

# Clustering Based Load Flow for Three Phase Unbalanced Distribution System with Voltage Sensitive Component Models

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## Abstract

This paper presents a novel distribution power flow algorithm to estimate losses and analyze unbalanced distribution systems. An unbalanced distribution network is decomposed into clusters. The unbalanced laterals are solved using the backward/forward sweep method in each phase. The clustering of total network makes faster computation. The three phase modeling of all the distribution transformers, feeders, shunt capacitors and loads compile efficient algorithm. Load modeling is voltage dependent which makes up the load as voltage sensitive. The proposed method is tested on the IEEE 13 Node test system and the results are verified.

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**Index terms**— clustering, load flow, backward/forward sweep, radial distribution system, distribution system modeling, voltage sensitive components

## 1 Introduction

Power flow analysis is essential for power system planning and operation. With the use of digital computing since 1960 and its rapid development, various power flow algorithms based on modern computing methods have been introduced. Certain applications, particularly in distribution automation and optimization require repeated load flow solutions. The load flow algorithm is used to determine the voltages and line flows for a large-scale power system from a given load and generation data. Conventionally, most of the distribution systems are radial or weakly meshed types. The power flow analysis in such distribution systems becomes more complex because of different characteristic features of distribution networks, such as radial structure and high R/X ratio [1]. Hence distribution system load flow analysis differs significantly from transmission systems. The single-phase power flow methods are normally used in the systems by neglecting unbalance in the system.

In distribution systems, the three-phase balanced statement cannot be practical. Therefore, a three-phase load flow algorithm with complete three-phase modeling is required. The radial distribution structure is also exploited in developing a fast and flexible radial power flow for unbalanced three-phase networks [2]. Several load flow algorithms specially designed for distribution systems have been proposed in the literature [3]- [10]. Those formulations can be divided into two categories. The first category was based on the distribution system general topology and uses the bus voltages as state variables to solve the load flow problem [3]. In this type, the most timeconsuming load flow method is the Gauss implicit Y-Bus method [4], [5]. A fast decoupled load flow algorithm based on Newton Raphson, using rectangular voltage state variables is proposed which improves the execution time of the three-phase load flow [5]. The second category was based on the special network structures of distribution systems [6]- [8]. A compensation-based technique for weakly meshed distribution networks has been proposed [6]. By emphasizing on modeling of dispersed generation (PV nodes), unbalanced and distributed loads, and voltage regulators an algorithm was proposed [7]. Large weakly mesh connected distribution networks are solved by using an efficient tree-labeling technique which enhances computational efficiency as in [8]. The radial parts are solved by a two-step procedure in which the branch currents are first calculated (backward sweep) and then, the bus voltages are updated (forward sweep). Branch power flows rather than branch currents were later used in the improved version [9]. In recent times probabilistic load flows were also proposed considering distributed generation to obtain load flow variations with DG variation through backward forward sweep [10]. A



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## 7 c. Constant Current Load

In this model the magnitudes of the currents are computed according to Constant power equations and are then held constant while the angle of the voltage (?) changes, resulting in a changing angle on the current so that the power factor of the load remains constant: (15) ii. Delta Connected Loads As similar to wye connected loads delta can also expressed as (16) n=0, for constant power loads n=1, for constant current loads n=2, for constant impedance loads

## 8 III. Solution Methodology

The solution procedure starts using a clustering technique applied to a radial distribution system as shown in figure 4. The basic rules followed for cluster formation are: ? There should be no further bifurcation in the cluster.

? The cluster will start from a branch but not from the node (except first cluster). ? The cluster will have only one parent node and one terminal node.

The clusters are solved by following different notations as shown in Table 2. After the clusters are formed currents are determined in the backward direction i.e., the evaluation starts from the last cluster. Each cluster is passed to the backward sweep function and then the current through each branch is determined. Then the last cluster i.e., here 9 th cluster is passed through the backward sweep it checks whether the terminal node of the cluster is end node or not, if it is the end node then it is taken as the current that flowing out of the node is zero and the current at that nodes is calculated by using the equations given above for respective load type. If there is no transformer in the branch, the branch current is determined by using equation (17).

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### 11 Where $i =$ cluster number; $k =$ node number

If the terminal node is not the end node then the current through that cluster terminal branch is given by equation (18). (18) Else, if there is a transformer then the core power loss of the transformer is added as the load to node that connected to secondary of the transformer and node current is determined. The intermediate primary voltages  $V_{p,m}$  are only to calculate the power injections on the primary side. These are the primary voltages calculated in backward sweeps, which can be found by  $V V V V ? ? ? 0 , , ? ? ? c m p b m p a m p$   
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Then the primary side current injection is calculated as Where  $x, y$  are the branches that connect the terminal node of the cluster.  $V_{p,m} = [Y_{ps}]^{-1} [I_{ss}] [I_{ss}] = [I_s] - [Y_{ss}] * [V_s] ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?$   
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While calculating the branch currents, the proposed software checks the node numbers with the nodes stored in the array. If there is no transformer in the before branch then the voltages at the nodes are given by equation (30) if the node is not the start node of the cluster.

(30)  $VN_{abc}(i,k) = VN_{abc}(i,k-1) + IB_{abc}(i,k-1) * Z_{abc-n}(i,k-1)$   
If the node is the start node then the voltage is given by equation ( ??1  $(i,k) = VN_{abc}(i-1,k-1) + IB_{abc}(i,k-1) * Z_{abc-n}(i,k-1) ? ? p p p p s V Y I Y V ? ? ? 1 ? ? 3 , , 0 c m s b m s a m s s V V V V ? ? ? VN_{abc}(i, k) = V_s abc LP_{abc}(i, k) = [IB 2]_{abc}(i, k) * R_{abc-n}(i, k) Lq_{abc}(i,k) = [IB 2]_{abc}(i, k) * X_{abc-n}$

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If  $Y_{ps}$  is singular then we have to follow the similar approach that stated for  $V_{p,m}$  calculation by which we get sum of positive and negative sequence values, for the zero sequence we use following expression.

Step 1 : Active and Reactive loads at each node are to be given in the proportions of the load models, based on the load window in the chronological order.

Step 2 : Branch impedance values for each branch along with its starting and ending nodes is to be given in the chronological order.

Step 3 : Cluster the branches to implement backward forward sweep methodology

## 12 FLOW CHART

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156 Step 4 : Based on the number of times a particular node repeats itself as starting node, the number of clusters  
157 emanating from that particular node is obtained.

158 Step 5 : After detection of parent node by traversing through sending end node, final node of cluster is obtained  
159 at the end of chronological order.

160 Step 6 : By implementing similar steps to the entire system all cluster sets formed are arranged as an array  
161 of structures for better computational ability.

162 Step 7 : Each structure element tracks the requisite data to calculate voltage and current profiles of the  
163 constituents of a cluster.

164 Step 8 : Based on the cluster order, backward sweep is executed which involves calculation of branch currents  
165 from voltage profile of previous iteration or initial conditions.

166 Step 9 : Forward sweep is executed in the forward direction which updates the voltages and the loads based  
167 on the deviation of voltage as per load models

168 Step 10 : Repeat the process until the system is converged.

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## 170 12 Flow Chart

171 The proposed method is applied to an IEEE-13 Bus unbalanced Radial Distribution System and the results are  
172 tabulated as in Table 3. The results are verified with the standard test results [18]. The results are also compared  
173 with the Node Admittance method proposed in [15] as shown in Table 4 . Both methods were executed on a  
Microcomputer with 2.6 GHz Intel i5 Processor. <sup>1</sup>

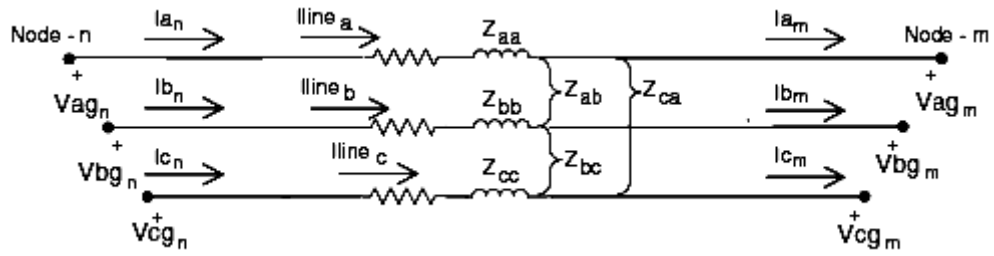


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Figure 2: Figure 2 :

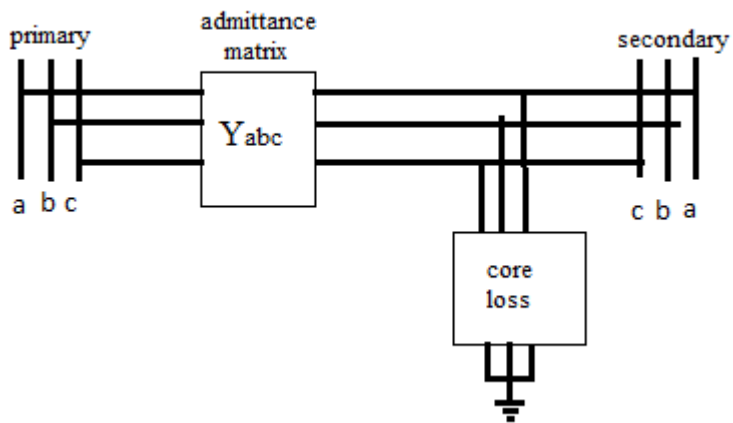


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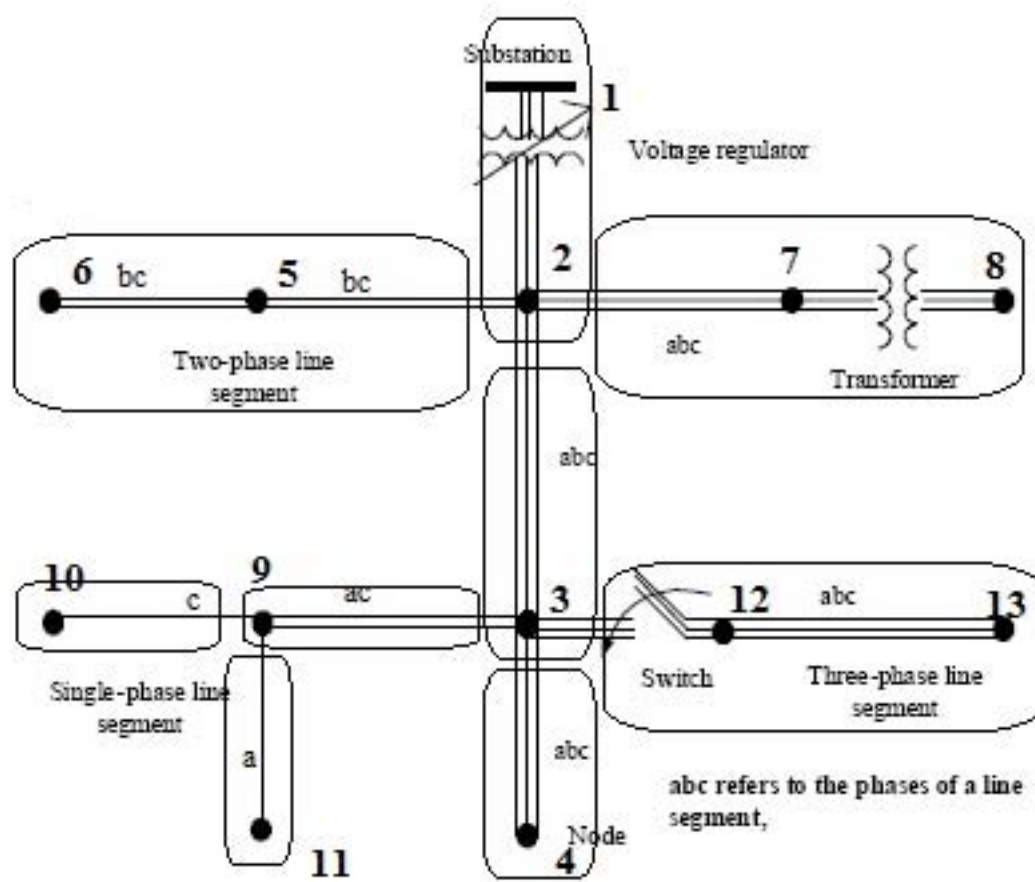
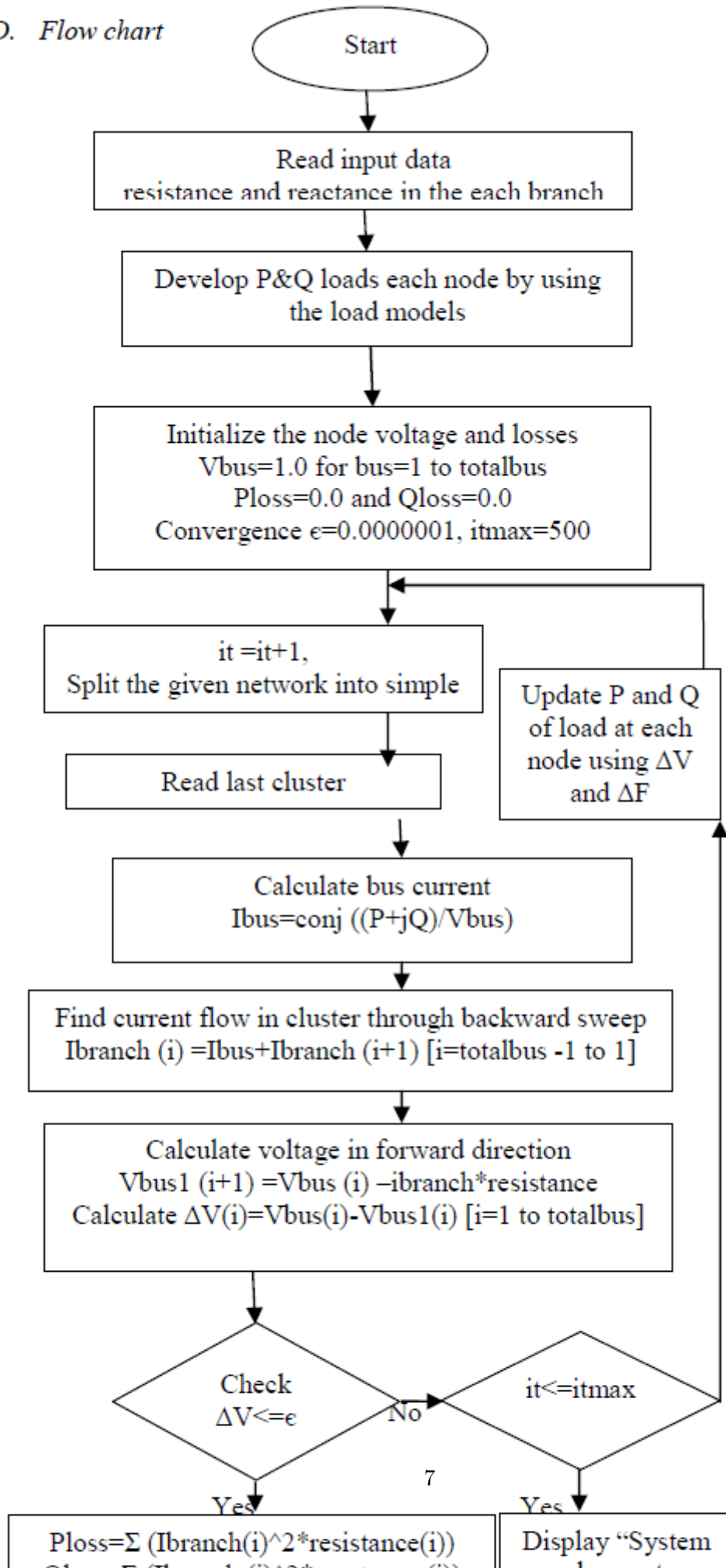


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D. Flow chart



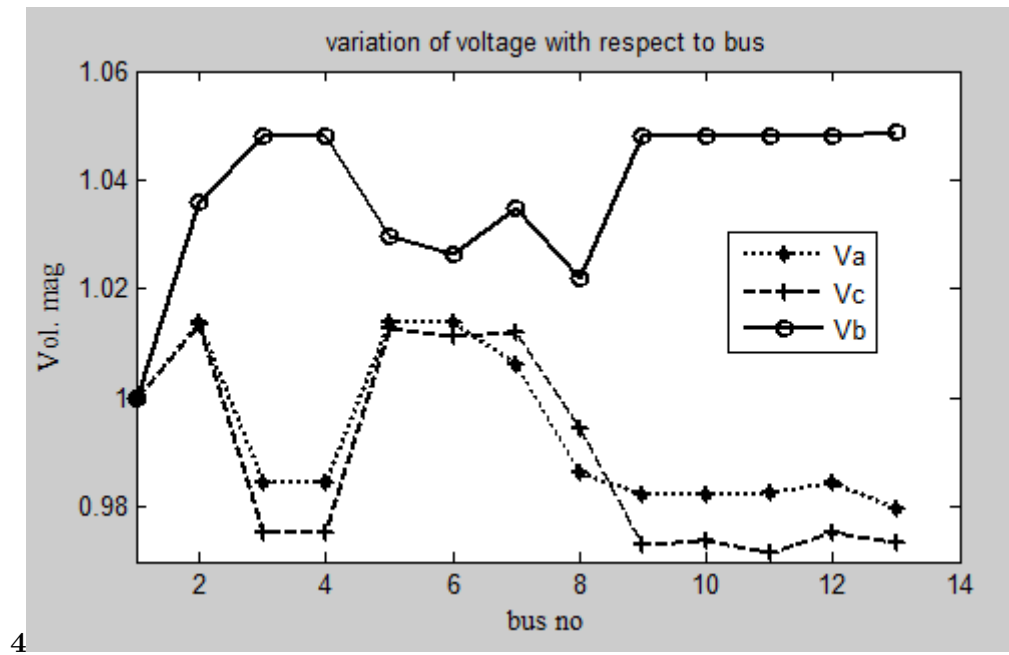


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Figure 10: Table 4 :

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176 (31)  
177 If there is transformer in the previous branch then we calculate the voltage of the node that connected to  
178 secondary of the transformer as (32)  
179 Here,  $I_p$  is similar to that of calculated in backward sweep of that iteration.  
180 If  $Y_{ss}$  is also singular then  $V_{s0}$  is entirely a function of downstream grounding conditions. If the downstream  
181 sub network contains no zero sequence current paths then  $V_{s0}$  is zero. The voltage of the node that connected  
182 to the secondary is given by below expression (34)  
183 The power losses in the system are given by (35) (36) After computing the voltages at all nodes, convergence  
184 of the solution is checked. As per the method proposed in this paper, the solution converges after successive  
185 iterations if the maximum difference in voltage magnitude ( $\hat{I}^*V_{max}$ ) is equal to 0.00001.

186 VI. Results

187 modeling. An unbalanced radial distribution network is decomposed into a main three phase circuit and  
188 unbalanced laterals. An improved load flow algorithm has been used which reduces the time and iterations  
189 for the convergence. The advantage of the proposed formulation is that a complicated distribution network is  
190 decomposed to many sub systems. By considering the load models this load flow can also be easily applicable to  
191 real time system with efficient data and calculations.

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