

# **EE493 Protection of Power Systems I**

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#### Symmetrical Components

Assume that a set of three-phase voltages designated Va, Vb, and Vc is given. In accordance with Fortescue, these phase voltages are resolved into the following three sets of sequence components:

- 1. Zero-sequence components, consisting of three phasors with equal magnitudes and with zero phase displacement, as shown in Figure(a)
- 2. Positive-sequence components, consisting of three phasors with equal magnitudes, G120 phase displacement, and positive sequence, as in Figure (b)
- 3. Negative-sequence components, consisting of three phasors with equal magnitudes, G120 phase displacement, and negative sequence, as in Figure(c)

$$V_{a0} V_{b0} V_{c0} = V_0$$

$$V_{c1}$$
 $V_{a1} = V$ 



(a) Zero-sequence components

(b) Positive-sequence components

(c) Negative-sequence components

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha} \\ V_{b} \\ V_{c} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha 0} \\ V_{b 0} \\ V_{c 0} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha 1} \\ V_{b 1} \\ V_{c 1} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} V_{\alpha 2} \\ V_{b 2} \\ V_{c 2} \end{bmatrix}$$

According to the following

$$V_{a0} V_{b0} V_{c0} = V_0$$
 $V_{a1} = V_1$ 
 $V_{b2} = V_2$ 
 $V_{a2} = V_2$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} V_{a0} \! = \! V_{b0} \! = \! V_{c0} \\ V_{c1} \! = \! a \! \times \! V_{a1} \text{ and } V_{c1} \! = \! a^2 \! \times \! V_{a1} \\ V_{c2} \! = \! a^2 \! \times \! V_{a2} \text{ and } V_{c2} \! = \! a \! \times \! V_{a2} \end{array}$ 

Where

$$a = 1/\underline{120^{\circ}}$$
$$a^{2} = (1/\underline{120^{\circ}}) \cdot (1/\underline{120^{\circ}}) = 1/\underline{240^{\circ}}$$

Therefore

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{a} \\ V_{b} \\ V_{c} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{b0} \\ V_{c0} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} V_{a1} \\ V_{b1} \\ V_{c1} \\ \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} V_{a2} \\ V_{c2} \\ V_{c2} \\ \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^{2} & a \\ 1 & a & a^{2} \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a2} \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

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In this text we will work only with the zero-, positive-, and negative-sequence components of phase a, which are  $V_{a0}$ ,  $V_{a1}$ , and  $V_{a2}$ , respectively. For simplicity, we drop the subscript a and denote these sequence components as  $V_0$ ,  $V_1$ , and  $V_2$ . They are defined by the following transformation:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \\ 1 & a & a^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where

$$V_p = AV_s$$

$$a = 1/120^{\circ} = \frac{-1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$
$$a^{2} = (1/120^{\circ}) \cdot (1/120^{\circ}) = 1/240^{\circ}$$

$$V_{o} = V_{0} + V_{1} + V_{2}$$

$$V_{b} = V_{0} + a^{2}V_{1} + aV_{2}$$

$$V_{c} = V_{0} + aV_{1} + a^{2}V_{2}$$

$$V_{p} = AV_{s}$$

$$V_{p} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{a} \\ V_{b} \\ V_{c} \end{bmatrix} \qquad V_{s} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{0} \\ V_{1} \\ V_{2} \end{bmatrix} \qquad A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^{2} & a \\ 1 & a & a^{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$V_{s} = A^{-1}V_{p}$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^{2} \\ 1 & a^{2} & a \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{0} \\ V_{1} \\ V_{2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^{2} \\ 1 & a^{2} & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{a} \\ V_{b} \\ V_{c} \end{bmatrix}$$
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#### **EXAMPLE**

Calculate the sequence components of the following balanced line-to-neutral voltages with abc sequence:

$$V_{p} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{an} \\ V_{bn} \\ V_{cn} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 277/0^{\circ} \\ 277/-120^{\circ} \\ 277/+120^{\circ} \end{bmatrix} \text{ volts}$$

$$V_0 = \frac{1}{3} [277/0^{\circ} + 277/-120^{\circ} + 277/+120^{\circ}] = 0$$

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{3} [277/0^{\circ} + 277/(-120^{\circ} + 120^{\circ}) + 277/(120^{\circ} + 240^{\circ})]$$

$$= 277/0^{\circ} \quad \text{volts} = V_{am}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ 277 / 0^{\circ} + 277 / (-120^{\circ} + 240^{\circ}) + 277 / (120^{\circ} + 120^{\circ}) \right]$$
$$= \frac{1}{3} \left[ 277 / 0^{\circ} + 277 / 120^{\circ} + 277 / 240^{\circ} \right] = 0$$

## EXAMPLE

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 10/0^{\circ} \\ 0 \\ 10/120^{\circ} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$I_0 = \frac{1}{3}[10/0^{\circ} + 0 + 10/120^{\circ}] = 3.333/60^{\circ}$$
 A  
 $I_1 = \frac{1}{3}[10/0^{\circ} + 0 + 10/(120^{\circ} + 240^{\circ})] = 6.667/0^{\circ}$  A  
 $I_2 = \frac{1}{3}[10/0^{\circ} + 0 + 10/(120^{\circ} + 120^{\circ})] = 3.333/-60^{\circ}$  A

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \\ 1 & a & a^2 \end{bmatrix} \times \begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a2} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_0 \\ V_1 \\ V_2 \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \frac{1}{120^{\circ}} = \frac{-1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$a^{2} = (\frac{1}{120^{\circ}}) \cdot (\frac{1}{120^{\circ}}) = \frac{1}{240^{\circ}}$$