



Linear Circuits

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An introduction to linear electric circuit elements and a study of circuits containing such devices.







Power Factor and Power Triangles Part 2

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Gain an understanding of the way that sinusoidal power is analyzed.





Previous Lesson

Calculated complex power

Identified what complex power represents





Module 5: Power

- Root-Mean Square
- Power Factor and Power Triangles
- Maximum Power Transfer
- Transformers





Lesson Objectives

- Use power triangles
- Calculate
 - Power angle and power factor
 - Real and reactive power
 - Apparent power





Review of Complex Power



























Implications

- Only real power is being transformed to heat/light/etc.
- Reactive power causes increased current, so more power is consumed by resistive transmission lines
- Private customers generally only charged for real power, industrial customers charged for both



Summary

- Defined
 - Power angle and power factor
 - Real and reactive power
 - Apparent power
- Illustrated using power triangles





Next Lesson

- See how to control reactive power
- Maximum power transfer for AC circuits

