

TUTORIAL V: INVESTMENT AND LARGE POWER SYSTEMS

Will be worked on in the exercise session on Friday, 26 June 2020.

PROBLEM V.1 (ANALYTICAL) – INVESTMENT IN GENERATORS AND TRANSMISSION LINES



Two generators are connected to the grid by a single transmission line (with no electrical demand on their side of the transmission line). A single company owns both the generators and the transmission line. Generator 1 has a linear cost curve $C_1(g_1) = 5g_1$ [€/h] and a capacity of 300 MW and Generator 2 has a linear cost curve $C_2(g_2) = 10g_2$ [€/h] and a capacity of 900 MW. The transmission line has a capacity K of 1000 MW. Suppose the demand in the grid is always high enough to absorb the generation from the two generators and that the market price of electricity π is never below 15 €/MWh and averages 20 €/MWh.

- (a) Determine the full set of equations (objective function and constraints) for the generators to optimise their dispatch to maximise total economic welfare.
- (b) What is the optimal dispatch?
- (c) What are the values of the KKT multipliers for all the constraints in terms of π ?
- (d) A new turbo-boosting technology can increase the capacity of Generator 1 from 300 MW to 350 MW. At what annualised capital cost would it be efficient to invest in this new technology?
- (e) A new high temperature conductor technology can increase the capacity of the transmission line by 200 MW. At what annualised capital cost would it be efficient to invest in this new technology?

PROBLEM V.2 (ANAL./PROG.) – DURATION CURVES AND GENERATION INVESTMENT

Let us suppose that demand is inelastic. The demand-duration curve is given by $D = 1000 - 1000z$, where $z \in [0, 1]$ represents the probability of time the load spends above a certain value. Suppose that there is a choice between coal and gas generation plants with a variable cost of 2 and 12 €/MWh, together with load-shedding at 1012€/MWh. The fixed costs of coal and gas generation are 15 and 10 €/MWh, respectively.

- (a) Describe the concept of a screening curve and how it helps to determine generation investment, given a demand-duration curve.
- (b) Plot the screening curve and find the intersections of the generation technologies.
- (c) Compute the long-term equilibrium power plant investment (optimal mix of generation) using PyPSA.
- (d) Plot the resulting price duration curve and the generation dispatch. Comment!
- (e) Demonstrate that the zero-profit condition is fulfilled.
- (f) While it can be shown that generators recover their cost in theory, name reasons why this might not be the case in reality.

technology	capital cost [EUR/MW]	marginal cost [EUR/MWh]	efficiency [per unit]	energy in the storage at the beginning [TWh]	optimise capacity
onwind	1500	0	-	-	yes
Fischer-Tropsch	145	-	1	-	yes
gas storage	-	23	-	6	no
H2 storage	-	213	-	1	no
CO2 storage	20	-	-	-	yes
electric car	-	-	0.9	-	yes
DAC	-	100	1	-	yes
diesel car	-	-	0.35	-	yes
OCGT	2000	2	0.5	-	yes

PROBLEM V.3 (PROGRAMMING) – SYNTHETIC FUELS 🏠

Diesel can be produced via Fischer-Tropsch process from hydrogen and carbon dioxide. The necessary CO₂ can be captured from the atmosphere with direct air capture (DAC) and then be stored. Model the production of diesel via Fischer-Tropsch-process in PyPSA. You can find a notebook filled out partially in your tutorial repository and on Github.

- read the demand data (given in MWh) for electricity and transport. Plot the time series. How do you explain the shape of the transport demand?
- What is the meaning of `e_cyclic`, `e_initital` and `e_min_pu` for the component `store` in the PyPSA syntax?
- Complete the jupyter notebook to build a PyPSA model including the transport and electricity demand. Set as snapshots the given demand time period. Add a bus and a store for hydrogen, gas and CO₂. Electricity can be generated with an Open-Cycle-gas turbine (OCGT) and for transport diesel cars are used. Assume that the amount of emitted CO₂ to the atmosphere is equal to the amount of used gas in the OCGT/ used diesel in the car. The whole required diesel should be also produced via Fischer-Tropsch during the investigated period. Why do we need to track the CO₂ emissions for this problem?
- Run an investment optimisation of the problem
 - Show that the total amount of carbon stays constant in every time step
 - Plot the energy difference in the stores
 - What are the total system costs?
- The allowed amount of CO₂ in the atmosphere should be zero in the last time step. Add this as an extra constraint to the model and run again the investment optimisation. How do the total system costs change? How much CO₂ storage capacity is needed?
- Add electric cars to the model and run again an investment optimisation. How large is the share of electric cars to satisfy the transport demand?
- Add a wind generator with the given time series in the data folder. Optimise the investment. How large is the share of electric cars now? How do you explain the result?