

Relay protection overcurrent acceleration



Article Overview

The overcurrent acceleration stage is designed to speed up relay operation under high fault currents, ensuring rapid clearance of severe faults while maintaining coordination with downstream protection.

Purpose of the Acceleration Stage

The overcurrent acceleration stage, often implemented as high-set ($3I_{>>}$) or instantaneous ($3I_{>>>}$) stages, is used to accelerate the tripping of relays when fault currents are significantly higher than normal operating currents. Its main goal is to quickly clear severe faults, such as busbar or near-relay faults, minimizing equipment damage and improving system stability. This stage operates with a definite time characteristic, meaning its operating time is nearly independent of the fault current magnitude, unlike inverse-time stages.

Operation and Characteristics

- High-Set Stage ($3I_{>>}$): Activates when the current exceeds a multiple of the relay's pickup setting, typically 1.3–1.5 times the set current, depending on the relay type.
- Instantaneous Stage ($3I_{>>>}$): Trips almost immediately for very high fault currents, often within milliseconds, providing near-zero delay for critical faults.
- Definite-Time Behavior: Both high-set and instantaneous stages have fixed operating times, ensuring rapid response without waiting for the inverse-time delay.

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