

Rectifier-type relay protection technology



Article Overview

Rectifier-type relays are protective relays powered by a DC rectifier, commonly used in high-impedance differential protection schemes for transformers, generators, and busbars.

Overview

A rectifier-type relay is an electromechanical protective relay that uses a bridge rectifier to convert AC currents from current transformers (CTs) into a DC signal, which then energizes the relay's operating coil or attracted armature unit. This type of relay is robust, simple, and provides reliable operation under fault conditions, particularly in high-impedance differential protection schemes.

Operating Principle

- The relay receives currents from CTs connected to the protected element.
- A bridge rectifier converts these AC currents into a DC voltage proportional to the difference between the currents entering and leaving the protected zone.
- The DC voltage energizes the relay coil, causing the armature to move and close the relay contacts if the differential current exceeds the set threshold.
- High-impedance relays are designed to remain stable during through faults or CT saturation by setting the operating voltage slightly above the maximum voltage expected under such conditions. This ensures that the relay only operates for internal faults within the protected zone, avoiding maloperation during external faults....

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