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Fault Current Constraint Transmission Expansion Planning Based on the Inverse Matrix Modification Lemma and a Valid Inequality

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Abstract: In the transmission expansion planning (TEP) problem, it is challenging to consider a fault current level constraint due to the time-consuming update process of the bus impedance matrix, which is required to calculate the fault currents during the search for the optimal solution. In the existing studies, either a nonlinear update equation or its linearized version is used to calculate the updated bus impedance matrix. In the former case, there is a problem in that the mathematical formulation is derived in the form of mixed-integer nonlinear programming. In the latter case, there is a problem in that an error due to the linearization may exist and the change of fault currents in other buses that are not connected to the new transmission lines cannot be detected. In this paper, we use a method to obtain the exact updated bus impedance matrix directly from the inversion of the bus admittance matrix. We propose a novel method based on the inverse matrix modification lemma (IMML) and a valid inequality is proposed to find a better solution to the TEP problem with fault current level constraint. The proposed method is applied to the IEEE two-area reliability test system with 96 buses to verify the performance and effectiveness of the proposed method and we compare the results with the existing methods. Simulation results show that the existing TEP method based on impedance matrix modification method violates the fault current level constraint in some buses, while the proposed method satisfies the constraint in all buses in a reasonable computation time.

Keywords: Transmission Expansion Planning (TEP); Fault Current Level Constraint; Inverse Matrix Modification Lemma; Valid Inequality

1. Introduction

Because electricity is difficult to store economically, and it can only be delivered through transmission lines, transmission networks must be expanded in proportion to the increase in electricity demand. Even though the expansion of a transmission network provides positive effects, such as reduction of congestion, an increase in system reliability, and a reduction of transmission loss, a side effect of fault current increase (especially near large metropolitan areas) occurs due to the decrease in the impedance of the overall system [1].

Most of the widely used methods solve this problem by splitting buses, installing additional equipment such as a superconducting current limiter, or upgrading the circuit breaker with a higher breaking capacity. However, one of the more fundamental solutions to solve this problem is to consider the fault current level during transmission expansion planning (TEP), which is the main topic of this paper.

In general, the capacity of a circuit breaker is chosen to be greater than the three-phase line-to-ground fault current, which is calculated as the pre-fault voltage divided by the Thévenin



equivalent impedance. In power system optimization problems with short time horizons, such as the optimal power flow or security constraint unit commitment, it can be assumed that the network configuration is fixed, and the fault current can be considered as linear constraint or upper bound on the bus voltage magnitude [2–4]. However, in a problem with a relatively long time horizon, it becomes mathematically challenging to consider the fault current in the optimization problem, because the bus impedance matrix is continuously changing.

Research on the TEP problem that considers fault current has been published only recently, and there are two reasons why the fault current has not been studied in the TEP problem in the past. The first is that the commercially available circuit breaker has a sufficient breaking capability margin, compared to the fault current possible in the system, and the second is that the computational burden has been too large to account for the fault current in the TEP problem. There is limited research on the fault current in the TEP problem [5–8]. The most important feature of these studies is summarizing how to reduce the calculation burden due to updating the system matrix (the bus impedance matrix), which is essential for calculation of the fault current.

For example, in order to overcome this problem, previous research used a metaheuristic algorithm such as the genetic algorithm (GA), removed infeasible cases by applying the Benders cut, or simplified the problem by linear approximation. However, the GA algorithm has a problem in that it cannot reproduce the same results due to the inherent randomness of the algorithm, not to mention its slow convergence [5]. Additionally, methods based on Benders decomposition must solve the problem repeatedly until infeasible cases do not occur, and hence, the number of iterations required to find the optimal solution increases exponentially as the number of candidates for the new transmission line increases [6]. In the linear approximation method, even though the method can find the solution in a relatively short period of time, there is a disadvantage in that the calculation result of the fault current may differ significantly from the actual value due to the model error brought about by the linearization process [7,8]. As a result, most of the existing methods have a problem in that the calculation time is too slow or the accuracy is too limited to be applied to an actual large-scale power system. It should be noted that our study is confined to the balanced fault such as three-phase line-to-ground fault. For power systems where the unbalanced faults are dominant, such as distribution systems, special methods are employed to calculate power flow and fault current, as described in [9,10].

Therefore, the main purpose of this paper is to propose a more exact and efficient method to solve the TEP problem with a fault current level constraint based on the inverse matrix modification lemma (IMML) and a valid inequality. The proposed method consists of the following two steps.

The first is to efficiently calculate the diagonal terms of the bus impedance matrix, which is the Thévenin equivalent impedance of the system [11], and this bus impedance matrix should be recalculated repeatedly during the optimization process. In the existing research [7], a linearized and simplified version of the nonlinear impedance update equation is used to formulate the resulting optimization problem into mixed integer linear programming (MILP) form. The authors of [7] concluded that the normalized root mean square (RMS) error of about 2–3% due to linearization is a minor problem from a practical standpoint. However, in some power systems, such as those in South Korea, where the margins between the fault current and the circuit breaking capability are very narrow, more exact calculation of the fault current is required. Another problem with the method used in [7] is that it cannot guarantee the accuracy of the fault current calculation results at other buses to which the new transmission lines are not connected directly.

In this paper, in order to avoid these problems, the updated bus impedance matrix is calculated from the inversion of the bus admittance matrix. As will be explained in the following sections, this method does not require the nonlinear update equation for calculating the bus impedance matrix, and therefore, the overall optimization problem can be formulated as a MILP optimization problem without linearization. Additionally, the fault currents at the other buses to which the added transmission line is not directly connected can also be calculated without error.

The disadvantage of this method is obviously that the inverse of the bus admittance matrix must be calculated repeatedly in the search for the optimal solution to the TEP problem. In order to mitigate the computational burden of computing the inverse of the bus admittance matrix at every step to find the optimal solution to the TEP problem, we apply the inverse matrix modification lemma (IMML) and the valid inequality.

Due to the nature of the TEP problem, only a part of the transmission network is slightly changed during the search for the optimal solution. Therefore, it has a structure that is well suited to applying the well-known IMML, which can help to calculate the inverse of the bus admittance matrix efficiently [12]. A linear update equation for the diagonal terms of the bus impedance matrix will be explained in detail in the later sections.

Even though the time to calculate the updated impedance can be reduced greatly by using the IMML, the overall computation time to find the optimal solution to the TEP problem still becomes intractable as the number of candidates for new transmission lines increase. Thus, in this paper, we have devised a new method based on a valid inequality to reduce the feasible area of the problem. The valid inequalities are generated every search step during the optimization and added as additional inequality constraints to branch-and-cut (B&C) algorithm to reduce the feasible search region. As shown in the simulation section, the combination of the IMML and the proposed valid inequality can find the optimal solution to the TEP problem with consideration of the fault current very accurately in a reasonable calculation time.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows: Section 2 explains the MILP formulation of the TEP problem with the fault current level constraint. The method used for the solution in this study, based on the B&C algorithm, and the suggested valid inequality method are explained in Section 3. The proposed method is applied to IEEE Reliability Test System with 96 buses (RTS-96), which is frequently used in studies for the TEP problem. The simulation results and the concluding remarks are summarized in Sections 4 and 5, respectively. Nomenclature describes of all parameters and variables used in this paper.

2. Mathematical Formulation

2.1. Objective Function

The objective function used in this paper has a form similar to that used in the general TEP problem, which is composed of generator operation cost, transmission line construction cost, and salvage value of the transmission lines, as follows:

$$MIN \ J = \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{s \in S} \sum_{g \in G} \frac{f_g(Pg_{t,s,g}) \times td_s}{(1+dr)^t} + \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{(i,j) \in \ell_{i,j}} \frac{IC_{i,j} \times (xl_{t,i} - xl_{t-1,i})}{(1+dr)^{t-1}} \\ - \sum_{t \in T} \sum_{(i,j) \in \ell_{i,j}} \frac{IC_{i,j} \times (xl_{t,i} - xl_{t-1,i})}{(1+dr)^T} \times \frac{(life_{i,j} - T + t - 1)}{life_{i,j}}$$
(1)

where $f_g(\cdot)$ is the linearized generation cost function given as follows:

$$f_g(Pg_{t,s,g}) = \begin{cases} b_g \cdot Pg_{t,s,g} + c_g & if \, xg_{t,s,g} = 1\\ 0 & if \, xg_{t,s,g} = 0 \end{cases}$$
(2)

which can be further simplified into the following equation:

$$f_g(Pg_{t,s,g}) = b_g \cdot Pg_{t,s,g} + c_g \cdot xg_{t,s,g}$$
(3)

2.2. Fault Current Constraints

2.2.1. Conventional Method for the Bus Impedance Update

Generally, the three-phase line-to-ground fault current can be calculated by the following equation:

$$\frac{V_f^{pre}}{Zth_f} = I_f \tag{4}$$

where V_f^{pre} and Zth_f are the pre-fault voltage and Thévenin equivalent impedance at bus f, respectively. Since Thévenin equivalent impedance is the same as the corresponding diagonal element of the bus impedance matrix Z if the pre-failure voltage is assumed to be 1.0 (pu), the three-phase line-to-ground fault current constraint in the TEP problem can be expressed as follows [13]:

$$\left| Z_{t,f,f}^{new} \right| \ge \frac{1}{I_{f,max}} \text{ for } \forall f \in N_f, \forall t \in T$$
(5)

where $Z_{t,i,j}^{new}$ is the (i,j)th element of bus impedance matrix Z_t^{new} in year t.

In the existing study, the following update equation is used to calculate each element of the bus impedance matrix after the transmission lines are added [7,8]:

$$\frac{1}{Z_{i,i}^{new}} = \frac{1}{CF_A} \left(\frac{1}{Z_{i,i}^{old}} + \sum_{i,j \in N_l} \frac{1}{Z_{i,j}^{new}} CF_B \times xl_{t,i} \right)$$
(6)

$$Z_{i,i}^{new} \ge \frac{1}{I_i^{max}} \tag{7}$$

where CF_A and CF_B are the coefficients for linearization, which can be calculated using the following equations:

$$CF_A = \frac{1 - CF_1}{1 - CF_2}, \ CF_B = 1 - \frac{Z_{j,j}^{old}}{Z_{i,j}^{new}}$$
(8)

$$CF_{1} = \frac{\left(Z_{i,j}^{old}\right)^{2}}{Z_{i,i}^{old}Z_{j,j}^{old} + Z_{i,i}^{old}Z_{i,j}^{new}}, CF_{2} = \frac{2Z_{i,j}^{old}}{Z_{i,i}^{old} + Z_{j,j}^{old} + Z_{i,j}^{new}}$$
(9)

In order to improve the computational speed in the process of applying the above equations, the existing studies [7,8] assume that the off-diagonal elements of the bus impedance matrix are negligibly smaller than the diagonal elements ($|Z_{i,j}^{old}| \ll |Z_{i,j}^{old}|$), and the diagonal elements of the bus impedance matrix before the update are significantly smaller than the impedance of the new transmission lines that will be connected to the buses ($|Z_{i,j}^{old}| \ll |Z_{i,j}^{new}|$). Hence, the values of CF_A and CF_B in Equation (8) are all assumed to be 1. This method has an advantage in that the computational burden for calculating the fault currents can be largely reduced, however, there is a problem in that it is impossible to consider the changes in the fault currents occurring on buses to which the new transmission lines are directly connected. Additionally, as the number of new transmission lines increases, the calculation error is cumulative.

2.2.2. Derivation of the Bus Impedance Update Equation Based on the IMML

In this paper, we adopt a method to directly calculate the bus impedance matrix by inversion of the bus admittance matrix of the new system with the added transmission line, as follows:

$$Z_t^{new} = (\Upsilon_t^{new})^{-1} \tag{10}$$

It is obvious that the calculation time will significantly increase due to the curse of dimensionality if the system becomes larger. Therefore, it is essential to calculate the inverse matrix more effectively to incorporate the fault current constraint (or Equation (5)). In order to find the optimal solution to the TEP problem, a new transmission network configuration for the next search step is constructed by adding one new transmission line to the network configured in the previous search step. The bus admittance matrix of the next search step will have almost the same value, and only small number of elements in the admittance matrix is changed from the bus admittance matrix of the previous step. Therefore, the following inverse matrix modification lemma can be applied in a very straightforward manner to acquire the updated bus impedance matrix.

The so-called Woodbury equation of the IMML can be described as the following generic equation [12]:

$$(A + UCV)^{-1} = A^{-1} - A^{-1}U(C^{-1} + VA^{-1}U)^{-1}VA^{-1}$$
(11)

If ΔY , the variation of the admittance matrix Y, can be decomposed into the product of three matrices, or $M \cdot \delta y \cdot M^T$, the new admittance matrix, Y^{new} , can be expressed as follows:

$$Y^{new} = Y^{old} + \Delta Y = Y^{old} + M \cdot \delta y \cdot M^T$$
(12)

where δy is the variation of matrix Y (m × m), *M* is the connection matrix (n × m), *n* is the number of total buses and *m* is the number of modified buses. Here, time index *t* is omitted for simplicity.

By applying the Woodbury equation of the IMML to Equation (12), a new impedance matrix, Z^{new} , can be obtained as follows:

$$Z^{new} = (Y^{old} + M\delta y M^T)^{-1} = Z^{old} - Z^{old} M c M^T Z^{old}$$
(13)

$$c = (\delta y^{-1} + z)^{-1} = \delta y (I + z \times \delta y)^{-1}$$
(14)

$$z = M^T Z^{old} M \tag{15}$$

where Z^{old} is the impedance matrix of the previous optimization step. In order to eliminate the unnecessary inverse operation, Equation (14) is replaced with the following equation:

$$\delta y = c(I + z \times \delta y) \tag{16}$$

Here, we apply an extra assumption that only one new transmission line can be added to the existing bus in order to derive a more compact formulation for Equation (16). In case that more than one transmission line should be added to a bus, the above assumption is still valid since we can insert a dummy bus between the new transmission line and the existing bus with small reactance between the buses. Therefore, most of the elements in matrix *Y* are not changed except for the corresponding elements of the pair of the buses to which the new transmission line candidate is connected. Thus, δy can be expressed as the following equation:

$$\delta y = \begin{bmatrix} \delta y_{1,1} & \delta y_{1,2} & \dots & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \delta y_{2,1} & \delta y_{2,2} & & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & & \delta y_{i,i} & \delta y_{i,j} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & & & \delta y_{j,i} & \delta y_{j,j} & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & & & & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & & & & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]}$$
(17)

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$$= \begin{bmatrix} \delta y_{A,A} & \delta y_{A,B} \\ \delta y_{B,A} & \delta y_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]} = \begin{bmatrix} \delta y_{A,A} & 0 \\ 0 & \delta y_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]}$$
(18)

where $\delta y_{A,A}$ and $\delta y_{B,B}$ are $[(m - 2) \times (m - 2)]$ and $[2 \times 2]$ matrices, respectively. Furthermore, the following equations can be obtained by substituting Equation (18) into Equation (16) with appropriate partitioning:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \delta y_{A,A} & 0 \\ 0 & \delta y_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]} = \begin{bmatrix} c_{A,A} & c_{A,B} \\ c_{B,A} & c_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]} \begin{pmatrix} I & 0 \\ 0 & I \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]} + \begin{bmatrix} z_{A,A} & z_{A,B} \\ z_{B,A} & z_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]} \begin{bmatrix} \delta y_{A,A} & 0 \\ 0 & \delta y_{B,B} \end{bmatrix}_{[m \times m]}$$
(19)

or

$$c_{A,A}(I + z_{A,A}\delta y_{A,A}) + c_{A,B}z_{B,A}\delta y_{A,A} = \delta y_{A,A}$$
⁽²⁰⁾

$$c_{B,A}(I + z_{A,A}\delta y_{A,A}) + c_{B,B}z_{B,A}\delta y_{A,A} = 0$$
(21)

$$c_{A,B}(I + z_{B,B}\delta y_{B,B}) + c_{A,A}z_{A,B}\delta y_{B,B} = 0$$
(22)

$$c_{B,B}(I + z_{B,B}\delta y_{B,B}) + c_{B,A}z_{A,B}\delta y_{B,B} = \delta y_{B,B}$$
(23)

Without loss of generality, by appropriate indexing and simple matrix manipulation, we can define subscript A as the set of buses where the transmission line is constructed, and subscript B as the set of buses where the transmission line is not constructed, which means that all elements of $\delta y_{B,B}$ in Equation (19) will be zero. Then the following equations can be easily derived from Equation (20) through Equation (23):

$$c_{A,A}(I + z_{A,A}\delta y_{A,A}) = \delta y_{A,A}$$
(24)

$$c_{B,A}(I + z_{A,A}\delta y_{A,A}) = \delta y_{B,A}$$
⁽²⁵⁾

$$c_{A,B} = c_{B,B} = 0$$
 (26)

It should be noted that both Equation (24) and Equation (25) should be regarded as nonlinear, because they contain terms in the production of two variables: c and δy . In this paper, we apply the following algorithm, which has the same effect as the above equations, so that the resulting optimization problem becomes a MILP formulation.

If $xl_j = 1$, then:

$$c_{i,j}^{re} + \sum_{k \in N_l} \left(c_{i,k}^{re} \times z \delta y_{k,j}^{re} - c_{i,k}^{im} \times z \delta y_{k,j}^{im} \right) = \delta y_{i,j}^{re} \text{ for } \forall i, j \in N_l$$

$$(27)$$

$$c_{i,j}^{im} + \sum_{k \in N_l} \left(c_{i,k}^{re} \times z \delta y_{k,j}^{im} + c_{i,k}^{im} \times z \delta y_{k,j}^{re} \right) = \delta y_{i,j}^{im} \quad for \; \forall i, j \in N_l,$$

$$(28)$$

And if $xl_i = 0$, then:

$$c_{i,j}^{re} = 0, \ c_{i,j}^{im} = 0 \ for \ \forall i, j \in N_l$$
 (29)

In the above equations, $z\delta y^{re}$ and $z\delta y^{im}$ denote the real and imaginary parts of the product of matrix z and matrix δy , respectively. All logic expressions in the above are implemented using the indicator constraint option of the CPLEX solver incorporated in the General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS) [14]. Once all the elements of c are calculated using Equations (27)–(29), they can be entered into Equation (12), and the equation to calculate the diagonal element of the new bus impedance matrix (or the Thévenin equivalent impedance) is derived as follows:

$$Z_{f,f}^{new} = Z_{f,f}^{old} - \sum_{i \in N_l} \left\{ Z_{f,i}^{old} \sum_{j \in N_l} (c_{i,j} \times Z_{j,f}^{old}) \right\} \forall f \in N_f$$
(30)

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Generally, the reactance is more dominant than the resistance of the transmission line, thus, it can be assumed that $im\left\{Z_{f,f}^{new}\right\} \gg re\left\{Z_{f,f}^{new}\right\}$ without significant loss of generality. Hence, the constraint given by Equation (5) can be rewritten as follows:

$$im\left\{Z_{f,f}^{new}\right\} \ge \frac{1}{I_f^{max}} \quad \forall f \in N_f \tag{31}$$

2.3. Other Constraints

The following constraints are incorporated into the model to account for the technical limitations of the power system and its components.

2.3.1. Power Flow Equation

The following typical DC power flow equations are included in the model [13]:

$$P_{t,s,ij} = -B_{ij} \times \left(\theta_{t,s,i} - \theta_{t,s,j}\right) \text{ for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i, j \in N$$
(32)

$$\begin{cases} nP_{t,s,ij} = -nB_{ij} \times \left(\theta_{t,s,i} - \theta_{t,s,j}\right) & if \ xl_{t,i} = 1\\ nP_{t,s,ij} = 0 & if \ xl_{t,i} = 0 \end{cases} \text{for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i, j \in N_l \end{cases}$$
(33)

Equation (32) is the DC power flow equation for the existing transmission lines, and Equation (33) is for the candidates to be newly constructed. For the latter, in the search process, constructing ($xl_{t,i} = 1$) and not constructing ($xl_{t,i} = 0$) are expressed separately.

2.3.2. Node Balance Equation

The demand and supply condition at each bus is represented as the following equality constraint:

$$\sum_{g \in G_i} Pg_{t,s,g} - Pd_{t,s,i} - \sum_{j \in N, j \neq i} P_{t,s,ij} - \sum_{j \in N_l, j \neq i} nP_{t,s,ij} = 0 \text{ for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i \in N$$

$$(34)$$

2.3.3. Limit on Generator Output

All the generators should satisfy the following inequality constraints for the limits on the active power output:

$$\begin{cases} P_g^{min} \le P_{t,s,g} \le P_g^{max} & \text{if } xg_{t,s,g} = 1\\ P_{t,s,g} = 0 & \text{if } xg_{t,s,g} = 0 \end{cases} \text{for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall g \in G \end{cases}$$
(35)

In general, in the TEP problem, the on/off status of generator is not considered due to the computational burden. In this paper, for slight improvement of the accuracy of the generation cost, the on/off status of generator is included in the model. However, if the overall computation time is crucial during the simulation, Equation (35) can be simplified to $0 \le P_{t,s,g} \le P_g^{max}$ without significant problem.

2.3.4. Transmission Limit

The following inequality constraints should be satisfied to limit the apparent power flow through the transmission lines:

$$-P_{ij}^{max} \le P_{t,s,ij} \le P_{ij}^{max} \text{ for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i, j \in N$$
(36)

$$-nP_{ij}^{max} \le P_{t,s,ij} \le nP_{ij}^{max} \text{ for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i, j \in N_l$$

$$(37)$$

2.3.5. Bus Voltage Angel Limit

The following inequality constraint is included to limit the bus voltage angles:

$$\theta_i^{min} \le \theta_{t,s,i} \le \theta_i^{max} \text{ for } \forall t \in T, \forall s \in S, \forall i \in N$$
(38)

2.3.6. New Transmission Line Constraint

In this study, we assume that both existing and newly constructed transmission lines will be maintained until the end of the planning period once they are constructed. The following constraints are included in the model for this purpose:

$$xl_{t,i} \ge xl_{t-1,i} \text{ for } \forall i \in N_l, \forall t \in T$$
(39)

$$xl_i = xl_j \text{ for } \forall (i,j) \in \ell_{i,j}$$

$$\tag{40}$$

3. Solution Methods

The TEP problem with the fault current constraint formulated in the previous section is a typical MILP optimization problem. One of the most commonly used methods to find the optimal solution of the MILP problem is the branch-and-cut algorithm. In general, the B&C algorithm is known to be able to obtain the optimal solution for a relatively small-scale MILP problem, but as explained in the simulation section, the curse of dimensionality still occurs in the TEP problem when considering the proposed fault current constraint. As a result, when the scale of the system increases, the optimal solution cannot be searched for within a reasonable period of time.

In this section, we propose a valid inequality method that can help efficiently find the optimal solution to a given TEP problem. The valid inequality method is one of the ways to improve the search speed by removing the search space from the feasible region where there is no possibility of the solution in a given optimization problem. For example, valid inequalities are effectively used to improve the performance of the B&C algorithm to solve MILP problems such as the traveling salesman problem [15], unit commitment [16], and the oil pipeline design problem [17]. Since most of the valid inequalities are very problem-specific in nature, the valid inequalities used in the previous studies cannot be applied to the TEP problem. Hence, this study proposes a new valid inequality that is well suited to the proposed TEP problem, and it shows through simulation results that the proposed valid inequality works efficiently. Next, we briefly describe the B&C algorithm and then explain the valid inequality suggested in this study.

3.1. Branch and Cut(B&C) Algorithm

The B&C algorithm is a combination of the branch-and-bound (B&B) algorithm and the cutting plane method. Figure 1 shows a flow diagram of the B&C algorithm used in this study [18].

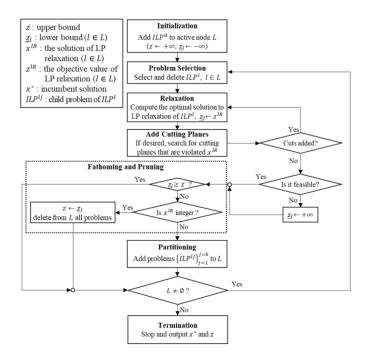


Figure 1. Flow chart of the branch-and-cut algorithm [18].

3.2. Valid Inequalities

As mentioned above, it is assumed in this paper that the existing transmission lines are not decommissioned during the planning period. We believe that this assumption is reasonable because the existing transmission lines are rarely decommissioned even in an actual situation, and in most cases, the aged lines are maintained through reinforcement works.

The proposed model includes two binary variables, one related to transmission line construction (xl), and the other to generator operation status (xg). If a combinatorial set of xl does not satisfy the fault current constraint, a feasible solution does not exist, whatever values are assigned to xg. Additionally, in general, as more transmission lines are built, the fault current at each bus tends to increase.

Having said that, we can assert that at least one of the new transmission lines included in the expansion plan should be removed from the plan if a given combination of xl does not satisfy the fault current constraint. Therefore, the following valid inequality constraint can be added to the mathematical model if the fault current constraint or Equation (5) is not satisfied:

$$\sum_{\{i|round(\hat{x}l_{T,i})=1\}} (1 - xl_{T,i}) \ge 1, \ \forall i \in N_l$$

$$(41)$$

where round() is the round-off operator. The valid inequality is added as a new constraint to the cutting plane. In this study, the above valid inequality is implemented using the branch-and-cut-and-heuristic (BCH) of GAMS [14].

4. Simulation Results

In order to verify the performance of the proposed method, several simulations were performed on the IEEE RTS-96 system, which is frequently used for the TEP problem [19]. The studied power system is depicted in Figure 2. Additionally, Figure 3 shows the load duration curve used in the study, where the durations of load blocks are 1752 hours for a 100% load, 5256 hours at 80%, and 1752 hours at 40%. The growth rate of annual electricity demand and the discount rate are arbitrarily set at 10% and 7%, respectively. The base power and the upper limit of the fault current in each bus are set to 100 MVA and 10 kA, respectively. Other technical parameters used in the simulations are listed separately in the Appendix A.



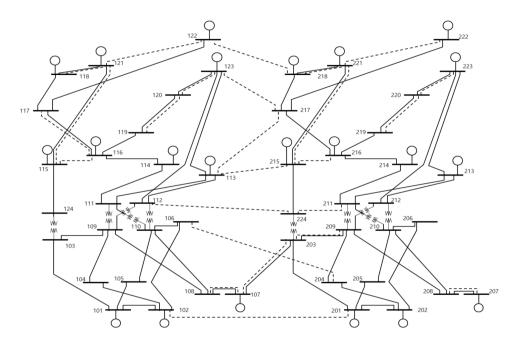


Figure 2. IEEE two-area RTS-96 system (solid: existing; dashed: candidates).

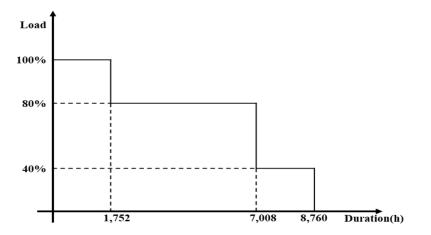


Figure 3. Load duration curve.

The proposed model was implemented using the CPLEX solver, which is one of the most frequently used MILP solvers available with the General Algebraic Modeling System (GAMS) [20]. In short, the mathematical formulation of the proposed method is modeled using GAMS to find the optimal solution to the TEP problem and the result from the GAMS model is entered into the PSS/e ASCC Psoftware package [21] to calculate the exact fault currents. For comparison, the existing method based on the linearized impedance update equation [7] is also simulated. The simulation study consists of the following three cases:

Case 1: TEP without fault current constraint

Case 2: TEP with both the fault current constraint and the valid inequality (proposed method)

Case 3: TEP with the fault current constraint based on the linearized impedance update equation (existing method) [7]

Tables 1–3 show the optimization results for the three cases. Figure 4 shows the fault current at each bus calculated by the PSS/e ASCC software package [21] using the transmission expansion plans acquired from the results of the three cases. In the figure, the Base case is the fault current before the transmission expansion planning starts and is included in the figure to show that the fault current increases monotonically when transmission lines are added to the system. Table 4 shows the

calculation results for the fault current for each year on the bus with a fault current exceeding the upper limit (10 kA).

Branch (From Bus-to Bus)	Line	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
107-203	1	0				
107-203	2				0	
107-108	1		0			
113-215	1	0				
122-218	1					0
203-209	1					0
207-208	1					0
215-216	1	0				

 Table 1. Transmission Expansion Planning Result of Case 1.

Table 2. TEP Result of Case 2.

Branch (From Bus-to Bus)	Line	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
102-201	1					0
107-203	1	0				
107-203	2			0		
107-108	1	0				
107-108	2					0
112-224	1	0				
211-224	1	0				

Table 3. TEP Result of Case 3.

Branch (From Bus-to Bus)	Line	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
102-201	1		0			
106-204	1	0				
106-204	2					0
107-203	1	0				
112-224	2	0				
207-208	1					0
211-224	1					0

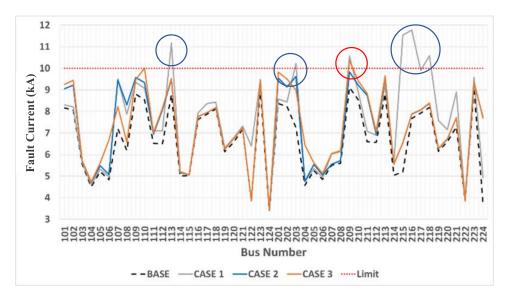


Figure 4. Fault current analysis using PSS/e ASCC.

Bus Number	Case	Base	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	Case 1	8779	11,116	11,157	11,157	11,160	11,175
113	Case 2	8779	9430	9430	9433	9433	9474
	Case 3	8779	9385	9407	9407	9407	9522
	Case 1	7254	8467	8556	8556	9145	10,231
203	Case 2	7254	8957	8957	9533	9533	9622
	Case 3	7254	8688	8719	8719	8719	8995
	Case 1	9111	9372	9385	9385	9477	10,575
209	Case 2	9111	9656	9656	9752	9752	9833
	Case 3	9111	9795	9850	9850	9850	10,356
	Case 1	5200	11,049	11,050	11,050	11,087	11,543
215	Case 2	5200	6529	6529	6545	6545	6549
	Case 3	5200	5960	5961	5961	5961	6540
	Case 1	7670	11,151	11,152	11,152	11,180	11,772
216	Case 2	7670	7859	7859	7868	7868	7875
	Case 3	7670	7767	7773	7773	7773	7887
	Case 1	8182	8753	8753	8753	8762	10,586
218	Case 2	8182	8369	8369	8376	8376	8379
	Case 3	8182	8369	8372	8372	8372	8382

Table 4. Fault current of buses (violated buses only, unit: A).

In Figure 4, the result of Case 1 yields fault currents that exceed 10 kA in the buses of 113, 203, 209, 215, 216, and 218 (blue and red circles). In view of the fault current, the biggest problem of Case 1 is that some of the new transmission lines are constructed on the bus 215, 216, and 218, which have the largest increase in fault currents. It is an obvious result because the fault current level constraint is not considered in the optimization model in Case 1.

On the other hand, any of the fault currents of Case 2 does not exceed the limit of the failure level and the new transmission lines are constructed on the buses 112, 211, and 224 with relatively low increase in fault current.

In Case 3, it can be observed that the fault current at bus 209 exceeds the upper limit as shown in Figure 4 (red circle) and Table 4, and the cause of this problem is due to the linearization of the bus impedance update equation explained in Section 2.2.1. This result can be seen to be due to a rather extreme setting, but we believe that there is always the possibility of this problem occurring in a real system considering the recent circumstances of the power system where the margin between the fault current level and the circuit breakers' breaking capacity decreases gradually. One thing that should be noted in the result of Case 3 is that the fault current violation happened at bus 209, which is not connected to any of the new transmission lines as shown in Table 3. The reason for this problem is that when the impedance matrix is updated in Case 3 using Equations (6)–(9), the change of the impedance values between other buses that are not connected to the new transmission lines are ignored in order to reduce the calculation time. This problem does not occur in the proposed method (Case 2) because fault current is calculated using exact impedance matrices that reflect the change in the impedance of all buses.

The objective value and the calculation time for each case are shown in Table 5. As shown in the table, Case 2 (the proposed method) takes longer to find the optimal solution than other cases, and the objective function (construction, operation costs, and salvage values) shows that the proposed method is slightly improved compared to Case 3, but the differences are not significant considering the circumstances of the TEP problem. Therefore, the main advantage of the proposed method is that the TEP problem considering the fault current constraint can be solved more precisely by formulating it in MILP form without linearization.

Case	Objective Value (Million \$)	Computation Time (Seconds)
Case 1	2053	34
Case 2	2100	267
Case 3	2129	44

Table 5. Objective values and computation times.

One last analysis of the proposed method is the impact of the valid inequality on the time to convergence at the optimal solution. Figure 5 shows the results of comparing convergence times with and without using the valid inequality. As shown in the figure, the duality gap converges at 0 in about 267 seconds, but it takes longer than 1000 minutes when the valid inequality is not used. The results of the transmission expansion plan in both cases are exactly the same, and therefore, the effect of the valid inequality is clear.

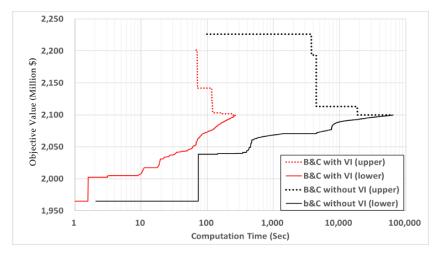


Figure 5. Impact of the valid inequality on convergence time.

5. Concluding Remarks

In this paper, we propose a new method to solve the TEP problem with more exact consideration of fault current level constraint. In the existing TEP studies, approximation errors occur due to the linearization of the impedance update equation, which is formulated as a nonlinear equation to calculate the fault current of a system. In this paper, we adopt a method of eliminating the approximation error by obtaining the updated impedance matrix directly from the inversion of the admittance matrix using the IMML.

This study also proposes a novel valid inequality method to reduce the computation time to find the optimal solution to the TEP problem with fault current level constraint. The concept of valid inequality is a way of reducing the overall computation time by adding an inequality constraint at every computation step that removes the infeasible region of the optimization problem from the search space. In this paper, the valid inequality is constructed using the characteristic that the fault current in the system generally increases due to the increase of the parallel circuit when new transmission lines are added. As shown in the simulation results, this valid inequality proves to be capable of reducing the overall computation time significantly.

The contribution of this study can be summarized as follows. First, the TEP problem considering the fault current constraint is formulated as a MILP optimization problem without linearization. Second, the convergence of the MILP optimization problem is greatly improved by reducing the feasible area through the valid inequality.

In addition to the TEP problem considering the fault current, the proposed method can be applied to studies on the economical evaluation problems of the newly discussed technologies in solving the fault current problem, such as the optimization of bus separation, the superconducting fault current limiter, and the usage of medium voltage direct current.

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Nomenclature

Indices

t: Index of years

s: Index of electricity load blocks

i, *j*, *k*: Index of buses

f: Sub-index of buses applying fault current constraint

g: Index of generators

Sets and Function

T: Set of all planning years

N: Set of all buses

 N_l : Set of buses connected to new line candidates

 N_f : Set of buses to which fault current constraints are applied

G: Set of all generators

 G_i : Set of generators connected to bus i

 $\ell_{i,j}$: Bus pair of new line candidates between bus *i* and *j*

S: Set of all electricity load blocks

 f_g : Fuel cost of generator g

Variables and Time-varying Parameters

 Y_t^{new} : Bus admittance matrix in year t

 Z_t^{new} : Bus impedance matrix in year t

 $Pg_{t,s,g}$: Active power output of generator *g* of load block *s* in year *t*

 $P_{t,s,ij}$: Active power flow of existing line from bus *i* to *j* of load block *s* in year *t*

 $nP_{t,s,ij}$: Active power flow of new line from bus *i* to *j* of load block *s* in year *t*

 $xg_{t,s,g}$: Binary variable for on/off status of generator g at bus i of load block s in year t

 $xl_{t,i}$: Binary variable for construction status of new transmission line at bus *i* in year *t*

 $\theta_{t,s,i}$: Phase angle of bus *i* of load block *s* in year *t*

 $\hat{x}l_{t,i}$: Solution to the linear relaxation problem of B&C algorithm at bus *i* in year *t*

Fixed Parameters

 I_i^{max} : Maximum fault current at bus *i*

 $\dot{Y}_{i,j}^{old}$: Bus admittance matrix between bus *i* and *j* in base year

 $Z_{i,i}^{old}$: Bus impedance matrix between bus *i* and *j* in base year

 $Z_{i,i}^{hew}$: Impedance of new line candidate between bus *i* and *j*

 $IC_{i,j}$: Construction cost of new line candidate between *i* and *j*

 $life_{i,i}$: Life span of new line candidate between *i* and *j*

td_s: Time duration of load block *s*

dr: Discount rate

 b_g , c_g : Coefficients of the cost function of generator g

 $Pd_{t,s,i}$: Active power demand at bus *i* of load block *s* in year *t*

 P_{o}^{max} , P_{o}^{min} : Maximum/Minimum active power output of generator g

 P_{ij}^{max} : Maximum active power transmission limit of existing line between bus *i* and *j*

 $nP_{ii}^{max}, nP_{ii}^{min}$: Maximum/Minimum active power transmission limit of new line between bus *i* and *j*

 B_{ij} : Susceptance of transmission line between bus *i* and *j*

 nB_{ij} : Susceptance of new line candidate between bus *i* and *j*

 θ_i^{max} , θ_i^{min} : Maximum/Minimum voltage angle at bus *i*

Appendix A Parameters

The following tables show the parameters of the system used in the simulations.

Branch	ID	R (p.u.)	X (p.u.)	Limit (MW)	Branch	ID	R (p.u.)	X (p.u.)	Limit (MW)
101-102	1	0.003	0.014	175	201-202	1	0.003	0.014	175
101-103	1	0.055	0.211	175	201-203	1	0.055	0.211	175
101-105	1	0.022	0.085	175	201-205	1	0.022	0.085	175
102-104	1	0.033	0.127	175	202-204	1	0.033	0.127	175
102-106	1	0.050	0.192	175	202-206	1	0.050	0.192	175
103-109	1	0.031	0.119	175	203-209	1	0.031	0.119	175
104-109	1	0.027	0.104	175	204-209	1	0.027	0.104	175
105-110	1	0.023	0.088	175	205-210	1	0.023	0.088	175
106-110	1	0.014	0.061	175	206-210	1	0.014	0.061	175
107-108	1	0.016	0.061	175	207-208	1	0.016	0.061	175
108-109	1	0.043	0.165	175	208-209	1	0.043	0.165	175
108-110	1	0.043	0.165	175	208-210	1	0.043	0.165	175
111-113	1	0.006	0.048	500	211-213	1	0.006	0.048	500
111-114	1	0.005	0.042	500	211-214	1	0.005	0.042	500
112-113	1	0.006	0.048	500	212-213	1	0.006	0.048	500
112-123	1	0.012	0.097	500	212-223	1	0.012	0.097	500
113-123	1	0.011	0.087	500	213-223	1	0.011	0.087	500
114-116	1	0.005	0.059	500	214-216	1	0.005	0.059	500
115-121	1	0.006	0.049	500	215-221	1	0.006	0.049	500
115-124	1	0.007	0.052	500	215-224	1	0.007	0.052	500
116-117	1	0.003	0.026	500	216-217	1	0.003	0.026	500
116-119	1	0.003	0.023	500	216-219	1	0.003	0.023	500
117-118	1	0.002	0.014	500	217-218	1	0.002	0.014	500
117-122	1	0.014	0.105	500	217-222	1	0.014	0.105	500
118-121	1	0.003	0.026	500	218-221	1	0.003	0.026	500
119-120	1	0.005	0.040	500	219-220	1	0.005	0.040	500
120-123	1	0.003	0.022	500	220-223	1	0.003	0.022	500
107-203	1	0.042	0.161	175					

 Table A2.
 Transformer data.

Branch	R (p.u.)	X (p.u.)	Limit (MW)	Tr	R (p.u.)	X (p.u.)	Limit (MW)
103-124	0.002	0.09	400	203-224	0.002	0.09	400
109-111	0.002	0.09	400	209-211	0.002	0.09	400
109-112	0.002	0.09	400	209-212	0.002	0.09	400
110-111	0.002	0.09	400	210-211	0.002	0.09	400
110-112	0.002	0.09	400	210-212	0.002	0.09	400

Branch	R (p.u.)	X (p.u.)	Limit (MW)	Investment Cost (Million \$)	Life (year)
102-201	0.090	0.346	175	90,000,000	30
106-204	0.072	0.276	175	72,000,000	30
107-203	0.042	0.161	175	42,000,000	30
107-108	0.016	0.061	175	16,000,000	30
112-224	0.011	0.089	500	120,000,000	30
113-215	0.010	0.075	500	78,000,000	30
113-217	0.042	0.161	175	42,000,000	30
115-116	0.002	0.017	500	18,000,000	30
115-121	0.006	0.049	500	51,000,000	30
116-117	0.003	0.026	500	27,000,000	30
118-121	0.003	0.026	500	27,000,000	30
119-120	0.005	0.040	500	41,250,000	30
120-123	0.003	0.022	500	22,500,000	30
121-122	0.009	0.068	500	70,500,000	30
122-218	0.009	0.068	500	76,500,000	30
123-217	0.010	0.074	500	76,500,000	30
203-209	0.031	0.119	175	31,000,000	30
207-208	0.016	0.061	175	16,000,000	30
215-216	0.002	0.017	500	18,000,000	30
215-221	0.006	0.049	500	51,000,000	30
218-221	0.003	0.026	500	27,000,000	30
219-220	0.005	0.040	500	41,250,000	30
220-223	0.003	0.022	500	22,500,000	30
221-222	0.009	0.068	500	70,500,000	30
211-224	0.006	0.046	500	49,500,000	30

Table A3. New line data.

Table A4. Generator data.

Bus ID	Pmax (MW)	Pmin (MW)	Bg (\$/MWh)	Cg (\$/h)	Xd″ (p.u)	Bus ID	Pmax (MW)	Pmin (MW)	Bg (\$/MWh)	Cg (\$/h)	Xd″ (p.u)
101	192	154	52	1220	0.19	201	192	154	42	976	0.19
102	192	154	52	1220	0.19	202	192	154	42	976	0.19
107	300	70	78	13,152	0.13	207	300	70	62	10,521	0.13
113	591	352	4	281	0.06	213	591	352	3	225	0.06
115	215	152	71	9116	0.17	215	215	152	56	7293	0.17
116	155	44	113	7810	0.24	216	155	44	91	6278	0.24
118	400	244	20	3848	0.12	218	400	244	17	3078	0.12
121	400	244	24	3452	0.12	221	400	244	19	2762	0.12
122	300	122	129	2778	0.12	222	300	122	103	2222	0.12
123	660	562	5	947	0.06	223	660	562	4	758	0.06

Table A5. Peak load data (MW).

Bus ID	kV	Peak Load									
101	138	92	111	230	225	201	138	46	211	230	113
102	138	82	112	230	167	202	138	41	212	230	84
103	138	153	113	230	225	203	138	77	213	230	113
104	138	63	114	230	165	204	138	31	214	230	82
105	138	60	115	230	269	205	138	30	215	230	135
106	138	116	116	230	85	206	138	58	216	230	43
107	138	106	118	230	283	207	138	53	218	230	142
108	138	145	119	230	154	208	138	73	219	230	77
109	138	149	120	230	109	209	138	74	220	230	54
110	138	166				210	138	83			

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