

# Multi-objective economic emission load dispatch problem with trust-region strategy



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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we present a trust region algorithm for solving multi-objective economic emission load dispatch problem (EELD). The trust region algorithm has proven to be a very successful globalization technique for solving a single objective constrained optimization problems. The proposed approach is suitable for multi-objective problem (EELD) such that its objective functions may be ill-defined or having a non convex pareto-optimal front. Also, we identify the weight values which reflect the degree of satisfaction of each objective. The proposed approach is carried out on the standard IEEE 30-bus 6-generator test systems to confirm the effectiveness of the algorithm used to solve the multi-objective problem (EELD). Our results with the proposed approach have been compared to those reported in the literature. The comparison demonstrates the superiority of the proposed approach and confirm its potential to solve the multi-objective problem (EELD).

A Matlab implementation of our algorithm was used in solving one case study and the results are reported.

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## 1. Introduction

The multi-objective problem (EELD) is of great interest to many researches and several local methods have been proposed to solve it. By local method we mean that the method is designed to converge to optimal solution from closest starting point whether it is local or global one. For a local method, there is no guarantee that it converges if it starts from remote.

The purpose of multi-objective problem (EELD) is to figure out the optimal amount of the generated power of the fossil-based generating units in the system by minimizing the fuel cost and emission level simultaneously, subject to various equality and inequality constraints including the security measures of the power transmission/distribution. Various optimization techniques have been proposed by many researchers to deal with this multi-objective nonlinear programming problem with varying degree of success. In [1,2] the problem has been reduced to a single objective problem by treating the emission as a constraint with a permissible limit. This formulation, however, has severe difficulty in getting the trade-off relation between cost and emission.

Goal programming method was also proposed for the multi-objective problem (EELD) (see [3]). In this method a target or a

goal to be achieved for each objective is assigned and the objective function will then try to minimize the distance from the targets to the objectives. Although the method is computationally efficient, it will yield an inferior solution rather than a non-inferior one if the goal point is chosen in the feasible domain.

Heuristic algorithms such as genetic algorithms have been recently proposed for solving multi-objective problem (EELD) (see for example [4–6]). The results reported were promising and encouraging for further research. Moreover the studies on heuristic algorithms over the past few years, have shown that these methods can be efficiently used to eliminate most of difficulties of classical methods (see for example [7–11]). Further more, these methods cannot be used to find pareto-optimal solutions in problems having a non convex pareto-optimal front or ill defined problems.

In this paper, we will use a trust-region globalization strategy to solve the multi-objective problem (EELD). Globalizing strategy means modifying the local method in such a way that it is guaranteed to converge at all even if the starting point is far away from the solution. This approach is applied to solve multi-objective problem (EELD) with no limitation to the number of objective functions and is efficient for solving ill-defined systems and non-convex multi-objective optimization problems.

In this work, we convert the multi-objective problem (EELD) to a single-objective constrained optimization problem by using a weighting approach. The weighting approach is considered as one of the most useful algorithms in treating multi-objective

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In the following section we rewrite the EELD problem in mathematical formulation and using a weighting approach to transform it to a single objective optimization problem.

### 3. Multi-objective formulation of problem (EELD)

The mathematical formulation of the multi-objective problem (EELD) with  $n$ -buses and  $m$ -generator is the following multi-objective optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } f_1 &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i P_{Gi} + c_i P_{Gi}^2) \\ \text{minimize } f_2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n [10^{-2}(\tilde{a}_i + \tilde{b}_i P_{Gi} + \tilde{c}_i P_{Gi}^2) + \xi_i e^{\lambda_i P_{Gi}}] \\ \text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^n P_{Gi} - P_D - P_{Loss} &= 0, \\ P_{Gi_{min}} &\leq P_{Gi} \leq P_{Gi_{max}}, \\ Q_{Gi_{min}} &\leq Q_{Gi} \leq Q_{Gi_{max}}, \\ V_{i_{min}} &\leq V_i \leq V_{i_{max}}, \\ S_l &\leq S_{l_{max}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.1)$$

where  $i = 1, \dots, n$  and  $l = 1, \dots, n_l$ .

Using a weighting approach to transform problem (3.1) to a single-objective optimization problem which has the following form:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } f(x) &= w_1 f_1 + w_2 f_2 \\ \text{subject to } \sum_{i=1}^n P_{Gi} - P_D - P_{Loss} &= 0, \\ P_{Gi_{min}} &\leq P_{Gi} \leq P_{Gi_{max}}, \\ Q_{Gi_{min}} &\leq Q_{Gi} \leq Q_{Gi_{max}}, \\ V_{i_{min}} &\leq V_i \leq V_{i_{max}}, \\ S_l &\leq S_{l_{max}}, \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

where  $x = [P_{G1}, \dots, P_{Gn}, Q_{G1}, \dots, Q_{Gn}, V_1, \dots, V_n, S_1, \dots, S_{n_l}]^T$ ,  $w_1 + w_2 = 1$ , and  $w_1, w_2 \geq 0$ . The above problem can be written as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } f(x) \\ \text{subject to } h(x) &= 0, \\ g(x) &\leq 0, \end{aligned} \quad (3.3)$$

where  $h(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n P_{Gi} - P_D - P_{Loss}$  and  $g(x) = [P_{Gi_{min}} - P_{Gi}, P_{Gi} - P_{Gi_{max}}, Q_{Gi_{min}} - Q_{Gi}, Q_{Gi} - Q_{Gi_{max}}, V_{i_{min}} - V_i, V_i - V_{i_{max}}, S_l - S_{l_{max}}]^T$ .

The functions  $f(x) : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ ,  $h(x) : \mathfrak{R}^n \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}$ , and  $g(x) : \mathfrak{R}^{3n+n_l} \rightarrow \mathfrak{R}^{6n+n_l}$  are twice continuously differentiable.

The Lagrangian function associated with problem (3.3) is the function

$$L(x, \mu, v) = f(x) + \mu^T h(x) + v^T g(x), \quad (3.4)$$

where  $\mu \in \mathfrak{R}$  and  $v \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n+n_l}$  are the Lagrangian multiplier vectors associated with equality and inequality constraints, respectively.

Following [13], we define a 0–1 diagonal indicator matrix  $U(x) \in \mathfrak{R}^{6n+n_l \times 6n+n_l}$ , whose diagonal entries are

$$u_e(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } g_e(x) \geq 0, \\ 0 & \text{if } g_e(x) < 0 \end{cases} \quad (3.5)$$

Using the above matrix, we transform problem (3.3) to the following equality constrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } f(x) \\ \text{subject to } h(x) &= 0, \\ \frac{1}{2} g(x)^T U(x) g(x) &= 0. \end{aligned} \quad (3.6)$$

Using a multiplier method, we transform the equality constrained optimization problem (3.6) to the following unconstrained optimization problem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } \Phi(x, \mu, v; \rho; r) &= L(x, \mu, v) + \frac{\rho}{2} \|U(x)g(x)\|_2^2 \\ &+ \frac{r}{2} \|h(x)\|_2^2, \end{aligned} \quad (3.7)$$

subject to  $x \in \mathfrak{R}^{3n+n_l}$ ,

where  $\rho$  is the positive parameter and  $r > 0$  is a parameter usually called the penalty parameter. A detailed description of the main steps of the trust-region algorithm for solving the above problem and it's an algorithmic framework is presented in the following section.

### 4. Trust-region algorithm outline

This section presents in details the description of our trust-region algorithm for solving problem (3.7).

#### 4.1. Computing a trial step

We compute the trial step  $z_k$  by solving the following trust-region subproblem

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize } L_k + \nabla L_k^T z + \frac{1}{2} z^T H_k z + \frac{\rho_k}{2} \|U_k(g_k + \nabla g_k^T z)\|_2^2 \\ + \frac{r_k}{2} \|(h_k + \nabla h_k^T z)\|_2^2 \end{aligned} \quad (4.1)$$

subject to  $\|z\| \leq \Delta_k$ ,

where  $H_k$  is the Hessian matrix of the Lagrangian function  $L(x_k, \mu_k, v_k)$  or an approximation to it. Since our convergence theory is based on the fraction of Cauchy decrease condition, therefore a generalized dogleg algorithm introduced by Steihaug [25] and Toint [26] can be used to compute the trial step.

#### 4.2. Testing the step and updating $\Delta_k$

Once the trial step is computed, it needs to be tested to determine whether it will be accepted. To test the step, estimates for the two Lagrangian multipliers  $\mu_{k+1}$  and  $v_{k+1}$  are needed. Our way of evaluating the two Lagrangian multipliers  $\mu_{k+1}$  and  $v_{k+1}$  is presented in Step 5 of Algorithm (4.1) below.

Let  $\mu_{k+1}$  and  $v_{k+1}$  be the estimation of the two Lagrangian multiplier vectors. We test whether the point  $(x_k + z_k, \mu_{k+1}, v_{k+1})$  will be taken as a next iterate.



**Table 2**  
Best fuel cost (cost unit).

$P_{Gi}$	NSGA	NPGA	SPEA	HMEA	Proposed
$P_{G1}$	0.1168	0.1245	0.1086	0.1737	0.1114
$P_{G2}$	0.3165	0.2792	0.3056	0.3568	0.3011
$P_{G3}$	0.5441	0.6284	0.5818	0.5411	0.5218
$P_{G4}$	0.9447	1.0264	0.9846	0.9890	1.0002
$P_{G5}$	0.5498	0.4693	0.5288	0.4529	0.5281
$P_{G6}$	0.3964	0.39993	0.3584	0.3705	0.3613
Best cost	608.245	608.147	607.807	606.012	602.55
Corresponding emission	0.21664	0.22364	0.22015	0.20080	0.22202

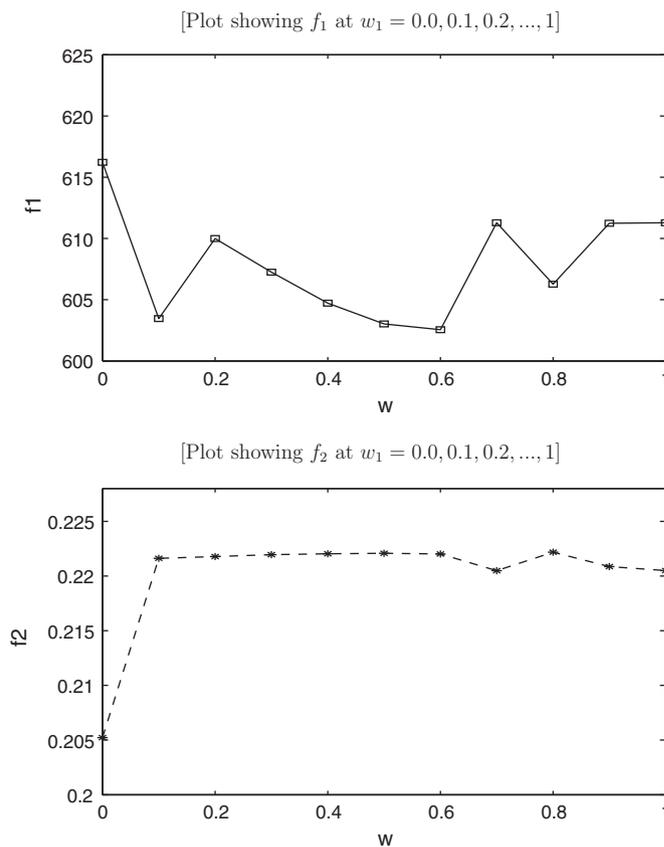
**Table 3**  
Best NO<sub>2</sub> emission cost (emission unit).

$P_{Gi}$	NSGA	NPGA	SPEA	HMEA	Proposed
$P_{G1}$	0.4113	0.3923	0.4043	0.3675	0.4002
$P_{G2}$	0.4591	0.4700	0.4525	0.4904	0.4434
$P_{G3}$	0.5117	0.5565	0.5525	0.5177	0.5025
$P_{G4}$	0.3724	0.3695	0.4079	0.4512	0.4009
$P_{G5}$	0.5810	0.5599	0.5468	0.5215	0.5203
$P_{G6}$	0.5304	0.5163	0.5005	0.5304	0.5268
Best emission	0.19432	0.19424	0.19422	0.1880	0.2000
Corresponding cost	647.251	645.984	642.603	644.5346	643.0562

In this work, our program was written in MATLAB and run under MATLAB 7 with machine epsilon about  $10^{-16}$ . For computing the two components of the trial steps, we used the dogleg algorithm. Successful termination with respect to our trust-region algorithm means that the termination condition of the algorithm is met with  $\varepsilon_2 = 10^{-8}$ . On the other hand, unsuccessful termination means that the number of iterations is greater than 300, the number of function evaluations is greater than 500, or the length of the trial step is less than  $\varepsilon_1 = 10^{-8}$ .

## 6. Results and discussions

We compare our obtained results with different previous works, which introduced different algorithms handle the same problem (the standard IEEE 30-bus 6-generator test system) to investigate the effectiveness of this approach. These approaches are (a) Non-dominated Strong Genetic Algorithm (NSGA) [7], (b) Niche Pareto Genetic Algorithm (NPGA) [8], (c) Strength Pareto Evolutionary Algorithm (SPEA) [9], and (d) Hybrid Multi-objective Evolutionary Algorithm (HMEA) [28]. For comparison purposes with the reported results, the system is considered as losses and the security constraints is released. The results declare the implementation of trust-region globalization strategy to solve the multi-objective problem (EELD) modifies the local method in such a way that it is guaranteed to converge at all even if the starting point is far away from the solution and improves the solution quality for the same approach. Also, our approach could discuss the effects of changing weights on fuel cost, as well as the emission. As one weight is changed linearly such as  $\{w_1 = 0.0, 0.1, 0.2, \dots, 1\}$  and  $\{w_2 = 1.0, 0.9, 0.8, \dots, 0.0\}$ , then we can obtain the best range of the weights to help the decision maker to choose the most prefer weights for the objective functions. We do this idea as a some sort of parametric study to help the D.M. if he/she not experience enough in this field. That mean that the D.M. can choose the weights from the following ranges  $0.4 \leq w_1 \leq 0.6$  and  $0.4 \leq w_2 \leq 0.6$ . where  $w_1 + w_2 = 1$ . These ranges guarantee that minimum of both fuel cost and NO<sub>2</sub> emission. Finally our algorithm the fuel cost function and keep the NO<sub>2</sub> emission function in its ranges comparable with all reported results. The values of minimum fuel cost and the minimum NO<sub>2</sub> emission are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively (Fig. 1).



**Fig. 1.** Plot showing the values of  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  at different weights ( $w_1$  is changed linearly).

## 7. Conclusions

The proposed approach was applied to economic emission load dispatch optimization problem which formulated as multi-objective optimization problem as well as computing the fuel cost and emission. The presented algorithm considered as globally

