

ELECTRICAL CIRCUITS 2 - CLASS 6 (08.04.2025)

Three-phase circuits

- Generator voltages (positive phase sequence):

$$e_A(t) = E_m \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\underline{E}_A = E e^{j0^\circ}$$

$$e_B(t) = E_m \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$$

$$\underline{E}_B = E e^{-j120^\circ}$$

$$\underline{E}_A + \underline{E}_B + \underline{E}_C = 0$$

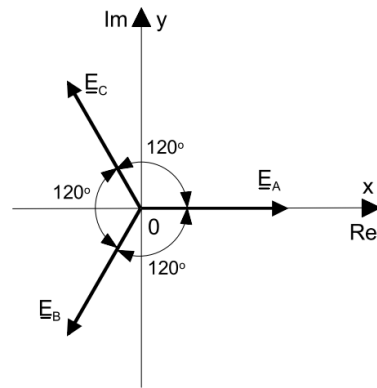
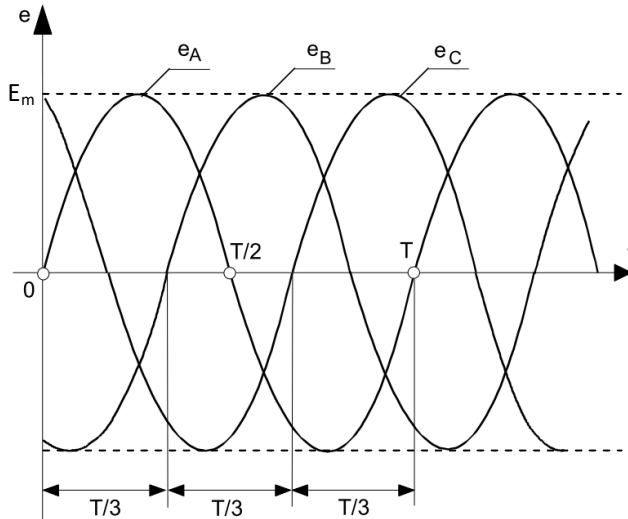
$$e_C(t) = E_m \sin(\omega t + 120^\circ)$$

$$\underline{E}_C = E e^{j120^\circ}$$

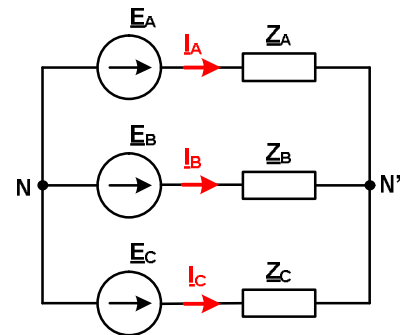
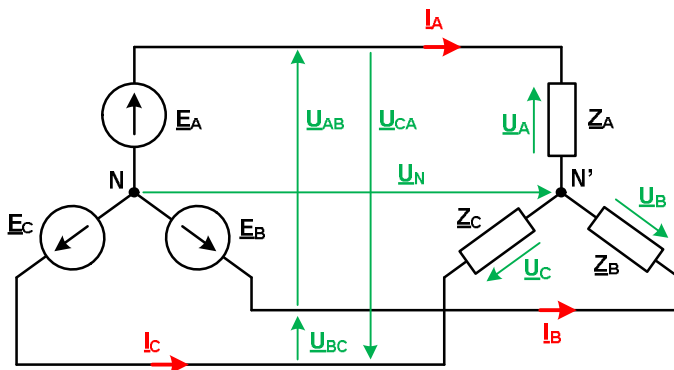
E_m - the peak (maximum) value

$\underline{E}$ - the complex value (phasor)

E - the rms (effective) value



Balanced Wye-Wye (Y-Y) connection, three-wire system



- Symbols in the circuit:

$\underline{E}_A, \underline{E}_B, \underline{E}_C$ - phase voltages of the generator

$\underline{U}_A, \underline{U}_B, \underline{U}_C$ - phase voltages of the load

$\underline{U}_{AB}, \underline{U}_{BC}, \underline{U}_{CA}$ - line voltages (line-to-line)

$\underline{U}_N$ - voltage between N and N' points

$\underline{I}_A, \underline{I}_B, \underline{I}_C$ - the line currents

$\underline{Z}_A, \underline{Z}_B, \underline{Z}_C$ - the load impedances

N - neutral point of the source

N' - neutral point of the load

- Balanced load:

$$\underline{Z}_A = \underline{Z}_B = \underline{Z}_C = \underline{Z}$$

- $\underline{U}_N$ voltage:

$$\underline{U}_N = \frac{\underline{E}_A \cdot \underline{Y}_A + \underline{E}_B \cdot \underline{Y}_B + \underline{E}_C \cdot \underline{Y}_C}{\underline{Y}_A + \underline{Y}_B + \underline{Y}_C}$$

where:

$$\underline{Y}_A = \frac{1}{\underline{Z}_A}, \quad \underline{Y}_B = \frac{1}{\underline{Z}_B}, \quad \underline{Y}_C = \frac{1}{\underline{Z}_C}$$

- Phase voltages of the load:

$$\underline{U}_A = \underline{E}_A, \quad \underline{U}_B = \underline{E}_B, \quad \underline{U}_C = \underline{E}_C \quad \text{because in the system with the balanced load: } \underline{U}_N = 0$$

- The line currents:

$$\underline{I}_A = \frac{\underline{E}_A}{\underline{Z}_A}, \quad \underline{I}_B = \frac{\underline{E}_B}{\underline{Z}_B}, \quad \underline{I}_C = \frac{\underline{E}_C}{\underline{Z}_C}$$

$$\text{the complex values (phasors): } \underline{I}_A + \underline{I}_B + \underline{I}_C = 0$$

$$\text{the rms (effective) values: } I_A = I_B = I_C$$

- The line voltages (line-to-line):

$$\underline{U}_{AB} = \underline{E}_A - \underline{E}_B = \sqrt{3}Ee^{j30^\circ}$$

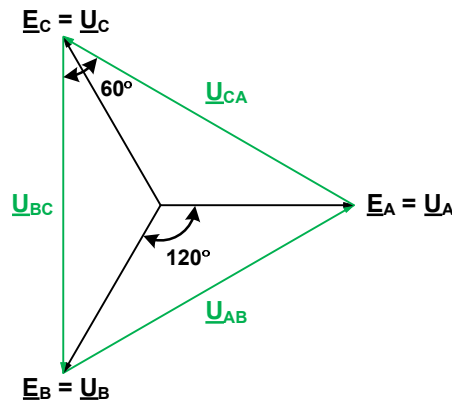
$$\underline{U}_{BC} = \underline{E}_B - \underline{E}_C = \sqrt{3}Ee^{-j90^\circ}$$

$$\underline{U}_{CA} = \underline{E}_C - \underline{E}_A = \sqrt{3}Ee^{j150^\circ}$$

$$\text{the complex values (phasors): } \underline{U}_{AB} + \underline{U}_{BC} + \underline{U}_{CA} = 0$$

$$\text{the rms (effective) values: } U_{AB} = U_{BC} = U_{CA}$$

- Phasor diagram of voltages:



- Active, reactive and apparent power:

$$P = U_A \cdot I_A \cdot \cos \varphi_A + U_B \cdot I_B \cdot \cos \varphi_B + U_C \cdot I_C \cdot \cos \varphi_C$$

$$Q = U_A \cdot I_A \cdot \sin \varphi_A + U_B \cdot I_B \cdot \sin \varphi_B + U_C \cdot I_C \cdot \sin \varphi_C$$

$$S = U_A \cdot I_A + U_B \cdot I_B + U_C \cdot I_C$$

Complex power:

$$\underline{S} = \underline{U}_A \cdot \underline{I}_A^* + \underline{U}_B \cdot \underline{I}_B^* + \underline{U}_C \cdot \underline{I}_C^*$$

$$\underline{S} = P + jQ$$

$$P = \operatorname{Re}\{\underline{S}\}, \quad Q = \operatorname{Im}\{\underline{S}\}, \quad S = \|\underline{S}\|$$

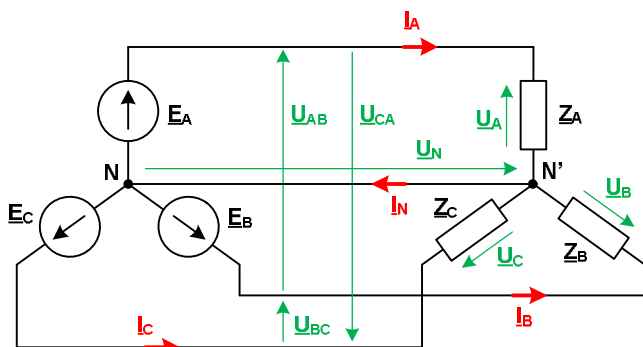
in the case of balanced load:

$$U_A = U_B = U_C = U_{ph}, \quad I_A = I_B = I_C = I_{ph}, \quad \cos \varphi_A = \cos \varphi_B = \cos \varphi_C = \cos \varphi_{ph}$$

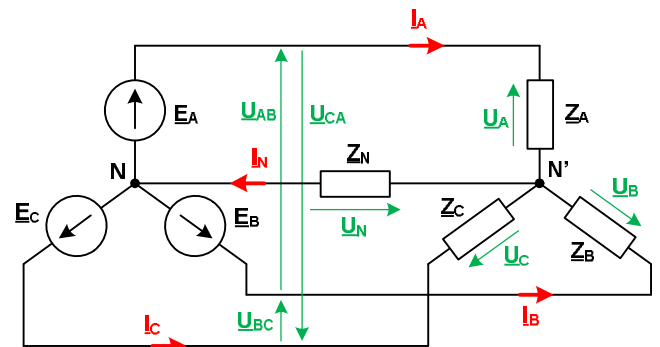
then:

$$P = 3 \cdot U_{ph} \cdot I_{ph} \cdot \cos \varphi_{ph}, \quad Q = 3 \cdot U_{ph} \cdot I_{ph} \cdot \sin \varphi_{ph}, \quad S = 3 \cdot U_{ph} \cdot I_{ph}$$

Note: all of the above relationships are also valid for four-wire balanced system with impedance $\underline{Z}_N = 0$ (system on the left) or with impedance $\underline{Z}_N \neq 0$ (system on the right).



$$\underline{U}_N = 0, \quad \underline{I}_N = 0$$

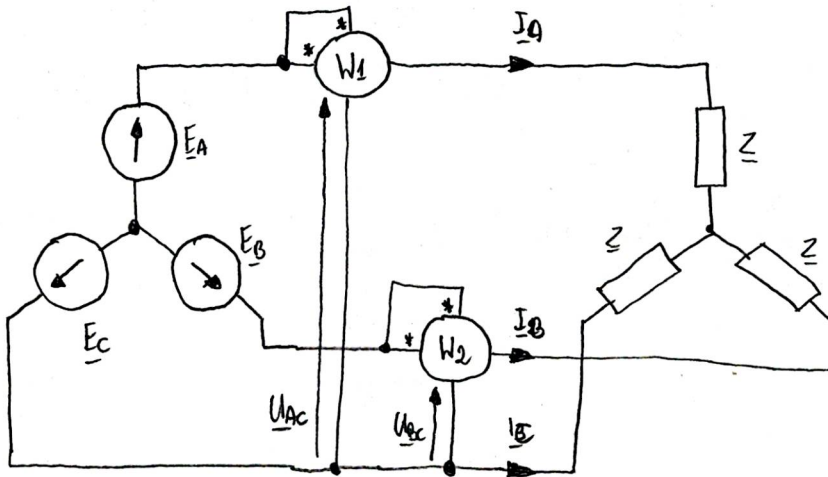


$$\underline{U}_N = 0, \quad \underline{I}_N = 0$$

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PROBLEM #1

In a 3-phase balanced Y-Y system, the source voltage is $E_{\text{phase}} = 230 \text{ V rms}$. The impedance per phase is $Z = (8+j6)\Omega$. Check whether an overcurrent circuit breaker with a rated current of 10 A is sufficient to protect this circuit. Also, find the active power of the load and the readings of the wattmeters.



$$E_{\text{ph}} = 230 \text{ V rms}$$

$$\underline{E}_A = 230 e^{j0^\circ} = 230 \text{ V}$$

$$\underline{E}_B = 230 e^{-j120^\circ} = (-115 - j198.19) \text{ V}$$

$$\underline{E}_C = 230 e^{j120^\circ} = (-115 + j198.19) \text{ V}$$

$$\underline{I}_A = \frac{\underline{E}_A}{Z} = \frac{230}{8+j6} = (18.4 - j13.8) \text{ A} = 23 e^{-j36.87^\circ} \text{ A}$$

$$\underline{I}_B = \frac{\underline{E}_B}{Z} = \frac{-115 - j198.19}{8+j6} = (-21.15 - j9.03) \text{ A} = 23 e^{-j156.87^\circ} \text{ A}$$

$$\underline{I}_C = \frac{\underline{E}_C}{Z} = \frac{-115 + j198.19}{8+j6} = (2.75 + j22.83) \text{ A} = 23 e^{j83.13^\circ} \text{ A}$$

Method 1

$$|\underline{I}_A| = 23 \text{ A} > 10 \text{ A}$$

$$P = 3 \cdot U_{\text{ph}} \cdot I_{\text{ph}} \cdot \cos \varphi_{\text{ph}}$$

$$U_{\text{ph}} = 230 \text{ V} \quad I_{\text{ph}} = 23 \text{ A} \quad \varphi_{\text{ph}} = \varphi_u - \varphi_i = 0^\circ - (-36.87^\circ) = 36.87^\circ$$

$$P_{\text{load}} = 3 \cdot 230 \cdot 23 \cdot \cos(36.87^\circ) = \boxed{12695.98 \text{ W}}$$

Method 2

$$S = \underline{E}_A \cdot \underline{I}_A^* + \underline{E}_B \cdot \underline{I}_B^* + \underline{E}_C \cdot \underline{I}_C^* = 230 \cdot (18.4 + j13.8) + (-115 - j198.19) \cdot (-21.15 + j9.03) + (-115 + j198.19) \cdot (2.75 - j22.83)$$

$$P_{\text{load}} = \boxed{12686 \text{ W}} = 4232 + j3174 + 4232 + j3174 + 4232 + j3174 = \underbrace{12686}_{P_{\text{load}}} + j9522 \text{ VA}$$

Method 3

$$\underline{U}_{AC} = \underline{E}_A - \underline{E}_C = 230 - (-115 + j198.19) = (345 - j198.19) \text{ V}$$

$$\underline{U}_{BC} = \underline{E}_B - \underline{E}_C = -115 - j198.19 - (-115 + j198.19) = -j398.37 \text{ V}$$

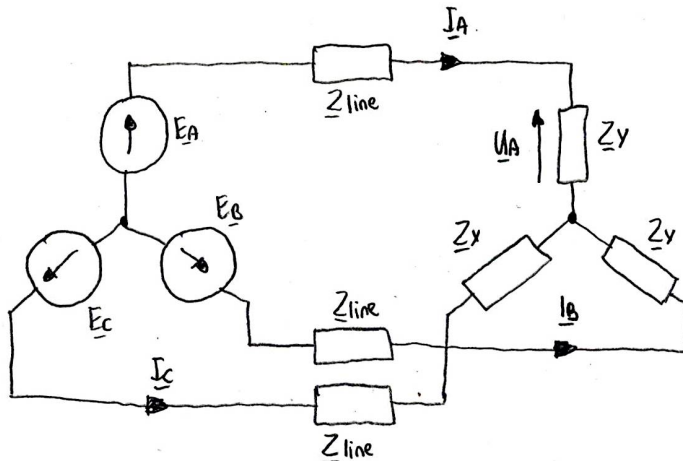
$$S_1 = \underline{U}_{AC} \cdot \underline{I}_A^* = (345 - j198.19) \cdot (18.4 + j13.8) = \underbrace{(9086.76)}_{P_{W1}} + j1085.88 \text{ VA} \Rightarrow P_{W1} = 9086.76 \text{ W}$$

$$S_2 = \underline{U}_{BC} \cdot \underline{I}_B^* = (-j398.37) \cdot (-21.15 + j9.03) = \underbrace{(3588.23)}_{P_{W2}} + j8426.02 \text{ VA} \Rightarrow P_{W2} = 3588.23 \text{ W}$$

$$P_{\text{load}} = P_{W1} + P_{W2} \quad P_{W1} + P_{W2} = 9086.76 + 3588.23 = \boxed{12695.98 \text{ W}}$$

PROBLEM #2

In a 3-phase balanced Y-Y system, the source voltage is $E_{\text{phase}} = 230 \text{ V rms}$. The impedance per phase is $Z_Y = (9 + j3) \Omega$ and the line impedance per phase is $(0.5 + j0.4) \Omega$. What should be the rated current of the overcurrent circuit breakers protecting the circuit? Standard rated currents are: 6 A, 10 A, 16 A, 20 A, 25 A, 32 A, 40 A, 50 A, 63 A, 80 A, 125 A. Calculate the active power losses in the power line. Also, calculate the percentage voltage drop across the load compared to the rated voltage.



$$E_A = 230 e^{j0^\circ} = 230 \text{ V}$$

$$E_B = 230 e^{-j120^\circ} = (-115 - j198.18) \text{ V}$$

$$E_C = 230 e^{j120^\circ} = (-115 + j198.18) \text{ V}$$

$$I_A = \frac{E_A}{Z_Y + Z_{\text{line}}} = \frac{230}{9 + j3 + 0.5 + j0.4} = \frac{230}{9.5 + j3.4} = (12.23 - j12.10) \text{ A} = 17.21 e^{-j44.7^\circ} \text{ A}$$

$$|I_A| = |I_B| = |I_C| = \boxed{17.21 \text{ A}}$$

The rated current of the overcurrent circuit breaker should be: $\boxed{20 \text{ A}}$

The active power losses in the power line:

$$Z_{\text{line}} = R_{\text{line}} + jX_{\text{line}} = (0.5 + j0.4) \Omega$$

$$P_{\text{losses}} = 3 \cdot R_{\text{line}} \cdot I_{\text{line}}^2 = 3 \cdot 0.5 \cdot 17.21^2 = 3 \cdot 148.09 = \boxed{444.27 \text{ W}}$$

The percentage voltage drop:

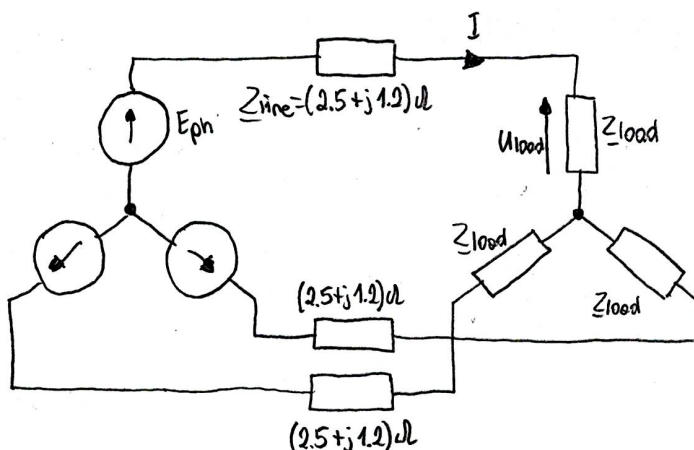
$$U_A = I_A \cdot Z_Y = (12.23 - j12.10) \cdot (9 + j3) = (218.04 + j1.16) \text{ V} = 218.04 e^{j0.3^\circ} \text{ V}$$

$$|U_A| = 218.04 \text{ V} \quad |E_A| = 230 \text{ V}$$

$$\Delta U_{\%} = \frac{|E_A| - |U_A|}{|E_A|} \cdot 100\% = \frac{230 - 218.04}{230} \cdot 100\% = \boxed{4.765\%}$$

PROBLEM #3

In the 3-phase balanced Y-Y system, the load voltage is $U_{\text{load}} = 400 \angle -20^\circ \text{ V rms}$, the line impedance is $(2.5 + j1.2) \Omega$, and the source voltage is $E_{\text{phase}} = 440 \text{ V rms}$. Find the load impedance, its power, and the value of supplying current.



$$I = \frac{E_{\text{ph}}}{Z_{\text{line}} + Z_{\text{load}}}$$

$$I = \frac{U_{\text{load}}}{Z_{\text{load}}}$$

$$E_{\text{ph}} \cdot Z_{\text{load}} = U_{\text{load}} (Z_{\text{line}} + Z_{\text{load}})$$

$$Z_{\text{load}} (E_{\text{ph}} - U_{\text{load}}) = Z_{\text{line}} U_{\text{load}}$$

$$Z_{\text{load}} = Z_{\text{line}} \frac{U_{\text{load}}}{E_{\text{ph}} - U_{\text{load}}}$$

$$\underline{U}_{load} = 400 e^{-j20^\circ} = (375.88 - j 136.81) V$$

$$E_{ph} = 440 e^{j0^\circ} = 440 V$$

$$\underline{Z}_{line} = (2.5 + j 1.2) \Omega$$

$$\underline{Z}_{load} = (2.5 + j 1.2) \cdot \frac{375.88 - j 136.81}{440 - 375.88 + j 136.81} = \boxed{(3.7541 - j 6.3081) \Omega}$$

$$\underline{I}_{load} = \frac{\underline{U}_{load}}{\underline{Z}_{load}} = \frac{400 e^{-j20^\circ}}{3.7541 - j 6.3081} = (42.1947 + j 34.4698) A = \boxed{54.48 e^{j39.2^\circ} A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P_{load} &= 3 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \{ \underline{S}_{load} \} = 3 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \{ \underline{U}_{load} \cdot \underline{I}_{load}^* \} = 3 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \{ (375.88 - j 136.81) (42.1947 - j 34.4698) \} = \\ &= 3 \cdot \operatorname{Re} \{ 11144 - j 18729 \} = 3 \cdot 11144 = \boxed{33433 W} \end{aligned}$$