

# Sine Waves and Vectors

Math Session for Basic Electricity  
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# Basic Electricity

## Two Sections

- Electron Flow and Resistance
  - 5 on-line sessions
  - Lab
- Inductance and Capacitance
  - 5 on-line sessions
  - Lab

## *Mastery Test, Part 1*

# Basic Electricity (Continued)

- **Text:** “Electricity One-Seven,” Harry Mileaf, Prentice-Hall, 1996, ISBN 0-13-889585-6 (Covers several Modules and more)
- **References:**
  - “Digital Mini Test: Principles of Electricity Lessons One and Two,” SNET Home Study Coordinator, (203) 771-5400
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Alex Pounds)
  - [Electronics Tutorial](#) (Thanks to Mark Sokos)
  - [Basic Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to George Mason University)
  - [Vector Math Tutorial](#) (Thanks to California Polytec at [atom.physics.calpoly.edu](http://atom.physics.calpoly.edu) )

## Section 2:

# AC, Inductors and Capacitors

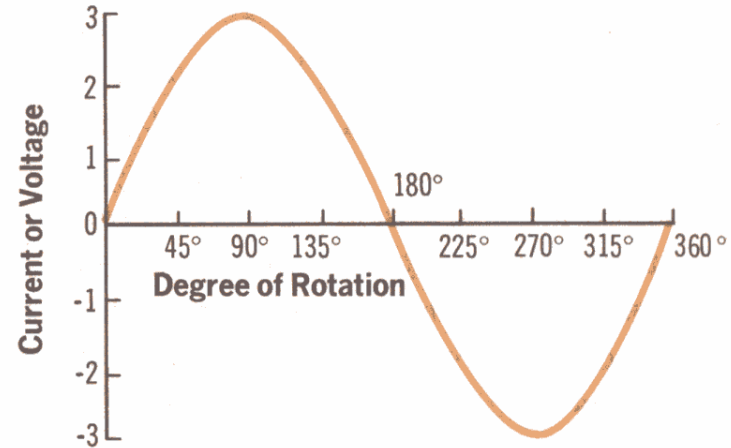
- **OBJECTIVES:** This section introduces AC voltage / current and additional circuit components (inductors, transformers and capacitors).

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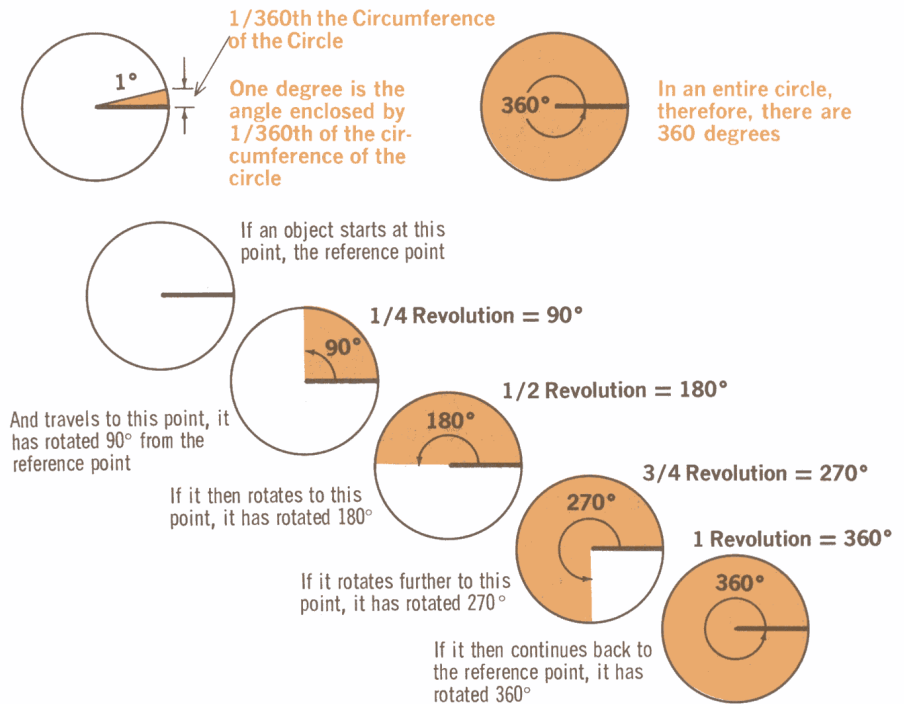
# Session 2a Review

- AC vs. DC
- Transformers
- Ohm's Law
- AC Generators
- Sine Waves –  $\sin(2\pi ft + \theta)$
- Frequency, Period, Wavelength and Magnitude
- Phase Angle
- Averages
  - Mean (DC)
  - RMS (Effective Value)



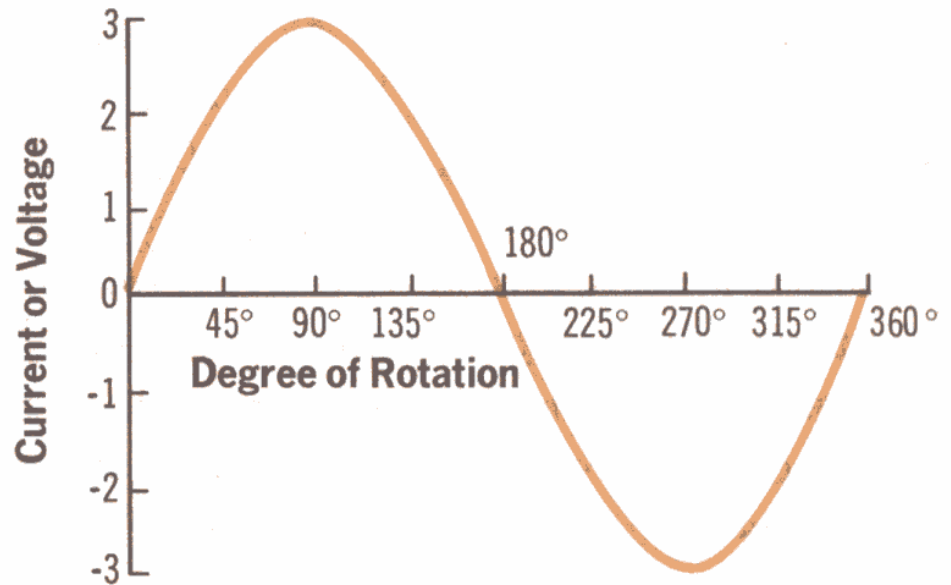
# Angle: Degrees and Radians

- Degrees, minutes and seconds
  - $360^\circ$  gets you around a circle
    - Invented by map makers in the middle ages
    - Reused for Time measurements
- Radians (in calculators)
  - $2 * \pi$  or  $2 * 3.14159$  gets you around a circle
    - The real angle measure
    - The distance traveled around the perimeter of a “unit” circle ( $r = 1$ )



# Sine Waves and Angle

- $V = 3 * \text{sine}(\text{angle})$ 
  - Sine often shortened to sin [ $V = 3 * \sin(\text{angle})$ ]
  - 3 is the “Amplitude”
  - Starts at zero
  - Peak (3) at  $90^\circ(\pi/2)$
  - Zero again at  $180^\circ(\pi)$
  - Negative Peak (-3) at  $270^\circ(3 * \pi/2)$
  - Zero to Finish the “Cycle” at  $360^\circ(2 * \pi)$





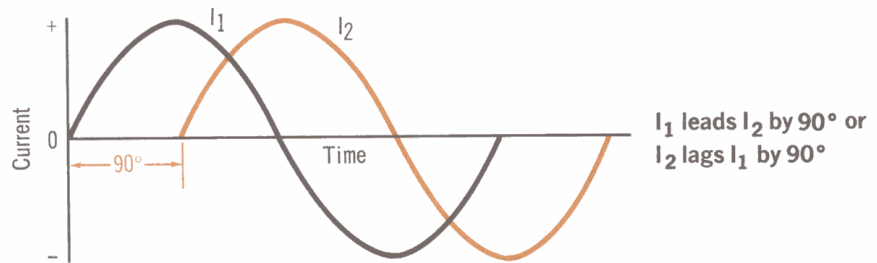
# Phase Difference

- Waveforms can be “out of phase”
- Note:

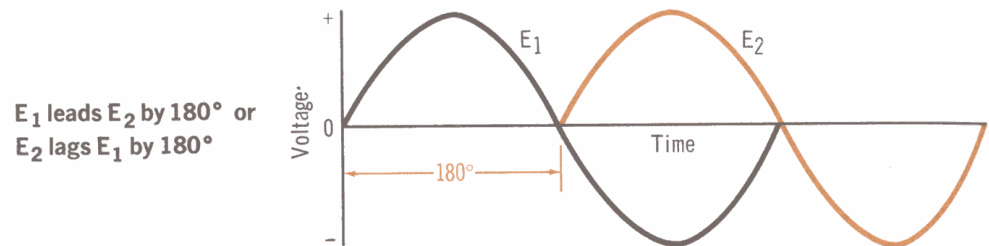
$$\sin(2\pi ft - \pi/2) = \cos(2\pi ft)$$

Cosine is the full name

- Starts at 1 at  $t = 0$
- Looks just like sine but at a different phase



When maximum and minimum points of one voltage or current occur before the corresponding points of another voltage or current, the two are out of phase. When such a phase difference exists, one of the voltages or currents leads, and the other lags

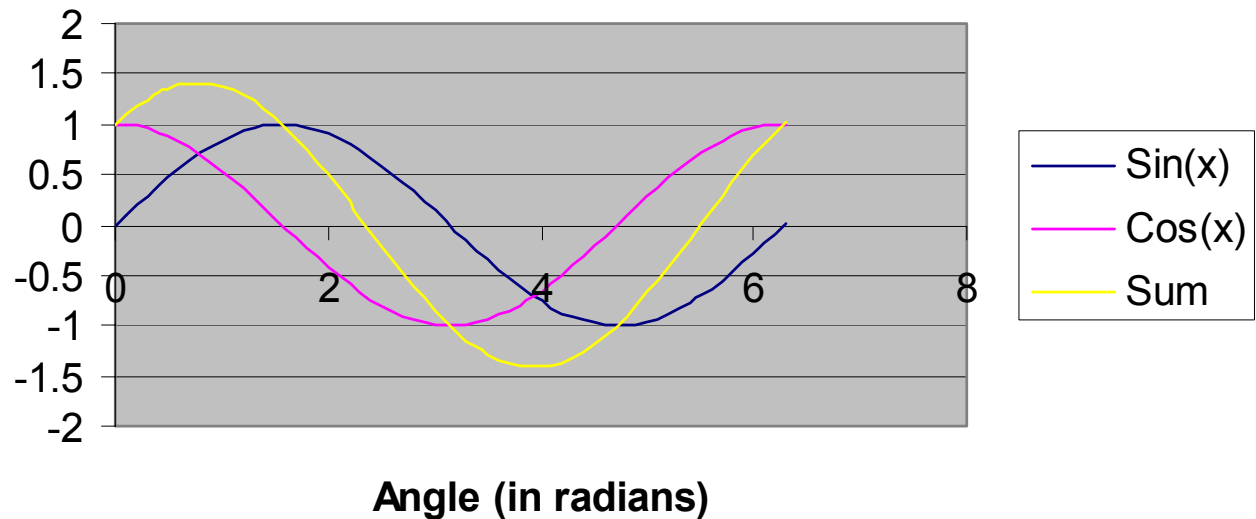


# Adding Two Sine Waves

Adding two sine waves at the same frequency but different phases results in a sine wave with the same frequency, new amplitude, and new phase

Each point in the graph adds separately

Here the two sine waves are  $90^\circ$  apart with equal amplitude

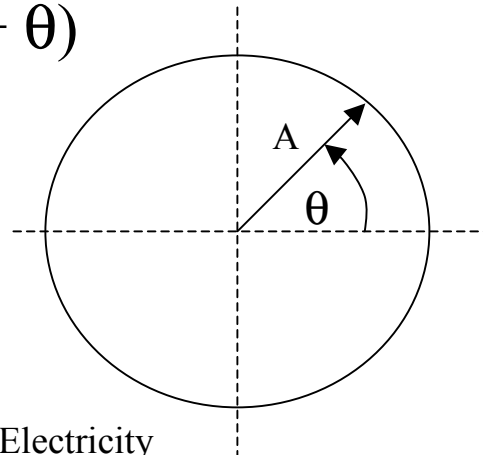


The result is a sine wave at  $45^\circ$  ( $\pi/4$ ) with an amplitude of 1.414 (the square root of 2)

# The Vector Analogy

- We can make the task of adding sine waves with the same frequency easier using vectors
- Treat a sine wave with Amplitude “A” and phase  $\theta$  as a vector of length “A” at an angle of  $\theta$  (the frequency is implicit)  
**note:** by convention  $\cos(2\pi ft)$  has a zero angle

$$A \cdot \cos(2\pi ft + \theta)$$



# Adding Sine and Cosine: Using Vectors

$$\text{Angle} = \arctan(3/3) = \pi/4 (45^\circ)$$

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{3^2 + 3^2} \text{ (Pythagorus)}$$

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{9 + 9}$$

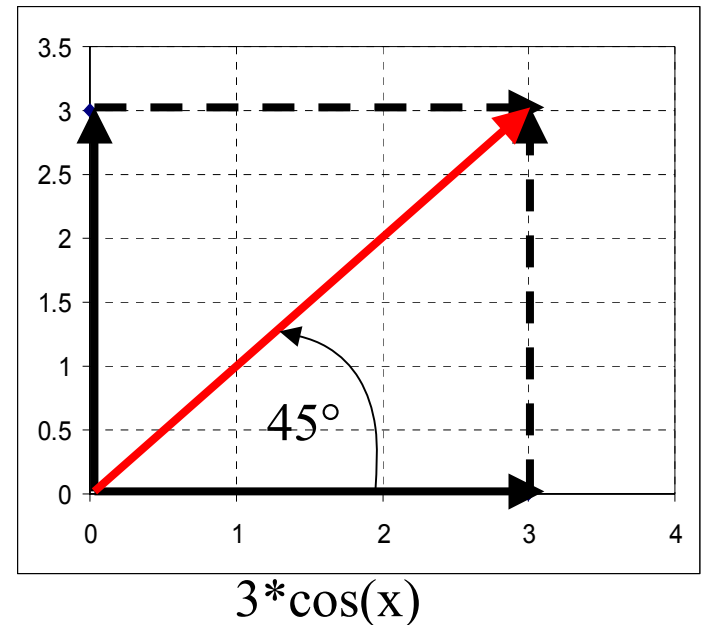
$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{9*2}$$

$$\text{Length} = \sqrt{9} * \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Length} = 3 * \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Length} = 3 * 1.414 = 4.243$$

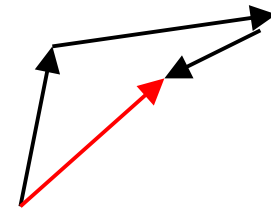
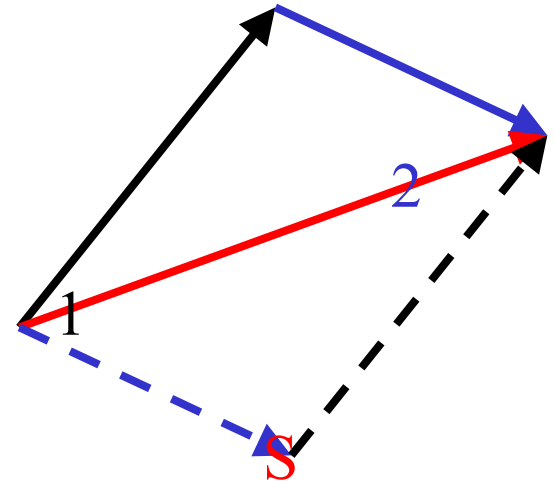
$$3 * \sin(x)$$



$$\text{Sum} = 4.243 * \cos(x + 45^\circ)$$

# Adding Vectors: Head-to-Tail, Parallelogram

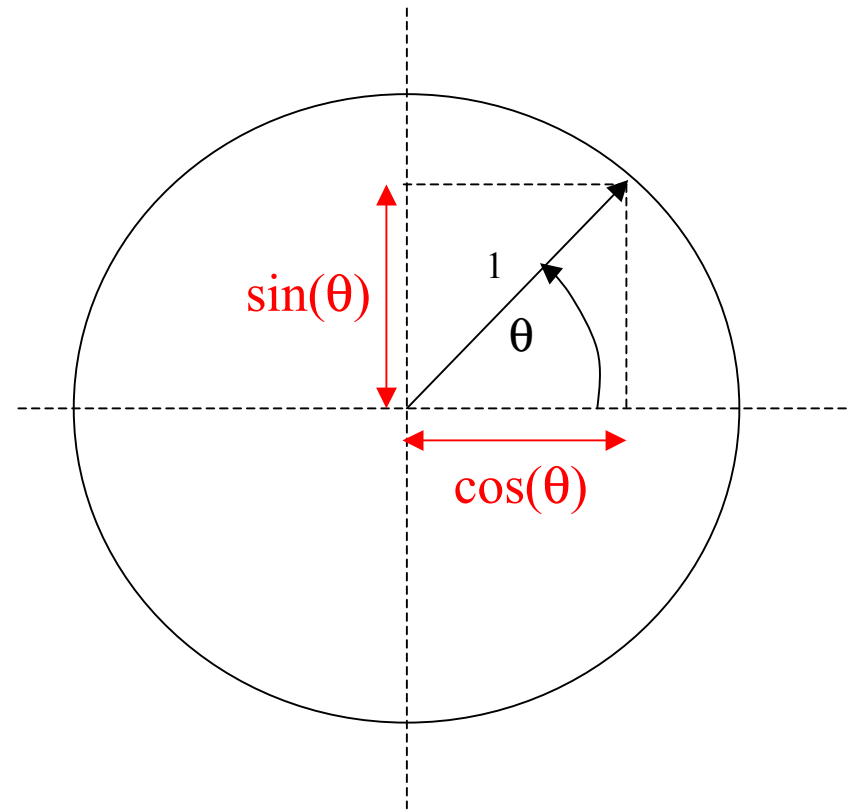
- Head-to-Tail Method
  - Redraw vectors so that one starts where the other ends
  - Draw the sum vector from the free tail to the free head.
  - Good for multiple vectors
- Parallelogram Method
  - Complete the parallelogram
  - The sum is the diagonal of the Parallelogram



# Vectors and Trig: The Unit Circle

- $\sin(\theta) = \text{opposite/hypotenuse}$
- $\cos(\theta) = \text{adjacent/hypotenuse}$
- $\tan(\theta) = \text{opposite/adjacent}$
- $\theta = \arcsin(\text{opposite/hypotenuse})$
- $\theta = \arccos(\text{adjacent/hypotenuse})$
- $\theta = \arctan(\text{opposite/adjacent})$

Remember, if your calculator is in:  
degree mode -  $\theta$  is in degrees  
radian mode -  $\theta$  is in radians



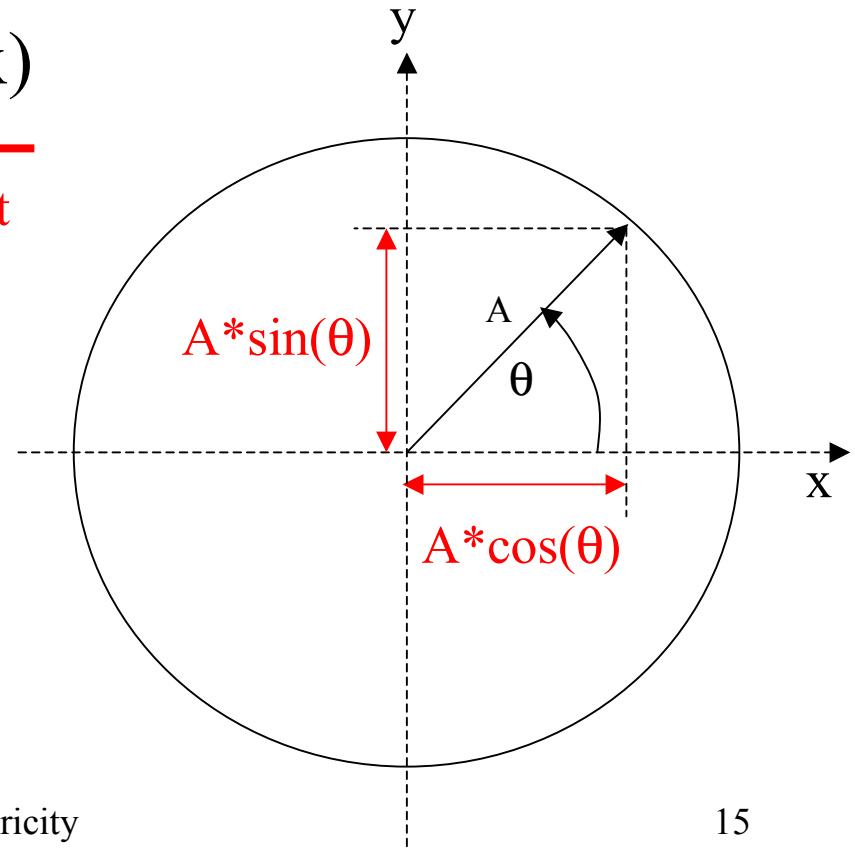
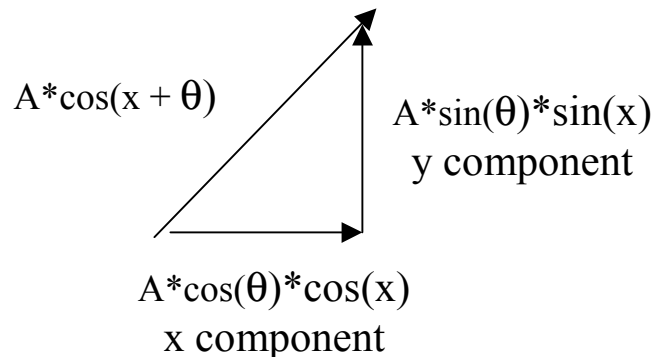
# Vector Components (Cartesian)

$$A \cos(x + \theta) =$$

$$A \cos(\theta) \cos(x) + A \sin(\theta) \sin(x)$$

x - component

y - component



You can add vectors by adding their components ( $x_1 + x_2, y_1 + y_2$ )

# Adding Vectors by Components

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- $V_1=4\angle 75^\circ$ ,  $V_2=2\angle 45^\circ$ ,  $V_3=3\angle 30^\circ$
  - X components
    - $V_{1x} = 4*\cos(75^\circ) = 4*0.2588 = 1.035$  **error in book**
    - $V_{2x} = 2*\cos(45^\circ) = 2*0.7071 = 1.414$  **sqrt(2)**
    - $V_{3x} = 3*\cos(30^\circ) = 3*0.866 = 2.6$
    - $V_{tx} = 1.035 + 1.414 + 2.6 = \mathbf{5.05}$
  - Y components
    - $V_{1y} = 4*\sin(75^\circ) = 4*0.966 = 3.86$
    - $V_{2y} = 2*\sin(45^\circ) = 2*0.7071 = 1.414$  **sqrt(2)**
    - $V_{3y} = 3*\sin(30^\circ) = 3*0.500 = 1.5$
    - $V_{ty} = 3.86 + 1.414 + 1.5 = \mathbf{6.77}$
  - $V_t = 5.05\mathbf{i} + 6.77\mathbf{j}$   
where  $\mathbf{i}$  and  $\mathbf{j}$  are the Cartesian unit vectors  
 $V_t = \mathbf{8.5} \angle 53^\circ$
- Changing Component Form into Sign-Magnitude Form
- Find the Magnitude
- $$A = \sqrt{(5.05)^2 + (6.77)^2}$$
- $$A = \sqrt{72.3} = 8.5$$
- Find the Angle
- $$\theta = \arctan(6.77/5.05)$$
- $$\theta = \arctan(1.34)$$
- $$\theta = 0.93 \text{ radians}$$
- $$\theta = 0.93*180/\pi = 53.3^\circ$$



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