

Grounding Examples

$$a := 1 \cdot e^{j \cdot 120 \text{deg}} \quad A_{012} := \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & a^2 & a \\ 1 & a & a^2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{MVA} := 1000 \text{kW} \quad \text{pu} := 1$$

A 4160 V feeder is supplied by the WYE connected side of a 75 MVA transformer. The system MVA_{sc} supplying the delta side of the transformer is 650 MVA. The transformer has a leakage reactance of 10%. A ground impedance will be connected in the neutral of 4.16kV side of the transformer to limit fault currents.

A Sketch the per unit diagram for the system

$$\text{MVA}_{base} := 100 \text{MVA}$$

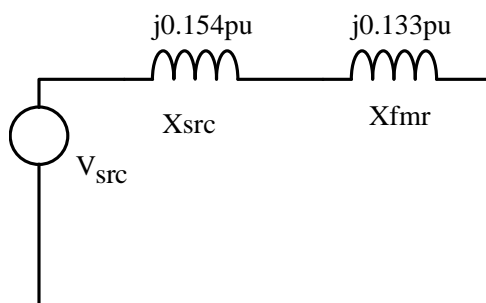
$$\text{S}_{rated} := 75 \text{MVA} \quad V_{LL} := 4.16 \text{kV} \quad V_{ln} := \frac{V_{LL}}{\sqrt{3}} \quad V_{ln} = 2.402 \cdot \text{kV}$$

$$\text{MVA}_{sc} := 650 \text{MVA}$$

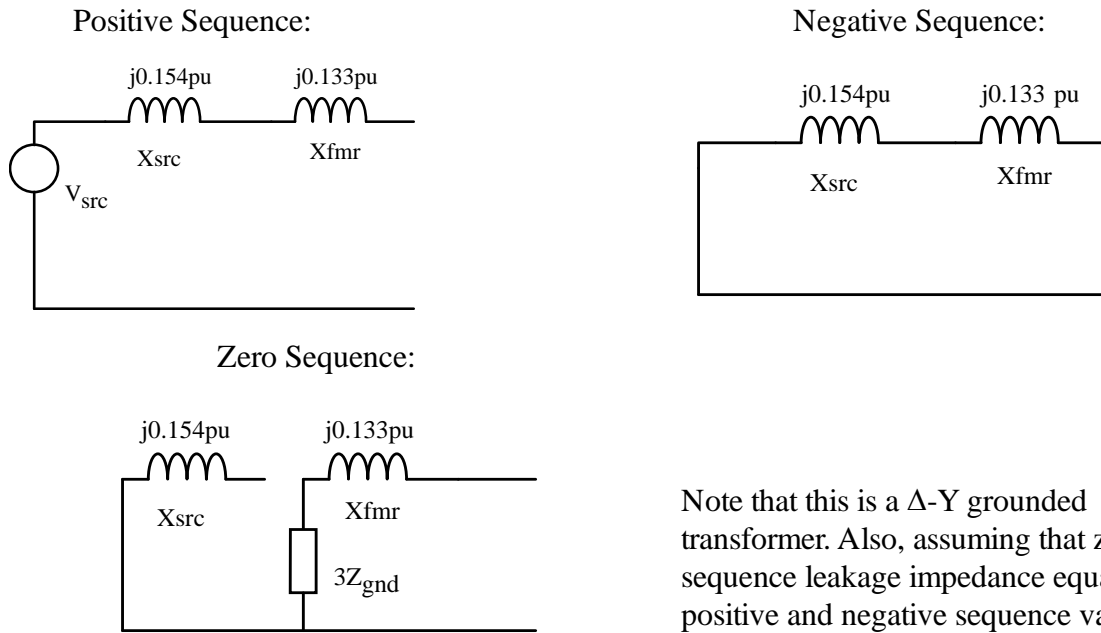
$$X_{src_pu} := \frac{1.0^2}{\left(\frac{\text{MVA}_{sc}}{\text{MVA}_{base}}\right)} \quad X_{src_pu} = 0.154 \cdot \text{pu}$$

$$X_{xfmr} := 0.1 \cdot \left(\frac{4160 \text{V}}{4160 \text{V}}\right)^2 \cdot \left(\frac{\text{MVA}_{base}}{\text{S}_{rated}}\right)$$

$$X_{xfmr} = 0.133 \cdot \text{pu}$$



B Determine sequence networks for the system



C Assume that the feeder is all overhead lines with negligible capacitance. Determine the ground reactance needed to limit the single line to ground fault current to 6000A.

$$I_{f_slgmax} := 6000A$$

$$I_{base} := \frac{MVA_{base}}{\sqrt{3} \cdot V_{LL}}$$

$$I_{base} = 13.88 \cdot kA$$

$$Z_{base} := \frac{V_{LL}^2}{MVA_{base}}$$

$$I_{fpu} := \frac{I_{f_slgmax}}{I_{base}}$$

$$I_{fpu} = 0.432 \cdot pu$$

For a SLG fault we have (connect positive, negative and zero sequence circuits in series):

$$I_0 = \frac{V_{fault}}{Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0 + 3 \cdot jX_{gnd}}$$

where

$$V_{fault} := 1.0 \cdot e^{j \cdot 90deg}$$

$$Z_1 := jX_{src_pu} + jX_{xfmr} \quad Z_2 := Z_1$$

$$Z_0 := jX_{xfmr}$$

and we know for a SLG fault: $I_0 := \frac{I_{fpu}}{3}$

Solve for Z_{gnd}

$$Z_{gnd} := \frac{1}{3} \left[\frac{V_{fault}}{I_0} - (Z_1 + Z_2 + Z_0) \right] \quad Z_{gnd} = 2.0772i \quad \text{per unit}$$

$$X_{gndpu} := \text{Im}(Z_{gnd}) \quad X_{gndpu} = 2.077 \text{ per unit}$$

$$X_{gnd} := X_{gndpu} \cdot Z_{base} \quad X_{gnd} = 0.359 \Omega$$

$$L_{gnd} := \frac{X_{gnd}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 60\text{Hz}} \quad L_{gnd} = 0.954 \cdot \text{mH at } 60\text{Hz}$$

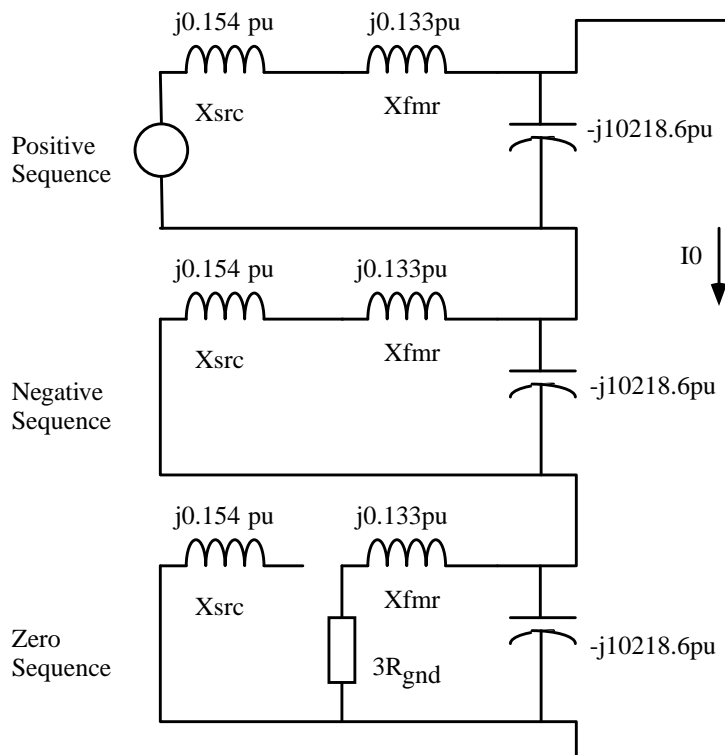
D If the feeder is largely underground, the capacitance cannot be neglected. If the total per phase capacitance to ground is $1.5 \mu\text{F}$, determine the grounding resistance needed to limit the single line to ground fault current to 20 A.

$$C_{parasitic} := 1.5 \mu\text{F} \quad X_c := \frac{1}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot 60\text{Hz} \cdot C_{parasitic}} \quad X_c = 1.768 \cdot \text{k}\Omega$$

$$X_{c_pu} := \frac{X_c}{Z_{base}} \quad X_{c_pu} = 10218.6 \cdot \text{pu}$$

$$I_{slg_max} := 20\text{A} \quad I_{slgpu} := \frac{I_{slg_max}}{I_{base}} \quad I_{slgpu} = 1.441 \times 10^{-3} \cdot \text{pu}$$

The sequence networks will now change with the addition of the capacitance as shown.



$$I_0 = \frac{V_{\text{fault}}}{Z_1 + Z_2 + \frac{[(Z_0 + 3 \cdot R_g) \cdot (-jX_c)]}{Z_0 + 3R_g - j \cdot X_c}}$$

Note that $Z_1 + Z_2$ will be much much smaller than the parallel combination of $3R$ and $-jX_c$, so that Z_1 and Z_2 can be neglected, as can Z_0

We also, only care about the magnitude of the reduced current, not the angle.

So we are actually solving:

$$|I_0| = \left| \frac{V_{\text{fault}}}{\frac{[(Z_0 + 3 \cdot R_g) \cdot (jX_c)]}{Z_0 + 3R_g - j \cdot X_c}} \right|$$

which requires an iterative solution.

$$I_0 := \frac{I_{\text{slgpu}}}{3}$$

Initial Guess:

$$R_g := 1000$$

MathCAD solve block:

Given

$$I_0 - \left| \frac{V_{\text{fault}}}{\frac{(3 \cdot R_g + Z_0) \cdot (-j \cdot X_{c_pu})}{(3 \cdot R_g + Z_0) - j \cdot X_{c_pu}}} \right| = 0$$

$$R_{\text{gnd_pu}} := \text{Find}(R_g)$$

$$R_{\text{gnd_pu}} = 708.786$$

$$R_{\text{gnd}} := R_{\text{gnd_pu}} \cdot Z_{\text{base}}$$

$$R_{\text{gnd}} = 122.66 \Omega$$

E Calculate the line to ground voltages on the unfaulted phases in parts **C** and **D** and calculate the zero sequence voltages and currents.

Part C:

$$I_{0_partC} := \frac{V_{fault}}{Z_0 + 3 \cdot j \cdot X_{gndpu} + Z_1 + Z_2} \quad \boxed{I_{0_partC} = 0.144} \quad I_{1_partC} := I_{0_partC}$$

$$I_{2_partC} := I_{0_partC}$$

as a check: $I_{a_partC} := 3 \cdot I_{0_partC} \quad |I_{a_partC}| = 0.432 \text{ pu} \quad |I_{a_partC}| \cdot I_{base} = 6 \cdot \text{kA}$

$$V_{1_partC} := V_{fault} - I_{1_partC} \cdot Z_1 \quad \boxed{V_{1_partC} = 0.959i}$$

$$V_{2_partC} := -I_{2_partC} \cdot Z_2 \quad \boxed{V_{2_partC} = -0.041i}$$

$$V_{0_partC} := -I_{0_partC} \cdot (Z_0 + 3 \cdot j \cdot X_{gndpu}) \quad \boxed{V_{0_partC} = -0.917i}$$

$$V_{abc_partC} := A_{012} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_{0_partC} \\ V_{1_partC} \\ V_{2_partC} \end{pmatrix} \quad V_{abc_partC} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.866 - 1.376i \\ -0.866 - 1.376i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{|V_{abc_partC}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1.626 \\ 1.626 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\overrightarrow{\arg(V_{abc_partC})} = \begin{pmatrix} 90 \\ -57.812 \\ -122.188 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg}$$

$$V_{ln} \cdot \overrightarrow{|V_{abc_partC}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3.905 \\ 3.905 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{kV}$$

Part D:

$$Z_{gndD} := \frac{(3 \cdot R_{gnd_pu} + Z_0) \cdot (-j \cdot X_{c_pu})}{(3 \cdot R_{gnd_pu} + Z_0) - j \cdot X_{c_pu}}$$

$$I_{0_partD} := \frac{V_{fault}}{Z_{gndD} + Z_1 + Z_2} \quad \boxed{I_{0_partD} = -9.771 \times 10^{-5} + 4.703i \times 10^{-4}}$$

$$I_{1_partD} := I_{0_partD} \quad I_{2_partD} := I_{0_partD} \quad |I_{0_partD}| = 4.804 \times 10^{-4}$$

as a check: $I_{a_partD} := 3 \cdot I_{0_partD}$ $|I_{a_partD}| = 1.441 \times 10^{-3}$ pu
 $|I_{a_partD}| \cdot I_{base} = 20.001 \cdot A$

$V1_partD := V_{fault} - I1_partD \cdot Z1$ $|V1_partD| = 1$

$V2_partD := -I2_partD \cdot Z2$ $|V2_partD| = 1.38 \times 10^{-4}$

$V0_partD := -I0_partD \cdot (Z_{gndD})$ $|V0_partD| = 1$

$V_{abc_partD} := A_{012} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V0_partD \\ V1_partD \\ V2_partD \end{pmatrix}$ $V_{abc_partD} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.866 - 1.5i \\ -0.866 - 1.5i \end{pmatrix}$

$\overrightarrow{|V_{abc_partD}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1.732 \\ 1.732 \end{pmatrix}$

$\arg(V_{abc_partD}) = \begin{pmatrix} 107.593 \\ -60.013 \\ -120.01 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg}$

$V_{ln} \cdot \overrightarrow{|V_{abc_partD}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 4.16 \\ 4.161 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{kV}$

F Compute the single line to ground fault current and the voltage on the unfaulted phases if the transformer is solidly grounded. Calculate the zero sequence voltages and currents.

$I_{0_gnd} := \frac{V_{fault}}{Z0 + Z1 + Z2}$ $I_{0_gnd} = 1.413$ $I1_gnd := I_{0_gnd}$
 $I2_gnd := I_{0_gnd}$

$I_{a_gnd} := 3 \cdot I_{0_gnd}$ $I_{a_gnd} = 4.239$ per unit

$I_{a_gnd} \cdot I_{base} = 58.833 \cdot \text{kA}$

$V1_gnd := V_{fault} - I1_gnd \cdot Z1$ $V1_gnd = 0.594i$

$V2_gnd := -I2_gnd \cdot Z2$ $V2_gnd = -0.406i$

$V0_gnd := -I0_gnd \cdot Z0$ $V0_gnd = -0.1884i$

$$V_{abc} := A_{012} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} V_{0_gnd} + 10^{-16} \\ V_{1_gnd} \\ V_{2_gnd} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$V_{abc} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.866 - 0.283i \\ -0.866 - 0.283i \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{|V_{abc}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0.911 \\ 0.911 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\vec{\arg(V_{abc})} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -18.073 \\ -161.927 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{deg}$$

Note that V_b and V_c are nearly 1.0 per unit, and are slightly depressed. If $Z_0=Z_1=Z_2$ then they would be 1.0 and offset from each other by 120 degrees.

$$V_{LL} \cdot \vec{|V_{abc}|} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3.79 \\ 3.79 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \text{kV}$$

G For the different grounded cases described above, discuss the available quantities to measure for ground fault protection and suggest a scheme to consider (based on voltage, current, etc).

For the high resistance grounded case, there isn't enough current available for doing ground fault protection, but V_0 is 1pu, so there is enough voltage available to use that to identify the presence of a ground fault.

For the case with the low inductance grounded, there is sufficient I_0 for detecting a fault, although any fault impedance (resistance) may make this too difficult. There is also probably sufficient V_0 to use that to detect the fault.

For the solidly grounded case, V_0 is pretty small, and it might be hard to discriminate sufficiently to identify a fault. On the other hand, I_0 is large.