What is the protection polarity of relay protection

Article Overview

Protection polarity ensures that relays correctly interpret current and voltage directions, which is critical for accurate operation of differential and directional protection schemes.

What is Protection Polarity?

Protection polarity refers to the orientation of current and voltage inputs to a protective relay so that the relay can correctly detect faults and operate only under intended conditions. In current transformers (CTs), polarity is indicated by marks such as P1/P2 on the primary and S1/S2 on the secondary. Correct polarity ensures that the current entering P1 exits S1, maintaining proper phase relationships for relay operation . Incorrect polarity can cause relays to misinterpret normal current as a fault, leading to false tripping.

Importance in Differential Protection

Differential relays compare currents entering and leaving a protected zone, such as a transformer winding. If CTs are connected with the wrong polarity, the relay may see a difference in currents even under normal conditions, causing unnecessary trips . Correct polarity ensures that the relay only operates when there is a genuine internal fault, maintaining system reliability.

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