

Lecture 31: Polyphase Circuits

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Polyphase Circuits

$$v(t) = V_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v)$$

$$i(t) = I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v - \alpha)$$

α : impedance angle

$$p(t) = v(t)i(t)$$

$$= V_m I_m \cos(\omega t + \theta_v) \cos(\omega t + \theta_v - \alpha)$$

$$= \frac{V_m I_m}{2} [\cos(2(\omega t + \theta_v) - \alpha) + \cos \alpha]$$

$$= \frac{V_m I_m}{2} [\cos(2(\omega t + \theta_v)) \cos \alpha + \sin(2(\omega t + \theta_v)) \sin \alpha + \cos \alpha]$$

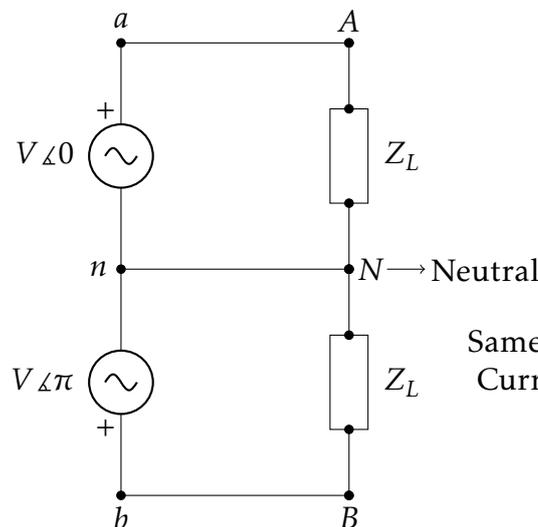
$$= P [1 + \cos(2(\omega t + \theta_v))] + Q \sin(2(\omega t + \theta_v))$$

where P is **active power** = $V_{eff} I_{eff} \cos \alpha$. Average value of $p(t)$ P . and Q is **reactive power** = $V_{eff} I_{eff} \sin \alpha$. Active power; average is non-zero, but there is a large variation around the average. Motor speed will vary with time. To make speed more uniform; reduce this variation - have multiple signals that have maximum power at different times.

Bicycles : 2 power strokes per cycle;

- similar principle also used in multi-cylinder engines in cars.

Consider two sources 180° out of phase

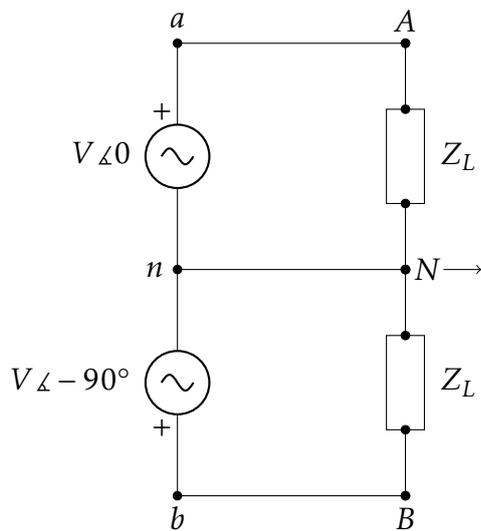


$$V_1(t) = V \cos \omega t$$

$$V_2(t) = -V \cos \omega t$$

$$\Rightarrow p(t) = 2p_1(t)$$

Same variation in power - Not useful
Current in the neutral line (nN) = 0



$$p_1(t) = P(1 + \cos 2\omega t) + Q \sin 2\omega t$$

$$p_2(t) = P(1 + \cos(2\omega t - \pi)) + Q \sin(2\omega t - \pi)$$

$$P = \frac{|V|^2}{|Z_L|} \cos \alpha$$

$$Q = \frac{|V|^2}{|Z_L|} \sin \alpha$$

$$p_1(t) + p_2(t) = 2P \rightarrow \text{Instantaneous power is constant}$$

$$I_{Nn} = \frac{V}{Z_L} + \frac{V e^{-j\pi/2}}{Z_L} \neq 0$$

- 2 phase balanced system. If both phase have the same load, the instantaneous power = constant. However, current in the neutral is not zero.

3 Phase Systems

$$V_a = V \angle 0^\circ$$

$$V_b = V \angle -120^\circ$$

$$V_c = V \angle 120^\circ$$

If Z_L is the same for all 3 phases, the complex power in each phase can be calculated as follows.

$$S = P + jQ = \frac{|V|^2}{2|Z|} (\cos \alpha + j \sin \alpha)$$

where, α is the impedance angle

$$p_a(t) = P(1 + \cos 2\omega t) + Q \sin 2\omega t$$

$$p_b(t) = P \left[1 + \cos \left(2\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) \right] + Q \sin \left(2\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$p_c(t) = P \left[1 + \cos \left(2\omega t + \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) \right] + Q \sin \left(2\omega t + \frac{4\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$\cos \left(2\omega t - \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) = \cos \left(2\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} - 2\pi \right)$$

$$= \cos \left(2\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$\cos \left(2\omega t + \frac{4\pi}{3} \right) = \cos \left(2\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} + 2\pi \right)$$

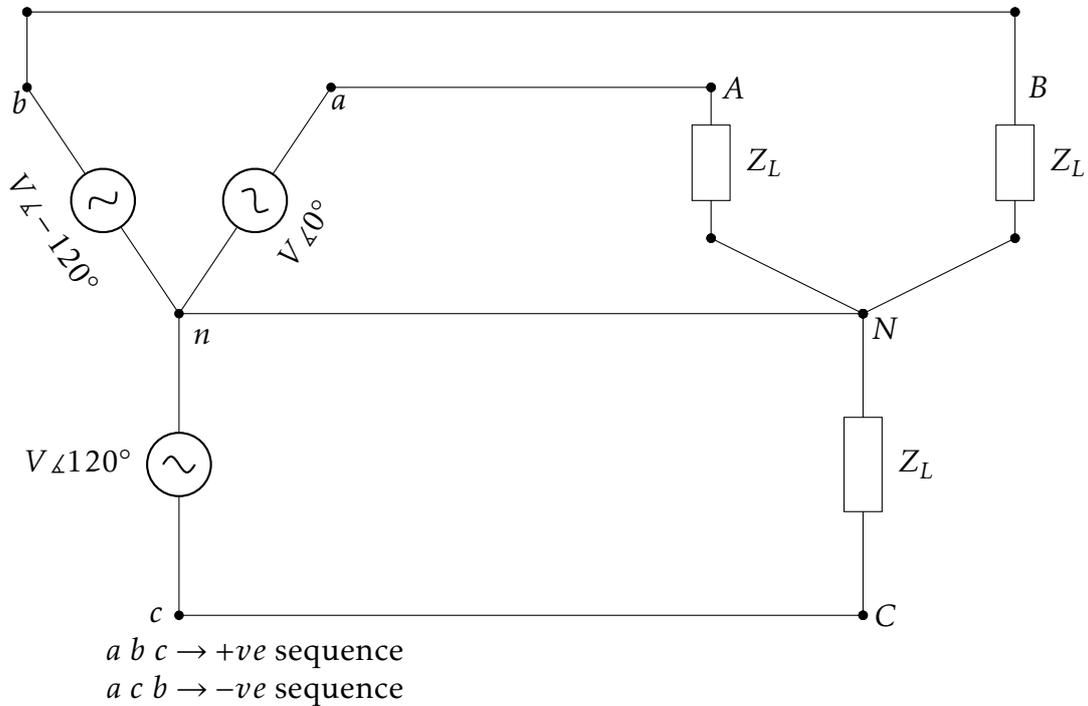
$$= \cos \left(2\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3} \right)$$

$$\cos 2\omega t + \cos\left(2\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \cos\left(2\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 0$$

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$$\sin 2\omega t + \sin\left(2\omega t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) + \sin\left(2\omega t - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Power} &= p_a(t) + p_b(t) + p_c(t) \\ &= 3P \quad (\text{constant}) \end{aligned}$$



$$I_{aA} = \frac{V}{|Z|} e^{-j\alpha}$$

$$I_{bB} = \frac{V}{|Z|} e^{-j(2\pi/3+\alpha)}$$

$$I_{cC} = \frac{V}{|Z|} e^{j(2\pi/3-\alpha)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_{aA} + I_{bB} + I_{cC} &= \frac{V}{|Z|} e^{-j\alpha} (1 + e^{-j2\pi/3} + e^{j2\pi/3}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

I_{Nn} : current in neutral = 0.

For 3 phase system, when we have balanced loads, instantaneous power = constant and current in neutral = 0. This is what is used in power distribution systems.