

**08-Transposition and Bundling**  
Text: 3.4 – 3.5

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**Overview**

- Transposition
- Bundled Conductors
- Stranded Conductors
- Use of Tables

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**Transposition**

- Symmetrical spacing is not always possible or ideal
- Equal section lengths
- Want the to find the average

$$\bar{\lambda}_a = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_a^1 + \lambda_a^2 + \lambda_a^3$$

section 1    section 2    section 3

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**Transposition**

$$\bar{\lambda}_a = \frac{1}{3} \lambda_a^1 + \lambda_a^2 + \lambda_a^3$$

1 — a    2 — b    3 — c  
section 1    section 2    section 3

using

$$\lambda_k = 2 \left\{ i_a \ln \frac{1}{d_{k1}} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{k2}} + \dots + i_k \ln \frac{1}{r'_k} + \dots + i_n \ln \frac{1}{d_{kn}} \right\} \times 10^{-7}$$

$$\bar{\lambda}_a = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \right) \underbrace{\left( i_1 \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_2 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_3 \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} \right)}_{\text{section 1}} + \underbrace{\left( i_2 \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_3 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_1 \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} \right)}_{\text{section 2}} + \underbrace{\left( i_3 \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_1 \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_2 \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_s \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} \right)}_{\text{section 3}}$$

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**Transposition**

$$\bar{\lambda}_a = \frac{1}{3} \left( \frac{\mu_0}{2\pi} \right) \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{23}} \right)$$

- Defining (Geometric Mean Distance)
- via substitution

$$D_m \triangleq d_{12}d_{23}d_{13}^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\lambda_a = 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D_m} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D_m} \right)$$

- for each phase

$$\bar{\lambda}_a = 2 \left\{ \ln \frac{D_m}{r'} \right\} \times 10^{-7}$$

$\bar{\lambda}_a = \bar{\lambda}_b = \bar{\lambda}_c$  balanced, consistent with use of per-phase analysis

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**Example**

Compute  $D_m$  for the shown transmission line configuration.

1m    2.5m

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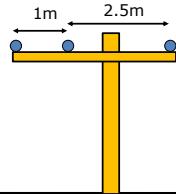
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### Example

Compute  $D_m$  for the shown transmission line configuration.

$$D_m = d_{12}d_{23}d_{13}^{-\frac{1}{3}} = (1 \times 2.5 \times 3.5)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2.06m$$



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### Bundled Lines

- Recall that increasing conductor radius decreases inductance
- Impractical to use very large conductors
  - cost
  - mechanical considerations
- Use bundling instead



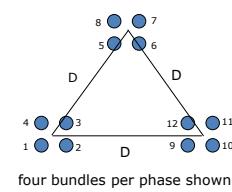
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### Bundled Lines

- Conductors in a bundle form parallel paths (equal current distribution)
- A-phase
  - conductors 1, 2, 3, 4
- B-phase
  - conductors 5, 6, 7, 8
- C-phase
  - conductors 9, 10, 11, 12
- First consider conductor 1



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### Bundled Lines

Recall: equilateral, unbundled case

$$\lambda_a = 2 \left\{ i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'_1} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D} \right\} \times 10^{-7}$$

For conductor 1

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_1 &= 2 \times 10^{-7} \left[ \frac{i_a}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{r'_1} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{12}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{13}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{14}} \right) \right. \\ &\quad + \frac{i_b}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{d_{15}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{16}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{17}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{18}} \right) \\ &\quad \left. + \frac{i_c}{4} \left( \ln \frac{1}{d_{19}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{1,10}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{1,11}} + \ln \frac{1}{d_{1,12}} \right) \right] \\ &= 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{r'_1 d_{12} d_{13} d_{14}} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{15} d_{16} d_{17} d_{18}}^{\frac{1}{4}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{19} d_{1,10} d_{1,11} d_{1,12}}^{\frac{1}{4}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

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### Bundled Conductors

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{r' d_{12} d_{13} d_{14}}^{\frac{1}{4}} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{d_{15} d_{16} d_{17} d_{18}}^{\frac{1}{4}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{d_{19} d_{1,10} d_{1,11} d_{1,12}}^{\frac{1}{4}} \right)$$

- Define
  - Geometric Mean Radius (GMR) of the bundle
- $R_b \triangleq r' d_{12} d_{13} d_{14}^{1/4}$
- Geometric Mean Distance (GMD) between bundles
- $D_{1b} \triangleq d_{15} d_{16} d_{17} d_{18}^{1/4}$
- $D_{1c} \triangleq d_{19} d_{1,10} d_{1,11} d_{1,12}^{1/4}$
- via substitution

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{R_b} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D_{1b}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D_{1c}} \right)$$

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### Bundled Conductors

Recap:

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{R_b} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D_{1b}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D_{1c}} \right)$$

$$R_b \triangleq r' d_{12} d_{13} d_{14}^{1/4}$$

$$D_{1b} \triangleq d_{15} d_{16} d_{17} d_{18}^{1/4}$$

$$D_{1c} \triangleq d_{19} d_{1,10} d_{1,11} d_{1,12}^{1/4}$$

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## Bundled Conductors

- From previous slide

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( i_a \ln \frac{1}{R_b} + i_b \ln \frac{1}{D_{1b}} + i_c \ln \frac{1}{D_{1c}} \right)$$

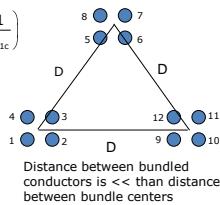
- Assume:

$$D_{1b} \approx D_{1c} \approx D$$

$$i_a + i_b + i_c = 0$$

then

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \times 10^{-7} i_a \ln \frac{D}{R_b} \text{ symmetric}$$



Distance between bundled conductors is << than distance between bundle centers

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## Bundled Conductors

$$\lambda_1 = 2 \left\{ i_a \ln \frac{D}{R_b} \right\} \times 10^{-7}$$

$$L_1 = \frac{\lambda_1}{i_a} = 8 \left\{ \ln \frac{D}{R_b} \right\} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

equal current division

noting

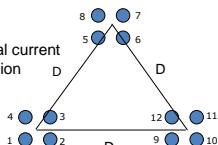
$$L_1 \approx L_2 \approx L_3 \approx L_4$$

then

$$L_a \approx 2 \left\{ \ln \frac{D}{R_b} \right\} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$$

it follows that

$$L_a \approx L_b \approx L_c \text{ balanced, consistent with use of per-phase analysis}$$



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## Notes About Bundling

- General GMR for b conductors

$$R_b \triangleq r' d_{12}, \dots, d_{1b} \%$$

If  $b = 1$ , then  $R_b \triangleq r'$  and the method is generalized

- Bundling increases the effective radius, resulting in

- lower inductance
- greater surface area than a single conductor with equal cross section
- reduced corona

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## Solid Vs. Stranded Conductors

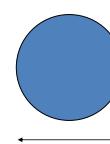
- Derivations assumed solid conductor

- In practice, most conductors are stranded

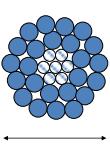
- Solid conductors: use  $r'$  in the calculations

$$r' = r e^{\left(-\frac{\mu}{4}\right)}$$

- Stranded: look up GMR in the book (A8.1)



2r



2r

alternate representation

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## Table Use

- Inductive reactance

$$X_L = 2\pi f \cdot 2 \times 10^{-7} \left( \ln \frac{D_m}{\text{GMR}} \right) \Omega/\text{m}$$

- Split into 2 parts

$$X_L = 2.022 \times 10^{-3} f \left( \ln \frac{1}{\text{GMR}} \right) + 2.022 \times 10^{-3} f \ln D_m \frac{\Omega}{\text{mi}}$$

- $X_a$ : 1 ft spacing inductive reactance, independent of distance
- $X_d$ : inductive reactance spacing factor

Note units of  $\Omega/\text{mi}$ , not  $\Omega/\text{m}$

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## Table Use

- Good news, we can use tables to find  $X_a$  and  $X_d$

- GMR has been found for most conductors (note the difference between GMR for a conductor, and GMR for a bundle)

- can use provided GMR instead of  $r'$  in the formulas

- Resistance, reactance have been calculated
- Shunts too (more on this later)

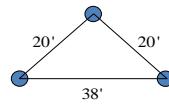
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## Table Use

- Single circuit, three-phase line at 60 Hz
- Conductors are ACSR *Drake*
- Find inductive reactance per mile per phase



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## Table Use

### First, the hard way

1) find GMR  $GMR = 0.0375 \text{ ft}$  (from Table A8.1)

2) find GMD  $D_m = 20 \times 20 \times 38^{\frac{1}{3}} = 24.8 \text{ ft}$

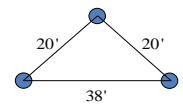
3) calculate inductance

4) calculate reactance

$$L_s = 2 \left\{ \ln \frac{D_m}{r'} \right\} \times 10^{-7}$$

$$X_L = 2\pi f \cdot 2 \times 10^{-7} \cdot 1609 \left( \ln \frac{24.8}{0.0375} \right) = 0.788 \Omega/\text{mi per phase}$$

meters to miles



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## Table Use Steps

- Look up  $X_a$  in Table A8.1
- Compute GMD
- Look up  $X_d$  in Table A8.2
- Compute  $X_a + X_d$

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## 1. Look up $X_a$ in Table A8.1

APPENDIX TABLE A8.1 GMR FOR ALUMINUM CONDUCTORS, STEEL REINFORCED (ACSR)									
Conductor Size (inches) A	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) B	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) C	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) D	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) E	Conductor Material Type
Conductor Size (inches) A	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) B	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) C	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) D	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) E	Conductor Material Type
0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum
0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum
0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum
0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum
0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum
0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum
0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum
0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum
0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum
0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum

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## 2. Compute GMD

$$D_m = 20 \times 20 \times 38^{\frac{1}{3}} = 24.8 \text{ ft}$$

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## 3. Look up $X_d$ in Table A8.2

APPENDIX TABLE A8.2 POLYETHYLENE INSULATED CONDUCTOR, 0.875 DRAKE									
Conductor Size (inches) A	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) B	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) C	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) D	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) E	Conductor Material Type
Conductor Size (inches) A	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) B	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) C	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) D	Conductor Material Type	Conductor Size (inches) E	Conductor Material Type
0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum	0.0000	Aluminum
0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum	0.0005	Aluminum
0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum	0.0010	Aluminum
0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum	0.0015	Aluminum
0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum	0.0020	Aluminum
0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum	0.0025	Aluminum
0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum	0.0030	Aluminum
0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum	0.0035	Aluminum
0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum	0.0040	Aluminum
0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum	0.0045	Aluminum

$X_d$  at 24 ft     $X_d$  at 25 ft

$$X_d = 0.3856 + 0.8(0.3906 - 0.3856) = 0.3896$$

interpolation

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#### 4. Compute $X_a + X_d$

- $X_L = 0.399 + 0.3896 = 0.788 \Omega/\text{mi}$  per phase
- How does this compare to  $X_L$  computed without using the table?

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#### Line Inductance Summary

- for transposed lines  
 $L_a = 2 \left\{ \ln \frac{D_m}{r_i} \right\} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$
- for bundled conductors  
 $L_a = 2 \left\{ \ln \frac{D}{R_b} \right\} \times 10^{-7} \text{ H/m}$
- GMR,  $X_a$ ,  $X_d$  values are found in tables and are helpful in quickly solving problems

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