

- Aim: To study measurement of Power in three phase circuit using two wattmeter method.
- Apparatus: Wattmeter (600V/5A), Voltmeter (0-600V), Ammeter (0-5A), Auto-Transfer, 3- ϕ Induction motor, connecting wires.
- Theory: Power consumed by a 3- ϕ balanced or unbalanced load (delta connected) can be measured by using 2-wattmeters properly connected in the circuit. In Two-wattmeter method, the current coils of the wattmeter are connected with any two lines, say R and Y as shown in Fig 1. While the pressure coil of each wattmeter is connected between these two lines & the third line i.e., B as shown above. Under running ~~cod~~ conditions, the power consumed by the 3 ϕ system is the sum of the two individual wattmeters -

$$P_{\text{measured}} = W_1 + W_2$$

by
wattmeter 1by
wattmeter 2

Total power in circuit : $P_{\text{calc}} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta$

line voltage line current Power factor

Phase angle $\theta = \left[\tan^{-1} \left\{ \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{W_2 - W_1}{W_2 + W_1} \right) \right\} \right]$

$$\text{Error \%} = \frac{P_{\text{calc}} - P_{\text{measured}}}{P_{\text{measured}}} \times 100$$

$$\text{Multiplying factor} = \frac{\text{Voltage Rating} \times \text{Current Rating} \times \text{Power factor}}{\text{Full-scale reading}}$$

• Procedure -

1. Connect the circuit as shown in the Fig 1
2. Start the 3 ϕ -AC supply & observe wattmeter readings. If one Wattmeter reads -ve or gives reverse reading then switch OFF the supply & the reverse the current coil terminals.
3. Now, again start the AC supply & set the voltage to desired value using auto-transformer & then note down the current in ammeter i.e. line current I_L , Voltage in ammeter i.e. line voltage V_L & power rating in both the wattmeters i.e. w_1 & w_2 .
4. Repeat the procedure for 5 diff voltages

• Questions -

1. what are the advantages & disadvantages of two wattmeter method?

A-1 Advantages -

- Applicable for balanced as well as unbalanced load
- Only 2 wattmeters are required to measure 3 ϕ power

- If load is balanced then even the power factor can be determined.

Disadvantages -

- Not suitable for 3- ϕ & 4 wire system.
- Signs of w_1 & w_2 must be identified correctly to avoid wrong results.

• Conclusions :

The mean % error is 2.069 which shows the two wattmeter method yields results that are in good agreement with the theoretical values.

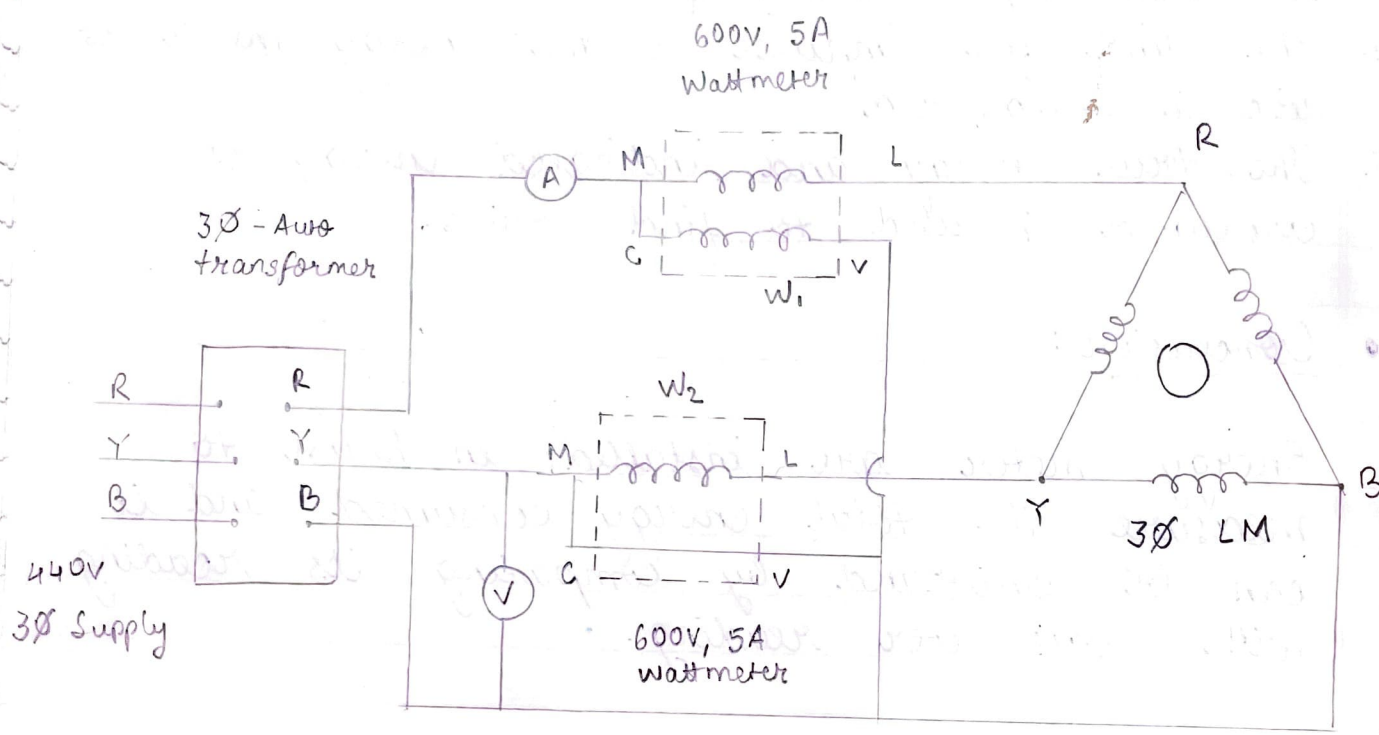
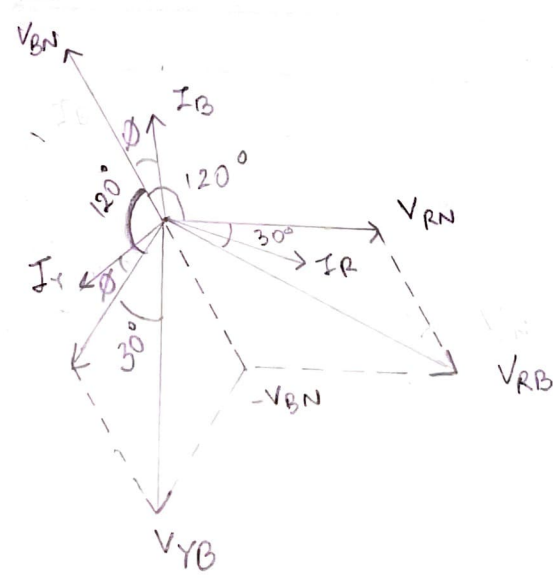


FIG 1
Power measurement using Two
Wattmeter Method



Observation Table :

| Sr no. | Line Voltage V_L | Line Current I_L | W_1 (x4) | W_2 (x4) | $P_{\text{measured}} = W_1 + W_2$ | θ | $P_{\text{calc}} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta$ | % Error |
|--------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|--|---------|
| 1 | 400 V | 3.6 A | 220 | -135 | 340 | -82.12° | 341.94 | 0.57 |
| 2 | 360 V | 3.0 A | 165 | -97 | 272 | -81.47° | 277.46 | 2 |
| 3 | 300 V | 2.4 A | 120 | -60 | 240 | -79.10° | 235.81 | 1.74 |
| 4 | 280 V | 2.2 A | 100 | -50 | 200 | -79.10° | 201.75 | 0.875 |
| 5 | 240 V | 2.0 A | 80 | -45 | 140 | -80.81° | 132.77 | 5.16 |

Calculations :

1. $P_{\text{measured}} = (220 - 135) 4 = 340 \text{ W}$

• $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-355}{85} \right) \right] = -82.12^\circ$

• $P_{\text{calculated}} = \sqrt{3} \times 400 \times 3.6 \times \cos(-82.12^\circ) = 341.94 \text{ W}$

% Error = $\frac{341.94 - 340}{340} \times 100 = 0.57\%$

2. $P_{\text{measured}} = (165 - 97) 4 = 272 \text{ W}$

• $\theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-262}{68} \right) \right] = -81.47^\circ$

• $P_{\text{calculated}} = \sqrt{3} \times 360 \times 3.0 \times \cos(-81.47^\circ) = 277.46 \text{ W}$

% Error = $\frac{277.46 - 272}{272} \times 100 = 2\%$

$$3] \cdot P_{\text{measured}} = (120 - 60)4 = 240 \text{ W}$$

$$\cdot \theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-180}{60} \right) \right] = -79.10^\circ$$

$$\cdot P_{\text{calculated}} = \sqrt{3} \times 300 \times 2.4 \times \cos(-79.10^\circ) = \underline{235.81 \text{ W}}$$

$$\cdot \% \text{ Error} = \frac{235.81 - 240}{240} \times 100 = \underline{1.74 \%}$$

$$4] \cdot P_{\text{measured}} = (100 - 50)4 = 200 \text{ W}$$

$$\cdot \theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-150}{50} \right) \right) = -79.10^\circ$$

$$\cdot P_{\text{calculated}} = \sqrt{3} \times 280 \times 2.2 \times \cos(-79.10^\circ) = \underline{201.75 \text{ W}}$$

$$\cdot \% \text{ Error} = \frac{201.75 - 200}{200} \times 100 = \underline{0.875 \%}$$

$$5] \cdot P_{\text{measured}} = (80 - 45)4 = 140 \text{ W}$$

$$\cdot \theta = \tan^{-1} \left[\sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-125}{35} \right) \right] = -80.81^\circ$$

$$\cdot P_{\text{calculated}} = \sqrt{3} \times 240 \times 2.0 \times \cos(-80.81^\circ) = \underline{132.77 \text{ W}}$$

$$\cdot \% \text{ Error} = \frac{132.77 - 140}{140} \times 100 = \underline{5.16 \%}$$