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1.3 MODERN POWER SYSTEM

The power system of today is a complex interconnected network as shown in Figure 1.1 (page 7). A power system can be subdivided into four major parts:

- Generation
- Transmission and Subtransmission
- Distribution
- Loads

1.3.1 GENERATION

Generators — One of the essential components of power systems is the three-phase ac generator known as synchronous generator or alternator. Synchronous generators have two synchronously rotating fields: One field is produced by the rotor driven at synchronous speed and excited by dc current. The other field is produced in the stator windings by the three-phase armature currents. The dc current for the rotor windings is provided by excitation systems. In the older units, the exciters are dc generators mounted on the same shaft, providing excitation through slip rings. Today's systems use ac generators with rotating rectifiers, known as *brushless* excitation systems. The generator excitation system maintains generator voltage and controls the reactive power flow. Because they lack the commutator, ac generators can generate high power at high voltage, typically 30 kV. In a power plant, the size of generators can vary from 50 MW to 1500 MW.

The source of the mechanical power, commonly known as the *prime mover*, may be hydraulic turbines at waterfalls, steam turbines whose energy comes from the burning of coal, gas and nuclear fuel, gas turbines, or occasionally internal combustion engines burning oil. The estimated installed generation capacity in 1998 for the United States is presented in Table 1.1.

Steam turbines operate at relatively high speeds of 3600 or 1800 rpm. The generators to which they are coupled are cylindrical rotor, two-pole for 3600 rpm or four-pole for 1800 rpm operation. Hydraulic turbines, particularly those operating with a low pressure, operate at low speed. Their generators are usually a salient type rotor with many poles. In a power station several generators are operated in parallel in the power grid to provide the total power needed. They are connected at a common point called a *bus*.

Today the total installed electric generating capacity is about 760,000 MW. Assuming the United States population to be 270 million,

$$\text{Installed capacity per capita} = \frac{760 \times 10^9}{270 \times 10^6} = 2815 \text{ W}$$

To realize the significance of this figure, consider the average power of a person to be approximately 50 W. Therefore, the power of 2815 W is equivalent to

$$\frac{2815 \text{ W}}{50 \text{ W}} = 56 \text{ (power slave)}$$

The annual kWh consumption in the United States is about $3,550 \times 10^9$ kWh. The asset of the investment for investor-owned companies is about 200 billion dollars and they employ close to a half million people.

With today's emphasis on environmental consideration and conservation of fossil fuels, many alternate sources are considered for employing the untapped energy sources of the sun and the earth for generation of power. Some of these alternate sources which are being used to some extent are solar power, geothermal power, wind power, tidal power, and biomass. The aspiration for bulk generation of power in the future is the nuclear *fusion*. If nuclear fusion is harnessed economically, it would provide clean energy from an abundant source of fuel, namely water.

Table 1.1 Installed Generation Capacity

Type	Capacity, MW	Percent	Fuel
Steam Plant	478,800	63	Coal, gas, petroleum
Nuclear	106,400	14	Uranium
Hydro and pumped storage	91,200	12	Water
Gas Turbine	60,800	8	Gas, petroleum
Combined cycle	15,200	2	Gas, petroleum
Internal Combustion	4,940	0.65	Gas, petroleum
Others	2,660	0.35	Geothermal, solar, wind
Total	760,000	100.00	

Transformers — Another major component of a power system is the transformer. It transfers power with very high efficiency from one level of voltage to another level. The power transferred to the secondary is almost the same as the primary, except for losses in the transformer, and the product VI on the secondary side is approximately the same as the primary side. Therefore, using a step-up transformer of turns ratio a will reduce the secondary current by a ratio of $1/a$. This will reduce losses in the line, which makes the transmission of power over long distances possible.

The insulation requirements and other practical design problems limit the generated voltage to low values, usually 30 kV. Thus, step-up transformers are used for transmission of power. At the receiving end of the transmission lines step-down transformers are used to reduce the voltage to suitable values for distribution or utilization. In a modern utility system, the power may undergo four or five transformations between generator and ultimate user.

1.3.2 TRANSMISSION AND SUBTRANSMISSION

The purpose of an overhead transmission network is to transfer electric energy from generating units at various locations to the distribution system which ultimately supplies the load. Transmission lines also interconnect neighboring utilities which permits not only economic dispatch of power within regions during normal conditions, but also the transfer of power between regions during emergencies.

Standard transmission voltages are established in the United States by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI). Transmission voltage lines operating at more than 60 kV are standardized at 69 kV, 115 kV, 138 kV, 161 kV, 230 kV, 345 kV, 500 kV, and 765 kV line-to-line. Transmission voltages above 230 kV are usually referred to as extra-high voltage (EHV).

Figure 1.1 shows an elementary diagram of a transmission and distribution system. High voltage transmission lines are terminated in substations, which are called *high-voltage substations*, *receiving substations*, or *primary substations*. The function of some substations is switching circuits in and out of service; they are referred to as *switching stations*. At the primary substations, the voltage is stepped down to a value more suitable for the next part of the journey toward the load. Very large industrial customers may be served from the transmission system.

The portion of the transmission system that connects the high-voltage substations through step-down transformers to the distribution substations are called the *subtransmission* network. There is no clear delineation between transmission and subtransmission voltage levels. Typically, the subtransmission voltage level ranges from 69 to 138 kV. Some large industrial customers may be served from the subtransmission system. Capacitor banks and reactor banks are usually installed in the substations for maintaining the transmission line voltage.

1.3.3 DISTRIBUTION

The distribution system is that part which connects the distribution substations to the consumers' service-entrance equipment. The primary distribution lines are usually in the range of 4 to 34.5 kV and supply the load in a well-defined geographical area. Some small industrial customers are served directly by the primary feeders.

The secondary distribution network reduces the voltage for utilization by commercial and residential consumers. Lines and cables not exceeding a few hun-

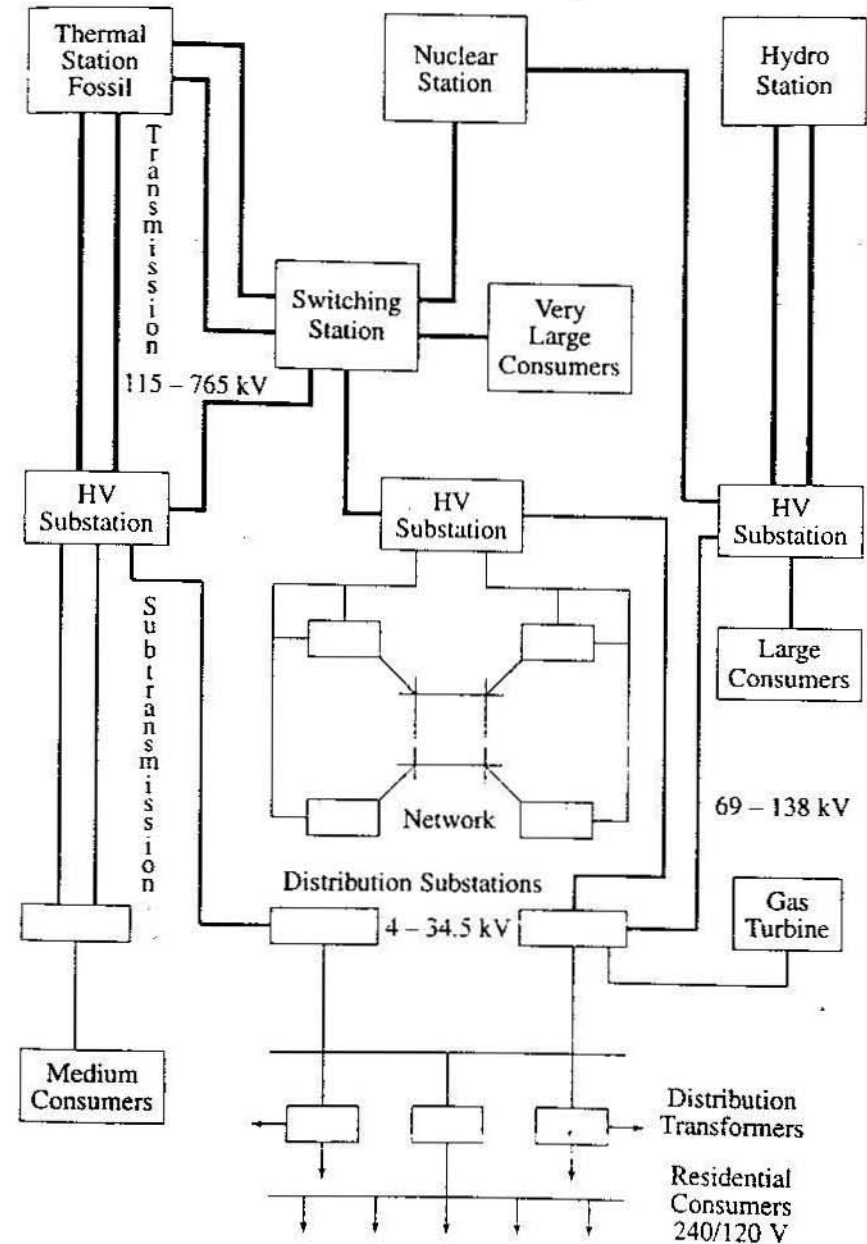


FIGURE 1.1
Basic components of a power system.

dred feet in length then deliver power to the individual consumers. The secondary distribution serves most of the customers at levels of 240/120 V, single-phase, three-wire; 208Y/120 V, three-phase, four-wire; or 480Y/277 V, three-phase, four-wire. The power for a typical home is derived from a transformer that reduces the primary feeder voltage to 240/120 V using a three-wire line.

Distribution systems are both *overhead* and *underground*. The growth of underground distribution has been extremely rapid and as much as 70 percent of new residential construction is served underground.

1.3.4 LOADS

Loads of power systems are divided into industrial, commercial, and residential. Very large industrial loads may be served from the transmission system. Large industrial loads are served directly from the subtransmission network, and small industrial loads are served from the primary distribution network. The industrial loads are composite loads, and induction motors form a high proportion of these load. These composite loads are functions of voltage and frequency and form a major part of the system load. Commercial and residential loads consist largely of lighting, heating, and cooling. These loads are independent of frequency and consume negligibly small reactive power.

The real power of loads are expressed in terms of kilowatts or megawatts. The magnitude of load varies throughout the day, and power must be available to consumers on demand.

The daily-load curve of a utility is a composite of demands made by various classes of users. The greatest value of load during a 24-hr period is called the *peak* or *maximum demand*. Smaller peaking generators may be commissioned to meet the peak load that occurs for only a few hours. In order to assess the usefulness of the generating plant the *load factor* is defined. The load factor is the ratio of average load over a designated period of time to the peak load occurring in that period. Load factors may be given for a day, a month, or a year. The yearly, or annual load factor is the most useful since a year represents a full cycle of time. The daily load factor is

$$\text{Daily L.F.} = \frac{\text{average load}}{\text{peak load}} \quad (1.1)$$

Multiplying the numerator and denominator of (1.1) by a time period of 24 hr, we have

$$\text{Daily L.F.} = \frac{\text{average load} \times 24 \text{ hr}}{\text{peak load} \times 24 \text{ hr}} = \frac{\text{energy consumed during 24 hr}}{\text{peak load} \times 24 \text{ hr}} \quad (1.2)$$

The annual load factor is

$$\text{Annual L.F.} = \frac{\text{total annual energy}}{\text{peak load} \times 8760 \text{ hr}} \quad (1.3)$$

Generally there is diversity in the peak load between different classes of loads, which improves the overall system load factor. In order for a power plant to operate economically, it must have a high system load factor. Today's typical system load factors are in the range of 55 to 70 percent.

There are a few other factors used by utilities. *Utilization factor* is the ratio of maximum demand to the installed capacity, and *plant factor* is the ratio of annual energy generation to the plant capacity $\times 8760$ hr. These factors indicate how well the system capacity is utilized and operated.

A *MATLAB* function `barcycle(data)` is developed which obtains a plot of the load cycle for a given interval. The demand interval and the load must be defined by the variable `data` in a three-column matrix. The first two columns are the demand interval and the third column is the load value. The demand interval may be minutes, hours, or months, in ascending order. Hourly intervals must be expressed in military time.

Example 1.1

The daily load on a power system varies as shown in Table 1.2. Use the `barcycle` function to obtain a plot of the daily load curve. Using the given data compute the average load and the daily load factor (Figure 1.2).

Table 1.2 Daily System Load

Interval, hr	Load, MW
12 A.M. – 2 A.M.	6
2 – 6	5
6 – 9	10
9 – 12	15
12 P.M. – 2 P.M.	12
2 – 4	14
4 – 6	16
6 – 8	18
8 – 10	16
10 – 11	12
11 – 12 A.M.	6

The following commands

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data = [ 0  2  6
         2  6  5
         6  9 10
         9 12 15
        12 14 12
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14 16 14
16 18 16
18 20 18
20 22 16
22 23 12
23 24 6];

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P = data(:,3); % Column array of load
Dt = data(:, 2) - data(:,1); % Column array of demand interval
W = P'*Dt; % Total energy, area under the curve
Pavg = W/sum(Dt) % Average load
Peak = max(P) % Peak load
LF = Pavg/Peak*100 % Percent load factor
barcycle(data) % Plots the load cycle
xlabel('Time, hr'), ylabel('P, MW')

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result in

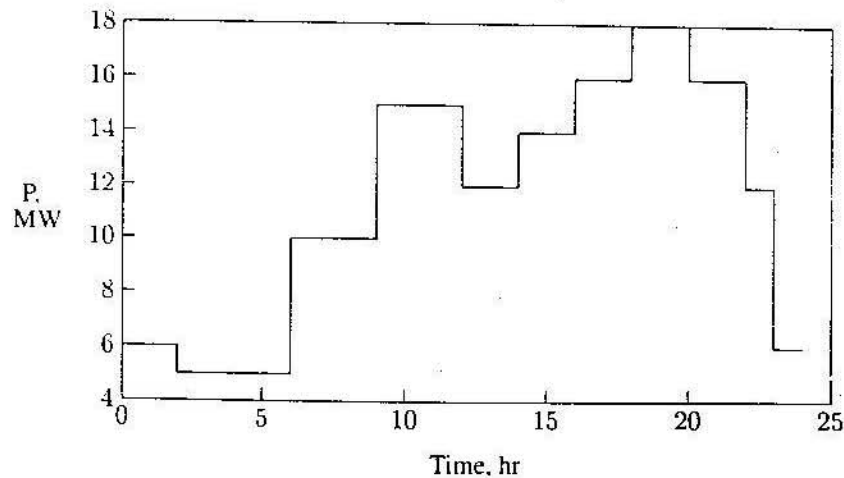


FIGURE 1.2
Daily load cycle for Example 1.1.

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Pavg = 11.5417
Peak = 18
LF = 64.12

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1.4 SYSTEM PROTECTION

In addition to generators, transformers, and transmission lines, other devices are required for the satisfactory operation and protection of a power system. Some of the protective devices directly connected to the circuits are called *switchgear*. They include instrument transformers, circuit breakers, disconnect switches, fuses and lightning arresters. These devices are necessary to deenergize either for normal operation or on the occurrence of faults. The associated control equipment and protective relays are placed on *switchboard* in *control houses*.

1.5 ENERGY CONTROL CENTER

For reliable and economical operation of the power system it is necessary to monitor the entire system in a control center. The modern control center of today is called the *energy control center* (ECC). Energy control centers are equipped with on-line computers performing all signal processing through the remote acquisition system. Computers work in a hierarchical structure to properly coordinate different functional requirements in normal as well as emergency conditions. Every energy control center contains a control console which consists of a visual display unit (VDU), keyboard, and light pen. Computers may give alarms as advance warnings to the operators (dispatchers) when deviation from the normal state occurs. The dispatcher makes judgments and decisions and executes them with the aid of a computer. Simulation tools and software packages written in high-level language are implemented for efficient operation and reliable control of the system. This is referred to as SCADA, an acronym for "supervisory control and data acquisition."

1.6 COMPUTER ANALYSIS

For a power system to be practical it must be safe, reliable, and economical. Thus many analyses must be performed to design and operate an electrical system. However, before going into system analysis we have to model all components of electrical power systems. Therefore, in this text, after reviewing the concepts of power and three-phase circuits, we will calculate the parameters of a multi-circuit transmission line. Then, we will model the transmission line and look at the performance of the transmission line. Since transformers and generators are a part of the system, we will model these devices. Design of a power system, its operation and expansion requires much analysis. This text presents methods of power system analysis with the aid of a personal computer and the use of *MATLAB*. The *MATLAB* environment permits a nearly direct transition from mathematical expression

to simulation. Some of the basic analysis covered in this text are:

- Evaluation of transmission line parameters
- Transmission line performance and compensation
- Power flow analysis
- Economic scheduling of generation
- Synchronous machine transient analysis
- Balanced fault
- Symmetrical components and unbalanced fault
- Stability studies
- Power system control

Many *MATLAB* functions are developed for the above studies thus allowing the student to concentrate on analysis and design of practical systems and spend less time on programming.

PROBLEMS

- 1.1. The demand estimation is the starting point for planning the future electric power supply. The consistency of demand growth over the years has led to numerous attempts to fit mathematical curves to this trend. One of the simplest curves is

$$P = P_0 e^{a(t-t_0)}$$

where a is the average per unit growth rate, P is the demand in year t , and P_0 is the given demand at year t_0 .

Assume the peak power demand in the United States in 1984 is 480 GW with an average growth rate of 3.4 percent. Using *MATLAB*, plot the predicated peak demand in GW from 1984 to 1999. Estimate the peak power demand for the year 1999.

- 1.2. In a certain country, the energy consumption is expected to double in 10 years. Assuming a simple exponential growth given by

$$P = P_0 e^{at}$$

calculate the growth rate a .

- 1.3. The annual load of a substation is given in the following table. During each month, the power is assumed constant at an average value. Using *MATLAB* and the *barcycle* function, obtain a plot of the annual load curve. Write the necessary statements to find the average load and the annual load factor.

Annual System Load	
Interval, month	Load, MW
January	8
February	6
March	4
April	2
May	6
June	12
July	16
August	14
September	10
October	4
November	6
December	8