



Three-Phase Induction Machines

The Three-Phase (3Φ) Induction Machine is a rotational device that, when supplied with a 3Φ balanced voltage, can operate as either a motor or a generator.

Although different versions of the induction machine exist, this presentation will cover the 3Φ "Squirrel-Cage" Induction Machine since this type is routinely used in industry as motors due to their extreme durability, simple operation, and ease of speed control when supplied by a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD).

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The Three-Phase (3Φ) Induction Machine consists of a <u>stator</u> (stationary portion) and a <u>rotor</u> that are separated by a small air-gap.



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Review: AC-Supplied Coils Given the coil voltage: $v(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot V \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t)$ the resultant <u>flux</u> $\Phi(t)$ will be: $\Phi(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{V}{\omega \cdot N} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t - 90^{\circ})$ Furthermore, the <u>magnetizing current</u> drawn into the coil can be determined from the relationship: $i(t) = \Phi(t) \cdot \frac{\Re}{N}$



Review: AC-Supplied Coils Note that both the flux $\Phi(t)$ and the current i(t) vary sinusoidally and that they are <u>in-phase</u> with each other: $\Phi(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{V}{\omega \cdot N} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t - 90^{\circ})$ $i(t) = \sqrt{2} \cdot \frac{V \cdot \Re}{\omega \cdot N^{2}} \cdot \cos(\omega \cdot t - 90^{\circ})$

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Faraday's Law of Induction Rotating Stator Field & Stationary Rotor Conductors Similarly, if a pair of conductors are embedded under the surface of a rotor that is placed within the region through which the "stator field" is rotating, then the field lines will be cutting-across the rotor conductors.



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Stator Field – Rotor Interaction Forces Developed on Rotor Conductors

Based upon the field interactions, a force will be developed on the upper conductor pointing to the right, and an equal force will be developed on the lower conductor pointing to the left.



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Rotating Stator Field



Note that, since the field is constantly rotating, the opposing conductors upon which a torque is developed will vary with the instantaneous position of the stator field.

























Modeling the Induction Machine



Induction Machine Modeling Concepts

The interaction between a 3Φ Induction Machine's stator windings and rotor conductors is similar to the interaction between a transformer's primary and secondary windings:

- Time-varying voltages are applied to a set of stator (primary) windings.
- Each stator winding creates a time-varying flux within the machine's rotor region, the sum of which can be expressed a constant-magnitude "stator" field whose directional vector rotates in time.
- The (time-varying) rotating "stator" field induces a voltage across the rotor conductors (secondary windings).



Modeling the 3Ф Induction Machine

Note that, although the 3Φ Induction Machine has three stator windings, we will begin the modeling process by looking at the contribution of a single stator winding to the overall operation of the machine.

I.e. – we will create a 1Φ Equivalent Circuit for the 3Φ, Y-connected, Induction Machine

We can do this because, as a balanced load connected to a balanced 3Φ supply, the voltages and currents of the other two phases may be derived from the results of the singlephase circuit solution.





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Since the ends of the rotor bars are shorted together, the induced voltages cause currents to flow in the rotor bars.



Rotor Bar Impedance Concerns If the rotor bars are assumed to be ideal, then an infinite current would flow in the rotor conductors. Thus, to accurately model the stator-rotor interaction, we must consider the impedance of the rotor bars, in terms of which the rotor current may be defined: $\widetilde{I}_r = \frac{\widetilde{E}_r}{R_r + jX_r}$



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Rotor Voltage – Speed Interaction

In order to analyze the circuit as if it contains an ideal transformer, the ratio of the stator and rotor "winding" voltages across the must be constant:

$$a = \frac{\widetilde{E}_s}{\widetilde{E}_r}$$

If so, this would allow the rotor impedances to be referred to the stator side of the ideal windings.







Rotor Voltage – Speed Interaction

The rotor voltage – speed relationship may be expressed in terms of the magnitude, E_{BR} , and the frequency, f_{BR} , of the rotor voltages under blocked-rotor conditions $(n_r = 0)$ if rotor speed is expressed in terms of slip, as follows:

$$E_r = s \cdot E_{BR}$$
$$f_r = s \cdot f_{BR}$$



Rotor Voltage – Speed Interaction

It should be noted that the frequency, f_{BR} , of the rotor voltages will equal to the frequency of the stator voltage, under f_s , blocked-rotor conditions ($n_r = \theta$), therefore:

 $f_r = s \cdot f_s$

Because of this, the leakage reactance will also vary with speed:

$$X_r = \omega_r L_r = 2\pi f_r L_r = 2\pi (s \cdot f_s) L_r = s \cdot 2\pi f_s L_r = s \cdot X_{BR}$$



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Developed Torque

One of the goals of creating this model is to be able to use it to predict the torque that the machine develops under various operating conditions.

Assuming that the magnitude of the stator voltages (and thus the stator field) remains constant, the torque developed by the motor will be proportional to the square of the magnitude of the current, I_r , that flows in the rotor bars.



Manipulating the Rotor Circuit

The rotor current, I_r , when expressed in terms of the blockedrotor values and slip, may defined as:

$$\widetilde{I}_r = \frac{\widetilde{E}_r}{R_r + jX_r} = \frac{s\widetilde{E}_{BR}}{R_r + jsX_{BR}}$$

If the goal is to determine torque, which can be calculated from rotor current, then we can manipulate the model as needed provided that it still allows us to calculate the rotor current.













Manipulating the Rotor Circuit

In the model, the term R_r/s must account for all of the power transferred from the stator windings into the rotor circuit.

This includes both the electric power dissipated by the rotor resistance and the electric power that is being converted to a mechanical form whenever the motor is developing a torque at some rotational speed.



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Manipulating the Rotor Circuit

We can account for these two independent power components by considering the resistance R_r/s as the series-equivalent of two distinct resistances, one the relates to the power loss in the rotor and the other that relates to the electrical power that is converted to a mechanical form, such that:

$$\frac{R_r}{s} = R_r + R_r \left(\frac{1-s}{s}\right)$$



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Mechanical Power

Since the resistance R_r accounts for the power dissipated by the rotor conductors, the remaining resistance,



must account for the electrical power that is converted to a mechanical form.















































The No-Load Test

The core-loss parameters R_{fe} and X_m can be determined by performing a No-Load Test on an induction motor.

The No-Load Test is performed by applying rated voltage to the stator windings of the motor and **measuring** the magnitude of the lines currents and the real power supplied to the motor while leaving the rotor de-coupled from its mechanical load (i.e. – no load).





The No-Load Test

Under ideal no-load conditions, the rotor will rotate at the motor's synchronous speed ($n_r = n_s$), and thus:

 $slip \equiv s = \frac{n_s - n_r}{n_s} = \frac{n_s - n_s}{n_s} = 0$

and:

$$R_r\left(\frac{1-s}{s}\right) = R_r\left(\frac{1-0}{0}\right) \to \infty \ \Omega$$
 (open circuit)



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The No-Load Test

Thus, under no-load conditions, the rotor conductor current $\tilde{I'}_r$ must be zero:

$\tilde{I}'_r = 0$

resulting in the parallel combination of branches containing the core-loss elements R_{fe} and X_m . being the only active part of the circuit.





The No-Load Test

Apply **rated voltage** V_{NL} to the stator-windings of the motor under no-load conditions and measure the **current** I_{NL} and the **real power** P_{NL} supplied to each phase of the stator.

The values of the **core-loss elements** can be determined from:

$$R_{fe} = \frac{V_{NL}^2}{P_{NL}} \qquad X_m = \frac{V_{NL}^2}{\sqrt{(V_{NL} \cdot I_{NL})^2 - P_{NL}^2}}$$

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The Locked-Rotor Test

The winding-loss parameters R_{eq} and X_{eq} can be determined by performing a Locked-Rotor Test on the motor.

The Locked-Rotor Test is performed by supplying a voltage to the stator windings of the motor and measuring the magnitude of the lines currents and the real power supplied to the motor while the rotor is locked in place (i.e. – the rotor can't rotate).





The Locked-Rotor Test

Under locked-rotor conditions, the rotational speed of the rotor will be zero $(n_r = 0)$, and thus:

$$slip \equiv s = \frac{n_s - n_r}{n_s} = \frac{n_s - 0}{n_s} = 1$$

and:

$$R_r\left(\frac{1-s}{s}\right) = R_r\left(\frac{1-1}{1}\right) = 0 \Omega$$
 (short circuit)



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The Locked-Rotor Test

Apply a **voltage** V_{LR} to the stator-windings of the motor under locked-rotor conditions and measure the **current** I_{RL} and the **real power** P_{RL} supplied to each phase of the stator.

The values of the **winging-loss elements** can be determined from:



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Determining the Model Parameters

The **No-Load** and **Locked-Rotor Tests** allowed us to solve for the parameters:

$$R_{fe}, X_m, R_{eq}, \text{ and } X_{eq}$$

similar to the Open-Circuit and Short-Circuit Tests for a transformer, but there's one remaining parameter that we must also determine in order to utilize the equivalent circuit.









Determining the Model Parameters

On the other hand, the previously determined parameter R_{eq} is the sum of the stator winding and rotor-conductor resistances:

$$R_{eq} = R_s + R_r'$$

and the stator winding resistance can be measured directly.





