The Application of a Genetic Algorithm with a Chromosome Limites Life for the Distribution System Loss Minimization Re-Configuration Problem

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Abstract

Abstract-This paper presents a new approach to evaluate reliability indices of electric distribution systems using genetic Algorithm (GA). The use of reliability evaluation is an important aspect of distribution system planning and operation to adjust the reliability level of each area. In this paper, the reliability model is based on the optimal load transferring problem to minimize load generated load point outage in each sub-section. This approach is one of the most difficult procedures and become combination problems. A new approach using GA was developed for this problem. GA is a general purpose optimization technique based on principles inspired from the biological evolution using metaphors of mechanisms such as natural selection, genetic recombination and survival of the fittest. Test results for the model system with 24 nodes 29 branches are reported in the paper.

Key Words : Distribution System, Genetic algorithm, Combination, Optimization

1. Introduction

For a reasonable design of equipment and an operation scheme in an electric distribution system, one important aspect is to quantitatively evaluate the reliability to be experienced in consumer's place and to reflect the results in the design In general, the quantitative evaluating mean is divided into reliability indices based on

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the number of housed in consumers and load indices that are based on the energy.

It is used by selecting appropriate reliability indices according to the purpose of operators [1,2]. In particular, to estimate an electrostatic capacity generated in the outage of equipment in operation currently and to design the equipment more rationally, it is necessary to select the energy-centered reliability indices.

However, since in a conventional reliability calculation method, only the electrostatic capacity has been used as reliability indices. This method, however, fails to accurately estimate a decreasing phenomenon in the electrostatic capacity shortly

after the restorative operation of equipments.

In this regard it is desired to introduce the optimal load transferring technique to minimize shortage capacity in supply by a restorative operation such as a load switching [3].

In general, since this method involves a combination problem having a number of local solutions such as load balancing, loss minimization, etc. reconstructing networks by operating switches based on the load conditions of system, it is difficult to find the optimal solution [4].

In order to overcome the above problems, the branch exchange has been proposed by mesut. E. baran [4] in 1989. This method also, however, has a drawback limited to the local solution.

Thus, K. Kurihara [3] proposed the combined branch exchange and maximum flow method performed by 3 steps (local area, steady increase from the local area and the whole area) minimizing shortage capacity in electric power supply and introducing it into the reliability evaluating concept.

This method, however, covers only 80[%] to the solution of the whole area, thus it becomes a complex problem that deals with the 3 steps to in order to find the optimal solution.

Further, more in the reliability evaluation, it considers only the outage except the restorative period.

Accordingly, as the optimal technique for solving such a local problem, Genetic Algorithm [GA] has been it covers the whole area and ensures the tenacity applied to loss reduction, by Koichi Nara [5] in the year 1992. In recent years, GA has been widely used in various fields. Especially Tsutomu Oyama [6] proposed a "Restorative planning of power system using genetic algorithm with branch exchange method", in 1996, in which a restorative scheme problem associated with BE in the operation procedure was

used to enhance a convergence speed.

This method by Koichi describes up-down method to eliminate an inappropriate string generating problem which is the opposite problem to the tree construction restricting condition in system generated during GA operation. The method, however, fail to contrive a complete solution due to a directional problem of flow.

Accordingly, this paper proposes an algorithm to solve the tree restricting condition by introducing GA in the optimal load switching. The algorithm is based on the reliability evaluation in described the document [3] through an analysis in the existing theory, so that the problem regarding the above condition can be solved only by GA.

In particular, The data in the system information can be easily processed by using a digitizer for constructing information in the system required for a case study. For performance enhancement of GA, this paper uses an elitist model which reflects the most superior genetic factor in the previous generation to the next generation the method for readjusting a mutation probability was used to search various solutions.

2. Optimal load switching

The optimal load switching determines an operating method in the switch so that load capacity or shortage capacity in supply can be minimized within a range meeting the construction limitation in a radial system and the capacity limitation in the distribution line. Figure 1 explains such a concept, in which load points are connected to respective nodes.

the outage between bank A and node 5, load in 5 in changed to bank B, resulting in the overload.

Therefore, by changing again load in node 2 to be supplied from the bank 5, load in bank 5 can be reduced. As a result, overload in the whole system

can be reduced.

One problem in such a load switching is that a magnitude of the shortage capacity in supply is irregularly changed during one operation. Figure 2 explains it illustrating a disadvantage due to peaks having a number of local solutions.
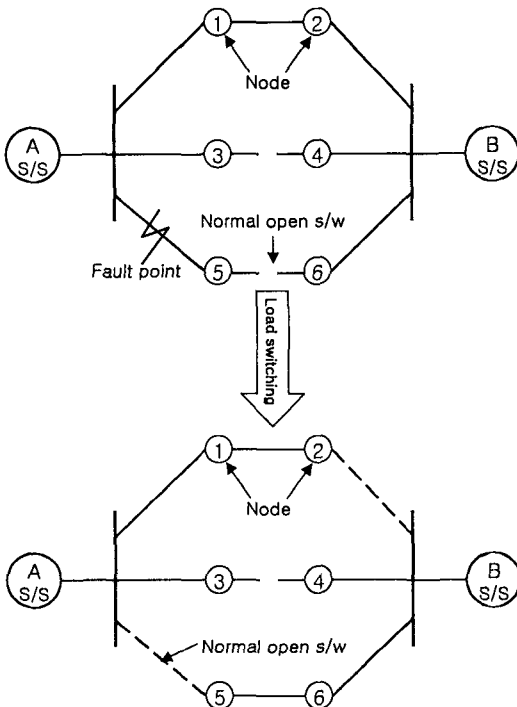

Fig. 1. conceptual view for load switching

3. Application on genetic algorithm

3.1 Definition of evaluation function

The evaluation function used in this paper is defined in Equation 1 based on the calculation expression in the load-centered reliability method. s equation also is defined as the minimization problem of energy need in supply (ENS) by the load switching, considering the shortage capacity in supply in the respective load points generated

due to assuming troubles together with the restorative period concept. Here, restricting conditions include the limitation in the line capacity and the maintenance problem in the tree construction.
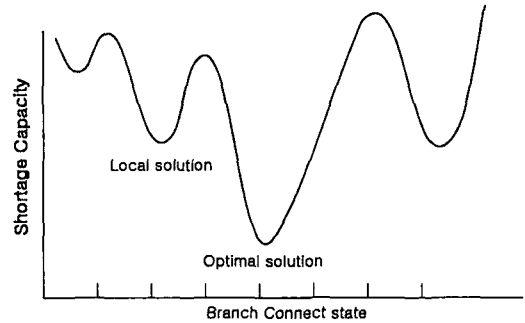

Fig. 2. Optimal load switching having local solutions

$$\min ENS = \sum_{i=1}^{i=n}(\lambda(i) \times r(i) \times L(i) \times E(i))[Kwh/year]$$

wherein, --------------------------------- (1)

$\lambda(i)$: the number of outage of year on load points [number/km.year]

$r(i)$: restorative period per outage on load points [hour/number]

$L(i)$: line distance between sections on load points [km]

$E(i)$: shortage capacity in supply[kV]

3.2 Definition of String

A parameter for determining minimization in the shortage capacity in supply based on the load switching is a position of normal-open section switch. In the number of the normal-open section switch, when the position of the switch is changed, the construction of the distribution system is always kept radially. To store the radial construction, it is necessary to have the sufficient number in the switch position. In the open loop radial distribution system, sine a plurality of

section switches are positioned at the branch between both nodes, the position of switch

and the number of branch in which the open switch is disposed should be stored.
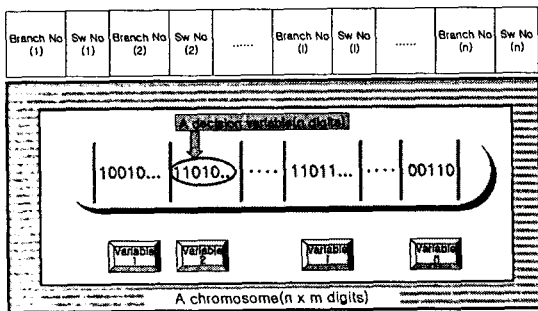
a. string structure

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Parent 1  1 1 0 1 | 1 0 0 1 0 1 | 1 0 1 1
Parent 2  0 0 0 1 | 0 1 1 0 1 1 | 1 1 0 0

Child 1   1 1 0 1   0 1 1 0 1 1   1 0 1 1
Child 2   0 0 0 1   1 0 0 1 0 1   1 1 0 0
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b. Two-Point Crossover Can Combine the Schemata

Fig. 3. The schemata can be combined with Two-point crossover. The emphasized bits comprise the Schemata. Vertical lines indicate the two crossover points

Therefore, the string structure is as shown in Figure 3.

In Figure, Branch No(i) means the number of branch in which the position of i-th open switch is in existence. Sw No(i) means normal open switch in branch (i). Branch No(i) and Sw No(i) are expressed in binary code as shown in Figure 3.

3.3 Algorithm for searching tree restriction

To prevent genetic factors in each generation to form structurally loop system and isolated nodes separated form the system to be generated, this paper proposes a string search algorithm which considers tree restricting conditions. Procedures for search steps are follows. Here, a base node menas a node disposed near power supply to receive electric power at all times. An extensible node is a terminal node in the final point in the starting path from the base node.

A connectable node is for searching the isolated node and means an adjacent node isolated from the extensible node due to switch opening.

This flowchart comprises the following steps.

step 1 : search the base node from each node

step 2 : perform steps 3 to 7 for every base nodes

step 3 : if information regarding base nodes is in existence, remove it

step 4 : track all paths connected from one base node to search terminal node and then establish it as extensible base node. It the demand is met demand in the branch, search the terminal node in all paths connected from the branch point

step 5 : terminate the algorithm if extensible base node or base node is connected to the path to be searched during search of terminal node, assuming as forming loop system. Search the terminal node in all paths while meeting the demand in the branch node

step 6 : establish adjacent nodes not connected to extensible base as connectable node be connected to another base node. If these connectable nodes is already establishing as the extensible node, removing these nodes from the connectable node

step 7 : if the extensible base node remains in theexisting connectable node, remove these nodes from the connectable node

step 8 : If information's regarding the connec-

table node, assuming that the isolated node is generated, terminates algorithm
step 9 : terminate algorithm assuming that the construction in the system is suitable

3.4 Flow chart for the proposed reliability evaluating algorithm

A flow chart for the reliability evaluating algorithm based on the proposed GA is as show in Fig. 4, in which the system is constructed by using the digitizer to more easily process the system information data required to the reliability evaluation and a reliable model construction. In addition, the optimal load switching is performed by GA based on whether assumed troubles are in existence or not.

4. Case study

4.1 Selection of system model

The system model with 24 nodes and 29 branchesis applied for a test study in this paper. Population size : 100[3].

The system load is assumed to be constant. Convergence condition is satisfied when the number of identical individuals having the highest fitness exceeds 90[%]. In the case where even after 5000 generations convergence has not been achieved.

Figure 5 shows a graph displayed on the computer screen,

Ilustrating a system diagram input by using digitizer. As show in Figure 5 load points are connected to 20 nodes except 4 banks. They are assumed as an equalizing load for a big city-centered load. The distance over the whole line is 22.217[km] and the capacity to each of backs is 10[MVA].
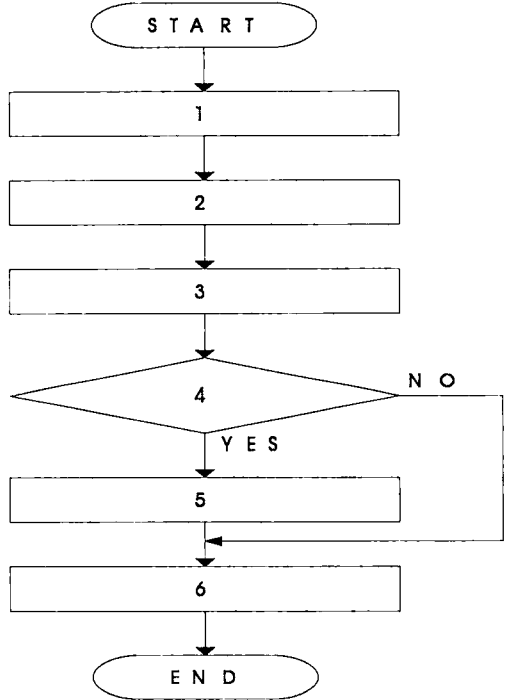
1. Construction of system information data using digitizer
2. Construction of reliable of object to be analyzed
3. Power flow calculation of base case
4. Assumed trouble?
5. Performs GA to minimize the shortage in supply
6. Reliability evaluation and results output

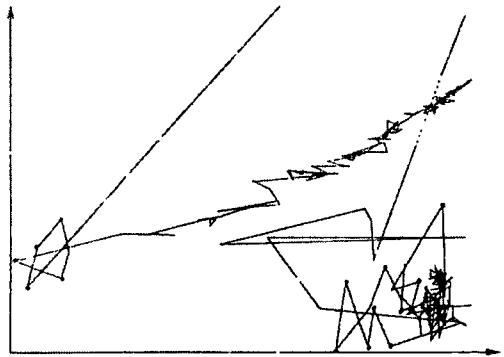Fig. 4. Flow chart of GA algorithm

Fig. 5. System diagram by using digitzer

4.2 Analyzing to the reliability evaluating results

In the reliability evaluation for planning the distribution system, calculation of reliability indices in each load serve as important factors.

In this paper the analysis was made comparing reliability indices at each point.

This comparative results can be adopted as an important material for searching vulnerable points so that the equipment can be reinforced. In this paper, the reliability evaluating results based on the optimal load switching by GA are analyzer and reported as Case Study 1.

Then, the result was compared with system utilizing the conventional branch exchange method for loss reduction as Case Study 2 and reconstructing system for load balance as Case Study 3, respectively, in support of validity of this research.

Table 1 shows the reliability data in 20 load points that are required to the reliability evaluation. As show in Table 1, the outage had highest rate in load

point 1 and the restorative period had the longest time in load point 7.

Table 1. Reliability data in each load point

No.	peak load [kw/vr]	outage [f/vr]	restorative [hours/f]	outage time [hours/h]
1	1819	0.4634	2.9648	0.1374
2	5569	0.3219	2.0106	0.0647
3	1243	0.0467	5.4668	0.2554
4	1325	0.0250	2.9320	0.0735
5	2307	0.0394	4.5905	0.1801
6	747	0.0534	3.2842	0.1754
7	284	0.1131	9.1948	1.0397
8	366	0.0968	4.6731	0.4522
9	2919	0.0940	3.4767	0.3268
10	2527	0.0686	3.6650	0.3615
11	1108	0.0708	3.1368	0.2221

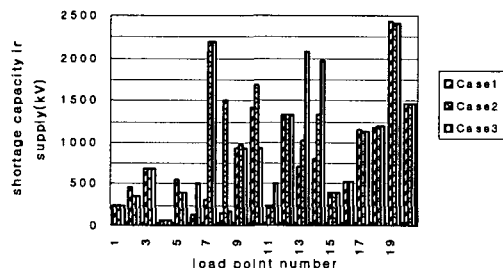| No.	peak load [kw/vr]	outage [f/vr]	restorative [hours/f]	outage time [hours/h]
12	1905	0.1163	5.9869	0.6961
13	1391	0.1115	4.3694	0.4872
14	1623	0.0974	4.9999	0.4872
15	1051	0.0952	3.9926	0.3799
16	1460	0.0809	2.6628	0.2153
17	1261	0.1363	6.8264	0.9306
18	5138	0.1074	2.2113	0.2375
19	1727	0.1215	4.7543	0.5739
20	3116	0.0999	2.6904	0.2687
total	39886	1.7403	85.7512	7.6744

Fig. 6. Graph for comparing the shortage capacity in supply in the respective load points
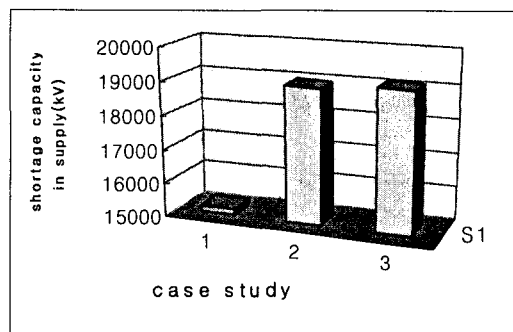

Fig. 7. Reliability evaluating results by the respective case studies

The optimization in this research is conducted based on the reliability data shown in Table 1 and then the shortage in supply in the respective load points is compared with each other as shown in Figure 6.

In Case Study 1, the most vulnerable point in

view of the reliability indices is the load point 19. Since this problem is generated due to the limitation of the line capacity, the point 19 is required to increase its line capacity.

In Case Study 2, load points, 7,8 and 9 are shown as the most vulnerable points, while in Case Study 3, load points 7, 13, 14 and 19 have the lowest reliability incises.

As a result, the load point where a reinforcement is required can be easily recognized.

The reliability evaluation results in view of the energy need in supply to the whole system is shown in Figure 7. In the reconstruction of the model by the switch operation, the system construction in the cases 1 and 2 has shown to be inappropriate in view of the reliability

5. Conclusion

This paper proposed a reliability evaluating plan for the optimal scheme and operation of the electric distribution system by introducing the optimal load switching concept, the reliability indices can be calculated using the reliability data and the shortage capacity in supply at the respective load points.

In Particular, problems limited in the local solution at the existing branch exchange (BE) and the maximum follower methods can be overcome by using GA associated with the optimization technique.

In addition, to overcome the tree restricting condition generated during the operation of gene, an algorithm for searching the tree is established.

This method is applied to the model system to prove of validity of the tenacity. In case of applied it to the actual system, it is possible to design the system with an enhanced reliability counterplan in detail by each customer other than evaluating relatively the predominance over the whole system.

Hereinafter, it is required to establish a composite distribution planning program including loss minimization and algorithm for load balancing.

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◇ **Biography** ◇

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