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Power-flow Fundamentals

Power-flow Solution Example

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Simple Power System

$$Y_{BUS} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{x} \angle -90^\circ & \frac{1}{x} \angle 90^\circ \\ \frac{1}{x} \angle 90^\circ & \frac{1}{x} \angle -90^\circ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P_2 = -P_{L2} = \frac{V_2 \cdot 1}{x} \sin \delta_2$$

$$Q_2 = -Q_{L2} = \frac{V_2^2 - V_2 \cdot \cos \delta_2}{x}$$

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Power-flow Solution

$$-xP_{L2} = V_2 \sin \delta_2$$

$$-V_2^2 - xQ_{L2} = -V_2 \cdot \cos \delta_2$$

$$V_2^2 = (xP_{L2})^2 + V_2^4 + 2xQ_{L2}V_2^2 + (xQ_{L2})^2$$

$$V_2^4 + V_2^2(2xQ_{L2} - 1) + (x^2P_{L2}^2 + x^2Q_{L2}^2) = 0$$

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Unity Power-factor Load

$$V_2^4 + V_2^2(2xQ_{L2} - 1) + (x^2P_{L2}^2 + x^2Q_{L2}^2) = 0$$

$$Q_{L2} = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Unity PF Load}$$

$$V_2^4 + V_2^2(-1) + (x^2P_{L2}^2) = 0$$

$$V_2^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4x^2P_{L2}^2}}{2}$$

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Unity Power-factor Load

$$V_2^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4x^2P_{L2}^2}}{2}$$

$P_L = 0 \Rightarrow V_2 = 1$ or $V_2 = 0$

P_L increases $\Rightarrow V_2$ decreases

Large $P_L \Rightarrow$ No solutions

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Unity Power-factor Load

$$V_2^2 = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4x^2P_{L2}^2}}{2}$$

$P_{limit} = \frac{1}{2x}$ is the static limit.

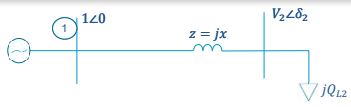
Power-flow equations not solvable when $P_L > 1/2x$.

Possible system collapse.

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Purely Reactive Load



$P_L = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Pure Reactive Load}$

$$V_2^4 + V_2^2(2xQ_{L2} - 1) + (x^2Q_{L2}^2) = 0$$

$$V_2^2 = \frac{(1 - 2xQ_{L2}) \pm \sqrt{4x^2Q_{L2}^2 + 1 - 4xQ_{L2} - 4x^2Q_{L2}^2}}{2}$$

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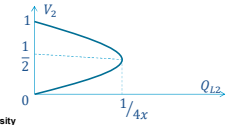
Purely Reactive Load

$P_L = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Pure Reactive Load}$

$$V_2^4 + V_2^2(2xQ_{L2} - 1) + (x^2Q_{L2}^2) = 0$$

$$V_2^2 = \frac{(1 - 2xQ_{L2}) \pm \sqrt{4x^2Q_{L2}^2 + 1 - 4xQ_{L2} - 4x^2Q_{L2}^2}}{2}$$

$Q_{L2} > \frac{1}{4x} \Rightarrow \text{No power-flow solution}$
 $\Rightarrow \text{Possible collapse} \Rightarrow \text{Static limit}$



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Analytical Example Summary

- Bus voltages decline as loads increase
- Multiple power-flow solutions exist
- Solution with nominal voltages the only reasonable solution
- Static limits beyond which power-flow solutions do not exist. Indication of potential system collapse.
- System operation needs to stay well away from static limits.

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