

Network reconfiguration in distribution system with radiality constraints

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Nomenclature

Indices and sets

t / \mathcal{T} Index of time / Set of time steps.

t_a / \mathcal{T}_a Index of time interval / Set of time intervals.

$i, j / \mathcal{N}$ Index of bus / Set of buses.

l / \mathcal{L} Index of line / Set of lines.

dg / \mathcal{G}_{dg} Index of distributed generator / Set of distributed generators.

\mathcal{N}_{dg} Set of distributed generation buses.

\mathcal{N}_{tf} Set of transfer buses.

\mathcal{N}_{sb} Set of substation buses.

$\delta^+(i)$ Set of lines to bus i .

$\delta^-(i)$ Set of lines from bus i .

Parameters

n_b Number of buses.

n_{dg} Number of distributed generation buses.

n_{sb} Number of substation buses.

Z_{ij}, Y_{ij} Impedance and admittance of line ij (from bus i to bus j).

G_{ij}, B_{ij} Conductance and susceptance of line ij (from bus i to bus j).

B_{ij}^c Charging capacity of line ij (from bus i to bus j).

- $Base$ Value of base MVA.
- $\overline{V}, \underline{V}$ Maximum and minimum voltage magnitude.
- \overline{S}_{ij} Maximum complex power flow limit of line ij .
- $P_{D_{i,t}}, Q_{D_{i,t}}$ Active and reactive power demand at bus i at time t .
- $\overline{P}_{G_i}, \underline{P}_{G_i}$ Maximum and minimum active power from generator at bus i .
- $\overline{Q}_{G_i}, \underline{Q}_{G_i}$ Maximum and minimum reactive power from generator at bus i .
- K_i Fictitious load of each distributed generator in bus i (If bus i has a distributed generator, the value is 1 [PU], otherwise 0).

Functions

- $P_{ij,t}, Q_{ij,t}$ Active and reactive power flow of line ij at time t .
- $I_{r_{ij,t}}, I_{Im_{ij,t}}$ Real and Imaginary current flow of line ij at time t .
- $P_{l,t}^{lineloss}$ Active line loss of line $l(ij)$ at time t .

Variables

- $|\dot{V}_{i,t}|$ Voltage magnitude in bus i at time t .
- $\theta_{i,t}$ Voltage phase angle in bus i at time t .
- $P_{G_{i,t}}, Q_{G_{i,t}}$ Active and reactive power from generator at bus i at time t .
- $x_{ij,t}$ Circuit that can be reconfigured on line ij at time t .
- y_{i,t_a} Status of transfer bus in bus i at time interval t_a .
- k_{ij,t_a} Fictitious flow associated with line ij at time interval t_a .

1 Optimization problem for network reconfiguration

Based on previous research, the optimization model for the network reconfiguration with radiality constraints can be respresented as follows [1].

Objective function:

$$\min \sum_{\forall t} \sum_{\forall i,j} [-G_{ij}x_{ij} (|\dot{V}_{i,t}|^2 + |\dot{V}_{j,t}|^2 - 2|\dot{V}_{i,t}||\dot{V}_{j,t}|\cos(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}))] \quad (1)$$

General constraints with network, power balance, and switchable lines:

$$P_{G_i,t} - P_{D_i,t} = \sum_{(ij) \in \delta^-(i)} x_{ij,t} P_{ij,t} - \sum_{(ji) \in \delta^+(i)} x_{ji,t} P_{ji,t}, \quad (2)$$

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

$$Q_{G_i,t} - Q_{D_i,t} = \sum_{(ij) \in \delta^-(i)} x_{ij,t} Q_{ij,t} - \sum_{(ji) \in \delta^+(i)} x_{ji,t} Q_{ji,t} \\ - \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right|^2 \left(\sum_{(ij) \in \delta^-(i)} x_{ij,t} B_{ij}^c / 2 + \sum_{(ji) \in \delta^+(i)} x_{ji,t} B_{ij}^c / 2 \right) \quad (3)$$

$$\forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

$$\underline{P}_{G_i} \leq P_{G_i,t} \leq \overline{P}_{G_i}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (4)$$

$$\underline{Q}_{G_i} \leq Q_{G_i,t} \leq \overline{Q}_{G_i}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (5)$$

$$\underline{V} \leq \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \leq \overline{V}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (6)$$

$$\theta_{i,t} = 0, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}_{sb}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (7)$$

$$-\pi \leq \theta_{i,t} \leq \pi, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N} \setminus \mathcal{N}_{sb}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (8)$$

$$P_{ij,t}^2 + Q_{ij,t}^2 \leq x_{ij,t} \overline{S}_{ij}^2, \quad \forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (9)$$

$$x_{ij,t} \in \{0, 1\}, \quad \forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}. \quad (10)$$

Functions (Appendix):

$$P_{ij,t} = -G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| + G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| \cos(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}) \\ + B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| \sin(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}), \quad (11)$$

$$\forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

$$P_{ji,t} = -G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| + G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| \cos(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}) \\ - B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_{i,t} \right| \left| \dot{V}_{j,t} \right| \sin(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}), \quad (12)$$

$$\forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

$$Q_{ij,t} = B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_i \right|^2 + G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_i \right| \left| \dot{V}_j \right| \sin(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}) \\ - B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_i \right| \left| \dot{V}_j \right| \cos(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}), \quad (13)$$

$$\forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.$$

$$\begin{aligned}
Q_{ji,t} = & B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_j \right|^2 - G_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_i \right| \left| \dot{V}_j \right| \sin(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}) \\
& - B_{ij} \left| \dot{V}_i \right| \left| \dot{V}_j \right| \cos(\theta_{i,t} - \theta_{j,t}), \\
& \forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t \in \mathcal{T}.
\end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

- Radiality constraints using transfer buses which don't have distributed generators and demands from [1]:

$$x_{ij,1+(t_a-1)T_a} \leq y_{i,t_a}, \quad \forall ij \in \delta^-(i), i \in \mathcal{N}_{tf}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{15}$$

$$x_{ji,1+(t_a-1)T_a} \leq y_{i,t_a}, \quad \forall ji \in \delta^+(i), i \in \mathcal{N}_{tf}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{16}$$

$$\sum_{(ij) \in \delta^-(i)} x_{ij,1+(t_a-1)T_a} + \sum_{(ji) \in \delta^+(i)} x_{ji,1+(t_a-1)T_a} \geq 2y_{i,t_a}, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}_{tf}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{17}$$

$$y_{i,t_a} \in 0, 1, \quad i \in \mathcal{N}_{tf}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{18}$$

$$\sum_{(ij) \in \mathcal{L}} x_{ij,1+(t_a-1)T_a} = n_b - n_{sb} - \sum_{j \in \mathcal{N}_{tf}} (1 - y_{j,t_a}), \quad \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{19}$$

- Radiality constraints considering distributed generators with fictitious load(K) from [1]:

$$-K_i = \sum_{(ij) \in \delta^-(i)} k_{ij,t_a} - \sum_{(ji) \in \delta^+(i)} k_{ji,t_a}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}, \quad \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{20}$$

$$K_i = -n_{dg}, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}_{sb}. \tag{21}$$

$$K_i = 1, \quad \forall i \in \mathcal{N}_{dg}. \tag{22}$$

$$K_i = 0, \quad \forall i \notin \mathcal{N}_{sb} \cup \mathcal{N}_{dg}. \tag{23}$$

$$|k_{ij,t_a}| \leq n_{dg} x_{ij,1+(t_a-1)T_a}, \quad \forall (ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \quad \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{24}$$

- Radiality constraints for maintaining line status during time interval:

$$\sum_{h=1+(t_a-1)T_a}^{t_a T_a} x_{ij,h} = T_a x_{ij,1+(t_a-1)T_a}, \quad \forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{25}$$

$$x_{ij,t+1} = x_{ij,t}, \text{ (if } 1 + (t_a - 1)T_a \leq t \leq t_a T_a - 1), \quad \forall l(ij) \in \mathcal{L}, \forall t_a \in \mathcal{T}_a. \tag{26}$$

References

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