

0.1 Power Transfer Distribution Factors and Flow Allocation

In linear power flow models, the Power Transfer Distribution Factors (PTDF) $H_{\ell,n}$ determine the changes in the flow on line ℓ for one unit (typically one MW) of net power production at bus n . Thus for a given production $g_{s,t}$ and demand $d_{n,t}$, they directly link to the the resulting flow on each line,

$$f_{\ell,t} = \sum_n H_{\ell,n} (g_{n,t} - d_{n,t}) \quad (1)$$

where $g_{n,t} = \sum_s g_{s,t}$ and $d_{n,t} = \sum_a d_{n,t}$ combine all generators s and all consumers a attached to n . The PTDF have a degree of freedom: The slack k_n denotes the contribution of bus n to balancing out total power excess or deficit in the system. It can be dedicated to one bus, a single “slackbus“, or to several or all buses. The choice of slack modifies the PTDF according to

$$H_{\ell,n}(k_m) = H_{\ell,n}^\circ - \sum_m H_{\ell,m}^\circ k_m \quad (2)$$

where $H_{\ell,n}^\circ$ denote the PTDF with equally distributed slack. When bus n injects excess power, it has to flow to the slack; when bus n extract deficit power, it has to come from the slack. Summing over all ingoing and outgoing flow changes resulting from a positive injection at n yields again the slack

$$\sum_\ell K_{m,\ell} H_{\ell,n} = \delta_{m,n} - k_m \quad (3)$$

Note that $\delta_{m,n}$ on the right hand side represents the positive injection at n . Established flow allocation schemes [cite] have used this degree of freedom in order to allocate power flows and exchanges to market participants. Under the assumption that consumers account for all power flows in the grid, the slack is set to k_n^* such that

$$f_{\ell,t} = - \sum_n H_{\ell,n} (k_n^*) d_{n,t} \quad (4)$$

With such a choice the flow can be reproduced from the demand-side of the system only. Now each term in the sum on the right hand side stands for the individual contribution of consumers at node n to the network flow $f_{\ell,t}$. In other words, each nodal demand $d_{n,t}$ induces a subflow originating from the slack k_n^* which all together add up to $f_{\ell,t}$. These subflows, in

turn, can be further broken down to contributions for each bus m in the slack, such that we get the subflow of individual $m \rightarrow n$ relations, that is

$$A_{s \rightarrow n, \ell, t} = (H_{\ell, m}^\circ - H_{\ell, n}^\circ) k_m^* d_{n,t} \quad (5)$$

It indicates the flow on line ℓ coming from generators at m and supplying the demand $d_{n,t}$. When summing over all sources m it yields the total subflow induced by $d_{n,t}$, the same term as in the sum on the right hand side in Eq. (4); when summing over all sources and sinks, it yields again the power flow, thus

$$f_{\ell,t} = \sum_{m,n} A_{s \rightarrow n, \ell, t} \quad (6)$$

As mentioned before, the consumed power $d_{n,t}$ has to come from the slack k_m^* . As proven in Section 0.2, for each P2P relation $m \rightarrow n$, the “traded“ power $A_{s \rightarrow n, t}$ amounts to

$$A_{s \rightarrow n, t} = k_m^* d_{n,t} \quad (7)$$

Finally, when summing over all sinks the P2P trades yield the nodal generation (see Section 0.3)

$$\sum_n A_{s \rightarrow n, t} = g_{m,t} \quad (8)$$

and summing over all sources yields the nodal demand

$$\sum_m A_{s \rightarrow n, t} = d_{n,t} \quad (9)$$

which follows from the fact that $\sum_n k_n^* = 1$. Both allocation quantities $A_{s \rightarrow n, t}$ and $A_{s \rightarrow n, \ell, t}$ can be broken down to generators s or consumers a by multiplying with the nodal production share $\omega_{n,s,t} = g_{s,t} / \sum_s g_{s,t}$ and the nodal consumer share $\omega_{n,a,t} = d_{n,t} / \sum_a d_{n,t}$ respectively.

The solution to k_n^* follows from combining Eqs. (7) and (8), which sets it to the share of the total production $k_n^* = c g_{n,t}$ with c being defined as $c = 1 / \sum_n g_{n,t}$. That leads to the demand $d_{n,t}$ of every single consumers a being supplied by all generators s in the network proportional to their gross production $g_{s,t}$.

0.2 Proof Equation (7)

Equation (7) follows from summing $A_{s \rightarrow n, \ell, t}$ over all incoming flows to n and taking into account the

power that n provides by itself, $k_n^* d_{n,t}$, which leads us to

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{s \rightarrow n,t} &= k_n^* d_{n,t} - \sum_{\ell} K_{n,\ell} A_{s \rightarrow n,\ell,t} \\
&= k_n^* d_{n,t} - \sum_{\ell} K_{n,\ell} (H_{\ell,m}^{\circ} - H_{\ell,n}^{\circ}) k_m^* d_{n,t} \\
&= k_n^* d_{n,t} - \left(\delta_{n,m} - \frac{1}{N} - \delta_{n,n} + \frac{1}{N} \right) k_m^* d_{n,t} \\
&= k_n^* d_{n,t} - (\delta_{n,m} - 1) k_m^* d_{n,t} \\
&= k_m^* d_{n,t}
\end{aligned}$$

where we used Eq. (3) and the fact that the equally distributed slack amounts to $1/N$ for all N nodes in the network.

0.3 Proof of Equation (8)

The relation follows from multiplying Eq. (4) with $\sum_m K_{m,\ell}$, and solving for $A_{s \rightarrow n,t}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_m K_{m,\ell} f_{\ell,t} &= - \sum_{m,n} K_{m,\ell} H_{\ell,n} d_{n,t} \\
g_{m,t} - d_{m,t} &= -\delta_{m,n} d_{n,t} + k_m^* d_{n,t} \\
A_{s \rightarrow n,t} &= g_{m,t} - d_{m,t} + \delta_{m,n} d_{n,t} \\
\sum_n A_{s \rightarrow n,t} &= g_{m,t}
\end{aligned}$$

0.4 Allocating Gross Injections with EBE

Allocating gross injections using the Equivalent Bilateral Exchanges Principal is simplistic and straightforward scheme. Accordingly each generator supplies each bus proportional to its power demand. The allocation is given by

$$A_{s \rightarrow n,t} = \frac{g_{s,t}}{\sum_s g_{s,t}} d_{n,t} \quad (10)$$