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Chapter 8.1-2
Periodic Waveforms and Average Power

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Sections 8.1-2 Objectives

- Understand the following sinusoidal steady-state power concepts:
 - Instantaneous power;
 - Average power;
 - Root Mean Squared (RMS) and effective values.

Instantaneous Power

- **Instantaneous power** is the power measured at any given instant in time.
- In DC circuits, power is measured in watts as:

$$P = vi = i^2 R = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

- In AC circuits, voltage and current are time-varying, so instantaneous power is time-varying. Power is still measured in watts as:

$$P = vi = i^2 R = \frac{v^2}{R}$$

Instantaneous Sinusoidal Steady-State Power

$$p(t) = v(t) \times i(t)$$

- In an AC circuit, voltage and current are expressed in general form as:

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

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

- Instantaneous power is then:

$$p(t) = V_m I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \cos(\omega t + \theta_i)$$

Instantaneous Power - Continued

$$p(t) = V_m I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \cos(\omega t + \theta_i)$$

- Using the trig identities:

$$\cos(x) \cos(y) = 0.5\{\cos(x - y) + \cos(x + y)\}$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos(x)\cos(y) - \sin(x)\sin(y)$$

$$\cos(2\omega t + \theta_v - \theta_i) = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)\cos(2\omega t) - \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)\sin(2\omega t)$$

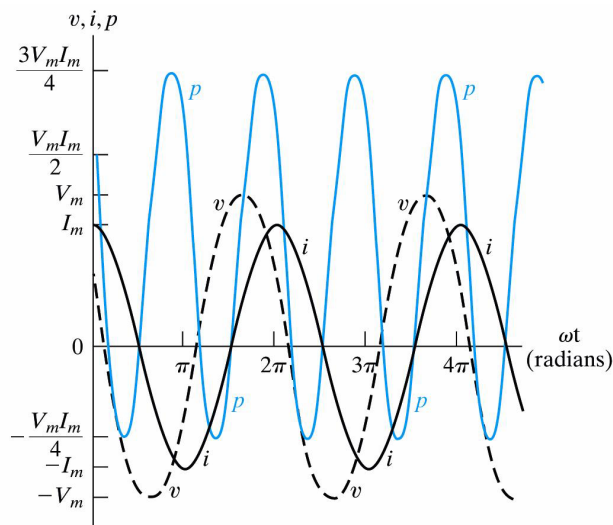
it can be shown that instantaneous power is:

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

- Note that the instantaneous power contains a constant term as well as a component that varies with time at *twice the input frequency*.

Instantaneous Power Plot

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$



Instantaneous vs. Average Power

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

The equation above can be simplified as follows:

$$p(t) = P + P \cos(2\omega t) - Q \sin(2\omega t)$$

where

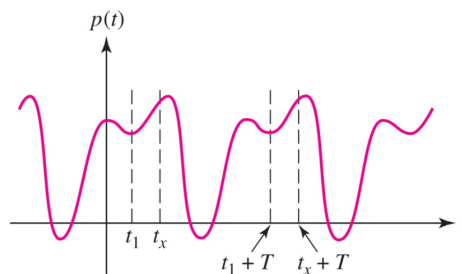
$$P = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \quad (\text{Average Power})$$

$$Q = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \quad (\text{Reactive Power})$$

Instantaneous vs. Average Power

- **Average power** is sometimes called *real power* because it describes the power in a circuit that is transformed from electric to nonelectric energy, such as heat. Average power is also the average value of the instantaneous power over one period:

$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_x}^{t_x+T} p(t) dt$$



Average Power - Continued

$$P = \frac{1}{T} \int_{t_x}^{t_x+T} p(t) dt$$

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

The last two terms in the equation above will integrate to zero since the average value of sin and cosine signals over one period is zero. Therefore:

$$P_{AVG} = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

Example - Power Calculations

Calculate the instantaneous and average power if:

$$v(t) = 80\cos(10t + 20^\circ)\text{V}$$

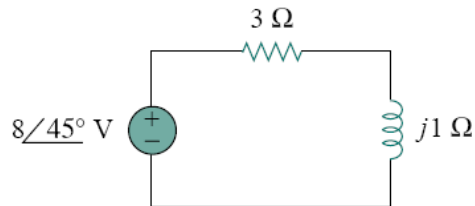
$$i(t) = 15\cos(10t + 60^\circ)\text{A}$$

$$P_{inst}(t) = 459.6 + 600\cos(20t + 80^\circ)\text{W}$$

$$P_{avg} = 459.6\text{W}$$

Example - Average Power

Calculate the average power absorbed by the resistor and inductor and find the average power supplied by the voltage source.



$$P_R = 9.6W \text{ absorbed}$$

$$P_L = 0W$$

$$P_{Source} = 9.6W \text{ delivered}$$

The Power Scene for Resistors

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

- Since the voltage and current are in phase across a resistor, the instantaneous power becomes:

$$p(t) = P + P \cos(2\omega t)$$

- Integrating over one period shows again that average power in a resistor is:

$$P = \frac{V_m I_m}{2}$$

- Note that average power in a resistor is *always positive* meaning that power cannot be extracted from a purely resistive network.

The Power Scene for Inductors

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

- For inductors, $\theta_v - \theta_i = +90^\circ$ or the current lags the voltage by 90° . The instantaneous power then reduces to:

$$p = -Q \sin 2\omega t$$

- Note that Q is *always* a positive quantity for inductors. The average power absorbed by an inductor is zero, meaning energy is not transformed from electric to non-electric form. Instead, the instantaneous power is continually exchanged between the circuit and the source at a frequency of 2ω . When p is positive, energy is stored in the magnetic field of the inductor. When p is negative, energy is transferred back to the source.

The Power Scene for Capacitors

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \cos(2\omega t) - \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i) \sin(2\omega t)$$

- For capacitors, $\theta_v - \theta_i = -90^\circ$ or the current leads the voltage by 90° . The instantaneous power then reduces to (just like inductors):

$$p = -Q \sin 2\omega t$$

- Note that Q is *always* a negative quantity for capacitors. The average power absorbed by a capacitor is also zero, meaning energy is not transformed from electric to non-electric form. Instead, the instantaneous power is continually exchanged between the circuit and the source at a frequency of 2ω . When p is positive, energy is stored in the electric field of the capacitor.

Power - Units

- Power in resistors is called *average*, or *real* power. Power in capacitors and inductors is called *reactive* power, recognizing that their impedances are purely reactive. To distinguish between these different types of power, we use different units – average power is measured in *watts* (W) and reactive power is measured in *volt-amp-reactive* (VAR).

Example 10.1 – Nilsson 11th

1. Calculate the average and reactive power if:

$$v(t) = 100\cos(\omega t + 15^\circ)\text{V}$$

$$i(t) = 4\sin(\omega t - 15^\circ)\text{A}$$

2. State whether the circuit is absorbing or delivering average and reactive powers.

$$P_{avg} = -100\text{W}$$

$$Q_{reac} = 173.21\text{VAR}$$

Delivering average power and absorbing reactive (magnetizing vars) power

Effective or RMS Values

- Sometimes using average AC power values can be confusing. For instance, the average DC power absorbed by a resistor is $P = V_M I_M$ while the average AC power is $P = V_M I_M / 2$. By introducing a new quantity called **effective value**, the formulas for the average power absorbed by a resistor can be made the same for dc, sinusoidal, or any general periodic waveform.
- The **effective value** of a periodic voltage is the *DC voltage that delivers the same average power to a resistor as the periodic AC voltage*.

Effective or RMS Value

For any periodic function $x(t)$, the effective or **root mean squared (rms)** value, is given by:

$$X_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T x^2 dt}$$

Effective or RMS Value

- For example, the effective value of $I = I_m \cos \omega t$ is

$$I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T I_m^2 \cos^2 \omega t dt}$$

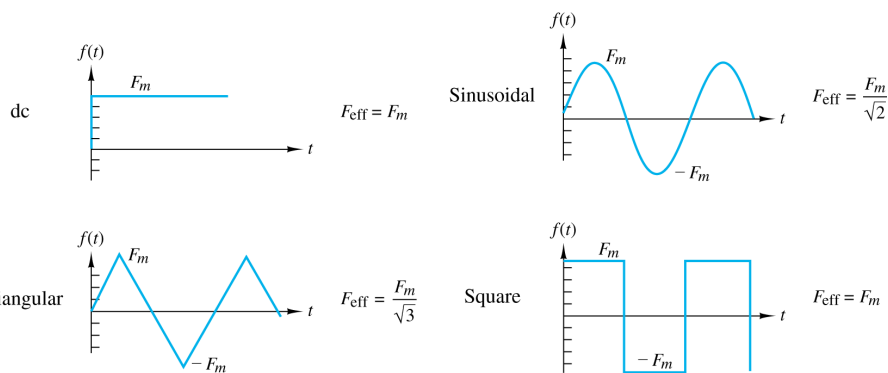
$$I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{I_m^2}{T} \int_0^T \frac{1}{2} (1 + \cos 2\omega t) dt} = \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}}$$

- Average power can then be written in two ways:

$$P_{\text{AVG}} = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

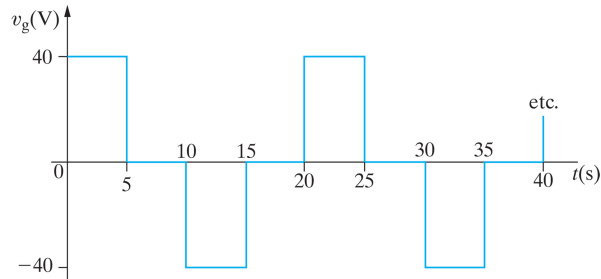
$$P_{\text{AVG}} = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

Effective Values of Common Waveforms



Textbook Problem 10.13 - Nilsson 11th

- Find the rms value of the periodic voltage shown in the figure below.
- If the voltage is applied across a 40Ω resistor, find the average power dissipated by the resistor.



$$V_{rms} = 28.28V_{RMS}$$

$$P = 20W$$

The Angle $\theta_V - \theta_i$

- $\theta_V - \theta_i$ is known as the **Power Factor Angle**.
- $\cos(\theta_V - \theta_i)$ is known as the **Power Factor (PF)**
 - For a purely resistive load, $PF=1$;
 - For a purely reactive load, $PF=0$;
 - For any practical circuit, $0 \leq PF \leq 1$.
- We must distinguish between positive and negative arguments for the power factor since $\cos(x) = \cos(-x)$.

Sections 8.1-2 Summary

From the study of this section, you should understand the following sinusoidal steady-state power concepts:

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