1 Phasors

We consider sinusoidal voltages and currents of a specific form:

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\begin{align*}
\text{Voltage:} & \quad v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_v) \\
\text{Current:} & \quad i(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_i),
\end{align*}
\]

where,

(a) \( V_0 \) is the voltage amplitude and is the highest value of voltage \( v(t) \) will attain at any time. Similarly, \( I_0 \) is the current amplitude.

(b) \( \omega \) is the frequency of oscillation.

(c) \( \phi_v \) and \( \phi_i \) are the phase terms of the voltage and current respectively. These capture a delay, or a shift in time.

We know from Euler’s identity that \( e^{j\theta} = \cos(\theta) + j\sin(\theta) \). Using this identity, we can obtain an expression for \( \cos(\theta) \) in terms of an exponential:

\[
\cos(\theta) = \Re(e^{j\theta})
\]

Extending this to our voltage signal from above:

\[
v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_v) = V_0 \Re(e^{j\omega t + j\phi_v}) = V_0 \Re(e^{j\phi_v} e^{j\omega t})
\]

Now, since we know that the circuit will not change the frequency of the signal, we can drop the \( e^{j\omega t} \), as long as we remember that all signals related to the voltage will be sinusoidal with angular frequency \( \omega \). The result is called the phasor form of this signal:

\[
\tilde{V} = V_0 e^{j\phi_v}
\]

The phasor representation contains the magnitude and phase of the signal, but not the time-varying portion. Phasors let us handle sinusoidal signals much more easily, letting us use circuit analysis techniques that we already know to analyze AC circuits. Note that we can only use this if we know that our signal is a sinusoid.

Within this standard form, the phasor domain representation is as follows. The general equation that relates cosines to phasors is below, where \( \tilde{V} \) is the phasor.

\[
V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi_v) = \Re(\tilde{V} e^{j\omega t})
\]

The standard forms for voltage and current phasors are given below:

\[
\begin{align*}
\text{Voltage:} & \quad \tilde{V} = V_0 e^{j\phi_v} \\
\text{Current:} & \quad \tilde{I} = I_0 e^{j\phi_i}
\end{align*}
\]

We define the impedance of a circuit component to be \( Z = \frac{\tilde{V}}{\tilde{I}} \), where \( \tilde{V} \) and \( \tilde{I} \) represent the voltage across and the current through the component, respectively.
1.1 Phasor Relationship for Resistors

Consider a simple resistor circuit as in Figure 1 with current being

\[ i(t) = I_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) \]

By Ohm’s law,

\[ v(t) = i(t)R = I_0 R \cos(\omega t + \phi) \]

In phasor domain,

\[ \tilde{V} = R\tilde{I} \]

1.2 Phasor Relationship for Capacitors

Consider a capacitor circuit as in Figure 2 with voltage being

\[ v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi) \]

By the capacitor equation,

\[ i(t) = \frac{C}{\text{d}v}{\text{d}t}(t) = -CV_0 \omega \sin(\omega t + \phi) \]
\[ = -CV_0 \omega \left(-\cos\left(\omega t + \phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)\right) \]
\[ = CV_0 \omega \cos\left(\omega t + \phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \]
\[ = (\omega C)V_0 \cos\left(\omega t + \phi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \]
In phasor domain,
\[ I = \omega Ce^{j\frac{\pi}{2}} \hat{V} = j\omega CV \]

The impedance of a capacitor is an abstraction to model the capacitor as a resistor in the phasor domain. This is denoted \( Z_C \).
\[ Z_C = \frac{\hat{V}}{I} = \frac{1}{j\omega C} \]

1. **Proof of Induction**
   Given the voltage-current relationship of an inductor \( V = L \frac{di}{dt} \), show that its complex impedance is \( Z_L = j\omega L \).

2. **Phasor Analysis**
   Any sinusoidal time-varying function \( x(t) \), representing a voltage or a current, can be expressed in the form
   \[ x(t) = \Re\{Xe^{j\omega t}\}, \tag{1} \]
   where \( X \) is a time-independent function called the phasor counterpart of \( x(t) \). Thus, \( x(t) \) is defined in the time domain, while its counterpart \( X \) is defined in the phasor domain.
   The phasor analysis method consists of five steps. Consider the RC circuit below.

   ![RC circuit diagram]

   The voltage source is given by
   \[ v_s = 12 \sin \left( \omega t - \frac{\pi}{4} \right), \tag{2} \]
   with \( \omega = 1 \times 10^3 \text{ rad/s} \), \( R = \sqrt{3} \Omega \), and \( C = 1 \mu \text{F} \).
   Our goal is to obtain a solution for \( i(t) \) with the sinusoidal voltage source \( v_s \).

   (a) **Step 1: Adopt cosine references**
   All voltages and currents with known sinusoidal functions should be expressed in the standard cosine format. Convert \( v_s \) into a cosine and write down its phasor representation \( V_s \).

   (b) **Step 2: Transform circuits to phasor domain**
   The voltage source is represented by its phasor \( V_s \). The current \( i(t) \) is related to its phasor counterpart \( I \) by
   \[ i(t) = \Re\{Ie^{j\omega t}\}. \]
   What are the phasor representations of \( R \) and \( C \)?
Step 3: Cast KCL and/or KVL equations in phasor domain

Use Kirchhoff’s laws to write down a loop equation that relates all phasors in Step 2.

Step 4: Solve for unknown variables

Solve the equation you derived in Step 3 for $I$ and $V_C$. What is the polar form of $I$ ($Ae^{j\theta}$, where $A$ is a positive real number) and $V_C$?

Step 5: Transform solutions back to time domain

To return to time domain, we apply the fundamental relation between a sinusoidal function and its phasor counterpart. What is $i(t)$ and $v_C(t)$? What is the phase difference between $i(t)$ and $v_C(t)$?

3. RLC Circuit In AC

We study a simple RLC circuit with an AC voltage source given by

$$v_s = B\cos(\omega t - \phi)$$

![RLC Circuit Diagram]

(a) Write out the phasor representation of $v_s$, $R$, $C$, and $L$.

(b) Use Kirchhoff’s laws to write down a loop equation relating the phasors in the previous part.

(c) Solve the equation in the previous step for the current $I$. What is the polar form of $I$?

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