Power Delivery Systems Tutorial

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Questions about power systems in general

Power distribution systems

Human factors and other complexities associated with technological innovation, especially human factors



Rendition of a power system from PG&E's website www.pge.com

My PG&E service entrance









Transmission lines (230 kV)



Busbars, transformers and circuit breakers at Cotati substation



Lakeville Transmission Substation





California's electric transmission system by utility

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Path 15 (500 kV line): California's Backbone



California within the synchronous a.c. grid of the Western Systems Coordinating Council (WSCC)



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CA Electricity Consumption: 288 billion kWh in 2005 Source: California Energy Commission www.energy.ca.gov

Why are grids large and interconnected?

- Economies of scale
- Load factor
- Pooled resources





Load factor = <u>average demand</u> peak demand





Coincident demand = combined demand that actually occurs at a given time Non-coincident demand = total connected demand that doesn't usually occur all at once



(Casual) Definition of Terms







Three voltage levels: Subtransmission (60-115kV) Primary distribution (12-21kV) Secondary distribution (120/240V)



Power supplied to load $P_{LOAD} = I V_{LOAD}$ where $V_{LOAD} = V_{GEN} - 2V_{DROP}$

Power lost on each line $P_{LOSS} = I^2R = IV_{DROP}$

 $(V_{DROP}$ is usually unknown, thus I²R is common formula)

Given P_{LOAD} , low V_{LOAD} needs large current I, increasing P_{LOSS}

Basic Transformer



The turns ratio determines the voltage: $V_2 / V_1 = n_2 / n_1$ To satisfy energy conservation, current varies inversely with voltage: $P_1 = P_2$ and P = IV, thus $I_1V_1 = I_2V_2$ (neglecting losses)

The most basic generator




Three-phase, synchronous generator



a rotating field (stator field) of constant strength

How one would imagine three circuits, requiring six conductors









Since the sum of currents in Phases A, B, C is zero (*if loads are balanced*) the neutral conductor carries no current and can be eliminated.



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Reactive Power

The "bad cholesterol" of power lines

Inductor



Magnetic field created by current in coil stores energy in magnetic field

preferentially transmits current of lower frequency or d.c.

resists changes in current

causes alternating current to lag voltage

Capacitor



stores electric charge

stores energy in electric field

preferentially transmits alternating current of higher frequency

resists changes in voltage

Electric field across gap between conducting plates

causes alternating current to lead voltage







Instantaneous and average power for a resistor







Instantaneous power for an inductor



Instantaneous and average power for an inductor



Instantaneous and reactive power for an inductor

Negative portion of P(t) determines reactive power







R, X, Z, θ are determined by physical S = I V determines magnitude properties of load

Given a voltage V applied, V = I Z determines current of power

Reactive Power Q

 θ determines ratio of P and Q

Power Source can maintain V only if it provides correct P and Q

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Power flow analysis for a 5-bus system



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Power generated = Power demanded "The Law of Energy Conservation is strictly enforced."

> Real power imbalance: Loss of frequency control

Reactive power imbalance: Loss of voltage control

How to balance supply & demand?

Successive approximations on different time scales: 1. Scheduling 2. Generator control 3. Stability





Generator control: operating "on the governor"

Generator Voltage Angle

Generators are spinning at the same frequency, but Gen 1 leads Gen 2 by a voltage angle δ



The voltage angle δ is related to the amount of real power injected into the system by each generator



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Power System Performance Measures

Power quality: voltage a.c. frequency waveform

Reliability:

outage frequency & duration probabilistic measures

Security:

contingency analysis

The a.c. sine wave and power quality: voltage magnitude, frequency, and waveform



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Measures of reliability:

Outage frequency Outage duration Loss-of-load probability (LOLP) Loss-of-load expectation (LOLE) Expected unserved energy (EUE)

Security: The width of the operating envelope

Contingency Analysis and the N-1 Criterion







Security and the N-1 Criterion
What is reliability worth?

Key concepts: Obligation to serve One-day-in-ten-years criterion "Gold-plating" Value of Service (VOS)

Human Factors

Distribution Engineers and Operators: Different responsibilities, different cultures



Different Responsibilities

Sample engineering tasks: Planning, equipment selection & sizing, innovation. Engineers' responsibility: Make system perform optimally under design conditions.

Sample operation tasks: Switching, maintenance, service restoration. Operators' responsibility: Make system perform safely and minimize harm under any conceivable condition; avert calamity.

Different Cultures: Cognitive representations of distribution systems

Engineering representation:Operator representation:AbstractPhysicalAnalyticalHolisticFormalEmpiricalDeterministicFuzzy

Both are functional adaptations to work context; both are "correct".

Desirable system properties...

for Engineers:

for Operators:

Efficiency Speed Information Precision Control

Safety Robustness Transparency Veracity Stability

Example: Efficiency vs. Robustness

How best to prevent an overload?

Approach I Shift loads to utilize equipment capacity evenly.

Approach II Have ample spare capacity to accommodate load peaks.

Example: Information vs. Transparency

Which is more useful?

Option 1 Real-time data from 100 sensor points

Option 2 Data from 5 key points with changes highlighted

Example: Precision vs. Veracity

Measurement A $100 \pm 10\%$ Absolutely reliable source; if it failed, you'd know.

Measurement B $100 \pm 1\%$ Very small chance the measurement has nothing to do with reality and you'd have no idea.

- Q: Which is better information?
- A: Depends on what you want to use it for. (If the information is wrong, will it kill anyone?)

Example: Control vs. Stability

Scenario (i)

Operators are able to measure and influence a parameter so as to keep it within a narrow range.

Scenario (ii)

The parameter tends to stay within a safe range by itself. Nobody expects operators to intervene constantly.

Which is preferable?

Distribution Systems

My PG&E service entrance





My meter & circuit breaker panel

(Note general funkiness.)

The familiar 120V a.c. outlet





Single-phase 120/240 service is obtained by tapping the same transformer in different places.

120/208 service is obtained with a phase-to-ground and a phase-tophase connection.



Types of Loads

Purely resistive loads

Incandescent lamps

Heaters: range, toaster, iron, space heater...

Motors (inductive loads)

Pumps: air conditioner, refrigerator, well Power tools

Household appliances: washer/dryer, mixer...

Electronics with transformers (inductive loads)

Power supply for computer

Battery chargers, adaptor plugs

Microwave oven

Fluorescent ballast

Distribution system design & components

- Distribution transformers
- Primary & secondary distribution lines
- Radial, loop & network systems
- Protection
- Voltage regulation

My neighbor's transformer

Upper lines: Primary distribution (12 kV)

Going out & underground: Secondary distribution (120/240V) Lower lines: cable, phone





Single-Phase Transformer



Three-phase primary distribution circuit and single-phase lateral



Three-phase distribution circuit from substation, going underground

Distribution System Topology:

Radial, Loop and Network Designs





Primary Selective System



Spot Network











115kV Switch (S&C)



Air Switch



ScadaMate Switch (S&C)



Overhead Switch





Recloser


Underground Switch



Substation circuit breaker (S&C)



S&C Type XS Fuse Cutouts



Outdoor Distribution (4.16 kV through 25 kV)



Symmetrical Interrupting Ratings at Various X/R Ratios

Curve Coordination Sheet



Sample Circuit for Coordination Study of Various Overcurrent Protective Devices







Five Devices Coordinated



Voltage drop along a distribution feeder

V_{DROP} is a function of current (load), line resistance, and voltage control equipment settings (transformers, capacitors)







Voltage Regulator





Capacitors



Capacitor and switch





Distribution Operator (DO) Desk



Wall Map at the DO Office



















SCADA Screen







The End