<u>3 PHASE CIRCUITS</u>

The single phase system is used for the operation almost all the domestic of and commercial applications like lamps, fans, electric irons, TV's, refrigerators, washing machines, computers etc..., But it has its own limitations in Generation Transmission Distribution and industrial applications . Due to these variations in these parameters, the single phase system has been replaced by poly phase system, which is commonly used for generation, transmission and distribution of Electric Power.



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PHASE AND PHASE DIFFERENCE

Phase means windings or circuits and each of them having an alternating voltage of the same magnitude and frequency.

The angular displacement between adjacent electrical quantity is called phase difference and depends on No. of phases. The phase difference is denoted by Φ

: Phase Difference (Φ) = (360 ° electrical) /(No. of Phases)

However the above relation is not good enough for the two phase system. In two phase system the phase difference is 90° .

PHASE SEQUENCE

In 3ϕ system there are three voltages having same magnitude and frequency displacing by an angle of 120. These three voltages can attain their maximum value in a particular order.

The order or sequence in which the all these voltages attain their maximum value in the 3ϕ is called *PHASE SEQUENCE*.

Generally the three phases may be represented by numbers i.e. 1, 2, 3 or by letters a, b, c or by colors RED, YELLOW, BLUE. In INDIA they are named as RYB.

The RYB or YBR or BRY is considered as appositive phase sequence where as RBY, BYR, YRB are considered as negative phase sequence.

The main significance concern regarding the usage of finding the phase sequence is:

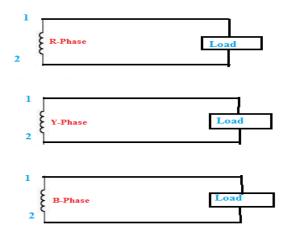
- The direction of rotation of 3φ Induction motors depends upon the phase sequence of 3φ supply. To reverse the direction of rotation, the phase sequence of supply given to motor has to be changed.
- The parallel operation of alternators and T/F s is possible if the phase sequence is known.

ADVANTAGES OF 36 SUPPLY OVER 16 SUPPLY

- A poly phase 3φ system requires less conductor material than the 1φ supply for same amount of power at same voltage level.
- For same size of machine, the poly phase machine gives higher output than 1¢ machine.
- Poly phase motor gives uniform torque, where as 1¢ motor gives pulsating torque.
- 3\$\phi\$ induction motors are self starting motors but 1\$\phi\$ motors are not self starting.
- > For same power rating the P.F of 1 ϕ motors is less than 3 ϕ motors
- > The parallel operation of 3 ϕ alternators or transformers id simple compared to 1 ϕ alternators and transformers.

CONNECTION OF THREE PHASES

Each coil of three phases has two terminals: one is starting terminal represented by 1 and other is ending terminal represented by 2, as shown below.



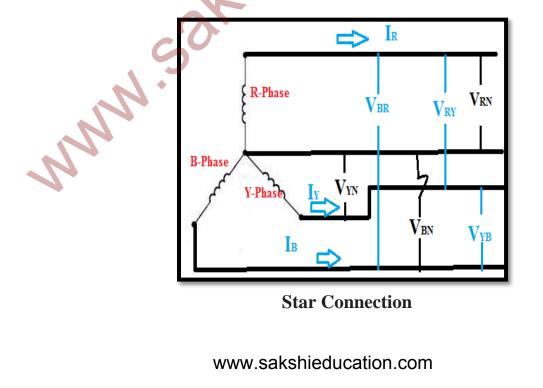
Therefore it requires 6 terminal or conductors which make total system expensive. Hence the three phases are generally interconnected.

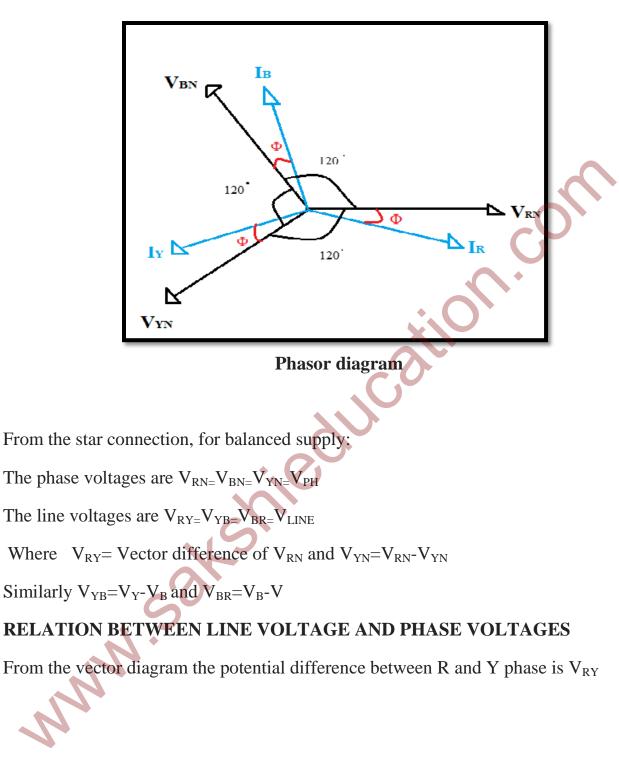
The general methods of interconnection are

- STAR or WYE CONNECTION.
- ✤ DELTA or MESH CONNECTION.

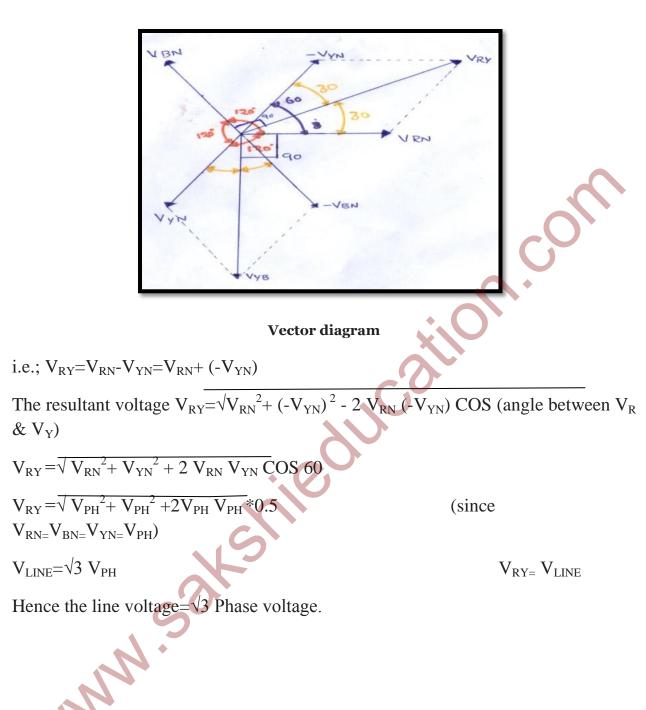
(a) STAR OR WYE CONNECTION

If all similar terminals (i.e., starting ends or finishing ends) of three phase windings are connected to a common point as shown in fig, then the id is called star connection. This common point is called as star point or Neutral point.





From the vector diagram the potential difference between R and Y phase is V_{RY}



1. RELATION BETWEEN LINE AND PHASE CURRENTS

In the star connected system, each conductor or wdg is connected to separate phase, so the current flowing through the line and phase are same. i.e.; the current in phase R-phase is I_R , current in Y phase is $I_{Y_{.}}$

For balanced supply $I_R = I_Y = I_B = I_{PH} = I_L$

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\label{eq:line_current} \begin{array}{l} \text{Line current} \left( I_L \right) = & \text{phase current} \left( I_{PH} \right) \\ & \text{www.sakshieducation.com} \end{array}
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2. POWER EXPRESSION

If ' Φ ' is the phase difference or phase angle between the phase current (I_{Ph}) and voltage (V_{Ph}), then the expression for power per phase is:

and $I_{Ph}=I_{I}$

 $P=V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Cos \Phi ----- 1- \Phi$

P=3(Power per phase) ----- 3- Φ

 $= 3 (V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Cos \Phi)$

But for star connection, $V_{Ph} = V_L / \sqrt{3}$

: Power (p) = 3 (V_L/ $\sqrt{3}$) I_L Cos Φ watts for 3- Φ

Reactive power (Q) = 3(Reactive Power per phase)

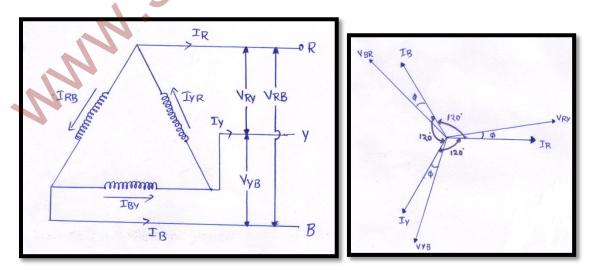
 $= 3 (V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Sin \Phi)$

Reactive power (Q) = 3 (V_L/ $\sqrt{3}$) I_L Sin Φ var

 $Q = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \sin \Phi$ var

DELTA OR MESH CONNECTION

If all dissimilar ends of the 3Φ windings are joined together to form a closed path or the three ways are joined in series to form a closed path, then this connection is called delta or mesh connection. i.e.; if the starting ends of one phase is joined to finishing end of other phase and so on as shown below fig:



Delta connection.sakshieducation.comector Diagram

(i).RELATION BETWEEN PHASE AND LINE VOLTAGES

In delta or mesh connection, there is no neutral point, so the potential difference between the two phases is called line voltage and it is also equal to phase voltage i.e;

 $V_{RY} = V_{RB} = V_{YB} = V_L = V_{Ph}$

Line voltage (V_L)=Phase voltage(V_{Ph})

(ii).RELATION BETWEEN PHASE AND LINE CURRENT.

From the above fig, the line current is vector difference phase current of two phases concern let I_{YR} , I_{RB} and I_{BY} are the phase currents i.e., the line current through R phase is

 $I_R = I_{YR} - I_{RB}$

 $=I_{YR}+(-I_{RB})$

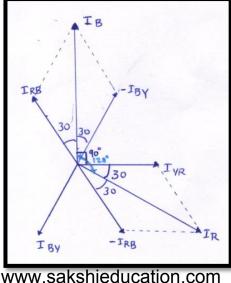
Similarly current through phase is $I_{Y} = I_{BY}-I_{YR}$

 $=I_{BY} + (-I_{YR})$

 $I_B = I_{RB} - I_{BY}$

 $=I_{RB} + (-I_{BY})$

The vector diagram representation of the currents of delta connection is shown in fig.



Vector Diagram

From the vector diagram, the line current I_R

 $I_{R} = \sqrt{I_{YR}^{2} + (-I_{RB})^{2} - 2 I_{YR} (-I_{RB}) COS (angle between I_{YR} \& I_{RB})}$ $=\sqrt{I_{YR}^{2}+I_{RB}^{2}+2I_{YR}}$ I_{RB} COS 60 $=\sqrt{I_{PH}^{2}+I_{PH}^{2}+2I_{PH}}$ IPH *0.5 $I_L = \sqrt{3} I_{PH}$

i.e.; line current= $\sqrt{3}$ Phase current

(iii) POWER EXPRESSION

We know that power per phase = $V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Cos \Phi$

Total power for 3- Φ or Active power (p) = 3 V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Cos Φ

$$= 3 V_{L} (I_{L} / \sqrt{3}) \cos \Phi \quad \because I_{PH} = I_{L} / \sqrt{3}$$

 $= \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \Phi \qquad \therefore V_{Ph} = V_L$

Reactive power (Q) = 3(Reactive Power per phase)

= 3 (V_{Ph} I_{Ph} Sin Φ)

Reactive power (Q) = $3 V_L (I_L / \sqrt{3}) \sin \Phi$ var

$$Q = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L Sin \Phi$$
 var

Difference between star and delta connection:

Star Connection	Delta Connection
 Similar ends are joined together i.e. all starting or finishing ends are joined together to form a star connection 	together or three windings are
2. Phase Voltage= Line voltage/ $\sqrt{3}$ phase current=Line current	2. Phase current = Line current $/\sqrt{3}$ Phase voltage = Line voltage
3. Available of neutral point	3. Neutral point is not available
4. It provides 3Φ 4 wire arrangement	4. It provides 3Φ 3 wire arrangement
5. Line voltage lead phase voltage by 30°.	5. Phase current leads line current by 30°
6. Active power and reactive power for 3Φ is $P = 3 (V_L/\sqrt{3}) I_L \cos \Phi$ watts $Q = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \sin \Phi$ var	for 3Φ is
7. In a balanced system the potential of neutral point is zero $V_N = V_{RN} + V_{YN} + V_{BN} = 0$	
8. It can be used for lighting and power loads	8. It is used for power loads only.

Measurement of power in $3 - \Phi$ system (Balanced or unbalanced system)

The power in 3- Φ system can be measured by using following methods

- 1. Three wattmeter method
- 2. Two wattmeter method www.sakshieducation.com

3. Single wattmeter method

THREE WATTMETER METHOD

In this method, three wattcmeters are connected in each of three phases of load whether star or delta connected. The current coil of each wattmeter carries the current of one coil only and pressure coil measure the phase voltage of the phase as shown below in fig

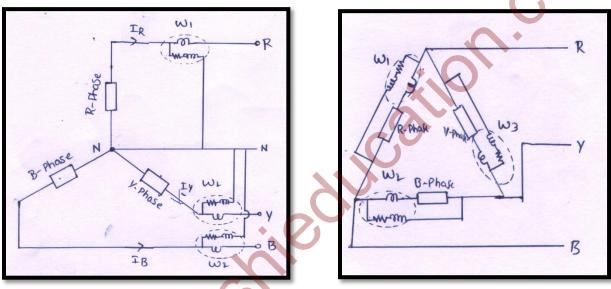
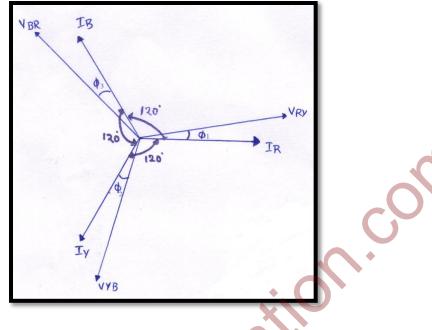


Fig: Three wattmeter method - Star

NNN



The total power in load is given by algebraic sum of the readings .Let W_1, W_2, W_3 are the readings of wattemeters then the total power supplied to 3 – Φ load is P= $W_1+W_2+W_3$.



Phasor diagram

The Three wattmeter method is suitable for measurement of 3- Φ unbalanced power. Let us consider I_R, I_Y, I_B are the currents of R, Y, B phases respectively which are nothing but phase and line currents. From circuit V_{RN}, V_{BN}, V_{YN} be the phase voltages (V_{PH}) and V_{RY}, V_{YB}, V_{BR} be the line voltages (V_L).

Current through wattmeter 1 is I_R and voltage across pressure coil of wattmeter 1 is V_{RN} now reading in wattmeter 1 is

$$W_1 = V_{RN} I_R \cos \Phi_1$$

 $W_1 = V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi_1$

Current through wattmeter 2 is I_Y and voltage across pressure coil of wattmeter 1 is V_{YN} now reading in wattmeter 2 is:

$$W_2 = V_{YN} I_y \cos \Phi_2$$

 $W_2 = V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi_2$

Current through wattmeter 3 is I_B and voltage across pressure coil of wattmeter 3 is V_{BN} now reading in wattmeter 3 is

 $W_3 = V_{YN} I_y \cos \Phi_3$

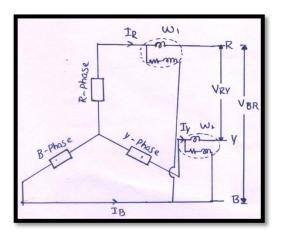
 $W_3 = V_{PH} I_{PH} cos \Phi_3$

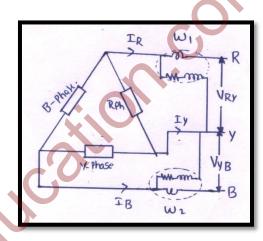
Total power measured by three wattcmeters is $P = W_1 + W_2 + W_3$

$$P = V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi_1 + V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi_2 + V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi_3$$

Two Wattmeter method

The two wattmeter method is suitable for both balanced and unbalanced load. In this method, the current coils of two wattcmeters are inserted in any two Phases and pressure coils of each joined to third phase.

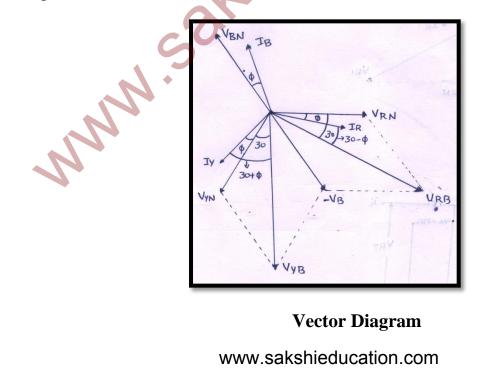




Two wattmeter method- Star



The total power absorbed by the 3Φ balanced load is the sum of powers obtained by wattemeters W_1 and W_2 . When load is assumed as inductive load, the vector diagram for such a balanced star connected load is shown below



Let V_{RN} , V_{BN} , V_{YN} are the phase voltages and I_R , I_Y , I_B are currents (phase or line). Since load is inductive, the current lags their respective phase voltages by phase angle (Φ).

Let the current through wattmeter $w_1 = I_R$

Potential difference across pressure coil of wattmeter $w_1 = V_{RB} = V_{RN} - V_{BN}$

From vector diagram phase angle between V_{RB} and I_R is 30- Φ .

: Reading of wattmeter $W_1 = V_{RB} I_R \cos(30-\Phi)$

 $=V_L I_L \cos(30-\Phi)$ —

Similarly current through wattmeter $w_2=I_Y$

Potential difference across pressure coil of wattmeter 2 $W_2 = V_{YB}$

The phase difference / angle between V_{YB} and I_Y is $30+\Phi$

: Reading of wattmeter $W_2 = V_{YB} I_Y \cos(30 + \Phi)$

 $= V_L I_L \cos(30 + \Phi) \qquad (2)$

Total power (P) = $w_1 + w_2$

$$= V_L I_L \cos(30-\Phi) + V_L I_L \cos(30+\Phi)$$

 $P = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \Phi \text{ watts.}$ (3)

Hence the sum of two wattemeters gives the total power absorbed by the 3Φ load.

Similarly to find Power factor

$$w_1 w_2 = V_L I_L \cos(30 - \Phi) + V_L I_L \cos(30 + \Phi)$$

 $\mathbf{w}_1 \cdot \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{V}_L \mathbf{I}_L \sin \Phi - \mathbf{v}_L \mathbf{v}$

Dividing equation (3) by (4)

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}(w1 - w2)}{w1 + w2} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \text{VL IL sin}\Phi}{\sqrt{3} \text{VL IL cos}\Phi}$$

 \therefore Phase angle $\Phi = + \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}(w1-w2)}{w1-w2} \right)$

+ for lagging or inductive

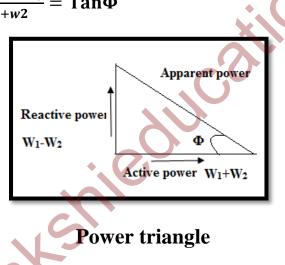
(1)

 $=V_{Y}-V_{B}$

Power factor is nothing but **COS** $\Phi = \text{COS} \pm \left(\tan^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{3}(w1-w2)}{w1+w2} \right)$

REACTIVE POWER MEASUREMENT WITH TWO WATTMETER METHOD

We know that $\frac{\sqrt{3}(w1-w2)}{w1+w2} = \text{Tan}\Phi$



In the balanced condition, from above relations and power triangle, the reactive power is given by $\sqrt{3}$ times the difference of readings of wattcmeters used.

• Reactive power = $\sqrt{3}$ (W₁-W₂) var

We know the value of (W_1-W_2) from eqn (4)

 \Rightarrow Reactive power = $\sqrt{3}$ (V_L I_L sin Φ) var

Variations in wattmeter readings in 2 wattmeter method due to power factor

We know that, for balanced inductive load

Reading of wattmeter 1 is $W_1 = V_L I_L \cos(30-\Phi)$

Reading of wattmeter 2 is $W_2 = V_1 L_{cos}(30+\Phi)$ www.sakshieducation.com

From above equation, it is clear that readings of wattcmeters not only depend on load but also depends on its phase angle i.e.

i. When $\Phi = 0^\circ$ i.e. power factor =cos Φ = unity (resistive load)

Then $W_1 = W_2 = \cos 30^\circ$

The readings of both wattcmeters are same.

ii. When $\Phi = 60^\circ$ i.e power factor =cos $\Phi = 0.5$ lag

Then
$$W_1 = V_L I_L \cos (30^\circ - 60^\circ) = V_L I_L \cos 30^\circ$$

 $W_2 = V_L I_L Cos(30^\circ + 60^\circ) = 0$

Hence wattmeters 1 only read power

iii. When $90 > \Phi > 60$ i.e $0.5 > \cos \Phi > 0$

When phase angle is 60 to 90, then the wattmeter W_1 readings are positive and readings of wattmeter W_2 will be reversed. For getting the total power, the readings of W_2 is to be subtracted from that of W_1 .

iv. When
$$\Phi = 90^\circ$$
 i.e power factor = 0

Then
$$W_1 = V_L I_L \cos (30^{\circ} - 90^{\circ}) = V_L I_L \cos 60^{\circ}$$

$$W_2 = V_L I_L \cos (30^\circ + 90^\circ) = -V_L I_L \sin 30^\circ$$

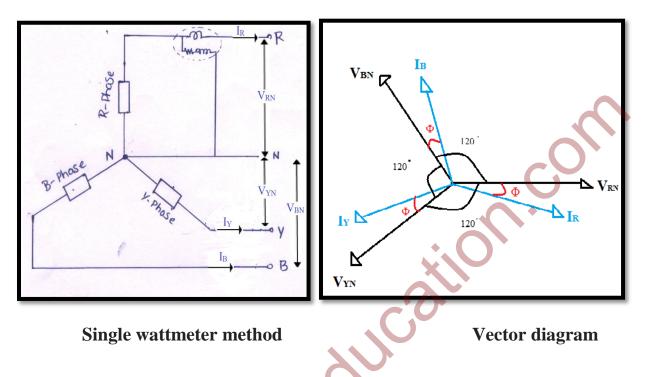
These two readings are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign

 \therefore Total power = W₁+W₂=0

SINGLE WATTMETER METHOD

The single wattmeter method is used to measure the power of 3- Φ balanced system. Let Z_R, Z_Y, Z_B are the impedances of R, Y, B phases. I_R, I_Y, I_B are currents through R, Y, B phases respectively.

 $V_{RN,} V_{BN,} V_{YN}$ be the phase voltages (V_{PH}) and V_{RY,} V_{YB,} V_{BR} be the line voltages (V_L).



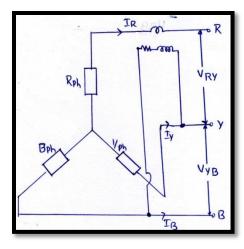
From above diagram, the current through wattmeter is I_R , voltage across pressure coil is V_{RN} . Now wattmeter reading is:

 $W = V_{RN} I_R \cos \Phi = V_{PH} I_{PH} \cos \Phi$ Total power = 3* V_{PH} I_{PH} cos Φ

 $= \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \Phi \qquad \because V_L = \sqrt{3} V_{PH} \& I_L = I_{PH}$

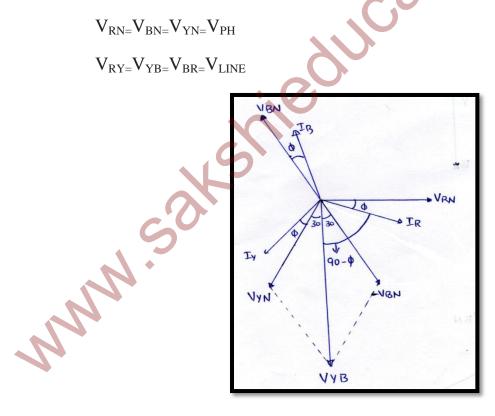
MEASUREMENT OF REACTIVE POWER IN SINGLE WATTMETER METHOD

The reactive power of 3Φ circuit can be measured using compensated wattmeter. The circuit diagram of 3Φ star connection with compensated wattmeter is shown below.





 $V_{RN,}\,V_{BN,}\,V_{YN}$ be the phase voltages (V_{PH}) and $V_{RY,}\,V_{YB,}\,V_{BR}$ be the line voltages $(V_L\,)$.



Vector diagram

Current through the current coil of wattmeter is I_R

Voltage across pressure coil of wattmeter = V_{YB} = V_{Y} - V_{B}

Wattmeter reading = $\sqrt{3}$ V_{PW} Siakshieducation.com

= $\sqrt{3} (\sqrt{3} V_{PH} I_{PH} Sin \Phi)$

 $Q = 3 \ V_{PH} I_{PH} \ Sin \Phi$

UNBALANCED SYSTEMS

A system is said to be balanced system if the impedances or phase angle or frequencies of three phases is same otherwise it is called as unbalanced system.

There are two types of unbalanced systems. Those are

- 1. Three phase four wire system (star connection with neutral)
- 2. Three phase three wire system(Delta or Star connection with Neutral)

1. THREE PHASE FOUR WIRE SYSTEM

The three phase three wire unbalanced system can be solved by any one

of the following methods.

- i) Star to Delta conversion method
- ii) Loop or Mesh analysis method.
- iii) Milliman's Method

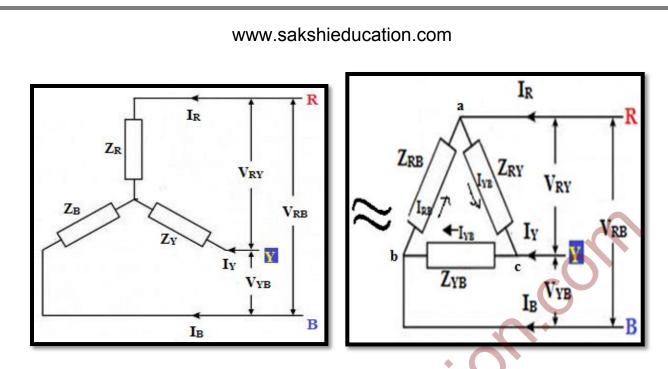
STAR TO DELTA CONNECTION

Star to Delta conversion method is used to solve 3Φ , 3 wire unbalanced system. Let us consider the 3 Φ star connection without neutral as shown below. Let the phase sequence be R, Y & B.

Let Z_R , Z_{Y} , Z_B are the impedances of R, Y, B phases. I_R , I_Y , I_B are currents through R, Y, B phases respectively.

 $V_{RN,}\,V_{BN,}\,V_{YN}$ be the phase voltages (V_{PH}) and $V_{RY,}\,V_{YB,}\,V_{BR}$ be the line voltages (V_L) .

$$V_{RN} \neq V_{BN} \neq V_{YN} \neq V_{PH}$$



 Z_{RY} , Z_{RB} and Z_{YB} are the branch impedances and are determined as

 $Z_{RY} = Z_R + Z_Y + (Z_R Z_Y) / Z_B$ $Z_{RB} = Z_R + Z_B + (Z_R Z_B) / Z_Y$ $Z_{YB} = Z_Y + Z_B + (Z_Y Z_B) / Z_R$

Brach Currents

If I_{RY} , I_{YB} , I_{BR} are the Brach currents, then can be determined as:

 $I_{RY} = V_{RY} \angle 0^{\circ} / Z_{RY}$ $I_{YB} = V_{YB} \angle -120^{\circ} / Z_{RY}$ $I_{RB} = V_{RB} \angle -240^{\circ} / Z_{RY}$

Line currents

 I_R , I_Y , I_B are the line currents and can be determined as follows:

At point 'a' $I_{RB} + I_R = I_{RY}$

 $I_R = I_{RY} - I_{RB}$

At point 'b' $I_{YB} + I_Y = I_{RB}$

 $I_{Y}\!\!=I_{RB}\!\!-I_{YB}$

At point 'c' $I_{RY} + I_Y = I_{YB}$ www.sakshieducation.com

 $I_{Y} = I_{YB} - I_{RY}$

The voltage across Z_R is $V_{ZR} = I_R Z_R$

Voltage across Z_Y is $V_{ZY}=I_YZ_Y$

Voltage across Z_B is $V_{ZB} = I_B Z_B$

LOOP OR MESH ANALYSIS

The loop or mesh analysis method is used to solve the 3Φ , star without neutral system. Let us consider a star without neutral as shown below. Let the phase sequence as RYB

Let Z_R , Z_Y , Z_B are the impedances of R, Y, B phases.

Voltage across R & Y is $V_{RY} \angle 0^{\circ}$

Voltage across Y & B is V_{YB} 2-120

Voltage across R& B is $V_{RB} \angle -240^{\circ}$

 I_R , I_Y , I_B are the line or phase currents

Applying KVL to loop 1

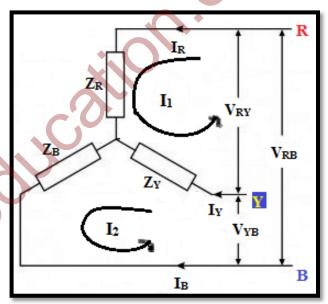
$$V_{RY} \angle 0 = I_1 Z_R + (I_1 - I_2) Z_Y$$
$$V_{RY} \angle 0 = I_1 Z_R + I_1 Z_Y - I_2 Z_Y$$

 $V_{RY} \angle 0 = I_1 (Z_R + Z_Y) - I_2 Z_Y$

Find I_1 from above equation

$$I_{1} = \frac{V_{RY} \angle \mathbf{0} + Z_{Y}I_{2}}{Z_{R} + Z_{Y}}$$

Applying KVL to loop 2 www.sakshieducation.com



$$V_{YB} \angle -120 = (I_2 - I_1) Z_Y + Z_B I_2$$

$$V_{YB} \angle -120 = -I_1 Z_Y + (Z_B + Z_Y) I_2$$

Now by substituting I1 in above equation we get I_2

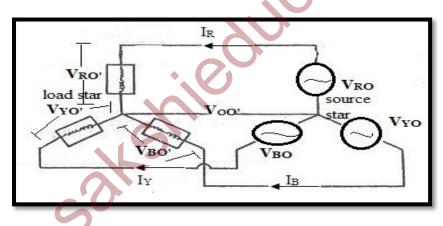
From circuit branch currents are $I_R = I_1$

$$I_{Y} = I_{1} - I_{2}$$

MILLIMAN'S THEOREM

Consider a 3Φ star without neutral is excited by star connected supply as shown in fig.

Let Z_R , Z_Y , Z_B are the impedances of R, Y, B phases. I_R , I_Y , I_B are the currents of R, Y, B phases.



According to millimans theorem,

The voltage at load star point o' w.r.t source point o is V_{00} is given as follows:

$$v_{\text{oor}} = \frac{\frac{V_{\text{RO}} \angle 0}{Z_{\text{R}}} + \frac{V_{\text{YO}} \angle -120}{Z_{\text{Y}}} + \frac{V_{\text{BO}} \angle -240}{Z_{\text{B}}}}{\frac{1}{Z_{\text{R}}} + \frac{1}{Z_{\text{Y}}} + \frac{1}{Z_{\text{B}}}}$$

Voltage across Z_R of load is $V_{RO'} = V_{OO'} - V_{RO}$ www.sakshieducation.com

Voltage across Z_Y of load is $V_{YO'} = V_{OO'} - V_{YO}$

Voltage across Z_B of load is $V_{BO'} = V_{OO'} - V_{BO}$

Branch currents are $I_R = V_{RO'} / Z_R = (V_{OO'} - V_{RO}) / Z_R$ $I_Y = V_{YO'} / Z_Y = (V_{OO'} - V_{YO}) / Z_Y$ $I_B = V_{BO'} / Z_B = (V_{OO'} - V_{BO}) / Z_B$

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