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# Voltage Stability Assessment and Improvement Index using Load Shedding and a Shunt Capacitor

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*Abstract*- Voltage stability of large interconnected power systems has been recognized as a complex problem for identifying the fundamental mechanism of voltage stability due to the multiplicity of power system operation and control components, complicated configuration, and overall performance of the systems. Heavy loading and system faults are factors that contribute to voltage instability in power systems. Treating heavy loading at stressed buses necessitates the selection of the appropriate bus, which has become difficult to find and predict, especially in an interconnected system. In this paper, a voltage stability assessment index is derived using linear algebra and the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and Pseudo-inverse of the power flow Jacobian matrix. Singular values and the right eigenvector are used as load shedding recognition indicators. Meanwhile, VSM (Voltage Stability Margin) improvement is being pursued through load shedding with sensitivity ranking for the assessment index, and installing a shunt capacitor at the most sensitive bus bar for obtaining a better P-V Curve. Finally, the study was tested on IEEE 14-bus as a case study.

Keywords -Load shedding, Sensitivity, Shunt Capacitor Allocation, Voltage stability assessment index, Weak bus recognition.

# INTRODUCTION

Increased power demand and limited electric power sources have resulted in a more complicated interconnected system, forcing it to function closer to the system's stability constraints. Voltage stability is a topic of great importance to industry and research around the world because the power system is being operated at maximum capacity, but network development is limited for a variety of reasons, including a lack of investment or major environmental issues [1]. When a disturbance, increase in load demand, or change in system condition causes a progressive and uncontrollable drop in voltage, the system enters a state of voltage instability [2]. The effect of fluctuations in reactive and active power in the load region on the voltages at the load buses determines voltage stability. Voltage stability indices and load shedding have been the subject of numerous studies in the literature. With the usage of P-V and P-Q curves, reference [3] developed a multi-criteria integrated voltage stability index for identifying weak buses [4] quantifies the link between reactive power reserves and VSM (Voltage Stability Margin). Sinha [5] offered a comparative investigation of voltage stability utilizing index-L and modal analysis, with the three indices added together. [6], [7] investigate the use of shunt capacitors for reactive power compensation and reactive power planning.[8] the optimum size and location of the shunt capacitor and DG connected to the distribution system are studied by using an optimal control theory with an excellent solution approach (Newton Raphson). In [10], [11], modal analysis and Jacobian matrix are employed to evaluate VSM. In contrast, [9] developed a strategy for improving VSM by using shunt capacitors and also used the modal analysis methodology. [12] a voltage stability assessment index is derived using linear algebra and the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and Pseudo-inverse of the power flow Jacobian matrix. Singular values and the right eigenvector are used as load shedding recognition indicators. [13] Proposed a method for identifying the position and quantity of the load to be shed using a voltage stability indicator calculated mathematically.

The L Index and the study of voltage collapse index are based on the voltage collapse point theory, which states that power flow becomes intractable at this point [5], [13]. The other indices are also taken into account. Other indices, such as, are also counted as voltage stability limits. Other indices, such as the sensitivity index and singular value index [14], the load proximity index [15], [16], and the line stability index [17], are also considered voltage stability limits. Various factors are taken into account when creating these indices. Other indices, such as, are also counted as voltage stability limits.

In this paper, Jacobian eigenvalue and eigenvector indexes are primarily used with the help of linear algebra with sensitivity ranking for assessing voltage stability and improving VSM. The current method relies on load shedding at the appropriate worst bus/area. The test systems demonstrate that this assessment index method can be obtained to distinguish the weak and sensitive buses in the power system for load shedding; concurrently, the criterion voltage magnitudes on weak buses can be acquired through load shedding. Case studies are pursued under various conditions, critical and normal operation, to demonstrate the accuracy and effectiveness of the proposed assessment index. In addition, improving VSM by using shunt capacitors at the appropriate worst bus/area.

### I. FORMULA FOR AN ASSESSMENT INDEX

The voltage stability of an electric power system can be analyzed during normal operation by computing the eigenvalue and right and left eigenvectors of a Jacobian matrix[9]. The premise is that when a power system reaches its voltage stability limit (collapse point), the determinant of the Jacobian matrix of the load flow solution becomes zero. At the operation point, the Jacobian matrix is defined using the linearized voltage-power equation as follows [18], [19]:

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta P \\ \Delta Q \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} J_1 & J_2 \\ J_3 & J_4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \delta \\ \Delta V \end{bmatrix}$$
(1)

$$J_{R} = \begin{bmatrix} J_{1} & J_{2} \\ J_{3} & J_{4} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \Delta P}{\partial \delta} & \frac{\partial \Delta P}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial \Delta Q}{\partial \delta} & \frac{\partial \Delta Q}{\partial V} \end{bmatrix}$$
(2)

Where J1, J2, J3, and J4 are Jacobian sub-matrices that reflect active and reactive power sensitivities, respectively.  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta r & \Delta Q \end{bmatrix}^T$  in terms of voltage angles and magnitudes.  $\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \delta & \Delta V \end{bmatrix}^T$ 

By specifying  $\Delta P = 0$ , of the power flow Jacobian matrix presented by (1). This results in;

$$\Delta Q_i = J_R \Delta V_i \tag{3}$$

$$J_R = J_4 - J_3 J_1^{-1} J_2 \tag{4}$$

Where  $J_4$  is the system's reduced Jacobian matrix.

Decomposition can be used to evaluate voltage stability in a power system directly. The Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) and Pseudo-inverse method (linear algebra) are used in this research. The determinant of the Jacobian matrix of the load flow solution becomes zero at the voltage stability limit in a power system.

Under the condition that U and V are orthonormal columns, singular-value decomposition and Pseudoinverse [21] are used.

$$A = U \sum V^T \tag{5}$$

 $\Sigma$  is a nonnegative scalar and U and V are nonzero vectors.

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} D & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{7}$$

While,  $\Sigma$  is a singular value of A(A is a  $m \times n$  matrix) and, U and V are corresponding right and left singular vectors, consecutively. Where, r = m = n, then  $\sum D (D \text{ is } r \times r \text{ diagonal, nonnegative real values called singular values}).$  $D = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n)$  ordered so that  $\sigma_1 \ge \sigma_2 \ge \dots \ge \sigma_n$ . In this study,  $\sigma$  is a singular value of A, its square is an eigenvalue of  $A^{T}A$ . Therefore,  $V^{T} = V$ .

From Pseudo-inverse (linear algebra method) [19]:

$$A^{-1} = U \sum_{i=1}^{-1} V^{T}$$
 (8)

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$$\Sigma^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} D^{-1} & 0\\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \tag{9}$$

$$J_R = U \Sigma V^T \tag{10}$$

$$J_R^{-1} = U \sum_{i=1}^{-1} V^T \Leftrightarrow U D^{-1} V \tag{11}$$

$$D^{-1} = \operatorname{diag}\left(\frac{1}{\sigma_1}, \frac{1}{\sigma_2}, \cdots, \frac{1}{\sigma_n}\right)$$

If  $U = u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  and  $V = v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n$ , then:

$$J_R = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i v_i \tag{12}$$

This summation can be calculated from 1 to r, where r is the rank of  $J_R$ .

By using (3):

$$\Delta V_i = \Delta Q_i J_R^{-1} \tag{13}$$

With the substitution of  $J_R^{-1}$ , the voltage stability assessment index can be obtained:

$$\Delta V_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{\sigma_i} u_i v_i \Delta Q_i \tag{14}$$

Form this index, one can easily observe the relations of  $\sigma_i$ ,  $u_i$  and  $v_i$  with sensitivity index  $\left(\frac{\Delta V_i}{\Delta Q_i}\right)$ . The bus with the highest eigenvalue and the smallest right eigenvectors (left eigenvectors do not affect sensitivity) can be the most sensitive or the least sensitive in the system. As a result, based on the identification of the proper weak bus, the assessment index can be used as a first decision-making reference for subsequent procedures of VSM improvement in the system.

A bus that easily causes voltage instability is known as a weak bus [14], and this behavior is frequently identified via bus sensitivity. The bus voltage sensitivity index concerning active power load  $\frac{\Delta V_i}{\Delta P}$  [5].

Furthermore, the current-voltage stability evaluation index identifies voltage-weak buses/areas that are sensitive to voltage instability for load shedding purposes. Case studies were conducted to demonstrate the accuracy and effectiveness of the suggested assessment index, allowing for a more exact assessment of weak buses.

#### II. CASE STUDIES

The research was carried out using IEEE 14 bus test cases. The voltage stability assessment index (14) developed in section I is put into practice. The voltage stability function of NEPLAN® software is used to calculate the Jacobian matrix, eigenvalue, eigenvectors, and sensitivity for analysis. For two scenarios, power stability and load shedding were investigated. Case I examines the validity of the assessment index using a weak bus and bus sensitivity analysis. Through numerical representation, Case 2 depicts load shedding and VSM improvement, Case 3 illustrates VSM improvement by installing a shunt capacitor. Today, several stability margins for electricity systems are considered, such as %5, and %6. The minimum stability margin in this investigation is chosen at 5%[9].

#### A. Weak Bus Recognition and Bus Sensitivity

In this case, the IEEE 14 Bus test system is used. Buses 14, 10, and 9 were identified as weak buses for analysis, as shown in the Appendix. Sensitivity analysis is useful in identifying weak buses; however, the sensitivity index alone will not be sufficient to identify weak buses, especially in a networked system.

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The least eigenvalue and greatest right eigenvector should be considered when calculating the assessment index. At the minimal eigenvalue, buses 14,10, and 9 have the greatest right eigenvectors. As a result, these buses were named the "weakest" in the system. Meanwhile, bus 7 is the system's fourth weakest bus, with a sensitivity that is higher than that of bus 9. The indexes with the smallest eigenvalue 2.079206 and maximum eigenvectors 0.4861,0.4839,0.4767 corresponding to bus 14,10, and 9 respectively are shown in Table 1.

Bus	100 % loading			
	$\sigma_{\min} = 2.0792$			
	$v_i$	$\Delta V / \Delta Q$		
14	0.4861	0.2233		
10	0.4839	0.1621		
09	0.4767	0.1376		
07	0.4015	0.1416		
11	0.3024	0.1352		
13	0.1389	0.0872		
04	0.1198	0.0439		
12	0.0964	0.1376		
05	0.0801	0.0427		

#### Table I: IEEE 14-BUS TEST SYSTEM

\* This case is simulated for 5 eigenvalues, the  $\sigma$  is the minimum value.

### B. Load Shedding Performance Evaluation and Voltage Stability

In this scenario, IEEE 14 Bus test system (see the Appendix) is simulated utilizing the load-shedding method to improve voltage stability and reduce eigenvalues to minimal values. Bus 14 (the weakest bus) was chosen for load shedding in this scenario. At bus 14, the 50% load is shed in the first scenario, while the entire connected load (15.717 MVA) is shed in the second. At bus 14, the bus voltage is altered from 1.02 p.u to 1.03p.u and 1.04 p.u. These scenarios depict the movement of bus 14 to a stable zone through increasing eigenvalues and lowering eigenvectors, as shown in Table 2. It can be observed from the data in Table 2 that load shedding corresponds to the principle of the assessment index.



Figure 1 load shedding at bus 14.

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The eigenvalue is modified from 2.0792 to 2.7250 in the first scenario, and it is increased from 2.7250 to 2.7489 in the second scenario, with a decrease in eigenvectors. With the highest voltage collapse point, lowest reactive power margin, and biggest % change in voltage, Bus 14 is the weakest. All these can be evidence of assessment index validity and load shedding effectiveness. Obtaining voltage profiles or short P-V curves of important buses as a function of their loading conditions can be used to examine voltage stability steady-state assessments [23]. As a function of the parameter value, Figure 1 demonstrates an increase in voltage magnitude at the operating point, as well as an improvement in voltage stability of the entire system with a 20.86MW load decrease at bus 14.

Bus	50% loading Operation		Load shedding operation	
	$\sigma_{min} = 2.7250$		$\sigma_{min} = 2.7489$	
	$v_{i}$	$\Delta V / \Delta Q$	$v_{i}$	$\Delta V / \Delta Q$
4	0.0926	0.0405	0.093	0.0404
5	0.0634	0.0413	0.0638	0.0412
7	0.264	0.0778	0.2653	0.0776
9	0.4494	0.1068	0.4509	0.1064
10	0.4939	0.1408	0.4969	0.1404
11	0.3341	0.1297	0.3373	0.1295
12	0.1361	0.1373	0.1361	0.1371
13	0.1771	0.0862	0.1765	0.0859
14	0.557	0.2069	0.5507	0.2033

# Table II: The font the spacing styles for EJEEE submission

C. Installing a shunt capacitor at the weakest bus no 14.

A shunt capacitor is installed at bus 14 with a connected load of (15.717 MVA) considering the bus voltage equals 1 pu, whereas, the value of the capacitor to achieve that is (6.09 Mvar). Hence P-V curve has been improved for better voltage stability [9], and the Eigenvalue is modified from 1.8050 to 2.0792 which means obtaining voltage stability enhancement as shown in figure 2.



Figure 2 . Installing a shunt capacitor at bus 14.

# **III.** CONCLUSION

As a result of increased loads, the voltage stability problem has become a prevalent concern in power systems. One way to

mitigate voltage instability is to reduce the load on the system's essential buses and locations. The proposed assessment index load shedding by weak bus identification is the subject of this research, which focuses on a different element of voltage stability. The suggested assessment index's effectiveness is evaluated using two relevant test systems in regular and critical operations. Singular value decomposition and pseudo-inverse are used to simplify the Jacobian matrix (linear algebra). The study's synchronization of all operations can provide a fast snapshot of the system's steady-state voltage stability.

#### APPENDIX



Single line diagram of IEEE-14 Bus test system

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