



Sheet (10) ... Three Phase Systems

1. A three-phase, three-wire 100 volt, ABC system supplies a balanced delta-connected load with impedances of $20\angle 45^\circ$ ohms. Determine the line currents and draw the phasor diagram.

$$I_{AB} = \frac{V_{AB}}{Z} = \frac{100/120^\circ}{20/45^\circ} = 5.0/75^\circ, \quad I_{BC} = \frac{V_{BC}}{Z} = 5.0/-45^\circ, \quad I_{CA} = \frac{V_{CA}}{Z} = 5.0/195^\circ$$

To obtain the line currents as shown in the circuit diagram, we apply Kirchhoff's current law at each junction of the load. Thus

$$I_A = I_{AB} + I_{AC} = 5.0/75^\circ - 5.0/195^\circ = 8.66/45^\circ$$

$$I_B = I_{BA} + I_{BC} = -5.0/75^\circ + 5.0/-45^\circ = 8.66/-75^\circ$$

$$I_C = I_{CA} + I_{CB} = 5.0/195^\circ - 5.0/-45^\circ = 8.66/165^\circ$$

The phasor diagram of phase and line currents is shown in Fig. 14-29 above.

2. Three identical impedances of $5\angle 30^\circ$ ohms are connected in wye to a three-phase, three-wire, 150 volt, CBA system. Find the line currents and draw the phasor diagram.

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With balanced, three-wire, wye-connected systems we may add the neutral conductor as shown in Fig. 14-30. Then the line to neutral voltages, with magnitudes

$$V_{LN} = V_L/\sqrt{3} = 150/\sqrt{3} = 86.6$$

are applied with the phase angles of the CBA sequence. The line currents are

$$I_A = \frac{V_{AN}}{Z} = \frac{86.6/-90^\circ}{5/-30^\circ} = 17.32/-60^\circ, \quad I_B = \frac{V_{BN}}{Z} = 17.32/60^\circ, \quad I_C = \frac{V_{CN}}{Z} = 17.32/180^\circ$$

The phasor diagram in Fig. 14-31 shows the balanced set of line currents leading the line to neutral voltages by 30° , the angle on the load impedance.

3. Three identical impedances of $10\angle 30^\circ$ ohms in a wye connection and three identical impedances of $15\angle 0^\circ$ ohms also in a wye connection are both on the same three-phase, three-wire 250 volt system. Find the total power.

Since both loads are wye-connected, their phase impedances can be put directly on the one-line equivalent circuit as shown in Fig. 14-33. The voltage required in the one-line equivalent circuit is

$$V_{LN} = V_L/\sqrt{3} = 250/\sqrt{3} = 144.5$$

Then the current is

$$I_L = \frac{144.5/0^\circ}{10/30^\circ} + \frac{144.5/0^\circ}{15/0^\circ} \\ = 14.45/-30^\circ + 9.62/0^\circ = 23.2/-18.1^\circ$$

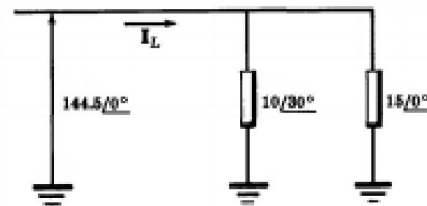


Fig. 14-33

In the power formula $P = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta$, θ is the angle of the load impedance when there is a single load. With several loads on the same system, θ is the angle of the equivalent load impedance. In computing the current I_L , both loads were considered and the current was found to lag the voltage by 18.1° . Therefore we know that the equivalent impedance is inductive and has an angle of 18.1° . Then

$$P = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta = \sqrt{3} 250(23.2) \cos 18.1^\circ = 9530 \text{ w}$$

4. Three identical impedances of $12\angle 30^\circ$ ohms in a delta connection and three identical impedances of $5\angle 45^\circ$ ohms in a wye connection are on the same three-phase, three wire, 208 volt, ABC system. Find the line currents and the total power.

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Since the first of the loads is delta-connected we obtain the wye-connected equivalent,

$$Z_Y = Z_{\Delta}/3 = 12/30^\circ / 3 = 4/30^\circ$$

With a line voltage of 208, the line to neutral voltage is $208/\sqrt{3}$ or 120 volts.

The one-line equivalent circuit is shown in Fig. 14-34 with the two load impedances $4/30^\circ$ and $5/45^\circ$ ohms. These impedances can be replaced with an equivalent where

$$Z_{eq} = \frac{4/30^\circ (5/45^\circ)}{4/30^\circ + 5/45^\circ} = 2.24/36.6^\circ$$

Then the current is

$$I_L = \frac{V_{LN}}{Z_{eq}} = \frac{120/0^\circ}{2.24/36.6^\circ} = 53.6/-36.6^\circ$$

The voltage V_{AN} in the ABC sequence has a phase angle of 90° and thus $I_A = 53.6/(90^\circ - 36.6^\circ) = 53.6/53.4^\circ$. Similarly we find that $I_B = 53.6/-66.6^\circ$ and $I_C = 53.6/-186.6^\circ$.

The total power

$$P = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta = \sqrt{3} 208(53.6) \cos 36.6^\circ = 15,500 \text{ w}$$

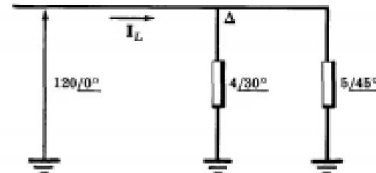


Fig. 14-34

5. A three-phase, three-wire, 240 volt, CBA system supplies a delta-connected load in which $Z_{ab} = 25\angle 90^\circ$, $Z_{bc} = 15\angle 30^\circ$ and $Z_{ca} = 20\angle 0^\circ$ ohms. Find the line currents and the total power.

Apply the line voltages of the CBA sequence to the delta-connected load in Fig. 14-35, and select the phase currents as shown on the diagram. Then

$$I_{AB} = \frac{V_{AB}}{Z_{AB}} = \frac{240/240^\circ}{25/90^\circ} = 9.6/150^\circ$$

$$I_{BC} = \frac{V_{BC}}{Z_{BC}} = \frac{240/0^\circ}{15/30^\circ} = 16.0/-30^\circ$$

$$I_{CA} = \frac{V_{CA}}{Z_{CA}} = \frac{240/120^\circ}{20/0^\circ} = 12.0/120^\circ$$

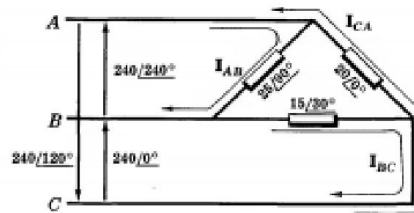


Fig. 14-35

Now the line currents are computed in terms of the phase currents.

$$I_A = I_{AB} + I_{AC} = 9.6/150^\circ - 12/120^\circ = 6.06/247.7^\circ$$

$$I_B = I_{BA} + I_{BC} = -9.6/150^\circ + 16/-30^\circ = 25.6/-30^\circ$$

$$I_C = I_{CA} + I_{CB} = 12/120^\circ - 16/-30^\circ = 27.1/137.2^\circ$$

As expected with an unbalanced load, the line currents are not equal.

The power in each phase is calculated as follows.

Impedance $Z_{AB} = 25/90^\circ = 0 + j25$ ohms, $R_{AB} = 0$ and $I_{AB} = 9.6$ amp. Then

$$P_{AB} = I_{AB}^2 R_{AB} = (9.6)^2(0) = 0$$

Impedance $Z_{BC} = 15/30^\circ = 13 + j7.5$ ohms, $R_{BC} = 13$ ohms and $I_{BC} = 16$ amp. Then

$$P_{BC} = I_{BC}^2 R_{BC} = (16)^2(13) = 3330 \text{ w}$$

Impedance $Z_{CA} = 20/0^\circ = 20 + j0$ ohms, $R_{CA} = 20$ ohms and $I_{CA} = 12$ amp. Then

$$P_{CA} = I_{CA}^2 R_{CA} = (12)^2(20) = 2880 \text{ w}$$

The total power is the sum of the power in the phases,

$$P_T = P_{AB} + P_{BC} + P_{CA} = 0 + 3330 + 2880 = 6210 \text{ w}$$

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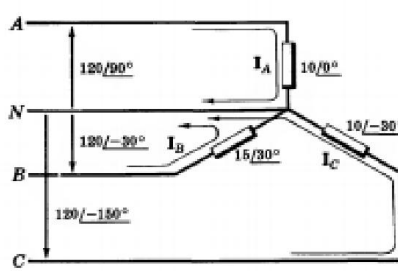


6. A three-phase, four-wire, 208 volt, ABC system supplies a wye-connected load in which $Z_A=10\angle 0^\circ$, $Z_B=15\angle 30^\circ$ and $Z_C=10\angle -30^\circ$ ohms. Find the line currents, the neutral current and the total power.

Apply the line to neutral voltages of the ABC sequence to the circuit as shown in Fig. 14-36 and compute the line currents assuming the positive direction toward the load.

$$I_A = V_{AN}/Z_A = (120/90^\circ)/(10/0^\circ) = 12/90^\circ$$

$$I_B = V_{BN}/Z_B = (120/-30^\circ)/(15/30^\circ) = 8/-60^\circ$$

$$I_C = V_{CN}/Z_C = (120/-150^\circ)/(10/-30^\circ) = 12/-120^\circ$$


The neutral conductor contains the phasor sum of the line currents and if the positive direction is toward the load,

$$I_N = -(I_A + I_B + I_C) = -(12/90^\circ + 8/-60^\circ + 12/-120^\circ) = 5.69/69.4^\circ$$

The impedance $Z_A = 10 + j0$ ohms passes current $I_A = 12/90^\circ$ amp, and the power in this phase of the load is $P_A = (12)^2 10 = 1440$ w. Impedance $Z_B = 15/30^\circ = 13 + j7.5$ contains the current $I_B = 8/-60^\circ$ amp, and the phase power is $P_B = (8)^2 13 = 832$ w. Similarly $Z_C = 10/-30^\circ = 8.66 - j5$ ohms contains $I_C = 12/-120^\circ$ amp and $P_C = (12)^2 8.66 = 1247$ w.

The total power is $P_T = P_A + P_B + P_C = 1440 + 832 + 1247 = 3519$ w.

7. The load impedances of Problem 6 are connected to a three-phase, three-wire, 208 volt, ABC system. Find the line currents and the voltages across the load impedances.

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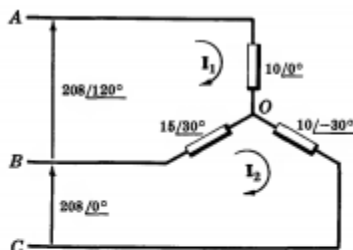


Fig. 14-37

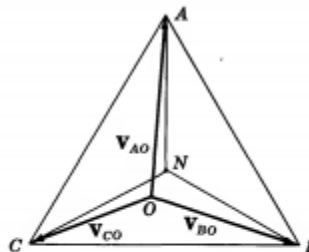


Fig. 14-38

The circuit of Fig. 14-37 shows the two line voltages V_{AB} and V_{BC} . With the mesh currents I_1 and I_2 selected as shown, the matrix form of the mesh current equations is

$$\begin{bmatrix} 10/0^\circ + 15/30^\circ & -15/30^\circ \\ -15/30^\circ & 15/30^\circ + 10/-30^\circ \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_1 \\ I_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 208/120^\circ \\ 208/0^\circ \end{bmatrix}$$

from which

$$I_1 = \frac{5210/90^\circ}{367.5/3.9^\circ} = 14.15/86.1^\circ$$

$$I_2 = \frac{3730/56.6^\circ}{367.5/3.9^\circ} = 10.15/52.7^\circ$$

The line currents with positive directions toward the load are given in terms of I_1 and I_2 as

$$I_A = I_1 = 14.15/86.1^\circ$$

$$I_B = I_2 - I_1 = 10.15/52.7^\circ - 14.15/86.1^\circ = 8.0/-49.5^\circ$$

$$I_C = -I_2 = 10.15/(52.7^\circ - 180^\circ) = 10.15/-127.3^\circ$$

Now the voltages across the load impedances are

$$V_{AO} = I_A Z_A = 14.15/86.1^\circ (10/0^\circ) = 141.5/86.1^\circ$$

$$V_{BO} = I_B Z_B = 8.0/-49.5^\circ (15/30^\circ) = 120/-19.5^\circ$$

$$V_{CO} = I_C Z_C = 10.15/-127.3^\circ (10/-30^\circ) = 101.5/-157.3^\circ$$

A plot of the three voltages V_{AO} , V_{BO} and V_{CO} shows the triangle of the ABC sequence when the ends of the phasors are joined by straight lines. Then point N can be added as shown in Fig. 14-38 above.

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