

07-Three Phase Analysis

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» Overview

- Three Phase Power
- Three Phase Analysis
- Per Phase Analysis
- Practical Considerations

» Questions

- How does three phase power compare to single phase power?
- What is the “neutral” connection in a three phase system?

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» Conventions & Assumptions

- Voltage: line-to-line in rms
- Current: line in rms
- Current direction: source to load
- Balanced three phase

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» Three-Phase Power

Benefits of three-phase power:

- efficient use of conductors over three, single phases
- rotating field is needed for some loads (e.g. three phase motors)
- effective for power transfer
- per-phase analysis can be used in many cases
- constant power delivery to three phase loads

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» Three-Phase Power

- Total power delivered is the sum of power delivered by each phase

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S}_{3\phi} &= \mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^* + \mathbf{V}_{bn}\mathbf{I}_{nb}^* + \mathbf{V}_{cn}\mathbf{I}_{nc}^* \\ &= 3\mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^* \quad (\text{due to symmetry}) \\ &= 3\mathbf{S}\end{aligned}$$

where

- $\mathbf{S}_{3\phi}$: total three phase complex power (VA)
- \mathbf{S} : single phase complex power (VA)

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Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} P_{3\phi} &= \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^*\} + \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_{bn}\mathbf{I}_{nb}^*\} + \operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_{cn}\mathbf{I}_{nc}^*\} \\ &= 3\operatorname{Re}\{\mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^*\} \\ &= 3P \end{aligned}$$

Assume that power (real, reactive, complex) is stated as the total power, not the per-phase power.

and

$$\begin{aligned} Q_{3\phi} &= \operatorname{Im}\{\mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^*\} + \operatorname{Im}\{\mathbf{V}_{bn}\mathbf{I}_{nb}^*\} + \operatorname{Im}\{\mathbf{V}_{cn}\mathbf{I}_{nc}^*\} \\ &= 3\operatorname{Im}\{\mathbf{V}_{an}\mathbf{I}_{na}^*\} \\ &= 3Q \end{aligned}$$

» Exercise

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Answer: $\mathbf{S} = 1000 + 50 \text{ VA}$. The power is evenly divided by each of the phases.

» Three-Phase Power

What about instantaneous power?

$$\begin{aligned}
 p_{3\phi}(t) &= i_{\max} v_{\max} \cos(\omega t + 0^\circ) \cos(\omega t + \theta_{ia}^\circ) + \\
 &\quad i_{\max} v_{\max} \cos(\omega t - 120^\circ) \cos(\omega t + \theta_{ia}^\circ - 120^\circ) + \\
 &\quad i_{\max} v_{\max} \cos(\omega t + 120^\circ) \cos(\omega t + \theta_{ia}^\circ + 120^\circ) \\
 p_{3\phi}(t) &= \frac{1}{2} v_{\max} i_{\max} [\cos(-\theta_{ia}) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i) + \\
 &\quad \cos(-\theta_{ia}) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i - 120^\circ) + \\
 &\quad \cos(-\theta_{ia}) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i + 120^\circ)]
 \end{aligned}$$

Next use: $\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$

Using Product-to-sum identity

$$\cos(u) \cos(v) = \frac{1}{2} [\cos(u - v) + \cos(u + v)]$$

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$$p_{3\phi}(t) = \frac{1}{2} v_{\max} i_{\max} [3 \cos(-\theta_{ia}) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i) \cos(-120^\circ) - \sin(2\omega t + \theta_i) \sin(-120^\circ) + \cos(2\omega t + \theta_i) \cos(120^\circ) - \sin(2\omega t + \theta_i) \sin(120^\circ)]$$

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$$p_{3\phi}(t) = \frac{3}{2} v_{\max} i_{\max} \cos(\phi) \quad \text{What does this say about the real power?}$$

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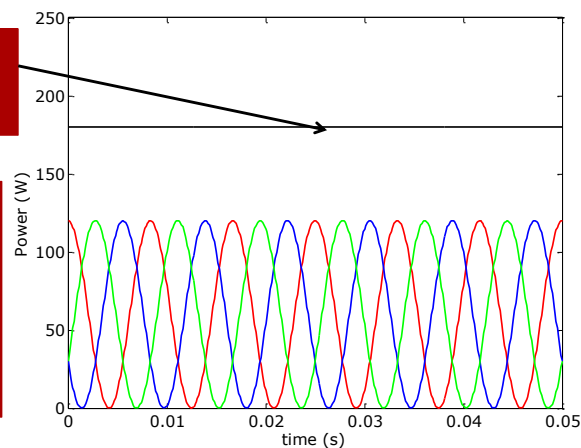
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Three-Phase Power

Total instantaneous power is constant!

This is an important advantage of using 3 phase (no pulsating torque), makes for smooth rotation of generators and motors.



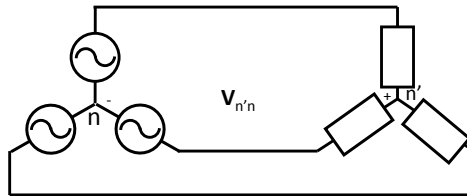
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Three-Phase Analysis

- Consider the Y-connected source and load
- Determine $\mathbf{V}_{n'n}$



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Three-Phase Analysis

- Analysis is easier using admittance, \mathbf{Y}

$$\mathbf{Y} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{Z}}$$

- Line current is equal to phase current

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \mathbf{I}_{na} &= \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{V}_{an} - \mathbf{V}_{n'n}) \\ \mathbf{I}_{nb} &= \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{V}_{bn} - \mathbf{V}_{n'n}) \\ \mathbf{I}_{nc} &= \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{V}_{cn} - \mathbf{V}_{n'n}) \end{aligned} \right\} \text{ due to wye connection}$$

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Three-Phase Analysis

- Summing the line current

$$\mathbf{I}_{na} + \mathbf{I}_{nb} + \mathbf{I}_{nc} = \mathbf{Y}(\mathbf{V}_{an} + \mathbf{V}_{bn} + \mathbf{V}_{cn}) - 3\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{V}_{nn'}$$

- Previously we showed that

$$\mathbf{I}_{na} + \mathbf{I}_{nb} + \mathbf{I}_{nc} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{an} + \mathbf{V}_{bn} + \mathbf{V}_{cn} = 0$$

- Therefore

$$0 = \mathbf{Y}(0) - 3\mathbf{Y}\mathbf{V}_{nn'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{V}_{nn'} = 0$$

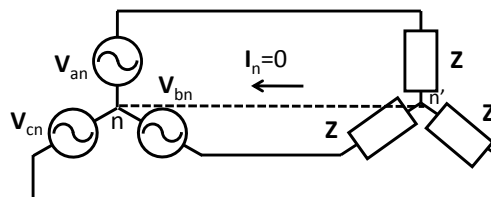
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Three-Phase Analysis

- Since $\mathbf{V}_{nn'} = 0$, we can make a hypothetical connection without affecting the circuit
- Called the Neutral Conductor
- For balanced sources and loads, no current flows on the neutral conductor



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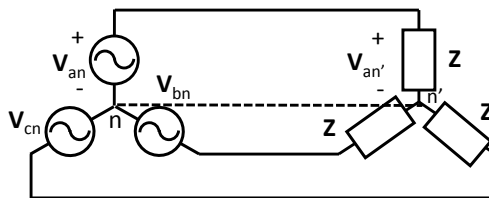
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Three-Phase Analysis

Let's now analyze the current through the a-phase load

$$\mathbf{V}_{an} = \mathbf{V}_{an'}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{na} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{an'}}{\mathbf{Z}}$$



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Three-Phase Analysis

Let's now analyze the current through the b-phase load

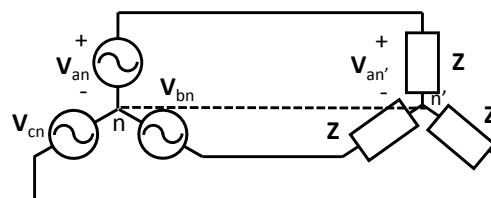
$$\mathbf{V}_{bn} = \mathbf{V}_{bn'}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nb} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{bn'}}{\mathbf{Z}}$$

But

$$\mathbf{V}_{bn} = \mathbf{V}_{an}(1\angle -120^\circ)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nb} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{bn'}}{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{an}(1\angle -120^\circ)}{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{I}_{na}(1\angle -120^\circ)$$



(b-phase current in terms of a-phase current)

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Three-Phase Analysis

- Let's now analyze the current through the c-phase load

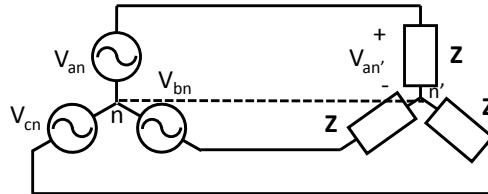
$$\mathbf{V}_{cn} = \mathbf{V}_{cn'}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nc} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{cn'}}{\mathbf{Z}}$$

- But

$$\mathbf{V}_{cn} = \mathbf{V}_{an}(1\angle 120^\circ)$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nc} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{cn'}}{\mathbf{Z}} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{an}(1\angle 120^\circ)}{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{I}_{na}(1\angle 120^\circ)$$



(c-phase current in terms of a-phase current)

Three-Phase Analysis

- Once \mathbf{I}_{na} is solved for, simply shift it by $-/+120$ degrees to find \mathbf{I}_{nb} and \mathbf{I}_{nc}
- Phases can be conceptually decoupled
- No need to solve all three phases
 - Solve for a-phase (current or voltage)
 - Shift $+120^\circ$ for c-phase, and -120° for b-phase
- We can therefore do a per-phase analysis

Three-Phase Analysis

▪ Balanced Three-Phase Theorem

▪ Assume:

- balanced three-phase system
- all loads and sources are Y-connected (or convert them to Y-connected loads/sources)
- no mutual inductances between phases

then

- all neutrals have the same voltage
- the phases are completely decoupled
- all corresponding network variables occur in balanced sets of the same sequence as the sources

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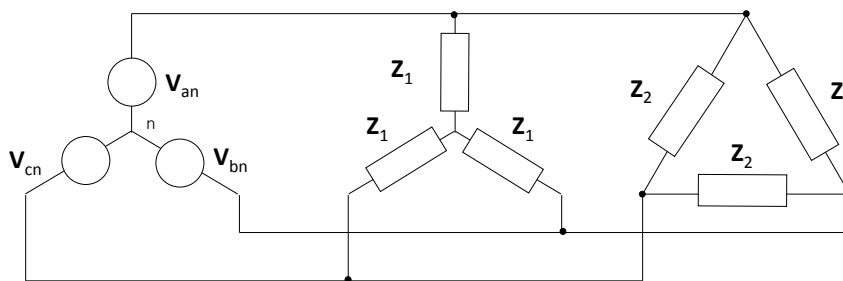
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Per-Phase Analysis

▪ Consider the following circuit

▪ Is it balanced?



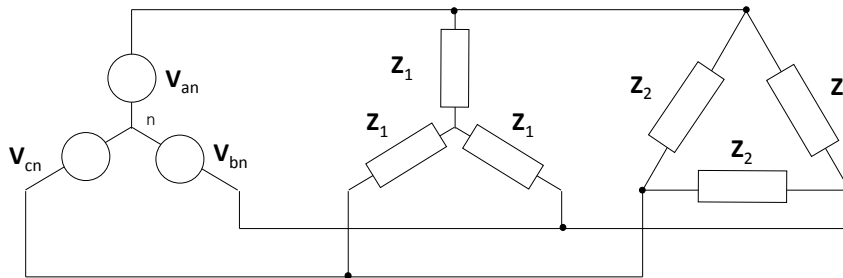
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Per-Phase Analysis

- To analyze this circuit, we first need to find a per-phase equivalent
- Need to transform the Delta load to Y load



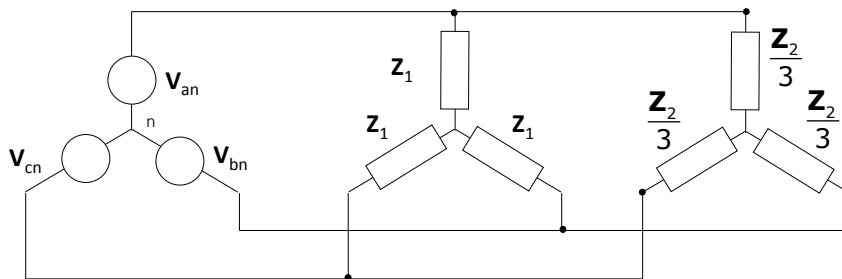
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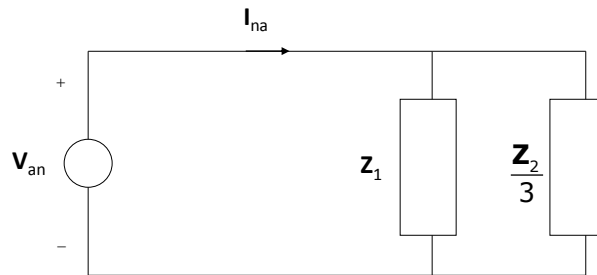
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Per-Phase Analysis

- Analyze a single phase (arbitrarily a-phase)
- Analyze this phase to find the current, power, etc

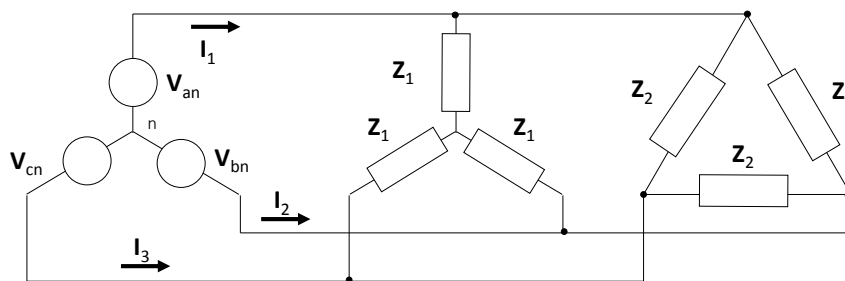


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Numerical Example

given:

balanced 3-phase source

$$\mathbf{V}_{an} = 120 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 = 10 + j2 \ \Omega$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_2 = 12 \angle 45^\circ \ \Omega$$

find:

$$I_{na}, I_{nb}, I_{nc}$$

total power delivered to the loads

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Exercise

Solution outline

- draw per-phase equivalent
- solve circuit for current
- compute single phase power
- translate per-phase values to 3-phase

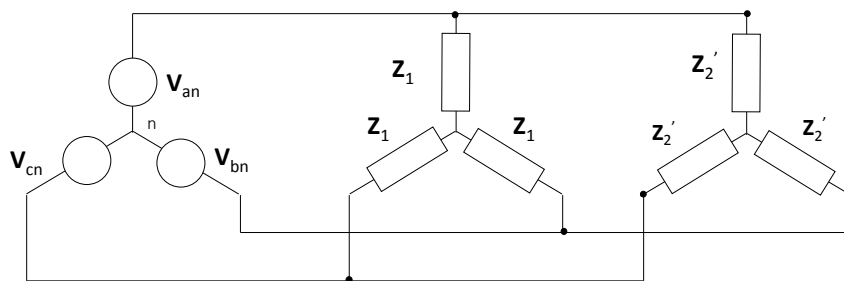
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Exercise

- Convert Δ to Y $Z_2 = 2.82 + j2.82 \Omega$
- Redraw circuit



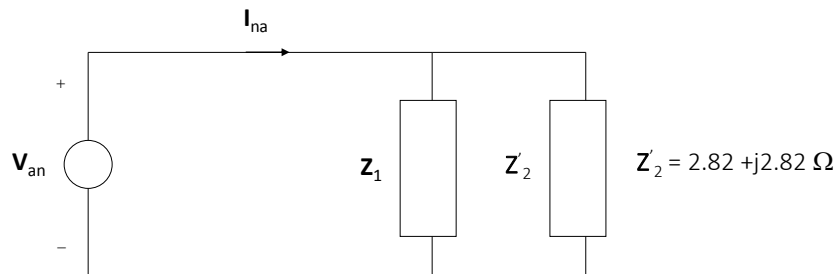
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Exercise

- Redraw circuit
- Draw per-phase equivalent



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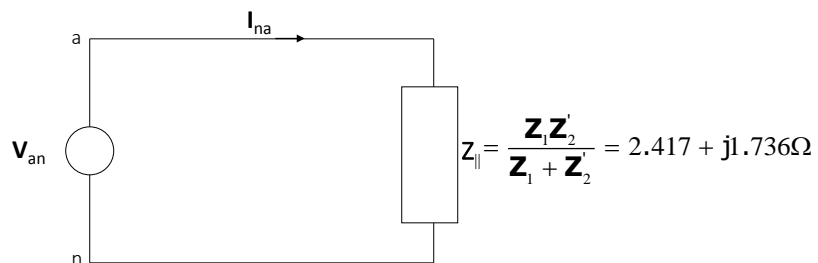
Exercise

- Draw per-phase equivalent
- Solve for I_{an} and S

$$V_{an} = 120 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$I_{na} = 40.32 \angle -35.68^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$S = 3930.2 + j2822.5 \text{ VA}$$



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Exercise

Shifting and solving

$$\mathbf{I}_{nb} = 40.32 \angle (-35.68^\circ - 120^\circ) = 40.32 \angle (-155.68^\circ) \text{ A}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_{nc} = 40.32 \angle (-35.68^\circ + 120^\circ) = 40.32 \angle (84.32^\circ) \text{ A}$$

$$\mathbf{I}_n = 0 \text{ A}$$

$$\mathbf{S}_{3\Phi} = 3(3930.19 + j2822.51) = 11790.57 + j8467.53 \text{ VA}$$

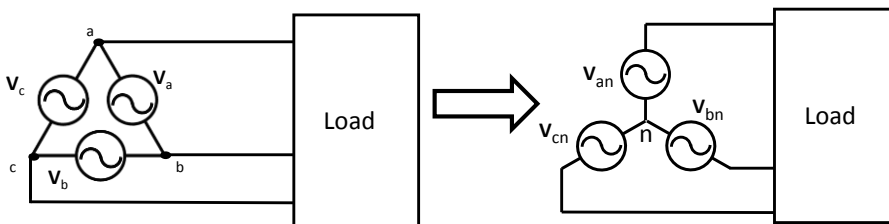
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Per-Phase Analysis

- If Delta-connected voltage sources are present, convert them to their line-neutral equivalent and then do per-phase analysis



$$\mathbf{V}_{an} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{ab}}{\sqrt{3}} \angle -30^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{bn} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{bc}}{\sqrt{3}} \angle -30^\circ$$

$$\mathbf{V}_{cn} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{ca}}{\sqrt{3}} \angle -30^\circ$$

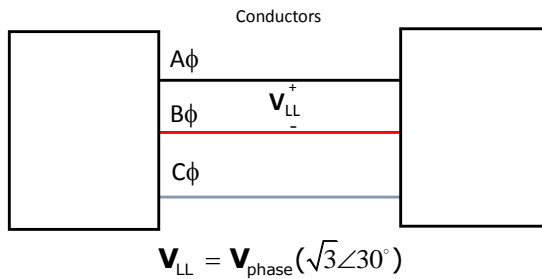
For convenience, we usually re-define the reference angle as the a-phase line-neutral voltage

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Practical Considerations



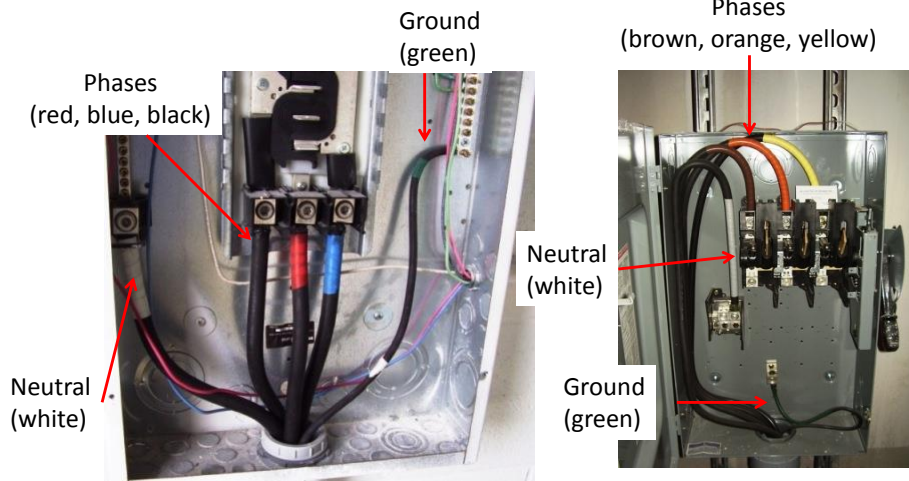
Three phase systems and components often referred to by RMS line-line voltages
e.g. 500kV, 13.6kV, 480V

Three phase systems and components often referred to by $|S_{3\phi}|$
e.g. 100 MVA transformer

Practical Considerations

- Neutral usually bonded to ground at service panel (see NEC for details)
- Balanced load assumption can be questionable
 - Neutral current nonzero
 - Neutral not at ground potential

Practical Considerations



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Summary

- Current (voltages) sum to zero and no current flows on neutral conductor
- Total S, P, Q = three times single phase S, P, Q
- Three phase systems analysis: convert into wye connections, solve per-phase

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