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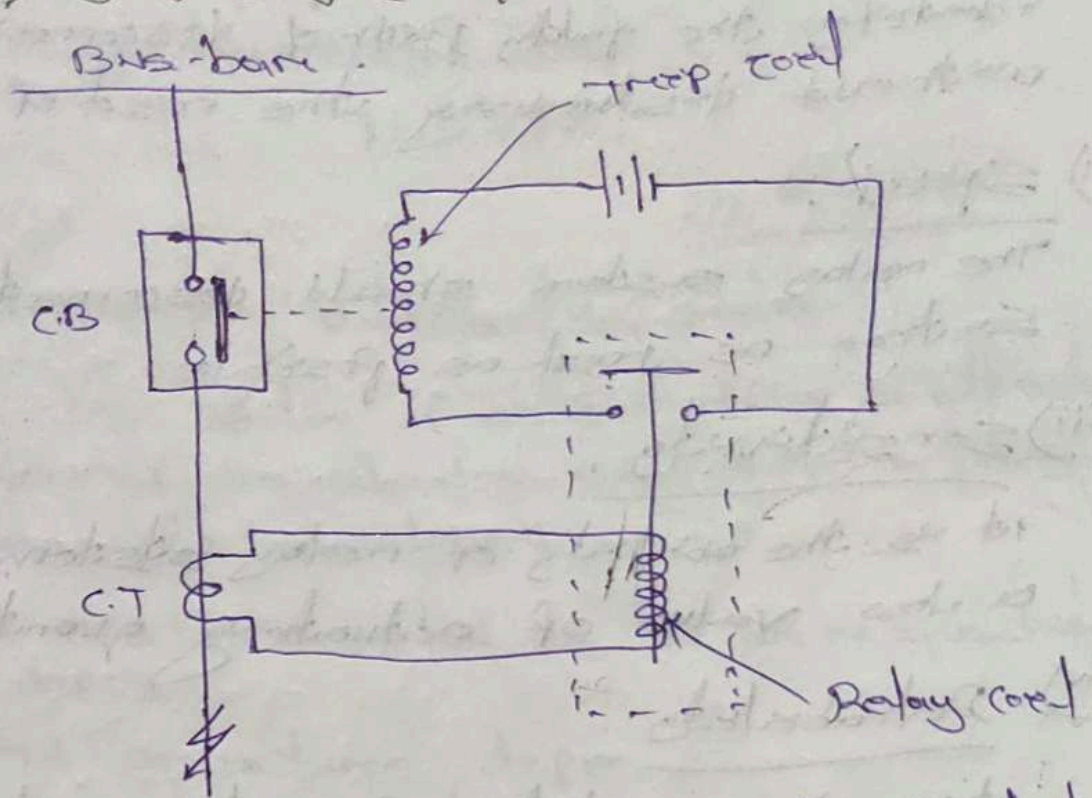
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PROTECTIVE RELAY



It is a device that detects the fault & initiates the operation of the C.B. to isolate the defective element from the rest of the system.

fundamental requirement of protective relay

- i) Selectivity
- ii) Speed -
- iii) Sensitivity
- iv) Reliability
- v) Simplicity
- vi) Economical

i) Selectivity

It is the ability of the protective system to identify the faulty part & disconnect the faulty part without disturbing the rest of the system.

ii) Speed :

The relay system should disconnect the faulty section as fast as possible.

iii) Sensitivity :

It is the ability of relay system to operate at low value of activating quantity.

iv) Reliability

It is the ability of relay system to operate, under the pre-determined condⁿ.

v) Simplicity :

The relay system should be simple, so that it can easily maintain.

vi) Economical

The total system of relay should be design in economic aspect.

→ as a rule the protective gear of total system should not cost more 5% of the total cost.

Basic relay

The two main operating principles

- i) Electro magnetic attraction.
- ii) " " Induction.

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i) Electro magnetic attraction relay:

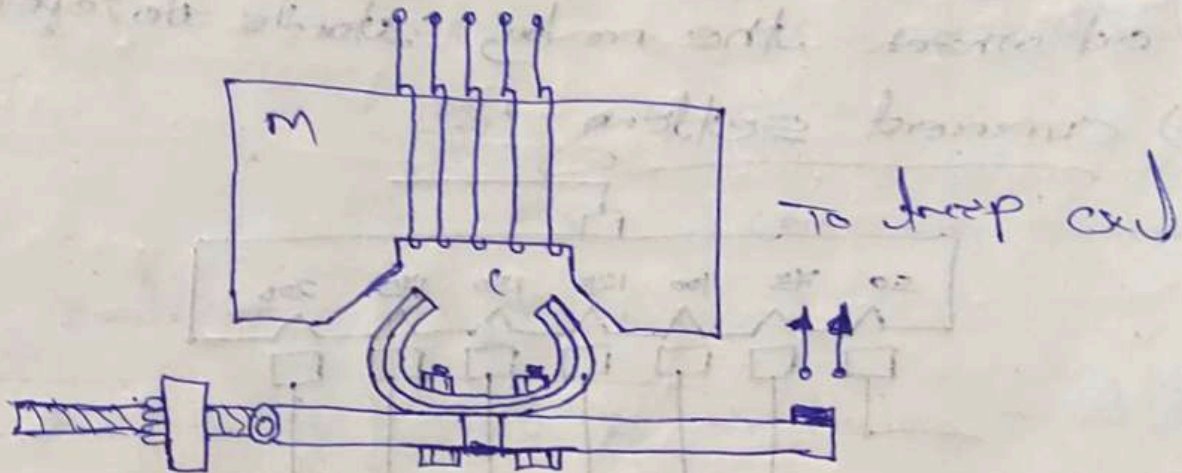
It operates by virtue of an armature being attracted to the pole of an electro magnet on a plunger being drawn into a solenoid.

→ such relay may be operated by DC or AC quantities

→ it is 3 types

- i) Attracted armature type
- ii) Solenoid type
- iii) Defi

i) Attracted armature type relay



It consists of a laminated electro magnet, carrying coil "C" & a pivoted laminated armature,

→ armature is balanced by a counter weight & carries a pair of spring contact at a free end,

Working

Under normal operating condⁿ the I through the relay coil " C " is such that the counter weight, poles the armature in the position

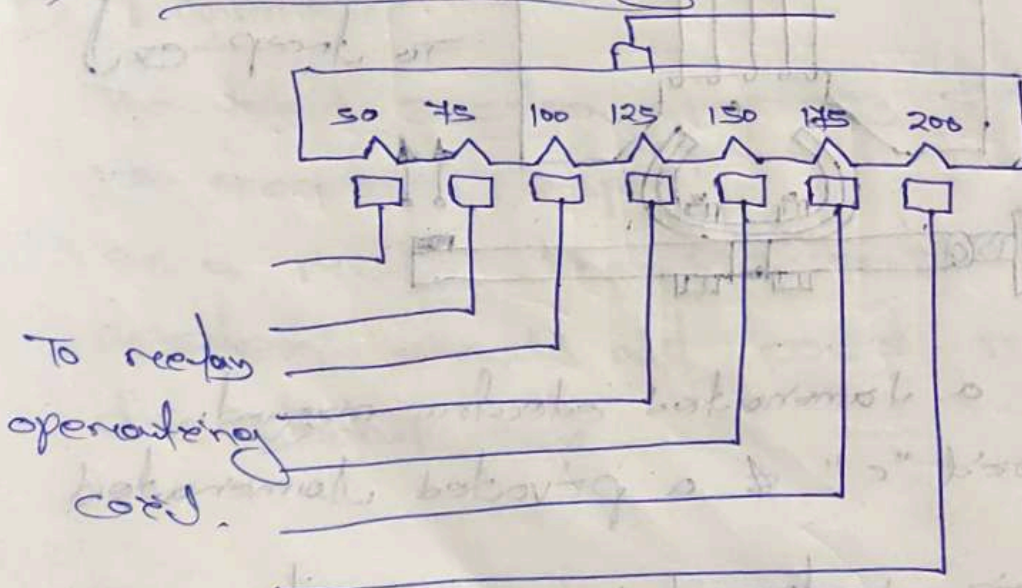
- > when fault occurs I through the coil \uparrow sufficiently, hence it produces sufficient force of attraction to the armatures
- > hence the armatures is attracted upward & contacts on the relay complete the trip ext
- > hence it lead to opening the CB & disconnect the faulty ext.

Importance terms

1) pick up current

it is the minimum I in the relay coil at which the relay starts to operate

2) current setting :-



- pre-rip I can be changed
- it is achieved by the use of tapplings on the relay operating coil.
- The taps are brought out a plug bridge
- plug bridge?
- It permits to change the no. of turns on relay coil.
- The value assigned to each turn are expressed % of full load rating of CT with which relay is associated.

$$\text{Pre-rip current} = \text{rated secondary I. of CT} \times \text{current setting}$$

→ Let an over & relay current setting of 125% is connected to a supply cut to a CT of 400/5

⇒ rated secondary current of CT = 5 Amp.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \text{Pre-rip I} &= \text{rated secondary I of CT} \times \text{current setting} \\ &= 5 \times \frac{125}{100} \\ &= 6.25 \text{ Amp} \quad (\text{maximum current}) \end{aligned}$$

→ plug setting multiplier -

It is the ratio of fault I in relay coil to the pre-rip I

$$\text{PSM} = \frac{\text{Fault current in relay coil}}{\text{pre-rip I}}$$

$$\text{PSM} = \frac{\text{Fault current in relay coil}}{5}$$

$$\text{PSM} = \frac{\text{rated secondary current of CT} \times \text{current setting}}{5}$$

Q1 A relay is connected to a 400/5 CT. It set out 130% with the primary fault of 2400 AMP, calculate PSM.

given: fault = 2400 AMP

rated secondary current of CT = 5

current setting = 130

pick-up I = rated sec. current of CT \times current setting

$$= 5 \times \frac{130}{100}$$

$$= 7.5 \text{ amp}$$

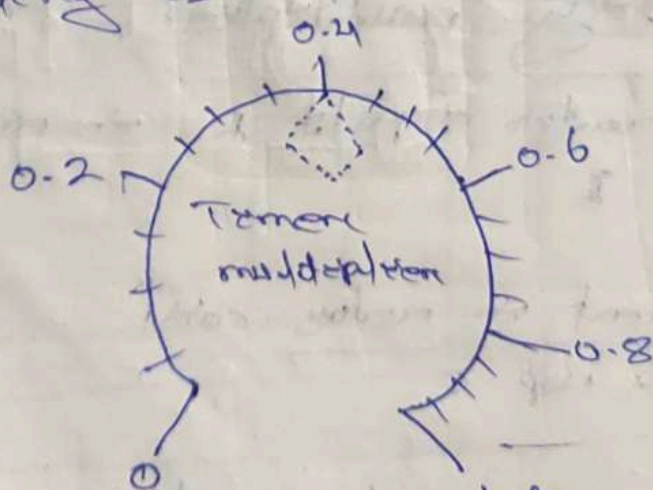
$$\text{fault current in relay coil} = 2400 \times \frac{5}{400} = 30 \text{ amp}$$

$$\text{PSM} = \frac{\text{fault current}}{\text{pick-up I}} = \frac{30}{7.5} = 4$$

TSM :-

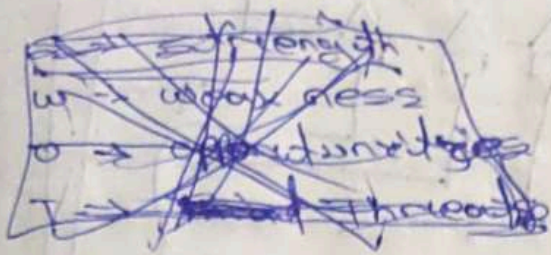
It is a relay which is provided with the control to adjust the time delay adjust.

Time setting is calibrated with 0-1 steps of 0.054



It is use convert the time derived from the graph
(Time) PM into actual operating time.

~~SWOT ANALYSIS~~



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functional relay types:

Here relays are classified according to the function.
These are called upon to perform in the protection
electric power cord.

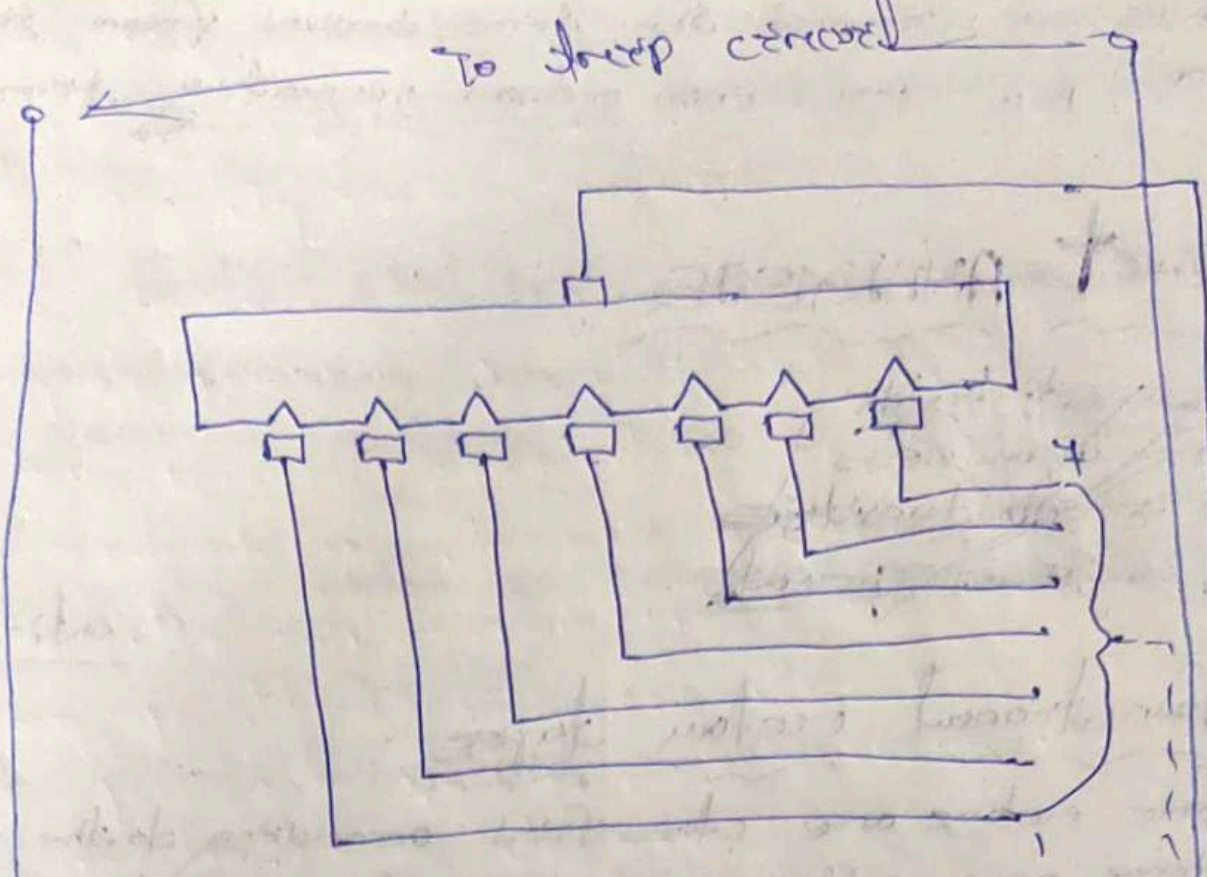
- i) Induction type o/c relay
- ii) " " reverse power relay.
- iii) Distance relay
- iv) Differential
- v) Translating
- vi) Induction type over current relay (non-directional)

It operates when current in the ckt exceeds the
predetermined value.

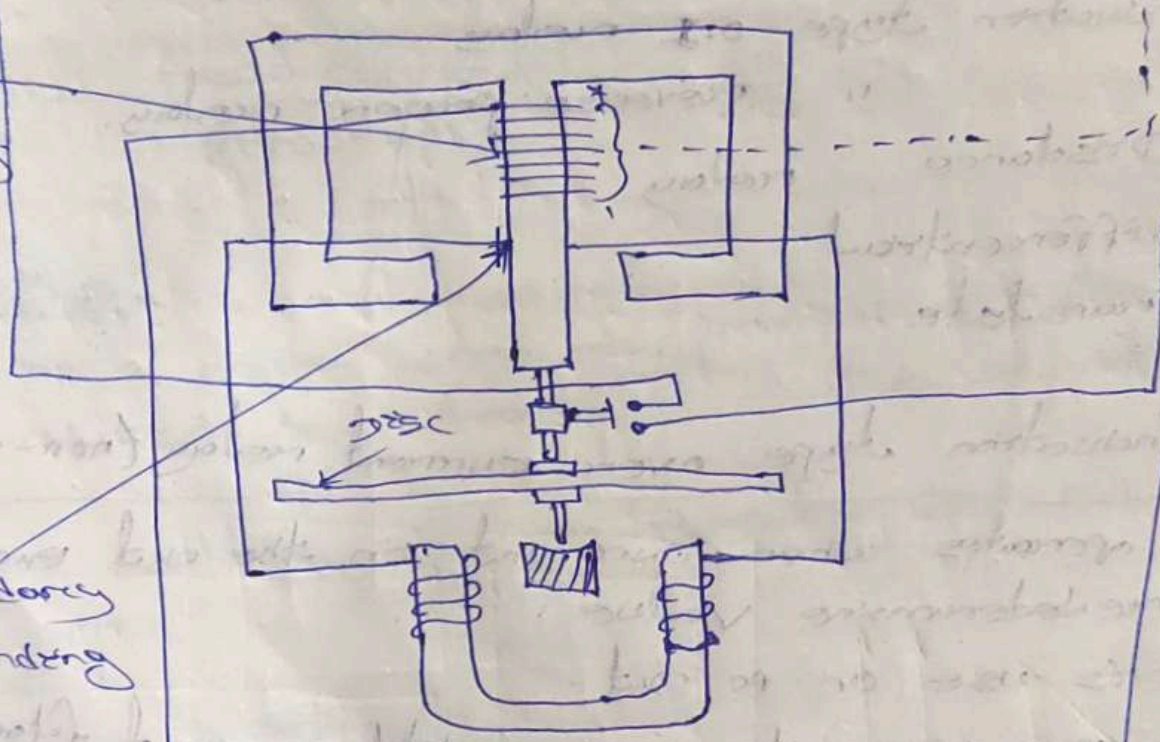
→ it is use on AC ckt.

→ it can operate for fault current flows
in either direction.

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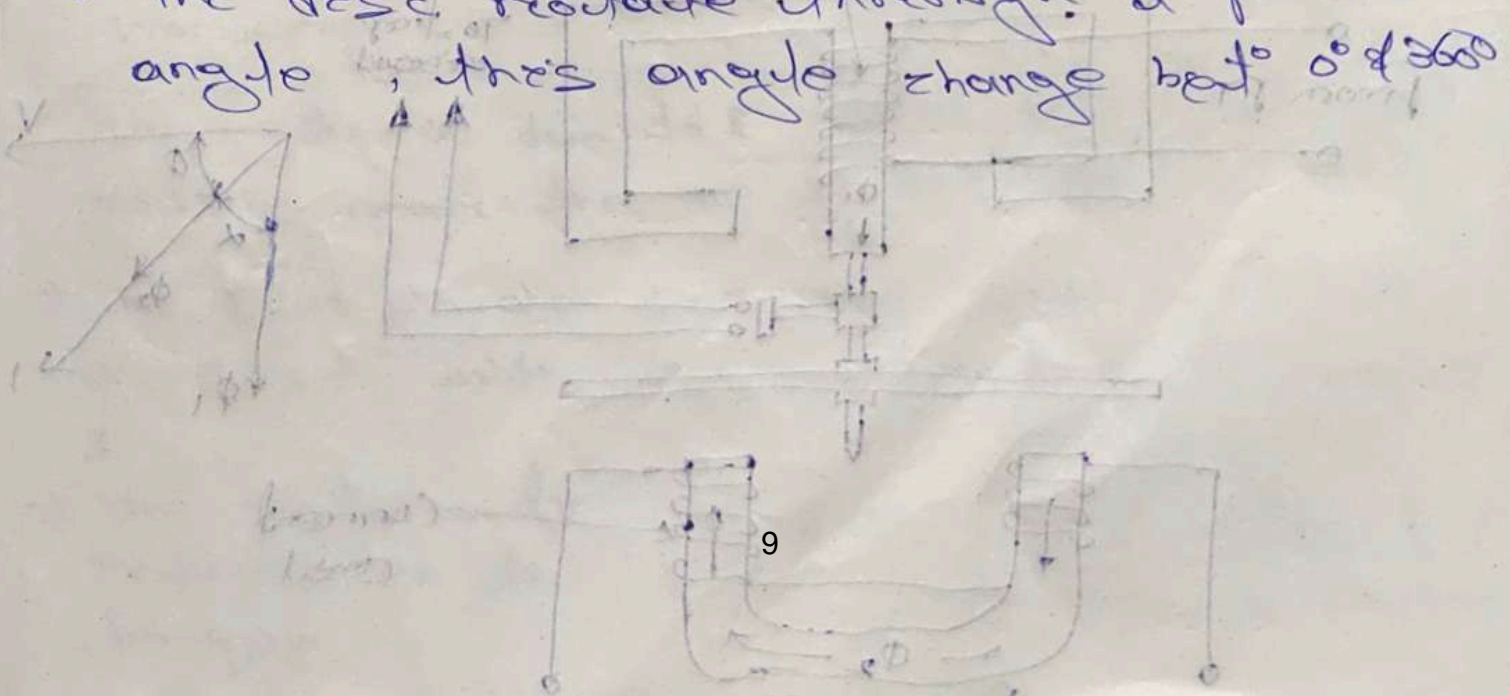
Primary winding



Secondary winding

from CT.

- It consists of metallic (Aluminium disc) ~~etc~~
- It is free to rotate in both the poles of two electromagnets.
- The upper " has a primary & secondary winding
- The p. winding is connected to S. of C.T.
- It is tapped at intervals.
- Tappings are connected phase setting bridge.
- Hence the active current on the receiving open circuit coil can be varied.
- Hence degree δ can be set.
- The S. winding is energized by induction from primary.
- It is connected in series with winding on lower magnet.
- The controlling torque is provided by the spring.
- Spindle of the disc carries a moving contact which bridges two fixed contacts.
- The two fixed contact coils connected with the drum.
- The disc rotates through a preset angle, this angle change betⁿ 0° & 360°



Working:

The driving torque on the aluminium disc is set due to induction principle.

→ This driving torque is oppose by the controller torque provide by the spring.

→ Under normal operating condⁿ

→ The controlling torque > than the driving torque

→ hence the aluminium disc is at rest.

→ when fault occurs on the current through the preset value, the driving torque is the controlling torque.

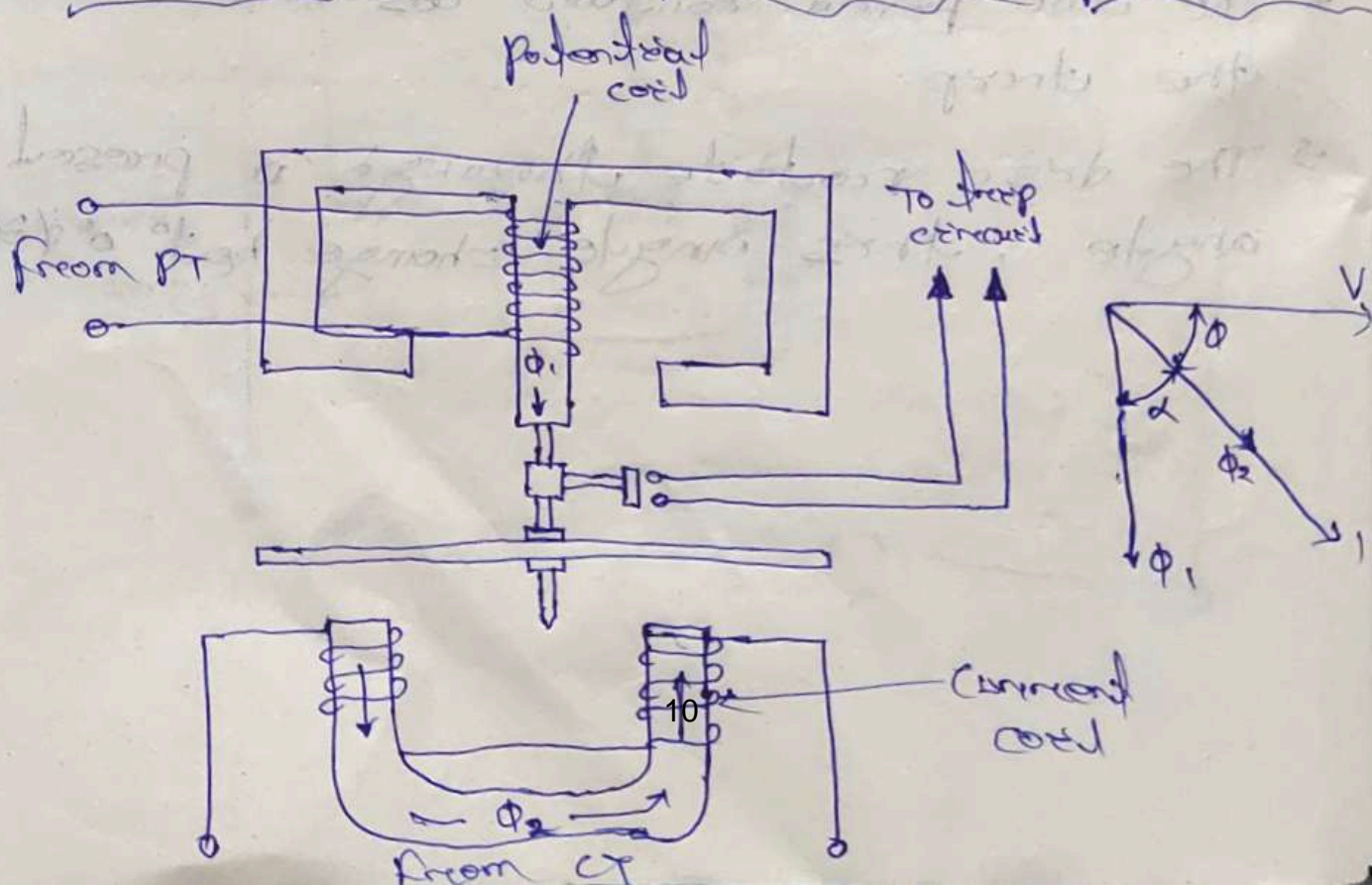
→ The disc rotates.

→ The moving contact bridges the fixed contact.

→ The trip coil operates the CB which isolates the faulty section.

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ii) Induction type directional power relay



it is essentially a wattmeter direction of the power setup in relay depends upon the direction of I .

Construction:

- it consists aluminium disc.
- it is free to rotate in betⁿ the poles of a electromagnet.
- upper " carries a winding called potential coil.
- PT is connected to the coil voltage source, the lower electromagnet consists of separate magnet.
- it is connected to the secondary of CT of line to be protected.
- The current coil provide the no. of tapping connect to the plug setting box.
- this permit to have any desired I setting.
- The restraining or controlling torque provided by a spring spring.
- The spindle of disc sample carries the moving contact.

Working:

- The flux Φ_1 due to I in the potential coil would be near the 90° behind the I .
- The flux Φ_2 due to I coil would be nearly in phase with the operating current I .
- The interaction Φ_1 & Φ_2 with eddy I induced in the disc produces a driving torque.

$$T \propto \Phi_1 \Phi_2 \sin \alpha$$

$$\text{Since } \Phi_1 \propto B$$

$$\Phi_2 \propto I$$

$$\alpha = 90^\circ - 0$$

$$\Rightarrow T \propto BI \sin(90^\circ - 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow T \propto BI \cos 0 \quad (\text{power in the CB})$$

→ Hence direction of driven torque on the CB depend upon the power flow in to which relay is associated.

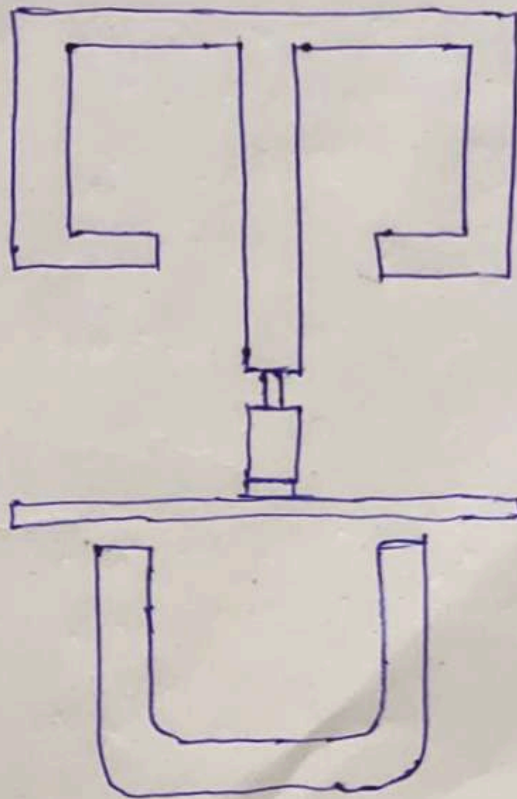
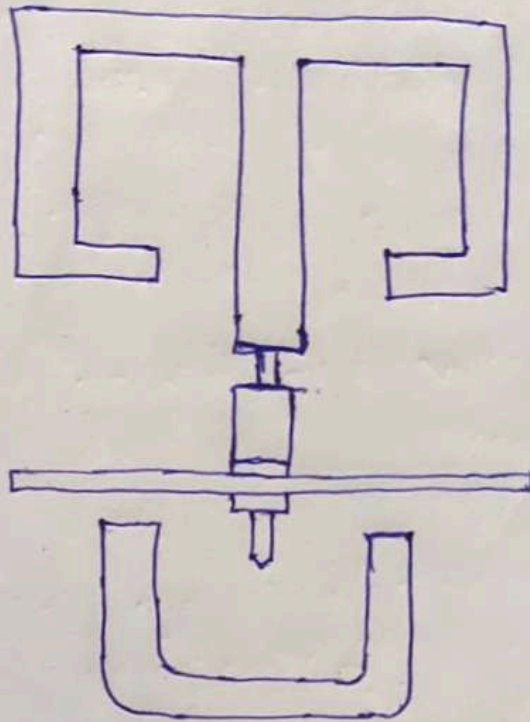
→ If power flow is reversed, driving torque \neq when each other to turn away the moving contact to fixed contact. Hence relay is unoperated.

→ When there is change of driven torque direction changes.

→ When the reverse driving torque is very large this operates in the reverse direction.

This causes operation of the CB that's connect the faulty section.

Induction type direction over current relay



INTRODUCTION TO SWITCHGEAR

* What is switchgear?

Ans:- The apparatus used for switching, controlling and protecting the electrical circuits and equipments is known as switchgear.

* Essential Features of Switchgear: —

The essential features of switchgear are,

(1) Complete Reliability: —

- Switchgear is added to the power system to improve the reliability.
- When fault occurs, switchgear must operate to isolate the faulty section from the remainder circuit.

(2) Absolutely Certain Discrimination: —

When fault occurs on any section of the power system, the switchgear must be able to discriminate between the faulty section & the healthy section.

(3) Quick Operation: —

When fault occurs on any part of the power system the switchgear must operate quickly, so that no damage is done to generator, transformer and other equipments by the short circuit currents.

(4) - Provision For Manual Control :-

A switchgear must have provision for manual control.

- If automatic or electronic control fails necessary operation can be carried out by manual control.

(5) - Provision For Instruments :-

There must be provision for instruments like ammeter or voltmeter to the main switch board.

* SWITCHEAR EQUIPMENTS :-

S.M.P

(1) - Switches

(2) - Fuses

(3) - Circuit Breakers

(4) - Relays

(1) - Switches :-

→ A switch is a device used to open or close an electrical circuit in a convenient way.

→ It can be used under full-load or no-load condition.

→ But it can't interrupt the fault current.

→ When contacts of a switch are opened arc is produced in the air between the contacts.

→ Switches are of two types,

(i) - Air switch

(ii) - Oil switch

(2) - Fuses :-

- Fuse is a short piece of wire or thin strip which melts when excessive current flows through it for sufficient time.
- It is inserted in series with the circuit to be protected.

Working :-

- Under normal operating condition the fuse element is at a temperature below its melting point.
- It carries the normal load current without overheating.
- When a short circuit or over-load occurs, the current through the fuse element increases beyond its rated capacity, hence its temperature increases, the fuse blows-out, disconnecting the circuit protected by it.
- Fuse detects and interrupts.

(3) - Circuit Breakers :-

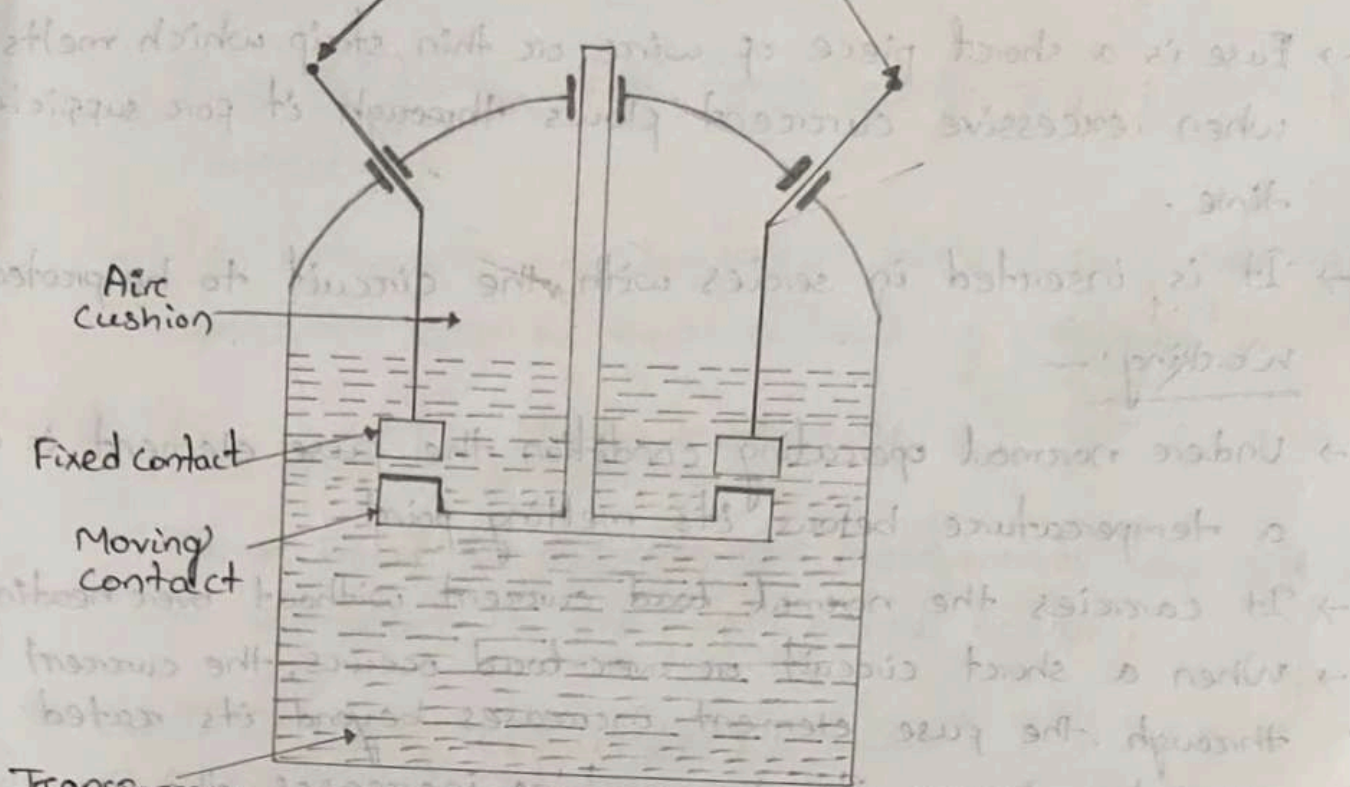
It is an equipment which can open or close a circuit under all conditions that is no-load, full-load and fault conditions.

→ It can operate manually or by remote control.

→ The circuit breaker consists of,

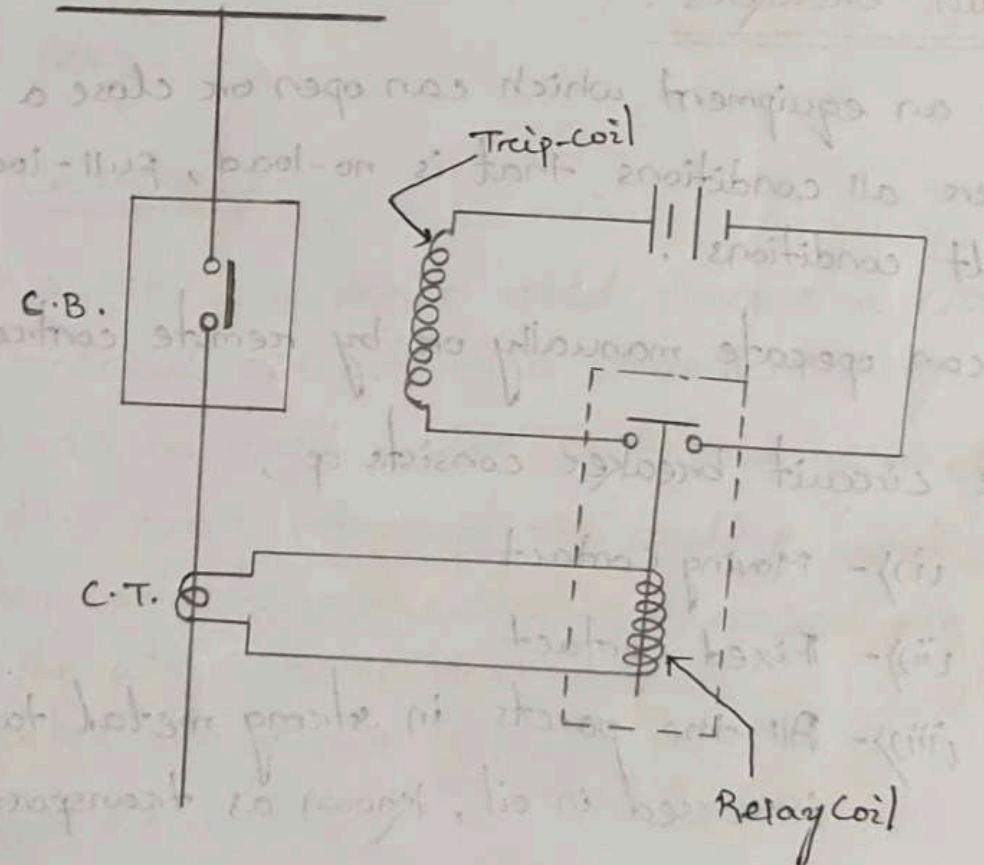
- (i) - Moving contact
- (ii) - Fixed contact
- (iii) - All the parts in strong metal tank immersed in oil, known as transformer oil.

Terminal Connections



Transformer oil
(i)

Bus-bar



(ii)

Case-I

Under Normal Operating Condition :-

- The contacts remain closed & the circuit breaker carries the full load current continuously.
- EMF in the secondary winding of the CT (Current Transformer) is insufficient to operate the trip coil of the breaker.

Case-II

When Fault Occurs :-

- The resulting over current in the C.T. primary winding increases the secondary emf.
- This energises the trip coil of the CB & moving contacts are pulled down, thus opening the contacts and hence the circuit.
 - The arc produced during the opening operation is quenched by the oil, hence relay detects the fault.
 - Circuit breaker does the ^{actual} circuit interruption.

(4) - Relays :-

A relay is a device which detects the fault and supplies information to the circuit breaker (C.B.) for circuit interruption.

→ It can be divided into 3 parts,

- (i) - Primary winding of a current transformer (C.T.) is connected in series with the circuit to be protected. Primary winding is the main conductor itself.

(ii) - The second circuit is the secondary winding of C.T. connected to the relay operating coil.

(iii) - The third circuit is the tripping circuit consists of source of supply, trip coil of C.B. & relay stationary contacts.

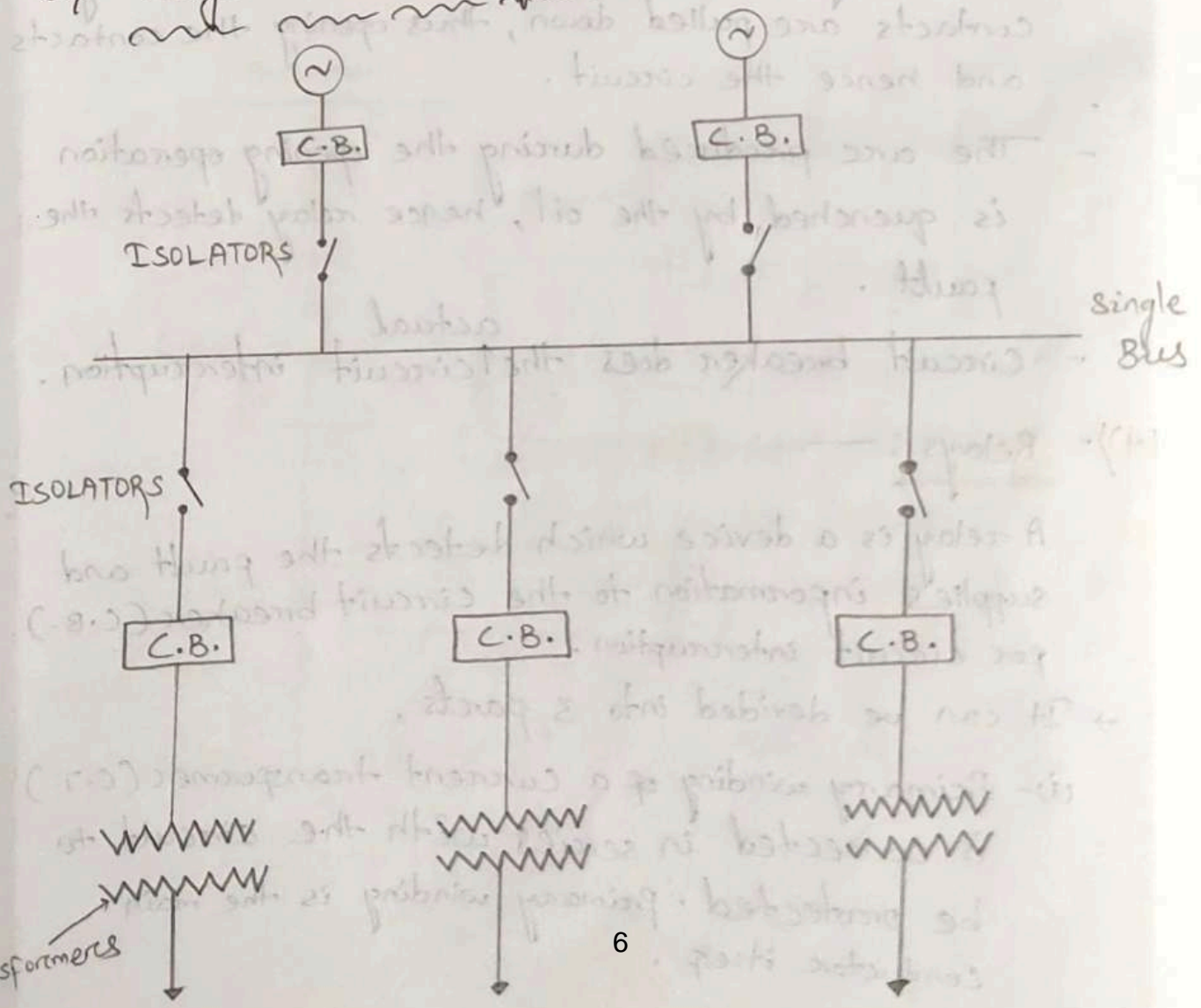
* BUS-BAR ARRANGEMENTS :-

(i) - Single Bus-Bar system.

(ii) - Single Bus-Bar system with ~~secto~~ sectionalisation.

(iii) - Duplicate Bus-Bar system.

(i) - Single Bus-Bar system :-



- It has the simplest design.
- It is used for power stations.
- It is also used in small out-door stations having few out-going or incoming feeders & lines.
- The generators out-going lines & transformers are connected to the bus-bar.
- Each generator & feeder is controlled by a circuit breaker.
- The isolators permit to isolate generators, feeders, circuit breakers from the bus-bar for maintenance.

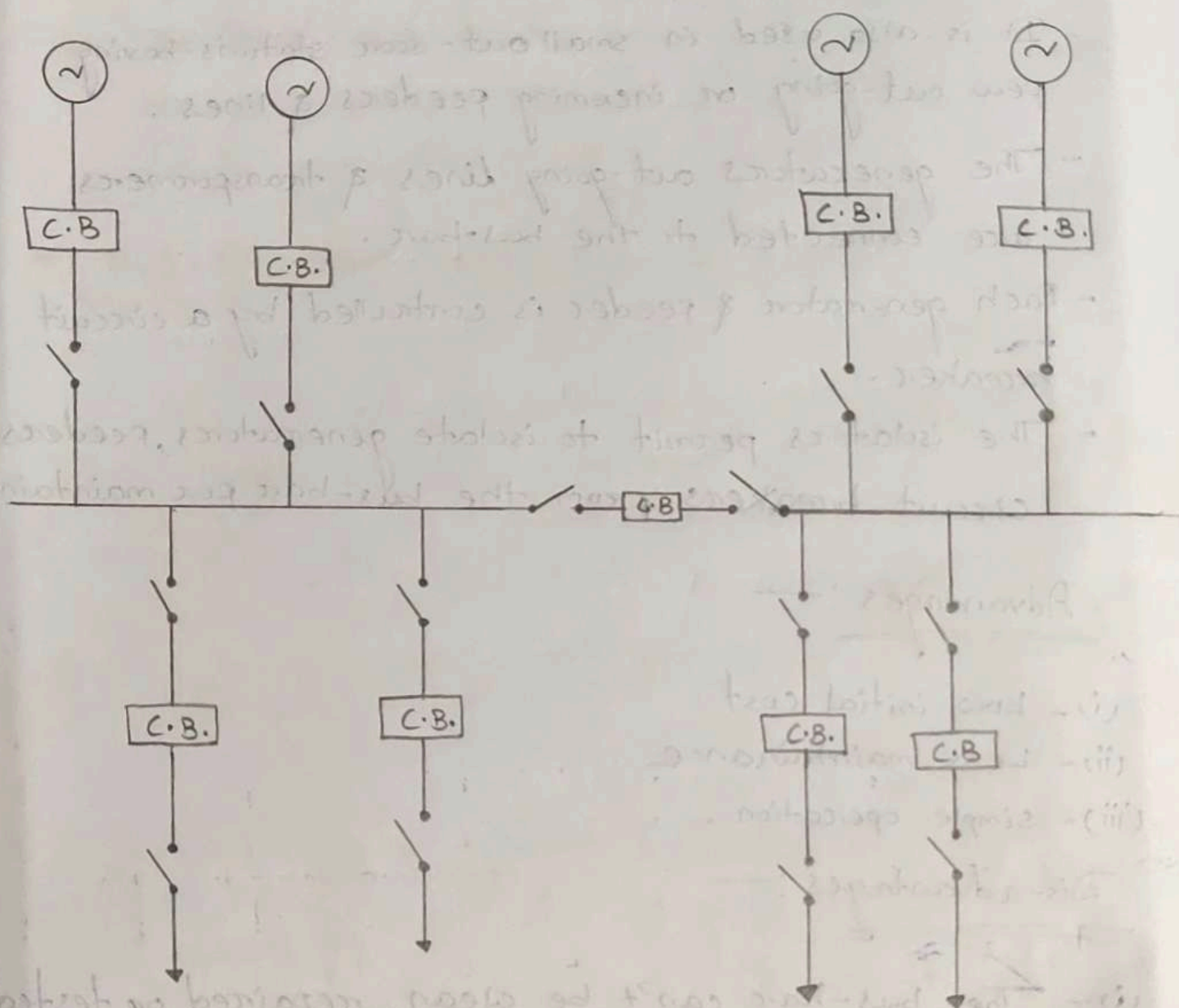
Advantages: —

- (i) - Low initial cost.
- (ii) - Less maintenance.
- (iii) - simple operation.

Dis-advantages: —

- (i) - The bus-bar can't be clean, repaired or tested without de-energising the whole system.
- (ii) - If a fault occurs on the bus-bar itself, there is complete interruption of supply.
- (iii) - Any fault on the system is fed by all the generating capacity, resulting in very large fault currents.

(ii) - Single Bus-Bar System With Sectionalisation : —



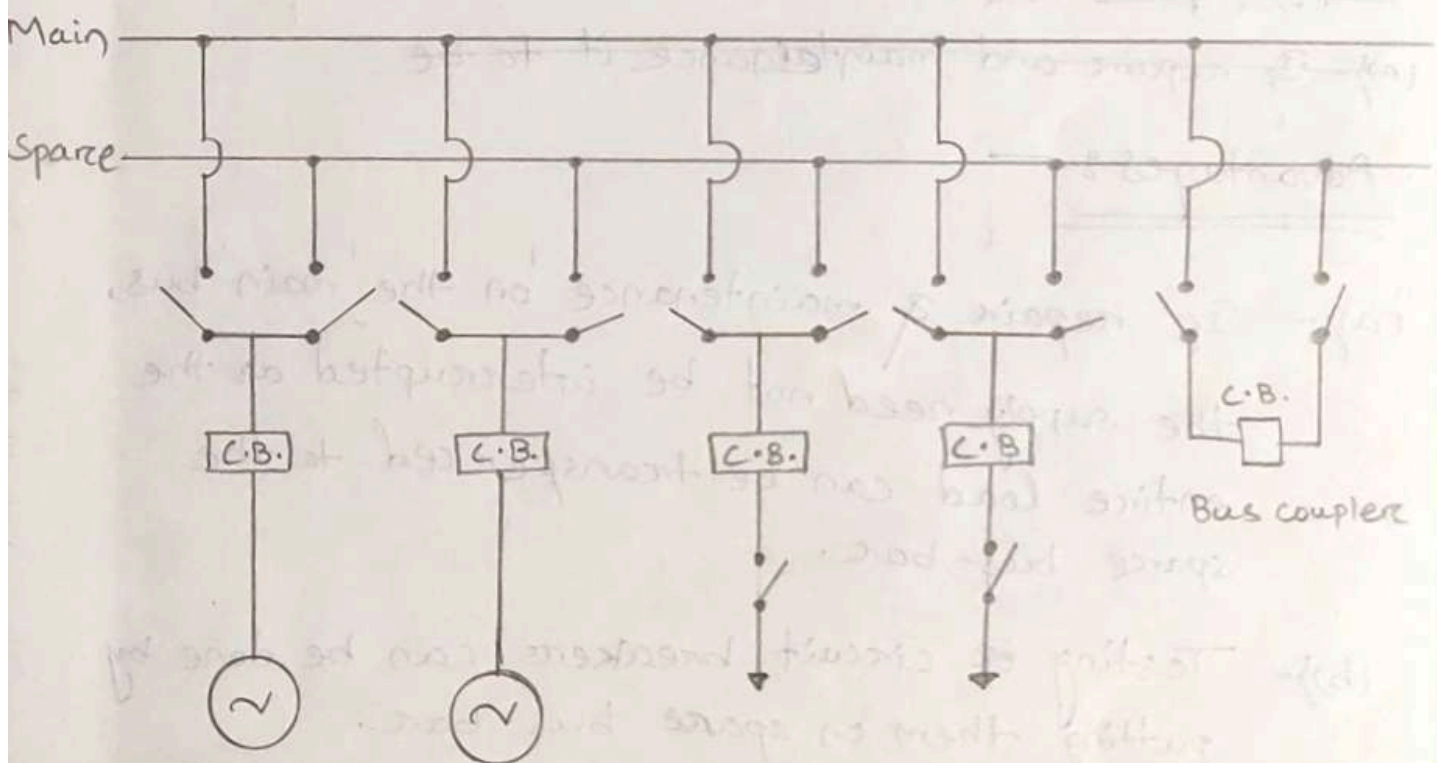
→ In large generating stations, where several units are installed, there the bus-bar is sectionalised, so that complete shut down can be avoided.

→ In the diagram, the bus-bar is divided into two sections connected by a circuit breaker and isolators.

Advantages:

- (i) - If a fault occurs on any section of the bus-bar that section can be isolated without affecting the supply to other sections.
- (ii) - If a fault occurs on any feeder, the current is much lower than with unsectionalised bus-bar.
- (iii) - Repairs & maintenance of any section of the bus-bar can be carried out by de-energising that section only.

(iii) - Duplicate Bus-Bar System : — Dt: 25.03.22



- It is important that breakdown and maintenance should interfere as little as possible with continuity supply.
- In order to achieve this duplicate bus-bar system is used in important station.

- In this system there are 2 bus-bars.

(a) - Main Bus-Bar

(b) - Spare Bus-Bar

- Each generator & feeder may be connected to either bus-bar with the help of bus coupler.

- Buscoupler consists of circuit breaker & isolators.

- If it is desired to switch a circuit from one bus to another without interruption of service, there would have to be two circuit breakers for circuit.

- Such an arrangement is very expensive.

Advantages: -

(a) ~~If repair and maintenance it to be~~

Advantages: -

(a) - If repair & maintenance on the main bus, the supply need not be interrupted as the entire load can be transferred to the spare bus-bar.

(b) - Testing of circuit breakers can be done by putting them on spare bus-bar.

(c) - If fault occurs on the bus-bar, continuity of supply to the circuit can be maintained by transferring it to other bus-bar.

* SWITCHGEAR ACCOMMODATION :-

It is necessary to house the switchgear in power stations and substations in such a way so as to safeguard personnel during operation & maintenance.

- It is of two types,

(i) - Out-door Type

(ii) - In-door Type.

(i) - Outdoor Type :-

For voltages beyond 66 kV, switch-gear equipment is installed outdoor because for such voltages, the clearances between the conductor and the space required for switches, circuit breakers, transformers & other equipments, ~~become~~ hence it is not economical all such equipment indoor.

(ii) - Indoor Type :-

For voltages below 66 kV, switch gear is installed indoor because of economical considerations.

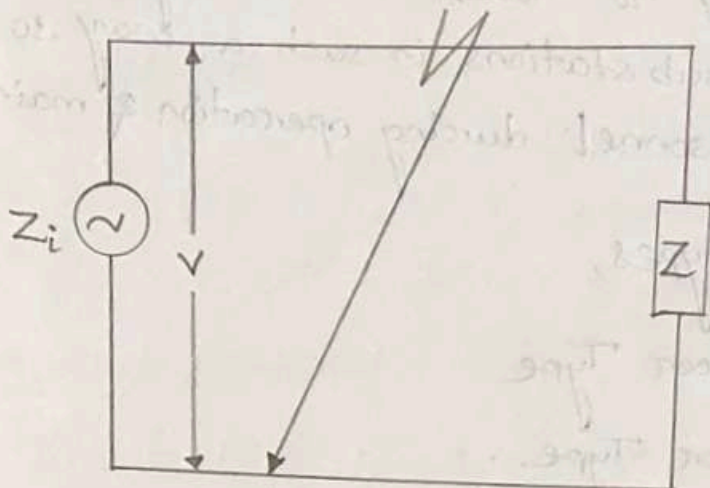
- The indoor switchgear is of metal type.

* SHORT CIRCUIT :-

When a fault occurs on a network such that a large current flows in one or more phase, a short circuit is said to have occurred.

Q.1

What is the difference between circuit & overload?



- In the fig. a single phase generator of voltage V and internal impedance ' Z_i ' is supplying to a load Z .

- If load terminal get shorted due to any reason, the circuit impedance is reduced to a very low value.

- As ' Z_i ' is very small, a large current flows through the circuit and this is called short circuit current.

- When a short circuit occurs, the voltage at fault point is reduced to 0 and current increases abnormally to high magnitude.

- An over-load means that loads greater than the designed values have been imposed to the system.

- Here the voltage at the over load point is low but not zero and the current is very high but less than that of short circuit case.

* Causes of short circuit: —

(i) - Internal Effects

(ii) - External Effects.

(i) - Internal Effects :-

- Breakdown of equipment or transmission lines.
- Deterioration of insulation in a generator, transformer etc.
- Inadequate design.
- Improper installation.

(ii) - External Effects :-

- Insulation failure due to lightning surges.
- Overload of equipment causing excessive heating.
- Mechanical damage by public.

* EFFECTS OF SHORT CIRCUIT :-

(a) - The heavy current due to short circuit causes excessive heating which may result in fire or explosion.

(b) - The low voltage due to short circuit may shut down consumers motors & generators on the power system & become unstable.

I.M.P Q.2 :- Why calculation of short circuit current is important?

Ans :- (i) Short circuit on the power system is cleared by a circuit breaker or a fuse.

(ii) - So it is necessary to know the maximum value of short circuit current. so that switchgear of suitable rating may be installed to interrupt them.

(iii) - Magnitude of short circuit current determines the setting, types & location of protective system.

(iii)) - It determines the size of protective reactors which must be inserted in the system so that the circuit breaker is able to withstand the fault current.

(iv)) - It enables us to make proper selection of the associated apparatus, so that they can withstand the forces that arise due to occurrence of short circuits.

* Faults In a Power System :-

A fault occurs when two or more conductors that normally operate with the potential difference come in contact with each other.

- Faults in a three phase system can be classified into,

(i)) - Symmetrical Fault.

(ii)) - Unsymmetrical Fault.

(i)) - Symmetrical Fault :-

↳ That fault which give rise to symmetrical fault currents i.e., equal fault currents with 120° displacements, is called symmetrical fault.

(ii)) - Unsymmetrical Fault :-

↳ The faults which give rise to unsymmetrical current i.e., unequal line currents with unequal displacements are called unsymmetrical fault.

- It is of 3 types,

(i) - Single line to ground Fault.

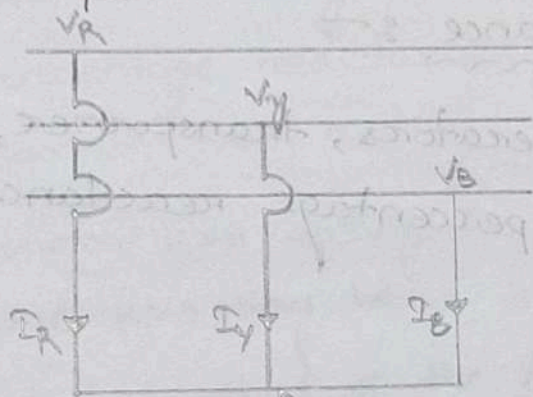
(ii) - Line to Line Fault.

(iii) - Double line to ground Fault.

SYMMETRICAL FAULT CALCULATIONS

* INTRODUCTION :-

That fault on the power system which gives rise to symmetrical fault currents (i.e. equal fault currents in the lines with 120° displacement) is called a symmetrical fault.

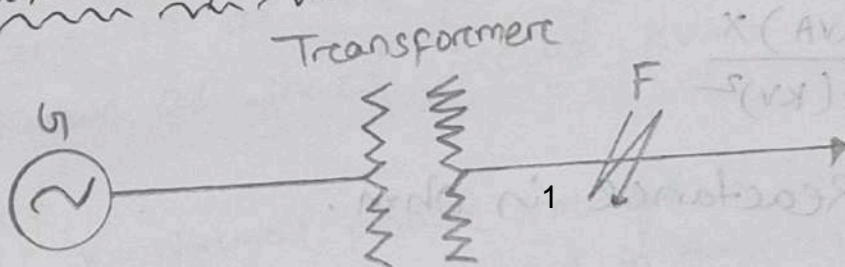


→ Symmetrical fault occurs when all the three conductors of a three phase line are brought together simultaneously into a short circuit condition. This type of fault gives rise to symmetrical currents i.e., equal fault current with 120° displacements.

→ Fault currents I_R, I_Y & I_B will be equal in magnitude with 120° displacement with each other.

→ Only one phase will be taken for calculation.

* Limitation Of Fault Current :-



→ Short circuit current is limited by impedance of the system upto the point of fault.

→ If a fault occurs on the feeders at point 'F', then the short circuit current from the generating point to the fault point will be limited by the impedance of generator & transformer and the impedance of the line between the generator and the point of fault.

* Percentage Reactance :-

Reactance of generators, transformer, reactors etc. is expressed in percentage reactance for easy calculation.

Defⁿ :-

It is the percentage of the total voltage dropped in the circuit, when full-load current is flowing

$$\% X = \frac{IX}{V} \times 100$$

Where, I = Full-load current

V = Phase voltage

X = Reactance in Ohms/phase

In terms of KVA,

$$\% X = \frac{(KVA) X}{10(KV)^2}$$

Where, X = Reactance₂ in Ohm.

$$I_{sc} = \frac{V}{X}$$

$$= I \left(\frac{100}{\% X} \right)$$

$$I_{sc} = I \left(\frac{100}{\% X} \right)$$

* Percentage Reactance & Base KVA :-

Various equipments used in power systems have different KVA ratings. So it is necessary to find percentage reactances of all the elements on a common KVA rating.

- This common KVA rating is known as base KVA.

- The base KVA may be,

(i) - Equal to that of the largest plant.

(ii) - Equal to the total plant capacity.

(iii) - Any arbitrary value.

$$\% \text{ Age reactance at base KVA} = \frac{\text{Base KVA}}{\text{Rated KVA}} \times \% \text{ Age reactance at rated KVA}$$

* Short-Circuit KVA :-

The product of normal system voltage & short circuit current at the point of fault is expressed in KVA known as short circuit KVA.

Let,

V = Normal phase voltage in volts.

I = Full-load current in Amperes at Base KVA.

$\% X$ = Percentage reactance of the system on base KVA upto the fault point.

Short circuit KVA For 3- ϕ circuit,

$$= \frac{3V I_{sc}}{1000}$$

$$= \frac{3V I}{1000} \times \frac{100}{\% X}$$

$$= \text{Base KVA} \times \frac{100}{\% X}$$

$$\left(\frac{3V I}{1000} \right)^2 = \dots$$
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* REACTOR CONTROL OF SHORT-CIRCUIT CURRENTS:-

- In order to limit the short circuit currents to a value which the circuit breakers can handle, additional reactances known as reactors are connected in series with the system at suitable points.
- Reactors is a coil of number of turns designed to have a large inductance as compared to its ohmic resistance.

Advantages:-

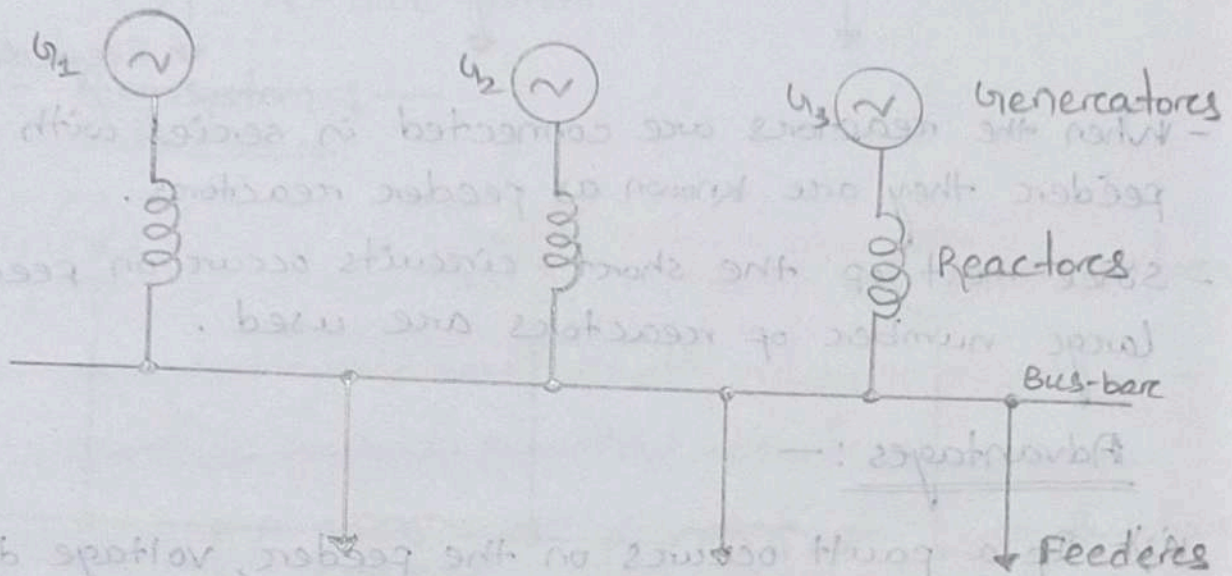
- Reactors limit the flows of short-circuit current & thus protect the equipment from over-heating as well as from failure due to destructive mechanical forces.
- Troubles are localised or isolated at the point where they originate without disturbing other parts of the power system. Hence it increases continuity of supply.
- It permits the installation of circuit breakers of lower rating.

* LOCATION OF REACTORS : —

Reactors may be connected,

- (i) - In series with each generator.
- (ii) - In series with Feeder.
- (iii) - In Bus-Bars.

(i) - Generator Reactors : —



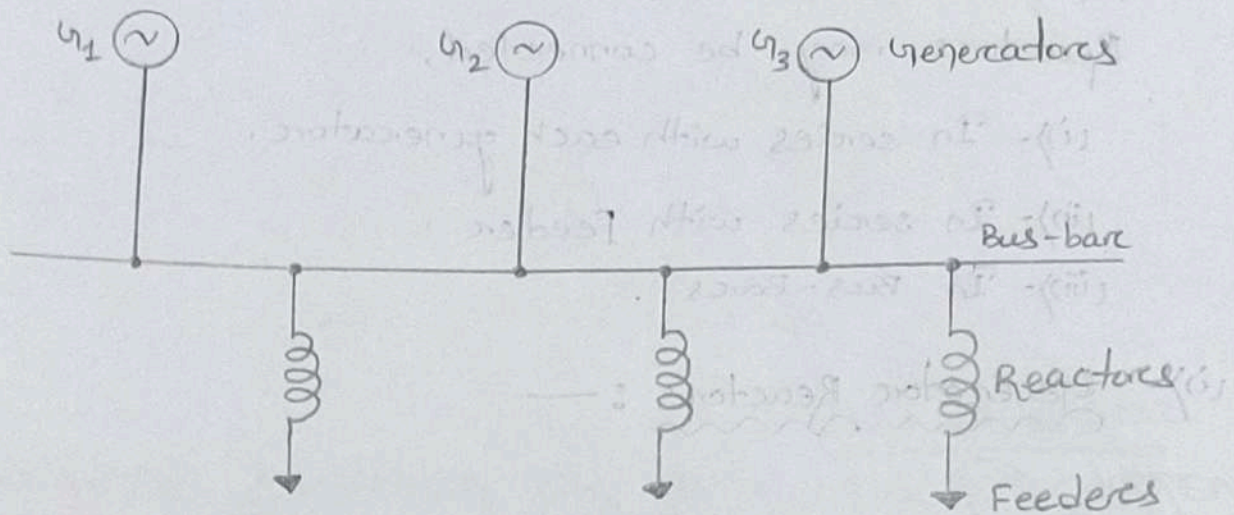
When the reactors are connected in series with each generator, they are known as generator reactors.

- It protects the generator in case of short-circuit.

Disadvantages : —

- (a) - There is a constant voltage drop & power loss in the reactors even during normal operation.
- (b) - If a bus-bar or feeder fault occurs close to the bus-bar, the voltage at the bus-bar will be reduced to a low value, hence it causes the generators to fault out of step.
- (c) - If a fault occurs on any feeder, continuity of supply is likely to be affected.

(ii) - Feeder Reactors :-



- When the reactors are connected in series with each feeder they are known as feeder reactors.
- Since most of the short-circuits occur on feeders large number of reactors are used.

Advantages :-

- (a) - If a fault occurs on the feeder, voltage drop in its reactor will not affect the bus-bar voltage so that there is a little tendency for the generator to lose synchronism.
- (b) - Fault on the feeder will not affect other feeders, hence each fault is localised.

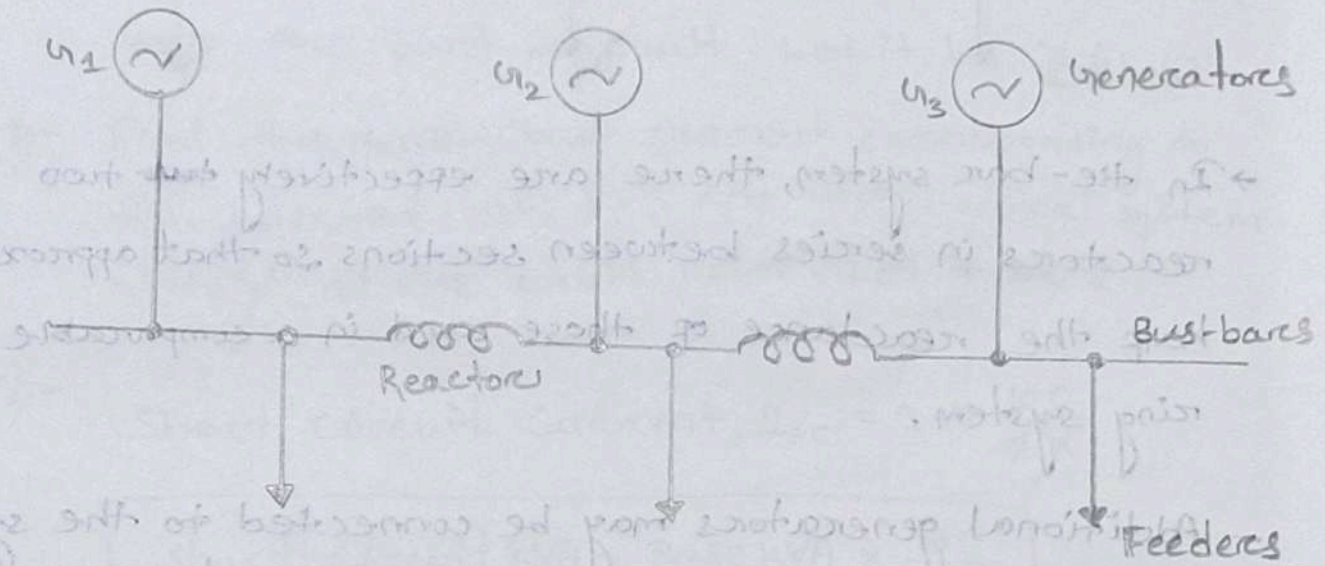
Disadvantages :-

- (a) - There is a constant power loss & voltage drop in the reactors even during normal operation.
- (b) - If number of generators is increased, the size of feeder reactors will have to be increased to keep the short circuit currents within the ratings of the feeder circuit-breakers.

(iii) - Bus-Bar Reactors : —

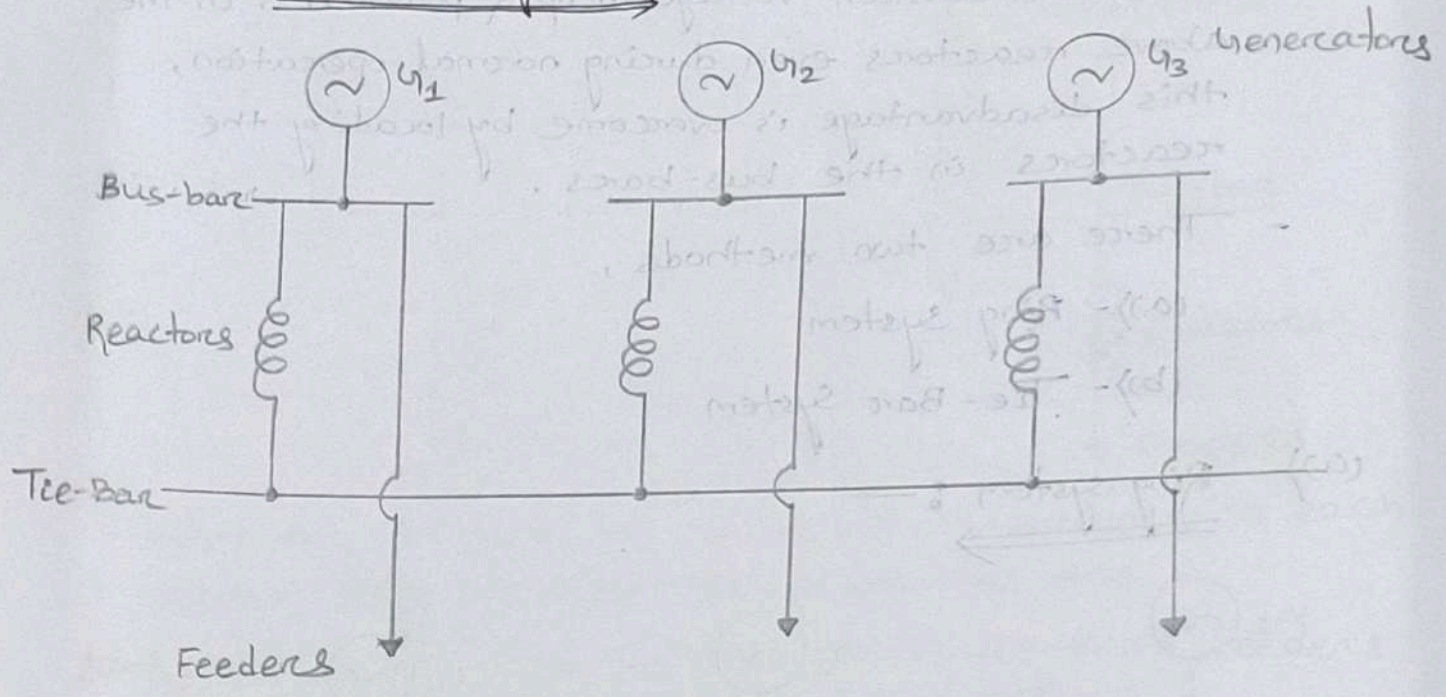
- There is a constant voltage drop & power loss in the above reactors even during normal operation, this disadvantage is overcome by locating the reactors in the bus-bars.
- There are two methods,
 - (a) - Ring System
 - (b) - Tie-Bar System

(a) - Ring system ? —



- Bus-bar is divided into sections & these sections are connected through reactors.
- One feeder is fed from one generator only.
- Under normal operating conditions, each generator will supply its own section of the load and very little power will be fed by other generators, hence it results in low power loss & voltage drop in the reactors.
- If a fault occurs on any feeder only one generator mainly feeds the fault current & current from other generators is small due to the reactors, hence only that section of the bus-bar is affected to which the feeder is connected, the other section being able to continue in normal section.

(b) - Tie-Bar System :-



→ In tie-bar system, there are effectively ~~two~~ two reactors in series between sections so that approximately half the reactance of those used in a comparable ring system.

- Additional generators may be connected to the system without requiring changes in the existing reactors.

Disadvantage :-

It requires an additional bus-bar i.e., tie-Bar.

* Steps For Symmetrical Fault Calculations :-

(i) - Draw a single line diagram of the complete network indicating the rating, voltage & percentage reactance of each element of the network.

(ii) - Choose a numerically convenient value of base KVA & convert all percentage reactances to this base value.

(iii) - Corresponding to the single line diagram of the network, draw the reactance diagram showing one phase of the system and the neutral. Indicate the percentage reactances on the base KVA in the reactance diagram. The transformer in the system should be represented by a reactance in series.

(iv) - Find the total % reactance of the network upto the point of fault. Let it be $X\%$.

(v) - Find the full-load current corresponding to the selected base KVA and the normal system voltage at the fault point. Let it be I .

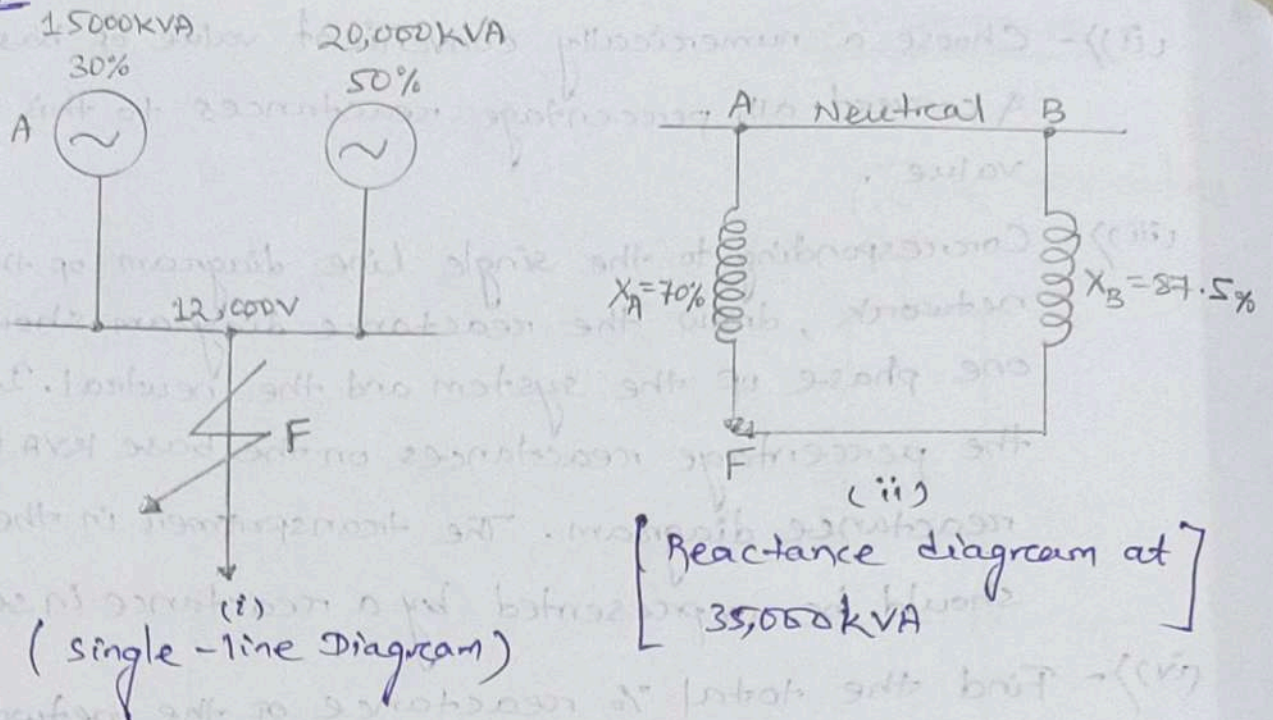
(vi) - Short circuit current, $I_{sc} = I \times \frac{100}{\%X}$

$$\text{Short-circuit KVA} = \text{Base KVA} \times \frac{100}{\%X}$$

NUMERICAL:

(1) - In the given fig. the single line diagram of a 3- ϕ system. The percentage reactance of each alternator is based on its own capacity. Find the short circuit current that will flow into a complete 3- ϕ short circuit at F.

Step-1



Step-2

Let, the base KVA be 35,000 KVA.

% Reactance of alternator A at the base KVA is,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X_A &= \frac{\text{Base KVA}}{\text{Rated KVA}} \times \% \text{ age reactance at the rated KVA} \\ &= \frac{35,000}{15,000} \times 30 \\ &= 70\% \end{aligned}$$

% Reactance of alternator B at the Base KVA is,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X_B &= \frac{\text{Base KVA}}{\text{Rated KVA}} \times \% \text{ Age reactance at the rated kv} \\ &= \frac{35,000}{20,000} \times 50 \\ &= 87.5\% \end{aligned}$$

Line current corresponding to 35,000 KVA at 12 KV,

$$I = \frac{35,000 \times 10^3}{\sqrt{3} \times 12,000} = 1684 \text{ A}$$

Total percentage reactance from generator neutral upto fault point is,

$$\% X = X_A \parallel X_B$$

$$= \frac{X_A \cdot X_B}{X_A + X_B} = \frac{70 \times 87.5}{70 + 87.5} = 38.9\%$$

$$I_{sc} \text{ (short ckt current) } = I \times \frac{100}{\% X}$$

$$= 1684 \times \frac{100}{38.9}$$

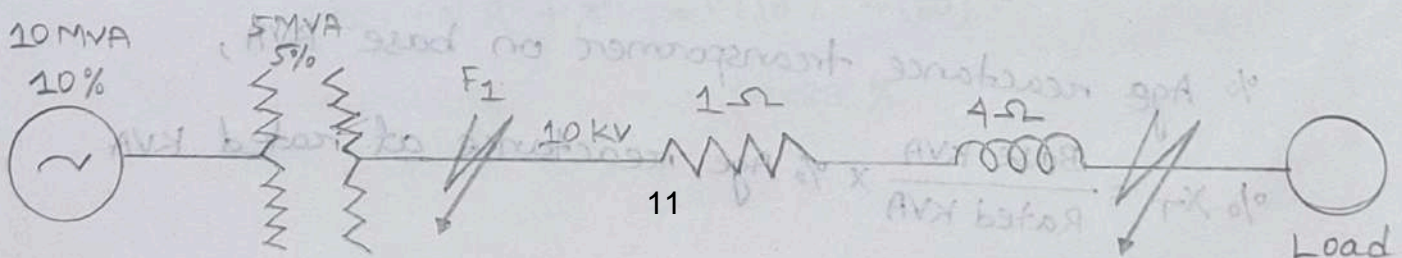
$$= 4329.04 \text{ A}$$

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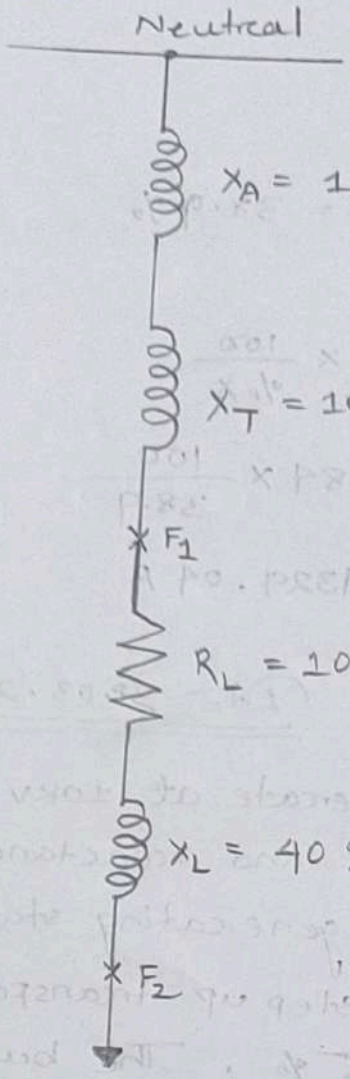
(2) - A 3- ϕ Transmission line operate at 10kV and having a resistance of 1Ω and reactance of 4Ω is connected to the generating stations bus-bars through 5MVA step up transformer having a reactance of 5%. The bus bars are supplied by a 10MVA alternator having 10% reactance. Calculate the short circuit kVA fed to symmetrical fault between phases if it occurs,

(i) - At the load end of transmission line.

(ii) - At the high voltage terminals of the transformer.



Step-1



$$X_A = 10\% \times \frac{2.4 \times 10^3 \times 0.85}{2.4 \times 10^3 + 0.15} = \frac{20.4 \times 0.85}{2.55} = 6.8\%$$

$$X_T = 10\%$$

X_{F1}

$$R_L = 10\%$$

$$X_L = 40\%$$

1 MVA = 1000 KVA
5 MVA = 5000 KVA
10 MVA = 10,000 KVA

Step-2

Let, the base KVA be 10 MVA = 10,000 KVA

% Age reactance of alternator on base KVA,

$$\% X_A = \frac{\text{Base KVA}}{\text{Rated KVA}} \times \% \text{ Age reactance at rated KVA.}$$

$$= \frac{10,000}{10,000} \times 10\%$$

$$= 10\%$$

% Age reactance transformer on base KVA,

$$\% X_T = \frac{\text{Base KVA}}{\text{Rated KVA}} \times \% \text{ Age reactance at rated KVA}$$

$$= \frac{10,000}{5,000} \times 5\% = 10\%$$

The line impedance is given ohms, it can be converted into % Impedance,

% reactance of transmission line,

$$\% X_L = \frac{(\text{Base KVA}) \times \text{reactance in } \Omega}{10(\text{KV})^2}$$

$$= \frac{10,000 \times 4\Omega}{10 \times (10)^2} = 40\%$$

% Resistance of transmission line,

$$\% R_L = \frac{\text{Base KVA} \times \text{Resistance in } \Omega}{10(10)^2}$$

$$= \frac{10,000 \times 1\Omega}{10 \times (10)^2} = 10\%$$

(ii) - For a fault at the end of a transmission line i.e., at point F_2 ,

$$\text{Total \% reactance} = X_A + X_T + X_L$$

$$= 10\% + 10\% + 40\%$$

$$= 60\%$$

$$\text{Total \% resistance} = R_L = 10\%$$

% impedance from generator neutral upto fault point

F_2 ,

$$Z = R + jX$$

$$|Z| = \sqrt{R^2 + X^2} = \sqrt{(10)^2 + (60)^2}$$

$$= 60.83\%$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Short circuit KVA} &= \text{Base KVA} \times \frac{100}{\%Z} \\ &= 10,000 \times \frac{100}{60.83} \\ &= 16,439.25 \text{ KVA} \end{aligned}$$

(ii) - For the fault at the high voltage terminals of the transformer i.e., at point F_1 ,

Total % reactance from generator neutral up to fault point F_1 ,

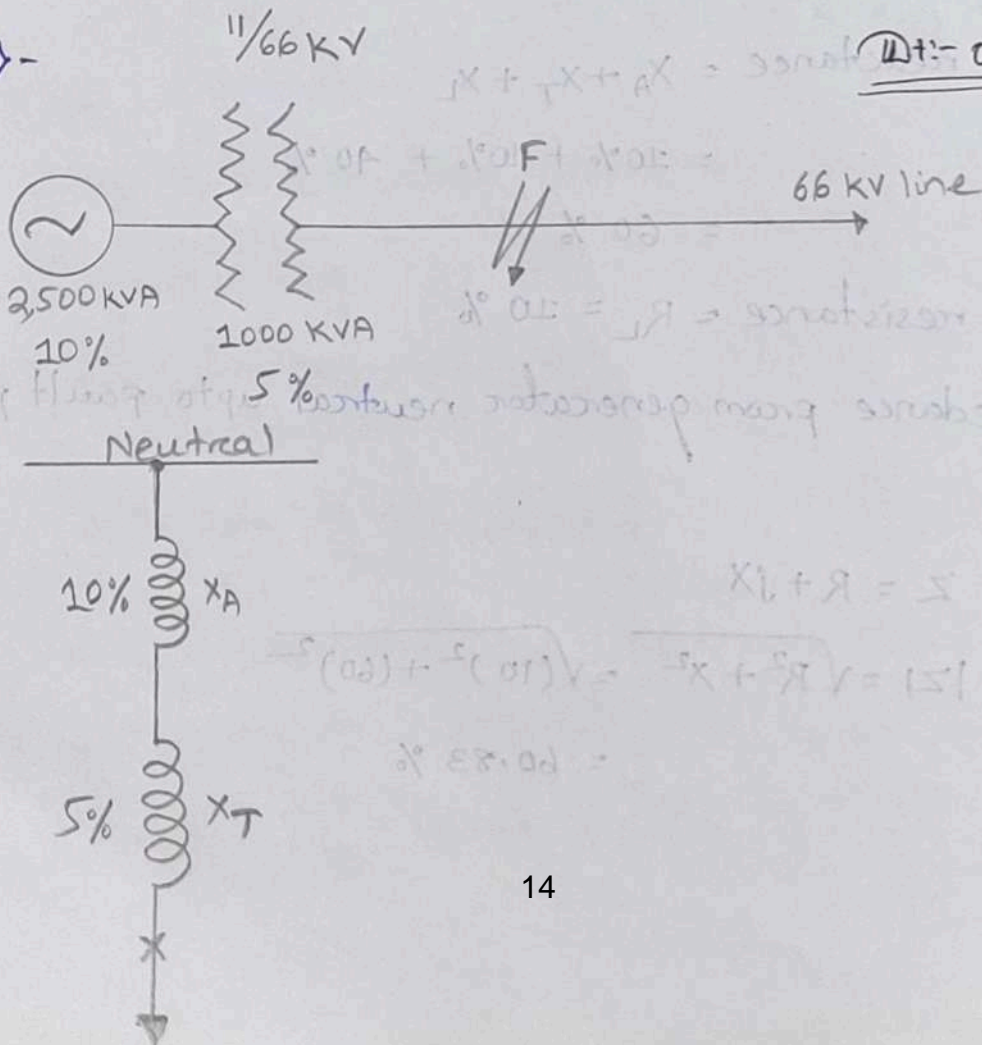
$$\begin{aligned} &= X_A + X_T \\ &= 10 + 10 = 20\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Short circuit KVA} = \text{Base KVA} \times \frac{100}{\%X}$$

$$= 10,000 \times \frac{100}{20}$$

$$= 50,000 \text{ KVA}$$

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Let the fault occurs at the high voltage terminals of transformer,

Case-1

Let, the base KVA be 2,500 KVA

Reactance of alternator at base KVA,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X_A &= \frac{2500}{2500} \times 10\% \\ &= 10\% \end{aligned}$$

Reactance of transformer at base KVA,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X_T &= \frac{2500}{1000} \times 5 \\ &= 12.5\% \end{aligned}$$

Total % reactance up to the fault point,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X &= X_A\% + X_T\% \\ &= 10 + 12.5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 22.5\%$$

Full-load current corresponding to base KVA at 66 KV is given by,

$$\begin{aligned} I &= \frac{2500 \times 1000}{\sqrt{3} \times 66 \times 1000} = 21.869 \\ &= 21.87 \text{ A} \end{aligned}$$

$$I_{sc} = I \times \frac{100}{\% X}$$

$$= 21.87 \times \frac{100}{22.5\%}$$

$$= 97.2 \text{ A}$$

Case-2

Let, the base KVA be 5000 KVA

$$\begin{aligned} \% X_A &= \frac{5000}{2500} \times 10\% \\ &= 20\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\% X_T = \frac{5000}{1000} \times 5\%$$

$$= 25\%$$

Total % reactance up to the fault point,

~~$$\% X_T = \frac{5000}{1000} \times 5\%$$~~

$$\% X = X_A + X_T$$

$$= 20 + 25$$

$$= 45\%$$

Full-load current corresponding to base KVA at 66KV is given by,

$$I = \frac{5000 \times 1000}{\sqrt{3} \times 66 \times 1000} = 43.74 \text{ A}$$

$$I_{sc} = I \times \frac{100}{\% X} = 43.74 \times \frac{100}{45\%}$$

$$= 97.2\%$$

Note

Hence, whatever the value of base KVA, the value of I_{sc} will be same.

Q)- A 3- ϕ , 20MVA, 10KV alternator has internal reactance of 5% and negligible resistance. Find the external reactance per phase to be connected in series with the alternator, so that steady current on short circuit, doesn't exceed 8 times the full-load current.

Ans

$$I = \frac{20 \times 10^6}{\sqrt{3} \times 10 \times 10^3} = 1154.7 \text{ A}$$

$$\text{Voltage / phase} = \frac{10 \times 10^3}{\sqrt{3}} = 5773.5 \text{ volt}$$

As the short circuit current is to 8 times the full-load current.

$$I_{sc} = 8I \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} = \frac{I}{I_{sc}}$$

$$I_{sc} = I \times \frac{100}{\% X}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \% X &= \frac{I}{I_{sc}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{1}{8} \times 100 \\ &= 12.5\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{External \% reactance required,} &= 12.5\% - 5\% \\ &= 7.5\% \end{aligned}$$

Let ' $X \Omega$ ' be the per phase external reactance required,

$$\begin{aligned} \% X &= \frac{IX}{V} \times 100 \\ \Rightarrow X &= \frac{V \times (\% X)}{I \times 100} \\ &= \frac{5773.5 \times 7.5\%}{1154.7 \times 100} \\ &= 0.375 \Omega \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}} \end{aligned}$$

FUSES

* FUSE : —

Fuse is a short piece of metal, inserted in the circuit, which melts when excessive current flows through it and thus breaks the circuit.

- It is made of materials having low melting point.
- It should have high conductivity.
- Least deterioration due to oxidation eg:- silver, Copper etc.
- It is connected in series with the circuit to be protected.
- Under normal operating condition, the fuse element is at a temperature below its melting point.
- It carries the normal current without overheating.
- When a short circuit or overload occurs, the current through the fuse increases beyond its rated value.
- It ~~raises~~ raises the temperature & fuse element melts hence it disconnects the circuit protected by it.
- In this way fuse protects the machines & equipment from damage due to excessive currents.

Advantages : —

- (i) - Cheapest form of protection.
- (ii) - It requires no maintenance.
- (iii) - Its operation is inherently automatic.
- (iv) - It can break heavy short circuit currents without noise or smoke.
- (v) - Smaller sizes of fuse elements impose a current limiting effect.

Disadvantages :-

- (i) - Time is lost in rewiring or replacing a fuse after operation.
- (ii) - On heavy short circuits, discrimination between fuses in series can't be obtained unless there is sufficient differences in the sizes of the fuses concerned.

* Desirable Characteristics Of Fuse Element :-

- (i) - Low melting point e.g., tin, lead.
- (ii) - High conductivity e.g., silver, copper.
- (iii) - Free from deterioration due to oxidation e.g., silver.
- (iv) - Low cost e.g., lead, tin, copper.

For example,

(i) - Lead :-

It has low melting point but it has high specific resistance.

- It is liable to oxidation.

(ii) - Copper :-

- It has high conductivity.

- It oxidises rapidly.

Imp Note

A compromise is made in the selection of material for a fuse.

* Fuse Element Materials :-

- (i) - Lead
- (ii) - Tin
- (iii) - Copper
- (iv) - Zinc
- (v) - Silver

- Present trend is to use silver despite its high cost, because,

- (i) - It is free from oxidation.
- (ii) - It doesn't deteriorate when used in dry air.
- (iii) - Its conductivity is very high.
- (iv) - Resistance of the silver increases abruptly as the melting temperature is reached.

* Difference between a Fuse & Circuit Breaker :-

S.No.	Particular	Fuse	Circuit Breaker
1	Function	It performs both detection & interruption functions.	It performs interruption function only. The detection of fault is made by relay system.
2	Operation	Inherently completely automatic.	Requires elaborate equipment (ie., relays) for automatic action.
3	Breaking capacity	Small.	Very large.
4	Operating time	Very small (0.002 sec or so)	Comparatively large (0.1 to 0.2 sec)
5	Replacement	Requires replacement after every operation.	No replacement after operation.

* IMPORTANT TERMS RELATED TO FUSE :-

(1) - Current Rating of Fuse Element :-

It is the current which the fuse element can normally carry without overheating or melting.

- It depends upon,

(a) - Fuse material.

(b) - Surrounding of the fuse.

(c) - Temperature rise of the contacts of the fuse holder.

(2) - Fusing Current :-

- It is the minimum current at which the fuse element melts & disconnects the circuit protected by it.

- Its value will be more than the current rating of the fuse element.

- Fusing current depends upon,

(a) - Material of fuse element.

(b) - Length of the fuse element (smaller the length the greater current)

(c) - Diameter

(d) - Size & location of terminals enclosure

(e) - Type of enclosure used.

$$I = Kd^{3/2}$$

where, K = Fuse constant

d = Diameter of the wire

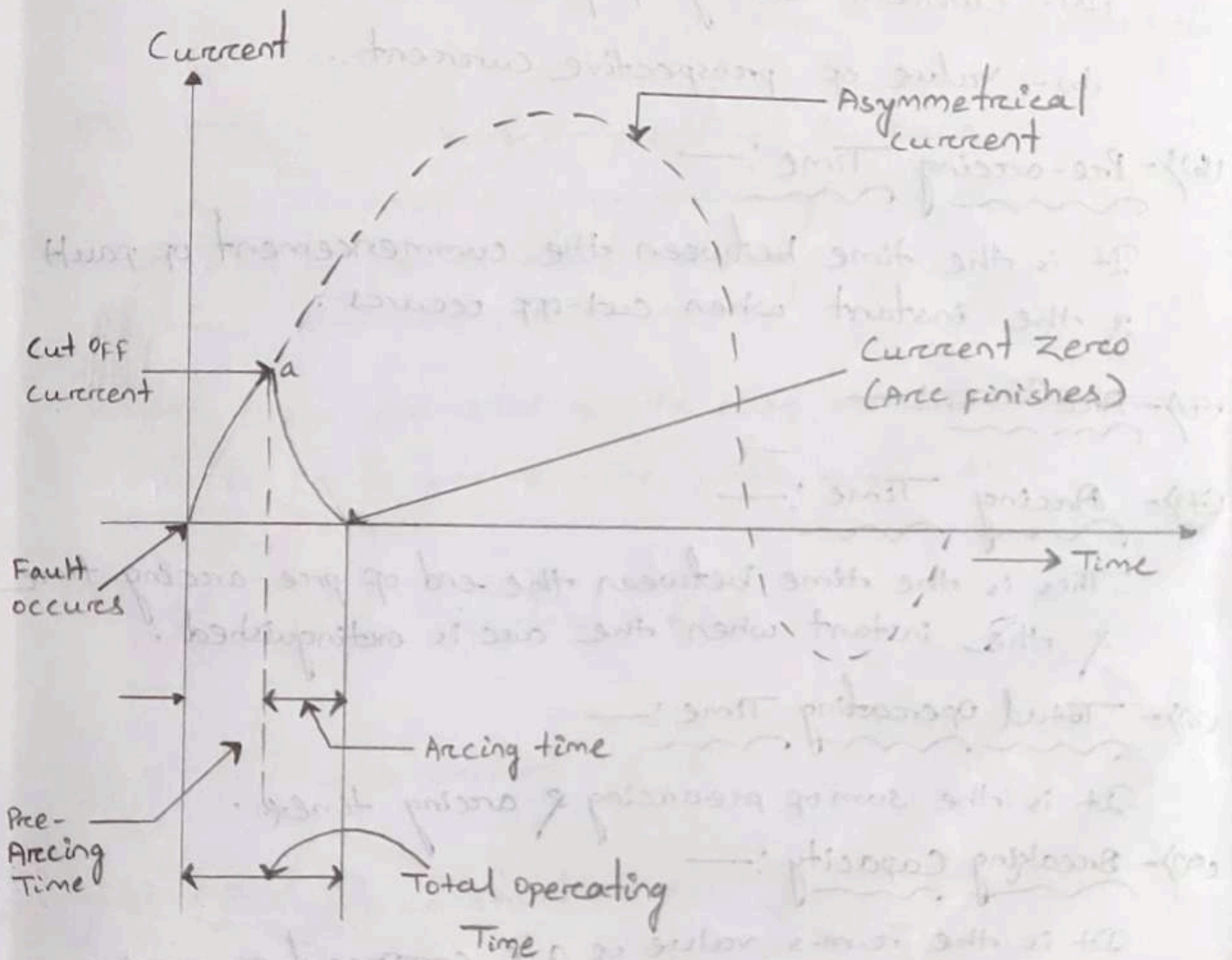
I = Fusing constant.

(3) - Fusing Factor : —

It is the ratio of minimum fusing current to the current rating of the fuse element.

$$\text{Fusing Factor} = \frac{\text{Minimum Fusing Current}}{\text{Current rating of the fuse}}$$

- Its value always more than 1.



(4) - Prospective Current :-

It is the r.m.s value of the first loop of fault current obtained if the fuse is replaced by an ordinary conductor of negligible resistance.

(5) - Cut-off Current :-

It is the maximum value of fault current actually reached before the fuse melts.

- It depends upon,

(a) - current rating of fuse.

(b) - value of prospective current.

(6) - Pre-arcing Time :-

It is the time between the commencement of fault & the instant when cut-off occurs.

~~(7) - Arc Time :-~~

(7) - Arcing Time :-

This is the time between the end of pre-arcing time & the instant when the arc is extinguished.

(8) - Total Operating Time :-

It is the sum of pre-arcing & arcing times.

(9) - Breaking Capacity :-

It is the r.m.s value of a.c component of maximum prospective current that a fuse can deal with at rated service voltage.

* Current Carrying Capacity Of Fuse Element : —

It depends upon,

- (i) - Cross-sectional area.
- (ii) - Type of metal used.

- It is affected by the length, surrounding of the fuse, surface of the fuse.

- Heat produced per second = Heat lost per second by convection, radiation & conduction.

or, $I^2 R = \text{constant} \times \text{Effective Surface}$.

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I^2 \left(\rho \frac{l}{a} \right) = \text{constant} \times d \times l}$$

Where, d = diameter of the fuse element

l = length of the fuse element

or, $I^2 \rho \frac{l}{\pi r^2} = \text{constant} \times d \times l$

$$\Rightarrow I^2 \rho \frac{l}{\pi \frac{d^2}{4}} = \text{constant} \times d \times l$$

$$\Rightarrow I^2 4 \rho \frac{l}{\pi d^2} = \text{constant} \times d \times l$$

$$\Rightarrow I^2 = \frac{\text{constant} \times \pi \times d^3 \times k}{4 \rho k} = \frac{\text{constant} \times \pi}{4 \rho} \times d^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{I^2 = d^3} \Rightarrow \boxed{I^2 = \text{Constant} \cdot d^3}$$

∴ This is called ordinary fuse law.

Q.

A fuse wire of circular cross-section has a radius of 0.8 mm. The wire blows off at a current of 8 A. Calculate the radius of the wire that will blow off at a current of 1 A.

Ans

From the fuse law,

given, $I^2 \propto r^3$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \therefore I^2 = d^3 \\ \rightarrow I^2 = (2r)^3 \end{array} \right]$$

$$I_1 = 8 \text{ AMP}$$

$$r_1 = 0.8 \text{ mm}$$

$$I_2 = 1 \text{ A}$$

$$r_2 = ?$$

then,

$$\frac{I_1^2}{I_2^2} = \frac{r_1^3}{r_2^3}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2^3 = \frac{I_2^2}{I_1^2} \times r_1^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2^3 = \frac{(1)^2}{(8)^2} \times (0.8)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2^3 = \sqrt[3]{0.008} \text{ mm}$$

$$\Rightarrow r_2 = 0.2 \text{ mm} \quad \underline{\text{Ans}}$$

* TYPES OF FUSES:

(i)- Low voltages fuses.

(ii)- High voltages fuses.

(i)- Low Voltage Fuses:

It is of two types,

(a)- Semi-enclosed rewirable fuse.

(b)- High rupturing capacity (H.R.C.) cartridge fuse.

(a)- Semi-enclosed Rewirable Fuse:

- It is kit-kit type fuse.

- It is used at low values of fault current are to be interrupted.

- It consists of,

(i)- A base

(ii)- A fuse carrier

(i)- Base:

- It is made up of porcelain.

- It carries the fixed contacts to which incoming & outgoing phase wire are connected.

(ii) - Fuse Carrier : —

- It is also of porcelain.
- It holds the fuse element between its terminals.
- The fuse element is tinned copper wire.
- Fuse carrier can be inserted in or taken out of the base when desired.

Working

- When fault occurs, fuse element is blown out & the circuit is interrupted.
- The fuse carrier is taken out and the blown out fuse element is replaced by the new one.
- The fuse carrier is then re-inserted in the base to restore the supply.

Advantages

- (i) - Detachable fuse carrier permits the replacement of fuse element without any danger of coming in contact with live parts.
- (ii) - Cost of replacement is negligible.

Disadvantages : —

- (i) - There is a possibility of renewal by the fuse wire of wrong size or by improper material.
- (ii) - It has a low breaking capacity, hence it can't be used in high fault level.

- (iii) - The protective capacity of such a fuse is uncertain as it is affected by the ambient conditions.
- (iv) - The fuse element is subjected to deterioration due to oxidation through the continuous heating up of the element.

Rating -

- It is made up to 500A rated current.
- It is used in domestic & lighting loads.

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(b) - High-Rupturing Capacity (H.R.C.) Cartridge Fuse: -

The low & uncertain breaking capacity of semi-enclosed rewirable fuses is overcome in H.R.C. cartridge fuse.

Construction: -

- It consists of a heat resisting ceramic body.
- It has metal end-caps.
- The silver current-carrying element is welded to the metal end-caps.
- The space within the body surrounding the element is packed with a filling powder.
- The filling powder may be chalk, plaster of paris, quartz or marble dust.
- The filling material acts as an arc quenching & cooling medium.
- Hence it carries the normal current without over heating.

Working Operation :-

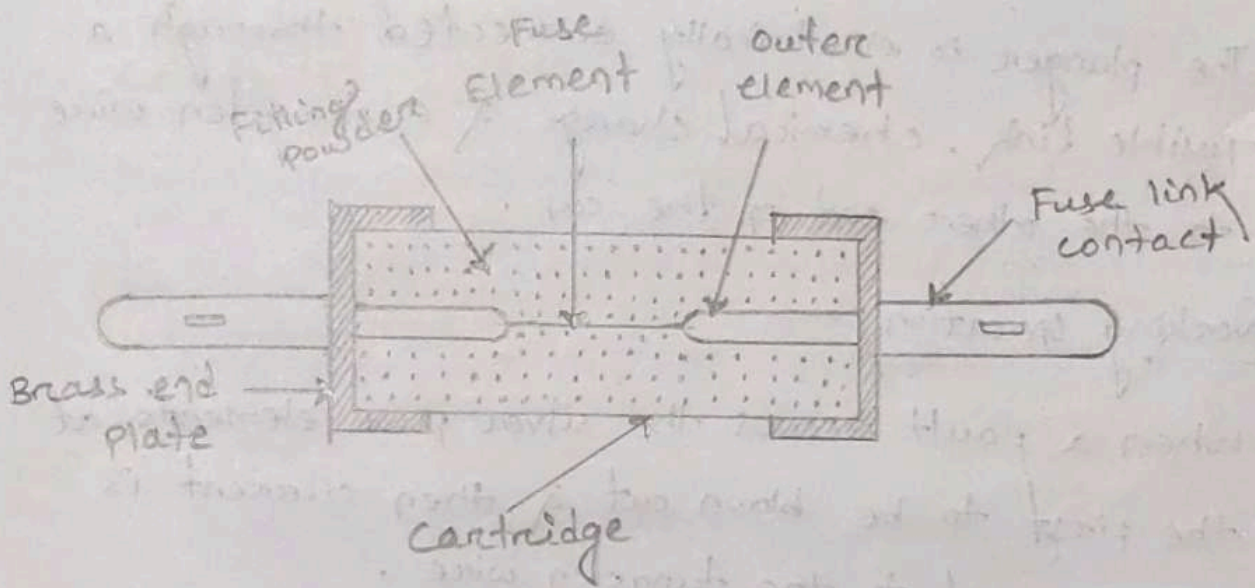
- When a fault occurs, the current increases and the fuse element melts before the fault current reaches its first peak.
- Heat produced in the process vapourises the melted silver element.
- The chemical reaction between the silver vapour and the filling powder results in the formation of high resistance substance.
- It helps in quenching the arc.

Advantages :-

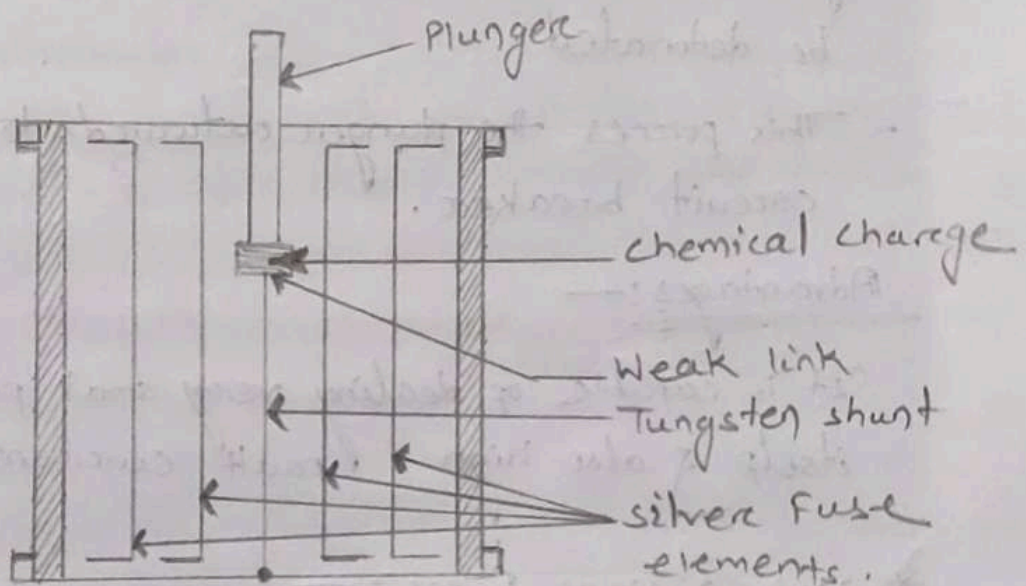
- (i) - It is capable of clearing high as well as low fault currents.
- (ii) - It doesn't deteriorate with age.
- (iii) - They have a high speed of operation.
- (iv) - They provide reliable discrimination.
- (v) - They require no maintenance.
- (vi) - They are cheaper than other circuit interrupting devices.
- (vii) - They permit consistent performance.

Disadvantages :-

- (i) - They have to be replaced after each operation.
- (ii) - Heat produced by the arc may affect the associated switches.



(c) - H.R.C. Fuse With Tripping Device :-



- Hence, H.R.C. cartridge fuse is provided with a tripping device.

Construction :-

- The body of the fuse is of ceramic material with a metallic cap rigidly fixed at each end.
- These are connected by a number of silver fuse elements.
- At one end is a plunger under fault conditions hits the tripping mechanism of the circuit breaker & causes it to operate.

- The plunger is electrically connected through a fusible link, chemical charge & a tungsten wire to the other end of the cap.

Working operation:—

- When a fault occurs the silver fuse elements are the first to be blown out & then current is transferred to the tungsten wire.
- The weak link in series with the tungsten wire gets fused and causes the chemical charge to be detonated.
- This forces the plunger outward to operate the circuit breaker.

Advantages:—

It is capable of dealing very small fault current itself & also high fault current.

* High Voltage Fuses:—

- (i) - cartridge type fuse.
- (ii) - liquid type fuse.
- (iii) - Metal Clad Fuses.

(i) - Cartridge Type :-

Some fuse designs employ fuse elements wound in the form of a helix to avoid corona effects at higher voltages.

- So there are two fuse elements in parallel.

(a) - one of low resistance (silver wire)

(b) - one of high resistance (Tungsten wire)

- Under normal load condition the low resistance element carries the normal current.

- When fault occurs low resistance element is blown out & the high resistance element reduces the short circuit current and breaks the circuit.

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(ii) - Liquid Type :-

- These fuses are filled with carbon tetrachloride.

- It has wide applications in H.V. systems.

- It consists of a glass tube filled with carbon tetrachloride solution.

- It is sealed at both ends with brass caps.

- The fuse wire is sealed at one end of the tube and the other end of the wire is held by a strong phosphor bronze spiral spring fixed at the other end of the ~~wire~~ glass tube.

- When the current exceeds the prescribed limit, the fuse wire is blown-out.

- As the fuse melts, the spring retracts part of it through a baffle or liquid director, it draws well into the liquid.
- The small quantity of the gas generated at the point of fusion forces some part of liquid into the passage & there extinguishes the arc.

(i) - One of low resistance (Carbon arc)
 (ii) - One of high resistance (Copper arc)
 (iii) - One of low resistance (Carbon arc)

- It consists of a glass tube filled with carbon electrodes.
- It has made of carbon electrodes in two electrodes.
- These fuses are filled with carbon electrodes.
- It is sealed at both ends with brass caps.
- The fuse wire is sealed at one end of the tube and the other end of the wire is held by a spring.

PROTECTION OF ALTERNATORS & TRANSFORMERS :-

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Important faults that occur on an alternator,

- (i)} - Failure of prime-mover.
- (ii)} - Failure of field.
- (iii)} - Over current.
- (iv)} - Over speed.
- (v)} - Over voltage.
- (vi)} - Unbalanced loading.
- (vii)} - Stator winding faults.

(1)} - Failure of Prime-Mover :-

When input to prime-mover fails, the alternator runs as a synchronous motor.

- It draws current from the supply system.

(2)} - Failure of Field :-

- This fault is very rare.

- If it occurs, no immediate damage will be caused by the alternator is permitted to run without a field for a short-period.

(3)} - Overcurrent :-

It occurs due to partial breakdown of winding insulation or due to over load on the system.

(4) - Overspeed :-

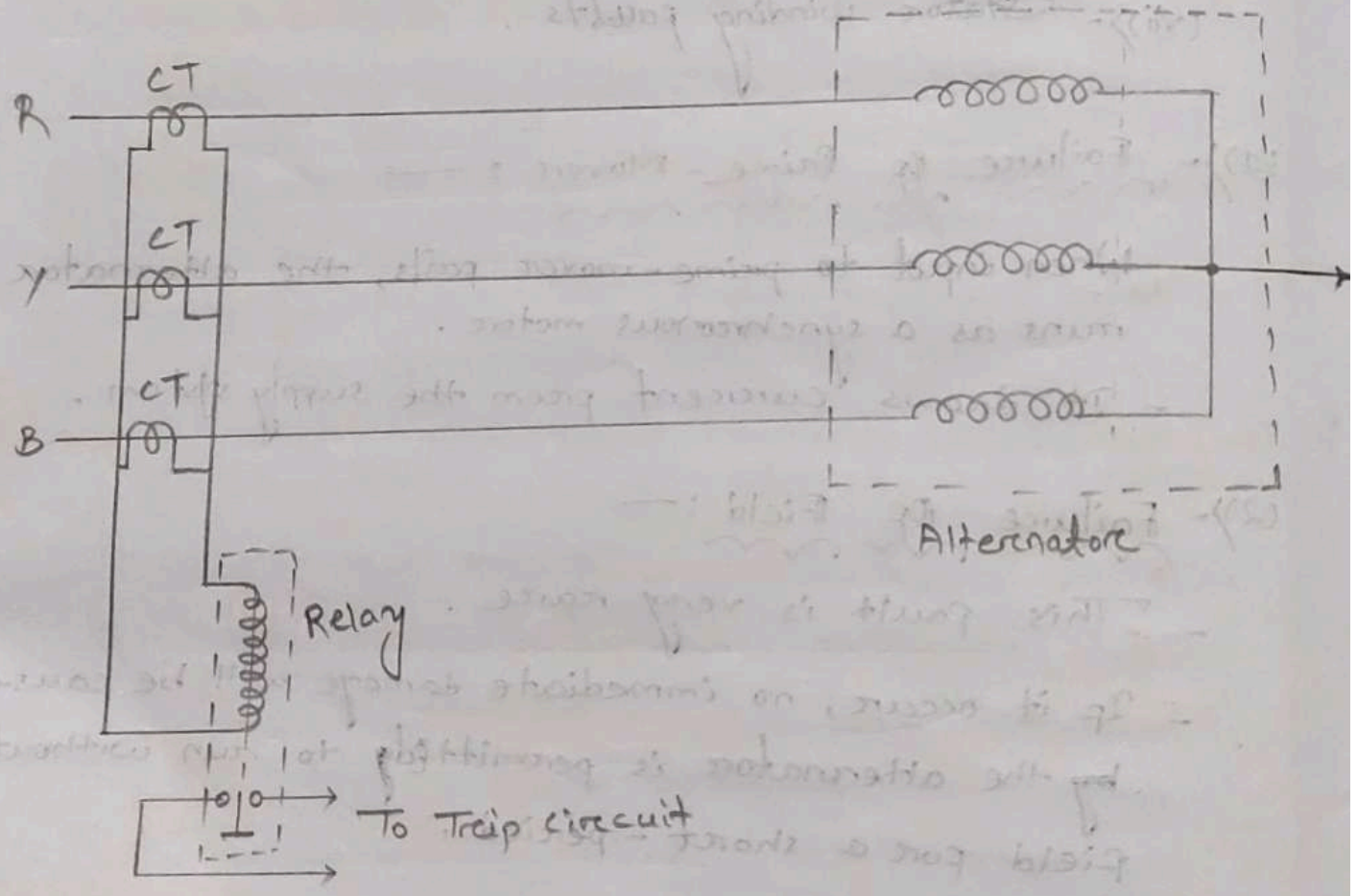
It occurs due to sudden loss of all or the major part of load on the alternator.

(5) - Overvoltage :-

Overvoltage in an alternator occurs when speed of the prime-mover increases due to sudden loss of the alternator load.

(6) - Unbalanced Loading :-

- It means there are different phase currents in the alternator.
- It occurs from faults to earth or faults between phases.



- Under normal operating conditions, equal currents flow through the different phases of the alternator and their algebraic sum is equal to zero.
- Hence no current flows through the operating coil of the relay.
- Hence fault currents induced in the secondaries will be different & the resultant of these currents will flow through the relay.
- The operation of the relay will trip the circuit breaker to disconnect the alternator from the system.

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(7) - Stator Winding Faults :-

It occurs due to insulation failure of the stator winding like,

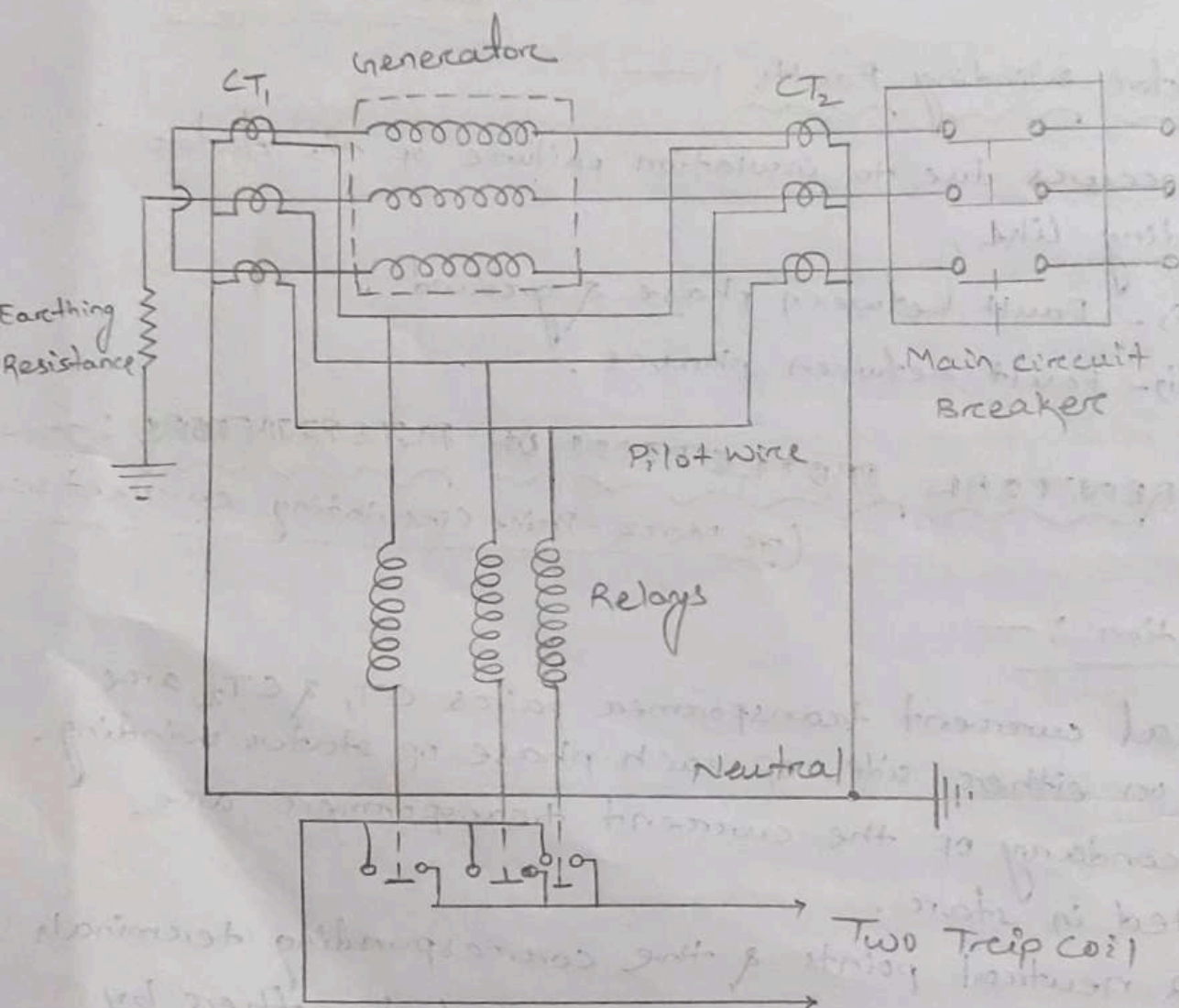
- (i) - Fault between phase & ground.
- (ii) - Fault between phases.

* DIFFERENTIAL PROTECTION OF ALTERNATORS :- (or Merz-Price Circulating current scheme)

Construction :-

- Identical current transformer pairs CT_1 & CT_2 are placed on either side of each phase of stator winding.
- The secondary of the current transformers are connected in star.
- The 2 neutral points of the corresponding terminals of the two star group are connected together by means of four-core pilot cable.
- There is an independent path for the currents circulating in each pair of current transformers & corresponding pilot 'p'.

- The relay coils are connected in star, the neutral point being connected to the current-transformer common neutral & the outer ends each relay coil is connected to other three pilot.
- Relays connected across equipotential points of 3 pilot wires.
- These equipotential point are located near the middle of the pilot wires.
- Relays are electromagnetic type and, it acts instantaneously when the fault occurs.



Working Operation :-

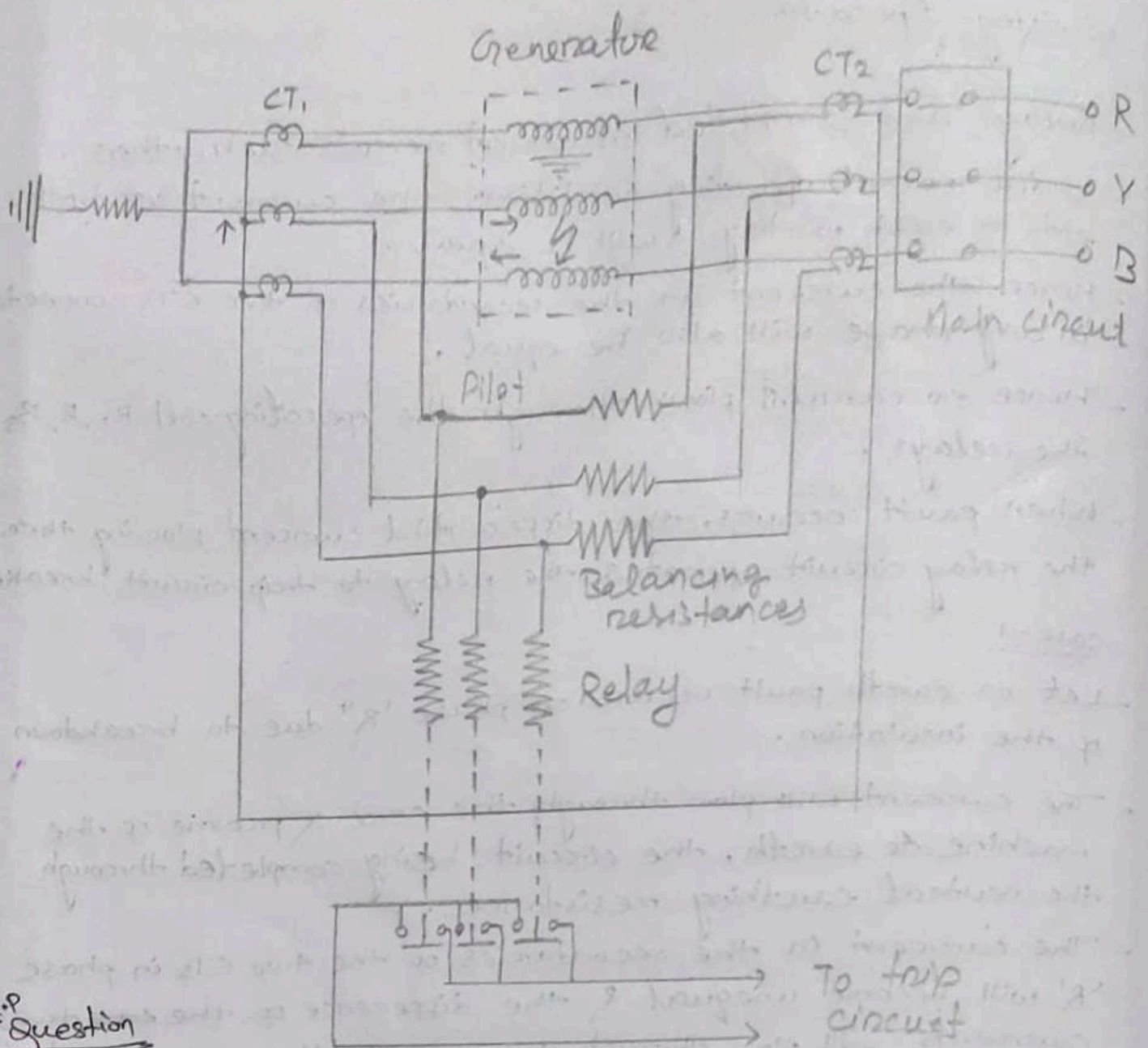
- Relays are connected in shunt across each other.
- Under normal operating conditions, the current at both ends of each winding will be equal.
- Hence the current in the secondaries of two CTs connected in any phase will also be equal.
- Hence no current flows through the operating coil R_1, R_2, R_3 of the relays.
- When fault occurs, the differential current flowing through the relay circuit operates the relay to trip circuit breaker.

Case-1

- Let an earth fault occurs on phase 'R' due to breakdown of the insulation.
- The current will flow through the core & frame of the machine to earth, the circuit being completed through the neutral earthing resistance.
- The current in the secondaries of the two CTs in phase 'R' will become unequal & the difference of the ~~two~~ two currents will flow through the corresponding relay coil ' R_1 ' returning through the neutral pilot.
- Relay operates to trip the circuit breaker.

Case-11

- Short circuit fault occurs between Y & B phase.
- The short circuit current circulates via the neutral end connection through the two windings & through the fault.
- The fault is shown by dotted line.
- The current in the secondaries of two CTs will become unequal & the differential current will flow through the operating coil of the relay that i.e., R_2 & R_3 .
- The relay is closes its contact to closed the circuit breaker.



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Question

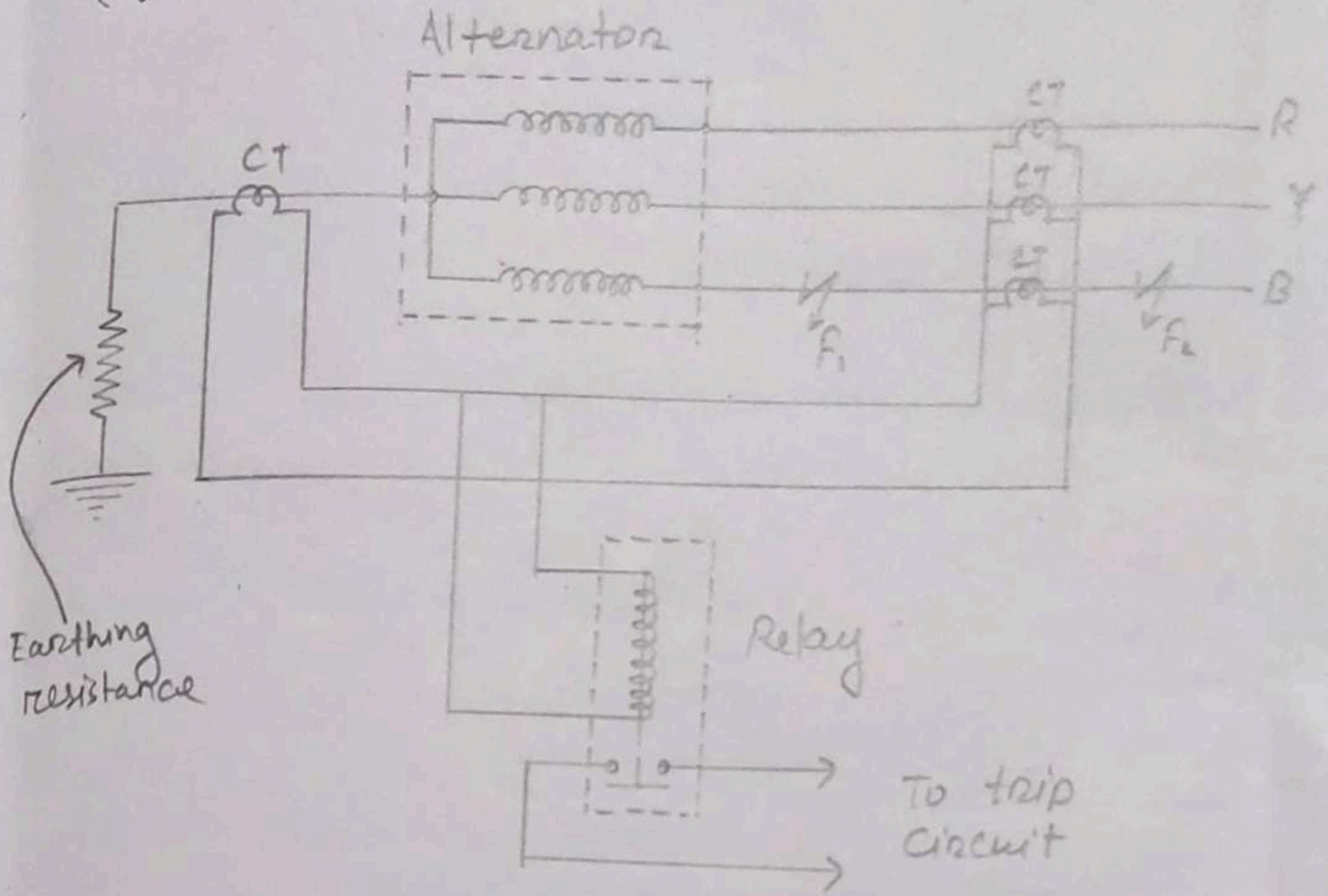
Why balancing resistor are used Merz-Price circulating current scheme / Differential protection of alternator?

Ans:-

- In some cases, the alternator is located at a considerable distance from the switchgear.
- As the relays are located close to the circuit breaker & therefore, it is not convenient to connect the relay coils to the actual physical mid-points of pilot wire.
- Under the situation, balancing resistances are inserted in the shorter length of the pilot so that the relay tapping points divide the whole secondary impedance of two sets of CTs into equal portions.

- These resistances are adjustable in the nature.

* Balanced Earth Fault Protection :-



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in small size alternators, neutral end of the 3- ϕ winding ^{of star} is connected intentionally to a single terminal.

→ It is not possible to use zero-voltage translocation current principle because there are no facilities for accommodating the necessary E.T of the in the neutral connection of each phase winding.

→ Hence, to provide protection against earth fault it can only ^{by the} use force balanced earth fault protection scheme.

→ It provides no protection against ph-to-ph faults unless they developed into earth fault.

Schematic arrangement;

It consists of 3 zero current TIF; one mounted in each phase having their secondary connected in a star with that of a single current TIF in the conductors joining the star point of alternator to earth.

→ A relay is connected across the TIF secondary

→ The protection against of earth fault is furnished by the relay which the neutral of the zero current TIF

operation,

under normal condⁿ the Σ flowing through all leads

→ The current ~~through~~ ^{flowing} in the secondaries of of the line current T/F add to zero

→ Hence no current flows through the relay

→ current in the neutral wire zero

• Σ secondaries of neutral T/F

→ Under fault condⁿ, if an earth fault occurs at f_2 external to the protected zone.

→ If the sum of the I at the terminals of the all Σ is exact equal to the I in the neutral conductor,

→ Hence no I flows ^{through} the relay _{on earth}

→ when, fault occurs at f_1 , or ^{within} the protected zone, the I are no longer equal & the differential I flows through the operating coil of the relay

→ Hence relay closes its contact & disconnect the alternator from system

Protection of Transformer

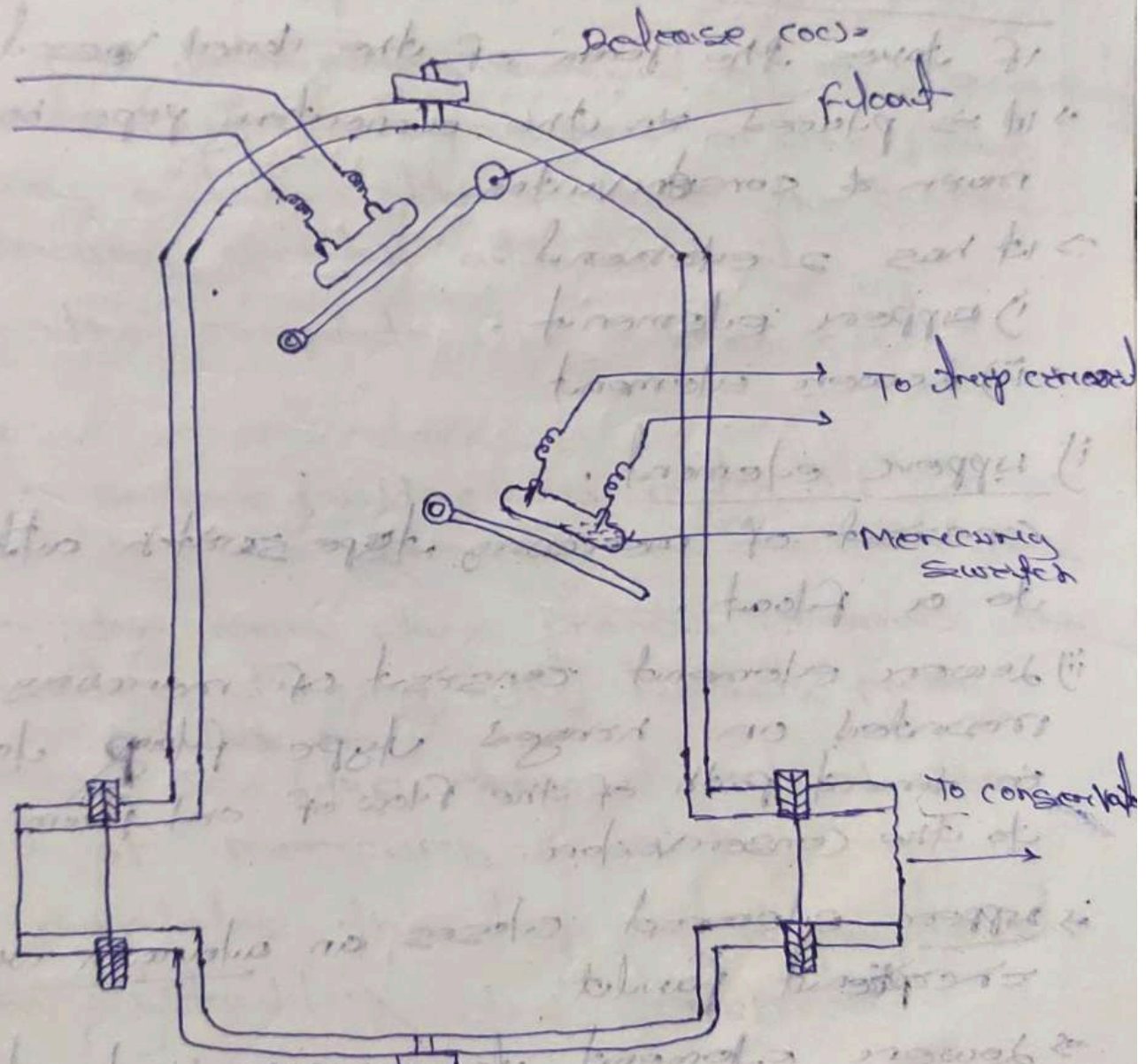
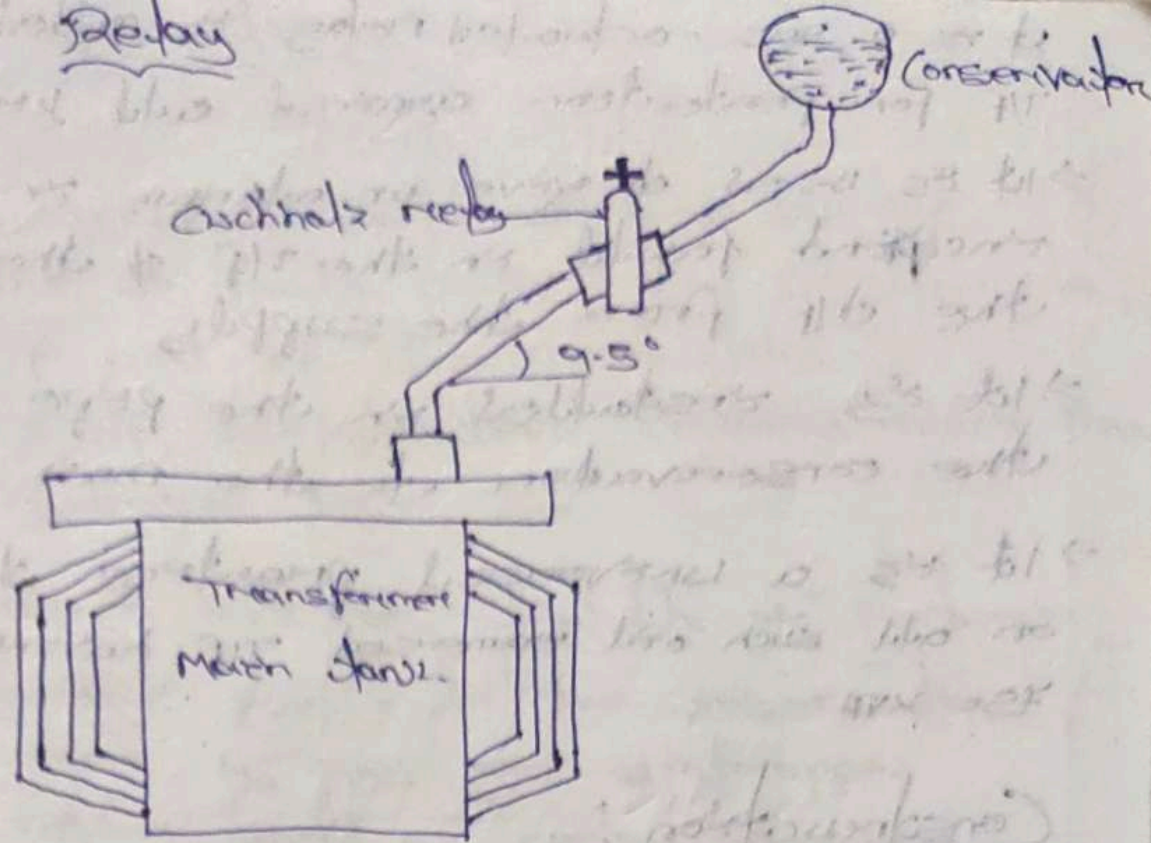
Common T/F fault :-

- open circuit
- over heating
- winding short circuit
- earth fault, phase-to-phase fault & phase-to-ground fault

Protection system for transformer

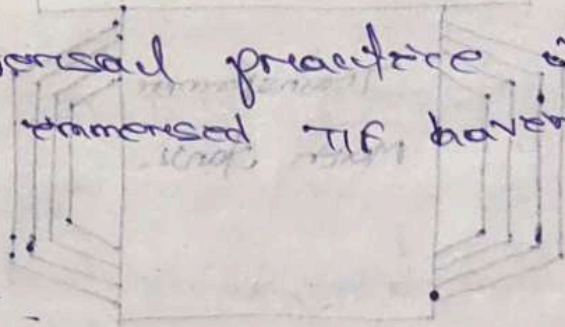
- 1) Buchholz devices
it provide protection against all kinds of ~~incipient~~ ^{incipient} faults & slow developing faults such as insulation failure of winding, core heating
→ fault of oil level due to leaky joints
- 2) Area fault relay
it provides protection against earth-fault only
- 3) Over current relay
it provide protection against phase-to-phase fault & overloading
- 4) Differential system or circulating current
it provide protection against both earth & phase faults.

Buchholz Relay



- It is a gas-actuated relay is called an oil-immersed TIF for protection against all kinds of faults.
- It is used to give an alarm in case of incipient fault on the T/F & the disconnect the D/F from the supply.
 - It is installed in the pipe connecting the conservator to the main tank.

- It is a universal practice to use Buchholz on all such oil-immersed T/F having rating ≥ 50 MVA.



Construction:

It takes the form of the domed vessel.

- It is placed in the connecting pipe between the main & conservator.
- It has 2 elements.
 - i) Upper element.
 - ii) Lower element.

i) Upper element.

Consist of mercury type switch attached to a float.

ii) Lower element consist of mercury switch mounted on hinged type flap located in direct path of the flow of oil from the T/F to the conservator.

→ Upper element closes an alarm and disconnect incipient fault.

→ Lower element is arranged to trip the CB in case of severe internal fault.

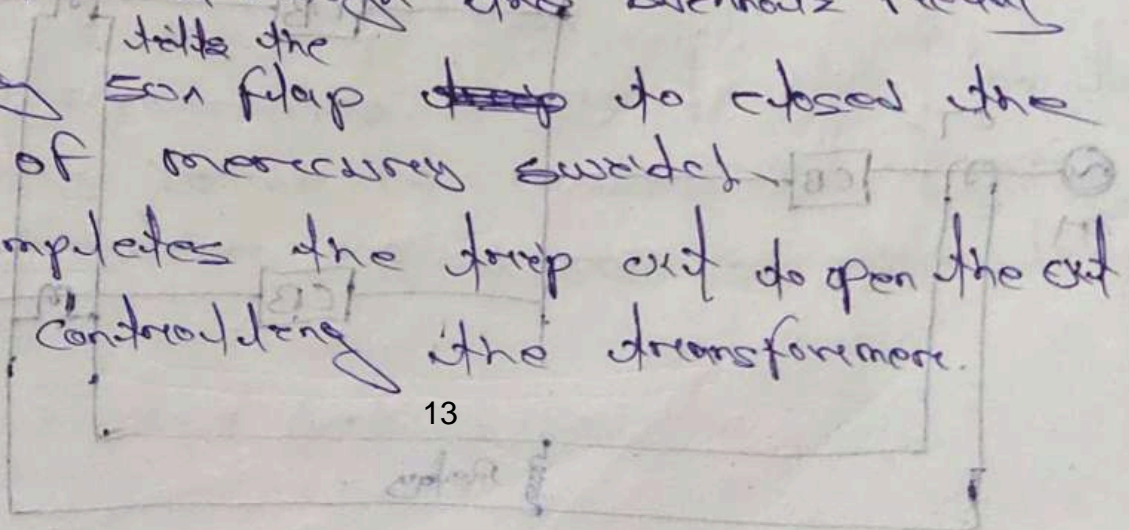
Working operation:

Case: 1

- In case of incipient fault with in the TIF.
- The heat due to fault causes the decomposition of the oil in the main tank.
- The product of decomposition contains more than 1% of hydrogen gas.
- The hydrogen gas is tightly in nature.
- It hydrogen gas goes into the conservator.
- In this process H_2 gas gets entrapped in the upper part of relay chamber.
- When pre determined amount of gas accumulated it exerts sufficient pressure on the float.
- to cause it to ~~close~~ ^{close} the contact of mercury switch attached to it.
- Hence the complete the alarm is

Case: 2

- When a severe fault occurs in the TIF, large amount of gas is generated in the main tank.
- oil in the main tank process towards the conservator through the buchholz relay.
- In doing ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~oil~~ ^{oil} flap ~~is~~ ^{is} closed the contact of mercury switch.
- This completes the jump circuit to open the circuit breaker controlling the transformer.



Advantages:

- it is simplest form of TIF.
- it detects the incipient fault at a very early stage.

Dis advantages:

- it is use only with the oil immersed T/F equipped with the conservator tank.

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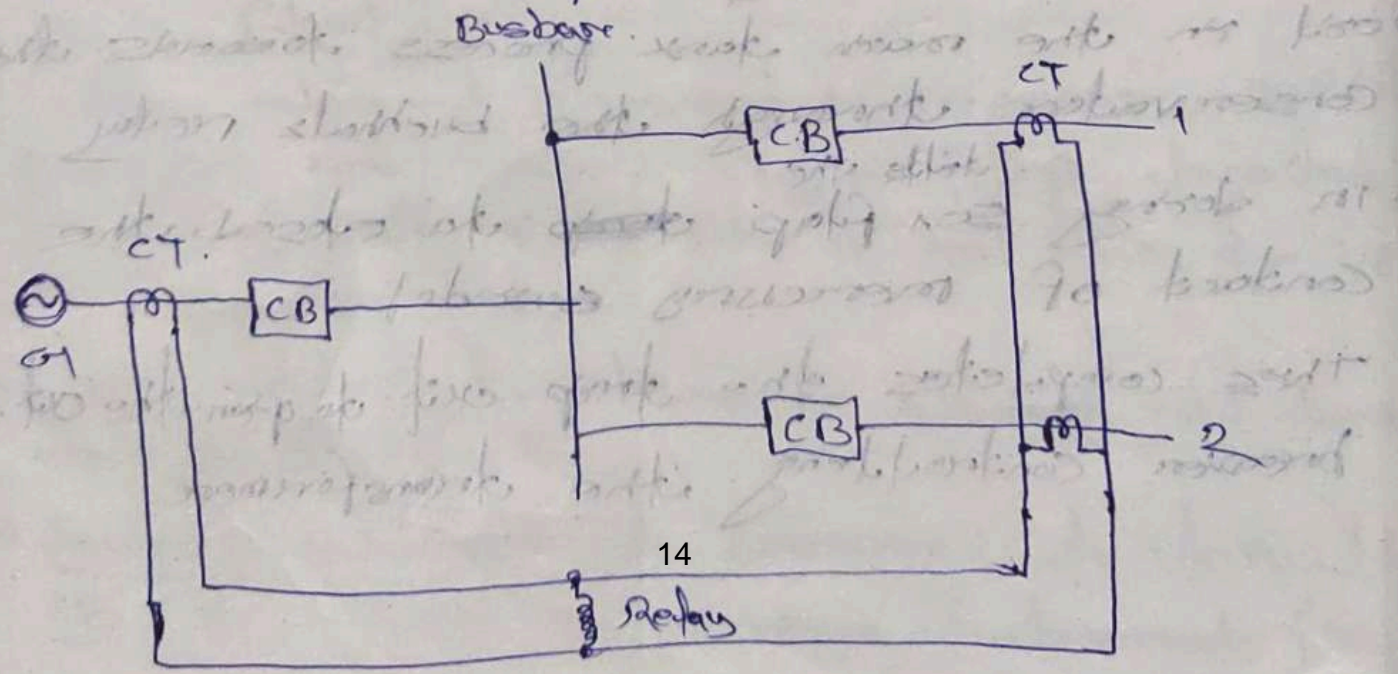
Busbar protection:

Busbar is the important link betⁿ incoming & outgoing circ.

- if fault occurs on busbar there would be lot of damage & disruption of supply.
- so it needs quick action or protection.
- two most commonly ~~used~~ ^{used} busbar protection are: 1) differential

2) fault bus protection.

1) differential protection.



in this scheme currents entering & leaving the bus balanced

→ during normal operation, sum of these currents is equal to zero.

→ when fault occurs, fault current disturbs the balance & produces a difference current to operate relay

→ in the diagram, bus bar is fed by a generator & supply load to two lines.

→ The secondary CT transformers in the generator lead, n_1 , & n_2 are all connected in Mal.

→ The protective relay is connected across this Mal connection.

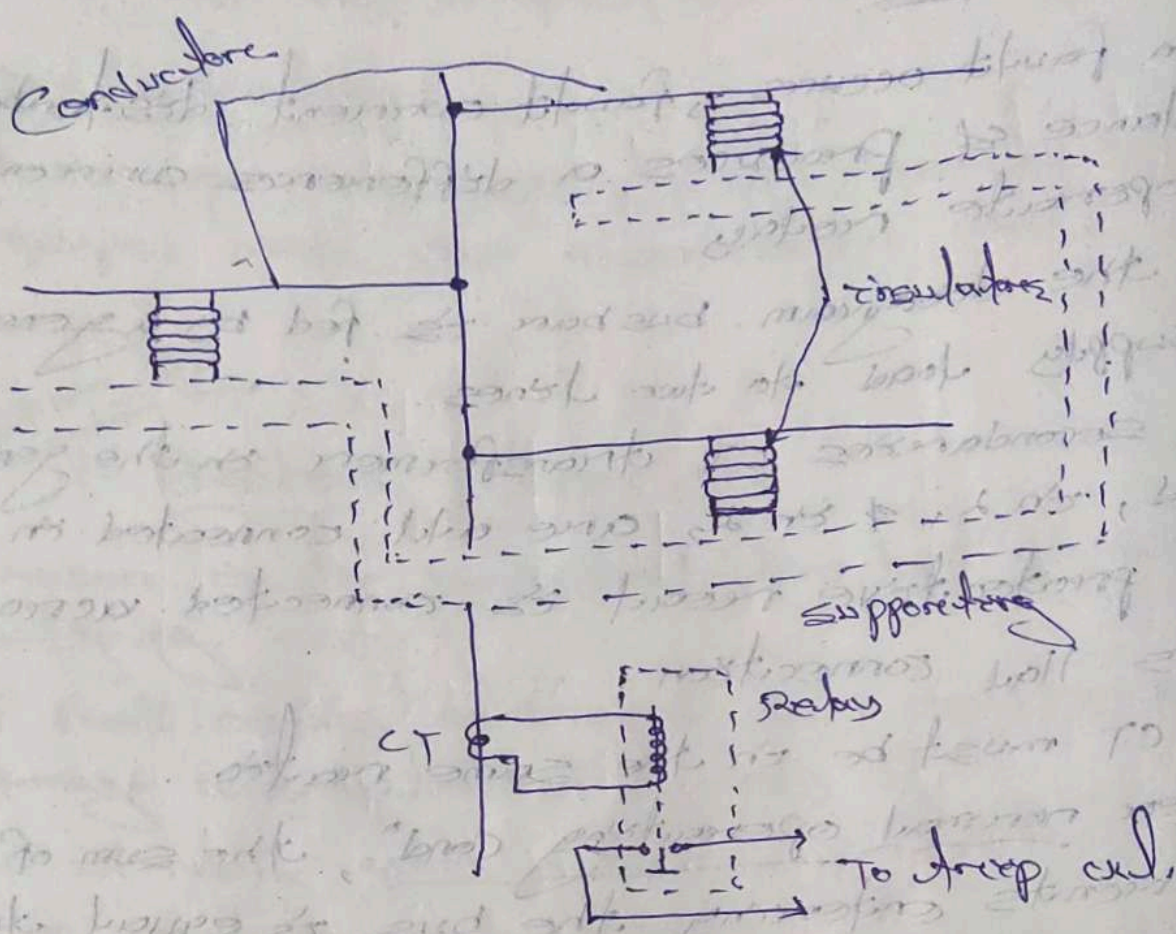
→ All CT must be in the same ratio.

→ under normal operating condⁿ, the sum of the currents entering the bus is equal to the sum of currents leaving the bus. hence there is no current difference to flow through the relay.

→ when fault occurs protected zone the I entering the bus will not be equal to those leaving the bus.

→ The difference this current will flow through the relay hence it causes the opening of the generator CB & each of the line C.B.

* Fault bus protection:



This protection is achieved by providing parallel metal barriers surrounding each conductor through out its entire length on the bus structure

- Hence every fault that might occur must involve a connection betⁿ a conductor & earthed metal part.
- by detecting the flow of current, it is possible to detect fault location.
- The metal supporting structure is earth through a CT
- A relay is connected across the secnd of the CT.

→ under normal operating condⁿ no ϕ flow from fault bus to ground hence relay is inactive

→ when fault occurs betⁿ a conductor & earth supporting structure will result in ϕ flow to ground through the fault bus

When relay is operated when relay will trip all breaker connecting bus.

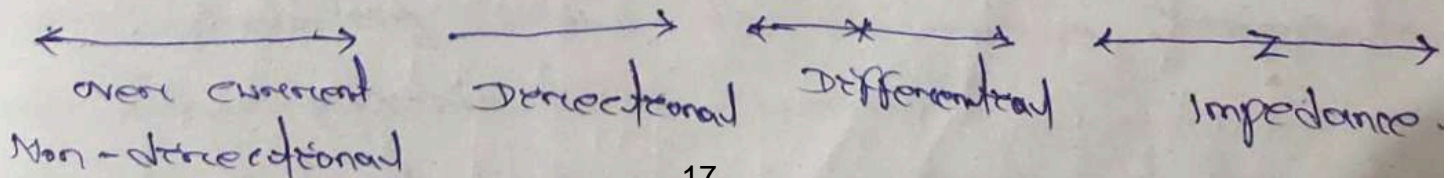
* Protection of lines

Requirement line protection:

- 1) when short circuit occurs, the CB closest to the fault should open, all other ~~CB~~ CB remaining in closed position.
- 2) in case nearest CB to the fault fails to open, back up protection should be provided by the adjacent CB.
- 3) The relay operating time should be shortest as possible.

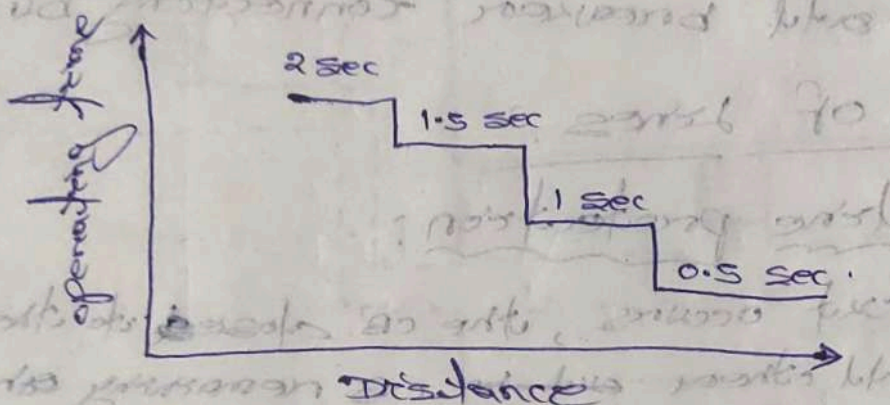
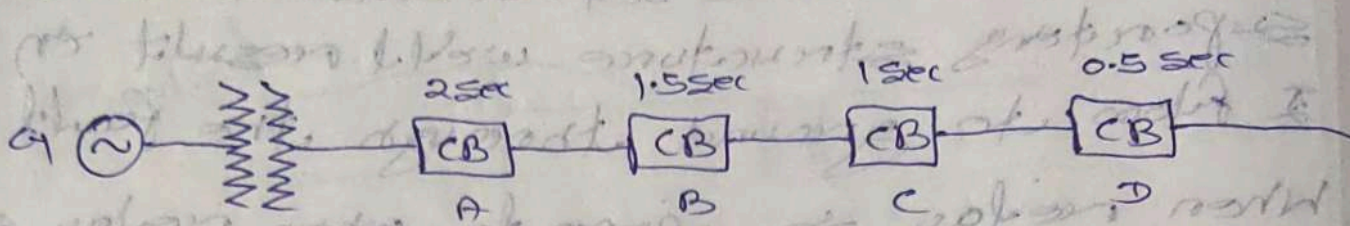
* Common methods of line protection:

- 1) Time graded over ϕ protection.
- 2) Differential protection
- 3) Distance protection



Time Graded over-current protection

Radial feeders :-

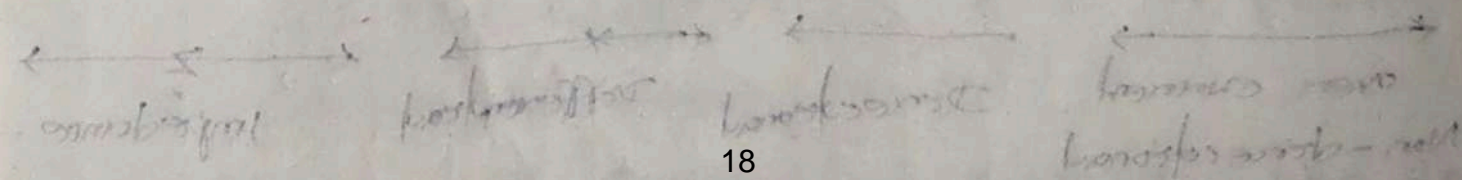


→ Hence power flows only in one direction from the generator or supply to the load.

Dis-advantage

Continuity of supply can not be maintained

- Time graded protection is of two types
- i) definite time relay
 - ii) Inverse time relay



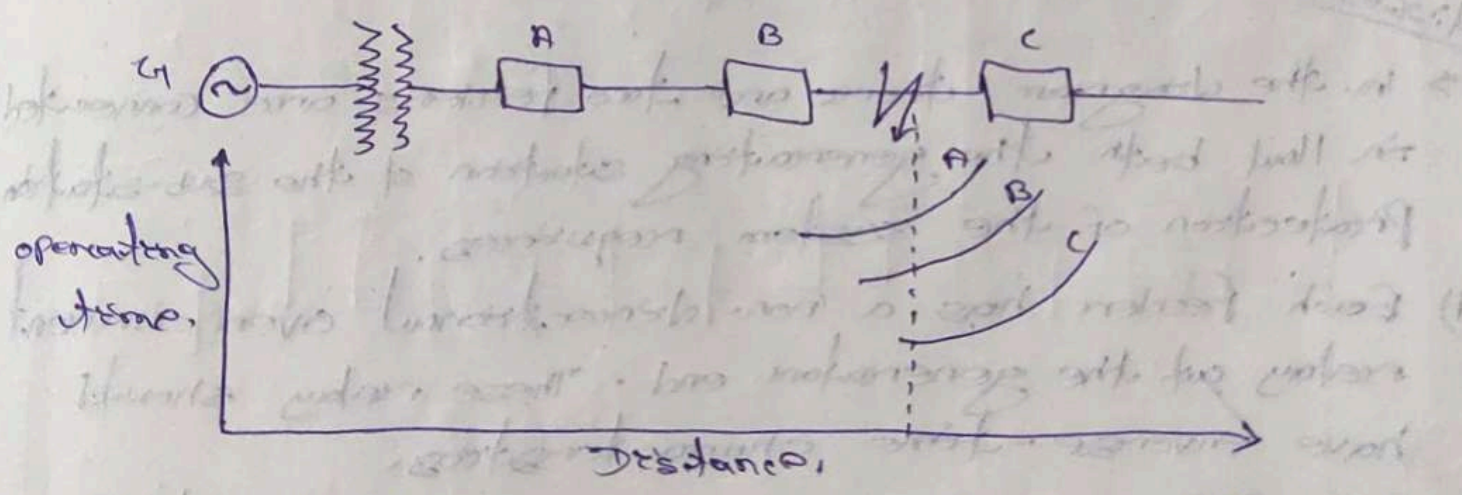
① Definite time relay:

- Time of operation in each relay is fixed.
- it is independent of ^{fault} current.
- Relay 'D' has an operating time of 0.5 sec.
- Time relay is successively increase by 0.5 sec.
- If a fault current occurs in the section DE.
- it would be ~~3 sec~~ cleared 0.5 sec by the relay & CB at point D.
- If the relay at D, phase to trip, relay at ^{will} CB operate after the time relay of 0.5 sec.

Dis-Advantages:

- If there are a no. of feeders in series, the tripping time for fault near the supply ends becomes high i.e 2 sec.
- This disadvantages by overcome inverse time relay.

② Inverse time relay:

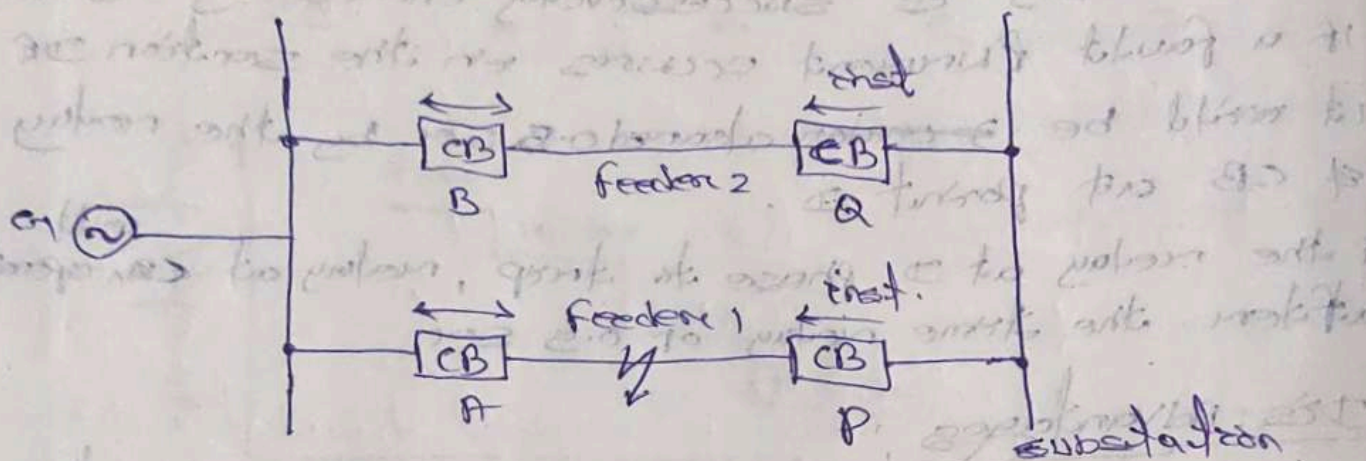


Here operating time is inversely proportional to the operating current.

→ Hence further the CB ¹⁹ generating station ~~is~~ its relay operating time

→ A fault in ^{BC} ~~scope~~ which govern relay time which would allow do trip and before the breakers act.

Parallel feeders



It is installed where continuous supply is necessary.

→ If a fault occurs on one feeder it is disconnected from the system & continuity of the supply from other system.

→ Hence non-directional over current relay & directional over current relay is used.

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→ In the diagram there are two feeders are connected in that both the generating station & the sub-station protection of the system requires.

i) Each feeder has a non-directional over current relay at the generator end. These relay should have inverse-time characteristics.

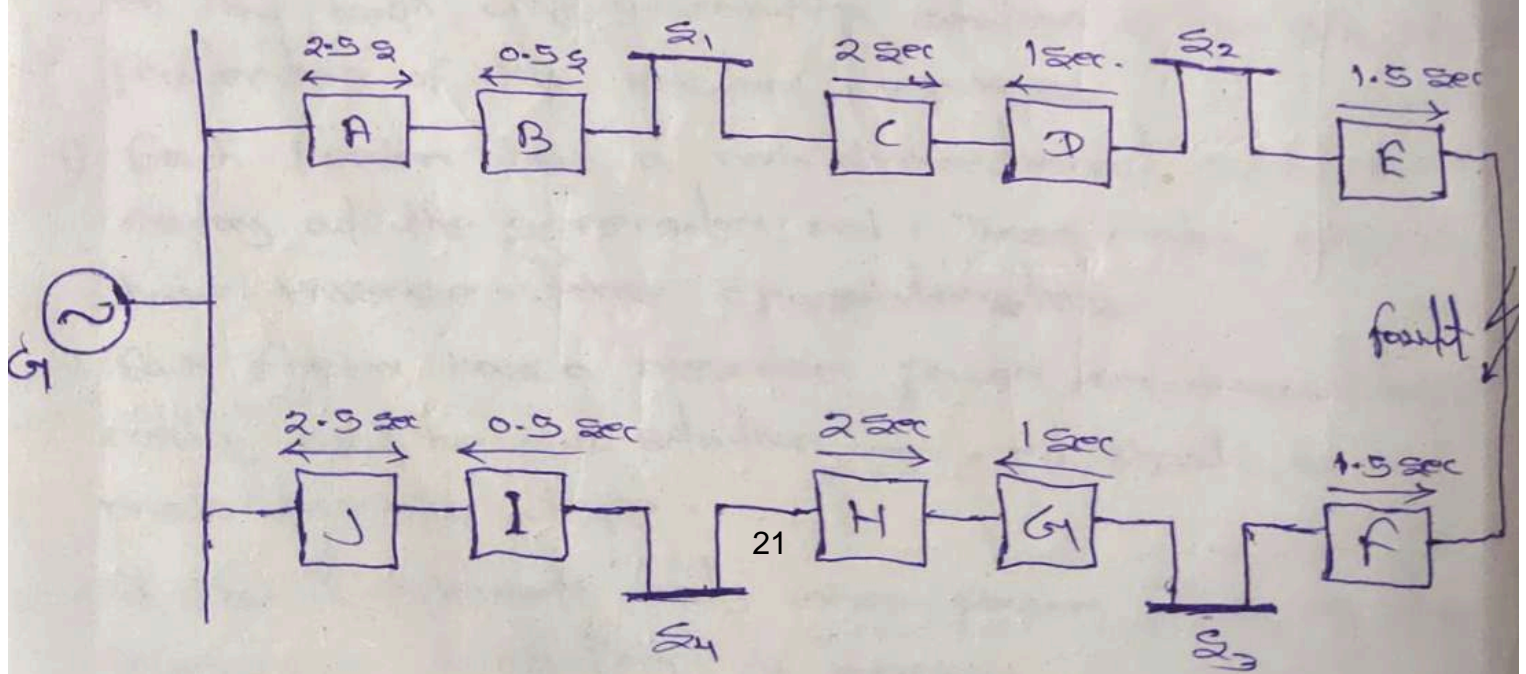
ii) Each feeder has a reverse power or directional relay at the sub-station end. It should be instantaneous type.

It should operate only when power flows in the reverse direction of arrow

Let earth fault occurs in feeders one

- only CB at A & P should open to clear the fault
- feeder 2 should remain intact to maintain the continuity of supply.
- The shown fault is fed via 2 ~~path~~ path.
 - i) Directly from feeder one via the relay
 - ii) from feeder one via B, Q & substation
- ~~from~~ power flows in relay Q in normal direction
- The power flow is reversed in P.
- This causes the opening of the CB at P.
- Also ~~the~~ relay ^{A waits} operate, by relay B remains operating.
- because the relay are inverse time characteristic & it following in relay A is in excess of that following relay B, in this way only the faulty feeder is isolated.

Ring main system:



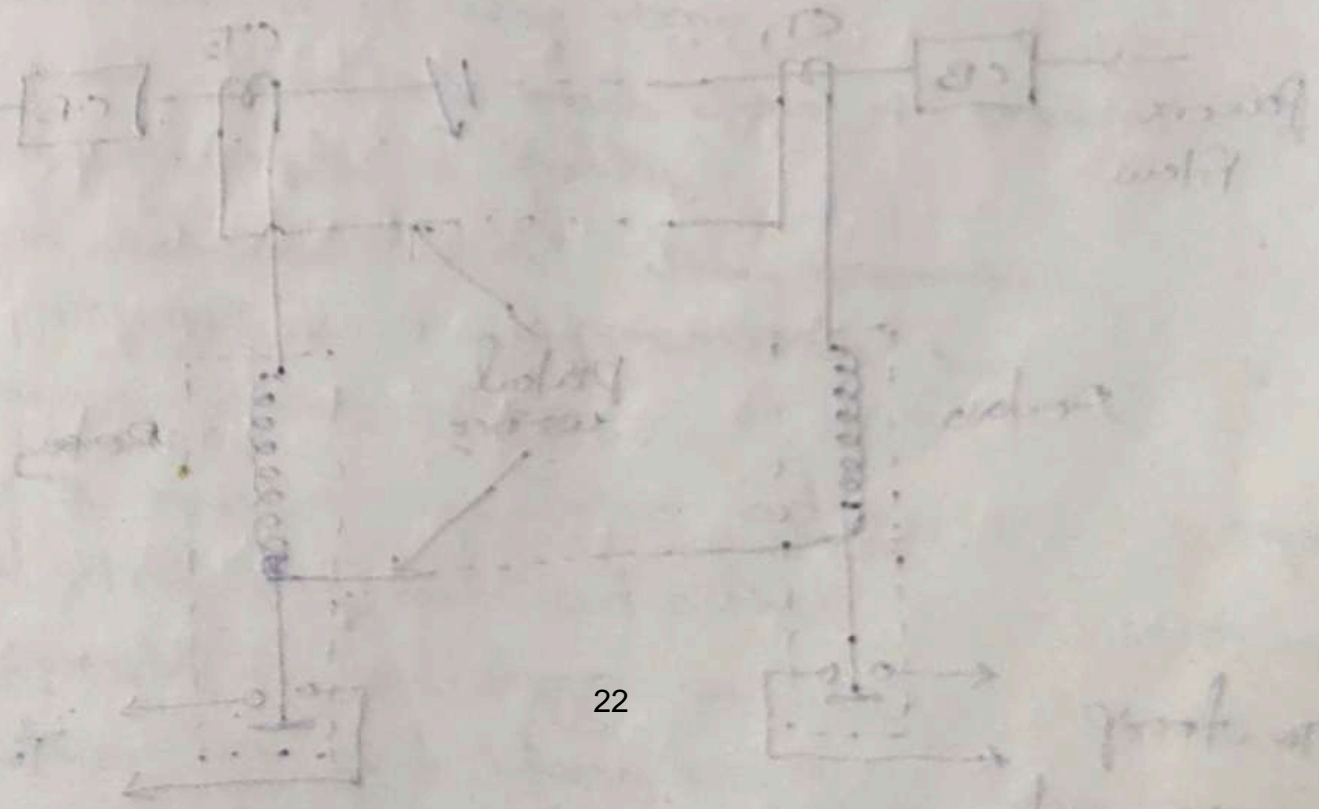
various power stations & substations are interconnected by alternators used.

forming a closed ring.

In case of the damage any section of the ring that section may be disconnected may be repaired.

power will be supply both the ends of ring hence continuity supply is maintained.

- 1) ...
- 2) ...
- 3) ...



Differential relay with protection:

Working

Under normal operating condⁿ the Σ entering one end of line that equal to leaving

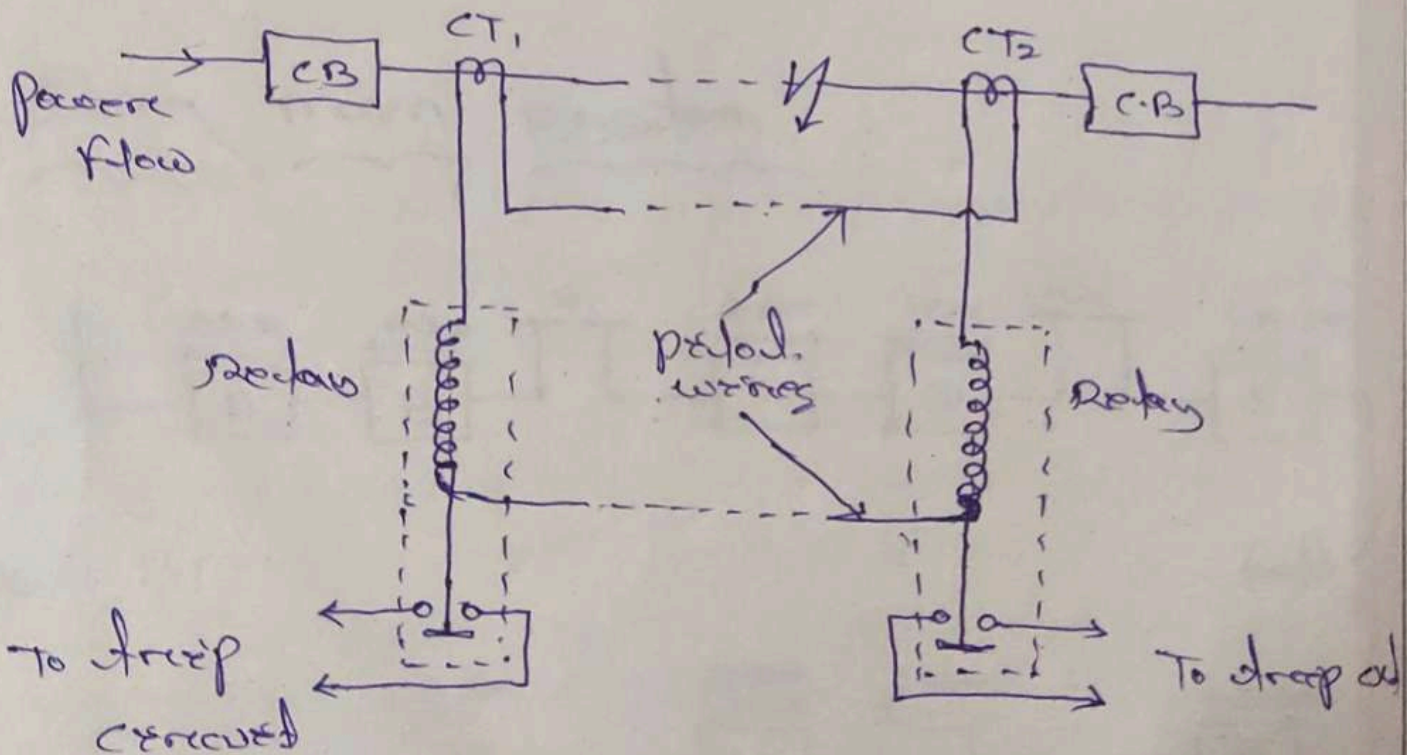
When fault occurs, the difference of magnitude of outgoing Σ is detected flows through the relay, hence operate CB to isolate the fault.

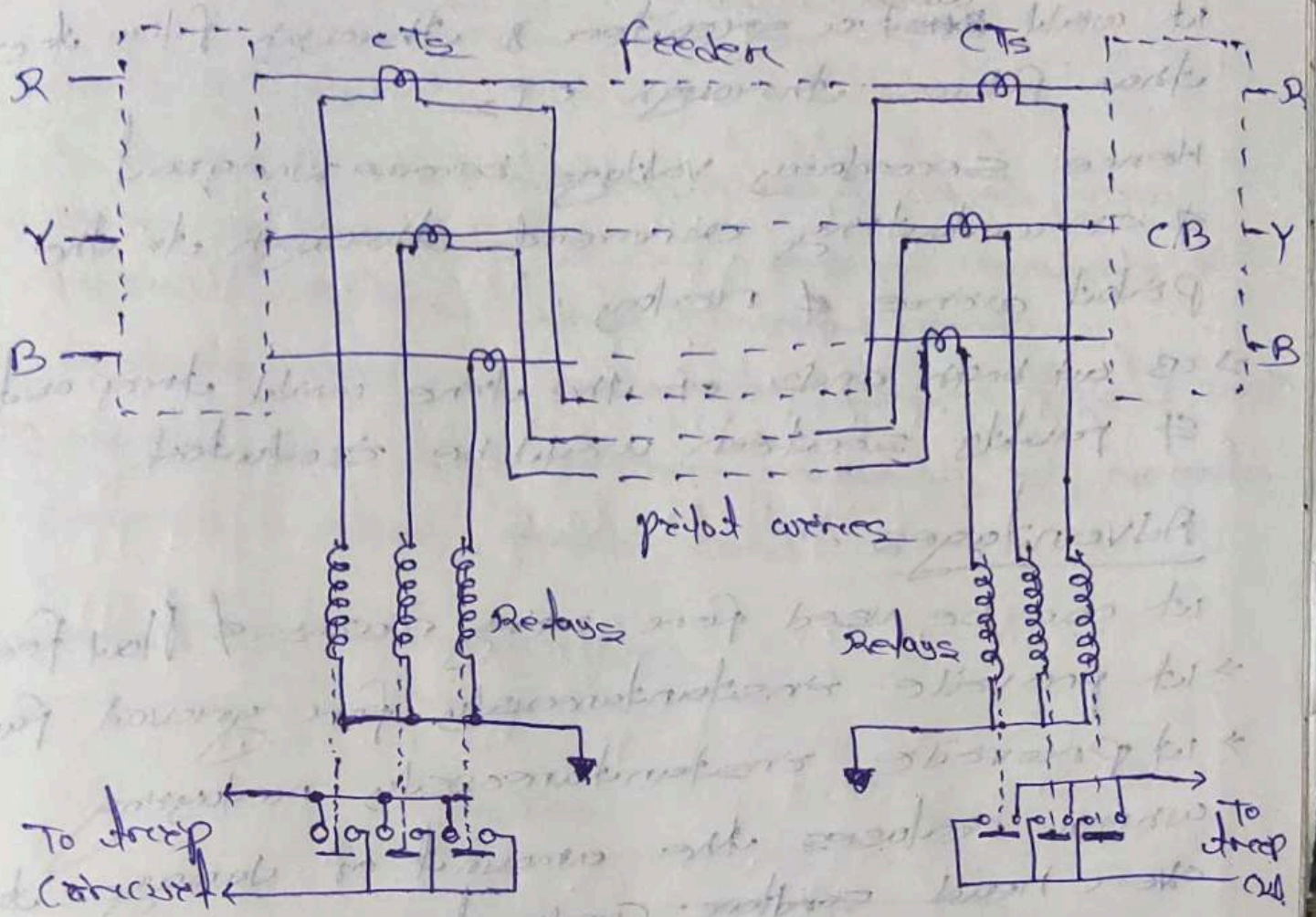
→ There are 2 schemes.

i) Merz-price voltage balance system.

ii) Translating scheme.

i) Merz-price voltage balance system:





- Identify current T/P are placed in each phase at both ends of the line.
- The pairs of CT in each line is connected in series with a relay.
- Under normal condⁿ they secondary voltages are equal & in opposition hence they balance each other.
- Hence entering line at one end is equal to that leaving at another end hence equal & opposite voltage induced. Secondary of the CT at two end of line, hence no I flows through the relay.

when fault occurs at point F on the line
it would ~~cause~~ a greater & through flow of CT
than flows through CT₂

Hence secondary voltage become unequal
& circulating current through the
pilot wire & relay

→ CB at both ends of the line would drop out
& faulty section would be isolated

Advantages

- it can be used for string mains & flat feeders
- it provide instantaneously for ground fault
- it provide instantaneously relaying
which releases the amount of damage to
over head conductors.

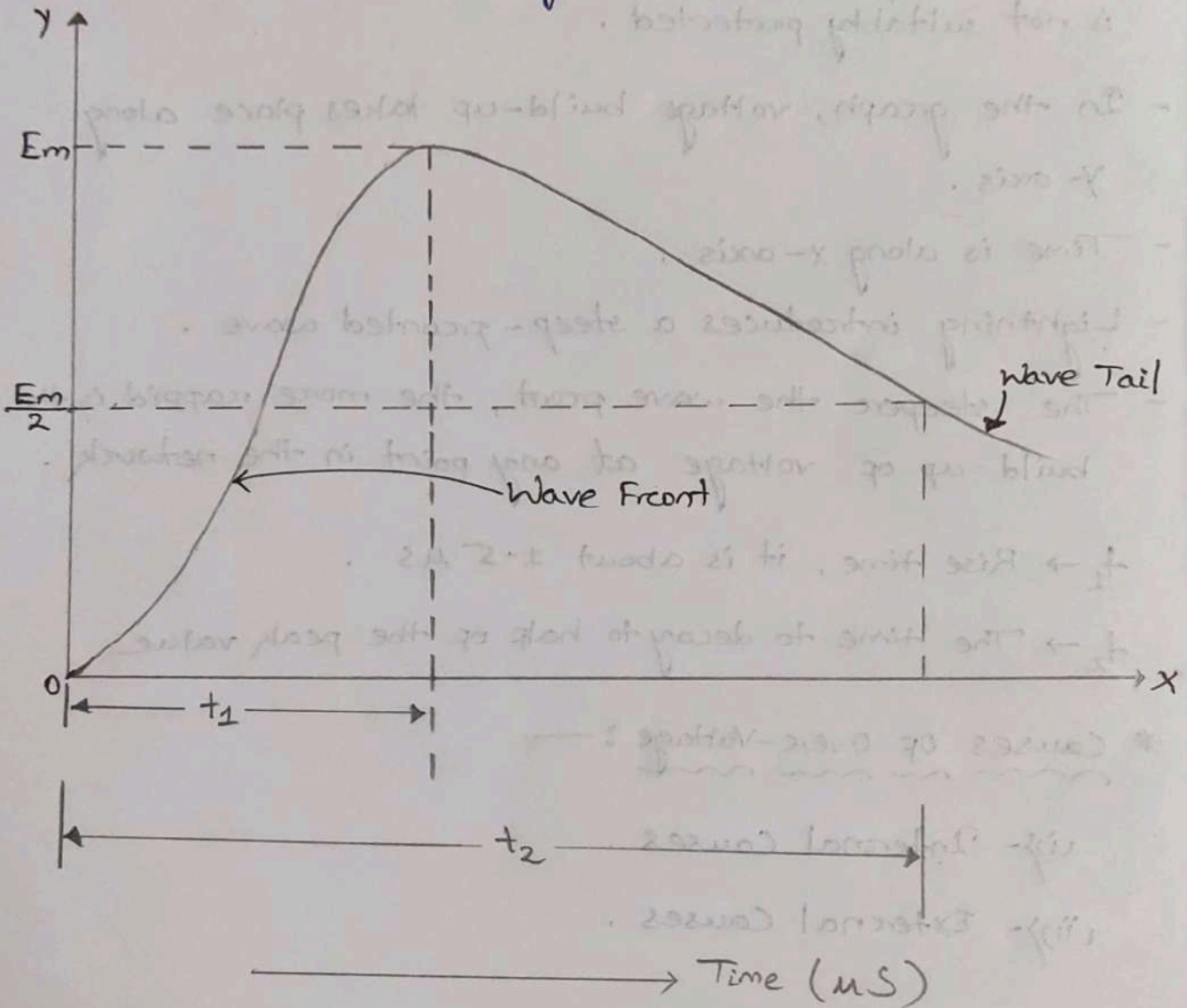
Disadvantages

- Accurate matching & of very essential
is there is the break in the pilot
wire circuit the system would not operate
- The system very expensive due to the
greater length of pilot wire
- it can not be used for line voltage beyond
33KV.

PROTECTION AGAINST OVERVOLTAGES

* VOLTAGE SURGE :-

A sudden rise in voltage for a very short duration on the power system is known as a voltage surge or transient voltage.



- Transient or surge are of temporary in nature .
- It exists for a very short duration .
- It causes over voltage on the power system .
- When lightning strikes a line, surge rushes along the line .
- Surge causes the line insulator to flashover .
- It damages the near by transformers, generators or other equipment connected to the line if the equipment is not suitably protected .
- In the graph, voltage build-up takes place along y-axis .
- Time is along x-axis .
- Lightning introduces a steep-fronted wave .
- The steeper the wave front, the more rapid is the build-up of voltage at any point in the network .

t_1 → Rise time, it is about 1-5 μ s .

t_2 → The time to decay to half of the peak value

* Causes of Over-voltage : —

- (i) - Internal Causes .
- (ii) - External Causes .

(i) - Internal Causes :-

(a) - Switching Surges .

(b) - Insulation Failure .

(c) - Arcing ground .

(d) - Resonance

(ii) - External Causes :-

Lightning .

* LIGHTNING: —

An electric discharge between cloud & earth betⁿ clouds or betⁿ the charge centers of the same cloud is known as lightning.

- It is a huge spark.
- It takes place when clouds are charged to such a high potential (+ve or -ve) w.r.t earth or neighbour cloud.

Q-1 How clouds acquire charge?

During the uprush of warm moist air from earth, the friction between the air and the tiny particles of the water causes the building up of charges.

- When drops of water are formed, larger drops become positively charged.
- Smaller drops become negatively charged.
- When the drops of water accumulate, they form clouds.
- Cloud may possess either a positive or negative charge.
- When the charge on the cloud becomes so great that it may discharge to another cloud or to earth.

Q-2 Why thunder accompanies lightning?

Ans:- Lightning suddenly heats up the air, there by causing the air to expand.

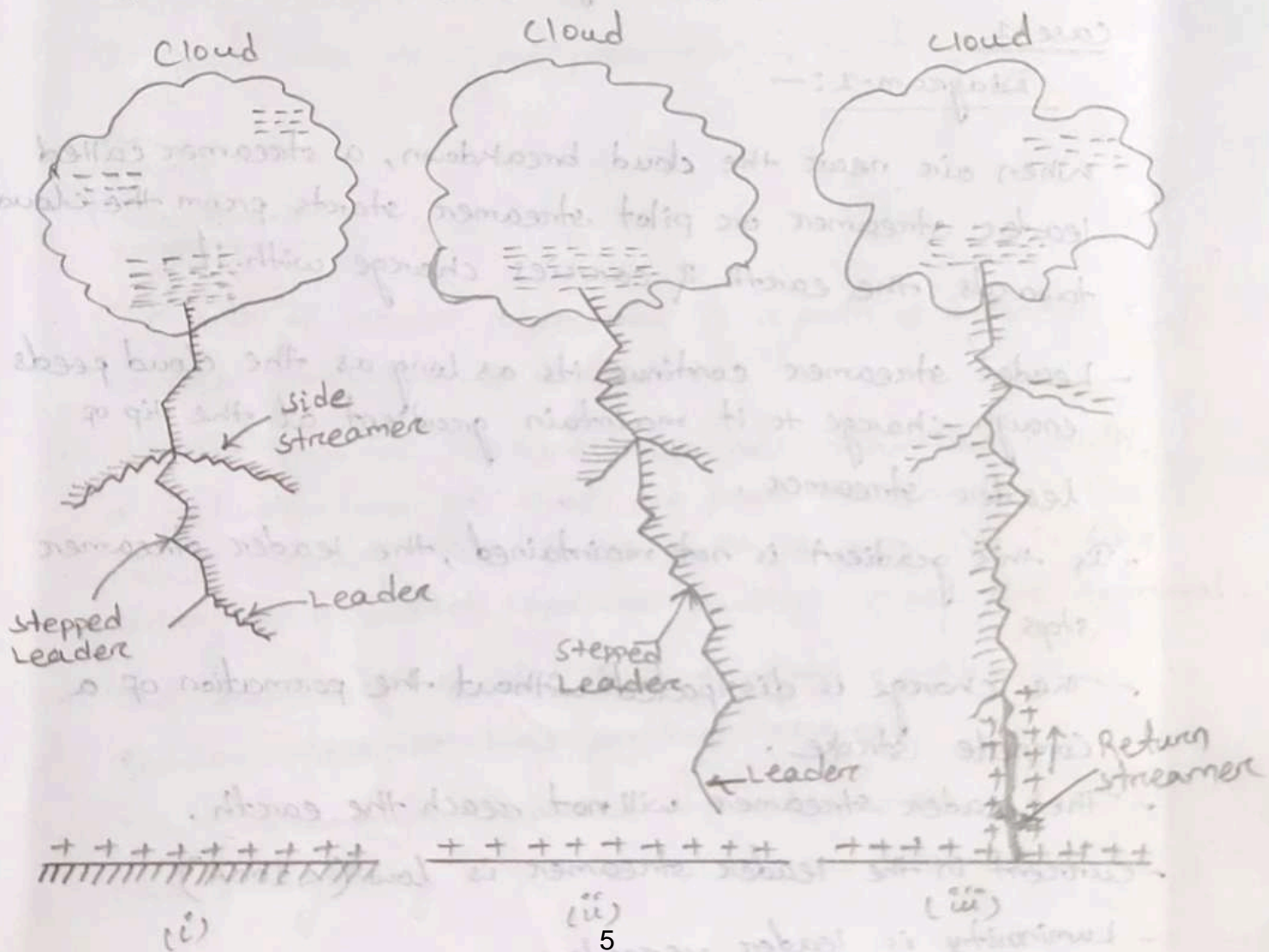
- The surrounding air pushes the expanded air back and forth causing the wave motion of air which is called thunder.

Q-3 Which occurs first thunder or lightning & why?

Ans:- Lightning occurs first because velocity of light is greater than velocity of sound.

$$3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/sec}$$

* MECHANISM OF LIGHTNING DISCHARGE: —



- When a charge cloud passes over the earth, it induces equal and opposite charge on the earth below.
- In the diagram negatively charged cloud inducing a positive charge on the earth below it.
- As the charge acquired by the cloud increases, the potential between cloud & earth increases, hence voltage gradient increases.
- When the potential gradient is sufficient (5KV/cm to 10KV/cm) to breakdown the surrounding air, hence lightning stroke starts.
- The stroke mechanism is given under,

Case-1

Diagram-1:-

When air near the cloud breakdown, a streamer called leader streamer or pilot streamer starts from the cloud towards the earth & carries charge with it.

- Leader streamer continue its as long as the cloud feeds enough charge to it maintain gradient at the tip of leader streamer.
- If this gradient is not maintained, the leader streamer stops.
- The charge is dissipated without the formation of a complete stroke.
- The leader streamer will not reach the earth.
- Current in the leader streamer is low ($< 100\text{A}$)
- Luminosity is leader very low.

Case-2

Diagram-2

If the leader streamer continues its journey towards earth until it makes contact with earth or any object on the earth.

- As the leader streamer moves towards earth, it is accompanied by points of luminescence which travel in jumps giving rise to stepped leaders.
- Velocity of stepped leader exceeds one-sixth of that of light.
- Distance travelled in one step is about 50m.
- Stepped leaders have sufficient luminosity.
- It gives rise to visual phenomenon of discharge.

Case-3

Diagram-3

- The path of leader streamer is a path of ionisation & complete breakdown of insulation.
- As the leader streamer reaches near the earth, a return streamer shoots up from the earth to the cloud, following the same path, this action is like closing of a switch between positive & negative terminal.
- The downward leader having negative charge.
- Return streamer has positive charge.
- This phenomenon causes a sudden spark which is called lightning.

* Notes About Lightning Discharge : —

- (a) - Lightning discharge appears to the eye as a single flash, this single flash is made up no. of strokes.
- (b) - 87% of all lightning strokes result from negatively charged cloud & 13% originate from positively charged clouds.
- (c) - 100 lightning ^{occur} strokes per second.
- (d) - Lightning discharge may have currents in the range of 10KA to 90KA.

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* Types Of Lightning Strokes : —

It is of 2 types,

(i) - Direct stroke

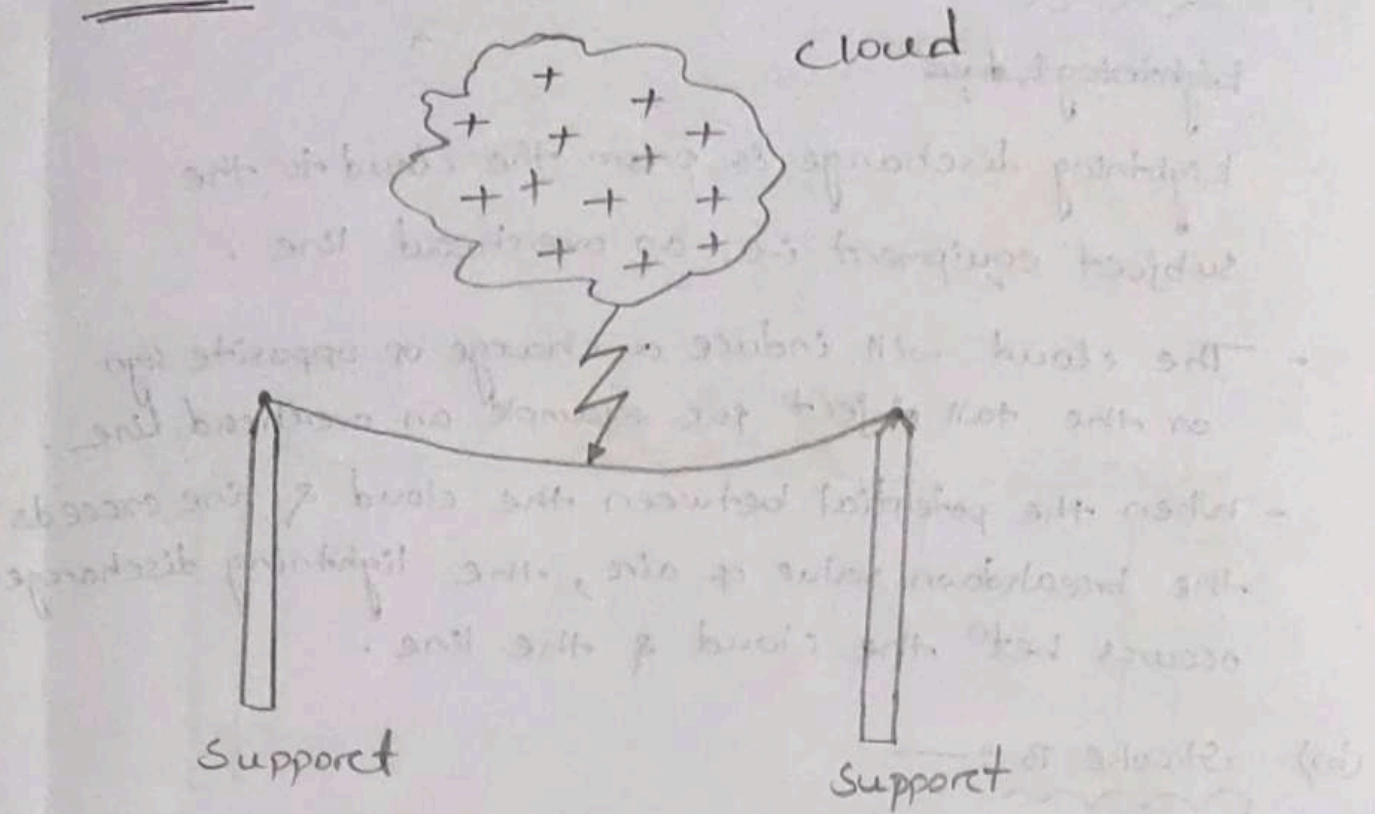
(ii) - Indirect stroke

(i) - Direct stroke :-

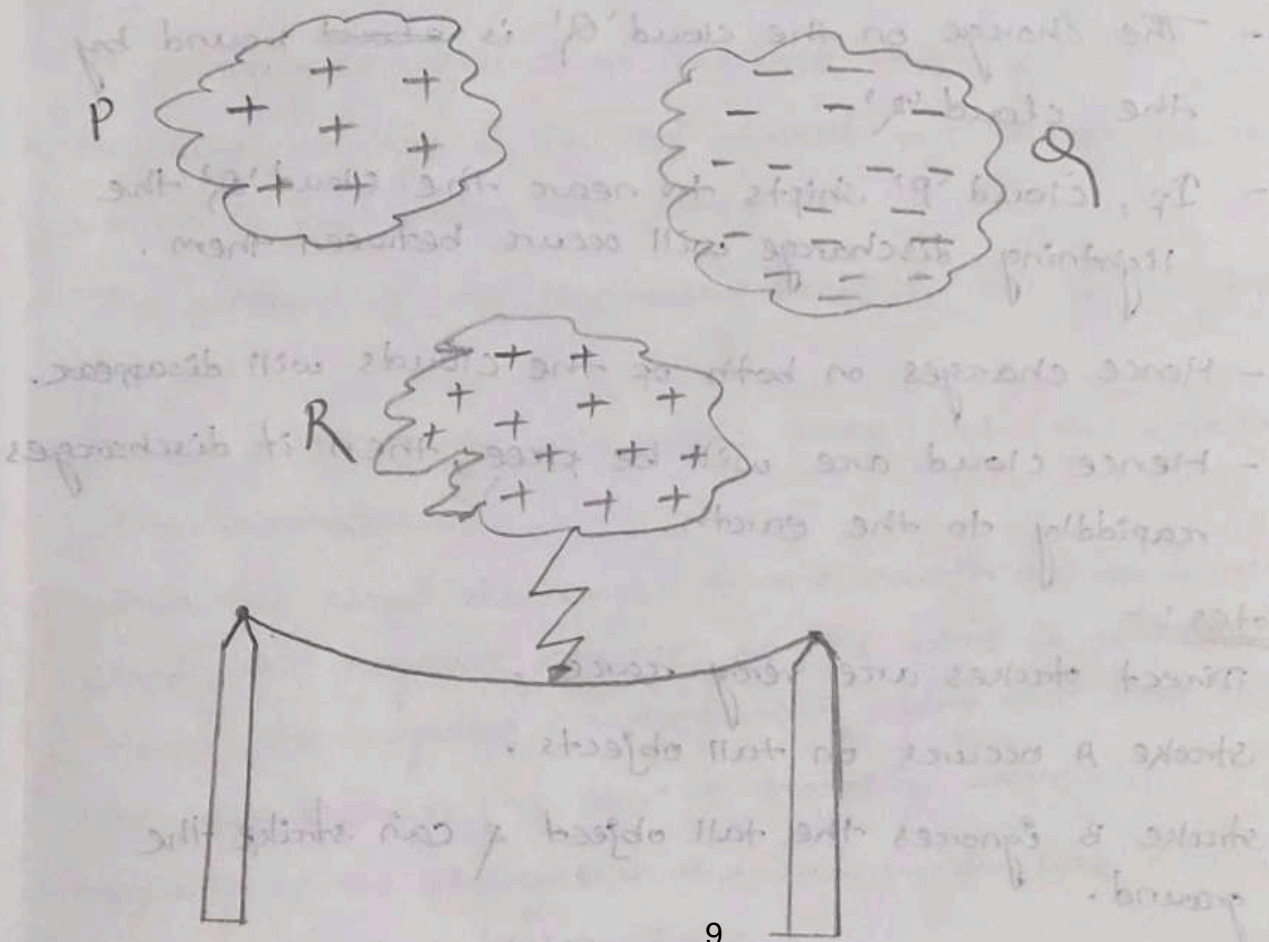
Here, the lightning discharge i.e., current path is directly from the cloud to the subject equipment, for example, an overhead line.

- From the line, the current path may be over the insulators down the pole to the ground.
- Over voltages setup due to stroke may be large enough to flash-over, this path directly to the ground.
- Direct strokes are of 2 types,
 - (a) - stroke A.
 - (b) - stroke B.

Case-1



Case-2



(a) - Stroke A :-

~~Lightning is~~ for

Lightning discharge is from the cloud to the subject equipment i.e., an overhead line.

- The cloud will induce a charge of opposite sign on the tall object for example an overhead line.
- When the potential between the cloud & line exceeds the breakdown value of air, the lightning discharge occurs betⁿ the cloud & the line.

(b) - Stroke B :-

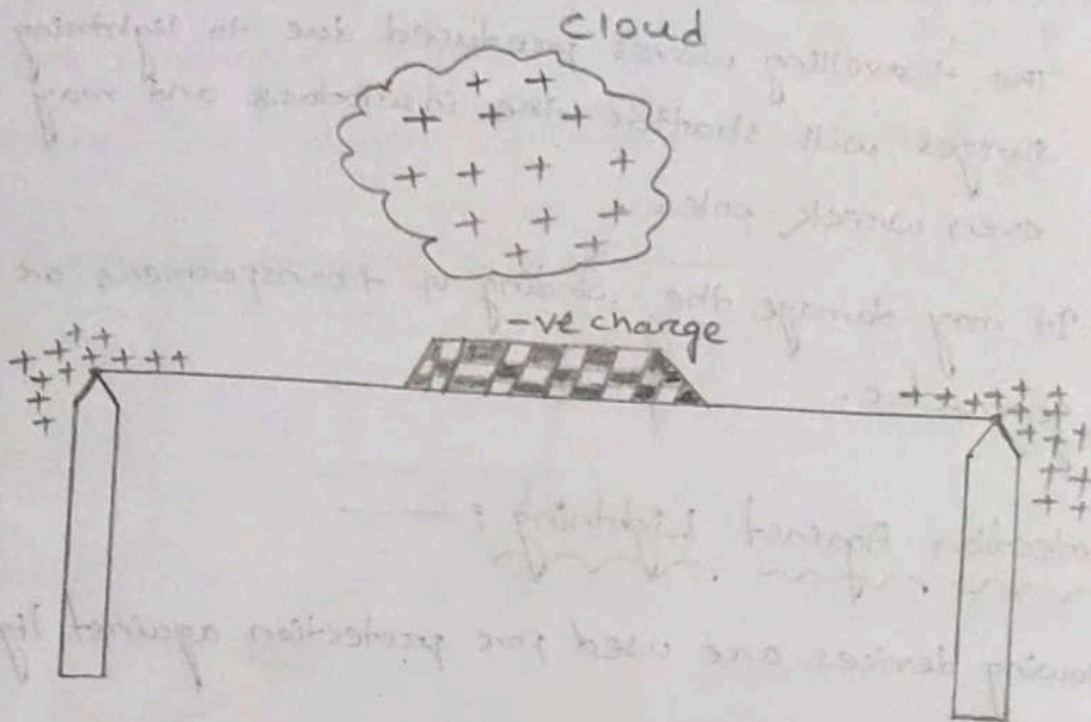
There are 3 clouds P, Q & R having +ve, -ve & +ve charge respectively.

- The charge on the cloud 'Q' is ~~about~~ bound by the cloud 'R'.
- If, cloud 'P' shifts too near the cloud 'Q' the lightning discharge will occur between them.
- Hence charges on both of the clouds will disappear.
- Hence cloud are will be free, then it discharges rapidly to the earth.

Notes :-

- * Direct strokes are very rare.
- * Stroke A occurs on tall objects.
- * stroke B ignores the tall object & can strike the ground.

(ii) - Indirect stroke :-



- It results from the electrostatically induced charges on the conductors due to the presence of charged clouds.
- A positively charged cloud is above the line.
- Negative charge is induced on that portion of the line which is just under the cloud.
- The portions of the line away from it, will be positively charged.
- This +ve charge will leak slowly into the earth via the insulators.
- When the cloud discharges to the earth or to another cloud, the negative charge on the wire is isolated. Hence the negative charges rush along the line in both the directions in the form of travelling waves.
- Majority of the charges in the transmission line are caused by indirect lightning stroke.

* Harmful Effects Of Lightning :-

- (i) - The travelling waves produced due to lightning surges will shatter the insulators and may even wreck poles.
- (ii) - It may damage the winding of transformers or generator.

* Protection Against Lightning :-

Following devices are used for protection against lightning surges,

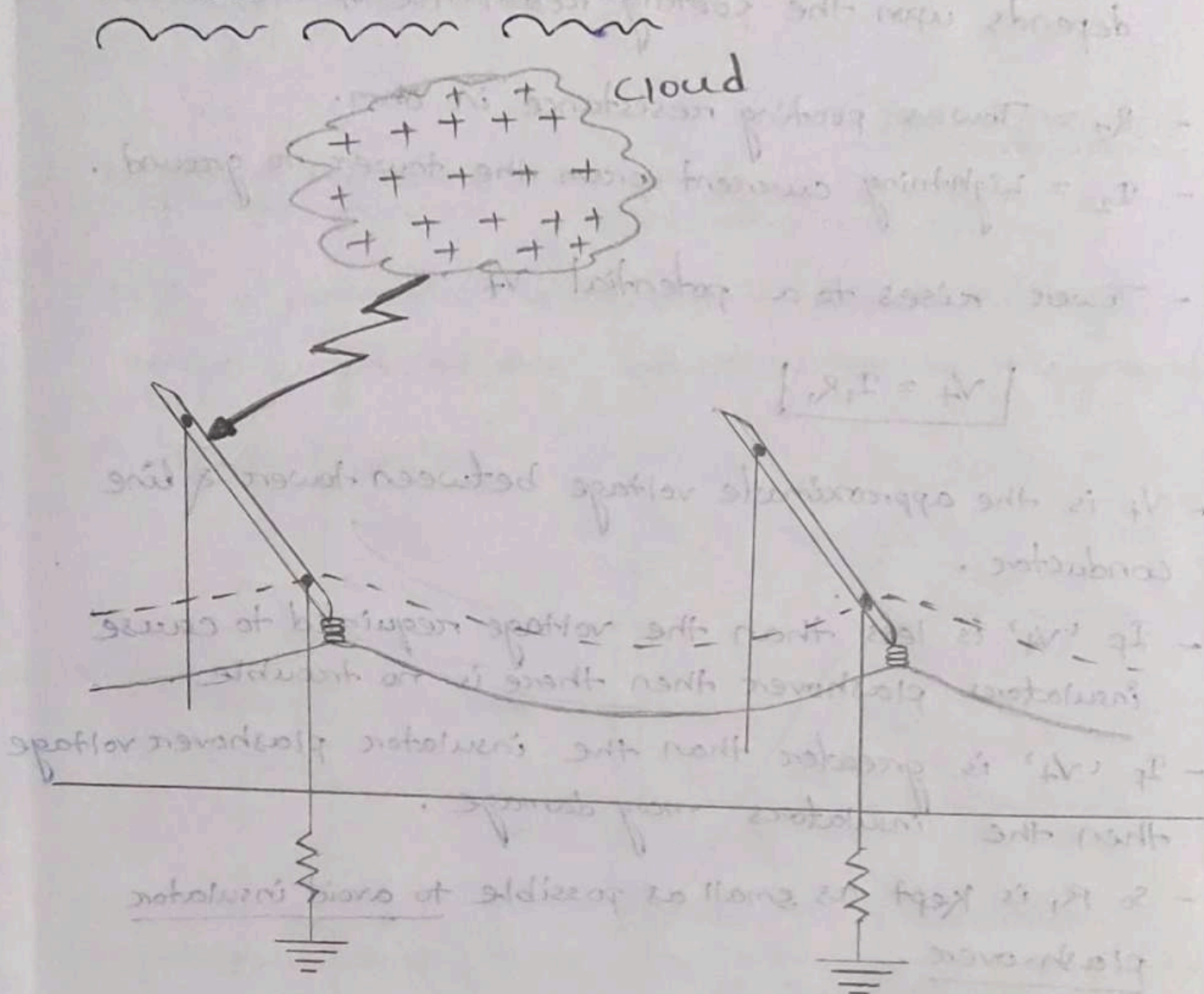
- (i) - Earthing screen.
- (ii) - Overhead ground wires.
- (iii) - Lightning arresters or surge diverters.

* Earthing Screen :-

- The power station & substation houses expensive equipments.
- These stations can be protected against direct lightning strokes by providing earthing screen.
- It consists of a network of copper conductors mounted all over the electrical equipment in the substations or power station.
- This shield is properly connected to earth on at least two points through a low impedance.

- On the occurrence of direct stroke on the station, screen provides a low resistance path by which lightning surges are conducted to ground.
- Hence the station equipment is protected against damage.

* Overhead Ground Wires : —



- In the diagram, the ground wire is placed above the line conductors at such position that all lightning strokes intercepted by the ground wires.
- The ground wires are grounded at each tower or pole through low resistance.

- Due to their proper location, the ground wires will take up all the lightning strokes instead of allowing them to the line conductors.
- Degree of protection provided by the ground wires depends upon the footing resistance of the tower.
- R_1 = Tower footing resistance in ohm.
- I_1 = Lightning current from the tower to ground.
- Tower rises to a potential V_t .

$$\boxed{V_t = I_1 R_1}$$

- V_t is the approximate voltage between tower & line conductor.
- If ' V_t ' is less than the voltage required to cause insulators flashover then there is no trouble.
- If ' V_t ' is greater than the insulator flashover voltage then the insulators may damage.
- So R_1 is kept as small as possible to avoid insulator flash-over.

Advantages :-

- It protects against direct lightning strokes on transmission lines.
- It provides electrostatic shielding against external fields.

- In the diagram, lightning arrester consists of a spark gap in series with a non-linear resistor.
- One end of the diverter is connected to the terminal of the equipment to be protected.
- Other end is grounded.
- Length of the gap is so set that normal line voltage is not enough to cause an arc across the gap, but a dangerously high voltage will break-down the air insulation and form an arc.

Property of Non-linear Resistance : —

Its resistance will decrease with increase in voltage or current & vice-versa.

Action : —

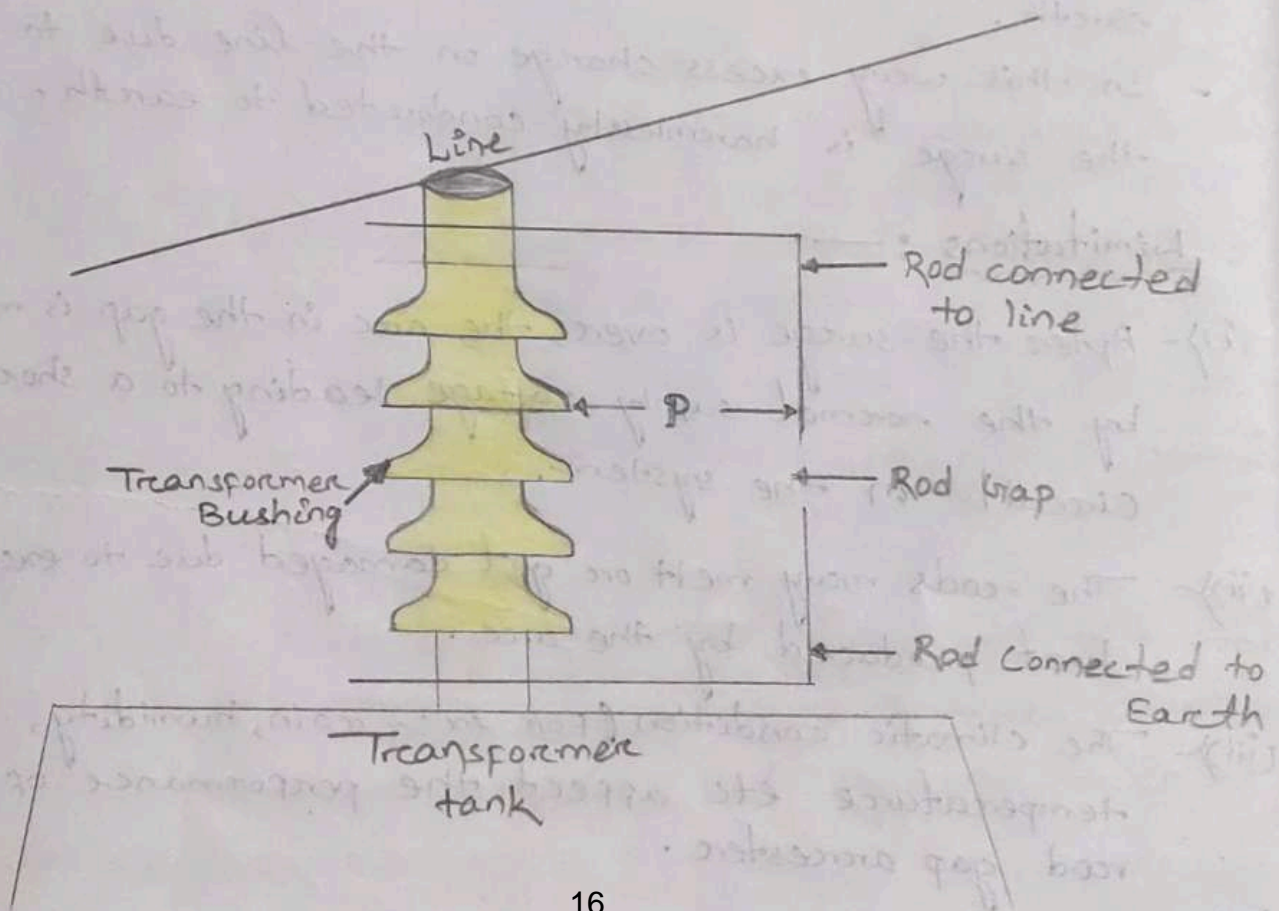
- Under normal condition, the lightning arrester is off the line i.e, it conducts no current to earth or the gap is non-conducting.
- When the fault occurs air insulation breaks-down and an arc is formed, providing a low resistance path for the surge to the ground.
- As the gap sparks over due to over voltage, the arc will be short-circuit on the power system. It may cause power flow current in the arrester.
- Non-linear resistor offers low resistance to high voltage it prevents the effect of short circuit.
- When the surge is over, the resistor offers high resistance to make the gap non-conducting.

* TYPES OF LIGHTNING ARRESTERS :-

- (1) Rod Gap Arresters.
- (2) Horn Gap Arresters.
- (3) Multi Gap Arresters.
- (4) Expulsion Type Lightning Arresters.
- (5) Valve Type Lightning Arresters.

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(1) Rod Gap Arresters :-



- It is a very simple type of diverter.
- It consists of two 1.5 cm rods.
- These rods are between at right angles with a gap in between.
- One rod is connected to the line circuit and the other rod is connected to earth.
- The distance between the gap & insulator i.e., distance P must be less than one-third of the gap length, so that the arc may not reach the insulator & damage it.
- Under normal operating condition gap remains non-conducting.
- When high voltage occurs on the line, the gap sparks over & the surge current is conducted to earth.
- In this way excess charge on the line due to the surge is harmlessly conducted to earth.

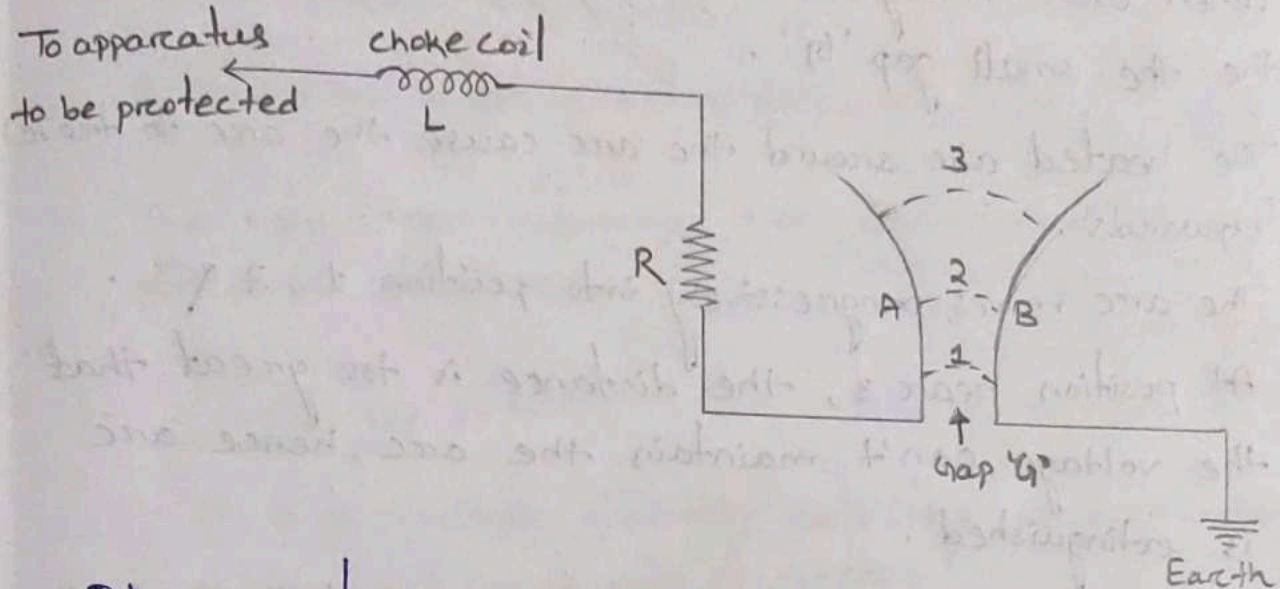
Limitations :-

- (i) - After the surge is over, the arc in the gap is maintained by the normal supply voltage leading to a short-circuit on the system.
- (ii) - The rods may melt or get damaged due to excessive heat produced by the arc.
- (iii) - The climatic condition (For ex:- rain, humidity, temperature etc) affect the performance of rod gap arrester.

Note :-

Rod gap arrester is used as back-up protection.

(2) - Horn Gap Arrester :-



- It consists of two horn shaped metal rods A & B, separated by a small air gap.
- The horns are so constructed that distance between them gradually increases towards the top.
- The horns are mounted on porcelain insulators.
- One end of horn is connected to the line through a resistance 'R' & choke coil 'L', other end is effectively grounded.
- 'R' helps in limiting the flow of current to a small value.
- The choke coil is so designed that it offers small reactance at normal power frequency but high reactance at high frequency.

- The gap between horns is so adjusted that the normal supply voltage is not enough to cause an arc across the gap.
- Under normal condition the gap is non-conducting.
- When over voltage occurs spark over takes place across the the small gap 'G'.
- The heated air around the arc cause the arc to travel upwards.
- The arc moves progressively into position 1, 2 & 3.
- At position near 3, the distance is too great that the voltage can't maintain the arc, hence arc is extinguished.
- Excess charge on the line is conducted through the arrester to the ground.

Advantages

- (i) - The arc is self clearing.
- (ii) - Resistance helps in limiting the current to a small value.

Disadvantages :-

- (i) - The bridging of gap by some external agency like birds can make the device useless.
- (ii) - The setting of horn gap is ~~tightly~~ likely to change due to corrosion or pitting.
- (iii) - It adversely affects the performance of arresters.

(3) - Valve Type Arrester :-

- It incorporate non-linear resistors and used on systems operating at high voltages.
- It consists of two assemblies,
 - (i) - Series spark gaps.
 - & (ii) - Non-linear resistor discs in series.
- The non-linear elements are connected in tight porcelain container.

(i) - Spark Gap :-

- It is a multiple assembly consisting of a number of identical spark gaps in series.
- Each gap consists of two electrodes with a fixed gap spacing.
- The voltage distribution across the gap is linearised by means of additional resistance elements called grading resistor across the gap.
- The spacing is such that it will withstand the normal circuit voltage.
- Hence an over voltage will cause the gap to breakdown causing the surge current to the ground, through non-linear resistors.

(li) - Non-linear Resistors : —

- It is made up of an inorganic compound like metrosil or thyrite.
- These discs are connected in series.
- It offers high resistance to the current flow under normal system.
- It offers low resistance to the flow of high surge currents.

Working : —

Under normal conditions, the normal system voltage is insufficient to cause the breakdown of air gap assembly.

- When over voltage occurs, the breakdown of the series gap takes place.
- surge current is conducted to earth.

Advantages : —

- (i) - It provides effective protection against surges.
- (ii) - It operate very rapidly less than a second.

Disadvantage : —

Its performance is adversely affected by the entry of moisture into ~~enclosure~~ enclosure.

Applications :-

Two type applications, •

(i) - Station type

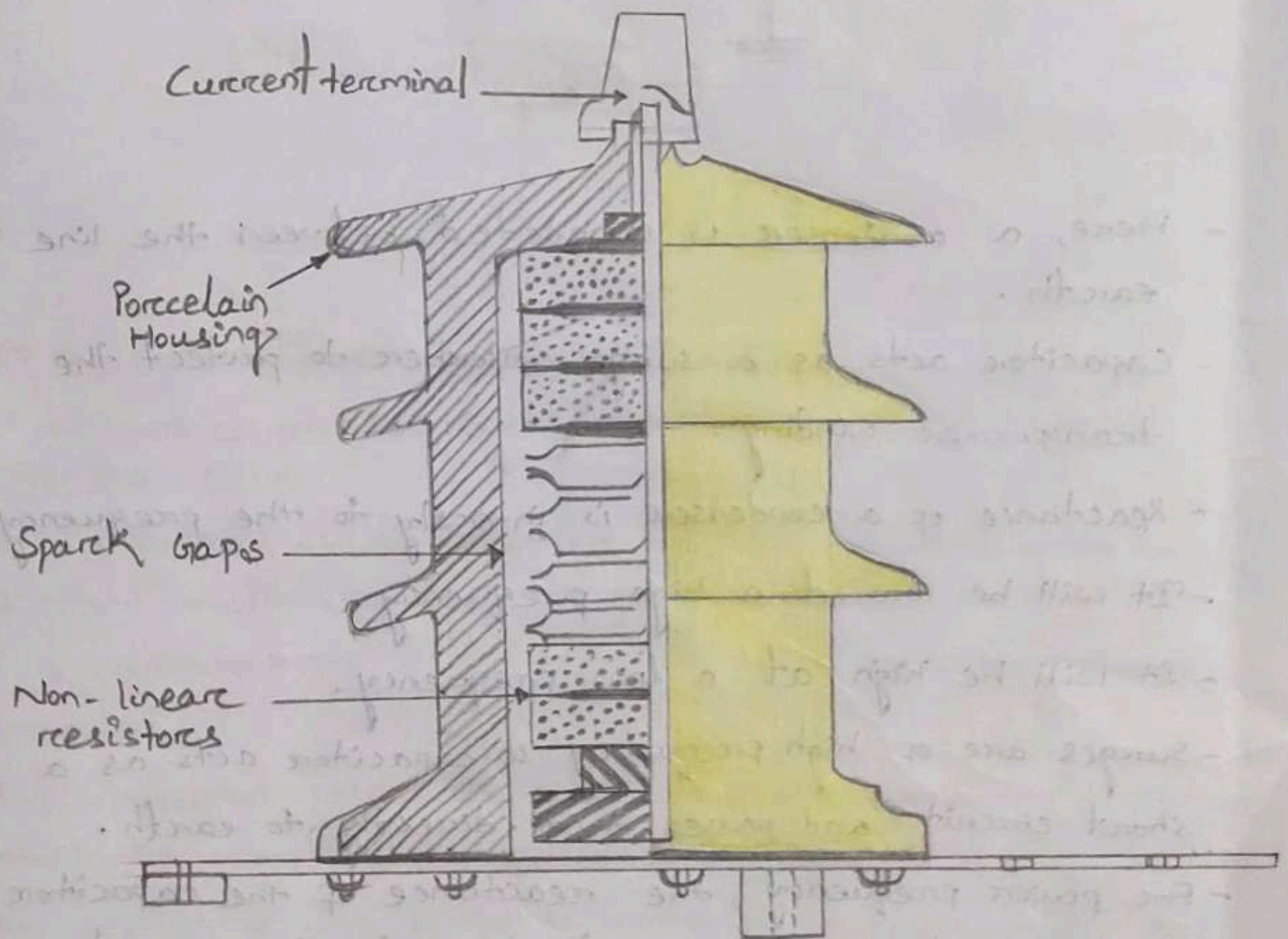
(ii) - Line type.

(i) - Station type :-

Protection of equipments operating on voltage upto 220 KV or higher.

(ii) - Line type :-

It is used of stations handling of 66 KV.



[VALVE TYPE ARRESTER]

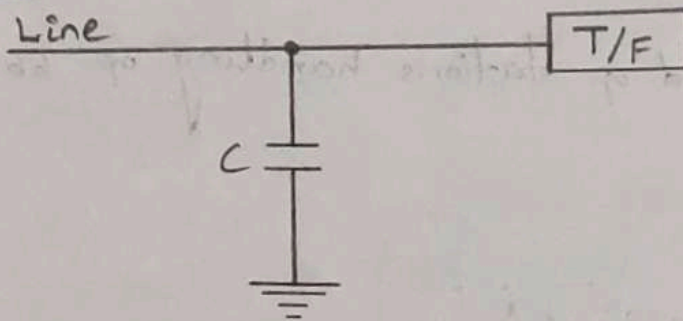
* SURGE ABSORBER :-

It is a protective device which reduces the steepness of wave front of a surge by absorbing surge energy.

- Surge diverter directs the surge to earth but the surge absorber absorbs the energy.

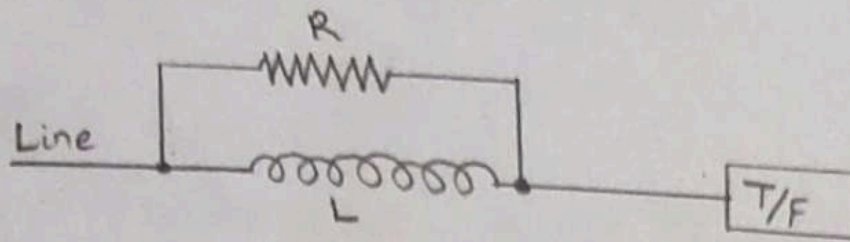
Few examples,

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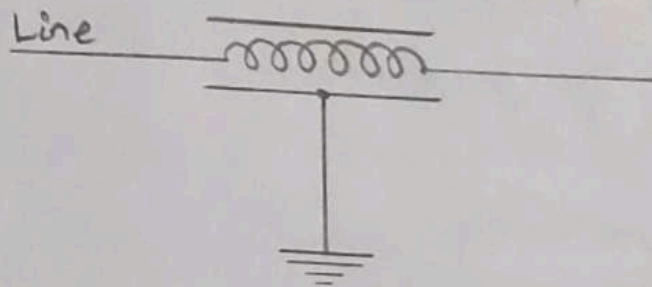
- Here, a condenser is connected between the line & earth.
- Capacitor acts as a surge absorber to protect the transformer winding.
- Reactance of a condenser is inversely to the frequency.
- It will be low at a high frequency.
- It will be high at a low frequency.
- Surges are of high frequency so capacitor acts as a short circuit and passes them directly to earth.
- For power frequency, the reactance of the capacitor is very high so no current flows to the ground.

Ex-2



- It consists of a parallel combination of choke and resistance connected in series with the line.
- The choke offers high reactance to surge frequencies ($X_L = 2\pi fL$) so the surges are forced to flow through the resistance 'R', where they are dissipated.

Ex-3



- It is called Ferranti's surge absorber.
- It consists of an air cored inductor connected in series with the line.
- The inductor is surrounded by but insulated from an earthed metallic sheet called dissipator.
- It is equivalent to a transformer with secondary short circuited.
- The inductor forms the primary & the ~~secondary~~ dissipator forms the short circuited secondary.
- The energy of the surge is used of in the form of heat generated in the dissipator due to the transformer action.

- This type of surge absorber is used for the protection of transformers.

- It consists of a parallel combination of a coil and a resistor connected in series with the line.
- The coil offers high reactance to surge frequencies (X_L = 2πfL) as the surge are forced to flow through the resistance R, where they are dissipated.

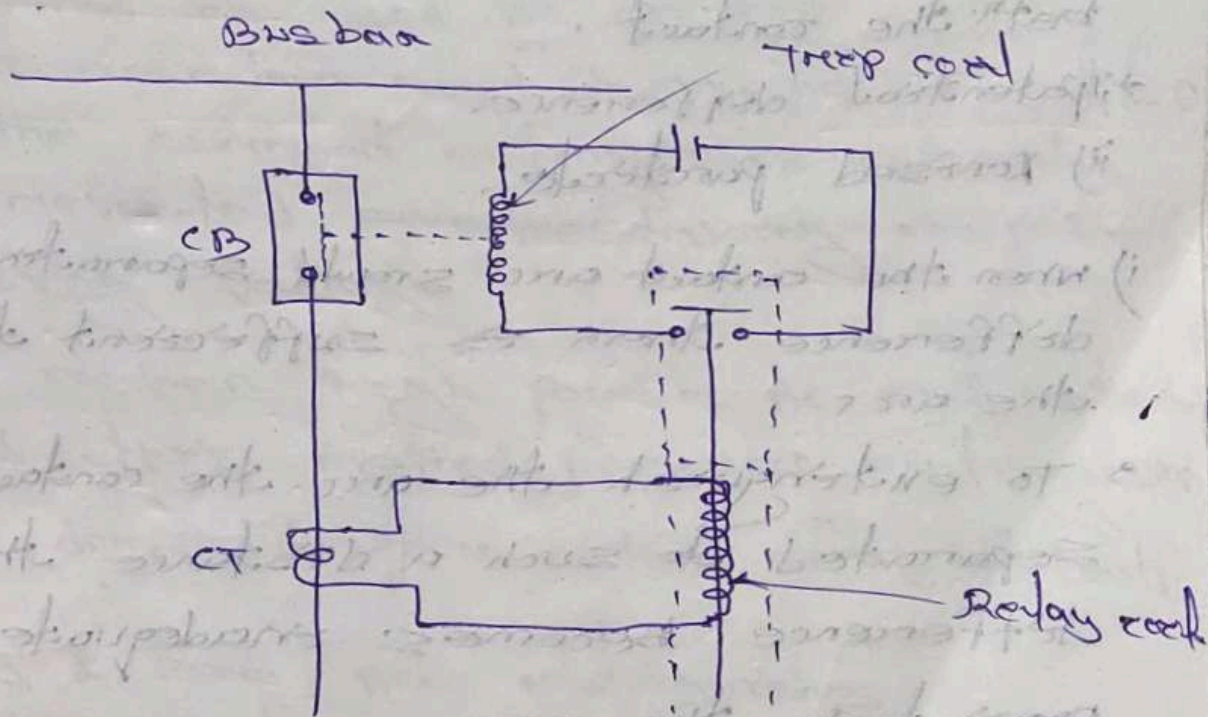
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Circuit Breaker

What is CB

- i) Make or break a circuit either manually or remote control under normal condⁿ.
- ii) Break the circuit automatic under fault condⁿ.
- iii) Make the circuit either manually or remote control under fault condⁿ.

operating principle:



Arc Phenomenon.

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During the arcing period, the following both the contact depends upon the arc resistance. Greater the arc resistance, smaller the arc resistance depends upon the following factors

- i) Degree of ionization
- ii) Length of the arc
- iii) Cross-section of arc

$$R = \rho \frac{l}{A}$$

$R \uparrow \quad l \uparrow$
 $R \uparrow \quad A \downarrow$

Principle of arc extinction:

Two factors responsible for the maintenance of arc betⁿ the contact.

- i) Potential difference.
- ii) Ionised particles.

When the contact arc small separation, potential difference them is sufficient to maintain the arc.

To extinguish the arc the contact are separated to such a distance that potential difference becomes inadequate to maintain the arc.

Ionised particles tend to maintain the arc here arc is extinguished by deionisation of the arcing part.

Methods of Arc extinguishing:

- i) High resistance method.
- ii) Low resistance or current zero method

i) High resistance method:

- lengthening the arc
- pulling the arc
- Reducing cross section of the arc.
- splitting the arc.

ii) Low resistance or current zero method

- This method is used AC circuit
- Here arc resistance kept low until current is 0
- where the current extinguishes naturally & is prevented ~~re-igniting~~ despite of rising voltage.
- All the modern high power AC cut method employed this method for arc extinguishing
- Current drops to zero after every ~~for~~ half cycle.
- At every 2 zero, arc extinguishes.
- Now modern contains ions & electrons, so that it has small dielectric strength
- it can be easily broken down rising contact voltage is known as re-striking voltage.
- If such a breakdown occurs arc will persist for another cycle, so after 2 zero, the dielectric strength of the medium both

contacts at level of more than the voltage across the contacts -

When arc faults do re-ignite, current is interrupted.

Dielectric strength can be increased:

i) causing the ionising particles to recombine into neutral molecules

ii) sweeping the ionising particles away of them by an ionising particle.

iii) The de-ionisation of medium can be achieved by

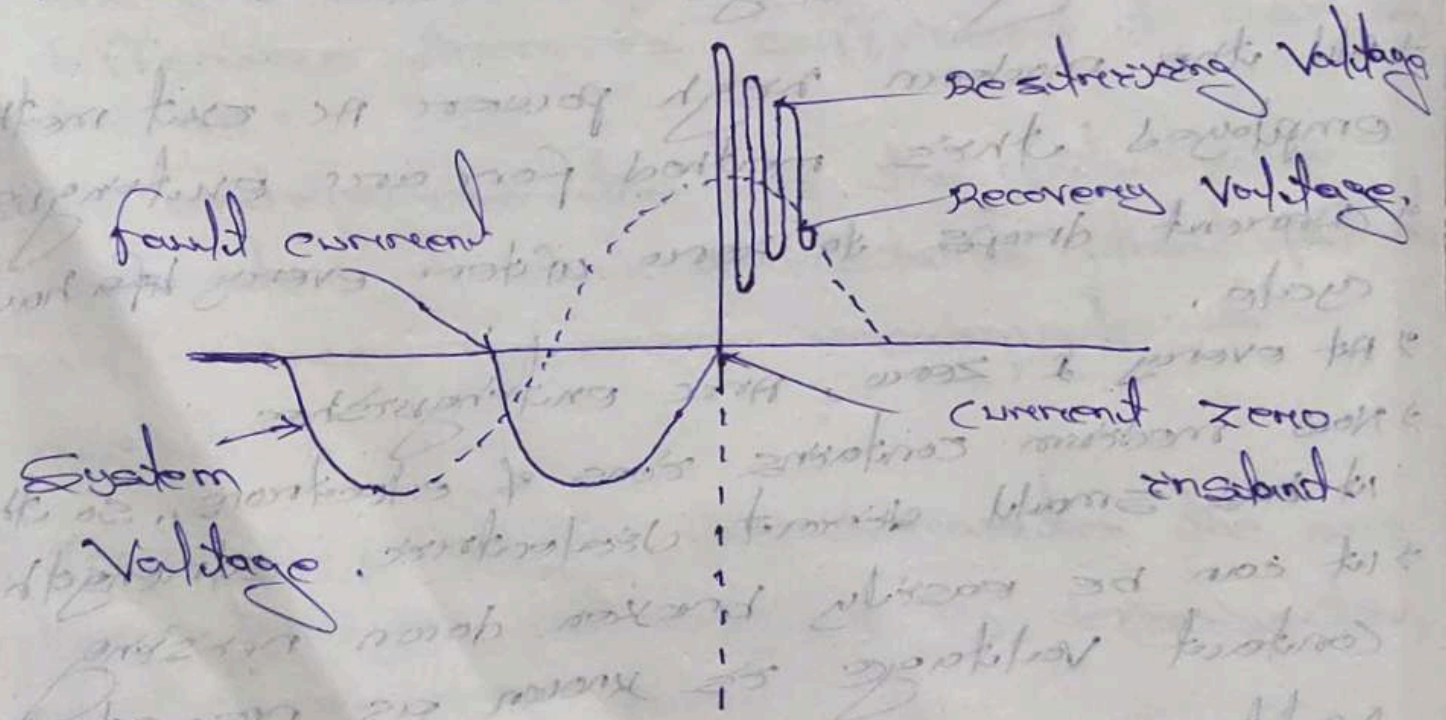
lengthening of the gap.

ii) High pressure

iii) Cooling

iv) Subst effect.

Importance term:



Arc Voltage:

it is the voltage that appears across the contacts of the CB during arcing period

→ Restriking

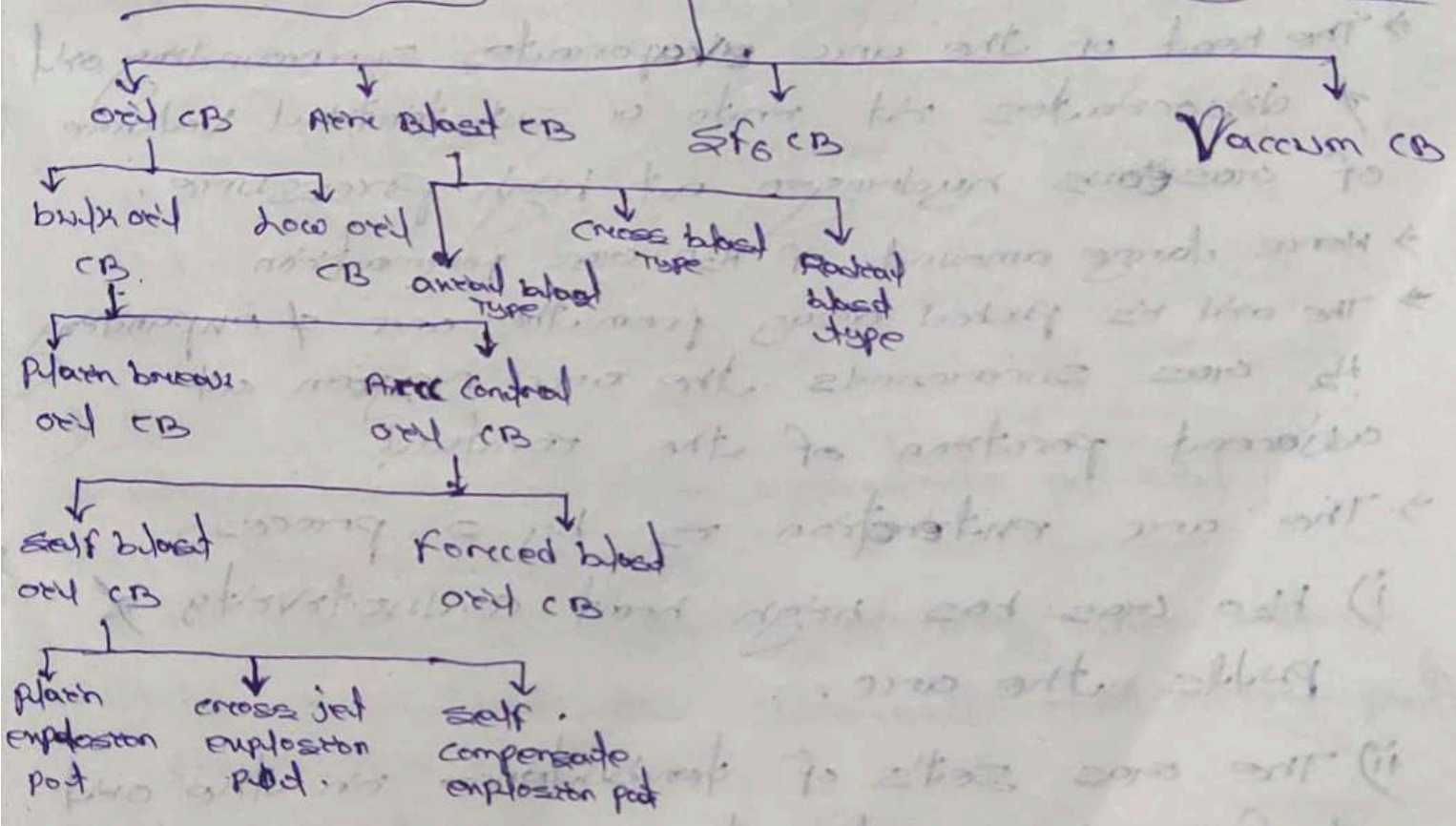
it is the transient voltage that appears across the contacts at a near 2 zero during arcing period

Recovery

it is a normal frequency voltage that appears across the contacts of the CB after final arc extinguishes

→ it is approximately system voltage

Classification of circuit breakers

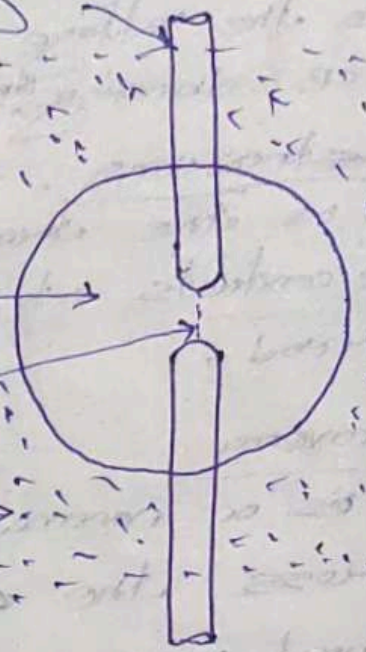


- Paraffin contacts

Bubble of oil vapour

Arc

oil



→ Hence oil is used as arc quenching medium
→ When fault occurs, the contacts are open under oil & arc is situated betⁿ them.

→ The heat of the arc evaporates surrounding oil & dissociates it into a substantial volume of gaseous hydrogen at high pressure.

→ Hence large amount of H₂ gas formation
→ The oil is pushed away from the arc & expanding H₂ gas surrounds the arc region at adjacent position of the contact.

→ The arc extinction is by 2 process

i) H₂ gas has high heat conductivity & pulls the arc.

ii) The gas sets of turbulence in the oil & forces a into the space betⁿ the contact's

Hence it eliminates the arcing produced from the arc point, the arc is extinguished & oil is interrupted

Advantages:

- it absorbs the arc energy to decompose the oil into gases, which are excellent for cooling purpose.
- it acts as an insulator & permit small clearance both for conductor & arc component.
- The surrounding oil presence cooling surface nearer to the arc.

Disadvantages:

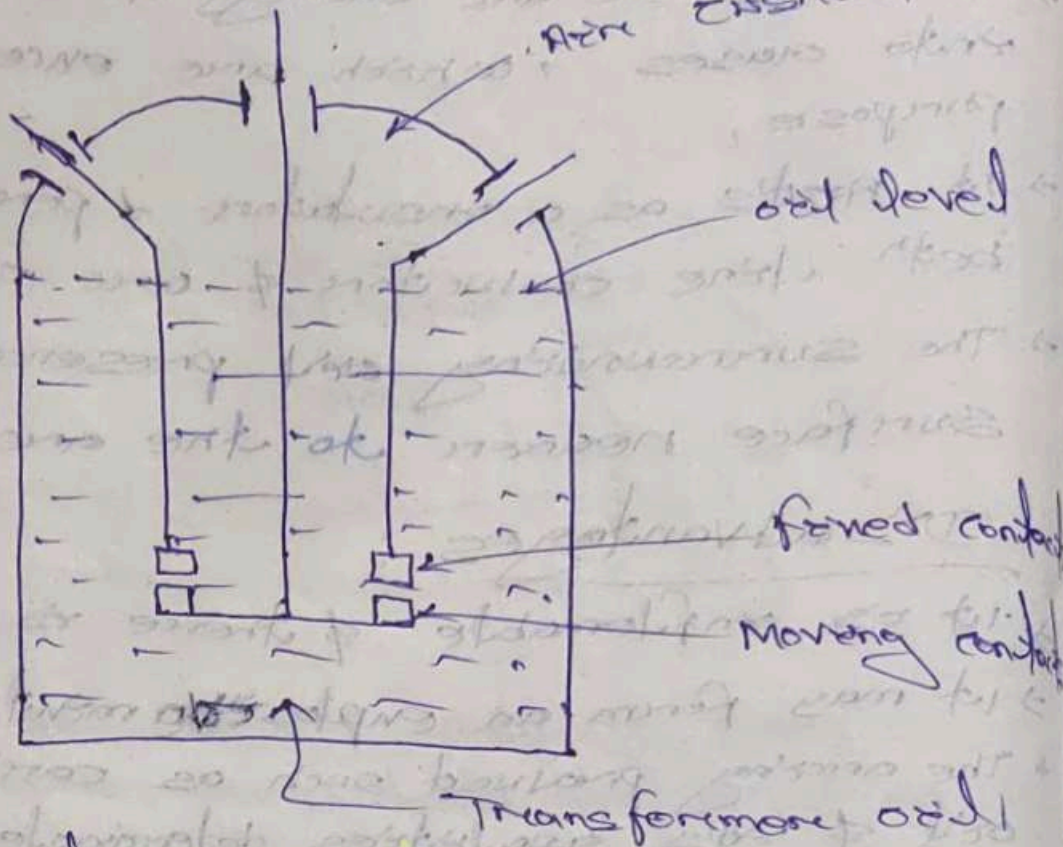
- it is inflammable & there is of risk of fire.
- it may form an explosive mixture with air.
- The arcing product such as carbon remaining oil & it's qualities deteriorates with successive operation.

Types of oil CB

it is 2 types

- 1) Bulk oil CB
 - 2) Low oil CB
- 1) Bulk oil CB
- it uses a large quantity of oil.
 - oil has 2 purposes:
 - i) it extinguishes ^{arc} during opening the contact.
 - ii) it insulate the current conducting path from one another.
- it is 2 types
- i) plane break oil CB
 - 2) Arc control

1) Plane break oil CB?



- it is the earliest CB
- it has very simple construction.
- it consist of fixed & moving contacts enclosed in a strong weather-tight earth tank.
- Condensing oil upto a certain level.
- There is an air cushion above the oil.
- Air cushion:

It provide space to allow the reception of arc gases without generation of unsafe pressure in the dome of the CB.

- it absorb mech. shock of the upward motion.

Working

Under normal operating condⁿ. the fixed or moving contact close & the breaker carries normal cur^t.

→ when a fault occurs moving contact get the separate by the fixed contact & arc is struck which vaporizes of the oil into H_2O gas

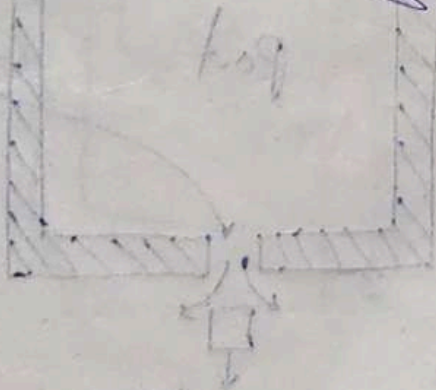
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→ The arc extinguishment is facilitated by the following process -

- 1) The hydrogen gas bubble generated around the arc cools the arc column & helps in deionization of the medium betⁿ the contacts.
- 2) The gas sets up turbulence in the oil & helps in eliminating the arcing product from the arc path.
- 3) As the arc lengthens due to the separating contacts, the dielectric strength of medium is increased.

Disadvantages:

- 1) These breakers have long arcing time.
- 2) They do not permit high speed reenergization.
- 3) It is used for low capacity installation for voltages up to 11kV.



Arc Control oil CB

it is 2 types

- 1) self blast oil CB
- 2) forced " " "

1) self blast oil CB is 3 types

- i) plain explosion pot
- ii) cross jet " "
- iii) self compensate " "

1) Self blast oil CB

Here gases produce during arcing arc confine to a small volume by the use of an insulating rigid pressure chamber or pot surrounding the contact.

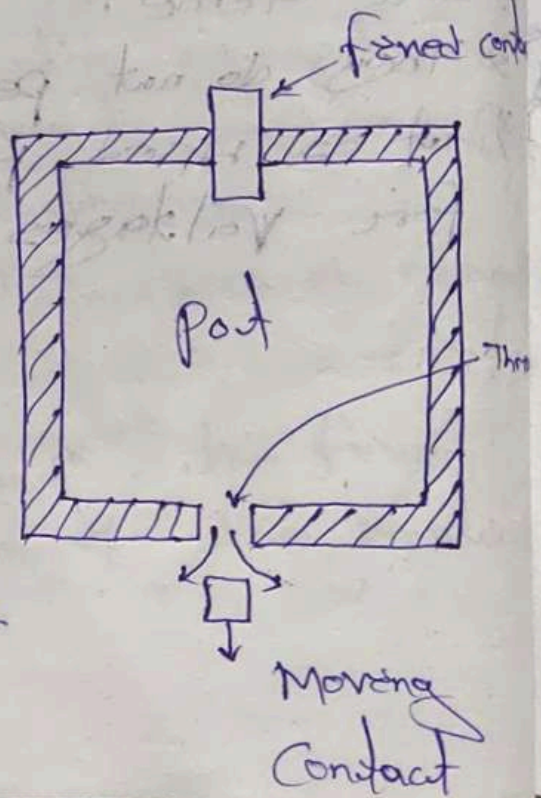
- since the arc gases are restricted by the chamber, a very high pressure is developed & forced the oil & gas through the around the arc extinguished.
- as the pressure is generated by the arc itself, such breakers are called self blast oil CB.

i) plain explosion pot

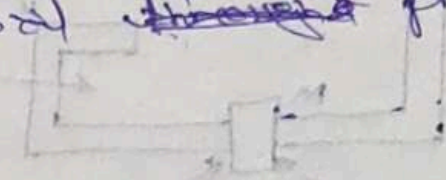
it is a rigid cylinder of insulating material & encloses the fixed & moving contact.

- The moving contact is a cylindrical rod passing through a restricted opening at the bottom.

- when fault occurs moving contact separates & arc is struck.



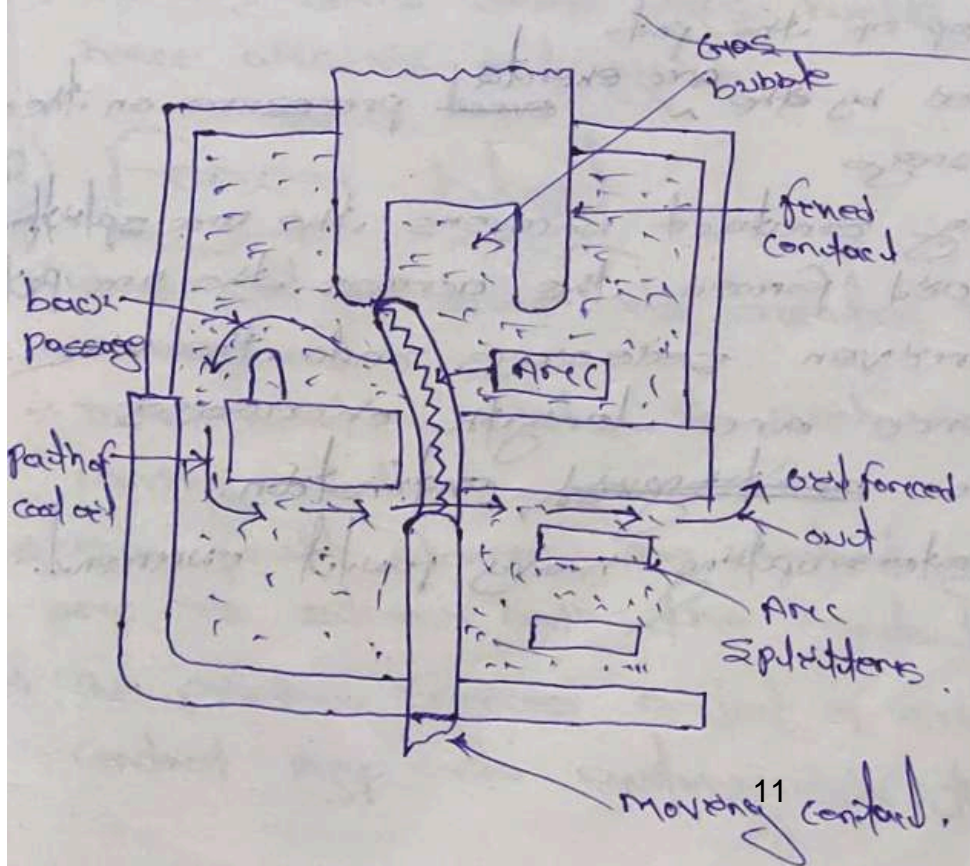
- The head of the arc decomposes oil into a gas and very high pressure in the part.
- The high pressure forces the oil & gas through & round the arc to extinguish it.
- final arc extinguishment occurs after the moving contact leaves the part because emergency of moving contact is followed by a violent rush of gas & oil ~~through~~ ^{throat} produces rapidly extinguishment.

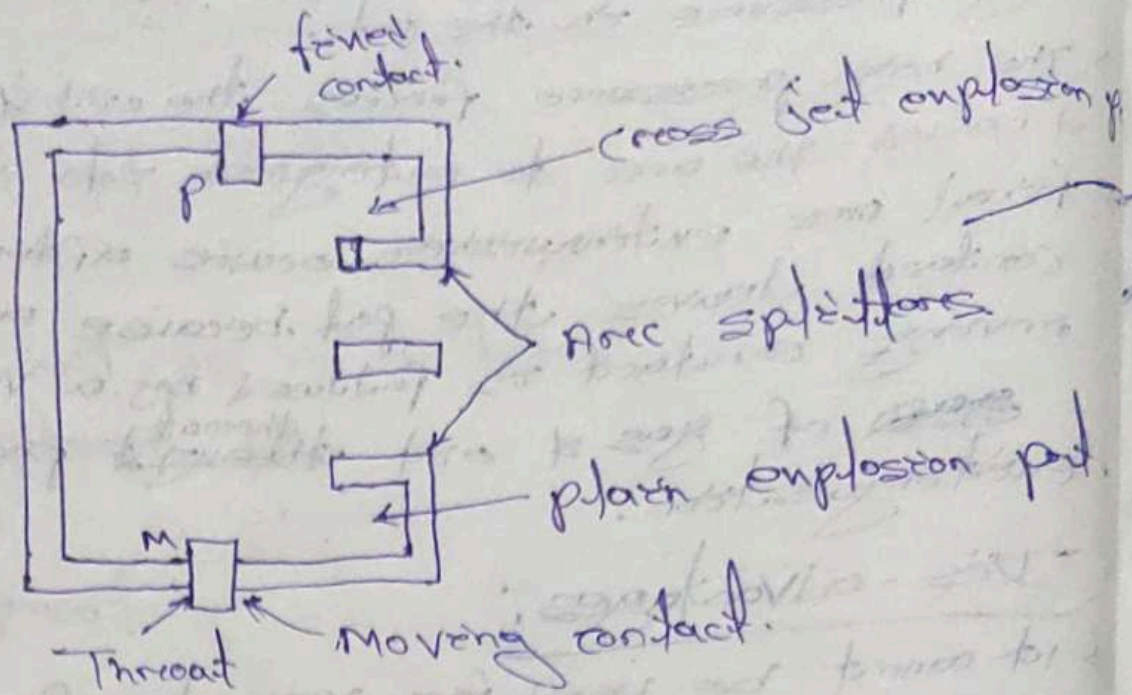


Dis-advantages:

- it can't be used for very low for very high fault currents.
- Hence it operates on moderate short circuit.

(ii) Cross jet explosion pit:





- it is made of insulating materials.
- it has channels one side which act as arc splitters.
- Arc splitters help it increase the arc length.
- hence it extinguishes the arc.

Working

- when fault occurs, the moving contact of the CB begins to separate.
- As the moving contact withdraws the arc is struck on the top of the pad.
- The gas generated by the arc exerts ~~exert~~ pressure on the in the back passage.
- when the moving contact uncovers the arc splitters fresh oil forced across the arc pad.
- The arc is driven sideways into the arc splitters hence arc length increases & causing arc ~~extinguish~~ extinction.
- it is efficient interrupting heavy fault currents.

iii) Self compensated explosion pot

It is combination of plain explosion pot & cross jet explosion pot.

It consists of two chambers

i) Upper chamber :

It is the cross jet explosion pot with two arc splitters duct's

ii) Lower chamber :

Plain explosion pot

→ when the short out current is heavy, the rate of generation of the gas is very high. & the device behaves as a cross jet explosion pot.

→ when the moving contact separates the arc or covers the arc splitters.

→ when low short out occurs, the rate of gas generation is small & the top of the moving contact do which the lower chamber

→ during this time gas builds up sufficient pressure hence arc is extinguish

2) Forced blast

Here oil pressure is created piston cylinder arrangement.

→ The motion of piston is mechanically coupled to the moving contact.

→ when fault occurs, the contact get separated & arc is struck both the contacts.

→ The piston forces a jet of oil downwards the contact gap to extinguish the arc.

necessary oil pressure doesn't depend upon the
fault current magnitude

Advantages:

- The quantity of oil required is reduced.
- It is independent of the amount of fault.

2) Low oil CB

When the fault current is high, the contact separation is delayed. This is because the magnetic force between the contacts is high. In low oil CB, the contact separation is not delayed. This is because the magnetic force between the contacts is low. The contact separation is immediate. This is because the magnetic force between the contacts is low. The contact separation is immediate. This is because the magnetic force between the contacts is low.

3) Forced Puff

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oil has two function:

- i) To insulate the live part
- ii) To extinguish the arc.

Its advantages are

- increase the expense.
- tank size.
- weight of the breaker.
- Increase the fire risk problem.
- increase the maintenance.

Some fact's

About 10% of total oil in bulk oil CB is used for arc extinction.

- This led to development of low oil CB.
- it employs solid material for insulation purpose.
- it uses small quantity of oil just for arc extinction.

There are two compartments separated from each other & filled with oil.

i) upper chamber -

extinguishing chamber

ii) lower chamber -

supporting chamber.

- two chambers are separated by each other partition.
- This arrangement has 2 advantages.

- i) corrected breaking chamber required small volume of oil which is used for arc extinguishing
- ii) The amount of oil replaced is reduced as the oil in the supporting chamber doesn't get contaminated by the arc.

Supporting chamber

It is a porcelain chamber mounted on a metal base. It is filled with oil which is physically separated upper chamber.

The oil inside the supporting chamber & the annular space formed from both the porcelain insulation & base paper is employed for insulation purposes only.

Corrected breaking chamber

It is a porcelain enclosure mounted on the top of the supporting chamber. It is filled with oil.

- i) upper & lower fixed contacts
- ii) moving contact
- iii) Turbulator

- moving contact is hollow
- it encloses a cylinder which moves down over a fixed piston.
- The distributor is an arc contact device.
- it has both axial & radial vents
- The axial venting ensure interruption of low I for
- radial venting holds the interruption of heavy I

Top chamber:

- it is the metal chamber.
- it is mounted on the cut breaking chamber.
- it provides expansion space from the oil CB compartment
- it also provide with a separator ~~to~~ which prevent any loss of oil.

Working operation:

When a fault occurs, the moving contact is pulled down by the dropping spring. Hence arc is struck

→ The arc energy vaporises the oil & produces gases under high pressure.

→ This action constricts the oil to pass through a central hole in the moving contact & results in forcing series of oil through the respective passages of distributor

→ The process of distribution is one in which section of the arc successively quast by the effect of separate

Advantages:-

- it requires less quantity of oil
- it is smaller space.
- There is reduce ~~force~~ risk of force
- Maintenance problem ~~are~~ reduced.

dis-advantages:

- use smaller quantity of oil, the degree of carbonisation \uparrow
- there is difficulty of removing the oxides from the contact space.
 - The dielectric strength of oil deteriorates rapidly

Maintenance of oil CB:-

- check the current carrying parts of arcing contact.
- " " dielectric strength of the oil.
- " " insulation for possible damage.
- " " closing & tripping mechanism.

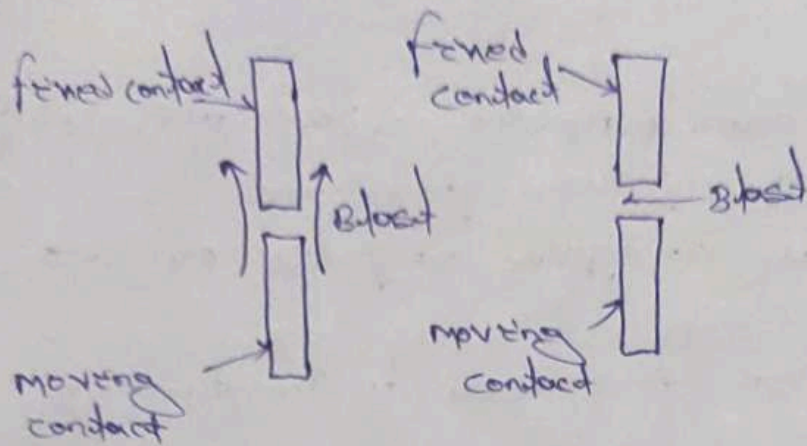
Air-blast CB

- it ~~employs~~ ^{employ} a high pressure air-blast ^{as} an arc quenching medium.
- The contacts are open in a flow of air blast established by the opening of blast valve.
- Air blast ~~part~~ ^{cools} the arc & ~~sweeps~~ away the arcing - produced to the atmosphere
- it \uparrow the dielectric strength of medium.
- it prevents from ~~re-ignition~~ ^{re-establishing} of arc, hence arc is extinguished & flow of I is interrupted.

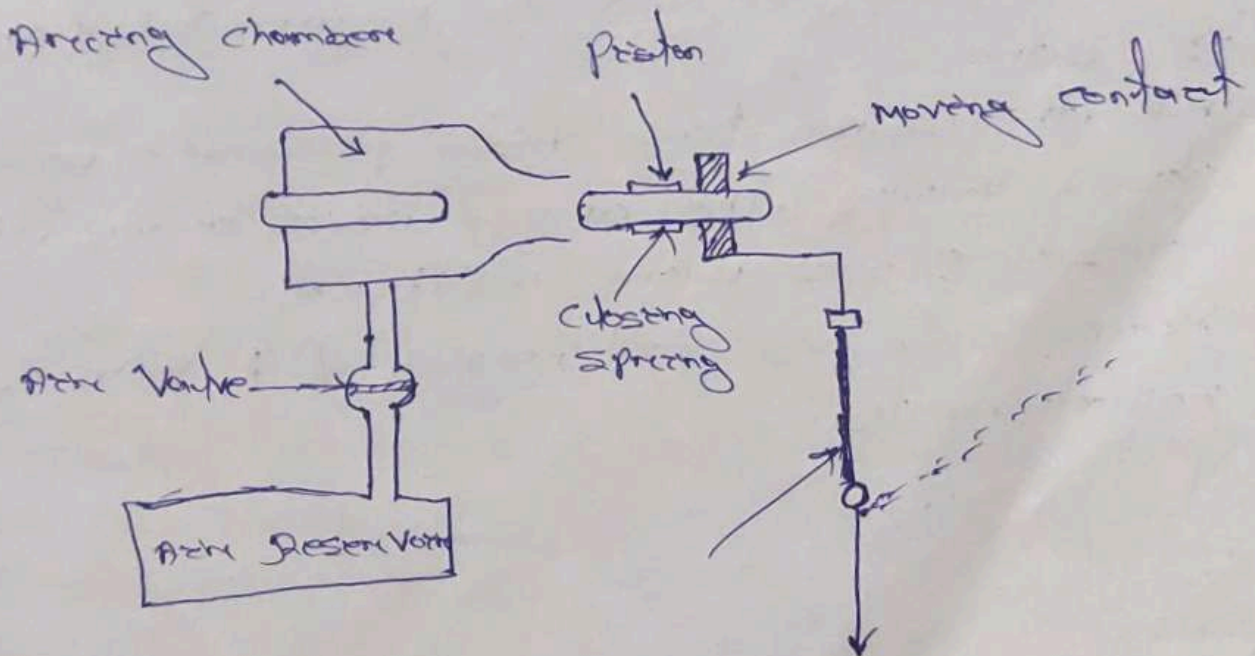
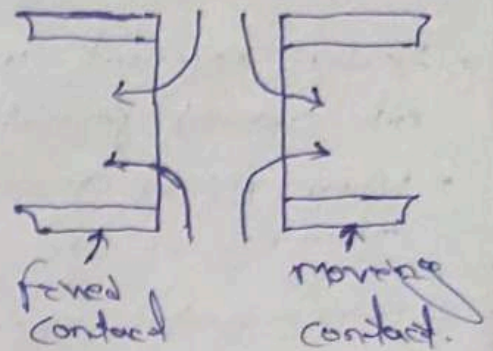
Types of Air-blast CB:

- 1) ANAL blast CB
- 2) CROSS " "
- 3) ROD blast " "

1) ANAL blast air CB:



Blast.

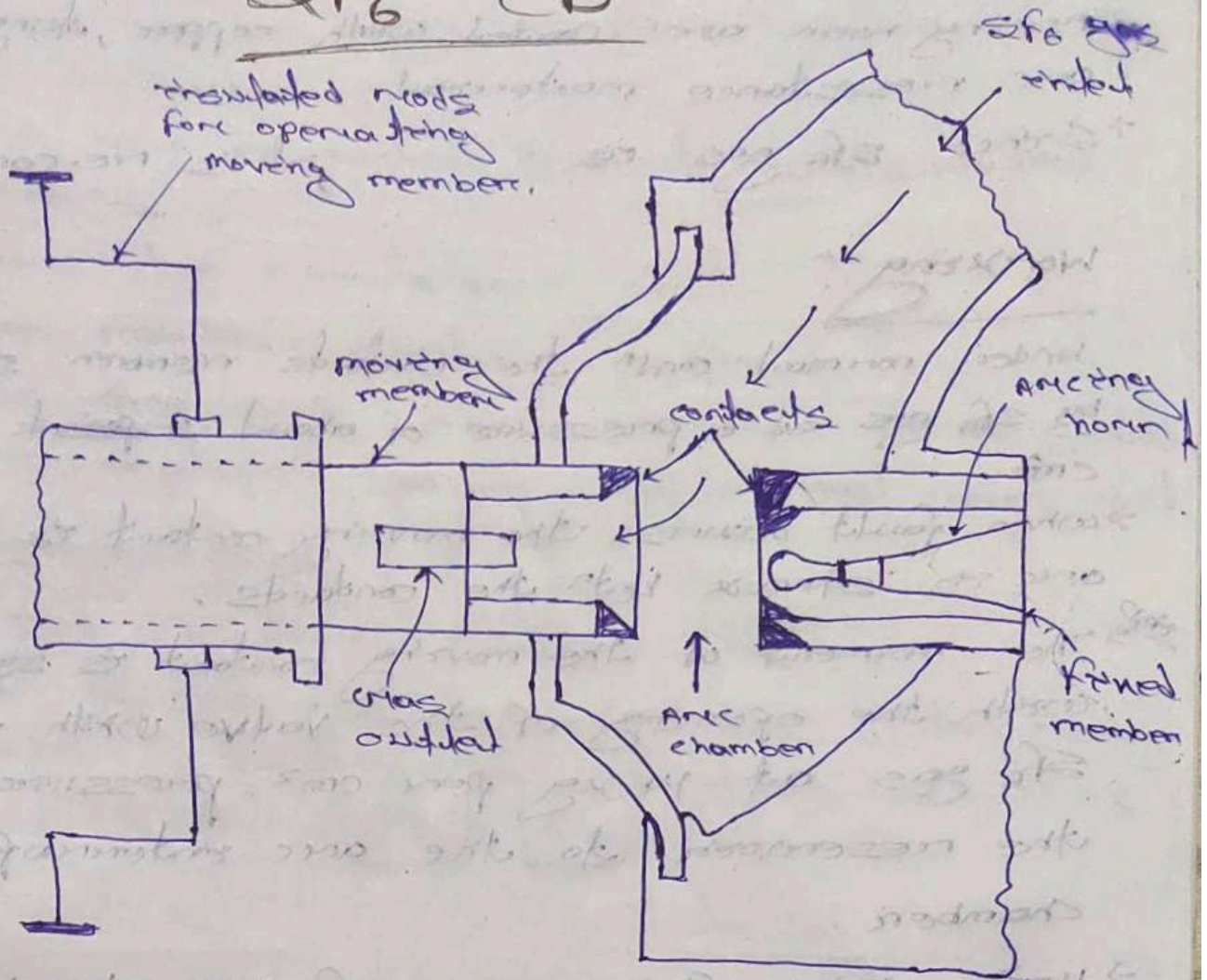


In the diagram there are

- i) fixed contact
- ii) moving "
- iii) position
- iv) closing spring
- v) Air Valve
- vi) Air Reservoir
- vii) Arcing chamber

- Under normal condⁿ fixed & moving contact are held at closed position by spring pressure.
- When fault occurs the tripping impulse causes opening of the
- Air Valve connect CB reservoir to the arcing chamber
- The high pressure air entering the arcing chamber pushes the moving contact against spring pressure
- Hence moving contact is separated & an arc is struck.
- At the same time high pressure air blast closed along the arc & drives away the ionised gases along with it.
- Hence arc is extinguished & flow is interrupted.

SF₆ CB



- Hence SF₆ gas is used as arc quenching medium
- It is an electro negative gas, which is attract the electrons.
- It has strong tendency to absorb free electrons

Construction,

- It consists of fixed & moving contacts.
- These are enclosed in the chamber for arc extinction chamber.
- This chamber contains SF₆ gas, this chamber is called arc extinction chamber.
- Fixed contact is a pole cylindrical with rectangular holes of the size of permitted SF₆ gas.

steps of the fixed contact, moving contact & primary horns are coated with copper, tungsten
1. arc resistance material.

→ Since SF₆ gas is ~~at~~ re-conduction

Working

Under normal condⁿ the contacts remain surrounded by SF₆ gas at a pressure of about ~~2.5 x 10~~ 2.5 x 10 cm².

→ when fault occurs, the moving contact is ~~moved~~ arc is struck betⁿ the contacts.

→ The movement of the moving contact is synchronized with the opening of the valve with permit SF₆ gas at 14 x 10⁶ per cm² pressure from the reservoir to the arc interruption chamber.

→ Hence high pressure SF₆ gas absorb free electrons in the arc path, it builds up dielectric strength of the arc path & hence arc extinguishes.

→ After the pressure operation valve is closed by the action of a set of spring.

Advantages

- it has very short arcing time
- Dielectric strength of SF₆ gas two to three times that of air.
- it can interrupt large currents
- it gives noise less operation.
- it has no oil or atmosphere like air blast CB

- It keeps the arduous dry
- There is no risk of fire because SF₆ is non-inflammable
- There are no carbon deposits so insulation problems.
- It has low maintenance cost.
- It has minimum auxiliary equipment.
- Since this is a totally enclosed, there is no explosion hazards like coal mines etc.

Disadvantages

- SF₆ gas is very costly.
- Since SF₆ gas has to be re-condensed after every operation, additional equipment is required for this purpose.

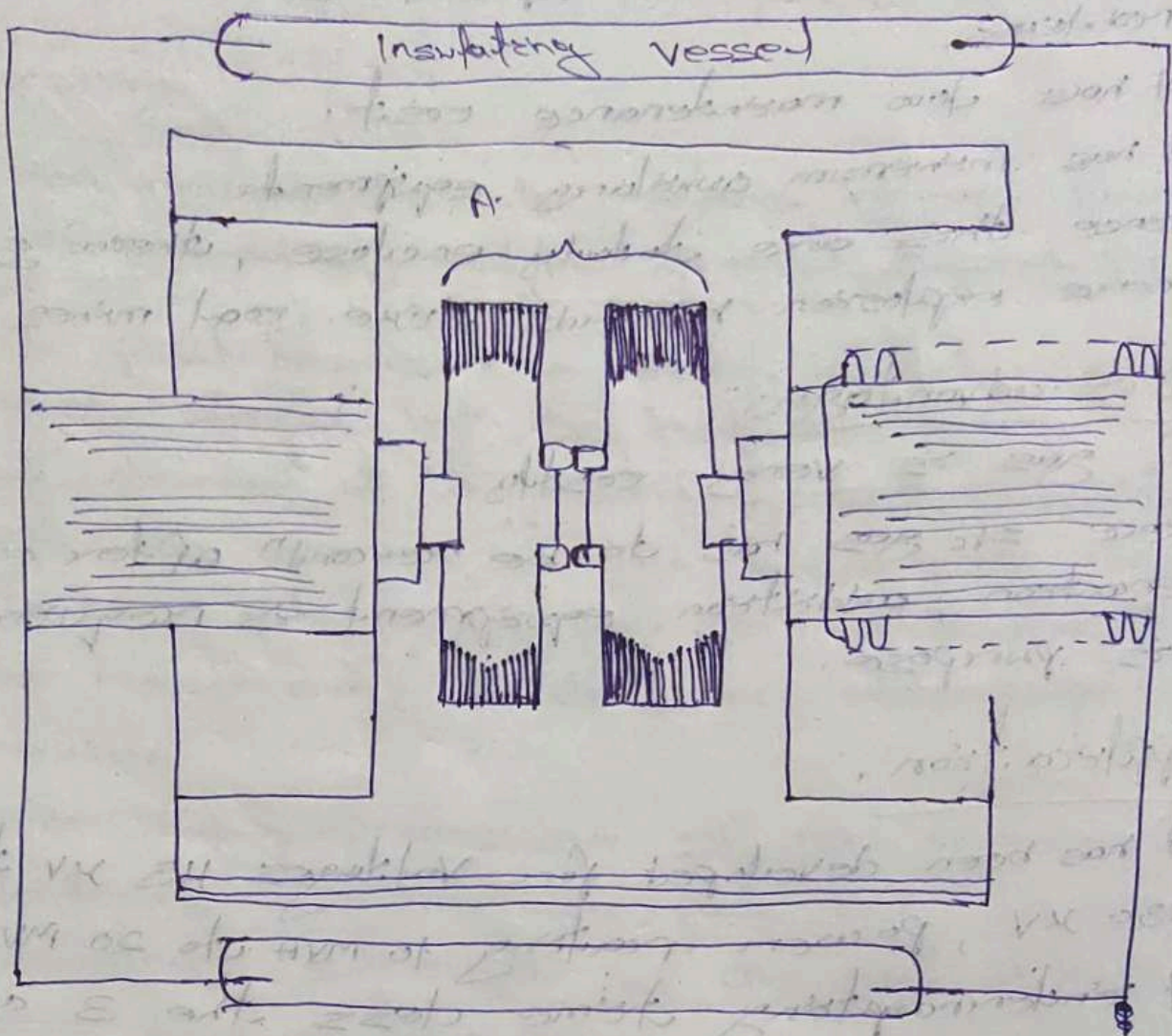
Application

- It has been developed for voltages 115 kV to 230 kV, power ranging 10 MVA to 20 MVA & interrupting time less than 3 cycles.

Vacuum CB

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Vacuum CB



- in these CB vacuum is used as the arc quenching medium.
- it occurs highest dielectric strength.

Working

When the contacts of the breaker are open in vacuum, an arc is produced betⁿ the contacts by the ionization of metal vapour of contacts.

- The main arc is quickly extinguished because the metal vapour, electrons, ions produce during arc rapidly condense on the surface of these CB contact.

Hence dielectric strength quick recovery

- It consists of fixed, moving contact.
- arc shield is placed in the vacuum chamber
- The movable member is connected to the contact mechanism by stainless bellows
- The function of bellows:
It enables the permanent sealing to eliminate the possibility of

worthing:

- When fault occurs moving contact separates from the fixed contact.
- Hence the arc is struck
- production of arc is due to the ionization of metal ions & depends upon the material of contacts.
- Hence the arc is extinguish quickly because the metal vapours, electrons, ions produce during arc are diffuse in a very short time.

Adv

- There are no fire hazards
- compact, reliable & have long life.
- There is no generation of sparks.
- They can interrupt any fault current.
- They require little maintenance.
- used in operation.
- They can successfully withstand lightning surges.

→ They have low arc energy.

Applications:

These are employed for the outdoor app.

for 20 to 66 kV

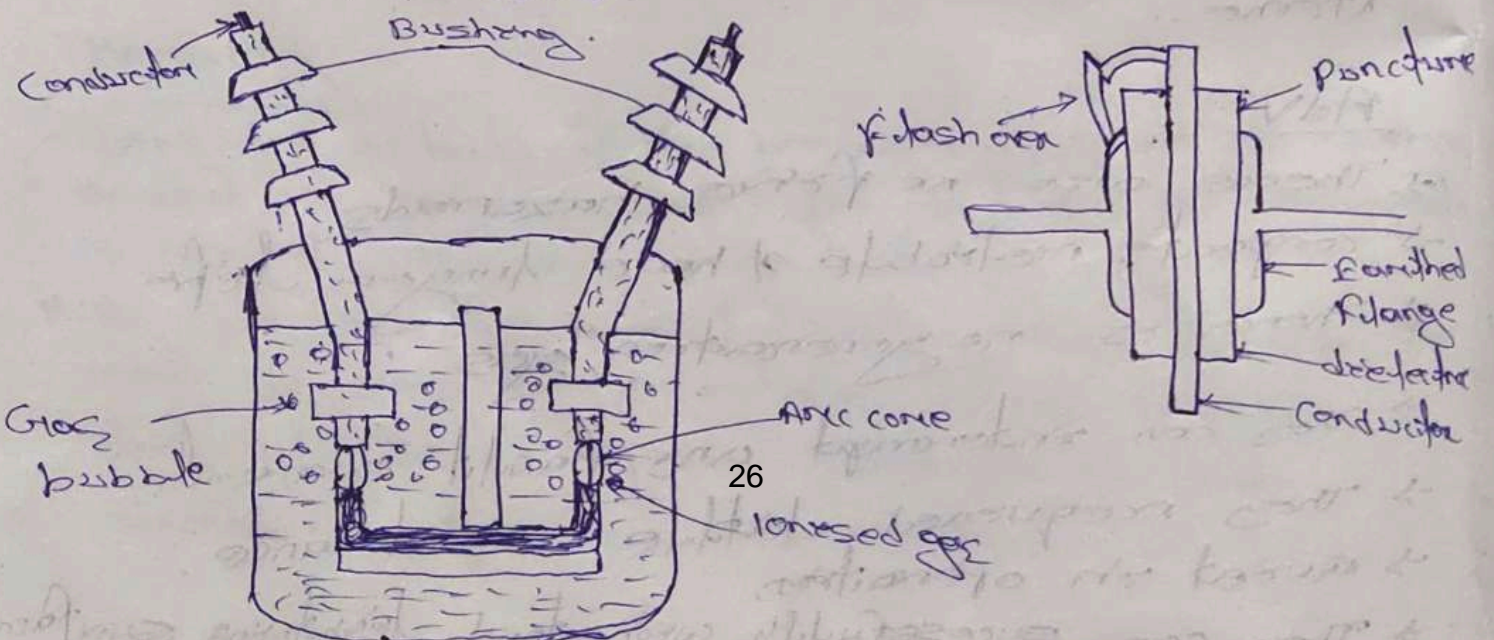
→ These are installed where distances are quite large & accessibility the remote area is difficult, like in India.

Switch gear Components

- 1) Bushing
- 2) CB Contact's
- 3) Insulation T/P
- 4) Busbar & Condensers

1) Bushing:

Its function is to prevent electrical breakdown both the enclosure conductors & the surrounding arc metal work.



Difference betⁿ puncture & flashover puncture:

Dielectric failure of the insulating material of the bushing.

Flashover:

Break down betⁿ the exposed conductors & earthed bushing & arc metal.

CB Contact's:

It is required to carry normal as well as short circuit current.

→ There are 3 types of CB contact

i) Trip type contact

ii) Finger & wedge contact.

iii) Butt contact's

Insulation T/P

It is 2 types

i) Current T/P

ii) Potential T/P

In CB we need measuring of protecting device which can work satisfactorily on rounded on the power line

Buss bar & conductors

The I carried members on CB are fixed & moving contact of the conductors connecting them to the point external to the breaker.

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→ In outdoor switch gear these connection are directly to the off line

In the above sketch gear the throwing condition in
the CB are connected to the bus bar.

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