

Complex Power Formulas

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Preface: Complex Power Problems will either be presented with RMS (Root Mean Square) values or Maximum values. You can convert between the two, but you have to stick with one.

Conjugate	$(a + bi)^* = a - bi$
RMS-Maximum Conversion	$X_{RMS} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}X_m$ and $X_M = \sqrt{2}X_{RMS}$
Complex Power (VA)	$S = P + Qj$
Complex Power for a Source (VA)	$S = \frac{1}{2}V_m I_m^* = V_{RMS} I_{RMS}^*$
Complex Power for an Element (VA)	$S = \frac{1}{2}I_m I_m^* Z = I_{RMS} I_{RMS}^* Z$
Real/Average Power (W)	$P = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$
Imaginary/Reactive Power (VAR)	$Q = \frac{V_m I_m}{2} \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)$
Power Factor (Degrees)	$pf = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$
Reactive Factor (Degrees)	$rf = \sin(\theta_v - \theta_i)$
Average Power (W)	$P_{avg} = I_{RMS}^2 \cdot R$
Apparent Power (Magnitude of Complex Power)	$ S = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}$