Lossy DC Power Flow

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Big drawback: model does not have resistances (power losses are not modelled)

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Proof based on contraction mapping principle

Simulations on MATPOWER Test Cases

Test System	Error (deg) DCPF	$\begin{array}{l} Error \ (deg) \\ k = 1 \end{array}$	Error (deg) k = 2
New England 39	1.33	0.02	0.00
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RTS '96 (3 area)	4.16	0.06	0.01
118 bus system	3.49	0.05	0.01
300 bus system	19.3	0.22	0.07
Polish 2383wp	5.32	0.31	0.02
PEGASE 2869	21.44	0.61	0.05
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Questions



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appendix

Algorithmic Implementation

Algorithm 1: Lossy Modified/Unmodified DCPF

Inputs: grid data, approximation order $k \in \mathbb{N}$ **Outputs:** voltage phase angles $\theta_r[k]$ $\psi[0] = \mathbb{O}_m$ for $\ell \leftarrow 1$ to k do $P_r[\ell - 1] \leftarrow P_r - G_{\text{diag}} + |A|_r \mathbb{D}_G \sqrt{\mathbb{1}_m - (\psi[\ell - 1])^2}$ $\delta_r[\ell] \leftarrow \text{Solve}(\mathbb{L}_B \delta_r[\ell] = P_r[\ell - 1])$ $\psi[\ell] \leftarrow A_r^T \delta_r[\ell]$ if ℓ acress Madified DCDE them

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