

Review of complex nos. & their physical meaning.

Recall that we can express any complex number as:

① mag & phase  $e^{j\theta}$  (Euler)

$$\underline{z} = |z| e^{j\theta} = |z| (\underbrace{\cos\theta + j\sin\theta})$$

② real & imaginary components

$$\underline{z} = x + jy$$

↑  
real part
↑  
imaginary part.

Switch between the two representations:

$$\therefore \underline{x} + j\underline{y} = |z| (\underline{\cos\theta} + j\underline{\sin\theta})$$

$$x = |z| \cos \phi$$

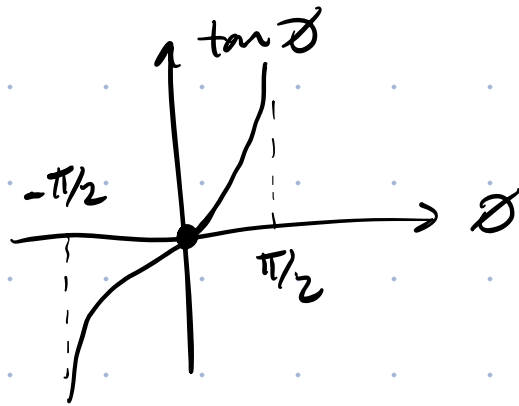
$$y = |z| \sin \phi$$

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

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

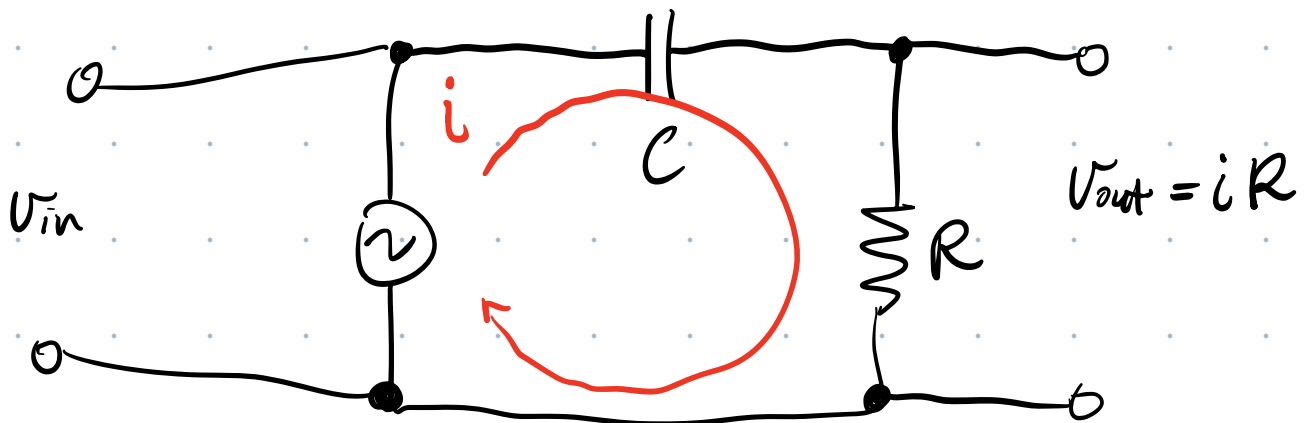
If  $\text{Im}[z] = y = 0$ , then  $\tan \phi = 0$

$$\therefore \phi = 0.$$



Consider an example from electronics.

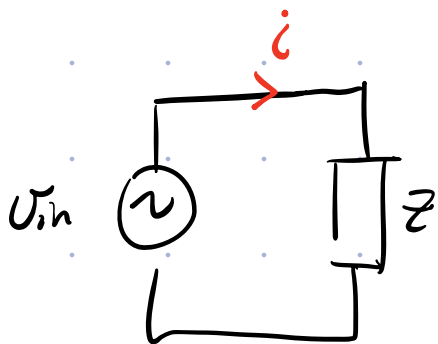
RC series circuit.



$$V_{in} = V_{in} e^{j\omega t}$$

$$V_{out} = V_{out} e^{j(\omega t + \phi)}$$
$$= iR$$

To fully determine  $V_{out}$ , need to find the ampl.  $V_{out}$  & phase  $\phi$ .



$$i = \frac{V_{in}}{Z}$$

$$Z = \frac{1}{j\omega C} + R = \frac{1 + j\omega RC}{j\omega C}$$

$$i = V_{in} \left( \frac{j\omega C}{1 + j\omega RC} \right) \frac{1 - j\omega RC}{1 - j\omega RC}$$

$$= V_{in} \left( \frac{j\omega C + \omega^2 RC^2}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} \right)$$

$$i = V_{in} \omega C \frac{(j + \omega RC)}{1 + (\omega RC)^2}$$

$$\therefore V_{out} = iR = V_{in} \frac{\omega RC (j + \omega RC)}{1 + (\omega RC)^2}$$

Recall  $V_{in} = V_{in} e^{j\omega t}$   
 $V_{out} = V_{out} e^{j(\omega t + \phi)} = V_{out} e^{j\omega t} e^{j\phi}$

$$\cancel{V_{out} e^{j\omega t}} e^{j\phi} = V_{in} \cancel{e^{j\omega t}} \frac{\omega RC (j + \omega RC)}{1 + (\omega RC)^2}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{\cos\phi + j\sin\phi}$

$$V_{out} (\cos\phi + j\sin\phi) = V_{in} \frac{\omega RC (j + \omega RC)}{1 + (\omega RC)^2}$$

real & imaginary parts on left must equal the real & imaginary parts on right, respectively.

$$\text{Real: } V_{out} \cos\phi = V_{in} \frac{(\omega RC)^2}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} = X$$

$$\text{Imaginary: } V_{out} \sin \phi = V_{in} \frac{\omega RC}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} \equiv Y$$

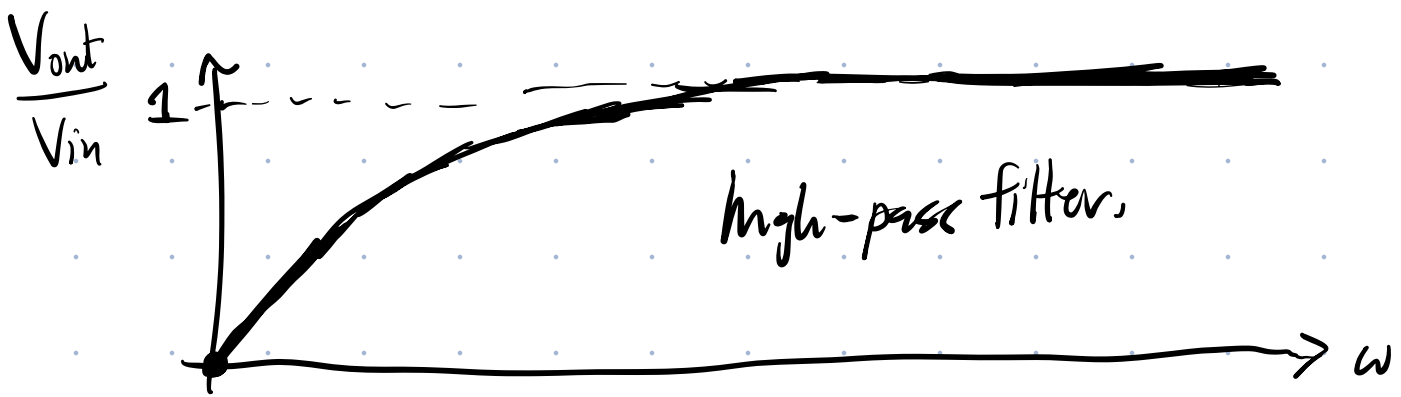
X is the real component of  $V_{out}$   
Y " " imaginary " " "

To find the mag. of  $V_{out}$ , evaluate  $\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}$

$$\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} = \sqrt{\frac{V_{in}^2 (\omega RC)^4}{(1 + (\omega RC)^2)^2} + \frac{V_{in}^2 (\omega RC)^2}{(1 + (\omega RC)^2)^2}}$$

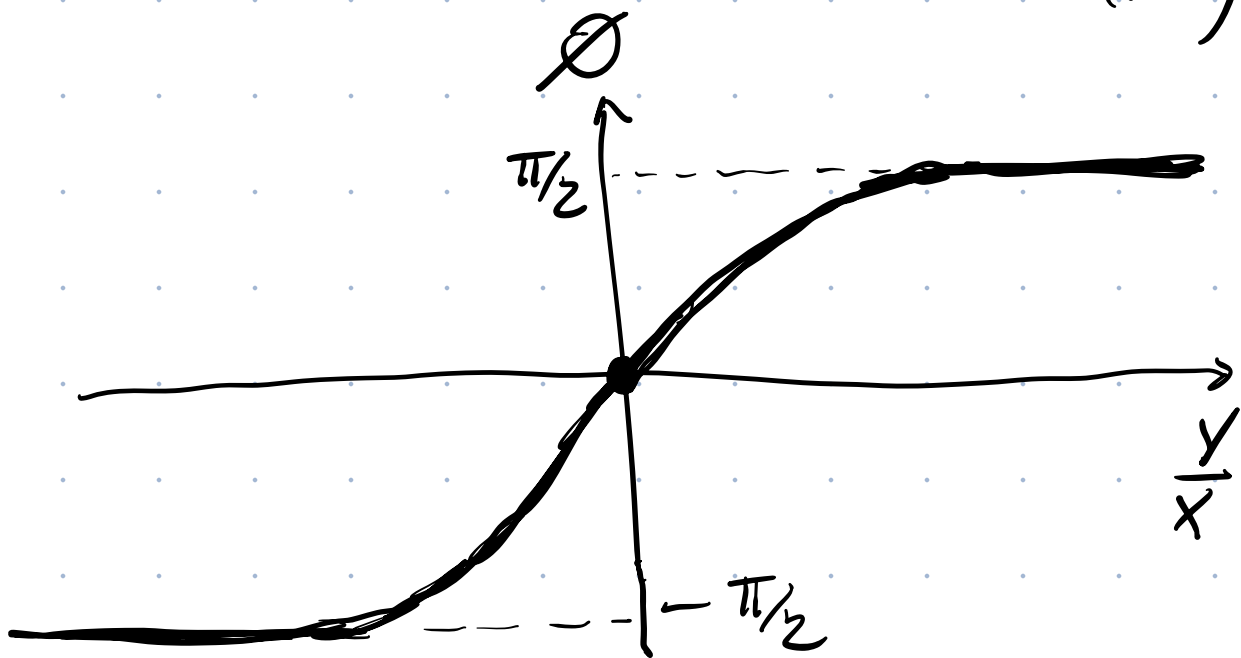
$$= \frac{V_{in} \omega RC}{1 + (\omega RC)^2} \sqrt{(\omega RC)^2 + 1}$$

$$\therefore \underbrace{\sqrt{X^2 + Y^2}}_{V_{out}} = \boxed{V_{in} \frac{\omega RC}{\sqrt{1 + (\omega RC)^2}} = V_{out}}$$



Phase:  $\tan \phi = \frac{Y}{X} = \frac{\cancel{V_{in}} \omega RC \rightarrow 1}{1 + \cancel{(\omega RC)^2}} = \frac{\cancel{V_{in}} (\omega RC)^2}{1 + \cancel{(\omega RC)^2}}$

$\therefore \tan \phi = \frac{1}{\omega RC} \quad \therefore \phi = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{Y}{X}\right)$   
 $= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\omega RC}\right)$



Notice: When  $Y=0$ ,  $\phi=0$ .

$\therefore$  In this case, the  $V_{in}$  &  $V_{out}$  are in phase when  $V_{out}$  is purely real.

If  $Y > 0$ , the phase between  $V_{out}$  &  $V_{in}$  is non-zero & pos.

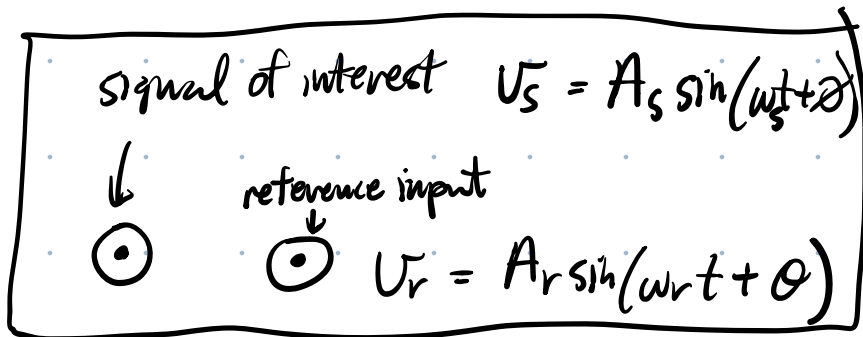
If  $Y < 0$ , the phase between  $V_{out}$  &  $V_{in}$  is non-zero & neg.

A lock-in detector is able to measure the real & imaginary components of small AC signals even when they are buried in noise. True provided we know the frequency of the signal that we want to detect.

If we use lock-in to meas.  $X$  &  $Y$  we can then calc. the mag. & phase of desired signal.

How does a lock-in detector meas.  $X \& Y$ ?

Lock-in detectors have two inputs



We know everything about reference  $V_r$ .

We control  $A_r, \omega_r, \theta$

Want to determine  $A_s \& \phi$  of  $V_s$ .

① Internally, lock-in detector multiplies the two inputs.

$$V_{out} = V_s V_r = A_s A_r \sin(\omega_s t + \phi) \sin(\omega_r t + \theta)$$

$$= \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \left\{ \cos [(\omega_s t + \phi) - (\omega_r t + \theta)] - \cos [(\omega_s t + \phi) + (\omega_r t + \theta)] \right\}$$



$$\therefore V_{out} = \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \cos \left[ (\omega_s - \omega_r)t + (\phi - \theta) \right] \\ - \cos \left[ (\omega_s + \omega_r)t + (\phi + \theta) \right] \end{array} \right\}$$

↙ low freq. term  
↘ high freq. term.

② Next, the multiplied signal is passed through a low-pass filter to eliminate the high-freq. term.

$$V_{out} \rightarrow V_{out}' = \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \cos \left[ (\omega_s - \omega_r)t + (\phi - \theta) \right]$$

(after filter)

③ The filtered signal is then averaged over a long time.

If  $\omega_s \neq \omega_r$ , then  $\langle V_{out}' \rangle = 0$

time average.

b/c  $\cos(\dots)t$  is half the time pos. & half the time neg.  $\rightarrow$  averages to zero.

Lock-in detector is blind to signals w/ freq.  $\omega_s \neq \omega_r$ .

If  $\omega_s = \omega_r$ , then

$$\langle v_{out}' \rangle_{\omega_s = \omega_r} = \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \cos(\theta - \theta)$$

~~(\*)~~

In ~~(\*)~~, we still have two unknowns ( $A_s, \theta$ ) and only one eq'n.

(4) To establish two eq'ns in the two unknowns,

(a) Set  $\theta = 0$ . i.e. we control reference input, arbitrarily set its phase to zero.

$$\langle v_{out}' \rangle_{\omega_s = \omega_r} \Big|_{\theta = 0} = \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \cos \theta$$

$$= \frac{A_r}{2} \left[ \underbrace{A_s \cos \theta}_{\equiv X} \right]$$

real component of  $V_s$ , signal of interest.

$$\therefore X = \frac{2}{A_r} \langle V_{out}' \rangle_{\omega_s = \omega_r} \Big|_{\theta = 0}$$

real  
component

(b) Set  $\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\langle V_{out}' \rangle_{\omega_s = \omega_r} \Big|_{\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{A_s A_r}{2} \underbrace{\cos\left(\theta - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}_{\sin \theta}$$

$$= \frac{A_r}{2} \left[ \underbrace{A_s \sin \theta} \right]$$

$\equiv Y$  imaginary  
component of  $V_s$

$$Y = \frac{2}{A_r} \langle V_{out}' \rangle_{\omega_s = \omega_r} \Big|_{\theta = \pi/2}$$

Lock-in detector is capable of meas.  $X$  &  $Y$   
of our AC signal. Can then find amp.  
& phase of  $V_s$  using:

$$A_s = \sqrt{X^2 + Y^2} \quad \tan \theta = \frac{Y}{X}$$