

# An Approach to Harmonic State Estimation of Power System

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## ABSTRACT

This paper presents the harmonic state estimation (HSE) based on the Total Least Squares (TLS) through comprehensively considering the harmonic network parameter error and measurement system error. The proposed approach is tested on the IEEE 14-bus harmonic testing system. The satisfied results are obtained.

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## 1. Introduction

The harmonic state estimation (HSE) in power system estimates the harmonic state in whole network according to the measured values of limited points [1–3]. The problem of harmonic state estimation was first proposed by Heydt in 1989 [1], where HSE is handled as an inverse problem of harmonic power flow, and the adopted algorithm for estimating the harmonic state and identifying the harmonic source is least square estimation. Since it is difficult to obtain accurately all system parameters for a non-fundamental frequency harmonic network, the parameter error always exists. However, the existing HSE methods only consider the harmonic measurement error, and ignore the effect of parameter error to harmonic state estimation, which is addressed in this paper.

## 2. HSE Based on TLS

Since the parameter error always exists in non-fundamental frequency harmonic network, the mathematical model of HSE should consider not only the impact of measurement error, but also the impact of parameters error. Therefore, the HSE mathematical model can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{H}\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{H}_{\text{true}} + \mathbf{v}] \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{z}_{\text{true}} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon} = \mathbf{z} \quad (1)$$

where,  $\mathbf{H}$  is the parameter matrix ( $m \times n$ ) containing the relationship between the measured values and the state variables.  $\mathbf{x}$  is the undetermined state vector ( $n \times 1$ ).  $\mathbf{H}_{\text{true}}$  is the parameter matrix containing the truth values.  $\mathbf{v}$  is the parameter error matrix ( $m \times n$ ).  $\mathbf{z}_{\text{true}}$  is the measurement vector ( $m \times 1$ ) related to the truth values, which are

unknown variables.  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  is the measurement error vector ( $m \times 1$ ).  $\mathbf{z}$  is the measurement vector ( $m \times 1$ ).

The harmonic state estimation Equation (1) is an over-determined linear system. In this paper, the TLS method is proposed to solve such HSE problem. The estimation method of TLS is trying to estimate the noise matrix  $\mathbf{v}$  and the noise vector  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  to meet the exact solution of linear system. Select  $\mathbf{v}$  and  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$  to make a minimum of

$$\|[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \mathbf{v}]\|_{\text{F}}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^m \varepsilon_i^2 + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n v_{ij}^2 \quad (2)$$

where,  $v_{ij}$  is the element of matrix  $\mathbf{v}$ , and  $\varepsilon_i$  is the i-th element of  $\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$ .

Let  $\bar{\mathbf{H}} = [\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{H}]$ , Equation (1) can be written as follows:

$$(\bar{\mathbf{H}} - [\boldsymbol{\varepsilon} \quad \mathbf{v}]) \begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ \mathbf{x}_{\text{TLS}} \end{bmatrix} = 0 \quad (3)$$

where,  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$  is an m-dimension vector in which all the elements are 0.

In general, because of the existence of noise, the augmented matrix  $\bar{\mathbf{H}}$  is full rank. If  $m > n+1$ , the rank of matrix  $\bar{\mathbf{H}}$  is  $(n+1)$ . Using the singular value decomposition (SVD) method, the matrix can be expanded as follows:

$$\bar{\mathbf{H}} = [\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{H}] = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} \sigma_i \mathbf{u}_i \mathbf{w}_i^T \quad (4)$$

where,  $\sigma_i$  is the singular value of matrix  $\bar{H}$ , arranging in the decreasing order of values,  $u_i$  and  $w_i$  are left singular vector containing m elements and right singular vector containing (n+1) elements, respectively.

Let's define rank approximate value as the minimum of the sum of various perturbations in matrix  $\bar{H}$ . It is given as follows [4]:

$$\hat{H} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sigma_i u_i w_i^T \quad (5)$$

Moreover, error matrix  $[\varepsilon \ v]$  is given as follows:

$$[\varepsilon \ v] = \sigma_{n+1} u_{n+1} w_{n+1}^T \quad (6)$$

From Equations (3) and (5), we can get

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 \\ x_{TLS} \end{bmatrix} = -\frac{w_{n+1}}{w_{n+1,1}} \quad (7)$$

According to [4], when the noise sequence meets the central limit theorem conditions of independent identical distribution, the standard TLS estimation is unbiased.

For the h-th harmonic, the harmonic power flow Equation can be expressed as follows:

$$Y(h)\dot{V}(h) = \dot{I}(h) \quad (8)$$

In this paper, the node harmonic voltage vector  $\dot{v}(h)$  is used as measuring point, and the node harmonic injection current  $\dot{I}(h)$  is used as state variables. If different measurements and state variables are selected, the similar state estimation expression can still be obtained through the matrix transformation. If parameters error and measurement error are considered simultaneously, that is, harmonic impedance matrix error and harmonic node voltage measurement error are considered together, the relationship between measurements and state variables can be obtained as follows:

$$\dot{V}_{true}(h) + \varepsilon(h) = (Z_{true}(h) + v(h))\dot{I}(h) \quad (9)$$

According to Equations (3–7), the estimated value of the node harmonic injection current,  $\dot{I}_{TLS}(h)$ , can be computed. Thus, the harmonic state estimation is solved.

### 3. Simulation Results and Analysis

The proposed TLS based HSE approach is examined using the IEEE-14 node harmonic test system, which includes two harmonic sources, one is high voltage direct current (HVDC) transmission system's terminal located at node 3, and another is static var compensator (SVC) located at node 8. The node harmonic voltages located at buses 2–12 are selected as the measurement data.

The following several combination modes are used for simulation analysis, respectively:

1) Case 1: Both measurement error and parameters error obey normal distribution with zero mean and different

variances;

2) Case 2: Measurement error obeys uniform distribution of zero mean, parameters error obeys normal distribution of zero mean;

3) Case 3: Measurement error obeys normal distribution of zero mean; parameters error obeys uniform distribution of zero mean.

Assume that the errors are independent. The sampling frequency is selected as 10000. In order to do comparison easily, the three-phase harmonic simulation is computed to obtain the true value, which is used to compare with the estimated value of harmonic state estimation.

During the simulation, superimpose a random error at each node harmonic voltage and each element of harmonic impedance matrix. The errors are produced by the normrnd function in Matlab. The variance is selected as 1% of the absolute value of each element in the matrix.

Due to the limitation of the space, this paper only gives the analysis of case 2. In this case, it is needed to determine the upper and lower limit of the uniform distribution of the measurement error  $U[a,b]$ . Considering that the measurement error is the random signal, which has the similar definition with the noise in signal processing [5], we determine the values of  $a$  and  $b$  through the use of the signal-to-noise ratio (SNR) in signal processing.

$$SNR = 10\lg(P_S / P_U) \quad (10)$$

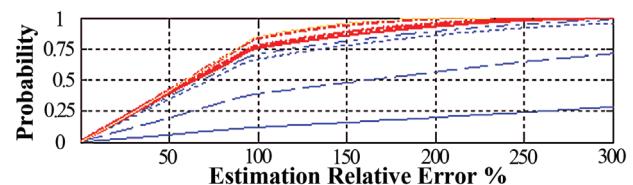
where,  $P_S$  is the maximum true value in various measurements.  $P_U$  is the variance of measurement error, which is the uniform distribution.

In this paper, the signal-to-noise ratio SNR is selected as 20, together with the error is zero mean (that is,  $a = -b$ ). Then, the upper and lower limits of the uniform distribution can be obtained through the following Equation:

$$P_U = P_S / 10^{SNR/10} = (b-a)^2 / 12 \quad (11)$$

Thus, the random sequence of measurement error can be obtained according to the upper and lower limit of uniform distribution. Then, the measurement value including uniform distribution error can be obtained by superimposing it to the true value.

The results are shown in Figures 1–4. Figure 1 shows the error cumulative probability density curve of the calculation results. Node harmonic injection current and harmonic voltage estimation are shown in Figures 2 and 3. The probability density curves of harmonic injection cur-



**Figure 1. Harmonic current injections estimation relative error at bus 3**

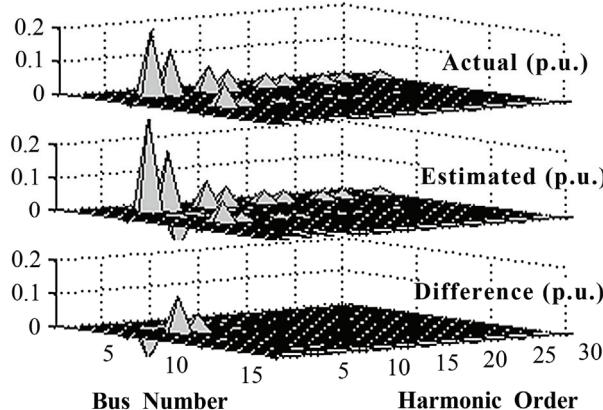


Figure 2. Harmonic current injections

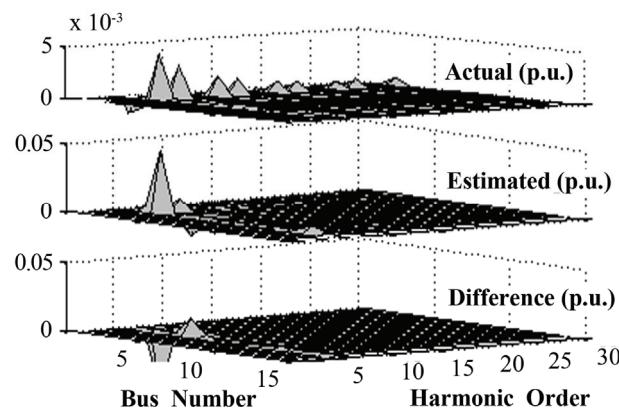


Figure 3. Harmonic bus voltages

rent estimation values are shown in Figure 4. The results show that the probability density curves of all harmonic injection current estimation values obey normal distribution approximately. For the low-order harmonic, its confidence interval of probability density curve is relatively wide.

#### 4. Conclusions

This paper has studied the harmonic state estimation

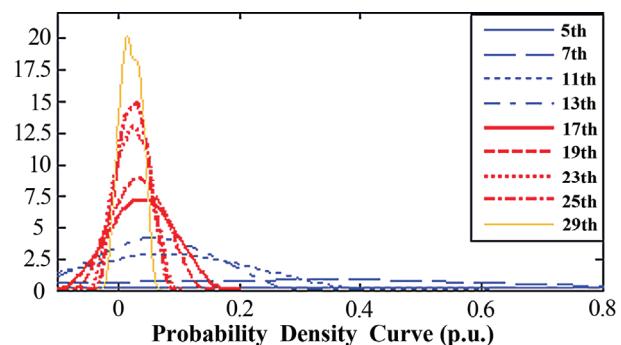


Figure 4. The probability density curve of the harmonic current injections estimated value at bus 3

(HSE) through considering comprehensively the measurement error and parameters error. The proposed method is the Total Least Squares (TLS) and statistical approach. The details of HSE model based on TLS are presented, and error analysis for the HSE is conducted by using the probability density function and cumulative probability density function. The proposed method and algorithm are tested on IEEE 14-node harmonic network. The simulation results show the effectiveness and correctness of the paper.

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