

## LECTURE 02

### Power in Three Phase Circuits

The material covered in this lecture will be as follows:

- ⇒ To understand the concepts of power in three phase circuits.  
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- ⇒ To know how to calculate power in Wye-connected circuits.  
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- ⇒ To know how to calculate power in Delta-connected circuits.  
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At the end of this lecture you should be able to:

- ⇒ Understand the definition of three phase power.  
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- ⇒ Find the components of the three phase power in a Y-connected system.  
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- ⇒ Find the components of the three phase power in a Delta-connected system.  
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#### 1. Definition of Power in Single Phase circuits.

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$$Q = V_{rms} * I_{rms} * \sin(\theta) \quad (2)$$

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#### The apparent power

$$S = |V_{rms}| * |I_{rms}| = \sqrt{P^2 + Q^2} \quad (3)$$

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$$S = V_{rms} * I_{rms} \quad (4)$$

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## 2. Power in Balanced Three Phase circuits

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$$v_a(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \alpha) \quad (6)$$

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$$i_a(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t + \beta) \quad (9)$$

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$$\cos(A) * \cos(B) = \frac{1}{2} (\cos(A - B) + \cos(A + B))$$

$$p(t) = \frac{V_m * I_m}{2} (3 * \cos(\alpha - \beta) + (\cos(2\omega t + \alpha - \beta) + \cos(2\omega t + \alpha - \beta - 120^0) + (\cos(2\omega t + \alpha - \beta - 240^0))) \quad (13)$$

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$$p(t) = \frac{V_m * I_m}{2} (3 * \cos(\alpha - \beta) + (\cos(\phi) + \cos(\phi - 120^0) + (\cos(\phi - 240^0))) \quad (14)$$

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$$p(t) = \frac{V_m * I_m}{2} (3 * \cos(\alpha - \beta)) \quad (15)$$

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$$p(t) = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} \cos(\alpha - \beta) \quad (16)$$

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$$P_T = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} \cos(\theta) \quad (17)$$

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Similarly, the total reactive and apparent powers are given in equations 18 & 19 respectively.

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$$Q_T = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} \sin(\theta) \quad (18)$$

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### Example 1

A 3-phase balanced load has a phase voltage 120-V . The load has an impedance per phase equals to  $12\angle 30^\circ \Omega$  . Find

(i) The phase current

(ii) The real power per phase

(iii) Total real power

(iv) Total reactive power

(v) Total apparent power

**Solution**

(i)

$$I_a = \frac{\text{Phase voltage}}{\text{impedance per phase}} = \frac{V_{rms}}{Z_a}$$

$$I_a = 120\angle 0^\circ / 12\angle 30^\circ$$

$$I_a = 10\angle -30^\circ \text{ A.}$$

(ii) Real Power per phase

$$P = V_{rms} * I_{rms} * \cos(\theta) = 120 * 10 * \cos(30)$$

$$P = 1039.23 \text{ W}$$

(iii) Total real power

$$P_T = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} \cos(\theta) = 3 * 120 * 10 * \cos(30) = 3117.69 \text{ W}$$

(iv) Total reactive power

$$Q_T = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} \sin(\theta) = 3 * 120 * 10 * \sin(30) = 1800 \text{ Var}$$

(v) **Total Apparent power**

$$S_T = 3 * V_{rms} * I_{rms} = 3 * 120 * 10 = 3600VA$$

**2.1 Power in a Balanced Y-connected circuits**  
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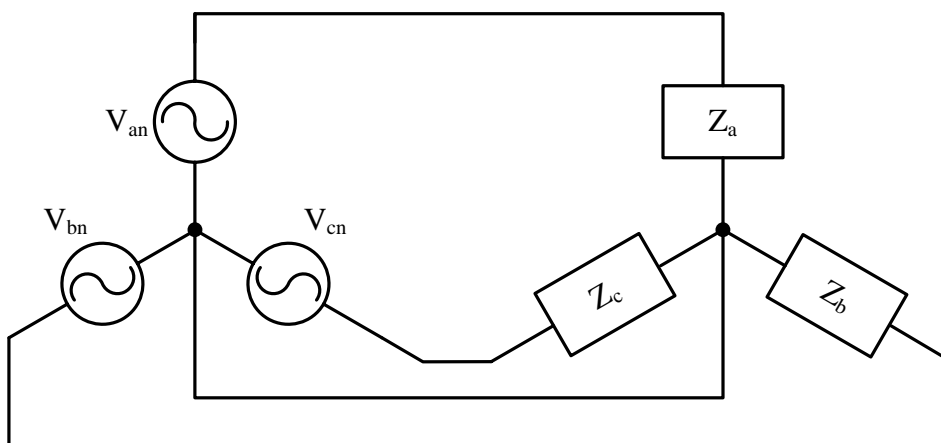
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The load voltage is equal to the supply phase voltage  $V_{an}$ .

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$$\mathbf{I}_a = |I_a| \angle -\theta \quad (21)$$

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$$P_a = V_{an} * I_a * \cos(\theta_a) \quad (22)$$

Where

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$$P_b = V_{bn} * I_b * \cos(\theta_b) \quad (23)$$

$$P_c = V_{cn} * I_c * \cos(\theta_c) \quad (24)$$

For a balanced system

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$$V_{an} = V_{bn} = V_{cn}$$

$$I_a = I_b = I_c$$

$$\theta_a = \theta_b = \theta_c$$

Therefore

$$P_a = P_b = P_c$$

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$$P_p = V_p * I_p * \cos(\theta) \quad (25)$$

Where

$P_p$  = The average power per phase

$V_p$  = the magnitude of the phase voltage

$I_p$  = the magnitude of the phase current

$\theta$  = the angle between the phase current and voltage

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$$V_l = \sqrt{3} * V_p \quad (27)$$

$$I_l = I_p \quad (28)$$

$V_l$  = the magnitude of the line voltage

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Using equation (40), substitute for  $V_p$  &  $I_p$  in terms of  $V_l$  &  $I_l$  as given in 27-28.

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$$P_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \cos(\theta) \quad (29)$$

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$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \sin(\theta) \quad (30)$$

$$S_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l \quad (31)$$

$$\bar{S} = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l^* \angle \theta \quad (32)$$

### Example 2

A 4-wire Y-connected 3-phase has a line voltage of 173.2 V is connected to Y-connected balanced load. The impedance per phase is given as  $5+j5$  Ohms. Find

- (i) the total three phase power delivered to the load.
- (ii) the total reactive power of the load
- (iii) the total apparent power of the load. load.

Solution

Using Phase a as a reference

$$V_{ab} = 173.2 \angle 0^\circ$$

$$V_{bc} = 173.2 \angle -120^\circ$$

$$V_{ca} = 173.2 \angle -240^\circ$$

The line voltage  $V_l = 173.2V$

The phase voltage at the load are given as follows:

$$V_{an} = 100 \angle 0 - 30^\circ$$

$$V_{bn} = 100 \angle -150^\circ$$

$$V_{cn} = 100 \angle -270^\circ$$

The line-line voltages at the load are given by:

(ii) In Y-connected load , the phase and line currents are equal.

The load impedance per phase

$$Z_a = 5 + j5 = 5\sqrt{2} \angle 45^\circ$$

The phase current is calculated as follows

$$I_p = \frac{V_{an}}{Z_a}$$

$$I_p = \frac{100 \angle -30^\circ}{5\sqrt{2} \angle 45^\circ}$$

$$I_p = 14.14 \angle -75^\circ A.$$

$$I_l = I_p = 14.14A$$

$\theta =$  the angle between the phase current and voltage= $45^{\circ}$

(i) Total 3-phase power, using equation 29:

$$P_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \cos(\theta) = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 14.14 * \cos(45) = 3000W$$

(ii) Total Reactive power using equation 30:

$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \sin(\theta) = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 14.14 * \sin(45) = 3000Vars$$

(iii) Total Apparent power using equation 31:

$$S_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 14.14 = 4242 VA$$

## 2.2 Power in a Balanced Delta ( or $\Delta$ )-connected circuits

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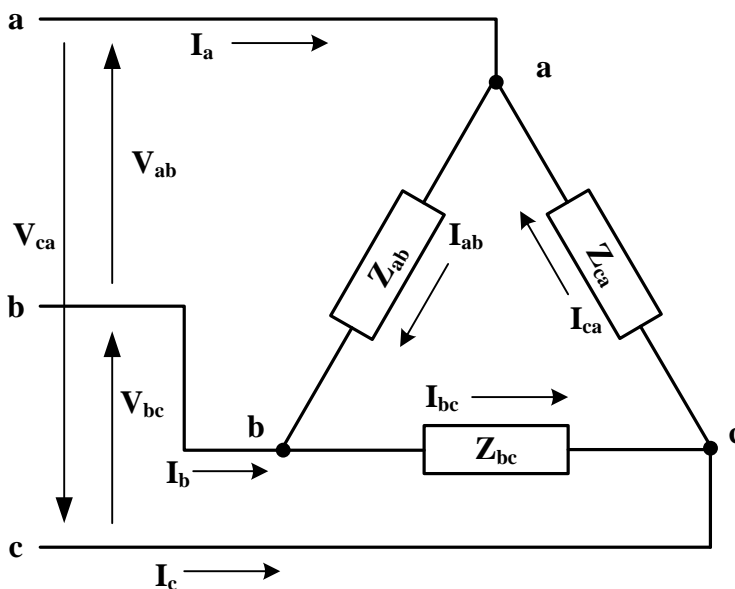


Figure 2

The power absorbed in phase a is given

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$$P_a = V_{ab} * I_{ab} * \cos(\theta_a) \quad (33)$$

Where

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$I_{ab}$  = the magnitude of the phase current in phase a

$\theta_a$  = phase angle of phase a

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$$P_b = V_{bc} * I_{bc} * \cos(\theta_b) \quad (34)$$

$$P_c = V_{ca} * I_{ca} * \cos(\theta_c) \quad (35)$$

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$$V_{ab} = V_{bc} = V_{ca}$$

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$$P_p = V_p * I_p * \cos(\theta_p) \quad (36)$$

Where

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$$S_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l \quad (42)$$

$$\bar{S} = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \angle \theta \quad (43)$$

Note

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### Example 3

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- (i) the total three phase power delivered to the load.
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### Solution

For a  $\Delta$  connected load, the phase and line voltages are equal.

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The voltage between the two lines( or phases) is 173.2  $\angle 0^\circ$  V.

$$V_{ab}=V_L= 173.2\text{-V.}$$

The load impedance per phase

$$Z_{ab} = 5 + j5 = 5\sqrt{2}\angle 45^\circ$$

(i) The phase current  $I_{ab} = \frac{V_{ab}}{Z_{ab}}$

$$\text{The phase current } I_{ab} = \frac{173.2\angle 0}{5\sqrt{2}\angle 45^\circ} = 24.5\angle -45^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{The line current } I_a &= \sqrt{3} * I_{ab} \angle -30^\circ \text{ A} \\ I_a &= \sqrt{3} * 24.5\angle -75^\circ \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_a = 42.42\angle -75^\circ \text{ A}$$

$\theta$  = the angle between the phase current and voltage= $45^\circ$

- (i) Total 3-phase power, using equation 40:

$$P_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \cos(\theta) = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 42.42 * \cos(45) = 9000W$$

(ii) Total Reactive power using equation 41:

$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \sin(\theta) = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 42.42 * \sin(45) = 9000Vars$$

(iii) Total Apparent power using equation 42:

$$S_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l = \sqrt{3} * 173.2 * 42.42 = 12,726 VA$$

Compare the results of examples 2& 3.

The power consumption of the  $\Delta$ -connected load is 3 times the power requirements of the Y-connected load.

### 2.3 Summary

- The expression for power in n balanced "Y" circuits is give by

(i) Total average power

$$P_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \cos(\theta) \quad (44)$$

(ii) Total Reactive power

$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \sin(\theta) \quad (45)$$

(iii) Total Apparent power

$$S_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l \quad (46)$$

- The expression for power in n balanced " $\Delta$ " circuits is give by

(i) Total average power

$$P_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \cos(\theta) \quad (47)$$

(ii) Total Reactive power

$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * V_l * I_l * \sin(\theta) \quad (48)$$

(iii) Total Apparent power

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### 3. Power Measurement in 3-phase circuits

Power is measured by an instrument called wattmeter. It has a voltage coil and a current coil.  
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The voltage V is the voltage across the voltage coil.

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The current I is the current through the current coil.

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The current coil is in series with the load while the voltage coil is connected across the load.

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The voltage coil is connected by the phase and the neutral wire.

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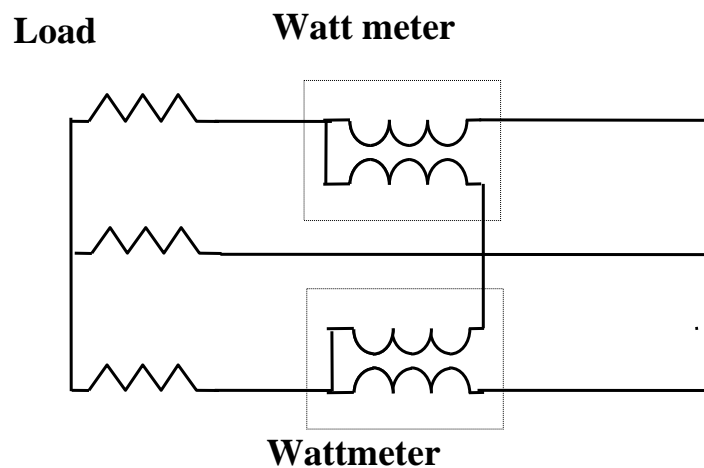


Figure 3 Two-Wattmeter Method for Measuring Three Phase Power

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$$W_1 = V_{ab} * I_a \cos(\phi_a) \quad (50)$$

$$W_2 = V_{cb} * I_c \cos(\phi_c) \quad (51)$$

Where

$\phi$  is the angle between the phasor of  $V_{ab}$  and the current  $I_a$ .

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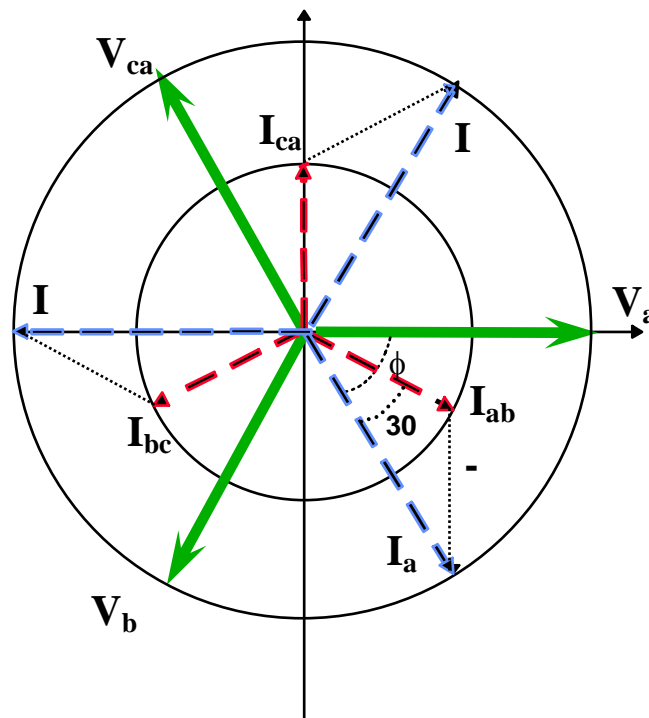


Figure 5 Phasor Diagram for Delta connected load.

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$$V_{ab}=V_{cb}=V_L$$

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$$W_1 = V_L * I_L \cos(30 + \theta) \quad (52)$$

$$W_2 = V_L * I_L \cos(30 - \theta) \quad (53)$$

The following points are observed.

(i) If the load is resistive ( $\theta = 0$ ),  $W_2=W_1$

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(ii) If the load is inductive ( $\theta > 0$ );  $W_2>W_1$

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$$P_T= W_1+W_2$$

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$$W_1+W_2 = \sqrt{3} * V_L * I_L * \cos(\theta) \quad (55)$$

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$$W_2-W_1 = *V_L * I_L * \sin(\theta) \quad (57)$$

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$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} * (W_2 - W_1) \quad (58)$$

Dividing equation 72 by 70 will give the tangent of the power factor angle

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$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{Q_T}{P_T} = \sqrt{3} * \left( \frac{W_2 - W_1}{W_2 + W_1} \right) \quad (59)$$

#### Example 4

Two wattmeters were used to measure power absorbed by Y-connected load with a line voltage of 208-V. The recording of the two meters are  $W_1 = -280$  W and  $W_2 = 400$  W. Determine

- (i) total average power
- (ii) total reactive power
- (iii) The power factor
- (iv) The line current
- (v) The load impedance per phase

#### Solution

- (i) The total average power is  
 $P_T = W_1 + W_2 = -280 + 400 = 120$  W
- (ii) The reactive power is  
 $Q_T = \sqrt{3} * (W_2 - W_1) = \sqrt{3} * (400 - (-280)) = 1177.76$  Vars
- (iii) The power angle is

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{Q_T}{P_T} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1177.76}{120} \right) = 84.18^\circ$$

$$\text{Power factor} = \cos(\theta) = \cos(84.18) = 0.1014$$

- (iv) the line current

$$I_L = \frac{P_T}{(\sqrt{3} * V_L * (\cos(\theta)))} = \frac{120}{\sqrt{3} * 208 * 0.1014} = 3.28 \text{ A}$$

- (v) The load impedance

$$Z_p = \frac{V_p}{I_p}$$

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$$I_p = I_L = 3.28 \text{ A}$$

$$Z_p = \frac{V_p}{I_p} = \frac{120}{3.28} = 36.61 \Omega$$

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Therefore the load impedance is

$$Z_p = 36.61 \angle 84.18 \Omega$$