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### Question 1

A three-phase transmission line, operating at 50 Hz, is shown in cross-section in Figure 1.

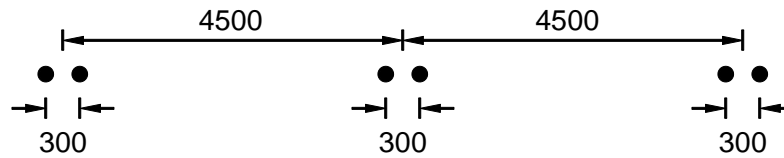


Figure 1: Conductor geometry of a three-phase transmission line. Dimensions in mm

- (a) Determine the inductance, capacitance and resistance per unit length per phase, taking skin-effect into account. Any assumptions must be clearly stated. Assume a subconductor radius of 12 mm. (16)

Note:  $\rho_{al} = 2,83 \times 10^{-8} \Omega m$

$$\mu_0 = 4\pi \times 10^{-7} H / m$$

$$\epsilon_0 = \frac{10^{-9}}{36\pi} F / m$$

- (b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of a triangular phase conductor geometry compared with a horizontal geometry? (4)  
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### Question 2

- (a) Briefly explain the advantages and disadvantages of HVDC over HVAC for transmission lines. (6)
- (b) A 100 km three-phase transmission line may be represented by the (per phase) equivalent circuit shown in Figure 2.

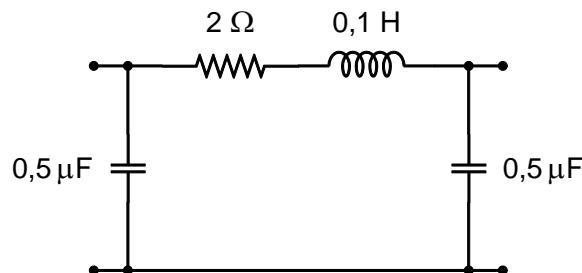


Figure 2: Equivalent circuit of a 100 km HVAC transmission line

The line operates at 400 kV and supplies a large industrial load of 600 MW at a power factor of 0,98 lagging. Determine the nature and magnitude of the compensation required at the load if both the sending and receiving end voltages are to be maintained at 400 kV.

(14)

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Question 3

- (a) What are the three factors that limit the amount of real power that can be transferred along an HVAC line? (6)
- (b) 500 MW is transferred via a 400 kV three-phase line having a series reactance of  $100 \Omega$  (the series resistance can be ignored). Consider the situation where a three-phase short-circuit occurs on the line. The inertias of the generators are such that, under short-circuit conditions, the load angle increases at a rate of  $0,5^\circ$  per ms. Determine the maximum duration of the three-phase short circuit that the system can tolerate without the generators losing synchronism. What are the assumptions? (10)
- (c) Does it matter where along the line the short circuit occurs? (4)
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Question 4

- (a) Draw the circuit diagram of a capacitor-coupled VT (CVT) connected to a substation busbar and derive the equivalent circuit for 50 Hz operation. What are its advantages and disadvantages over a conventional VT? (6)
- (b) Explain what is meant by a CT nameplate rating of 1000/1A, 15VA-10P20. (6)
- (c) Show how three CTs can be interconnected to measure the zero sequence current. What is the disadvantage of this connection compared to a single core-balance CT, also used to measure the zero sequence current component. (4)
- (d) Why should a current transformer never be open circuited and a voltage transformer should never be short circuited? (4)
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Question 5

A radial feeder is shown in Figure 3.

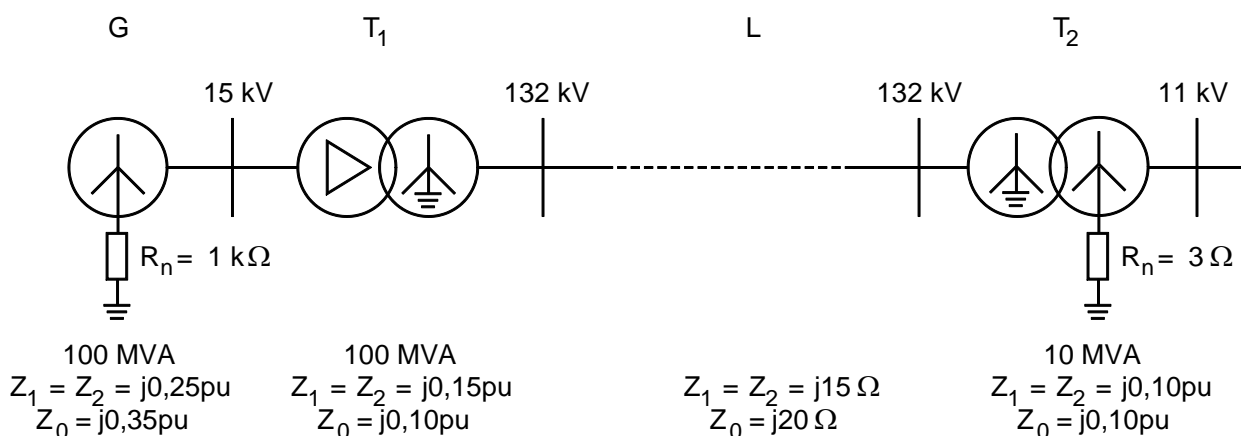


Figure 3: Radial feeder.

- (a) For single-phase-to-earth faults occurring on the 15 kV, 132 kV and 11 kV busbars, identify for each case the zero sequence (only) current paths. (4)

- (b) Would earth fault protection on the primary side of the 132/11 kV transformer see an earth fault on the secondary side? Explain. (4)
  - (c) For a balanced three-phase fault on the 11 kV busbar calculate the short circuit current on the 132 kV line. (6)
  - (d) For a single-phase-to-earth fault on the 11 kV busbar, calculate the current through the 11 kV neutral earthing resistor. (6)
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### Question 6

IDMT relays (standard inverse) are to be used to protect the radial network in Figure 4.

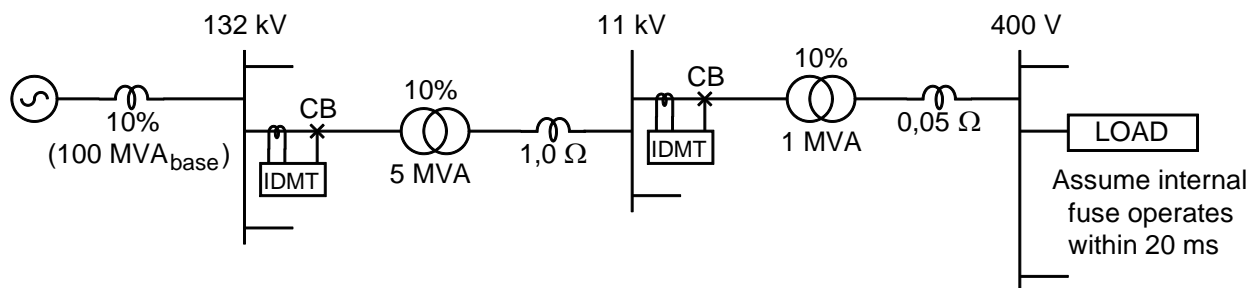
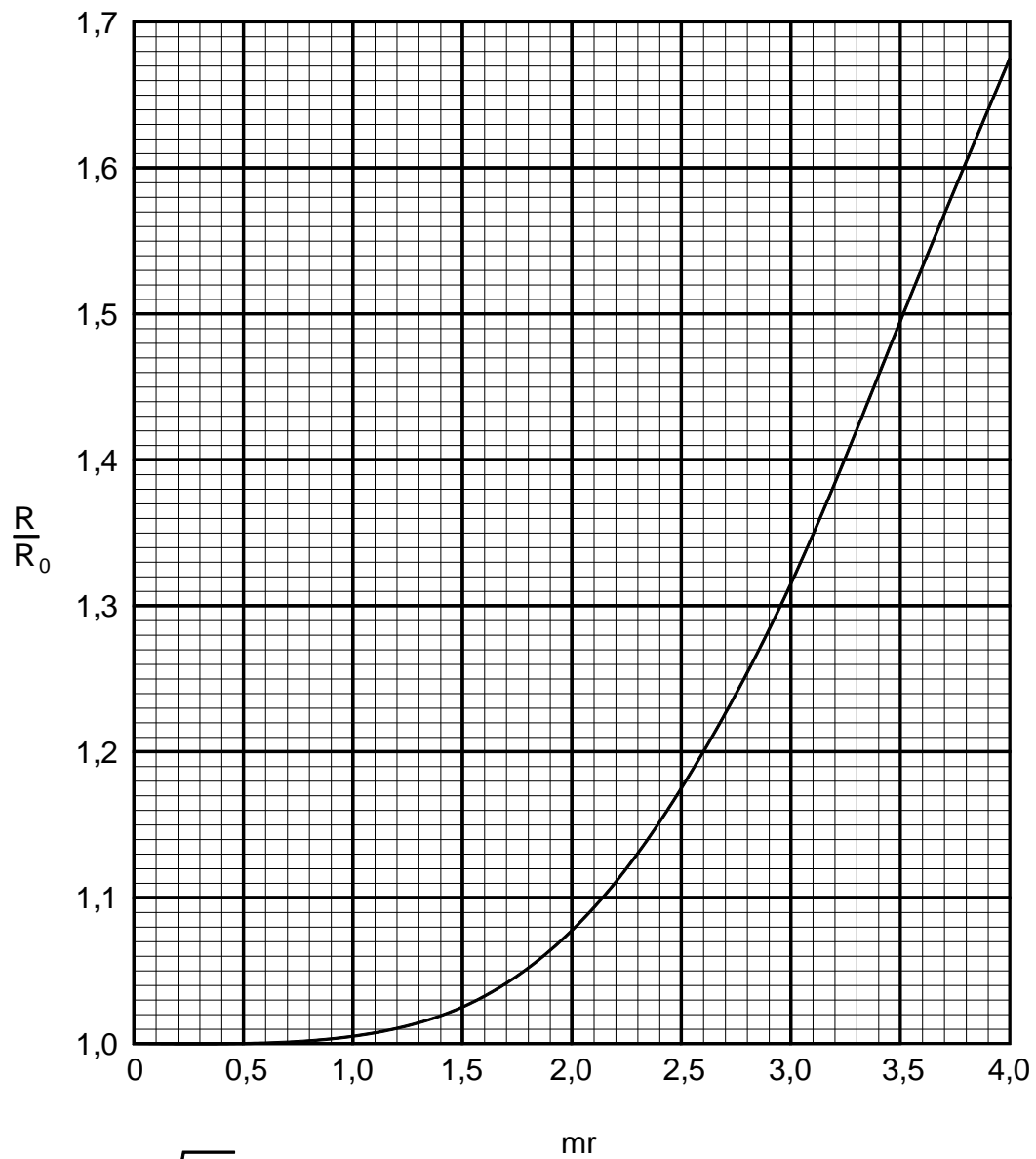


Figure 4: Radial network

- (a) Choose suitable CT ratios and calculate suitable settings for the IDMT relays (14)
  - (b) For your settings in (a), how quickly would a balanced three-phase fault on the 11 kV terminals of the 11 kV/ 400 V transformer be cleared? (6)
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### Question 7

- (a) Why would differential protection be preferred over IDMT protection for a large transformer? (4)
  - (b) How must the CTs be configured with a star-connected winding with earthed neutral such that a neutral current does not cause the differential protection to operate? Explain your reasoning. (4)
  - (c) Why is the transformer inrush current such a problem with transformer differential protection? (4)
  - (d) Explain the concept of zoning when applied to distance relays. Explain how the zones are selected (also consider the situation where the transmission line interconnects systems containing generation). (8)
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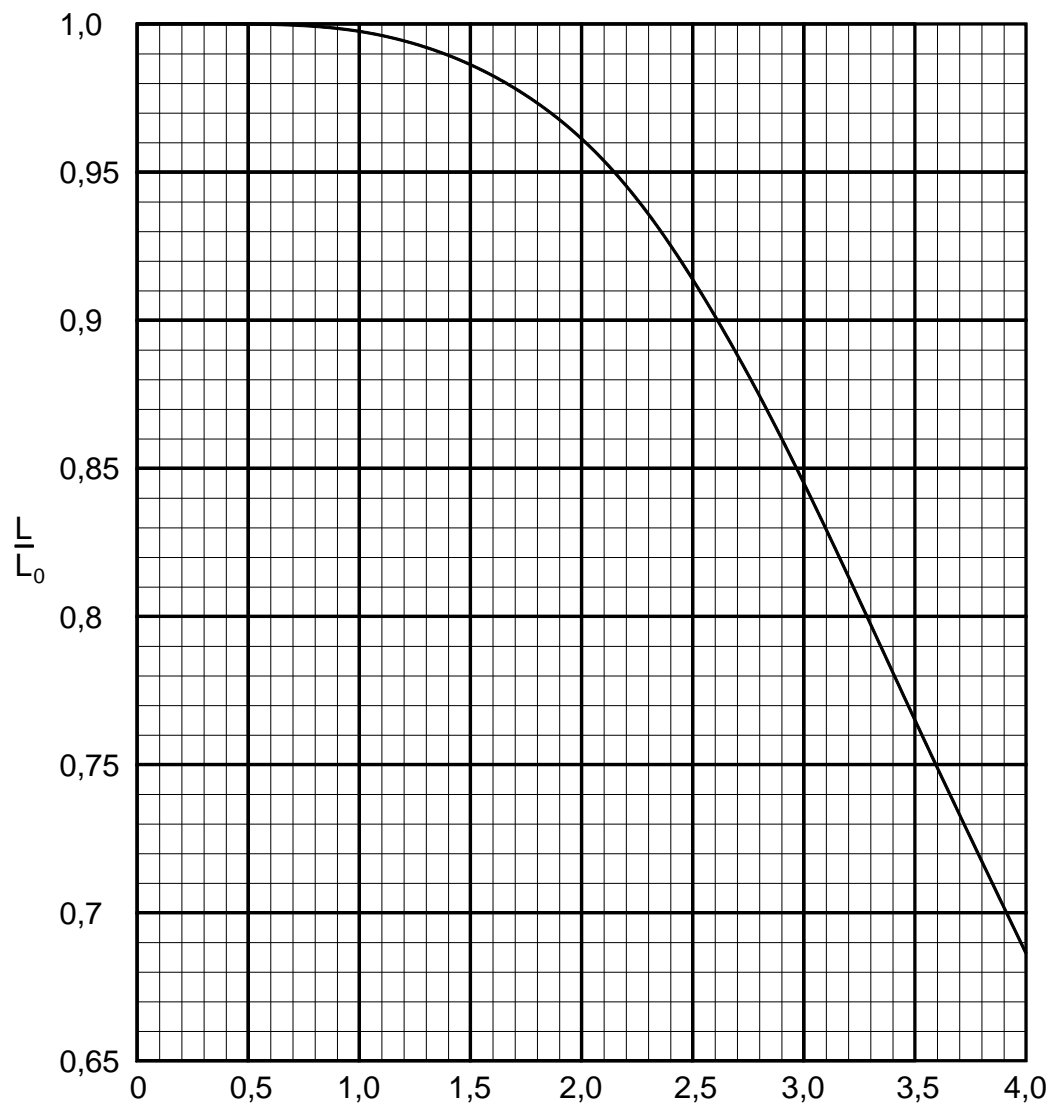
**Appendix 1** Skin Effect: Resistance Ratio

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{\rho}}$$

Skin Effect: Resistance Ratio

$$\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$$

r = radius, in m

**Appendix 2:** Skin effect: Internal Inductance Ratio

$$m = \sqrt{\frac{\omega \mu}{\rho}}$$

$mr$

Skin Effect: Internal inductance Ratio

$$\mu = \mu_r \mu_0$$

$r$  = radius, in m