Understanding Power Flow Solutions: History, Practice, Theory, Progress

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Optimal Power Flow [Molzahn et al.]



Contingency Analysis [Hines et al.]



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Figure 2.6 Voltage as a function of load active and reactive powers

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Active power flow reformulation

Notation:

$$h_{e}(v) = \begin{cases} v_{i}v_{j} & \text{if } e = (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}^{\ell\ell} \\ v_{j} & \text{if } e = (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}^{g\ell} \\ 1 & \text{if } e = (i,j) \in \mathcal{E}^{gg} \end{cases}$$

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$$P = A \bigcup_{\text{Incidence Branch Stiff. Voltages } \sin(\theta_{i} - \theta_{j})} \underbrace{h(v)}_{\text{Voltages } \sin(\theta_{i} - \theta_{j})}$$
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Semi-Explicit Solution

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Incidence Branch Stiff. Voltages $sin(\theta_i - \theta_i)$

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Skipping some details

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• Now plug in
$$\cos(z) = \sqrt{1 - \sin^2(z)!}$$

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Numerical results I

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Numerical results II – convergence rates

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