Relay protection impact return coefficient

Overview

(of a relay) The extent of the protection afforded by a relay in terms of the impedance or circuit length as measured from the relay location.

Key Takeaways

The return coefficient (dropout ratio) for protective relays is typically set around 80–90% of the pickup value, depending on relay type and system requirements.

Definition and Purpose

The return coefficient, also known as the dropout ratio, is the value of the input quantity (current or voltage) at which a relay resets or drops out after having operated. It is usually expressed as a percentage of the relay's pickup setting. This parameter ensures that the relay does not chatter or operate repeatedly during transient conditions, such as voltage sags or temporary current fluctuations, while still maintaining sensitivity to actual faults.

Typical Values

Electromechanical overcurrent or overvoltage relays: 80–90% of pickup. Instantaneous relays: Often closer to 90% to prevent nuisance tripping. Distance or impedance relays: The dropout ratio is coordinated with reach settings to avoid misoperation during load swings or fault clearance.

The exact value depends on the relay type, system voltage, fault current levels, and coordination requirements. For example, in radial distribution networks, a slightly lower return coefficient may improve sensitivity, while in meshed transmission systems, a higher coefficient enhances stability and prevents false trips.

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Practical Considerations

Coordination with upstream and downstream relays: The return coefficient must be set so that relays reset after the fault is cleared without interfering with backup protection. System stability: A properly chosen return coefficient prevents unnecessary tripping during transient disturbances, maintaining dynamic stability. Relay type and technology: Modern numerical relays allow precise adjustment of dropout ratios, often programmable in the relay settings menu, whereas electromechanical relays have fixed or adjustable mechanical settings.

Summary

The return coefficient is a critical parameter in relay protection, balancing sensitivity and stability. While 80–90% of pickup is a common guideline, the final setting should consider relay type, system configuration, fault levels, and coordination requirements to ensure reliable and selective protection.

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These relays operate without an intentional time delay, hence they are referred to as instantaneous units. The pickup current is adjustable, and the application engineer can choose

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The graph considers all protection relays in a single path, starting with the protection relay closest to the load and finishing with the protection relay closest the source of supply.

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