Module 2: Planning and operation of distribution network

Lecture 1: Introduction to distribution networks Modelling and tools for the planning and operation of distribution network



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Distribution network analysis

Distribution network structure

A general view of substations, networks and components



Fig.1. Electricity supply system [1]



Equipment









20 kV overhead line with ACSR conductors

LV aerial bunched and cable [2] ^a self-supporting overhead cable ^b Cable suspended from a pole

MV underground cable [2]

Fig.3. Distribution network typical equipment

Distribution network structure

Equipment





Fuse cutout in pole-top style



EHV disconnector From Siemence.com



Pole-mounted loadbreaking disconnector [2]

Three phase 15 KV outdoor ircuit breaker From ABB.com

Fig.3. Distribution network typical equipment (continued)



Equipment



Three-phase automatic circuit recloser From ABB.com





Three-phase sectionalizer From ABB.com 与 Distribution network structure

General layout

- There is no international standard for the realization and the modes of customer connection
- Each distributor has its own methods and its own experiences
- Despite the differences, there is a convergence around some basic rules

Table 1. Comparison of overhead and undeground networks in Finland and England [2]

(a) England					
	EHV	HV	MV	LV	Totai
Overhead lines, %	1.2	3.4	27.5	9.8	41.9
Underground cables, %	0.1	0.5	20-0	37.5	58-1
Ratio overhead/underground	16	7	1-4	0.3	0.7
(b) Finland					
	EHV > 300 kV	HV 36–300 kV	MV 1~36 kV	LV <1 kV	Total
Overhead lines, %	1-0	5.2	33-1	43.4	82.7
Underground cables, %	0.0	0.1	2.8	14.4	17-3
Ratio overhead/underground	> 100	> 50	11-7	3.0	4-8





Fig.5. North American vs European distribution systems [1]



HV/MV substations



Fig.6. Different arrangements of HV/MV substations [2]

Fig.7. Layout of simple one transformer substation [2]



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MV network



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Fig.11. MV underground loop arrangements [2]

Fig.10. Schematic of typical MV overhead

radial feeder [2]



MV/LV substations



Fig.12. Schematic of an urban singletransformer MV/LV substation [2]





Fig.13. Urban MV/LV substation arrangements [2]



Fig.14. Various methods of supporting transformers on poles [2]

Distribution network structure

LV network



Service connection



cable disconnection boxes or cabinets fixed underground joints

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Distribution network loads

Load profiles, descriptive factors, and special loads



The present and estimated future demand levels influence the sizes of individual lines and cables and other equipment, and also the optimum system configuration as a whole, e.g. substation density.

It determines among several other factors the network design and timing of major reinforcements.

Undervoltages and losess at peak demands and undervoltages

Load profile



Fig 17. Development of aggregate load curves for winter peak period. Miscellaneous load includes street lighting and sales to other agencies [3]

Load profile

Table 2. Daily load data of a primary feeder for a typical winter day [3]

	Load, kW						
Time	Street Lighting	Residential	Commercial 200 200				
12 AM	100	200 200 200 200 200 200 300 400 500 500 500 500 500 500 500					
1	100 100 100 100 100 100						
2			200 200 200				
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5			200 200 200 300				
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						1000	
			1000 1000 1200 1200				
				4		500	1200
				5		600	1200
				6	100	700	800
			7	100	800	400	
			8	100	1000	400	
			9	100	1000	400	
10	100	800	200				
11	100	600	200				
12 PM	100	300	200				



Fig.18. Daily load curve of a primary feeder for a typical winter day [3]

Load factors

 $DF = \frac{Maximum demand}{Total connected demand}$

 $F_u \triangleq \frac{\text{Maximum demand}}{\text{Rated system capacity}}$

 $F_{\text{LD}} \triangleq \frac{\text{Average load}}{\text{Peak load}}$

Annual load factor = $\frac{\text{Total annual energy}}{\text{Annual peak load} \times 8760}$

$$F_D \triangleq \frac{\text{Sum of individual maximum demands}}{\text{Coincident maximum demand}} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} D_i}{D_g}$$

 $c_i \cong \frac{\text{Class demand at time of system (i.e., group) peak}}{\text{Class noncoincident maximum demand}}$

$$D_g \triangleq c_1 \times D_1 + c_2 \times D_2 + c_3 \times D_3 + \dots + c_n \times D_n$$

 $F_c = \frac{\text{Coincident maximum demand}}{\text{Sum of individual maximum demands}} = \frac{1}{F_D}$

Distribution network loads

Load factors



$$c_{\text{street}} = \frac{0 \text{ kW}}{100 \text{ kW}} = 0$$

$$c_{\text{residential}} = \frac{600 \text{ kW}}{1000 \text{ kW}} = 0.6$$

$$c_{\text{commercial}} = \frac{1200 \text{ kW}}{1200 \text{ kW}} = 1.0$$

$$F_D = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{3} D_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{3} c_i \times D_i} \qquad F_c = \frac{1}{F_D}$$

$$= \frac{100 + 1000 + 1200}{0 \times 100 + 0.6 \times 1000 + 1.0 \times 1200} \qquad = \frac{1}{1.278}$$

$$= 0.7825$$

=1.278

Calculate the load factor.

Special loads

Customers expect an electricity supply of good quality. Consequently it is necessary to give special consideration to loads which may produce various irregularities on the supply voltage, resulting in interference with the correct operation of customer appliances or utility equipment.



- ✓ Electric power quality is the degree to which the voltage, frequency, and waveform of a power supply system conform to established specifications.
- ✓ An electric arc furnace (EAF) is a furnace that heats charged material by means of an electric arc.
- ✓ An induction furnace is an electrical furnace in which the heat is applied by induction heating of metal.
- ✓ Welding joins materials by using high heat to melt the parts together and allowing them to cool, causing fusion.



Fig. 19. Voltage fluctuation impressed on fundamental voltage waveform on point of common coupling with electric arc-furnaces [2]



Special loads

The use of heavy-current rectifiers and inverters has contributed significantly to the development of variablespeed DC and AC motor drives, which have many applications in industry and rail traction. However, these installations can be sources of harmonic distortion affecting other customers.

The harmonic currents cause:

- increased losses, thus decreasing the capacity of a network.
- cause errors in energy meters and system protection
- serious problems can occur if the frequency of one harmonic coincides with the resonant frequency of the network, resulting in overvoltages
- increased vibration in transformers and motors.



c Ideal input-current waveforms

d Ideal output-current waveforms



Fig. 22.Speed control of motors [2]

- $\mathcal{N} = kp \pm 1$
- p = pulse number
- k = any integer from 1 to infinity
- $\mathcal{N} =$ harmonic number



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Components modelling

Models for most common network elements suitable for power flow analysis

A model, in power system analysis is a mathematical model as a set of equations or relations, which appropriately describes the interactions between different variables in the time frame studied and with the desired accuracy of a component or system.



Lines & cables



Fig. 24. Lumped-circuit model (-model) of a transmission line between nodes k and m [5]

$$\begin{split} &Z_{km} = R_{km} + j X_{km} = \text{series impedance } (\Omega) \\ &Y_{km}^{sh} = G_{km}^{sh} + j B_{km}^{sh} = \text{shunt admittance (siemens)} \end{split}$$

$$y_{km} = z_{km}^{-1} = g_{km} + jb_{km}$$

$$g_{km} = \frac{r_{km}}{r_{km}^2 + x_{km}^2}$$
$$b_{km} = -\frac{x_{km}}{r_{km}^2 + x_{km}^2}$$
$$I_{km} = \left(\begin{array}{c} y_{km} + y_{km}^{sh} & -y_{km} \\ -y_{km} & y_{km} + y_{km}^{sh} \end{array}\right) \left(\begin{array}{c} E_k \\ E_m \end{array}\right)$$

Example

For a 138 kV transmission line section

z = r + jx = 0.0062 + j0.0360 p.u. $b^{sh} = 0.0105$ p.u.

$$b = -\frac{x}{r^2 + x^2} = -\frac{0.0360}{0.0062^2 + 0.0360^2} = -27.0 \text{ p.u.}$$
$$g = \frac{r}{r^2 + x^2} = \frac{0.0062}{0.0062^2 + 0.0360^2} = 4.64 \text{ p.u.}$$
$$b/b^{sh} = \frac{-27.0}{0.0105} = -2596 \qquad x/r = \frac{0.036}{0.0062} = 5.8$$

Lines & cables

Carson's Equations

$$\begin{split} \overline{Z}_{ii} &= r_i + 9.8696 \times 10^{-4} \cdot f + j 1.2566 \times 10^{-3} \cdot f \cdot (\ln \frac{1}{GMR_i} + 6.4905 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\rho}{f}) , (\Omega / km) \\ \overline{Z}_{ij} &= 9.8696 \times 10^{-4} \cdot f + j 1.2566 \times 10^{-3} \cdot f \cdot (\ln \frac{1}{D_{ij}} + 6.4905 + \frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{\rho}{f}) , (\Omega / km) \end{split}$$

Example

An overhead three-phase distribution line is constructed as shown. Determine the phase impedance and admittance matrices of the line. The phase conductors are 336,400 26/7 ACSR (Linnet), and the neutral conductor is 4/0 6/1 ACSR.



Primitive potential coefficients

$$\hat{P}_{ii} = 11.17689 \cdot \ln \frac{S_{ii}}{RD_i} \text{ mile/}\mu\text{F}$$

$$\hat{P}_{ij} = 11.17689 \cdot \ln \frac{S_{ij}}{D_{ij}} \text{ mile/}\mu\text{F}$$

$$[C_{abc}] = [P_{abc}]^{-1}\mu\text{F}$$

$$q'_{i} \downarrow^{+}$$

Lines & cables

Table. 3. Typical ACSR conductor data

name	Cross section	GMR (cm)	AC resistance
	(11112)		((((()))))
Fox	42.77	0.323	0.799
Mink	73.65	0.424	0.463
Dog	118.5	0.495	0.279
Hyena	126.43	0.563	0.277





	0.83235 + 0.78992 <i>i</i>	0.049348 + 0.45107 <i>i</i>	0.049348 + 0.40843 <i>i</i>
$Z_{Fox} =$	0.049348 + 0.45107 <i>i</i>	0.83235 + 0.78992 <i>i</i>	0.049348 + 0.45107 <i>i</i>
	0.049348 + 0.40843i	0.049348 + 0.45107 <i>i</i>	0.83235 + 0.78992 <i>i</i>]

Transformers





Fig. 25. In-phase transformer model



Fig. 26. In-phase transformer approximate model [5]

$$\frac{U_p}{U_k} = a_{km}$$

$$\frac{I_{km}}{I_{mk}} = -\frac{|I_{km}|}{|I_{mk}|} = -a_{km}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{km} \\ I_{mk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{km}^2 y_{km} & -a_{km} y_{km} \\ -a_{km} y_{km} & y_{km} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ E_m \end{pmatrix}$$



Fig. 27. Equivalent model for in-phase transformer [5]

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{km} \\ I_{mk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A+B & -A \\ -A & A+C \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ E_m \end{pmatrix}$$

 $A = a_{km}y_{km}$ $B = a_{km}(a_{km} - 1)y_{km}$ $C = (1 - a_{km})y_{km}$

Transformers



Fig. 28. Phase shifting transformer approximate model [5]

$$\frac{E_p}{E_k} = t_{km} = a_{km} e^{j\varphi_{km}}$$

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$$\frac{I_{km}}{I_{mk}} = -t_{km}^* = -a_{km}e^{-j\varphi_{km}}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{km} \\ I_{mk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{km}^2 y_{km} & -t_{km}^* y_{km} \\ -t_{km} y_{km} & y_{km} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ E_m \end{pmatrix}$$

Universal branch

Unified Branch Model



Fig. 29. Unified branch model [5]

□ if t_{km} = t_{mk} = 1 is assumed, the result is an equivalent -model of a transmission line
 □ if the shunt elements are ignored, and t_{km} = 1 and t_{mk} = a_{mk}e^{-jφ_{mk}} is assumed, then the result is a phase shifting transformer with the tap located on the bus *m* side
 □ if the shunt elements are ignored, and t_{mk} = 1 and t_{km} = a_{km} is assumed, then the result is an in-phase transformer with the tap located on the bus *k* side

$$\begin{pmatrix} I_{km} \\ I_{mk} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{km}^2(y_{km} + y_{km}^{sh}) & -t_{km}^* t_{mk} y_{km} \\ -t_{mk}^* t_{km} y_{km} & a_{mk}^2(y_{km} + y_{km}^{sh}) \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} E_k \\ E_m \end{pmatrix}$$

There are other types such as as three winding transformer, and etc.



Due to negligible variations in the frequency, loads are traditionally modelled by the following model:

$$P = P_n \left(\frac{U}{U_n}\right)^{k_{pu}}$$
$$Q = Q_n \left(\frac{U}{U_n}\right)^{k_{qu}}$$

Constant power model: When both exponents are equal to 0
 Constant current model: When both exponents are equal to 1
 Constant impedance model: When both exponents are equal to 2



The ZIP model:

$$P = P_n \left[p_1 \left(\frac{U}{U_n} \right)^2 + p_2 \left(\frac{U}{U_n} \right) + p_3 \right]$$
$$Q = Q_n \left[q_1 \left(\frac{U}{U_n} \right)^2 + q_2 \left(\frac{U}{U_n} \right) + q_3 \right]$$

Example

For a real-world 10kV substation

 $P = 1.12 - 2.032U + 1.912U^2,$

 $Q = 7.486 - 16.27U + 9.784U^2$

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Distribution network analysis

Load flow and state estimation formulation



Distribution network analysis

Distribution load flow

The inputs

- Main substation voltage
- Load data and their models
- Network data including the topology, lines impedance, etc.

The outputs

- Voltage magnitudes and angles at all nodes of the feeder
- Line flow in each line section specified in kW and kvar, or amps and degrees
- Power loss in each line section and total feeder power losses
- Total feeder input kW and kvar
- Load kW and kvar based upon the specified model for the load

Distribution systems are radial or weakly meshed network structures They have high X/R ratios in the line impedances They may have of many single-phase or two-phase loads and laterals Distribution network analysis

Load Flow

Bkward-forward load flow (ladder method)





Fig. 30.backward-forward load flow flowchart

Load Flow

- ✓ Distribution networks are unbalanced and asymmetrical
- ✓ In underground networks shunt susceptance may not be negligible
 - 1. Make an initial guess for nodal voltages
 - 2. Calculate the currents of shunt elements (loads, line shunt susceptance, capacitor banks, and etc.)

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_{ia} \\ I_{ib} \\ I_{ic} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{L_{aa}} & Y_{L_{ab}} & Y_{L_{ac}} \\ Y_{L_{ba}} & Y_{L_{bb}} & Y_{L_{bc}} \\ Y_{L_{ca}} & Y_{L_{bc}} & Y_{L_{cc}} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_{ia} \\ V_{ib} \\ V_{ic} \end{bmatrix}$$

- 3. Perform a backward sweep and find the branch currents
- 4. Update the nodal voltages using the three-phase branch admittance matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{ja} \\ V_{jb} \\ V_{jc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_{ia} \\ V_{ib} \\ V_{ic} \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} Z_{aa} & Z_{ab} & Z_{ac} \\ Z_{ba} & Z_{bb} & Z_{bc} \\ Z_{ca} & Z_{cb} & Z_{cc} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} I_a \\ I_b \\ I_c \end{bmatrix}$$

5. Repaeat until convergence in nodal voltages is achieved

Distribution state estimation

In any distribution network with a set of measurements (*Z*), the relation between network state variables (*x*) and the measurements can be described as follows:

$$z = h(x) + e$$

where *h* represents the relation between the measurements and the state variables and *e* is the measurement error.

For example in the following figure which presents a portion of a distribution network, assume that the line suceptance is negligible, the line impedances are known, and the lines currents and the voltages of nodes 1 and 3 are measured. To obtan the voltage of node 2 we have:

$$3$$
 Z_2 2 Z_1

$$V_2 = V_1 - Z_1 I_1 V_2 = V_3 + Z_2 I_2$$

Considering the errors in measurements, the obtained values will not be equal



State estimators (SE) determine the most likely state of a power system from sets of measurements



→ Most likely values of states (even better than measurement) \checkmark Bad data detection r∕⊋ Remote measurement inspection ightarrow
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The WLS technique:

The estimate of the unknown state vector X can be obtained by minimizing the least-squares function below: $W = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \cdots \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots \end{bmatrix}^{-1}$

$$j(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{m} w_i (z_i - h_i(x))^2 = [z - h(x)]^T W[z - h(x)]$$

The diagonal elements of W determine the influence of measurements based on their variances σ_j^2

In order to minimise j(x) with respect to the state vector, the first-order optimality conditions need to be satisfied:

$$g(x) = \frac{\partial j(x)}{\partial x} = -H^{T}(x)W[z - h(x)] = 0$$

H(x) = $\partial h(x)/\partial x$

The estimate is obtained by solving the non-linear optimality conditions through an iterative process:

$$x^{k+1} = x^k - [G(x^k)]^{-1}g(x^k)$$

where G(x) is the gain matrix:

$$G(x) = \frac{\partial g(x)}{\partial x} = H^{T}(x)WH(x)$$

Starting from an initial guess, the state estimation algorithm iteratively updates the state variables for k = 1,2,3... until appropriate convergence is attained

Distribution network analysis

State estimation

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State estimation has been exploited for many years for transmission systems. The same framework could, in principle, be also used for SE in distribution systems. However, the problem of SE in distribution networks has to be approached in a different way, due to the inherent differences between the two types of networks:

Imbalance. This is due to the presence of widespread nonsymmetrical loads and consequently, of nonsymmetrical three-phase electrical quantities.

Radial or weakly meshed topology. These topologies allow the use of the branch currents as possible primary state variables.

Low number of measurement devices. The observability of the network can only be obtained by exploiting the so-called pseudo-measurements. Besides, because of the lack of redundancy, the available measurements are critical

Low X/R ratio. This leads to the impossibility of adopting simplifications commonly used in the estimators developed for transmission systems, as for example, neglecting resistances because of dominant inductive terms. As a further consequence, decoupled versions of the estimators are not so easily obtained.

High number of nodes. This (along with the need of developing three-phase estimators) leads to very large systems, resulting in the explosion of execution times of the algorithms.

Network model uncertainty. In the SE framework, line impedances of the network are generally assumed to be known. Actually, the knowledge of network model parameters has large uncertainty due to network aging and lack of accurate measurement campaigns. This can lead to a degradation of SE performance.

Observability and measurements

If the set of measurements is sufficient to make state estimation possible, we say the network is observable (an estimation of internal states of a system can be inferred from the knowledge of its external outputs). Observability depends on the number of measurements available and their geographic distribution.

Real measurements vs pseudo measurements

MV level measurements

LV Level measurements



Fig. 31. Distribution measurements resolution [6]

Choose of state variable

State Vector	Coordinate	Advantages	Drawbacks		
Bus (Node) Voltage	Polar	Direct estimation of voltage magnitude and phaseSuitable for meshed networks	Many non-linear measurement functionsHigh computational burden		
	Rectangular	 Linearization of many measurement functions High computational speed Suitable for meshed networks 	Difficult treatment of current magnitude measurements		
Branch (Line) Current	Polar	 Easy handling of current magnitude measurements Easier handling of single-phase laterals branching from feeder 	 Many non-linear measurement functions High computational burden Only practical for radial/weakly meshed grids 		
	Rectangular	 Linearization of many measurement functions Sparse system matrices High computational speed 	 Only practical for radial/weakly meshed grids 		
Power	Rectangular	Practical for underdetermined systemsLinear line flow measurements	Computational burden for calculating relevant states		

Table. 4. Approaches to State Variable Formulation [6]



Fig. 33. Modified IEEE 25 node feeder

- Substation voltage and current measurements have 0.5% error with random distribution
- Feeder voltage measurements have 1% error with random distribution
- MV/LV substation P and Q are estimated with 30% error with random distribution

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(\left| V_{i}^{e} \right| - \left| V_{i}^{a} \right| \right)^{2}}{n}}$$

The results rae presented as RMSE per unit voltage in %

Scenario 1: Accurate load estimates and measurements



Scenario 2: Accurate measurements and inaccurate load estimates



Scenario 3: Accurate measurements and inaccurate load estimates Voltage measurements at nodes 20 and 17 are not available



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State estimation

Scenario 4: Inaccurate measurements and inaccurate load estimates



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Thank you



