

# Electrical Theory

## Power Principles & Phase Angle

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## Objectives

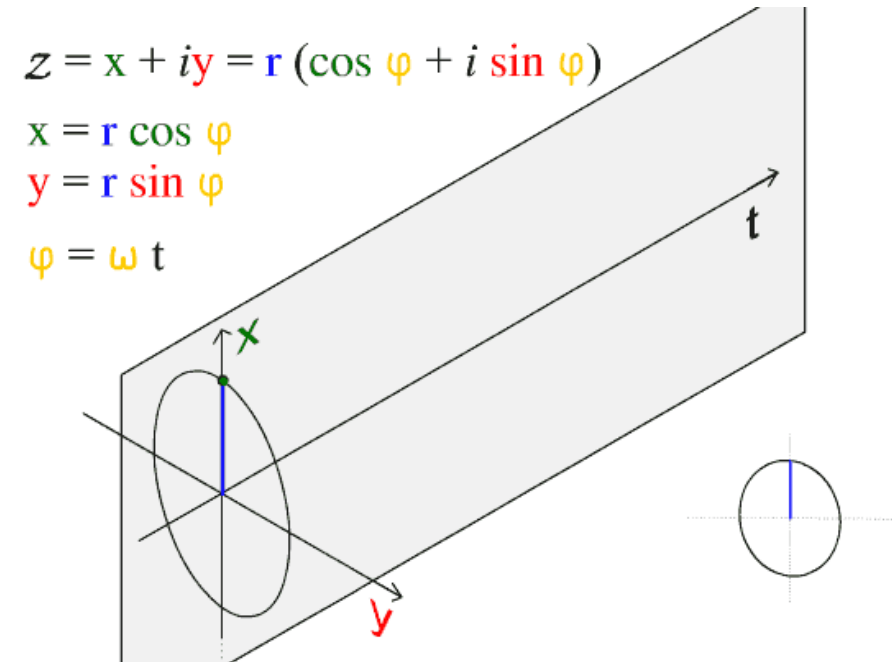


- Identify the characteristics of Sine Waves
- Discuss the principles of AC Voltage, Current, and Phase Relations
- Compute the Energy and Power on AC Systems
- Identify Three-Phase Power and its configurations

# Sine Waves

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- Generator operation is based on the principles of electromagnetic induction, which states:  
*When a conductor moves, cuts, or passes through a magnetic field, or vice versa, a voltage is induced in the conductor*
- When a generator shaft rotates, a conductor loop is forced through a magnetic field, inducing a voltage



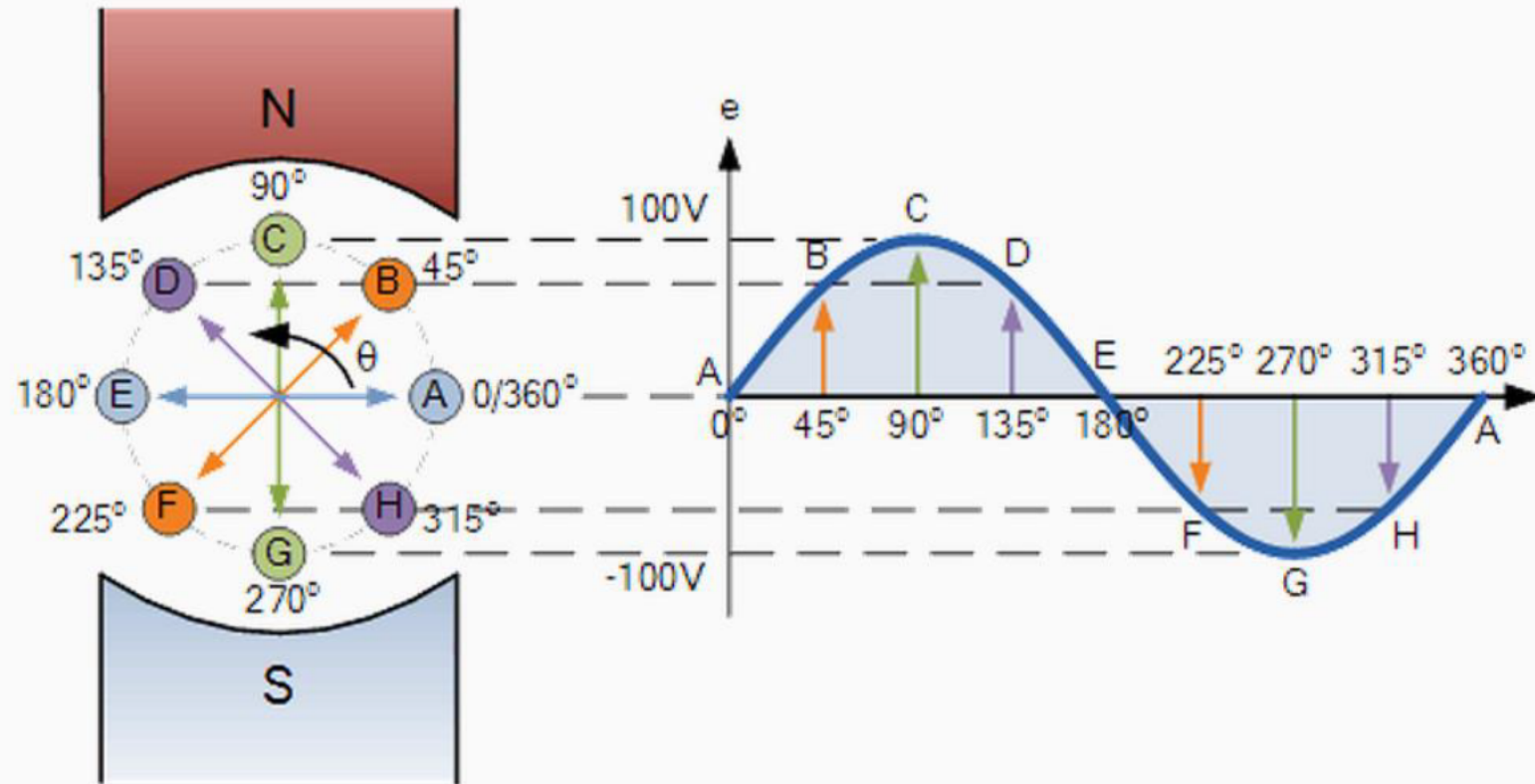
# Sine Waves

- The magnitude of the induced voltage is dependent upon:
  - Strength of the magnetic field
  - Position of the conductor loop in reference to the magnetic lines of force
- As the conductor rotates through the magnetic field, the shape produced by the changing magnitude of the voltage is a sine wave

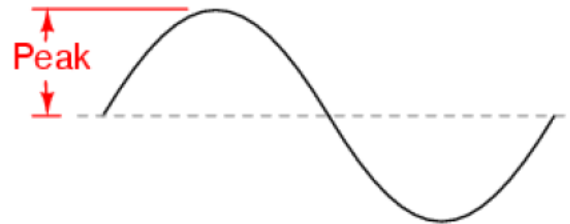
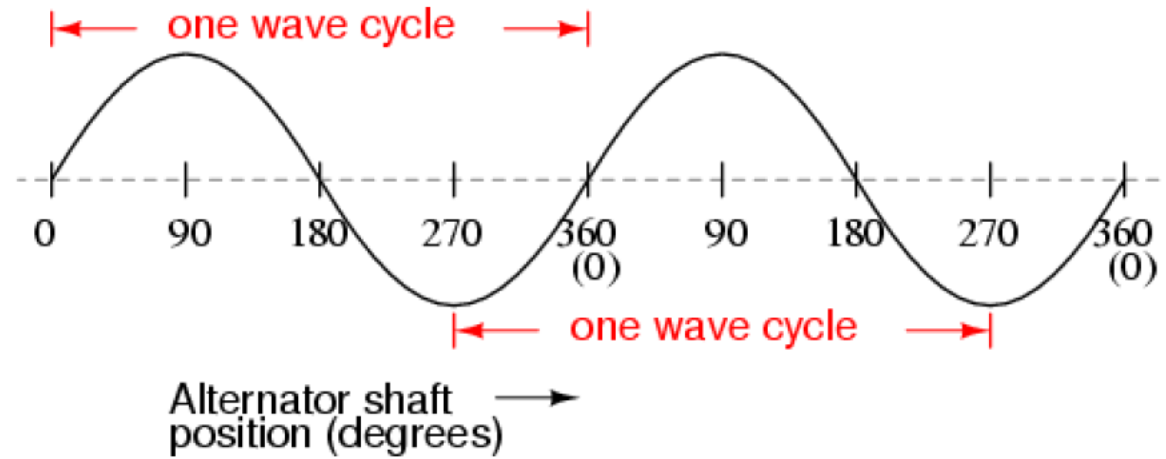
<http://micro.magnet.fsu.edu/electromag/java/generator/ac.html>

# Sine Waves

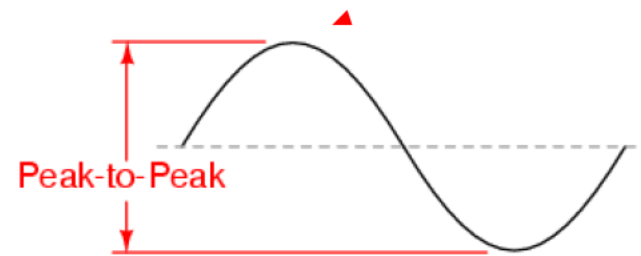
Coil Angle ( $\theta$ )	0	45	90	135	180	225	270	315	360
$e = V_{max} \cdot \sin\theta$	0	70.71	100	70.71	0	-70.71	-100	-70.71	-0



# Sine Waves



Time →



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# Sine Waves

- A cycle is the part of a sine wave that does not repeat or duplicate itself
- A period (T) is the time required to complete one cycle
- Frequency (f) is the rate at which cycles are produced
- Frequency is measured in hertz (Hz), one hertz equals one cycle per second

$$T = \frac{1}{f} \qquad f = \frac{1}{T}$$

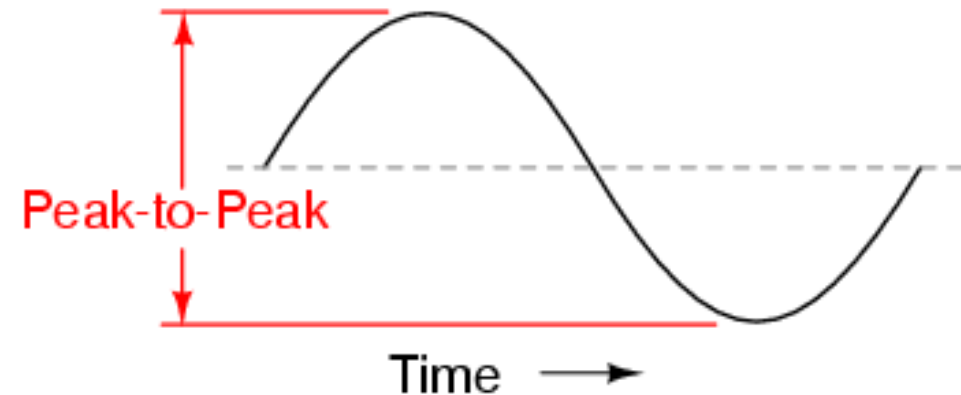
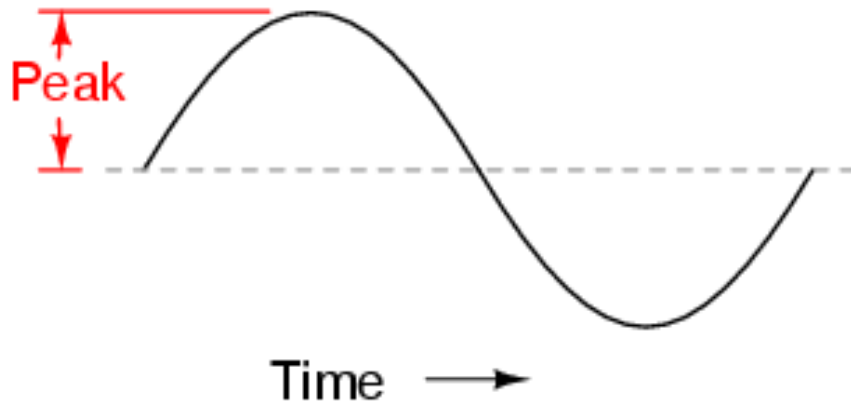
$$T = \frac{1}{60 \text{ Hz}} = .0167 \text{ seconds}$$



# Sine Waves

- The amplitude of a sine wave is the value of the voltage at a specific time, it can be given in either peak or peak-to-peak values
- Peak value is the waveform's maximum value and occurs twice each cycle
- Peak-to-peak value is equal to twice the peak value:

$$E_{p-p} = 2 (E_p)$$



# Sine Waves

- **Root Mean Square (RMS)**, or the effective value, is the amount of alternating current having the same heating effect in a resistive circuit as a given amount of direct current
- One ampere of AC RMS and one ampere of direct current produce the same power when flowing through equivalent circuits

$$I_{RMS} = 0.707(I_P)$$

# Sine Waves

- The relationship between the peak value and the RMS value of voltage is similar:

$$E_{RMS} = 0.707 (E_p)$$

- Magnitudes of AC values are usually given in terms of effective RMS values

# AC Voltage and Current

# AC Voltage & Current

- Review:
  - DC current flows in only one direction at a constant magnitude
  - AC current continually changes in both magnitude and direction
  - AC current flows in one direction, then flows in the opposite direction
  - If AC current is present, there must also be alternating voltage and power
    - AC voltage produces the AC current
    - AC power is produced by the AC current and AC voltage

# AC Voltage & Current

- AC voltage formula:  $E = E_{\max} \sin \Theta$

*where:*

$E$  = value of the induced EMF (volts)

$E_{\max}$  = maximum induced EMF (volts)

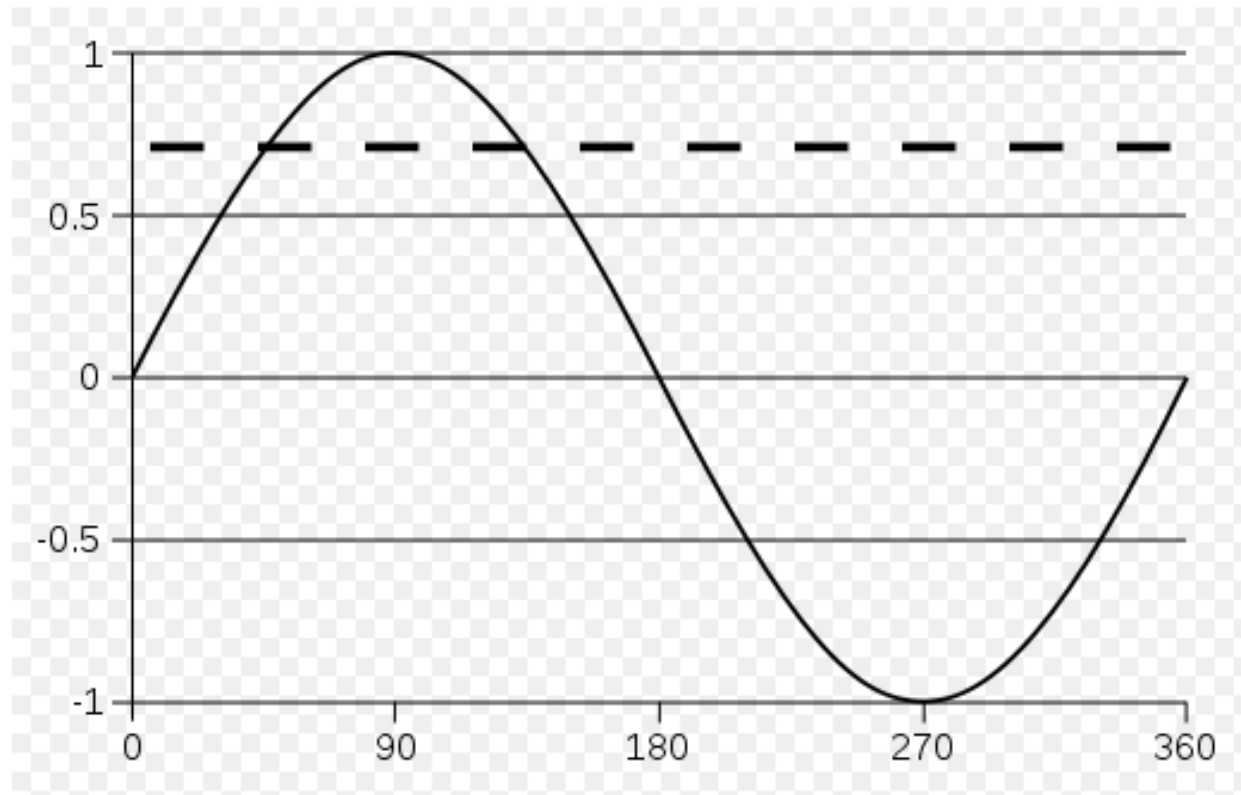
$\theta$  = angle from the reference (degrees)

- $E_{\max}$  is also referred to as amplitude or peak voltage ( $E_p$ )

# AC Voltage & Current

- The instantaneous voltage at any given point along the sine wave is equal to:

$$E = E_{\max} \sin \Theta$$



# AC Voltage & Current

- AC instantaneous current formula :

$$I = (I_{\max})(\sin\theta)$$

- Rotation of the conductor in the field produces an EMF, but current will not flow unless the circuit path is closed



# AC Voltage & Current

- Advantages of AC power over DC power:
  - Easier to transform one AC voltage level to another
  - Efficiency of power transmission much better at higher voltages
  - AC motors are less complex than DC motors and require less maintenance (no brushes or commutators)

# AC Voltage & Current

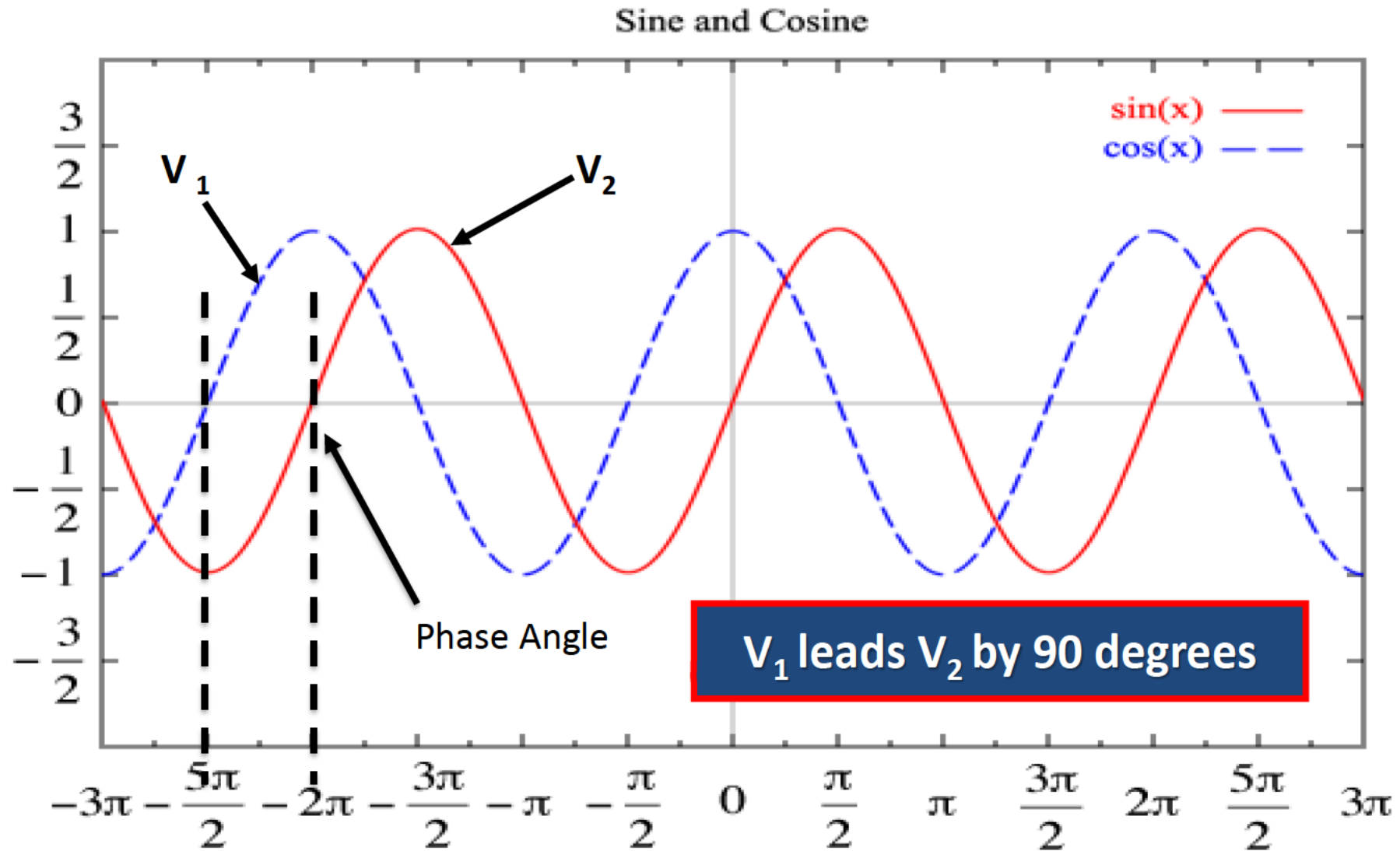
- Advantages of DC power over AC power:
  - AC losses associated with series inductance and line charging due to capacitance are eliminated
  - HVDC lines require only two power conductors rather than three required for AC facilities
  - HVDC lines can tie two AC power systems having dissimilar characteristics (50 Hz to 60 Hz)

# Phase Relations

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- Sine waves with the same frequency have what is termed as phase relations
- A Phase relation, or phase angle, is the angular difference between sine waves of the same frequency
- Phase angle is the portion of a cycle that has elapsed since another wave passed through a given value

# Phase Relations



# Phase Relations

- In-phase means the phase difference between two variables is equal to zero degrees
- Out-of-phase means that the phase difference between two variables is not zero degrees
- Phase difference only applies to waveforms that have the same frequency (each waveform should complete one cycle in the same amount of time)
- Angle  $\theta$  is used when comparing the phase angle difference between voltage and current
- Angle  $\delta$  is used when comparing the phase angle difference between two voltage curves or two current curves

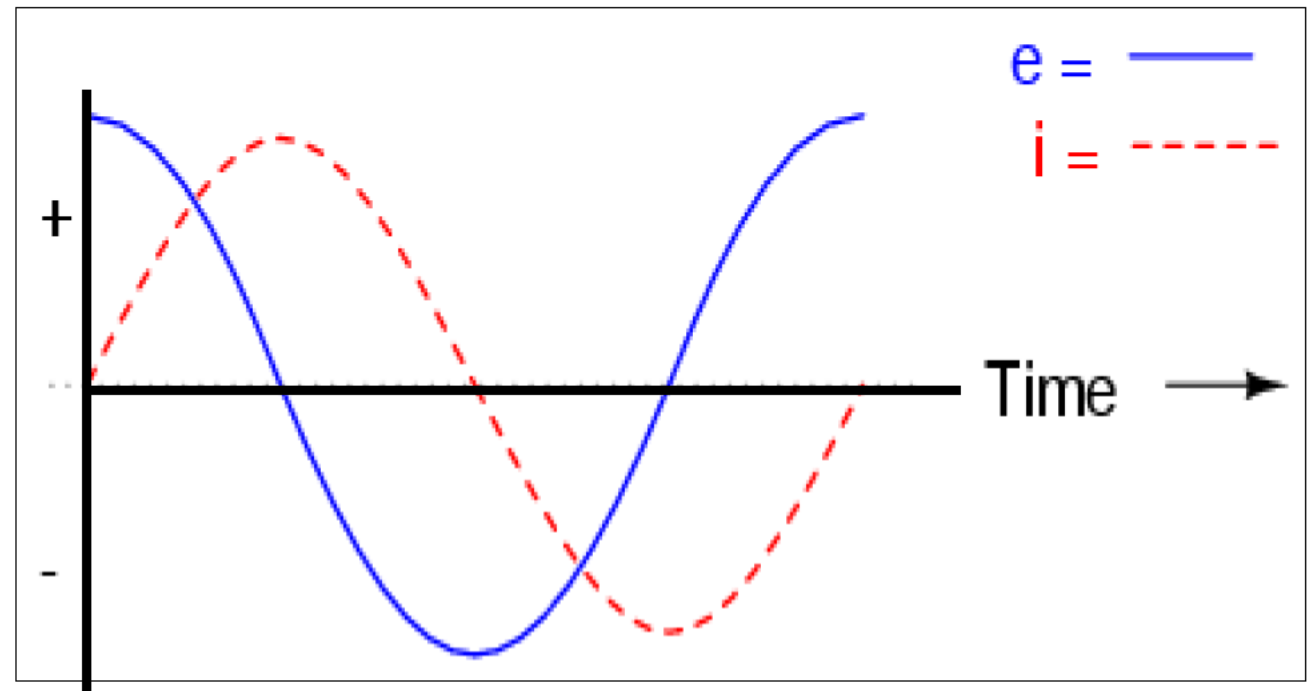
# Review

- Are the waves both the same frequency?

Yes

- Does the voltage lead or lag the current?

Voltage leads the current



# Energy and Power on AC Systems



# Energy & Power

- The power that flows in a power system is composed of active and reactive power. Both components are necessary to serve customer loads
- Power is the rate of performing work
- Power is also the rate at which energy is used or dissipated
- The measure of electricity's ability to perform work is the watt

# AC and DC Power

- For a DC circuit, the power consumed is the sum of the  $I^2R$  heating in the resistors
  - Power is equal to the source power
- For an AC circuit, the power consumed is also the sum of the  $I^2R$  heating in the resistors
  - The power consumed is not always equal to the source power because of the capacitance and inductance in the circuit
- Power consumption always refers to the  $I^2R$  heating in the resistors, reactance consumes no power

# AC and DC Power

- When an amount of positive charge ( $q$ ) moves from a higher potential to a lower potential, its potential energy decreases (voltage potential)

$$P = \frac{\text{Change in energy}}{\text{Time interval}} \times \text{Voltage}$$

- The change in energy per unit of time is the current ( $I$ ) in the device

# AC and DC Power

- When an electric charge flows from point A to point B in a circuit, leading to a current (I), and the voltage between the points is (E), the electric power associated with this current and voltage is:

$$P = EI$$

- The charge can either lose or gain electric potential energy and must be accompanied by a transfer of energy to some other form (conservation of energy)

# Real Power

- Many devices are essentially resistors that become hot when provided with sufficient electric power
- The power consumed by the resistance of a circuit is called “Real” or “Active” power
- Real power is the useful or working energy

$$P = EI$$

$$P = I^2R$$

$$P = E^2/R$$

- Real Power (P) is expressed in watts

# Real Power

- Monthly electric bills specify the cost of energy consumed during a month
- Energy is the product of power and time, and is computed by expressing power in kilowatts (kW) and time in hours
- Energy consumption commonly uses the units of kilowatt-hour (kWh)

# Electric Energy

- Electric energy is used or produced when electric power is applied over a period of time

$$E_n = Pt$$

where,

$E_n$  = energy in watt hours

$P$  = power in watts

$t$  = time in hours

# Power in Resistive Circuits

- In a pure resistive circuit, current and voltage are in phase
- Active power is the rate used to perform work such as lighting a room, heating a building or turning a motor shaft
- In a generating station, more fuel must be added to the prime mover to increase the active power output
- In a transmission system, when power in a resistance is dissipated as heat ( $I^2R$ ), this is considered a loss
- The general equation for real power in all types of circuits is:

$$P = EI \cos \Theta$$



# Reactive Power

- Reactance in an AC circuit causes a phase shift between current and voltage
- If a circuit contains only inductance, or only capacitance, a maximum phase shift of  $90^\circ$  occurs between the current and voltage
- Most circuits have a combination of resistance and reactance resulting in a phase shift of less than  $90^\circ$
- This combination of resistance and reactance is referred to as **Impedance (Z)**

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + (X_L - X_C)^2}$$

# Reactive Power

- **Reactive Power (Q)** is used to support the magnetic and electric fields found in inductive and capacitive loads
- Reactive Power is measured in volt amperes reactive (VARs)
- Unlike resistors, which consume power, inductors and capacitors store and release energy but do not consume power
- In order to calculate power in a circuit containing both real and reactive power, we must use vectors and right triangle relationships

# Apparent Power

- **Apparent Power ( $S$ )** is the power that appears to be present when voltage and current are measured separately regardless of the phase angle
- Apparent Power is the product of voltage and current

$$S = VI = \text{VoltAmperes (VA)}$$

- Real power does not equal apparent power if a circuit contains both resistance and reactance
- Real power and apparent power differ by cosine  $\theta$

# Power Factor

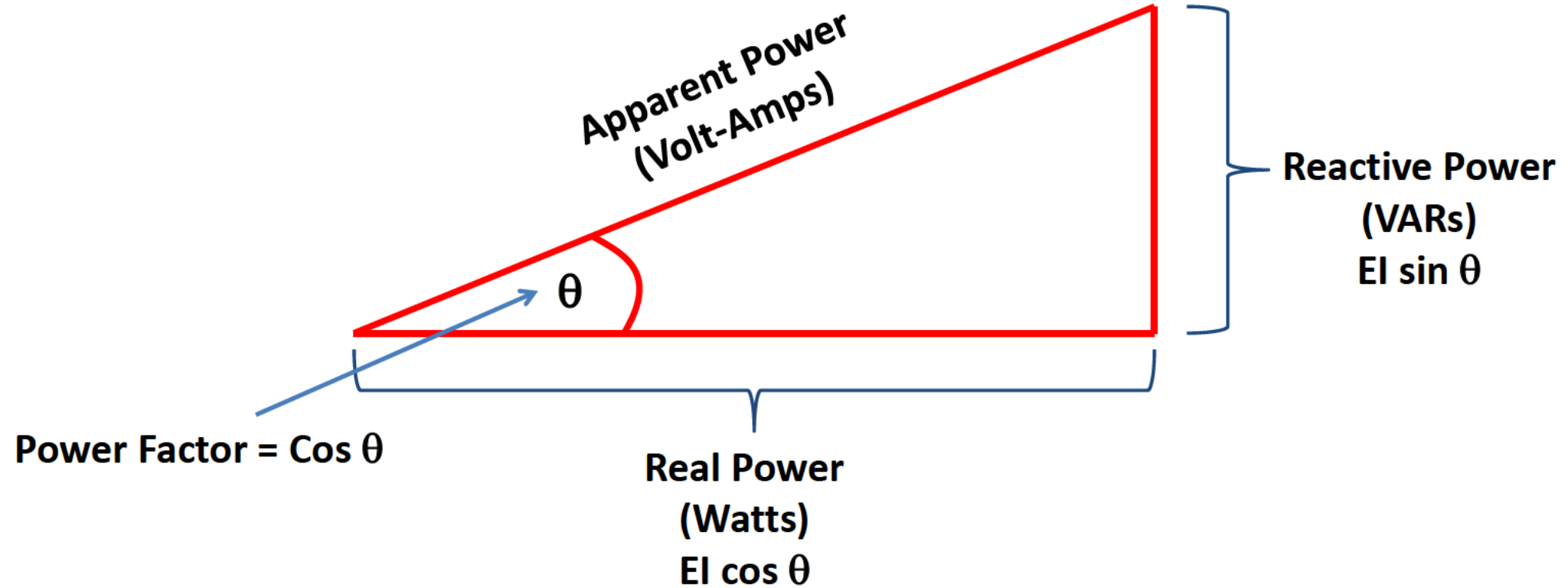
- Power Factor (PF) is the ratio of real power to apparent power:

$$PF = \cos \theta = \frac{P}{S} = \frac{\text{Watts}}{\text{Volt Amps}}$$

- Power Factor indicates the amount of apparent power (total current and voltage) that is actually doing the work or producing the real power
- Power Factor can be any value between 0 and 1

# Power Triangle

$$MVA^2 = MW^2 + MVAR^2$$



# Power Factor

- If real power equals apparent power, voltage and current are in-phase, and the resulting power factor is 1
- If real power does not equal apparent power, and voltage and current are out-of-phase by  $90^\circ$ , the power factor is 0
- If real power does not equal apparent power, and voltage and current are out-of-phase between  $0^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$ , power factor will be between 0 and 1

# Power Factor

- Why is power factor so important?
  - a) High power factor enables motors and other equipment to provide their rated power, without drawing excess current
  - b) Electric energy transfer is more efficient with higher power factors
    - The power system can transmit and distribute more real power, without having to increase current-carrying capabilities of utility equipment

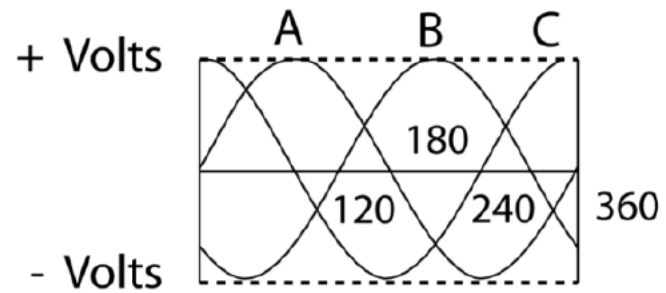
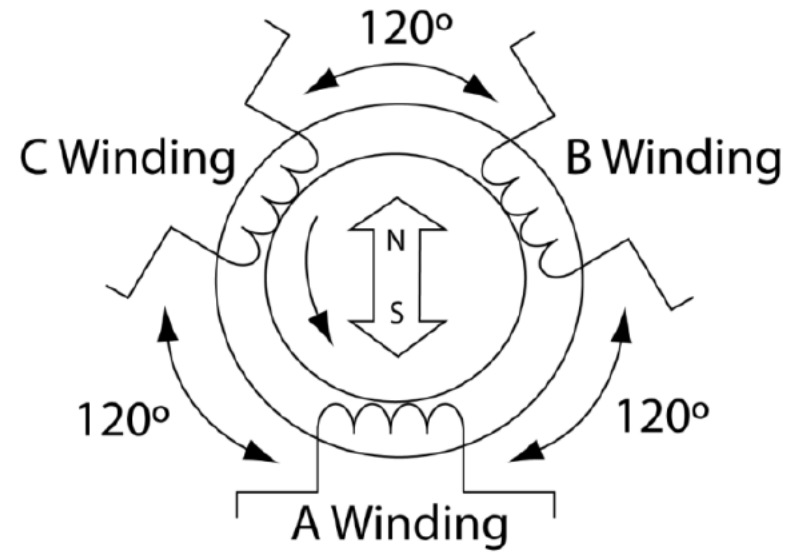
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# Three-Phase Power

- A system is balanced when the impedances in a three-phase system are identical in magnitude and phase
- Voltage, line current, real power, apparent power, reactive power, and power factor are identical in a balanced system for all three phases
- An AC generator produces three evenly-spaced sine wave voltages, each with a phase angle difference of  $120^\circ$
- Three conductors or phases transmit the energy, and each phase carries its own phase current

# Three-Phase Power

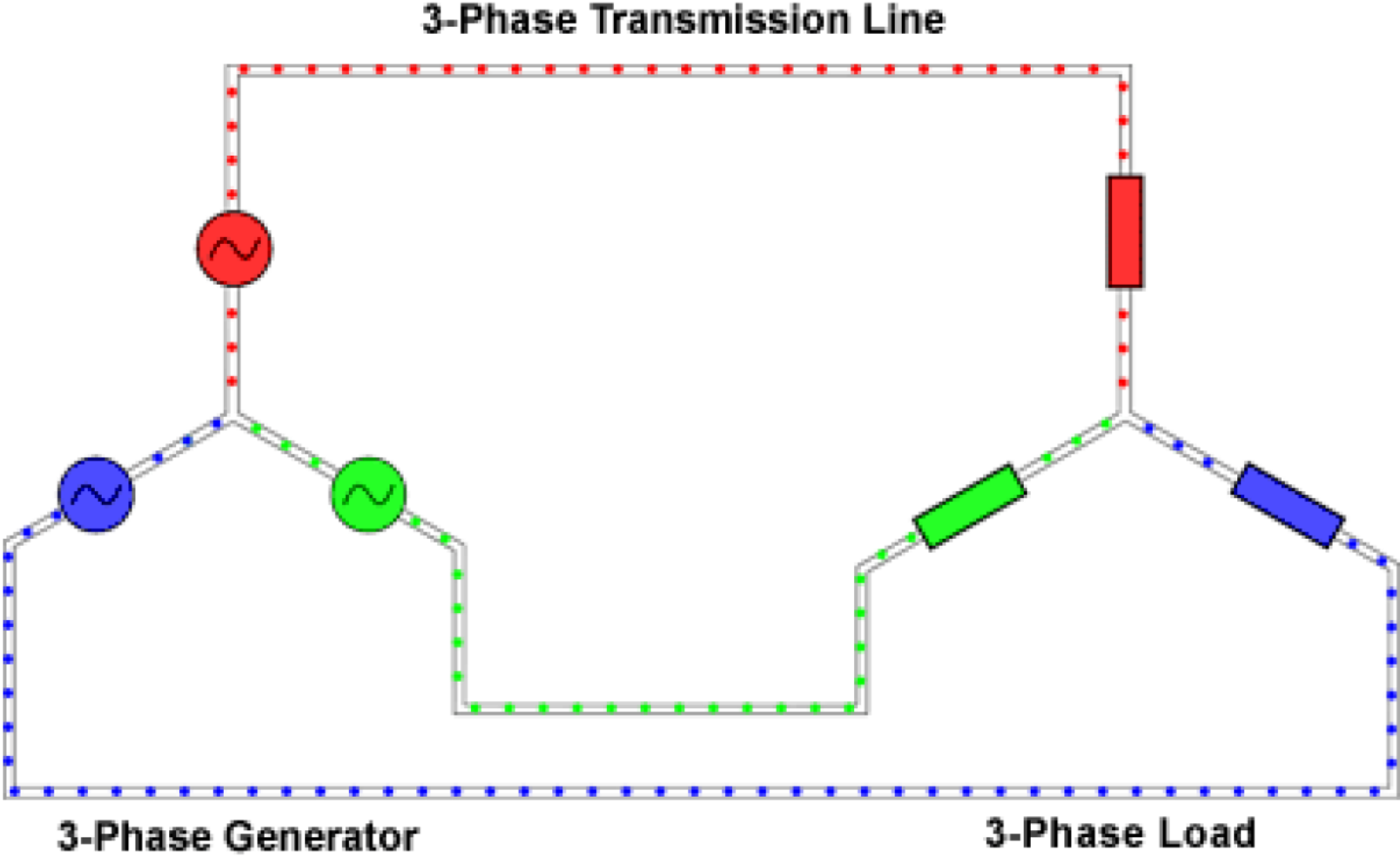


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# Three-Phase Power

- Utilities use three-phase systems because:
  - Cost of a three-phase transmission line is less than a single-phase line
  - A three-phase system provides a more constant load on the generator (at least two phases are providing current and power at any instant) allowing smoother operation

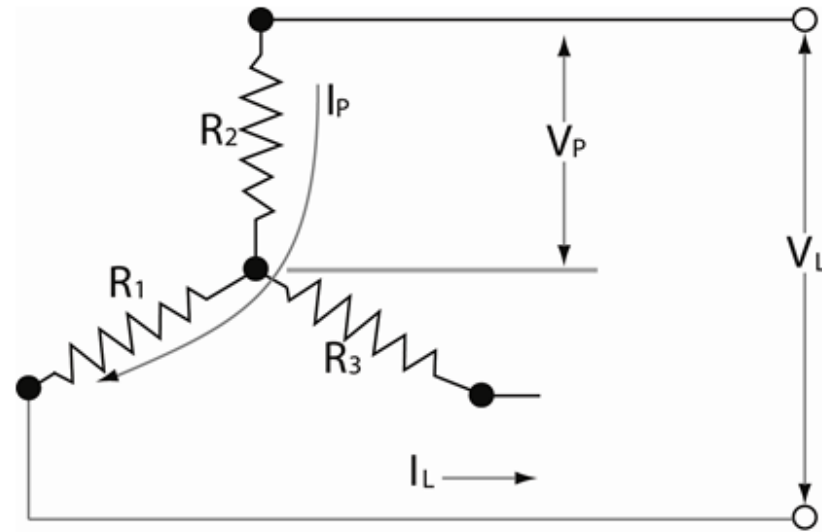
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# Three-Phase Power

- In a three-phase system, there are two ways to specify voltage:
  - Phase Voltage (Line-to-Ground)
  - Line Voltage (Line-to-Line)
- In a three-phase system, there are two basic types of winding connections:
  - Delta connection
  - Wye connection

# Wye Connection



**3-Phase Wye (Balanced Load)**

$$I_p = I_L$$

$$E_p = E_L / 1.73$$

$$W_{WYE} = E_L^2 / R = 3(E_p) / R$$

$$W_{WYE} = 1.73E_L I_L$$

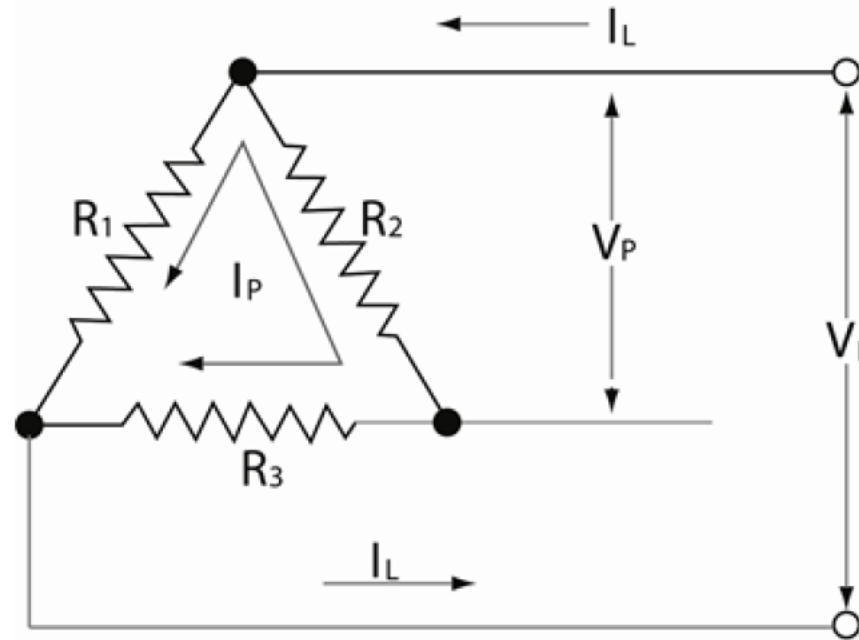
# Wye Connection

- Coils are connected together at a common or neutral point (one wire for each voltage and a neutral)
- Line voltages are  $120^\circ$  out of phase with each other
- Line currents equal Phase currents  $I_L = I_P$
- Line voltages do not equal Phase voltages
- Voltage between any two lines is the result of two phase voltages being 120 degrees out of phase

$$E_L = E_P(1.732)$$

$$208 V = (120 V)(1.732)$$

# Delta Connection



## 3-Phase Delta (Balanced Load)

$$I_P = I_L / 1.73$$

$$E_P = E_L$$

$$W_{\text{Delta}} = 3(E_L^2) / R$$

$$W_{\text{Delta}} = 1.73E_L I_L$$



# Delta Connection

- Ends of the coils are connected together
- No current flows in the phase windings until a load is connected because the sum of the voltages on any two of the phases is equal and opposite to the other phase
- Line voltage is equal to the Phase voltage  $E_L = E_P$
- Line current is not equal to Phase current because each line carries current from two phases and are  $120^\circ$  out of phase  
$$I_L = (1.732)(I_P)$$
- There is no neutral

# Wye or Delta Connection

- The power that is dissipated by each phase of either a delta **or** wye connected load is:

Power per phase ( $P_p$ ):

$$P_p = (E_p I_p) \cos \theta \quad \text{or} \quad P_p = \frac{(E_L I_L) \cos \theta}{\sqrt{3}}$$

3 $\emptyset$  Power ( $P_{3\emptyset}$ ):

$$P_{3\emptyset} = 3P_p \quad \text{or} \quad P_{3\emptyset} = \sqrt{3} E_L I_L \cos \theta$$

# Questions?

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