

IV B.Tech I Semester Regular/Supplementary Examinations, October/November - 2017
HVAC AND DC TRANSMISSION
(Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

Time: 3 hours**Max. Marks: 70**

Question paper consists of Part-A and Part-B

Answer ALL sub questions from Part-A

Answer any THREE questions from Part-B

PART-A (22 Marks)

1.
 - a) What are the properties of bundled conductors? [4]
 - b) What are the causes for RI and RIV generation in transmission lines? [4]
 - c) Give the comparison between HVAC and HVDC transmission. [4]
 - d) What the effect of source induction on the performance of HVDC transmission. [3]
 - e) What is the role of synchronous condenser in HVDC transmission? [3]
 - f) What are the adverse effects of harmonics? [4]

PART-B ($3 \times 16 = 48$ Marks)

2. a) Explain about the power handling capacity and power loss in EHV transmission line. [8]
b) A 735 kV line has $N = 4$, $r = 0.0176$ m, $B = 0.4572$ m for the bundled conductor of each phase. The line height and phase spacing in horizontal configuration are $H = 15$, $S = 15$ m. Calculate the maximum surface voltage gradients on the centre phase and outer phases. [8]
3. a) Using charge-voltage diagram, show that energy loss in EHV conductor in the presence of corona is $P_c = \frac{I}{2} KC(V_m^2 - V_0^2)$. [10]
b) Explain briefly about measurement of excitation function. [6]
4. a) Draw the schematic diagram of typical HVDC converter station and explain the functions of equipment in it. [8]
b) Briefly explain the different types of HVDC links and their relative merits. [8]
5. a) Draw the complete converter control characteristics and explain the process of power reversal. [8]
b) A Graetz bridge operates with a delay angle of 15° . The leakage reactance of the transformer is 10Ω . The line to line voltage is 90 kV. Compute the direct voltage and overlap angle if $I_d = 2500$ A. [8]
6. a) Why Reactive power sources need to be employed in a converter station? [8]
b) Discuss about the alternate control strategies which need to be adopted for reactive power control in HVDC links. [8]
7. a) Explain with a neat diagram about the functionalities of single tuned filter. [8]
b) How do you estimate the harmonic order based upon pulse number of HVDC converter station? Give a detailed harmonic analysis of a 12 pulse converter for characteristic harmonics. [8]



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PART-A (22 Marks)

1. a) What are the problems with EHV AC transmission? [4]
- b) Explain briefly about RI excitation function. [3]
- c) Draw the diagrams of various types of DC links [4]
- d) Explain briefly about starting and stopping of HVDC link. [4]
- e) What are the various sources of reactive power in HVDC converters? [3]
- f) Write the differences between characteristics harmonics and non-characteristics harmonics. [4]

PART-B (3x16 = 48 Marks)

2. a) Show that equivalent radius of a bundled conductor is $r_{eq} = R \left[\frac{N.r}{R} \right]^{\frac{1}{N}}$. [8]
- b) A power of 2000 MW is to be transmitted from a super thermal power station in central India over 800 km to Delhi. Use 400 kV and 750 kV alternatives. Suggest the number of circuits required with 50 % series capacitor compensation, and calculate the total power loss and loss per km. (Assume resistance of conductor for 400 kV and 750 kV as 0.031 and 0.0136 ohm/km & reactance of conductor for 400 kV and 750 kV as 0.327 and 0.272 ohm/km). [8]
3. a) Explain the generation, characteristics, limits and measurement of audio noise due to corona in EHV lines. [9]
- b) For $r = 1$ cm, $H = 5$ m, $f = 50$ Hz, calculate corona loss P_C according to Peek's formula when $E = 1.1 E_0$, and $\delta = 1$. Also calculate corona current. [7]
4. a) Explain planning and modern trends used in HVDC transmission system to improve its reliability and performance. [8]
- b) Compare HVDC and HVAC systems with respect to (i) Cost (ii) Voltage control (iii) stability limits (iv) reliability. [8]
5. a) Draw the configuration of 12-pulse converter and explain with the help of its characteristics. [8]
- b) Briefly explain the current and extinction angle control schemes in HVDC systems. [8]

6. a) Discuss how reactive power requirement is met using synchronous condensers and AC filters. [8]
b) Discuss about conventional control strategies for reactive power control in HVDC link. [8]
7. a) Discuss about various types of AC filters which will be employed for a HVDC link. [8]
b) A double tuned AC filter at certain HVDC converter station has the following parameters: $C_1=0.77 \mu\text{F}$, $C_2=31.69 \mu\text{F}$, $L_1=94.43 \text{ mH}$, $L_2=2.29 \text{ mH}$, $f=50\text{Hz}$, $V_1=400 \text{ kV}$. Compute ω_1 , ω_2 and Q_r . [8]



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1. a) What are the various types of conductor vibrations in a transmission line? [4]
- b) Derive the relation between single-phase and 3-phase audible noise levels. [4]
- c) Give the applications of HVDC transmission systems. [4]
- d) What is the principal of HVDC Link control? [3]
- e) What is the need of reactive power control in HVDC power stations? [3]
- f) Discuss the effect of pulse number on harmonics. [4]

PART-B (3x16 = 48 Marks)

2. a) Derive the Magnoldt formula for the calculation of maximum surface voltage gradient on the high voltage lines. [9]
- b) A Moose conductor has the following details—Outer dia = 31.8 mm. Area = 515.7 mm². Calculate the resistance of 1 km of a double-Moose bundled conductor at 50°C given that $\rho_a = 2.7 \times 10^{-8}$ ohm-m at 20°C and temperature resistance coefficient of $A1 = 4.46 \times 10^{-3}/^\circ\text{C}$. (Increase length by 5% for stranding.) [7]
3. a) List out different corona loss formulae available for calculation of corona loss and explain them briefly. [8]
- b) An overhead conductor of 1.6 cm radius is 10 m above ground. The normal voltage is 133 kV r.m.s. to ground (230 kV, line-to-line). The switching surge experienced is 3.5 p.u. Taking experimental factor, $K = 0.7$, calculate the energy loss per km of line. Assume smooth conductor. [8]
4. a) Discuss the economic and technical advantages of HVDC transmission over EHVAC for transmitting bulk power from point to point based on Insulation requirements and stability. [9]
- b) Discuss about back to back HVDC link. How does it compare with other types? [7]
5. a) Explain the following firing angle control schemes: (i) Individual Phase Control (IPC) (ii) Equidistant Pulse control (EPC). [8]
- b) Explain clearly the procedure for start up of a DC link with both long-pulse and short- pulse firing. [8]
6. a) What are the various types of AC filters employed in HVDC and discuss any two filters in detail? [8]
- b) Describe the method of Compensation of reactive power in HVDC substation. Draw simple single line schematics for each. [8]

7. a) What do you understand by characteristic and non characteristic harmonics in HVDC System? [8]
- b) Show that lowest current harmonic generated in a 6-pulse Graetz converter is of the order 5^{th} and its magnitude is $1/5^{\text{th}}$ of the fundamental. Mention the assumptions made. [8]



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PART-A (22 Marks)

1.
 - a) How to calculate the surface voltage gradient on bundled conductors. [4]
 - b) The audible noise level of one phase of a 3-phase transmission line at a point is 50 dB. Calculate (i) the Sound Pressure Level (SPL) in Pascals; (b) if a second source of noise contributes 48 dB at the same location, calculate the combined AN level due to the two sources. [4]
 - c) Write the demerits of monopolar, bipolar and homopolar DC links. [4]
 - d) Why reverse power flow is needed in HVDC system. [3]
 - e) What is the role of shunt capacitors in HVDC transmission? [3]
 - f) Explain the significance of AC filters in HVDC system. [4]

PART-B (3x16 = 48 Marks)

2. a) Discuss the charge-potential relations in multi-conductor lines. [8]
b) The configuration of some EHV lines for 400 kV to 1200 kV is given. Calculate r_{eq} of each.
(i) 400 kV: $N=2$, $d=2r=3.18$ cm, $B=45$ cm (ii) 750 kV: $N=4$, $d=3.46$ cm, $B=45$ cm
(iii) 1000 kV: $N=6$, $d=4.6$ cm, $B=12$ d (iv) 1200 kV: $N=8$, $d=4.6$ cm, $R=0.6$ m [8]
3. a) Discuss the frequency spectrum of the radio interference field produced in an EHV line. [8]
b) A single conductor 6.35 cm in diameter of a 525-kV line (line-to-line voltage) is strung 13 m above ground. Calculate (i) the corona-inception voltage and (ii) the effective radius of conductor at an overvoltage of 2.5 p.u. Consider a stranding factor $m = 1.25$ for roughness. (iii) Calculate the capacitance of conductor to ground with and without corona. Take $\delta=1$. [8]
4. a) Compare the power transfer capacities of HVAC and HVDC transmission systems when an existing HVAC line is converted into HVDC line, with following conditions: (i) Same current and insulating level (ii) Same percentage losses and insulation level. [10]
b) Explain about apparatus required for HVDC Systems. [6]
5. a) With block diagram, explain the hierarchical control structure for a DC link. [8]
b) Explain the working of a Graetz circuit with the help of neat schematic and relevant waveforms. Show that its aggregate valve rating is $2.094 P_d$, where P_d is dc power. [8]



6. a) Plot the characteristics which show the variation of reactive power as a function of active power and also develop the equations for them? [8]
- b) A back to back HVDC link with one bridge at each end is transmitting 100 MW with $V_d = 100$ kV. If $\alpha = 15^\circ$, $\gamma = 18^\circ$, find ideal no-load direct voltage of rectifier (V_{dor}), ideal no-load direct voltage of inverter (V_{doi}), reactive power Q_r and Q_i . Assume R_{cr} and $R_{ci} = 12\Omega$. Also if the DC link is controlled such that Q_i is kept at a value calculated earlier find V_d , I_d , Q_r , α and γ for $P_d = 50$ MW. [8]
7. Give a detailed account of design aspects of the following filters:
(a) Single tuned filter
(b) Double tuned filter. [16]

