

2. Application 1: A 12-pole, three-phase slip-ring induction motor absorbs 250 kW from a 50 Hz supply and runs at 490 r/min. The total stator absorbs 12 kW and the efficiency is 92%.

Application 2: The speed is to be reduced to 350 r/min by adding resistances to the rotor circuit.

Determine:

the mechanical loss for application 1. (7)

The overall efficiency and the power available at the shaft for application 2 neglecting the changes in power factor and mechanical losses. (6)

The difference in torque between the two applications. (2)

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2.1 Mechanical loss

Mechanical loss = mechanical power developed - rated power output

Mechanical power developed = power input to the rotor - rotor copper losses

Power input to the rotor = power input - stator losses

Rotor copper losses = slip x power input to the rotor

Rated power output = η x power input

$$\text{Synchronous speed} = \frac{f}{p} = \frac{50 \times 60}{6} = 500 \text{ r/min}$$

$$\text{Slip at speed of 490 r/min} = \frac{500 - 490}{500} = 0,02$$

$$\text{Total power output} = 0,92 \times 250 = 230 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Total losses} = 250 - 230 = 20 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Power input to the rotor} = 250 - 12 = 238 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Rotor copper loss} = \text{slip} \times \text{rotor input} = 0,02 \times 238 = 4,76 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Power output (including mechanical loss)} = 238 - 4,76 = 233,24 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Mechanical loss} = 233,24 - 230 = 3,24 \text{ kW}$$

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2.2 Shaft power and overall efficiency

Power available at the shaft = mechanical power developed - mechanical losses

Mechanical power developed = power input to the rotor - rotor copper losses

Rotor copper losses = slip x power input to the rotor

Efficiency = power available at shaft / power input

$$\text{At 350 r/min slip} = \frac{500 - 350}{500} = 0,3$$

$$\text{As before power input to rotor} = 238 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Rotor copper loss} = 0,3 \times 238 = 71,4 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Total mechanical power developed} = 238 - 71,4 = 166,6 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Output power} = \text{total mechanical power} - \text{mechanical losses} = 166,6 - 3,24 = 163,36 \text{ kW}$$

$$\text{Overall efficiency} = \frac{163,36}{250} \times 100 = 65,3\%$$

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2.3 Torque = output power / rotational speed N-m [kW / rpm]

Difference in torque = T_2 / T_1 [(kW / rpm) / (kW / rpm)]

$$\text{The change in torque between the applications} = \frac{T_2}{T_1} = \frac{163,36 \times 490}{230 \times 350} = 0,994$$

The torque has not changed between applications 1 and 2.

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