

In other words, the transformer can be replaced by an equivalent impedance, or just an equivalent reactance.

### 3. PER-UNIT (P.U.) SYSTEM

- Power transmission lines are operated at very high voltage levels (kilovolts). Due to the large amount of power transmitted, megawatts & megavoltamps are commonly-used terms!
- It therefore would be more meaningful to scale down all physical values of  $\Omega$ , A, kV, MVA, MW using scaling factors called based values. For example, if a base voltage of 100 kV is selected, then physical system voltages of 80 kV, 110 kV & 100 kV become  $\frac{80}{100}$ ,  $\frac{110}{100}$  &  $\frac{100}{100}$  per unit respectively!

- The per-unit value of any quantity is defined as the ratio of the actual quantity to an “arbitrarily” chosen value (base or reference) of the same dimensions.

$$\therefore \text{Quantity in per unit} = \frac{\text{physical quantity}}{\text{base value}}$$

$$\& \text{Quantity in percent} = \frac{\text{physical quantity}}{\text{base value}} \times 100$$

- Percent system should be used with caution (due to mult. factor of 100)
- Per-unit system is preferred in power system calculations as it offers the following advantages :

### **Advantages of Per-unit System**

- Analysis is greatly simplified, e.g. all impedances of a given equivalent CKT can be directly added without considering system voltages.
- Use of “ $\sqrt{3}$ ” is eliminated! The base values account for these easily.
- Manufacturers of electrical equipment usually specify the impedance in per unit or percent of nameplate ratings.

- Electrical machines & transformers have widely varying internal impedances with size & rating. However, it turns out that in the p.u. system, these impedances fall within a fairly narrow range. Hence, if the actual impedance of a machine is not known, its per unit value can be easily assigned!
- Circuit analyst is relieved of the worry of referring quantities to one side or other side of transformer, especially in large networks containing many transformers of different turns ratios.

⇒ Eliminates the possible cause of making serious calculation mistakes!

- P.U. values are more convenient in simulating machine systems on digital computers.

Significant advantage : Per unit impedance of transformer is the same on both sides of the transformer!

### Per Unit (p.u.) Quantities in 3-phase Power System

- There are 4 base values
  1. Power base  $S_b$ , usually in MVA.
  2. Impedance base  $Z_b$ , usually in OHMS.
  3. Current base  $I_b$ , usually in A.
  4. Voltage base  $V_b$ , usually in kV.



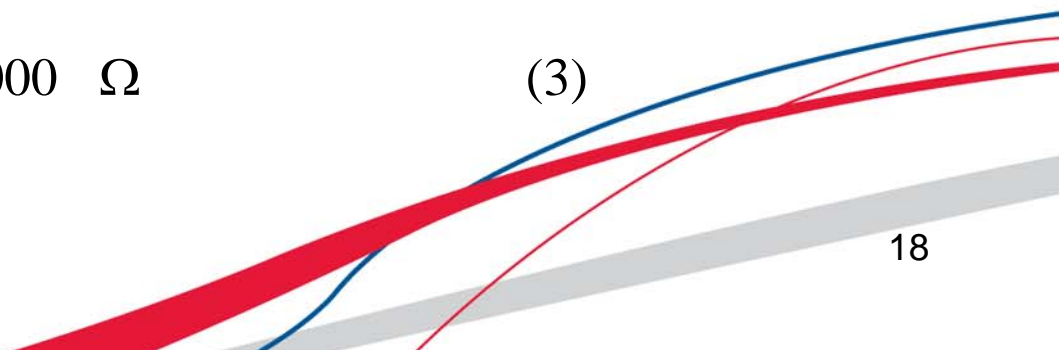
- In 3-phase systems, usually
  - S, P, Q are three-phase powers in MVA, MW & MVA<sub>r</sub> respectively
  - Voltages considered are line-to-line values
  - Currents considered are line values
  - Impedances considered are phase values of equivalent star (Y) configuration  
(This means that all impedances in  $\Omega$  must be converted to equivalent Y value in  $\Omega$ , before converting to its p.u. value)
- The 4 base values ( $S_b$ ,  $Z_b$ ,  $I_b$  &  $V_b$ ) are related as follows :

$$S_b = \sqrt{3} \frac{V_b I_b}{1000} \text{ MVA} \quad (1)$$

where  $V_b$  is line-to-line base voltage in kV &  $I_b$  is the line current in AMPS.

$$\Rightarrow I_b = \frac{S_b \times 1000}{\sqrt{3} \times V_b} \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Next, } Z_b = \frac{(V_b / \sqrt{3})}{I_b} \times 1000 \quad \Omega \quad (3)$$



Note :  $\frac{V_b}{\sqrt{3}}$  is the phase voltage of the equivalent Y system.

Substituting (2) in (3), we get :

$$Z_b = \frac{(V_b / \sqrt{3})}{\left( \frac{S_b \times 1000}{\sqrt{3} \times V_b} \right)} \times 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_b = \frac{V_b^2}{S_b} \Omega \quad (4)$$

- From the above, it is clear that we need to select only 2 base values, instead of all 4. For example, if  $S_b$  &  $V_b$  are selected, then  $I_b$  &  $Z_b$  can be calculated using equations (2) & (4) respectively!
- $V_b$  (and consequently  $Z_b$  &  $I_b$  too) changes from transformer primary to secondary as follows :

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V_b \text{ (primary)}}{V_b \text{ (secondary)}} &= \frac{\text{No. of turns (primary)}}{\text{No. of turns (secondary)}} \\ &= \frac{N_1}{N_2} \text{ (line – to – line turns ratio, } a \text{)} \end{aligned}$$

- Per unit values of Z, R, X & I are the same on either side of the transformer, but the actual values are not!

⇒ Per unit quantities can now be evaluated as :

$$Z_{p.u.} = \frac{Z(\Omega)}{Z_b(\Omega)}; I_{p.u.} = \frac{I(\text{AMPS})}{I_b(\text{AMPS})};$$

$$V_{p.u.} = \frac{V(\text{kV})}{V_b(\text{kV})}; P_{p.u.} = \frac{P(\text{MW})}{S_b(\text{MVA})}$$

⇒ If necessary, actual voltages/currents/ohms etc. can also be obtained as :

Actual value = Base value  $\times$  p.u. value

### **General Guidelines for Obtaining P.U. Values**

Objective : To reduce the number of computations by selecting suitable values for  $V_b$  &  $S_b$ .

- Base MVA ( $S_b$ ) is the same for all parts of the system. Normally  $S_b$  in MVA is used.
- Base kV ( $V_b$ ) is selected in one part of the system; for other parts base kV is obtained according to the line-to-line voltage ratios of transformers.

- Base impedances will be different in different parts of the system.
- In general, the p.u. (or %) impedances of electrical equipment are specified in terms of their own MVA & kV ratings. These values need to be converted to the system bases selected in (1) & (2) above. This conversion is done using the following formula :

$$Z_{\text{p.u. NEW}} = \frac{Z_{\text{ACTUAL}}}{Z_{\text{b NEW}}}$$

$$Z_{\text{p.u. OLD}} = \frac{Z_{\text{ACTUAL}}}{Z_{\text{b OLD}}}$$



Manufacturer's base (Equipment base)

where :  $Z_{\text{b NEW}}$  = Base impedance selected in that part of the system where this component is placed

$$= \frac{(V_{\text{b NEW}})^2}{S_{\text{b NEW}}} \Leftarrow \text{these are base values in that section}$$

$$\& Z_{\text{b OLD}} = \frac{(V_{\text{b OLD}})^2}{S_{\text{b OLD}}} \Leftarrow \text{these are component bases/ratings}$$



$$\therefore \frac{Z_{p.u. \text{ NEW}}}{Z_{p.u. \text{ OLD}}} = \frac{Z_{b \text{ OLD}}}{Z_{b \text{ NEW}}} = \frac{(V_{b \text{ OLD}})^2 / S_{b \text{ OLD}}}{(V_{b \text{ NEW}})^2 / S_{b \text{ NEW}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Z_{p.u. \text{ NEW}} = Z_{p.u. \text{ OLD}} \times \left[ \frac{V_{b \text{ OLD}}}{V_{b \text{ NEW}}} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{S_{b \text{ NEW}}}{S_{b \text{ OLD}}} \right] \quad (*)$$

**Example 1** : A component rated for 13.2 kV, 30 MVA & with  $Z = 0.2$  p.u. (on its own ratings) is placed in a power system portion where  $V_b = 13.8$  kV &  $S_b = 50$  MVA. What is the new p.u.  $Z$  of the component?

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} S_{b \text{ NEW}} &= 50 & S_{b \text{ OLD}} &= 30 \\ V_{b \text{ NEW}} &= 13.8 & V_{b \text{ OLD}} &= 13.2 \\ Z_{p.u. \text{ OLD}} &= 0.2 & Z_{p.u. \text{ NEW}} &= ? \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore Z_{p.u. \text{ NEW}} = 0.2 \times \left[ \frac{13.2}{13.8} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{50}{30} \right] = 0.306 \text{ p.u.}$$

- If a transformer impedance is given in p.u., then this value is based on the MVA rating of the transformer.

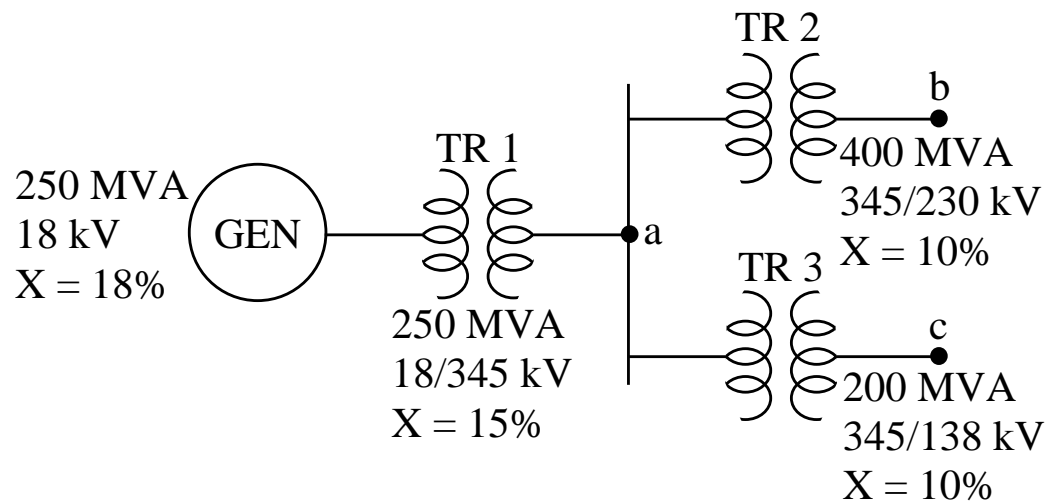
$\Rightarrow$  Use equation in (\*) above to convert this given p.u. to the new p.u. on the system base kVA,  $S_b$ .



- If the  $S_b$  (base MVA) is not specified (and that is usually the case), the system component that has the largest MVA rating is chosen to give us the base MVA. Occasionally, a nice round number such as 100 MVA is selected as the base MVA!

**Example 2 :** For the power system shown below,

- Find appropriate voltage bases by selecting  $V_b = 18$  kV at the generator terminals.
- Find all impedances in p.u. Use  $S_b = 100$  MVA.



**Solution :** Given  $V_{b, \text{GEN}} = 18$  kV (generator circuit)

Base voltage at point a =  $V_{b, a}$

$$V_{b, \text{GEN}} \times \frac{345}{18} = 345 \text{ kV}$$

$$\text{Base voltage at point b} = V_{b,b} = V_{b,a} \times \frac{230}{345} = 230 \text{ kV}$$

$$\text{Finally, base voltage at point c} = V_{b,c} = V_{b,a} \times \frac{138}{345} = 138 \text{ kV}$$

Next, assuming a power base of  $S_b = 100 \text{ MVA}$ , let us find all the impedances in p.u.

$$\begin{aligned} Z_{\text{GEN,NEW p.u.}} &= Z_{\text{GEN,OLD p.u.}} \times \left[ \frac{V_{b \text{ OLD,GEN}}}{V_{b, \text{GEN}}} \right]^2 \times \frac{S_{b \text{ NEW}}}{S_{b \text{ OLD,GI}}} \\ &= 0.18 \times \left( \frac{18}{18} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{100}{250} \right) = 0.072 \text{ p.u.} \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_{\text{TR1,NEW p.u.}} = Z_{\text{TR1,OLD p.u.}} \times \left[ \frac{V_{b \text{ OLD,TR1}}}{V_{b, \text{GEN}}} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{S_{b \text{ NEW}}}{S_{b \text{ OLD,TR1}}} \right]$$

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Calculated on the primary side

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.15 \times \left[ \frac{18}{18} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{100}{250} \right] \\ &= 0.06 \text{ p.u.} \end{aligned}$$

$$Z_{\text{TR2,NEW p.u.}} = Z_{\text{TR2,OLD p.u.}} \times \left[ \frac{V_{\text{b OLD,TR2}}}{V_{\text{b,a}}} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{S_{\text{b NEW}}}{S_{\text{b OLD,TR2}}} \right]$$

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Calculated on the primary side

$$= 0.10 \times \left[ \frac{345}{345} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{100}{400} \right]$$

$$= 0.025 \text{ p.u.}$$

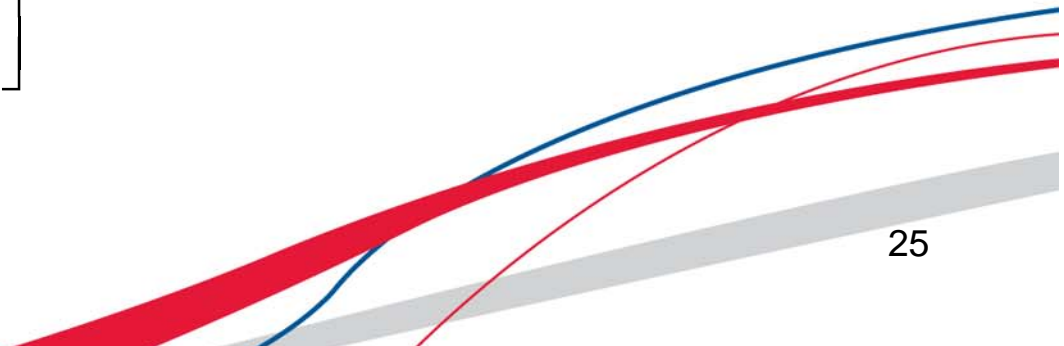
$$Z_{\text{TR3,NEW p.u.}} = Z_{\text{TR3,OLD p.u.}} \times \left[ \frac{V_{\text{b OLD,TR3}}}{V_{\text{b,a}}} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{100}{200} \right]$$

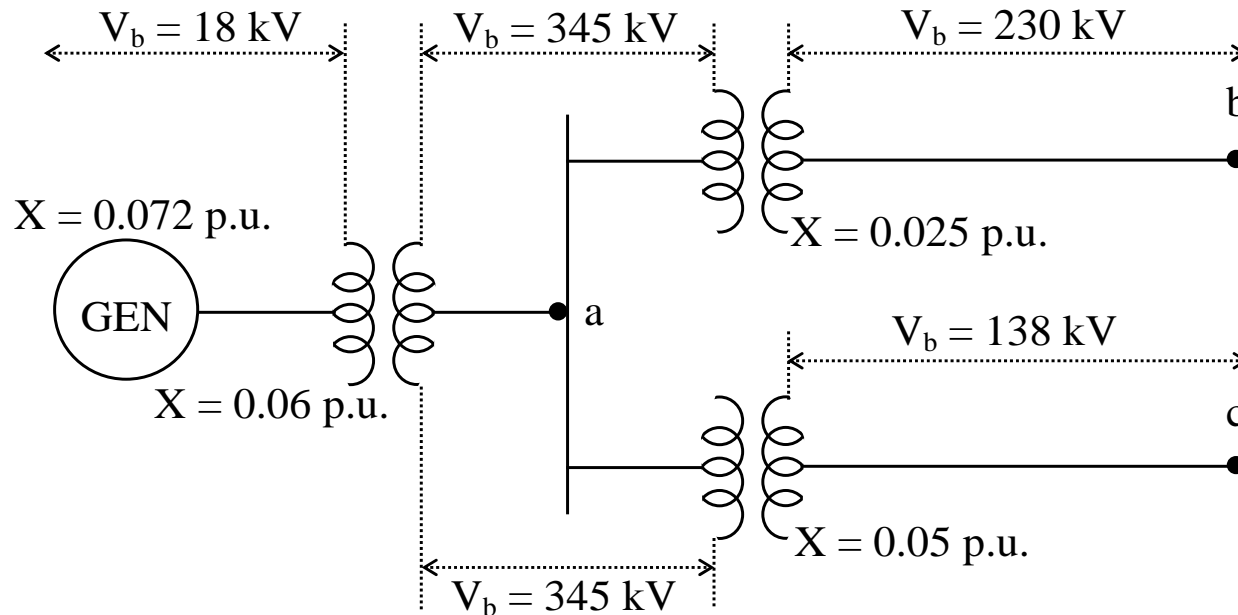
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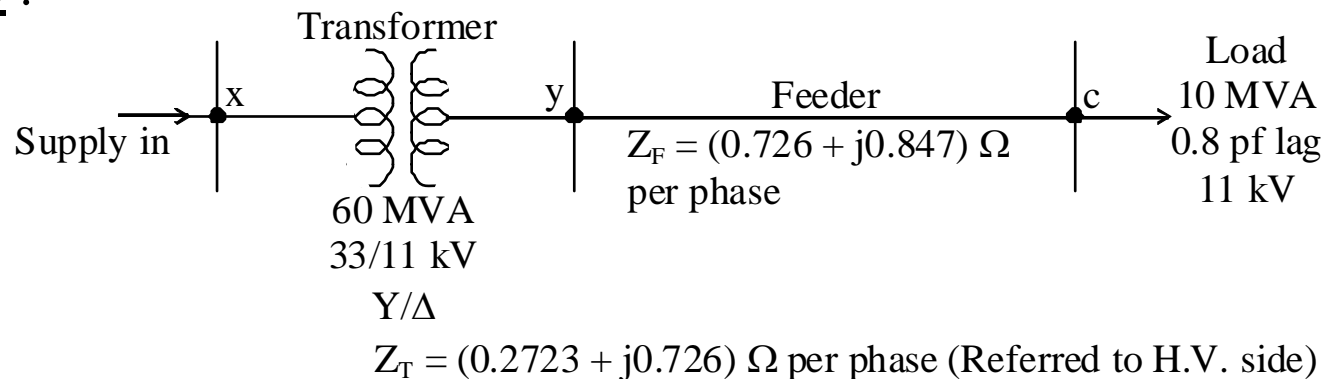
$$= 0.10 \times \left[ \frac{345}{345} \right]^2 \times \left[ \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$= 0.05 \text{ p.u.}$$





### **Example 3 :**



Calculate the input & output line voltages of the 3- $\phi$  transformer i.e. voltages at x and y.

**Solution** : Let base MVA =  $S_b = 60$  MVA (constant throughout the system)

## Transformer H.V. side

Base kV,  $V_{b\ x} = 33\text{ kV}$  (assumed)

$$Z_{b\ \text{primary of trans.}} = Z_{b\ x} = \frac{V_{b\ x}^2}{S_b} = \frac{33^2}{60} = 18.15\ \Omega = Z_{b\ \text{pri}}$$

$$\therefore Z_{T\ \text{p.u.}} = \frac{Z_{T\ \text{actual pri}}}{Z_{b\ \text{pri}}} = \frac{0.2723 + j0.726}{18.15} = 0.015 + j0.04 = 0.0427 \angle 69.44^\circ\ \text{p.u.}$$

## Transformer L.V. side

Base kV =  $V_{b\ y} = V_{b\ x} \frac{11}{33} = 11\text{ kV}$

$$\therefore Z_{b\ y} = \frac{(V_{b\ y})^2}{S_b} = \frac{11^2}{60} = 2.017\ \Omega$$

$$\therefore Z_{F\ \text{p.u.}} = \frac{Z_F(\Omega)}{Z_{b\ y}} = \frac{0.726 + j0.847}{2.017} = 0.36 + j0.42 = 0.5532 \angle 49.4^\circ\ \text{p.u.}$$

$\therefore$  Total impedance

$$Z_{\text{TOT p.u.}} = Z_{T\ \text{p.u.}} + Z_{F\ \text{p.u.}} = 0.5935 \angle 50.81^\circ\ \text{p.u.}$$

$$S_{\text{Load}} = 10\text{ MVA}, 0.8\text{ pf lag} = 10 \angle 36.87^\circ\text{ MVA}$$

$$\therefore S_{\text{Load p.u.}} = \frac{S_{\text{Load}}}{S_b} = \frac{10 \angle 36.87^\circ}{60} = 0.1667 \angle 36.87^\circ \text{ p.u.}$$

$$V_{\text{Load}} = 11 \text{ kV} \Rightarrow V_{\text{Load p.u.}} = \frac{V_{\text{Load}}}{V_{b c}} = \frac{11}{11} = 1.0 \angle 0^\circ \text{ p.u.}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Load current

$$I_{\text{Load p.u.}}^* = \frac{S_{\text{Load p.u.}}}{V_{\text{Load p.u.}}} = \frac{0.1667 \angle 36.87^\circ}{1 \angle 0^\circ} = 0.1667 \angle 36.87^\circ \text{ p.u.}$$

$$\Rightarrow I_{\text{Load p.u.}} = 0.1667 \angle -36.87^\circ \text{ p.u.}$$

$\therefore$  Voltage at the L.V. side of transformer

$$\begin{aligned} V_{y \text{ p.u.}} &= (I_{\text{Load p.u.}})(Z_F \text{ p.u.}) + V_{\text{Load p.u.}} \\ &= (0.1667 \angle -36.87^\circ)(0.5532 \angle 49.4^\circ) + 1 \angle 0^\circ = 1.09 \angle 1.05^\circ \text{ p.u.} \end{aligned}$$

Actual voltage  $|V_y| = V_{y \text{ p.u.}} \times \text{Base voltage at y} = 1.09 \times 11 \text{ kV} \simeq \underline{\underline{12 \text{ kV}}}$

Finally, voltage at H.V. side of transformer

$$\begin{aligned} V_{x \text{ p.u.}} &= (Z_T \text{ p.u.})(I_{\text{Load p.u.}}) + V_{y \text{ p.u.}} \\ &= (0.0427 \angle 69.44^\circ)(0.1667 \angle -36.87^\circ) + 1.09 \angle 1.05^\circ = 1.0963 \angle 1.24^\circ \text{ p.u.} \end{aligned}$$

Actual voltage,  $|V_x| = V_{x \text{ p.u.}} \times \text{Base voltage at x}$   
 $= 1.0963 \times 33 = \underline{\underline{36.18 \text{ kV}}}$