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LECTURE 17

ECONOMIC DISPATCH

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MOTIVATION

So far, we spent time figuring out how to solve the power flow problem:

- Given: $V_1, \theta_1, P_2^G, V_2, \dots, P_m^G, V_m, P_{m+1}^D, Q_{m+1}^D, \dots, P_n^D, Q_n^D$
- Compute: $P_1^G, Q_1^G, \theta_2, Q_2^G, \dots, \theta_m, Q_m^G, \theta_{m+1}, V_{m+1}, \dots, \theta_n, V_n$

→ We fix the power produced by each generator, but what is the criteria for fixing it?

The criteria is the following

- (i) Cost of operation (ECONOMIC DISPATCH)
- (ii) Reliability

- In ECE 476, we focus on (i)

- The total cost of operation includes:

- (i) Fuel
- (ii) Labor
- (iii) Maintenance

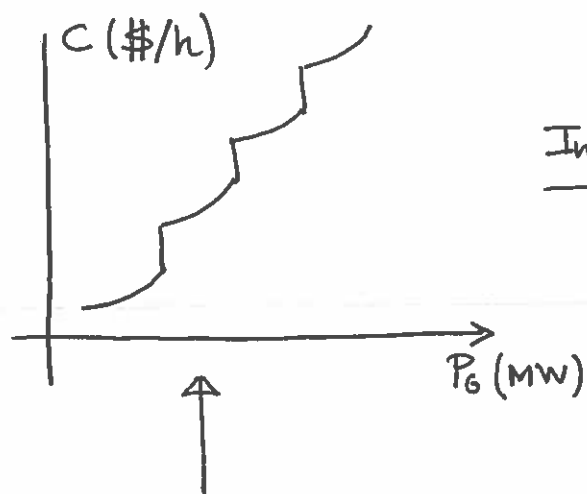
• To simplify the problem, we will only focus on fuel costs.

• We will assume that fuel-cost curves for each generating units are available.

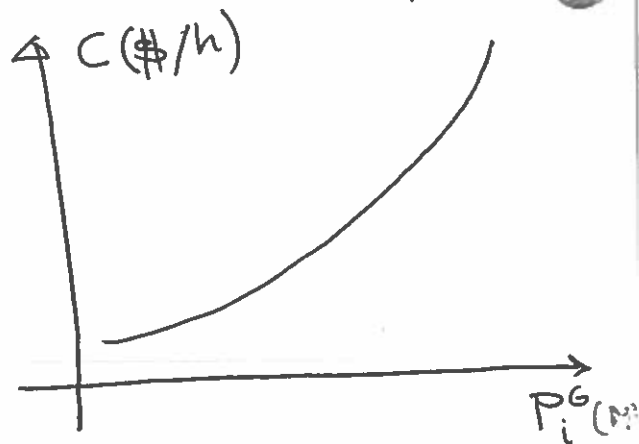
• The cost of the fuel used per-unit is a function of the generator power output P_i^G

$$C (\$/h) = C_i (P_i^G)$$

• Fuel-cost curves are usually not smooth functions; however, a good approximation of the fuel-cost curve of a generator is a piece-wise quadratic cost function



The discontinuities are due to the firing of equipment such as additional boilers come online as the power output is increased.



$$C_i (P_i^G) = \alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \gamma_i (P_i^G)^2$$

we will assume a quadratic function.

PROBLEM FORMULATION

- We are given a system with m generators committed and all the $P_i^D, Q_i^D, i=m+1, \dots, n$.
- The problem is to pick the P_i^G 's and $V_i, i=1, 2, \dots, m$ so as to minimize the total cost

$$C_T := \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(P_i^G)$$

subject to

- (i) Satisfaction of the power flow eqns

$$P_i = \sum_k V_i V_k [G_{ik} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_k) + B_{ik} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_k)]$$

$$Q_i = \sum_k V_i V_k [G_{ik} \sin(\theta_i - \theta_k) - B_{ik} \cos(\theta_i - \theta_k)]$$

- (ii) Constraints on generator power

$$\underline{P}_i^G \leq P_i^G \leq \bar{P}_i^G, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m$$

- (iii) line power flows

$$|P_{ij}| \leq \bar{P}_{ij}, \quad \text{all lines}$$

- (iv) Voltage magnitudes

$$\underline{V}_i \leq V_i \leq \bar{V}_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, m, \dots, n$$

A few comments are in place:

- (i) The power flow eqns. must be satisfied (i.e., they are equality constraints on the optimization)
- (ii) The upper limit on P_i^G is set by thermal limits on the turbine/generator unit, while the lower limit is set by boiler and/or thermodynamic considerations
- (iii) The constraints on voltage keep the system voltages from varying too far from their rated or nominal voltages
- (iv) The reasons for constraints on the transmission-line ~~parameter~~ powers relate to thermal and stability limits.

The minimization of a cost function subject to equality and inequality constraints is a problem in optimization that is treated by a branch of applied mathematics called nonlinear programming

CLASSICAL ECONOMIC DISPATCH

(i) We assume no losses:

$$\sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G = \sum_{i=m+1}^n P_i^D$$

(ii) We ignore all the inequality constraints;
thus, the problem reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G} \sum_{i=1}^m C_i(P_i^G) = \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \gamma_i (P_i^G)^2) \\ & \text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G = \underbrace{\sum_{i=m+1}^n P_i^D}_{P^D} \end{aligned}$$

- This is a constrained optimization problem
- We can reformulate the problem so as to get rid of the equality constraint.
- First, let's look at the case when we do have the equality constraint in place

$$\text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \gamma_i (P_i^G)^2)}_{C_i(P_i^G)}$$

$$\nabla C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_1(P_1^G)}{\partial P_1^G} = 0 \quad \beta_1 + 2\gamma_1 P_1^G = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_2(P_2^G)}{\partial P_2^G} = 0 \quad \beta_2 + 2\gamma_2 P_2^G = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial C_m(P_m^G)}{\partial P_m^G} = 0 \quad \beta_m + 2\gamma_m P_m^G = 0$$

$$\rightarrow P_i^G = \frac{-\beta_i}{2\gamma_i}$$

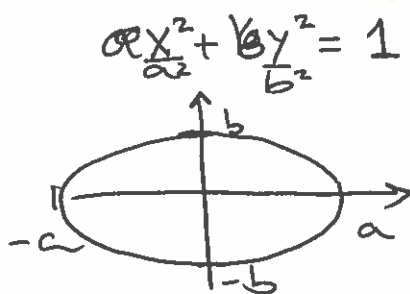
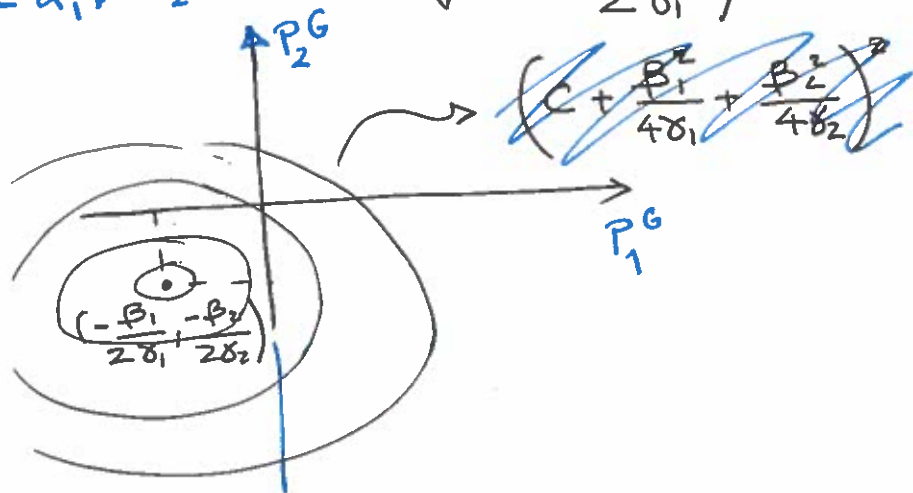
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In our setup the solution does not make any physical sense

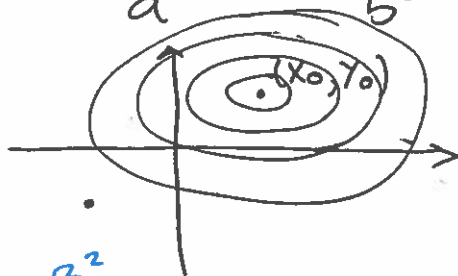
In 2-D

$$\text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G} \sum_{i=1}^2 (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \gamma_i (P_i^G)^2) = C$$

$$-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2 + C = \gamma_1 \left(P_1^G + \frac{\beta_1}{2\gamma_1} \right)^2 + \gamma_2 \left(P_2^G + \frac{\beta_2}{2\gamma_2} \right)^2 - \frac{\beta_1^2}{4\gamma_1} - \frac{\beta_2^2}{4\gamma_2}$$



$$\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{b^2} = 1$$



$$\gamma_1 \left(P_1^G + \frac{\beta_1}{2\gamma_1} \right)^2 + \gamma_2 \left(P_2^G + \frac{\beta_2}{2\gamma_2} \right)^2 = C + \frac{\beta_1^2}{4\gamma_1} + \frac{\beta_2^2}{4\gamma_2}$$

$$-\alpha_1 - \alpha_2$$

$$a^2 = \frac{C + \frac{\beta_1^2}{4\gamma_1} + \frac{\beta_2^2}{4\gamma_2}}{\gamma_1}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{C + \frac{\beta_1^2}{4\gamma_1} + \frac{\beta_2^2}{4\gamma_2}}{\gamma_2}$$

- Let's put the constraint back

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G} \sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \delta_i (P_i^G)^2) \\ & \text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G = P^D \end{aligned}$$

- The key idea is to turn the problem above into an unconstrained optimization problem and solve as before (i.e., by making the gradient of the cost fn. equal to zero)

- To this end, we introduce a so-called Lagrange multiplier λ and reformulate the problem as follows.

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G, \lambda} \underbrace{\sum_{i=1}^m (\alpha_i + \beta_i P_i^G + \delta_i (P_i^G)^2) + \lambda (P^D - \sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G)}_{C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G, \lambda)} \end{aligned}$$

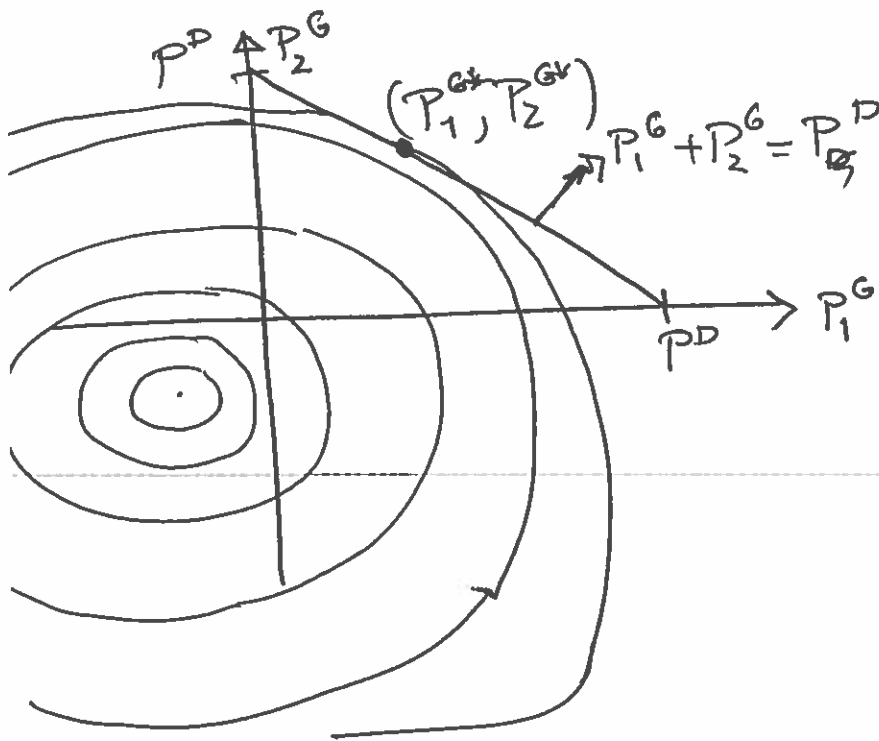
$$\nabla C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G, \dots, P_m^G, \lambda)$$

$$\frac{\partial C_T}{\partial P_i^G} = \beta_i + 2\delta_i P_i^G - \lambda, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m$$

$$\frac{\partial C_T}{\partial \lambda} = P^D - \sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G$$

$m=2$:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \beta_1 + 2\alpha_1 P_1^G &= \lambda \\ \beta_2 + 2\alpha_2 P_2^G &= \lambda \\ P_1^G + P_2^G - P^D &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{3 eqns and 3 unknowns}$$



- The solution of minimum cost is when C_T is tangent to the constraint at exactly one point.
- For the ellipse to be tangent to the constraint, it implies that the normal vector to the constraint $n = [1, 1]^T$ and gradient of the ellipse must be parallel, which is equivalent to say that there exist some λ such that $\nabla C_T = \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$

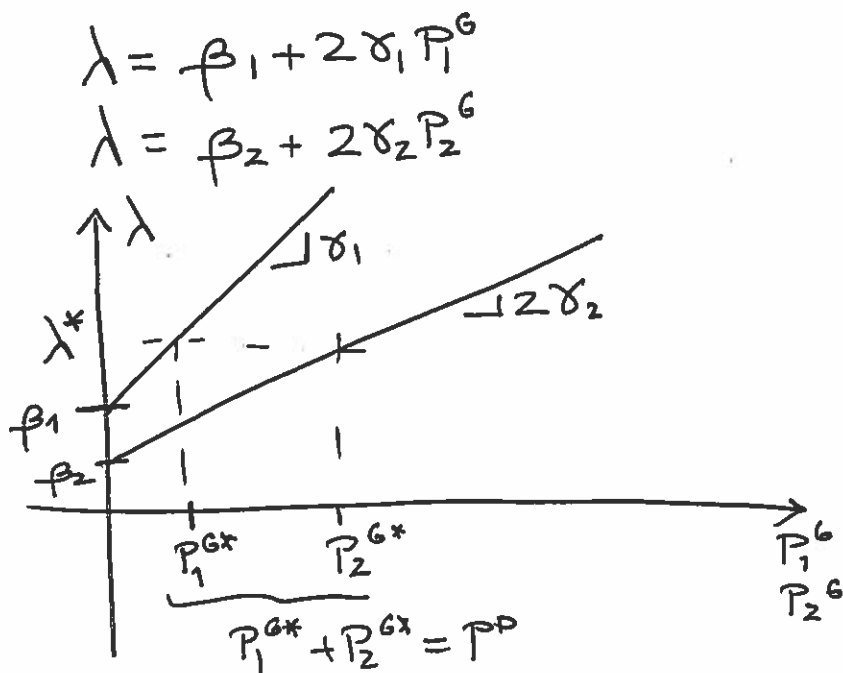
$$\nabla C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G) - \lambda \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \equiv \nabla (C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G) - \lambda (P_1^G + P_2^G - P_D))$$

$$P_1^G + P_2^G = P_D$$

$$\text{minimize}_{P_1^G, P_2^G, \lambda} (C_T(P_1^G, P_2^G) + \lambda (P_D - P_1^G - P_2^G))$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \beta_1 + 2\gamma_1 P_1^G - \lambda = 0 \\ \beta_2 + 2\gamma_2 P_2^G - \lambda = 0 \\ P_1^G + P_2^G - P_D = 0 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 2\gamma_1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 2\gamma_2 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} P_1^G \\ P_2^G \\ \lambda \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -\beta_1 \\ -\beta_2 \\ P_D \end{bmatrix}$$

GRAPHICAL INTERPRETATION



$$\lambda^* \text{ solves } \begin{cases} \frac{dC_i(P_i^G)}{dP_i^G} = \lambda, \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, m \\ \sum_{i=1}^m P_i^G = P_D \end{cases}$$

