

**TOOL:** The imaginary number  $j$  (or for mathematicians,  $i$ ) has the following 10 uses.

**TOOL 9:**  $j = \sqrt{-1}$  allows us to take the square root of negative numbers.

$$j = \sqrt{-1} \qquad j^2 = -1 \qquad \frac{1}{j} = -j$$

**TOOL 8:**  $j$  allows us to write values of all roots of polynomials as complex numbers.  
polynomial roots all of form  $a + jb$

**TOOL 7:**  $j$  creates a second "imaginary" axis perpendicular to the real axis, meaning complex numbers are vectors.

$j$  = token indicating vertical part of complex number vector

**TOOL 6:**  $j$  defines a rule for multiplying 2-dimensional vectors to obtain a 2-dimensional vector, (unlike dot product = scalar, and cross product = 3-dimensional vector).

$$(a + jb)(c + jd) = ac - bd + j(ad + bc)$$

**TOOL 5:**  $j$  placed in front of a complex number (i.e., multiplying by  $j$ ), rotates the complex number vector by  $90^\circ$ .

$$j(a + jb) = -b + ja \qquad (a, b)^\circ(-b, a) = 0$$

**TOOL 4:**  $j$  allows us to use complex exponentials to write trigonometric functions.

$$e^{j\phi} = \cos \phi + j \sin \phi \qquad \cos \phi = \frac{e^{j\phi} + e^{-j\phi}}{2}$$

**TOOL 3:**  $j$  allows us to shift Real  $\cos \phi$  and Imaginary  $\sin \phi$  to Real  $-\sin \phi$  and Imaginary  $\cos \phi$ , a phase shift of  $90^\circ$ .

$$je^{j\phi} = j(\cos \phi + j \sin \phi) = -\sin \phi + j \cos \phi = \cos(\phi + 90^\circ) + j \sin(\phi + 90^\circ)$$

**TOOL 2:**  $j$  allows us to capture the magnitude and phase of a sinusoid as a complex exponential called a "phasor".

$$P[A \cos(\omega t + \phi)] = Ae^{j\phi}$$

**TOOL 1:**  $j$  in phasors allows us to sum trigonometric functions without identities.

$$A \cos(\omega t + \phi) + B \sin(\omega t + \theta) = P^{-1}[Ae^{j\phi} - jBe^{j\theta}]$$

**TOOL 0:**  $j$  in phasors allows us to write derivatives as multiplication by  $j\omega$ .

$$P[A \cos(\omega t + \phi)] = Ae^{j\phi} \qquad P\left[\frac{d}{dt} A \cos(\omega t + \phi)\right] = j\omega \cdot Ae^{j\phi}$$