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# Power-flow Methods

## DC Power-Flow Solution

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# Background


- Nonlinear power-flow approximated to linear equations for **Lightly loaded** conditions
- Direct solution. Easy. Fast. Approximate.
- Gives quick estimate of bus voltage phase angles and power-flows
- Used for real-time calculations such as in power markets
- Initial guess for nonlinear iterative methods

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# Lossless Transmission Line



$$\vec{I}_{ij} = \frac{V_i \angle \delta_i - V_j \angle \delta_j}{j x_{ij}}$$

$$P_{ij} + jQ_{ij} = V_i \angle \delta_i \left( \frac{V_i}{x_{ij}} \angle (\delta_i - 90^\circ) - \frac{V_j}{x_{ij}} \angle (\delta_j - 90^\circ) \right)^*$$

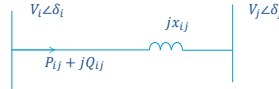
$$= \frac{V_i^2}{x_{ij}} \angle 90^\circ - \frac{V_i V_j}{x_{ij}} \angle (\delta_i - \delta_j + 90^\circ)$$

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# Transmission Line Flows



$$P_{ij} + jQ_{ij} = \frac{V_i^2}{x_{ij}} \angle 90^\circ - \frac{V_i V_j}{x_{ij}} \angle (\delta_i - \delta_j + 90^\circ)$$

$$P_{ij} = \frac{V_i V_j}{x_{ij}} \sin(\delta_i - \delta_j)$$

$$Q_{ij} = \frac{V_i^2}{x_{ij}} - \frac{V_i V_j}{x_{ij}} \cos(\delta_i - \delta_j) = \frac{V_i^2 - V_i V_j \cos(\delta_i - \delta_j)}{x_{ij}}$$

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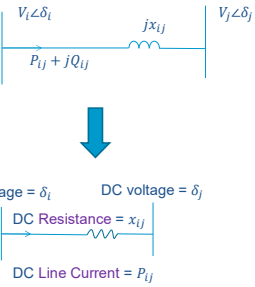
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# DC Equivalent System

$P_{ij} = \frac{V_i V_j}{x_{ij}} \sin(\delta_i - \delta_j) \approx \frac{(\delta_i - \delta_j)}{x_{ij}}$

$Q_{ij}$  neglected

- $V_i \approx 1$
- $\sin(\delta_i - \delta_j) \approx (\delta_i - \delta_j)$



DC voltage =  $\delta_i$       DC voltage =  $\delta_j$

DC Resistance =  $x_{ij}$

DC Line Current =  $P_{ij}$

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# AC Power System to Equivalent DC System

$P_{ij} = \frac{(\delta_i - \delta_j)}{x_{ij}}$

DC voltage =  $\delta_i$       DC voltage =  $\delta_j$

DC Resistance =  $x_{ij}$

DC Line Current =  $P_{ij}$

<b>AC Power Flow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus voltage phase angles</li> <li>Line MW power-flow</li> <li>Line reactance</li> </ul>	<b>DC Power Flow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus voltages</li> <li>DC line current</li> <li>Line resistance</li> </ul>
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## AC Power System to Equivalent DC System

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$$P_{ij} = \frac{(\delta_i - \delta_j)}{x_{ij}}$$

DC voltage =  $\delta_i$       DC voltage =  $\delta_j$   
 DC Resistance =  $x_{ij}$   
 DC Line Current =  $P_{ij}$

### AC Power Flow

- Bus voltage phase angles
- Line MW power-flow
- Line reactance
- **Generator**
- **Slack Bus**

### DC Power Flow

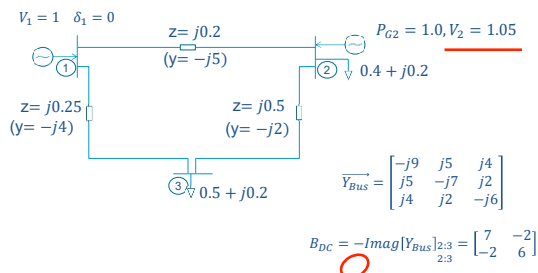
- Bus voltages
- DC line current
- Line resistance
- **Current Source**
- **DC Ground**

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## Example 1

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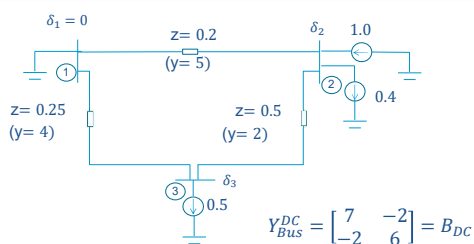


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## DC Equivalent System

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## Example 1

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$$\begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} = B_{DC} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

DC power-flow solution:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 - 0.4 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

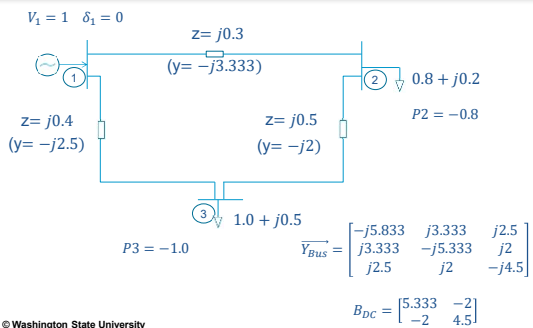
$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & -2 \\ -2 & 6 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0.6 \\ -0.5 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} \bar{V}_1 \\ \bar{V}_2 \\ \bar{V}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \angle 0 \\ 1 \angle 0.0684 \\ 1 \angle -0.0605 \end{bmatrix}$$

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## Example 2

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## Example 2

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$$B_{DC} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.333 & -2 \\ -2 & 4.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.8 \\ -1.0 \end{bmatrix} = B_{DC} \begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.28 \\ -0.3467 \end{bmatrix}$$

DC Power-flow Solution is

$$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{V}_1 \\ \bar{V}_2 \\ \bar{V}_3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \angle 0 \\ 1 \angle -0.28 \\ 1 \angle -0.3467 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### Example 3

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$V_1 = 1 \quad \delta_1 = 0$   
 $y = -j2.5$   
 $y = -j5$   
 $y = -j3.333$   
 $P_{G2} = 0.8, V_2 = 1.06$   
 $0.1 + j0.05$   
 $0.7 + j0.2$

$$\vec{Y}_{Bus} = \begin{bmatrix} -j7.5 & j2.5 & j5 \\ j2.5 & -j5.833 & j3.333 \\ j5 & j3.333 & -j8.333 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$B_{DC} = \begin{bmatrix} 5.833 & -3.333 \\ -3.333 & 8.333 \end{bmatrix}$$

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### DC Solution

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$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta_2 \\ \delta_3 \end{bmatrix} = B_{DC}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} P_2 \\ P_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 5.833 & -3.333 \\ -3.333 & 8.333 \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ -0.7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 0.0933 \\ -0.0467 \end{bmatrix} \text{ rad}$$

$$\vec{V}_1 = 1\angle 0, \vec{V}_2 = 1.06\angle 0.0933, \vec{V}_3 = 1\angle -0.0467$$

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### Summary

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- Nonlinear power-flow approximated to linear equations for **Lightly loaded** conditions
- Direct solution. Easy. Fast. Approximate.
- Gives quick estimate of bus voltage phase angles and power-flows
- Approximations invalid for heavily loaded systems
- Does not detect static limits

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