## Overview

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- This chapter will cover alternating current.
- A discussion of complex numbers is included prior to introducing phasors.
- Applications of phasors and frequency domain analysis for circuits including resistors, capacitors, and inductors will be covered.
- The concept of impedance and admittance is also introduced.

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|   | Alternating Current  |
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| • | Alternating Current, or AC, is the dominant form of electrical         |
|   | power that is delivered to homes and industry.                         |
| • | In the late 1800's there was a battle between proponents of DC and AC. |
| • | AC won out due to its efficiency for long distance                     |
|   | transmission.  |

• AC is a sinusoidal current, meaning the current reverses at regular times and has alternating positive and negative values.







## Sinusoids

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• The period is inversely related to another important characteristic, the frequency

$$f=\!\frac{1}{T}$$

- The units of this is cycles per second, or Hertz (Hz)
- It is often useful to refer to frequency in angular terms:

$$\omega = 2\pi f$$

• Here the angular frequency is in radians per second

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# Sinusoids

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- If two sinusoids are in phase, then this means that they reach their maximum and minimum at the same time.
- Sinusoids may be expressed as sine or cosine.
- The conversion between them is:

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\sin(\omega t \pm 180^\circ) = -\sin \omega t\cos(\omega t \pm 180^\circ) = -\cos \omega t\sin(\omega t \pm 90^\circ) = \pm \cos \omega t\cos(\omega t \pm 90^\circ) = \mp \sin \omega tidentities:
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trigonometric identities:

 $sin(A \pm B) = sin A cos B \pm cos A sin B$  $cos(A \pm B) = cos A cos B \mp sin A sin B$ 

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Please use your mathematics book.

Also, several web sites are available.

#### Sample web site:

http://www.analyzemath.com/trigonometry/trigonometric\_formulas.html







### Phasors

• The idea of a phasor representation is based on Euler's identity:

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

• From this we can represent a sinusoid as the real component of a vector in the complex plane.

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- The length of the vector is the amplitude of the sinusoid.
- The vector, *V*, in polar form, is at an angle  $\phi$  with respect to the positive real axis.

 $\cos \phi = \operatorname{Re}(e^{j\phi})$  $\sin \phi = \operatorname{Im}(e^{j\phi})$ 

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- Phasors are typically represented at t=0.
- As such, the transformation between time domain to phasor domain is:

$$v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \phi) \iff V = V_m \angle \phi$$
(Time-domain representation) (Phasor-domain representation)

• They can be graphically represented as shown here.



### Sinusoid-Phasor Transformation

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• Here is a handy table for transforming various time domain sinusoids into phasor domain:





