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EMISSION DISPATCH OF PHOTOVOLTAIC INTEGRATED WITH THERMAL
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ABSTRACT

Power dispatch plays an essential role in the planning process and control of modern power systems. Therefore, the optimization of the power dispatch problem is fundamental in the power system in order to achieve the optimal power output for minimizing generation cost and emission while satisfying operational system constraints. Many types of research have solved the power dispatch problem based on thermal power generation. However, it became more complex when integrating renewable energy (RE) such as photovoltaic (PV) in the system. Thus, both cost and emission level must be minimized to operate the power system economically and environmentally friendly. Solving this problem requires a good, fast, and robust algorithm. Therefore, this research proposed a lightning search algorithm (LSA) to solve the power dispatch problem for thermal and PV power generation for cost and emission minimization. The results obtained by LSA have been compared with other methods reported in the literature review. The LSA algorithm has been applied to determine the optimal power dispatch in six different conditions in this research. The first three conditions are minimizing economic dispatch (ED), emission dispatch (EmD), and combined economic and emission dispatch (CEED) on thermal power generation. Furthermore, the other three conditions are minimizing the ED, EmD, and CEED on thermal generation integrated with PV plants. The power balance and generator limits constraints have been considered in all test systems in this research. There are four-test systems, including 3, 6, 13, and 40 thermal units, to minimize operating costs. One test system consists of 6 thermal units that optimize EED and CEED problems on thermal generation. Then, the test system consists of 6 thermal incorporated with thirteen PV units to minimize EED and CEED problems for 24 hours. It can be concluded that LSA was able to solve the power dispatch rightly whether it used to optimize the multi-objective or single objective. Furthermore, it is found that the LSA technique outperformed the compared algorithms that existed in the literature of this research in obtaining better solution quality.



ABSTRAK

Penghantaran kuasa memainkan peranan penting dalam proses perancangan dan kawalan sistem kuasa moden. Oleh itu, pengoptimuman masalah penghantaran kuasa adalah asas dalam sistem kuasa untuk mencapai output kuasa yang optimum untuk meminimumkan kos penjanaan dan pelepasan sambil memenuhi kekangan sistem operasi. Banyak jenis penyelidikan telah menyelesaikan masalah penghantaran kuasa berdasarkan penjanaan tenaga terma. Namun, ia menjadi lebih kompleks ketika mengintegrasikan tenaga boleh diperbaharui seperti fotovoltai (PV) dalam sistem. Oleh itu, kedua-dua tahap kos dan pelepasan mesti diminimumkan untuk mengendalikan sistem kuasa yang mesra ekonomi dan persekitaran. Untuk menyelesaikan masalah ini diperlukan algoritma yang baik, cepat, dan mantap. Oleh itu, penyelidikan ini mencadangkan algoritma carian kilat (LSA) untuk menyelesaikan masalah penghantaran tenaga untuk penjanaan tenaga terma dan PV untuk kos dan pengurangan emisi. Hasil yang diperoleh oleh LSA telah dibandingkan dengan hasil kaedah lain yang dilaporkan dalam tinjauan literatur. Algoritma LSA telah digunakan untuk menentukan penghantaran kuasa yang optimum dalam tiga keadaan yang berbeza; meminimumkan penghantaran ekonomi (ED), meminimumkan gabungan pengeluaran ekonomi dan pelepasan (CEED), dan masalah CEED yang disatukan dengan PV. Kekangan had keseimbangan kuasa dan penjana telah dipertimbangkan untuk semua sistem ujian dalam penyelidikan ini. Terdapat empat sistem ujian termasuk tiga, enam, tiga belas, empat puluh unit termal digunakan untuk meminimumkan kos operasi sahaja. Satu sistem ujian terdiri daripada enam unit termal yang dianggap dapat mengoptimumkan pengeluaran dan pengeluaran pelepasan. Kemudian, sistem ujian terdiri daripada enam unit termal dan tiga belas PV dipertimbangkan untuk mengurangkan masalah CEED. Dapat disimpulkan bahawa LSA dapat menyelesaikan pengiriman daya dengan betul sama ada digunakan untuk mengoptimumkan objektif pelbagai atau objektif tunggal. Selanjutnya, didapati bahawa teknik LSA mengatasi algoritma perbandingan yang ada dalam literatur dalam penyelidikan ini untuk mendapatkan kualiti penyelesaian yang lebih baik.



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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

P_{min}	–	Minimum Power Limits
P_{max}	–	Maximum Power Limits
P_L	–	Transmission Loss
B_{ij}, B_{oi}, B_{00}		Loss Coefficient Matrix
P_D	–	Power Demand
a_i, b_i, c_i, e_i, f_i	–	Cost Coefficients of the i^{th} Generating Unit
$\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i, \varepsilon_i, \lambda_i$	–	Emission Coefficients of the i^{th} Generating Unit
n	–	Number of Thermal Units
$F_i(P_i)$	–	Cost Function
$E_i(P_i)$	–	Emission Function
G	–	CEED Objective Function
w	–	Weighted Sum Method
h	–	Price Penalty Factor
P_{rated}	–	Rated Power
T_{amb}	–	Ambient Temperature
T_{ref}	–	Reference Temperature
S_i	–	Incident Solar Radiation
ED	–	Economic Dispatch
EmD	–	Emission Dispatch
EED	–	Economic and Emission Dispatch
CEED	–	Combined Economic and Emission Dispatch
REs	–	Renewable Energy Resources
LSA	–	Lightning Search Algorithm
PSO	–	Particle Swarm Optimization
FA	–	Firefly Algorithm
PV	–	Photovoltaic
VPE	–	Valve Point Effect



GA	Genetic Algorithm
ACO	Ant Colony Optimization
VSC	Variable Structure Control
eFPA	Euclidean Affine Flower Pollination
NSGA	Non-Dominated Sorting Genetic Algorithm
MHS	Modified Harmony Search
WOA	Whale Optimization Algorithm
CMOPEO	Constrained Multi-Objective Population Extremal Optimization
RBFNN	Radial Basis Function based on Neural Network
ACO	Ant Colony Optimization
CIHSA	Chaotic Improved Search Algorithm
SA	Simulated Annealing
BA	Bat Algorithm
PS	Pattern Search
FAPSO	Fuzzy Adaptive Particle Swarm Optimization
NM	Nelder-Mead
V2G	Vehicle-to-Grid
BSA	Backtracking Search Algorithm
DEC-SQP	Chaotic Differential Evolution And Sequential Quadratic Programming
ICA-PSO	Improved Coordinated Aggregation-Based PSO
ABC	Artificial Bee Colony



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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of the study

In the present civilization, electric power systems are considered one of the most complex industrial systems that play an important function in modern societies. Therefore, produce and distribute electric power must be accomplished cost-effectively, reliably, and in a responsible approach to the environment. The main aim of the planning and operation mission in power generation is to fulfil the power demand with the least possible cost. Furthermore, electric energy is primarily generated by conventional sources that use fossil fuels such as coal, natural gas, and oil, etc. These fossil fuels are expensive, and they produce harmful gases that cause environmental pollution. Due to the increment of power plant numbers, minimizing the pollutants of power generation is becoming very significant [1].

Power dispatch problem is to allocate the power schedule of the generation units to supply a determined power demand. This problem has two objectives that need to be minimized. The economic dispatch (ED) problem is concerned about optimal scheduling of the generators in the power system to reduce total operating cost with satisfying the operating constraints and power demand [2]. ED problem plays an essential role in the planning process and control of modern power systems. However, the emission dispatch (EmD) aims to control the generation schedule to obtain minimum emission. Because of the rising concern to the environment and the clean air act amendments of 1990, the utilities of power generation have been forced to adjust their strategies to minimize cost and reduce the emission [3]. Several types of research

have confirmed the concern of widespread pollution in power systems such as sulphur dioxide, carbon dioxide, and nitrogen oxides [4].

Optimal economic and emission dispatch (EED) is vital planning in the power system to schedule the power output of the generator at a minimum cost and emission level. The efficient optimal solution of the EED problem can ensure the power generation operates at a lower cost and emission level to support the national greenhouse gases reduction up to 45% by 2030, as stated in Green Technology Master Plan Malaysia 2017 [5]. Optimal EED does not require substantial additional implementation cost and can be performed on an existent system. Thus, this method is appropriate for decreasing harmful gases. When giving more attention to the emission level in electric power dispatch, it can offer a considerable advantage to gain lower operating cost and minimize the environmental pollution resulting from thermal generators. In this regard, the power dispatch becomes multi-objective where both ED and EmD problems can be combined to form the CEED problem. Consequently, the operating cost and emission level need to be minimized simultaneously. In the present era, the rising environmental apprehension and fuel expenditure reduction request have led to more investment in RE sources. Therefore, incorporate RE with the conventional power generation is getting high consideration to acquired sustainable energy [6].

Previously, many algorithms such as particle swarm optimization (PSO), firefly algorithm (FA), genetic algorithm (GA), and ant colony optimization (ACO) have been proposed to solve the power dispatch problem successfully. However, most of them are focused on thermal generators. One of the latest optimization algorithms called lightning search algorithm (LSA) that inspired by the natural aspect of lightning [7]. The LSA algorithm has been applied to solve several applications problems. For instance, the LSA algorithm is used to improve the system performance in a new design in the power system for variable structure control (VSC), enhance power quality of the electrical system, etc. Therefore, the LSA was found as an effective, flexible, and competitive technique and provided better outcomes than other methods. Thus, the LSA algorithm is proposed in this research to solve power dispatch problem based on PV energy.

1.2 Problem statement

The optimization of the power dispatch problem is fundamental in the power system in order to achieve the optimal power output for generation cost-minimizing while satisfying operational system constraints. The ED problem became complex when considering valve point effect (VPE) along with transmission losses. Similarly, the EmD problem increased the complexity of the power dispatch problem linked with different affected environmental assessment parameters. For that reason, the power generation must minimize the cost and the emission level to operate the system economically and environment-friendly at the same time. Many researchers have solved the power dispatch problem on thermal power generation for minimizing both single objective and multi-objective problems. The increment of fuel cost, depletion of fossil fuel reserves and the environmental considerations have compelled the researchers to incorporate RE in the power system. The integration of RE such as PV power plant in the power system has changed the research direction to reduce environmental issues of conventional power dispatch. However, the intermittence behavior of solar irradiation increased the complication of the problem. Minimizing the operating cost without considering the emission level in power dispatch has produced harmful gases to the environment, such as carbon dioxide. Hence, it was necessary to ensure the power generation has considered both cost and emission level in operation and planning. Therefore, this research has formulated the power dispatch problem based on RE since solving this problem requires a good, fast, and robust algorithm. This research focused on the power dispatch problem incorporated with PV for cost and emission minimization. A new metaheuristic algorithm called LSA algorithm was used for solving this problem. It is an efficient technique capable of dealing with multi-objective optimization. The performance of the proposed algorithm is compared with other algorithms from the existing literature, such as firefly algorithm (FA).



1.3 Objectives

This research work embarks on the following objectives:

- a) To develop the LSA algorithm for minimizing total operating cost and emission level of power dispatch problem for thermal generation power plant.
- b) To formulate the power dispatch problem with the incorporation of the solar power plant using the LSA algorithm.
- c) To compare the LSA results with other methods from the existing literature in terms of cost and emission minimization, convergence characteristic, and robustness.

1.4 Scopes of study

The research is carried out within the scopes as follow:

- a) The CEED problem was formulated to minimize the operational cost and the emission of harmful gases.
- b) Optimal economic emission dispatch problem focused on the thermal generation and PV energy.
- c) Lightning search algorithm used to find an optimal solution for this research.
- d) MATLAB R2020a software used for simulation and identify the result of CEED.
- e) Four standard test systems comprising of three, six, thirteen and forty units have been considered to solve the ED problem as the single objective function.



- f) IEEE 30 bus test system consisting of six thermal units incorporated with thirteen PV units have been investigated for 24 hours.
- g) The result of the CEED problem, based on PV energy obtained by the LSA algorithm was compared with the FA algorithm in terms of convergences and optimal solution for cost and emission.

1.5 Significance of study

The significances of this research are as follow:

- a) The optimal ED and EmD obtained in this research can reduce the operating cost and emission level of thermal power generation respectively.
- b) The proposed LSA algorithm has successfully solved different test systems to minimizing both operating cost and emission level as single objective and multi-objective of power dispatch problem respectively.
- c) The proposed test system based on the thermal and PV power plants can reduce fossil fuel usage and emission level to operate the system economically and environment-friendly.
- d) The proposed LSA algorithm can provide better optimal solutions compared to reported results in the literature for the considered case studies.

1.6 Outline of the thesis

In this thesis, the work carried out has been organized into five chapters in this research.

Chapter 2 presents the literature review on economic and emission dispatch and provides an overview of the research work. All types of optimization methods, including the proposed LSA, are discussed.

Chapter 3 discusses this research methodology, including problem formulation, objective function, constraints, and implementation on the LSA algorithm to solve the CEED problem.

Chapter 4 includes the result of the simulation, analysis, and discussion to solve optimal economic and emission dispatch with thermal generation and solar energy.

Chapter 5 presents the conclusion and recommendations for the upcoming work.



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CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter presented a comprehensive survey of the research area that conducted on this thesis. Based on that, it provided the needed background of the power dispatch problem in the power system. It also covered the latest published research related to optimal power dispatch. The problems of economic dispatch, emission dispatch, and combined economic emission dispatch have been covered in this literature review. Previous papers have reviewed power dispatch with renewable energy such as PV energy. The types of optimization methods for solving power dispatch problem were described. It can be divided into three categories that are classical methods, metaheuristic methods, and hybrid methods. Furthermore, it discussed the lightning search algorithm that is proposed for solving the power dispatch problem.

2.2 Overview of power dispatch

Power dispatch is a technique used to obtain optimal operation by modifying some control variables and allocating the system's power. Therefore, to plan and operate the power system reliably and efficiently, power dispatch is considered critical because it schedules the power plant and achieves an optimal power output. The power dispatch problem that needs to be optimized can be classified into three categories, namely ED, EmD, and CEED.

2.2.1 Economic dispatch

The ED is one of the basic optimizing problems in the power system operations that allocate the shared power demand between the generating units. Due to the rising cost of power generation along with the demand for electrical energy, optimal power system operation is important in electrical networks for operating the designed flow with minimal energy cost. Therefore, the ED aims to minimize the total cost of generation with satisfying the operating constraints [8].

A power plant that operates using the produced steam from water called the thermal power plant, and the working fluid here is water. Generally, the thermal unit system consists of a boiler, a steam turbine, and a generator. The fuel is boiler input, and the steam volume is the output. By heating, the water in the boiler is converted to steam at constant pressure, and then the steam turns the turbine giving mechanical work to the rotor shaft of the generator. After that, the steam passes out of the turbine is condensed and used repeatedly in the plant. Thermal plants can be modelled shown as the transfer function of energy conversion from fossil fuel into electricity in Figure 2.1.

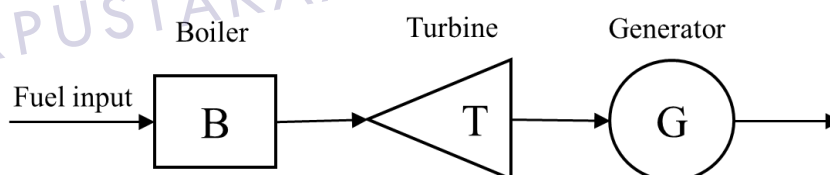


Figure 2.1: Simple model of thermal plant [2]

There are many types of fossil fuels have been used in the thermal plant, such as oil, natural gas, and coal, to generate power. For the last years, the fossil fuel is rapidly depleted, and the power demand is doubled as well [54]. Thus, the depletion of fossil fuel's main effect will be the price. Figure 2.2 shows that the curve of operating cost is increasing convex with the power generated. P_{min} and P_{max} are the minimum and maximum limits on the real power generation of the committed units [9].

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