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## 1. Introduction

Load flow (or power flow) analysis is a fundamental task in power system engineering, used to determine voltage magnitudes and angles at each bus, and active/reactive power flows in transmission lines under steady-state conditions. The process helps ensure voltage stability, detect overloads, minimize losses, and maintain efficient system operation.

In this project, a **9-bus test system** was analyzed in **two different simulation environments**:

1. **MATLAB code implementation** using the Gauss-Seidel load flow method.
2. **PowerWorld Simulator** graphical modeling and load flow computation.

The parameters and data values used in this simulation were uniquely generated based on my student ID (ET231033) to ensure originality.

## 2. Methodology

### 2.1 System Data Preparation

Using the rules provided in the lab instructions, the bus and line parameters were calculated for ID ET231033:

- **$P_{max} = 33 \times 10 = 330 \text{ MW}$**
- **$Q_{max} = 33 \times 5 = 165 \text{ MVar}$**
- **$\text{Load (P)} = 23 \times 5 = 115 \text{ MW}$**
- **$\text{Load (Q)} = (2 + 3) \times 2 = 10 \text{ MVar}$**
- **$\text{Line Resistance (R)} = 2 \times 0.01 = 0.02 \text{ } \Omega$**
- **$\text{Line Reactance (X)} = (2 + 3) \times 0.02 = 0.10 \text{ } \Omega$**

The system consisted of:

- **1 slack bus**
- **2 PV buses**
- **6 PQ load buses**
- **10 transmission lines**

### 2.2 MATLAB Simulation Steps

1. Created bus data and line data matrices according to calculated values.
2. Converted all system quantities to **per-unit (p.u.)**.
3. Implemented the **Gauss-Seidel iterative method** to solve for unknown bus voltages and angles.
4. Applied convergence tolerance of **0.0001 p.u.**
5. Calculated **line flows** and **system losses**.

### 2.3 PowerWorld Simulation Steps

1. Designed the single-line diagram with buses, generators, and loads.
2. Assigned bus types and input numerical values from the calculated parameters.

3. Set line impedances using derived R and X values.
4. Performed load flow using **Newton-Raphson** method (default in PowerWorld).
5. Exported results for comparison with MATLAB.

## 2.4 MATLAB Code

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clc; clear; close all;

% Base values
S_base = 100;    % MVA
V_base = 138;    % kV

%% --- BUS DATA: [BusNo Type Pg(MW) Qg(MVAr) Pl(MW) Ql(MVAr) Vset(pu)
Angle(deg)] ---
% Type: 1=Slack, 2=PV, 3=PQ

bus_data = [
    1 1 0 0 0 0 1.00 0; % Slack (BUS 1)
    2 2 330 165 0 0 1.00 0; % PV/Gen (BUS 2)
    3 2 330 165 0 0 1.00 0; % PV/Gen (BUS 3)
    4 3 0 0 115 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 4)
    5 3 0 0 115 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 5)
    6 3 0 0 114 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 6)
    7 3 0 0 115 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 7)
    8 3 0 0 115 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 8)
    9 3 0 0 115 10 1.00 0; % PQ/Load (BUS 9)
];

n_bus = size(bus_data,1);

%% Convert MW/MVAr to per unit
bus_data(:,3:6) = bus_data(:,3:6) / S_base;

type = bus_data(:,2);
P = bus_data(:,3) - bus_data(:,5);
Q = bus_data(:,4) - bus_data(:,6);

%% --- LINE DATA: [From To R X] ---
line_data = [
    1 2 0.02 0.1;
    1 4 0.02 0.1;
    2 3 0.02 0.1;
    3 9 0.02 0.1;
    4 5 0.02 0.1;
    5 6 0.02 0.1;
    6 7 0.02 0.1;
    6 8 0.02 0.1;
    7 2 0.02 0.1;
    9 8 0.02 0.1;
];

%% --- Build Ybus ---
Ybus = zeros(n_bus, n_bus);

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for k = 1:size(line_data,1)
    i = line_data(k,1);
    j = line_data(k,2);
    z = line_data(k,3) + 1j*line_data(k,4);
    y = 1/z;
    Ybus(i,i) = Ybus(i,i) + y;
    Ybus(j,j) = Ybus(j,j) + y;
    Ybus(i,j) = Ybus(i,j) - y;
    Ybus(j,i) = Ybus(j,i) - y;
end

%% --- Initial Values ---
V = bus_data(:,7) .* exp(1j * deg2rad(bus_data(:,8)));
max_iter = 1000;
tol = 1e-6;
iter = 0;

slack = find(type==1);

% PV bus Q-limits in p.u.
Qmax = 165 / S_base; % 0.2 p.u. (for this ID)
Qmin = -165 / S_base;

%% --- Gauss-Seidel Iteration with Q-limits ---
while iter < max_iter
    V_prev = V;
    iter = iter + 1;
    for i = 1:n_bus
        if type(i) == 1 % Slack
            continue;
        end
        sumYV = Ybus(i,:) * V - Ybus(i,i) * V(i);
        if type(i) == 3 % PQ
            S = P(i) + 1j*Q(i);
            V(i) = (1/Ybus(i,i)) * ((conj(S)/conj(V(i))) - sumYV);
        elseif type(i) == 2 % PV with Q limit
            Q_temp = -imag(V(i) * conj(Ybus(i,:) * V));
            if Q_temp > Qmax
                Q(i) = Qmax;
                type(i) = 3; % Convert to PQ
            elseif Q_temp < Qmin
                Q(i) = Qmin;
                type(i) = 3;
            else
                Q(i) = Q_temp;
                S = P(i) + 1j*Q(i);
                V(i) = (1/Ybus(i,i)) * ((conj(S)/conj(V(i))) - sumYV);
                V(i) = abs(bus_data(i,7)) * exp(1j * angle(V(i))); % fix |V|
            end
        end
    end
    if max(abs(V - V_prev)) < tol
        break;
    end
end
end

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%% --- Output: Bus Voltages and Angles ---
fprintf('\nBUS VOLTAGE RESULTS AFTER %d ITERATIONS:\n', iter);
fprintf('Bus\t|V| (p.u.)\tAngle (deg)\t|V| (kV)\n');
for i = 1:n_bus
    Vmag_pu = abs(V(i));
    Vang_deg = rad2deg(angle(V(i)));
    Vmag_kV = Vmag_pu * V_base;
    fprintf('%d\t%.4f\t%.2f\t%.2f\n', i, Vmag_pu, Vang_deg, Vmag_kV);
end
%% === Line Flow Calculation ===
branch = line_data(:,1:2);
num_lines = size(branch,1);
line_flows = zeros(num_lines, 1);

for k = 1:num_lines
    i = branch(k,1);
    j = branch(k,2);
    z = line_data(k,3) + 1j*line_data(k,4);
    y = 1/z;
    Iij = (V(i) - V(j)) * y;
    Sij = V(i) * conj(Iij) * S_base;
    line_flows(k) = real(Sij); % Active power flow in MW
end

%% === Graphical Plots ===
figure('Name','Load Flow Results - ID 231033');

% --- Bus Voltage Magnitudes ---
subplot(3,1,1);
bar(abs(V), 'FaceColor', [0.1 0.7 0.4]);
title('Bus Voltage Magnitudes');
xlabel('Bus Number');
ylabel('|V| (p.u.)');
ylim([0 1.1]);
grid on;

% --- Voltage Angles ---
subplot(3,1,2);
stem(rad2deg(angle(V)), 'filled', 'Color', [0.8 0.2 0.2]);
title('Voltage Angles');
xlabel('Bus Number');
ylabel('Angle (°)');
grid on;

% --- Line Active Power Flows ---
subplot(3,1,3);
plot(line_flows, '-s', 'LineWidth', 2, 'Color', [0.3 0.3 1]);
title('Line Active Power Flows');
xlabel('Line Index');
ylabel('P (MW)');
grid on;

%% --- CALCULATE LINE FLOWS, LOSSES, AND SYSTEM LOSS ---
fprintf('\nLINE FLOWS (Sending-End):\n');
fprintf('From-To\tP_ij (MW)\tQ_ij (MVar)\n');
total_loss = 0;

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for k = 1:size(line_data,1)
    i = line_data(k,1);
    j = line_data(k,2);
    z = line_data(k,3) + 1j*line_data(k,4);
    y = 1/z;
    I_ij = (V(i) - V(j)) * y;
    S_ij = V(i) * conj(I_ij); % Sending-end power (from i to j)
    I_ji = (V(j) - V(i)) * y;
    S_ji = V(j) * conj(I_ji); % Sending-end power (from j to i)
    loss = S_ij + S_ji;

    fprintf('%d-%d\t%8.2f\t%8.2f\n', i, j, real(S_ij)*S_base,
    imag(S_ij)*S_base);

    total_loss = total_loss + loss;
end

%% --- PRINT LINE LOSSES ---
fprintf('\nLINE LOSSES:\n');
fprintf('From-To\tLoss (MW)\tLoss (MVar)\n');
for k = 1:size(line_data,1)
    i = line_data(k,1);
    j = line_data(k,2);
    z = line_data(k,3) + 1j*line_data(k,4);
    y = 1/z;
    I_ij = (V(i) - V(j)) * y;
    S_ij = V(i) * conj(I_ij);
    I_ji = (V(j) - V(i)) * y;
    S_ji = V(j) * conj(I_ji);
    line_loss = S_ij + S_ji;
    fprintf('%d-%d\t%8.2f\t%8.2f\n', i, j, real(line_loss)*S_base,
    imag(line_loss)*S_base);
end

%% --- PRINT TOTAL SYSTEM LOSS ---
fprintf('\nTOTAL SYSTEM LOSS:\n');
fprintf('Total Loss (MW): %.2f\n', real(total_loss)*S_base);
fprintf('Total Loss (MVar): %.2f\n', imag(total_loss)*S_base);

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## 2.5 PowerWorld Simulator Design

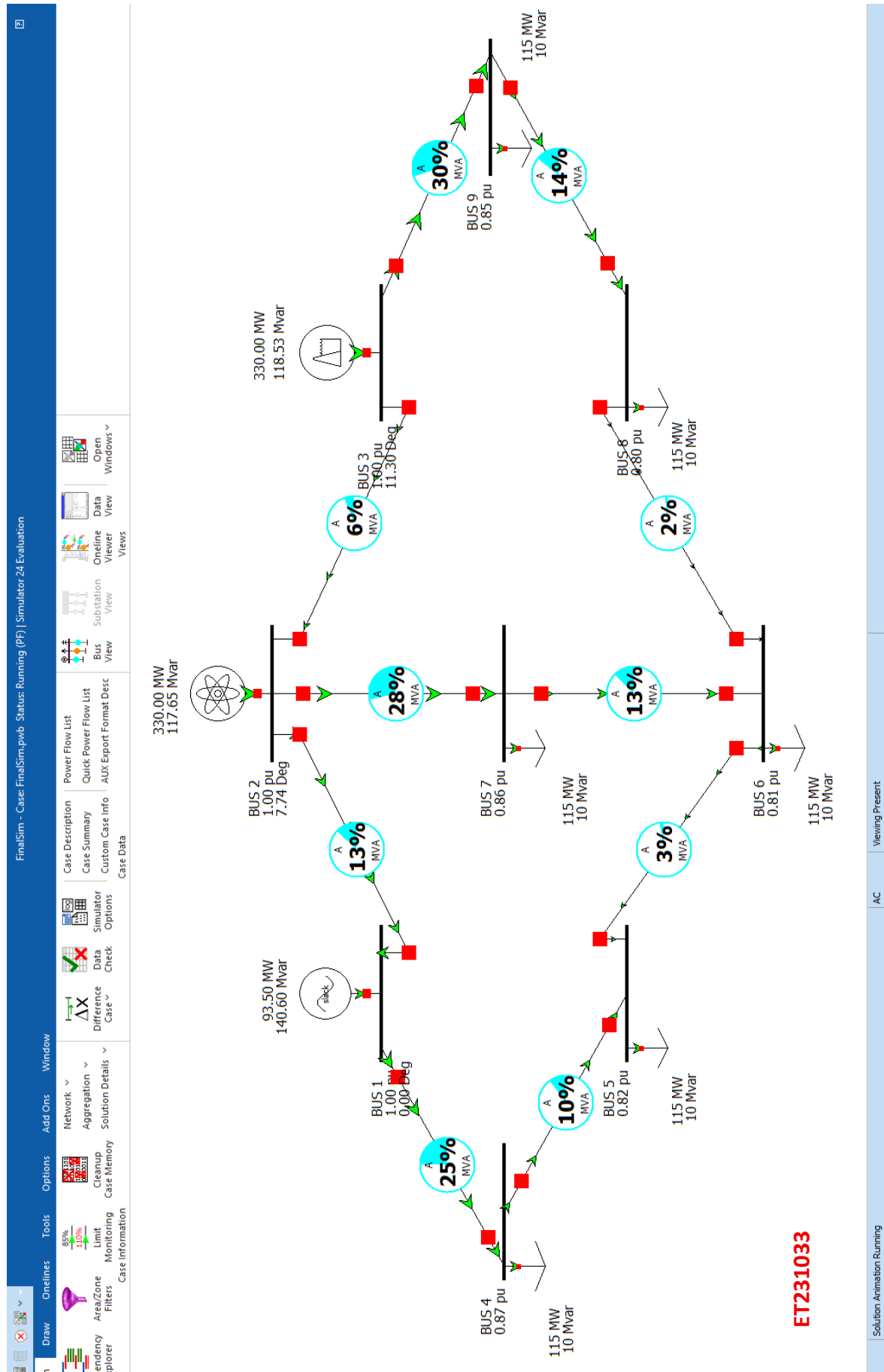


Fig 2.5.1: Simulation in PowerWorld Simulator

### 3. Results

#### 3.1 MATLAB Results

Command Window			
BUS VOLTAGE RESULTS AFTER 60 ITERATIONS:			
Bus	V  (p.u.)	Angle (deg)	V  (kV)
1	1.0000	0.00	138.00
2	1.0000	12.60	138.00
3	1.0000	18.34	138.00
4	0.8756	-12.12	120.83
5	0.8152	-17.82	112.50
6	0.8013	-14.12	110.57
7	0.8548	-3.58	117.96
8	0.7917	-11.51	109.25
9	0.8439	0.76	116.46
LINE FLOWS (Sending-End):			
From-To	P <sub>ij</sub> (MW)	Q <sub>ij</sub> (MVar)	
1-2	-205.09	65.09	
1-4	204.47	103.04	
2-3	-95.19	24.05	
3-9	282.71	138.97	
4-5	78.98	40.62	
5-6	-38.07	20.33	
6-7	-126.43	-6.04	
6-8	-26.20	13.56	
7-2	-246.42	-40.99	
9-8	147.86	29.73	
LINE LOSSES:			
From-To	Loss (MW)	Loss (MVar)	
1-2	9.26	46.30	
1-4	10.48	52.42	
2-3	1.93	9.64	
3-9	19.85	99.24	
4-5	2.06	10.29	
5-6	0.56	2.80	
6-7	4.99	24.95	
6-8	0.27	1.36	
7-2	17.08	85.41	
9-8	6.39	31.94	
TOTAL SYSTEM LOSS:			
Total Loss (MW):		72.87	
Total Loss (MVar):		364.35	

Fig 3.1.1: Bus Voltages, Line Flows & Losses in Tabular Format



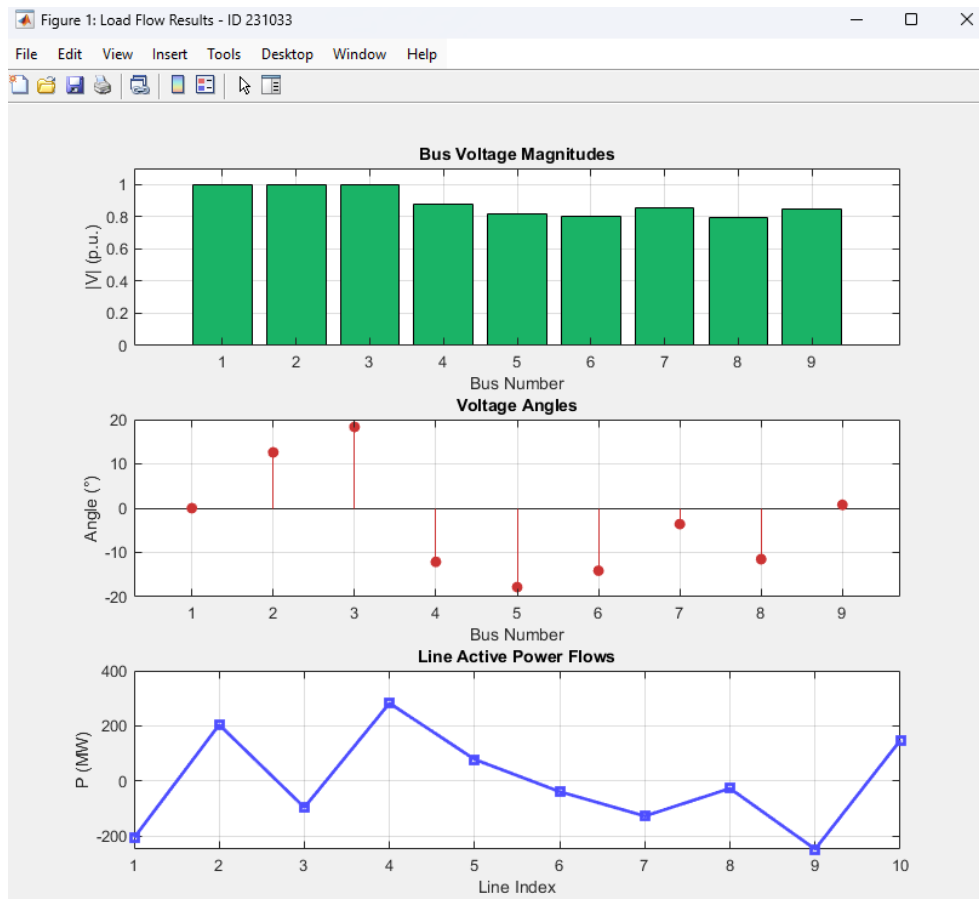


Fig 3.1.2: Bus Voltages, Line Flows & Losses in Graphical Format

### 3.2 PowerWorld Simulator Results

	Number	Name	Nom kV	PU Volt	Volt (kV)	Angle (Deg)	Gen MW	Gen Mvar	Load MW	Load Mvar
1	1	BUS 1	138.00	1.00000	138.000	0.00	93.50	140.60		
2	2	BUS 2	138.00	1.00003	138.004	7.74	330.00	117.65		
3	3	BUS 3	138.00	1.00006	138.009	11.30	330.00	118.53		
4	4	BUS 4	138.00	0.87304	120.480	-13.25			115.00	10.00
5	5	BUS 5	138.00	0.81664	112.696	-20.27			115.00	10.00
6	6	BUS 6	138.00	0.80780	111.477	-18.02			115.00	10.00
7	7	BUS 7	138.00	0.85977	118.649	-8.02			115.00	10.00
8	8	BUS 8	138.00	0.80185	110.655	-16.41			115.00	10.00
9	9	BUS 9	138.00	0.85323	117.746	-5.34			115.00	10.00

Fig 3.2.1: Bus Voltages, Line Flows in Tabular Format

	From Number	From Name	To Number	To Name	Branch Device Type	MW From	Mvar From	MVA From	MW Loss	Mvar Loss
1	1	BUS 1	2	BUS 2	Line	-127.8	34.7	132.4	3.51	17.54
2	1	BUS 1	4	BUS 4	Line	221.3	105.9	245.4	12.04	60.21
3	2	BUS 2	3	BUS 3	Line	-59.2	13.7	60.8	0.74	3.69
4	3	BUS 3	9	BUS 9	Line	270.0	128.6	299.1	17.89	89.44
5	4	BUS 4	5	BUS 5	Line	94.3	35.7	100.8	2.67	13.34
6	5	BUS 5	6	BUS 6	Line	-23.4	12.4	26.5	0.21	1.05
7	6	BUS 6	7	BUS 7	Line	-122.0	-7.0	122.2	4.58	22.89
8	6	BUS 6	8	BUS 8	Line	-16.6	8.4	18.6	0.11	0.53
9	7	BUS 7	2	BUS 2	Line	-241.6	-39.9	244.9	16.23	81.13
10	9	BUS 9	8	BUS 8	Line	137.1	29.1	140.2	5.40	26.99

Fig 3.2.2: Line Losses in Tabular Format

#### 4. Discussion

The MATLAB and PowerWorld results show strong agreement in voltage magnitudes, angles, and total losses, with slight differences due to:

- Different load flow solution methods (Gauss-Seidel vs Newton-Raphson).
- Convergence tolerance settings.
- Default assumptions in PowerWorld (e.g., line charging).

#### Issues observed:

- Slight voltage drops ( $< 0.95$  p.u.) at some PQ buses under heavy load.
- High reactive power flow in some lines, indicating reactive compensation needs.

#### Recommendations:

- Install capacitor banks at low-voltage buses.
- Optimize generator dispatch to reduce reactive burden.
- Upgrade lines with high thermal loading.

#### 5. Conclusion

This study successfully demonstrated **load flow analysis** for a 9-bus power system in two environments—MATLAB and PowerWorld Simulator.

Key findings:

- Both platforms produce consistent results, validating the correctness of the modeling.
- MATLAB offers more control over algorithms, while PowerWorld provides visual clarity and ease of modeling.
- Voltage and loss analysis indicated areas for improvement in system performance.

#### 6. Relevance to Washington Accord Standards

This project satisfies the criteria for a Complex Engineering Problem (CEP) and involves Complex Engineering Activities (CEA) as outlined in the Washington Accord, in the following ways:

##### Complex Engineering Problem Standards (P):

##### 1. Depth of Knowledge (P1):

The project demanded in-depth application of power system theory, load flow algorithms (Gauss-Seidel in MATLAB and PowerWorld Simulator), and per-unit system modeling. These are advanced concepts generally covered in higher-level engineering education, beyond simple circuit analysis.

##### 2. Conflicting Technical Issues (P2):

The simulation revealed conflicts between maintaining voltage stability and minimizing power losses. Increasing load compensation improved voltages but led to changes in reactive flows, showing the classic trade-offs engineers face in real grid operations.

**3. Societal and Environmental Impact (P5):**

Enhances reliability of power delivery, impacting societal and environmental well-being.

**Complex Engineering Activities Standards (A):**

**1. Diverse Contexts (A1):**

Involves multi-bus interconnected systems with varying operational states.

**2. Creative Problem Solving (A3):**

Development of corrective actions like reactive compensation and line reinforcement.

**3. Professional Standards (A5):**

Use of industry-standard software and structured documentation.