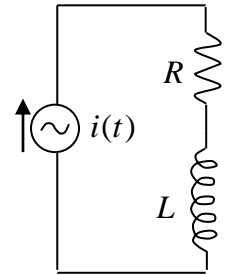


**ENGR 1990 Engineering Mathematics**  
**Application of Sine and Cosine Functions in Electrical Engineering**

Given: A current source  $i(t) = 2 \sin(120\pi t)$  is applied to an  $RL$  series circuit with  $R = 100$  (ohms) and  $L = 100$  (mh). The voltage drop across the resistor is  $V_R = Z_R I$ , the voltage drop across the inductor is  $V_L = Z_L I$ , and the total voltage drop across both elements is  $V = V_R + V_L$ .



Find: (a)  $v(t)$  the voltage as a function of time. (b)  $v(t)$  as a single, phase-shifted *sine wave*. (c)  $v(t)$  as a single, phase-shifted *cosine wave*.

Solution:

a)  $V_R = Z_R I = (100 \angle 0^\circ)(2 \angle -90^\circ) = 200 \angle -90^\circ$

or  $v_R(t) = 200 \cos(120\pi t - 90) = 200 \sin(120\pi t)$

$V_L = Z_L I = ((120\pi(0.1)) \angle 90^\circ)(2 \angle -90^\circ) = 75.4 \angle 0^\circ$  or  $v_L(t) = 75.4 \cos(120\pi t)$

So,

$v(t) = 200 \sin(120\pi t) + 75.4 \cos(120\pi t)$

b)  $v(t) = M \sin(120\pi t + \phi)$

$M = \sqrt{200^2 + 75.4^2} \approx 214$  (volts)  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(75.4/200) = 20.66^\circ = 0.3605$  (rad)

c)  $v(t) = M \cos(120\pi t + \phi)$

$M = \sqrt{200^2 + 75.4^2} \approx 214$  (volts)  $\phi = \tan^{-1}(-200/75.4) = -69.34^\circ = -1.21$  (rad)

Alternate Solution:

$V_R = Z_R I = 200 \angle -90^\circ = -j200$  and  $V_L = Z_L I = 75.4 \angle 0^\circ = 75.4$

So,

$V = 75.4 - j200 = (\sqrt{75.4^2 + 200^2}) \angle \tan^{-1}(-200/75.4) \approx 214 \angle (-1.21)$  (volts)

Or,

$v(t) = 214 \cos(120\pi t - 1.21) = 214 \sin(120\pi t - 1.21 + \pi/2)$   
 $= 214 \sin(120\pi t + 0.3605)$  (volts)