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**Electrical Energy Systems** 

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- Introduction
- Rotating Magnetic Field
- Magnetic Field Rotational Speed
- Synchronous Speed



#### Introduction

- AC machines rely on a rotating magnetic field
- Stator houses current-carrying conductors
  - Stator is the armature





provided by rotor



- Three-phase motors are very common
- Requires a three phase source
- Under linear conditions, flux and current will have similar waveforms







direction of flux through rotor





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What direction will the flux through the rotor be when  $\theta_e = 120^{\circ}$ ?





#### $\Rightarrow$ Conceptual Illustration $\theta_e = 120^\circ$



direction of flux through rotor



# » Two-Pole Three-Phase Revolving Field

- Coils are spatially separated by 60°
  - Do not confuse the spatial direction with the phase of the flux
- We will analyze how the flux varies with time
- Note: if flux is negative, the direction is opposite as shown





#### Three-Phase AC Motor



Note: salient windings are shown. Large motors use cylindrical windings.





- Want to analyze the net flux as seen by the rotor
- General approach:
  - Consider the flux at 0, 60 and 120 degrees in time
  - Compute the a, b, c phase flux magnitudes
  - Determine resulting flux by adding a, b, c phase flux
  - Generalize results

- Maximum flux occurs in the following sequence
  - a, c', b, a', c, b' and so on
  - same relative ordering of coils around stator







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- At  $\omega t = 0$  the flux is as shown
- The resulting flux,  $\Phi_r$ , is found through vector addition







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$$\Phi_{\rm r} = \Phi_{\rm a} + \Phi_{\rm b} + \Phi_{\rm c}$$
$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{\rm m} \angle 0^{\circ} + \frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} \phi_{\rm m} \angle 240^{\circ} + 0 = 1.5 \phi_{\rm m} \angle 30^{\circ}$$







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- At  $\omega t = 60^{\circ}$  the flux is as shown
- The resulting flux is found through vector addition







resulting flux vector rotates CW in time



**Observations:** 

- Resulting flux magnitude is constant
- Direction of the resulting flux rotates with time
- 120° phase shift in the time domain has shifted the spatial orientation of the flux 120°
- To make the field rotate in the opposite direction (counter clockwise) switch any two phases (e.g. b and c phases)



Conceptually like rotating magnets around the periphery





- For a two pole motor one full rotation of the magnetic field occurs after one complete electrical cycle
- How does a 4-pole motor affect the rotational speed of the magnetic field?

- Coils separated by 30 degrees
  - a, c', b, a', c, b' ordering is preserved
- Four poles, examine one pole-pair







60 degrees time shift resulted in spatial rotation of 30 degrees





- For a 4 pole-motor <u>one full rotation of the magnetic field</u> requires two complete electrical cycles
- To generalize:  $T_s = \frac{P}{2}T$ 
  - $T_s$ : period of the flux rotation (s)
  - T: period of the AC waveform (s)
  - P: number of poles

Note: do not confuse "T" for period, with "T" for torque.



- Also  $n_s = \frac{1}{T_s} = \frac{2f}{P}$ 
  - $n_s$ : speed of the revolving field (revolutions/s)
  - f: frequency of the AC waveform (Hz)
- <u>n<sub>s</sub> is known as the synchronous speed</u>

Note: this and previous equations relate frequency of applied source with rotation of magnetic field, <u>not the</u> <u>actual rotation of the rotor</u>.





Write  $N_s$ , the synchronous speed in revolutions per minute (RPM) and radians per second ( $\omega_s$ ) as a function of the number of poles and frequency f





• Find  $N_s$ , the synchronous speed in revolutions per minute (RPM) and radians per second ( $\omega_s$ )

$$N_{s} = \frac{120f}{P} \text{ (RPM)}$$
$$\omega_{s} = \frac{4\pi f}{P} = \frac{2}{P}\omega \text{ (rad/s)}$$





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# An 6-pole AC motor is connected to 50 Hz source. What is the synchronous speed of the motor in rpm?

$$N_{s} = \frac{120 \times 50}{6} = 1000 \text{ rpm}$$



- Magnetic field rotates with constant magnitude
- The resulting flux is 0.5n times the single phase flux, where n is the number of phases
- The synchronous speed is inversely proportional to the number of poles and proportional to the frequency of the applied source