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I. INTRODUCTION

Power flow analysis is essential for power system planning and operation. With the use of digital computing since 1960 and its rapid development, various power flow algorithms based on modern computing methods have been introduced. Certain applications, particularly in distribution automation and optimization require repeated load flow solutions. The load flow algorithm is used to determine the voltages and line flows for a large-scale power system from a given load and generation data. Conventionally, most of the distribution systems are radial or weakly meshed types. The power flow analysis in such distribution systems becomes more complex because of different characteristic features of distribution networks, such as radial structure and high R/X ratio [1]. Hence distribution system load flow analysis differs significantly from transmission systems. The single-phase power flow methods are normally used in the systems by neglecting unbalance in the system.

In distribution systems, the three-phase balanced statement cannot be practical. Therefore, a three-phase load flow algorithm with complete three-

phase modeling is required. The radial distribution structure is also exploited in developing a fast and flexible radial power flow for unbalanced three-phase networks [2]. Several load flow algorithms specially designed for distribution systems have been proposed in the literature [3]–[10]. Those formulations can be divided into two categories. The first category was based on the distribution system general topology and uses the bus voltages as state variables to solve the load flow problem [3]. In this type, the most time-consuming load flow method is the Gauss implicit Y-Bus method [4], [5]. A fast decoupled load flow algorithm based on Newton Raphson, using rectangular voltage state variables is proposed which improves the execution time of the three-phase load flow [5]. The second category was based on the special network structures of distribution systems [6]–[8]. A compensation-based technique for weakly meshed distribution networks has been proposed [6]. By emphasizing on modeling of dispersed generation (PV nodes), unbalanced and distributed loads, and voltage regulators an algorithm was proposed [7]. Large weakly mesh connected distribution networks are solved by using an efficient tree-labeling technique which enhances computational efficiency as in [8]. The radial parts are solved by a two-step procedure in which the branch currents are first calculated (backward sweep) and then, the bus voltages are updated (forward sweep). Branch power flows rather than branch currents were later used in the improved version [9]. In recent times probabilistic load flows were also proposed considering distributed generation to obtain load flow variations with DG variation through backward forward sweep [10]. A decoupled method in which each phase is modeled in a decoupled way and therefore can be solved independently and the solution method is based on the Zbus Gauss approach, with implicit factorization of the Ybus matrix for each phase [11].

The algorithm proposed in this paper is basically a backward and forward sweep method. The approach used is based on clustering the total network which makes faster computation and also gives accurate results as it considers the three phase models of all the transformers, feeders, shunt capacitors and loads.

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II. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MODELING

a) Distribution line modeling

The feeder line modeling and the line parameters can be obtained by the method developed by Carson and Lewis [12].

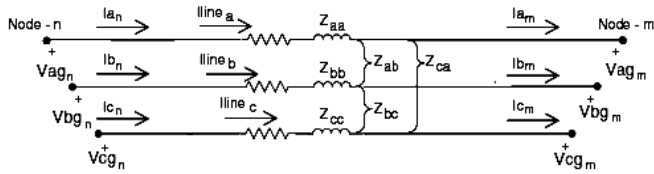


Figure 1 : Three phase transmission line model

Fig. 1 shows a three-phase line section between bus 'n' and 'm'. A 4 x 4 matrix, which takes into account the self and mutual coupling effects, can be expressed as (1)

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_n^a \\ V_n^b \\ V_n^c \\ V_n^n \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_m^a \\ V_m^b \\ V_m^c \\ V_m^n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} Z_{nm}^{aa} & Z_{nm}^{ab} & Z_{nm}^{ac} & Z_{nm}^{an} \\ Z_{nm}^{ba} & Z_{nm}^{bb} & Z_{nm}^{bc} & Z_{nm}^{bn} \\ Z_{nm}^{ca} & Z_{nm}^{cb} & Z_{nm}^{cc} & Z_{nm}^{cn} \\ Z_{nm}^{na} & Z_{nm}^{nb} & Z_{nm}^{nc} & Z_{nm}^{nn} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_{nm}^a \\ I_{nm}^b \\ I_{nm}^c \\ I_{nm}^n \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Applying Kron's reduction [12], the matrix dimension will reduce to 3 x 3, whereas the effects of the neutral or ground wire are still included in this model, as shown below in (2)

$$\begin{bmatrix} Z_{br, nm}^{abc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{nm}^{aa-n} & Z_{nm}^{ab-n} & Z_{nm}^{ac-n} \\ Z_{nm}^{ba-n} & Z_{nm}^{bb-n} & Z_{nm}^{bc-n} \\ Z_{nm}^{ca-n} & Z_{nm}^{cb-n} & Z_{nm}^{cc-n} \end{bmatrix} \quad (2)$$

For any phase failed to present, the corresponding row and column in this matrix will contain null-entries. The relationships between bus voltages and branch currents as shown in Fig. 1 can be expressed as (3)

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_{br, nm}^{abc} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Z_{br, nm}^{abc} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_{br, nm}^{abc} \end{bmatrix} \quad (3)$$

I_{nm}^{abc} is the current vector through line between bus 'n' and 'm', can be equal to, the sum of the load currents of all the buses beyond line between bus 'n' and 'm' plus the sum of the charging currents of all the buses beyond line between bus 'n' and 'm', of each phase. Therefore, voltage of bus 'm' can be computed if bus 'n' voltage is known, as shown in (4).

$$\begin{bmatrix} V_j^a \\ V_j^b \\ V_j^c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} V_i^a \\ V_i^b \\ V_i^c \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} Z_{br, ij}^{abc} \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} I_{ij}^a \\ I_{ij}^b \\ I_{ij}^c \end{bmatrix} \quad (4)$$

b) Distribution Transformer Modeling

A three phase distribution transformer is represented by two blocks as shown in Figure 2.

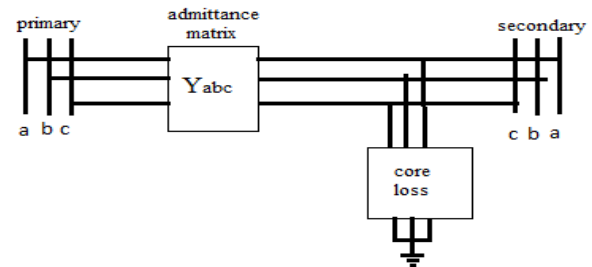


Figure 2 : Three phase transformer equivalent model

One block represents the per unit leakage admittance matrix Y^{abc} and the other block models the core loss as a function of voltage on the secondary side of the transformer. The core loss of a transformer is approximated by shunt core loss functions on each phase of the secondary terminal of the transformer. These core loss approximation functions are based on the results of EPRI load modeling research [13] which state that real and reactive power losses in the transformer core (P_c and Q_c) can be expressed as functions of the terminal voltage of the transformer. Transformer core loss functions represented in per unit at the system power base are expressed as below.

$$P_c = (KVA \text{ Rating}/\text{Base KVA}) * A |V|^2 + B * \text{Exp}(C |V|^2) \quad (5)$$

$$Q_c = (KVA \text{ Rating}/\text{Base KVA}) * D |V|^2 + E * \text{Exp}(F |V|^2) \quad (6)$$

Where,

$$A = 0.00267; B = 0.734 * 10^{-9}; C = 13.5$$

$$D = 0.00167; E = 0.268 * 10^{-13}; F = 22.7$$

$|V|$ is the voltage magnitude in per unit. It must be noted that the coefficients; A, B, C, D, E, and F are machine dependent constants. For the current work, core losses are represented by the functions and typical constants shown above.

$$Y_l = y_l \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

$$Y_{II} = \frac{y_t}{3} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \quad (8)$$

$$Y_{III} = \frac{y_t}{\sqrt{3}} \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (9)$$

Where, y_t is the transformer leakage admittance. It is disclose to say that Y_{II} and Y_{III} are the singular matrix and this is valid if tap ratio is 1 on both sides of transformer else the coefficient of the matrix will as follows

$$Y_I = \frac{y_t}{\alpha^2}; Y_{II} = \frac{y_t}{3\beta^2}; Y_{III} = \frac{y_t}{\alpha\beta\sqrt{3}}$$

Where 'α' and 'β' are the primary and secondary side tap ratios.

The nodal admittance matrices for nine common connections of three-phase transformers were presented in [19] and tabulated in Table 1.

The nodal admittance matrix model for a three phase distribution transformer can be represented by

$$\begin{bmatrix} I_p \\ I_s \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} Y_{pp} & Y_{ps} \\ Y_{sp} & Y_{ss} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} V_p \\ V_s \end{bmatrix} \quad (10)$$

Where,

$I_p = [I_a^p I_b^p I_c^p]^T$ - Three-phase current injections on the primary side,

$I_s = [I_a^s I_b^s I_c^s]^T$ - Three-phase current injections on the secondary side,

$V_p = [V_a^p V_b^p V_c^p]^T$ - Three-phase voltages on the primary side,

$V_s = [V_a^s V_b^s V_c^s]^T$ - Three-phase voltages on the secondary side,

$Y_{pp}, Y_{ps}, Y_{sp}, Y_{ss}$ are the sub matrices of the nodal admittance matrix of the transformer.

Table 1 : Transformer nodal Admittance matrix

Transformer Connection		Self Admittance		Mutual Admittance	
Primary	Secondary	Y_{pp}	Y_{ss}	Y_{ps}	Y_{sp}
GrY	GrY	Y_I	Y_I	$-Y_I$	$-Y_I$
GrY	Y	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	$-Y_{II}$	$-Y_{II}$
GrY	D	Y_I	Y_{II}	Y_{III}	$Y_{t_{III}}$
Y	GrY	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	$-Y_{II}$	$-Y_{II}$
Y	Y	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	$-Y_{II}$	$-Y_{II}$

Y	D	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	Y_{III}	$Y_{t_{III}}$
D	GrY	Y_{II}	Y_I	$Y_{t_{III}}$	Y_{III}
D	Y	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	$Y_{t_{III}}$	Y_{III}
D	D	Y_{II}	Y_{II}	$-Y_{II}$	$-Y_{II}$

c) Voltage Regulator Model

Voltage regulator is used to control the voltage in an amount up to 5 or 10 percent. In this paper, the voltage regulator is modeled by series impedance and a transformer with tap on secondary winding. That is, voltage regulator is treated as a three phase transformer.

d) Capacitor Modeling

Shunt capacitor banks are commonly used in distribution systems to help in voltage regulation and to provide reactive power support. The capacitor banks are modeled as constant susceptances connected in either star or delta. Similar to the load model, all capacitor banks are modeled as three-phase banks with the currents of the missing phases set to zero for single-phase and two-phase banks.

e) Load Models

A method for accommodating load compositions may vary by hour, day, season, etc. based on the usage. A pictorial representation showing percentages of the total load is used and is termed as a "load window" as illustrated in Fig. 3.

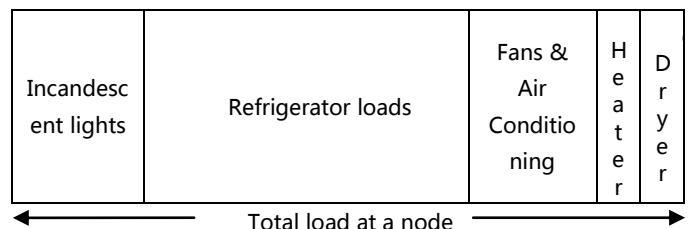


Figure 3 : Typical Load Window at a node

The load model equations from [7] are used and the proportions of the loads are given in an arbitrary way for solving the system. Loading of the system is done with the standard loadings but in the ratio load equations considered i.e., the load equations are assumed instead of total assumption of the single load. For example, if the load at a node is 100 KW then 46% (46 KW) of the load is assumed as consumed by refrigerator loads, 22% (22 KW) by fans and air conditioned loads, 18% (18 KW) by the incandescent lights, 8% (8 KW) by dryer loads and 6% (6 KW) by heaters.

i. Wye Connected Loads

The notation for the specified complex powers and voltages are as follows:

$$\text{Phase-}i = |S_i| \angle \theta_i = P_i + jQ_i \text{ and } |V_{in}| \angle \delta_i \quad (11)$$

Where, i- represents a, b and c Phases.

a. *Constant Power Load*

The line currents for constant real and reactive power loads (PQ loads) are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} IL_a &= \left(\frac{S_a}{V_{an}} \right)^* = \frac{|S_a|}{|V_{an}|} \angle (\delta_a - \theta_a) = |IL_a| \angle \alpha_a \\ IL_b &= \left(\frac{S_b}{V_{bn}} \right)^* = \frac{|S_b|}{|V_{bn}|} \angle (\delta_b - \theta_b) = |IL_b| \angle \alpha_b \\ IL_c &= \left(\frac{S_c}{V_{cn}} \right)^* = \frac{|S_c|}{|V_{cn}|} \angle (\delta_c - \theta_c) = |IL_c| \angle \alpha_c \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

Here, line-to-neutral voltages will change during each iteration until convergence is achieved.

b. *Constant Impedance Load*

The constant impedance load is first determined from the specified complex power and assumed line-to-neutral voltages:

$$\begin{aligned} Z_a &= \frac{|V_{an}|^2}{S_a^*} = \frac{|V_{an}|^2}{|S_a|} \angle \theta_a = |Z_a| \angle \theta_a \\ Z_b &= \frac{|V_{bn}|^2}{S_b^*} = \frac{|V_{bn}|^2}{|S_b|} \angle \theta_b = |Z_b| \angle \theta_b \\ Z_c &= \frac{|V_{cn}|^2}{S_c^*} = \frac{|V_{cn}|^2}{|S_c|} \angle \theta_c = |Z_c| \angle \theta_c \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

The load currents as a function of the constant load impedances are given by:

$$\begin{aligned} IL_a &= \frac{V_{an}}{Z_a} = \frac{|V_{an}|}{|Z_a|} \angle (\delta_a - \theta_a) = |IL_a| \angle \alpha_a \\ IL_b &= \frac{V_{bn}}{Z_b} = \frac{|V_{bn}|}{|Z_b|} \angle (\delta_b - \theta_b) = |IL_b| \angle \alpha_b \\ IL_c &= \frac{V_{cn}}{Z_c} = \frac{|V_{cn}|}{|Z_c|} \angle (\delta_c - \theta_c) = |IL_c| \angle \alpha_c \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

In this model the line-to-neutral voltages will change during each iteration, but the impedance computed in the equation will remain constant.

c. *Constant Current Load*

In this model the magnitudes of the currents are computed according to Constant power equations and are then held constant while the angle of the voltage (δ) changes, resulting in a changing angle on the current so that the power factor of the load remains constant:

$$\begin{aligned} IL_a &= |IL_a| \angle (\delta_a - \theta_a) \\ IL_b &= |IL_b| \angle (\delta_b - \theta_b) \\ IL_c &= |IL_c| \angle (\delta_c - \theta_c) \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

ii. *Delta Connected Loads*

As similar to wye connected loads delta can also expressed as

$$\begin{bmatrix} IL_q^a \\ IL_q^b \\ IL_q^c \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \left(\frac{SL_q^{ab}}{V_q^{ab}} \right)^* * |V_q^{ab}|^n - \left(\frac{SL_q^{ca}}{V_q^{ca}} \right)^* * |V_q^{ca}|^n \\ \left(\frac{SL_q^{bc}}{V_q^{bc}} \right)^* * |V_q^{bc}|^n - \left(\frac{SL_q^{ab}}{V_q^{ab}} \right)^* * |V_q^{ab}|^n \\ \left(\frac{SL_q^{ca}}{V_q^{ca}} \right)^* * |V_q^{ca}|^n - \left(\frac{SL_q^{bc}}{V_q^{bc}} \right)^* * |V_q^{bc}|^n \end{bmatrix} \quad (16)$$

n=0, for constant power loads

n=1, for constant current loads

n=2, for constant impedance loads

III. SOLUTION METHODOLOGY

The solution procedure starts using a clustering technique applied to a radial distribution system as shown in figure 4. The basic rules followed for cluster formation are:

- There should be no further bifurcation in the cluster.
- The cluster will start from a branch but not from the node (except first cluster).
- The cluster will have only one parent node and one terminal node.

The clusters are solved by following different notations as shown in Table 2.

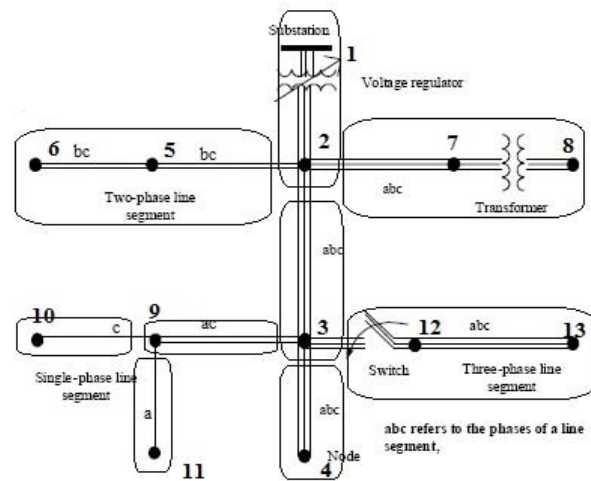


Figure 4 : Cluster formation of the test system

$$V_N^{abc}(i,k) = V_N^{abc}(i-1,k-1) + I_B^{abc}(i,k-1) * Z^{abc-n}(i,k-1) \quad (31)$$

If there is transformer in the previous branch then we calculate the voltage of the node that connected to secondary of the transformer as

$$V_s = Y_{ps}^{-1} [I_p - Y_{pp} V_p] \quad (32)$$

Here, I_p is similar to that of calculated in backward sweep of that iteration.

If Y_{ps} is singular then we have to follow the similar approach that stated for $V_{p,m}$ calculation by which we get sum of positive and negative sequence values, for the zero sequence we use following expression.

$$V_s^0 = \frac{(V_{s,m}^a + V_{s,m}^b + V_{s,m}^c)}{3} \quad (33)$$

Where, $[V_{s,m}] = [Y_{ss}^{-1}][I_s - Y_{sp}V_p]$.

If Y_{ss} is also singular then V_s^0 is entirely a function of downstream grounding conditions. If the downstream sub network contains no zero sequence current paths then V_s^0 is zero. The voltage of the node that connected to the secondary is given by below expression

$$V_N^{abc}(i,k) = V_s^{abc} \quad (34)$$

The power losses in the system are given by

$$L_p^{abc}(i,k) = [I_B^2]^{abc}(i,k) * R^{abc-n}(i,k) \quad (35)$$

$$L_q^{abc}(i,k) = [I_B^2]^{abc}(i,k) * X^{abc-n} \quad (36)$$

After computing the voltages at all nodes, convergence of the solution is checked. As per the method proposed in this paper, the solution converges after successive iterations if the maximum difference in voltage magnitude (ΔV_{max}) is equal to 0.00001.

IV. ALGORITHM

Step 1 : Active and Reactive loads at each node are to be given in the proportions of the load models, based on the load window in the chronological order.

Step 2 : Branch impedance values for each branch along with its starting and ending nodes is to be given in the chronological order.

Step 3 : Cluster the branches to implement backward forward sweep methodology

Step 4 : Based on the number of times a particular node repeats itself as starting node, the number of clusters emanating from that particular node is obtained.

Step 5 : After detection of parent node by traversing through sending end node, final node of cluster is obtained at the end of chronological order.

Step 6 : By implementing similar steps to the entire system all cluster sets formed are arranged as an array of structures for better computational ability.

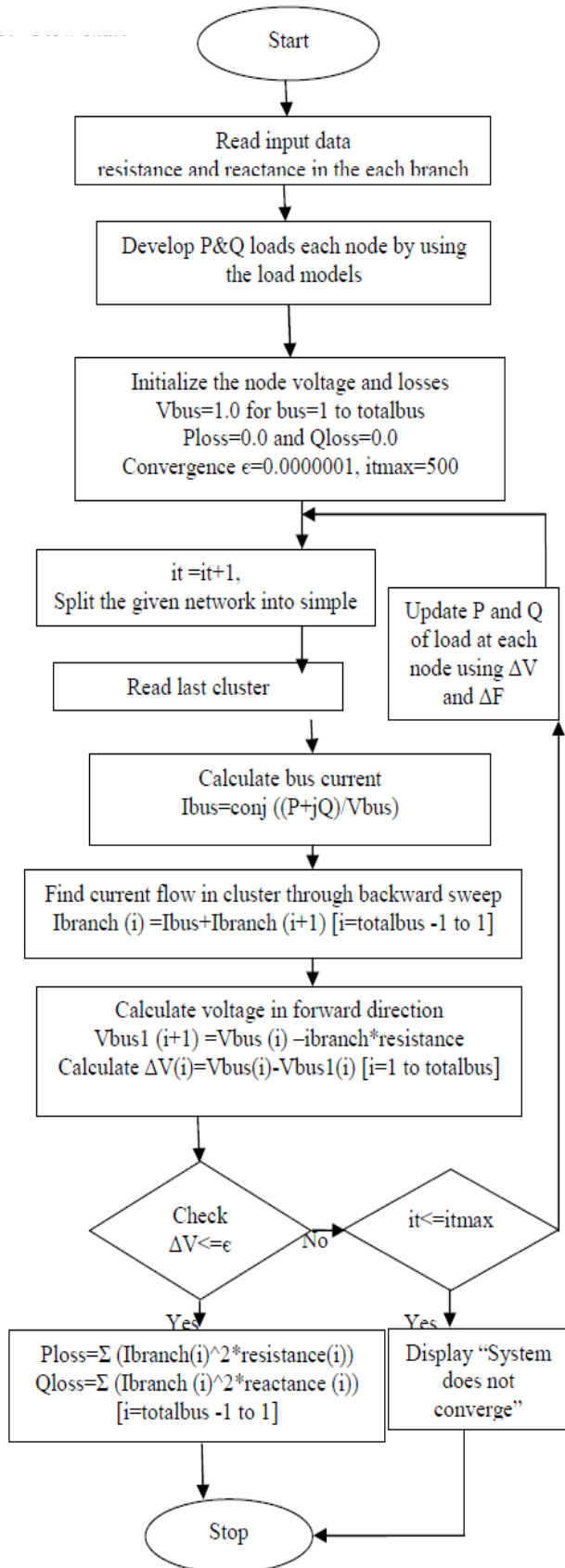
Step 7 : Each structure element tracks the requisite data to calculate voltage and current profiles of the constituents of a cluster.

Step 8 : Based on the cluster order, backward sweep is executed which involves calculation of branch currents from voltage profile of previous iteration or initial conditions.

Step 9 : Forward sweep is executed in the forward direction which updates the voltages and the loads based on the deviation of voltage as per load models

Step 10 : Repeat the process until the system is converged.

V. FLOW CHART



VI. RESULTS

The proposed method is applied to an IEEE-13 Bus unbalanced Radial Distribution System and the results are tabulated as in Table 3. The results are verified with the standard test results [18]. The results are also compared with the Node Admittance method proposed in [15] as shown in Table 4. Both methods were executed on a Microcomputer with 2.6 GHz Intel i5 Processor.

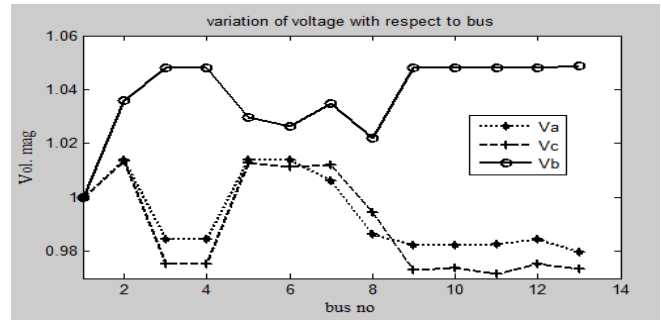


Figure 5 : Voltage variation with respect to each bus

Table 3 : Voltage magnitude and angle at each bus

Bus no	Va Mag	Va Angle	Vb Mag	Vb Angle	Vc Mag	Vc Angle
1	1.0	0	1.0	-120	1.0	120
2	1.014	-2.86	1.036	-122.06	1.013	117.54
3	0.984	-5.69	1.047	-122.77	0.975	115.82
4	0.984	-5.69	1.047	-122.77	0.975	115.82
5	1.014	-2.86	1.029	-122.14	1.012	117.58
6	1.014	-2.86	1.026	-122.26	1.011	117.61
7	1.006	-3.03	1.034	-122.86	1.012	117.51
8	0.986	-3.57	1.021	-122.36	0.994	116.93
9	0.982	-5.74	1.047	-122.77	0.973	115.68
10	0.982	-5.74	1.047	-122.77	0.973	115.78
11	0.982	-5.63	1.047	-122.77	0.971	115.62
12	0.984	-5.69	1.047	-122.77	0.975	115.82
13	0.979	-5.94	1.048	-122.92	0.973	115.84

Table 4 : Comparison of losses and time elapsed between Node Admittance and proposed method

	Node Admittance Method			Proposed Method		
	A (ph)	B (ph)	C (ph)	A (ph)	B (ph)	C (ph)
KW Loss	39.87	-4.98	76.89	40.566	-3.76	70.09
KVAR Loss	152.8	42.63	129.0	154.56	48.33	130.9
Time	0.002057 Seconds			0.001834 Seconds		

VII. CONCLUSION

The load flow analysis of a three phase unbalanced radial distribution system has been discussed by considering the entire distribution system modeling. An unbalanced radial distribution network is decomposed into a main three phase circuit and unbalanced laterals. An improved load flow algorithm has been used which reduces the time and iterations for the convergence. The advantage of the proposed formulation is that a complicated distribution network is decomposed to many sub systems. By considering the load models this load flow can also be easily applicable to real time system with efficient data and calculations.

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