3-Phase Circuits – Practice Problems

Problem 1: Consider the circuit below: The load be unbalanced with Sab = 100 kVA @ .9 PF lag, and Sbc = Sca = 50 kVA @ 0.8 PF lag. The voltage supply is balanced and the line voltage is 240 V (i.e., phase voltage is 138.6 V). Compute the magnitude and phase of each source current, then determine the active and reactive power supplied by each phase of the supply.



Ans:

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{abc} \end{bmatrix} := \begin{bmatrix} 522.9/-47.97\\ 575.3/-119.06\\ 360.8/53.13 \end{bmatrix} A$$

Problem 2: Consider the circuit below where the 3-phase load is balanced (i.e., Za = Zb = Zc) with a total rating of 200 kVA @ .8 PF lag, while the single-phase load is rated at 80 kVA @ 0.9 PF lag. The voltage at the load is balanced and equal to 240 V (line-to-line). Compute the magnitude and phase of each source current, then determine the active and reactive power supplied by each phase of the supply.



Ans:

Ia = 481.7 \square -36.9° A Ib = 765.05 \square 219.7° A Ic = 198.5 \square -63.8° A