ECE 598 Computational Power Systems

Optimal power flow & Locational pricing

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S. Frank and S. Rebennack. An introduction to optimal power flow: Theory, formulation, and examples. IIE Transactions, 2016

1. Power flow models

2. Optimal power flow

3. Locational electricity pricing

Power transmission network as an electric circuit



N nodes (generator/load buses) and *E* edges (lines, transformers)
AC voltages and currents as phasors (at nominal frequency)

$$\mathcal{V} = V e^{j\theta} = \Re[\mathcal{V}] + j\Im[\mathcal{V}]$$

• Ohm's law $\mathcal{V} = \mathcal{ZI}$

$\pi-\mathrm{model}$ of transmission lines



Voltages V_n and V_m at line ends
 Line series impedance z_{nm} = r_{nm} + jx_{nm}
 Line series admittance y_{nm} = 1/(z_{nm}) = g_{nm} + jb_{nm}
 Line series conductance g_{nm} = r_{nm}/(r_{nm} + x_{nm})
 Line series susceptance b_{nm} = x_{nm}/(r_{nm} + x_{nm})
 Line charging susceptance b^c_{nm}

Line currents



$$\mathcal{I}_{nm} = y_{nm} \left(\mathcal{V}_n - \mathcal{V}_m \right) + j \frac{b_{nm}^c}{2} \mathcal{V}_n$$
$$= \left(y_{nm} + j \frac{b_{nm}^c}{2} \right) \mathcal{V}_n - y_{nm} \mathcal{V}_m$$

Kirchoff's current law:



Collect currents and voltages $\{\mathcal{I}_i, \mathcal{V}_i\}_{i=1}^N$ into vectors $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^N$. We will ignore transformers and phase shifters (for now).

Multivariate Ohm's law

Currents are linearly related to voltages, i.e., $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{Y}\mathbf{v}$

Bus admittance matrix is fundamental in power flow analysis

$$Y_{nm} = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \neq n} y_{nk} + j \frac{b_{nk}^c}{2} & , n = m \\ -y_{nm} & , \exists \text{ line } (n, m) \\ 0 & , \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

symmetric $(Y_{nm} = Y_{mn})$; non-Hermitian $(Y_{nm} \neq Y_{mn}^*)$

sparse: efficient computations and storage

invertible if $b_{nm}^c \neq 0$ for at least one line; otherwise $\mathbf{Y1} = \mathbf{0}$

Bus impedance matrix $Z = Y^{-1}$ (v = Zi)

non-sparse

not the matrix of line impedances, i.e., $Z_{nm} \neq z_{nm} = \frac{1}{y_{nm}}$

IEEE 118-Bus system







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Complex power

■ Power $S_n = S_n^g - S_n^d$ consumed/generated at bus n

$$ig\{ m{\mathcal{S}}_i = m{\mathcal{P}}_i + j m{\mathcal{Q}}_i = \mathcal{V}_i \mathcal{I}_i^* ig\}_{i=1}^N$$
 and $\mathbf{i} = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{v}$

Eliminate current to get the multivariate power model

$$\mathbf{s} = diag(\mathbf{s})\mathbf{Y}^*\mathbf{v}^*$$

N complex equations in 2N complex unknowns

Similar expressions for power flow on line (n, m)

$$S_{nm} = \mathcal{V}_m \mathcal{I}_{nm}^*$$



AC power flow model

$$S_n = P_n + jQ_n$$

Voltages in polar coordinates ($\theta_{nm} = \theta_n - \theta_m$)

$$P_{n} = V_{n} \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_{m} (G_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} + B_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm})$$
$$Q_{n} = V_{n} \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_{m} (G_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} - B_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm})$$

depends on voltage difference; reference bus $\theta_N = 0$

Voltages in rectangular coordinates

$$P_{n} = \Re[V_{n}] \sum_{m=1}^{N} (\Re[V_{m}]G_{nm} - \Im[V_{m}]B_{nm}) + \Im[V_{n}] \sum_{m=1}^{N} (\Im[V_{m}]G_{nm} + \Re[V_{m}]B_{nm})$$
$$Q_{n} = \Im[V_{n}] \sum_{m=1}^{N} (\Re[V_{m}]G_{nm} - \Im[V_{m}]B_{nm}) - \Re[V_{n}] \sum_{m=1}^{N} (\Im[V_{m}]G_{nm} + \Re[V_{m}]B_{nm})$$

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 Next N_g generator buses (PV buses) (P_n, V_n)
 Reference bus (V_N, θ_N = 0)
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- Resultant 2N power flow equations

 $\begin{aligned} P_n &= V_n \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_m \left(G_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} + B_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} \right), \quad \forall n = 1, \dots, N_d + N_g = N - 1 \\ Q_n &= V_n \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_m \left(G_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} - B_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} \right), \quad \forall n = 1, \dots, N_d \end{aligned}$

- Equations in $\{(V_n, \theta_n)\}_{n=1}^N$ solved recursively (Gauss-Seidel, Newton, FDPF)
- Once voltages $\{(V_n^*, \theta_n^*)\}_{n=1}^N$ are found, any other quantity (injections, flows, currents, losses) can be calculated

DC power flow model

Only active power flow
$$P_n = V_n \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_m \left(G_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} + B_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} \right)$$

Assumptions

A1 Low r/x ratios in transmission lines (1/5-1/10 for 220-400kV)

$$r_{nm} \ll x_{nm} \rightarrow g_{nm} \ll b_{nm} \rightarrow \mathbf{G} pprox \mathbf{0}$$
 and $b_{nm} = rac{x_{nm}}{r_{nm}^2 + x_{nm}^2}$

A2 Small angle difference $sin(\theta_n - \theta_m) \approx \theta_n - \theta_m$

A3 Voltage magnitudes $V_n \approx 1$

DC power flow model

$$P_n \approx \sum_{m:n \sim m} P_{nm} = \sum_{m:n \sim m} b_{nm} (\theta_n - \theta_m)$$

B matrix

Power injections (and flows) relate linearly to phase differences

$$P_n = \sum_{m:n\sim m} b_{nm}(\theta_n - \theta_m)$$

Multivariate power flow model: $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\theta}$

DC bus admittance matrix: (different from matrix B in Y = G + jB)

$$B_{nm} = \begin{cases} \sum_{k \neq n} b_{nk} &, n = m \\ -b_{nm} &, \exists \text{ line } (n, m) \\ 0 &, \text{ otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Real, symmetric, sparse, and positive semidefinite

- **Lossless lines:** $\mathbf{B1} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{1}^{\top} \mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$ $(\mathbf{1}^{\top} (\mathbf{p}^{g} \mathbf{p}^{d}) = \mathbf{0})$
- Oftentimes further simplify $b_{nm} = \frac{x_{nm}}{r_{nm}^2 + x_{nm}^2} \approx \frac{1}{x_{nm}}$

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Formulation in rectangular coordinates

 \blacksquare Collect nodal voltages in rectangular coordinates in $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{C}^N$

$$\mathbf{v} = \begin{bmatrix} \Re[\mathcal{V}_1] + j\Im[\mathcal{V}_1] & \dots & \Re[\mathcal{V}_N] + j\Im[\mathcal{V}_N] \end{bmatrix}^\top$$

Power injections and squared voltage magnitudes are quadratic functions of **v**:

$$P_n(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_{P_n} \mathbf{v}$$
$$Q_n(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_{Q_n} \mathbf{v}$$
$$V_n^2(\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_{V_n} \mathbf{v}$$

where matrices **M** are Hermitian symmetric ($\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{M}^H$)

Every bus contributes two quadratic constraints (active and reactive power) on v

Finding **M** matrices

■ Voltage magnitude (**e**_n is the *n*-th canonical vector)

$$V_n^2(\mathbf{v}) = \mathcal{V}_n^* \mathcal{V}_n = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{v} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{M}_{V_n} = \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top$$

Complex power injection

$$S_n = P_n + jQ_n = \mathcal{V}_n \mathcal{I}_n^* = (\mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{e}_n)(\mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{i}^*) = \mathbf{v}^\top \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{v}^* = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{v}$$

Active and reactive power then take the form

$$P_n = \frac{1}{2}(S_n + S_n^*) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_{P_n} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{M}_{P_n} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top + \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{Y}^*)$$
$$Q_n = \frac{1}{2}(S_n - S_n^*) = \mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_{Q_n} \mathbf{v} \quad \text{where} \quad \mathbf{M}_{Q_n} = \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{Y}^* \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top - \mathbf{e}_n \mathbf{e}_n^\top \mathbf{Y}^*)$$

Power flow as a feasibility problem

System state as solution of feasibility problem

find
$$\mathbf{v}$$

s.t. $\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v} = s_k$, $\forall k = 1, ..., 2N$ [note: $\mathbf{v}^H \mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v} = \text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^H)$]

 $\blacksquare \text{ Introduce matrix variable } \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{v}\mathbf{v}^H$

find
$$(\mathbf{v}, \mathbf{V})$$

s.t. $\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{V}) = s_k, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, 2N$
 $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}^H$

Eliminate variable v; non-convex problem due to rank constraint

find (V)
s.t.
$$\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{V}) = s_k$$
, $\forall k = 1, \dots, 2N$
 $\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}$, $\operatorname{rank}(\mathbf{V}) = 1$

Semidefinite program relaxation

Drop rank constraint to get semidefinite program (SDP)

find (V)
s.t.
$$\operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_k \mathbf{V}) = s_k, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, 2N$$

 $\mathbf{V} \succeq \mathbf{0}$

which is a convex problem

If the solution V^* is rank-1, the relaxation is said to be exact

If exact, find \mathbf{v}^* from $\mathbf{V}^* = \mathbf{v}^* \mathbf{v}^{*H}$

Relaxation is oftentimes exact under practical system conditions!

Optimal power flow (OPF) using semidefinite relaxation

OPF problem:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{V \succeq 0}{\text{minimize}} & \mathsf{Tr}(\mathsf{MV}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathsf{Tr}(\mathsf{M}_k \mathsf{V}) = s_k, \quad \forall k = 1, \dots, 2N \end{array}$$

Design matrix M to strengthen the relaxation (favor rank-1 solutions)¹:
 selecting M = Y^HY minimizes ||i||₂²

selecting M = B minimizes losses

both yield the "high-voltage solution" of the power flow equations

Use $\sum_{n=1}^{N} c_n \text{Tr}(\mathbf{M}_{P_n} \mathbf{V})$ as an objective to minimize the dispatch cost²

 $\blacksquare \text{ Incorporate squared voltage bounds as } \underline{\mathbf{v}}^2 \leqslant \mathbf{M}_{V_n} \mathbf{V} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{v}}^2$

 $^{^1\}text{R.}$ Madani, J. Lavaei, and R. Baldick. Convexification of power flow problem over arbitrary networks. IEEE CDC 2015

²J. Lavaei and S. Low. Zero duality gap in optimal power flow problem. IEEE Trans. on Power Systems. 2012

Formulation in **polar coordinates**

AC power flow model

$$\begin{aligned} P_n(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= V_n \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_m \left(G_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} + B_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} \right), \quad \forall n = 1, \dots, N \\ Q_n(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\theta}) &= V_n \sum_{m=1}^{N} V_m \left(G_{nm} \sin \theta_{nm} - B_{nm} \cos \theta_{nm} \right), \quad \forall n = 1, \dots, N \end{aligned}$$

Classic AC-OPF problem formulation

minimize p ^g ,q ^g ,v,θ	$c(\mathbf{p}^g)$	generation cost
subject to	$\mathbf{p}(\mathbf{v}, oldsymbol{ heta}) = \mathbf{p}^g - \mathbf{p}^d$	active power flow
	$\mathbf{q}(\mathbf{v},oldsymbol{ heta})=\mathbf{q}^g-\mathbf{q}^d$	reactive power flow
	$\underline{p}^g \leqslant p^g \leqslant \overline{p}^g$	min/max gen p-limits
	$\underline{\mathbf{q}}^g \leqslant \mathbf{q}^g \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{q}}^g$	min/max gen q-limits
	$\underline{\mathbf{v}} \leqslant \mathbf{v} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{v}}$	min/max voltage mag limits
	$\underline{oldsymbol{ heta}}\leqslantoldsymbol{ heta}\leqslant\overline{oldsymbol{ heta}}$	min/max voltage angle limits

■ Minimize generation cost subject to power flow equations and variable limits

Security-constrained AC-OPF (SC-AC-OPF)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{p^{g},q^{g},v_{0},\theta_{0},v_{c},\theta_{c}}{\text{minimize}} & c(\mathbf{p}^{g}) & generation \ cost \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{p}_{0}(\mathbf{v}_{0},\theta_{0}) = \mathbf{p}^{g} - \mathbf{p}^{d} & nominal \ act. \ power \ flow \\ & \mathbf{q}_{0}(\mathbf{v}_{0},\theta_{0}) = \mathbf{q}^{g} - \mathbf{q}^{d} & nominal \ rea. \ power \ flow \\ & \mathbf{p}_{c}(\mathbf{v}_{c},\theta_{c}) = \mathbf{p}^{g} - \mathbf{p}^{d}, \ \forall c = 1, \dots, N_{c} & post-contingency \ act. \ power \ flow \\ & \mathbf{q}_{c}(\mathbf{v}_{c},\theta_{c}) = \mathbf{q}^{g} - \mathbf{q}^{d}, \ \forall c = 1, \dots, N_{c} & post-contingency \ rea. \ power \ flow \\ & + \text{limits on optimization variables} \end{array}$$

Constraints for the nominal and all contingency scenarios

- Line outage: $\mathbf{p}_c()$ and $\mathbf{q}_c()$ include new admittances \mathbf{Y}_c
- One dispatch $(\mathbf{p}^g, \mathbf{q}^g)$ is computed for the nominal and all contingency scenarios
- SC-AC-OPF costs \geq classic AC-OPF (why? what is N_c for line outages?)
- Similarly, generator outage security constraints are added to SC-AC-OPF

DC-OPF ($b\theta$ -formulation)

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\mathbf{p},\theta}{\text{minimize}} & c(\mathbf{p}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{B}\theta = \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{d} \\ & \underline{\mathbf{p}} \leqslant \mathbf{p} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{p}} \\ & -\overline{f}_{nm} \leqslant b_{nm}(\theta_n - \theta_m) \leqslant \overline{f}_{nm} \end{array}$$

generation cost active power balance min/max gen p-limits power flow limits

I New notation:
$$\mathbf{p}^g \rightarrow \mathbf{p}$$
 and $\mathbf{p}^d \rightarrow \mathbf{d}$

- Acts on the DC power flow approximation
- Active power only; reactive power disregarded
- Double-sided power flow constraints (why?)

DC-OPF (PTDF formulation)

Formulate the DC-OPF problem in one variable **p**^g only

Use matrix F ∈ ℝ^{E×N} of power transfer distribution factors (PTDF)
 how the power flow in line e changes w.r.t. to the change of power injection at node n?
 obtained by manipulating the DC bus admittance matrix B (see today's tutorial)

Power flows f = F(p - d) (distribution of net injections across power lines)

The new DC-OPF formulation

minimize P	$c(\mathbf{p})$	generation cost
subject to	$1^{\top}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{d})=0$	active power balance
	$ \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{d}) \leqslant\overline{f}$	power flow limits
	$\underline{p} \leqslant p \leqslant \overline{p}$	min/max gen p-limits

Less variables than in $b\theta$ -formulation, but requires more memory to store and operate with matrix **F**

Often used for locational marginal pricing in high-voltage grids

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Duality of DC-OPF

Focus on the **coupling** constraints (i.e., linking generators and loads):

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\substack{\mathbf{p} \leq \mathbf{p} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{p}}}{\overset{\mathbf{p} < \mathbf{p} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{p}}}} & c(\mathbf{p}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{1}^\top (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{d}) = \mathbf{0} & : \lambda \\ & \mathbf{F} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{d}) \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{f}} & : \overline{\mu} \\ & -\mathbf{F} (\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{d}) \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{f}} & : \underline{\mu} \end{array}$$

Partial Lagrangian function (dualize the coupling constraints only):

$$\begin{array}{l} \max_{\lambda,\overline{\mu},\underline{\mu}}\min_{\underline{p}\leqslant p\leqslant \overline{p}} \quad \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{p},\lambda,\overline{\mu},\underline{\mu}) = c(\mathbf{p}) - \lambda \mathbf{1}^{\top}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{d}) \\ \quad + \overline{\mu}^{\top}(\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{d})-\overline{\mathbf{f}}) + \underline{\mu}^{\top}(-\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}-\mathbf{d})-\overline{\mathbf{f}}) \end{array}$$

Group terms corresponding to dispatch \mathbf{p} , demand \mathbf{d} and line limits $\overline{\mathbf{f}}$:

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}^{p} + \mathcal{L}^{d} + \mathcal{L}^{f}, \quad \text{where} \quad$$

$$\begin{split} \mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{p}}(\mathsf{p},\lambda,\overline{\mu},\underline{\mu}) &= c(\mathsf{p}) - (\mathbf{1}\lambda - \mathsf{F}^{\top}\overline{\mu} + \mathsf{F}^{\top}\underline{\mu})^{\top}\mathsf{p} \\ \mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{d}}(\lambda,\overline{\mu},\underline{\mu}) &= (\mathbf{1}\lambda - \mathsf{F}^{\top}\overline{\mu} + \mathsf{F}^{\top}\underline{\mu})^{\top}\mathsf{d} \\ \mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{f}}(\overline{\mu},\underline{\mu}) &= -(\underline{\mu} + \overline{\mu})^{\top}\overline{\mathsf{f}} \end{split}$$

Power dispatch \mathbf{p} and demand \mathbf{d} share the same multiplier but with oposite signs

Locational marginal prices (LMPs)

$$\pi^{\star}(\lambda^{\star}, \overline{\mu}^{\star}, \underline{\mu}^{\star}) = \underbrace{1\lambda^{\star}}_{\text{uniform}} - \underbrace{\mathbf{F}^{\top}(\overline{\mu}^{\star} - \underline{\mu}^{\star})}_{\text{congestion}} \in \mathbb{R}^{N}$$

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Mieth et al. Risk- and Variance-Aware Electricity Pricing. PSCC 2020

Equilibrium interpretation

Equilibrium problem:

Power suppliers minimize negative profits:

$$\mathsf{p}(\pi^{\star}) = \operatorname*{argmin}_{\mathsf{p} \leqslant \mathsf{p} \leqslant \overline{\mathsf{p}}} \ \ \mathcal{L}^{\mathsf{p}}(\mathsf{p},\pi^{\star}) = c(\mathsf{p}) - \pi^{\star op} \mathsf{p}$$

Market operator finds such prices $\pi^{\star}(\lambda^{\star},\overline{\mu}^{\star},\underline{\mu}^{\star})$ that satisfy:

$$\mathbf{1}^ op(m{\pi}^\star) - \mathbf{d}) = 0$$
 and $|\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}(m{\pi}^\star) - \mathbf{d})| \leqslant \overline{f}$

Once equilibrium is found, power suppliers are paid as above and:

Inelastic demands are charged with $\pi^* \circ d$

Transmission operator collects congestion rent $(\mu + \overline{\mu})^{ op} \overline{f}$

 \blacksquare No congestion $(\overline{\mu}^{\star}=\underline{\mu}^{\star}=\mathbf{0}) \rightarrow$ problem reduces to economic dispatch

■ Elastic demand → utility-maximization problem for each demand

Some desirable market properties - Part I

■ Market efficiency: Equilibrium LMPs yield the least-cost dispatch

Proof: Extrapolate the solution to Assignment 1 (Problem 2) to the network-constrained case.

Cost recovery: for fully dispatchable generators (i.e., $\mathbf{p} = \mathbf{0}$)

Proof: primal problem maximize $\pi^{*\top}\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}^{\top}\mathbf{i}$

dual problem

 $\begin{array}{ll} \underset{p}{\text{maximize}} & \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\star\top} \mathbf{p} - \mathbf{c}^{\top} \mathbf{p} & \underset{\overline{\vartheta}, \underline{\vartheta} \ge 0}{\text{minimize}} & \overline{\vartheta}^{\top} \overline{\mathbf{p}} - \underline{\vartheta}^{\top} \underline{\mathbf{p}} \\ \text{subject to} & \underline{\mathbf{p}} \leqslant \mathbf{p} \leqslant \overline{\mathbf{p}} & \text{subject to} & \mathbf{c} - \boldsymbol{\pi}^{\star} + \overline{\vartheta} - \underline{\vartheta} = \mathbf{0} \end{array}$

Strong duality: $\pi^{\star \top} \mathbf{p}^{\star} - \mathbf{c}^{\top} \mathbf{p}^{\star} = \overline{\vartheta}^{\star \top} \overline{\mathbf{p}} - \underline{\vartheta}^{\star \top} \underline{\mathbf{p}}$

 $\overline{\vartheta}^\star,\underline{\vartheta}^\star\geqslant 0 \text{ and } \underline{p}=0 \Rightarrow \text{the profit is non-negative} \Rightarrow \text{cost recovery}$

What holds for aggregate also holds for individual generators

On your own: repeat the same steps for quadratic costs ...

Some desirable market properties - Part II

■ Revenue adequacy in markets with fully dispatchable units (i.e., p = 0): Market operator does not run into deficit (demand charges ≥ generator revenues) Proof: The Lagrangian function in optimality decomposes into



We thus only need to show that the congestion rent is non-negative From dual feasibility conditions $\overline{\mu}^{\star}, \underline{\mu}^{\star} \ge \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \pi^{\star \top} \mathbf{d} - \pi^{\star \top} \mathbf{p}^{\star} \ge \mathbf{0}$ Since the congestion rent is non-negative, the revenue adequacy holds

Unit commitment (UC) problem





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Electricity pricing with discontinuous costs

Let $\mathbf{u}_1^{\star}, \ldots, \mathbf{u}_T^{\star}$ be the optimal UC decisions (e.g., after solving UC with MI solver)

Formulate the relaxed problem

$$\begin{array}{ll} \underset{\mathbf{p}_{t},\mathbf{u}_{t}}{\text{minimize}} & \sum_{t=1}^{T} c(\mathbf{p}_{t},\mathbf{u}_{t}) \\ \text{subject to} & \mathbf{1}^{\top}(\mathbf{p}_{t}-\mathbf{d}_{t}) = \mathbf{0} \quad : \lambda_{t} \\ & \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_{t}-\mathbf{d}_{t}) \leqslant \overline{f} \quad : \overline{\mu}_{t} \\ & -\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{p}_{t}-\mathbf{d}_{t}) \leqslant \overline{f} \quad : \underline{\mu}_{t} \\ & \mathbf{u}_{t} \circ \underline{\mathbf{p}} \leqslant \mathbf{p}_{t} \leqslant \mathbf{u}_{t} \circ \overline{\mathbf{p}} \\ & \mathbf{u}_{t} = \mathbf{u}_{t}^{*} \qquad : \vartheta_{t} \end{array}$$

■ This is a convex optimization problem with the dual solution³:

Prices $\pi_t^*(\lambda_t^*, \overline{\mu}_t^*, \underline{\mu}_t^*)$ and ϑ_t^* solve a competitive equilibrium with disc. cost

Uplift payment $\vartheta_t^* \circ u_t$ to remunerate for the costs that can not be recovered by LMPs

This is the case of not fully dispatchable $(p \neq 0)$ units (see desirable market property 2)

UC is solved days ahead to compute uplifts; OPF is solved later to price electricity

³O'Neill et al. Efficient market-clearing prices in markets with nonconvexities. EJOR, 2005.