

Optimization Assisted Load Tracing via Hybrid Ant Colony Algorithm for Deregulated Power System

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Abstract: - The development of electricity tracing theory is to solve the problem concerning fair and non-discriminatory transmission service pricing of a deregulated power system. As the traditional methods such as postage stamp allocation and megawatts-mile methodology neglect the consideration of physical power system constraints, the allocation of service charge is said to be unreliable and rather biasing. At the same time, proportional sharing principle (PSP) based power tracing techniques necessitate for matrix inversion process; in which sometimes cannot be performed due to singularity property of the matrix. As a result, the tracing results are unable to be obtained due to error in mathematical operation. To try a new approach, this paper demonstrates the technique to implement Artificial Intelligence (AI) based optimization for performing load tracing, that is, by means of a new hybrid algorithm; Blended Crossover Continuous Ant Colony Optimization (BX-CACO) with simple and easy formulation steps. Experiment on IEEE 30-bus system together with comparative studies justifies the capability of the proposed technique for real system application.

Key-Words: - BIM, BX-CACO, Load Tracing, Matrix Singularity Property, PSP, TLDF

1 Introduction

In the business concerning transmission service pricing of a deregulated power system, losses charge allocation to consumers has been performed through various approaches; however, it is still in debate among researchers as there are several methods that lack of fairness and free-discrimination when allocating the charge. Traditional methods like postage stamp allocation, megawatts-mile methodology, and contractual path method perform the charge allocation by means of transaction, that is, without taking into account the physical constraints of power system like generation-demand balance and current flow direction [1] – [2]. This results to unsatisfactory service and hence leading to discriminatory business on consumers. Later, another approach known as power tracing has been developed to solve the weakness encountered by the previous discriminatory methods; by adopting the consideration of physical power system constraints into the developed technique. According to [3] – [6], power tracing has significant role for determining generators' share contribution to the line flows, losses, and loads, making transparent charge allocation, assessing congestion in power system, and also behaves like a contributor to establish fair transmission serving pricing.

In a vertically integrated power system, as in Malaysia, performing the electricity tracing is less significant as the information like generator and load participation in line flows and losses cannot contribute to any improvement on system performance. Nevertheless, for a deregulated environment as in European countries, tracing the powers contributed by generators and loads is very important for a transparent charge allocation, that is, each consumer will be able to know how much they will be charged on the associated usage of transmission capacity [7]. In [8] – [9], *proportional sharing principle* (PSP) based power tracing has been proposed, which is called as Topological Generation and Load Distribution Factors (TGLDF). Although it is a pioneer method, there are still disadvantages as it necessitates for matrix inversion (which sometimes cannot be performed if the matrix to be inversed is singular) and also, the power system ought to be treated as lossless, which adds hesitation on the tracing results. A circuit theory based power tracing has been proposed by [10], where the basic Ohm's Law was utilized to obtain the traced complex powers. However, this method still confronts with negative sharing problem and hence unable to provide reliable charge allocation. Other methods that implemented matrix operation for electricity tracing can be explored in [11] – [13].

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