

## 04-Review of Phasors and Complex Power

Text: 2.1 – 2.3

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Power Systems



## Overview

- Notation
- Phasor Transformation
- Complex Power
- Power Factor
- Leading/Lagging Circuits

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## Notation

- Lecture slides use bold uppercase characters (e.g. **V**, **I**) for phasors and other vectors
- Italicized bold characters used for vectors and matrices (e.g. ***Y***)
- Capital letters (e.g. V, I) or absolute values of phasors (**|V|**, **|I|**) are used to indicate the magnitude of the phasor  
 $\mathbf{V} = |\mathbf{V}| \angle \theta = V \angle \theta$
- Lowercase variables (e.g. v, i) are preferred to represent scalars not associated with phasors and vectors
  - Notable exceptions P, Q for real and imaginary power

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## Review of Electric Circuits

- Voltage in AC circuits:
  - $v(t) = V_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \theta_v)$ 
    - $V_{\max}$ : voltage amplitude (Volts)
    - $\omega$ : frequency (rad/sec)
    - $\theta_v$ : phase angle of the voltage (rad)
- Current in AC circuits:
  - $i(t) = I_{\max} \cos(\omega t + \theta_i)$ 
    - $I_{\max}$ : amplitude (Amperes)
    - $\theta_i$ : phase angle of the voltage (rad)

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## Review of Electric Circuits

- Conversion of radians ( $\theta_{\text{rad}}$ ) to degrees ( $\theta_{\text{deg}}$ )

$$\theta_{\text{deg}} = \theta_{\text{rad}} \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

- Conversion of degrees to radians

$$\theta_{\text{rad}} = \theta_{\text{deg}} \frac{\pi}{180^\circ}$$

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## Review of Electric Circuits

- Frequency in North American power systems is 60 Hz
  - f: frequency (Hertz)
  - $\omega = 2\pi f \sim 377$  rad/sec
- Other parts of the world 50 Hz is common
- We assume 60 Hz unless otherwise noted
- Voltage waveform is set as a reference, so  $\theta_v = 0^\circ$

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### Phasor Transform

- Shorthand for writing sinusoidal functions
- Used for steady-state calculations
- Contains **amplitude** and **phase angle** information
  - Assumed that frequency is known
- Relies on Euler's Identity

$$v(t) = V_{\max} \cos \omega t + \theta_v \xrightarrow{\text{Phasor Transform}} \frac{V_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle \theta_v$$

Note: division by square root of 2 is used in power system analysis ("effective phasor")


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### Phasor Transform

- Different expressions of a voltage phasor
 
$$\frac{V_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle \theta_v = V_{\text{rms}} \angle \theta_v = |\mathbf{V}| \angle \theta_v = V \angle \theta_v = V e^{j\theta_v}$$
- Current:
 
$$\frac{I_{\max}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle \theta_i = I_{\text{rms}} \angle \theta_i = |\mathbf{I}| \angle \theta_i = I \angle \theta_i = I e^{j\theta_i}$$
- Impedance:
 
$$|\mathbf{Z}| \angle \theta_z = Z \angle \theta_z = Z e^{j\theta_z}$$
- Define:  $\phi \triangleq \theta_v - \theta_i$  (remember this!)

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### Phasors in Matlab

- Consider:  $\mathbf{V}_{\text{an}} = 120 \angle 45^\circ$
- Input into Matlab as:
 

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>> Van = 120*exp(j*45*pi/180)
Van = 84.8528 +84.8528i %automatic conversion to rectangular coordinates
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- Also useful:
 

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>> angle(Van)*pi/180%angle of Van
>> abs(Van) %magnitude of Van
>> real(Van) %real part of Van
>> imag(Van) %imaginary part of Van
>> [] = pol2cart() %conversion from polar to rect. See Matlab "Help"
>> [] = cart2pol() %conversion from rect to polar. See Matlab "Help"
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### Complex Power


P is also known as Real Power, Active Power, Average Power

$$P = |\mathbf{V}_s| |\mathbf{I}| \cos(\phi)$$

$P = \text{Re } \mathbf{VI}^*$

\* is the complex conjugate operator, it denotes a change in sign of the imaginary part

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### Complex Power

- Let **S** be the complex power defined as
 
$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{VI}^*$$
 then
 
$$P = \text{Re } \mathbf{VI}^* = \text{Re } \mathbf{S}$$
- Let Q be the reactive power defined as
 
$$Q = \text{Im } \mathbf{VI}^*$$
- Then
 


$Q = \text{Im } \mathbf{S}$ 

Q is also known as imaginary power
- And therefore:
 

$\mathbf{S} = P + jQ$ 

S is also known as apparent power

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### Complex Power

- Technically, units of **S**, Q and P are watts\*
- To avoid confusion, alternate units are used in practice
  - S: Volt-Amps (VA)
  - Q: Volt-Amps Reactive (VAR)
- Inductors, capacitors consume/supply reactive power, Q
- S and Q are defined values
  - a meaningful physical interpretation is elusive

\*See C. Gross "On VA's, VAR's, and Other Traditions in Electric Power Engineering"

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### Power Triangle

- Relationships between  $\mathbf{S}$ ,  $P$  and  $Q$  can be shown graphically
- $\mathbf{S} = P + jQ$

Note:  
P, Q are scalars representing the real and imaginary parts of  $\mathbf{S}$

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### Power Triangle

- Consider  $P = |\mathbf{V}||\mathbf{I}|\cos(\phi)$
- Since  $|\mathbf{S}| = |\mathbf{V}\mathbf{I}^*| = |\mathbf{V}\mathbf{I}| = |\mathbf{V}||\mathbf{I}|$
- Then  $P = |\mathbf{S}|\cos(\phi)$ 
  - $P$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{S}$  onto the real axis

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### Complex Power

- A similar result can be found for  $Q$ 
  - $P = |\mathbf{S}|\cos(\phi)$
  - $Q = |\mathbf{S}|\sin(\phi)$
- $Q$  is the projection of  $\mathbf{S}$  onto the imaginary axis

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### Complex Power Cheat Sheet

$P = \text{Re}\{\mathbf{VI}^*\}$ $= \text{Re}\{\mathbf{IZI}^*\} =  \mathbf{I} ^2 \text{Re}\{\mathbf{Z}\}$ $P =  \mathbf{I} ^2 R$ $P =  \mathbf{V}  \mathbf{I} \cos\phi$ $P =  \mathbf{I} ^2  \mathbf{Z} \cos\phi$	$Q = \text{Im}\{\mathbf{VI}^*\}$ $Q =  \mathbf{I} ^2 X$ $Q =  \mathbf{V}  \mathbf{I} \sin\phi$ $Q =  \mathbf{I} ^2  \mathbf{Z} \sin\phi$
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$\mathbf{S} = P + jQ$   
 $\phi = \tan^{-1}(Q/P)$   
 $\cos\phi = \frac{P}{\sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}}$

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### Power Factor

- Power factor is non-negative
- $\cos(\phi) = \cos(-\phi)$
- Need to distinguish between  $\phi$  and  $-\phi$


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### Power Factor

- For example let  $\theta_v = 0^\circ$
- Case 1:  $\theta_i = 30^\circ$ 
  - Capacitive circuit
  - PF = 0.866
- Case 2:  $\theta_i = -30^\circ$ 
  - Inductive circuit
  - PF = 0.866

← Same power factor →

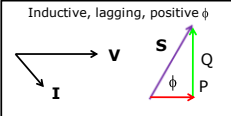
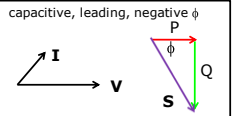
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### Leading/Lagging Power Factor

Must describe the PF value along with whether the current leads or lags voltage


- Lagging: current **lags** voltage (inductive)
- Leading: current **leads** voltage (capacitive)
- Useful mnemonic: ELI the ICE man

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### Summary

- P, Q, **S** related by power triangle 
- P has a physical interpretation, Q and **S** do not
- **S** is a vector, Q and P are scalars
- Resistors associated with P; inductors/capacitors associated with Q

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