

## The Three Pillars

Electrical engineers must have a good grasp of the three pillars of power system studies - the per unit system, Thevenin's theorem and symmetrical components.

## The $N^{2}$ Effect of Transformers

A transformer has the effect of changing the impedance of a component during the transformation of voltage and current, i.e. a 33 kV 9 -ohm cable and an 11 kV 1-ohm cable for a $33 / 11 \mathrm{kV}$ transformer will have the same effect in terms of losses and percentage or per unit voltage. It is then necessary to apply a $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ factor before any addition of such impedances, where N is the transformer ratio. In other words, the equivalent primary impedance, $\mathrm{Zp}=\mathrm{N}^{2} \mathrm{Zs}$, where Zs is the secondary impedance.

## The Per Unit System

The per unit system requires two sets of formulas. The first set will be used to calculate the per unit bases. The second set is to convert the rated data for the various components into per unit impedances. Because of its inherent $\mathrm{N}^{2}$ factor, the per unit system permits the addition of per unit impedances, i.e. it has effectively reduced all transformers, which complicates the various calculations, to $1 / 1$ per unit ratio.

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## Pre-Talk Exercise




