Application of HSA and GA in Optimal Placement of FACTS Devices Considering Voltage Stability and Losses

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• Determination of the maximum loading problem;
• Computation of the critical loading of the power system [11].

In this paper a harmony search heuristic method and genetic algorithm have been suggested to optimally locate the UPFC, TCPAR and SVC to control voltage stability. The effectiveness of the proposed algorithm and voltage enhancement has been demonstrated on IEEE 30 bus network.

II. MATHEMATICAL MODEL OF FACTS DEVICES

The power injected model is a good model for this study because it will handle the FACTS devices during power flow computations. This model would not affect the Y_BUS matrix and the Z_BUS matrix. In fact the power injection model is convenient and enough for power systems with FACTS devices. TCPAR and UPFC are modeled using the power injection method [12]. In a simple transmission line the parameters are connected between bus i and bus j, the voltages and angels at bus i are \( V_i \) and \( \delta_i \) and at bus j are \( V_j \) and \( \delta_j \). Hence the real and reactive power from bus i to bus j could be written as:

\[
P_{ij} = V_i^2 G_{ij} + V_j B_{ij} \
Q_{ij} = -V_i V_j (G_{ij} \cos (\delta_i - \delta_j))
\]

Where \( \delta_{ij} = \delta_i - \delta_j \).

Similarly the active and reactive power from bus j to bus i is:

\[
P_{ji} = V_j^2 G_{ji} + V_i B_{ij} \
Q_{ji} = -V_i V_j (G_{ji} \cos (\delta_j - \delta_i))
\]

where

\[
S_{ij} = \tan \theta_{ij}
\]

B. UPFC

A series inserted voltage and phase angel of inserted voltage can model the affect of UPFC on the network. The inserted voltage has a maximum magnitude of \( V_{upfc} \), where \( V_m \) is the rated voltage of the line, where the UPFC is connected. The real and reactive power injected at buses i and j are:

\[
P_i(\text{com}) = -V_i^2 G_{ij} + V_j B_{ij} \
Q_i(\text{com}) = -V_i V_j (G_{ij} \cos (\delta_i - \delta_j))
\]

Where \( S = \tan \phi_{upfc} \).

C. SVC

SVC can be used for both inductive and capacitive compensation. In this paper SVC is modeled as an ideal reactive power injection at bus \( i \):

\[
\Delta Q_i = Q_{SVC}
\]

III. VOLTAGE STABILITY INDEX

A. Definition

Voltage stability is the ability of a system to maintain voltage so that when system nominal load is increased, the active power delivered to the load by the system will increase and both power and voltage are controllable. If the ability to maintain power transfer and voltage is lost, the system is voltage unstable. Voltage collapse is the process by which voltage instability leads to a loss of voltage in a significant part of the system. A power system will enter a period of voltage instability prior to a voltage collapse. During voltage instability, the power system is in grave danger and the system operators have lost control of system voltage and power flow. System reactive power reserve supplies will be exhausted and motors may begin to stall. If voltages decline any further, a voltage collapse may occur.

B. Review of Conventional Voltage Stability Indices

Reliable assessment of voltage stability of an electric power system is essential for its operation and control. To accommodate the need for accurate analysis of voltage stability a number of analytical and computational tools have been developed. It is important to assess voltage stability indices in the papers. Voltage stability is related to the feasibility of the power flow solution. Many voltage stability indices were proposed to measure a margin to the limitation of the power flow solution. Reference [13] presented a criterion that made use of the sensitivity of reactive power with respect to voltage. Determinant of the Jacobian matrix of the power
flow equation has been presented by Afterwards in [14]. In particular, they focused on the sign of the determinant to judge if a power flow solution is stable or not. Tamura, et al. proposed an index that employed an angle between a pair of multiple power flow solutions [15]. That is based on the fact that a pair of multiple power flow solutions becomes closer and merges at the saddle bifurcation point as power system conditions get heavy-loaded gradually. Carpentier, et al. presented an index with the optimal power flow calculation [16]. The index shows that a power system lacks a large amount of reactive power if it is approaches voltage instability. Kessel and Glavitsch developed an index called L with the power flow calculation [17]. The index evaluates the power system conditions with the hybrid matrix. The advantage of the index is to require only one power flow calculation. Thomas and Tirumurti presented a method that used the minimum singular value of the singular value decomposition technique [18]. Afterwards, Lot, et al. speeded up the method of Thomas and Tirumurti with the sparse matrix technique [19,20].

P-V curves have been traditionally used as graphical tools for studying voltage stability in electric power systems. Fig. 2 conceptually shows the impact of a synchronous generator on voltage stability of a hypothetical node. In this paper, index L is used due to the computational efficiency.

![Diagram of P-V curves for studying voltage stability in power systems](image)

**C. Voltage Stability Index L**

The voltage stability index L is based on the hybrid matrix of circuit theory. It is considered that nodes in a power network may be divided into $\alpha_L$ and $\alpha_G$.

- $\alpha_L$ : load nodes
- $\alpha_G$ : generation nodes

The transmission system may be written as:

$$
\begin{bmatrix}
X_L \\
I_G
\end{bmatrix} = [H]
\begin{bmatrix}
I_L \\
V_G
\end{bmatrix}
$$

Where:
- $H$: hybrid matrix
- $V_L$ (IL): voltage (current) at load node
- $V_G$ (IG): voltage (current) at generation node
- $Z_{LL}$, $F_{LG}$, $K_{GL}$: sub-matrix of matrix $H$

The voltage stability index at load node $j$ may be written as [21]:

$$
L_j = \frac{1 + \frac{V_{0j}}{V_j}}{V_j}
$$

Where $V_{0j} = -\sum_{i \neq j} F_{ji}V_i$

Therefore, the voltage stability index for the whole network may be expressed as:

$$
L = \text{Max}L_j, \quad j \in \alpha_L
$$

Index $L$ varies from 0 to 1, where $L=0$ means a power network without load and $L=1$ implies voltage collapse. The index above allows the system operator to evaluate a margin to voltage instability.

**IV. HARMONY SEARCH ALGORITHM**

Over the last four decades, a large number of algorithms have been developed to solve various engineering optimization problems. The computational drawbacks of existing numerical methods have forced researchers to rely on metaheuristic algorithms based on simulations to solve engineering optimization problems. The common factor in meta-heuristic algorithms is that they combine rules and randomness to imitate natural phenomena.

Recently, Geem et al. [22] developed a new Harmony Search (HS) meta-heuristic algorithm that is an optimization technique inspired by music phenomenon. Musical performances seek to find pleasing harmony as determined by an aesthetic standard, just as the optimization process seeks to find a global solution as determined by an objective function. In music improvisation, each player sounds any pitch within the possible range, together making one harmony vector. If all the pitches make a good harmony, that experience is stored in each player’s memory, and the possibility to make a good harmony is increased next time. Similarly in engineering optimization, each decision variable initially chooses any value within the possible range, together making one solution vector [23-25].

In real optimization, each musician can be replaced with each decision variable, and its preferred sound pitches can be replaced with each variable’s preferred values.

The steps in the procedure of harmony are as follows; Step 1. Initialize the optimization problem and algorithm parameters.

Minimize $f(x)$ s.t. $x_i \in X_i$, i=1,2,3,…..N.

- $f(x)$ : objective function
- $x$ : set of each design variable (xi)
- $X_i$ : set of the possible range of values for each design variable (Lxi < xi < Uxi)

$N$ : is the number of design variables

The HS algorithm parameters are also specified in this step. These are:

- HMS : harmony memory size or the number of solution vectors in the harmony memory;
- HMCR : harmony memory considering rate;
- PAR : pitch adjusting rate;
Step 2. Initialize the harmony memory (HM).

The harmony memory (HM) is a memory location where all the solution vectors (sets of decision variables) are stored. This HM is similar to the genetic pool in the GA. HM matrix is filled with as many randomly generated solution vectors as the HMS.

\[ \text{HM} = \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} x_1^1 & x_2^1 & \ldots & x_{N}^1 \\ x_1^2 & x_2^2 & \ldots & x_{N}^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_1^{\text{max}-1} & x_2^{\text{max}-1} & \ldots & x_{N}^{\text{max}-1} \\ x_1^{\text{max}} & x_2^{\text{max}} & \ldots & x_{N}^{\text{max}} \end{array} \right] \]  

(17)

Step 3. Improvise a new harmony

In this Step, a new harmony vector, \( x' = (x_1', x_2', \ldots, x_n') \), is generated based on three rules: (1) memory consideration, (2) pitch adjustment and (3) random selection. Generating a new harmony is called ‘improvisation’.

The value of the first decision variable \( x_1' \) for the new vector can be chosen from any value in the specified HM range \( x_1^1 - x_1^{\text{max}} \). Values of the other design variables \( (x_2', x_3', \ldots, x_n') \) are chosen in the same manner.

The HMCR, which varies between 0 and 1, is the rate of choosing one value from the historical values stored in the HM, while \( (1-\text{HMCR}) \) is the rate of randomly selecting one value from the possible range of values.

\[ x'_1 \leftarrow \begin{cases} x'_1 \in \{ x_1^1, x_1^2, \ldots, x_1^{\text{max}} \} & \text{with probability } \text{HMCR} \\ x'_1 \in X_i & \text{with probability } (1-\text{HMCR}) \end{cases} \]  

(18)

For instance, a HMCR of 0.90 indicates that the HS algorithm will choose the decision variable value from historically stored values in the HM with the 90% probability or from the entire possible range with the 100–90% probability. Every component of the new harmony vector, \( x' = (x_1', x_2', \ldots, x_n') \), is examined to determine whether it should be pitch-adjusted.

This operation uses the PAR parameter, which is the rate of pitch adjustment as follows:

\[ x'_i \leftarrow \begin{cases} \text{Yes} & \text{with probability } \text{PAR} \\ \text{No} & \text{with probability } (1-\text{PAR}) \end{cases} \]  

(19)

The value of (1-PAR) sets the rate of doing nothing. If the pitch adjustment decision for \( x_i' \) is yes, \( x_i' \) is replaced as follows:

\[ x'_i \leftarrow x' + \text{bw} \times U(-1,1) \]  

(20)

bw: arbitrary distance bandwidth for the continuous design variable

U (-1, 1): uniform distribution between -1 and 1.

In Step 3, HM consideration, pitch adjustment or random selection is applied to each variable of the new harmony vector in turn.

Step 4. Update harmony memory

If the new harmony vector, \( x' = (x_1', x_2', \ldots, x_n') \), is better than the worst harmony in the HM, from the point of view of the objective function value, the new harmony is included in the HM and the existing worst harmony is excluded from the HM.

Step 5. Check stopping criterion

If the stopping criterion (maximum number of improvisations) is satisfied, computation is terminated. Otherwise, Steps 3 and 4 are repeated.

V. GENETIC ALGORITHM

GA is an evolutionary computing method in the area of artificial intelligence. It was pioneered by Holland in the 60’s and 70’s and his work is comprehensively presented in [26]. It is a global search algorithm that is based on concepts from natural genetics and the Darwinian survival-of-the-fittest code. Meta-heuristic algorithm-based engineering optimization methods, including GA, have occasionally overcome several deficiencies of conventional numerical methods. Genetics is usually used to reach to a near global optimum solution. In each iteration of GA (referred as generation), a new set of string (i.e. chromosomes) with improved fitness is produced using genetic operators (i.e. selection, crossover and mutation). Useful practical details of genetic algorithms are available in [27] and [28].

A. Binary Encoding

The most common way of encoding is a binary string, which would be represented as in Fig. 3.

Fig. 3. Typical Chromosome for binary encoding

Each chromosome encodes a binary (bit) string. Each bit in the string can represent some characteristics of the solution. Every bit string therefore is a solution but not necessarily the best solution. Another possibility is that the whole string can represent a number. The way bit strings can code differs from problem to problem. Binary encoding gives many possible chromosomes with a smaller number of alleles. On the other hand this encoding is not natural for many problems and sometimes corrections must be made after genetic operation is completed. Binary coded strings with 1s and 0s are mostly used. The length of the string depends on the accuracy [29].

B. Selection

Selection is the process of choosing two parents from the population for crossing. In proposed GA, method of tournament selection is used for selection.

C. Cross Over

Crossover is the process of taking two parent solutions and producing from them a child. After the selection process, the
population is enriched with better individuals. Reproduction makes clones of good strings but does not create new ones. Crossover operator is applied to the mating pool with the hope that it creates a better offspring. There are various crossover techniques. In this paper single point crossover has been used where the two mating chromosomes are cut once at corresponding points.

E. Mutation
After crossover, the strings are subjected to mutation. Mutation prevents the algorithm to be trapped in a local minimum. Mutation plays the role of recovering the lost genetic materials as well as for randomly disturbing genetic information. It is an insurance policy against the irreversible loss of genetic material. In this paper, a random vector from a Gaussian distribution to the parents. For each chromosome, random number is selected.

F. Fitness Function
The goal of optimization algorithm is to place FACTS devices in order to enhance power system stability level (Section III) considering models of FACTS devices. So these devices should be placed to prevent instability in transmission lines and transformers and maintain bus voltages close to their reference value.

In most of the nonlinear optimization problems constraints are considered by defining the object function using penalty terms. In this process the voltages of PV buses, tap of transformers, and the amount of reactive power installation are controlled variables which are self constrained. Voltages of PQ buses and injected reactive powers of PV buses are constraints that add to the object function as a penalty term. The initial object function is expressed as:

\[ F_q = f_q + \sum_{i \in N} \lambda_{(i)} (V_i - V_{i,\text{lim}})^2 + \sum_{i \in \mathcal{N}} \lambda_{(i)} (Q_{ci} - Q_{i,\text{lim}})^2 + L_{\text{max}} \]  

(21)

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VI. SIMULATION RESULTS

A. Considerations
In this part of the research optimal placement of three types of FACTS devices in a IEEE 30 bus power system (Fig. 4) are investigated and seven scenarios have been considered. This problem has been solved by the Genetic algorithm (GA) and harmony search algorithm (HSA).

In this study below cases have been considered.

- Finding the optimal location of three types of FACTS devices consisting TCPAR, UPFC and SVC by genetic algorithm and harmony search algorithm in different states.
- Studying the impact of FACTS devices settings on the power loss transmission and stability considering there optimal placement.

The configuration of FACTS devices have been obtained by two parameters: the location of devices and rate value. Each individual represents a string which the first value of each string represents the location of the FACTS device in the network and the second value represents the rated value of the FACTS device. According to the model of the FACTS devices, the rated values (RV) of each FACTS device is converted in to the real compensation as follow:

TCPAR: The working range of the TCPAR is between the -5 degrees to +5 degrees.

\[ q_{\text{TCPAR}} = RV \times 5(\text{degree}) \]  

(24)

UPFC: The working range of the UPFC is between -180 degrees to +180 degrees.

\[ q_{\text{UPFC}} = RV \times 180(\text{degree}) \]  

(25)

It should be noticed that the RV parameter is between -1 and 1 and also the power system transmission loss in the absence of FACTS devices is 17.557 MW.

B. Network data
The 30 bus IEEE power system has been selected for this study that is shown in Fig. 4. Consists of 48 branches, six generator buses and 20 load buses. Four branches, (6,9), (6,10), (4,12) and (27,28) are under load tap setting transformer branches. The possible reactive power source installation buses are 3, 10 and 24. Six buses are selected as PV buses as follow: 2, 5, 8, 11 and 13. The bus No.1 is the swing bus. The variable limits have been given in Table.I. It has assumed that the transformer taps and the reactive power source installation are continuous variables. Also the other parameters limits are represented in Table.II. The generations of G1-G6 are shown in Table.III.

![Fig. 4 IEEE 30 bus power system](image)
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C. Considered scenarios

Three scenarios have been considered and in each scenario GA and HSA have been implemented for finding optimal placement and best rate values for FACTS devices.

Case 1: one-type FACTS allocation using GA and HSA

In this case, allocation of one-type FACTS devices has been performed using GA and HSA. Three different kinds of FACTS devices (TCPAR, UPFC, and SVC) have been used to be placed in optimal location solely to enhance power system stability index and reduce losses.

Results for one-type FACTS allocation using GA and HSA have been compared and presented in Tables IV-VI.

Case 2: two-type FACTS allocation using GA and HSA

In this case, allocation of two-type FACTS devices has been performed using GA and HSA. Two different kinds of FACTS devices among TCPAR, UPFC, and SVC have been selected and are located in optimal location two by two to enhance power system stability index and reduce losses.

Consequences for two-type FACTS allocation by GA and HSA have been assessed and presented in Tables VII-VIII.

Case 3: multi-type FACTS allocation using GA and HSA

In the last scenario, three types of controller simultaneously have been implemented to improve voltage stability index and losses. Table IX shows optimal location of devices in this scenario.

This results show that installation of multi-type FACTS devices can lead to improve in voltage stability index and reduce in power system losses simultaneously. So multi-type FACTS devices should be placed in optimal location to both improve stability margins and reduce losses in the network.

VI. CONCLUSION

In this paper, a method for placement of multi-type FACTS devices based on Harmony Search (HS) and Genetic Algorithm (GA) has been presented. Three types of FACTS devices (SVC, TCPAR, and UPFC) have been modeled. The criteria for optimization were considered as the voltage stability index and the minimization of losses. For investigation of the purposes, Different scenarios have been considered. In the first scenario TCPAT, UPFS, and SVC have been installed exclusively in transmission lines and indices have been evaluated. Then two types of above controller try to improve parameters randomly. Next three types controller simultaneously have been implemented to improve voltage stability index and losses.

The results of execution of these scenarios on a typical 30-bus test system were clarified robustness of this method in optimal and fast placement of FACTS devices. The results showed the efficiency of this method for improvement of voltage profile, reduction of power losses and also an increase in power transfer capacity, maximum loading and voltage stability margin.
TABLE IX

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