

# Linear Analysis Techniques in PowerWorld Simulator

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An overview of the underlying  
mathematics of the power flow and  
linearized analysis techniques



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# AC Power Flow Equations



- Full AC Power Flow Equations

$$P_k = 0 = V_k^2 g_{kk} + V_k \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N (V_m [g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m)]) - P_{Gk} + P_{Lk}$$

$$Q_k = 0 = -V_k^2 b_{kk} + V_k \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N (V_m [g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m)]) - Q_{Gk} + Q_{Lk}$$

- Solution requires iteration of equations

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta \delta \\ \Delta V \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \delta} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial V} \\ \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \delta} & \frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial V} \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{P} \\ \Delta \mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{J}]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta \mathbf{P} \\ \Delta \mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Note: the large matrix (J) is called the Jacobian

# Full AC Derivatives



- Real Power derivative equations are

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial \delta_m} = V_k V_m [-g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m)]$$

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial V_m} = V_k [g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m)]$$

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial \delta_k} = V_k \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N [V_m [-g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m)]]$$

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial V_k} = 2V_k g_{kk} + \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N [V_m [g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m)]]$$

- Reactive Power derivative equations are

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial \delta_m} = V_k V_m [-g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m)]$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial V_m} = V_k [g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m)]$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial \delta_k} = V_k \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N [V_m [g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m)]]$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial V_k} = -2V_k b_{kk} + \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N [V_m [g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m)]]$$

# Decoupled Power Flow Equations



- Make the following assumptions
 
$$\delta_k - \delta_m \approx 0 \quad \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) \approx 0$$

$$V_k \approx 1 \quad g_{km} \approx 0 \quad \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) \approx 1$$
- Derivatives simplify to

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial \delta_k} = \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N b_{km}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial V_k} = -2b_{kk} + \sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq k}}^N (-b_{km})$$

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial \delta_m} = -b_{km}$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial V_m} = -b_{km}$$

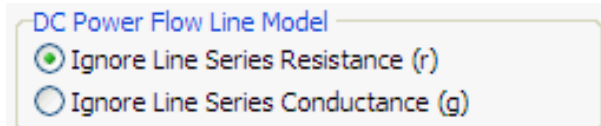
$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial V_k} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial \delta_k} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial P_k}{\partial V_m} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial Q_k}{\partial \delta_m} = 0$$

- Note: If assumption is instead  $r_{km} \approx 0$  then replace all  $b_{km}$  with  $1/x_{km}$
- Option in Simulator Options under Power Flow Solution, DC Options sub-tab



# Other Typical Assumptions about Transformers



- Ignore Transformer Impedance Correction Tables
  - If we do not ignore, then as tap or phase changes the series branch impedances change
- Ignore Phase Shift Angle Effects
  - If we do not ignore, then as the phase angle changes the series impedance seen between the buses will vary
- Both of these are normally done because if they are not ignored, then the solution matrices become a function of the system state (i.e. impedance will vary with tap or phase)
  - This defeats the purposed of using the Decoupled equations.

**Recommendation:**  
**Leave these checked**

DC Power Flow Model

Note: These settings also affect the Lossless DC sensitivity calculations such as on the PTFD and TLR/GSF dialogs

DC Power Flow Line Model

Ignore Line Series Resistance (r)

Ignore Line Series Conductance (g)

Ignore Transformer Impedance Correction Tables

Ignore Phase Shift Angle Effects

# B' and B'' Matrices



- Define  $\frac{\partial \mathbf{Q}}{\partial \mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{B}''$        $\frac{\partial \mathbf{P}}{\partial \boldsymbol{\delta}} = \mathbf{B}'$

- Now Iterate the “decoupled” equations

$$\Delta \boldsymbol{\delta} = [\mathbf{B}']^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{P}$$

$$\Delta \mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{B}'']^{-1} \Delta \mathbf{Q}$$

- What are B' and B''?
  - B' is the imaginary part of the Y-Bus with all the “shunt terms” removed
  - B'' is the imaginary part of the Y-Bus with all the “shunt terms” double counted

# “DC Power Flow”



- The “DC Power Flow” equations are simply the real part of the decoupled power flow equations
  - Voltages and reactive power are ignored
  - Only angles and real power are solved for by iterating

$$\Delta\delta = [\mathbf{B}']^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{P}$$

# Bus Voltage and Angle Sensitivities to a Transfer



- Power flow was solved by iterating 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta \\ \Delta\mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{J}]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{P} \\ \Delta\mathbf{Q} \end{bmatrix}$$
- Model the transfer as a change in the injections  $\Delta\mathbf{P}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{– Buyer:} \quad \Delta\mathbf{T}_B &= [0 \quad 0 \quad PF_{Bf} \quad 0 \quad PF_{Bg} \quad 0]^T & \sum_{h=1}^N PF_{Bh} &= 1 \\ \text{– Seller:} \quad \Delta\mathbf{T}_S &= [0 \quad PF_{Sx} \quad 0 \quad PF_{Sy} \quad 0 \quad 0]^T & \sum_{z=1}^N PF_{Sz} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Then solve for the voltage and angle sensitivities

$$\text{by solving } \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta_S \\ \Delta\mathbf{V}_S \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{J}]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{T}_S \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta_B \\ \Delta\mathbf{V}_B \end{bmatrix} = [\mathbf{J}]^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{T}_B \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

- These are the sensitivities of the Buyer and Seller “sending power to the slack bus”



# What about Losses?



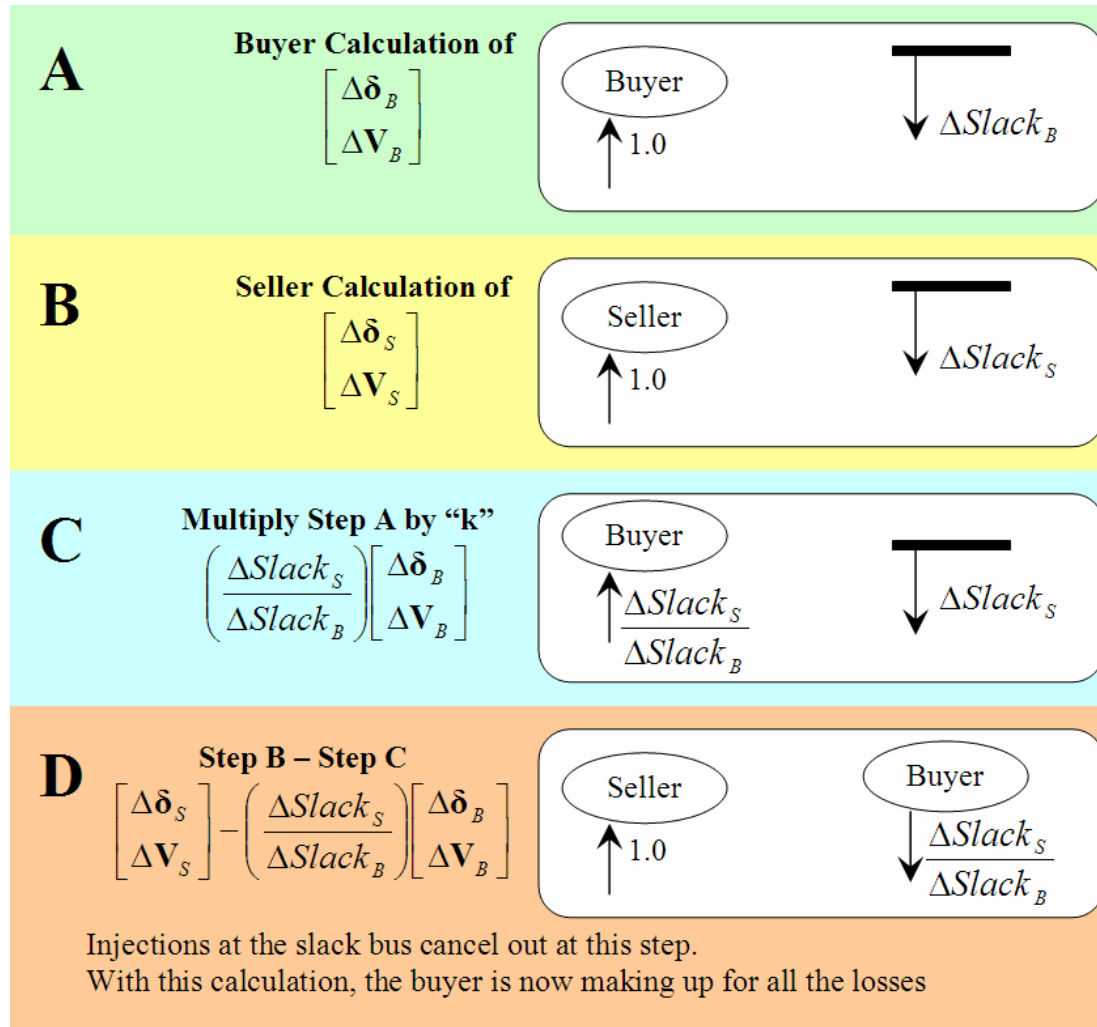
- If we assume the total sensitivity to the transfer is the seller minus the buyer sensitivity, then  $\Delta\delta = \Delta\delta_S - \Delta\delta_B$  and  $\Delta\mathbf{V} = \Delta\mathbf{V}_S - \Delta\mathbf{V}_B$
- This makes assumption that ALL the change in losses shows up at the slack bus.
- Simulator assigns the change to the BUYER by defining

$$k = \frac{\Delta\text{Slack}_S}{\Delta\text{Slack}_B} = \frac{\text{Change in slack bus generation for seller sending power to slack}}{\text{Change in slack bus generation for buyer sending power to slack}}$$

- Then

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta \\ \Delta\mathbf{V} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta_S \\ \Delta\mathbf{V}_S \end{bmatrix} - k \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta_B \\ \Delta\mathbf{V}_B \end{bmatrix}$$

# Why does “k” assign the losses to the Buyer?



# Lossless DC Voltage and Angle Sensitivities



- Use the DC Power Flow Equations

$$\Delta\delta = [\mathbf{B}']^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{P}$$

- Then determine angle sensitivities

$$\Delta\delta_S = [\mathbf{B}']^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{T}_S \quad \Delta\delta_B = [\mathbf{B}']^{-1} \Delta\mathbf{T}_B$$

- The DC Power Flow ignores losses, thus

$$\Delta\delta = \Delta\delta_S - \Delta\delta_B$$

# Lossless DC Sensitivities with Phase Shifters Included



- DC Power Flow equations  $[\mathbf{B}']\Delta\delta = \Delta\mathbf{P}$
- Augmented to include an equation that describes the change in flow on a phase-shifter controlled branch as being zero.

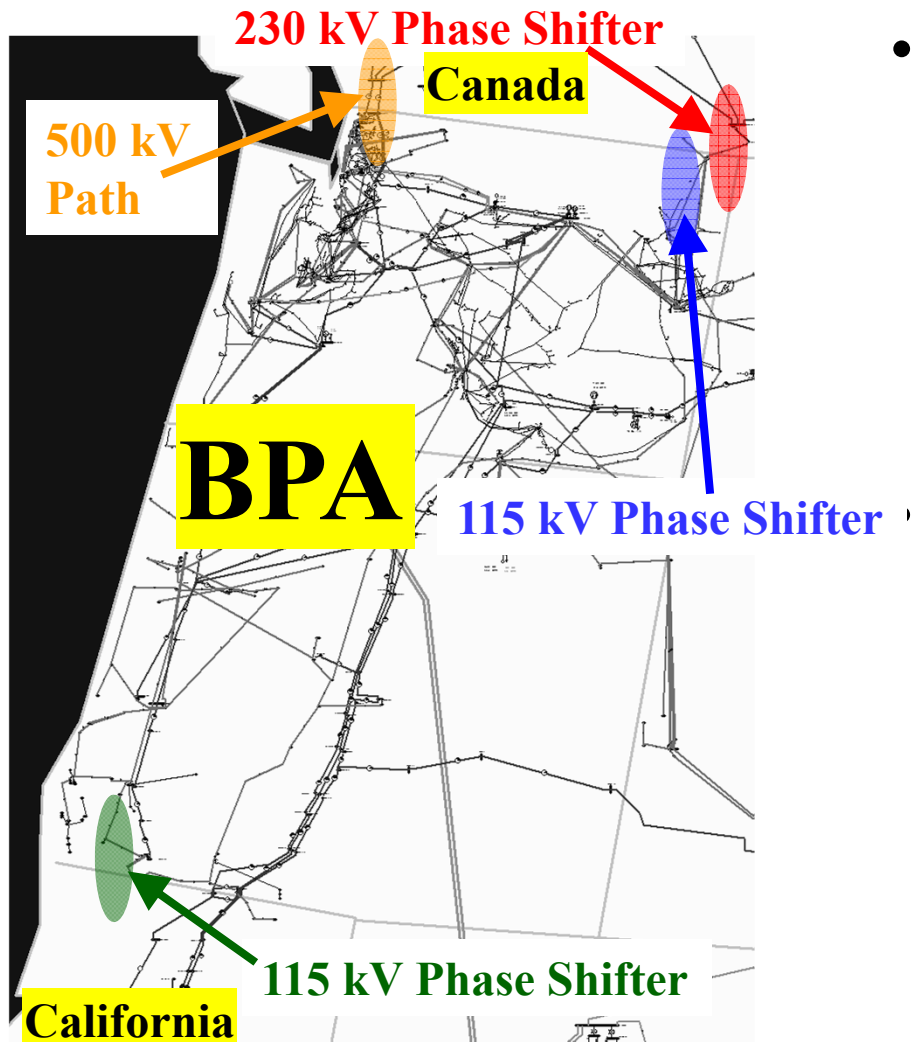
$$\text{Line Flow Change} = \mathbf{B}_\delta \Delta\delta + \mathbf{B}_\alpha \Delta\alpha = \mathbf{0}$$

- Thus instead of DC power flow equations we use

$$\begin{bmatrix} \Delta\delta \\ \Delta\alpha \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{B}' & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{B}_\delta & \mathbf{B}_\alpha \end{bmatrix}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} \Delta\mathbf{P} \\ \mathbf{0} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Otherwise process is the same.

# Lossless DC with Phase Shifters



- Phase Shifters are often on lower voltage paths (230 kV or less) with relatively small limits
  - They are put there in order to manage/prevent the flow on a path that would commonly see overloads
  - Thus, they constantly show up as “overloaded” when using linear analysis if they are not accounted for

Example: Border of Canada with Northwestern United States

- PTDFs between Canada and US without Phase-Shifters
  - 85% on 500 kV Path
  - 15% on Eastern Path
- PTDF With Phase-Shifters
  - 100% goes on 500 kV Path
  - 0% on Eastern Path
  - This better reflects real system

# Power Transfer Distribution Factors (PTDFs)



- PTDF: measures the sensitivity of line MW flows to a MW transfer.
  - Line flows are simply a function of the voltages and angles at its terminal buses
  - Thus, the PTDF is simply a function of these voltage and angle sensitivities.
    - This is the “Chain Rule” from Calculus
- $P_{km}$  is the flow from bus k to bus m

$$PTDF = \Delta P_{km} = \left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_k} \right] \Delta V_k + \left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_m} \right] \Delta V_m + \left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_k} \right] \Delta \delta_k + \left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_m} \right] \Delta \delta_m$$

**Voltage and Angle Sensitivities that were just determined**

# $P_{km}$ Derivative Calculations



- Full AC equations

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_m} \right] = V_k V_m \left[ g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) - b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) \right]$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_k} \right] = V_k V_m \left[ -g_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) \right]$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_m} \right] = V_k \left[ g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) \right]$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_k} \right] = 2V_k g_{kk} + V_m \left[ g_{km} \cos(\delta_k - \delta_m) + b_{km} \sin(\delta_k - \delta_m) \right]$$

- Lossless DC Approximations yields

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_m} \right] = -b_{km}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial \delta_k} \right] = b_{km}$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_k} \right] = 0$$

$$\left[ \frac{\partial P_{km}}{\partial V_m} \right] = 0$$

# What do Flow Sensitivities (PTDFs, GSFs, TLRs, ...) give us?

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- Give the ability to model a change in power injection without actually doing a new power flow solution
  - Transfer of power between two places
  - Generator outage
  - Load outage
- Still can't model a line outage or line closure yet, but that is what LODFs will give us



# Line Outage Distribution Factors (LODFs)

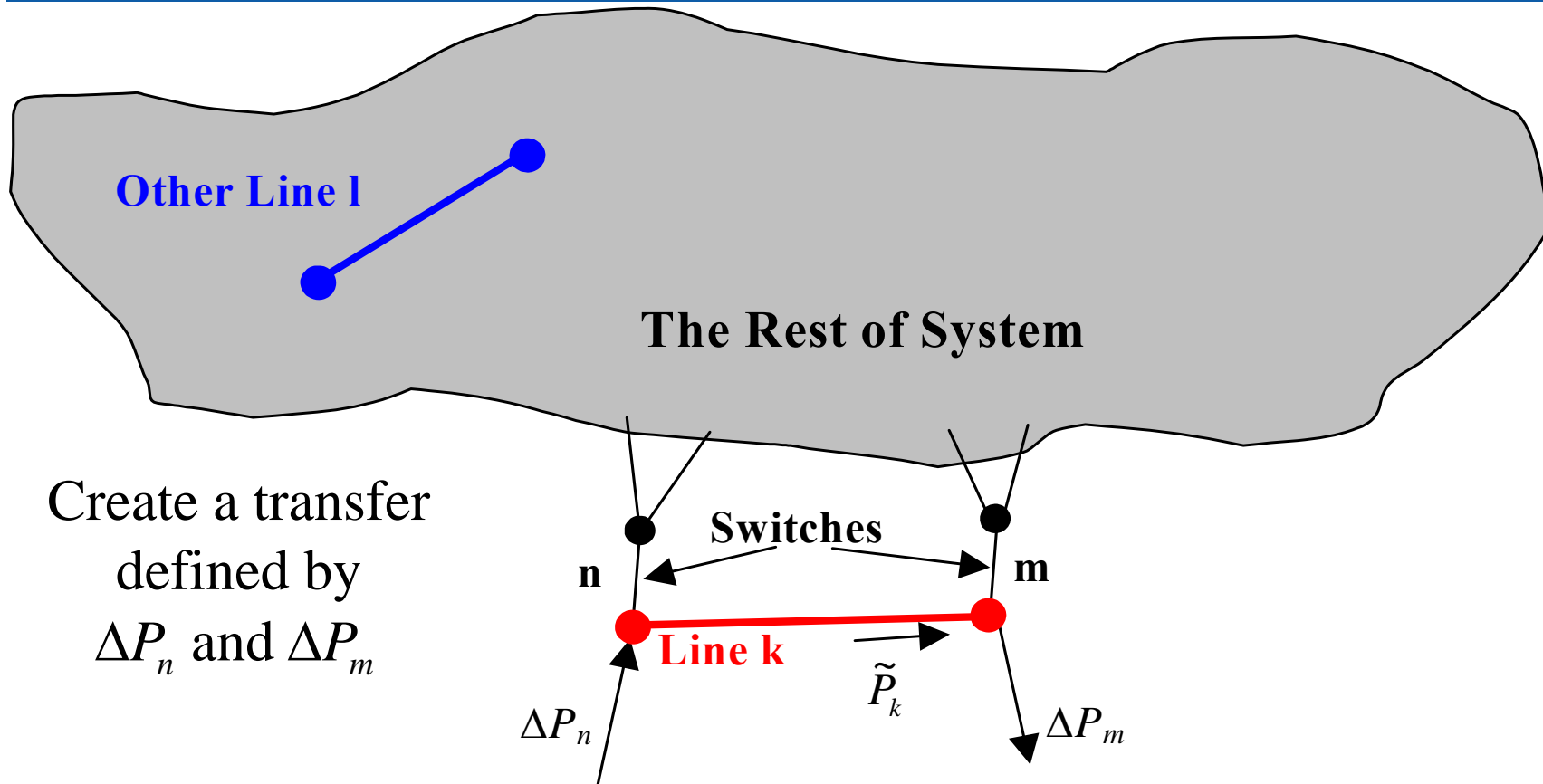


- $LODF_{l,k}$ : percent of the pre-outage flow on Line K will show up on Line L after the outage of Line K

$$LODF_{l,k} = \frac{\Delta P_{l,k}}{P_k}$$

- Linear impact of an outage is determined by modeling the outage as a “transfer” between the terminals of the line

# Modeling an LODF as a Transfer



Assume  $\tilde{P}_k = \Delta P_n = \Delta P_m$

Then the flow on the Switches is ZERO, thus  
Opening Line K is equivalent to the “transfer”

# Modeling an LODF as a Transfer

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- Thus, setting up a transfer of  $\tilde{P}_k$  MW from Bus n to Bus m is equivalent to outaging the transmission line
- Let's assume we know what  $\tilde{P}_k$  is equal to, then we can calculate the values relevant to the LODF.

# Calculation of LODF



- Estimate of post-outage flow on Line L

$$\Delta P_{l,k} = PTDF_l * \tilde{P}_k$$

- Estimate of flow on Line L after transfer

$$\tilde{P}_k = P_k + PTDF_k * \tilde{P}_k \longrightarrow \tilde{P}_k = \frac{P_k}{1 - PTDF_k}$$

- Thus we can write

$$LODF_{l,k} = \frac{\Delta P_{l,k}}{P_k} = \frac{PTDF_l * \tilde{P}_k}{P_k} = \frac{PTDF_l * \left( \frac{P_k}{1 - PTDF_k} \right)}{P_k}$$

$$\longrightarrow LODF_{l,k} = \frac{PTDF_l}{1 - PTDF_k}$$

- We have a simple function of PTDF values

# Line Closure Distribution Factors (LCDFs)

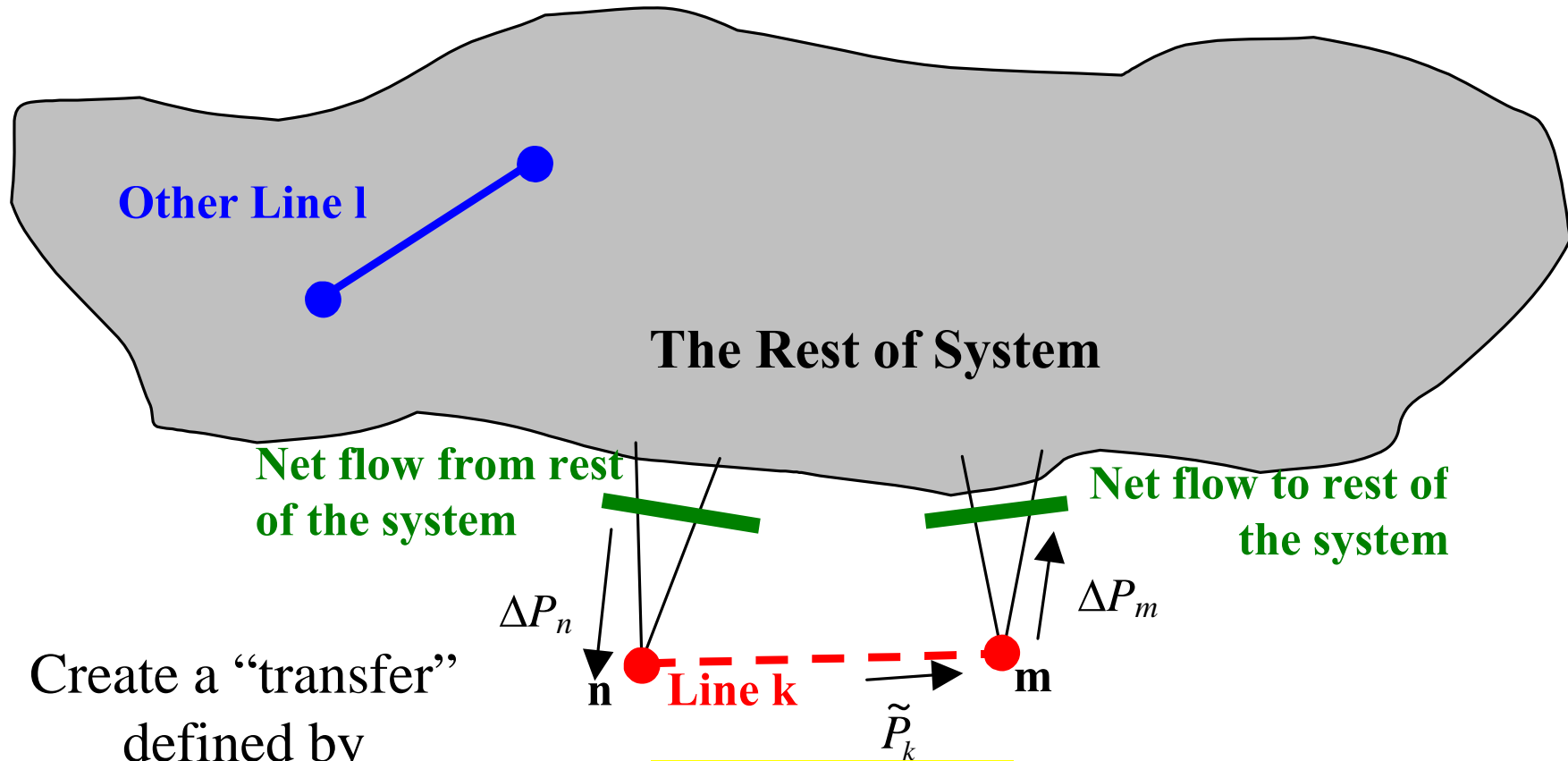


- $LCDF_{l,k}$ : percent of the post-closure flow on Line K will show up on Line L after the closure of Line K

$$LCDF_{l,k} = \frac{\Delta P_{l,k}}{\tilde{P}_k}$$

- Linear impact of an closure is determined by modeling the closure as a “transfer” between the terminals of the line

# Modeling the LCDF as a Transfer



Create a “transfer”  
defined by  
 $\Delta P_n$  and  $\Delta P_m$

Assume  $\tilde{P}_k = \Delta P_n = \Delta P_m$   
Then the net flow to and from the rest of the system are both zero, thus closing line k is equivalent the “transfer”

# Modeling an LCDF as a Transfer

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- Thus, setting up a transfer of  $-\tilde{P}_k$  MW from Bus n to Bus m is linearly equivalent to outaging the transmission line
- Let's assume we know what  $-\tilde{P}_k$  is equal to, then we can calculate the values relevant to the LODF.
- Note: The negative sign is used so that the notation is consistent with LODF “transfer”

# Calculation of LCDF



- Estimate of post-closure flow on Line L

$$\Delta P_{l,k} = -PTDF_l * \tilde{P}_k$$

- Thus we can write

$$LCDF_{l,k} = \frac{\Delta P_{l,k}}{\tilde{P}_k} = \frac{-PTDF_l * \tilde{P}_k}{\tilde{P}_k} = -PTDF_l$$

$$\longrightarrow \mathbf{LCDF_{l,k} = -PTDF_l}$$

- Thus the *LCDF*, is exactly equal to the *PTDF* for a transfer between the terminals of the line



# LODF and LCDF



- LODF (LCDF) – Gives the ability to model a single line outage (closure) event
  - OTDF – incremental impact on a particular branch while also considering a single line outage
  - OMW – estimate of the flow on a particular branch after a single line outage

$$OTDF_{M,1} = PTDF_M + LODF_{M,1} * PTDF_1$$

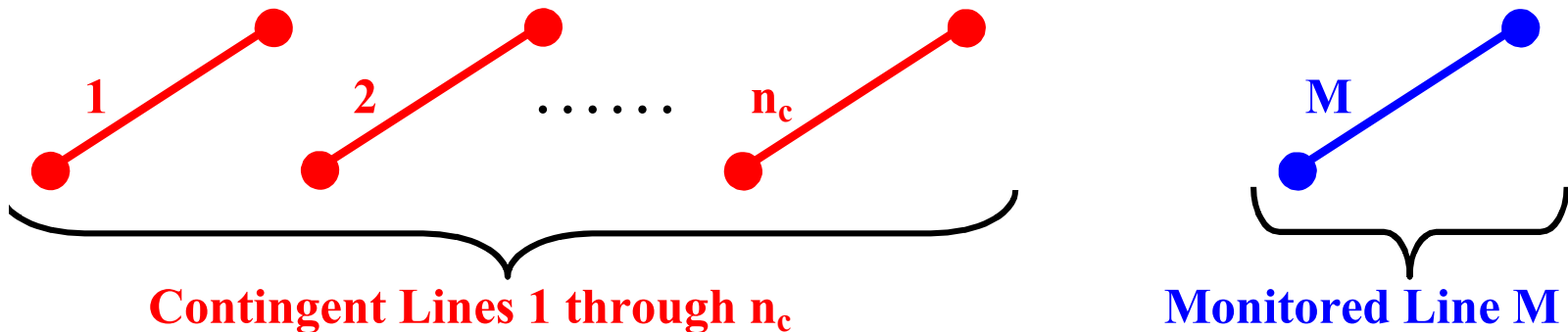
$$OMW_{M,1} = MW_M + LODF_{M,1} * MW_1$$

- Still can't model multiple line outages simultaneously
  - Can not just sum because the lines that are being outaged also interact with each other

$$OTDF_{M,K} = PTDF_M + \sum_{k=lineoutages} LODF_{M,k} * PTDF_k$$

$$OMW_{M,K} = MW_M + \sum_{k=lineoutages} LODF_{M,k} * MW_k$$

# Linear Impact of a Contingency with Multiple Outages



- Outage Transfer Distribution Factors (OTDFs)
  - The percent of a transfer that will flow on a branch M after the contingency occurs
- Outage Flows (OMWs)
  - The estimated flow on a branch M after the contingency occurs

# OTDFs and OMWs



- Single Contingency

$$OTDF_{M,1} = PTDF_M + LODF_{M,1} * PTDF_1$$

$$OMW_{M,1} = MW_M + LODF_{M,1} * MW_1$$

- Multiple Contingencies

$$OTDF_{M,C} = PTDF_M + \sum_{K=1}^{n_C} [LODF_{MK} * NetPTDF_K]$$

$$OMW_{M,C} = MW_M + \sum_{K=1}^{n_C} [LODF_{MK} * NetMW_K]$$

- What are  $NetPTDF_K$  and  $NetMW_K$ ?

# Determining $NetPTDF_K$ and $NetMW_K$



- Each  $NetPTDF_K$  is a function of all the other  $NetPTDFs$  because the change in status of a line affects all other lines.
- Assume we know all  $NetPTDFs$  except for  $NetPTDF_1$ . Then we can write:

$$\begin{aligned} NetPTDF_1 &= PTDF_1 + LODF_{12} NetPTDF_2 + \dots + LODF_{1n_c} NetPTDF_{n_c} \\ &= PTDF_1 + \sum_{K=2}^{n_c} [LODF_{1K} NetPTDF_K] \end{aligned}$$

- In general for each Contingent Line N, write

$$NetPTDF_N - \sum_{\substack{K=1 \\ K \neq N}}^{n_c} [LODF_{NK} NetPTDF_K] = PTDF_N$$

# Determining $NetPTDF_K$ and $NetMW_K$



- Thus we have a set of  $n_c$  equations and  $n_c$  unknowns ( $n_c =$  number of contingent lines)

Known Values

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -LODF_{12} & -LODF_{13} & \cdots & -LODF_{1n_c} \\ -LODF_{21} & 1 & -LODF_{23} & \cdots & -LODF_{2n_c} \\ -LODF_{31} & -LODF_{32} & 1 & \cdots & -LODF_{3n_c} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -LODF_{n_c1} & -LODF_{n_c2} & -LODF_{n_c3} & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} NetPTDF_1 \\ NetPTDF_2 \\ NetPTDF_3 \\ \vdots \\ NetPTDF_{n_c} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} PTDF_1 \\ PTDF_2 \\ PTDF_3 \\ \vdots \\ PTDF_{n_c} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Thus  $NetPTDF_C = [LODF_{CC}]^{-1} PTDF_C$
- Same type of derivation shows

$$NetMW_C = [LODF_{CC}]^{-1} MW_C$$

# Operating and Limiting Circles

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- Operating circle defines a circle of valid MW and Mvar values for a transmission line as a transfer takes place across the system
- Limiting circle has a radius equal to the MVA limit of the line
- The operating circle is utilized when using one of the DC methods and modeling reactive power by assuming constant voltage magnitudes
- Contingency analysis looks up the Mvar value corresponding to the calculated MW value
- ATC analysis and DC power flow find the intersection of the operating circle and the limiting circle to assign adjusted limits to lines

# Operating and Limiting Circles

