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Unit 2 – Lecture 38 - NUMERICAL ON POWER FACTOR IMPROVEMENT

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Numerical Example

Question:

The load taken from AC supply consist of a heating load of 15kW, a motor load of 40kVA at 0.6 lag and a load of 20kW at 0.8 lag. Calculate the load from supply in kW & kVA and its power factor. what would be the kVAR rating of a capacitor to bring the power factor to unity and how would the capacitor be connected.

Solution:

Load 1: Heating Load

$$P_1 = 15\text{kW}, \cos\phi = 1$$

$$\therefore Q_1 = 0$$

$$\text{so, } S_1 = \sqrt{P_1^2 + Q_1^2} = 15\text{kVA}$$

Numerical Example

Load 2: Motor Load

$$S_2 = 40kVA, \cos \phi_2 = 0.6lag$$

$$S_2 = VI_2 \quad \therefore \phi_2 = 53.13^\circ$$

$$P_2 = VI_2 \cos \phi_2 = 24kW$$

$$Q_2 = VI_2 \sin \phi_2 = 32kVAR$$

Load 3: Inductive Load

$$P_3 = 20kW, \cos \phi_3 = 0.8lag$$

$$S_3 = 25kVA$$

$$Q_3 = VI_3 \sin \phi_3 = 15kVAR$$

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$$P_T = P_1 + P_2 + P_3$$

$$\therefore P_T = 59kW$$

$$Q_T = Q_1 + Q_2 + Q_3$$

$$\therefore Q_T = 47kVAR$$

$$\begin{aligned} S_T &= \sqrt{P_T^2 + Q_T^2} \\ &= \sqrt{(59k)^2 + (47k)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$S_T = 75.43kVA$$

Numerical Example

Overall Power Factor is

$$\cos \phi_T = \frac{P_T}{S_T} = 0.782lag$$

To bring the power Factor to Unity, Q_T must be 0.

Hence we need to connect a capacitor of 47kVAR rating in parallel with the circuit.

Numerical Example

Question:

The power consumed in the inductive load is 2.5 kW at 0.71 lagging power factor. The input voltage is 230 V, 50 Hz. Find the value of the capacitor C which must be placed in parallel, such that the resultant power factor of the input current is 0.866 lagging.

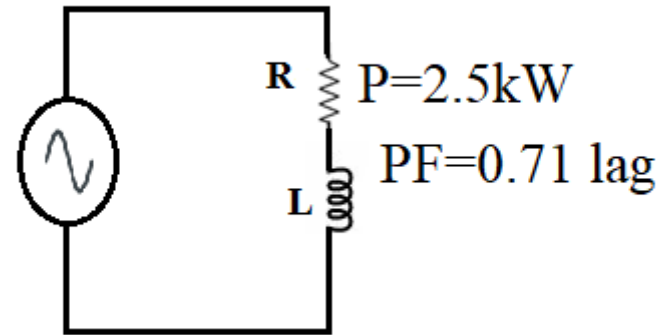
Solution:

$$P = VI \cos \phi$$

$$I = 15.309 \text{ A}$$

$$\phi = \cos^{-1} 0.71 = 44.76^\circ$$

$$\therefore I = 15.309 \angle -44.76^\circ \text{ A}$$



Numerical Example

By KCL

$$I_T \angle -30^\circ = (15.309 \angle -44.76^\circ) + (I_C \angle 90^\circ)$$

By equating real parts.

$$I_T \cos 30^\circ = (15.309 \cos 44.76^\circ) + (I_C \cos 90^\circ)$$

$$I_T = 12.55A$$

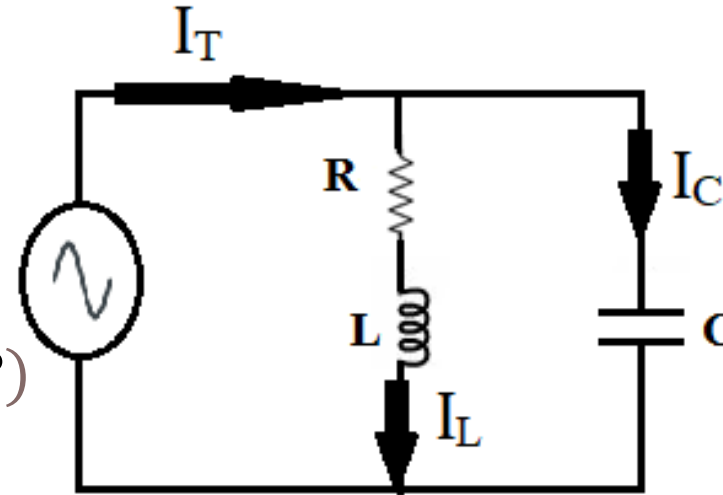
$$I_C = I_T - I_L \quad (\text{phasor sum})$$

$$I_C = (12.55 \angle -30^\circ) - (15.309 \angle -44.76^\circ)$$

$$\therefore I_C = 4.504 \angle 90^\circ$$

$$\therefore X_C = \frac{V_C}{I_C} = \frac{230}{4.504} = 51.065 \Omega$$

$$C = \frac{1}{2\pi f X_C} = 62.33 \mu f$$



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