

3-Phase systems

Day 27

3-Phase power

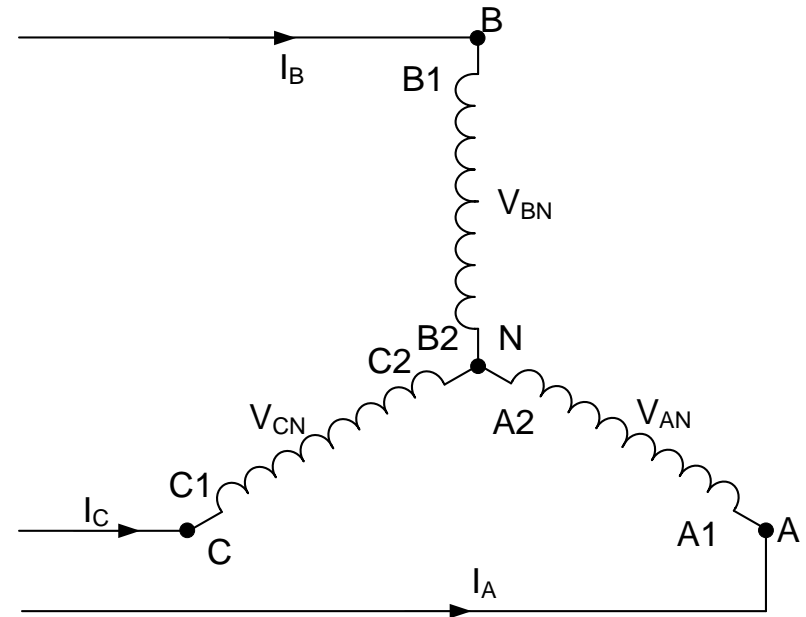
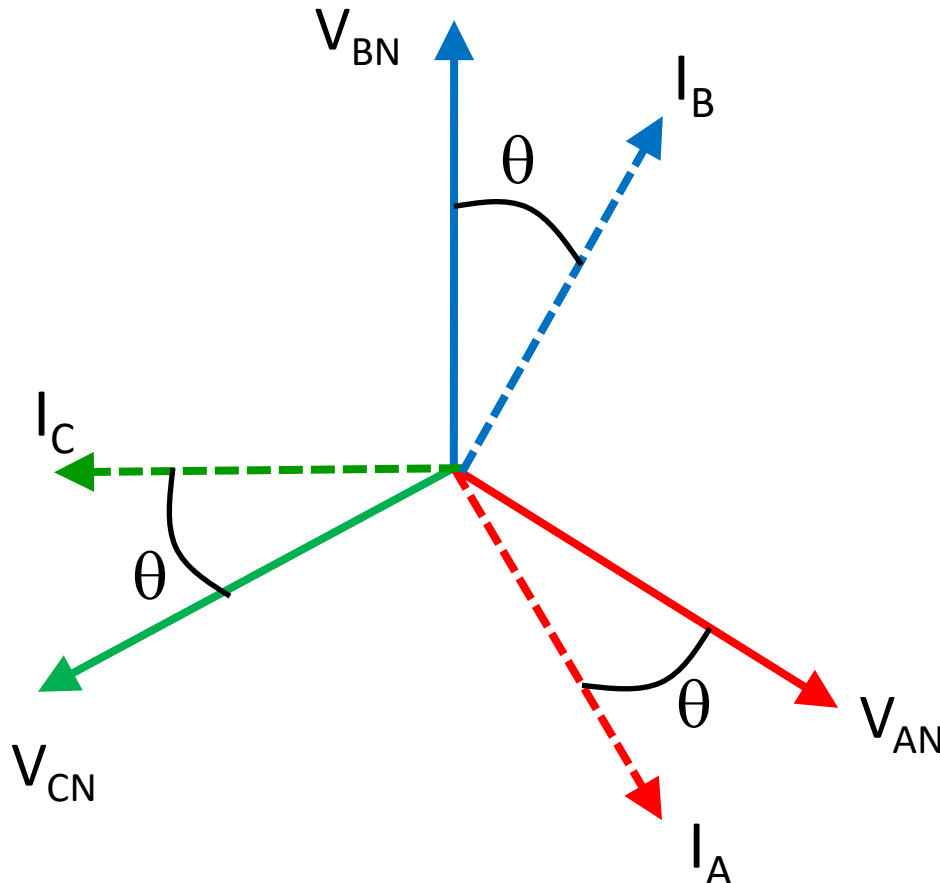
ILOs – Day 27

- Derive the power equations in 3-phase balanced system
- Explain and apply the 2-wattmeter method for measurement of 3-phase power
- Understand the effect of power factor on wattmeter readings in 2-wattmeter method for measurement of 3-phase power

Three phase power in Star connected system

Consider the system to be balanced

- Phase voltages are equal and 120° apart
- Phase currents are also equal and 120° apart



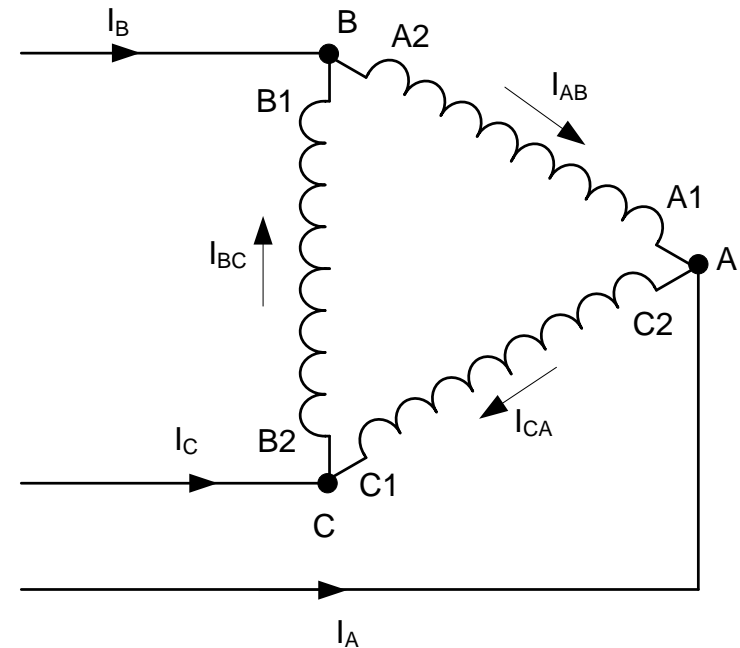
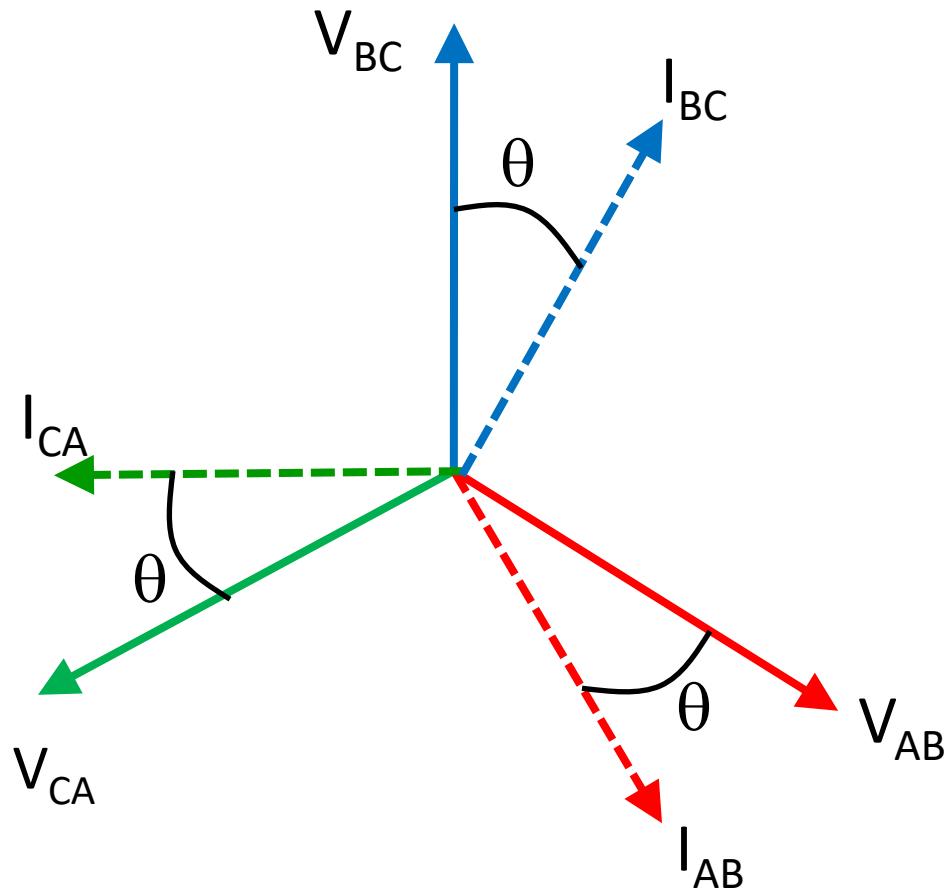
Total 3-phase active power (Watt)

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Three phase power in Delta connected system

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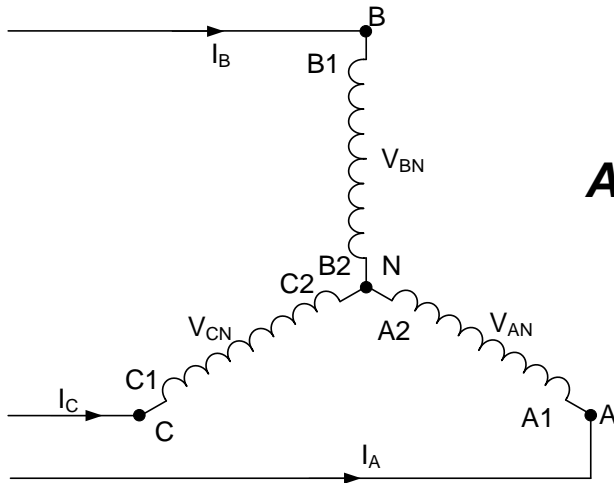
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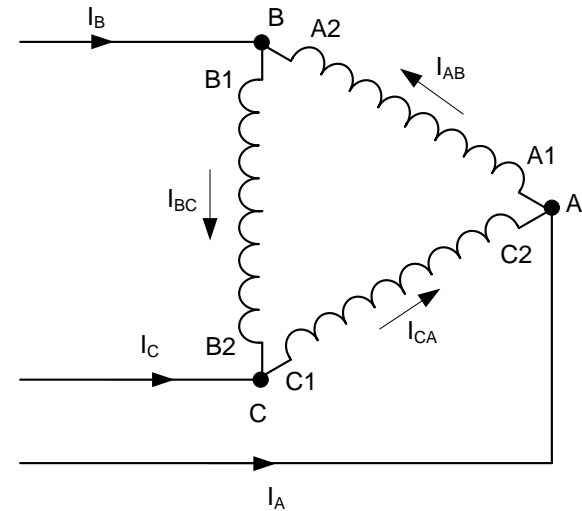
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Three phase power



Active power (Watt)

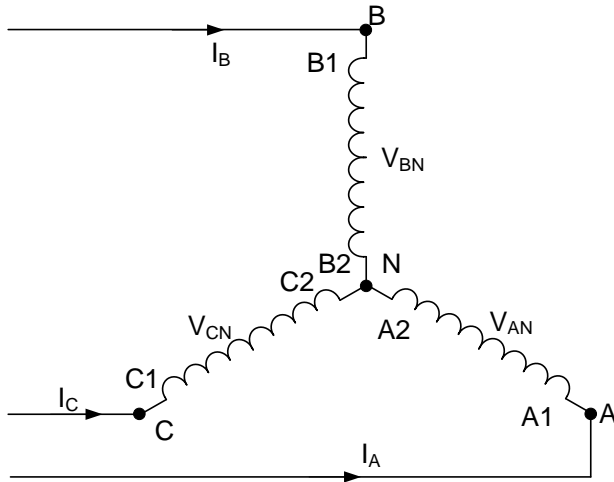
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Irrespective of the type of connection, star or delta, the power delivered (or consumed) remains same for a given three phase system

Three phase powers



$$P = \sqrt{3}V_L I_L \cos \theta \quad \text{Active power (W)}$$

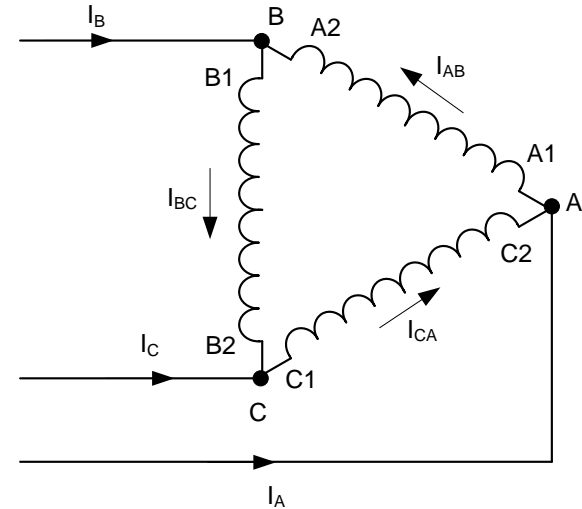
$$Q = \sqrt{3}V_L I_L \sin \theta \quad \text{Reactive power (VAr)}$$

$$S = \sqrt{3}V_L I_L \quad \text{Apparent (total) power (VA)}$$

$$= P + jQ$$

$$= \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2}, \angle \tan^{-1} \frac{Q}{P}$$

$$\text{Power factor, } \cos \theta = \frac{P}{S} = \frac{\text{Active power}}{\text{Apparent power}}$$



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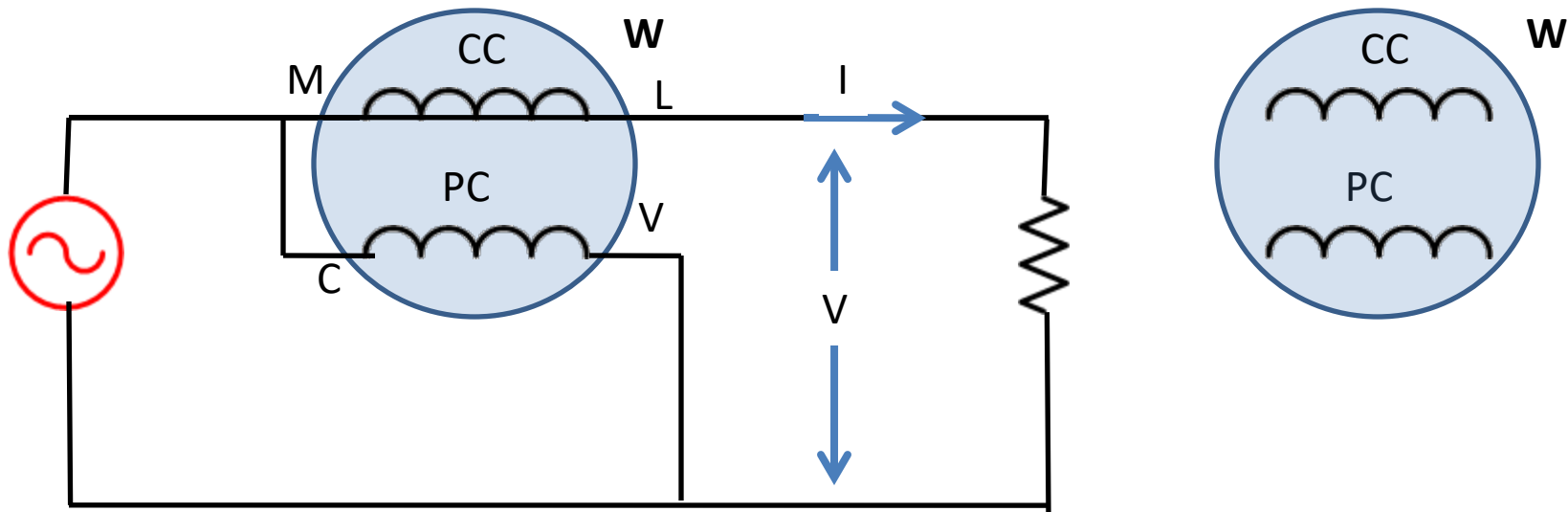
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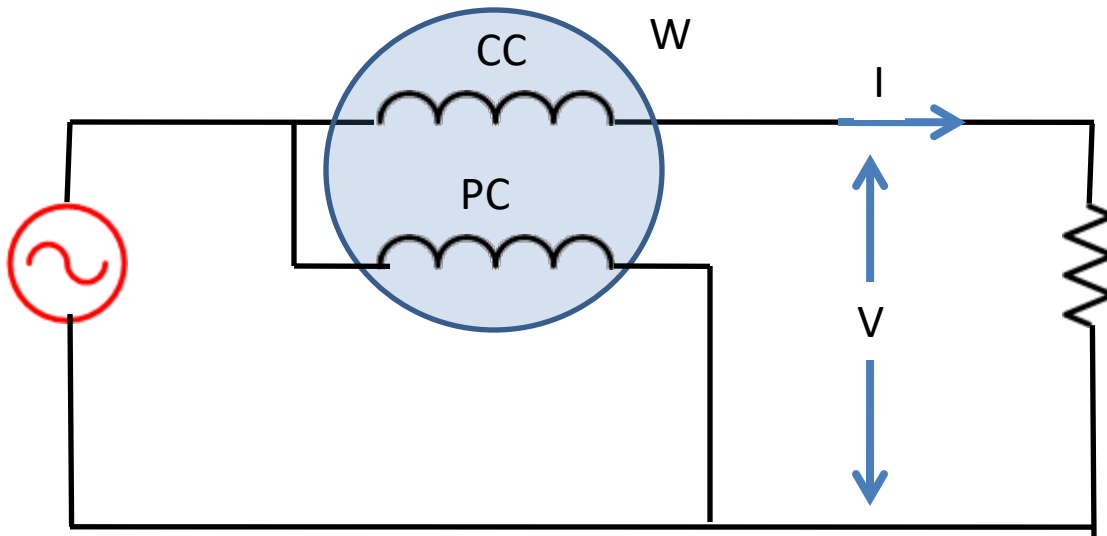
Measurement of power

- A wattmeter is used to measure active power
- Thus, it has to measure voltage and current both at the same time
- Thus, a wattmeter has two measuring coils
- One is current coil (CC) connected in series with the line to measure current
- The other is the voltage coil or pressure coil (PC) connected across the line (parallel) to measure the voltage



Measurement of power

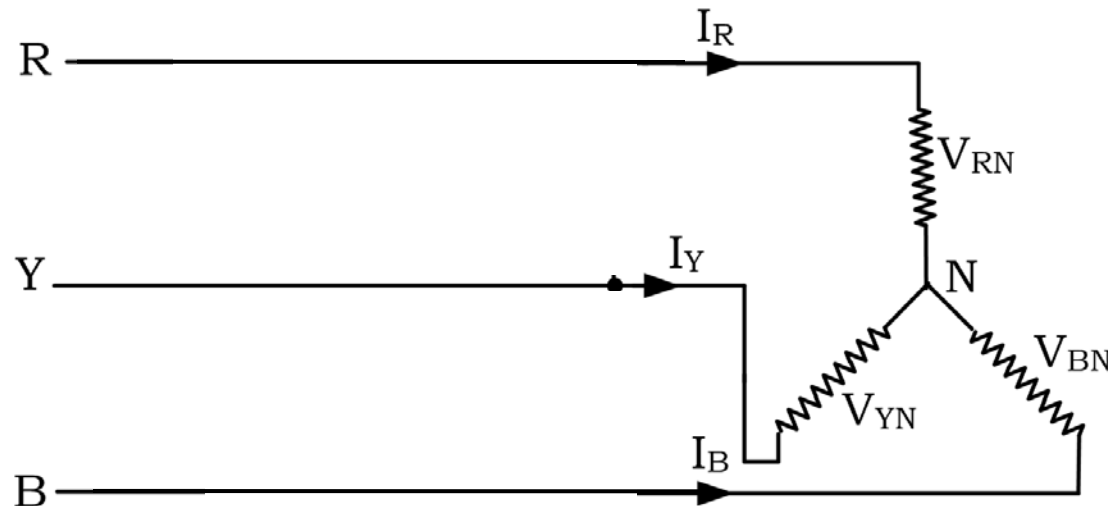
- Wattmeter reads **average** active power, $P = VI\cos\theta$
- $P = (\text{PC voltage}) \times (\text{CC current}) \times (\text{Cosine of angle between PC \& CC})$
 $V \qquad I \qquad \cos\theta$



Measurement of three phase power

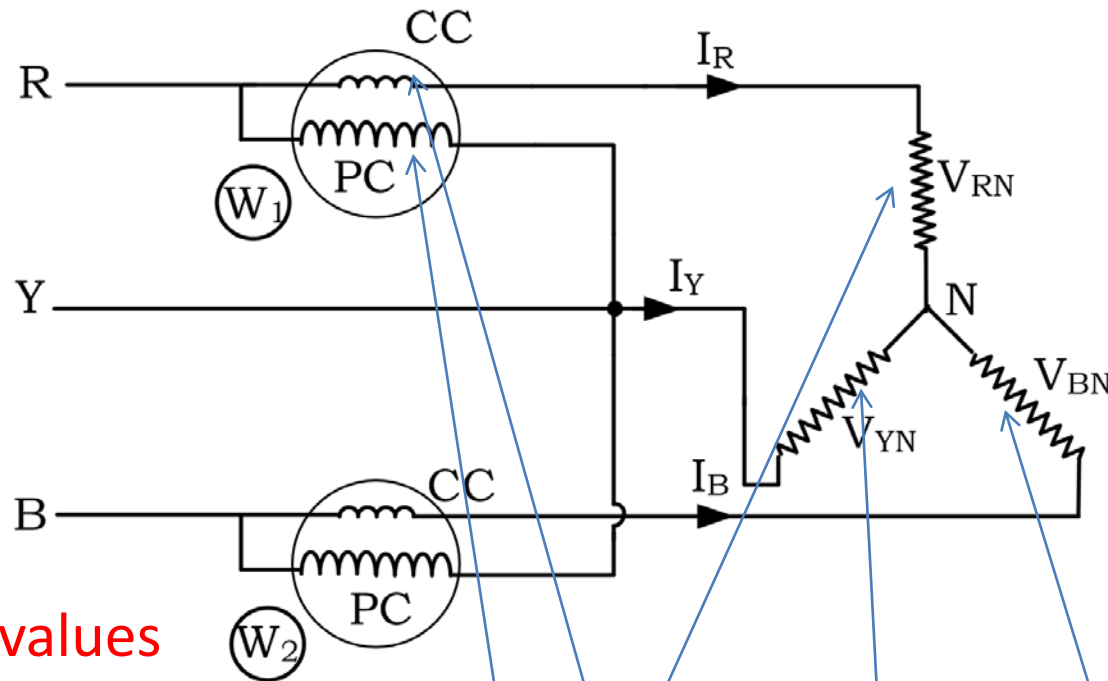
Two-wattmeter method in 3-phase 3-wire circuit

(the basic process is same for both delta or star connected system. The example is shown for a star connected system)



- The current coils of the two wattmeters W_1 and W_2 are connected in lines R and B
- Voltage coil of W_1 is connected between lines R and Y
- Voltage coil of W_2 is connected between lines B and Y

Measurement of three phase power



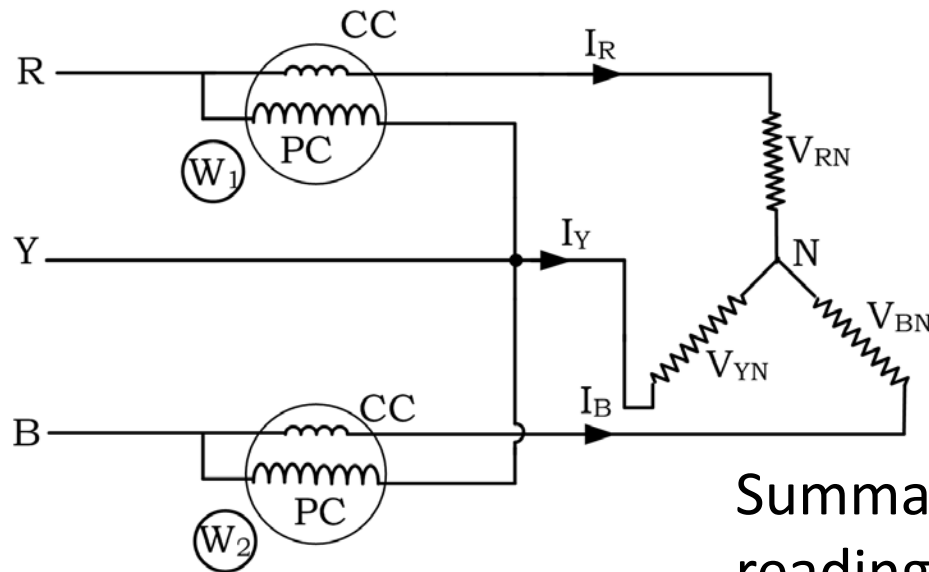
Instantaneous values

Power consumed by the load: $P = V_{RN} \times I_R + V_{YN} \times I_Y + V_{BN} \times I_B$

Reading of wattmeter W_1 : $P_1 = V_{RY} \times I_R = (V_{RN} - V_{YN}) \times I_R$

Reading of wattmeter W_2 : $P_2 = V_{BY} \times I_B = (V_{BN} - V_{YN}) \times I_B$

Measurement of three phase power



- It can thus, be concluded that, sum of the two wattmeter readings is equal to the total 3-phase power consumed by the load
- This is irrespective of fact whether the load is balanced or not.

Summation of the two wattmeter readings:

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1 + P_2 &= (V_{RN} - V_{YN}) \times I_R + (V_{BN} - V_{YN}) \times I_B \\
 &= V_{RN} \times I_R + V_{BN} \times I_B - V_{YN} \times (I_R + I_B)
 \end{aligned}$$

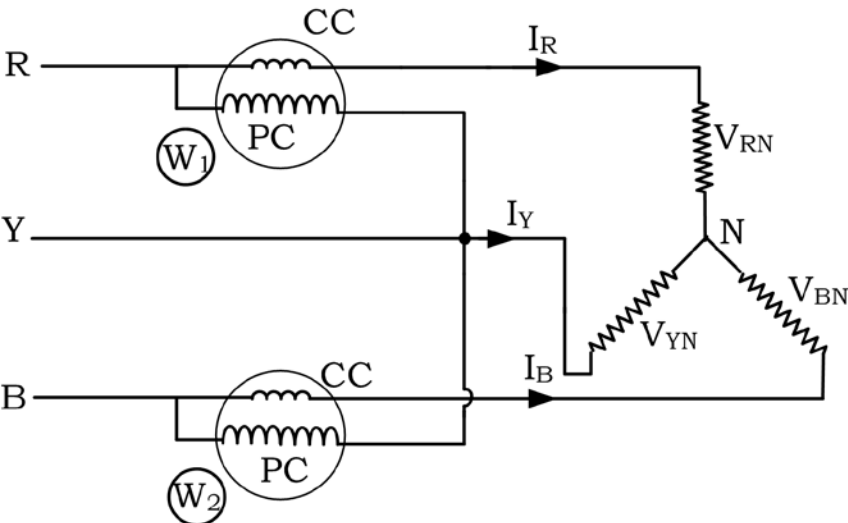
Total 3-phase power

$$= V_{RN} \times I_R + V_{BN} \times I_B + V_{YN} \times I_Y$$

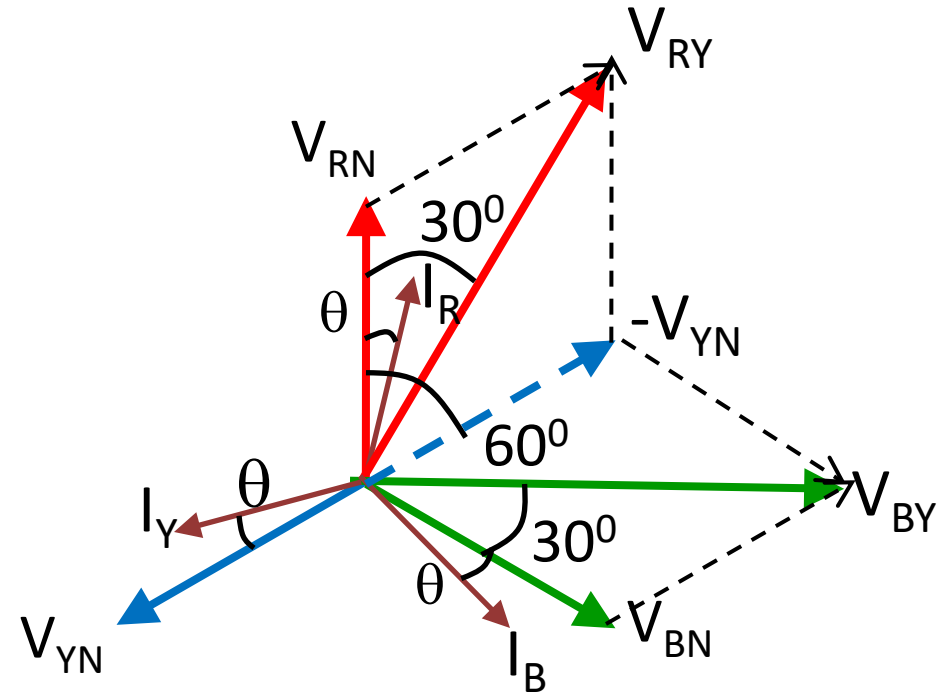
From KCL, summation of currents at node N must be zero, i.e.

$$\begin{aligned}
 I_R + I_Y + I_B &= 0 \\
 I_R + I_B &= -I_Y
 \end{aligned}$$

Effect of power factor



Phasor diagram:



Phase voltages are 120° apart:

$$V_{RN}, V_{BN}, V_{YN}$$

Line voltages V_{RY} and V_{BY}

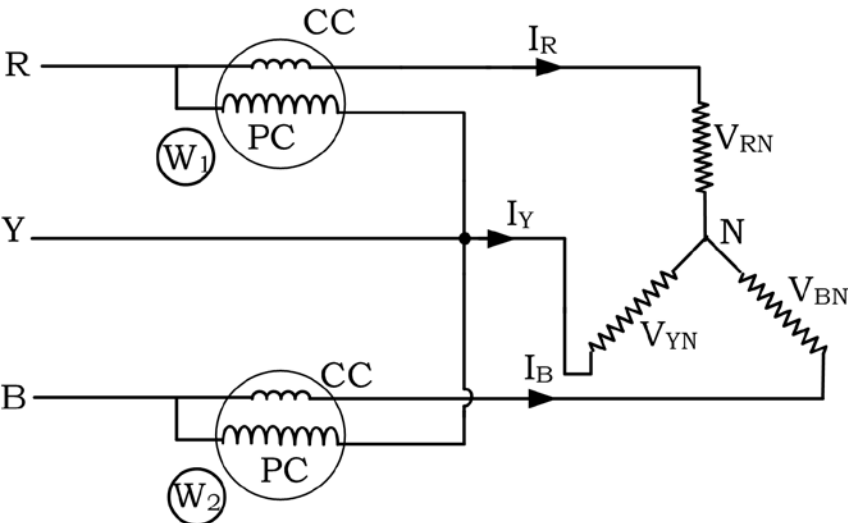
$$\bar{V}_{RY} = \bar{V}_{RN} - \bar{V}_{YN} \quad \bar{V}_{BY} = \bar{V}_{BN} - \bar{V}_{YN}$$

Let, power factor = $\cos\theta$

i.e. phase currents lag corresponding phase voltages by θ

Currents are also balanced and are 120° apart:

Effect of power factor



$$V_{RN} = V_{BN} = V_{YN} = V \text{ (say)}$$

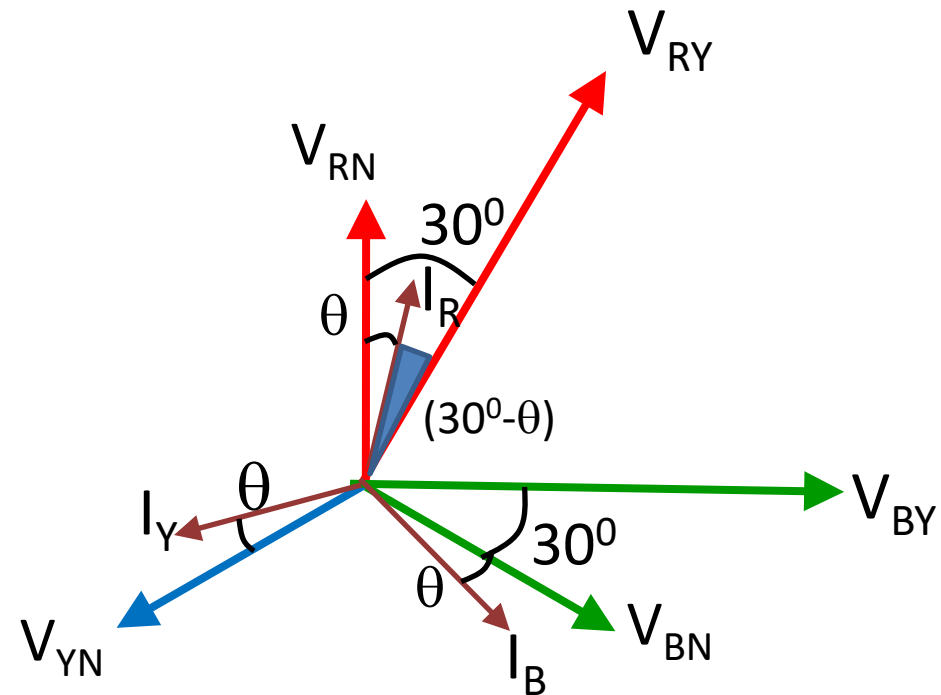
$$I_R = I_B = I_Y = I \text{ (say)}$$

For star connected system,

$$\text{Line voltages } V_{RY} = V_{YB} = V_{BR} = \sqrt{3}V$$

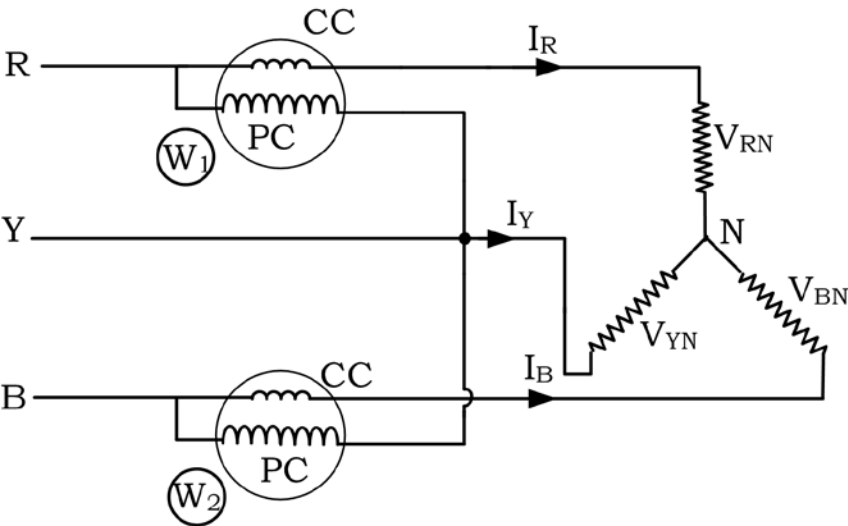
$$\text{Line currents } I_R = I_B = I_Y = I$$

- Current through the CC of wattmeter W_1 is I_R and voltage across its potential coil is V_{RY}
- The current I_R leads the voltage by V_{RY} an angle $(30^\circ - \theta)$

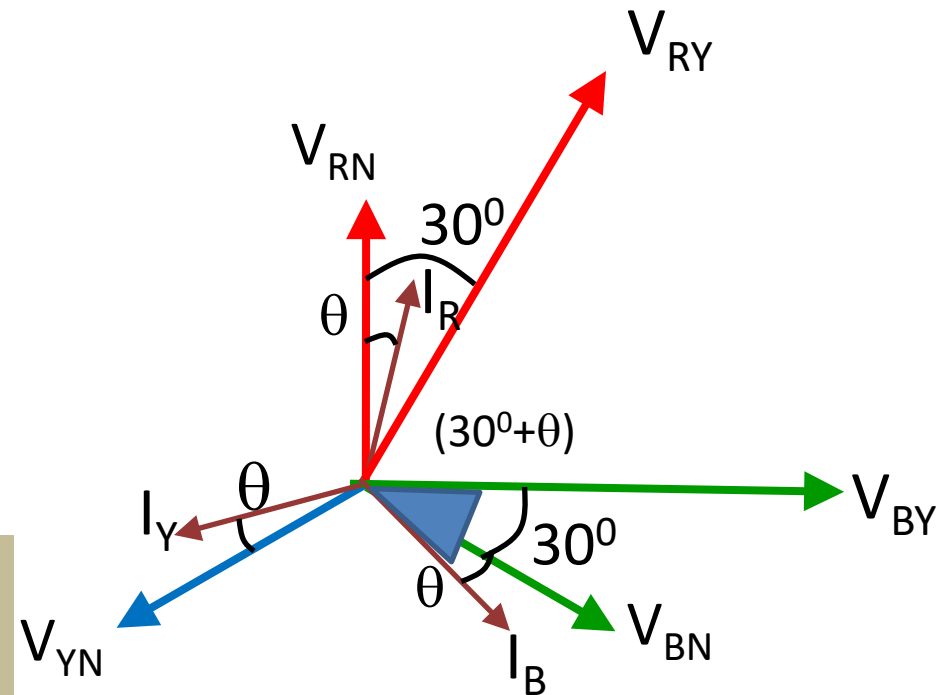


∴ Reading of wattmeter W_1 is: $P_1 = V_{RY} \times I_R \cos(30^\circ - \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI \cos(30^\circ - \theta)$

Effect of power factor

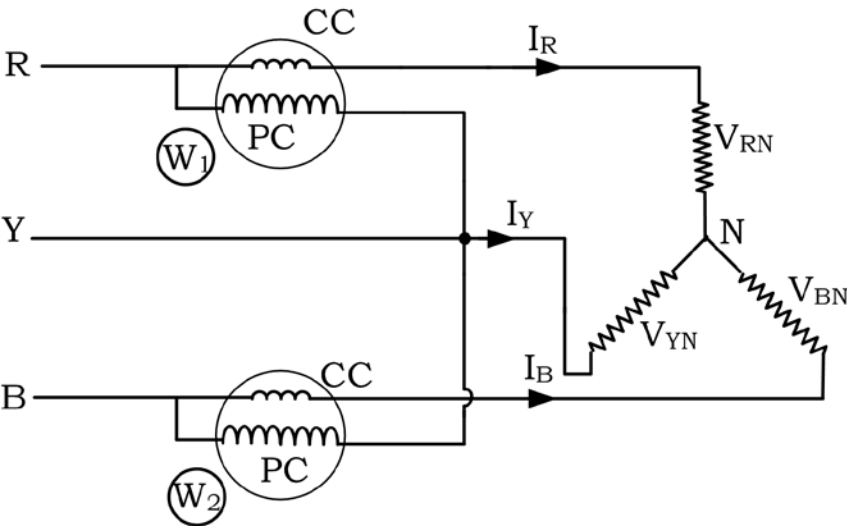


- Current through the CC of wattmeter W_2 is I_B and voltage across its potential coil is V_{BY}
- The current I_B lags the voltage by V_{BY} an angle $(30^\circ + \theta)$



\therefore Reading of wattmeter W_2 is: $P_2 = V_{BY} \times I_B \cos(30^\circ + \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI \cos(30^\circ + \theta)$

Effect of power factor



$$P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta)$$

$$P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta)$$

Sum of these two wattmeter readings:

$$P_1 + P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) + \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta)$$

$$= \sqrt{3}VI \left[\cos 30^\circ \cos \theta + \sin 30^\circ \sin \theta + \cos 30^\circ \cos \theta - \sin 30^\circ \sin \theta \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{3}VI \left[2\cos 30^\circ \cos \theta \right]$$

$$= \sqrt{3}VI \left[2 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cos \theta \right]$$

$$= 3VI\cos \theta$$

This is the total active power consumed by the load, adding together power in the three individual phases

Thus, summation of the two wattmeters gives total 3-phase power

Effect of power factor

$$P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta)$$

$$P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta)$$

Sum of these two wattmeter readings:

$$P_1 + P_2 = 3VI\cos\theta$$

Difference of these two wattmeter readings:

$$P_1 - P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) - \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\sin\theta$$

Taking the ratio :

$$\frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}VI \sin \theta}{3VI \cos \theta} = \frac{\tan \theta}{\sqrt{3}} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} \right)$$

Thus, power factor

$$\cos \theta = \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} \right) \right]$$

Effect of power factor

$$P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) \quad P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) \quad \cos \theta = \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} \right) \right]$$

With unity power factor: $\cos \theta = 1, \theta = 0$

Total power : $P = P_1 + P_2 = 3VI\cos \theta = 3VI$

Reading of wattmeter W_1 $P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos 30^\circ = \frac{3}{2}VI$

Reading of wattmeter W_2 $P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos 30^\circ = \frac{3}{2}VI$

Thus, summation of two wattmeter readings : $P_1 + P_2 = \frac{3}{2}VI + \frac{3}{2}VI = 3VI$

Which is same as the total power

- Thus, at unity power factor, readings of the two wattmeters are equal
- Each wattmeter reads half the total power

Effect of power factor

$$P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) \quad P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) \quad \cos \theta = \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} \right) \right]$$

With 0.5 power factor:

$$\cos \theta = 0.5, \theta = 60^\circ$$

Total power : $P = P_1 + P_2 = 3VI\cos\theta = 3VI\cos60^\circ = \frac{3}{2}VI$

Reading of wattmeter W_1 $P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - 60^\circ) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(-30^\circ) = \frac{3}{2}VI$

Reading of wattmeter W_2 $P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + 60^\circ) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos90^\circ = 0$

Thus, summation of two wattmeter readings : $P_1 + P_2 = \frac{3}{2}VI + 0 = \frac{3}{2}VI$

Which is same as the total power

- Thus, at 0.5 power factor, one of the two wattmeters reads zero
- The other wattmeter reads total power

Effect of power factor

$$P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) \quad P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) \quad \cos \theta = \cos \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \frac{P_1 - P_2}{P_1 + P_2} \right) \right]$$

With 0 power factor:

$$\cos \theta = 0, \theta = 90^\circ$$

Total power : $P = P_1 + P_2 = 3VI\cos \theta = 3VI\cos 90^\circ = 0$

Reading of wattmeter W_1 $P_1 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ - 90^\circ) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(-60^\circ) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}VI$

Reading of wattmeter W_2 $P_2 = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + \theta) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos(30^\circ + 90^\circ) = \sqrt{3}VI\cos 120^\circ = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}VI$

Thus, summation of two wattmeter readings : $P_1 + P_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}VI - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}VI = 0$

Which is same as the total power

- Thus, at zero power factor, readings of the two wattmeters are equal but of opposite sign
- At power factors below 0.5, one of the wattmeters tends to give negative readings

Effect of power factor

Pf ($\cos\theta$)	Pf angle (θ)	Remarks
1	0°	$P_1 = P_2$ Total power = $2P_1$
$1 > \text{pf} > 0.5$	$0^\circ < \theta < 60^\circ$	$P_1 > P_2$ Total power = $P_1 + P_2$
0.5	60°	$P_1 = +\text{ve}, P_2 = 0$ Total power = P
$0.5 > \text{pf} > 0$	$60^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$	$P_1 = +\text{ve}, P_2 = -\text{ve}$ Total power = $P_1 - P_2$
0	90°	$P_1 = -P_2$ Total power = 0