

Curriculum Topic : Time-Harmonic Transmission Lines

THT1 : Phasor Review

<i>Module Outline:</i>	
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Prerequisite Skills

Prerequisites / Requirements:

MATH 4 semesters of calculus

PHYS 2 semesters of undergraduate physics

Competencies

Competency THT.1: Understand and apply the phasor transform

Competency Builders:

THT.1.1 Convert a time-harmonic, time-domain function into a phasor.

THT.1.2 Convert a phasor into a time-domain function.

THT.1.3 Understand why phasors are useful for linear, time-invariant systems.

Supplemental Reading and Resources

Supplemental Reading Materials:

Prof. Durgin's online phasor notes.

Assessments

The following questions and exercises may serve as either pre-assessment or post-assessment tests to evaluate student knowledge.

Question: THT.1.1

Competency: THT.1.1

What is the phasor-domain expression for the following equation: $5\cos(10\pi t + 7x^2)$?

Answer:

$$5\exp(j7x^2)$$

Question: THT.1.2

Competency: THT.1.2

What is the time-domain function $x(t)$ of the phasor $X = 25\exp(-j5z)$ if the frequency is 2 kHz?

Answer:

$$x(t) = 25\cos(4000\pi t - 5z)$$

Question: THT.1.3

Competency: THT.1.3

Mathematically show that when the input of an LTI system is a sinusoid, the output is also a sinusoid. (5 points)

Answer:

To show why this is true, start with the basic convolution integral and substitute a generic sinusoidal input $x(t) = A \cos(2\pi ft + \phi)$:

$$\begin{aligned} y(t) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(\lambda)h(t - \lambda) d\lambda \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t - \lambda)h(\lambda) d\lambda \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} A \cos(2\pi f[t - \lambda] + \phi)h(\lambda) d\lambda \\ &= A \left[\cos(2\pi ft) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \cos(\phi - 2\pi f\lambda)h(\lambda) d\lambda}_{H_x} - \sin(2\pi ft) \underbrace{\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sin(\phi - 2\pi f\lambda)h(\lambda) d\lambda}_{H_y} \right] \\ &= A [H_x \cos(2\pi ft) - H_y \sin(2\pi ft)] \\ &= A \sqrt{H_x^2 + H_y^2} \cos \left(2\pi ft - \tan^{-1} \frac{H_y}{H_x} \right) \end{aligned}$$

After a series of manipulations, we see that the final answer is a sinusoid whose overall amplitude and phase depend on the system characteristics. Since H_x and H_y evaluate to constants, the result is *always* true for any LTI system; the frequency f does not change. You have just proven the most important applied theorem in electrical engineering.