# ECE 3600 Notation and Per-Unit notes

### Per-Unit values

Power systems generally include many transformers. Each transformer transforms the voltage by the turns ration and inversely, the current. Impedances can also be transformed from one side of the transformer to the other by the turns ratio squared. Because all these transformations can become cumbersome, it is often easier to redefine "per-unit" voltages, currents, impedances, etc. in terms of base values that change across each transformer. This way the transformers disappear as long as you use the per-unit values

### **Base Values**

At least two base values must be specified in order to find all the other base values. Apparent power (or just power) is one of the most common base values since it isn't changed by transformers-- it's the same across the entire system. If the power base is changed all the pu values must also change. The second most common base is the voltage which will, of course, change at each transformer.

Analysis is usually done on a per-phase basis, so divide 3-phase powers by 3 and line voltages by  $\sqrt{3}$ .

most common starting values

$$S_{base} = \frac{S_{3\phi}}{3} = \frac{V_{base}^{2}}{Z_{base}} = I_{base}^{2} \cdot Z_{base}$$

$$P_{base} = Q_{base} = S_{base}$$

$$don't need to be separately defined$$

$$V_{base} = \frac{V_{L}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{V_{LL}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{S_{base}}{I_{base}} = I_{base} \cdot Z_{base}$$

Other bases

$$I_{base} = \frac{S_{base}}{V_{base}} = \frac{V_{base}}{Z_{base}} = \frac{V_{base}}{Z_{base}}$$
This is the base for line current or Y-connected devices
$$Z_{base} = \frac{V_{base}}{I_{base}} = \frac{V_{base}^2}{S_{base}} = \frac{S_{base}}{I_{base}^2}$$
Y-connected
$$R_{base} = X_{base} = Z_{base}$$
don't need to be separately defined

Expressing values as "per-unit".

(Multiply by 100% to express as %)

$$S_{pu} = \frac{S}{S_{base}} \qquad P_{pu} = \frac{P}{S_{base}} \qquad Q_{pu} = \frac{Q}{S_{base}}$$

$$V_{pu} = \frac{V}{V_{base}} \qquad I_{pu} = \frac{I}{I_{base}}$$
resistance 
$$R_{pu} = \frac{R}{Z_{base}} \qquad \text{conductance } G = \frac{1}{R} \qquad G_{pu} = \frac{1}{R_{pu}}$$
reactance 
$$X_{pu} = \frac{X}{Z_{base}} \qquad \text{susceptance } B = \frac{1}{X} \qquad B_{pu} = \frac{1}{X_{pu}}$$
impedance 
$$Z_{pu} = \frac{Z}{Z_{base}} \qquad \text{admittance } Y = \frac{1}{Z} \qquad Y_{pu} = \frac{1}{Z_{pu}}$$

The  $V_{pu},\,I_{pu},\,Z_{pu}$  and  $S_{pu}$  values are not affected by transformers.

The voltage, current and impedance bases WILL change at each transformer. The power base will NOT.

**Power base changes** affect all values. This means that  $Z_{pu}$ s calculated for one power base cannot be used with  $Z_{pu}$ s calculated from another power base. This comes up commonly when a  $Z_{pu}$  is given for a piece of equipment based on its own power rating and it's different from the general power base.  $Z_{pu}$ s can be changed from one base to another by finding the actual Z and then relating it to the general power base. This is the preferred method since it is very straight forward.

Otherwise: 
$$Z_{pu,2} = Z_{pu,1} \cdot \frac{S_{base,2} \cdot (V_{base,1})^2}{S_{base,1} \cdot (V_{base,2})^2}$$
 OR  $Z_{pu,2} = Z_{pu,1} \cdot \frac{S_{base,2}}{S_{base,1}}$  SAME  $V_{base}S$   
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If you specify a 3-phase power base: S 30base most of the relations above will have to be modified.

However,  $\frac{S_{3\phi}}{S_{3\phi base}} = \frac{S_{1\phi}}{S_{1\phi base}} = S_{pu}$  result in the same value pu (balanced system). Similarly  $V_{Lbase} = \sqrt{3} \cdot V_{base}$  can also be specified and  $\frac{V_L}{V_{Lase}} = \frac{V_{LN}}{V_{base}} = V_{pu}$ Beyond this these other bases are not usually helpful and must be used differently in per-phase calculations. Trick:  $Z_{base} = \frac{V_{Lbase}^2}{S_{3\phi base}}$ 

# **One-Line Diagrams**

Full 3-phase diagrams can be very cumbersome. In a balanced system you only need to consider one phase (per-phase analysis). Anything not Y-connected can be converted to a Y-equivalent.

In a balanced system neutral current is zero, so in one-line diagrams, even the neutral connections are omitted.



Can also include resistors, inductors, capacitors and impedances

### Example



### Note:

# Impedance Diagrams

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Component values are per-unit (pu).

#### Same system

If you didn't use pu values the they would you would have transform impedances across the transformers.



A T model of the transmission line may be easier to work with



## **Reactance Diagrams**

Ignore the line capacitances, and all resistors but those in the loads Component values are per-unit (pu).

Same system



load B

motor

generator



3 generators







**Per-unit method** Choose  $S_{\text{base}} := \frac{15 \cdot \text{kVA}}{3}$  Because transformer T2 limits the power transfer Generator, G V  $_{base.G} = 1 \cdot kV$ Iba

$$I_{base.G} := \frac{S_{base}}{V_{base.G}} \qquad Z_{base.G} := \frac{V_{base.G}}{I_{base.G}} \qquad Z_{Gpu} := \frac{2.4 \cdot j \cdot \Omega}{Z_{base.G}} \qquad Z_{T1pu} := \frac{20 \cdot j \cdot \Omega}{Z_{base.G}}$$

$$I_{base.G} = 5 \cdot A \qquad Z_{base.G} = 200 \cdot \Omega \qquad Z_{Gpu} = 0.012j \cdot pu \qquad Z_{T1pu} = 0.1j \cdot pu$$

Transmission line,TL

$$V_{\text{base.TL}} := \frac{V_{\text{base.G}}}{N_{T1}} \qquad I_{\text{base.TL}} := \frac{S_{\text{base}}}{V_{\text{base.TL}}} \qquad Z_{\text{base.TL}} := \frac{V_{\text{base.TL}}}{I_{\text{base.TL}}} \qquad Z_{\text{TLpu}} := \frac{150 \cdot \Omega + 400 \cdot j \cdot \Omega}{Z_{\text{base.TL}}}$$
$$V_{\text{base.TL}} = 4 \cdot kV \qquad I_{\text{base.TL}} = 1.25 \cdot A \qquad Z_{\text{base.TL}} = 3.2 \cdot 10^3 \cdot \Omega \qquad Z_{\text{TLpu}} = 0.047 + 0.125j \cdot pu$$

$$Z_{\text{T2pu}} = \frac{256 \cdot j \cdot \Omega}{Z_{\text{base.TL}}} \qquad \qquad Z_{\text{T2pu}} = 0.08j \cdot pu$$

Motor,M  

$$V_{base.M} := \frac{V_{base.TL}}{N_{T2}} \qquad I_{base.M} := \frac{S_{base}}{V_{base.M}} \qquad Z_{base.M} := \frac{V_{base.M}}{I_{base.M}} \qquad Z_{Mpu} := \frac{67.5 \cdot \Omega + 2 \cdot j \cdot \Omega}{Z_{base.M}}$$

$$V_{base.M} = 500 \cdot V \qquad I_{base.M} = 10 \cdot A \qquad Z_{base.M} = 50 \cdot \Omega \qquad Z_{Mpu} = 1.35 + 0.04j \cdot pu$$

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