

Unit I: DC Circuits

NOTES – CLASS 7

Star Delta Transformations:

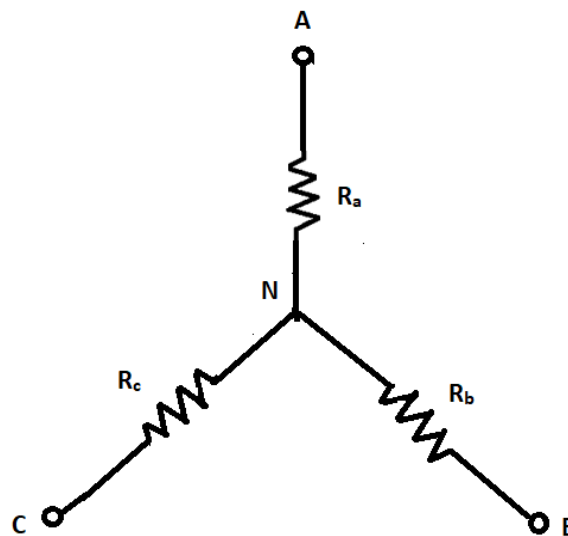
Need for Star Delta Transformation:

Sometimes, we cannot find series or parallel combinations while reducing a given network. In such cases, we can apply star delta transformations to reduce the given network.

Note: Never apply star delta transformation if there exist some series parallel combinations since doing so leads to a lengthy solution.

Star (or) WYE connection:

When three resistors are connected at a common terminal, it makes a star connection of resistors. The common terminal is called 'Neutral' terminal of the star. A star connection is shown below:



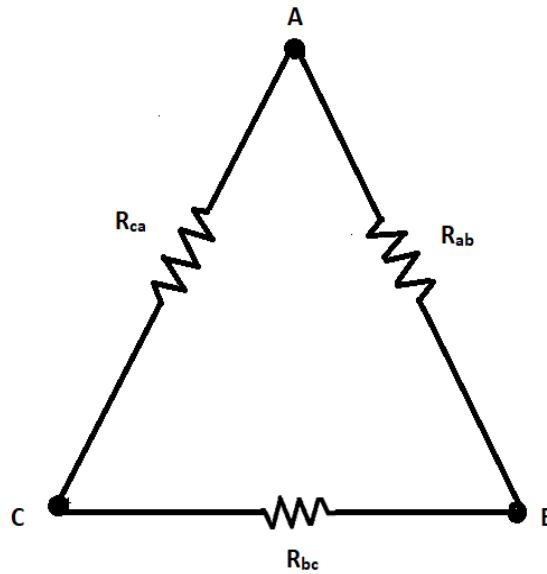
Here, R_a , R_b & R_c represent star resistors and 'N' represents the neutral terminal.

Delta (or) Mesh connection:

When three resistors are connected end to end, it makes a delta connected system of resistors.

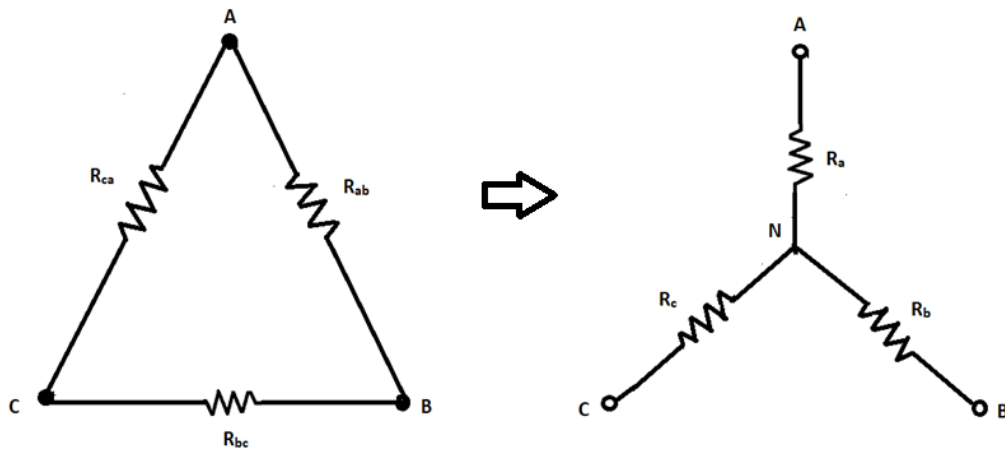
A delta connected system of resistors is shown below:

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Here, R_{ab} , R_{bc} & R_{ca} represent delta resistors.

Delta to Star Transformation:



Equations for this transformation are:

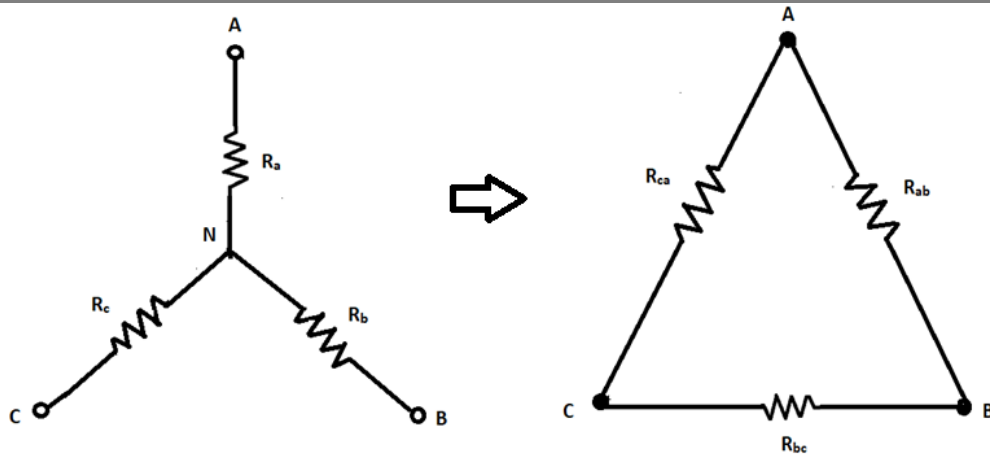
$$R_a = \frac{R_{ab} * R_{ca}}{(R_{ab} + R_{bc} + R_{ca})}$$

$$R_b = \frac{R_{bc} * R_{ab}}{(R_{ab} + R_{bc} + R_{ca})}$$

$$R_c = \frac{R_{ca} * R_{bc}}{(R_{ab} + R_{bc} + R_{ca})}$$

Star to Delta Transformation:

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Equations for this transformation are:

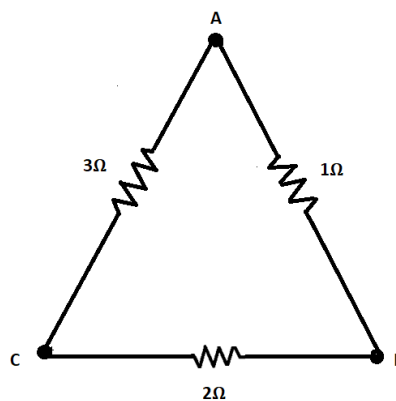
$$R_{ab} = \frac{R_a * R_b + R_b * R_c + R_c * R_a}{R_c}$$

$$R_{bc} = \frac{R_a * R_b + R_b * R_c + R_c * R_a}{R_a}$$

$$R_{ca} = \frac{R_a * R_b + R_b * R_c + R_c * R_a}{R_b}$$

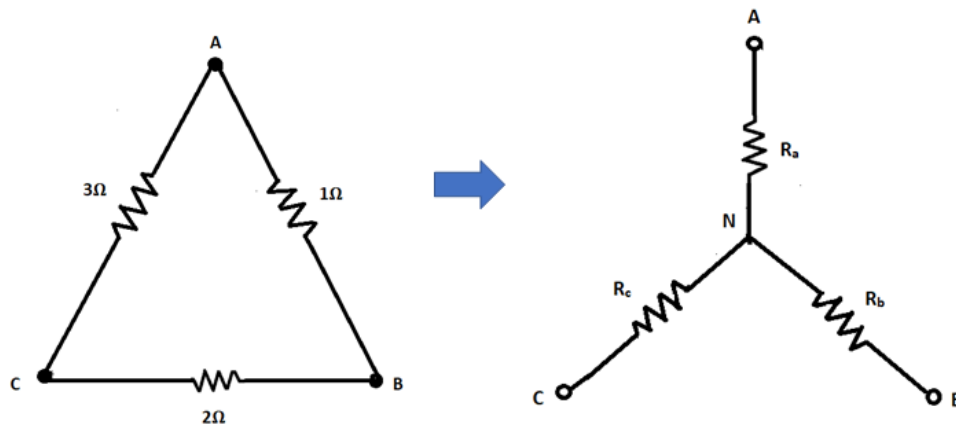
Numerical Examples on Star Delta Transformation:

Example 1: Transform the given delta to equivalent star.



Solution:

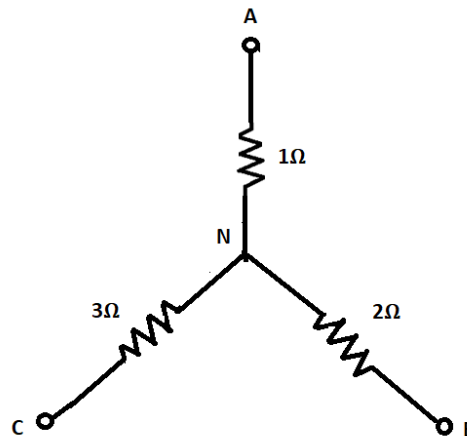
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$$R_a = \frac{R_{ab} * R_{ca}}{(R_{ab} + R_{bc} + R_{ca})} = \frac{1 * 3}{(1 + 2 + 3)} = \frac{1}{2} \Omega$$

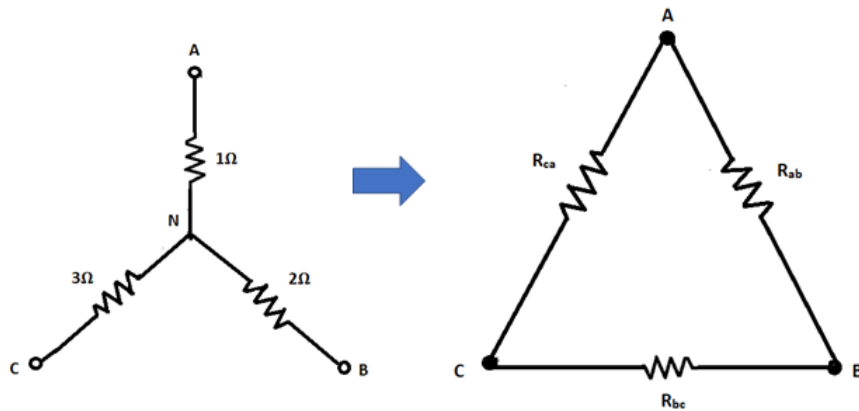
$$\text{Similarly, } R_b = \frac{1 * 2}{(1 + 2 + 3)} = \frac{1}{3} \Omega \text{ \& } R_c = \frac{2 * 3}{(1 + 2 + 3)} = 1 \Omega$$

Example 2: Transform the given star to equivalent delta.



Solution:

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$$R_{ab} = \frac{R_a * R_b + R_b * R_c + R_c * R_a}{R_c} = \frac{1*2 + 2*3 + 3*1}{(3)} = \frac{11}{3} \Omega$$

$$\text{Similarly, } R_{bc} = \frac{11}{(R_a)} = 11 \Omega \text{ \& } R_{ca} = \frac{11}{(R_b)} = \frac{11}{2} \Omega$$