

ECE 431

Second Exam - Spring 2006 - Closed book, closed notes (class sheet is attached), 55 min.

Problem points (out of 100) are indicated. Work all problems in exam booklets.

Problem #1 (25 points)

Given the following tests of a 3-phase, 60 Hz, 4-pole synchronous machine running at 1800 RPM (neglect armature resistance):

$$I_f = 2 \text{ A} \qquad V = 120 \text{ V (line to neutral)} \qquad I (\text{line}) = 0.$$

$$I_f = 1 \text{ A} \qquad V = 0 \text{ V} \qquad I (\text{line}) = 6 \text{ A}.$$

- (a) What field current is needed to make the power factor at the terminals be unity when it is running as a generator with $V = 120 \text{ V (line to neutral)}$ and $I (\text{line}) = 6 \text{ A}$.
 - (b) What is the minimum field current that can be used to provide a load of 2,100 Watts (3-phase) as a generator?
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Problem #2 (25 points)

A 3-phase, 4-pole, 60 Hz, synchronous motor draws zero line current when connected to a source voltage of 120 Volts (line-neutral) with 3.0 Amps of field current.

If the field current is reduced to 2 Amps, the line current is 5 Amps at no load ($P=0$). With this amount of field current, (2 Amp), what is the maximum possible load (3-phase Watts) that can suddenly be applied to the shaft without losing stability?

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Problem #3 (25 points)

Given: A self-excited shunt DC generator is being driven by a gasoline engine at 1100 RPM. At this speed, its internal voltage may be approximated by:

$$E_a = 14 + 180 I_{sh}$$

The armature resistance is 4 Ohms.

- Find:**
- (a) If the generator is unloaded and the terminal voltage is 240 V at this speed, what is the value of the total shunt field resistance?
 - (b) What should the total shunt field resistance be if you want to keep the terminal voltage at 240 V when it is loaded to 6,000 Watts and the speed drops to 1050 RPM?

Problem #4 (25 points)

For each of the following changes in operating condition for a dc shunt (might be self or separately excited) motor, describe how the armature current and speed will vary.

- (a) Doubling the field current while the armature terminal voltage and load torque remain constant.
- (b) Halving the armature terminal voltage while the field current and load torque remain constant.
- (c) Halving the armature terminal voltage while the field current remains constant and the load torque varies as the square of the speed.
- (d) Halving the armature terminal voltage while the field current and load power remain constant.
- (e) Halving both the field current and armature terminal voltage while the load power remains constant.