



# Optimal Placement and Sizing of Distributed Generation in Distribution Power System using Dragonfly Algorithm

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**Abstract:** In this article recently developed novel swarm intelligence optimization technique is proposed called dragonfly algorithm based on swarming behaviors of dragonflies to solve distributed generation placement and sizing problem on IEEE 33 bus test case. The location and size of DGs are the control parameters, in order to minimize the total active power losses and voltage deviation and to maximize voltage stability margin, using multi-objective function as weighted sum of each objective in distribution network. Three cases are considered where a new objective function is introduced in each case and combined multi-objective problem is solved. The results of optimization problems are compared to that found in literature.

**Keywords:** Distributed Generation, Dragon fly algorithm, IEEE 33 bus test case.

## I. INTRODUCTION

DG technology has been there in market for a while, consumer are installing small generation sets near their area for either as main or backup unit. Distributed generation can be defined as “The integrated use of small generation units directly connected to a distribution network or on the consumer side of the meter”. The total cost of distributed generation is greatly dependent on the electrical power losses [1]. The better alternative is to use renewable sources of energy to improve power losses and costs, although other important issues are also enhanced such as voltage magnitudes and network congestion. However, determining the best location and size of renewable energy generators can be sometimes a challenging task due to a large number of possible combinations in the search space. DG planning techniques can be classified as: deterministic modelling and stochastic modelling. In Deterministic models load of network is assumed to be constant whereas probabilistic approach uses statistics and probability theory. It is observed that DG planning and placement problem are highly non-linear, non-convex complex problem. Several methods were recommended in the literature to solve these kinds of problems. Rau & Wan [3] and AlHajri & El-Hawary [4] used deterministic approach to allocate distributed resources in electrical networks to minimize power losses, line loadings, and reactive requests. Optimal DG siting and sizing problem to minimize a weighted objective function consisting of power losses, voltage variation, active and reactive powers on the bus lines was solved by Vallem & Mitra [5] and Kamalini et al. [6]. In their mode they used Genetic algorithms, simulated annealing and data envelopment analysis (DEA).

Wanxing Sheng [7] proposed an improved non-dominated sorting genetic algorithm– II (INSGA-II) proposed for optimal planning of multiple distributed generation (DG) with multi-objective functions that take minimum voltage deviation, minimum line loss, and maximal voltage stability margin into consideration apart from this, a trade off based fuzzy set theory is used to determine the best compromise solution from the Pareto-optimal set. Yuan Liu, Yunhua Li [8] used harmony search (HS) with the fast non-dominated sorting approach, which lead to formation of multi-objective harmony search (MOHS) is used on IEEE 33 bus test case. Santanu Roy [9] used cuckoo optimization algorithm (COA) in order to find the optimal location of DG. Bat algorithm and PSO was used to solve minimization of power loss problem by John E. Candelo and Helman Hernández Riaño [10] and the method was tested on IEEE 14, 30 and 33 bus system, voltage level and power losses were improved for all cases. Khattam et al [11] used perspective of Distribution Company for optimal sizing and siting decisions for DG capacity. Cost wise benefit analysis on hourly basis was done in this method. Tabu search method was used by Nara et al in [12]. In [13], the cost function is all about minimizing the money invested on DG and its operating cost using the same technique. In 2016 Mirjalili, Seyedali [14] proposed a novel swarm intelligence optimization technique called dragonfly algorithm (DA), inspired by the static and dynamic swarming behaviours of dragonflies in nature. Both exploration and exploitation are designed by modelling static and dynamic behaviour of dragonflies.



In this paper, Dragon fly algorithm is applied on DG planning and placement problems, three main objective functions used for the purpose are: total active power losses, voltage deviation and voltage stability margin improvement. The method is tested on IEEE 33 bus test case and results are compared with that found in literature.

Rest of the paper is organized with introduction of distributed generation planning and placement problem formulation in Section II, Section III illustrates the Dragon fly optimization technique and results of programs on IEEE 33 bus test case are presented in Section IV, finally conclusions are drawn in section V.

## II. PROBLEM FORMULATION

DG placement and sizing problem deals with adjusting controlling parameters such as location and size of DG, so that we obtain the best operation point, but one thing that needs to be taken care of is, while obtaining optimal point the constraints are not breached. Three objective functions considered in literature are 1) reducing system line losses; 2) reducing voltage deviation; and 3) increasing voltage stability margin when DG units are considered in the distribution network (DN).

### A. Minimization of line losses

By placing DG sets of right size at right place will lead to reduction in current injection into the network which in turn reduces the losses this objective function is as:

$$\min f_1(x) = \min \sum_{(i,j) \in B} g_{ij}(V_i^2 + V_j^2 - 2V_i V_j \cos \theta_{ij}) \quad (1)$$

Where, B is number of branches of network, (i, j) represents two nodes of a branch,  $V_i$  and  $V_j$  are voltage magnitudes of nodes i and j, respectively.  $g_{ij}$  is the conductance between nodes i and j.

### B. Minimization of voltage deviation

Voltage deviation is an indicator of the power quality of the system, the minimization of voltage deviation can help guarantee a better voltage level in distribution power systems. It also helps us to determine the health and security of the network. The function can be written as:

$$\min f_2(x) = \min \sum_{i=0}^N \left( \frac{V_i - V_i^{spec}}{V_i^{max} - V_i^{min}} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

Where,  $V_i^{max}$  and  $V_i^{min}$  are the upper and lower limits at the  $i^{th}$  bus, respectively. N is the number of buses.  $V_i$  is the voltage magnitude at the  $i^{th}$  bus, and  $V_i^{spec}$  is the specified voltage magnitude. The difference is squared to avoid negative values of voltage deviation.

### C. Maximization of Voltage stability margin

L-index, is chosen as the indicator for voltage stability index. Voltage stability margin is an indicator of the system security, it measures the security level of the distributed network there are several indices. The L-index of branch can be expressed as follows:

$$L_{ij} = \frac{4[(P_i X_{ij} - Q_j R_{ij})^2 + (P_j R_{ij} + Q_j X_{ij})V_i^2]}{V_i^4} \quad (3)$$

Where,  $L_{ij}$  indicates the extent of branch voltage stability. The branch voltage will be instable if the value of  $L_{ij}$  is large. Voltage instability of the network is determined by the most instable branch, and its expression is as

$$L = \max(L_1, L_2, \dots, L_{N-1}) \quad (4)$$

The value of L-index is in between 0 (no load of system) to 1 (voltage collapse). The bus with the highest L-index will be the most vulnerable bus hence, we can find areas where we need to provide critical support. So to maximise the voltage stability margin our function becomes:

$$\min f_3(x) = \min L \quad (5)$$

### D. Constraints in optimization problem

As mentioned earlier the concern for adjusting parameters is such that network constraints are not violated and thus three main types of constraints are dealt with.

1. Equality constraints: These are power flow equations of the system,



$$\begin{aligned} P_{DG_i} - P_{di} &= V_i \sum_{j=1}^N V_j (G_{ij} \cos\theta_{ij} + B_{ij} \sin\theta_{ij}) \\ Q_{DG_i} - Q_{di} &= V_i \sum_{j=1}^N V_j (G_{ij} \sin\theta_{ij} - B_{ij} \cos\theta_{ij}) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

$P_{DG_i}$  and  $Q_{DG_i}$  - active and reactive generation outputs

$P_{di}$  and  $Q_{di}$  - active and reactive loads at node  $i$

2. Inequality constraints: There is the limit on amount of power a generator can generate and that has been limited by Generator limits.

$$\begin{aligned} P_{DG_i}^{\min} &\leq P_{DG_i} \leq P_{DG_i}^{\max} \\ Q_{DG_i}^{\min} &\leq Q_{DG_i} \leq Q_{DG_i}^{\max} \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The terminal voltage of any bus must remain within the specified range ( $\pm 5\%$ ) therefore voltage constrain given by equation below also has to be incorporated.

$$V_i^{\min} \leq V_i \leq V_i^{\max} \quad (8)$$

Similarly there are line flow limits also known as thermal limits of the line which has to be taken care of given by equation below:

$$S_{ij}^{\min} \leq S_{ij} \leq S_{ij}^{\max} \quad (9)$$

3. Distribution generation capacity constraint: Every country has a limit on the penetration of DG for a distribution system to ensure reliability. If we assume the maximum DG penetration factor is 25%, then the maximum injected DG capacity should be less than 25% of the total active power load in DN, that is:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N_{DG}} P_{DG_i} \leq 0.25 \sum_{i=1}^N P_{Load_i} \quad (10)$$

$\sum_{i=1}^N P_{Load_i}$  = Total active load of the network

Now considering all constrains discussed above, and objective function considered the overall objective function will look like:

$$\begin{aligned} &\min[f_n(x_s, x_c)] \\ &\text{s. t. } h_i(x_s, x_c) = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, p \quad (11) \\ &\quad g_i(x_s, x_c) \leq 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, q \end{aligned}$$

$$x_s = \begin{bmatrix} V_1 \\ \theta_1 \\ \vdots \\ V_N \\ \theta_N \end{bmatrix} \quad x_c = \begin{bmatrix} Loc_{DG_1} \\ P_{DG_1} \\ \vdots \\ Loc_{DG_i} \\ P_{DG_i} \\ \vdots \\ Loc_{DG_N} \\ P_{DG_N} \\ \vdots \end{bmatrix}$$

Where,

$f_n$  - Objective function       $h_i$  - Equality constrains

$g_i$  - Inequality constrains     $x_s$  - Matrix of state variables

$x_c$  - Controllable variables

### III.DRAGON FLY ALGORITHM

It can be observed that DG allocation and sizing problem is highly complex problem. With increase in the size of network, the problem becomes more complex and search space more limited, to solve this kind of problem Artificial Intelligent technique for optimization can be used. S. Mirjalili, [14] proposed a novel swarm intelligence optimization technique called dragonfly algorithm (DA). It is inspired by the static and dynamic swarming behaviours of dragonflies in nature. There are nearly 3000 different species of this fancy insect (Odonata) around the world. Their behaviour is governed by three principles:



1. Separation, which refers to the static collision avoidance of the individuals from other individuals in the neighbourhood.
2. Alignment, which indicates velocity matching of individuals to that of other individuals in neighbourhood.
3. Cohesion, which refers to the tendency of individuals towards the centre of the mass of the neighbourhood.

Two other factors are added based on the survival instincts of these insects, they tend to move towards the food source and move away from enemy, these behaviour are shown in Figure 1.

Apart from this there is another typical characteristic of these flies:

1. Hunting - static (feeding) swarm: Local movements and abrupt changes in the flying path.
2. Migration - dynamic (migratory) swarm: Massive number of dragonflies make the swarm for migrating in one direction.

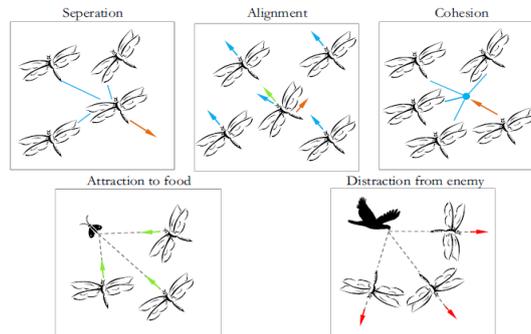


Fig. 1 Primitive corrective patterns between individuals. [14]

#### A. Mathematical model and algorithm

The above behaviour of Dragon flies is mathematically modelled and then optimization algorithm is developed.

##### 1. Separation:

$$S_i = - \sum_{j=1}^N X - X_j \quad (12)$$

Where  $X$  is the position of the current individual,  $X_j$  shows the position  $j^{\text{th}}$  neighbouring individual, and  $N$  is the number of neighbouring individuals.

##### 2. Alignment:

$$A_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N V_j}{N} \quad (13)$$

Where  $X_j$  shows the velocity of  $j^{\text{th}}$  neighbouring individual.

##### 3. Cohesion:

$$C_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^N X_j}{N} - X \quad (14)$$

Where  $X$  is the position of the current individual,  $N$  is the number of neighbourhoods, and  $X_j$  shows the position  $j^{\text{th}}$  neighbouring individual

##### 4. Attraction to food:

Attraction towards a food source is calculated as follows:

$$F_i = X^+ - X \quad (15)$$

Where  $X$  is the position of the current individual, and  $X^+$  shows the position of the food source.

##### 4. Distraction from enemy:

Distraction outwards an enemy is calculated as follows:

$$E_i = X^- + X \quad (16)$$

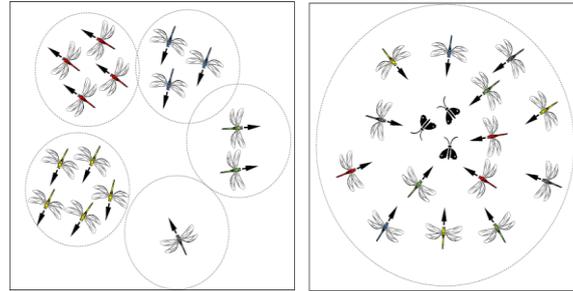


Fig. 2 Dynamic and Static swarm behaviours. [14]

Where  $X$  is the position of the current individual, and  $X'$  shows the position of the enemy. These five patterns determine the behaviour of dragonflies. The position of artificial dragonflies in a search space is updated by equation given below.

$$\Delta X_{t+1} = (sS_i + aA_i + cC_i + fF_i + eE_i) + w\Delta X_t \quad (17)$$

Where each coefficient represents the weights for the respective characteristics vector. Now position for next step can be determined by:

$$X_{t+1} = X_t + \Delta X_{t+1} \quad (18)$$

#### 5. Static and Dynamic behaviour of Dragon flies:

In a static swarm, however, alignments is kept very low while cohesion is high (attacking mode). Therefore we can explore or exploit the search space by choosing proper alignment and cohesion weights. For this the radii of neighbourhoods are increased proportional to the number of iterations. Thus with increase in number of iterations the flies will transit from exploration to exploitation by changing the values of individual weights iteratively. Le'vy flight is employed to incorporate the random behaviour of flies when there are no neighbouring solutions. It is given by following equations:

$$X_{t+1} = X_t + Levy(d) \times X_t \quad (19)$$

Where  $t$  is the current iteration and  $d$  is the dimension of the position vectors.

The Le'vy flight is calculated as follows:

$$Levy(x) = 0.01 \times \frac{r_1 \times \sigma}{|r_2|^b} \quad (20)$$

Where  $r_1, r_2$  are random numbers between  $[0,1]$ ,  $b$  is a constant (equal to 1.5 in this work), and  $r$  is calculated as follows:

$$\sigma = \left( \frac{\Gamma(1+\beta) \times \sin\left(\frac{\pi\beta}{2}\right)}{\Gamma\left(\frac{1+\beta}{2}\right) \times \beta \times 2^{\left(\frac{\beta-1}{2}\right)}} \right)^{1/\beta} \quad (21)$$

Where,  $\Gamma(x) = (x - 1)!$

### IV. CASE STUDY ON IEEE 33 BUS SYSTEM

IEEE 33bus test case [2] was considered to demonstrate the performance of DA algorithm. MATLAB (2012) code was developed to obtain the optimal value of control parameters and MATPOWER 5.0 software package was used to obtain power flow solution. The objective functions considered here are the total power losses, voltage deviation and voltage stability margin. The summary of the test case is given in table I, while the detail data such as line data and load data are given in [2] The program is implemented on a personal computer with Intel i3 quad core 2.4 GHz processor and 4 GB total memory.

TABLE I SUMMARY OF TEST CASE

Specification	IEEE 33 bus
Bus voltage	11 kV
Lines	32
Generators	1
Transformer	0



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Loads	32
Active Load	3.715 MW

CASE 1: DA programme to solve power loss minimization problem was set to run for 100 iterations and with 20 search agents and total 20 trials were taken. We can observe that the total losses for best solution obtained are reduced to 0.0873 MW from 0.2027 MW (without DG placement). The load flow results for best solution obtained are shown in table II.

TABLE II RESULTS OBTAINED FOR THE BEST OF 20 SOLUTIONS (CASE 1)

DG planning Scheme		Objective function
Position	Capacity (MW)	Power loss (MW)
18	0.3923	0.0873
33	0.5365	
Time taken		14.8 sec
Without optimization		
-	-	0.2027

As we increase the number of iteration and number of search agents we get more accurate results with better convergence curve, but with this increase in iteration count and population size, the number of NR power flow problem to be solved increases by great extent, thus we need to maintain balance between these two. Further it is observed that with increase in number of decision variables the complexity of problem increases significantly.

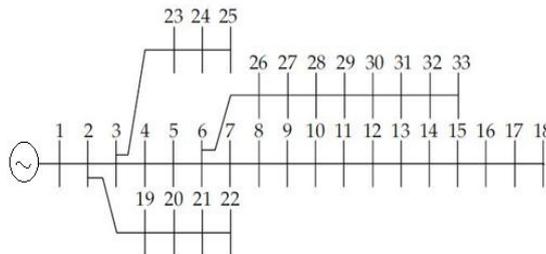


Fig. 3 IEEE 33 bus system single line diagram. [2]

CASE 2: Here multi-objective optimization function is considered where both active power losses as well as voltage deviation at each bus has been minimized. The method used is weighted sum of each objective to minimize the objective function. The program was set to run for 100 iterations and with 20 search agents and total 20 trials were taken. The load flow results for best solution obtained are shown in table III.

TABLE III RESULTS OBTAINED FOR THE BEST OF 20 SOLUTIONS (CASE II)

DG planning Scheme		Objective function	
Position	Capacity (MW)	Power loss (MW)	Voltage Deviation
18	0.4991	0.0893	0.7181
33	0.4247		
Time taken		15 sec	
Without optimization			
-	-	0.2027	11.7097

CASE 3: Here another objective function – maximization of voltage stability margin is incorporated for our test case. The method used is again weighted sum of each objective method to minimize the objective function and penalty is added if there are any violations in constraints. L index is calculated for each possible solution and the results summary for best solution is shown in table IV.

TABLE IV RESULTS OBTAINED FOR THE BEST OF 20 SOLUTIONS (CASE III)

DG planning Scheme		Objective function		
Position	Capacity (MW)	Power loss (MW)	Voltage Deviation	Voltage Stability index



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15	0.3630	0.0997	0.4444	0.0287
33	0.5658			
Time taken		15.8 sec		
Without optimization				
-	-	0.2027	11.7097	0.0746

When we compare these results with those found in literature we can see that performance of DA optimization technique is satisfactory.

TABLE V COMPARISON WITH RESULTS FOUND IN LITERATURE

	Harmony search[8]	INSGA[7]	MSFL[15]	Dragonfly		
				CASE I	CASE II	CASE III
Power loss	0.1016	0.1042	0.092	0.087	0.089	0.099
Voltage deviation	3.7405	3.7282	0.996	0.821	0.718	0.444
Voltage Stability index	0.0528	0.0554	-	-	-	0.028
Time	-	33.49 sec		14.8 s	15 s	15.8 s

### V. CONCLUSION

The Optimization problem formulated is very complex and highly non-linear, any conventional method will take huge amount of time and because of several approximations used in these methods we might not get accurate results. Artificial intelligent techniques has an advantage over this, thus dragonfly algorithm is used. Further to check performance of DA to solve power system optimization problems, this method was implemented on IEEE 33 bus test case. The objective functions considered were active power loss minimization, voltage stability margin improvement and minimization of voltage deviation. Penalty functions were used to convert constrained optimization problem to unconstrained one. Results had been compared to that found in literature and it is observed that DA gives competitive results as compared to other methods, while it also outperforms other algorithms in few cases.

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