidal current is

$$I_m = (\sqrt{2})(29.7) = 42 \text{ mA}$$

The current i is now written as

$$i = 0.042 \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$$

- Figure 23 shows the sinusoidal waveforms of the voltage and current.

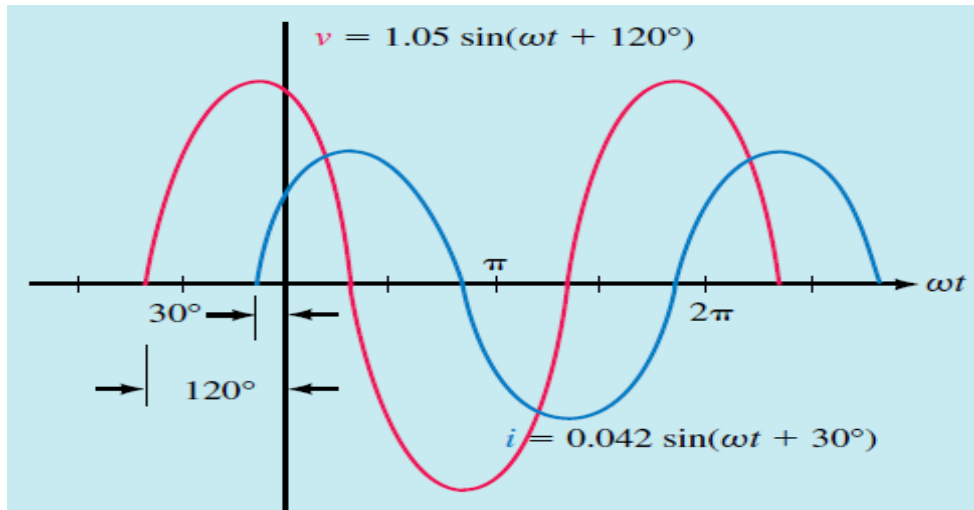


Figure 23

- c. The voltage and current phasors are shown in Figure 23.

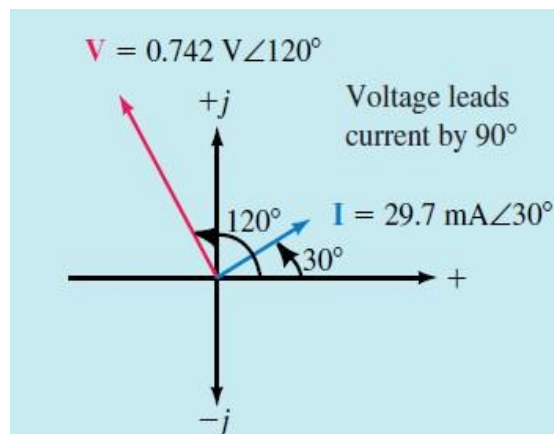


Figure 23

• **Capacitors:**

When a capacitor is subjected to a sinusoidal voltage, a sinusoidal current results. The current through the capacitor leads the voltage by exactly 90°. If we know the reactance of a capacitor, then from Ohm's law the current in the capacitor expressed in phasor form is:

$$I = \frac{V}{Z_C} = \frac{V \angle \theta^\circ}{X_C \angle -90^\circ} = \frac{V}{X_C} \angle (\theta^\circ + 90^\circ)$$

In vector form, the reactance of the capacitor is given as

$$Z_C = X_C \angle -90^\circ \text{ where } X_C = \frac{1}{\omega C} = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$$

H.W: Consider the capacitor of Figure 24.

- Find the voltage v across the capacitor.
- Sketch the sinusoidal waveforms for v and i .
- Sketch the phasor diagram showing \mathbf{V} and \mathbf{I} .

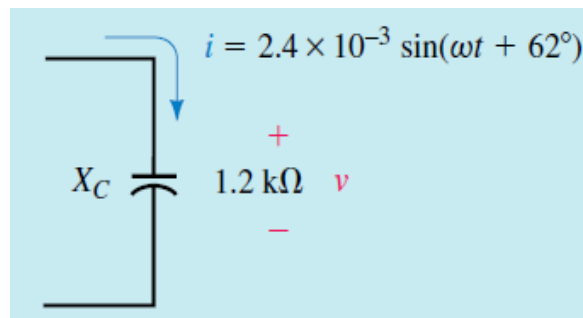


Figure 24

Practice problems:

Q1:

A voltage source, $\mathbf{E} = 10 \text{ V} \angle 30^\circ$, is applied to an inductive impedance of $50 \ \Omega$.

- Solve for the phasor current, \mathbf{I} .
- Sketch the phasor diagram for \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{I} .
- Write the sinusoidal expressions for e and i .
- Sketch the sinusoidal expressions for e and i .

Answers:

- $\mathbf{I} = 0.2 \text{ A} \angle -60^\circ$
- $e = 14.1 \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$
 $i = 0.283 \sin(\omega t - 60^\circ)$

Q2:

A voltage source, $\mathbf{E} = 10 \text{ V} \angle 30^\circ$, is applied to a capacitive impedance of $20 \ \Omega$.

- Solve for the phasor current, \mathbf{I} .
- Sketch the phasor diagram for \mathbf{E} and \mathbf{I} .
- Write the sinusoidal expressions for e and i .
- Sketch the sinusoidal expressions for e and i .

Answers:

- $\mathbf{I} = 0.5 \text{ A} \angle 120^\circ$
- $e = 14.1 \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$
 $i = 0.707 \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$