

# Chapter 11

## Balanced Three-Phase Circuits

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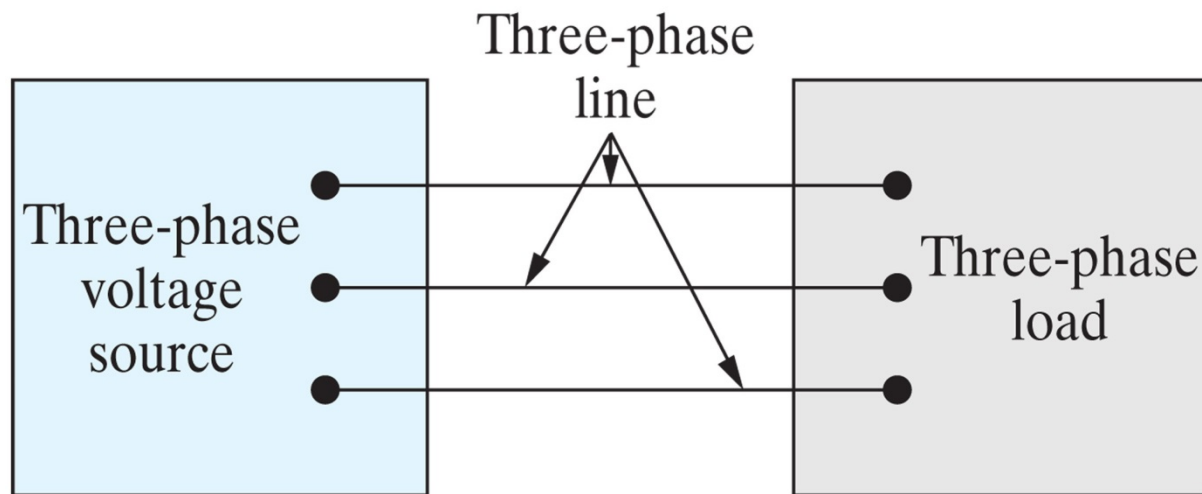
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## Section 11.1

# Balanced Three-Phase Voltages

## Overview

Generating, transmitting, distributing, and using large blocks of electric power is accomplished with three-phase power.



This chapter is a general overview and only the steady-state sinusoidal behavior is presented.

## Section 11.1 Balanced Three-Phase Voltages

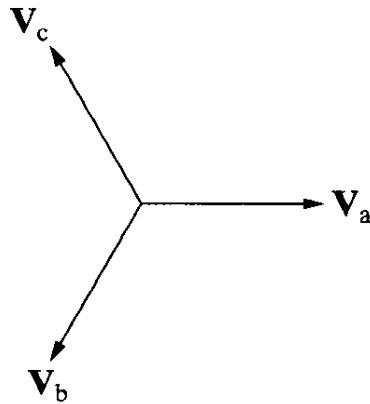
A set of balanced three-phase voltages consist of three sinusoidal voltages that have:

Identical amplitudes,

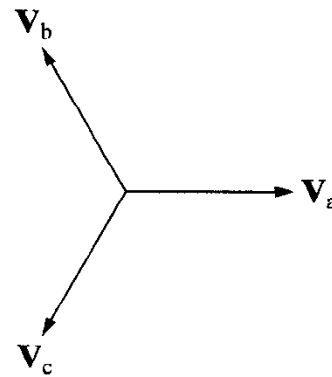
Identical frequencies,

and are out of phase with each other by  $120^\circ$ .

Only two possible phase orientations may exist.



abc sequence

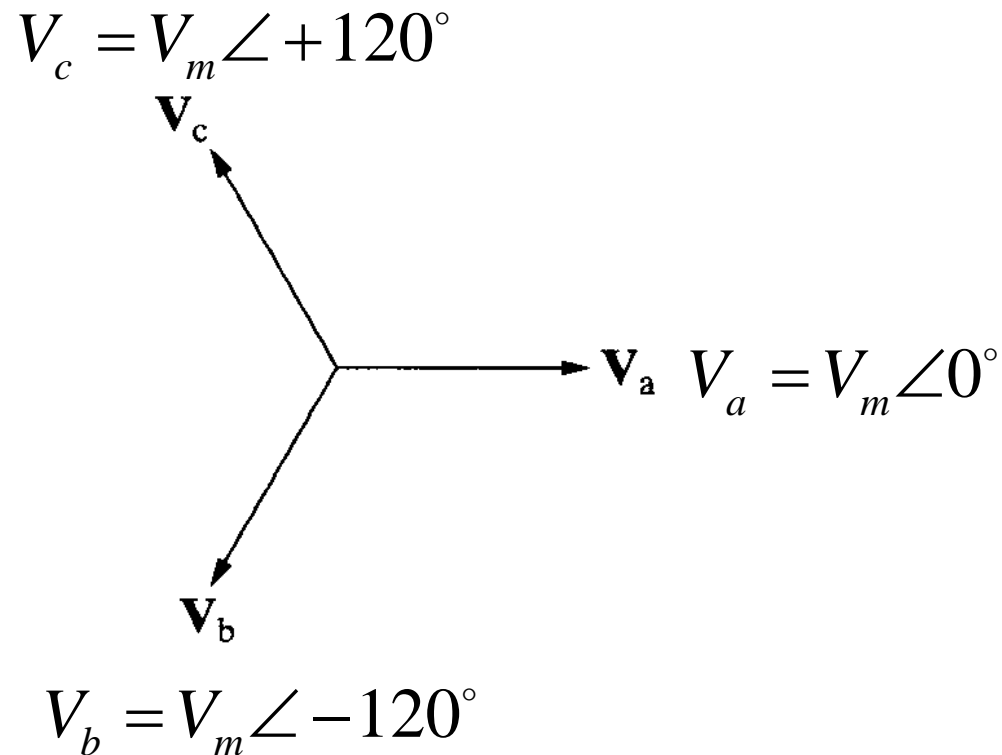


acb sequence

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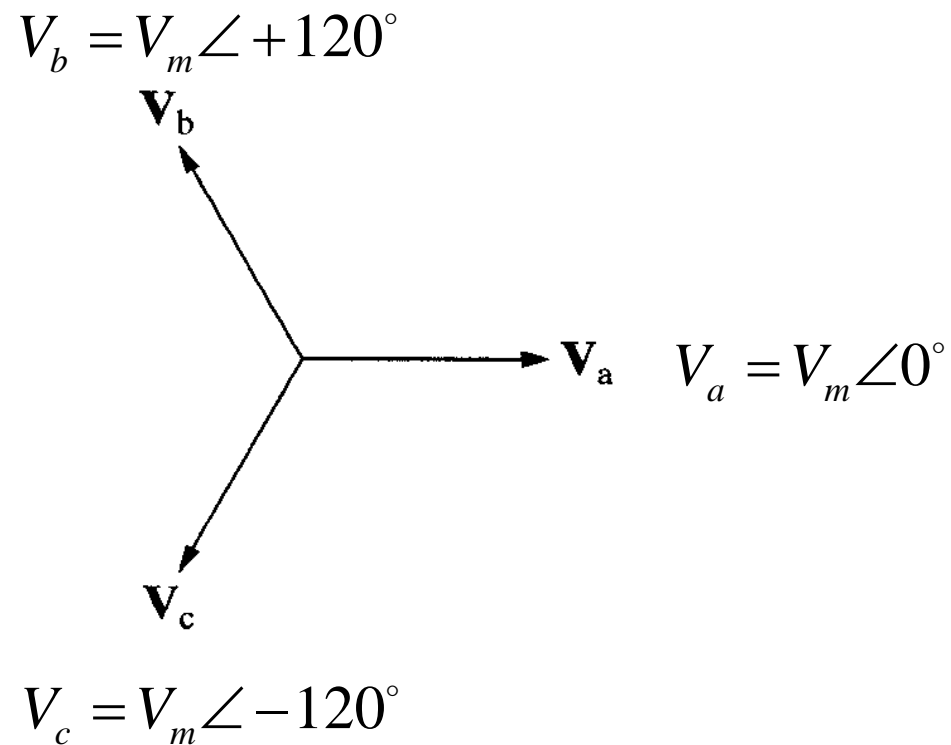
Label the a, b and c phases going in clockwise order starting with  $V_a$ .



## Section 11.1 Balanced Three-Phase Voltages

The acb sequence is known as the negative phase sequence.

Label the a, c and b phases going in counterclockwise order starting with  $V_a$ .



## Section 11.1 Balanced Three-Phase Voltages

A property of balanced three-phase voltages is that the sum of the voltages is zero.

$V_a + V_b + V_c = 0$  in the phasor form.

$v_a + v_b + v_c = 0$  in the instantaneous (time domain) form.

Confirm this fact on your calculators!

Let  $V_m = 120 V_{rms}$  and let  $t = \text{zero}$ .

$$V_{sum} = V_a \cos(\omega t + 0^\circ) + V_b \cos(\omega t - 120^\circ) + V_c \cos(\omega t + 120^\circ) = ?$$

$$V_{sum} = 120V_{rms} [\cos(0) + \cos(-2.0944) + \cos(2.0944)] = 120V_{rms} [1 - 0.5 - 0.5] = 0$$

## Section 11.1 Balanced Three-Phase Voltages

We have a rigid relationship of the voltages and phase to each other in a balanced three-phase system.

Thus if we know one voltage and it's phase then the others can be quickly found.

So we will focus on finding the voltage (or current) in one phase.

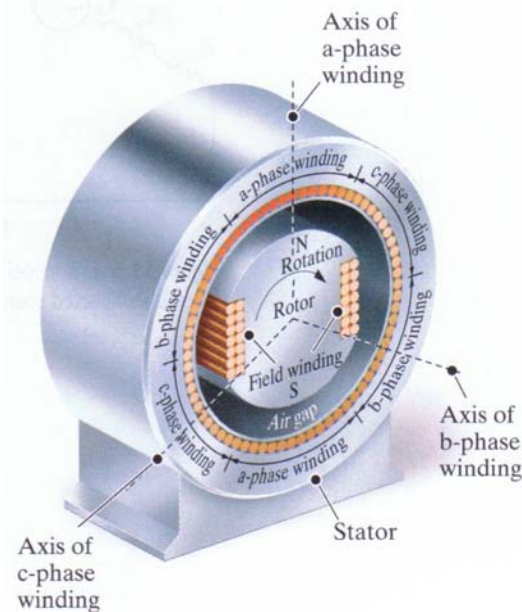


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## Three-Phase Voltage Sources

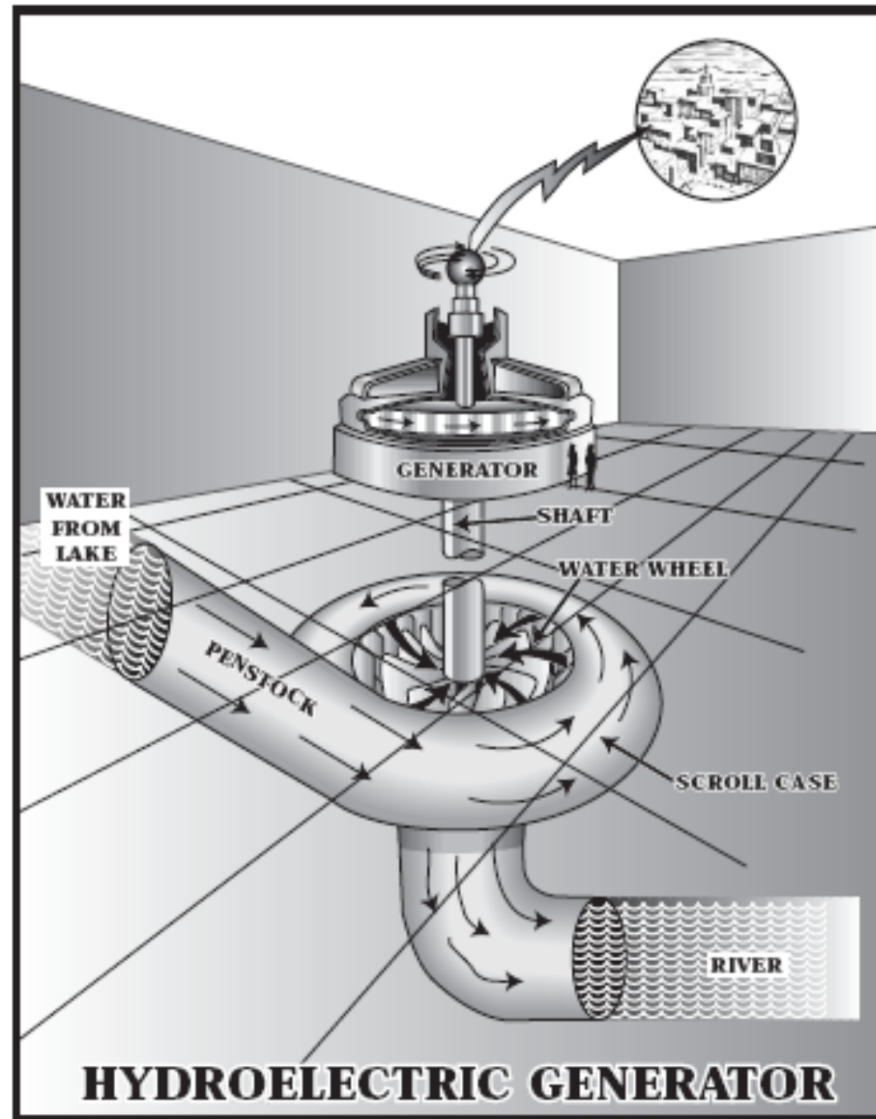
## Section 11.2 Three-phase Voltage Sources

A three-phase voltage source is a generator with three separate windings distributed around the periphery of the stator.



The phase windings are designed so that the sinusoidal voltages are equal in magnitude and out of phase by  $120^\circ$ .

## Schematic of primary generator at the Hoover Dam



Credit: Hoover Dam Learning Packet

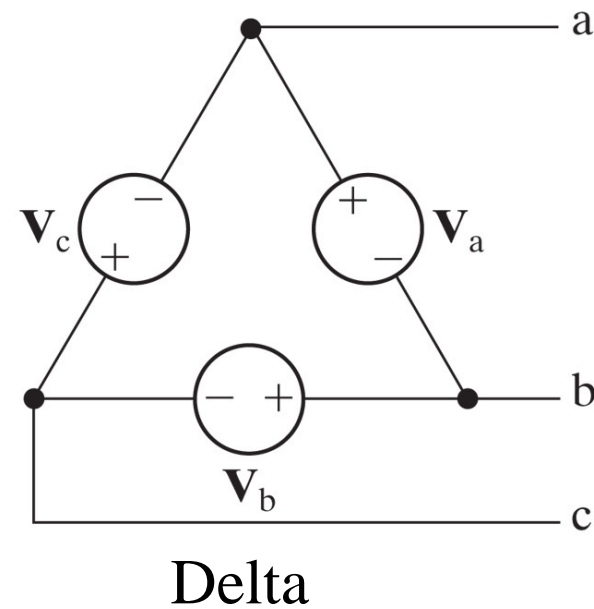
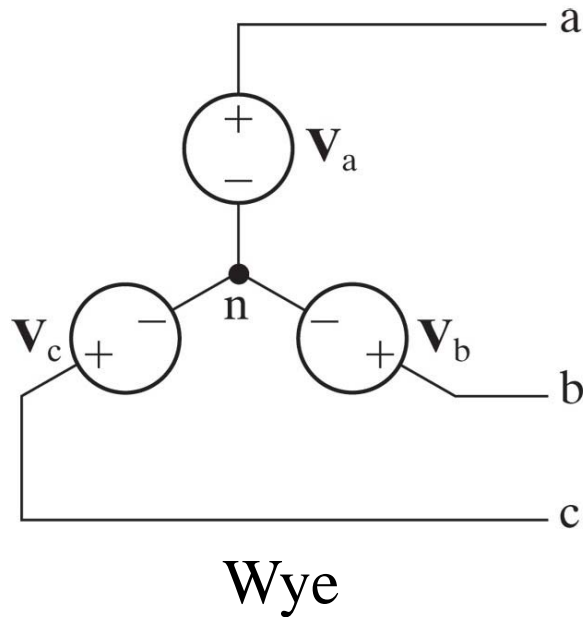
# Hoover Dam Generators



The upper generator room at Hoover Dam, on the Nevada side

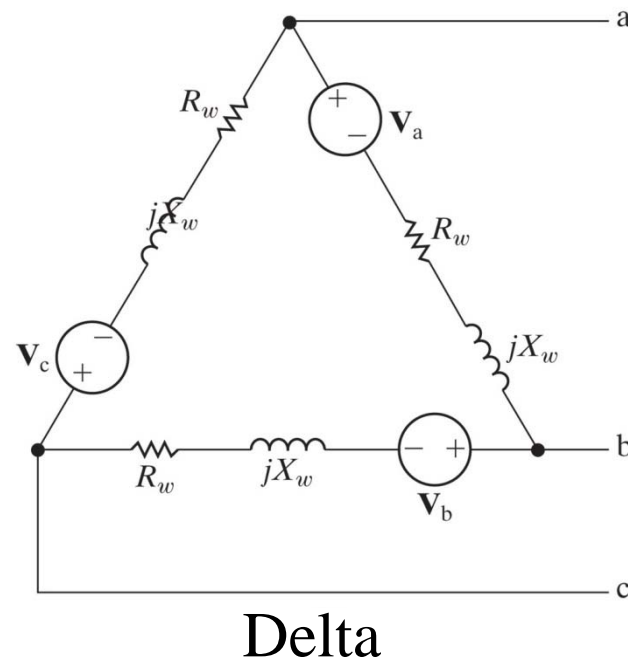
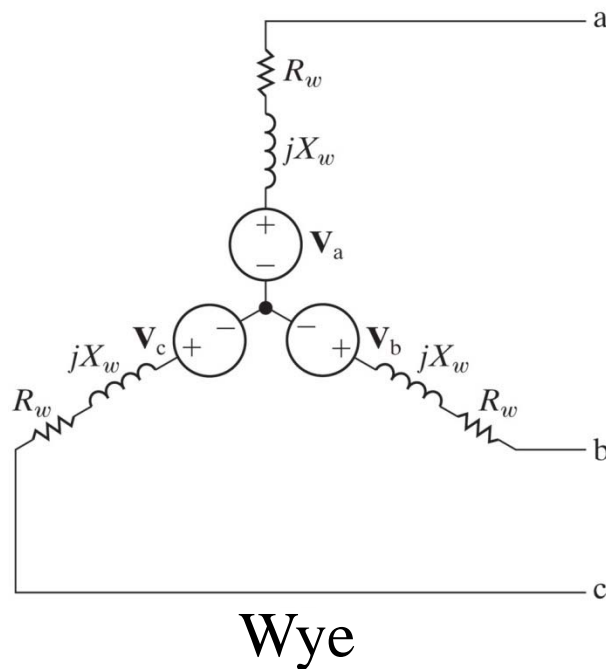
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The separate phase windings may form a three-phase source by two types of interconnections: Wye (Y) or delta ( $\Delta$ ).



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We can include the inductive reactance and resistance of the windings. Note that  $X_w$  and  $R_w$  are equal in each winding by definition.



## Section 11.2 Three-phase Voltage Sources

Because three-phase sources and loads can be either Y-connected or  $\Delta$ -connected, there are four different circuit configurations.

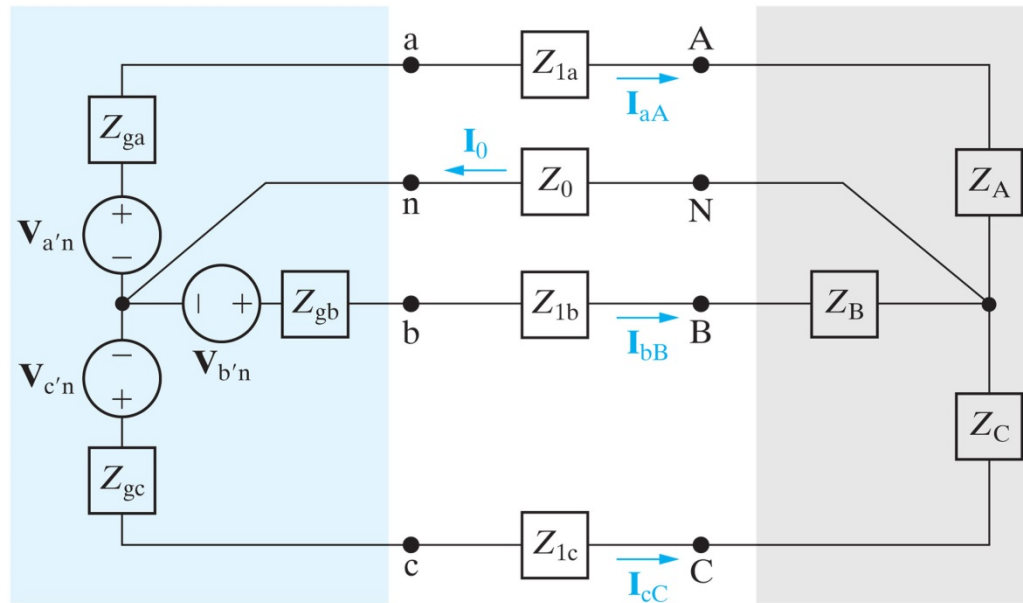
Source	Load
Y	Y
Y	$\Delta$
$\Delta$	Y
$\Delta$	$\Delta$

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## Section 11.3 Analysis of the Wye-Wye Circuit



The above circuit is in the Y to Y configuration.

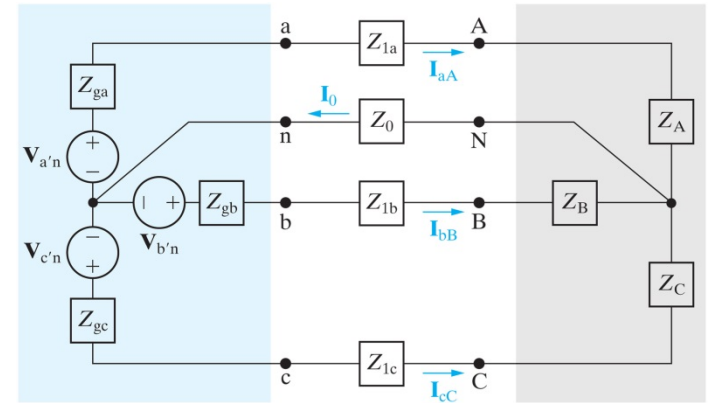
By KCL at node N,  $I_0 - I_{aA} - I_{bB} - I_{cC} = 0$ .

In terms of voltage the node equation is

$$\frac{V_N}{Z_0} + \frac{V_N - V_{a'n}}{Z_A + Z_{1a} + Z_{ga}} + \frac{V_N - V_{b'n}}{Z_B + Z_{1b} + Z_{gb}} + \frac{V_N - V_{c'n}}{Z_C + Z_{1c} + Z_{gc}} = 0$$

## Section 11.3 Analysis of the Wye-Wye Circuit

For a balanced 3 $\phi$  system we have



1.  $V_{a'n}$ ,  $V_{b'n}$ , and  $V_{c'n}$  are a set of balanced 3 $\phi$  voltages.

2. The impedance of each source phase is the same.

$$Z_{ga} = Z_{gb} = Z_{gc}$$

3. The impedance of each line conductor is the same.

$$Z_{1a} = Z_{1b} = Z_{1c}$$

4. The impedance of each phase of the load is the same.

$$Z_A = Z_B = Z_C$$

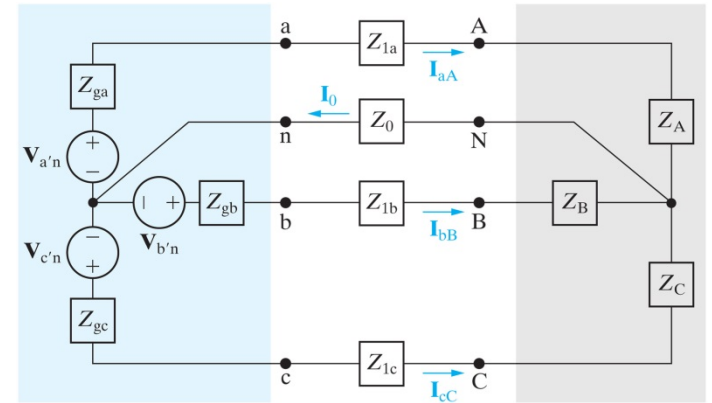
Thus let  $Z_\phi$  be the impedance of each phase.

$$Z_\phi = Z_A + Z_{1a} + Z_{ga} = Z_B + Z_{1b} + Z_{gb} = Z_C + Z_{1c} + Z_{gc}$$

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Thus for this balanced 3 $\phi$  the node equation at node N is

$$\frac{V_N}{Z_0} + \frac{V_N - V_{a'n}}{\underbrace{Z_A + Z_{1a} + Z_{ga}}_{Z_\phi}} + \frac{V_N - V_{b'n}}{\underbrace{Z_B + Z_{1b} + Z_{gb}}_{Z_\phi}} + \frac{V_N - V_{c'n}}{\underbrace{Z_C + Z_{1c} + Z_{gc}}_{Z_\phi}} = 0$$



Combine the equal terms

$$V_N \left( \frac{1}{Z_0} + \frac{3}{Z_\phi} \right) - \frac{V_{a'n} + V_{b'n} + V_{c'n}}{Z_\phi} = 0$$

Thus

$$V_N \left( \frac{1}{Z_0} + \frac{3}{Z_\phi} \right) = \frac{V_{a'n} + V_{b'n} + V_{c'n}}{Z_\phi}$$

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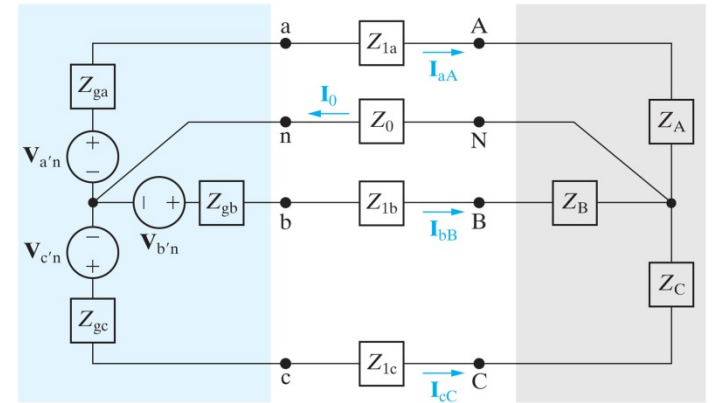
For a balanced system, source voltages sum to zero.

$$V_{a'n} + V_{b'n} + V_{c'n} = 0$$

Thus  $V_N$  must also equal zero as required by the math.

Then the current in the neutral return branch  $I_0$  must also be zero.

This condition allows us to examine each line (phase) independently!



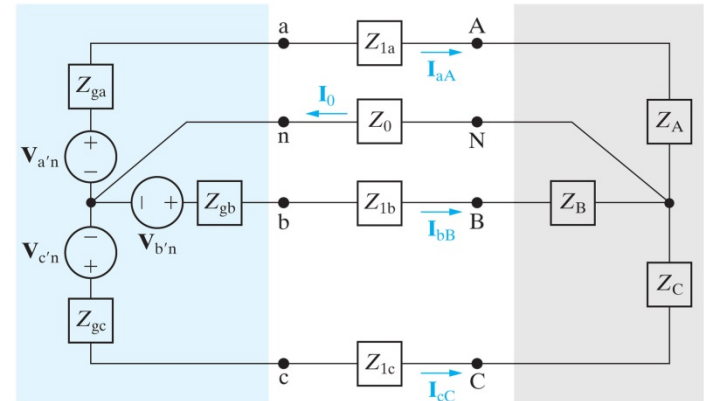
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The three line currents can now be expressed as

$$I_{aA} = \frac{V_{a'n} - V_N}{Z_A + Z_{1a} + Z_{ga}} = \frac{V_{a'n} - 0}{Z_\phi} = \frac{V_{a'n}}{Z_\phi}$$

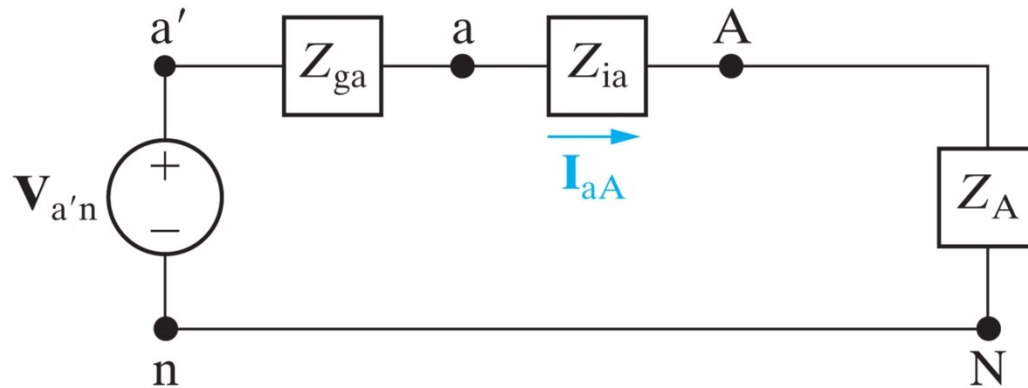
$$I_{bB} = \frac{V_{b'n} - V_N}{Z_B + Z_{1b} + Z_{gb}} = \frac{V_{b'n}}{Z_\phi}$$

$$I_{cC} = \frac{V_{c'n} - V_N}{Z_C + Z_{1c} + Z_{gc}} = \frac{V_{c'n}}{Z_\phi}$$



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With the previous simplifications we can now write each phase as a single-phase equivalent circuit.



Caution:  $I_0 \neq I_{aA}$  in this single-phase equivalent circuit!

Remember that it is the sum of the three phase currents that equals zero.

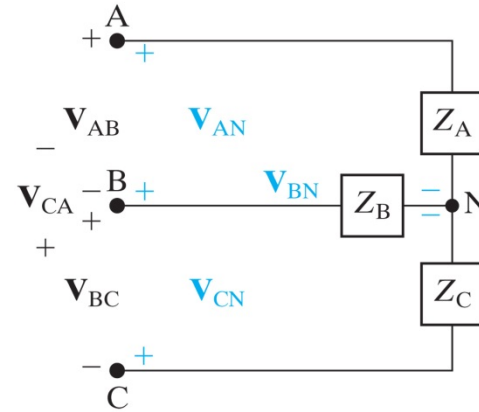
$$I_{aA} + I_{bB} + I_{cC} = 0$$

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The next definitions we need to state is the relationship between the voltages which are the *line to neutral* and *line to line* voltages.

Line to neutral voltages:  $V_{AN}$ ,  $V_{BN}$ ,  $V_{CN}$

Line to line voltages:  $V_{AB}$ ,  $V_{BC}$ ,  $V_{CA}$



The relationship between line to line and line to neutral is given by KVL.

$$-V_{AB} + V_{AN} - V_{BN} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow V_{AB} = V_{AN} - V_{BN}$$

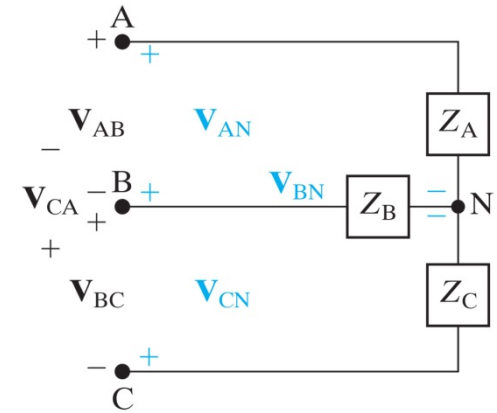
$$-V_{BC} + V_{BN} - V_{CN} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow V_{BC} = V_{BN} - V_{CN}$$

$$+V_{CA} + V_{AN} - V_{CN} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow V_{CA} = V_{CN} - V_{AN}$$

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For the positive phase sequence  $abc$ :

$$V_{AN} = V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ} \quad V_{BN} = V_{\phi} \angle -120^{\circ} \quad V_{CN} = V_{\phi} \angle +120^{\circ}$$



Thus the line to line voltage  $V_{AB}$  is

$$V_{AB} = V_{AN} - V_{BN} = V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ} - V_{\phi} \angle -120^{\circ}$$

We can use Euler's Identity to solve the last phasor equation.

$$e^{\pm j\theta} = \cos \theta \pm j \sin \theta$$

$$V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ} = V_{\phi} (\cos 0^{\circ} + j \sin 0^{\circ}) = V_{\phi} (1 + j0) = V_{\phi}$$

$$V_{\phi} \angle -120^{\circ} = V_{\phi} \left[ \cos(120^{\circ}) + j \sin(-120^{\circ}) \right] = V_{\phi} \left( -\frac{1}{2} - j \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right)$$



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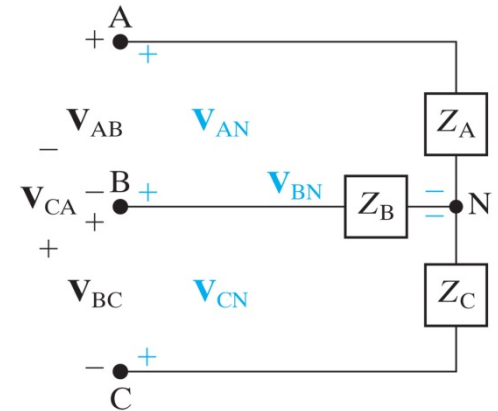
Thus the line to line voltage  $V_{AB}$  is

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{AB} &= V_{AN} - V_{BN} = V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ} - V_{\phi} \angle -120^{\circ} \\
 &= V_{\phi} (1 + j0) - V_{\phi} \left(-\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
 &= V_{\phi} (1 + j0) + V_{\phi} \left(\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\
 &= V_{\phi} \left(\frac{3}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Now convert back to polar (phasor) form.  $x + jy = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} \angle \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{y}{x} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{AB} &= V_{\phi} \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^2} \angle \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{3}{2}} \right) \\
 &= V_{\phi} \sqrt{\frac{12}{4}} \angle \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \right) = V_{\phi} \sqrt{3} \angle 30^{\circ}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the positive phase sequence *abc*!



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Now we can use the balanced  $3\phi$  condition to find the other two line to line voltages.

$$V_{AB} = \sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle 30^{\circ}$$

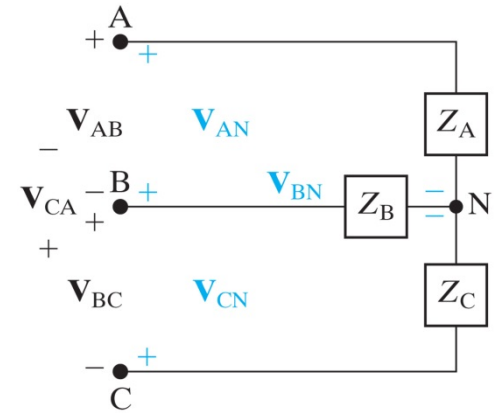
$$V_{BC} = \sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle (30^{\circ} - 120^{\circ}) = \sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle -90^{\circ}$$

$$V_{CA} = \sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle (30^{\circ} + 120^{\circ}) = \sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle +150^{\circ}$$

Line to line voltage =  $\sqrt{3}$  Line to neutral voltage.

Line to line phase **LEADS** line to neutral phase for the positive (abc) sequence.

Line to line phase **LAGS** line to neutral phase for the negative (acb) sequence.



Example (P11.2\_8ed)

The voltage from A to N in a balanced three-phase circuit is  $240\angle -30^\circ$ .

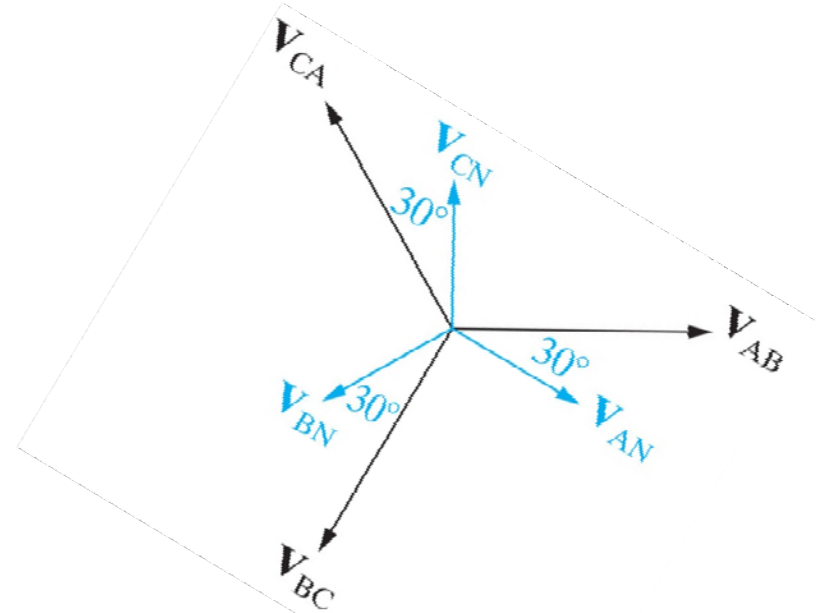
The phase sequence is positive (abc).

What is the value of  $V_{BC}$ ?

$$V_{AN} = 240\angle -30^\circ$$

$$V_{BN} = 240\angle(-30^\circ - 120^\circ) = 240\angle -150^\circ$$

$$V_{CN} = 240\angle(-30^\circ + 120^\circ) = 240\angle +90^\circ$$



abc phase sequence diagram

Now we can write the line to line voltages with respect to the line to neutral voltages.

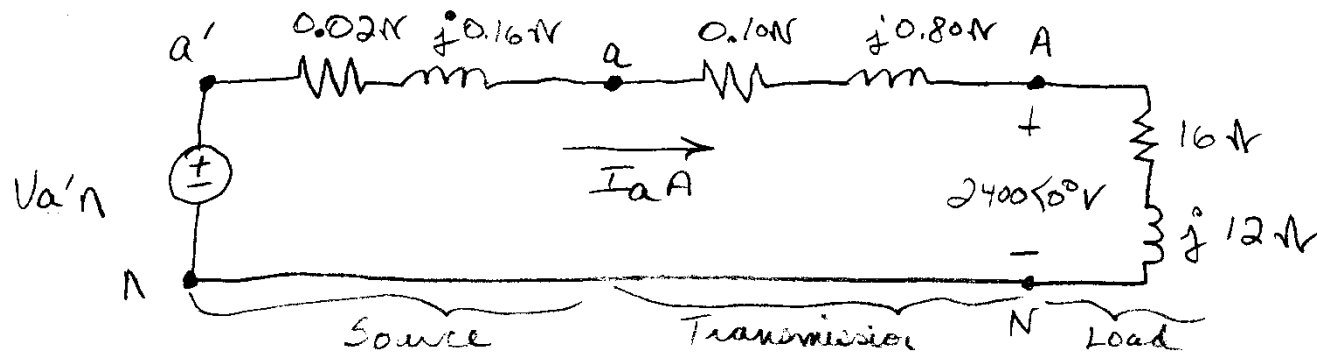
$$V_{AB} = \sqrt{3} \angle +30^\circ (V_{AN}) = (\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ)(240\angle -30^\circ) = 240\sqrt{3} \angle 0^\circ \text{Volts}$$

$$V_{BC} = \sqrt{3} \angle +30^\circ (V_{BN}) = \sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ (240\angle -150^\circ) = 240\sqrt{3} \angle -120^\circ \text{Volts}$$

$$V_{CA} = \sqrt{3} \angle +30^\circ (V_{CN}) = \sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ (240\angle +90^\circ) = 240\sqrt{3} \angle +120^\circ \text{Volts}$$

## Example

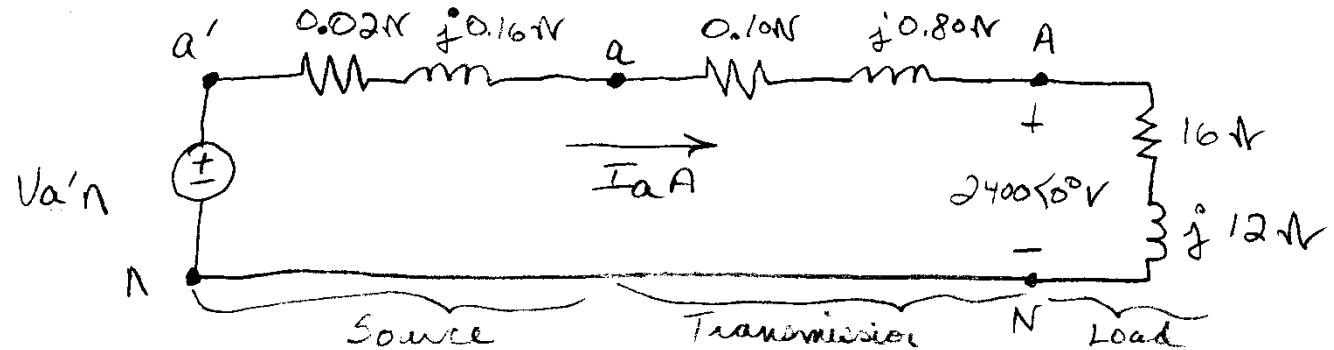
A balanced 3 $\phi$  system is represented by this equivalent single phase circuit.



Given: phase sequence is negative (acb).

Calculate the three phase currents  $I_{aA}$ ,  $I_{bB}$ ,  $I_{cC}$ .

## Example



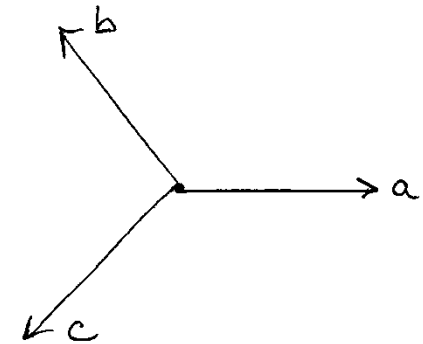
We can immediately calculate  $I_{aA}$  since the voltage across the load was given.

$$I_{aA} = \frac{2400\angle 0^\circ V}{16 + j12\Omega} = \frac{2400\angle 0^\circ V}{20\angle 36.87^\circ \Omega} = 120\angle -36.87^\circ A$$

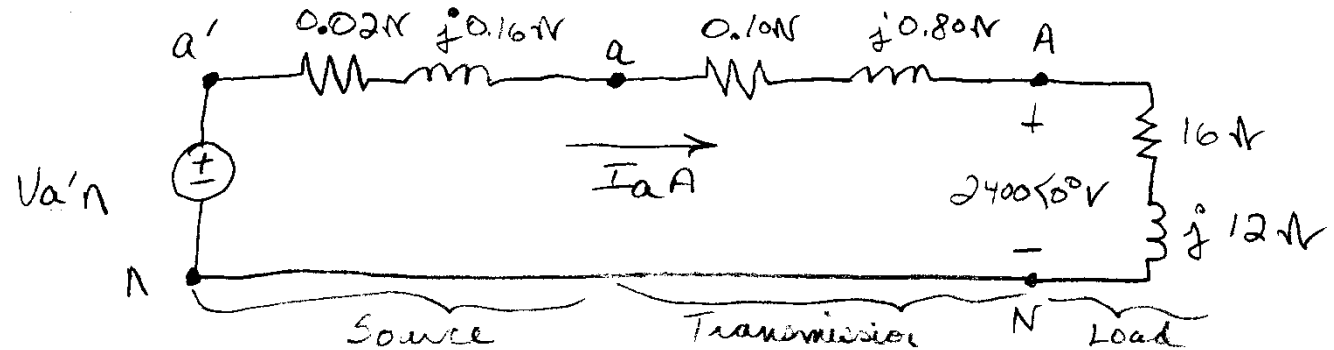
The other two currents can be written with respect to  $I_{aA}$ .

$$I_{bB} = |I_{aA}| \angle (\phi_A + 120^\circ) A = 120\angle +83.13^\circ A$$

$$I_{cC} = |I_{aA}| \angle (\phi_A - 120^\circ) A = 120\angle -156.87^\circ A$$



## Example



Now calculate the phase voltages (at the source's terminal a,b,c)  $V_{an}$ ,  $V_{bn}$ ,  $V_{cn}$ .

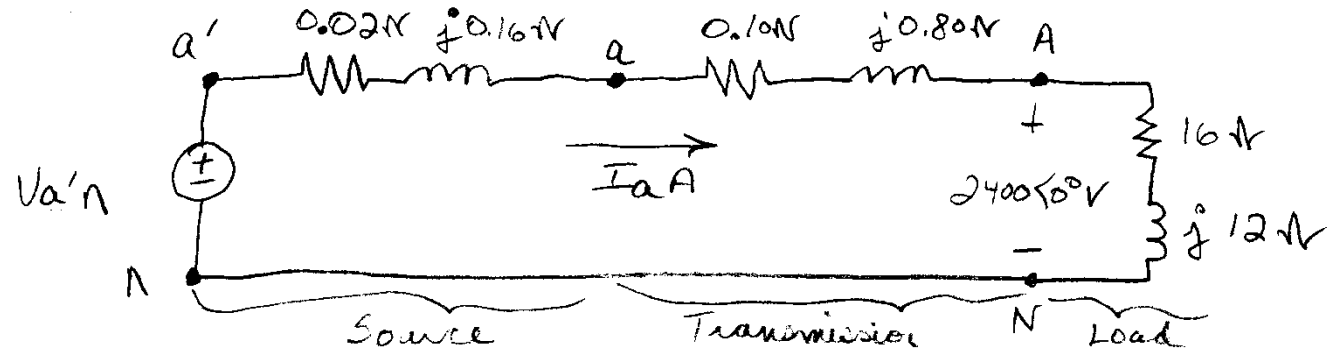
$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{aN} &= I_{aA} Z_{\text{transmission}} + V_{AN} & Z_{\text{Trans}} &= 0.1 + j0.80\Omega = 0.80623\angle 82.87^\circ\Omega \\
 &= (120\angle -36.87^\circ A)(0.80623\angle 82.87^\circ\Omega) + 2400\angle 0^\circ V \\
 &= 96.75\angle 46^\circ V + 2400\angle 0^\circ V = 96.75(\cos 46^\circ + j\sin 46^\circ)V + 2400(1 + j0)V \\
 &= 67.21 + j69.6V + 2400V = 2467.21 + j69.6V = 2468.2\angle 1.62^\circ \text{ Volts}
 \end{aligned}$$

The other two phase voltages can be written with respect to  $V_{aN}$ .

$$V_{bN} = |V_{aN}| \angle (\phi_{aN} + 120^\circ) V = 2468.2\angle 121.62^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

$$V_{cN} = |V_{aN}| \angle (\phi_{aN} - 120^\circ) V = 2468.2\angle -118.38^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

## Example



Now calculate the line to line voltages (at the source's terminal a,b,c)  $V_{ab}$ ,  $V_{bc}$ ,  $V_{ca}$ .

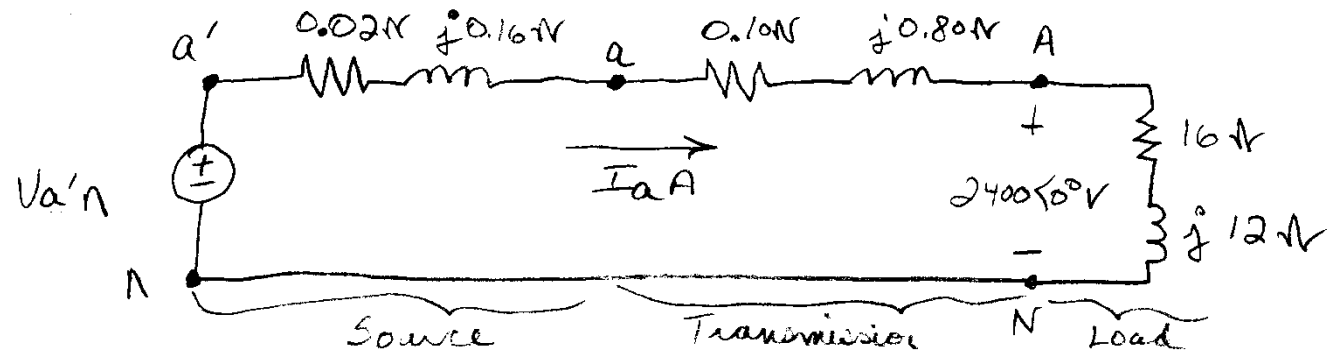
$$V_{ab} = (\sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ) V_{a'n} = (\sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ) 2468.2 \angle 1.62^\circ \text{ Volts} = 4275.05 \angle -28.38^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

The other two line to line voltages can be written with respect to  $V_{ab}$ .

$$V_{bc} = |V_{ab}| \angle (\phi_{ab} + 120^\circ) V = 4275.05 \angle 91.62^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

$$V_{ca} = |V_{ab}| \angle (\phi_{ab} - 120^\circ) V = 4275.05 \angle -148.38^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

## Example



Now calculate the internal phase voltage of each source.  $V_{a'n}$   $V_{b'n}$   $V_{c'n}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{a'n} &= I_{aA} (Z_{source} + Z_{transmission}) + V_{AN} \\
 &= (120 \angle -36.87^\circ \text{ A}) (0.12 + j0.96 \Omega) + 2400 \angle 0^\circ \text{ Volts} \\
 &= 116.1 \angle 46^\circ \text{ V} + 2400 \angle 0^\circ \text{ Volts} = 2480.65 + j83.52 \text{ Volts} \\
 &= 2482.06 \angle 1.93^\circ \text{ Volts}
 \end{aligned}$$

The other two internal phase voltages can be written with respect to  $V_{a'n}$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 V_{b'n} &= |V_{a'n}| \angle (\phi_{a'n} + 120^\circ) \text{ V} = 2482.06 \angle 121.93^\circ \text{ Volts} \\
 V_{c'n} &= |V_{a'n}| \angle (\phi_{a'n} - 120^\circ) \text{ V} = 2482.06 \angle -118.07^\circ \text{ Volts}
 \end{aligned}$$

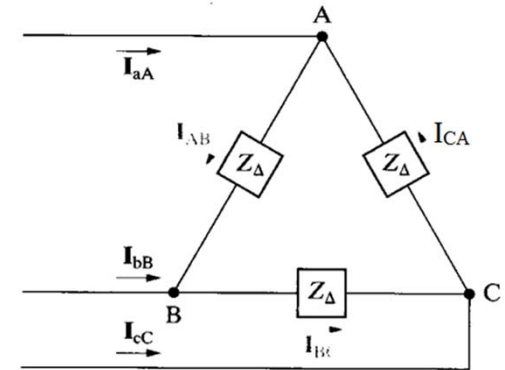


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# Analysis of the Wye-Delta Circuit

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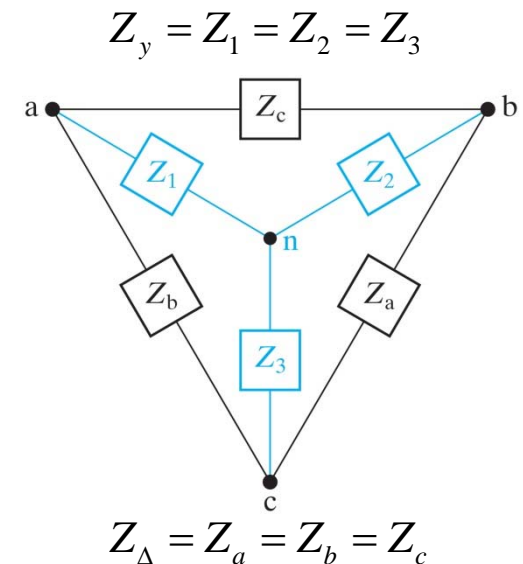
When the Y-source is connected to a  $\Delta$ -load, the load can be transformed by the delta-to-wye transform of the text's chapter 9, section 9.6.



When the load is balanced, the equal impedances in each leg of the wye transform is (see equation 9.51):

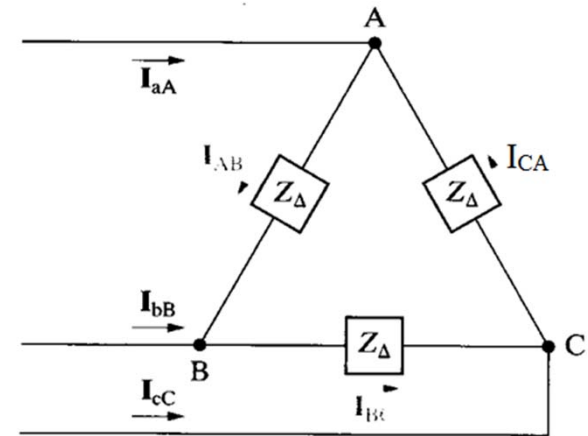
$$Z_y = Z_1 = \frac{Z_b Z_c}{Z_a + Z_b + Z_c} = \frac{Z_{\Delta} Z_{\Delta}}{Z_{\Delta} + Z_{\Delta} + Z_{\Delta}} = \frac{Z_{\Delta}^2}{3Z_{\Delta}} = \frac{Z_{\Delta}}{3}$$

The rigid *balanced condition* allows us to write the wye impedance for all legs with one equation.

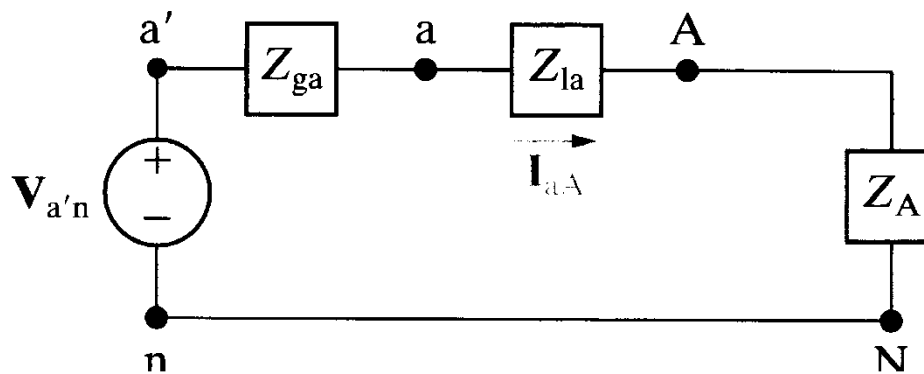


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$$Z_Y = \frac{Z_{\Delta}}{3}$$



We can now use the single-phase equivalent circuit to find the line currents.

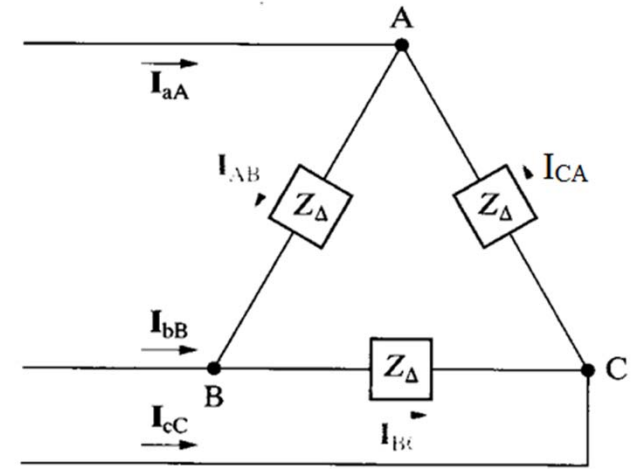


$$Z_A = Z_Y = \frac{Z_{\Delta}}{3}$$

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For the  $\Delta$  configuration:

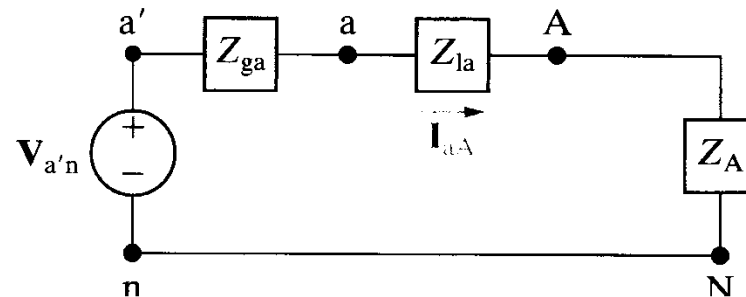
The phase voltage of a leg of the delta equals the line to line voltage at the source.



The current in each leg of the load is the phase current.

But note from the figure above that the phase current is not equal to the line current with respect to the line currents at the source.

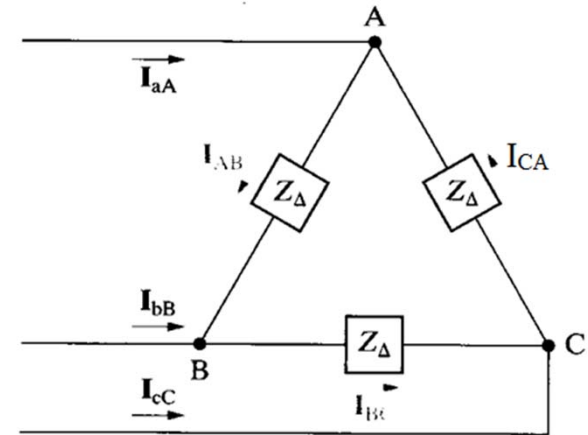
In the single-phase equivalent circuit below, we find the line current w.r.t. to the source! So we need to know the relationship of line currents to phase currents in the delta load.



## Section 11.4 Analysis of the Wye-Delta Circuit

Given the circuit uses the positive (abc) phase sequence.

Let  $I_\phi$  equal the phase current in each delta leg of the load.



$$I_{AB} = I_\phi \angle 0^\circ \text{ Amps} \quad I_{AB} \text{ is the assumed reference}$$

$$I_{BC} = I_\phi \angle -120^\circ \text{ Amps}$$

$$I_{CA} = I_\phi \angle +120^\circ \text{ Amps}$$

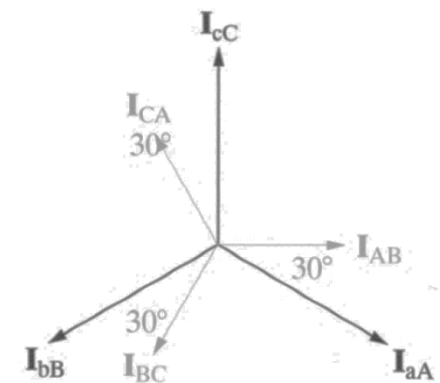
By KCL at node A, we have

$$-I_{aA} + I_{AB} - I_{CA} = 0$$

$$I_{aA} = I_{AB} - I_{CA} = I_\phi \angle 0^\circ - I_\phi \angle 120^\circ = I_\phi \sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ$$

$$I_{bB} = I_\phi \sqrt{3} \angle -150^\circ$$

$$I_{cC} = I_\phi \sqrt{3} \angle +90^\circ$$



abc phase sequence diagram

Example (AP11.4\_8ed)

Given that the current  $I_{CA}$  in a balanced  $3\phi$   $\Delta$ -connected load is  $8\angle -15^\circ$  A

The phase sequence is positive (abc).

Calculate the value of wye current  $I_{cC}$ ?

$$\begin{aligned} I_{cC} &= I_{CA} \left( \sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ \right) = I_{\phi, \Delta} \left( \sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ \right) \\ &= (8 \angle -15^\circ) (\sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ) \\ &= 8\sqrt{3} \angle -45^\circ \\ &= 13.86 \angle -45^\circ \text{ Amps} \end{aligned}$$

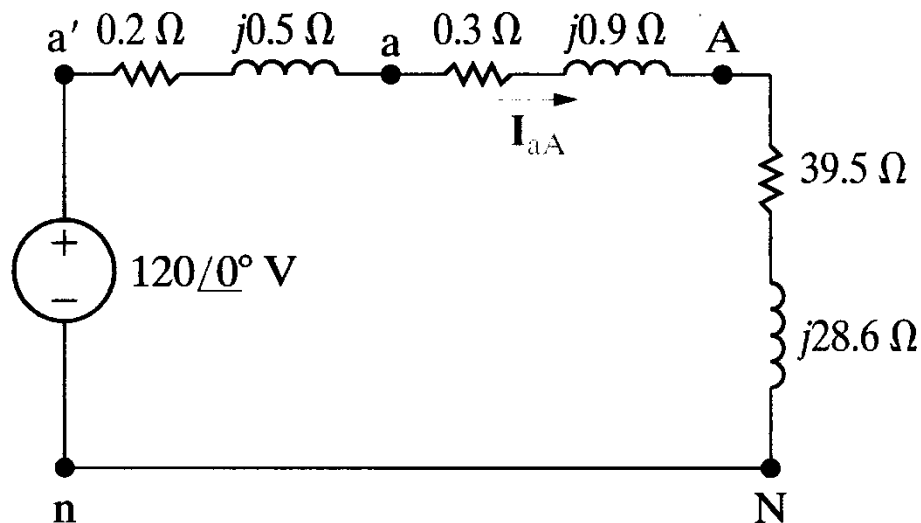
### Example 11.2\_8ed

Given a wye-connected source (use source and transmission line impedances from example 11.1 as shown below) feeds a  $\Delta$ -connected load where  $Z_{\Delta} = 118.5 + j 85.8 \, \Omega$ .

The phase sequence is positive (abc).

Construct a single-phase equivalent circuit.

$$Z_y = \frac{Z_{\Delta}}{3} = \frac{118.5 + j85.8}{3} = 39.5 + j28.6 \, \Omega$$



Example

Find the line current  $I_{aA}$ .

By KVL:

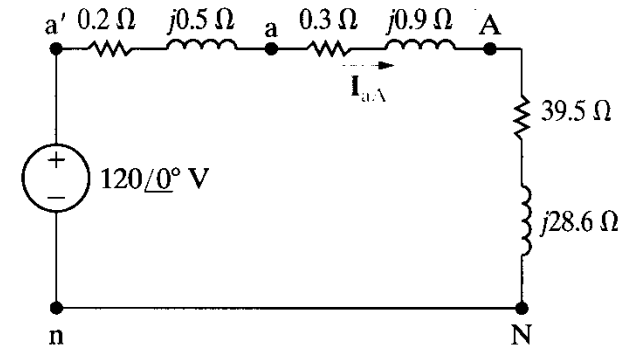
$$-120\angle 0^\circ + I_{aA} Z_{total} = 0$$

Solve for  $I_{aA}$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{aA} &= \frac{120\angle 0^\circ}{Z_{total}} = \frac{120\angle 0^\circ}{(0.2 + 0.3 + 39.5) + j(0.5 + 0.9 + 28.6)} = \frac{120\angle 0^\circ}{40 + j30} \\ &= \frac{120\angle 0^\circ}{50\angle 36.87^\circ} = 2.4\angle -36.87^\circ \text{ Amps} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } I_{bB} = 2.4\angle -156.87^\circ \text{ Amps}$$

$$\text{And } I_{cC} = 2.4\angle 83.13^\circ \text{ Amps}$$



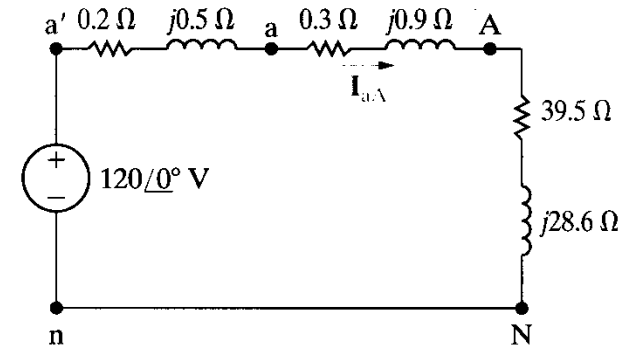


## Example

Find the phase voltage  $V_{AB}$ .

First find  $V_{AN}$

Recall line voltage (wrt source) = phase voltage (wrt load) when  $\Delta$ -connected.



$$Z_{Load} = 39.5 + j28.6 = 48.77 \angle 35.91^\circ \Omega$$

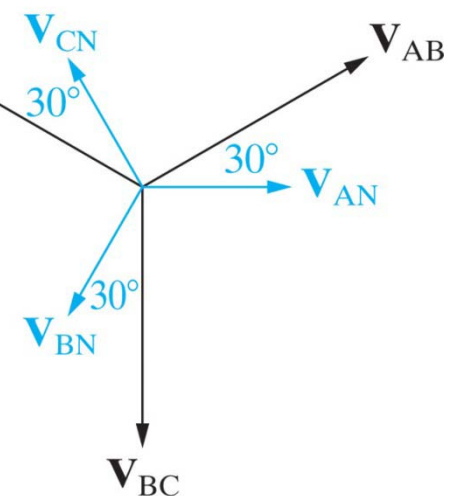
$$V_{AN} = I_{aA} Z_{Load} = (2.4 \angle -36.87^\circ A)(48.77 \angle 35.91^\circ \Omega) = 117.05 \angle -0.96^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

The line to line voltage  $V_{AB}$  can be found from the phase voltage  $V_{AN}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V_{AB} &= V_{AN} (\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ) = (117.05 \angle -0.96^\circ V)(\sqrt{3} \angle 30^\circ) \\ &= 202.74 \angle 29.04^\circ \text{ Volts} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Thus } V_{BC} = 202.74 \angle -90.96^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

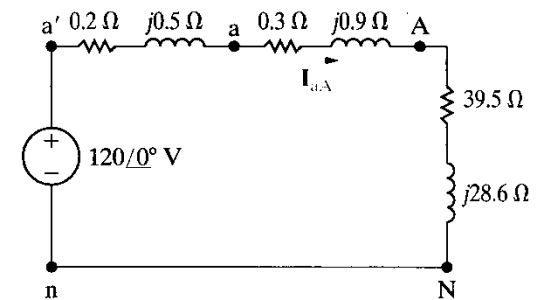
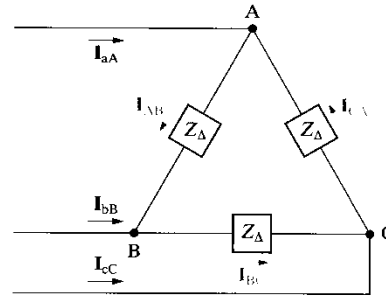
$$\text{And } V_{CA} = 202.74 \angle 149.04^\circ \text{ Volts}$$



abc phase sequence diagram

## Example

Find the  $\Delta$  “phase” current  $I_{AB}$ .



We calculated the wye “phase” current  $I_{aA}$ .

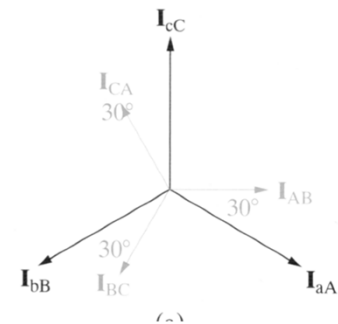
We also know the relationship between the single-phase equivalent current and the load phase current.

$$I_{aA} = I_{\phi, \Delta} \sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ$$

$$I_{\phi, \Delta} = I_{AB} = \frac{I_{aA}}{\sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ} = \frac{2.4 \angle -36.87^\circ}{\sqrt{3} \angle -30^\circ} = 1.386 \angle -6.87^\circ \text{ Amps}$$

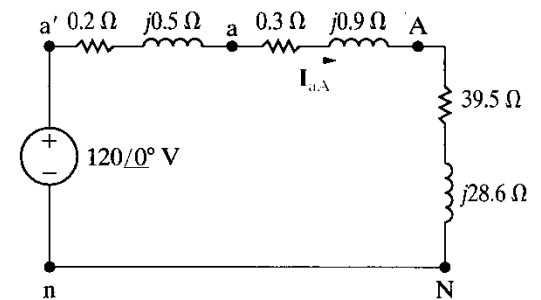
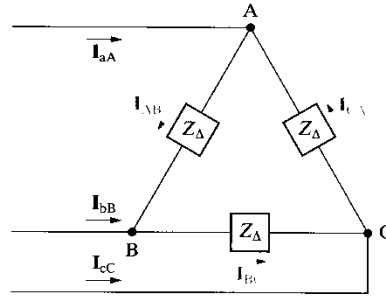
$$\text{Thus } I_{BC} = 1.386 \angle -126.87^\circ \text{ Amps}$$

$$\text{And } I_{CA} = 1.386 \angle 113.13^\circ \text{ Amps}$$



## Example

Find the line voltage  $V_{ab}$ .



This question is asking “what is the line to line voltage at the accessible nodes of the source. This is at terminal **an** for the wye-based a phase source.

$$\text{By KVL: } -120\angle 0^\circ + I_{aA}Z_{source} + V_{an} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow V_{an} = 120\angle 0^\circ - I_{aA}Z_{source}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{an} &= 120\angle 0^\circ - (2.4\angle -36.87^\circ \text{ A})(0.2 + j0.5\Omega) \\ &= 120\angle 0^\circ - (2.4\angle -36.87^\circ \text{ A})(0.539\angle 68.2^\circ \Omega) \\ &= 120\angle 0^\circ - 1.294\angle 31.33^\circ \text{ V} = 118.9\angle -0.32^\circ \text{ Volts} \end{aligned}$$

$$V_{ab} = V_{an} \left( \sqrt{3}\angle 30^\circ \right) = 118.9\angle -0.32^\circ \left( \sqrt{3}\angle 30^\circ \right) = 205.94\angle 29.68^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

$$\text{Thus } V_{bc} = 205.94\angle -90.32^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

$$\text{And } V_{ca} = 205.94\angle 149.68^\circ \text{ Volts}$$

Section 11.5

Power Calculations in  
Balanced Three-Phase Circuits

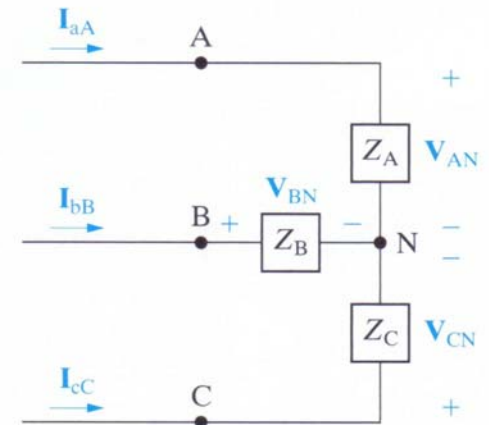
## Section 11.5 Power Calculations in Balanced 3 $\phi$ Circuits

The power for each phase in a balanced Wye-connected load is given by

$$P_A = |V_{AN}| |I_{aA}| \cos(\theta_{vA} - \theta_{iA})$$

$$P_B = |V_{BN}| |I_{bB}| \cos(\theta_{vB} - \theta_{iB})$$

$$P_C = |V_{CN}| |I_{cC}| \cos(\theta_{vC} - \theta_{iC})$$



The above equations are true when the voltage and current are written in **rms values**.

Note the magnitude of the voltages is the same for all three phases.

Also the magnitude of the currents is the same for all three phases.

Thus the power must be the same in all three phases.

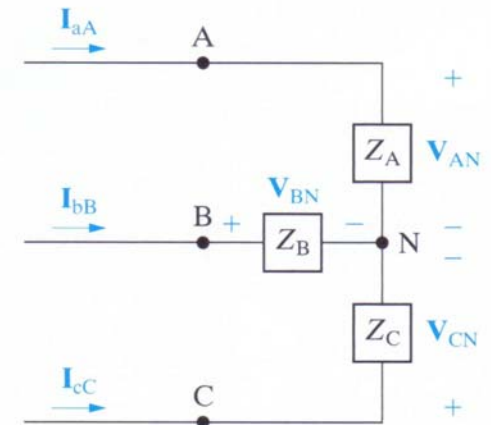
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Thus we can take the magnitudes voltages and phases and define a single power equation.

$$\text{Let } V_{\phi} = |V_{AN}| = |V_{BN}| = |V_{CN}|$$

$$\text{Let } I_{\phi} = |I_{AN}| = |I_{BN}| = |I_{CN}|$$

$$\text{Let } \theta_{\phi} = \theta_{vA} - \theta_{iA} = \theta_{vB} - \theta_{iB} = \theta_{vC} - \theta_{iC}$$



Then in terms of phase voltages:  $P_{\phi} = P_A = P_B = P_C = V_{\phi} I_{\phi} \cos \theta_{\phi}$

The total average power delivered to the three-phase load is

$$P_{Total} = 3P_{\phi} = 3V_{\phi} I_{\phi} \cos \theta_{\phi}$$

In terms of line to line voltages with the line current equal the phase current, the total power is given by

$$P_{Total} = 3P_{\phi} = 3 \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}} I_L \cos \theta_{\phi} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta_{\phi}$$

## Section 11.5 Power Calculations in Balanced 3 $\phi$ Circuits

The reactive power for a Wye-connection is given by (review chap 10) .

$$Q_{\phi} = V_{\phi} I_{\phi} \sin \theta_{\phi}$$

The total reactive power is

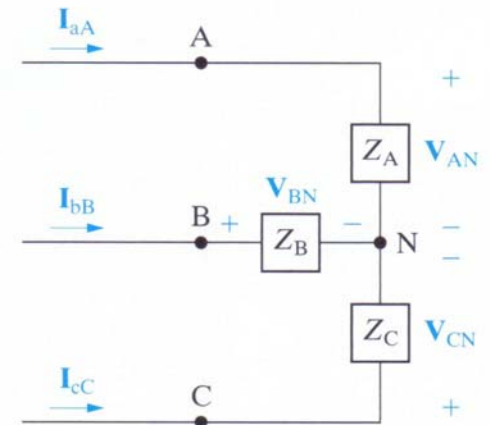
$$Q_{Total} = 3Q_{\phi} = 3V_{\phi} I_{\phi} \sin \theta_{\phi} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \sin \theta_{\phi}$$

The complex power for a balanced load is

$$\begin{aligned} S_{\phi} &= \mathbf{V}_{\phi} \mathbf{I}_{\phi}^* = \mathbf{V}_{AN} \mathbf{I}_{aA}^* = \mathbf{V}_{BN} \mathbf{I}_{bB}^* = \mathbf{V}_{CN} \mathbf{I}_{cC}^* \\ &= P_{\phi} + jQ_{\phi} \end{aligned}$$

The total complex power is

$$S_{Total} = 3S_{\phi} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \angle \theta_{\phi}^*$$



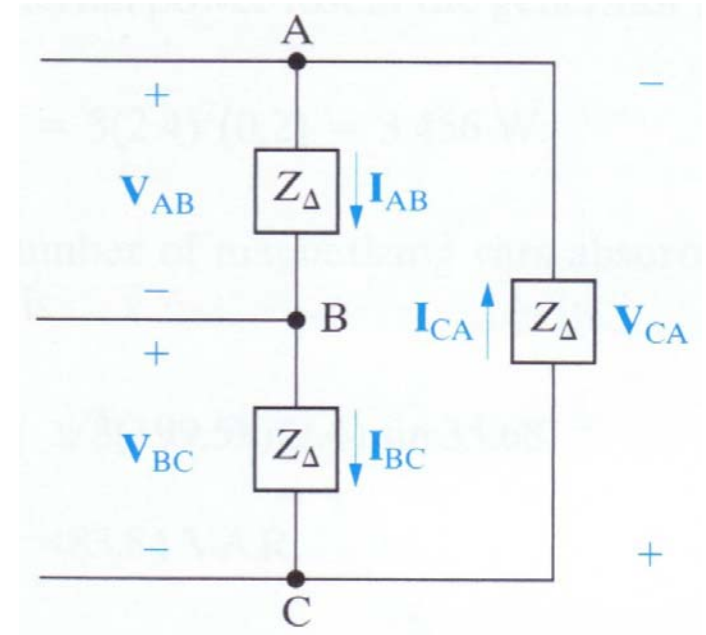
## Section 11.5 Power Calculations in Balanced Delta Load

The voltage and current definitions for the  $\Delta$ -connected load.

$$P_A = |V_{AB}| |I_{AB}| \cos(\theta_{vAB} - \theta_{iAB})$$

$$P_B = |V_{BC}| |I_{BC}| \cos(\theta_{vBC} - \theta_{iBC})$$

$$P_C = |V_{CA}| |I_{CA}| \cos(\theta_{vCA} - \theta_{iCA})$$



Re-define the magnitudes and phases similar to the wye-connected circuit.

$$\text{Let } V_\phi = |V_{AB}| = |V_{BC}| = |V_{CA}|$$

$$\text{Let } I_\phi = |I_{AB}| = |I_{BC}| = |I_{CA}|$$

$$\text{Let } \theta_\phi = \theta_{vAB} - \theta_{iAB} = \theta_{vBC} - \theta_{iBC} = \theta_{vCA} - \theta_{iCA}$$

The power can now be stated as

$$P_\phi = P_A = P_B = P_C = V_\phi I_\phi \cos \theta_\phi$$



## Section 11.5 Power Calculations in Balanced Delta Load

At this point, it is readily apparent that the reactive power for a  $\Delta$ -connected load is the same as already given.

$$Q_\phi = V_\phi I_\phi \sin \theta_\phi$$

The total reactive power is

$$Q_{Total} = 3Q_\phi = 3V_\phi I_\phi \sin \theta_\phi = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \sin \theta_\phi$$

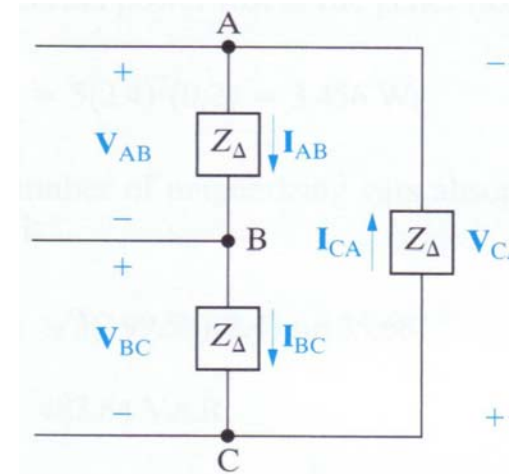
The complex power for a phase is

$$\begin{aligned} S_\phi &= \mathbf{V}_\phi \mathbf{I}_\phi^* = \mathbf{V}_{AN} \mathbf{I}_{aA}^* = \mathbf{V}_{BN} \mathbf{I}_{bB}^* = \mathbf{V}_{CN} \mathbf{I}_{cC}^* \\ &= P_\phi + jQ_\phi \end{aligned}$$

The total complex power is

$$S_{Total} = 3S_\phi = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \angle \theta_\phi^*$$

The trick was to follow the V & I definitions for the  $\Delta$ -connected circuit!



## Section 11.5 Instantaneous Power Calculations in 3 $\phi$ Circuits

Let the instantaneous line to neutral reference voltage be  $v_{aN}$ .

Let the instantaneous line to neutral reference current be  $i_{aA}$ .

$$P_A = v_{aN}i_{aA} = V_{\max}I_{\max} \cos \omega t \cos(\omega t - \theta_\phi)$$

Then for positive phase sequence (abc).

$$P_B = v_{bN}i_{bB} = V_{\max}I_{\max} \cos(\omega t - 120^\circ) \cos(\omega t - \theta_\phi - 120^\circ)$$

$$P_C = v_{cN}i_{cC} = V_{\max}I_{\max} \cos(\omega t + 120^\circ) \cos(\omega t - \theta_\phi + 120^\circ)$$

The total instantaneous power is (after much trig manipulation!)

$$P_{Total} = P_A + P_B + P_C = 1.5 V_{\max} I_{\max} \cos \theta_\phi$$

Example (AP11.8\_8ed)

A three-phase CPU on a mainframe computer has an average power consumption rating of 22,659 Watts.

Power supply has a line voltage of 208 V<sub>rms</sub> and a line current of 73.8 A<sub>rms</sub>.

The computer absorbs magnetizing VARs. This is an inductive load.

Find the reactive power absorbed.

$$\begin{aligned} |S_{Total}| &= \sqrt{3} V_L I_L = \sqrt{3} (208 V_{rms}) (73.8 A_{rms}) = 26,587.7 \text{ VA} \\ &= \sqrt{P_{avg}^2 + Q_{avg}^2} \end{aligned}$$

Recall that reactive power is not dissipated.

It exchanges energy with the source at  $2\omega$ . So the average power consumption of the computer is the real power consumed.

$$|Q| = \sqrt{S_{Total}^2 - P_{avg}^2} = \sqrt{26,587.7^2 - 22,659^2} = 13,909.5 \text{ VAR}$$

Example (AP11.8\_8ed)

Calculate the power factor for this computer system.

$$pf = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

We do not know  $\theta_v$  or  $\theta_i$  in this case. But we do know the relationship between the total complex power and the real power dissipated.

$$P = |S| \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) \quad \Rightarrow \quad \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = \frac{P}{|S|}$$

And recall the definition of the power factor for sinusoidal inputs.

$$pf = \cos(\theta_v - \theta_i)$$

Thus

$$\cos(\theta_v - \theta_i) = \frac{P}{|S_{Total}|} = \frac{22,659}{26,587.7} = 0.8522 \text{ Lagging}$$

The current lags the voltage in an inductive circuit.

Another Example (AP11.9\_8ed)

The complex power for each phase of a balanced load is  $384 + j 288$  kVA.

The line voltage at the terminals of the load is  $4,160 V_{rms}$ .

a. What is the magnitude of the line current feeding the load?

$$\text{phase voltage } V_\phi = \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4160 \angle 0^\circ (\text{assumed phase!})}{\sqrt{3}} = 2401.78 \angle 0^\circ V_{rms}$$

Recall the formula for the complex power.

$$S_\phi = \mathbf{V}_{AN} \mathbf{I}_{aA}^* \Rightarrow \mathbf{I}_{aA}^* = \frac{S_\phi}{\mathbf{V}_{AN}}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{aA}^* = \frac{384,000 + j288,000}{2,401.78 \angle 0^\circ} = \frac{480,000 \angle 36.87^\circ}{2,401.78 \angle 0^\circ} = 199.85 \angle 36.87^\circ A_{rms}$$

$$I_{aA} = 199.85 \angle -36.87^\circ A_{rms}$$

Example (AP11.9\_8ed)

b. The load is delta connected and consists of a parallel reactance and resistance.

$$\frac{1}{Z_{\Delta}} = \frac{1}{jX} + \frac{1}{R} \Rightarrow Z_{\Delta} = \left[ \frac{1}{jX} + \frac{1}{R} \right]^{-1}$$

Calculate the reactance X and resistance R.

Use the power relations to solve for R and X.

$$P_{\phi} = \frac{V_L^2}{R} \Rightarrow R = \frac{V_L^2}{P_{\phi}} = \frac{4160^2}{384,000} = 45.07 \, \Omega$$

$$Q_{\phi} = \frac{V_L^2}{X} \Rightarrow X = \frac{V_L^2}{Q_{\phi}} = \frac{4160^2}{288,000} = 60.09 \, \Omega$$

Example (AP11.9\_8ed)

c. The load is now wye connected and consists of a series reactance and resistance.

$$Z_{\phi} = R + jX$$

Calculate the reactance X and resistance R.

$$\mathbf{V}_{AN} = \mathbf{I}_{aA} Z_{\phi} \Rightarrow Z_{\phi} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{AN}}{\mathbf{I}_{aA}} = \frac{\frac{4160 \angle 0^{\circ}}{\sqrt{3}}}{199.85 \angle 36.87^{\circ}} = 12.02 \angle -36.87^{\circ} \Omega$$

$$Z_{\phi} = 9.616 - j7.21 \Omega$$

$$R = 9.616 \Omega$$

$$X = 7.21 \Omega$$

# Chapter 11

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