# ECE 330 POWER CIRCUITS AND ELECTROMECHANICS 

## LECTURE 3 THREE-PHASE CONNECTIONS (1)

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## WHY THREE-PHASE?

- Most effective in terms of equipment and wires.
- Produces smooth rotating magnetic field.
- Constant instantaneous power.


## THREE-PHASE VOLTAGES

- The three phases are usually referred to as $a b c$.
- Another standard notation is RYB (Red-Yellow-Blue).
- Voltages:

- Same magnitude.
- Same frequency.
- Out of phase by $120^{\circ}$.



## THREE-PHASE VOLTAGES

- Positive-sequence voltages are most common ( $a b c$ ).

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\begin{aligned}
& v_{a a^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos (\omega t) \\
& v_{b b^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t-120^{\circ}\right) \\
& v_{c c^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t+120^{\circ}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\bar{V}_{a a^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle \mathrm{0}^{\circ}
$$

$$
\bar{V}_{b b^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle-120^{\circ}
$$

$$
\bar{v}_{c c^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle+120^{\circ}
$$

- Negative-sequence voltages, flip $b$ and $c(a c b)$.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& v_{a a^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos (\omega t) \\
& v_{b b^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t+120^{\circ}\right) \\
& v_{c c^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t-120^{\circ}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{V}_{a a^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle 0^{\circ} \\
& \bar{V}_{b b^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle+120^{\circ} \\
& \bar{V}_{c c^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle-120^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

## THREE-PHASE VOLTAGES

- If phase $a$ has angle $\theta_{V}$, the positive sequence is (you practice the negative sequence):

$$
\begin{aligned}
v_{a a^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t+\theta_{v}\right) & \bar{V}_{a a^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle \theta_{v} \\
v_{b b^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t+\theta_{v}-120^{\circ}\right) & \bar{V}_{b b^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle\left(\theta_{v}-120^{\circ}\right) \\
v_{c c^{\prime}}(t)=V_{m} \cos \left(\omega t+\theta_{v}+120^{\circ}\right) & \bar{V}_{c c^{\prime}}=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle\left(\theta_{v}+120^{\circ}\right) \\
\text { - Phasor representation: } &
\end{aligned}
$$



## THREE-PHASE CONNECTIONS

- In general, positive sequence is used unless otherwise specified.
- Two main connections:
- Wye (Y)
- Delta ( $\Delta$ )



## PHASE AND LINE

- Phase voltage $\left(V_{\theta}\right)$ and phase current $\left(I_{\theta}\right)$ are defined across an element:

- Line-to-line (or line) voltage ( $V_{l /}$ ) and line current $\left(I_{1}\right)$ are defined on the line: +



## THREE-PHASE CONNECTION

## WYE CONNECTION:

The three windings are represented by coils. In the wye connection, terminals $a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}$, and $c^{\prime}$ are joined and labeled as terminal $n$, also called the neutral terminal

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\begin{aligned}
& {\overline{V_{a a^{\prime}}}+{\overline{V_{b b^{\prime}}}+\overline{V_{c c^{\prime}}}}^{=\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle 0^{o}+\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle-120^{\circ}}}_{+\frac{V_{m}}{\sqrt{2}} \angle+120^{\circ}=0}
\end{aligned}
$$


(a)


## THREE-PHASE CONNECTION

## DELTA CONNECTION:

In the delta connection, terminal $a^{\prime}$ is connected to $b$, and $b^{\prime}$ to $c$ Finally, $c^{\prime}$ can be connected to terminal $a$.

The voltage across $v_{a c^{\prime}}=v_{a a^{\prime}}(t)+v_{b b^{\prime}}(t)+v_{c c^{\prime}}(t)$ and is identically equal to zero

(c)


## Y OR $\Delta$ CONNECTION?



## Y-CONNECTION

- Voltages can be line-to-line ( $V_{I l}$ ) or line-to-neutral ( $V_{I n}$ ).
- Currents can be line $\left(I_{l}\right)$ or phase $\left(I_{\partial}\right)$.
- Line-to-line voltages can be referred to as line voltages $\left(V_{J}\right)$.
- Line-to-neutral voltages can be referred to as phase
voltages $\left(V_{\nrightarrow}\right)$.


## Y-CONNECTION

- Line-to-line voltages are $v_{a b}, v_{b c}$, and $v_{c a}$.
- Line-to-neutral voltages are $v_{a n}, v_{b n}$, and $v_{c n}$ which are also

$$
\overline{V_{a n}}=V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ}, \overline{V_{b n}}=V_{\phi} \angle-120^{\circ}, \overline{V_{c n}}=V_{\phi} \angle+120^{\circ} .
$$

- Example: $\bar{V}_{a b}=\bar{V}_{a n}-\bar{V}_{b n}$ and so on.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \overline{V_{b c}}=\overline{V_{b n}}-\overline{V_{c n}} \\
& \overline{V_{c a}}=\overline{V_{c n}}-\overline{V_{a n}}
\end{aligned}
$$



## Y-CONNECTION

- Thus:

$$
\left(\bar{V}_{a b}=V_{\phi} \angle 0^{\circ}-V_{\phi} \angle-120^{\circ}\right.
$$

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\bar{V}_{a b}=\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle 30^{\circ} \\
\bar{V}_{b c}=\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle-90^{\circ} \\
\bar{V}_{c a}=\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle+150^{\circ}
\end{array}\right.
$$



$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\left|V_{u}\right|=\sqrt{3}\left|V_{\phi}\right| \\
\bar{I}_{t}=\bar{I}_{\phi}
\end{array}\right.
$$

## Y OR $\Delta$ CONNECTION?

In distribution, the secondary winding is often in wye,
as it provides a neutral for single or three phase loads.
The primary is often in delta, as it allows 3rd
harmonics to flow within the transformer and prevent
it flowing into the supply.

## Y OR $\Delta$ CONNECTION?

- In Y connection, voltage across each coil is smaller than the line voltage, so it is preferable where high line voltage are used as in high voltage power systems, to protect coils from high voltage.
- In delta connection current passing through coils are smaller than line currents, therefore coils can be rated for smaller current.


## Y-SOURCE, Y-LOAD



$$
\bar{V}_{a n}=\bar{I}_{a} \bar{Z}+\bar{I}_{n} \bar{Z}_{n}
$$

but by $K C L, \bar{I}_{a}+\bar{I}_{b}+\bar{I}_{c}=\bar{I}_{n}$

$$
\bar{V}_{b n}=\bar{I}_{b} \bar{Z}+\bar{I}_{n} \bar{Z}_{n}
$$

$$
\Rightarrow \bar{I}_{n}\left(\bar{Z}^{2}+3 \bar{Z}_{n}\right)=0
$$

$$
\bar{V}_{c n}=\bar{I}_{c} \bar{Z}+\bar{I}_{n} \bar{Z}_{n}
$$

$$
\Rightarrow \bar{I}_{n}=0
$$

$$
\text { add }: 0=\left(\bar{I}_{a}+\bar{I}_{b}+\bar{I}_{c}\right) \bar{Z}+3 \bar{I}_{n} \bar{Z}_{n} \quad \Rightarrow \bar{I}_{a}=\frac{\bar{V}_{a n}}{\bar{Z}}, \bar{I}_{b}=\frac{\bar{V}_{b n}}{\bar{Z}}, \bar{I}_{c}=\frac{\bar{V}_{c n}}{\bar{Z}}
$$

## Y-SOURCE, Y-LOAD

- For a load impedance $\bar{Z}=Z \angle \theta$,

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\begin{aligned}
& \bar{I}_{a}=\frac{\overline{V_{a n}}}{\bar{Z}}=\frac{V_{\phi} \angle 0}{Z \angle \theta}=I_{\phi} \angle-\theta=I_{l} \angle-\theta \\
& \bar{I}_{b}=\frac{V_{b n}}{\bar{Z}}=\frac{V_{\phi} \angle-120^{\circ}}{Z \angle \theta}=I_{\phi} \angle\left(-120^{\circ}-\theta\right)=I_{l} \angle\left(-120^{\circ}-\theta\right) \\
& \bar{I}_{c}=\frac{\overline{V_{c n}}}{\bar{Z}}=\frac{V_{\phi} \angle+120^{\circ}}{Z \angle \theta}=I_{\phi} \angle\left(+120^{\circ}-\theta\right)=I_{l} \angle\left(+120^{\circ}-\theta\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Y-SOURCE, Y-LOAD

$$
\begin{aligned}
\bar{S}_{3 \phi} & =\bar{S}_{a}+\bar{S}_{b}+\bar{S}_{c}+\bar{S}_{n}, \text { if } \bar{S}_{n}=0 \text { i.e. balanced load } \\
& =\bar{V}_{a n} \bar{I}_{a}^{*}+\bar{b}_{b n} \bar{I}_{b}^{*}+\bar{V}_{c n} \bar{I}_{c}^{*} \\
& =\bar{a}_{a n} \bar{I}_{a}^{*}+\bar{V}_{b n} \bar{I}_{b}^{*}+\bar{V}_{c n}\left(-\bar{I}_{a}^{*}-\bar{I}_{b}^{*}\right) \\
& =\left(\bar{V}_{a n}-\bar{V}_{c n}\right) \bar{I}_{a}^{*}+\left(\bar{V}_{b n}-\bar{V}_{c n}\right) \bar{I}_{b}^{*} \\
& =\bar{b}_{b c} \bar{I}_{b}^{*}-\bar{V}_{c a} \bar{I}_{a}^{*}
\end{aligned}
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## Y-SOURCE, Y-LOAD

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle-90^{\circ} I_{\phi} \angle\left(+120^{\circ}+\theta\right)-\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} \angle 150^{\circ} I_{\phi} \angle(\theta) \\
& =\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} I_{\phi}\left[1 \angle\left(+30^{\circ}+\theta\right)-1 \angle\left(+150^{\circ}+\theta\right)\right] \\
& =\sqrt{3} V_{\phi} I_{\phi}[\sqrt{3} \cos (\theta)+j \sqrt{3} \sin (\theta)] \\
\Rightarrow & \bar{S}_{3 \phi}=3 V_{\phi} I_{\phi} \angle \theta \\
\Leftrightarrow & \bar{S}_{3 \phi}=\sqrt{3} V_{l l} I_{l} \angle \theta
\end{aligned}
$$

## Y-SOURCE, Y-LOAD

- Therefore,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \bar{S}_{3 \varphi}=\sqrt{3} V_{l l} I_{l} \angle \theta \\
& \Rightarrow P_{3 \varphi}=\sqrt{3} V_{l l} I_{l} \cos (\theta) \\
& \Rightarrow Q_{3 \varphi}=\sqrt{3} V_{l l} I_{l} \sin (\theta)
\end{aligned}
$$

- Note that $\left(V_{I I}\right)$ can also be written as $\left(V_{I}\right)$.


## READING MATERIAL

- Reading material: Sections 2.5.1 and 2.5.2.
- Recommended reading for next time: Continue section 2.5.2 and section 2.5.3.

