



Three Phase Theory



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Three Phase Power Introduction





- •Three AC voltage sources
- Voltages Displaced in time
- Each sinusoidal
- •Identical in Amplitude



AC Theory – Sine Wave



$$V = V_{pk} \sin(2\pi f t - \theta)$$

$$V = \sqrt{2}V_{rms}\sin(2\pi f t - \theta)$$

 $V_{rms} = 120$

 $V_{pk} = 169$ $\theta = 0$

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 $V = 10Sin(\omega t - \theta)$

AC Theory - Phase



Three Phase Theory Single Phase - Voltage Plot



Three Phase Theory Two Phases - Voltage Plot



Three Phase Theory Three Phase - Voltage Plot





Three Phase Power At the Generator

Three voltage vectors each separated by 120°.

Peak voltages essentially equal.



Most of what makes three phase systems seem complex is what we do to this simple picture in the delivery system and loads.



Three Phase Power Basic Concept – Phase Rotation

Phase Rotation:

The order in which the phases reach peak voltage.

There are only two possible sequences:

A-B-C (previous slide)



Phase rotation is important because the direction of rotation of a three phase motor is determined by the phase order.



C-B-A (this slide)

Three Phase Theory Phasors and Vector Notation

 Phasors are a graphical means of representing the amplitude and phase <u>relationships</u> of voltages and currents.





Three Phase Power Phasors and Vector Notation

 As stated in the Handbook of Electricity Metering, by common consent, counterclockwise phase rotation has been chosen for general use in phasor diagrams.



Three Phase Power Phasors and Vector Notation

- The phasor diagram for a simple 3-phase system has three voltage phasors equally spaced at 120° intervals.
- Going clockwise the order is A B C.



Three Phase Theory Symbols and Conventions

- Systems formed by interconnecting secondary of 3 single phase transformers.
- Generally primaries are not show unless details of actual transformer are being discussed.





Three Phase Theory Symbols and Conventions

Α

Ν

R

la

lb

C

 Often even the coils are not shown but are replaced by simple line drawings





3 Phase, 4-Wire "Y" Service 0° = Unity Power Factor





Symbols and Conventions Labeling

- Voltages are generally labeled Va, Vb, Vc, Vn for the three phases and neutral
- This can be confusing in complex cases.
- The recommended approach is to use two subscripts so the two points between which the voltage is measured are unambiguous.

Vab means voltage at "a" as measured relative to "b".





2 Phase, 3-Wire "Y" Service "Network Connection"

Single phase variant of the service.



Two voltage sources with their returns connected to a common point. Provides 208 rather than 240 volts across "high side" wires.

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2 Phase, 3-Wire "Network" Service

- Two Voltage Phasors
- 120° Apart
- Two Current Phasors
- Aligned with Voltage at PF=1





3 Phase, 3-Wire Delta Service

Common service type for industrial customers. This service may have NO neutral.



•Voltages normally measured relative to phase B.

•Sometimes phase B will be grounded

•Voltage and current vectors do not align.

•Service is provided even when a phase is grounded.



3 Phase, 3-Wire Delta Service Resistive Loads

- Two Voltage Phasors
- 60° Apart
- Two Current Phasors
- For a resistive load one current leads by 30° while the other lags by 30°





3 Phase, 3-Wire Delta Service Understanding the Diagram



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3 Phase, 4-Wire Delta Service

Common service type for industrial customers. Provides a residential like 120/240 service (lighting service) single phase 208 (high side) and even 3 phase 240 V.



•Voltage phasors form a "T" 90° apart

•Currents are at 120° spacing

•In 120/120/208 form only the "hot" (208) leg has its voltage and current vectors aligned.



3 Phase, 4-Wire Delta Service Resistive Load







AC Theory – Resistive Load



Resistors are measured in Ohms. When an AC voltage is applied to a resistor, the current is in phase. A resistive load is considered a "linear" load because when the voltage is sinusoidal the current is also sinusoidal.



AC Theory – Inductive Load



Inductors are measured in Henries. When an AC voltage is applied to an inductor, the current is 90 degrees out of phase. We say the current "lags" the voltage. A inductive load is considered a "linear" load because when the voltage is sinusoidal the current is also sinusoidal.



AC Theory – Capacitive Load



Capacitors are measured in Farads. When an AC voltage is applied to a capacitor, the current is 90 degrees out of phase. We say the current "leads" the voltage. A capacitive load is considered a "linear" load because when the voltage is sinusoidal the current is sinusoidal.



AC Theory – Power

- Power is defined as P = VI
- Since the voltage and current at every point in time for an AC signal is different, we have to distinguish between instantaneous power and average power. Generally when we say "power" we mean average power.
- Average power is only defined over an integral number of cycles.



Time Out for Trig

(Right Triangles)

The Right Triangle: The Pythagorean theory $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$ $\sin(\theta) = \frac{b}{c}$ C 0 $\cos(\theta) = \frac{a}{c}$ 90° $\tan(\theta) = \frac{b}{-}$ θ a a

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AC Theory – Power Triangle

(Sinusoidal Waveforms)



If V = sin(ω t) and I = sin(ω t - θ) (the load is linear) then

Active Power = $VIcos(\theta)$ WattsReactive Power = $VIsin(\theta)$ VARsApparent Power =VIVAPower Factor =Active/Apparent = $cos(\theta)$



AC Theory Instantaneous Power

For a resistive load: $p = vi = 2VI \sin^2(\omega t) = VI(1 - \cos(2\omega t))$



AC Theory Instantaneous Power

For an inductive load:

 $p = vi = 2VI \sin(\omega t) \sin(\omega t - 90) = -VI \sin(2\omega t)$



AC Theory Instantaneous Power

For a capacitive load:

 $p = vi = 2VI \sin(\omega t) \sin(\omega t + 90) = VI \sin(2\omega t)$



AC Theory – Complex Circuits



AC Theory – Instantaneous Power



Three Phase Power Blondel's Theorem

If energy be supplied to any system of conductors through N wires, the total power in the system is given by the algebraic sum of the readings of N wattmeters, so arranged that each of the N wires contains one current coil, the corresponding voltage coil being connected between that wire and some common point. If this common point is on one of the N wires, the measurement may be made by the use of N-1 wattmeters.



Three Phase Power Blondel's Theorem

- Simply We can measure the power in a N wire system by measuring the power in N-1 conductors.
- For example, in a 4-wire, 3-phase system we need to measure the power in 3 circuits.



Three Phase Power Blondel's Theorem

- If a meter installation meets Blondel's Theorem then we will get accurate power measurements <u>under all circumstances</u>.
- If a metering system does not meet Blondel's Theorem then we will only get accurate measurements if certain <u>assumptions are met</u>.







- Three wires
- Two voltage measurements with one side common to Line 2
- Current measurements on lines 1 & 3.

This satisfies Blondel's Theorem.





Three-Phase Four-Wire Wye With Two Equal-Ratio CTs





- Four wires
- Two voltage measurements to neutral
- Current measurements on lines 1 & 3. How about line 2?

This DOES NOT satisfy Blondel's Theorem.

- In the previous example:
 - What are the "ASSUMPTIONS"?
 - When do we get errors?
- What would the "Right Answer" be?

 $P_{sys} = V_a I_a \cos(\theta_a) + V_b I_b \cos(\theta_b) + V_c I_c \cos(\theta_c)$

• What did we measure?

 $P_{sys} = V_a [I_a \cos(\theta_a) - I_b \cos(\theta_b)] + V_c [I_c \cos(\theta_c) - I_b \cos(\theta_b)]$







- Phase B power would be:
 - P = Vb lb cosθ
- But we aren't measuring Vb
- What we are measuring is:
 IbVacos(60- θ) + IbVccos(60+ θ)
- $cos(\alpha + \beta) = cos(\alpha)cos(\beta) sin(\alpha)sin(\beta)$
- $cos(\alpha \beta) = cos(\alpha)cos(\beta) + sin(\alpha)sin(\beta)$
- So



- Pb = Ib Va $cos(60 \theta)$ + Ib Vc $cos(60 + \theta)$
- Applying the trig identity
 - IbVa(cos(60)cos(θ) + sin(60)sin(θ))
 IbVc (cos(60)cos(θ) sin(60)sin(θ))
 - $Ib(Va+Vc)0.5cos(\theta) + Ib(Vc-Va) 0.866sin(\theta)$
- Assuming
 - Assume Vb = Va = Vc
 - And, they are exactly 120° apart
- $Pb = Ib(2Vb)(0.5cos\theta) = IbVbcos\theta$



- If $Va \neq Vb \neq Vc$ then the error is
- %Error =

 $-Ib{(Va+Vc)/(2Vb) - (Va-Vc) 0.866sin(\theta)/(Vbcos(\theta))}$

How big is this in reality? If Va=117, Vb=120, Vc=119, PF=1 then E=-1.67% Va=117, Vb=116, Vc=119, PF=.866 then E=-1.67%



Power Measurements Handbook

Condition	% V	%1	Phase A			Phase B			non- Blondel		
	Imb	Imb	v	φvan	1	фian	v	фvbn	I	фibn	% Err
All balanced	0	0	120	0	100	0	120	180	100	180	0.00%
Unbalanced voltages PF=1	18%	0%	108	0	100	0	132	180	100	180	0.00%
Unbalanced current PF=1	0%	18%	120	0	90	0	120	180	110	180	0.00%
Unbalanced V&I PF=1	5%	18%	117	0	90	0	123	180	110	180	-0.25%
Unbalanced V&I PF=1	8%	18%	110	0	90	0	120	180	110	180	-0.43%
Unbalanced V&I PF=1	8%	50%	110	0	50	0	120	180	100	180	-1.43%
Unbalanced V&I PF=1	18%	40%	108	0	75	0	132	180	125	180	-2.44%
Unbalanced voltages PF≠1 PFa = PFb	18%	0%	108	0	100	30	132	180	100	210	0.00%
Unbalanced current PF≠1 PFa = PFb	0%	18%	120	0	90	30	120	180	110	210	0.00%
Unbalanced V&I PF≠1 PFa = PFb	18%	18%	108	0	90	30	132	180	110	210	-0.99%
Unbalanced V&I PF≠1 PFa = PFb	18%	40%	108	0	75	30	132	180	125	210	-2.44%
Unbalanced voltages PF≠1 PFa ≠ PFb	18%	0%	108	0	100	60	132	180	100	210	-2.61%
Unbalanced current PF≠1 PFa ≠ PFb	0%	18%	120	0	90	60	120	180	110	210	0.00%
Unbalanced V&I PF≠1 PFa ≠ PFb	18%	18%	108	0	90	60	132	180	110	210	-3.46%
Unbalanced V&I PF≠1 PFa ≠ PFb	18%	40%	108	0	75	60	132	180	125	210	-4.63%



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Harmonics Curse of the Modern World

- Every thing discussed so far was based on "Linear" loads.
 - For linear loads the current is always a simple sine wave. Everything we have discussed is true.
- For nearly a century after AC power was in use ALL loads were linear.
- Today, many loads are NON-LINEAR.



Harmonic Load Waveform

 $\frac{1 = 100Sin(\omega t) + 42Sin(5 \omega t)}{Slide 50}$

Eq.#	Quantity	Phase
1	V(rms) (Direct Sum)	1
2	I(rms) (Direct Sum)	1
3	V(rms) (Fourier)	1
4	I(rms) (Fourier)	1
5	$Pa = (\int V(t)I(t)dt)$	100
6	Pb = ½∑V <i>n</i> In cos (θ)	100
7	Q = ½∑VnIn sin (θ)	0.0
8	Sa = Sqrt(P^2 +Q^2)	100
9	Sb = Vrms*Irms(DS)	108
10	Sc = Vrms*Irms(F)	108
13	PF = Pa/Sa	1.0
14	PF = Pb/Sb	0.9
15	PF = Pb/Sc	0.9

= 100Sin(ωt)



Harmonic Load Waveform

Eq.#	Quantity	Phase A
1	V(rms) (Direct Sum)	100
2	I(rms) (Direct Sum)	108
3	V(rms) (Fourier)	100
4	I(rms) (Fourier)	108
5	Pa = (∫ V(t)I(t)dt)	10000
6	Pb = ½∑V <i>n</i> In cos (θ)	10000
7	Q = ½∑VnIn sin (θ)	0.000
8	Sa = Sqrt(P^2 +Q^2)	10000
9	Sb = Vrms*Irms(DS)	10833
10	Sc = Vrms*Irms(F)	10833
13	PF = Pa/Sa	1.000
14	PF = Pb/Sb	0.923
15	PF = Pb/Sc	0.923

- Important things to note:
 - Because the voltage is NOT distorted, the harmonic in the current does not contribute to active power.
 - It does contribute to the Apparent power.
 - Does the Power Triangle hold

$$S? = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}$$

 There is considerable disagreement about the definition of various power quantities when harmonics are present.



3 Phase Power Measurement

- We have discussed how to measure and view power quantities (W, VARs, VA) in a single phase case.
- How do we combine them in a multi-phase system?
- Two common approaches:
 - Arithmetic
 - Vectorial



3 Phase Power Measurement



3 Phase Power Measurement

- VAR and VA calculations can lead to some strange results:
 - If we define

$$VA = \sqrt{(W_A + W_B + W_C)^2 + (Q_A + Q_B + Q_C)^2}$$

PH	w	Q	VA
Α	100	0	100
В	120	55	132
С	120	-55	132
	364		
	340		





Questions and Discussion

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