

# **Power Systems Lab**

## **Experiment 4** **Laboratory Report**

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## 1 Objective

To write a MATLAB program to determine line currents to a Y-connected load by mesh analysis and by using symmetrical components.

**Let the given problem be as follows:**

*A balanced three phase voltage is applied to a Y-connected load with ungrounded neutral.  
The three phase load consists of three mutually-coupled reactances.*

1. Determine the line currents by mesh analysis.
2. Determine the line currents by using symmetrical components.

## 2 Theoretical Background

Shown below is a 3-phase supply connected to a Y-connected load.

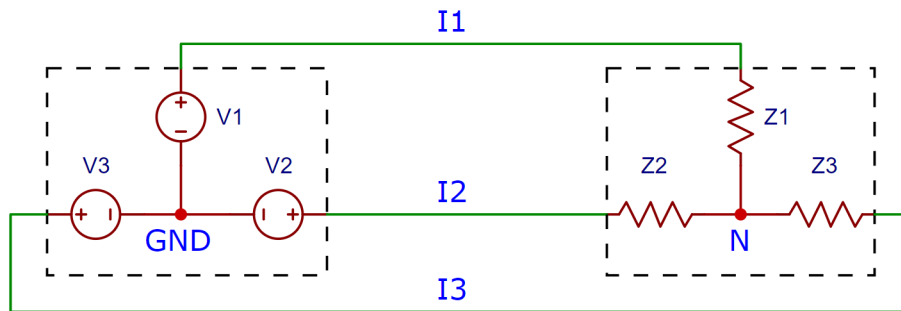


Figure 1: Y-connected load with ungrounded neutral.

## 2.1 Sequence Components

A set of three balanced voltages (phasors)  $V_a, V_b, V_c$  is characterized by equal magnitudes and interphase differences of 120 deg. The set is said to have a phase sequence  $abc$  (positive sequence) if  $V_b$  lags  $V_a$  by 120 deg and  $V_c$  lags  $V_b$  by 120 deg.

The three phasors can then be expressed in terms of the reference phasor  $V_a$  as

$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= V_a \\ V_b &= \alpha^2 V_a \\ V_c &= \alpha V_a \end{aligned}$$

where the complex number operator  $\alpha$  is defined as  $\alpha = e^{j120^\circ}$ . The same applies to voltages or currents.

If the phase sequence is  $acb$  (negative sequence), then

$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= V_a \\ V_b &= \alpha V_a \\ V_c &= \alpha^2 V_a \end{aligned}$$

Thus a set of balanced phasors is fully characterized by its reference phasor (say  $V_a$ ) and its phase sequence (positive or negative).

Consider now a set of three voltages (phasors)  $V_a, V_b, V_c$  which in general may be unbalanced. According to **Fortesque's theorem** the *three phasors can be described as the sum of positive, negative and zero sequence phasors*.

$$\begin{aligned} V_a &= V_a^1 + V_a^2 + V_a^0 \\ V_b &= V_b^1 + V_b^2 + V_b^0 \\ V_c &= V_c^1 + V_c^2 + V_c^0 \end{aligned}$$

The three phasor sequences (positive, negative and zero) are called the **symmetrical components** of the original phasors. These equations can be expressed in the matrix form

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha \\ 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_a^0 \\ V_b^1 \\ V_c^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{V_p} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{V_s}$$

To find the sequence components, we can invert the equation

$$\mathbf{V_s} = \mathbf{A}^{-1} \mathbf{V_p}$$

$$\text{where } \mathbf{A}^{-1} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ 1 & \alpha^2 & \alpha \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

### 3 Implementation

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### 4 Observations

Figure 2: Result in MATLAB

The result of the above program with the given parameters is shown in figure 2.

### 5 Result