

Analysis of unsymmetrical faults

Introduction:

The unsymmetrical faults will have faulty parameters at random. They can be analyzed by using the symmetrical components. The standard types of unsymmetrical faults considered for analysis include the following (in the order of their severity):

Fault Analysis

The normal mode of operation of a power system is balanced three-phase AC. However, there are undesirable but unavoidable incidents that may temporarily disrupt normal conditions, as when the insulation of the system fails at any point or when a conducting material comes in contact with a bare conductor. Then we say a fault has occurred. A fault may be caused by lightning, trees falling on the electric wires, vehicular collision with the poles or towers, vandalism, and so forth. Faults may be classified into four types. The different types of fault are listed here in the order of the frequency of their occurrence.

- Line-to-Ground (L-G) Fault
- Line-to-Line (L-L) Fault
- Double Line-to-Ground (L-L-G) Fault and
- Three-Phase-to-Ground (LLL-G) Fault.
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Further the neutrals of various equipment may be grounded or isolated, the faults can occur at any general point F of the given system, the faults can be through a fault impedance, etc. Of the various types of faults as above, the 3-phase fault involving the ground is the most severe one. Here the analysis is considered in two stages as under:

- (i) Fault at the terminals of a Conventional (Unloaded) Generator and
- (ii) (ii) Faults at any point F, of a given Electric Power System (EPS).

Three-Phase Fault Analysis

Sufficient accuracy in fault studies can be obtained with certain simplifications in the model of the power system. These assumptions include the following:

1. Shunt elements in the transformer model are neglected; that is, magnetizing currents and core losses are omitted.
2. Shunt capacitances in the transmission line model are neglected.
3. Transformers are set at nominal tap positions.
4. All internal voltage sources are set equal to $1.0 \angle 0^\circ$. This is equivalent to neglecting pre-fault load currents.

Three-phase fault calculations can be performed on a per-phase basis because the power system remains effectively balanced, or symmetrical, during a three-phase fault. Thus, the various power system components are represented by single-phase equivalent circuits wherein all three-phase connections are assumed to be converted to their equivalent connections. Calculations are performed using impedances per phase, phase currents, and line-to-neutral voltages.

Consider now the symmetrical component relational equations derived from the three sequence networks corresponding to a given unsymmetrical system as a function of sequence impedances and the positive sequence voltage source in the form as under:

$$\begin{aligned}V_{a0} &= -I_{a0}Z_0 \\V_{a1} &= E_a - I_{a1}Z_1 \\V_{a2} &= -I_{a2}Z_2\end{aligned}$$

These equations are referred as the sequence equations. In matrix Form the sequence equations can be considered as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E_a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} Z_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{a0} \\ I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \end{bmatrix}$$

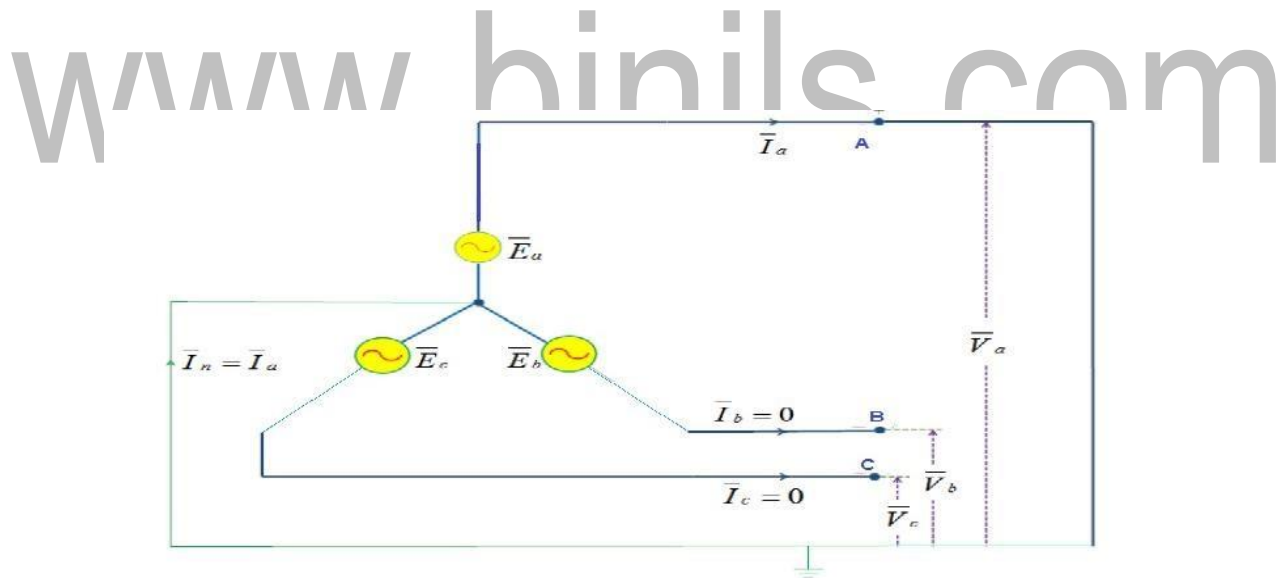
This equation is used along with the equations i.e., conditions under fault (c.u.f.), derived to describe the fault under consideration, to determine the sequence

current I_{a1} and hence the fault current I_f , in terms of E_a and the sequence impedances, Z_1 , Z_2 and Z_0 . Thus during unsymmetrical fault analysis of any given type of fault, two sets of equations as follows are considered for solving them simultaneously to get the required fault parameters:

- Equations for the conditions under fault (c.u.f.)
- Equations for the sequence components (sequence equations)

SINGLE LINE TO GROUND FAULT ON A CONVENTIONAL (UNLOADED) GENERATOR:

A conventional generator is one that produces only the balanced voltages. Let E_a , E_b and E_c be the internally generated voltages and Z_n be the neutral impedance. The fault is assumed to be on the phase 'a' as shown in figure. Consider now the conditions under fault as under:



c.u.f.:

$$I_b = 0; I_c = 0; \text{ and } V_a = 0.$$

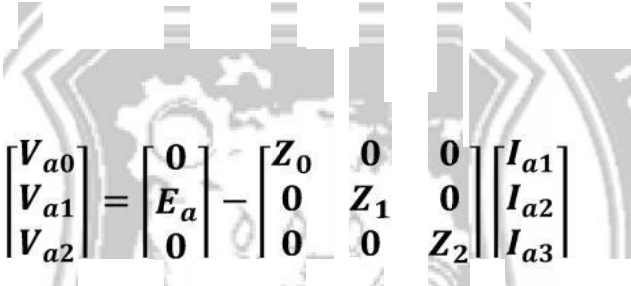
Now consider the symmetrical components of the current I_a with $I_b=I_c=0$, given by:

$$\begin{vmatrix} I_{a0} \\ I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \end{vmatrix} = (1/3) \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{vmatrix} \begin{vmatrix} I_a \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

Solving the equation we get,

$$I_{a1} = I_{a2} = I_{a0} = (I_a/3)$$

Further, using above equation, we get,



$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E_a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} Z_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \\ I_{a3} \end{bmatrix}$$

Pre-multiplying equation throughout by [1 1 1], we get,

$$V_{a1} + V_{a2} + V_{a0} = -I_{a1}Z_0 + E_a - I_{a1}Z_1 -$$

$$I_{a2}Z_2 \text{ i.e., } V_a = E_a - I_{a1}(Z_1 + Z_2 +$$

$Z_0) = \text{zero, Or in other words,}$

$$I_{a1} = [E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0)]$$

The equation (4.7) derived as above implies that the three sequence networks are

connected in series to simulate a LG fault, as shown in figure 4.2.

Further we have the

following relations satisfied under the fault

conditions: 1. $I_{a1} = I_{a2} = I_{a0} = (I_a/3) = [E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2 +$

$Z_0)]$

2. Fault current $I_f = I_a = 3I_{a1} = [3E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2$

$+ Z_0)]$ 3. $V_{a1} = E_a - I_{a1}Z_1 =$

$E_a(Z_2 + Z_0) / (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0)$

4. $V_{a2} = -E_a Z_2 / (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0)$

5. $V_{a0} = -E_a Z_0 / (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0)$

6. Fault phase voltage $V_a = 0$,

7. Sound phase voltages $V_b =$

$a^2 V_{a1} + a V_{a2} + V_{a0}$; $V_c =$

$a V_{a1} + a^2 V_{a2} + V_{a0}$

8. Fault phase power: $V_a I_a^* = 0$, Sound phase

powers: $V_b I_b^* = 0$, and $V_c I_c^* = 0$,

9. If $Z_n = 0$, then $Z_0 = Z_{g0}$,

10. If $Z_n = \alpha$ then $Z_0 = \alpha$. e., the zero sequence network is open so

that then, then $Z_0 = \infty$. If $Z_n = 10$. If $Z_n = 10$, $I_f = I_a = 0$.

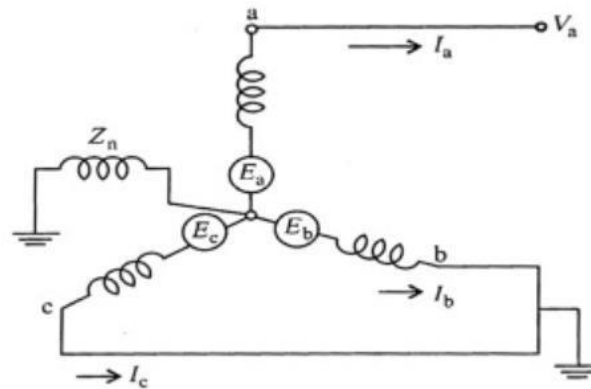
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Double Line-to-Ground Fault:

A double line-to-ground (2LG) fault involves a short circuit between two phase conductors b and c and ground. As with the line-to-line fault, there is symmetry with respect to the principal phase a.

In double line-to-ground fault, the two lines contact with each other along with the ground. The probability of such types of faults is nearly 10 %. The symmetrical and unsymmetrical fault mainly occurs in the terminal of the generator, and the open circuit and short circuit fault occur on the distribution system.

Consider line-to-line fault on phases b and c also grounded as shown in Fig.



$$\begin{aligned} I_a &= 0 \\ V_b &= V_c = 0 \\ I_b + I_c &= I_F \\ V_{a1} &= \frac{1}{3} (V_a + aV_b + a^2 V_c) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} V_a \\ V_{a2} &= \frac{1}{3} (V_a + a^2 V_b + aV_c) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} V_a \end{aligned}$$

Further

$$V_{a0} = \frac{1}{3}(V_a + V_b + V_c) = \frac{1}{3}V_a$$

Hence

$$V_{a1} = V_{a2} = V_{a0} = \frac{1}{3}V_a$$

But

$$V_{a1} = E_a - I_{a1}Z_1$$

$$V_{a2} = -I_{a2}Z_2$$

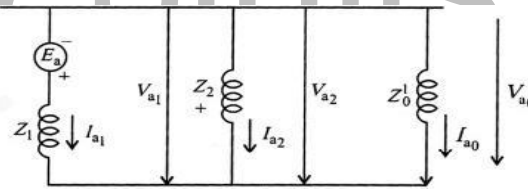
and

$$\begin{aligned} V_{a0} &= -I_{a0}Z_0 - I_F Z_n \\ &= -I_{a0}(Z_0 + 3Z_n) = -I_{a0}(Z_0^1) \end{aligned}$$

It may be noted that

$$\begin{aligned} I_F &= I_b + I_c = a^2 I_{a1} + a I_{a2} + I_{a0} + a I_{a1} + a^2 I_{a2} \\ &= (a + a^2)I_{a1} + (a + a^2)I_{a2} + 2I_{a0} \\ &= -I_{a1} - I_{a2} + 2I_{a0} = -I_{a1} - I_{a2} - I_{a0} + 3I_{a0} \\ &= -(I_{a1} + I_{a2} + I_{a0}) + 3I_{a0} = 0 + 3I_{a0} = 3I_{a0} \end{aligned}$$

The sequence network connections are shown in Fig.



$$I_{a1} = \frac{E_a}{Z_1 + \frac{Z_2 Z_0^1}{Z_2 + Z_0^1}}$$

$$= \frac{E_a (Z_2 + Z_0^1)}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0^1 + Z_0^1 Z_1}$$

$$V_{a2} = V_{a1}$$

$$-I_{a1} Z_2 = E_a - I_{a1} Z_1$$

$$I_{a2} = - \left(\frac{E_a - I_{a1} Z_1}{Z_2} \right)$$

$$= - \left[E_a - \frac{E_a (Z_2 + Z_0^1) \cdot Z_1}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0^1 + Z_0^1 Z_1} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{Z_2}$$

$$= \frac{-E_a Z_0^1}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0^1 + Z_0^1 Z_1}$$

Similarly

$$-I_{a0} Z_0^1 = -I_{a2} Z_2$$

$$I_{a0} = -I_{a2} \frac{Z_2}{Z_0^1} = \frac{-E_a Z_2}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0^1 + Z_0^1 Z_1}$$

$$V_a = V_{a1} + V_{a2} + V_{a0}$$

$$= E_a - I_{a1} Z_1 - I_{a2} Z_2 - I_{a0} (Z_0 + 3Z_n)$$

$$= E_a - \frac{E_a (Z_2 + Z_0)}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2} Z_1 + \frac{E_a Z_0 Z_2}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2} + \frac{E_a \cdot Z_2 (Z_0 + 3Z_n)}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2}$$

$$= E_a \frac{3Z_2 Z_0 + 3Z_2 Z_n}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2} = 3E_a \left(\frac{Z_2 (Z_0 + Z_n)}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0 + Z_0 Z_1} \right)$$

$$V_b = V_{a0} + a^2 V_{a1} + a V_{a2}$$

$$= -I_{a0} (Z_0 + 3Z_n) + a^2 [E_a - I_{a1} Z_1] + a [-I_{a2} Z_2]$$

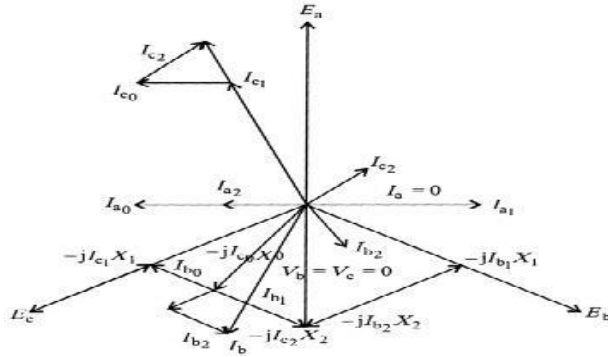
$$= \frac{E_a (Z_2) (Z_0 + 3Z_n)}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2} (Z_0 + 3Z_n) + a^2 \left[E_a - \frac{(E_a Z_2 + \dots)}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{E_a [Z_2 Z_0 + 3Z_2 Z_n] + a^2 E_a [Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0 + Z_0 Z_1 - Z_2 Z_1 - Z_0 Z_1]}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2 + a E_a Z_0 Z_2}$$

$$V_b = \frac{E_a [Z_0 Z_2 + a^2 Z_0 Z_2 + a Z_0 Z_2 - 3 Z_2 Z_n]}{\Sigma Z_1 Z_2}$$

$$= \frac{E_a [Z_0 Z_2 (1+a+a^2) + 3 Z_2 Z_n]}{Z_1 Z_2 + Z_2 Z_0 + Z_0 Z_1} = \frac{3 \cdot E_a \cdot Z_2 Z_n}{Z_1 Z_2 - Z_2 Z_0 + Z_0 Z_1}$$

if $Z_n = 0$; $V_b = 0$

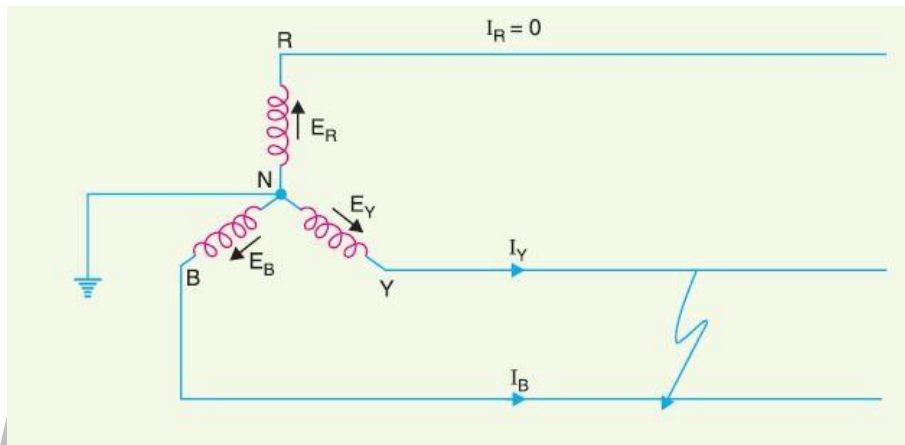


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LINE TO LINE FAULT ON A CONVENTIONAL GENERATOR

A line-to-line (L-L) fault involves a short circuit between two phase conductors that are assumed to be phases b and c. Therefore, there is symmetry with respect to the principal phase a. A line-to-line fault is illustrated in Fig

Consider a line to line fault between phase 'b' and phase 'c' as shown in figure, at the terminals of a conventional generator, whose neutral is grounded through a reactance.



Consider now the conditions under fault as under:

c.u.f.:

$$I_a = 0; I_b = -I_c; \text{ and } V_b = V_c \quad (4.8)$$

Now consider the symmetrical components of the voltage V_a with $V_b=V_c$, given by:

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{a0} \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a2} \end{bmatrix} = (1/3) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_b \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving the equation we get,

$$V_{a1} = V_{a2}$$

Further, consider the symmetrical components of current I_a with $I_b=-I_c$, and $I_a=0$; given by

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{a0} \\ I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \end{bmatrix} = (1/3) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_b \\ -I_b \end{bmatrix}$$

Solving above equation we get,

$$I_{a0} = 0; \text{ and } I_{a2} = -I_{a1}$$

Using equation above equation, and since $V_{a0} = 0$ (I_{a0} being 0), we get

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ V_{a1} \\ V_{a1} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ E_a \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} Z_0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & Z_1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & Z_2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ I_{a1} \\ -I_{a1} \end{bmatrix}$$

Pre-multiplying above equation throughout by $[0 \ 1 \ -1]$, we get,

$$V_{a1} - V_{a1} = E_a - I_{a1}Z_1 - I_{a1}Z_2 = 0$$

Or in other words,

$$I_{a1} = [E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2)]$$

The above equation derived implies that the three sequence networks are connected such that the zero sequence network is absent and only the positive and negative sequence networks are connected in series-opposition to simulate the LL fault, as shown in figure. Further we have the following relations satisfied under the fault conditions:

1. $I_{a1} = -I_{a2} = [E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2)]$ and $I_{a0} = 0$,
2. Fault current $I_f = I_b = -I_c = [3E_a / (Z_1 + Z_2)]$ (since $I_b = (a^2 - a)I_{a1} = 3I_{a1}$)
3. $V_{a1} = E_a - I_{a1}Z_1 = E_a Z_2 / (Z_1 + Z_2)$
4. $V_{a2} = V_{a1} = E_a Z_2 / (Z_1 + Z_2)$
5. $V_{a0} = 0$,
6. Fault phase voltages; $V_b = V_c = aV_{a1} + a^2V_{a2} + V_{a0} = (a + a^2)V_{a1} = -V_{a1}$
7. Sound phase voltage; $V_a = V_{a1} + V_{a2} + V_{a0} = 2V_{a1}$

8. Fault phase powers are $V_{b|b}^*$ and $V_{c|c}^*$

,9. Sound phase power: $V_a I_a^* = 0$,

10. Since $I_{a0}=0$, the presence of absence of neutral impedance does not make any difference in the analysis.

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Symmetrical components

Introduction

Installation 3 of these notes dealt primarily with networks that are balanced, in which the three voltages (and three currents) are identical but for exact 120° phase shifts. Unbalanced conditions may arise from unequal voltage sources or loads. It is possible to analyze some simple types of unbalanced networks using straightforward solution techniques and wye-delta transformations. However, power networks can become quite complex and many situations would be very difficult to handle using ordinary network analysis. For this reason, a technique which has come to be called symmetrical components has been developed.

Symmetrical components, in addition to being a powerful analytical tool, are also conceptually useful. The symmetrical components themselves, which are obtained from a transformation of the ordinary line voltages and currents, are useful in their own right. Symmetrical components have become accepted as one way of describing the properties of many types of network elements such as transmission lines, motors and generators

Symmetrical components of a 3 phase system

In a 3 phase system, the unbalanced vectors (either currents or voltage) can be resolved into three balanced system of vectors.

They are Positive sequence components

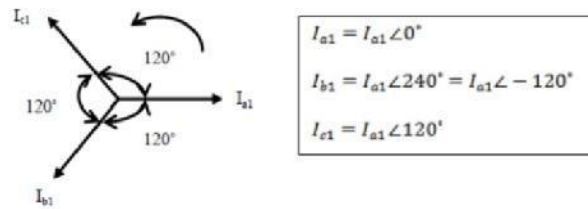
Negative sequence components

Zero sequence components

Unsymmetrical fault analysis can be done by using symmetrical components.

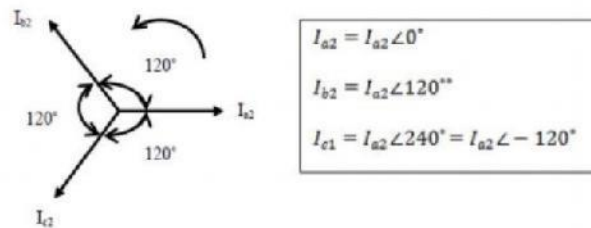
Positive sequence components

It consists of three components of equal magnitude, displaced each other by 120° in phase and having the phase sequence abc .



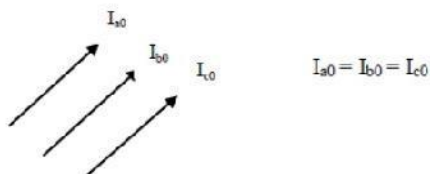
Negative sequence components

It consists of three components of equal magnitude, displaced each other by 120° in phase and having the phase sequence acb .



Zero sequence components

It consists of three phasors equal in magnitude and with zero phase displacement from each other.



Sequence operator:

In unbalanced problem, to find the relationship between phase voltages and phase currents, we use sequence operator 'a'.

$$a = 1 \angle 120^\circ = -0.5 + j0.86$$

$$a^2 = 1 \angle 240^\circ = -0.5 - j0.866$$
$$1 + a + a^2 = 0$$

Unbalanced currents from symmetrical currents

Let, I_a, I_b, I_c be the unbalanced phase currents

Let, I_{a0}, I_{a1}, I_{a2} be the symmetrical components of phase a

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \\ 1 & a & a^2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_{a0} \\ I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \end{bmatrix}$$

Determination of symmetrical currents from unbalanced currents.

Let, I_a, I_b, I_c be the unbalanced phase currents

Let, I_{a0}, I_{a1}, I_{a2} be the symmetrical components of phase a

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{a0} \\ I_{a1} \\ I_{a2} \end{bmatrix} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{bmatrix}$$

The Symmetrical Component Transformation

The basis for this analytical technique is a transformation of the three voltages and three currents

Into a second set of voltages and currents. This second set is known as the symmetrical components.

Working in complex amplitudes:

$$\begin{aligned}v_a &= \operatorname{Re}\left(V_a e^{j\omega t}\right) \\v_b &= \operatorname{Re}\left(V_b e^{j\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)}\right) \\v_c &= \operatorname{Re}\left(V_c e^{j\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)}\right)\end{aligned}$$

The transformation is defined as:

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

where the complex number \underline{a} is:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{a} &= e^{j\frac{2\pi}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} + j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \underline{a}^2 &= e^{j\frac{4\pi}{3}} = e^{-j\frac{2\pi}{3}} = -\frac{1}{2} - j\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \underline{a}^3 &= 1\end{aligned}$$

This transformation may be used for both voltage and current, and works for variables in

ordinary form as well as variables that have been normalized and are in per-unit form. The inverse

of this transformation is:

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

The three component variables V_1 , V_2 , V_0 are called, respectively, positive sequence, negative

sequence and zero sequence. They are called symmetrical components because, taken separately,

they transform into symmetrical sets of voltages. The properties of these components can be

demonstrated by transforming each one back into phase variables.

Consider first the positive sequence component taken by itself:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_1 &= V \\ \underline{V}_2 &= 0 \\ \underline{V}_0 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

yields:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_a &= V & \text{or} & & v_a &= V \cos \omega t \\ \underline{V}_b &= \underline{a}^2 V & \text{or} & & v_b &= V \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \underline{V}_c &= \underline{a} V & \text{or} & & v_c &= V \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\end{aligned}$$

This is the familiar balanced set of voltages: Phase b lags phase a by 120° , phase c lags phase

b and phase a lags phase c.

The same transformation carried out on a negative sequence voltage:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_1 &= 0 \\ \underline{V}_2 &= V \\ \underline{V}_0 &= 0\end{aligned}$$

yields:

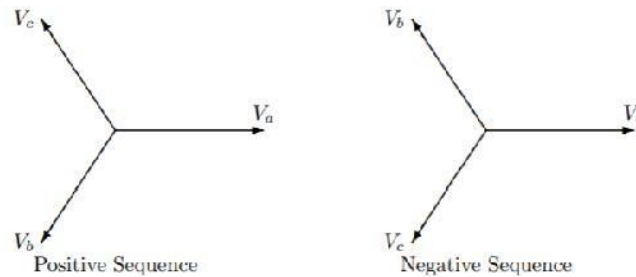
$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_a &= V & \text{or} & & v_a &= V \cos \omega t \\ \underline{V}_b &= \underline{a} V & \text{or} & & v_b &= V \cos\left(\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ \underline{V}_c &= \underline{a}^2 V & \text{or} & & v_c &= V \cos\left(\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)\end{aligned}$$

This is called negative sequence because the sequence of voltages is reversed: phase b now leads

phase a rather than lagging. Note that the negative sequence set is still balanced in the sense

that the phase components still have the same magnitude and are separated by 120° . The only

difference between positive and negative sequence is the phase rotation. This is shown in Figure



The third symmetrical component is zero sequence. If:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_1 &= 0 \\ \underline{V}_2 &= 0 \\ \underline{V}_0 &= V\end{aligned}$$

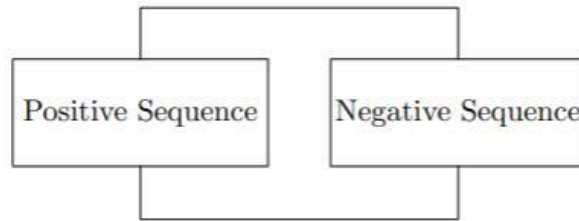
Then:

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{V}_a = V & \quad \text{or} \quad v_a = V \cos \omega t \\ \underline{V}_b = V & \quad \text{or} \quad v_b = V \cos \omega t \\ \underline{V}_c = V & \quad \text{or} \quad v_c = V \cos \omega t\end{aligned}$$

That is, all three phases are varying together. Positive and negative sequence sets contain those parts of the three-phase excitation that represent balanced normal and reverse phase sequence. Zero sequence is required to make up the difference between the total phase variables and the two rotating components. The great utility of symmetrical components is that, for most types of network elements, the symmetrical components are independent of each other. In particular, balanced impedances and rotating machines will draw only positive sequence currents in response to positive sequence voltages. It is thus possible to describe a network in terms of sub-networks, one for each of the symmetrical components. These are called sequence networks. A completely balanced network will have three entirely separate sequence networks. If a network is unbalanced at a particular spot, the sequence networks will be interconnected at that spot. The key to use of symmetrical components in handling unbalanced situations is in learning how to formulate those interconnections.

Sequence Impedances:

Many different types of network elements exhibit different behavior to the different symmetrical components. For example, as we will see shortly, transmission lines have one impedance for positive and negative sequence, but an entirely different impedance to zero sequence. Rotating machines have different impedances to all three sequences.



To illustrate the independence of symmetrical components in balanced networks, consider the transmission line illustrated back in Figure 20 of Installment 3 of these notes. The expressions for voltage drop in the lines may be written as a single vector expression:

$$\underline{V}_{ph1} - \underline{V}_{ph2} = j\omega \underline{L}_{ph} \underline{I}_{ph}$$

Where

$$\underline{V}_{ph} = \begin{bmatrix} V_a \\ V_b \\ V_c \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underline{I}_{ph} = \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{bmatrix}$$
$$\underline{L}_{ph} = \begin{bmatrix} L & M & M \\ M & L & M \\ M & M & L \end{bmatrix}$$

Note that the symmetrical component transformation (4) may be written in compact form:

$$\underline{V}_s = \underline{T} \underline{V}_p$$

Where

$$\underline{\underline{T}} = \frac{1}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and \underline{V}_s is the vector of sequence voltages:

$$\underline{V}_s = \begin{bmatrix} \underline{V}_1 \\ \underline{V}_2 \\ \underline{V}_0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}\underline{V}_{s1} - \underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}\underline{V}_{s2} = j\omega\underline{\underline{L}}_{ph}\underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}\underline{I}_s$$

Then transforming to get sequence voltages:

$$\underline{V}_{s1} - \underline{V}_{s2} = j\omega\underline{\underline{T}}\underline{\underline{L}}_{ph}\underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}\underline{I}_s$$

The sequence inductance matrix is defined by carrying out the operation indicated:

$$\underline{\underline{L}}_s = \underline{\underline{T}}\underline{\underline{L}}_{ph}\underline{\underline{T}}^{-1}$$

which is:

$$\underline{\underline{L}}_s = \begin{bmatrix} L - M & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & L - M & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & L + 2M \end{bmatrix}$$

Thus the coupled set of expressions which described the transmission line in phase variables becomes an uncoupled set of expressions in the symmetrical components:

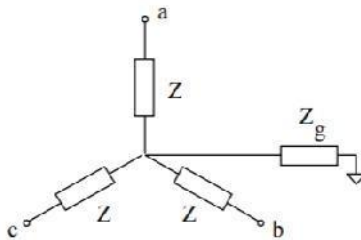
$$\begin{aligned} \underline{V}_{11} - \underline{V}_{12} &= j\omega(L - M)\underline{I}_1 \\ \underline{V}_{21} - \underline{V}_{22} &= j\omega(L - M)\underline{I}_2 \\ \underline{V}_{01} - \underline{V}_{02} &= j\omega(L + 2M)\underline{I}_0 \end{aligned}$$

The positive, negative and zero sequence impedances of the balanced transmission line are then:

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{Z}_1 &= \underline{Z}_2 = j\omega(L - M) \\ \underline{Z}_0 &= j\omega(L + 2M) \end{aligned}$$

So, in analysis of networks with transmission lines, it is now possible to replace the lines with three independent, single-phase networks. Consider next a balanced three-phase load with its neutral connected to ground through an impedance as shown in Figure. The symmetrical component voltage-current relationship for this network is found simply, by assuming positive, negative and zero sequence currents and finding the corresponding voltages. If this is done, it is found that the symmetrical components are independent, and that the voltage current relationships are:

$$\begin{aligned}V_1 &= ZI_1 \\V_2 &= ZI_2 \\V_0 &= (Z + 3Z_g)I_0\end{aligned}$$



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