Different kinds of Transformers











Outcome of this lecture

At the end of this lecture you will be able to:

- Explain the operation principle of a transformer
- Model a transformer with a lamped-parameters equivalent circuit
- Calculate the parameters of the equivalent circuit from measurements
- Use the equivalent circuit to calculate
 - The power balance
 - The efficiency
- Understand what the harmonics in three phases transformers mean and how they are produced
- You will also learn about different possible connections of three phase transformers.

Transformers applications

- Change voltage level
- Isolation of circuits
- Match the impedance



Power transmission



General power system configuration

• The quasi totality of the electric power generated worldwide is three-phase.



Transformer structure

Core-type Shell-type Windings Windings ф 2 (a) **(b)** First layer Second layer First layer Second layer (c) (d)

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E-shaped lamination

L-shaped lamination







Cross section of the iron core and the windings

Ideal Transformer

No losses

- No leakage
- No current needed for magnetizing •



Voltages

$$V_1 = e_1 = N_1 \frac{dF}{dt}$$

 $V_2 = e_2 = N_2 \frac{dF}{dt}$
 \downarrow
 $V_1 = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = a$
turns ratio

Power V

$$v_1 i_1 = v_2 i_2$$

Currents

$$v_1 i_1 = v_2 i_2$$

$$N_1 i_1 - N_2 i_2 = 0$$
 \longrightarrow $\frac{i_1}{i_2} = \frac{N_2}{N_1} = \frac{1}{a}$

Impedance transfer

How an impedance at the terminals of the secondary is seen from the primary side.



Polarity

• Current entering identical terminals produce fluxes in the same direction



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Why this is important ? Why we cannot measure the voltages with a voltmeter ?

If $V_{13} @ V_{12} + V_{34}$ then 1 and 4 identical If $V_{13} @ V_{12} - V_{34}$ then 1 and 3 identical

Parallel operation



Correct connection

Wrong connection

Practical transformer

- Winding resistance
- Flux leakage
- Finite permeability
- Core losses



Transformer model is based on

- Physical reasoning
- Mathematic model of coupled circuits

Lumped-parameters equivalent circuit



- Winding resistance in series with leakage inductance
- Magnetizing inductance in parallel with core resistance

Referred equivalent circuits

• Practical transformer = Lumped parameters circuit + Ideal transformer



- Ideal transformer can be shifted to either side
- Circuit parameters are reduced to the appropriate values

Approximate Equivalent Circuits

- I_1R_1 and I_1X_{I1} are small
- $|E_1| = |V_1|$
- Shunt branch can be moved to supply terminal

 V_1



- I_F small (5% of rated current)
- Shunt branch removed

Equivalent Circuit Parameters

• No-load test (rated voltage on one side whereas the other side is open)



• Short-Circuit test (rated current on one side whereas the other side is short-circuited)



• Nameplate: S (kVA), V_1/V_2 (V)

Voltage regulation

- At no load: V₂=V₁/a
 Loaded: V₂=V₁/a ±ΔV₂



(a)

Voltage regulation = lacksquare



(b) Phasor diagram

Maximum voltage regulation occur if $\theta_L = -\theta_{eq1}$

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Efficiency



Autotransformer

- Same operation as two windings transformer
- Physical connection from primary to secondary
- Sliding connection allows for variable voltage
- Higher kVA delivery than two windings connection



- Autotransformer does not provide isolation between primary and secondary!
- Risk of hazard if not carefully connected and used

Three-phase transformer

- Three similar single-phase transformers connected to form a three-phase transformer
- Four possible connection:

 $Y-\Delta \ \Delta-Y \ \Delta-\Delta \ Y-Y$

• Some connections result in phase shift

Can you make a sketch of the connections?

3-phase voltage generation

• Simple generator



Connecting the 3-phase voltages

• 3 single-phase circuits at different phase angle!



Connecting the 3-phase voltages

• The potential difference is known but not the potentials !



Connections

• Y- Δ is used for voltage step-down



• Δ-Y is used for voltage step-up



Connections - continue

• Δ - Δ only possibility for open-delta connection



• Y-Y seldom used



Phase shift



- Δ-Y also provides line-to-line phase shift
- Y-Y and Δ - Δ connections have no phase shift

Can you draw the phasor diagram for Δ -Y connection?

Single-phase equivalent circuit



Three-phase transformer - open delta connection



Three-phase transformer unit

- Balanced three-phase voltage
- Balanced three-phase flux
- Return leg can be removed
- In-plan construction easy to manufacture
- Same operation as transformer bank





Harmonics in Three-Phase Transformer Banks

- Transformers are designed to operate at saturation
- Exciting current is non-sinusoidal with predominant third harmonic
- Third harmonics are in phase
- Third harmonic exists either in currents or in fluxes



Harmonics in Three-Phase Transformer Banks Yy+d

- Third harmonic current prohibited from both sides
- Tertiary provides the missing third harmonic current
- Voltages sinusoidal
- Tertiary can supply auxiliary load if needed



Per-unit system



• pu voltage equation and full load copper losses

$$V_{1,pu} = I_{1,pu} Z_{eq1,pu} + V_{2,pu}$$
 Independent of the side
 $P_{Cu,FL} = R_{eq1,pu}$