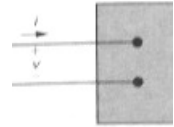


From the beginning, we have used  $p = iv$  for power, where positive means absorbing and negative means delivering. With sinusoidal signals, this formula still applies, but there are many variations/ways of applying it to AC circuits.



- 1) **Instantaneous Power**  $p(t) = v(t)i(t)$  (Watts) Defined at every instant,  $t$ ,  $p(t)$  fluctuates in sinusoidal circuits, so is not very useful for analysis. But it underlies all other approaches to power.

For example, if  $v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v)$  and  $i(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_i)$

Various trig identities can be used to show that,

$$\begin{aligned} p(t) &= v(t)i(t) = V_m I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \cos(\omega t + \theta_i) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} V_m I_m \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + \frac{1}{2} V_m I_m \cos(2\omega t + \theta_v + \theta_i) \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

- 2) **Average Power** Although  $p(t)$  is a time varying sinusoid, the first term in the expression above is constant. It represents the average of the sinusoidal power waveform.

$$P = \frac{1}{2} V_m I_m \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \quad \text{AVERAGE Power (Unit: Watts)}$$

$P$ , the Average or Real power, is the power that is transformed from electric to non-electric energy.  $P$  is the power a device is actually consuming.

- 3) **Maximum Average Power Transfer** If we connect a load  $Z_L$  to a circuit, and can adjust  $Z_L$ , then the value of  $Z_L$  that will allow the load to receive the most average power is  $Z_L = Z_{TH}^*$ . In other words,

a) Find  $V_{TH}$ , and  $Z_{TH}$ . Note that  $Z_{TH} = R_{TH} + jX_{TH}$  (it has a real and imaginary part)

b) For max power transfer,  $Z_L = \text{complex conjugate of } Z_{TH} = R_{TH} - jX_{TH}$

c) The maximum power receive by  $Z_L$ ,  $P_{max} = \frac{|V_{TH}|^2}{8R_{TH}}$

d) If  $Z_L$  can only be resistive ( $R_L$ ), then choose  $R_L = |Z_{TH}| = \sqrt{R_{TH}^2 + X_{TH}^2}$

- 4) **Effective or RMS Value** When measuring sinusoidal signals, it can be more convenient to measure the RMS value (Digital Multimeters do this automatically). RMS is the root means square of a value over

one period, for example,  $Y_{eff} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{T} \int_0^T y^2(t) dt} = Y_{rms}$  For sinewaves,  $Y_{rms} = \frac{Y_m}{\sqrt{2}}$  and we can

write  $P = \frac{1}{2} V_m I_m \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = V_{rms} I_{rms} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$

The effective (rms) value of a periodic current is the dc current that delivers the same average power to a resistor as the periodic current. The rms value of a periodic voltage has similar meaning.

5) **Apparent Power** (referred to as  $S$ ), is the product of the rms values of voltage and current

$$S = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} = \frac{V_m}{\sqrt{2}} \frac{I_m}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \quad \text{APPARENT Power (Unit: VA)}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } P = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = S \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

6) **Power Factor**  $\text{pf} = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$  and is considered a **lagging power factor** (inductive load) if current lags voltage, that is,  $(\theta_v > \theta_i)$  and a **leading power factor** (capacitive load) if  $(\theta_v < \theta_i)$

This quantity determines how resistive the load is and what type the reactive portion is. The power factor is also the cosine of the load angle, since

$$\mathbf{Z} = \frac{V_m \angle \theta_v}{I_m \angle \theta_i} = \frac{V_m}{I_m} \angle (\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

7) **Complex Power**  $\mathbf{S} = P + jQ$  (unit: Volt-Amps or VA) is the product of the Voltage phasor with the complex conjugate of the Current phasor. If phasor (boldface)  $\mathbf{V} = V_m \cos(\theta_v)$ ,  $\mathbf{I} = I_m \cos(\theta_i)$ , then

$$\mathbf{S} = \frac{1}{2} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{I}^* = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \angle \theta_v - \theta_i = \mathbf{V}_{\text{rms}} \mathbf{I}_{\text{rms}}^*$$

$$\mathbf{S} = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) + j V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

$$\mathbf{S} = P + jQ$$

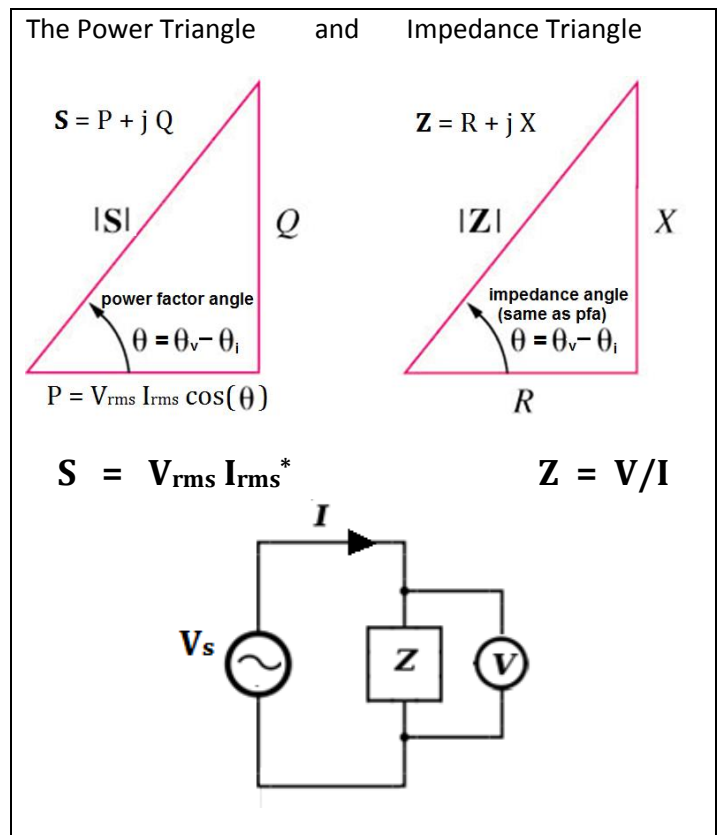
$$P = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

= the average power (in Watts) delivered to a load, the only useful power.

$$Q = V_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

= the reactive power exchange between the source and the reactive part of the load. It is measured in VAR.

Note that Apparent power  $S$  is the magnitude of complex power  $\mathbf{S}$ , both in units of VA



8) **Power Factor Correction** energy savings encourage us to balance inductive loads with capacitive loads. If a load is inductive, with a phase angle of  $\theta_1$ , the power factor angle can be brought back to a smaller angle,  $\theta_2$ , with a capacitor attached in parallel to the load. The value of the capacitor is

$$C = \frac{Q_c}{\omega V_{\text{rms}}^2} = \frac{P(\tan \theta_1 - \tan \theta_2)}{\omega V_{\text{rms}}^2}$$