

New Formulation and Valid Inequalities for the Optimal Power Flow Problem

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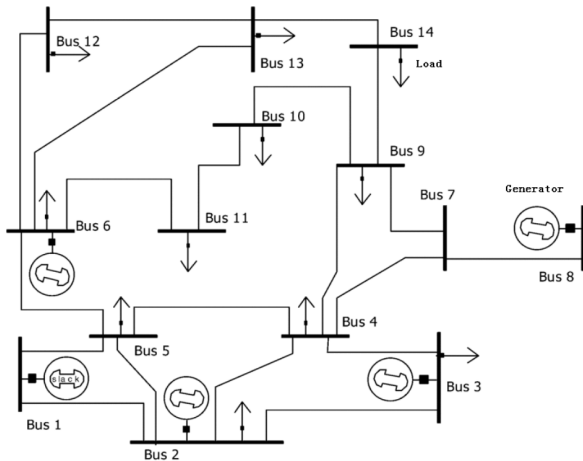
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Variables and constraints:

1. This is achieved by **determining values of voltages and phase angles at each node**, which in effect control the generation and flow of power.
2. The power flow satisfies physical constraints like **Ohm's law** and **Kirchoff's Current law**.

One-Line Diagram



Graph: $\mathcal{G} = (\mathcal{V}, \mathcal{E})$

Demand: (p_i^d, q_i^d)

Active: $[p_i^{\min}, p_i^{\max}]$

Reactive: $[q_i^{\min}, q_i^{\max}]$

Voltage: $[V_i^{\min}, V_i^{\max}]$

Admittance: (G_{ij}, B_{ij})

Thermal line limits

Polar formulation

Variables:

1. Active power at generator i : p_i^g .
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3. Voltage magnitude at node i : v_i .
4. Phase angle at node i : θ_i .

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Our Goal

1. Solve LPs/SOCPs of reasonable size to produce comparable bounds to the SDPs.
2. Generate valid linear inequalities that can be added to a solver such as BARON to improve the speed of finding globally optimal solutions.

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The Optimal Power Flow Problem: An Alternative formulation

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Implied equations in the c, s space

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This formulation is described in Jabr(2006).

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Which formulation to use: comparing quality of relaxations

The different formulations

1. Polar formulation [Variables: p , v , θ]
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If we relax the "atan2" constraints in Alternative formulation, both the above are non-convex quadratic formulation

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McCormick relaxation: A Linear programming relaxation

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 & u_j x_i - X_{ij} - l_i u_j + l_i x_j \geq 0 \\
 & u_i x_j - u_i l_j - X_{ij} + l_j x_i \geq 0 \\
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Standard semi-definite programming relaxation

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McCormick Relaxation of Rectangular and Alternative formulation

Theorem

Let \mathcal{R}^M and \mathcal{A}^M be the projection on the space of (p, q) variables of the McCormick relaxation of the Rectangular and Alternative formulation (where we drop the atan2 constraints). Then

$$\mathcal{R}^M \supseteq \mathcal{A}^M.$$

Moreover, there exist instances where the above inclusion is proper.

A different SOCP relaxation of Alternative formulation

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Moreover, there exist instances where the first inclusion is proper.

Some empirical evidence

number of nodes	\mathcal{R}^M	\mathcal{A}^M	\mathcal{A}^{SOCP}
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14	83.92	44.29	0.60
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30	100.00	100.00	15.84
30	9.13	9.13	1.82
30	5.79	5.79	2.30
30	16.56	16.56	1.91
39	44.90	17.57	0.37
39	23.78	6.35	0.16
Average:	57.3	42.7	11.8

Table: Percent optimality gap for McCormick vs. SOCP with respect to global optimal solution found by BARON for tree instances.

All comparisons for general graphs

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The Optimal Power Flow Problem on Trees

3.1

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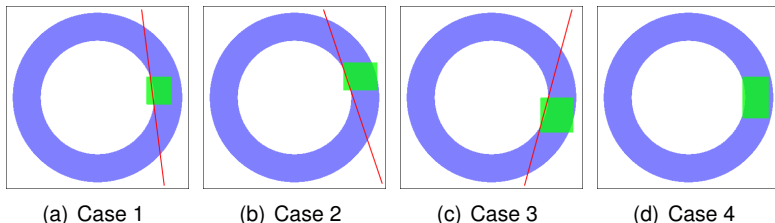
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4

Solving OPF over general graphs

4.1

A new bilinear formulation in an “extended”
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Revisiting the Alternative formulation

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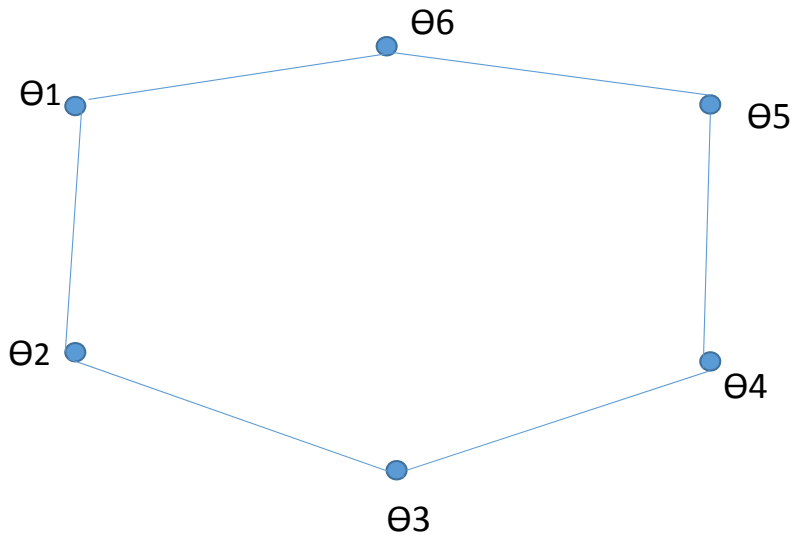
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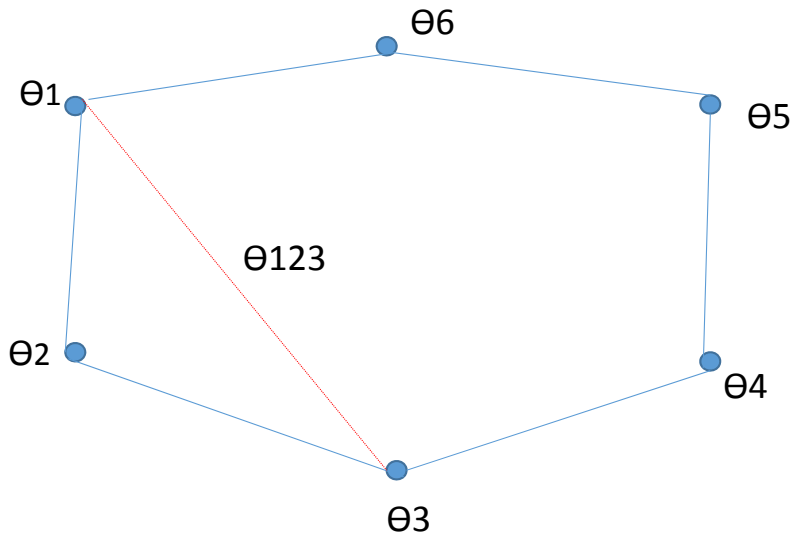
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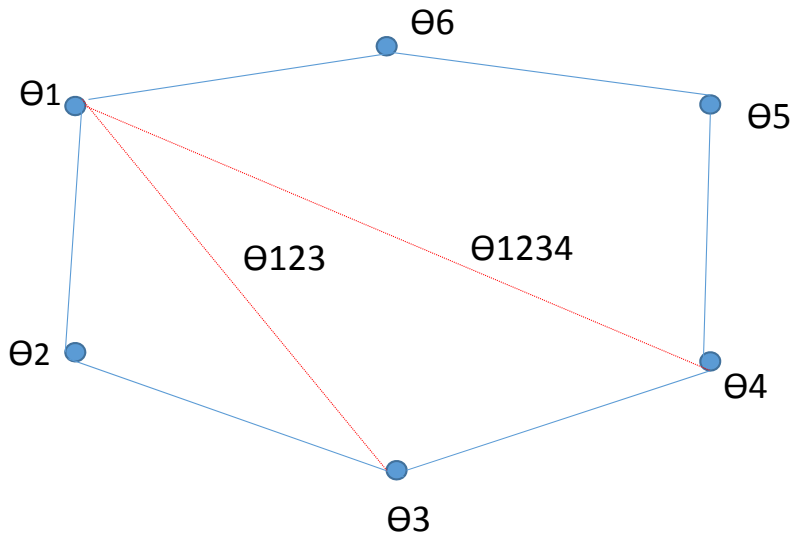
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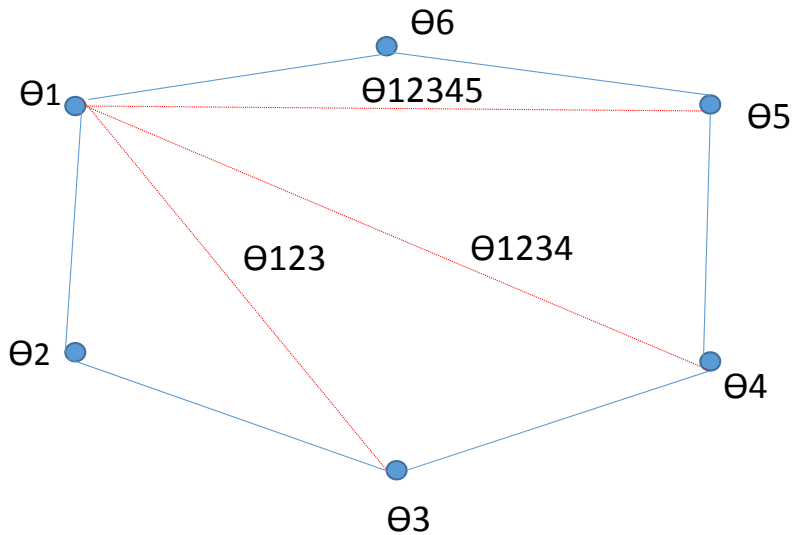
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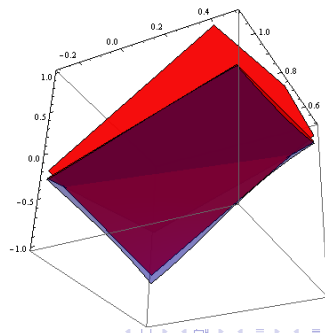
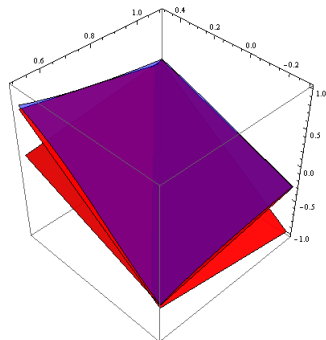
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1. Input instance in the space of c , s and phase angle θ variables.
2. Compute a cycle basis.
3. For each **edge improve bounds** on c_{ij} , s_{ij} variables by solving SOCPs. **[Parallelized]**
4. For each **edge** add the **arctan linearization** to the \mathcal{A}^{AOCP^*} model. **[Parallelized]** [Optional]
5. Solve convex relaxation.
6. For $i = 1$ to num iterations
 - 6.1 **Separate cutting planes** from **each cycle in cycle basis** using any one (or both) of the following **[Parallelized]**:
 - ▶ McCormick of 3, 4-decomposition of the cycle.
 - ▶ Extended SOCP relaxation of cycle.
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7. Use the **final (infeasible) solution** of convex relaxation **as initial point of a interior point solver** to find a feasible point.

Solver, Hardware, Instances

1. Solver: MOSEK, IPOPT.
2. Hardware: 64-bit laptop with Intel Core i7 CPU with 2.00GHz processor and 8 GB RAM.
3. Instances: standard IEEE instances, standard instances where we randomly perturbed the demand $\pm 5\%$.

5.1 Quality of lower bound

instance	SOCP		SOCPA		SOCP34AM	
	% gap	time	% gap	time	% gap	time
case6ww	0.63	0.13	0.02	0.48	0.01	0.45
case9	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.19	0.00	0.20
case9Q	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.20	0.04	0.21
case14	0.08	0.05	0.08	0.44	0.06	0.48
caseieeee30	0.04	0.07	0.04	0.83	0.04	0.88
case30	0.57	0.12	0.37	1.01	0.34	1.13
case30Q	2.48	0.11	2.35	1.07	2.32	1.16
case39	0.02	0.10	0.01	0.96	0.01	1.05
case57	0.06	0.11	0.06	1.50	0.06	1.55
case118	0.25	0.27	0.24	3.86	0.16	5.00
case300	0.15	0.62	0.12	8.04	0.11	10.83
case2383wp	1.05	21.39	0.89	104.71	0.88	145.29
case2736sp	0.51	17.90	0.39	127.61	0.38	184.09
case2737sop	0.36	14.27	0.31	116.89	0.31	143.58
case2746wop	0.44	16.02	0.35	129.14	0.35	223.26
case2746wp	0.45	20.86	0.33	130.59	0.23	201.06
case3012wp	0.79	19.65	0.70	154.72	0.70	195.56
case3120sp	0.54	16.14	0.47	137.70	0.44	206.20
case3375wp	0.26	18.66	0.24	158.21	0.23	431.87
	0.46 %	7.71	0.37%	56.74	0.35%	92.31

Robustness

instance	SOCP		SOCPA		SOCP34AM	
	% gap	time	% gap	time	% gap	time
case6ww	0.68	0.07	0.02	0.29	0.01	0.34
case9	0.00	0.04	0.00	0.18	0.00	0.17
case9Q	0.06	0.03	0.06	0.16	0.06	0.17
case14	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.32	0.05	0.35
caseieeee30	0.04	0.05	0.04	0.66	0.04	0.68
case39	0.02	0.09	0.01	0.85	0.01	0.92
case57	0.05	0.09	0.05	1.28	0.05	1.33
case118	0.21	0.20	0.21	3.24	0.14	4.25
case300	0.74	0.53	0.71	6.92	0.69	9.92
case2736sp	0.42	16.49	0.32	107.33	0.32	159.58
case2737sop	0.30	12.60	0.26	101.61	0.26	128.52
case2746wop	0.37	15.32	0.30	115.87	0.30	204.13
case2746wp	0.38	19.57	0.28	126.39	0.19	192.56
case3012wp	0.67	14.04	0.59	118.24	0.59	160.21
case3120sp	0.45	13.93	0.37	122.88	0.36	175.57
	0.30 %	6.21	0.22 %	47.08	0.20 %	69.25

5.2 Comparison to SDPs

Comparison with SDP: quality of bounds

instance	$\frac{z_{\text{SOCP}}}{z_{\text{SDP}}}$	$\frac{z_{\text{SOCPA}}}{z_{\text{SDP}}}$	$\frac{z_{\text{SOCP34A}}}{z_{\text{SDP}}}$
case6ww	0.9937	0.9998	0.9999
case9	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
case14	0.9992	0.9992	0.9994
caseiee30	0.9996	0.9996	0.9996
case30	0.9943	0.9963	0.9966
case39	0.9998	0.9999	0.9999
case57	0.9994	0.9994	0.9994
case118	0.9976	0.9976	0.9984
case300	0.9985	0.9988	0.9989
case2383wp	0.9932	0.9949	0.9950
case2736sp	0.9956	0.9968	0.9969
case2737sop	0.9967	0.9972	0.9972
case2746wop	0.9952	0.9960	0.9960
case2746wp	0.9953	0.9966	0.9975
case3012wp	0.9936	0.9946	0.9946
case3120sp	0.9955	0.9962	0.9965
case3375wp	NA	NA	NA
	0.9967	0.9977	0.9979

Comparison with SDP: time

instance	SDP time	SOCP Time	SOCP A time	SOCP34A time
case6ww	1.66	0.02	0.40	0.43
case9	0.84	0.02	0.17	0.18
case14	1.07	0.02	0.41	0.45
caseieeee30	1.84	0.03	0.78	0.84
case30	2.19	0.06	0.95	1.07
case39	2.20	0.04	0.90	0.99
case57	2.60	0.04	1.43	1.47
case118	4.58	0.11	3.69	4.83
case300	9.81	0.21	7.62	10.40
case2383wp	682.86	7.11	92.83	130.03
case2736sp	853.92	11.13	120.77	177.77
case2737sop	792.25	9.73	111.73	138.60
case2746wop	1138.06	11.37	124.01	218.45
case2746wp	941.04	14.51	124.19	195.43
case3012wp	746.08	7.28	143.10	185.56
case3120sp	904.90	7.33	127.90	196.05
case3375wp	>3hr	8.25	149.03	422.35

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