

DOING PHYSICS WITH MATLAB

APP DESIGNER

GUI SIMULATIONS

SINUSOIDAL FUNCTIONS

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Part 1 ad_002B.mlapp

Graphs of sinusoidal functions can be either expressed in terms of sine functions or cosine functions. The parameters of sinusoidal functions are:

A amplitude

T period [s]

f frequency [Hz]

ω angular frequency [rad.s⁻¹]

$$f = \frac{1}{T} \quad \omega = 2\pi f = \frac{2\pi}{T}$$

$(\omega t - \phi)$ phase [rad]

ϕ initial phase angle (phase at $t = 0$) or

Phase shift [rad]

δt time shift [s]

Consider two sinusoidal functions which have the same amplitude A and angular frequency ω but with a phase difference ϕ .

$$y_1 = A \sin(\omega t)$$

$$y_2 = A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = A \sin(\omega(t + \delta t))$$

The **phase shift** ϕ can be used to describe the relationship between these two sine functions using the terms “**leading**” and “**lagging**”. Because of the phase difference, the functions reach their maximum at different times. We will take the sine function y_1 as a reference and ask whether the sine function y_2 is lagging or leading the reference sine function y_1 .

$$\delta t, \phi > 0$$

$\max(y_2)$ occurs **before** $\max(y_1)$ then y_2 **leads** y_1

$$\delta t, \phi < 0$$

$\max(y_2)$ occurs **after** $\max(y_1)$ then y_2 **lags** y_1

$$\delta t, \phi = 0$$

the two maxima occur at the same time,

then y_1 and y_2 are said to be **in-phase**

The time interval between the first two maxima is called the time shift δt . If the function y_2 reaches its maximum first then the time shift is known as a **time lead**, if the y_2 maximum occurs after the maximum of y_1 , then time shift is known as the time **lead**.

Increasing the value of ϕ or δt shifts the sine function y_2 to the left (lower values of t) and decreasing the values of ϕ or δt , shifts the curve to the right (higher values of t)

From the two expressions for y_2 , the relationship between the initial phase angle ϕ and the time shift δt is

$$\frac{\phi}{2\pi} = \frac{\delta t}{T}$$

since $\omega t + \phi = \omega(t + \delta t) \Rightarrow \phi = (2\pi / T)\delta t$

A sinusoidal signal can be represented by a **vector** in the complex plane called a **phasor**. A phasor is simply a shorthand way of representing a signal that is sinusoidal in time. The complex representation of a sinusoidal function is

$$Y = A \exp(j\omega t + \phi) = A(\cos(\omega t + \phi) + j \sin(\omega t + \phi))$$

$$\sin(\omega t + \phi) = \text{Im}(Y) \quad \cos(\omega t + \phi) = \text{Re}(Y)$$

The **phasor diagram** is constructed like drawing a vector and its components: the length of the phasor is the amplitude of the signal; the real part (X component) and imaginary part (Y component). Figure 1 shows a phasor diagram at the instant when $t = 0$.

$$Y(t = 0) = A \exp(\phi) = A(\cos \phi + j \sin \phi)$$

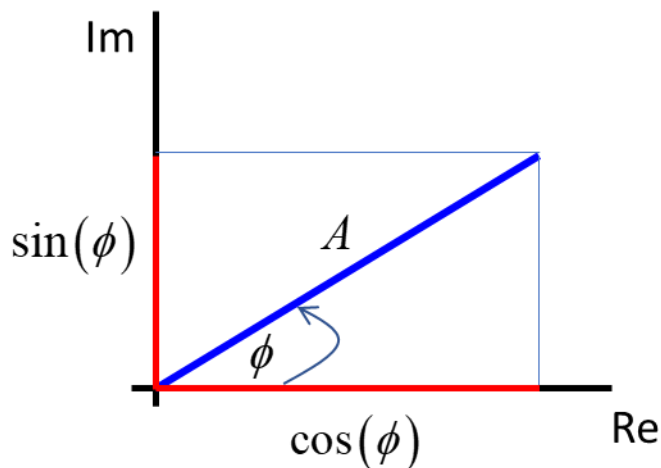


Fig. 1 Phasor diagram of a sinusoidal function at time $t = 0$.

As time advances, the phasor rotates in an anticlockwise direction with the angle of the phasor being $(\omega t + \phi)$. The speed at which the phasor rotates is equal to the angular frequency (angular speed rad.s^{-1}) ω .

Using the app **ad_002B.mlapp**, you can explore many aspects of sinusoidal functions. The GUI graphically displays the two equations

$$y_1 = A_1 \sin(2\pi t / T_1)$$

where $A_1 = 6.00$, $T_1 = 20.0$, $f_1 = 0.050$, $\omega_1 = 0.314$, $\phi_1 = 0$

and

$$y_2 = A_2 \sin(2\pi t / T_2 - \phi_2)$$

where the values of A_2 , T_2 , ϕ_2 are set by the three sliders. The units for the phase slider are π rad.

To make the most of the app as a learning tool it is a good idea to use the **Predict Observe Explain (POE)** method. Before any input values are changed using the sliders, **predict** the output response – all plots and numerical results. **Observe** the output response and compare with your predictions. **Explain** any discrepancies.

Figure 2 shows the GUI: Plots of the two functions, a summary of all numerical values and the phasor diagram (the two circles have radii equal to A_1 and A_2 . Zero phase $\phi_1 = 0$ corresponds to the **blue** horizontal line and the **red** radius line is for the phasor for the phase shift ϕ_2 / π .

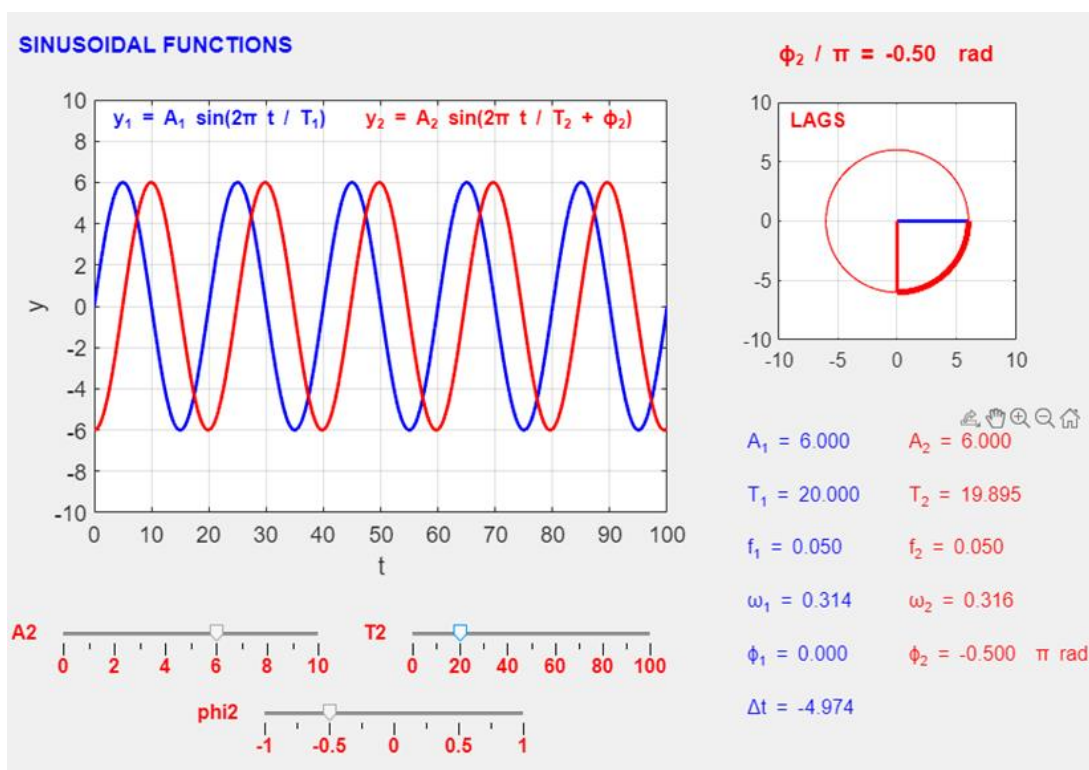
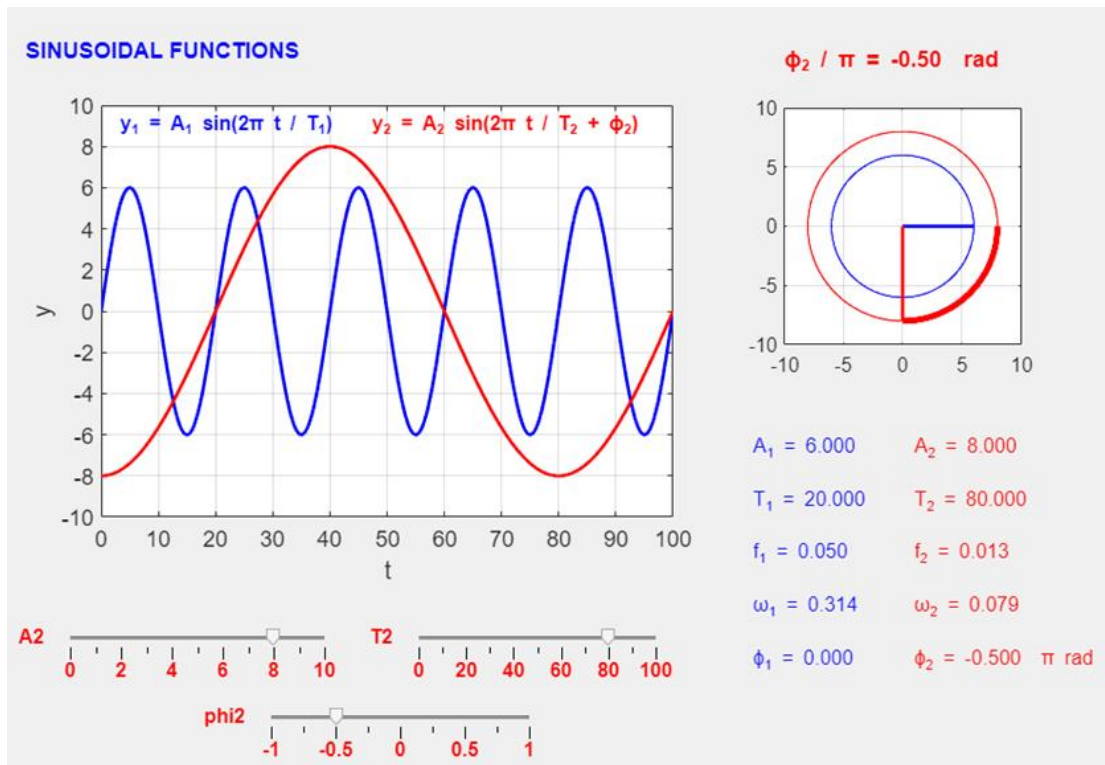


Fig. 2 GUI for **ad_002B.mlapp**.

Part 2 ad_002C.m

Consider the four sinusoidal functions

$$y = A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$$

$$y_s = a \sin(\omega t) \quad y_c = b \cos(\omega t)$$

$$y_{sc} = y_s + y_c = a \sin(\omega t) + b \cos(\omega t)$$

You can use the app **ad_002C.m** to investigate these four sinusoidal functions. There are four input sliders:

$$A \quad \phi \quad a \quad b$$

The period of each sinusoidal function is fixed

$$T = 40.00 \quad f = 0.0250 \quad \omega = 0.1571$$

The GUI is shown in figure 3.

Implement the **POE** strategy before changing any input values.

You can now play a game.

Select the values of (A, ϕ)

Then find the values of the coefficients (a, b)

such that

$$y = y_{sc} = y_s + y_c$$

$$A \sin(\omega t + \phi) = a \sin(\omega t) + b \cos(\omega t)$$

Then set the values of (a, b) and find the values for (A, ϕ)

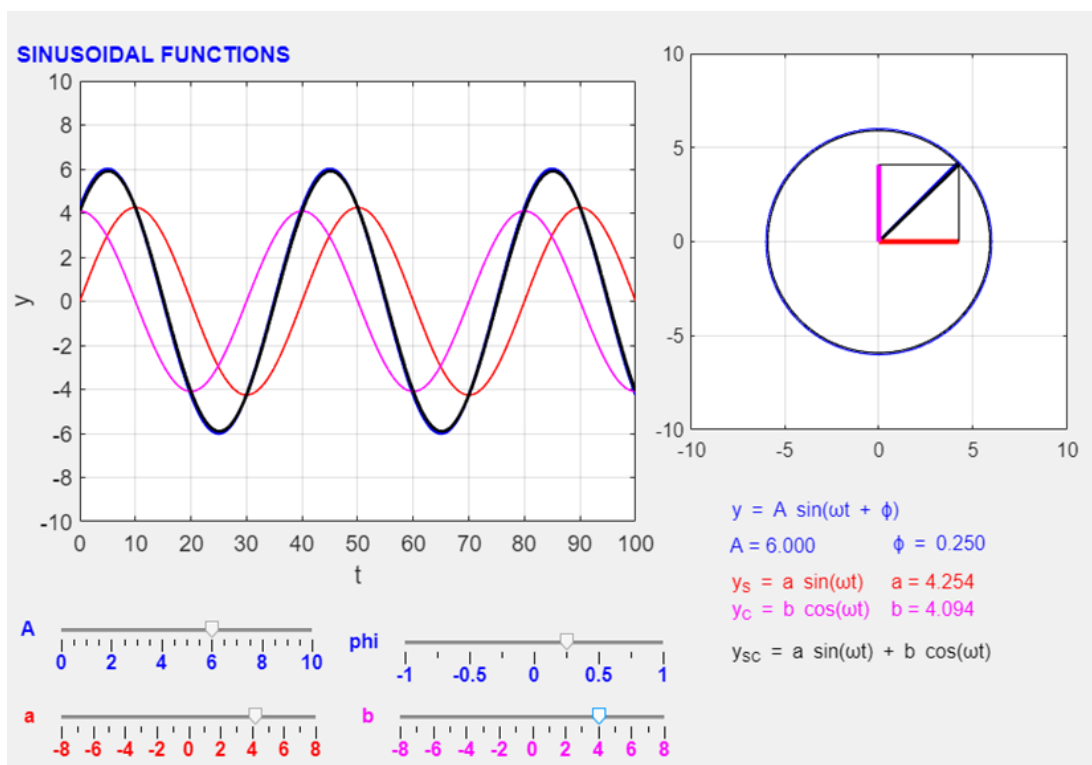
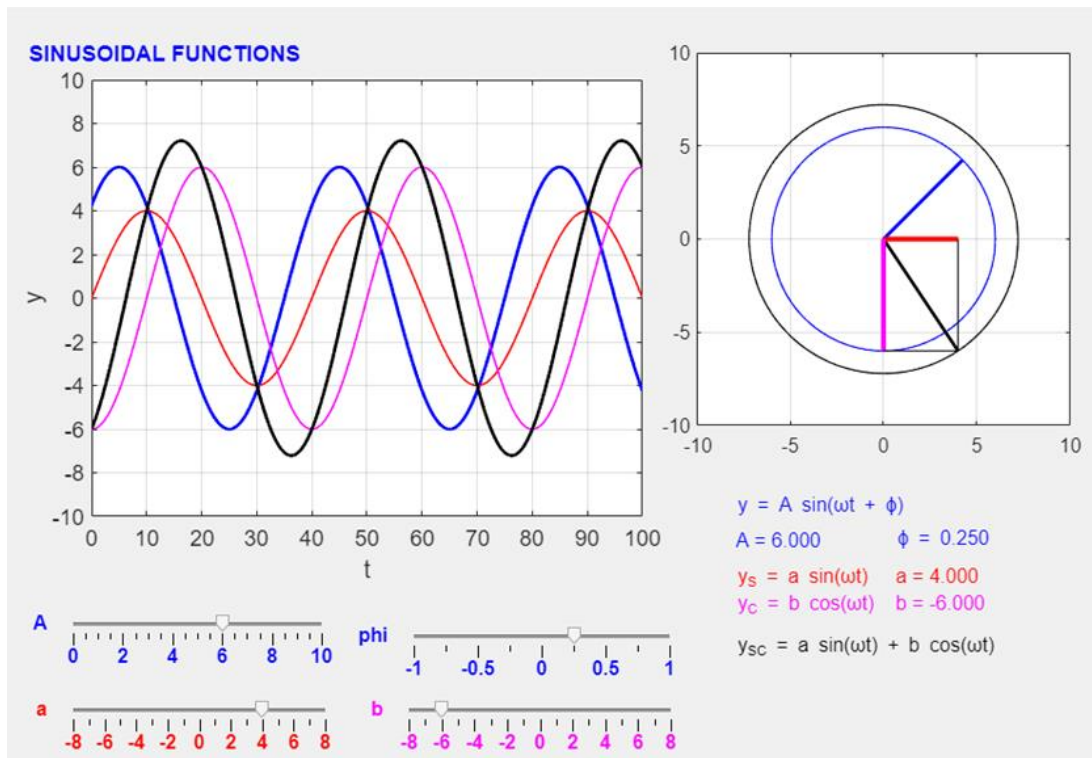


Fig. 3 GUI for **ad_002C.mlapp**

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[Documentation](#)

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