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Abstract—Economic dispatch is an approach that can indirectly improve the power system resonance. A novel algorithm called JAYA is introduced in this manuscript to have an answer for the non-convex multiple-area economic dispatch (MAED). MAED comprises some zone which satisfy the load-generation balance in each area. The aggregated cost is minimized through transferring the energy from the area that has the lower cost to the zone with the higher-cost. In addition to the transmission line rating, our proposed approach provides the scientists with the multiple petroleum cost function for the generators as well as the prohibited zones for generating the power in the large-scale power generations. Moreover, a new procedure according to the electro search optimization algorithm (ESOA) is projected to obtain the global solution for the MAED problem, when all the limitations are simultaneously considered. The proposed approach is tested to validate its performance through a case system consisting of seven generators located in two areas. The results show that the proposed ESOA procedure is more efficient in comparison with the other approaches.

Index Terms—Economic Dispatch, Prohibited Operating Zone, Transmission line rating, Optimization approach.

I. INTRODUCTION

Power economic dispatch (DE), known as the economic dispatch (ED), is among the important techniques that are extensively considered when the mathematical approaches used in power system are the focus of study. Distributing the needed power between the committed generators and optimizing the objective function is the basic purpose of the economic dispatch. In addition, it is required to fulfill all the realistic constraints simultaneously [1]. The unique ED problem is a quadratic polynomial problem [2]. Based on the works that have been done, many different techniques like the Gradient Method [3], Lambda Iteration [4], and linear programming [5] are used so far to solve the ED problem.

The ED with the prohibited generation zone (PZ) is extensively studied in [6]. In most cases, some sort of high-level optimization technique is required to deal with the problem. While the model is usually formulated as the non-linear mixed integer programming, the exact linearization techniques [7], [8] can be employed to reduce the problem complexity. Although this linearization approaches relax the non-linearity in the system, using mathematical and heuristic approaches are always recommended, since the model suffers from discontinuity and nonlinearity caused by the VP effect [9].

Going beyond the classic mathematical approach, the efficient heuristic methods can solve the problem more efficiently. A new heuristic approach for determining coherent groups of generator proposed in [10], where an algorithm developed to deal with the generator coherency detection. The same authors substitute their heuristic approach with the modularity clustering in [11], and proposed the clusters with higher violability. While the authors worked on the model maturity in the [10]-[11], the efficient model applied for the real-time decision making in [12]. This review shown how developing the models can lead toward the realistic approach like the real-time decision-making methods.

While the well-known dynamic programming has been used for ED [13], the componential burden of this model made it impractical for solving the ED problem [14]. Furthermore, many meta-heuristics approaches such as genetic algorithm [15], particle swarm optimization [16], tabu-search [17], simulated annealing [18], the common quasi-oppositional group optimization based on the search [19], chaotic global best artificial bee colony [20], Firefly algorithm [21], continuous quick group search optimizer [22], fuzzy adaptive chaotic ant swarm optimization [23], augmented Lagrange hop-field network were used. It should be mentioned that, some of these approaches are not considered as the optimal solution for the problem.

The renewable energy resources (RE) are considered as the most important source of the energy in this new era. The wind turbine is among the most important Res. The power generation of a wind turbine has a strong relationship with the turbine structure. [24] proposed a novel approach to model an offshore wind turbine. The same authors used energy harvesters to generate electrical power from sea waves [25]- [26].

Multi area ED (MAED) is an extension of ED problem [27] - [28]. The ED problem requirements has to be answered in every zone and the interchange of the power between the zones requires to be calculated while every constraint is met, and the objective function is minimized. Additionally, the transmission line rating needs to be emphasized as one of the most substantial constraint in MAED. some mathematical methods such as linear programming [29] are used to solve MAED. Other kinds of methods such as, Dantzig–Wolfe decomposition principle [30] and decomposition approach using expert systems [31] are used to solve MAEDs. Increasing the problem’s decision variables makes the mathematical modeling more challenging due to the VP effect, the discontinuity because of the PZ [6] and so on. Thus, some meta-heuristics approaches for example particle swarm optimization (PSO) with Reserve-constrained multi-area environmental/ED [31-34], a new nonlinear optimization NN approach [32], ABC optimization, teaching-learning based optimization in [1] and chaotic global best artificial bee colony [15] are suggested.

In this paper, a novel modified electro search optimization algorithm is used to solve the proposed MAED. ESOA is used in [21], in power system operation and planning wherein separate tried to have the best solution which ensures to

be a good solution. This algorithm is modest. However, by increasing the problem dimension, the algorithm performance decreased and finding the optimal solution is not assured. Consequently, considering every probable condition (for instance each motion that goes towards the worst solution or the part that gets far from the best solution or other conditions). Moreover, a change operator mode is studied to improve the convergence speed. Lastly, the suggested method is used to solve for the multi-area ED problem under diverse circumstances. Meta-heuristics approaches are among the best tools to solve the problem that is utilized in numerous fields.

II. Multiple Area ED

A. The ED Problem

ED is treated as one of the significant optimization techniques in the power network. The main purpose of this approach is to describe the generation and optimize the cost when all the limits are met. To model the ED, a quadratic function is usually employed that shows the fuel cost for a generator. However, in some large generators the valve point (VP) and PZ can cause the non-linearity and non-convexity in the cost function. Accordingly, a sinusoidal term needs to be augmented to the objective function to effectively modeling the VP effect and the PZs:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Min } H(X) &= \sum_{i=1}^{N_g} F_i(p_{gi}) \\ F_i(p_{gi}) &= a_i \times p_{gi}^2 + b_i \times p_{gi} + c_i + \\ &|e_i \times \sin(f_i \times (p_{gi \text{ min}} - p_{gi}))| \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Where,

$$Z = [p_{g1}, p_{g2}, p_{g3}, \dots, p_{gN_g}] \quad (2)$$

B. Multi-area ED

Multi area ED (MAED) is a developed ED problem. The main goal of MAED is to govern the power generation and the power transmission between all areas so that the objective function will be minimized, and the constraints and the load demand are fulfilled [30]-[32]. The mathematical modeling of multi area ED, objective function, variables and constraints are expressed as follows:

$$\text{Min } H(X) = \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=1}^{N_{gi}} F_{ij}(P_{gij}) \quad (3)$$

where $F_{ij}(p_{gij}) = a_{ij} \times p_{gij}^2 + b_{ij} \times p_{gij} + c_{ij} + |e_{ij} \times \sin(f_{ij} \times (p_{gij \text{ min}} - p_{gij}))|$. Also, i, j denotes generating unit indices, $H(X)$ denotes the objective function, $F(pg)$ denotes generating unit cost function, P_{gi} is power output of generating unit i (MW), $a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_{ij}, e_{ij}, f_{ij}$ are cost coefficients of j th generator in the i th area, M is the number of area. Also, in the rest of the paper, k is iteration index, l is prohibited operating zone index, t is candidate

solution index, B_{qj}^i is loss coefficient relating the productions of q th and j th generators in area i , B_{0j}^i is loss coefficient related with the production of j th generator in area i , B_{00}^i is loss coefficient parameter (MW) in area i , L_i is number of POZs for i th generator, N_g denotes the number of generating units, $P_{gi\min}$ is lowest output power of i th generator (MW), $P_{gi\max}$ is highest output power of i th generator (MW), $P_{gi,l}^{Low}$, $P_{gi,l}^{Up}$ are minimum and maximum boundary of the l th POZ for i th generator, respectively, and $rand(1,n)$ is a vector including of random numbers in $[0,1]$.

Also,

$$Z = [\bar{p}_{g1}, \bar{p}_{g2}, \bar{p}_{g3}, \dots, \bar{p}_{gM}, \bar{T}_1, \bar{T}_2, \dots, \bar{T}_M] \quad (4)$$

$$[\bar{T}_1, \bar{T}_2, \dots, \bar{T}_M] = [T_{1,1}, T_{1,2}, \dots, T_{1,M}], [T_{2,3}, T_{2,4}, \dots, T_{2,M}], \dots, [T_{M-1,M}] \quad (5)- (6)$$

Where $P_{gi\max}$ is highest output power of i th generator (MW), and $T_{i,j}$ is transmission power between area i and j areas

Usually, in some power plants, multi types of fuels are used as sources, instead of only one fuel for power generation. Therefore, the factors of the objective function in every time snap is diverse [15]. Thus, by applying the VP effect, PZs and line rating constraint, the multi-area ED leads to a compound problem. So, an effective optimization technique is needed to solve the problem [1].

C. Constraints

1. Power Generation

The generate power for the generators is limited with the minimum and the maximum as follow:

$$P_{gi\min} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gi\max} \quad (7)$$

2. Conservation of flow

The generate power must satisfy the total load demand in addition to the the transmission network losses. Accordingly, for the multi-area structure the following constraint must be met:

$$P_{Gi} = P_{Di} + P_{Li} + \sum_{j=1, j \neq i}^N T_{ij} \quad i=1,2,\dots,M \quad (8)$$

P_{Li} stands for the transmission network losses in the i^{th} zone as follows [15]:

$$P_{Li} = \sum_{q=1}^{N_{gi}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{gi}} P_{gij} B_{qj}^i P_{giq} + \sum_{j=1}^{N_{gi}} B_{0j}^i P_{gij} + B_{00}^i \quad (9)$$

3. PZs Constraint

Considering the realistic limitations that prevents the damages to the plant, the generators cannot generate power in a continuous mode. Therefore, power generation in these intervals is forbidden. Fig (1), illustrates the power generation plot of the power generators with two different PZs.

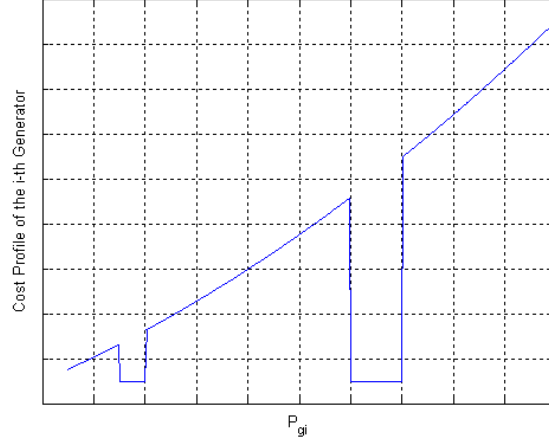


Fig. 1, The fuel plot of the power plant with two forbidden operating zones

Furthermore, equation (6) demonstrates the PZ constraint as following:

$$P_{gi} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} P_{gi \min} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gi, l-1}^{Low} \\ P_{gi, l-1}^{Up} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gi, l}^{Low} \\ \cdot \\ \cdot \\ P_{gi, Li}^{Up} \leq P_{gi} \leq P_{gimax} \end{array} \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} l=2,3,\dots,L_i \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \quad (10)$$

$$i = 1,2,\dots,N_g$$

4. Tie Transmission Line Rating Constraint

The transmission line rating is very constraint in MAED. Power exchange between areas should be among the bounded capacity for each transmission line as the following equation:

$$-T_{i,j \max} \leq T_{i,j} \leq T_{i,j \max} \quad (11)$$

III. THE PROPOSES ESOA

In this study, the (ESOA) is to overwhelm the non-convexity of the problem. ESOA is a novel meta-heuristic method that is established according to the electron motion around the nuclear atom theory. The key reason in this method is

some important benefits such as lower mathematical demand and no requirement to control variables in comparison with the other approaches like GA, PSO, SA, PGHA. ESOA is as follow:

1) *Atom spreading phase*

In the phase, the applicant solutions are banquet all around the search space arbitrarily.

2) *Orbital transition*

According to the quantized energy concept, electrons around each nucleus tend to move to the bigger orbit to obtain higher energy level.

$$e_i = N_i + (2 \times \text{rand} - 1) \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right) \times r, \quad n \in [2, 5] \quad (12)$$

The new electrons in the higher level of energy are considered as the best solution (e_{best}) and used atom moving in the next step.

3) *Nucleus relocation*

In this phase, the location of the new nucleus (N_{new}) is related to the phases of energy of the atoms. In conclusion, the nucleus transfer is determined as the following equation:

$$\vec{D}_k = (\vec{e}_{best} - \vec{N}_{best}) + Re_k \otimes \left(\frac{1}{\vec{N}_{best}^2} - \frac{1}{\vec{N}_k^2} \right) \quad (13)$$

$$\vec{N}_{new, k} = \vec{N}_k + Ac_k \times \vec{D}_k \quad (14)$$

This step is sustained for all nucleus and relocates of all atoms to determine the global optimum point. Based on the equations mentioned above, the algorithm's convergence speed is associated to the Rydberg's energy constant and accelerator coefficient. These numbers are picked arbitrarily for the first iteration and are updated in the next iteration using the following step.

4) *Orbital-Tuner method*

Orbital-Tuner method is used to update the accelerator coefficients and Rydberg's energy. This method is suggested according to the cumulative normal density function. Thus, as an alternative to the center of gravity between two candidates, the center of mass is computed.

$$Re_{k+1} = \frac{Re_k + (Re_{best} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Re_i / f_{N_i | Re_i}}{1 / f_{N_i | Re_i}})}{2} \quad (15)$$

$$Ac_{k+1} = \frac{Ac_k + (Ac_{best} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{Ac_i / f_{N_i | Ac_i}}{1 / f_{N_i | Ac_i}})}{2} \quad (16)$$

IV. CASE STUDY AND RESULTS

To authenticate the efficiency of the introduced approach, it is applied to the system as follows:

Seven generators in two areas:

This case study system comprises seven generations units in two dissimilar areas. The first area has four units while the second area contains three units. The total required is 1963 (MW), where the load request of the first area is 1177.8 MW which is equal to 60% and the second area is 785.2 MW which is equal to 40%. The line rating between the two areas is 120 MW. The advantage of the introduced algorithm in comparison with other types of optimization algorithms for example GA, and (TLBO) is summarized in Table. 1.

Table I
Optimal Solution of case A

Power Generation (MW)	ESOA	TLBO	GA
P11	499.94	500	500
P12	200	200	200
P13	100	90	120
P14	50	60	30
P21	199.87	204.3271	204.3341
P22	146.63	154.7095	154.7048
P23	75	67.5795	67.5770
T12	87.68	--	--
PL	13.41	13.61	13.59

Figure 2, presents the total operation cost by different techniques. Based on this figure, the proposed EASO technique has a less operation cost in comparison with others.

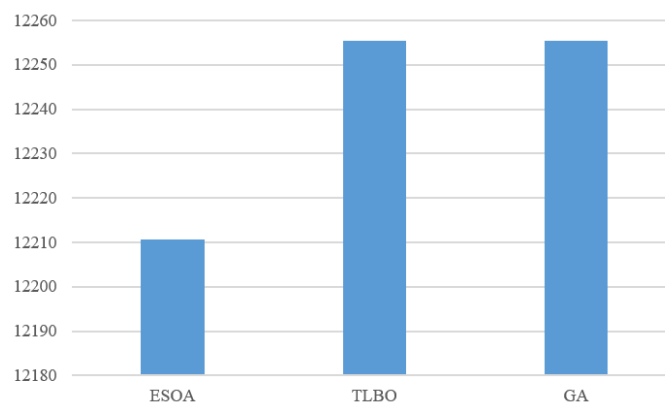


Fig. 2. Total operation cost by different techniques.

CONCLUSION

MAED is a complex form of ED. In MAED, the transmission line capacity constrains should be satisfied in above of the commonly constraint. In this study, a novel modified method recognized as the electro search optimization algorithm

is introduced. To assess the aptitude and workability of the method, two different systems are employed. The results show that the proposed method is a high efficient, accurate and robust.

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