







LECTURE 12 SYNCHRONOUS GENERATOR





Equivalent circuit of a synchronous generator



 \Box **E**_{AN} is the phase voltage of the a-phase **I**_a is the line current

 \Box **E**_{*induced*} is the induced armature voltage.

 $\Box R_S$ is the resistance of the generator's stator coil.

 $\Box X_S$ is the *synchronous reactance* of the stator coil.





Equivalent circuit of a synchronous generator



Assuming that the generator is connected to a lagging load, the load current I_A will create a stator magnetic field B_S , which will produce the armature reaction voltage E_{stat} . Therefore, the phase voltage will be

$$V_{\phi} = E_A + E_{stat}$$

The net magnetic flux will be



Rotor field Stator field

Note that the directions of the net magnetic flux and the phase voltage are the same.



Equivalent circuit of a synchronous generator



Assuming that the load reactance is X, the armature reaction voltage is

The phase voltage is then

Armature reactance can be modeled by the following circuit...

However, in addition to armature reactance effect, the stator coil has a self-inductance L_A (X_A is the corresponding reactance) and the stator has resistance R_A . The phase voltage is thus







Equivalent circuit of a synchronous generator



Often, armature reactance and self-inductance are combined into the synchronous reactance of the machine:



 $V_{\phi} = E_A - jX_S I_A - RI_A$

The equivalent circuit of a 3-phase synchronous generator is shown.

The adjustable resistor R_{adj} controls the field current and, therefore, the rotor magnetic field.





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Equivalent circuit of a synchronous generator



Note: the discussion above assumed a balanced load on the generator!

Since – for balanced loads – the three phases of a synchronous generator are identical except for phase angles, per-phase equivalent circuits are often used.



Phasor diagram of a synchronous generator

Since the voltages in a synchronous generator are AC voltages, they are usually expressed as phasors. A vector plot of voltages and currents within one phase is called a phasor diagram.

A phasor diagram of a synchronous generator with a unity power factor (resistive load) —

Lagging power factor (inductive load): a larger than for leading PF internal generated voltage E_A is needed to form the same phase voltage.

Leading power factor (capacitive load).

For a given field current and magnitude of load current, the terminal voltage is lower for lagging loads and higher for leading loads.



 $I_A R_A$

Phasor Diagram of Unsaturated _b. Cylindrical Alternators



Lagging power factor

Ff

Assume that the synchronous generator is loaded with a lagging power factor load.

From the phasor diagram shown in next Fig, it is clear that the terminal voltage is decreased from its no-load value E_f to its loaded value Va (for a lagging power factor). This is because of: Drop due to armature resistance, IRa & drop due to leakage reactance, IXL and drop due to armature reaction IXa.

Phasor diagram for synchronous generator (p.f. Lag)



Phasor Diagram of Unsaturated Cylindrical Alternators cont...

Lagging power factor



- The angle (δ) between the no-load voltage (Ef) and the terminal voltage (Va) is called the load angle or (power angle) and it is positive value in case of alternators.
- The DC voltage (Excitation voltage) produces a flux (Φf) or (field mmf Ff).

If the armature circuit is closed by an electric load, the armature reaction (Φ_a) or (armature mmf F_a) is produced. These two fluxes may support each other or oppose each other depend on the load power factor to produce the air-gap or resultant flux (Φr) or (resultant mmf F_r).

From the phasor diagram shown in last Fig.
Since Fr < Ff this means that Fa oppose Ff
Since Va < Ef this is called over-excited alternator



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Leading power factor

Assume that the synchronous generator is loaded with a leading power factor load. From the phasor diagram shown in next Fig. it is clear that the terminal voltage is increased from its no-load value $\mathbf{E}_f = V + I_a(R_a + JX_S)$

Phasor diagram for synchronous generator (p.f. Lead)

From the phasor diagram shown in last Fig. Since Fr > Ff this means that Fa support FfSince Va > Ef this is called under-excited alternator

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Fr

I_a X_a

Ε,

l_a X_L

Unity power factor



Assume that the synchronous generator is loaded with a unity power factor load. From the phasor diagram shown in next Fig. it is clear that the terminal voltage is decreased from its no-load value E_f (similar to lagging power factor)

Phasor diagram for synchronous generator (p.f. unity)



From the phasor diagram shown . Since Fr < Ff this means that Fa oppose Ff Since Va < Ef this is called over-excited alternator

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Analytical Representation of Phasor Diagram

Consider the phasor diagram of 3-phase alternator at lagging p.f. as shown. E_f

We can describe this phasor diagram by two equations:

Horizontal Analysis: Alternator phasor diagram at lagging p.f $E_f \cos(\delta) = V + I_a R_a \cos(\varphi) + I_a X_s \sin(\varphi) \dots (1)$

Vertical Analysis:

 $E_f \sin(\delta) = I_a X_s \cos(\varphi) - I_a R_a \sin(\varphi) \dots (2)$

By dividing (2) by (1), we obtain:

$$\tan(\delta) = \frac{I_a X_s \cos(\varphi) - I_a R_a \sin(\varphi)}{V + I_a R_a \cos(\varphi) + I_a X_s \sin(\varphi)}$$

δ

V



 $I_a X_c$



Analytical Representation of Phasor Diagram cont...



Once the angle (δ) is known, we can obtain the excitation^a voltage E_f.

Now, if Ra is neglected, the phasor diagram is shown in next fig

Equations (1) and (2) can be rewritten by replacing Ra =0 as:



Approximate phasor at lag p.f





Analytical Representation of Phasor Diagram cont...

Horizontal Analysis:

$$E_f \cos(\delta) = V + I_a X_s \sin(\varphi) \dots (3)$$

Vertical Analysis:

$$E_f \sin(\delta) = I_a X_s \cos(\varphi) \dots (4)$$

By dividing (4) over (3), we obtain:

$$\tan(\delta) = \frac{I_a X_s \cos(\varphi)}{V + I_a X_s \sin(\varphi)} \dots (5)$$

Once the angle (δ) is known, we can obtain the excitation voltage E_f .











Analytical Representation of Phasor Diagram cont...



From the explained phasor diagrams given in above, we notice that V is always behind E_f , this means the power angle (δ) is always positive, and this is the remarkable notice on the phasor diagram of synchronous generators.





A synchronous generator needs to be connected to a prime mover whose speed is reasonably constant (to ensure constant frequency of the generated voltage) for various loads.

The applied mechanical power

is partially converted to electricity





The real output power of the synchronous generator is

 $P_{out} = \sqrt{3V_T I_L} \cos \theta = 3V_{\phi} I_A \cos \theta$ The reactive output power of the synchronous generator is

 $Q_{out} = \sqrt{3}V_T I_L \sin \theta = 3V_{\phi} I_A \sin \theta$

Recall that the power factor angle θ is the angle between V_{ϕ} and I_A and **not** the angle between V_T and I_L .

In real synchronous machines of any size, the armature resistance $R_A << X_S$ and, therefore, the armature resistance can be ignored. Thus, a simplified phasor diagram indicates that





Then the real output power of the synchronous generator ^acan be approximated as



We observe that electrical losses are assumed to be zero since the resistance is neglected. Therefore:



Here δ is the torque angle of the machine – the angle between V_{ϕ} and E_A . The maximum power can be supplied by the generator when $\delta = 90^{\circ}$:







The maximum power specified by last equation is called the static stability limit of the generator. Normally, real generators do not approach this limit: full-load torque angles are usually between 15^{0} and 20^{0} .

The induced torque is



Notice that the torque angle δ is also the angle between the rotor magnetic field B_R and the net magnetic field B_{net} . Alternatively, the induced torque is

$$\tau_{ind} = \frac{3V_{\phi}E_{A}\sin\delta}{\omega_{m}X_{S}}$$









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