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1. Role of Forecasting in Power System Operation

Abstract: Due to rapid industrialization and increased standard in the life style, the electric power requirement is increasing day-by-day. In the presence of renewable energy sources along with the volatile nature of demand and supply in electricity market environment, it has become a challenging task for the power utilities to perform proper scheduling of the generating units to serve the load demand at minimum operating cost.

Forecasts are carried for various lengths of forecast horizons based on the requirements. A short term forecast is useful in dealing with the operational problems like frequency and power balance, voltage and reactive power support, and power quality issues. On the other hand, a long term forecast is useful for planning and operational problems like, economic scheduling, unit commitment and spinning reserve allocation. Power System forecasting include load, price, RES output, ancillary services. Various forecasting models based on Adaptive Wavelet Neural Network (AWNN) for hourly prediction, as well as day-ahead power forecast will be discussed.

2. Intelligent System Applications in Solving Engineering Problems

Abstract: Due to increased complexity of the systems, cost reduction and detail modeling of the systems, the requirements of optimization have been increased. The conventional methods, which guarantee to provide the optimal solution, fail to solve many practical problems due to several requirements of these methods. Moreover, these optimizations are generally single path search and stuck with the local optima.

Intelligent based optimization methods such as genetic algorithm (GA), particle warm optimization (PSO), bacteria foraging, ant colony, neural networks, etc. are multi-path search and provide solution near to the global optima. They do not require derivatives of objective function and constraints. This presentation briefly covers some of the important techniques of optimization along with scope and future challenges.

3. Smart Multi-Terminal DC µ-Grid Control and Operation

Abstract: The microgrids can be classified as ac microgrid, and dc microgrid. The dc microgrid (DCMG) has several advantages over ac microgrid such as higher quality of power supply, higher reliability and uninterruptible supply, no reactive power, requirements and each small generators connected to the DCMG can be easily operated as only dc voltage is required to be controlled. However, if loads are of ac types and/or no DC source of supply, the dc to ac conversion system will incur loss

and efficiency may be poor. Therefore, the choice of ac or dc microgrid system is based in the requirements at distribution level.

4. Applications of Optimization Techniques in Power Systems

Abstract: The most familiar conventional optimization techniques fall in two categories viz. calculus based method and enumerative schemes. Though well developed, these techniques possess significant drawbacks. Calculus based optimization generally relies on continuity assumptions and existence of derivatives. Enumerative techniques rely on special convergence properties and auxiliary function evaluation.

Various optimization methods including conventional and non-conventional methods such as genetic algorithm (GA), particle warm optimization (PSO), bacteria foraging, ant colony, neural networks, etc. are will discussed along with application of these.

5. Challenges in Smart Grid Implementation

Abstract: Due to the increased interconnections and loading of the network with liberization and environmental pressure, the power systems have become complex and facing many challenges in their optimal, secure and efficient operation. Smart grid initiatives seem to provide remedial measured to these problems by computational intelligence, automation, advanced measurements, and application of information and communication technology (ICT). Several countries have already taken the first step in the direction of smart grid by unbundling the power system to bring competition with the introduction of renewable energy sources. Future power system structure, operation, control and management will be quite different from the existing one as it will foresee large market players with direct involvement of consumers, more renewable energy sources and trading of electricity.

Increased integration of new and renewable energy sources in the existing grid is one of the major concerns in the recent years which will have a significant influence on the operation and control of power systems. New grid codes are being set up by several countries to specify the relevant requirements to integrate these generations in the existing electric power system. The main objective of this talk is to discuss the key issue in the smart grid implementation. The talk provides a platform to an in-depth discussion on the various challenges and their possible remedies in smart grid initiatives which will benefit participants from academic and R&D institutions, engineers of utilities and policy makers.