

Application of Fuzzy Logic Based Analytical Hierarchy Process to Choose Weighting Factors for Contingency Ranking in Electric Power Systems

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Abstract – Contingency screening and ranking is one of the most important issues for security assessment in the field of power system operation. The objective of contingency ranking is to quickly and accurately select a short list of critical contingencies from a large list of potential contingencies and rank them according to their severity. Then suitable preventive actions can be implemented considering these contingencies that are likely to affect the power system performance. In this paper a novel approach is presented for contingency ranking based on static security assessment (SSA). This method employs weighted performance index with the application of Fuzzy Logic based Analytical Hierarchy Process (FLAHP) in order to select appropriate weighting factors to be imposed. The proposed method is applied to IEEE 30 bus system and the results are presented. **Copyright © 2010 Praise Worthy Prize S.r.l. - All rights reserved.**

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Nomenclature

V_i, w_i	Voltage amplitude and associated weighting factor for i_{th} bus respectively
S_j, w_j	Apparent power and associated weighting factor for j_{th} line or transformer respectively
$V_{ref,i}$	Nominal voltage magnitude which is assumed to be 1 pu for all load buses (i.e. PQ buses) and to be equal to specified value for generation buses (i.e. PV buses)
$S_{j,max}$	Apparent power nominal rate of j_{th} line or transformer

I. Introduction

The advancement of computer technology has made almost all major aspects in human activities run smoothly, however, several events caused by natural disasters are sometimes unpredictable and beyond our control. In power system operation, unpredictable events are termed “contingency”. It may be caused mainly by transmission line or transformer outages which could lead to entire power system instability. The rapid demand for electric energy has made the task of power engineers become more challenging, since they have to think and decide how to ensure an efficient and secure power dispatch to the consumer. With the existing infrastructure

and no extensive development of power stations, it is believed that most of existing power systems could not cope with the increase in demand. Therefore contingency analysis is one of the major issues for security assessment in any power system. Contingency analysis should be performed to ensure power system security when unexpected and severe events or disturbances may occur.

The result of contingency analysis can be used to save the power system by preventing other cascade accidents. Contingency analysis leads to assess the two aspects of power system security [1]:

- Static Security Assessment (SSA) which is mainly based on voltage security (i.e. voltage stability) and transmission line or transformer power flow security (i.e. overloads).
- Dynamic Security Assessment (DSA) which considers those criteria in SSA accompanied with dynamic and transient stability.

A group of probable line outages composes a contingency set. Some critical cases in contingency set may violate the well established static and dynamic security margins during power system operation. Such critical contingencies should be quickly identified for further evaluations or, where possible, corrective actions.

The simple procedure of identifying the critical contingencies is based on advanced full ac load flow method (e.g. Fast Decoupled Newton Raphson Method). As power systems are now large, complex and extensively interconnected, this approach is no longer suitable for identifying the most critical contingencies

due to extensive computation time. The approach to reduce computation burden of identifying the most sever contingencies is termed contingency ranking, which categorizes the possible contingency events in two different classes [1]:

- a) Definitely harmless events with no further evaluation required.
- b) Potentially harmful events with further evaluation required.

Several contingency ranking method have been reported [2]-[15]. These papers have employed analytical approaches based on specific Performance Index (PI) and different algorithms or intelligent techniques such as artificial neural networks for simulation purposes [10]-[15]. In present paper, an attempt has been made to introduce a novel approach for contingency ranking in electric power networks appropriate for SSA studies due to line or transformer outage. The new proposed method is based on weighted performance index (PI) accompanied by novel application of Fuzzy Logic based Analytical Hierarchy Process (FLAHP) [16,17]. The proposed method is tested on IEEE 30 bus system in order to demonstrate its efficiency for contingency ranking.

1.1. Performance Index for Contingency Ranking

In present paper the performance index (PI) used for contingency ranking is:

$$PI = \sum_{i=1}^{Bus\ number} w_i |V_i - V_{ref,i}|^n + \sum_{j=1}^{line\ number} w_j \left| \frac{S_j}{S_{j,max}} \right|^n \quad (1)$$

Although the above performance index is reported in [18], however this index is not yet used for contingency ranking extensively. This index is used in [18] for optimal allocation of FACTS devices to enhance power system security. In addition, there is no clear and explicit indication of how to select weighting factors and all the weighting factors are mostly assumed to be equal. In this paper exponent n is assumed to be 2 in order to give more importance to high level of voltage variations and overloads. In presented paper we use the above performance index extensively in the field of contingency ranking to be suitable for SSA studies. We believe that this index is much simpler to perform contingency ranking, compared to previous methods. We also apply a novel approach called Fuzzy Logic based Analytical Hierarchy Process (FLAHP) for the first time to adjust the appropriate and unequal values for weighting factors in above index, in order to provide more accurate and realistic contingency ranking. In fact this approach is the main goal of the present paper, which is not seen previously and leads us eventually to:

$$\sum_i w_i = \sum_j w_j = 1 .$$

TABLE I
THE PREFERENCE VALUES

Preference	Numerical Values
Extremely Preferred	9
Very Strongly Preferred	7
Strongly Preferred	5
Moderately Preferred	3
Equally Preferred	1
Preference between the steps	2,4,6,8

II. Analytical Hierarchy Process

It is more convenient for human to express his idea in linguistic forms, rather than numerical figures. It is also more common for human to compare two items rather than several issues.

In electric power systems the assignment of weighting factors to each bus and transmission line depends on importance of the specific bus and transmission line during power system operation. Thus the opinion of experts involved in power system operation has remarkable influence on appropriate weighting factor selection to be imposed on Performance index. The application of AHP for weighting factor selection is based on questions asked from experts. The questions can be simply classified as:

- a) How is the importance of i_{th} bus respect to j_{th} bus?
- b) How is the importance of i_{th} line respect to j_{th} line?

Based on above two questions, the specific preference value given in Table I should be selected by each expert. As seen in Table I a numerical figure is assigned to each answer. Then according to integer of average value for each answer provided by experts, weighting factors could be calculated by AHP which is based on preference matrix (PM) [16]-[17].

Consider a three bus power system shown in Fig. 1. Suppose the preference matrix based on experts' opinion related to voltage security (i.e. $|V_i - V_{ref,i}|$) in all bus bars for this simple system is:

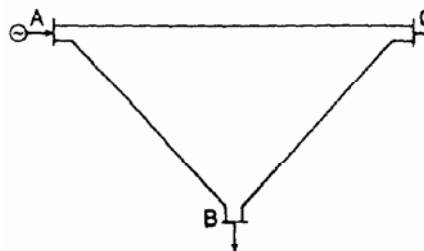


Fig. 1. Three Bus Power System

$$W_{PM} = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} Bus1 & Bus2 & Bus2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} Bus1 \\ Bus2 \\ Bus2 \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{6} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (2)$$

In W_{PM} it is clear that due to experts' verdict the importance of voltage security in Bus1 is twice respect to related parameter in Bus2. In another word the importance (preference) of voltage security in Bus2 is half of the importance of voltage security in Bus1. Also it is obvious that the diagonal elements of preference matrix (W_{PM}) is always equal to unity. Now for preceding the AHP method, we must follow three steps:

Step 1: add the columns of W_{PM} , thus:

$$W_1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} Bus1 & Bus2 & Bus2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} Bus1 \\ Bus2 \\ Bus3 \\ Sum \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{6} & 1 \\ \frac{13}{8} & \frac{19}{6} & 15 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (3)$$

Step 2: Divide each element of preference matrix (W_{PM}) in specific column to sum of its own column given in W_1 , thus:

$$W_1 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} Bus1 & Bus2 & Bus2 \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} Bus1 \\ Bus2 \\ Bus3 \\ Sum \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 8 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 & 6 \\ \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{6} & 1 \\ \frac{13}{8} & \frac{19}{6} & 15 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix} \quad (4)$$

Step 3: Calculate the mean value for each row in W_2 . Thus (5):

$$W_3 = \begin{matrix} & \begin{matrix} Bus1 & Bus2 & Bus3 & Mean \end{matrix} \\ \begin{matrix} Bus 1 \\ Bus 2 \\ Bus 3 \\ Sum \end{matrix} & \begin{bmatrix} 0.615 & 0.631 & 0.533 & 0.533 \\ 0.308 & 0.316 & 0.4 & 0.341 \\ 0.077 & 0.0533 & 0.067 & 0.066 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{matrix}$$

The values of the fourth column in W_3 provide appropriate and different weighting factors based on AHP due to hypothesis experts' opinion on voltage security importance in power system shown in Fig. 1. Therefore the calculated weighting factors for the given power system is:

$$w_1 = 0.593 \quad w_2 = 0.341 \quad w_3 = 0.066$$

These results indicate that Bus1 is the most important bus from experts' point of view on the subject of voltage security in three bus sample system.

It is obvious that the same procedure could be implemented in order to calculate weighting factors for power flow security (i.e. $\frac{S_j}{S_{j,max}}$).

III. Fuzzy Logic Based Analytical Hierarchy Process

Fuzzy set theory is designed to extract the possible outcome from a great variety of information expressed in vague and imprecise terms [19].

Fuzzy set theory treats to express vague data in terms of membership functions.

Membership function is certain distribution which could be effectively implemented for logical reasoning. In this paper each linguistic variable provided by experts shown in preference section of Table I is defined by triangular fuzzy number (i.e. triangular membership function), because triangular fuzzy numbers are easy to use and interpret.

In a universe X , a fuzzy subset A of X is expressed by a membership function $\mu_A(x)$, which maps each element x of X to a real number in the interval $[0,1]$.

The value of membership function $\mu_A(x)$ represents membership degree of x in A .

Membership function of a triangular fuzzy number $\mu_A(x) : \mathfrak{R} \rightarrow [0,1]$ is defined as:

$$\mu_A(X) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-c}{a-c} & c \leq x \leq a \\ \frac{x-b}{a-b} & a \leq x \leq b \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (6)$$

With $-\infty < c \leq b < \infty$. This triangular fuzzy number can be denoted by triplet (c, a, b) shown in Fig. 2. Maximal grade of $\mu_A(x)$ is given by the parameter a (i.e. $\mu_A(a) = 1$) This is the most probable value of the evaluation data. Moreover, c and b are lower and upper bound of available area for evaluation data. Narrower interval $[c, b]$ express the lower fuzziness of the evaluation data.

Operational laws of the triangular fuzzy numbers \tilde{A} and \tilde{B} parameterized by the triplets (a_1, a_2, a_3) and (b_1, b_2, b_3) are defined as:

$$\tilde{A}(+) \tilde{B} = (a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_2, a_3 + b_3) \quad (7)$$

$$\tilde{A}(-) \tilde{B} = (a_1 - b_1, a_2 - b_2, a_3 - b_3) \quad (8)$$

$$\tilde{A}(\times) \tilde{B} = (a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, a_3 b_3) \quad (9)$$

$$\tilde{A}(\div) \tilde{B} = \left(\frac{a_1}{b_3}, \frac{a_2}{b_2}, \frac{a_3}{b_1} \right) \quad (10)$$

$$k \tilde{A} = (ka_1, ka_2, ka_3) \quad (11)$$

$$\tilde{A}^{-1} = \left(\frac{1}{a_3}, \frac{1}{a_2}, \frac{1}{a_1} \right) \quad (12)$$

Using graded mean integration method, triangular fuzzy number $\tilde{A} = (a_1, a_2, a_3)$ can be defuzzified as:

$$P(\tilde{A}) = \frac{a_3 + 4a_2 + a_1}{6} \quad (13)$$

In this paper graded mean integration method is applied to defuzzify triangular fuzzy numbers.

In proposed algorithm, each element of preference matrix \tilde{W}_{PM} is a linguistic variable obtained by experts' opinion. So, main linguistic variables are selected and defined as [20]:

$EP = (0, 0, 3)$ (Equally Preferred)

$MP = (0, 3, 5)$ (Moderately Preferred)

$SP = (2, 5, 8)$ (Strongly Preferred)

$VSP = (5, 7, 10)$ (Very Strongly Preferred)

$Exp = (7, 10, 10)$ (Extremely Preferred)

These fuzzy numbers are shown in Fig. 3.

After completing preference matrix in fuzzy environment, each element is divided to sum of its column by above arithmetic fuzzy procedure. Weighting factors are also obtained by defuzzification of the mean of each row similar to previous section.

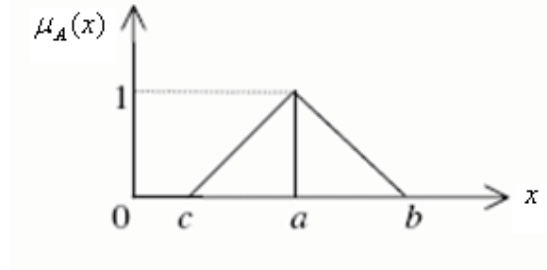


Fig. 2. Membership function of a triangular fuzzy number $A = (c, a, b)$.

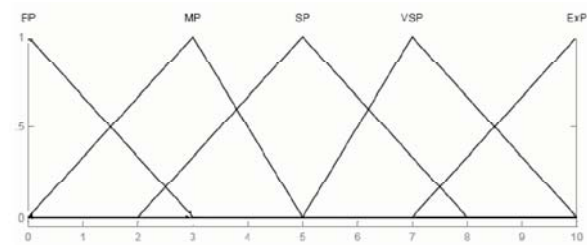


Fig. 3. Membership function of linguistic variables

IV. Simulation Results

In this section, three simulation studies are presented for contingency ranking in IEEE 30 bus power system due to line outage using previous performance index associated by AHP and FLAHP, suitable for SSA studies. Before demonstrating simulation results, we present the weighting factors for different bus bars (w_i) and lines or transformers (w_j) shown in Tables II to V.

The results appeared in these tables are obtained by hypothesis experts' opinion and preference matrix (\tilde{W}_{PM}) related to AHP and FLAHP for IEEE 30 bus benchmark shown in Fig. 4.

Case1: Contingency Ranking with Unequal Weighting Factors obtained by AHP

In this case the performance index given in Eq. (1) is used. The weighting factors which are given in Table II and III are also employed for contingency ranking in IEEE 30 bus power system due to line or transformer outages. The appropriate flow chart for simulation program in this case is shown in Fig. 5. In fact for each line or transformer outage the value of PI should be calculated by advanced full ac load flow program and

must be arranged in descending order for complete contingency ranking, Table IV present the contingency ranking for this case.

TABLE II
WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR LINES (w_j) OBTAINED BY AHP

Line Number	Bus to Bus	Weighting Factor	Line Number	Bus to Bus	Weighting Factor
L1	1-2	0.029774	L22	15-18	0.025309
L2	1-3	0.022966	L23	18-19	0.024873
L3	2-4	0.017672	L24	19-20	0.026181
L4	3-4	0.021241	L25	10-20	0.027742
L5	2-5	0.027053	L26	10-17	0.02552
L6	2-6	0.027513	L27	10-21	0.026649
L7	4-6	0.026822	L28	10-22	0.025275
L8	5-7	0.019763	L29	21-22	0.024786
L9	6-7	0.023354	L30	15-23	0.02612
L10	6-8	0.020729	L31	22-24	0.027216
L11	6-9	0.025185	L32	23-24	0.025077
L12	6-10	0.023173	L33	24-25	0.026423
L13	9-11	0.001922	L34	25-26	0.001244
L14	9-10	0.026527	L35	25-27	0.025405
L15	4-12	0.025133	L36	28-27	0.056676
L16	12-13	0.001871	L37	27-29	0.028424
L17	12-14	0.025414	L38	27-30	0.02837
L18	12-15	0.027778	L39	29-30	0.025321
L19	12-16	0.02522	L40	8-28	0.024943
L20	14-15	0.024902	L41	6-28	0.029519
L21	16-17	0.024918			

TABLE III
WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR BUSES (w_i) OBTAINED BY AHP

Bus	Weighting Factor	Bus	Weighting Factor
1	0.2676	16	0.013
2	0.0184	17	0.0145
3	0.0095	18	0.0095
4	0.0095	19	0.0117
5	0.0272	20	0.0095
6	0.2386	21	0.0184
7	0.0184	22	0.0095
8	0.0184	23	0.0095
9	0.013	24	0.0095
10	0.0991	25	0.0117
11	0.0184	26	0.0095
12	0.0145	27	0.0145
13	0.0184	28	0.0557
14	0.0095	29	0.0095
15	0.0095	30	0.0095

Case2: Contingency Ranking with Unequal Weighting Factors obtained by FLAHP

In this case the performance index given in Eq. 1 is used. The weighting factors which are given in Table IV and V are also employed for contingency ranking in IEEE 30 bus power system due to line or transformer outages. The appropriate flow chart for simulation program in this case is also similar to Fig. 5. In fact for each line or transformer outage the value of *PI* should

be calculated by advanced full ac load flow program and must be arranged in descending order for complete contingency ranking, Table VII present the contingency ranking for this case.

TABLE IV
WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR LINES (w_j) OBTAINED BY FLAHP

Line Number	Bus to Bus	Weighting Factor	Line Number	Bus to Bus	Weighting Factor
L1	1-2	0.02835	L22	15-18	0.024222
L2	1-3	0.021912	L23	18-19	0.023804
L3	2-4	0.0151	L24	19-20	0.025051
L4	3-4	0.02026	L25	10-20	0.026546
L5	2-5	0.025848	L26	10-17	0.024423
L6	2-6	0.026308	L27	10-21	0.025509
L7	4-6	0.025652	L28	10-22	0.02419
L8	5-7	0.018897	L29	21-22	0.02372
L9	6-7	0.022349	L30	15-23	0.025002
L10	6-8	0.019799	L31	22-24	0.02606
L11	6-9	0.024101	L32	23-24	0.024001
L12	6-10	0.0184	L33	24-25	0.025292
L13	9-11	0.002284	L34	25-26	0.023097
L14	9-10	0.025392	L35	25-27	0.024304
L15	4-12	0.024017	L36	28-27	0.0453
L16	12-13	0.022863	L37	27-29	0.027219
L17	12-14	0.02432	L38	27-30	0.027163
L18	12-15	0.02659	L39	29-30	0.024236
L19	12-16	0.024136	L40	8-28	0.023872
L20	14-15	0.023832	L41	6-28	0.0245
L21	16-17	0.023846			

TABLE V
WEIGHTING FACTORS FOR BUSES (w_i) OBTAINED BY FLAHP

Bus	Weighting Factor	Bus	Weighting Factor
1	0.04565	16	0.032254
2	0.032538	17	0.032333
3	0.03207	18	0.03207
4	0.03207	19	0.032185
5	0.033001	20	0.03207
6	0.044124	21	0.032538
7	0.032538	22	0.03207
8	0.032538	23	0.03207
9	0.032254	24	0.03207
10	0.036784	25	0.032185
11	0.032538	26	0.03207
12	0.032333	27	0.032333
13	0.032538	28	0.034501
14	0.03207	29	0.03207
15	0.03207	30	0.03207

Case 3: Contingency Ranking with Equal or Unity Weighting Factors

In this case the performance index given in Eq. (1) is used with equal or unity weighting factors in order to have comparative views with previous cases. The flow chart for this case is similar to Fig. 5 unless the weighting factors are assumed to be unity. Table VIII present the contingency ranking for this case.

TABLE VI
Contingency Ranking With Unequal Weighting Factors Obtained By Ahp

Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$	Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$
L36	2.3323	L28	1.0401
L1	1.2252	L19	1.0378
L41	1.2147	L11	1.0364
L37	1.1697	L15	1.0343
L38	1.1675	L32	1.032
L18	1.1431	L40	1.0265
L25	1.1416	L21	1.0254
L6	1.1322	L20	1.0248
L31	1.12	L23	1.0235
L5	1.1133	L29	1.02
L7	1.1038	L9	0.96104
L27	1.0966	L12	0.95361
L14	1.0916	L2	0.94507
L33	1.0873	L4	0.87408
L24	1.0774	L10	0.85305
L30	1.0749	L8	0.81327
L26	1.0502	L3	0.72722
L17	1.0458	L13	0.079
L35	1.0455	L16	0.0781
L39	1.042	L34	0.0512
L22	1.0415		

TABLE VII
CONTINGENCY RANKING WITH UNEQUAL WEIGHTING FACTORS OBTAINED BY FLAHP

Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$	Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$
L36	2.51	L17	1.455
L1	1.62	L20	1.448
L37	1.582	L19	1.44
L38	1.57	L28	1.44
L31	1.57	L35	1.43
L33	1.56	L39	1.43
L14	1.56	L29	1.41
L25	1.559	L2	1.4
L5	1.522	L9	1.4
L6	1.522	L23	1.4
L41	1.52	L40	1.4
L18	1.51	L15	1.38
L11	1.51	L4	1.26
L7	1.5	L10	1.24
L24	1.493	L8	1.19
L27	1.49	L12	1.15
L30	1.49	L3	0.91
L26	1.478	L13	0.097
L21	1.47	L16	0.078
L22	1.47	L34	0.054
L32	1.455		

TABLE VIII
CONTINGENCY RANKING WITH UNITY WEIGHTING FACTORS

Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$	Line Outage	$PI \times 1000$
L36	161.9777	L26	41.4185
L41	55.0195	L19	41.0677
L38	54.483	L32	40.8743
L25	50.8848	L6	40.7363
L18	50.5765	L5	40.4339
L41	49.7693	L20	40.3348
L1	48.7684	L40	40.2867
L31	48.4768	L21	40.2744
L27	45.8769	L23	40.1766
L33	45.4728	L29	39.8948
L14	45.4301	L15	39.430
L24	44.7375	L7	38.5458
L30	44.6709	L11	37.0016
L35	42.6301	L2	36.0731
L17	42.2035	L12	35.4504
L39	41.9912	L4	34.8507
L22	41.7688	L10	33.9673
L9	41.6888	L8	31.5433
L28	41.5353	L3	27.8856

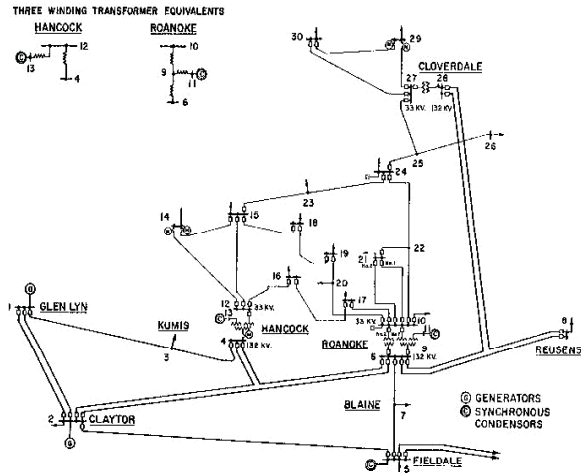


Fig. 4. IEEE 30 Bus Power System

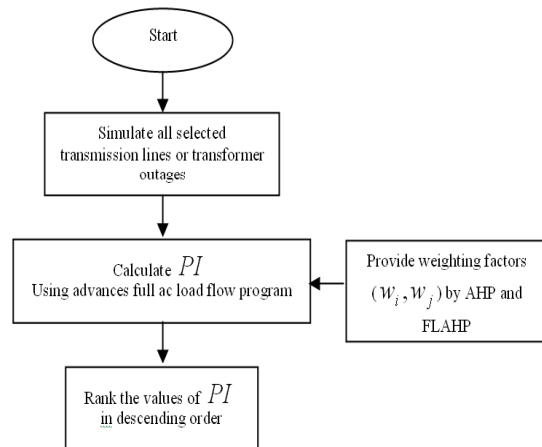


Fig. 5. Flow Chart of Proposed Algorithm

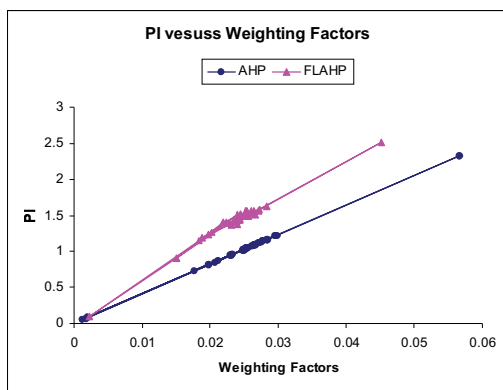


Fig. 6. PI versus w_j for unequal weighting factors

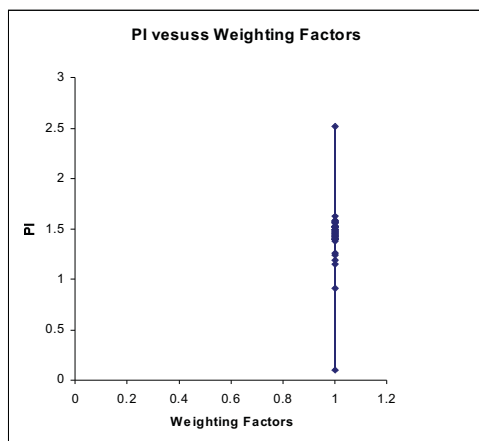


Fig. 7. PI versus w_j for equal weighting

V. Discussion

Due to results presented in Tables VI to VIII the plots related to variation of performance index versus transmission line weighting factors (w_j) are given in Figs. 6 and 7. It is clear in unequal weighting factors; the PI value is linearly dependent to weighting factors. In case of equal weighting factors it is clear that PI versus w_j is a straight vertical line

VI. Conclusion

Fig. 5 Flow Chart of Proposed Algorithm natural behavior of existing power systems. .

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