

SINUSOIDAL ALTERNATING WAVEFORMS

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OBJECTIVES

- *Become familiar with the characteristics of a sinusoidal waveform, including its general format, average value, and effective value.*
- *Be able to determine the phase relationship between two sinusoidal waveforms of the same frequency.*
- *Understand how to calculate the average and effective values of any waveform.*
- *Become familiar with the use of instruments designed to measure ac quantities.*

13.1 INTRODUCTION

The analysis thus far has been limited to dc networks—networks in which the currents or voltages are fixed in magnitude except for transient effects. We now turn our attention to the analysis of networks in which the magnitude of the source varies in a set manner. Of particular interest is the time-varying voltage that is commercially available in large quantities and is commonly called the *ac voltage*. (The letters *ac* are an abbreviation for *alternating current*.) To be absolutely rigorous, the terminology *ac voltage* or *ac current* is not sufficient to describe the type of signal we will be analyzing. Each waveform in Fig. 13.1 is an **alternating waveform** available from commercial suppliers. The term *alternating* indicates only that the waveform alternates between two prescribed levels in a set time sequence. To be absolutely correct, the term *sinusoidal*, *square-wave*, or *triangular* must also be applied.

The pattern of particular interest is the **sinusoidal ac voltage** in Fig. 13.1. Since this type of signal is encountered in the vast majority of instances, the abbreviated phrases *ac voltage* and *ac current* are commonly applied without confusion. For the other patterns in Fig. 13.1, the descriptive term is always present, but frequently the *ac* abbreviation is dropped, resulting in the designation *square-wave* or *triangular* waveforms.

One of the important reasons for concentrating on the sinusoidal ac voltage is that it is the voltage generated by utilities throughout the world. Other reasons include its application throughout electrical, electronic, communication, and industrial systems. In addition, the chapters to follow will reveal that the waveform itself has a number of characteristics that result in a unique response when it is applied to basic electrical elements. The wide range of theorems and methods introduced for dc networks will also be applied to sinusoidal ac systems. Although the application of sinusoidal signals raises the required math level, once the

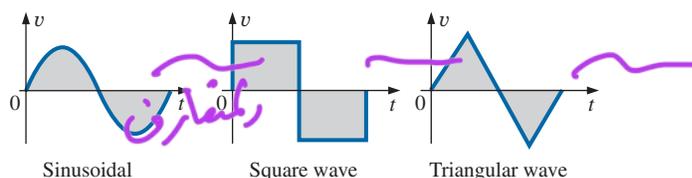
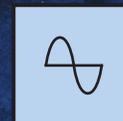


FIG. 13.1
Alternating waveforms.





notation given in Chapter 14 is understood, most of the concepts introduced in the dc chapters can be applied to ac networks with a minimum of added difficulty.

13.2 SINUSOIDAL ac VOLTAGE CHARACTERISTICS AND DEFINITIONS

Generation

Sinusoidal ac voltages are available from a variety of sources. The most common source is the typical home outlet, which provides an ac voltage that originates at a power plant. Most power plants are fueled by water power, oil, gas, or nuclear fusion. In each case, an **ac generator** (also called an *alternator*), as shown in Fig. 13.2(a), is the primary component in the energy-conversion process. The power to the shaft developed by one of the energy sources listed turns a *rotor* (constructed of alternating magnetic poles) inside a set of windings housed in the *stator* (the stationary part of the dynamo) and induces a voltage across the windings of the stator, as defined by Faraday's law:

$$e = N \frac{d\phi}{dt}$$

Through proper design of the generator, a sinusoidal ac voltage is developed that can be transformed to higher levels for distribution through the power lines to the consumer. For isolated locations where power lines have not been installed, portable ac generators [Fig. 13.2(b)] are available that run on gasoline. As in the larger power plants, however, an ac generator is an integral part of the design.

In an effort to conserve our natural resources and reduce pollution, wind power, solar energy, and fuel cells are receiving increasing interest from various districts of the world that have such energy sources available in level and duration that make the conversion process viable. The turning propellers of the wind-power station [Fig. 13.2(c)] are connected directly to the shaft of an ac generator to provide the ac voltage described above. Through light energy absorbed in the form of *photons*, solar cells

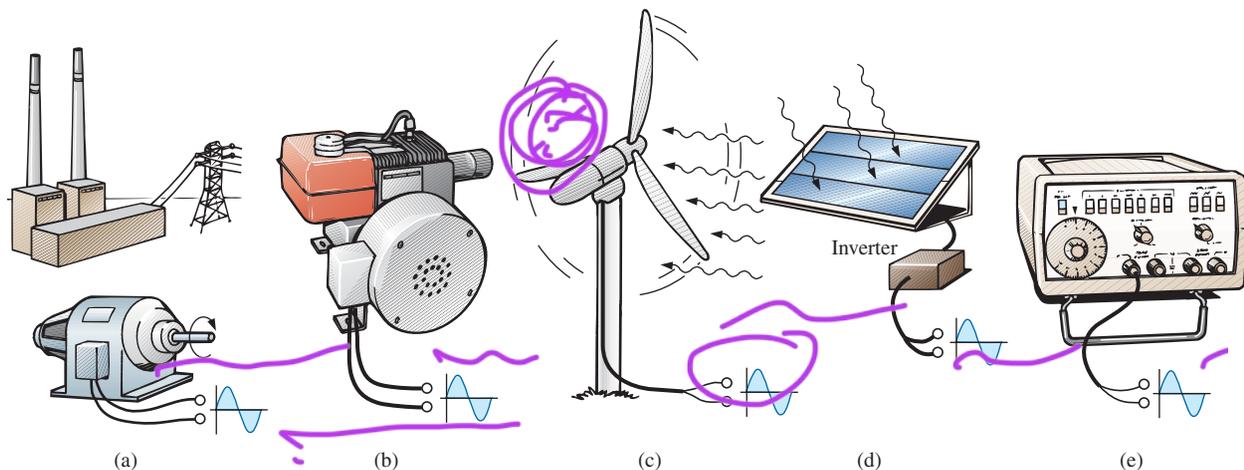


FIG. 13.2

Various sources of ac power: (a) generating plant; (b) portable ac generator; (c) wind-power station; (d) solar panel; (e) function generator.



[Fig. 13.2(d)] can generate dc voltages. Through an electronic package called an *inverter*, the dc voltage can be converted to one of a sinusoidal nature. Boats, recreational vehicles (RVs), and so on, make frequent use of the inversion process in isolated areas.

Sinusoidal ac voltages with characteristics that can be controlled by the user are available from **function generators**, such as the one in Fig. 13.2(e). By setting the various switches and controlling the position of the knobs on the face of the instrument, you can make available sinusoidal voltages of different peak values and different repetition rates. The function generator plays an integral role in the investigation of the variety of theorems, methods of analysis, and topics to be introduced in the chapters that follow.

Definitions

The sinusoidal waveform in Fig. 13.3 with its additional notation will now be used as a model in defining a few basic terms. These terms, however, can be applied to any alternating waveform. It is important to remember, as you proceed through the various definitions, that the vertical scaling is in volts or amperes and the horizontal scaling is in units of time.

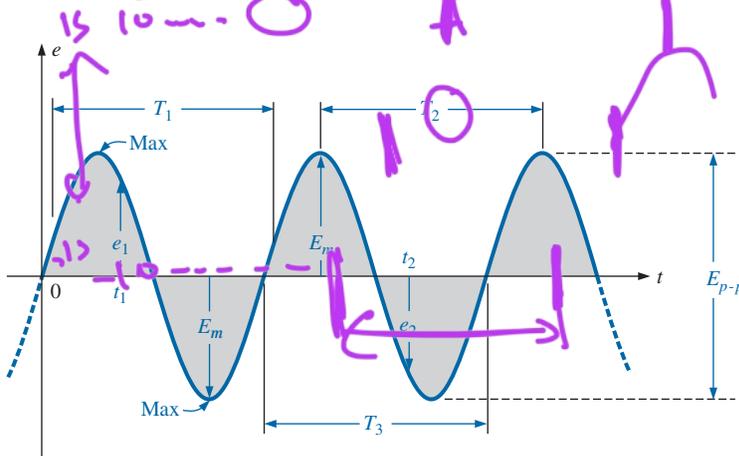


FIG. 13.3

Important parameters for a sinusoidal voltage.

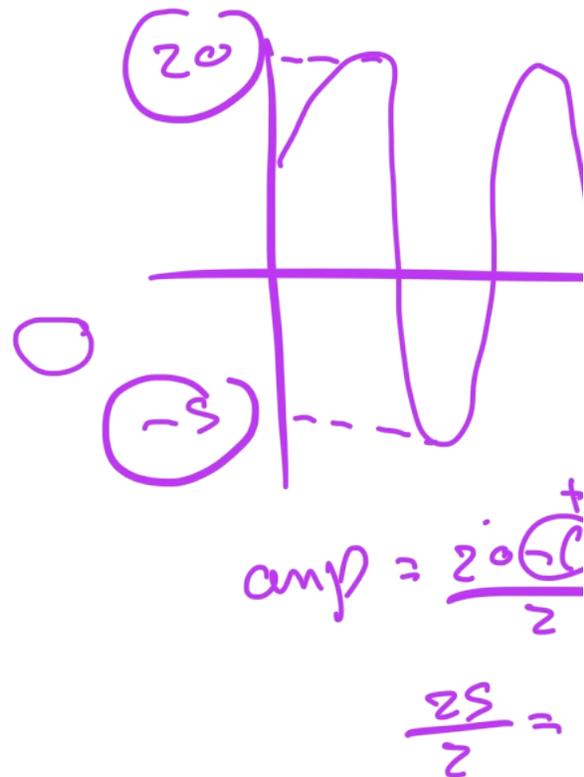
Waveform: The path traced by a quantity, such as the voltage in Fig. 13.3, plotted as a function of some variable, such as time (as above), position, degrees, radians, temperature, and so on.

Instantaneous value: The magnitude of a waveform at any instant of time; denoted by lowercase letters (e_1 , e_2 in Fig. 13.3).

Peak amplitude: The maximum value of a waveform as measured from its *average*, or *mean*, value, denoted by uppercase letters [such as E_m (Fig. 13.3) for sources of voltage and V_m for the voltage drop across a load]. For the waveform in Fig. 13.3, the average value is zero volts, and E_m is as defined by the figure.

Peak value: The maximum instantaneous value of a function as measured from the zero volt level. For the waveform in Fig. 13.3, the peak amplitude and peak value are the same since the average value of the function is zero volts.

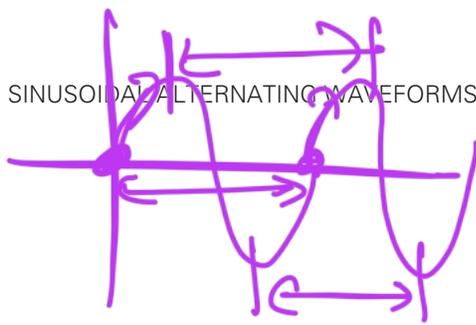
Peak-to-peak value: Denoted by E_{p-p} or V_{p-p} (as shown in Fig. 13.3), the full voltage between positive and negative peaks of the waveform, that is, the sum of the magnitude of the positive and negative peaks.



$$\text{amp} = \frac{20 - (-5)}{2}$$

$$p-p = \frac{25}{2}$$

$$p-p = \frac{20 - (-5)}{2}$$



Periodic waveform: A waveform that continually repeats itself after the same time interval. The waveform in Fig. 13.3 is a periodic waveform.

Period (T): The time of a periodic waveform.

Cycle: The portion of a waveform contained in one period of time. The cycles within T_1 , T_2 , and T_3 in Fig. 13.3 may appear differently in Fig. 13.4, but they are all bounded by one period of time and therefore satisfy the definition of a cycle.

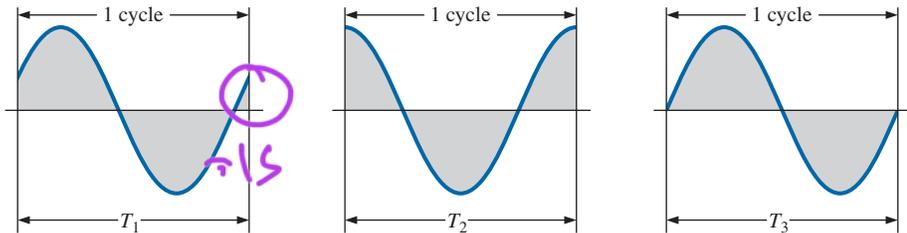


FIG. 13.4

Defining the cycle and period of a sinusoidal waveform.

Frequency (f): The number of cycles that occur in 1 s. The frequency of the waveform in Fig. 13.5(a) is 1 cycle per second, and for Fig. 13.5(b), $2\frac{1}{2}$ cycles per second. If a waveform of similar shape had a period of 0.5 s [Fig. 13.5(c)], the frequency would be 2 cycles per second.



FIG. 13.6

Heinrich Rudolph Hertz.

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German (Hamburg, Berlin, Karlsruhe) (1857–94)

Physicist

Professor of Physics, Karlsruhe Polytechnic and University of Bonn

Spurred on by the earlier predictions of the English physicist James Clerk Maxwell, Heinrich Hertz produced *electromagnetic waves* in his laboratory at the Karlsruhe Polytechnic while in his early 30s. The rudimentary *transmitter* and *receiver* were in essence the first to broadcast and receive radio waves. He was able to measure the *wavelength* of the electromagnetic waves and confirmed that the *velocity of propagation* is in the same order of magnitude as that of light. In addition, he demonstrated that the *reflective* and *refractive* properties of electromagnetic waves are the same as those for heat and light waves. It was indeed unfortunate that such an ingenious, industrious individual should pass away at the very early age of 37 due to a bone disease.

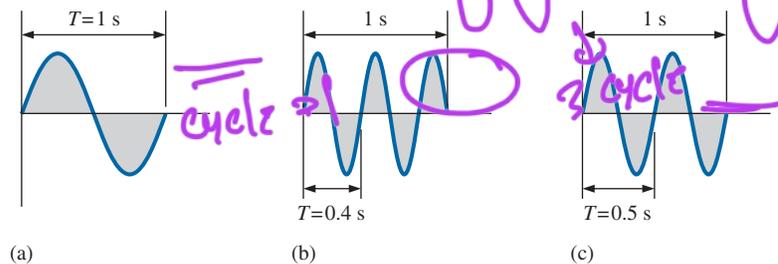


FIG. 13.5

Demonstrating the effect of a changing frequency on the period of a sinusoidal waveform.

The unit of measure for frequency is the *hertz* (Hz), where

$$1 \text{ hertz (Hz)} = 1 \text{ cycle per second (cps)} \quad (13.1)$$

The unit hertz is derived from the surname of Heinrich Rudolph Hertz (Fig. 13.6), who did original research in the area of alternating currents and voltages and their effect on the basic *R*, *L*, and *C* elements. The frequency standard for North America is 60 Hz, whereas for Europe it is predominantly 50 Hz.

As with all standards, any variation from the norm will cause difficulties. In 1993, Berlin, Germany, received all its power from plants generating ac voltages whose output frequency was varying between 50.03 Hz and 51 Hz. The result was that clocks were gaining as much as 4 minutes a day. Alarms went off too soon, VCRs clicked off before the end of the program, and so on, requiring that clocks be continually reset. In 1994, however, when power was linked with the rest of Europe, the precise standard of 50 Hz was reestablished and everyone was on time again.



EXAMPLE 13.1 For the sinusoidal waveform in Fig. 13.7.

- What is the peak value?
- What is the instantaneous value at 0.3 s and 0.6 s?
- What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?
- What is the period of the waveform?
- How many cycles are shown?
- What is the frequency of the waveform?

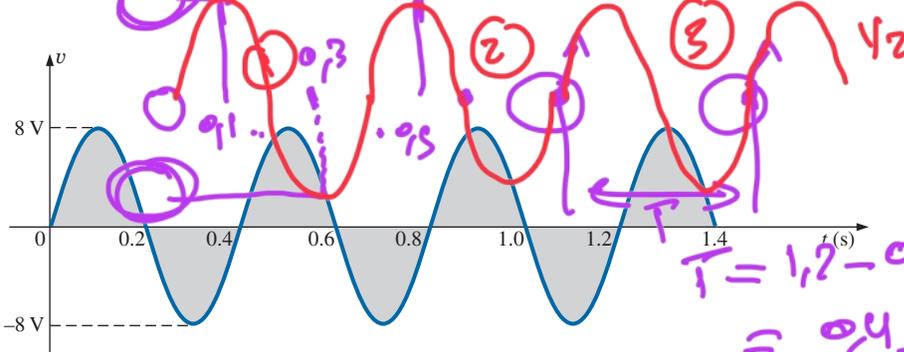


FIG. 13.7
Example 13.1.

Solutions:

- 8 V.
- At 0.3 s, -8 V; at 0.6 s, 0 V.
- 16 V.
- 0.4 s.
- 3.5 cycles.
- 2.5 cps, or 2.5 Hz.

13.3 FREQUENCY SPECTRUM

Using a log scale (described in detail in Chapter 21), we can examine a frequency spectrum from 1 Hz to 1000 GHz on the same axis, as shown in Fig. 13.8. A number of terms in the various portions of the spectrum are probably familiar to you from everyday experiences. Note that the audio range (human ear) extends from only 15 Hz to 20 kHz, but the transmission of radio signals can occur between 3 kHz and 300 GHz. The uniform process of defining the intervals of the radio-frequency spectrum from VLF to EHF is quite evident from the length of the bars in the figure (although keep in mind that it is a log scale, so the frequencies encompassed within each segment are quite different). Other frequencies of particular interest (TV, CB, microwave, and so on) are also included for reference purposes. Although it is numerically easy to talk about frequencies in the megahertz and gigahertz range, keep in mind that a frequency of 100 MHz, for instance, represents a sinusoidal waveform that passes through 100,000,000 cycles in only 1 s—an incredible number when we compare it to the 60 Hz of our conventional power sources.

Due to the wide variety of demands for specific frequency bands for applications such as cell phones, Wi-Fi, GPS, Bluetooth, ham radio, satellite TV, garage door openers, and so on, regulations must be set by the government to control the use of the frequency spectrum that is

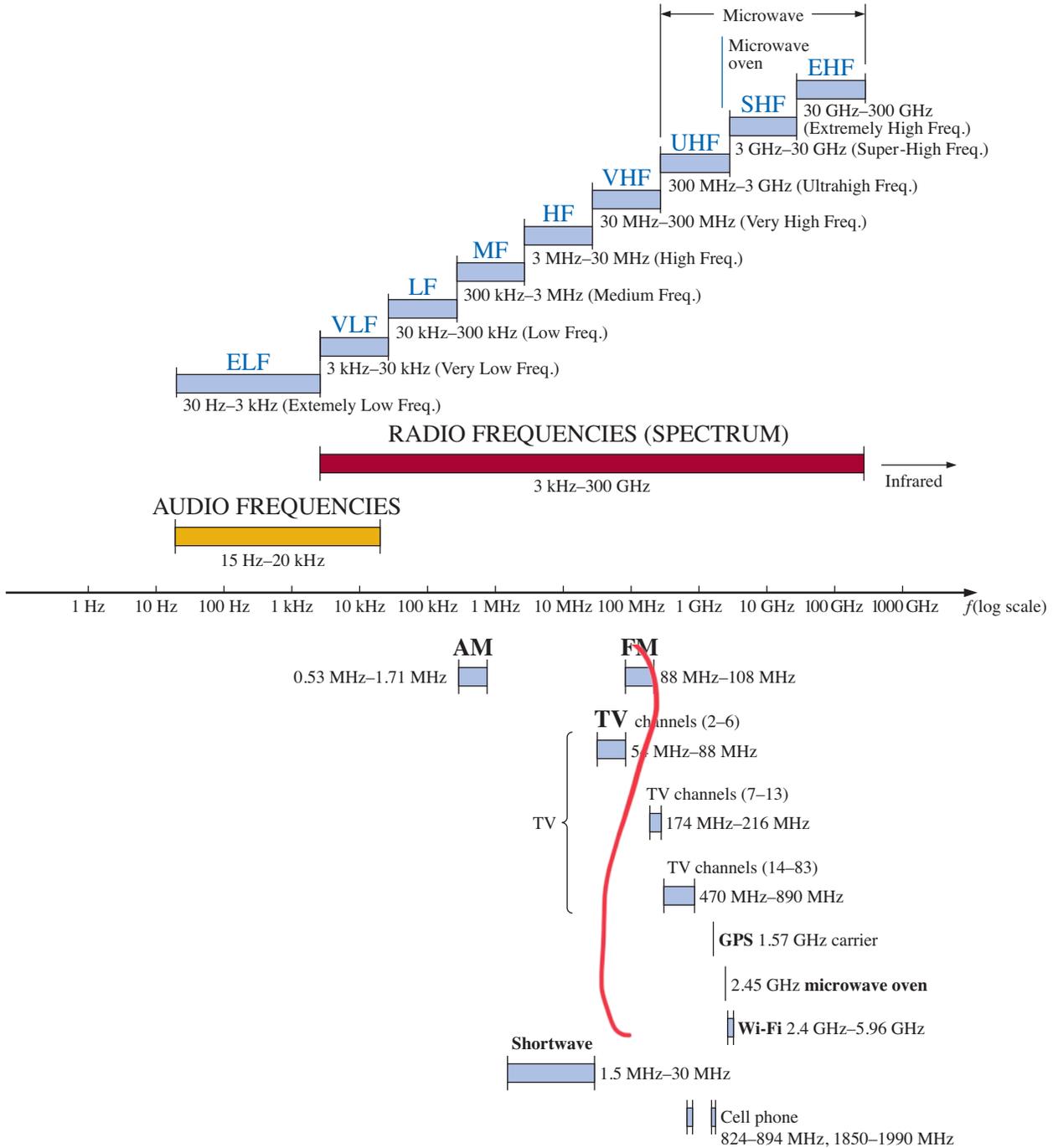


FIG. 13.8

Areas of application for specific frequency bands.

available for telecommunications. In fact, there is an International Telecommunications Union (UTC) whose primary function is to coordinate the use of specific frequencies on an international basis. In 2014, the search for Malaysia Airlines’ flight 370 involved listening for pings at 37.5 kHz—an international standard for the black box carried in commercial airlines. The aircraft emergency frequency reserved solely for planes in distress is 121.5 MHz for commercial airlines and 243.0 MHz



TABLE 13.1
Prominent Frequencies

15 Hz–20 kHz	Audio range (human ear)
50 Hz	Power distribution frequency in Europe, Asia, Australia, and so on, and clock construction
60 Hz	Power distribution frequency in North America and South America and clock construction
32,768 Hz	Crystal oscillator for clock construction
37.5 kHz	Black box ping frequency for airlines
0.53–1.71 MHz	AM radio
54–890 MHz	TV
88–108 MHz	FM radio
121.5 MHz	Aircraft distress frequency
130.167 MHz	Space station
156.8 MHz	Marine distress frequency
243.0 MHz	Military aircraft distress frequency
850 MHz, 1.9 GHz	Prominent mobile communications frequencies
1.57 GHz	GPS
2.4, 3.6, 4.16, 5, 5.96 GHz	Wi-Fi frequencies

for military aircraft. For marine purposes the VHF radio channel 16 at 156.8 MHz is employed. By simply tuning into these frequencies an aircraft or vessel can quickly send out a distress signal. Any inappropriate use of such frequencies would carry a severe penalty for obvious reasons. Bands of frequencies set up solely for mobile communications include 806–960 MHz, 710–2025 MHz, 2110–2200 MHz, and 2500–2690 MHz, although the most common are the bands of 824–896 MHz and 1850–1990 MHz, often referred to as the 850 MHz and the 1.9 GHz bands. Both bands are commonly used by AT&T and Verizon. Table 13.1 is a brief review of prominent frequencies.

Since the frequency is inversely related to the period—that is, as one increases, the other decreases by an equal amount—the two can be related by the following equation:

$$f = \frac{1}{T} \quad \begin{array}{l} f = \text{Hz} \\ T = \text{seconds (s)} \end{array} \quad (13.2)$$

or

$$T = \frac{1}{f} \quad (13.3)$$

EXAMPLE 13.2 Find the period of periodic waveform with a frequency of

- 60 Hz.
- 1000 Hz.

Solutions:

a. $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{60 \text{ Hz}} \cong 0.01667 \text{ s}$ or **16.67 ms**
(a recurring value since 60 Hz is so prevalent)

b. $T = \frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{1000 \text{ Hz}} = 10^{-3} \text{ s} = \mathbf{1 \text{ ms}}$

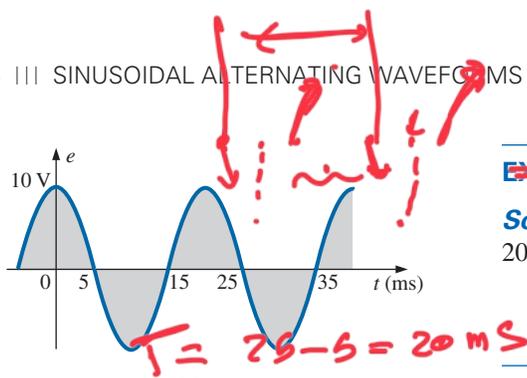


FIG. 13.9
 Example 13.3
 $T = 25 - 5 = 20 \text{ ms}$
 $f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{0.020 \text{ s}} = 50 \text{ Hz}$

EXAMPLE 13.3 Determine the frequency of the waveform in Fig. 13.9.

Solution: From the figure, $T = (25 \text{ ms} - 5 \text{ ms})$ or $(35 \text{ ms} - 15 \text{ ms}) = 20 \text{ ms}$, and

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{20 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}} = 50 \text{ Hz}$$

In Fig. 13.10, the seismogram resulting from a seismometer near an earthquake is displayed. Prior to the disturbance, the waveform has a relatively steady level, but as the event is about to occur, the frequency begins to increase along with the amplitude. Finally, the earthquake occurs, and the frequency and the amplitude increase dramatically. In other words, the relative frequencies can be determined simply by looking at the tightness of the waveform and the associated period. The change in amplitude is immediately obvious from the resulting waveform. The fact that the earthquake lasts for only a few minutes is clear from the horizontal scale.

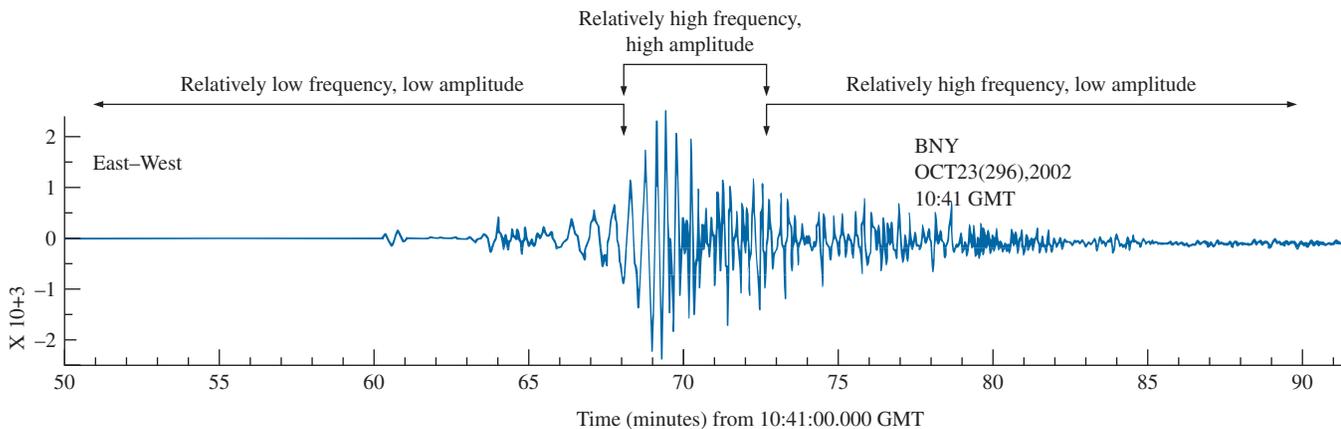


FIG. 13.10

Seismogram from station BNY (Binghamton University) in New York due to magnitude 6.7 earthquake in Central Alaska that occurred at 63.62°N , 148.04°W , with a depth of 10 km, on Wednesday, October 23, 2002.

ADC

Defined Polarities and Direction

You may be wondering how a polarity for a voltage or a direction for a current can be established if the waveform moves back and forth from the positive to the negative region. For a period of time, a voltage has one polarity, while for the next equal period it reverses. To take care of this problem, a positive sign is applied if the voltage is above the axis, as shown in Fig. 13.11(a). For a current source, the direction in the symbol corresponds with the positive region of the waveform, as shown in Fig. 13.11(b).

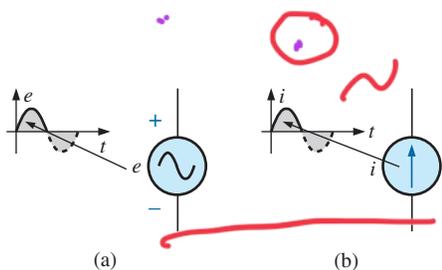


FIG. 13.11

(a) Sinusoidal ac voltage sources; (b) sinusoidal current sources.

For any quantity that will not change with time, an uppercase letter such as V or I is used. For expressions that are time dependent or that represent a particular instant of time, a lowercase letter such as e or i is used.

The need for defining polarities and current direction becomes quite obvious when we consider multisource ac networks. Note in the last sentence the absence of the term *sinusoidal* before the phrase *ac networks*. This phrase will be used to an increasing degree as we progress; *sinusoidal* is to be understood unless otherwise indicated.



13.4 THE SINUSOIDAL WAVEFORM

The terms defined in the previous section can be applied to any type of periodic waveform, whether smooth or discontinuous. The sinusoidal waveform is of particular importance, however, since it lends itself readily to the mathematics and the physical phenomena associated with electric circuits. Consider the power of the following statement:

The sinusoidal waveform is the only alternating waveform whose shape is unaffected by the response characteristics of R, L, and C elements.

In other words, if the voltage across (or current through) a resistor, inductor, or capacitor is sinusoidal in nature, the resulting current (or voltage, respectively) for each will also have sinusoidal characteristics, as shown in Fig. 13.12. If any other alternating waveform such as a square wave or a triangular wave were applied, such would not be the case.

The unit of measurement for the horizontal axis can be **time** (as appearing in the figures thus far), **degrees**, or **radians**. The term **radian** can be defined as follows: If we mark off a portion of the circumference of a circle by a length equal to the radius of the circle, as shown in Fig. 13.13, the angle resulting is called *1 radian*. The result is

$$1 \text{ rad} = 57.296^\circ \cong 57.3^\circ \quad (13.4)$$

where 57.3° is the usual approximation applied.

One full circle has 2π radians, as shown in Fig. 13.14. That is,

$$2\pi \text{ rad} = 360^\circ \quad (13.5)$$

so that $2\pi = 2(3.142) = 6.28$

and $2\pi(57.3^\circ) = 6.28(57.3^\circ) = 359.84^\circ \cong 360^\circ$

A number of electrical formulas contain a multiplier of π . For this reason, it is sometimes preferable to measure angles in radians rather than in degrees.

The quantity π is the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

π has been determined to an extended number of places, primarily in an attempt to see if a repetitive sequence of numbers appears. It does not. A sampling of the effort appears below:

$$\pi = 3.14159\ 26535\ 89793\ 23846\ 26433\ \dots$$

Although the approximation $\pi \cong 3.14$ is often applied, all the calculations in the text use the π function as provided on all scientific calculators.

The units of measurement Degrees and Radians, are related as shown in Fig. 13.14. The conversions equations between the two are the following:

$$\text{Radians} = \left(\frac{\pi}{180^\circ} \right) \times (\text{degrees}) \quad (13.6)$$

$$\text{Degrees} = \left(\frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \right) \times (\text{radians}) \quad (13.7)$$

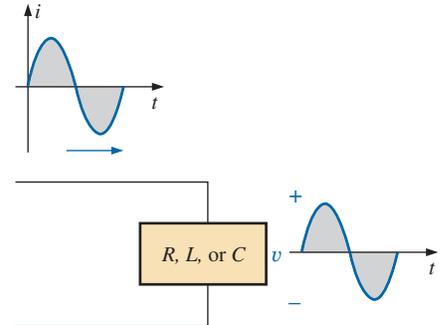


FIG. 13.12

The sine wave is the only alternating waveform whose shape is not altered by the response characteristics of a pure resistor, inductor, or capacitor.

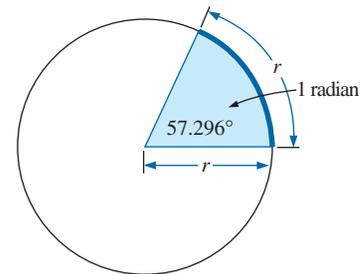
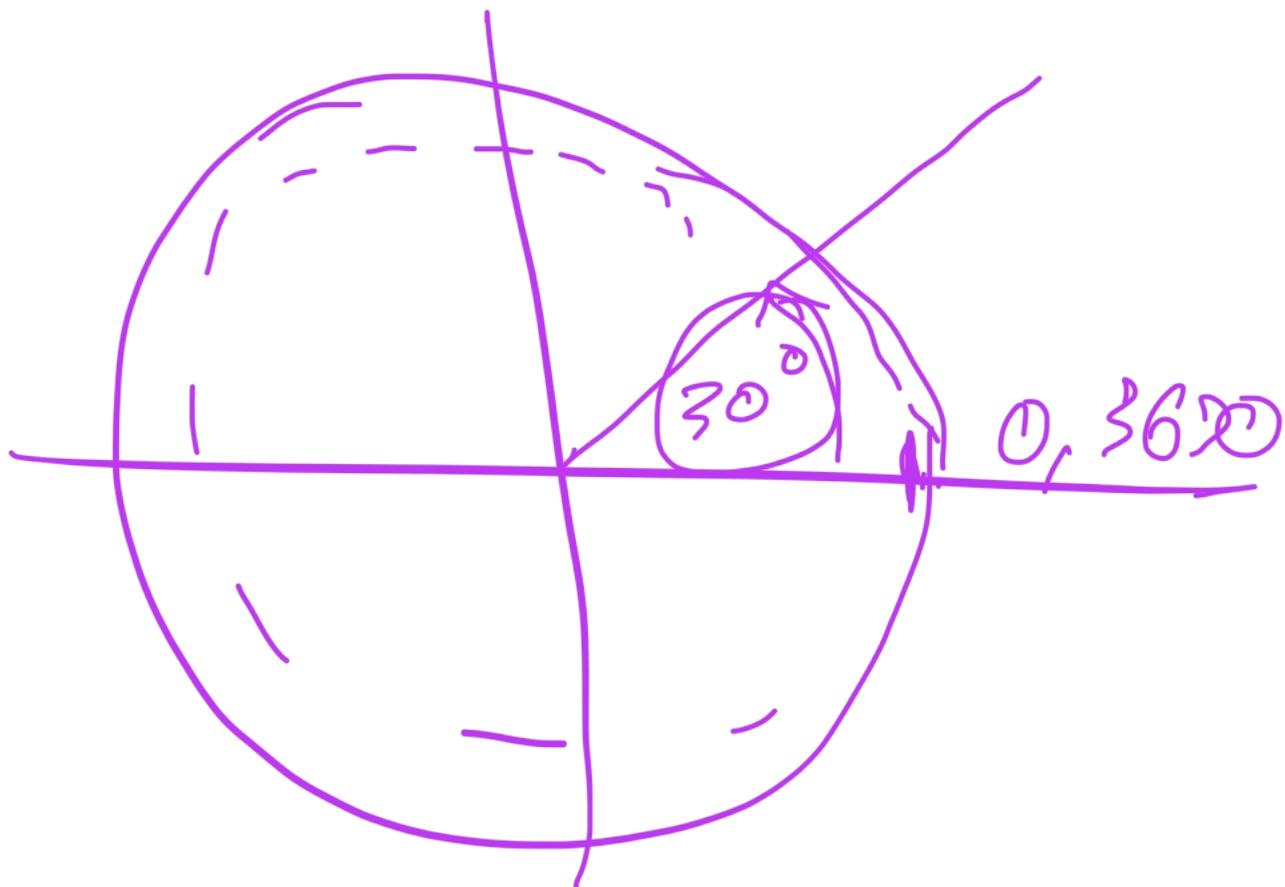


FIG. 13.13

Defining the radian.

$$\frac{\pi}{180} \times \text{Rad}$$

$$180 \times \pi \div \dots \text{degs}$$



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الزَّوَايَا

Degree

$$= 30^{\circ}$$

رُكُودٌ

$$30 \times \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

0 → 360°
لِقَاعَةُ الدَّائِرَةِ

0 → 2π
لِقَاعَةُ الدَّائِرَةِ

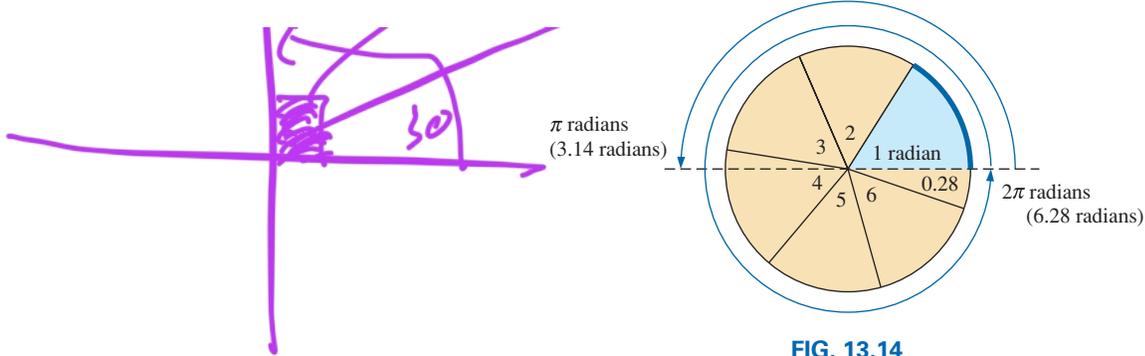


FIG. 13.14

There are 2π radians in one full circle of 360° .

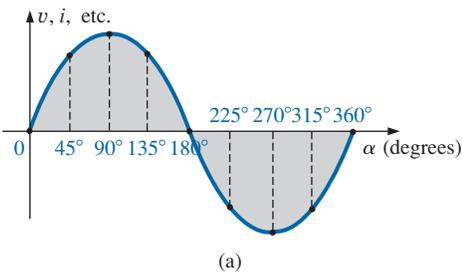
Applying these equations, we find

$$90^\circ: \text{Radians} = \frac{\pi}{180^\circ}(90^\circ) = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ rad}$$

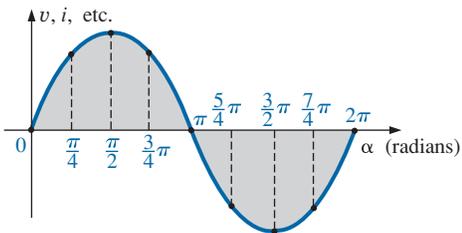
$$30^\circ: \text{Radians} = \frac{\pi}{180^\circ}(30^\circ) = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ rad}$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3} \text{ rad}: \text{Degrees} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \left(\frac{\pi}{3} \right) = 60^\circ$$

$$\frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ rad}: \text{Degrees} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi} \left(\frac{3\pi}{2} \right) = 270^\circ$$



(a)



(b)

FIG. 13.15

Plotting a sine wave versus (a) degrees and (b) radians.

For comparison purposes, two sinusoidal voltages are plotted in Fig. 13.15 using degrees and radians as the units of measurement for the horizontal axis.

It is of particular interest that the sinusoidal waveform can be derived from the length of the *vertical projection* of a radius vector rotating in a uniform circular motion about a fixed point. Starting as shown in Fig. 13.16(a) and plotting the amplitude (above and below zero) on the coordinates drawn to the right [Figs. 13.16(b) through (i)], we will trace a complete sinusoidal waveform after the radius vector has completed a 360° rotation about the center.

The velocity with which the radius vector rotates about the center, called the **angular velocity**, can be determined from the following equation:

$$\text{Angular velocity} = \frac{\text{distance (degrees or radians)}}{\text{time (seconds)}} \quad (13.8)$$

Substituting into Eq. (13.8) and assigning the lowercase Greek letter *omega* (ω) to the angular velocity, we have

$$\omega = \frac{\alpha}{t} \quad (13.9)$$

$$\text{and} \quad \alpha = \omega t \quad (13.10)$$

Since ω is typically provided in radians per second, the angle α obtained using Eq. (13.10) is usually in radians. If α is required in degrees, Eq. (13.7) must be applied. The importance of remembering the above will become obvious in the examples to follow.

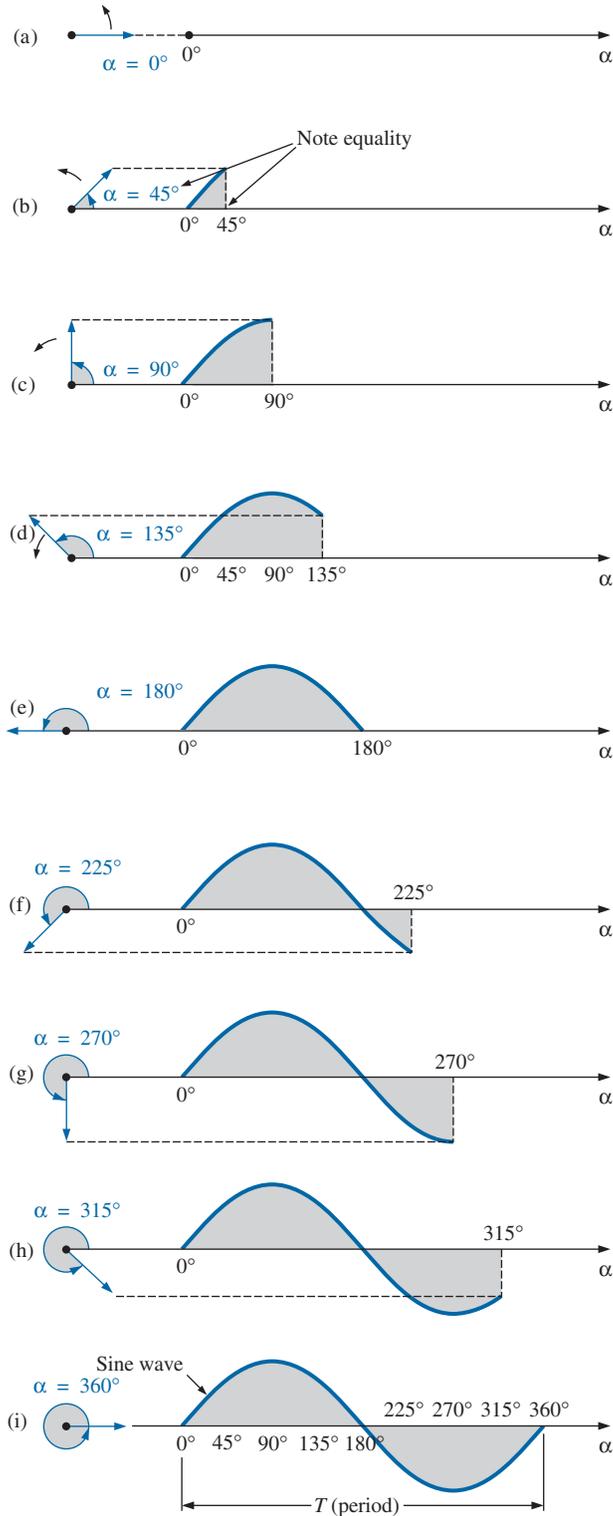


FIG. 13.16

Generating a sinusoidal waveform through the vertical projection of a rotating vector.



In Fig. 13.16, the time required to complete one revolution is equal to the period (T) of the sinusoidal waveform in Fig. 13.16(i). The radians subtended in this time interval are 2π . Substituting, we have

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T} \quad (\text{rad/s}) \quad (13.11)$$

In words, this equation states that the smaller the period of the sinusoidal waveform of Fig. 13.16(i), or the smaller the time interval before one complete cycle is generated, the greater must be the angular velocity of the rotating radius vector. Certainly this statement agrees with what we have learned thus far. We can now go one step further and apply the fact that the frequency of the generated waveform is inversely related to the period of the waveform; that is, $f = 1/T$. Thus,

$$\omega = 2\pi f \quad (\text{rad/s}) \quad (13.12)$$

This equation states that the higher the frequency of the generated sinusoidal waveform, the higher must be the angular velocity. Eqs. (13.11) and (13.12) are verified somewhat by Fig. 13.17, where for the same radius vector, $\omega = 100 \text{ rad/s}$ and 500 rad/s .

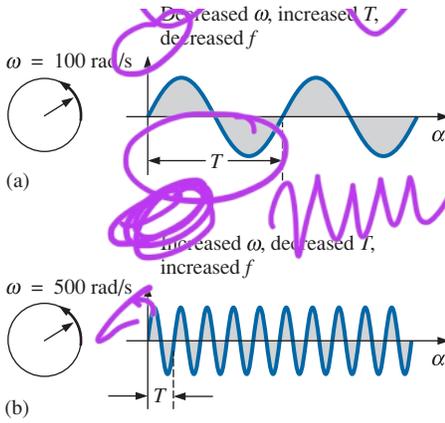


FIG. 13.17
Demonstrating the effect of ω on the frequency and period.

$\omega = 2\pi f$
rad/s

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

$$\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$f = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{500}{2\pi} = 79.57$

$T = \frac{1}{f} = 12.57 \text{ ms}$

EXAMPLE 13.4 Determine the angular velocity of a sine wave having a frequency of 60 Hz.

Solution:

$$\omega = 2\pi f = (2\pi)(60 \text{ Hz}) \cong 377 \text{ rad/s}$$

(a recurring value due to 60 Hz predominance)

EXAMPLE 13.5 Determine the frequency and period of the sine wave in Fig. 13.17(b).

Solution: Since $\omega = 2\pi/T$,

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{500 \text{ rad/s}} = \frac{2\pi \text{ rad}}{500 \text{ rad/s}} = 12.57 \text{ ms}$$

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{12.57 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}} = 79.58 \text{ Hz}$$

EXAMPLE 13.6 Given $\omega = 200 \text{ rad/s}$, determine how long it will take the sinusoidal waveform to pass through an angle of 90° .

Solution: Eq. (13.10): $\alpha = \omega t$, and

$$t = \frac{\alpha}{\omega}$$

However, α must be substituted as $\pi/2 (=90^\circ)$ since ω is in radians per second:

$$t = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} = \frac{\pi/2 \text{ rad}}{200 \text{ rad/s}} = \frac{\pi}{400} \text{ s} = 7.85 \text{ ms}$$

$$\omega = 200 \text{ rad/s}$$

$$\alpha = \omega t \quad (\text{rad})$$

angular
rad/s?

$$f = \frac{\alpha}{\omega}$$

$$f = \frac{90 \times \frac{\pi}{180}}{200}$$

$$f = 7,85 \text{ Hz}$$



EXAMPLE 13.7 Find the angle through which a sinusoidal waveform of 60 Hz will pass in a period of 5 ms.

Solution: Eq. (13.11): $\alpha = \omega t$, or

$$\alpha = 2\pi ft = (2\pi)(60 \text{ Hz})(5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}) = \mathbf{1.89 \text{ rad}}$$

If not careful, you might be tempted to interpret the answer as 1.885° . However,

$$\alpha(^{\circ}) = \frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi \text{ rad}}(1.89 \text{ rad}) = \mathbf{108.3^{\circ}}$$

13.5 GENERAL FORMAT FOR THE SINUSOIDAL VOLTAGE OR CURRENT

The basic mathematical format for the sinusoidal waveform is

$$A_m \sin \alpha \quad (13.13)$$

where A_m is the peak value of the waveform and α is the unit of measure for the horizontal axis, as shown in Fig. 13.18.

The equation $\alpha = \omega t$ states that the angle α through which the rotating vector in Fig. 13.16 will pass is determined by the angular velocity of the rotating vector and the length of time the vector rotates. For example, for a particular angular velocity (fixed ω), the longer the radius vector is permitted to rotate (that is, the greater the value of t), the greater is the number of degrees or radians through which the vector will pass. Relating this statement to the sinusoidal waveform, we have that, for a particular angular velocity, the longer the time, the greater is the number of cycles shown. For a fixed time interval, the greater is the angular velocity, the greater is the number of cycles generated.

Due to Eq. (13.10), the general format of a sine wave can also be written

$$A_m \sin \omega t \quad (13.14)$$

with ωt as the horizontal unit of measure.

For electrical quantities such as current and voltage, the general format is

$$\begin{aligned} i &= I_m \sin \omega t = I_m \sin \alpha \\ e &= E_m \sin \omega t = E_m \sin \alpha \end{aligned}$$

where the capital letters with the subscript m represent the amplitude, and the lowercase letters i and e represent the instantaneous value of current and voltage, respectively, at any time t . This format is particularly important because it presents the sinusoidal voltage or current as a function of time, which is the horizontal scale for the oscilloscope. Recall that the horizontal sensitivity of a scope is in time per division, not degrees per centimeter.

EXAMPLE 13.8 Given $e = 5 \sin \alpha$, determine e at $\alpha = 40^\circ$ and $\alpha = 0.8\pi$.

Solution: For $\alpha = 40^\circ$,

$$e = 5 \sin 40^\circ = 5(0.6428) = \mathbf{3.21 \text{ V}}$$

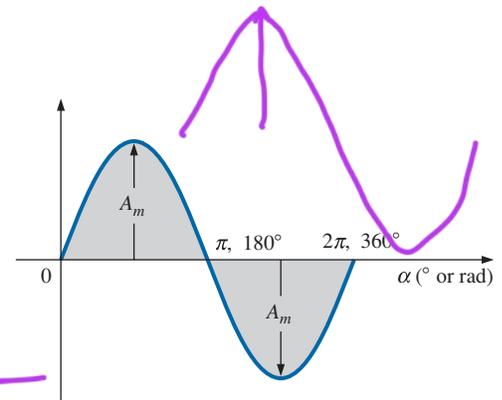


FIG. 13.18
Basic sinusoidal function.

$$f = 60 \text{ Hz}$$

$$t = 5 \text{ ms}$$

Ex 13.7

$$\alpha = \omega t$$

(rad)

$$\alpha = 2\pi f t$$

Rad

$$\alpha = 2\pi \times 60 \times 5 \times 10^{-3}$$

$$\alpha = 1.884 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha = 1.884 \times \frac{180}{\pi} \text{ degree}$$

$$\alpha = 108^\circ \text{ degree}$$

Ex 13.8

$$e = 5 \sin \alpha$$

[1] $\alpha = 40^\circ \rightarrow$ degree

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$$e = 5 \sin(40)$$

$$= 3.21$$

Degree

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[2] $\alpha = 0.8 \pi$

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Rad

$$e = 5 \sin(0.8\pi)$$

$\pi \rightarrow$ rad

$$= 2.94$$

1.9 rad



For $\alpha = 0.8\pi$,

$$\alpha(^{\circ}) = \frac{180^{\circ}}{\pi}(0.8\pi) = 144^{\circ}$$

and $e = 5 \sin 144^{\circ} = 5(0.5878) = \mathbf{2.94 \text{ V}}$

The angle at which a particular voltage level is attained can be determined by rearranging the equation

$$e = E_m \sin \alpha$$

in the following manner:

$$\sin \alpha = \frac{e}{E_m}$$

which can be written

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{e}{E_m} \quad (13.15)$$

Similarly, for a particular current level,

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1} \frac{i}{I_m} \quad (13.16)$$

EXAMPLE 13.9

- Determine the angle at which the magnitude of the sinusoidal function $v = 10 \sin 377t$ is 4 V.
- Determine the time at which the magnitude is attained.

Solutions:

- Eq. (13.15):

$$\alpha_1 = \sin^{-1} \frac{v}{E_m} = \sin^{-1} \frac{4 \text{ V}}{10 \text{ V}} = \sin^{-1} 0.4 = \mathbf{23.58^{\circ}}$$

However, Fig. 13.19 reveals that the magnitude of 4 V (positive) will be attained at two points between 0° and 180° . The second intersection is determined by

$$\alpha_2 = 180^{\circ} - 23.578^{\circ} = \mathbf{156.42^{\circ}}$$

In general, therefore, keep in mind that Eqs. (13.15) and (13.16) will provide an angle with a magnitude between 0° and 90° .

- Eq. (13.10): $\alpha = \omega t$, and so $t = \alpha/\omega$. However, α must be in radians. Thus,

$$\alpha(\text{rad}) = \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}}(23.578^{\circ}) = 0.412 \text{ rad}$$

$$\text{and } t_1 = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} = \frac{0.412 \text{ rad}}{377 \text{ rad/s}} = \mathbf{1.09 \text{ ms}}$$

For the second intersection,

$$\alpha(\text{rad}) = \frac{\pi}{180^{\circ}}(156.422^{\circ}) = 2.73 \text{ rad}$$

$$t_2 = \frac{\alpha}{\omega} = \frac{2.73 \text{ rad}}{377 \text{ rad/s}} = \mathbf{7.24 \text{ ms}}$$

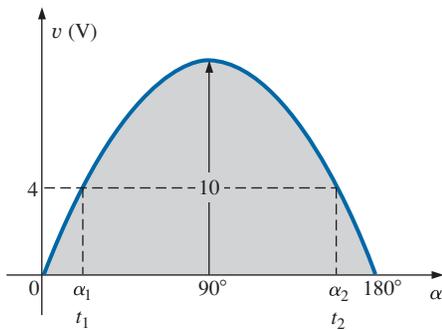
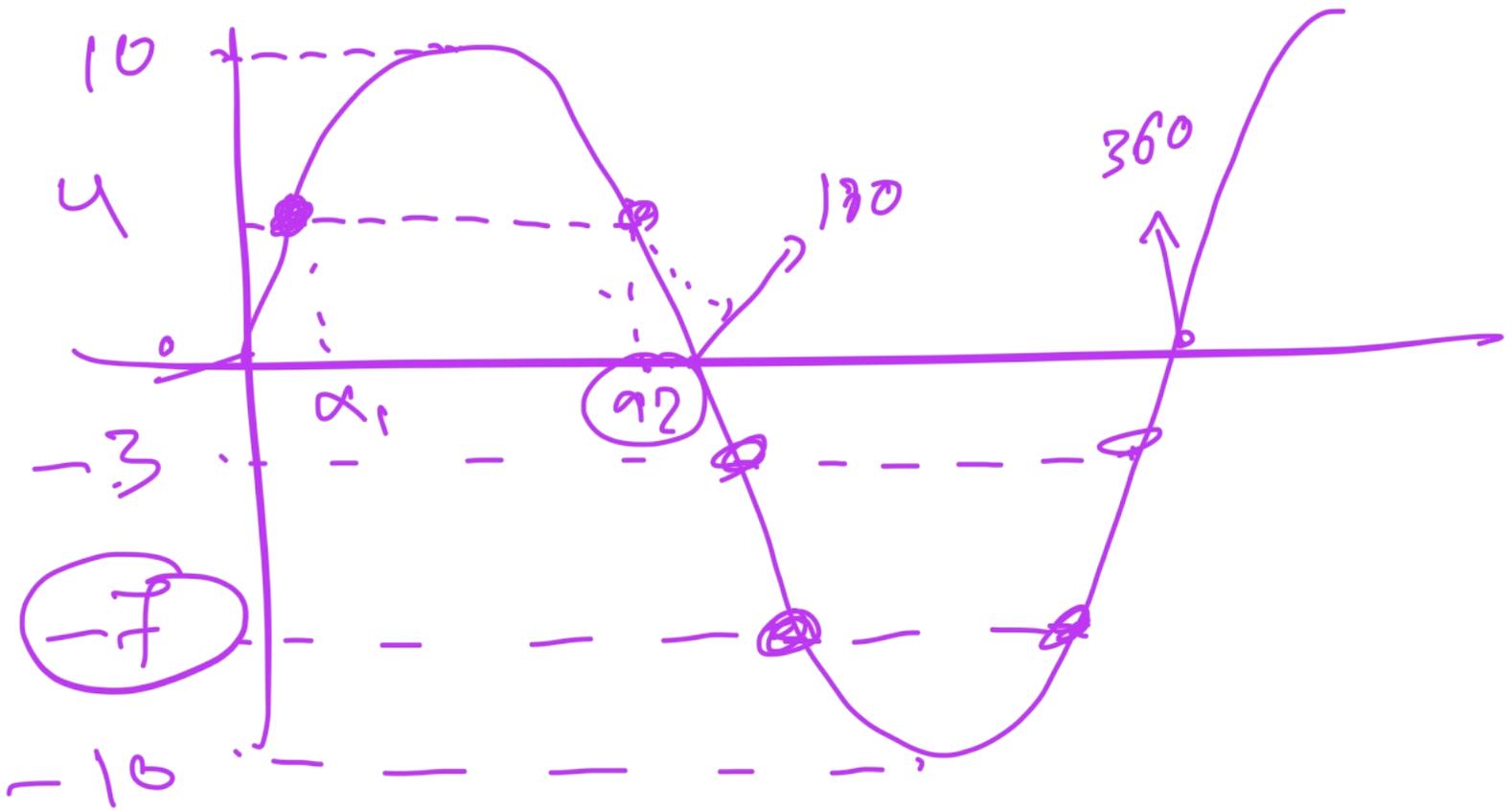


FIG. 13.19
Example 13.9.

Ex B, a

$v = 10 \sin 377t$



a) $\Rightarrow 4V \leftarrow$

$\frac{4}{10} = \frac{10}{10} \cdot \sin \boxed{377t}$

$0.4 = \sin^{-1} \sin 377t$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin^{-1}(0.4)}{377} = \frac{377t}{377}$$

$$t = \frac{\sin^{-1}(0.4)}{377} \quad \boxed{\text{rad}}$$

$$t_1 = 1.009 \text{ ms}$$

$$\alpha = \omega t_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{10} = \frac{10 \text{ Sm}(\alpha)}{10}$$

$$\sin^{-1} 0.4 = \sin(\alpha) \rightarrow \alpha_1$$

$$\alpha_1 = \sin^{-1}(0,4) = 23,58^\circ$$

$$D, R = \omega t_1$$

$$\alpha_2 = 180 - \alpha_1 = 180 - 23,58$$

$$\alpha_2 = 156,42^\circ = \omega t_2$$

$$t_2 = \frac{\alpha_2}{\omega} = \frac{156,42 \text{ degree} \times \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ rad}}{377}$$

$$t_2 = 7,24 \text{ ms}$$



Calculator Operations

Both \sin and \sin^{-1} are available on all scientific calculators. You can also use them to work with the angle in degrees or radians without having to convert from one form to the other. That is, if the angle is in radians and the mode setting is for radians, you can enter the radian measure directly.

To set the DEGREE mode, proceed as outlined in Fig. 13.20(a) using the TI-89 calculator. The magnitude of the voltage e at 40° can then be found using the sequence in Fig. 13.20(b).

HOME **ENTER** **MODE** \downarrow Angle DEGREE **ENTER** **ENTER**
(a)

5 **x** **2ND** SIN **4** **0** **)** **ENTER** 3.21
(b)

FIG. 13.20

(a) Setting the DEGREE mode; (b) evaluating $5 \sin 40^\circ$.

After establishing the RADIAN mode, the sequence in Fig. 13.21 determines the voltage at 0.8π .

5 **x** **2ND** SIN **0** **.** **8** **2ND** π **)** **ENTER** 2.94

FIG. 13.21

Finding $e = 5 \sin 0.8\pi$ using the calculator in the RADIAN mode.

Finally, the angle in degrees for α_1 in part (a) of Example 13.9 can be determined by the sequence in Fig. 13.22 with the mode set in degrees, whereas the angle in radians for part (a) of Example 13.9 can be determined by the sequence in Fig. 13.23 with the mode set in radians.

\diamond \sin^{-1} **4** **÷** **1** **0** **)** **ENTER** 23.60

FIG. 13.22

Finding $\alpha_1 = \sin^{-1}(4/10)$ using the calculator in the DEGREE mode.

\diamond \sin^{-1} **4** **÷** **1** **0** **)** **ENTER** 0.41

FIG. 13.23

Finding $\alpha_1 = \sin^{-1}(4/10)$ using the calculator in the RADIAN mode.

The sinusoidal waveform can also be plotted against *time* on the horizontal axis. The time period for each interval can be determined from $t = \alpha/\omega$, but the most direct route is simply to find the period T from $T = 1/f$ and break it up into the required intervals. This latter technique is demonstrated in Example 13.10.

Before reviewing the example, take special note of the relative simplicity of the mathematical equation that can represent a sinusoidal waveform. Any alternating waveform whose characteristics differ from those of the sine wave cannot be represented by a single term, but may require two, four, six, or perhaps an infinite number of terms to be represented accurately.

EXAMPLE 13.10 Sketch $e = 10 \sin 314t$ with the abscissa

- angle (α) in degrees.
- angle (α) in radians.
- time (t) in seconds.

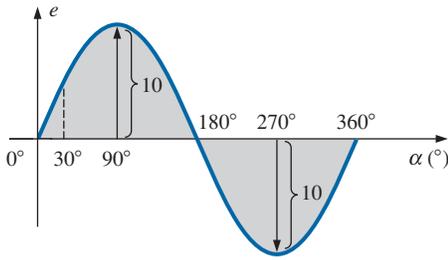


FIG. 13.24

Example 13.10, horizontal axis in degrees.

Solutions:

- a. See Fig. 13.24. (Note that no calculations are required.)
- b. See Fig. 13.25. (Once the relationship between degrees and radians is understood, no calculations are required.)
- c. See Fig. 13.26.

$$360^\circ: \quad T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = \frac{2\pi}{314} = 20 \text{ ms}$$

$$180^\circ: \quad \frac{T}{2} = \frac{20 \text{ ms}}{2} = 10 \text{ ms}$$

$$90^\circ: \quad \frac{T}{4} = \frac{20 \text{ ms}}{4} = 5 \text{ ms}$$

$$30^\circ: \quad \frac{T}{12} = \frac{20 \text{ ms}}{12} = 1.67 \text{ ms}$$

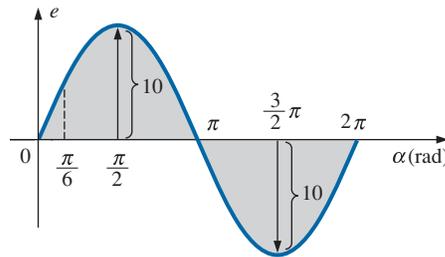


FIG. 13.25

Example 13.10, horizontal axis in radians.

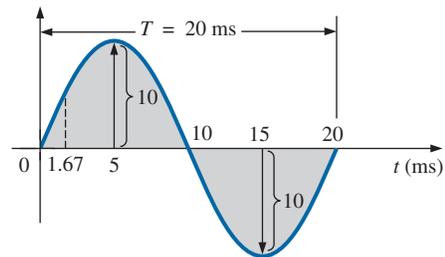


FIG. 13.26

Example 13.10, horizontal axis in milliseconds.

EXAMPLE 13.11 Given $i = 6 \times 10^{-3} \sin 1000t$, determine i at $t = 2$ ms.

Solution:

$$\alpha = \omega t = 1000t = (1000 \text{ rad/s})(2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ s}) = 2 \text{ rad}$$

$$\alpha(^\circ) = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi \text{ rad}}(2 \text{ rad}) = 114.59^\circ$$

$$i = (6 \times 10^{-3})(\sin 114.59^\circ) = (6 \text{ mA})(0.9093) = \mathbf{5.46 \text{ mA}}$$

13.6 PHASE RELATIONS

Thus far, we have considered only sine waves that have maxima at $\pi/2$ and $3\pi/2$, with a zero value at $0, \pi$, and 2π , as shown in Fig. 13.25. If the waveform is shifted to the right or left of 0° , the expression becomes

$$A_m \sin(\omega t \pm \theta) \tag{13.17}$$

where θ is the angle in degrees or radians that the waveform has been shifted.

If the waveform passes through the horizontal axis with a *positive-going* (increasing with time) slope *before* 0° , as shown in Fig. 13.27, the expression is

$$A_m \sin(\omega t + \theta) \tag{13.18}$$

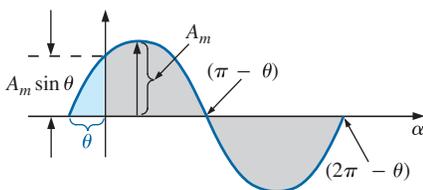


FIG. 13.27

Defining the phase shift for a sinusoidal function that crosses the horizontal axis with a positive slope before 0° .

Ex 13.11

$$I^n = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sin } 1000t$$

$$I^n \rightarrow i = 2 \text{ mA}$$

$$I^n = 6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ sin } (1000 \times 2 \times 10^{-3})$$

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$$I^n = 5,46 \text{ mA}$$



At $\omega t = \alpha = 0^\circ$, the magnitude is determined by $A_m \sin \theta$. If the waveform passes through the horizontal axis with a positive-going slope after 0° , as shown in Fig. 13.28, the expression is

$$A_m \sin(\omega t - \theta) \tag{13.19}$$

Finally, at $\omega t = \alpha = 0^\circ$, the magnitude is $A_m \sin(-\theta)$, which, by a trigonometric identity, is $-A_m \sin \theta$.

If the waveform crosses the horizontal axis with a positive-going slope $90^\circ (\pi/2)$ sooner, as shown in Fig. 13.29, it is called a *cosine wave*; that is,

$$\sin(\omega t + 90^\circ) = \sin\left(\omega t + \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \omega t \tag{13.20}$$

or

$$\sin \omega t = \cos(\omega t - 90^\circ) = \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \tag{13.21}$$

The terms **leading** and **lagging** are used to indicate the relationship between two sinusoidal waveforms of the *same frequency* plotted on the same set of axes. In Fig. 13.29, the cosine curve is said to *lead* the sine curve by 90° , and the sine curve is said to *lag* the cosine curve by 90° . The 90° is referred to as the phase angle between the two waveforms. In language commonly applied, the waveforms are *out of phase* by 90° . Note that the phase angle between the two waveforms is measured between those two points on the horizontal axis through which each passes with the *same slope*. If both waveforms cross the axis at the same point with the *same slope*, they are *in phase*.

The geometric relationship between various forms of the sine and cosine functions can be derived from Fig. 13.30. For instance, starting at the $+\sin \alpha$ position, we find that $+\cos \alpha$ is an additional 90° in the counterclockwise direction. Therefore, $\cos \alpha = \sin(\alpha + 90^\circ)$. For $-\sin \alpha$ we must travel 180° in the counterclockwise (or clockwise) direction so that $-\sin \alpha = \sin(\alpha \pm 180^\circ)$, and so on, as listed below:

$$\begin{aligned} \cos \alpha &= \sin(\alpha + 90^\circ) \\ \sin \alpha &= \cos(\alpha - 90^\circ) \\ -\sin \alpha &= \sin(\alpha \pm 180^\circ) \\ -\cos \alpha &= \sin(\alpha + 270^\circ) = \sin(\alpha - 90^\circ) \\ &\text{etc.} \end{aligned} \tag{13.22}$$

In addition, note that

$$\begin{aligned} \sin(-\alpha) &= -\sin \alpha \\ \cos(-\alpha) &= \cos \alpha \end{aligned} \tag{13.23}$$

If a sinusoidal expression appears as

$$e = -E_m \sin \omega t$$

the negative sign is associated with the sine portion of the expression, not the peak value E_m . In other words, the expression, if not for convenience, would be written

$$e = E_m(-\sin \omega t)$$

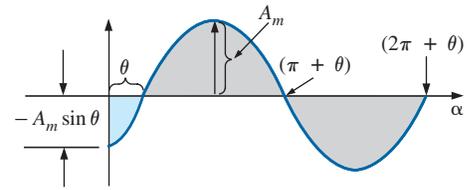


FIG. 13.28

Defining the phase shift for a sinusoidal function that crosses the horizontal axis with a positive slope after 0° .

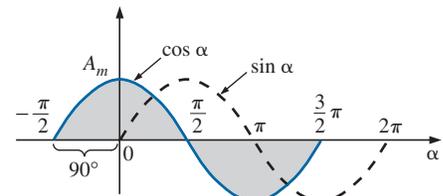


FIG. 13.29

Phase relationship between a sine wave and a cosine wave.

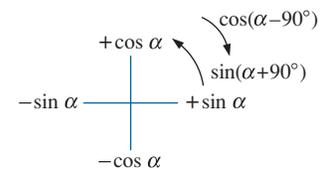


FIG. 13.30

Graphic tool for finding the relationship between specific sine and cosine functions.



Since $-\sin \omega t = \sin(\omega t \pm 180^\circ)$

the expression can also be written

$$e = E_m \sin(\omega t \pm 180^\circ)$$

revealing that a negative sign can be replaced by a 180° change in phase angle (+ or -); that is,

$$e = -E_m \sin \omega t = E_m \sin(\omega t + 180^\circ) = E_m \sin(\omega t - 180^\circ)$$

A plot of each will clearly show their equivalence. There are, therefore, two correct mathematical representations for the functions.

The **phase relationship** between two waveforms indicates which one leads or lags the other and by how many degrees or radians.

EXAMPLE 13.12 What is the phase relationship between the sinusoidal waveforms of each of the following sets?

- $v = 10 \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$
 $i = 5 \sin(\omega t + 70^\circ)$
- $i = 15 \sin(\omega t + 60^\circ)$
 $v = 10 \sin(\omega t - 20^\circ)$
- $i = 2 \cos(\omega t + 10^\circ)$
 $v = 3 \sin(\omega t - 10^\circ)$
- $i = -\sin(\omega t + 30^\circ)$
 $v = 2 \sin(\omega t + 10^\circ)$
- $i = -2 \cos(\omega t - 60^\circ)$
 $v = 3 \sin(\omega t - 150^\circ)$

Solutions:

- a. See Fig. 13.31.

i leads v by 40° , or v lags i by 40° .

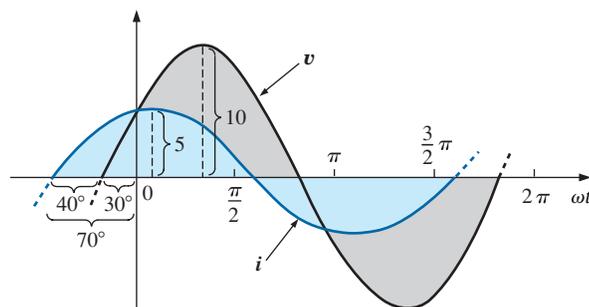


FIG. 13.31

Example 13.12(a): i leads v by 40° .

- b. See Fig. 13.32.

i leads v by 80° , or v lags i by 80° .

- c. See Fig. 13.33.

$$\begin{aligned} i &= 2 \cos(\omega t + 10^\circ) = 2 \sin(\omega t + 10^\circ + 90^\circ) \\ &= 2 \sin(\omega t + 100^\circ) \end{aligned}$$

i leads v by 110° , or v lags i by 110° .

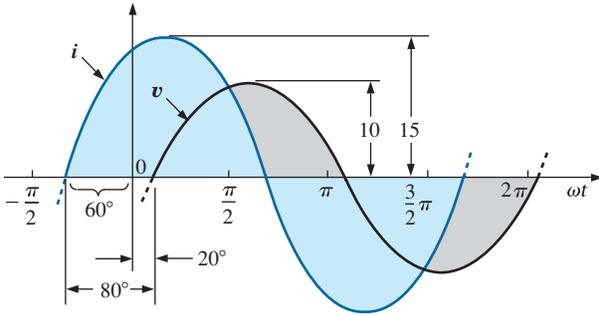


FIG. 13.32

Example 13.12(b): *i* leads *v* by 80°.

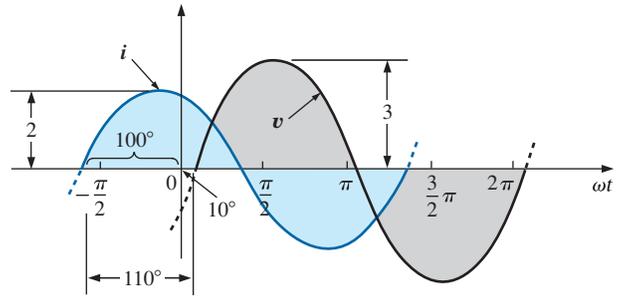


FIG. 13.33

Example 13.12(c): *i* leads *v* by 110°.

d. See Fig. 13.34.

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\sin(\omega t + 30^\circ) &= \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ - 180^\circ) \quad \leftarrow \text{Note} \\
 &= \sin(\omega t - 150^\circ)
 \end{aligned}$$

***v* leads *i* by 160°, or *i* lags *v* by 160°.**

Or using

$$\begin{aligned}
 -\sin(\omega t + 30^\circ) &= \sin(\omega t + 30^\circ + 180^\circ) \quad \leftarrow \text{Note} \\
 &= \sin(\omega t + 210^\circ)
 \end{aligned}$$

***i* leads *v* by 200°, or *v* lags *i* by 200°.**

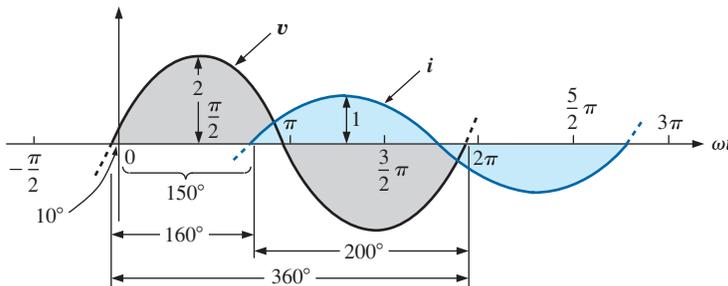


FIG. 13.34

Example 13.12(d): *v* leads *i* by 160°.

e. See Fig. 13.35.

$$\begin{aligned}
 i &= -2 \cos(\omega t - 60^\circ) = 2 \cos(\omega t - 60^\circ - 180^\circ) \quad \leftarrow \text{By choice} \\
 &= 2 \cos(\omega t - 240^\circ)
 \end{aligned}$$

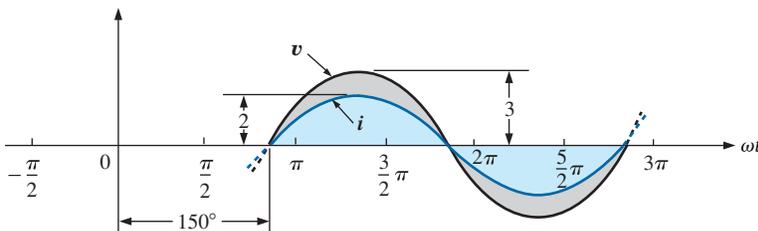


FIG. 13.35

Example 13.12(e): *v* and *i* are in phase.



However, $\cos \alpha = \sin(\alpha + 90^\circ)$

so that $2 \cos(\omega t - 240^\circ) = 2 \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ + 90^\circ)$
 $= 2 \sin(\omega t - 150^\circ)$

***v* and *i* are in phase.**

Function Generators

Function generators are an important component of the typical laboratory setting. The generator of Fig. 13.36 can generate six different outputs; sine, triangular, and square wave, ramp, +pulse, and -pulse, with frequencies extending from 0.5 Hz to 4 MHz. However, as shown in the output listing, it has a maximum amplitude of 20 V_{p-p}. A number of other characteristics are included to demonstrate how the text will cover each in some detail.



MAIN OUTPUT	
Frequency range	0.5 Hz to 4 MHz in six ranges
Waveforms	Six waveforms (sine, square, triangle, ramp, +pulse, -pulse)
Amplitude	20 V _{p-p} into an open (10 V _{p-p} in to 50 Ω)
Attenuator	0 dB, -20 dB (+2%)—Chapter 21
Output impedance	50 Ω (+2%)—Chapter 26
Distortion	<1%, 1 Hz to 100 kHz
Rise/fall time	<60 ns—(Chapter 25)
SYNC OUTPUT	
Rise time	<40 ns—(Chapter 25)
Waveforms	Square, pulse—(Chapter 25)
SWEEP	
Mode	Linear/log sweep—(Chapter 22)
Rate	From 10 ms to 5 s continuously variable
Sweep output	10 V _{p-p} (open)
Output impedance	1 kΩ +2%—Chapter 26

FIG. 13.36

Function generator.
 (Courtesy of B+K Precision)

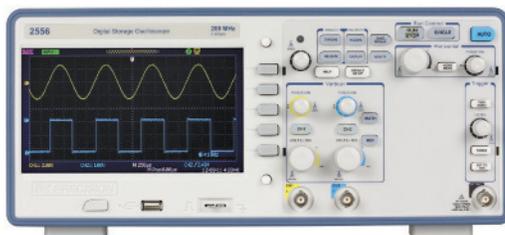


FIG. 13.37

Two-channel digital storage oscilloscope.
 (Courtesy of B+K Precision)

The Oscilloscope

The **oscilloscope** of Fig. 13.37 is an instrument that will display the sinusoidal alternating waveform in a way that will permit the reviewing of all of the waveform's characteristics. In some ways, the screen and the dials give an oscilloscope the appearance of a small TV, but remember that *it can display only what you feed into it*. You can't turn it on and ask for a sine wave, a square wave, and so on; it must be connected to a source or an active circuit to pick up the desired waveform.

The screen has a standard appearance, with 10 horizontal divisions and 8 vertical divisions. The distance between divisions is 1 cm on the vertical



and horizontal scales, providing you with an excellent opportunity to become aware of the length of 1 cm. *The vertical scale is set to display voltage levels, whereas the horizontal scale is always in units of time.* The vertical sensitivity control sets the voltage level for each division, whereas the horizontal sensitivity control sets the time associated with each division. In other words, if the vertical sensitivity is set at 1 V/div., each division displays a 1 V swing, so that a total vertical swing of 8 divisions represents 8 V peak-to-peak. If the horizontal control is set on 10 $\mu\text{s}/\text{div.}$, 4 divisions equal a time period of 40 μs . Remember, the oscilloscope display presents a sinusoidal voltage versus time, not degrees or radians. Further, the vertical scale is always a voltage sensitivity, never units of amperes.

The oscilloscope of Fig. 13.37 is a digital storage scope, where *storage* indicates that it can store waveform in digital form. The digital storage scope (DSO) is the standard for most laboratories today. At the input to the scope, an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) will convert the analog signal into digital at the rate of 250 MSa/s, or 250,000,000 samples per second—an enormous number—capable of picking up any distortion in the waveform.

EXAMPLE 13.13 Find the period, frequency, and peak value of the sinusoidal waveform appearing on the screen of the oscilloscope in Fig. 13.38. Note the sensitivities provided in the figure.

Solution: One cycle spans 4 divisions. Therefore, the period is

$$T = 4 \text{ div.} \left(\frac{50 \mu\text{s}}{\text{div.}} \right) = 200 \mu\text{s}$$

and the frequency is

$$f = \frac{1}{T} = \frac{1}{200 \times 10^{-6} \text{ s}} = 5 \text{ kHz}$$

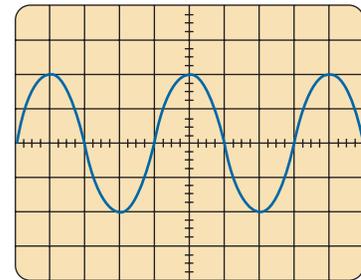
The vertical height above the horizontal axis encompasses 2 divisions. Therefore,

$$V_m = 2 \text{ div.} \left(\frac{0.1 \text{ V}}{\text{div.}} \right) = 0.2 \text{ V}$$

An oscilloscope can also be used to make phase measurements between two sinusoidal waveforms. Virtually all laboratory oscilloscopes today have the dual-trace option, that is, the ability to show two waveforms at the same time. It is important to remember, however, that both waveforms will and must have the same frequency. The hookup procedure for using an oscilloscope to measure phase angles is covered in detail in Section 15.13. However, the equation for determining the phase angle can be introduced using Fig. 13.39.

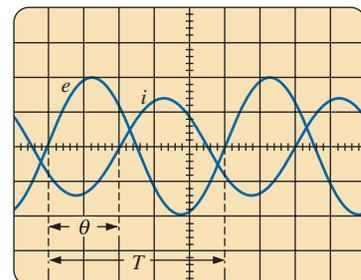
First, note that each sinusoidal function *has the same frequency*, permitting the use of either waveform to determine the period. For the waveform chosen in Fig. 13.39, the period encompasses 5 divisions at 0.2 ms/div. The phase shift between the waveforms (irrespective of which is leading or lagging) is 2 divisions. Since the full period represents a cycle of 360°, the following ratio [from which Eq. (13.24) can be derived] can be formed:

$$\frac{360^\circ}{T (\text{no. of div.})} = \frac{\theta}{\text{phase shift (no. of div.)}}$$



Vertical sensitivity = 0.1 V/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 50 $\mu\text{s}/\text{div.}$

FIG. 13.38
Example 13.13.



Vertical sensitivity = 2 V/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 0.2 ms/div.

FIG. 13.39
Finding the phase angle between waveforms using a dual-trace oscilloscope.



and
$$\theta = \frac{\text{phase shift (no. of div.)}}{T \text{ (no. of div.)}} \times 360^\circ \tag{13.24}$$

Substituting into Eq. (13.24) results in

$$\theta = \frac{(2 \text{ div.})}{(5 \text{ div.})} \times 360^\circ = 144^\circ$$

and e leads i by 144° .

13.7 AVERAGE VALUE

Even though the concept of the **average value** is an important one in most technical fields, its true meaning is often misunderstood. In Fig. 13.40(a), for example, the average height of the sand may be required to determine the volume of sand available. The average height of the sand is that height obtained if the distance from one end to the other is maintained while the sand is leveled off, as shown in Fig. 13.40(b). The area under the mound in Fig. 13.40(a) then equals the area under the rectangular shape in Fig. 13.40(b) as determined by $A = b \times h$. Of course, the depth (into the page) of the sand must be the same for Fig. 13.40(a) and (b) for the preceding conclusions to have any meaning.

In Fig. 13.40, the distance was measured from one end of the pile to the other. In Fig. 13.41(a), the distance extends beyond the end of the original pile of Fig. 13.40. The situation could be one where a landscaper wants to know the average height of the sand if it is spread out over a distance such as defined in Fig. 13.41(a). The result of an increased distance is shown in Fig. 13.41(b). The average height has decreased compared to Fig. 13.40. Quite obviously, therefore, the longer the distance, the lower is the average value.

If the distance parameter includes a depression, as shown in Fig. 13.42(a), some of the sand will be used to fill the depression, resulting

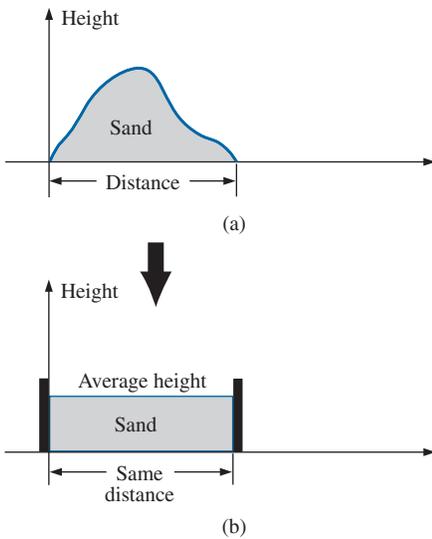


FIG. 13.40
Defining average value.

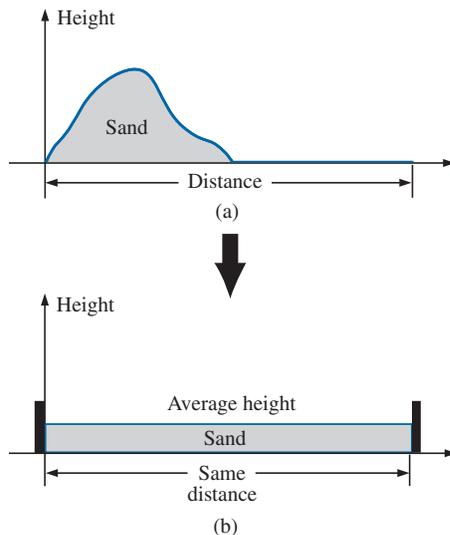


FIG. 13.41
Effect of distance (length) on average value.

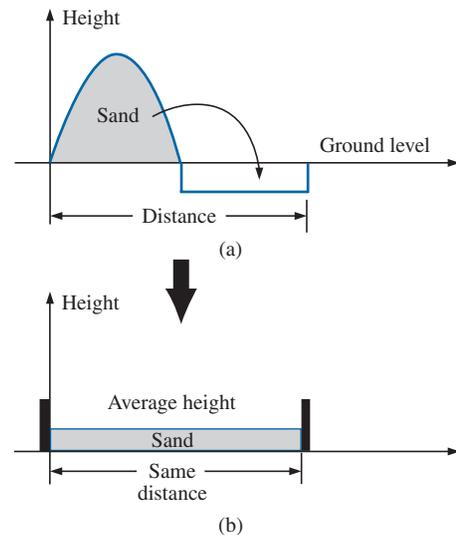


FIG. 13.42
Effect of depressions (negative excursions) on average value.



in an even lower average value for the landscaper, as shown in Fig. 13.42(b). For a sinusoidal waveform, the depression would have the same shape as the mound of sand (over one full cycle), resulting in an average value at ground level (or zero volts for a sinusoidal voltage over one full period).

After traveling a considerable distance by car, some drivers like to calculate their average speed for the entire trip. This is usually done by dividing the miles traveled by the hours required to drive that distance. For example, if a person traveled 225 mi in 5 h, the average speed was 225 mi/5 h, or 45 mi/h. This same distance may have been traveled at various speeds for various intervals of time, as shown in Fig. 13.43.

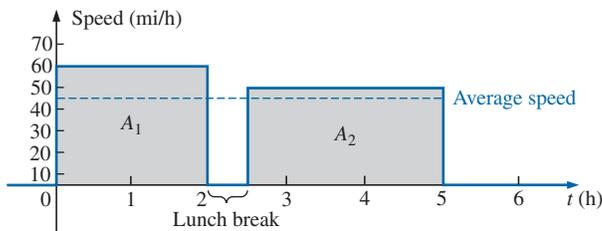


FIG. 13.43

Plotting speed versus time for an automobile excursion.

By finding the total area under the curve for the 5 h and then dividing the area by 5 h (the total time for the trip), we obtain the same result of 45 mi/h; that is,

$$\text{Average speed} = \frac{\text{area under curve}}{\text{length of curve}} \quad (13.25)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average speed} &= \frac{A_1 + A_2}{5 \text{ h}} = \frac{(60 \text{ mi/h})(2 \text{ h}) + (50 \text{ mi/h})(2.5 \text{ h})}{5 \text{ h}} \\ &= \frac{225}{5} \text{ mi/h} = \mathbf{45 \text{ mi/h}} \end{aligned}$$

Eq. (13.25) can be extended to include any variable quantity, such as current or voltage, if we let G denote the average value, as follows:

$$G \text{ (average value)} = \frac{\text{algebraic sum of areas}}{\text{length of curve}} \quad (13.26)$$

The *algebraic* sum of the areas must be determined since some area contributions are from below the horizontal axis. Areas above the axis are assigned a positive sign and those below it a negative sign. A positive average value is then above the axis, and a negative value is below it.

The average value of *any* current or voltage is the value indicated on a dc meter. In other words, over a complete cycle, the average value is the equivalent dc value. In the analysis of electronic circuits to be considered in a later course, both dc and ac sources of voltage will be applied to the same network. You will then need to know or determine the dc (or average value) and ac components of the voltage or current in various parts of the system.



EXAMPLE 13.14 Determine the average value of the waveforms in Fig. 13.44.

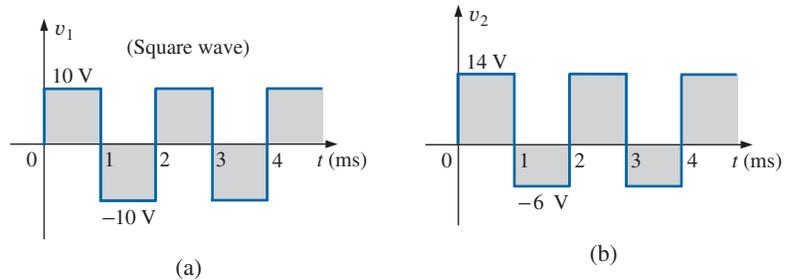


FIG. 13.44
Example 13.14.

Solutions:

- a. By inspection, the area above the axis equals the area below over one cycle, resulting in an average value of zero volts. Using Eq. (13.26) gives

$$G = \frac{(10 \text{ V})(1 \text{ ms}) - (10 \text{ V})(1 \text{ ms})}{2 \text{ ms}} = \frac{0}{2 \text{ ms}} = \mathbf{0 \text{ V}}$$

- b. Using Eq. (13.26) gives

$$G = \frac{(14 \text{ V})(1 \text{ ms}) - (6 \text{ V})(1 \text{ ms})}{2 \text{ ms}} = \frac{14 \text{ V} - 6 \text{ V}}{2} = \frac{8 \text{ V}}{2} = \mathbf{4 \text{ V}}$$

as shown in Fig. 13.45.

In reality, the waveform in Fig. 13.44(b) is simply the square wave in Fig. 13.44(b) with a dc shift of 4 V; that is,

$$v_2 = v_1 + 4 \text{ V}$$

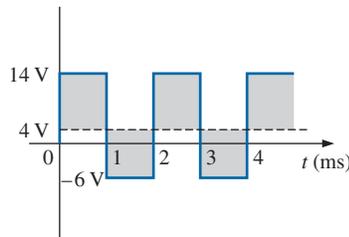


FIG. 13.45

Defining the average value for the waveform in Fig. 13.44(b).

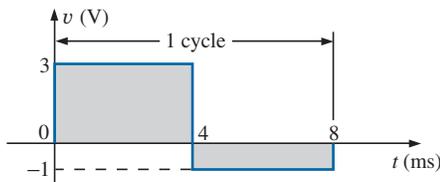


FIG. 13.46
Example 13.15(a).

EXAMPLE 13.15 Find the average values of the following waveforms over one full cycle:

- a. Fig. 13.46.
b. Fig. 13.47.

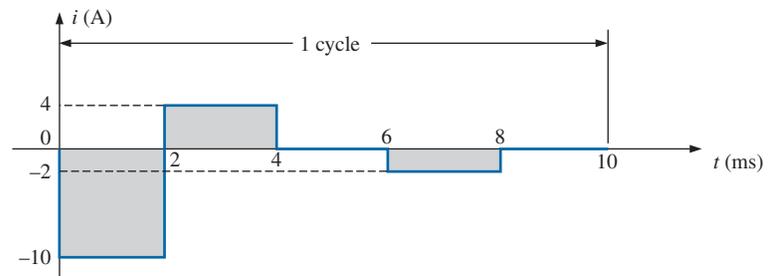


FIG. 13.47
Example 13.15(b).

Solutions:

a. $G = \frac{+(3 \text{ V})(4 \text{ ms}) - (1 \text{ V})(4 \text{ ms})}{8 \text{ ms}} = \frac{12 \text{ V} - 4 \text{ V}}{8} = \mathbf{1 \text{ V}}$



Note Fig. 13.48.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{b. } G &= \frac{-(10 \text{ V})(2 \text{ ms}) - (4 \text{ V})(2 \text{ ms}) - (2 \text{ V})(2 \text{ ms})}{10 \text{ ms}} \\
 &= \frac{-20 \text{ V} + 8 \text{ V} - 4 \text{ V}}{10} = -\frac{16 \text{ V}}{10} = -1.6 \text{ V}
 \end{aligned}$$

Note Fig. 13.49.

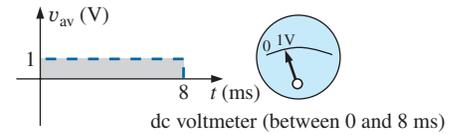


FIG. 13.48

The response of a dc meter to the waveform in Fig. 13.46.

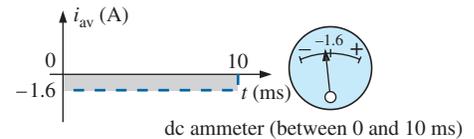


FIG. 13.49

The response of a dc meter to the waveform in Fig. 13.47.

We found the areas under the curves in Example 13.15 by using a simple geometric formula. If we encounter a sine wave or any other unusual shape, however, we must find the area by some other means. We can obtain a good approximation of the area by attempting to reproduce the original wave shape using a number of small rectangles or other familiar shapes, the area of which we already know through simple geometric formulas. For example,

the area of the positive (or negative) pulse of a sine wave is $2A_m$.

Approximating this waveform by two triangles (Fig. 13.50), we obtain (using $\text{area} = 1/2 \text{ base} \times \text{height}$ for the area of a triangle) a rough idea of the actual area:

$$\text{Area shaded} = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} bh \right) = 2 \left[\left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{\pi}{2} \right) (A_m) \right] = \frac{\pi}{2} A_m \cong 1.58 A_m$$

A closer approximation may be a rectangle with two similar triangles (Fig. 13.51):

$$\text{Area} = A_m \frac{\pi}{3} + 2 \left(\frac{1}{2} bh \right) = A_m \frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{3} A_m = \frac{2}{3} \pi A_m = 2.094 A_m$$

which is certainly close to the actual area. If an infinite number of forms is used, an exact answer of $2A_m$ can be obtained. For irregular waveforms, this method can be especially useful if data such as the average value are desired.

The procedure of calculus that gives the exact solution $2A_m$ is known as *integration*. Integration is presented here only to make the method recognizable to you; it is not necessary to be proficient in its use to continue with this text. It is a useful mathematical tool, however, and should be learned. Finding the area under the positive pulse of a sine wave using integration, we have

$$\text{Area} = \int_0^\pi A_m \sin \alpha \, d\alpha$$

where \int is the sign of integration, 0 and π are the limits of integration, $A_m \sin \alpha$ is the function to be integrated, and $d\alpha$ indicates that we are integrating with respect to α .

Integrating, (for demonstrating only) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Area} &= A_m [-\cos \alpha]_0^\pi \\
 &= -A_m (\cos \pi - \cos 0^\circ) \\
 &= -A_m [-1 - (+1)] = -A_m (-2)
 \end{aligned}$$

Area = $2A_m$

(13.27)

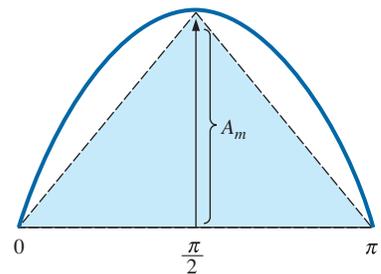


FIG. 13.50

Approximating the shape of the positive pulse of a sinusoidal waveform with two right triangles.

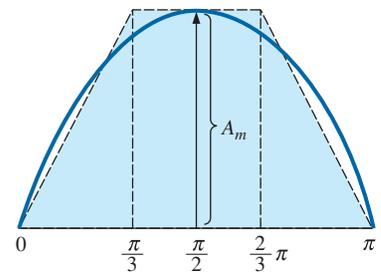


FIG. 13.51

A better approximation for the shape of the positive pulse of a sinusoidal waveform.

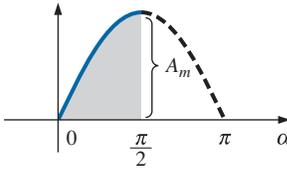


FIG. 13.52

Finding the average value of one-half the positive pulse of a sinusoidal waveform.

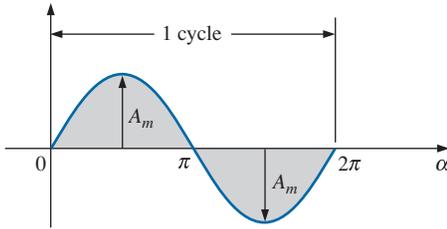


FIG. 13.53

Example 13.16.

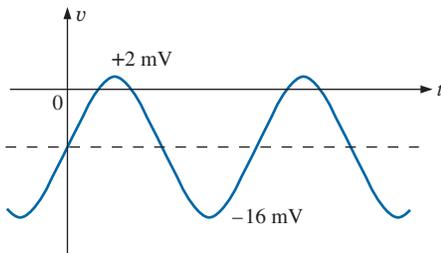


FIG. 13.54

Example 13.17.

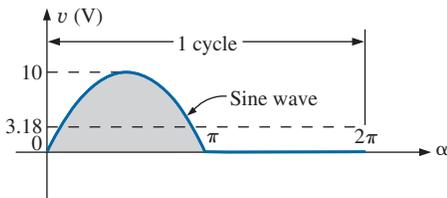


FIG. 13.55

Example 13.18.

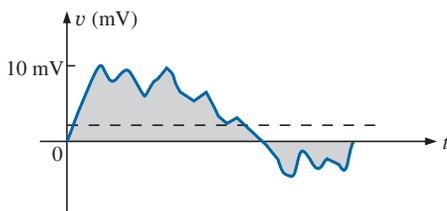


FIG. 13.56

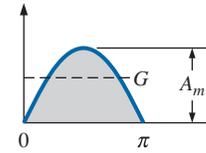
Example 13.19.

Since we know the area under the positive (or negative) pulse, we can easily determine the average value of the positive (or negative) region of a sine wave pulse by applying Eq. (13.26):

$$G = \frac{2A_m}{\pi}$$

and

$$G = \frac{2A_m}{\pi} = 0.637A_m$$



(13.28)

For the waveform in Fig. 13.52,

$$G = \frac{(2A_m/2)}{\pi/2} = \frac{2A_m}{\pi} \quad (\text{The average is the same as for a full pulse.})$$

EXAMPLE 13.16 Determine the average value of the sinusoidal waveform in Fig. 13.53.

Solution: By inspection it is fairly obvious that

the average value of a pure sinusoidal waveform over one full cycle is zero.

Eq. (13.26):

$$G = \frac{+2A_m - 2A_m}{2\pi} = 0 \text{ V}$$

EXAMPLE 13.17 Determine the average value of the waveform in Fig. 13.54.

Solution: The peak-to-peak value of the sinusoidal function is 16 mV + 2 mV = 18 mV. The peak amplitude of the sinusoidal waveform is, therefore, 18 mV/2 = 9 mV. Counting down 9 mV from 2 mV (or 9 mV up from -16 mV) results in an average or dc level of -7 mV, as noted by the dashed line in Fig. 13.54.

EXAMPLE 13.18 Determine the average value of the waveform in Fig. 13.55.

Solution:

$$G = \frac{2A_m + 0}{2\pi} = \frac{2(10 \text{ V})}{2\pi} \cong 3.18 \text{ V}$$

EXAMPLE 13.19 For the waveform in Fig. 13.56, determine whether the average value is positive or negative, and determine its approximate value.

Solution: From the appearance of the waveform, the average value is positive and in the vicinity of 2 mV. Occasionally, judgments of this type will have to be made.

Instrumentation

The dc level or average value of any waveform can be found using a digital multimeter (DMM) or an **oscilloscope**. For purely dc circuits, set



the DMM on dc, and read the voltage or current levels. Oscilloscopes are limited to voltage levels using the sequence of steps listed below:

1. First choose GND from the DC-GND-AC option list associated with each vertical channel. The GND option blocks any signal to which the oscilloscope probe may be connected from entering the oscilloscope and responds with just a horizontal line. Set the resulting line in the middle of the vertical axis on the horizontal axis, as shown in Fig. 13.57(a).
2. Apply the oscilloscope probe to the voltage to be measured (if not already connected), and switch to the DC option. If a dc voltage is present, the horizontal line shifts up or down, as demonstrated in Fig. 13.57(b). Multiplying the shift by the vertical sensitivity results in the dc voltage. An upward shift is a positive voltage (higher potential at the red or positive lead of the oscilloscope), while a downward shift is a negative voltage (lower potential at the red or positive lead of the oscilloscope).

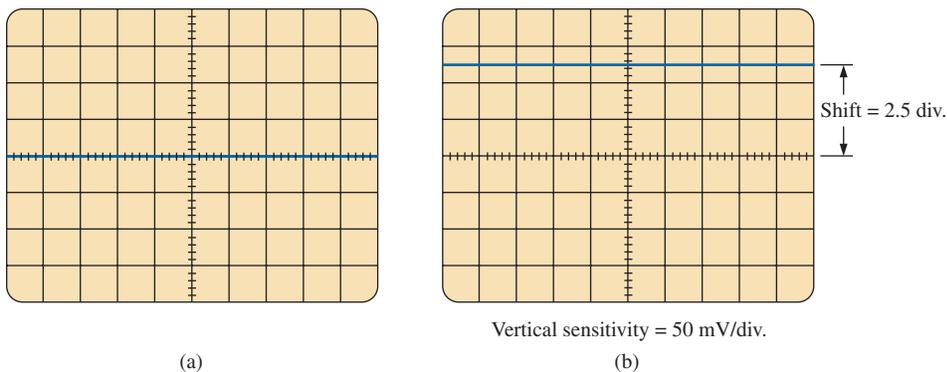


FIG. 13.57

Using the oscilloscope to measure dc voltages; (a) setting the GND condition; (b) the vertical shift resulting from a dc voltage when shifted to the DC option.

In general,

$$V_{dc} = (\text{vertical shift in div.}) \times (\text{vertical sensitivity in V/div.}) \quad (13.29)$$

For the waveform in Fig. 13.57(b),

$$V_{dc} = (2.5 \text{ div.})(50 \text{ mV/div.}) = \mathbf{125 \text{ mV}}$$

The oscilloscope can also be used to measure the dc or average level of any waveform using the following sequence:

1. Using the GND option, reset the horizontal line to the middle of the screen.
2. Switch to AC (all dc components of the signal to which the probe is connected will be blocked from entering the oscilloscope—only the alternating, or changing, components are displayed). Note the location of some definitive point on the waveform, such as the bottom of the half-wave rectified waveform of Fig. 13.58(a); that is, note its position on the vertical scale. For the future, *whenever you use the AC option, keep in mind that the computer will distribute the waveform above and below the horizontal axis such that the average value is zero*; that is, the area above the axis will equal the area below.

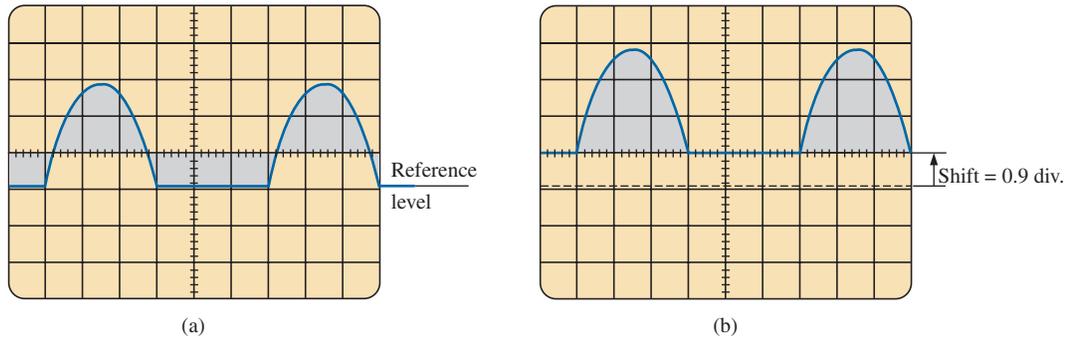


FIG. 13.58

Determining the average value of a nonsinusoidal waveform using the oscilloscope: (a) vertical channel on the ac mode; (b) vertical channel on the dc mode.

- Then switch to DC (to permit both the dc and the ac components of the waveform to enter the oscilloscope), and note the shift in the chosen level of part 2, as shown in Fig. 13.58(b). Eq. (13.29) can then be used to determine the dc or average value of the waveform. For the waveform in Fig. 13.58(b), the average value is about

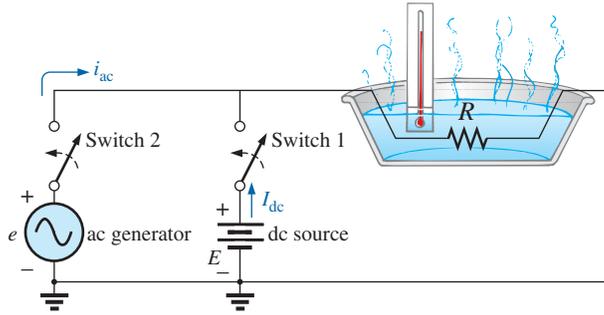
$$V_{\text{av}} = V_{\text{dc}} = (0.9 \text{ div.})(5 \text{ V/div.}) = 4.5 \text{ V}$$

The procedure outlined above can be applied to any alternating waveform such as the one in Fig. 13.56. In some cases the average value may require moving the starting position of the waveform under the AC option to a different region of the screen or choosing a higher voltage scale. By choosing the appropriate scale, you can enable DMMs to read the average or dc level of any waveform.

13.8 EFFECTIVE (rms) VALUES

This section begins to relate dc and ac quantities with respect to the power delivered to a load. It will help us determine the amplitude of a sinusoidal ac current required to deliver the same power as a particular dc current. The question frequently arises, How is it possible for a sinusoidal ac quantity to deliver a net power if, over a full cycle, the net current in any one direction is zero (average value = 0)? It would almost appear that the power delivered during the positive portion of the sinusoidal waveform is withdrawn during the negative portion, and since the two are equal in magnitude, the net power delivered is zero. However, understand that regardless of *direction*, current of any magnitude through a resistor delivers power *to that resistor*. In other words, during the positive or negative portions of a sinusoidal ac current, power is being delivered at *each instant of time* to the resistor. The power delivered at each instant, of course, varies with the magnitude of the sinusoidal ac current, but there will be a net flow during either the positive or the negative pulses with a net flow over the full cycle. The net power flow equals twice that delivered by either the positive or the negative regions of sinusoidal quantity.

A fixed relationship between ac and dc voltages and currents can be derived from the experimental setup shown in Fig. 13.59. A resistor in a water bath is connected by switches to a dc and an ac supply. If switch 1 is closed, a dc current I , determined by the resistance R and battery voltage E , is established through the resistor R . The temperature reached by


FIG. 13.59

An experimental setup to establish a relationship between dc and ac quantities.

the water is determined by the dc power dissipated in the form of heat by the resistor.

If switch 2 is closed and switch 1 left open, the ac current through the resistor has a peak value of I_m . The temperature reached by the water is now determined by the ac power dissipated in the form of heat by the resistor. The ac input is varied until the temperature is the same as that reached with the dc input. When this is accomplished, the average electrical power delivered to the resistor R by the ac source is the same as that delivered by the dc source.

The power delivered by the ac supply at any instant of time is

$$P_{ac} = (i_{ac})^2 R = (I_m \sin \omega t)^2 R = (I_m^2 \sin^2 \omega t) R$$

However,

$$\sin^2 \omega t = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\omega t) \quad (\text{trigonometric identity})$$

Therefore,

$$P_{ac} = I_m^2 \left[\frac{1}{2}(1 - \cos 2\omega t) \right] R$$

and

$$P_{ac} = \frac{I_m^2 R}{2} - \frac{I_m^2 R}{2} \cos 2\omega t \quad (13.30)$$

The *average power* delivered by the ac source is just the first term, since the average value of a cosine wave is zero even though the wave may have twice the frequency of the original input current waveform. Equating the average power delivered by the ac generator to that delivered by the dc source,

$$P_{av(ac)} = P_{dc}$$

$$\frac{I_m^2 R}{2} = I_{dc}^2 R$$

and

$$I_{dc} = \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707 I_m$$

which, in words, states that

the equivalent dc value of a sinusoidal current or voltage is $1/\sqrt{2}$ or 0.707 of its peak value.



The equivalent dc value is called the **rms** or **effective value** of the sinusoidal quantity.

As a simple numerical example, it requires an ac current with a peak value of $\sqrt{2}(10) = 14.14$ A to deliver the same power to the resistor in Fig. 13.59 as a dc current of 10 A. The effective value of any quantity plotted as a function of time can be found by using the following equation derived from the experiment just described:

$$\text{Calculus format: } I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{\int_0^T i^2(t) dt}{T}} \quad (13.31)$$

$$\text{which means } I_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{\text{area}(i^2(t))}{T}} \quad (13.32)$$

In words, Eqs. (13.31) and (13.32) state that to find the rms value, the function $i(t)$ must first be squared. After $i(t)$ is squared, the area under the curve is found by integration. It is then divided by T , the length of the cycle or the period of the waveform, to obtain the average or *mean* value of the squared waveform. The final step is to take the *square root* of the mean value. This procedure is the source for the other designation for the effective value, the **root-mean-square (rms) value**. In fact, since *rms* is the most commonly used term in the educational and industrial communities, it is used throughout this text.

The relationship between the peak value and the rms value is the same for voltages, resulting in the following set of relationships for the examples and text material to follow:

$$\begin{aligned} I_{\text{rms}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} I_m = 0.707 I_m \\ E_{\text{rms}} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} E_m = 0.707 E_m \end{aligned} \quad (13.33)$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} I_m &= \sqrt{2} I_{\text{rms}} = 1.414 I_{\text{rms}} \\ E_m &= \sqrt{2} E_{\text{rms}} = 1.414 E_{\text{rms}} \end{aligned} \quad (13.34)$$

EXAMPLE 13.20 Find the rms values of the sinusoidal waveform in each part in Fig. 13.60.

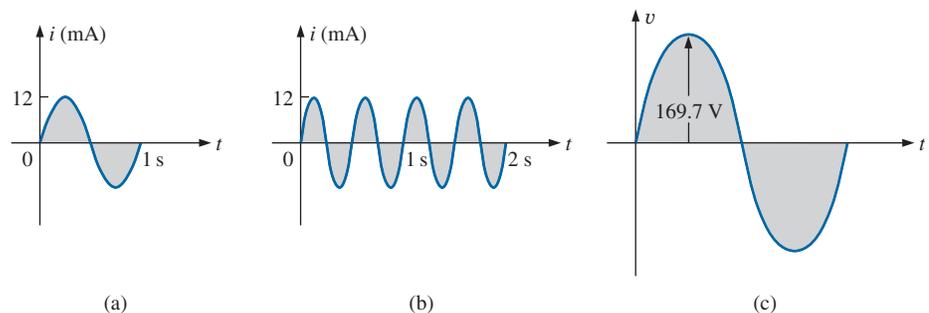


FIG. 13.60
Example 13.20.



Solution: For part (a), $I_{\text{rms}} = 0.707(12 \times 10^{-3} \text{ A}) = 8.48 \text{ mA}$. For part (b), again $I_{\text{rms}} = 8.48 \text{ mA}$. Note that frequency did not change the effective value in (b) compared to (a). For part (c), $V_{\text{rms}} = 0.707(169.73 \text{ V}) \cong 120 \text{ V}$, the same as available from a home outlet.

EXAMPLE 13.21 The 120 V dc source in Fig. 13.61(a) delivers 3.6 W to the load. Determine the peak value of the applied voltage (E_m) and the current (I_m) if the ac source [Fig. 13.61(b)] is to deliver the same power to the load.

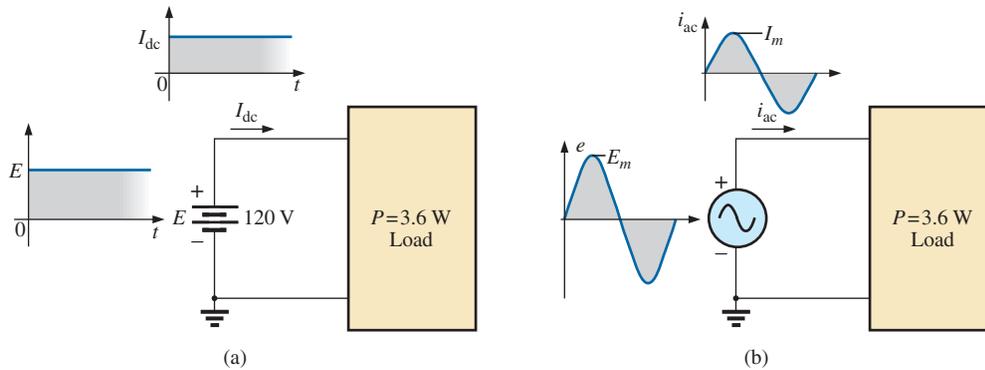


FIG. 13.61
Example 13.21.

Solution:

$$P_{\text{dc}} = V_{\text{dc}}I_{\text{dc}}$$

and

$$I_{\text{dc}} = \frac{P_{\text{dc}}}{V_{\text{dc}}} = \frac{3.6 \text{ W}}{120 \text{ V}} = 30 \text{ mA}$$

$$I_m = \sqrt{2}I_{\text{dc}} = (1.414)(30 \text{ mA}) = 42.42 \text{ mA}$$

$$E_m = \sqrt{2}E_{\text{dc}} = (1.414)(120 \text{ V}) = 169.68 \text{ V}$$

EXAMPLE 13.22 Find the rms value of the waveform in Fig. 13.62.

Solution: v^2 (Fig. 13.63):

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{\frac{(9)(4) + (1)(4)}{8}} = \sqrt{\frac{40}{8}} = 2.24 \text{ V}$$

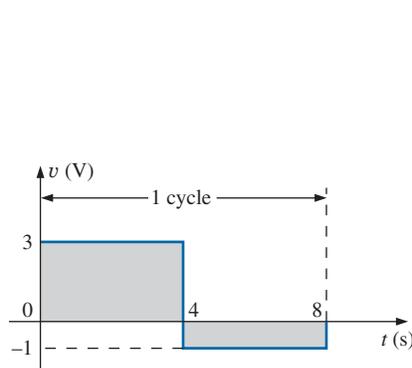


FIG. 13.62
Example 13.22.

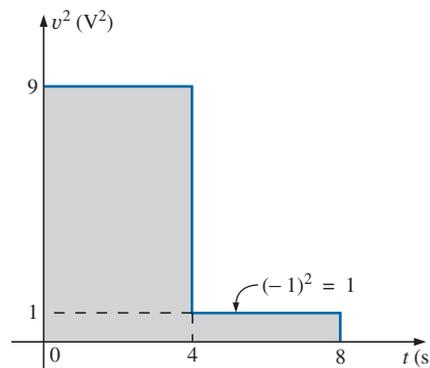


FIG. 13.63
The squared waveform of Fig. 13.62.



EXAMPLE 13.23 Calculate the rms value of the voltage in Fig. 13.64.

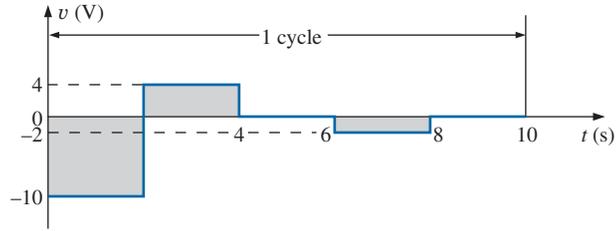


FIG. 13.64
Example 13.23.

Solution: v^2 (Fig. 13.65):

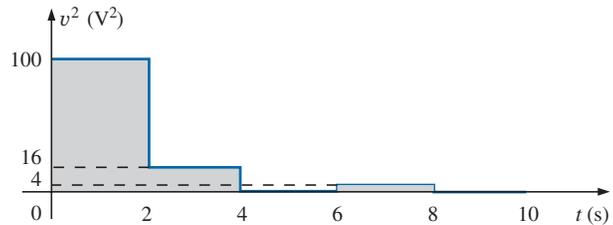


FIG. 13.65
The squared waveform of Fig. 13.64.

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{(100 \text{ V}^2)(2 \text{ s}) + (16 \text{ V}^2)(2 \text{ s}) + (4 \text{ V}^2)(2 \text{ s})}{10 \text{ s}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{200 \text{ V}^2 \text{ s} + 32 \text{ V}^2 \text{ s} + 8 \text{ V}^2 \text{ s}}{10 \text{ s}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{240}{10} \text{ V}^2} = \sqrt{24 \text{ V}^2} \\ &= 4.9 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

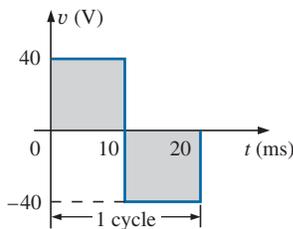


FIG. 13.66
Example 13.24.

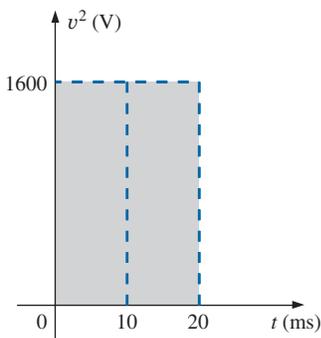


FIG. 13.67
The squared waveform of Fig. 13.66.

EXAMPLE 13.24 Determine the average and rms values of the square wave in Fig. 13.66.

Solution: By inspection, the average value is zero.

v^2 (Fig. 13.67):

$$\begin{aligned} V_{\text{rms}} &= \sqrt{\frac{(1600)(10 \times 10^{-3}) + (1600)(10 \times 10^{-3})}{20 \times 10^{-3}}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{(32,000 \times 10^{-3})}{20 \times 10^{-3}}} = \sqrt{1600} = 40 \text{ V} \end{aligned}$$

(the maximum value of the waveform in Fig. 13.66).

The waveforms appearing in these examples are the same as those used in the examples on the average value. It may prove interesting to compare the rms and average values of these waveforms.

The rms values of sinusoidal quantities such as voltage or current are represented by E and I . These symbols are the same as those used for dc voltages and currents. To avoid confusion, the peak value of a waveform always has a subscript m associated with it: $I_m \sin \omega t$. *Caution:*



When finding the rms value of the positive pulse of a sine wave, note that the squared area is *not* simply $(2A_m)^2 = 4A_m^2$; it must be found by a completely new integration. This is always true for any waveform that is not rectangular.

DC + AC

A unique situation arises if a waveform has both a dc and an ac component that may be due to a source, such as the one in Fig. 13.68. The combination appears frequently in the analysis of electronic networks where both dc and ac levels are present in the same system.

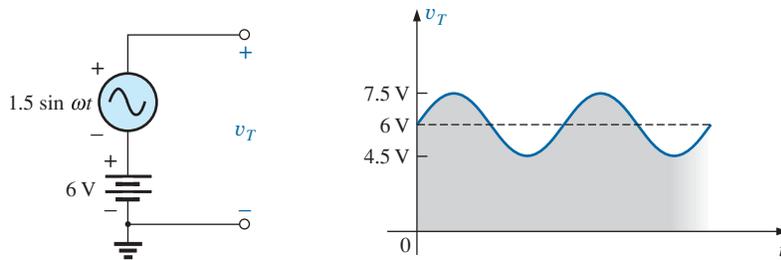


FIG. 13.68

Generation and display of a waveform having a dc and an ac component.

The question arises, What is the rms value of the voltage v_T ? You may be tempted to assume that it is the sum of the rms values of each component of the waveform; that is, $V_{T_{\text{rms}}} = 0.7071(1.5 \text{ V}) + 6 \text{ V} = 1.06 \text{ V} + 6 \text{ V} = 7.06 \text{ V}$. However, the rms value is actually determined by

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{V_{\text{dc}}^2 + V_{\text{ac(rms)}}^2} \quad (13.35)$$

which for the waveform in Fig. 13.68 is

$$V_{\text{rms}} = \sqrt{(6 \text{ V})^2 + (1.06 \text{ V})^2} = \sqrt{37.124 \text{ V}^2} \cong \mathbf{6.1 \text{ V}}$$

This result is noticeably less than the solution of 7.06 V.

True rms Meters

Throughout this section, the rms value of a variety of waveforms was determined to help ensure that the concept is correctly understood. However, to use a meter to measure the rms value of the same waveforms would require a specially designed meter. Too often, the face of a meter will read **True rms Multimeter** or such. However, in most cases the meter is only designed to read the rms value of periodic signals with no dc level and have a symmetry about the zero axis. Most multimeters are ac coupled (the dc component of the signal is blocked by a capacitor at the input terminals), so only the ac portion is measured. For such cases one may be able to first determine the rms value of the ac portion of the waveform and then use the dc section of the meter to measure the dc level. Then Eq. (13.35) can be used to determine the correct rms value.

The problem, however, is that many waveforms are not symmetric about the zero axis—How is an rms reading obtained? In general, the rms value of any waveform is a measure of the “heating” potential of the applied waveform, as discussed earlier in this section. A direct result is the development of meters that use a thermal converter calibrated to display the proper rms value. A drawback of this approach, however, is that



the meter will draw power from the circuit during the heating process, and the results have a low precision standard. A better approach that is commonly used uses an analog-to-digital converter (ADC) mentioned earlier to digitize the signal, so that the rms value then can be determined to a high degree of accuracy. One such meter appears in Fig. 13.69, which samples the input signal at 1.4 MHz, or 1,400,000 samples per second—certainly sufficient for a wide variety of signals. This meter will run the sampling rate at all times, even when making dc measurements, so both the dc and ac content of a waveform can be displayed at the same time.



FIG. 13.69

True rms multimeter.

(Courtesy of Keysight Technologies, Inc.)

13.9 CONVERTERS AND INVERTERS

The two most common supplies are either DC or AC. Unfortunately, there are times when we have one but need the other for a variety of reasons. Solar panels generate a dc voltage that must be converted to ac if the power is to be distributed over a power line network. In an RV or boat we need ac for some applications but the only source is often just the dc batteries. The dc batteries in our cell phones need charging from a dc source but the only option we have is to plug them into an ac outlet. Obviously, there is an important need for an electronic package that will convert from one type of source to the other with the highest efficiency possible. There is little value in a conversion if it operates at an efficiency of 10%.

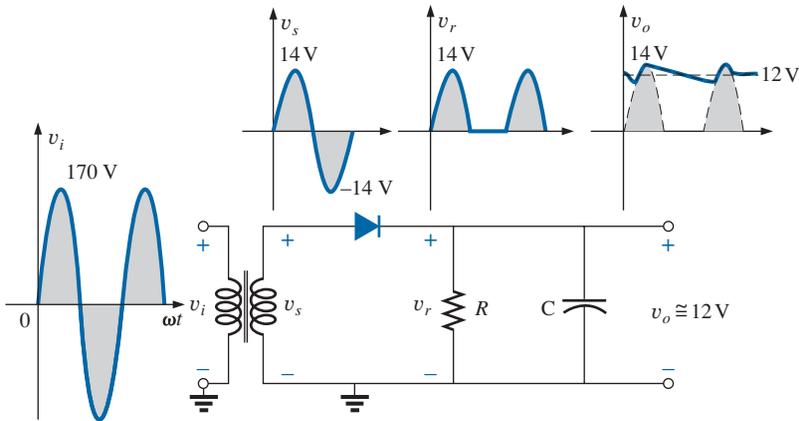
Fortunately, since this need is not a new one, a host of conversion options have been developed. If you need to convert ac to dc, the piece of equipment used is called a **converter**. In Fig. 13.70 the converter will convert a 120 V ac supply to a 12 V dc supply so you can run all your 12 V appliances, such as a GPS that you may have in a car or RV. On the output side it is rated at 12 V at a current of 5.8 A or a power level of 69.6 W. The input side has a voltage of 120 V and a current rating of 1.8 A or a maximum power rating of 216 W. Although the input and output ratings are not the same, the voltage levels of 12 V and 120 V are fixed and are the operating levels. The current levels are maximum values for the input or output side. Note also that the dc output power is a great deal less than the maximum input power level. This is most likely an indicator of the efficiency of the system. This unit is relatively inexpensive and does do the job—it is simply not the most efficient. The fact that the output power rating is 69.6 W reveals that any load applied to the dc supply cannot draw a current of more than 5.8 A or power of 69.6 W. The actual electronic package required to perform the above operation is relatively simple in design as shown



FIG. 13.70

120 V ac to 12 V dc converter.

(Don Johnson Photo)

**FIG. 13.71**

Establishing a 12 V dc level.

in Fig. 13.71. A transformer (Chapter 23) will reduce the applied 120 V ac source (peak value approximately 170 V) to about a 14 V peak. The diode (basic electronics course) and resistor form a half-wave rectifier that will cut off the bottom of the sinusoidal signal. Finally, a capacitor will smooth out the waveform as shown in Fig. 13.71, which will have an average or dc level of approximately 12 V. Have you ever noticed that the voltage on your car gauge is normally at about 14 V rather than the 12 V of your battery? In order to maintain the 12 V level, the charging voltage has to be more than the required 12 V or the terminal voltage may drop below 12 V. If you see it drop to 12 V on your dashboard, the charging system needs to be checked. The generation network of Fig. 13.71 is the simplest design available today for the desired conversion. There is certainly a great deal of distortion compared to a pure dc supply. However, there are supplies with less than 0.01% distortion available today, but it always goes back to you get what you pay for.

An **inverter** is an electronic package, such as shown in Fig. 13.72, that will convert a dc supply into an ac source. This is an especially important function in an RV or boat where so many appliances run off ac rather than the dc available from the stored batteries. The unit shown has clips that can be attached to a 12 V battery to provide a continuous output of 115 V ac at a current of 6.67 A. The output rating of 800 W is enough to run a number of appliances such as a TV, fan, and small refrigerator. For short periods of time it can provide a peak output of 1600 W. The golf ball was included simply to provide some idea of the size of the unit. In a conversion of this type the important elements are the frequency of the generated waveform (60 Hz), the peak voltage (115 V), and the shape of the alternating function. For this unit the response as shown in Fig. 13.73 is called a “a modified sine wave.” It has the proper frequency and is close to the proper amplitude but has the square edges rather than the smooth curve. The result is a waveform with a harmonic distortion (Chapter 26) of about 35%. For many applications such a waveform will be satisfactory. However, if the appliances being connected are sensitive to the additional harmonics (Chapter 26) being presented by a signal of this type, then the response will not be as desired. For this unit it clearly states that it should not be used for a microwave oven or battery chargers that do not use a transformer. The requirement of a transformer in the chargers is probably due to the fact

**FIG. 13.72**

*12 V dc to 120 V ac inverter.
(Don Johnson Photo)*

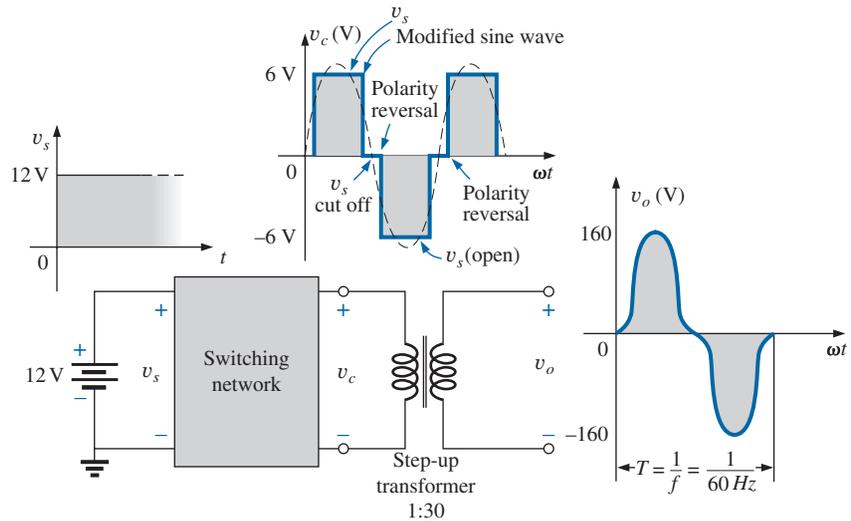


FIG. 13.73

Basic components of an inverter.

that the inductive nature of a transformer will actually make the “modified sine wave” closer in appearance to a pure sine wave.

There are numerous ways to perform the conversion from dc to sinusoidal ac. The simplest is provided in Fig. 13.73. Through switching action and clipping (basic electronic courses) networks, the steady-state dc level of Fig. 13.73 can be converted to the modified form shown in the same figure. This is accomplished by using a three-way switch that can perform the actions of letting the signal pass through, shutting off the input and reversing the polarity of the output. All three regions are defined in Fig. 13.73. By carefully controlling the timing of the switching mechanism, the modified sine wave can closely match that of the 60 cycles per second sinusoidal waveform also shown in the figure. Now that the generated voltage changes with time, a transformer can raise the level to one approaching the desired 170 V peak of a 115 V ac source. In fact, as mentioned above, the inductive nature of the transformer action will probably improve the appearance of the sinusoidal output. The appearance of the waveform can further be improved by passing the resulting waveform through a series of filters (inductive and capacitive elements, Chapter 22) to remove unwanted harmonics (Chapter 26). A second approach involves connecting the dc input to the center tap of the primary of a transformer and switching between both ends of the primary. This action will reverse the direction of the current through the primary each half-cycle, which will reverse the polarity of the output of the secondary. This action of switching the battery polarity is all the the transformer needs to perform its function because a transformer can only react to changes in voltage at the primary.

Another approach of a more sophisticated direction involves the use of **oscillators** (sinusoidal ac waveform generators) that utilize the dc power to generate an ac waveform through the use of tuned networks having inductive and/or capacitive elements. One such oscillator is called the Wien bridge oscillator, which can include a number of ICs, capacitive elements, transistors, and a transformer. Such units have a wide range of control with very low distortion rates but are a great deal more expensive.



One other important concern when converting dc power to ac power in an RV or boat is how long that fully charged battery will provide the necessary ac power. This all goes back to the ampere-hour rating covered in Chapter 2. If the batteries are rated at 100 AH at a current drain of 15 ampere, that battery will provide the necessary voltage and current for $100 \text{ AH} / 15 \text{ A} = 6.67$ hours. This is an important consideration when in an isolated location with only batteries available. This is one reason to have a number of batteries in parallel in an RV or boat so that you can double or triple the time period that the current can be drained. Two batteries of the above rating would provide the required current of 15 A for a period of time closer to 12 hours. Of course, a lower demand will also increase the time period before depleting the source.

13.10 ac METERS AND INSTRUMENTS Iron-Vane or d'Arsonval Movement

If an average reading movement such as the iron-vane movement used in the VOM of Fig. 2.29 is used to measure an ac current or voltage, the level indicated by the movement must be multiplied by a **calibration factor**. In other words, if the movement of any voltmeter or ammeter is reading the average value, that level must be multiplied by a specific constant, or calibration factor, to indicate the rms level. For ac waveforms, the signal must first be converted to one having an average value over the time period. Recall that it is zero over a full period for a sinusoidal waveform. This is usually accomplished for sinusoidal waveforms using a bridge rectifier such as in Fig. 13.74. The conversion process, involving four diodes in a bridge configuration, is well documented in most electronic texts.

Fundamentally, conduction is permitted through the diodes in such a manner as to convert the sinusoidal input of Fig. 13.75(a) to one having the appearance of Fig. 13.75(b). The negative portion of the input has been effectively “flipped over” by the bridge configuration. The resulting waveform in Fig. 13.75(b) is called a *full-wave rectified waveform*.

The zero average value in Fig. 13.75(a) has been replaced by a pattern having an average value determined by

$$G = \frac{2V_m + 2V_m}{2\pi} = \frac{4V_m}{2\pi} = \frac{2V_m}{\pi} = 0.637V_m$$

The movement of the pointer is therefore directly related to the peak value of the signal by the factor 0.637.

Forming the ratio between the rms and dc levels results in

$$\frac{V_{\text{rms}}}{V_{\text{dc}}} = \frac{0.707V_m}{0.637V_m} \cong 1.11$$

revealing that the scale indication is 1.11 times the dc level measured by the movement; that is,

Meter indication = 1.11 (dc or average value)

full-wave (13.36)

Some ac meters use a half-wave rectifier arrangement that results in the waveform in Fig. 13.76, which has half the average value in Fig. 13.75(b) over one full cycle. The result is

Meter indication = 2.22 (dc or average value)

half-wave (13.37)

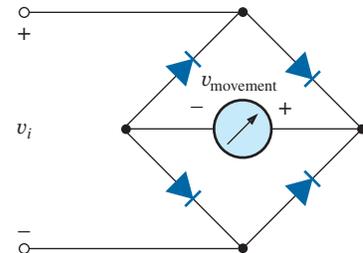


FIG. 13.74
Full-wave bridge rectifier.

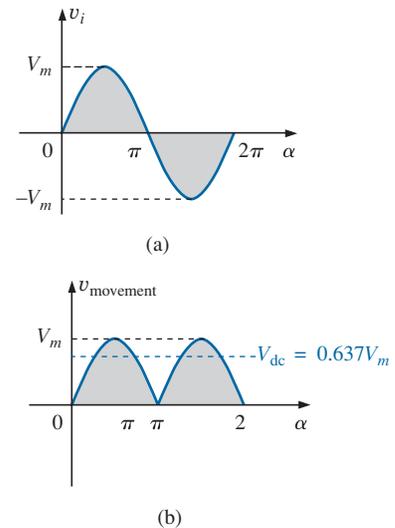


FIG. 13.75
(a) Sinusoidal input; (b) full-wave rectified signal.

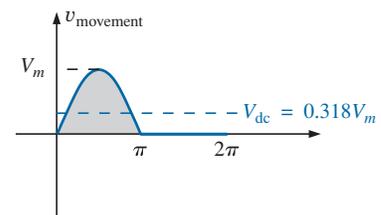


FIG. 13.76
Half-wave rectified signal.



Electrodynamometer Movement

The electrodynamicometer movement is a movement that has the distinct advantage of being able to read the turn rms value of any current, voltage, or power measurement without additional circuitry. The basic construction appears in Fig. 13.77, which shows two fixed coils and a rotating coil. The two fixed coils establish a field similar to that established by the permanent magnet in an iron-vane movement. However, in this case, the same current that establishes the field in the fixed coils will also establish the field in the movable coil. The result is opposing polarities between the rotating and fixed coils that will establish a torque on the movable coil and cause it to rotate and provide a reading using the attached pointer. Removing the excitation force will allow the attached spring to bring the pointer back to the rest position. Although the electrodynamicometer movement would be very effective in reading the rms value of any voltage or current, it is used almost exclusively in dc/ac wattmeters for any shape of input. It can also be used for phase shift measurements, harmonic analysis, and frequency measurements, although improving digital electronic technology is the new direction for these areas of application.

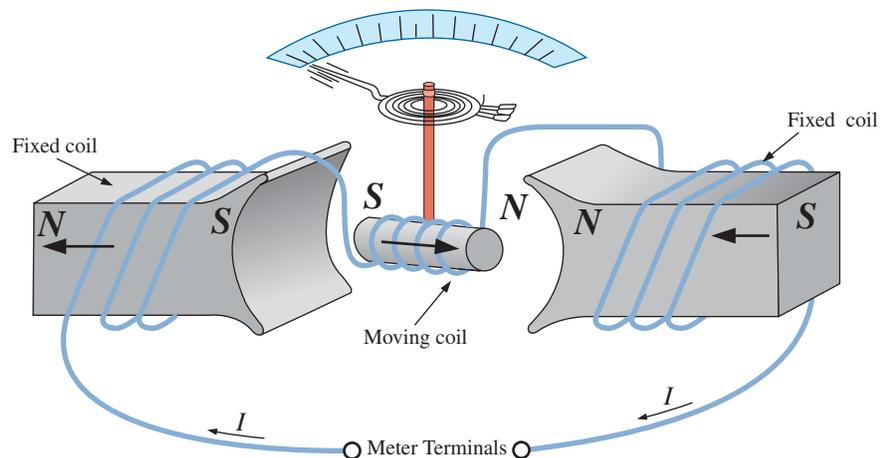


FIG. 13.77

Electrodynamometer movement.

EXAMPLE 13.25 Determine the reading of each meter for each situation in Fig. 13.78(a) and (b).

Solution: For Fig. 13.78(a), situation (1): By Eq. (13.36),

$$\text{Meter indication} = 1.11(20 \text{ V}) = \mathbf{22.2 \text{ V}}$$

For Fig. 13.78(a), situation (2):

$$V_{\text{rms}} = 0.707V_m = (0.707)(20 \text{ V}) = \mathbf{14.14 \text{ V}}$$

For Fig. 13.78(b), situation (1):

$$V_{\text{rms}} = V_{\text{dc}} = \mathbf{25 \text{ V}}$$

For Fig. 13.78(b), situation (2):

$$V_{\text{rms}} = 0.707V_m = 0.707(15 \text{ V}) \cong \mathbf{10.6 \text{ V}}$$

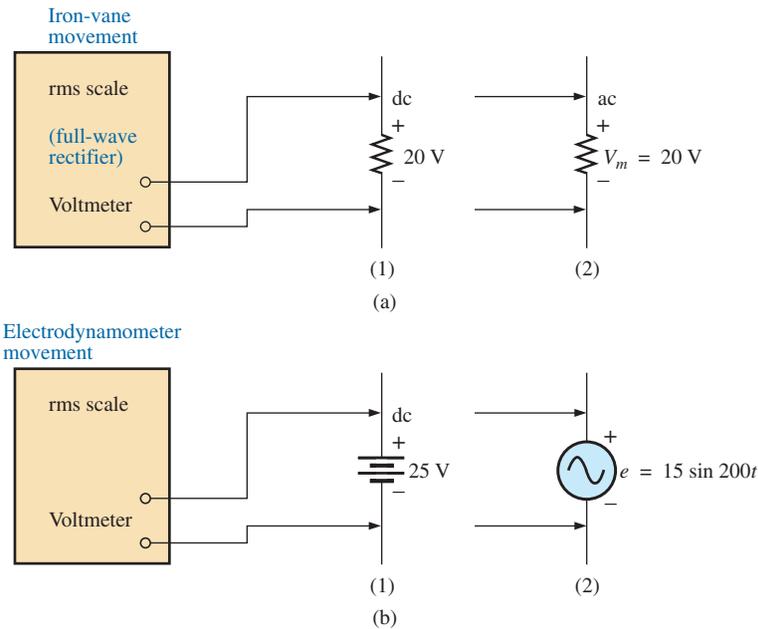


FIG. 13.78
Example 13.25.

Frequency Counter

For frequency measurements, the **frequency counter** in Fig. 13.79 provides a digital readout of sine, square, and triangular waves from 0.1 Hz to 2.4 GHz. The temperature-compensated, crystal-controlled time base is stable to ± 1 part per million per year.



FIG. 13.79
Frequency counter, 3.5 GHz multifunctional instrument.
(Courtesy of B+K Precision)

Clamp-on Meters

The AEMC® **Clamp Meter** in Fig. 13.80 is an instrument that can measure alternating current in the ampere range without having to open the circuit. The loop is opened by squeezing the “trigger”; then it is placed around the current-carrying conductor. Through transformer action, the level of current in rms units appears on the appropriate scale. The Model 501 is auto-ranging (that is, each scale changes automatically) and can measure dc or ac currents up to 400 mA. Through the use of additional leads, it can also be used as a voltmeter (up to 400 V, dc or ac) and an ohmmeter (from zero to 400 Ω).



FIG. 13.80
Clamp-on ammeter and voltmeter.
(Courtesy of AEMC Instruments)



Impedance Measurements

Before we leave the subject of ac meters and instrumentation, you should understand that

an ohmmeter cannot be used to measure the ac reactance or impedance of an element or system even though reactance and impedance are measured in ohms.

Recall that ohmmeters cannot be used on energized networks—the power must be shut off or disconnected. For an inductor, if the ac power is removed, the reactance of the coil is simply the dc resistance of the windings because the applicable frequency will be 0 Hz. For a capacitor, if the ac power is removed, the reactance of the capacitor is simply the leakage resistance of the capacitor. In general, therefore, always keep in mind that *ohmmeters can read only the dc resistance of an element or network, and only after the applied power has been removed.*

13.11 APPLICATIONS

(120 V at 60 Hz) versus (220 V at 50 Hz)

In North and South America, the most common available ac supply is 120 V at 60 Hz; in Western and Central Europe, Africa; Asia, and Australia, 220 V at 50 Hz is the most common. Japan is unique in that the eastern part of the country uses 100 V at 50 Hz, whereas most of the western part uses 100 V at 60 Hz or 220 V at 50 Hz. The choices of rms value and frequency were obviously made carefully because they have such an important impact on the design and operation of so many systems.

The fact that the frequency difference is only 10 Hz reveals that there was agreement on the general frequency range that should be used for power generation and distribution. History suggests that the question of frequency selection originally focused on the frequency that would not exhibit *flicker in the incandescent lamps* available in those days. Technically, however, there really wouldn't be a noticeable difference between 50 and 60 cycles per second based on this criterion. Another important factor in the early design stages was the effect of frequency on the size of transformers, which play a major role in power generation and distribution. Working through the fundamental equations for transformer design, you will find that *the size of a transformer is inversely proportional to frequency*. The result is that transformers operating at 50 Hz must be larger (on a purely mathematical basis about 17% larger) than those operating at 60 Hz. You will therefore find that transformers designed for the international market, where they can operate on 50 Hz or 60 Hz, are designed around the 50 Hz frequency. On the other side of the coin, however, higher frequencies result in increased concerns about arcing, increased losses in the transformer core due to eddy current and hysteresis losses, and skin effect phenomena. Somewhere in the discussion we may wonder about the fact that 60 Hz is an exact multiple of 60 seconds in a minute and 60 minutes in an hour. On the other side of the coin, however, a 60 Hz signal has a period of 16.67 ms (an awkward number), but the period of a 50 Hz signal is exactly 20 ms. Since accurate timing is such a critical part of our technological design, was this a significant motive in the final choice? There is also the question about whether the 50 Hz



is a result of the close affinity of this value to the metric system. Keep in mind that powers of ten are all-powerful in the metric system, with 100 cm in a meter, 100°C the boiling point of water, and so on. Note that 50 Hz is exactly half of this special number. All in all, it would seem that both sides have an argument that is worth defending. However, in the final analysis, we must also wonder whether the difference is simply political in nature.

The difference in voltage between the Americas and Europe is a different matter entirely, in the sense that the difference is close to 100%. Again, however, there are valid arguments for both sides. There is no question that larger voltages such as 220 V *raise safety issues* beyond those raised by voltages of 120 V. However, when higher voltages are supplied, there is less current in the wire for the same power demand, permitting the use of smaller conductors—a real money saver. In addition, motors and some appliances *can be smaller in size*. Higher voltages, however, also bring back the concern about arcing effects, insulation requirements, and, due to real safety concerns, higher installation costs. In general, however, international travelers are prepared for most situations if they have a transformer that can convert from their home level to that of the country they plan to visit. Most equipment (not clocks, of course) can run quite well on 50 Hz or 60 Hz for most travel periods. For any unit not operating at its design frequency, it simply has to “work a little harder” to perform the given task. The major problem for the traveler is not the transformer itself but the wide variety of plugs used from one country to another. Each country has its own design for the “female” plug in the wall. For a three-week tour, this could mean as many as 6 to 10 different plugs of the type shown in Fig. 13.81. For a 120 V, 60 Hz supply, the plug is quite standard in appearance with its two spade leads (and possible ground connection).

In any event, both the 120 V at 60 Hz and the 220 V at 50 Hz are obviously meeting the needs of the consumer. It is a debate that could go on at length without an ultimate victor.



FIG. 13.81

Variety of plugs for a 220 V, 50 Hz connection.

Safety Concerns (High Voltages and dc versus ac)

Be aware that any “live” network should be treated with a calculated level of respect. Electricity in its various forms is not to be feared but used with some awareness of its potentially dangerous side effects. It is common knowledge that electricity and water do not mix (never use extension cords or plug in TVs or radios in the bathroom) because a full 120 V in a layer of water of any height (from a shallow puddle to a full bath) can be *lethal*. However, other effects of dc and ac voltages are less known. In general, as the voltage and current increase, your concern about safety should increase exponentially. For instance, under dry conditions, most human beings can survive a 120 V ac shock such as obtained when changing a light bulb, turning on a switch, and so on. Most electricians have experienced such a jolt many times in their careers. However, ask an electrician to relate how it feels to hit 220 V, and the response (if he or she has been unfortunate to have had such an experience) will be totally different. How often have you heard of a back-hoe operator hitting a 220 V line and having a fatal heart attack? Remember, the operator is sitting in a metal container on a damp ground, which provides an excellent path for the resulting current to flow from the line to ground. If only for a short period of time, with the best environment (rubber-sole shoes, and so on), in a situation where you can

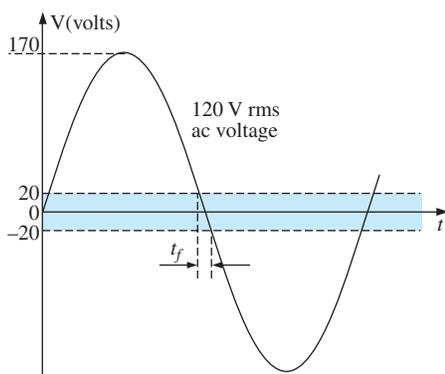


FIG. 13.82

Interval of time when sinusoidal voltage is near zero volts.

quickly escape the situation, most human beings can also survive a 220 V shock. However, as mentioned above, it is one you will not quickly forget. For voltages beyond 220 V rms, the chances of survival go down exponentially with increase in voltage. It takes only about 10 mA of steady current through the heart to put it in defibrillation. In general, therefore, always be sure that the power is disconnected when working on the repair of electrical equipment. Don't assume that throwing a wall switch will disconnect the power. Throw the main circuit breaker and test the lines with a voltmeter before working on the system. Since voltage is a two-point phenomenon, be sure to work with only one line at a time—accidents happen!

You should also be aware that the reaction to dc voltages is quite different from that to ac voltages. You have probably seen in movies or comic strips that people are often unable to let go of a *hot* wire. This is evidence of the most important difference between the two types of voltages. As mentioned above, if you happen to touch a “hot” 120 V ac line, you will probably get a good sting, but *you can let go*. If it happens to be a “hot” 120 V dc line, you will probably not be able to let go, and you could die. Time plays an important role when this happens, because the longer you are subjected to the dc voltage, the more the resistance in the body decreases, until a fatal current can be established. The reason that we can let go of an ac line is best demonstrated by carefully examining the 120 V rms, 60 Hz voltage in Fig. 13.82. Since the voltage is oscillating, there is a period when the voltage is near zero or less than, say, 20 V, and is reversing in direction. Although this time interval is very short, it appears every 8.3 ms and provides a window for you to *let go*.

Now that we are aware of the additional dangers of dc voltages, it is important to mention that under the wrong conditions, dc voltages as low as 12 V, such as from a car battery, can be quite dangerous. If you happen to be working on a car under wet conditions, or if you are sweating badly for some reason or, worse yet, wearing a wedding ring that may have moisture and body salt underneath, touching the positive terminal may initiate the process whereby the body resistance begins to drop, and serious injury could take place. It is one of the reasons you seldom see a professional electrician wearing any rings or jewelry—it is just not worth the risk.

Before leaving this topic of safety concerns, you should also be aware of the dangers of high-frequency supplies. We are all aware of what 2.45 GHz at 120 V can do to a meat product in a microwave oven, and it is therefore very important that the seal around the oven be as tight as possible. However, don't ever assume that anything is absolutely perfect in design—so don't make it a habit to view the cooking process in the microwave 6 in. from the door on a continuing basis. Find something else to do, and check the food only when the cooking process is complete. If you ever visit the Empire State Building, you will notice that you are unable to get close to the antenna on the dome due to the high-frequency signals being emitted with a great deal of power. Also note the large KEEP OUT signs near radio transmission towers for local radio stations. Standing within 10 ft of an AM transmitter working at 540 kHz would bring on disaster. Simply holding (do not try!) a fluorescent bulb near the tower could make it light up due to the excitation of the molecules inside the bulb.

In total, therefore, treat any situation with high ac voltages or currents, high-energy dc levels, and high frequencies with added care.



13.12 COMPUTER ANALYSIS

PSpice

OrCAD Capture offers a variety of ac voltage and current sources. However, for the purposes of this text, the voltage source **VSIN** and the current source **ISIN** are the most appropriate because they have a list of attributes that covers current areas of interest. Under the library **SOURCE**, a number of others are listed, but they don't have the full range of the above, or they are dedicated to only one type of analysis. On occasion, **ISRC** is used because it has an arrow symbol like that appearing in the text, and it can be used for dc, ac, and some transient analyses. The symbol for **ISIN** is a sine wave that utilizes the plus-and-minus sign (\pm) to indicate direction. The sources **VAC**, **IAC**, **VSRC**, and **ISRC** are fine if the magnitude and the phase of a specific quantity are desired or if a transient plot against frequency is desired. However, they will not provide a response against time even if the frequency and the transient information are provided for the simulation.

VSIN and **ISIN** are used for time-based analysis and sources such as **VAC** and **IAC** are used for phasor and frequency analysis. In addition, **VSIN** and **ISIN** employ the **VAMPL** (peak) value of a sinusoidal waveform while **VAC** and **IAC** reference rms values. For the time-based analysis the **VAMPL** is the controlling variable and the **AC** listing can be listed at any value, although we will use the effective value in this text.

Before examining the mechanics of getting the various sources, remember that

Transient Analysis provides an ac or a dc output versus time, while AC Sweep is used to obtain a plot versus frequency.

To obtain any of the sources listed above, apply the following sequence: **Place part** key-**Place Part** dialog box-**Source**-(enter type of source). Once you select the source, the ac source **VSIN** appears on the schematic with **OFF**, **VAMPL**, **FREQ**, and **AC**. Always specify **VOFF** as 0 V (unless a specific value is part of the analysis), and provide a value for the amplitude and frequency. Additional quantities such as **PHASE**, **DC**, **DF**, and **TD** can be set by double-clicking on the source symbol to get the component listing, although **PHASE**, **DF** (damping factor), and **TD** (time delay) do have a default of 0 s. To add a phase angle, click on **PHASE**, enter the phase angle in the box below, and then select **Apply**. If you want to display a factor such as a phase angle of 60°, click on **PHASE** followed by **Display** to obtain the **Display Properties** dialog box. Then choose **Name and Value** followed by **OK** and **Apply**, and **PHASE = 60** will appear next to the **VSIN** source. The next chapter includes the use of the ac source in a simple circuit.

Multisim

For Multisim, the ac voltage source is available from three sources—the **Place Source** key pad in the **Components** toolbar, the **Show Power Source Family** in the **Virtual** or **BASIC** toolbar, and the **Function Generator**. The major difference among the options is that the phase angle cannot be set using the **Function Generator**.

Using the **Place Source** option, select **SIGNAL_VOLTAGE_SOURCES** group under the **Family** heading, followed by **AC_VOLTAGE-OK**. When selected and placed, it displays the default



values for the amplitude, frequency, and phase. All the parameters of the source can be changed by double-clicking on the source symbol to obtain the dialog box. The listing clearly indicates that the set voltage is the peak value. Note that the unit of measurement is set by typing in the desired unit of measurement. The label can be changed by switching the **Label** heading and inserting the desired label. After all the changes have been made in the dialog box, click **OK**, and all the changes appear next to the ac voltage source symbol. In Fig. 13.83, the label was changed to **Vs** and the amplitude to 10 V, while the frequency and phase angle were left with their default values. The important ground connection was made with the sequence **Place Source—All families—GROUND-OK**. It is particularly important to realize that

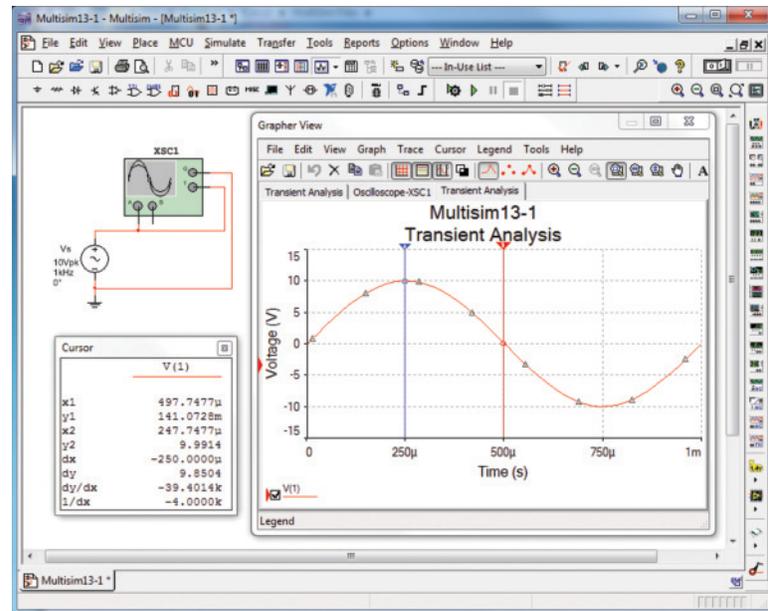


FIG. 13.83

Using the oscilloscope to display the sinusoidal ac voltage source available in the Multisim Sources tool bin.

for any frequency analysis (that is, where the frequency will change), the AC Magnitude of the ac source must be set under Analysis Setup in the SIGNAL_VOLTAGE_SOURCES dialog box. Failure to do so will create results linked to the default values rather than the value set under the Value heading.

To view the sinusoidal voltage set in Fig. 13.83, select an oscilloscope from the **Instrument** toolbar (fourth option down) at the right of the screen. When hooking up the oscilloscope, do not worry about overlapping wires. Connections are shown by small, solid dots. Note that it is a dual-channel oscilloscope with an **A** channel and a **B** channel. It has a ground (**G**) connection and a trigger (**T**) connection. The connections for viewing the ac voltage source on the **A** channel are provided in Fig. 13.83. Note that the trigger control is also connected to the **A** channel for sync control. The screen appearing in Fig. 13.83 can be displayed by double-clicking on the oscilloscope symbol on the screen. It has all the major controls of a typical laboratory oscilloscope. When you select **Simulate-Run** or select **1** on the **Simulate Switch**, the ac voltage



appears on the screen. Changing the **Time base** to $100\ \mu\text{s}/\text{div.}$ results in the display of Fig. 13.83 since there are 10 divisions across the screen and $10(100\ \mu\text{s}) = 1\ \text{ms}$ (the period of the applied signal). Changes in the **Time base** are made by clicking on the default value to obtain the scrolls in the same box. For a single waveform like that in Fig. 13.83, be sure to select **Sing.** (for Singular) in the bottom right of the scope. It is important to remember, however, that

changes in the oscilloscope setting or any network should not be made until the simulation is ended by disabling the Simulate-Run option or placing the Simulate switch in the 0 mode.

To stop the simulation, there are three options: choose **Simulate-Stop** from the top toolbar on the screen; select the red square to the right of the green arrow; or click the switch back to the **0** position.

The options within the time base are set by the scroll bars and cannot be changed—again they match those typically available on a laboratory oscilloscope. The vertical sensitivity of the **A** channel was automatically set by the program at $5\ \text{V}/\text{div.}$ to result in two vertical boxes for the peak value as shown in Fig. 13.83. Note the **AC** and **DC** keypads below Channel **A**. Since there is no dc component in the applied signal, either one results in the same display. The **Trigger** control is set on the positive transition at a level of $0\ \text{V}$. The **T1** and **T2** refer to the cursor positions on the horizontal time axis. By clicking on the small triangle at the top of the line at the far left edge of the screen and dragging the triangle, you can move the vertical line to any position along the axis. If moved to the point where the waveform crosses the axis, the time element is one-half that of the period or $500\ \mu\text{s}$. In the cursor box you will find $x1 = 497.75\ \mu\text{s} \cong 500\ \mu\text{s}$ with a magnitude of $141.07\ \text{mV}$ or $0.14\ \text{V}$, which is essentially zero volts compared to the peak value of $10\ \text{V}$. Selecting the other cursor and moving it to the peak value at $x2 = 247.75\ \mu\text{s} \cong 250\ \mu\text{s}$ results in a magnitude of $y2 = 9.99\ \text{V}$ or essentially $10\ \text{V}$. The accuracy is controlled by the number of data points called for in the simulation setup. The more data points, the higher is the likelihood of a higher degree of accuracy for the desired quantity. However, an increased number of data points also extends the running time of the simulation. The third line provides the difference between $x2$ and $x1$ as $250\ \mu\text{s}$ and difference between their magnitudes $dy = 9.85\ \text{V}$.

As mentioned above, you can also obtain an ac voltage from the **Function Generator** appearing as the second option down on the **Instrument** toolbar. Its symbol appears in Fig. 13.84 with positive, negative, and ground connections. Double-click on the generator graphic symbol, and the **Function Generator** dialog box appears in which selections can be made. For this example, the sinusoidal waveform is chosen. To set the frequency, click on the unit of measurement to produce a list of options. For this case, **kHz** was chosen and the **1** left as is. The **Amplitude** (peak value) is set as $V_p = 10\ \text{V}$ and the **Offset** at $0\ \text{V}$. Note that there is no option to set the phase angle as was possible for the source above. Double-clicking on the oscilloscope generates the **Oscilloscope-XSCI** dialog box in which a **Timebase** of $100\ \mu\text{s}/\text{div.}$ can be set again with a vertical sensitivity of $5\ \text{V}/\text{div.}$ Setup the connections appearing in Fig. 13.84 and select **1** on the **Simulate** switch, to obtain the waveform of Fig. 13.84. Choosing **Sing.** under **Trigger** results in a fixed display. Set the **Simulate** switch on **0** to end the simulation. Placing the cursors in the same position shows that the waveforms for Figs. 13.83 and 13.84 are the same.

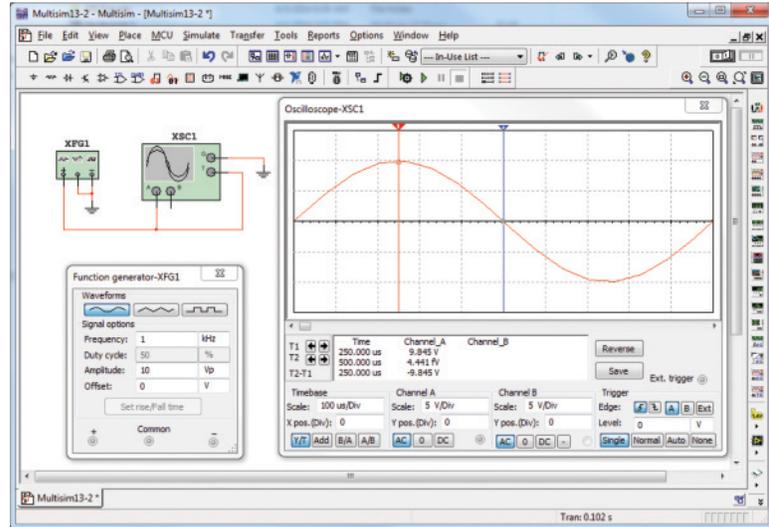


FIG. 13.84

Using the function generator to place a sinusoidal ac voltage waveform on the screen of the oscilloscope.

For most of the Multisim analyses to appear in this text, the **AC_VOLTAGE** under **Place Source** will be employed. However, with such a limited introduction to Multisim, it seemed appropriate to introduce the use of the **Function Generator** because of its close linkage to the laboratory experience.

PROBLEMS

SECTION 13.2 Sinusoidal ac Voltage Characteristics and Definitions

1. For the sinusoidal waveform in Fig. 13.85:
 - a. What is the peak value?
 - b. What is the instantaneous value at 15 ms and at 20 ms?
 - c. What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?
 - d. What is the period of the waveform?
 - e. How many cycles are shown?

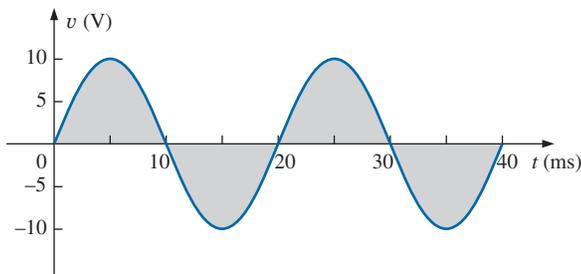


FIG. 13.85
Problem 1.

2. For the sinusoidal signal in Fig. 13.86:
 - a. What is the peak value?
 - b. What is the instantaneous value at 1 μ s and at 7 μ s.

- c. What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?
- d. What is the period of the waveform?
- e. How many cycles are shown?

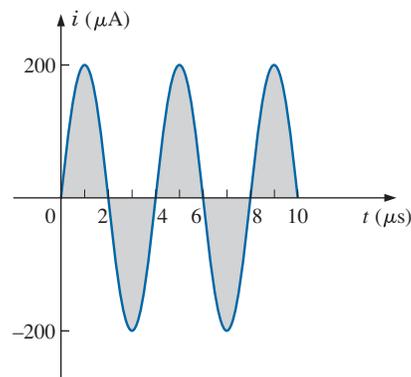


FIG. 13.86
Problem 2.

3. For the periodic square-wave waveform in Fig. 13.87:
 - a. What is the peak value?
 - b. What is the instantaneous value at 1.5 ms and at 5.1 ms?
 - c. What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?
 - d. What is the period of the waveform?
 - e. How many cycles are shown?

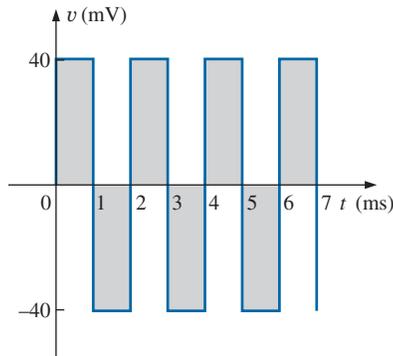


FIG. 13.87
Problem 3.

4. For the waveform of Fig. 13.88:
- Does this appear to be a high- or low-frequency waveform? Why?
 - How many full cycles are shown?
 - What is the period of the waveform?
 - What is the frequency of the waveform?
 - What is the peak value of the waveform?
 - What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?

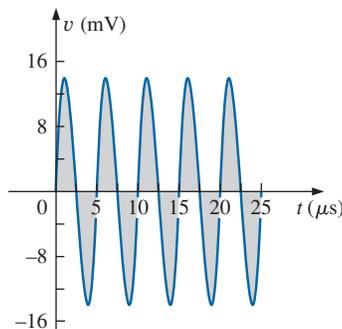
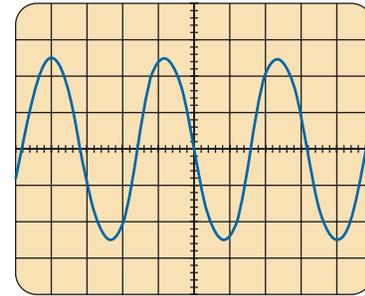


FIG. 13.88
Problem 4.

SECTION 13.3 Frequency Spectrum

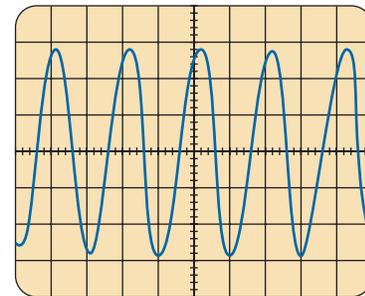
- Find the period of a periodic waveform whose frequency is
 - 250 Hz.
 - 50 MHz.
 - 28 kHz.
 - 2 Hz.
- Find the frequency of a repeating waveform whose period is
 - 1 s.
 - $\frac{1}{36}$ s.
 - 75 ms.
 - 40 μ s.
- If a periodic waveform has a frequency of 2 kHz, how long (in seconds) will it take to complete five cycles?
- Find the period of a sinusoidal waveform that completes 100 cycles in 25 ms.
- What is the frequency of a periodic waveform that completes 72 cycles in 8 s?
- For the oscilloscope pattern of Fig. 13.89:
 - Determine the peak amplitude.
 - Find the period.
 - Calculate the frequency.
 Redraw the oscilloscope pattern if a +20 mV dc level were added to the input waveform.



Vertical sensitivity = 50 mV/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 10 μ s/div.

FIG. 13.89
Problem 10.

- For the waveform of Fig. 13.90:
 - What is the peak value of the waveform?
 - What is the peak-to-peak value of the waveform?
 - What is the period of the waveform?
 - What is the frequency of the waveform?
 - How many full cycles are shown?
 - What is the shift (in time) of the cosine wave from the vertical axis at $t = 0$ s?



Vertical sensitivity = 10 mV/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 5 μ s/div.

FIG. 13.90
Problem 11.

SECTION 13.4 The Sinusoidal Waveform

- Convert the following degrees to radians:
 - 40°
 - 60°
 - 135°
 - 170°
- Convert the following radians to degrees:
 - $\frac{\pi}{3}$
 - 1.2π
 - $\frac{1}{10}\pi$
 - 0.6π
- Find the angular velocity of a waveform with a period of
 - 1.6 s.
 - 0.5 ms.
 - 7 μ s
 - 3×10^{-6} s.
- Find the angular velocity of a waveform with a frequency of
 - 150 Hz.
 - 0.50 kHz.
 - 4 kHz.
 - 0.008 MHz.
- Find the frequency and period of sine waves having an angular velocity of
 - 654 rad/s.
 - 18 rad/s.
 - 6600 rad/s.
 - 0.19 rad/s.



- *17. Given $f = 60\text{ Hz}$, determine how long it will take the sinusoidal waveform to pass through an angle of 120° .
- *18. If a sinusoidal waveform passes through an angle of 45° in 9 ms, determine the angular velocity of the waveform.

SECTION 13.5 General Format for the Sinusoidal Voltage or Current

19. Find the amplitude and frequency of the following waves:
- $20 \sin 377t$
 - $12 \sin 2\pi 120t$
 - $10^6 \sin 10,000t$
 - $-8 \sin 10,058t$
20. Sketch $6 \sin 754t$ with the abscissa
- angle in degrees.
 - angle in radians.
 - time in seconds.
- *21. Sketch $-8 \sin 2\pi 80t$ with the abscissa
- angle in degrees.
 - angle in radians.
 - time in seconds.
- *22. If $e = 500 \sin 176t$, how long (in seconds) does it take this waveform to complete $1/2$ cycle?
- *23. Given $i = 0.3 \sin \alpha$, determine i at $\alpha = 60^\circ$.
- *24. Given $v = 25 \sin \alpha$, determine v at $\alpha = 1.4\pi$.
- *25. Given $v = 40 \times 10^{-3} \sin \alpha$, determine the angles at which v will be 8 mV.
- *26. If $v = 60\text{ V}$ at $\alpha = 30^\circ$ and $t = 1.5\text{ ms}$, determine the mathematical expression for the sinusoidal voltage.

SECTION 13.6 Phase Relations

- *27. Sketch $\sin(377t + 60^\circ)$ with the abscissa
- angle in degrees.
 - angle in radians.
 - time in seconds.
- *28. Sketch the following waveforms:
- $50 \sin(\omega t + 0^\circ)$
 - $5 \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$
 - $2 \cos(\omega t + 10^\circ)$
 - $-2 \sin(\omega t + 10^\circ)$
29. Write the analytical expression for the waveforms of Fig. 13.91 with the phase angle in degrees.

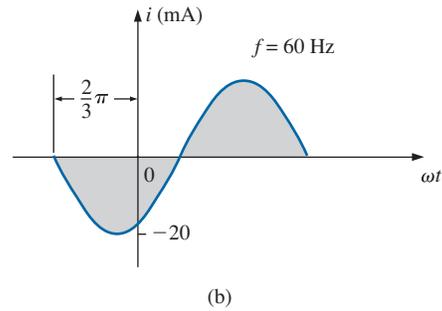
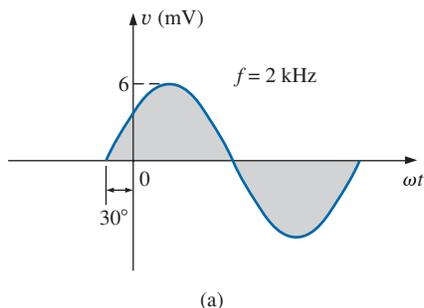


FIG. 13.91

Problem 29.

30. Write the analytical expression for the waveform of Fig. 13.92 with the phase angle in degrees.

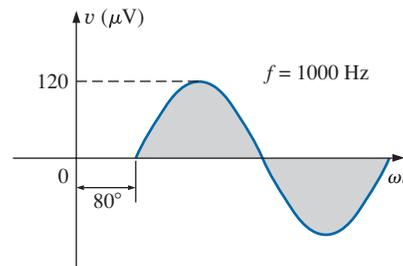


FIG. 13.92

Problem 30.

31. Write the analytical expression for the waveform of Fig. 13.93 with the phase angle in degrees.

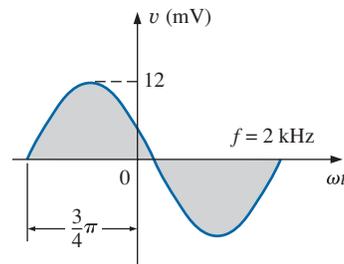


FIG. 13.93

Problem 31.

32. Write the analytical expression for the waveform of Fig. 13.94 with the phase angle in radians.

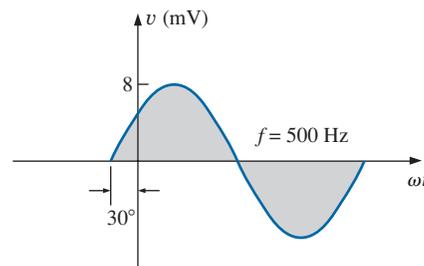


FIG. 13.94

Problem 32.



33. Find the phase relationship between the following waveforms:

$$v = 25 \sin(\omega t + 80^\circ)$$

$$i = 4 \sin(\omega t - 10^\circ)$$

34. Find the phase relationship between the following waveforms:

$$v = 0.3 \sin(\omega t - 65^\circ)$$

$$i = 0.2 \sin(\omega t - 30^\circ)$$

- *35. Find the phase relationship between the following waveforms:

$$v = 5 \cos(\omega t - 30^\circ)$$

$$i = 8 \sin(\omega t + 50^\circ)$$

- *36. Find the phase relationship between the following waveforms:

$$v = -5 \cos(\omega t + 90^\circ)$$

$$i = -3 \sin(\omega t + 20^\circ)$$

- *37. The sinusoidal voltage $v = 160 \sin(2\pi 1000t + 60^\circ)$ is plotted in Fig. 13.95. Determine the time t_1 when the waveform crosses the axis.

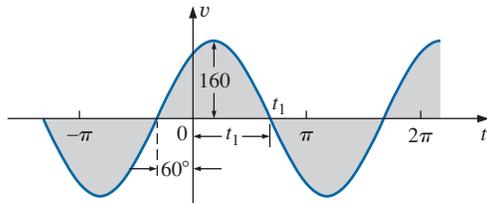


FIG. 13.95
Problem 37.

- *38. The sinusoidal current $i = 20 \times 10^{-3} \sin(50,000t - 40^\circ)$ is plotted in Fig. 13.96. Determine the time t_1 when the waveform crosses the axis.

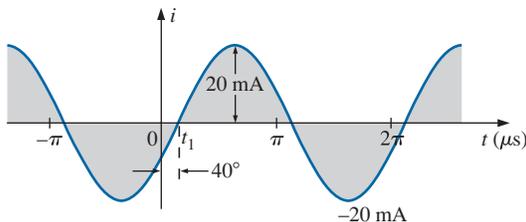
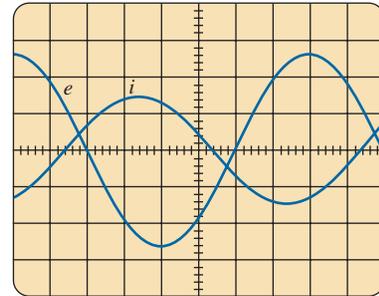


FIG. 13.96
Problem 38.

39. For the waveform of Fig. 13.95, find the time when the waveform has its peak value.
40. For the oscilloscope display in Fig. 13.97:
- Determine the period of the waveform.
 - Determine the frequency of each waveform.

- Find the rms value of each waveform.
- Determine the phase shift between the two waveforms and determine which leads and which lags.



Vertical sensitivity = 0.5 V/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 1 ms/div.

FIG. 13.97
Problem 40.

SECTION 13.7 Average Value

41. Find the average value of the periodic waveform in Fig. 13.98.

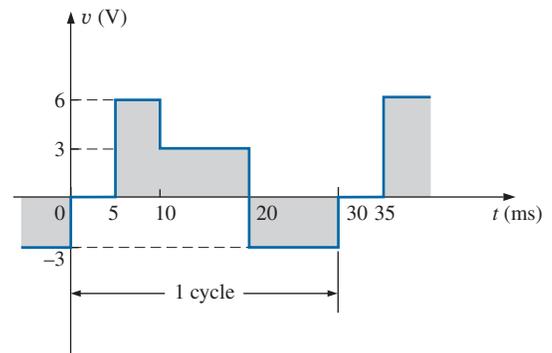


FIG. 13.98
Problem 41.

42. Find the average value of the periodic waveforms in Fig. 13.99 over one full cycle.

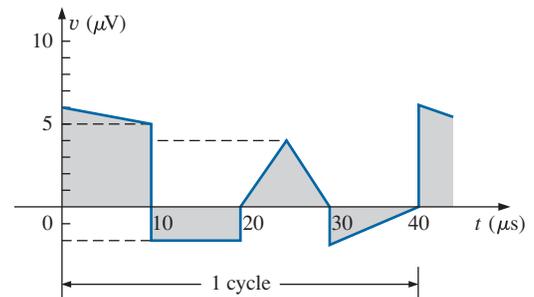


FIG. 13.99
Problem 42.



43. Find the average value of the periodic waveform of Fig. 13.100 over one full cycle.

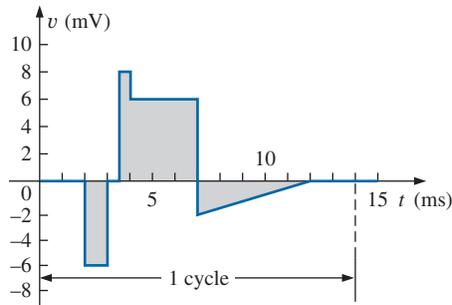


FIG. 13.100
Problem 43.

44. Find the average value of the periodic waveform of Fig. 13.101 over one full cycle.

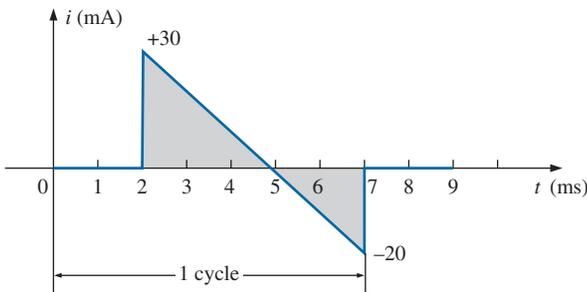


FIG. 13.101
Problem 44.

45. Find the average value of the periodic function of Fig. 13.102:

- By inspection.
- Through calculations.
- Compare the results of parts (a) and (b).

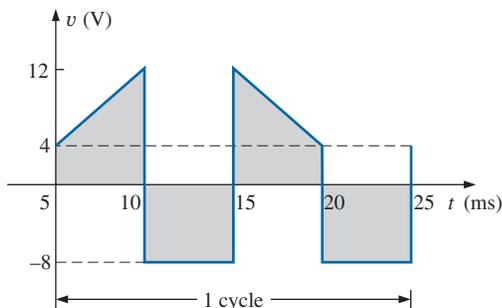


FIG. 13.102
Problem 45.

46. Find the average value of the periodic waveform in Fig. 13.103.

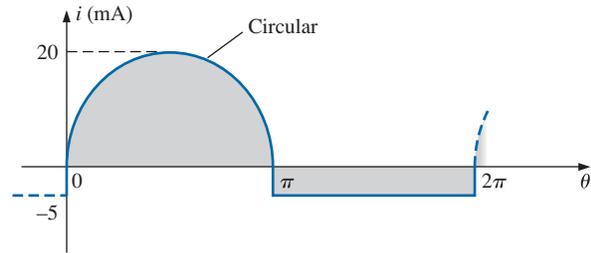
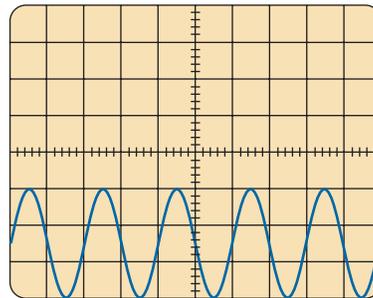


FIG. 13.103
Problem 46.

47. For the waveform in Fig. 13.104:

- Determine the period.
- Find the frequency.
- Determine the average value.
- Sketch the resulting oscilloscope display if the vertical channel is switched from dc to ac.

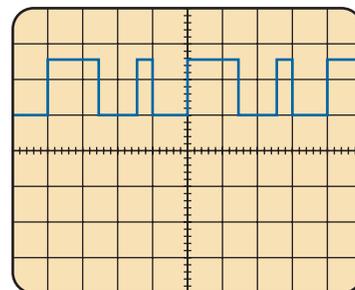


Vertical sensitivity = 10 mV/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 0.2 ms/div.

FIG. 13.104
Problem 47.

- *48. For the waveform in Fig. 13.105:

- Determine the period.
- Find the frequency.
- Determine the average value.
- Sketch the resulting oscilloscope display if the vertical channel is switched from dc to ac.



Vertical sensitivity = 10 mV/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 10 μs/div.

FIG. 13.105
Problem 48.



SECTION 13.8 Effective (rms) Values

49. Find the rms values of the following sinusoidal waveforms:
- $v = 130 \sin(377t + 45^\circ)$
 - $i = 5 \times 10^{-3} \sin(2\pi 1500t)$
 - $v = 9 \times 10^{-6} \sin(2\pi 4500t + 60^\circ)$
50. Write the sinusoidal expressions for voltages and currents having the following rms values at a frequency of 60 Hz with zero phase shift:
- 6.8 V
 - 60 mA
 - 5 kV
51. Find the rms value of the periodic waveform in Fig. 13.106 over one full cycle.

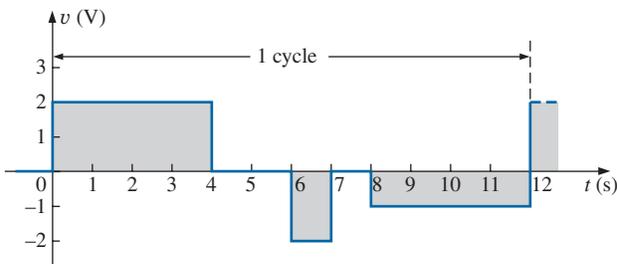


FIG. 13.106
Problem 51.

52. Find the rms value of the periodic waveform in Fig. 13.107 over one full cycle.

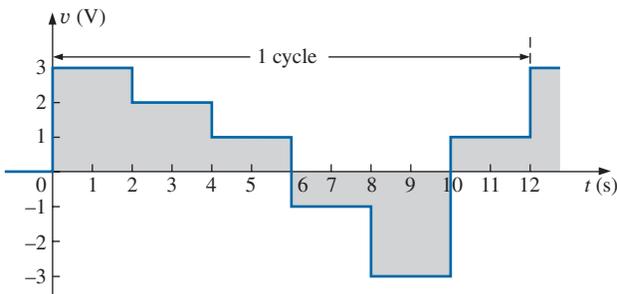


FIG. 13.107
Problem 52.

53. What are the average and rms values of the square wave in Fig. 13.108?

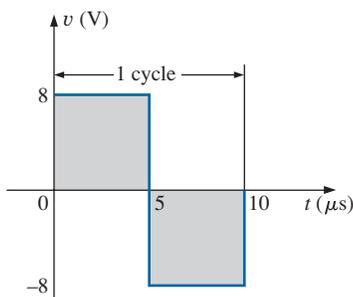
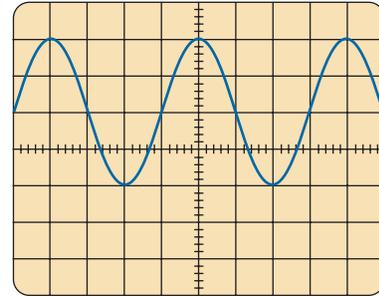


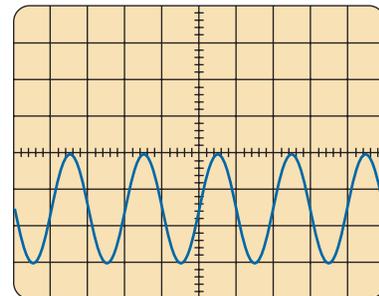
FIG. 13.108
Problem 53.

- *54. For each waveform in Fig. 13.109, determine the period, frequency, average value, and rms value.



Vertical sensitivity = 20 mV/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 10 μs/div.

(a)



Vertical sensitivity = 0.2 V/div.
Horizontal sensitivity = 50 μs/div.

(b)

FIG. 13.109
Problem 54.

- *55. For the waveform of Fig. 13.110:
- Carefully sketch the squared waveform. Note that the equation for the sloping line must first be determined.
 - Using some basic area equations and the approximate approach, find the approximate area under the squared curve.
 - Determine the rms value of the original waveform.
 - Find the average value of the original waveform.
 - How does the average value of the waveform compare to the rms value?

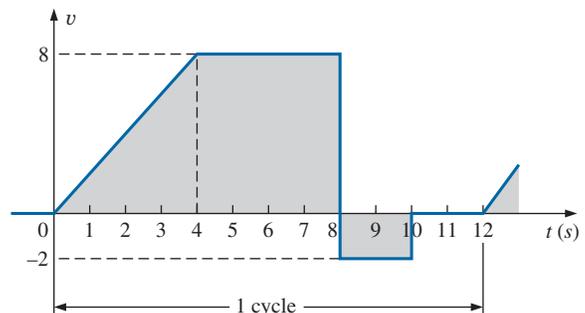


FIG. 13.110
Problem 55.



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*56. Determine the reading of the meter for each situation in Fig. 13.111.

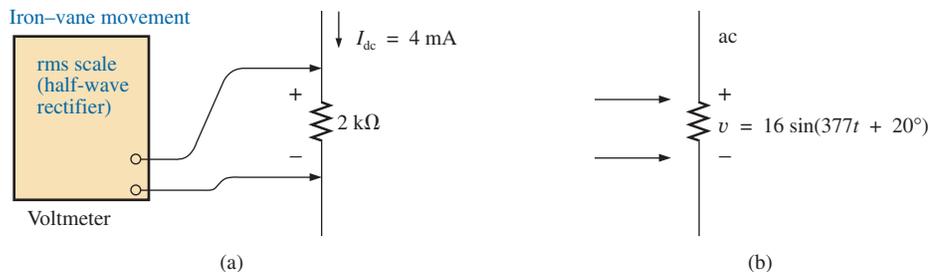


FIG. 13.111
Problem 56.

GLOSSARY

Alternating waveform A waveform that oscillates above and below a defined reference level.

Angular velocity The velocity with which a radius vector projecting a sinusoidal function rotates about its center.

Average value The level of a waveform defined by the condition that the area enclosed by the curve above this level is exactly equal to the area enclosed by the curve below this level.

Calibration factor A multiplying factor used to convert from one meter indication to another.

Clamp Meter[®] A clamp-type instrument that will permit noninvasive current measurements and that can be used as a conventional voltmeter or ohmmeter.

Converter Converts ac to dc.

Cycle A portion of a waveform contained in one period of time.

Effective value The equivalent dc value of any alternating voltage or current.

Electrodynamometer meters Instruments that can measure both ac and dc quantities without a change in internal circuitry.

Frequency (f) The number of cycles of a periodic waveform that occur in 1 s.

Frequency counter An instrument that will provide a digital display of the frequency or period of a periodic time-varying signal.

Instantaneous value The magnitude of a waveform at any instant of time, denoted by lowercase letters.

Inverter Converts dc to ac.

Lagging waveform A waveform that crosses the time axis at a point in time later than another waveform of the same frequency.

Leading waveform A waveform that crosses the time axis at a point in time ahead of another waveform of the same frequency.

Oscilloscope An instrument that will display, through the use of a cathode-ray tube, the characteristics of a time-varying signal.

Peak amplitude The maximum value of a waveform as measured from its average, or mean, value, denoted by uppercase letters.

Peak-to-peak value The magnitude of the total swing of a signal from positive to negative peaks. The sum of the absolute values of the positive and negative peak values.

Peak value The maximum value of a waveform, denoted by uppercase letters.

Period (T) The time interval necessary for one cycle of a periodic waveform.

Periodic waveform A waveform that continually repeats itself after a defined time interval.

Phase relationship An indication of which of two waveforms leads or lags the other, and by how many degrees or radians.

Radian (rad) A unit of measure used to define a particular segment of a circle. One radian is approximately equal to 57.3° ; 2π rad are equal to 360° .

Root-mean-square (rms) value The root-mean-square or effective value of a waveform.

Sinusoidal ac waveform An alternating waveform of unique characteristics that oscillates with equal amplitude above and below a given axis.

VOM A multimeter with the capability to measure resistance and both ac and dc levels of current and voltage.

Waveform The path traced by a quantity, plotted as a function of some variable such as position, time, degrees, temperature, and so on.