ECEN 615 Problem Set #2

Fall 2018 Due 9/27/18

1. Using a programming environment of your choice (such as Matlab, Scilab or Python) write a Newton-Raphson power flow, and use it to solve the five bus system presented in class. You can either hard code the five bus system data in your program, or you can input it from, say, text files. The input is the per unit power for the PQ buses, the voltage setpoints for the generators, and the transmission line and transformer π -model parameters. You need to code PQ, PV and (obviously) a slack bus. However, you do not need to code generator reactive power limits. Use a flat start initial guess, except set the PV bus voltage to the generator setpoint voltage. Your output should be a list of the bus voltage magnitudes and angles at each iteration. Also calculate the reactive power output for the generators and the real power output for the slack bus generator. Use a 100 MVA per unit base, and use a per unit convergence value of 0.1 MVA. Turn in the output and a complete listing of your program.

Solution: Using any of the stated programming software to implement the Newton-Raphson code for solving the power flow, voltage magnitude and angle at all buses are obtained as:

Buses	Voltage Mag.	Voltage Ang.	
	(P.U.)	(Rad.)	(Deg.)
1	1.000	0.000	0.000
2	0.834	-0.391	-22.408
3	1.050	-0.010	-0.600
4	1.019	-0.049	-2.840
5	0.974	-0.079	-4.550

To compute generator real and reactive powers at buses 1 and 3, plug in the computed states (i.e. voltage magnitudes and angles) and Ybus entries in the power flow equations at the different buses. E.g., at the generator slack bus, G1 (where $P_{D1} = Q_{D1} = 0$),

$$P_{G1} = V_1 V_5 (G_{15} \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_5) + B_{15} \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_5)) + V_1^2 G_{11} + P_{D1}$$

$$Q_{G1} = V_1 V_5 (G_{15} \sin(\theta_1 - \theta_5) - B_{15} \cos(\theta_1 - \theta_5)) - V_1^2 B_{11} + Q_{D1}$$

	Gen. @ slack 1	Gen. @ bus 3
Real Power, P (p.u.)	3.948	5.200
Reactive Power, Q (p.u.)	1.143	3.375



2. In PowerWorld using the case Aggieland37 manually try to minimize the system losses by adjusting 1) the phase shifter at the REED substation, 2) the status of the capacitors, and 3) the LTCs at the TEXAS, WEB, KYLE and RELLIS substations. Turn in your minimum losses and an explanation of the manual procedure that you used to determine the minimum lossesl. Also, explain why you think your solution actually minimizes the losses.

Explanation: Shunt capacitors are local sources of reactive power. By switching them ON, the demand for reactive power sourced from long distances can be reduced, thus decreasing I2R line losses. Further system loss reduction is achieved by adjusting LTC tap settings, which have the effect of controlling line reactive power flow and boosting node voltages. This has an added effect of reducing system losses. While phase-shifting transformers control real power flow, the phase shift setting of 0.0 degrees in the given PowerWorld case appears to be optimal for system loss – a change in either direction of the phase angle increases the total loss.

Strategy for loss minimization in the given case: First switch in shunt capacitors to supply local vars. Then, compare different combinations of tap settings of all LTCs in the system. Check for circulating var flows, and adjust LTC taps to reduce them. Arrive at a minimum system loss.

Note: While an outage of some of the lines can reduce system losses, this will often result in fewer loads served, and hence defeating the purpose of a reliable system. Thus, line removal is discouraged.



