
Phasors

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Phasor Domain

A *domain transformation* is a mathematical process that converts a set of variables from their domain into a corresponding set of variables defined in another domain.

1. The phasor-analysis technique transforms equations from the **time domain** to the phasor domain.
2. **Integro-differential** equations get converted into linear equations with no sinusoidal functions.
3. After solving for the desired variable in the **phasor domain**, conversion back to the **time domain** provides the same solution that would have been obtained had the original integro-differential equations been solved entirely in the time domain.

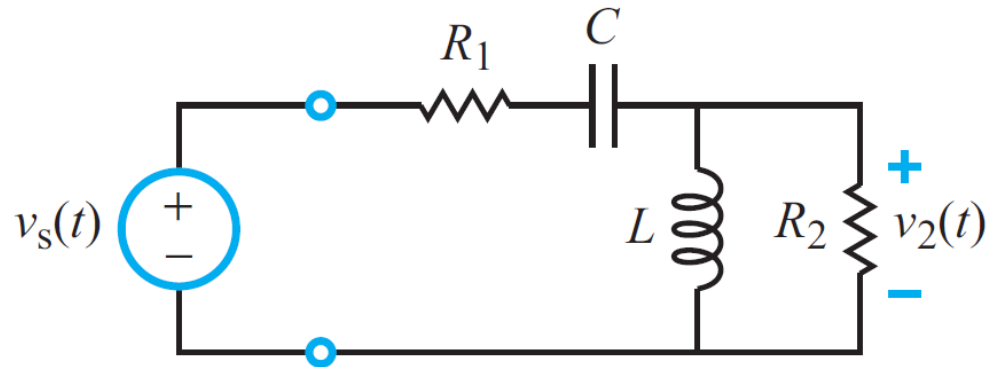
Why Phasors?

Objective: To determine the steady state response of a linear circuit to ac signals

$$v_s(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

angular frequency ω

ϕ is called its *phase angle*



- Sinusoidal input is common in electronic circuits
- Any time-varying periodic signal can be represented by a series of sinusoids (Fourier Series)
- Time-domain solution method can be cumbersome

Complex Numbers

We will find it is useful to represent sinusoids as complex numbers

$$j = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$z = x + jy$$

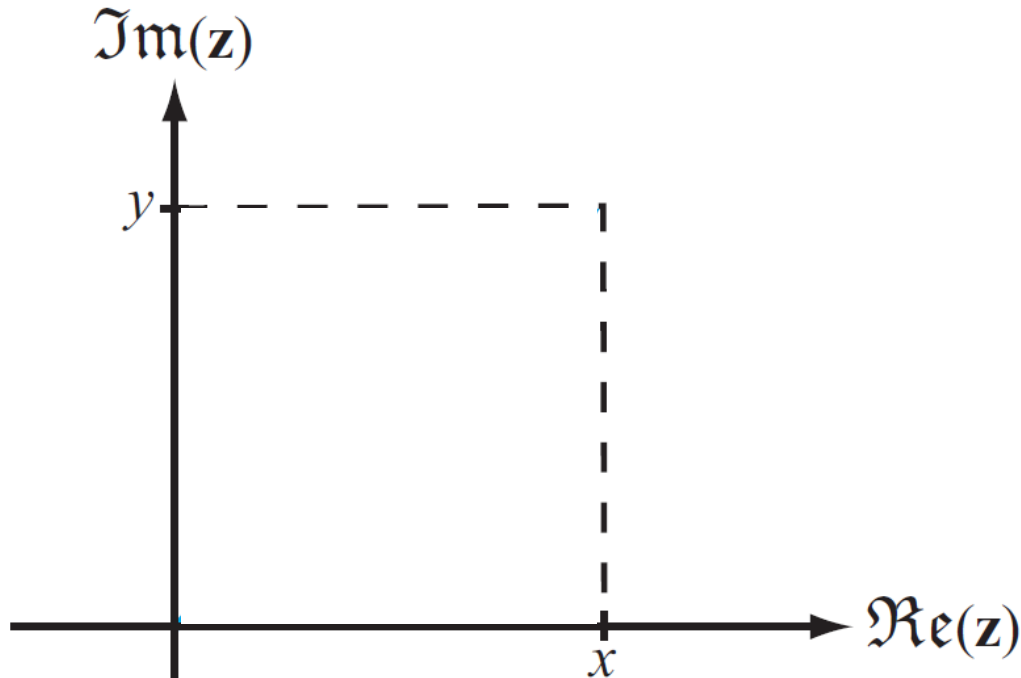
Rectangular coordinates

$$z = |z| \angle \theta = |z| e^{j\theta}$$

Polar coordinates

$$\text{Re}(z) = x$$

$$\text{Im}(z) = y$$



Relations based on Euler's Identity

$$e^{\pm j\theta} = \cos \theta \pm j \sin \theta$$

Phasor Domain

$$v(t) = V_0 \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Time Domain

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Phasor Domain

$$\mathbf{V} = V_0$$

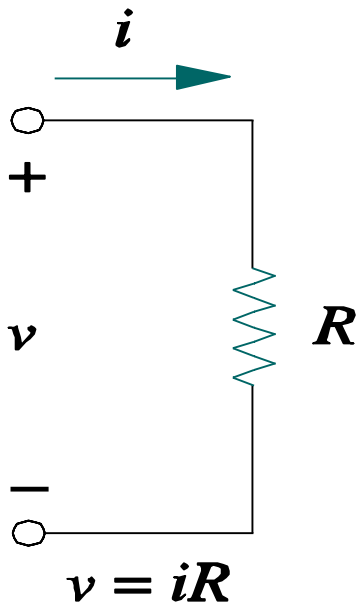
$$\mathbf{V} = V_0 e^{j\phi} \quad V_0 \angle \phi$$



Phasor Relation for **Resistors**

Current through a resistor

Time Domain



Time domain

$$i = I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$v = iR = RI_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

Phasor Relation for *Inductors*

Current through inductor
in time domain

$$i = I_m \cos(\omega t + \phi)$$

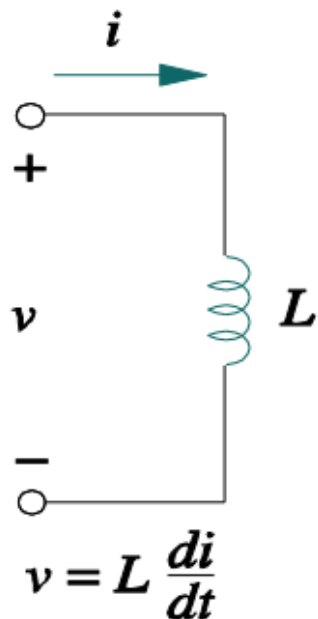
Time domain $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$

Phasor Domain

$$v_L = \Re[\mathbf{V}_L e^{j\omega t}]$$

$$i_L = \Re[\mathbf{I}_L e^{j\omega t}].$$

Time Domain



Impedance:

Phasor Relation for Capacitors

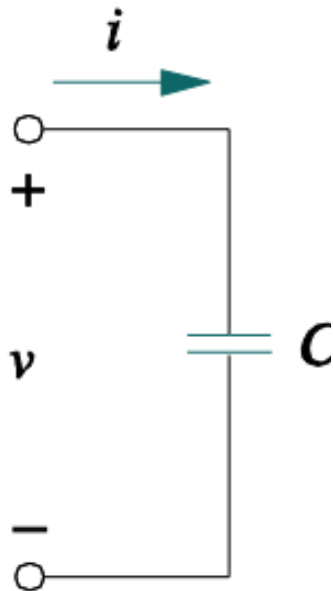
Voltage across capacitor in time domain is

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

Time domain

$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Time Domain



$$i = C \frac{dv}{dt}$$

Phasor Domain

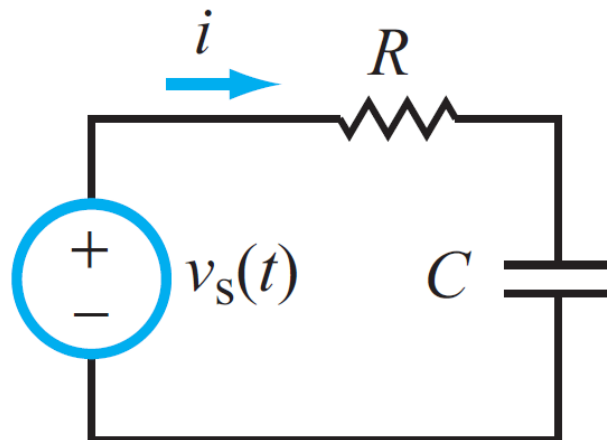
$$\mathbf{I}_C = j\omega C \mathbf{V}_C$$

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

ac Phasor Analysis General Procedure

Step 1

Adopt Cosine Reference
(Time Domain)

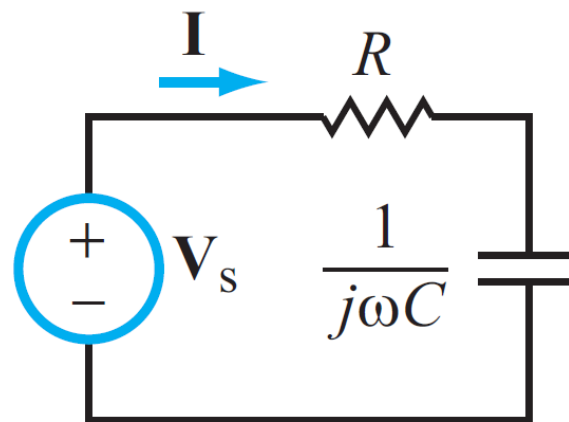


$$v_s(t) = 12 \sin(\omega t - 45^\circ) \quad (\text{V})$$

Step 2

Transfer to Phasor Domain

$$\begin{aligned} i &\longrightarrow \mathbf{I} \\ v &\longrightarrow \mathbf{V} \\ R &\longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_R = R \\ L &\longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_L = j\omega L \\ C &\longrightarrow \mathbf{Z}_C = 1/j\omega C \end{aligned}$$



$$\mathbf{V}_s = 12e^{-j135^\circ} \quad (\text{V})$$

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Step 3

Cast Equations in
Phasor Form

$$\mathbf{I} \left(R + \frac{1}{j\omega C} \right) = \mathbf{V}_s$$

Step 4

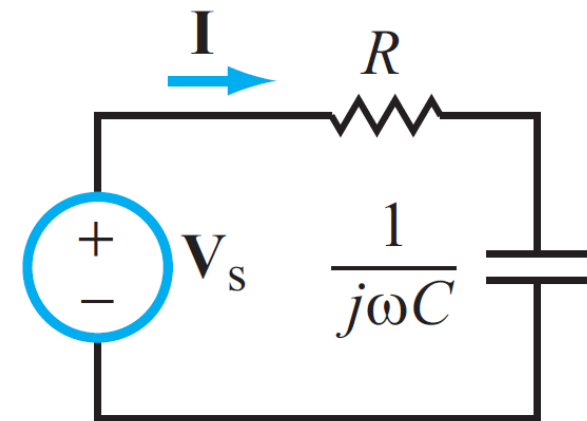
Solve for Unknown Variable
(Phasor Domain)

$$\mathbf{I} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_s}{R + \frac{1}{j\omega C}}$$

Step 5

Transform Solution
Back to Time Domain

$$\begin{aligned} i(t) &= \Re[\mathbf{I}e^{j\omega t}] \\ &= 6 \cos(\omega t - 105^\circ) \\ &\text{(mA)} \end{aligned}$$

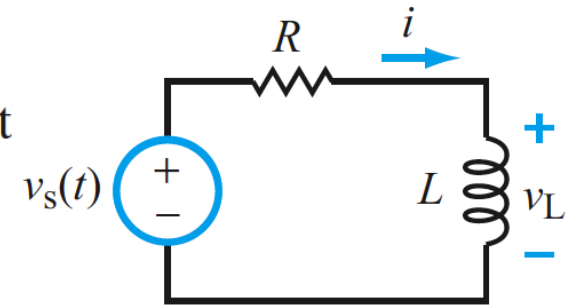


$$\mathbf{V}_s = 12e^{-j135^\circ} \text{ (V)}$$

Example: *RL Circuit*

$$v_s(t) = 15 \sin(4 \times 10^4 t - 30^\circ) \text{ V.}$$

Also, $R = 3 \Omega$ and $L = 0.1 \text{ mH}$. Obtain an expression for the voltage across the inductor.



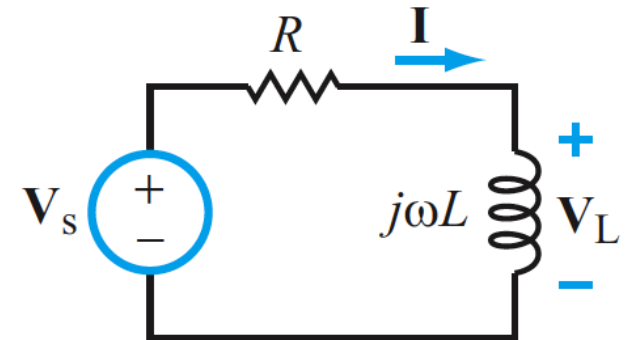
(a) Time domain

Step 2: Transform circuit to the phasor domain

Example: *RL Circuit cont.*

Step 3: Cast KVL in phasor domain

$$R\mathbf{I} + j\omega L\mathbf{I} = \mathbf{V}_s.$$



(b) Phasor domain

Step 4: Solve for unknown variable

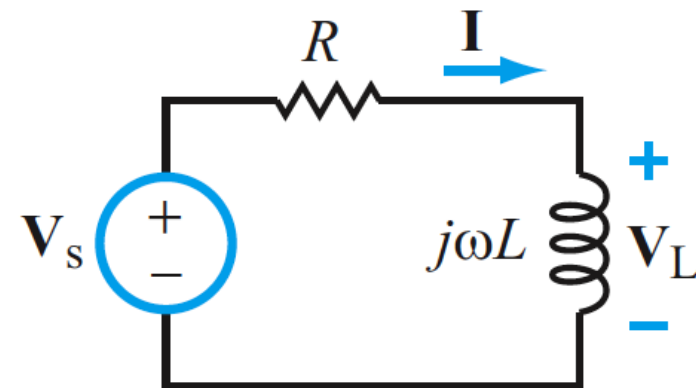
$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{I} &= \frac{\mathbf{V}_s}{R + j\omega L} = \frac{15e^{-j120^\circ}}{3 + j4 \times 10^4 \times 10^{-4}} \\ &= \frac{15e^{-j120^\circ}}{3 + j4} = \frac{15e^{-j120^\circ}}{5e^{j53.1^\circ}} = 3e^{-j173.1^\circ} \text{ A.}\end{aligned}$$

Example: *RL Circuit cont.*

The phasor voltage across the inductor is related to \mathbf{I} by

$$\mathbf{V}_L = j\omega L\mathbf{I}$$

Reminder:
 $\omega = 4 \times 10^4$
 $L = 0.1 \text{ mH}$



(b) Phasor domain

Example: RL Circuit cont.

Step 5: Transform solution to the time domain

The corresponding time-domain voltage is

$$\begin{aligned}v_L(t) &= \Re[\mathbf{V}_L e^{j\omega t}] \\ &= \Re[12e^{-j83.1^\circ} e^{j4 \times 10^4 t}] \\ &= 12 \cos(4 \times 10^4 t - 83.1^\circ) \text{ V.}\end{aligned}$$