

Effect of Various Holomorphic Embeddings on Convergence Rate and Condition Number as Applied to the Power Flow Problem

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## Introduction

- The power-flow (PF) study is used for power system operations, planning and expansion.
- The PF study algorithms are used to find the bus voltages and branch flows in an electric power system.
- The traditional iterative methods (such as Gauss-Seidel method, Newton-Raphson method, and Fast Decoupled Load Flow method) are widely used to solve the power flow problems, but sometimes are unreliable.



## Introduction

## Iterative methods (GS, NR, FDLF methods)

- They may produce voltage iterates that oscillate or diverge
- Numerical performance is dependent on the choice of the initial voltage guess [1]-[3]

Non-iterative methods

- Initial operating point is obtained through fixedpoint numerical iteration process (Series Load Flow Method) [4]
- Long execution time because of computational Complexity [5]

Holomorphic Embedding Method

- It eliminates the uncertainty of solution existence
- It's guaranteed to converge to the highvoltage solution when it exists
- It unequivocally signals when no solution exists (precision limitations notwithstanding) [6]-[8]



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## HE Algorithm: Holomorphic Embedding

 The Maclaurin series is generated when the Taylor series is expanded about zero:

$$f(\alpha) = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} c[i]\alpha^{i} = \frac{f^{(i)}(\alpha)}{i!} \alpha^{i}, when \ |\alpha| < r$$

Assume the voltage function is holomorphic, it can be expanded in a power series:

$$V(\alpha) = \sum_{i=0}^{n} V[i]\alpha^{i} = V[0] + V[1]\alpha + \cdots + V[n]\alpha^{n}, when |\alpha| < r$$

- The complex conjugate of the voltage function V(α) can be expressed by two forms:
   Form1: V\*(α\*) = V\*[0] + V\*[1]α + … V\*[n]α<sup>n</sup>
   Form2: V\*(α) = V\*[0] + V\*[1]α\* + … V\*[n](α\*)<sup>n</sup>
- Form1 is used in the HE algorithm, as it is holomorphic.



## **HE Algorithm: Analytic Continuation**

- Analytic continuation is used to extend the analytic domain of a function (in our case of interest) outside of the convergence region of the original analytic expression in the form of another analytic (holomorphic) function.
  - Two examples are provided to illustrate this concept.



## HE Algorithm: Analytic Continuation (con'd)

Ex1: The summation of a geometrical series is given as:

$$f_1(\alpha) = 1 + \alpha + \alpha^2 + \dots + \alpha^n + \dots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} \alpha^i = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1 - \alpha^{n+1}}{1 - \alpha}$$

When  $|\alpha| < 1$ ,  $\alpha^{n+1} \approx 0$ . The equivalent function to  $f_1(\alpha)$  is:

 $\tilde{f}_1(\alpha) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$ The convergence radius for  $f_1(\alpha)$  is the blue area. Whereas the converge radius for  $\tilde{f}_1(\alpha)$  is the whole complex plane except the red point where  $\alpha = 1$ .





## HE Algorithm: Analytic Continuation (con'd)

Ex2: The integral of an exponential function is given as:

$$f_2(\alpha) = \int_{0}^{\infty} e^{-(1-\alpha)x} dx = \lim_{A \to \infty} \int_{0}^{A} e^{-(1-\alpha)x} dx = \lim_{A \to \infty} \frac{e^{-(1-\alpha)x}}{-(1-\alpha)} \Big|_{0}^{A}$$

 $\lim_{x\to\infty} e^{-(1-\alpha)x} \approx 0$ , when  $\alpha < 1$ . The equivalent function to  $f_2(\alpha)$  is:

 $\tilde{f}_2(\alpha) = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$ The convergence radius for  $f_2(\alpha)$  is the blue area. Whereas the converge radius for  $\tilde{f}_2(\alpha)$  is the whole complex plane except the red point where  $\alpha = 1$ .





## HE Algorithm: Padé Approximation

- The maximal analytic continuation of a power series can be achieved by calculating its diagonal and near-diagonal Padé approximant [9].
- Two proposed approaches to calculate the Padé approximant are: direct matrix method and <u>Viskovatov method</u> (also known as the continued fraction method).



## HE Algorithm: Padé Approximation (con'd)

 Direct Matrix Method [10]: the Padé approximant can be written as a rational function, which is a fraction of two polynomials:

$$V(\alpha) = [L/M]_{\alpha} = \frac{a[0] + a[1]\alpha + \dots + a[L]\alpha^{L}}{b[0] + b[1]\alpha + \dots + b[M]\alpha^{M}} + o(\alpha^{L+M+1}) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} V[n]\alpha^{n}$$

• By cross-multiplying the equation above and equating the coefficients of the same order of  $\alpha^0$ ,  $\alpha^1$ ,...,  $\alpha^L$ , we get:

$$b[0]V[0] = a[0],$$
  

$$b[0]V[1] + b[1]V[0] = a[1],$$
  

$$b[0]V[2] + b[1]V[1] + b[2]V[0] = a[2]$$
  
:  

$$\sum_{i=0}^{L} b[i]V[L-i] = a[L]$$



## HE Algorithm: Padé Approximation (con'd)

• By equating the coefficients of the  $a^{L+1}$ ,  $a^{L+2}$ ,...,  $a^{L+M}$  to zero, we get:  $b[M]V[L - M + 1] + b[M - 1]V[L - M + 2] + \cdots b[0]V[L + 1] = 0$  $b[M]V[L - M + 2] + b[M - 1]V[L - M + 3] + \cdots b[0]V[L + 1] = 0$ 

 $b[M]V[L] + b[M-1]V[L-M+2] + \dots + b[0]V[L+M] = 0$ 

In matrix form:

 $\begin{bmatrix} V[L-M+1] & V[L-M+2] & V[L-M+3] & \cdots & V[L] \\ V[L-M+2] & V[L-M+3] & V[L-M+4] & \cdots & V[L+1] \\ V[L-M+3] & V[L-M+4] & V[L-M+5] & \cdots & V[L+2] \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ V[L] & V[L+1] & V[L+2] & \cdots & V[L+M] \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b[M] \\ b[M-1] \\ b[M-2] \\ \vdots \\ b[1] \end{bmatrix} = - \begin{bmatrix} V[L+1] \\ V[L+2] \\ V[L+3] \\ \vdots \\ V[L+M] \end{bmatrix}$ 

The coefficient matrix on the LHS is called the Padé matrix.



### HE Algorithm: Holomorphically embedded PBE's

Load bus:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha S_i^*}{V_i^*(\alpha^*)} - \alpha Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i(\alpha), i \in PQ$$

Generator bus:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha P_i - jQ_i(\alpha)}{V_i^*(\alpha^*)} - \alpha Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i(\alpha), i \in PV$$
$$V_i(\alpha) V_i^*(\alpha^*) = 1 + \alpha \left[ \left( V_i^{sp} \right)^2 - 1 \right]$$

Slack bus:

$$V_{slack}(\alpha) = 1 + \alpha (V_i^{sp} - 1), i \in slack$$



### **HE Algorithm: Germ Solution**

The germ solution is obtained when  $\alpha = 0$ .

$$\begin{split} \sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik\downarrow trans} V_k[0] &= 0, i \in PQ \\ \sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik\downarrow trans} V_k[0] &= -jQ_i[0] W_i^*[0], i \in PV \\ V_i[0] V_i^*[0] &= 1, i \in PV \\ V_{slack}[0] &= 1, i \in slack \\ \end{split}$$

$$\begin{split} \underbrace{\text{yields}}_{V_i} \begin{cases} V_i[0] &= 1, i \in PQ \cup PV \cup slack \\ W_j[0] &= 1, j \in PQ \cup PV \\ Q_k[0] &= 0, k \in PV \end{cases}$$



## HE Algorithm: General Recursive Relation

Load bus:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k[n] = S_i^* W_i^*[n-1] - Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i[n-1], i \in PQ$$

Slack bus:

$$V_{slack}[n] = \begin{cases} 1, n = 0\\ V_i^{sp} - 1, n = 1, i \in slack\\ 0, n = 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$$



### HE Algorithm: General Recursive Relation (con'd)

Generator bus:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k[n] = P_i W_i^*[n-1] - j(\sum_{l=0}^{n} Q_i[l] W_i^*[n-l]) - Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i[n-1]$$

$$V_{i_{\downarrow}real}[n] = \begin{cases} 1, n = 0 \\ \frac{\left(V_{i}^{sp}\right)^{2} - 1}{2}, n = 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}\sum_{l=1}^{n-1} V_{k}[l]V_{k}^{*}[n-l], n = 2, 3, 4, \dots \end{cases}$$



## HE Algorithm: Matrix Equation

 Take the three-bus system as an example, the matrix equation to calculate the coefficients for the n<sup>th</sup> (n = 0, 1, 2, 3,...) term is:





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#### Modified HE Algorithm: Holomorphically Embedded PBE's

The basic embedding formula is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha S_i^*}{V_i^*(\alpha^*)} - \alpha Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i(\alpha), i \in PQ$$

What if the embedding formula becomes:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k(\alpha) = \frac{\alpha^2 S_i^*}{V_i^*(\alpha^*)} - \alpha^2 Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i(\alpha), i \in PQ$$

- What will happen if we have components of both  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^2$ ?
- To examine if the HE algorithm can get a better numerical performance by including the component  $\alpha^2$ , a modified formula  $\beta \alpha + (1 \beta) \alpha^2$  is used to replace  $\alpha$  in the basic embedded PBE's.
- The study parameter  $\beta$  ranges from 0 to 1.0.



### Modified HE Algorithm: Three-winding Transformer

 The conversion of the equivalent circuit of three-winding transformer is:





### Modified HE Algorithm: Phase-shifting Transformer



#### Modified HE Algorithm: Holomorphically Embedded PBE's

## • Load bus: $\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_k(\alpha) = \frac{\left[\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^2\right]S_i^*}{V_i^*(\alpha^*)} - \left[\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^2\right]Y_{i_{shunt}} V_i(\alpha) - \left[\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^2\right]\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{unsym}} V_k(\alpha), i \in PQ$

# • Generator bus: $\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_{k}(\alpha) = \frac{[\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^{2}]P_{i} - jQ_{i}(\alpha)}{V_{i}^{*}(\alpha^{*})} - [\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^{2}]Y_{i_{shunt}}V_{i}(\alpha) - [\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^{2}]\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{unsym}}V_{k}(\alpha)$ $V_{i}(\alpha)V_{i}^{*}(\alpha^{*}) = 1 + [\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^{2}](|V_{i}^{sp}|^{2} - 1), i \in PV$

• Slack bus:

$$V_{slack}(\alpha) = 1 + [\beta\alpha + (1 - \beta)\alpha^2] (V_i^{sp} - 1), i \in slack$$

The germ solution is the same as that of the basic HE algorithm.



#### Modified HE Algorithm: General Recursive Relation

Load bus:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{trans}} V_{k}[n]$$
  
=  $\beta S_{i}^{*} W_{i}^{*}[n-1] + (1-\beta) S_{i}^{*} W_{i}^{*}[n-2] - \beta Y_{i_{shunt}} V_{i}[n-1] - (1-\beta) Y_{i_{shunt}} V_{i}[n-2]$   
-  $(1-\beta) \sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{unsym}} V_{k}[n-2] - \beta \sum_{k=0}^{N} Y_{ik_{unsym}} V_{k}[n-1], i \in PQ$ 

Slack bus:

$$V_{slack}[n] = \begin{cases} 1, n = 0\\ \beta(V_i^{sp} - 1), n = 1\\ (1 - \beta)(V_i^{sp} - 1), n = 2\\ 0, n = 3, 4, 5, \dots \end{cases}, i \in slack$$



#### Modified HE Algorithm: General Recursive Relation (con'd)





### Modified HE Algorithm: Matrix Equation

The equation to compute the coefficients of  $\alpha^1$  term (the first order) is  $_2$  given as:



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## Simulation

- Simulation tests are run by varying the value of the study parameter  $\beta$  in  $\beta \alpha$ +(1- $\beta$ ) $\alpha$ <sup>2</sup> on (0,1] on the three-bus, the IEEE 14-bus, 118-bus, 300-bus and the ERCOT systems.
- The metrics for numerical performance are:
  - Number of terms required to get a converged solution.
  - Condition numbers of the Padé matrices built from the coefficients of the V and Q power series.



## Simulation: Convergence Criteria

- The tolerance of the largest deviation of consecutive Padé approximant values for the bus voltage magnitude (namely Δ|V|) is empirically chosen as 10<sup>-4</sup> per unit value.
- The tolerance of the largest power mismatch among all buses is 0.1 MW/MVAR or 10<sup>-3</sup> per unit value for  $\Delta P$  and  $\Delta Q$ , respectively.



### Simulation Results: Three-bus System

- The required number of terms to get a converged solution decreases from 17 to 9 terms as the embedding formula changes from  $a^2$  to a.
- The discontinuities on the orange and blue curves correspond to those on the purple curve.
- When the value of  $\beta$  is between 0.90~0.94, the number of terms needed decreases to 7, which is fewer than the number required at  $\beta = 1.0$ .





## Simulation Results: IEEE 14-bus System

- The number of terms needed to converge decreases as the value of the study parameter  $\beta$  increases.
- The embedding formula  $\alpha$  gives the optimal numerical performance.



- The flat segment on the purple curve is at β = 0.96~1.0.
- There are several jump points on the "number of terms" curve which correspond to jumps on the condition numbers curves.



### Simulation Results: IEEE 118-bus System

- The overall trend is: the numerical performance becomes better with the increase of  $\beta$  value.
- It can be observed that condV and condQ tend to decrease as the number of terms required decreases, and increases as the number of terms required increases.
   IEEE 118-bus System
- Compared to the numerical performance at  $\beta = 1$ , the numerical performance is better when the value of the study parameter  $\beta =$ 0.84~0.92.





## Simulation Results: IEEE 300-bus System

- The condition numbers of the Padé matrix constructed from Q power series are larger than those of the V power series.
- The number of terms required to get the converged solution remains the same in the range:  $\beta = 0.92 \sim 1.0$ .



This shows the existence of an alternative embedding formula, which is capable of giving a converged solution for the system with the same number of terms of the power series of  $V(\alpha)$ .



## Simulation Results: ERCOT System

 The solution obtained from the HE algorithm with embedding formula α alone was also validated against the result from PowerWorld.

Table 1 Result Comparison between HE Method with  $\alpha$  embeddingand NR Method Using MATPOWER and PowerWorld

Tools	Using MA	TPOWER	Using PowerWorld		
The largest absolute	PU Volt	Angle (Deg)	PU Volt	Angle (Deg)	
difference on	4.45E-06	5.34E-04	4.44E-04	6.65E-01	

- However, the HE algorithm did not obtain a converged solution when a nonzero α<sup>2</sup> was introduced into the embedding formula.
- Instead, <u>significant oscillations</u> occurred on the maximum real and reactive bus power mismatches as well as on the largest voltage magnitude deviation.



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## Conclusions

- As the value of β approaches 1.0, fewer terms are generally required for convergence.
- As the number of power series terms required to converge to a solution increases, cond *V* and cond *Q* also increase.
- The Padé matrix built from Q power series coefficients is more poorly conditioned for larger systems.
- Even though the optimal value of  $\beta$  is system dependent, it seems to lie between 0.8~1.0 based on the observation on the three-bus, the IEEE 14-bus, 118-bus and 300-bus systems.
- Nevertheless, the modified HE algorithm presented here, when incorporating a nonzero a<sup>2</sup> component in the embedding formula, was unable to obtain a converged solution for the ERCOT system.
- The original α-only embedding formula presented in this work, seems to be a good choice for the embedding formulation when numerical performance and simplicity are considered.



## Contribution

- Generated sparse-based MATLAB code capable of reading PSS/E format data.
- The sparsity-based code was further generalized to include a study parameter  $\beta$  to study  $\alpha$ -embeddings of the form  $\beta\alpha + (1-\beta)\alpha^2$ .
- Implemented models of three-winding transformer and phaseshifting transformer.
- Tested the algorithm on ERCOT system.



## **Future Work**

Detection of islands and isolated (or out-of-service) bus in the data file

- DC line Model
- Further improvement on the bus-type switching subroutine
- Multiple-precision based algorithm in *C* programming



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## Thank you

## **Questions?**



## **Execution Time Comparison**

Table of Execution Time Comparison Among Different Systems with Various Embedding Formulae

1	System	Case	value of $\beta$	Embedding formula	Number of terms needed	Execution time(s)
	Three-bus System	base	1.00	α	9	0.0045
		optimal	0.93	$0.93\alpha + 0.07\alpha^2$	7	0.0032
		worst	0.001	$lpha^2$	17	0.0252
		base	1.00	α	7	0.0079
	System	optimal	0.94	$0.94\alpha + 0.06\alpha^2$	7	0.0078
		worst	0.25	$0.25\alpha + 0.75\alpha^2$	11	0.0262
IEEE 1 Syst	IEEE 110 1	base	1.00	α	9	0.1570
	IEEE 118-bus	optimal	0.85	$0.85\alpha + 0.15\alpha^2$	7	0.0978
	System	worst	0.09	$0.09\alpha + 0.91\alpha^2$	17	0.5166
IF		base	1.00	α	15	1.0093
	System	optimal	0.95	$0.95\alpha + 0.05\alpha^2$	15	0.8178
		worst	0.22	$0.22\alpha + 0.78\alpha^2$	29	3.3610



## HE Algorithm: Holomorphic Function

 The complex conjugate of the voltage function V(α) can be expressed by two forms:

Form1:  $V^*(\alpha^*) = V^*[0] + V^*[1]\alpha + \cdots V^*[n]\alpha^n$ Form2:  $V^*(\alpha) = V^*[0] + V^*[1]\alpha^* + \cdots V^*[n](\alpha^*)^n$ 

- A holomorphic function must satisfy Cauchy-Riemann conditions
- An equivalent condition is that the Wirtinger derivative of the function f(α) with respect to the complex conjugate of α is zero, which is expressed as:

$$\frac{\partial f(\alpha)}{\partial \alpha^*} = 0$$

• Thus Form1 is used in the HE algorithm.

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## HE Algorithm: Padé Approximation

The original power series  $c^{(0)}(\alpha)$  is represented by the continued fractions:

$$c^{(0)}(\alpha) = c^{(0)}[0] + \frac{\alpha}{c^{(1)}[0] + \frac{\alpha}{c^{(2)}[0] + \frac{\alpha}{c^{(3)}[0] + \cdots}}}$$



## HE Algorithm: Padé Approximation (con'd)

 The rational function is generated using a three-term recursion relation [11] as follows:

$$A_{0}(\alpha) = c^{(0)}[0],$$
  

$$A_{1}(\alpha) = c^{(0)}[0]c^{(1)}[0] + \alpha,$$
  

$$A_{i}(\alpha) = c^{(i)}[0]A_{i-1}(\alpha) + \alpha A_{i-2}(\alpha), i = 2,3,4, ...$$
  

$$B_{0}(\alpha) = 1,$$
  

$$B_{1}(\alpha) = c^{(1)}[0],$$
  

$$B_{j}(\alpha) = c^{(j)}[0]B_{j-1}(\alpha) + \alpha B_{i-2}(\alpha), j = 2,3,4, ...$$

Then the Padé Approximant can be expressed as:  $f(\alpha)_{[M/M]} = \frac{A_{2M}(\alpha)}{B_{2M}(\alpha)}, f(\alpha)_{[(M+1)/M]} = \frac{A_{2M+1}(\alpha)}{B_{2M+1}(\alpha)}$ 

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### Modified HE Algorithm: Matrix Equation (con'd)

The equation to compute the coefficients of higher-order (n = 2, 3, 4, ...) terms is given as:

$$W[n] = -\frac{\sum_{l=1}^{n} V[l] W[n-l]}{V[0]}$$



## **Bus-type Switching**



