

4 Electrical Formulae and Constants

4.1 Basic

		Unit symbol
Series Resistors	$R_T = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 \dots$	Ω
Parallel Resistors	$\frac{1}{R_T} = \frac{1}{R_1} + \frac{1}{R_2} + \frac{1}{R_3} \dots$	Ω g
Potential Difference	$V = I R$	V
Power	$P = I V$ or $P = I^2 R$ or $P = \frac{V^2}{R}$	W
Energy (work done)	$W = P t$	J or kWh
Frequency	$f = \frac{1}{T}$	Hz

4.2 Electrostatics

Series Capacitors	$\frac{1}{C_T} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} + \frac{1}{C_3} \dots$	F
Parallel Capacitors	$C_T = C_1 + C_2 + C_3 \dots$	F
Charge	$Q = I t$ or $Q = C V$	C
Capacitance	$C = \frac{A \epsilon}{d} = \frac{A \epsilon_0 \epsilon_r}{d}$	F
Absolute Permittivity	$\epsilon_0 \approx 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$	F/m

4.3 Electromagnetism

Magnetomotive Force	$F = I N$	At or A
Magnetisation	$H = \frac{I N}{\ell}$	At/m or A/m
Reluctance	$S = \frac{l}{\mu A} = \frac{l}{\mu_0 \mu_r A}$	At/Wb or A/Wb
Absolute Permeability	$\mu_0 = 4 \pi \times 10^{-7}$	H/m



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Unit symbol

Series Resistors R

T

$=R$

1

$\square R$

2

$\square R$

3

.... \square

Parallel Resistors

1 R

T

$=$

R 1

1

\square

R 1

2

\square

R 1

3

.... \square

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Potential Difference $V = I R$ V

Power $P = I V$ or $P = I^2 R$ or $P =$

$V R$ 2

W

Energy (work done) $W = P t$ J or kWh

Frequency $f =$

T 1

Hz

4.2 Electrostatics

Series Capacitors

1 C

T

=

C 1

1

\square

C 1

2

\square

C 1

3

....

F

Parallel Capacitors C

T

=C

1

\square C

2

\square C

3

.... F

Charge $Q = I t$ or $Q = C V$

Capacitance $C =$

$$A \epsilon d$$

=

$$A \epsilon d$$

0

ϵ

r

F

Absolute Permittivity ϵ

0

$$\approx 8.854 \times 10^{-12}$$

F/m - - - - -

4.3 Electromagnetism

Magnetomotive Force $F = I N A t$ or A

Magnetisation $H =$

$$I l$$

$$N$$

At/m or A/m

Reluctance

$S =$

$$\epsilon l$$

$$A$$

=

ϵ

o

l

At/Wb or A/Wb

Absolute Permeability μ

0

μ_0

r

A

$=4\pi\times10^{-7}$

H/m - - - - -

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4.4 AC Circuits

		Unit Symbol
Force on a conductor	$F = B I \ell$	N
Electromotive Force	$\mathcal{E} = B \ell v$	V
Instantaneous emf	$e = \mathcal{E} \sin \theta$	V
Induced emf	$e = N \frac{d\Phi}{dt} \quad e = L \frac{di}{dt}$	V
RMS Voltage	$V_{rms} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times V_{peak} \quad V_{rms} \approx 0.707 V_{peak}$	V
Average Voltage	$V_{AV} = \frac{2}{\pi} \times V_{peak} \quad V_{AV} \approx 0.637 V_{peak}$	V
Angular Velocity	$\omega = 2\pi f$	rad/s 17.7
Transformation Ratios	$\frac{V_s}{V_p} = \frac{N_s}{N_p} = \frac{I_p}{I_s}$	
Potential Difference	$V = I Z$	V
Power Factor	$\text{pf} = \cos \phi$	
Capacitive Reactance	$X_c = \frac{1}{2\pi f C}$	Ω
Inductive Reactance	$X_L = 2\pi f L$	Ω
Admittance	$Y = \frac{1}{Z}$	S
True Power	$P = V I \cos \phi$	W
Reactive Power	$Q = V I \sin \phi$	VAR
Apparent Power	$S = V I^* = P + jQ$	VA

Note: I^* is the complex conjugate of the phasor current. See [17](#)

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4.4 AC Circuits

Unit Symbol Force

on a conductor $F = BIl$ N

Electromotive Force $E = Blv$ V

Instantaneous emf $e = E \sin \omega t$ V

Induced emf $e = N$

$\frac{d\Phi}{dt}$

\square

$e = L$

$\frac{di}{dt}$

V

RMS Voltage V

i_{rms}

$=$

$\square \frac{1}{2}$

$\times V$

i_{peak}

V

i_{rms}

$\approx 0.707 V$

i_{peak}

V

Average Voltage V

V_{AV}

$=$

$\square \frac{1}{2}$

$\times V$

i_{peak}

V

AV

$\approx 0.637V$

peak

V

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

17.7

Transformation Ratios

V

$s V$

p

N

$s N$

p

I

$p I$

s

Potential Difference $V = I Z$ V

Power Factor $\text{pf} = \cos \phi$

Capacitive Reactance X

C

$=$

$=$

$=$

$2\pi 1$

fC

ϕ

Inductive Reactance X

L

$= 2\pi f L \phi$

Admittance $Y =$

$\frac{1}{Z}$

S

True Power $P = V I \cos \phi$ W

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