

3-Phase Circuits

= THREE PHASE CIRCUITS.

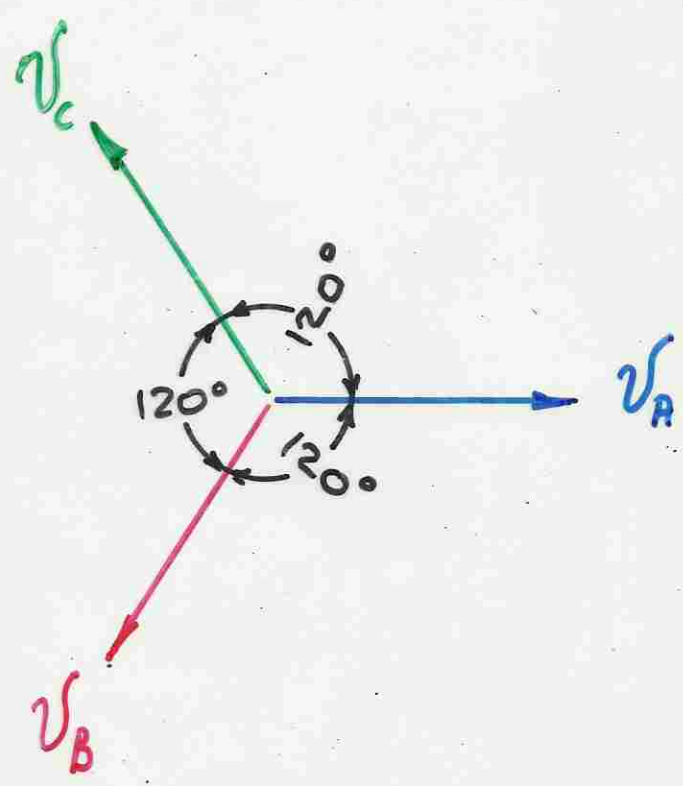
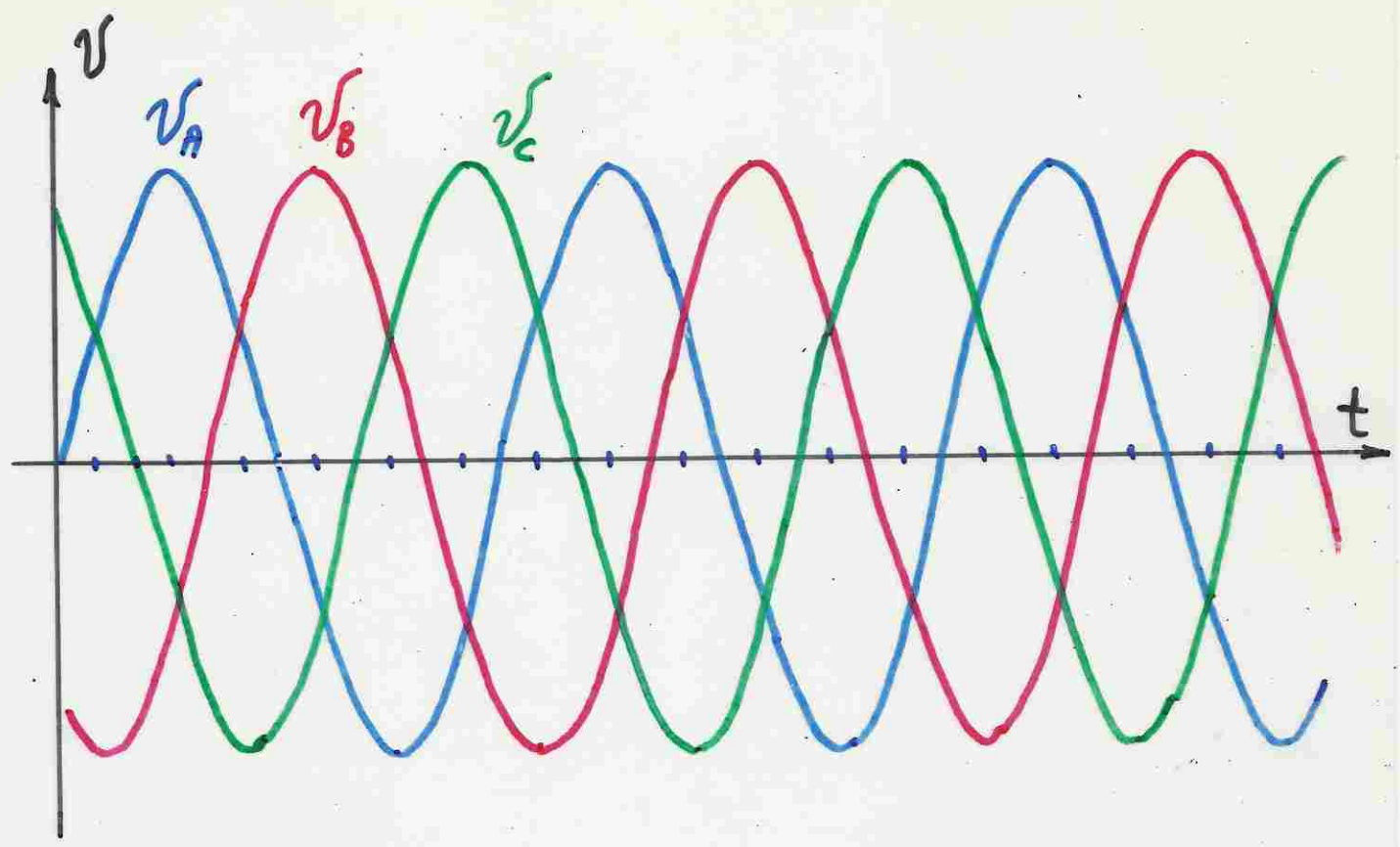
Generators with two or more windings in which the induced e.m.f are of the same amplitude and frequency but shifted in phase are called (Poly phase Generators). A circuit containing poly phase generators and loads is called a poly phase circuit.

* The most common in practice for the transmission and distribution of electrical power is the three-phase system for economical, technical and simplicity reasons.

In a three-phase generator a set of balanced voltages that have identical amplitudes and frequency but are shifted in respect with each other by 120° are produced.

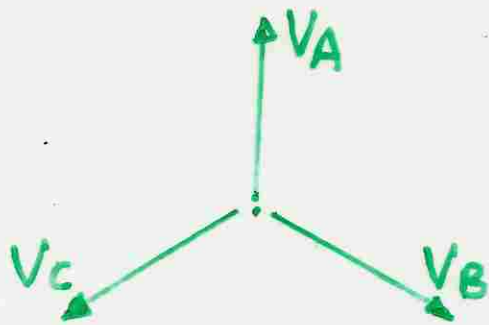
In discussing 3-phase circuits, it is a standard practice to refer to the three phase as:

(A, B, and C) or (R, S, and T) or (U, V, and W)



Three-phase voltage system

The order in which the voltages of a 3-phase generator go through the same value is called phase sequence.



ABC System.
(Positive Sequence)

If $V_A = 50 \angle 90^\circ$ volt.

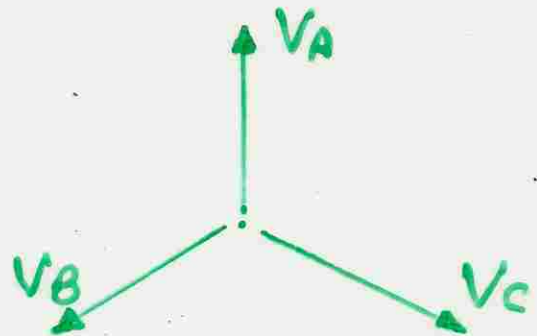
$\therefore V_B = 50 \angle -30^\circ$ "

$\& V_C = 50 \angle -150^\circ$ "

If $V_A = 100 \angle 0^\circ$ volt.

$V_B = 100 \angle -120^\circ$ "

$V_C = 100 \angle +120^\circ$ "



CBA System.

(Negative Sequence).

If $V_A = 50 \angle 90^\circ$ volt.

$\therefore V_B = 50 \angle -150^\circ$ "

$\& V_C = 50 \angle -30^\circ$ "

If $V_A = 100 \angle 0^\circ$ volt.

$V_B = 100 \angle 120^\circ$ "

$V_C = 100 \angle -120^\circ$ "

* If the phase sequence is known and one voltage in the set, we can find the entire set.

An important characteristic of a set of balanced three-phase voltages is that at any instant of time the sum of the three voltages adds to zero.

$$V_A + V_B + V_C = 0$$

* Fig. 5 shows a system in which the power is carried from the generator windings to the load along six wires without interlinking the phases.

* Fig. 6 shows a change made for the sake of economy. Instead of having a return wire from each load to each winding, a single wire is used for the return current of all three. This wire is called the (Neutral Wire).

If the three loads are equal ($Z_A = Z_B = Z_C$), the three currents I_A , I_B , and I_C will be balanced and the sum of these currents is zero.

$$I_N = I_A + I_B + I_C = 0$$

When $Z_A = Z_B = Z_C$.

But when $Z_A \neq Z_B \neq Z_C \rightarrow I_N \neq 0$

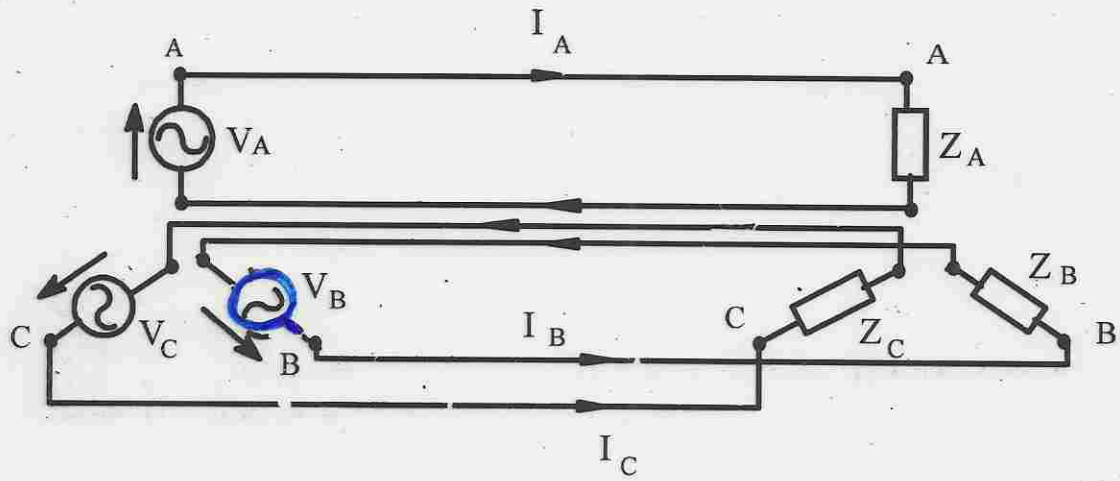


Fig. 5 Non-interlinked 3-phase SIX wire system

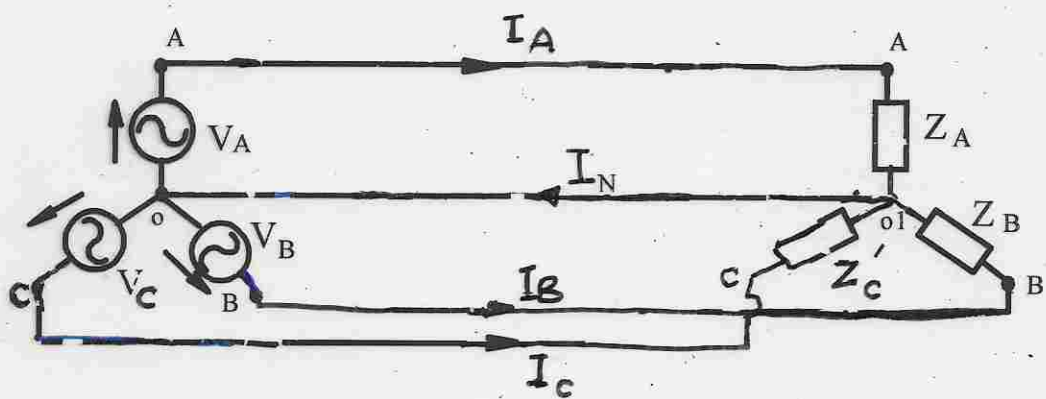


Fig. 6 Three phase FOUR wire star-star system

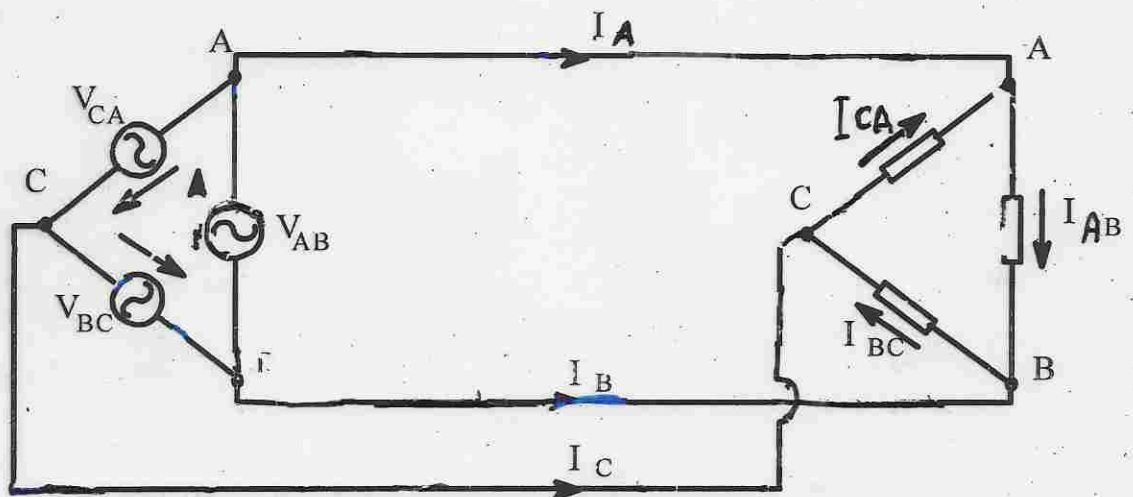


Fig. 7 Three phase THREE wire delta-delta system

Fig.7 shows another method used for connecting the generator and the load. This system is called 3-phase 3-wire Δ - Δ System.

A more general method of 3-phase connection which is used for power distribution is shown in Fig.8.

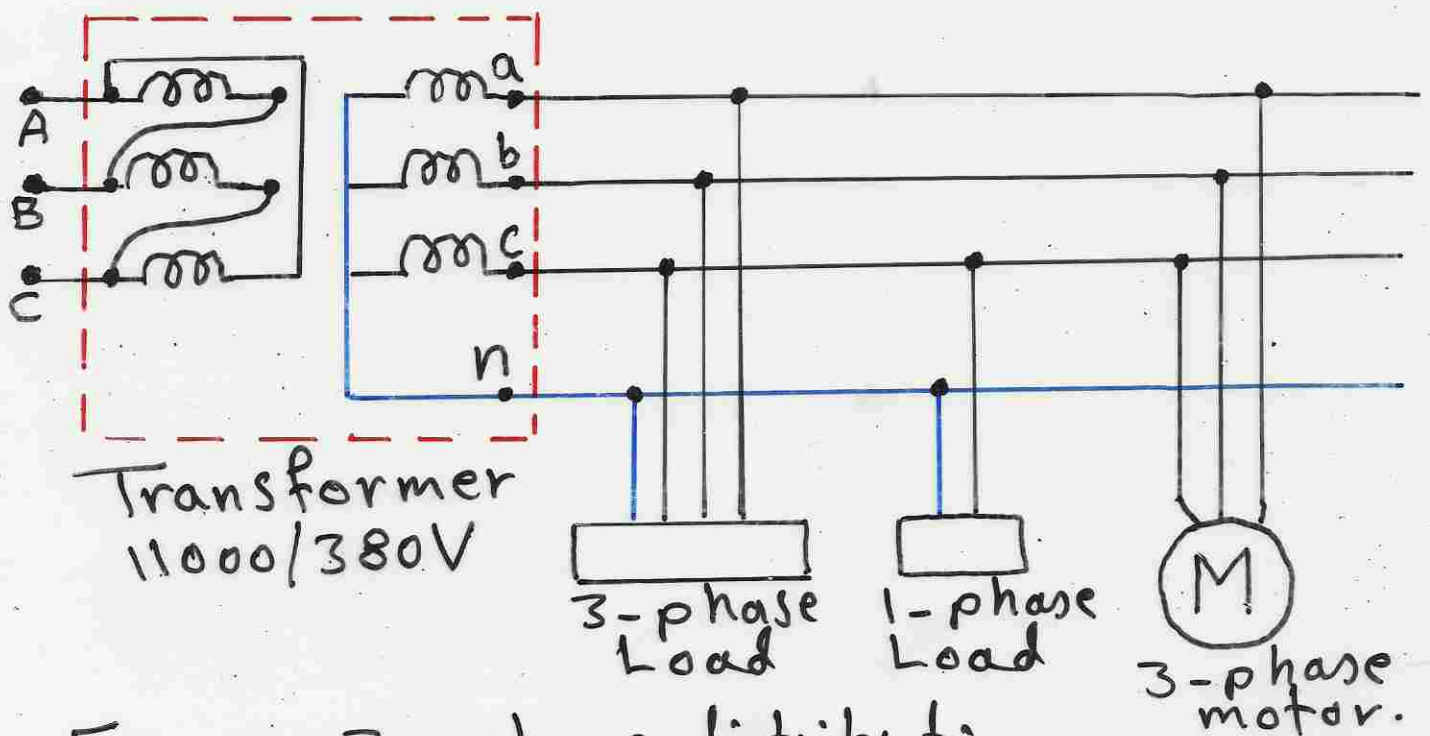


Fig.8. 3-phase distribution method.

** The Voltage across any generator winding or any load impedance is called the phase Voltage of the generator or the load (V_{ph}).

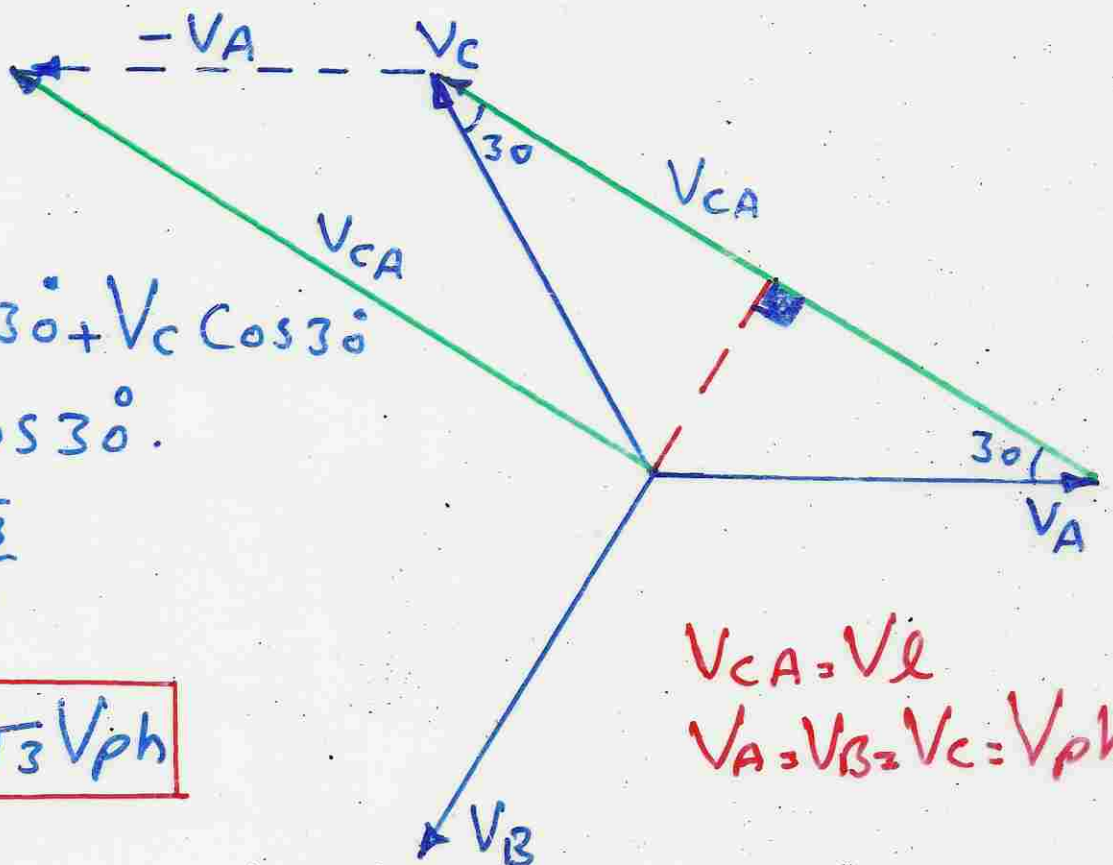
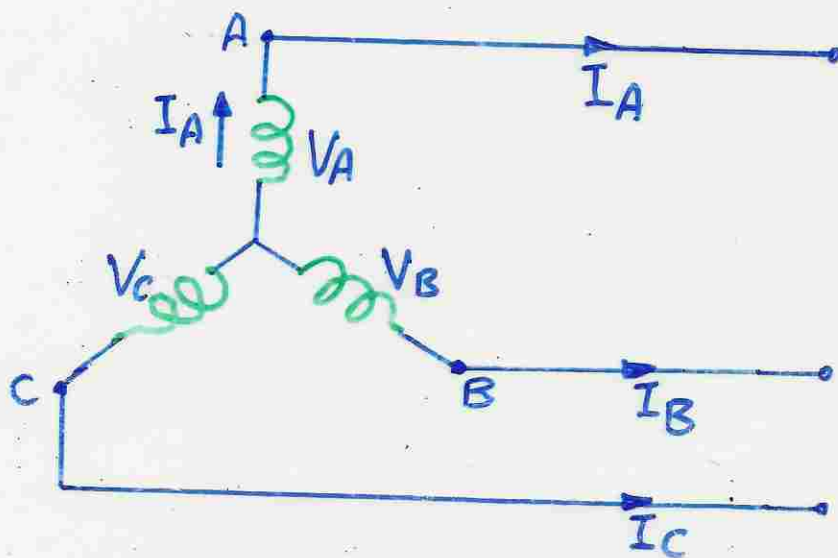
- *** The Voltage between any two of the wires (ABC) is called the (Line Voltage V_L).
- *** The Current passing through any one of the three (ABC) wires is called the (Line Current I_L).
- *** The Current passing through any generator winding (or Load impedance) is called the (Phase current I_{ph}).
- *** The point connecting all the ends of generator windings (XYZ) is called the neutral point of the generator.
- *** The point connecting all the ends of Load impedances is called the neutral point of the Load.
- *** If the phase sequence is not mentioned then a positive ABC system is assumed.
- *** Unless otherwise specifically stated, a Voltage given for a 3-phase system shall be assumed to be the Line Voltage (V_L).

Relationship between Line and Phase Quantities

① In Y Connected generator and in balanced Y connected Load:-

$$I_L = I_{ph}$$

$$V_L = \sqrt{3} V_{ph}$$



$$\begin{aligned} V_{CA} &= V_A \cos 30^\circ + V_C \cos 30^\circ \\ &= 2V_A \cos 30^\circ \\ &= 2V_A \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

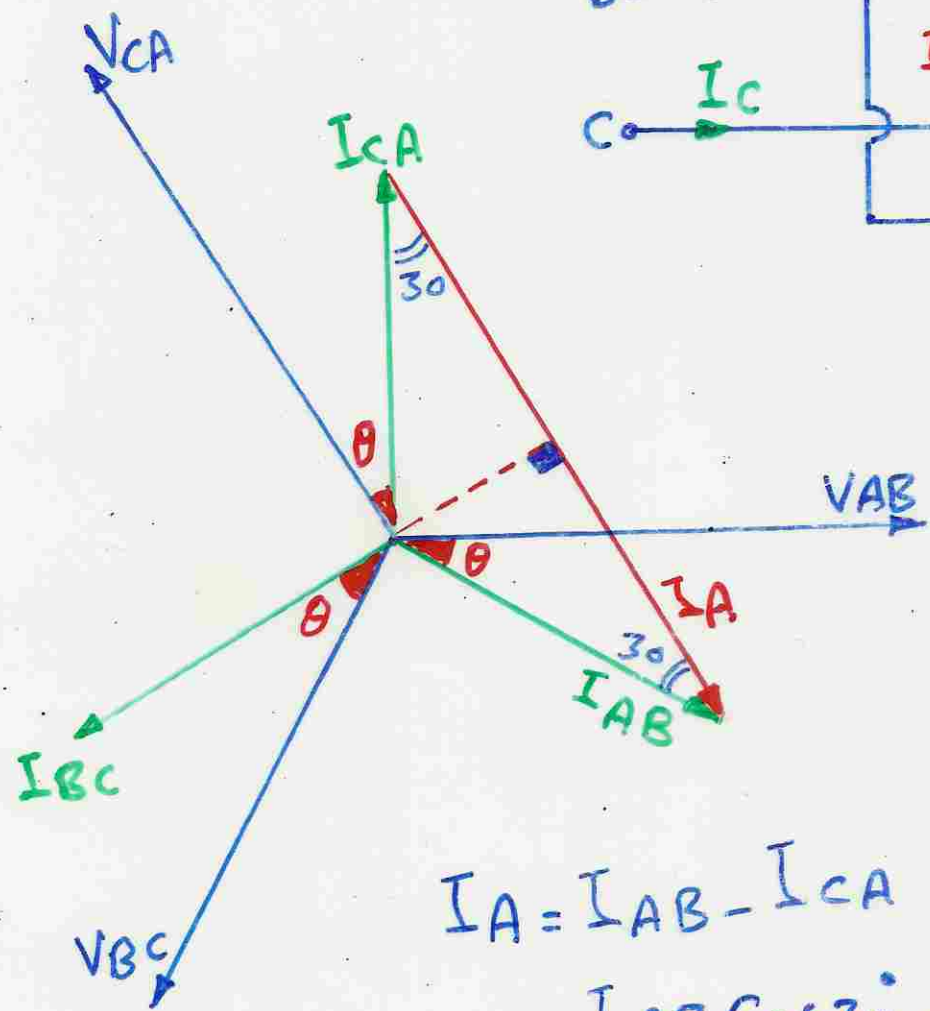
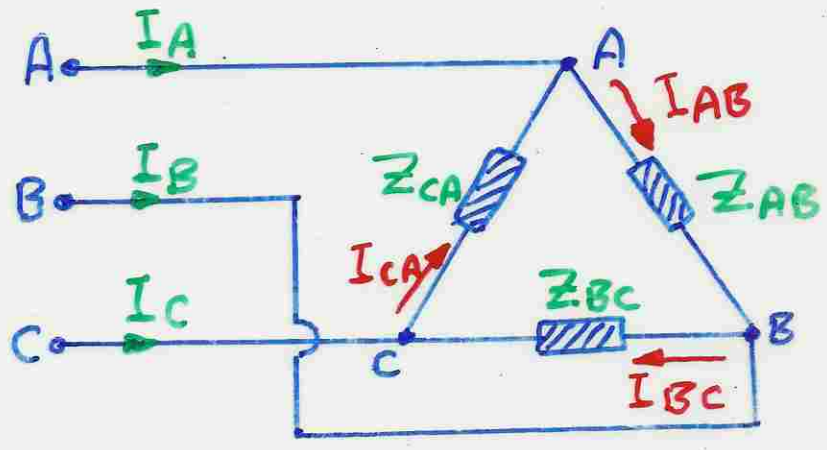
$$\therefore V_L = \sqrt{3} V_{ph}$$

$$\begin{aligned} V_{CA} &= V_L \\ V_A = V_B = V_C &= V_{ph} \end{aligned}$$

② In Δ Connected generator and in balanced Δ Connected Load:-

$$V_l = V_{ph}$$

$$I_l = \sqrt{3} I_{ph}$$



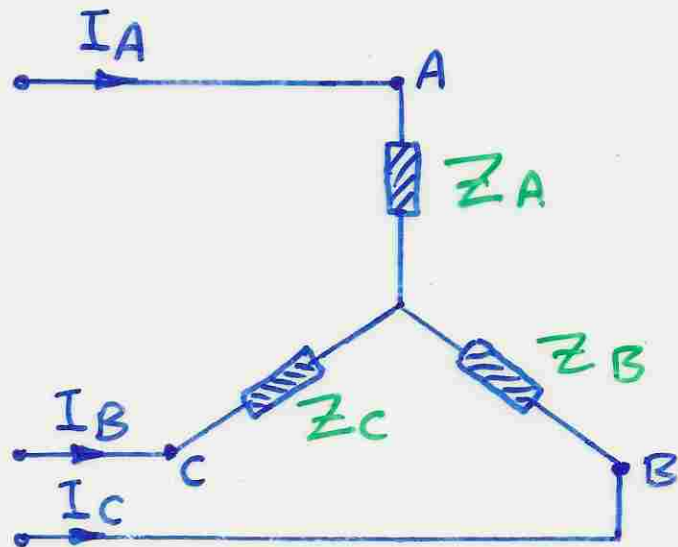
$$\begin{aligned}
 I_A &= I_{AB} - I_{CA} \\
 &= I_{AB} \cos 30^\circ + I_{CA} \cos 30^\circ \\
 &= 2 I_{AB} \cos 30^\circ \\
 &= 2 I_{AB} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$I_{AB} = I_{ph}$
 $I_A = I_l$

$$I_l = \sqrt{3} I_{ph}$$

Power in 3-phase Circuits

① In Y-connected Load:-



* When $Z_A \neq Z_B \neq Z_C$.

$$\therefore P = V_A I_A \cos \theta_A + V_B I_B \cos \theta_B + V_C I_C \cos \theta_C.$$

* When $Z_A = Z_B = Z_C$.

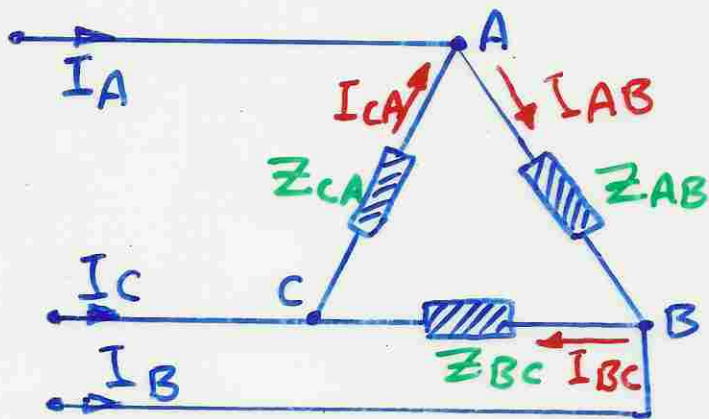
$$\therefore P = 3 V_A I_A \cos \theta_A.$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot \frac{V_L}{\sqrt{3}} \cdot I_L \cos \theta.$$

$$\therefore P = \sqrt{3} V_L \cdot I_L \cos \theta.$$

$$\& Q = \sqrt{3} V_L \cdot I_L \sin \theta.$$

② In Δ - Connected Load:-



* When $Z_{AB} \neq Z_{BC} \neq Z_{CA}$.

$$P = V_{AB} I_{AB} \cos \theta_{AB} + V_{BC} I_{BC} \cos \theta_{BC} + V_{CA} I_{CA} \cos \theta_{CA}$$

* When $Z_{AB} = Z_{BC} = Z_{CA}$.

$$P = 3 V_{AB} \cdot I_{AB} \cos \theta_{AB}$$

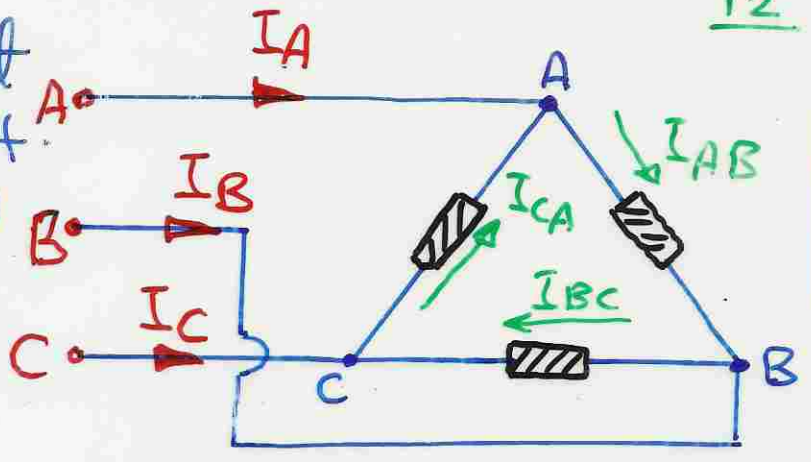
$$= \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot V_L \cdot \frac{I_L}{\sqrt{3}} \cos \theta$$

$$\therefore P = \sqrt{3} V_L \cdot I_L \cdot \cos \theta$$

$$Q = \sqrt{3} \cdot V_L \cdot I_L \cdot \sin \theta$$

Ex: For the circuit shown, $V = 200V$ off. Find the line currents

$Z_{AB} = Z_{BC} = Z_{CA} = 10 \angle -75 \Omega$



** let $V_{AB} = 200 \angle 0 V$.

$\therefore V_{BC} = 200 \angle -120 V$.

$V_{CA} = 200 \angle +120 V$.

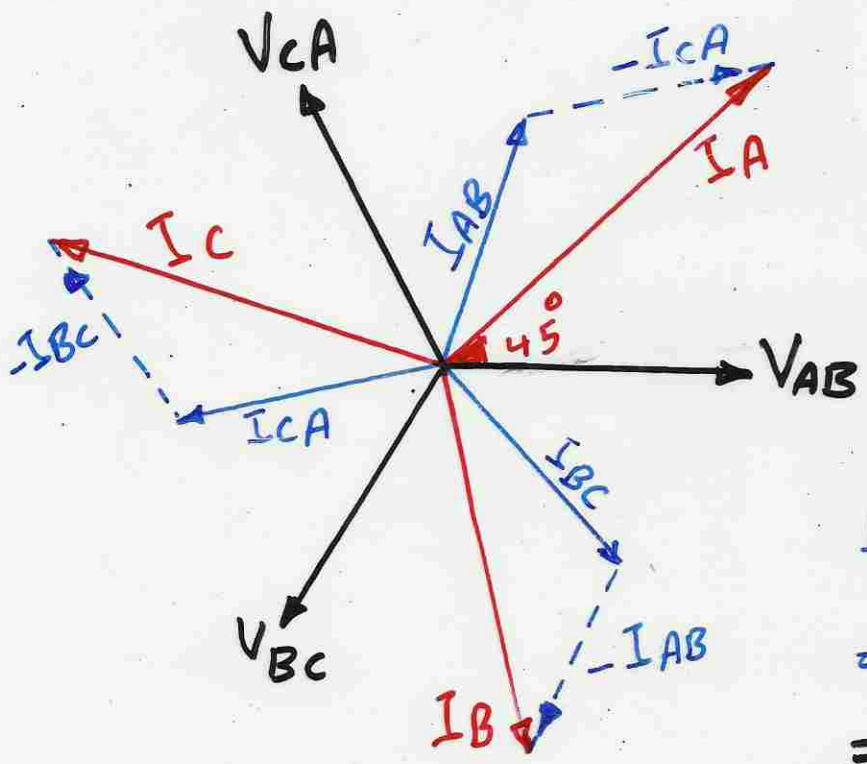
$\therefore I_{AB} = \frac{V_{AB}}{Z_{AB}} = \frac{200 \angle 0}{10 \angle -75} = 20 \angle 75 \text{ Amp}$.

and $I_{BC} = 20 \angle -45 A$, $I_{CA} = 20 \angle 195 \text{ Amp}$.

$\therefore I_A = I_{AB} - I_{CA} = 20 \angle 75 - 20 \angle 195 = 34.6 \angle 45 \text{ Amp}$.

$I_B = I_{BC} - I_{AB} = 34.6 \angle -75 \text{ Amp}$.

$I_C = I_{CA} - I_{BC} = 34.6 \angle 165 \text{ Amp}$.



$P = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \cos \theta$
 $= \sqrt{3} \times 200 \times 34.6 \cos 75$
 $= 3102 \text{ Watts}$.

Ex For the Circuit

$$V = 260V$$

Find line currents.

***.

$$V_{ph} = \frac{260}{\sqrt{3}} = 150V.$$

$$\therefore V_A = 150 \angle 0^\circ V, \quad V_B = 150 \angle -120^\circ V, \quad V_C = 150 \angle +120^\circ V.$$

and

$$I_A' = \frac{150 \angle 0^\circ}{15 \angle -90^\circ} = \underline{10 \angle 90^\circ A}$$

$$I_B' = \frac{150 \angle -120^\circ}{15 \angle -90^\circ} = \underline{10 \angle -30^\circ A} \quad \text{and} \quad I_C' = \underline{10 \angle 210^\circ A}$$

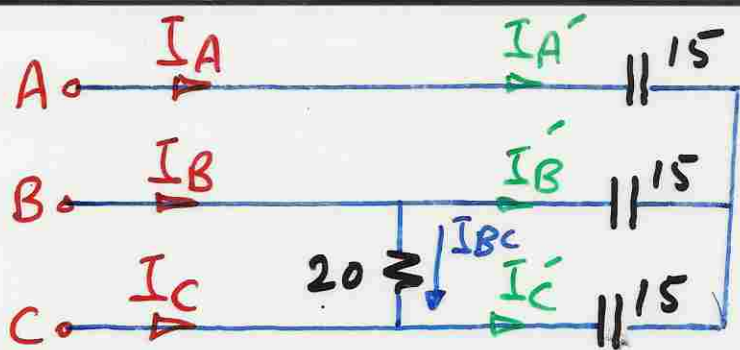
But:

$$I_A = I_A' = \underline{10 \angle 90^\circ \text{ Amp.}}$$

$$I_{BC} = \frac{V_{BC}}{20} = \frac{260 \angle -90^\circ}{20} = 13 \angle -90^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_B = I_B' + I_{BC} = 10 \angle -30^\circ + 13 \angle -90^\circ = \underline{20 \angle -64.3^\circ A}$$

$$I_C = I_C' - I_{BC} = 10 \angle 210^\circ + 13 \angle -90^\circ = \underline{11.79 \angle 137.3^\circ A}$$

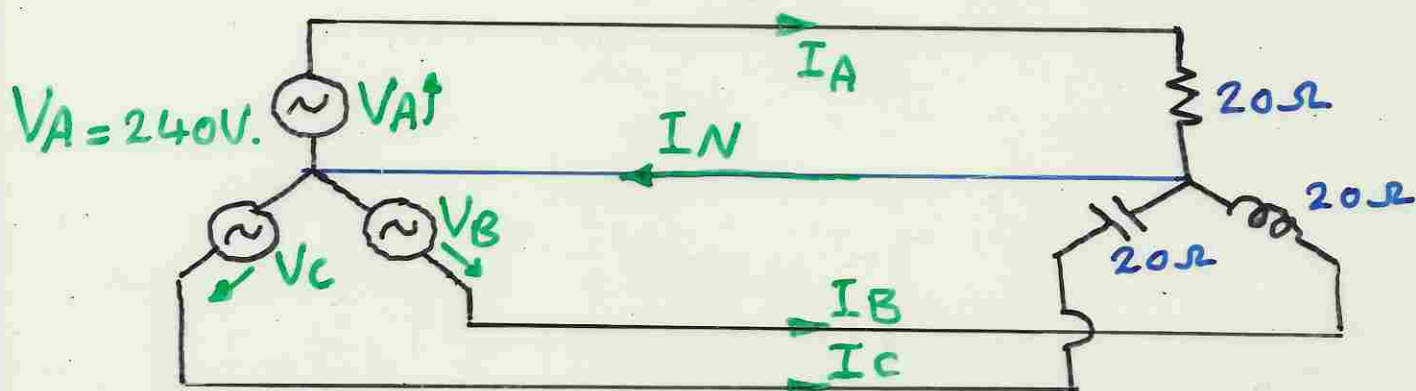


Example:

In the 3-phase circuit shown:-

Find the current distribution in the circuit when the phase sequence is ABC.

Draw the phasor diagram of Voltages & Current.



$$\text{If } V_A = 240 \angle 0^\circ \text{ V.} \quad \therefore V_B = 240 \angle -120^\circ, \quad V_C = 240 \angle +120^\circ$$

$$I_A = \frac{240 \angle 0^\circ}{20} = 12 \angle 0^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

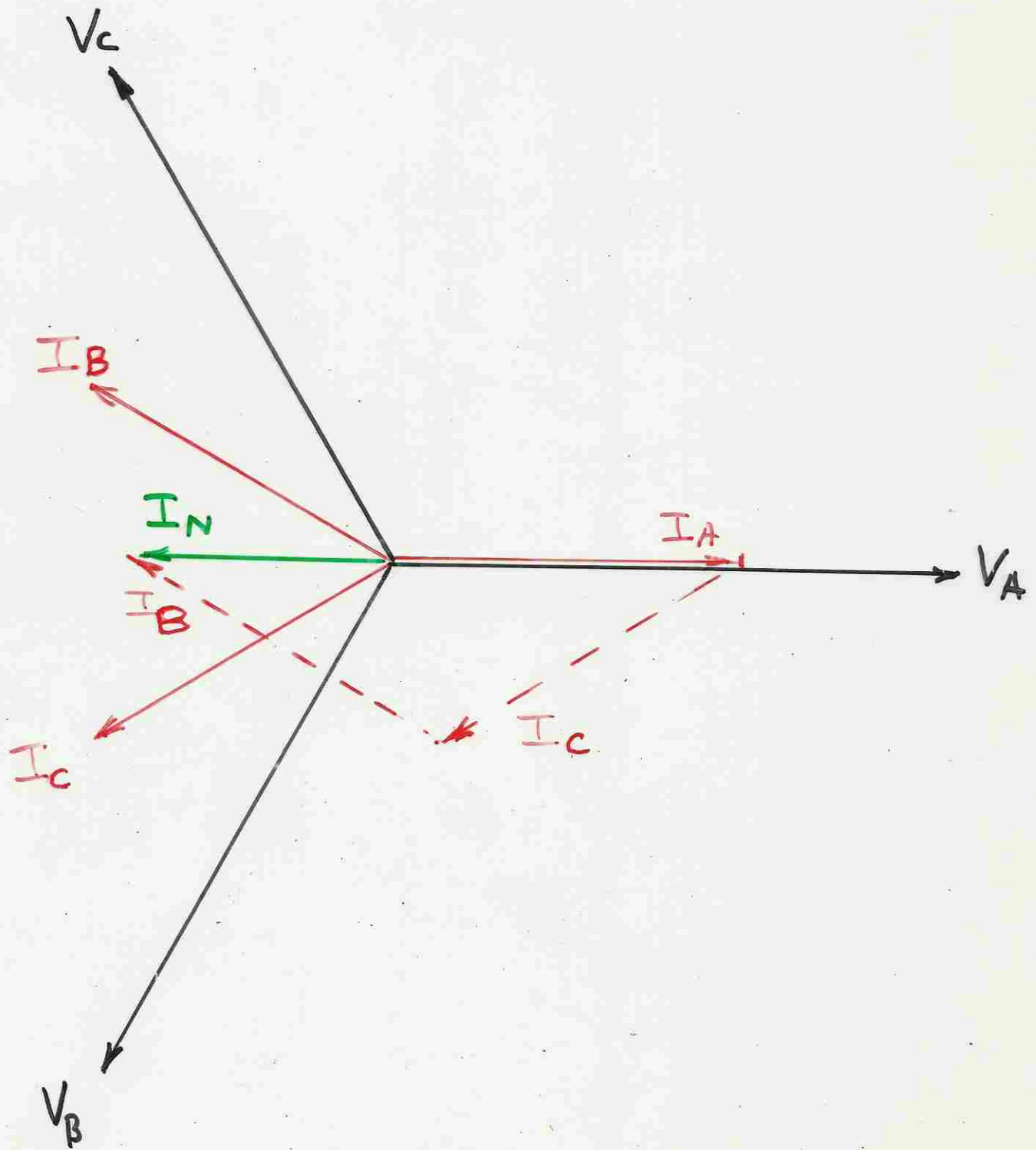
$$I_B = \frac{240 \angle -120^\circ}{20 \angle 90^\circ} = 12 \angle -210^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_C = \frac{240 \angle +120^\circ}{20 \angle -90^\circ} = 12 \angle 210^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$\therefore I_N = I_A + I_B + I_C$$

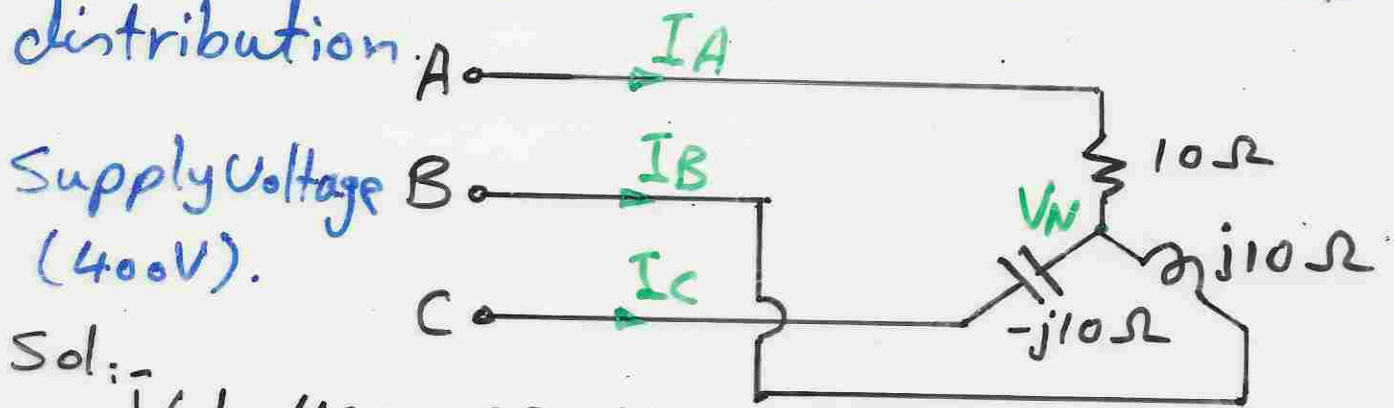
$$= 12 \angle 0^\circ + 12 \angle -210^\circ + 12 \angle +210^\circ = 8.78 \angle -180^\circ \\ = -8.78 \text{ Amp.}$$

Note: Repeat the same question for -ve sequence.



Example:

For the circuit shown, find the currents distribution.



Supply Voltage
(400V).

Sol:-

$$V_{ph} = \frac{400}{\sqrt{3}} = 230 \text{ V.}$$

$$\therefore V_A = 230 \angle 0^\circ, \quad V_B = 230 \angle -120^\circ, \quad V_C = 230 \angle +120^\circ.$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{j10} + \frac{1}{-j10}\right)V_N - \frac{V_A}{10} - \frac{V_B}{+j10} - \frac{V_C}{-j10} = 0.$$

$$(0.1 + j0.1 - j0.1)V_N = 0.1V_A - j0.1V_B + j0.1V_C.$$

$$\therefore V_N = \frac{230 \times 0.1 + 230 \angle -120^\circ \times 0.1 \angle -90^\circ + 230 \angle 120^\circ \times 0.1 \angle 90^\circ}{0.1 + j0.1 - j0.1}$$

$$= 230 - 200 + j115 - 200 - j115 = \underline{-170 \text{ V.}}$$

$$\therefore I_A = \frac{V_A - V_N}{10}$$

$$= \frac{230 - (-170)}{10} = \frac{400}{10} = 40 \text{ Amp.}$$

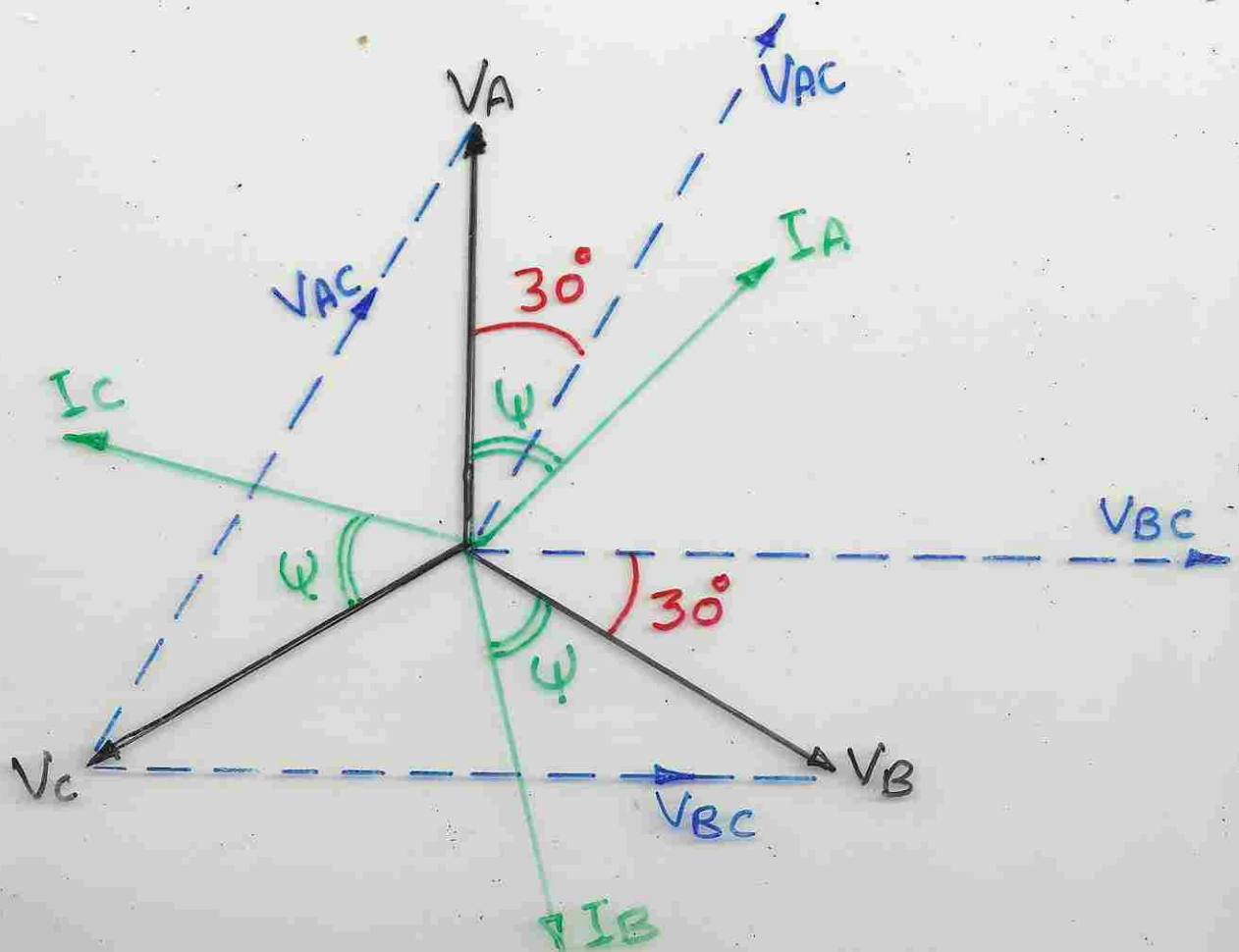
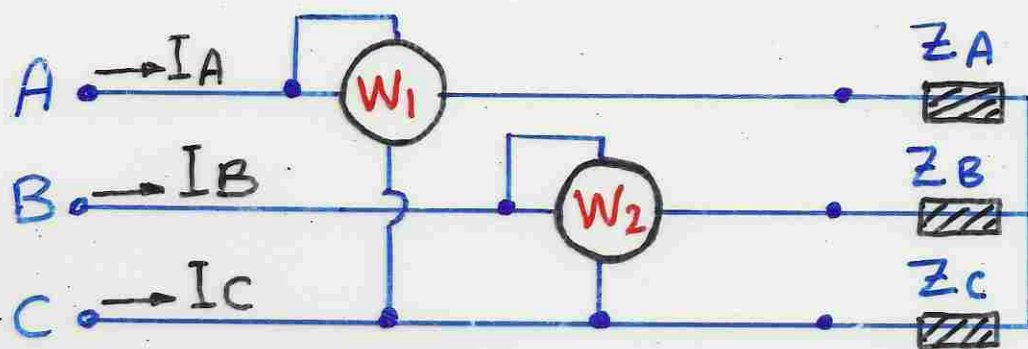
$$I_B = \frac{V_B - V_N}{j10} = \frac{230 \angle -120^\circ - (-170)}{10 \angle 90^\circ} = 20.7 \angle -165^\circ \text{ A.}$$

$$I_C = \frac{V_C - V_N}{-j10} = \frac{230 \angle +120^\circ - (-170)}{10 \angle -90^\circ} = 20.7 \angle 165^\circ \text{ A.}$$

Note: Repeat the same question by using Superposition & Loop current method.

«The Two Wattmeter method »

The active power delivered to a 3-ph - three wire, λ or Δ connected balanced or unbalanced Load can be found using only two wattmeters if the proper connection is used and if the wattmeters readings are properly interpreted.



$$W_1 = V_{AC} \cdot I_A \cdot \cos(\psi - 30^\circ).$$

$$W_2 = V_{BC} \cdot I_B \cdot \cos(\psi + 30^\circ).$$

$$\begin{aligned} W_1 + W_2 &= V_{AC} \cdot I_A \cdot \cos(\psi - 30^\circ) + V_{BC} \cdot I_B \cdot \cos(\psi + 30^\circ). \\ &= V_L \cdot I_L \cdot [\cos(\psi - 30^\circ) + \cos(\psi + 30^\circ)]. \\ &= V_L \cdot I_L \cdot [\cos\psi \cdot \cos 30^\circ + \sin\psi \sin 30^\circ + \cos\psi \cos 30^\circ \\ &\quad - \sin\psi \sin 30^\circ]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W_1 + W_2 = 2V_L \cdot I_L \cdot \cos\psi \cos 30^\circ.$$

$$\therefore \boxed{W_1 + W_2 = \sqrt{3} V_L \cdot I_L \cos\psi.}$$

which means that the active power delivered to the Load is equal to the Sum of the two wattmeter readings.

* When $\psi = 0$ (resistive load) $W_1 = W_2$.

* When $\psi = 90^\circ$ (Pure Inductive or Capacitive load) $W_1 = -W_2$.

$$\begin{aligned} * \quad W_1 - W_2 &= V_L \cdot I_L [\cos 30^\circ \cos\psi + \sin 30^\circ \sin\psi \\ &\quad - \cos 30^\circ \cos\psi + \sin 30^\circ \sin\psi] \\ &= 2V_L I_L \sin 30^\circ \sin\psi. \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore W_1 - W_2 = V_L \cdot I_L \sin\psi.$$

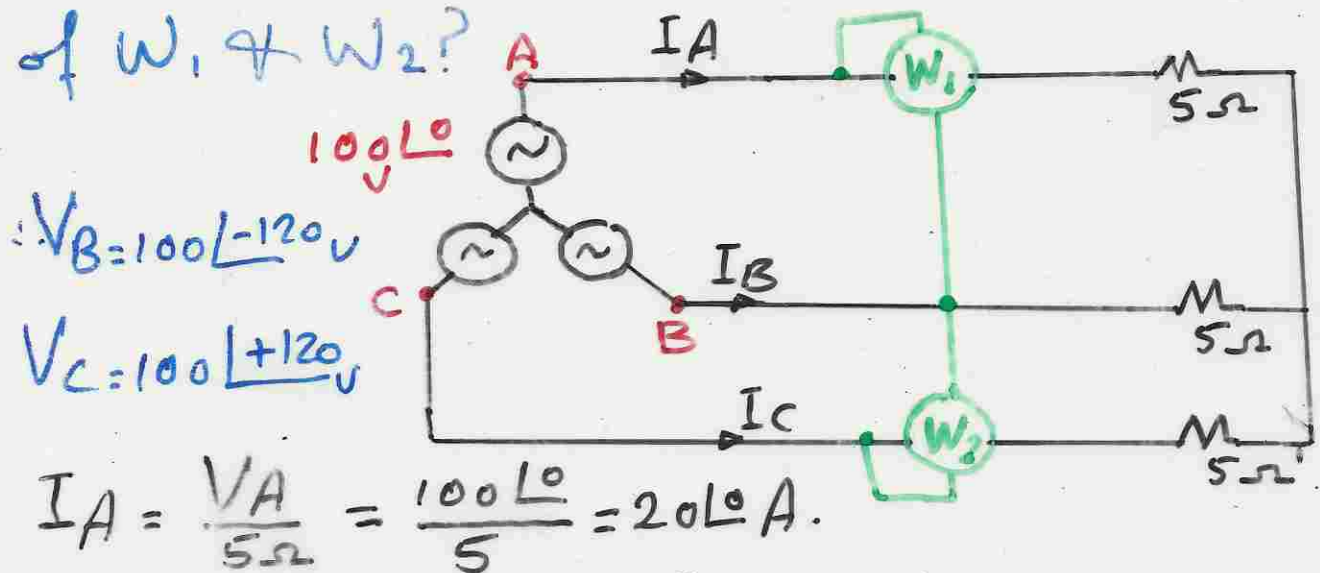
$$\therefore \sqrt{3} (W_1 - W_2) = \sqrt{3} V_l I_l \sin \psi = Q.$$

$$\tan \psi = \frac{Q}{P} = \sqrt{3} \frac{W_1 - W_2}{W_1 + W_2}$$

Note: This equation used only for
Balanced load.

Example

For the circuit shown, Find the reading of W_1 & W_2 ?



$$V_B = 100 \angle -120^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$V_C = 100 \angle +120^\circ \text{ V}$$

$$I_A = \frac{V_A}{5\Omega} = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ}{5} = 20 \angle 0^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$\therefore I_B = 20 \angle -120^\circ \text{ A}, \quad I_C = 20 \angle +120^\circ \text{ A}$$

$$W_1 = V_{AB} \cdot I_A \cdot \cos \psi$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 30^\circ = \underline{3000 \text{ Watts}}$$

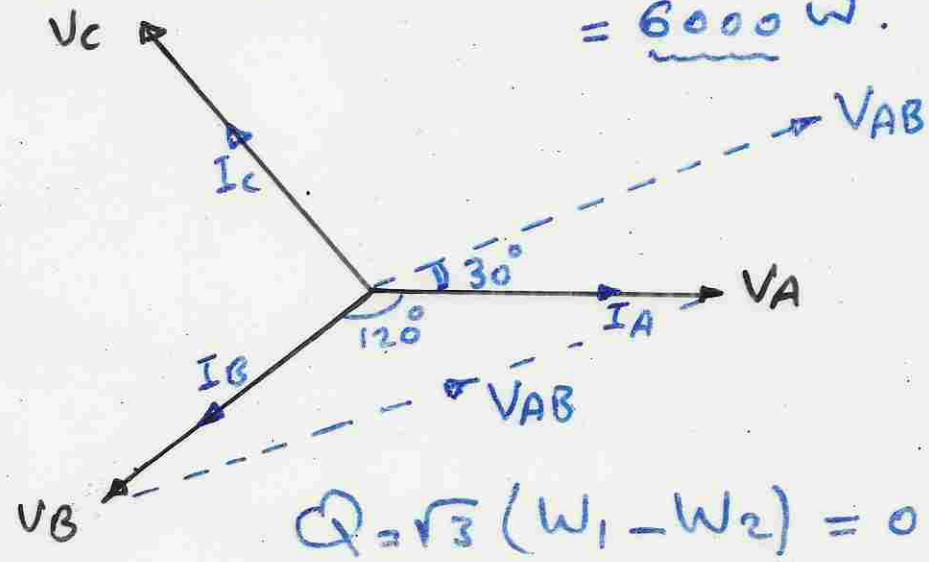
$$W_2 = V_{CB} \cdot I_C \cdot \cos \psi$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 30^\circ = \underline{3000 \text{ Watts}}$$

$$P_T = W_1 + W_2 = 6000 \text{ W}$$

OR: $P_T = 3 I^2 \cdot R = 3 \times (20)^2 \times 5 = \underline{6000 \text{ W}}$

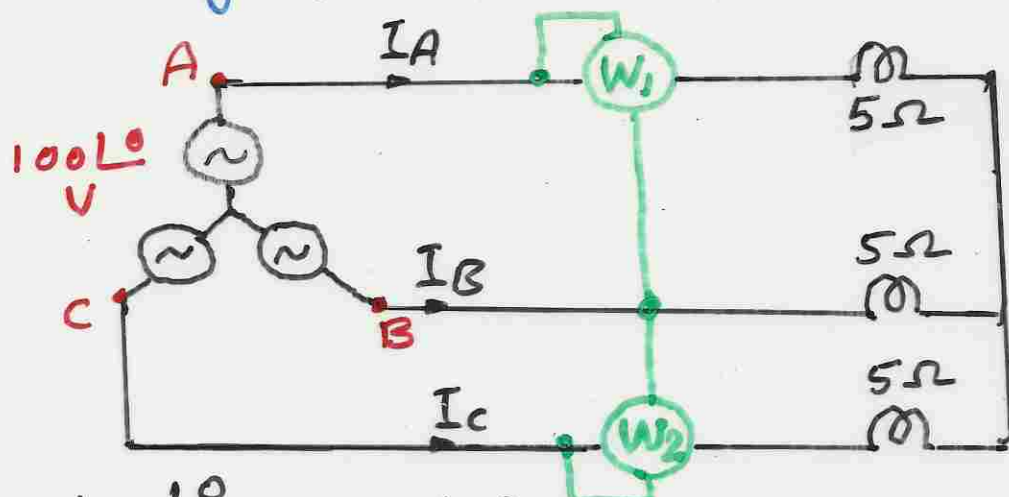
OR: $P_T = \sqrt{3} \cdot V_L \cdot I_L \cos \psi = \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \times \cos 30^\circ = \underline{6000 \text{ W}}$



$$Q = \sqrt{3} (W_1 - W_2) = 0 \quad (\text{Why})$$

Example

Find the reading of W_1 & W_2 for the circuit



$$I_A = \frac{V_A}{j5} = \frac{100 \angle 0^\circ}{5 \angle 90^\circ} = 20 \angle -90^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_B = \frac{V_B}{j5} = \frac{100 \angle -120^\circ}{5 \angle 90^\circ} = 20 \angle -210^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_C = \frac{V_C}{j5} = 20 \angle 30^\circ \text{ Amp.}$$

$$W_1 = V_{AB} \cdot I_A \cdot \cos \psi$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 120^\circ = \underline{-1732 \text{ W}}$$

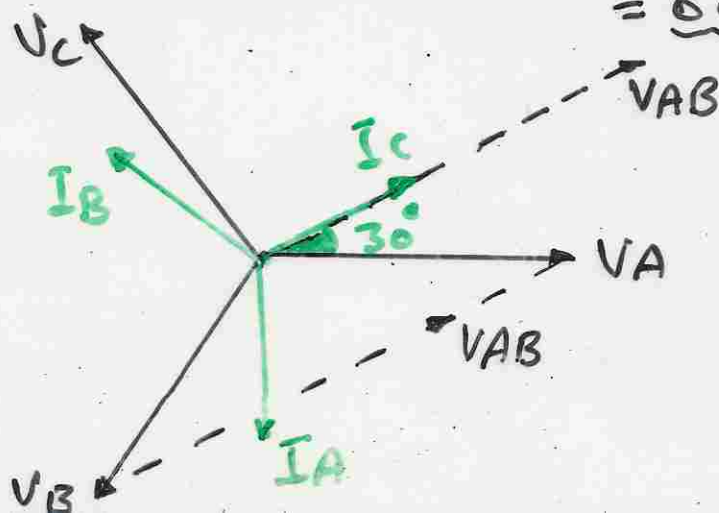
$$W_2 = V_{CB} \cdot I_C \cdot \cos \psi$$

$$= \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 60^\circ = \underline{1732 \text{ W}}$$

$$P_T = W_1 + W_2 = 0 \text{ (Why).}$$

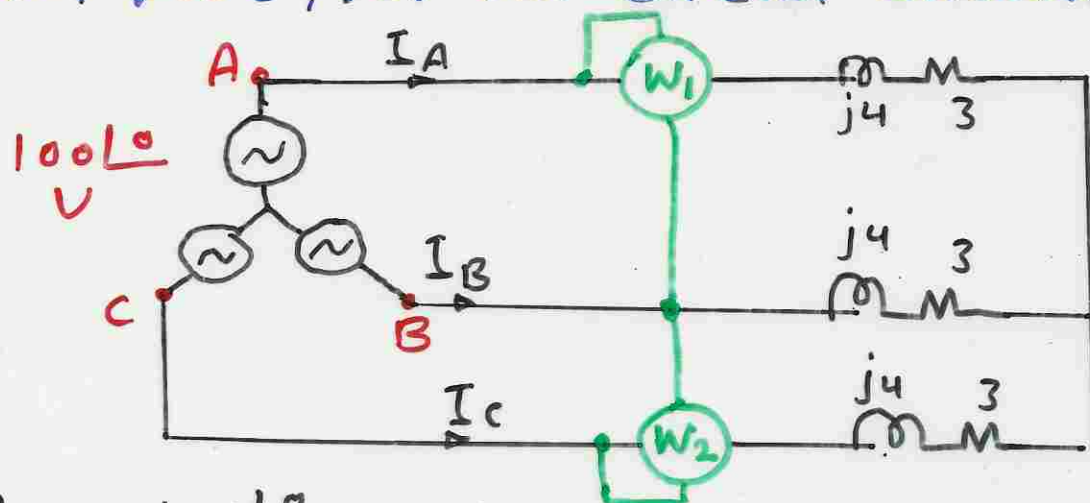
$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} (W_1 - W_2) = \underline{6000 \text{ VAR}}$$

$$\text{OR: } Q_T = \sqrt{3} V_L \cdot I_L \sin \psi = \sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{3} \cdot 100 \times 20 \times \sin 90^\circ = \underline{6000 \text{ VAR}}$$



Example

Find W_1 & W_2 , for the circuit shown



$$I_A = \frac{V_A}{3+j4} = \frac{100\angle 0}{5\angle 53.1} = 20\angle -53.1 \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_B = \frac{100\angle -120}{5\angle 53.1} = 20\angle -173.1 \text{ Amp.}$$

$$I_C = \frac{100\angle +120}{5\angle 53.1} = 20\angle 66.9 \text{ Amp.}$$

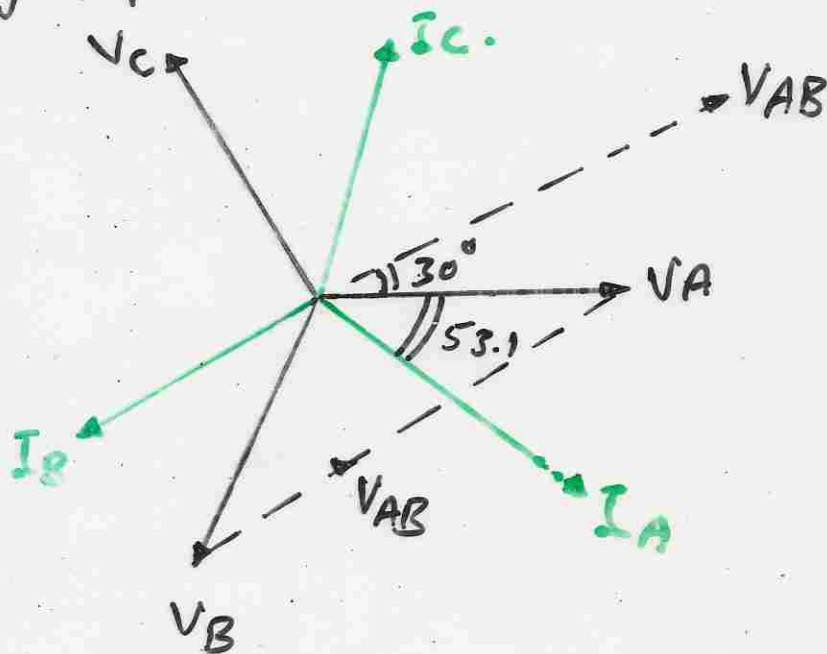
$$W_1 = \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 83.1 = \underline{414.3 \text{ Watts}}$$

$$W_2 = \sqrt{3} \times 100 \times 20 \cos 23.1 = \underline{3186.3 \text{ Watts}}$$

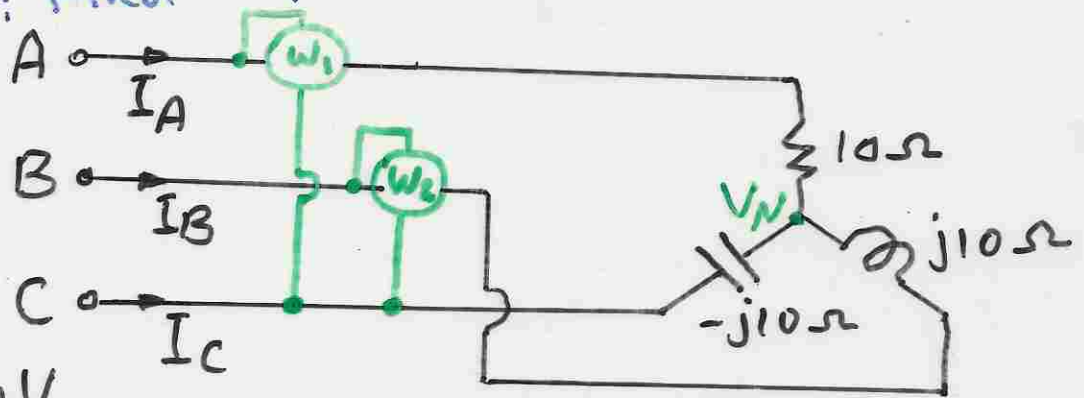
$$P_T = W_1 + W_2 = \underline{3600 \text{ W}} \quad (\text{check}).$$

$$Q_T = \sqrt{3} (W_1 - W_2) = \underline{4800 \text{ VAR}} \quad (\text{check}).$$

$$S_T = P_T + jQ_T = 6000 \text{ VA} = \sqrt{3} V_L I_L \quad (\text{check}).$$



Example: Find W_1 & W_2 , for the circuit shown



$V_L = 400V.$

We have $I_A = 40A$, $I_B = 20.7 \angle -165^\circ$, $I_C = 20.7 \angle 165^\circ A.$

$W_1 = I_A V_{AC} \cos \psi$

$= 40 \times 400 \cos 30 = 13856.4 W.$

$W_2 = I_B V_{BC} \cos \psi$

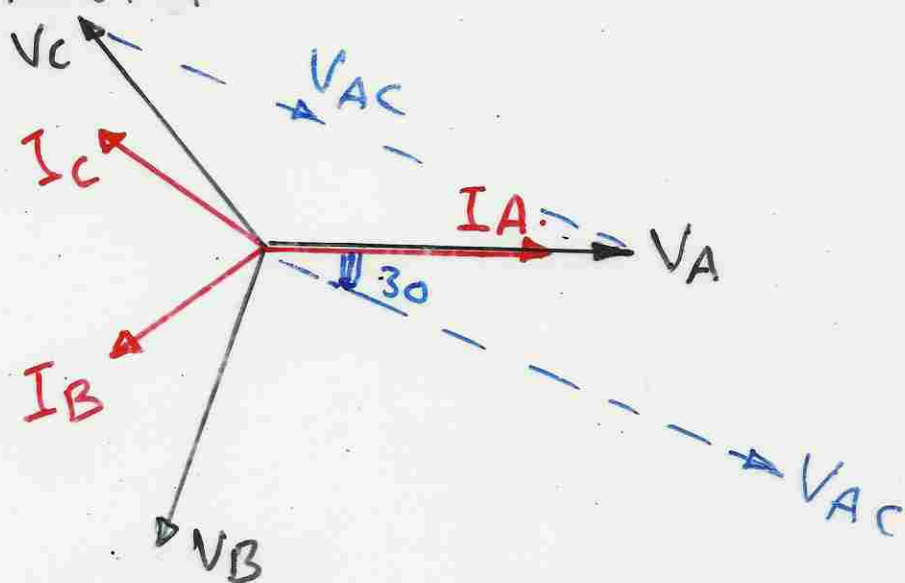
$= 20.7 \times 400 \cos 75 = 2143 W.$

$\therefore P_T = W_1 + W_2 = 16000 W$

Check: * $P_T = (I_A)^2 \times 10 = (40)^2 \times 10 = 16000 W$

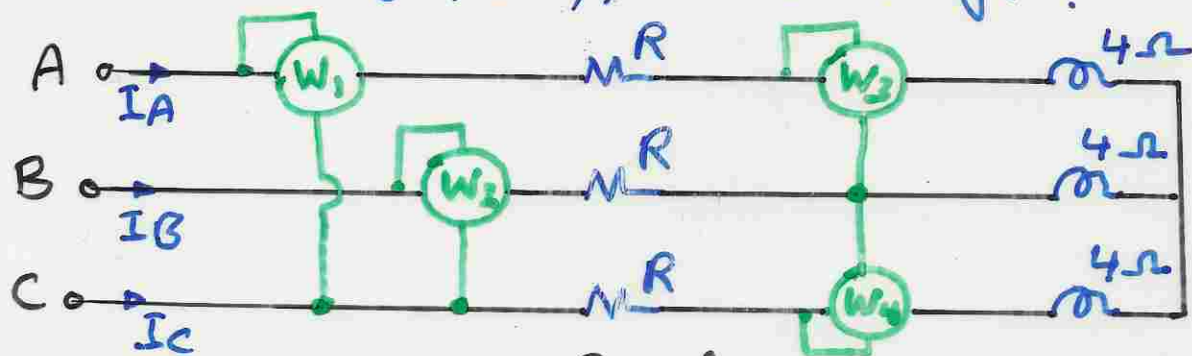
* $P_T = V_A \times I_A \times \cos \psi = 400 \times 40 = 16000 W$

Note: Change the position of W_1 & W_2 , you must find same results.



Example

For the Circuit shown, $W_1 = 12745 \text{ W}$, $W_4 = 5542 \text{ W}$
Find W_2 & W_3 , R , line voltage?



Since W_3 & W_4 Read the power consumed by 4Ω . $\therefore W_3 + W_4 = 0$.

$$\therefore \underline{W_3 = -5542 \text{ W}}$$

Since $(W_1 \text{ \& } W_2)$ & $(W_3 \text{ \& } W_4)$ read the same reactive power (Q) of the load.

$$\therefore \sqrt{3}(W_1 - W_2) = \sqrt{3}(W_3 - W_4) = Q_T$$

$$\therefore \underline{W_2 = 1661 \text{ W}}$$

$$* Q_T = \sqrt{3}(W_1 - W_2) = \sqrt{3}(W_3 - W_4) = 19198 \text{ VAR}$$

$$\therefore Q_{ph} = 19198/3 = 6399.35 = I_l^2 \cdot X_l$$

$$\therefore I_l = I_A = I_B = I_C = \underline{40 \text{ Amp}}$$

$$* P_T = W_1 + W_2 = 14406 \text{ Watts}$$

$$P_{ph} = 14406/3 = 4802 = I_l^2 \cdot R$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{4802}{(40)^2} = \underline{3 \Omega}$$

$$* \tan \psi = \frac{Q_T}{P_T} = \frac{X_l}{R} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \therefore \psi = 53.1$$

$$P_T = \sqrt{3} V_l I_l \cos \psi \quad \therefore \underline{V_l = 346.3 \text{ Volts}}$$