

Random Topology Power Grid Modeling and the Simulation Platform

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Modeling Electric Power Grid



Transmission grid: 3-phase balanced, high voltages, sparse meshed *small-world* topology, transmission lines, transformers and protective relays, etc.

"Electric" Topology of a Grid

- Graph Laplacian: $L = A^T A$
- Admittance matrix: $Y = A^T diag(y_1, \dots, y_M) A$ $y_l = 1/z_l, \ l = 1, \dots, M$
- Branch-node Incidence Matrix A (M x N): branch m: node i – node j:

$$A_{m,i} = 1, A_{m,j} = -1$$

else, $A_{m,k} = 0.$

• DC Power Flow Model:

$$P(t) = B'(t)\theta(t)$$
$$F(t) = \Lambda(y_l) A\theta(t)$$

Injected Power:

$$P(t) = [P_G(t), -P_L(t), P_C]^T$$

Locations of G/L/C buses – bus type assignment

$$\mathbb{T} = [\mathbb{T}_i]_{n \times 1}$$

 $\mathbb{T}_i = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3, \text{ if being a G/L/C bus}$

Other Critical Electric Parameters

- Generation Capacities:
- Transmission Constraints:
- Load Profiles
- etc

$$P_G^{\min} \le P_G \le P_G^{\max},$$

$$P_L^{\min} \le P_L \le P_L^{\max},$$

$$F^{\min} \le F \le F^{\max}.$$

Generating the electric topology



Small-World power grid topology with impedances



Bus Type Assignment $\mathbb T$

Three bus types in a grid:
 Generation bus (20-40%)
 Load bus (40-60%)
 Connection bus (~20%).

Real-world power grids have Correlated T.
 Randomized T causes the grid to behave differently and gives misleading results.

> How to characterize a Correlated T from the randomized ones ?



Defined Measure - Bus Type Entropy

$$W_1(\mathbb{T}) = -\Sigma_{k=1}^3 \log(r_k) \times \mathfrak{n}_k - \Sigma_{k=1}^6 \log(R_k) \times \mathfrak{m}_k$$

$$\begin{split} &\mathfrak{n}_k = \sum_{i=1}^n \delta(\mathbb{T}_i - k), \ k = 1, 2, 3 \\ &\kappa_k = \mathfrak{n}_k / n \end{split} \text{Total number of G/L/C buses} \end{split}$$

$$\mathfrak{m}_{k} = \Sigma_{j=1}^{m} \delta(\mathbb{L}_{j} - k), \quad k = 1, 2, \cdots, 6$$

$$R_{k} = \mathfrak{m}_{k}/m$$

$$\mathrm{Total number of each type links i.e. {GG, GL, GC, LL, LC, CC}}$$

Two Additional Variations

$$W_1(\mathbb{T}) = -\Sigma_{k=1}^3 \log(r_k) \times \mathfrak{n}_k - \Sigma_{k=1}^6 \log(R_k) \times \mathfrak{m}_k$$
$$W_2(\mathbb{T}) = -\Sigma_{k=1}^3 \log(r_k) - \Sigma_{k=1}^6 \log(R_k)$$
$$W_3(\mathbb{T}) = -\Sigma_{k=1}^3 \log(r_k) \times \frac{1}{\mathfrak{n}_k} - \Sigma_{k=1}^6 \log(R_k) \times \frac{1}{\mathfrak{m}_k}$$

Empirical PDF of Randomized $\widetilde{\mathbb{T}}$

- Random permutation of original bus type assignment T_0
- Evaluating of the bus type entropy
- Statistical analysis: normal fitting

$$f_W(x) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{k^{\max}} \delta_{\Delta}(W_k - x)}{k^{\max}}$$
$$\delta_{\Delta}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\Delta}, & -\frac{\Delta}{2} < x \le -\frac{\Delta}{2}\\ 0, & \text{otherewise.} \end{cases}$$

Empirical and Fitting PDF of W(T)



Multi-objective Optimization Algorithm



Numerical Results



Challenge: How to directly determine a searching target W*? **Question**: Is it possible to derive a scaling function of W* in terms of network size *N*?



Normal Fitting Parameters

TABEL I The Parameters of Normal Distribution Fitting

| | $W_1(\mathbb{T})$ | $W_2(\mathbb{T})$ | $W_3(\mathbb{T})$ |
|----------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | $\mu/\sigma/W(\mathbb{T}^*)$ | $\mu/\sigma/W(\mathbb{T}^*)$ | $\mu/\sigma/W(\mathbb{T}^*)$ |
| IEEE-300 | 943.21/10.58/927.5 | 15.95/0.252/16.47 | 0.466/0.069/0.726 |
| NYISO | 14193/48.8/13910 | 14.901/0.06/15.16 | 0.020/0.0007/0.022 |
| ERCOT | 15372/56.47/14428 | 17.99/0.13/22.32 | 0.102/0.0143/2.64 |



Normalized Distance of $W(T^*)$

TABEL II

The Normalized Distance of Realistic Bus Type Entropy

| | (N,M) | $\stackrel{W_1(\mathbb{T})}{d_{W_*}}$ | $W_2(\mathbb{T})\ d_{W_*}$ | $W_3(\mathbb{T}) \ d_{W_*}$ |
|----------|-------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| IEEE-300 | (300,409) | 1.48 | 1.96 | 3.76 |
| NYISO | (2935,6567) | 5.78 | 28.72 | 2.42 |
| ERCOT | (5633,7053) | 16.71 | 33.30 | 177.48 |

$$d_{W_*} = |W(\mathbb{T}^*) - \mu| / \sigma$$



All the Test Cases Considered

IEEE Test cases

- 30, 57, 118, 300 buses
- NYISO System
 - 2935 buses
- ERCOT System
 - 5633 buses
- WECC System
 - 16994 buses

Revised Definitions

• Relative Distance:
$$d_W(\mathbb{T}^*, \widetilde{\mathbb{T}}) = \frac{W(\mathbb{T}^*) - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Entropy Definition:

 $W(\mathbb{T}) = -\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \log(r_{\mathbb{T}_i})}{n} - \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{m} \log(R_{\mathbb{L}_j})}{m}$ - Equally can be written as:

 $W(\mathbb{T}) = -\Sigma_{k=1}^3 r_k \log(r_k) - \Sigma_{k=1}^6 R_k \log(R_k)$

• Advantages:

- Better Statistical Properties
- Improved Numerical Stability

Empirical PDF





Fig. 4. The Empirical PDF and the Normal Distribution Fitting for the Bus Type Entropy $W_0(\tilde{\mathbb{T}})$ by Randomizing the Bus type Assignments in realistic power grids IEEE-30 (a), IEEE-57 (b), IEEE-118 (c), IEEE-300 (d), NYISO (e), ERCOT (f), and WECC (g) with $k^{max} = 40,000$. In each sub-figure the realistic bus type entropy \mathbb{T}^* and $W^* = W(\mathbb{T}^*)$ is marked by a red 'star'.

Normalized Distance vs. Network Size

TABLE I. The Normal Fitting Parameters of the Empirical PDF of $W(\widetilde{\mathbb{T}})$ and the Relative Distance of d_W

| | (μ, σ) | $W(\mathbb{T}^*)$ | $d_W(\mathbb{T}^*,\widetilde{\mathbb{T}})$ |
|------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|
| IEEE-30 | (2.38, 9.0e-2) | 2.49 | 1.22 |
| IEEE- 5 7 | (2.31, 5.8e-2) | 2.44 | 2.24 |
| IEEE-118 | (2.34, 4.5e-2) | 2.35 | 0.22 |
| IEEE-300 | (2.57, 2.6e-2) | 2.53 | -1.53 |
| NYISO-2935 | (2.74, 7.3e-3) | 2.70 | -5.71 |
| ERCOT-5633 | (2.36, 8.1e-3) | 2.23 | -16.25 |
| WECC-16994 | (2.72, 3.4e-3) | 2.33 | -114.70 |

Scaling Function $d_W(n)$ vs. $\log(n)$





• Scaling function of $d_W(n)$

$$d_W(n) = \begin{cases} -1.39 \log n + 6.79, & \log n \le 8\\ -1.25 \times 10^{-13} (\log n)^{15.1} + 0.43, & \log n < 8 \end{cases}$$

• The Searching Target:

$$W^*(n) = \mu + \sigma \cdot d_W(n)$$

Revised Algorithm



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Simulation Platform with GUI



Simulation Platform with GUI



Scaling Function $d_W(n)$ vs. $\log(n)$



Conclusions & Future Works

- The RT-*nestedSmallWorld* model, to our best knowlege, is the most comprehensive and appropriate synthetic grid model in the literature to formulate a small-world connecting topology with line impedances of heavy-detailed distribution.
- The definition of a numerical measure called the *Bus Type Entropy*, is re-examined and re-defined to characterize the correlated bus type assignment in a grid, with the IEEE test cases, the NYISO, ERCOT, and WECC systems.
- The newly defined entropy has better statistical property and improved numerical stability.
- This measure enables our study of the scaling property of correlated bus type assignment with regard to network size, with the help of distribution parameters estimated from the non-segmented empirical PDF of a normal distribution of randomized bus type entropy.

Conclusions & Future Works

- With the derived scaling function of correlated bus type assignment versus network size, a more efficient search algorithm based on clonal selection procedure is developed to present more accurate bus type assignments of generation, load, and connection buses in our random-topology power grid model.
- The simulation platform is now implemented with graphic user interface (GUI).
- Next steps:
 - to verify the accuracy and effectiveness of the proposed bus type entropy;
 - to study other electrical parameters in the synthetic grid modeling such as generation capacities, load profiles, and transmission constraints, etc.



Thank You!