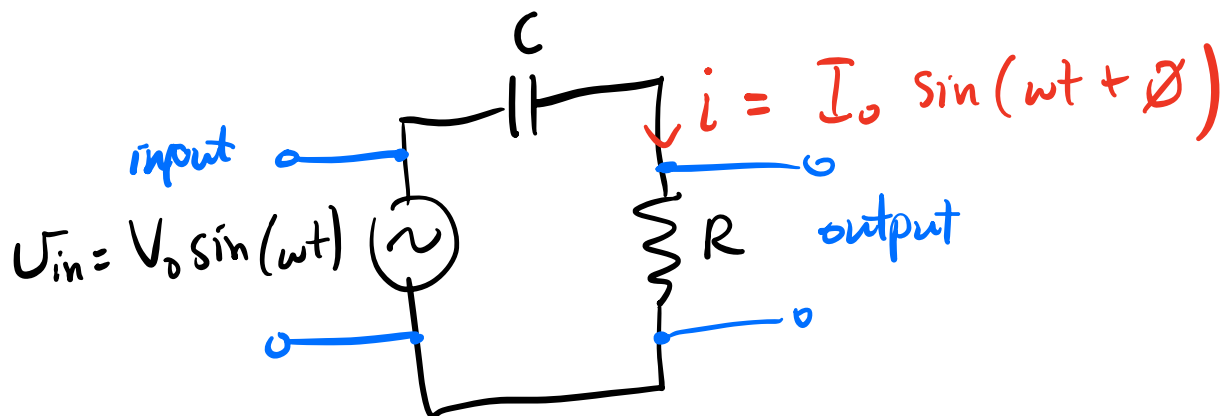


PHYS 231 - Oct. 11, 2023  
No Lab this week. (Oct. 12, 2023)

Last Time:

RC circuit frequency response



Goal was to find  $I_0(\omega)$  &  $\phi(\omega)$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \phi = \frac{1}{\omega RC}$$

$$I_0 = \frac{\omega V_0 C}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}}$$

① Practical use of the RC circuit driven by sine wave.

Consider voltage across resistor

$$V_R = iR = \underbrace{I_0 R}_{\omega} \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$V_R = I_0 R$  : Amplitude of voltage across resistor.

Know  $I_0(\omega)$ , therefore

$$V_R = \frac{\omega V_0 R C}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega R C)^2}}$$

amplitude of signal generator output.

Consider ratio of Resistor amplitude to fcn generator amplitude.

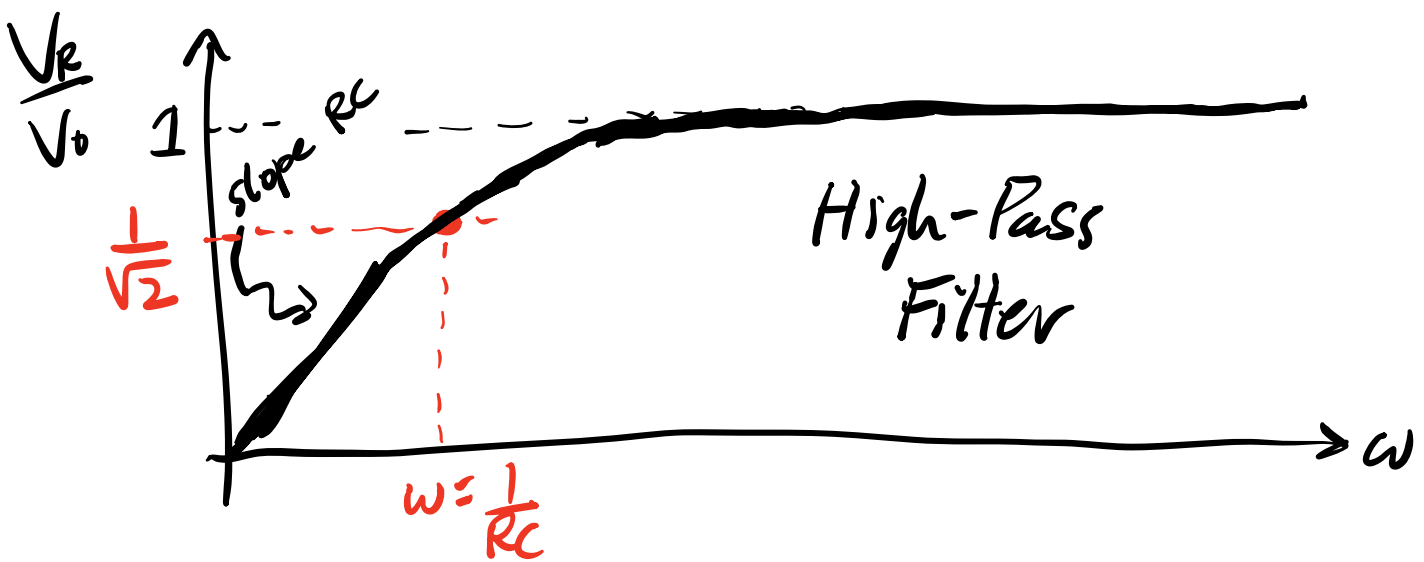
$$\frac{V_R}{V_0} = \frac{\omega R C}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega R C)^2}}$$

Plot  $V_R/V_0$  vs  $\omega$

limit  $\omega \rightarrow 0$

$$\frac{V_R}{V_0} \approx \omega R C$$

limit  $\omega \rightarrow \infty$   
$$\frac{V_R}{V_0} \approx \frac{\omega R C}{\omega R C} = 1$$



Consider the angular freq.  $\omega = \frac{1}{RC}$

$$\frac{V_R}{V_0} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{RC}\right) RC}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{1}{RC} RC\right)^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707$$

If we take  $V_R$  as the output of our circuit:

- At high freq., the input (provided by AC gen.) is passed to the output.
- At low freq., the output is attenuated compared to the input. suppress amp. of output.

This circuit acts as a "High-Pass" filter since it passes signals at high freq. & attenuates signals at low freq.

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② Develop Complex Numbers as a mathematical to help us analyze circuits in the frequency domain.

Definition:  $\sqrt{-1} = \pm j$

$$\Rightarrow -1 = (\pm j)^2 = (\pm 1)^2 (j)^2$$

$$\therefore j^2 = -1$$

Why is this definition useful?

- It allows to solve some problems that previously had no obvious sol'n.

Eg. Consider  $\sqrt{-36} = \underbrace{\sqrt{-1}}_{\pm j} \underbrace{\sqrt{36}}_6$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{-36} = \pm 6j$$

Eg. Consider  $1x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  find sol'ns for  $x$ .

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(4)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-12}}{2} = 1 \pm \frac{\sqrt{-1} \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm j \frac{\sqrt{4} \sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm j \sqrt{3}$$

We say that  $x$  has two components:  
"Real" part & "Imaginary" part

Definitions:

$\text{Re}[x] = 1$       anything not multiplied  
by  $j$   
"real part of  $x$ "

$\text{Im}[x] = \pm \sqrt{3}$       the stuff multiplied  
by  $j$ .  
"imaginary part of  $x$ "      (does not include  
the factor of  $j$ ).

Check that our sol'n for  $x$  works

sub  $x = 1 \pm j\sqrt{3}$  into

$x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0.$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 &= (1 \pm j\sqrt{3})^2 = (1 \pm j\sqrt{3})(1 \pm j\sqrt{3}) \\ &= 1 \pm j\sqrt{3} \pm j\sqrt{3} + (\pm j\sqrt{3})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 1 \pm 2j\sqrt{3} + \underbrace{j^2}_{-1} 3$$

$$= \underline{-2 \pm 2j\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore x^2 - 2x + 4 = (-2 \pm 2j\sqrt{3}) - 2(1 \pm j\sqrt{3}) + 4$$

$$= \cancel{-2} \pm \cancel{2j\sqrt{3}} - \cancel{2} \mp \cancel{2j\sqrt{3}} + \cancel{4}$$

$$= 0 \text{ as expected.}$$

In general, any complex no can be expressed in the form:

$$z = x + jy$$

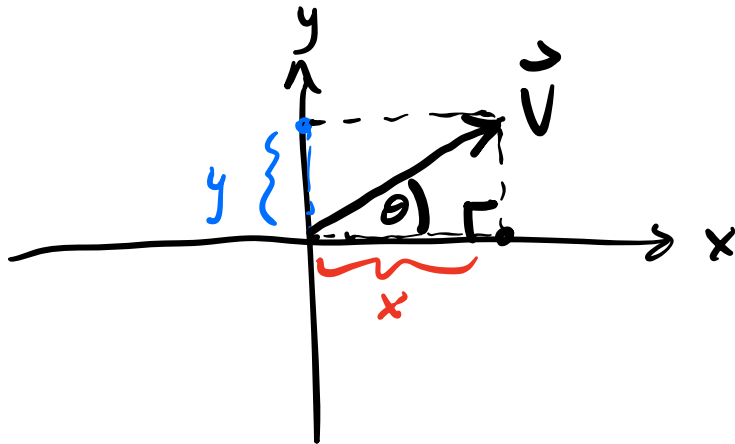
↑  
real component

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imaginary component

The expression  $z = x + jy$  resembles  
at two-component vector  $\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$

$\vec{v} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j}$	x-component x	y-component y
$z = x + jy$	real component x	imag: component y

If we plot  $\vec{v}$  in x-y plane

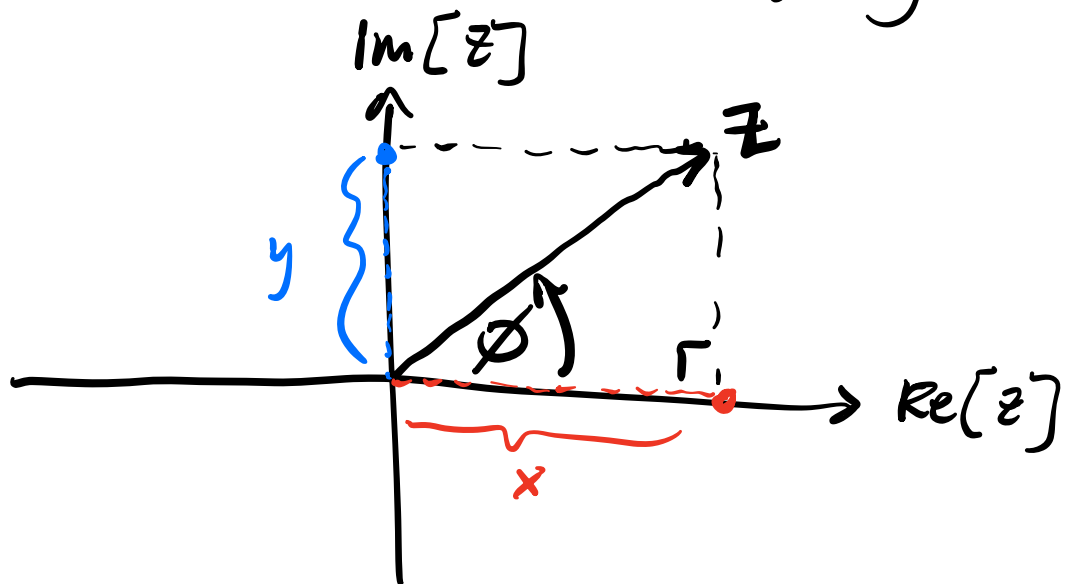


$$|\vec{v}| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$



By analogy, let's plot complex number  $z = x + jy$  in the so-called complex plane which has a real axis & an imaginary axis



complex no.  $z$  has a magnitude of "length"

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\text{Re}[z]^2 + \text{Im}[z]^2}$$

$$\tan \phi = \frac{y}{x} = \frac{\text{Im}[z]}{\text{Re}[z]}$$