

Comparison of Over-current Relay Coordination by using fuzzy and genetic algorithm Methods

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Abstract: The inverse definite minimum time relay has been used in the power distribution system in order to protect the system from power system faults.[1] These relays will function after a certain time delay when the current going through the relay exceeds a predefined set point. This time delay depends on the ratio of the fault current flowing through the relay with the set point current defined by the protection engineer [2]. The basic problem with these relays is that the relays will have a longer time delay for a less severe fault [3]. Another problem that these relays would face is when the impedance between the backup relay and the main relay is much smaller than the impedance between the fault and the main relay. In this paper, the possibility of using a fuzzy logic controller (FLC) is studied in order to determine the time delay of the over current relay. a new genetic algorithm (GA) method is presented to solve the optimization problem in coordination of over current and distance relays. The objective function (OF) is developed in a way that in addition to coordination of over current relays, the coordination of over current and distance relays is achieved. Various relay characteristics are considered for each over current relay and the best of them is selected by GA to fulfill optimal coordination. The proposed method is applied to a sample power network. Simulation results demonstrate that the method can obtain feasible and effective solutions and, it is a promising approach for optimal coordination in practical power networks.

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I. Introduction:

Over current and distance relays are mostly used for transmission and sub transmission protection systems [1]. To consider comprehensive coordination, a distance relay with a distance one, an over current relay with an over current one and finally a distance relay with an over current one, must be coordinated when one of them is considered to be the main relay and the other is the backup

The control logic of the pickup current (Fig. 2) has the task of maintaining constancy of I_{pickup} during a fault to avoid pickup setting changes. If the line is de-energized ($I_k^T < \epsilon$), the control logic assigns a maximum value " I_{pickup}^{max} ," which can be the setting of a conventional relay (dead line logic). The output signal.

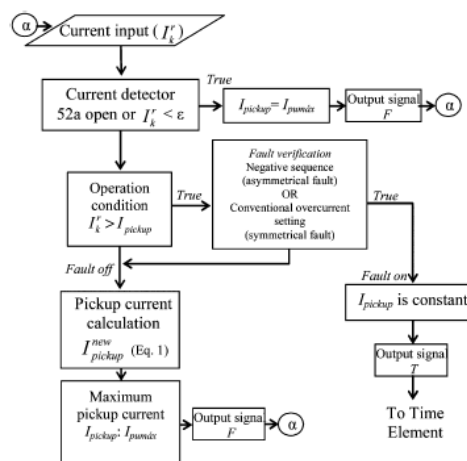


Fig. 2: Control logic of an adaptive pickup current.

II. SYSTEM UNDER STUDY

The inverse time delay characteristic works on the basis of the bigger the ratio of the fault current compared to the set point current, the smaller the time delay would be.

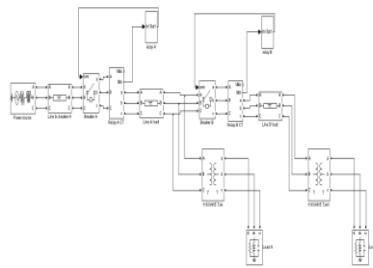


Figure 1: System diagram under study.

The formula used for the time delay of an inverse time characteristic is as

$$f(t) = \frac{c}{\left(\frac{I_{fault}}{I_{setpoint}}\right)^\alpha - 1} \quad \text{equation 1}$$

follows:

Where $f(t)$ represents the time delay that is generated by the inverse time characteristic while c and α is determined by the time multiplier setting and characteristic chosen by the user either standard inverse, very inverse or extremely inverse. If we were to study this equation using a ohms law, then network is used in order to determine the TMS from the desired time delay. This TMS is then used in a fuzzy logic engine to determine the time delay in order to ensure that the relay characteristics are easily modeled. In this paper we shall develop the fuzzy membership functions for the input and output and also the fuzzy rules to determine the time delay of the over-current relay. We shall see how the fuzzy logic relay would eliminate the problems of varying fault severity and source impedance problems.

III. The Inverse Time Over current Relay

Table 1: Current set point and time multiplier setting of all relays in the system.

| Relay | Current set point | Time multiplier setting |
|-------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| A | 150 | 0.06 |
| B | 75 | 0.01 |

The equation governing the time delay for

the inverse time overcurrent relay abides by the IEEE std. C37.112 [8].

In simulating a three phase fault to ground 10Km from relay B, we obtained the response for the backup relay as shown in figure 2.

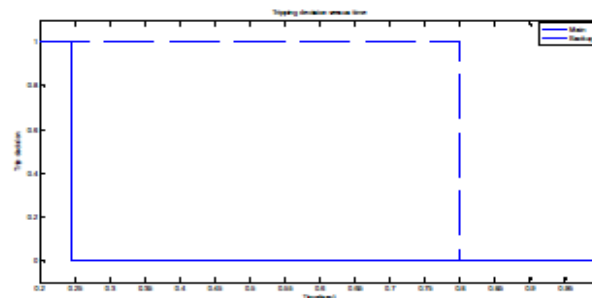


Figure 2: Trip decision of backup relay (relay A) for a three phase and single phase fault 10Km in front of relay B after 0.2 seconds.

The results of these simulations are shown in table 2 below:

Table 2: Tripping time of main and backup relay for IDMT relay.

| Fault Type | Distance to main relay | Main relay timing | Backup relay timing | Coordination difference |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Single phase fault | 10Km | 0.282 | 1.617 | 1.335 |
| | 25Km | 0.298 | 2.534 | 2.236 |
| Double phase to ground fault | 10Km | 0.247 | 0.774 | 0.527 |
| | 25Km | 0.256 | 0.937 | 0.681 |
| Phase to phase fault | 10Km | 0.249 | 0.778 | 0.529 |
| | 25Km | 0.257 | 0.936 | 0.679 |
| Three phase fault | 10Km | 0.246 | 0.801 | 0.555 |
| | 25Km | 0.256 | 1.015 | 0.759 |

Table 8: Tripping time of main and backup relay for fuzzy over-current relay.

| Fault Type | Distance to main relay | Main relay timing | Backup relay timing | Coordination difference |
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| Single phase fault | 10Km | 0.262 | 0.808 | 0.546 |
| | 25Km | 0.270 | 0.840 | 0.57 |
| Double phase to ground fault | 10Km | 0.256 | 0.768 | 0.512 |
| | 25Km | 0.262 | 0.800 | 0.538 |
| Phase to phase fault | 10Km | 0.290 | 0.798 | 0.508 |
| | 25Km | 0.318 | 0.800 | 0.482 |
| Three phase fault | 10Km | 0.254 | 0.764 | 0.51 |
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IV. Application Of FLC As Over current Relay

The fuzzy logic over current relay uses the voltage ratio and the current ratio as the input to the fuzzy logic controller. Equation 2 and Equation 3 describe the inputs of the fuzzy logic controller

$$e = \frac{I_{fault}}{I_s}$$

$$V_{ratio} = \frac{V_{relay}}{V_{nominal}}$$

The output of the fuzzy logic controller will be the amount of time delay that the relay will have. The block diagram for a three phase overcurrent relay utilizing the FLC is shown in figure 13 below. The main thing that controls the time delay in this method would be how the membership functions of the input and output is formed and also the fuzzy rules that exist. The time delay generated by the fuzzy logic controller is compared with a timer value which is activated only when the value of fault current exceeds the setpoint value given by the user. If at any time, any phase orders a trip, the whole relay will order a trip through the AND gate.

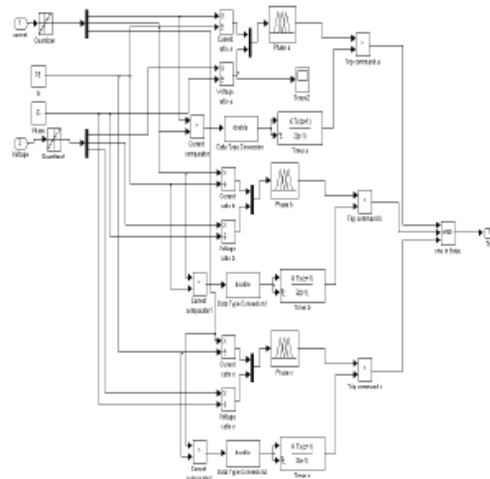


Figure 4: Usage of FLC as a three phase overcurrent relay.

V. Input, membership functions and rules.

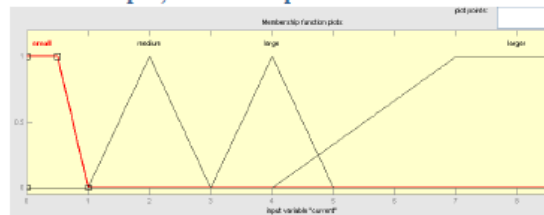


Figure 6: Membership function for current ratio

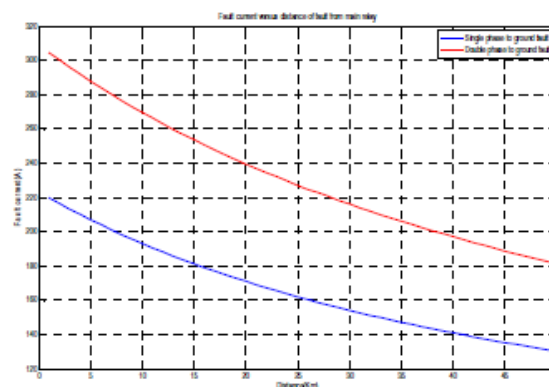


Figure 7: Fault current at main and backup relay for single and double phase fault

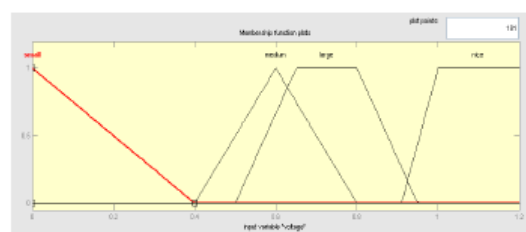


Figure 8: Membership function for voltage ratio.

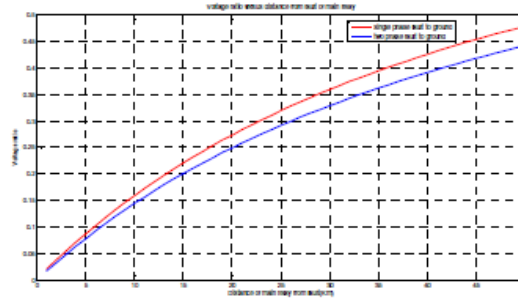


Figure 9: Voltage ratio for a simple radial system at the main relay for a single and double phase to ground fault.

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Genetic algorithm method:

By applying the GA with selected control parameters, the output results for TSMs and over current relays characteristics are obtained. These TSMs and characteristics are given in Table VI. The operating time of the second and third zones of distance relays are selected respectively 0.3(sec) and 0.6(sec)

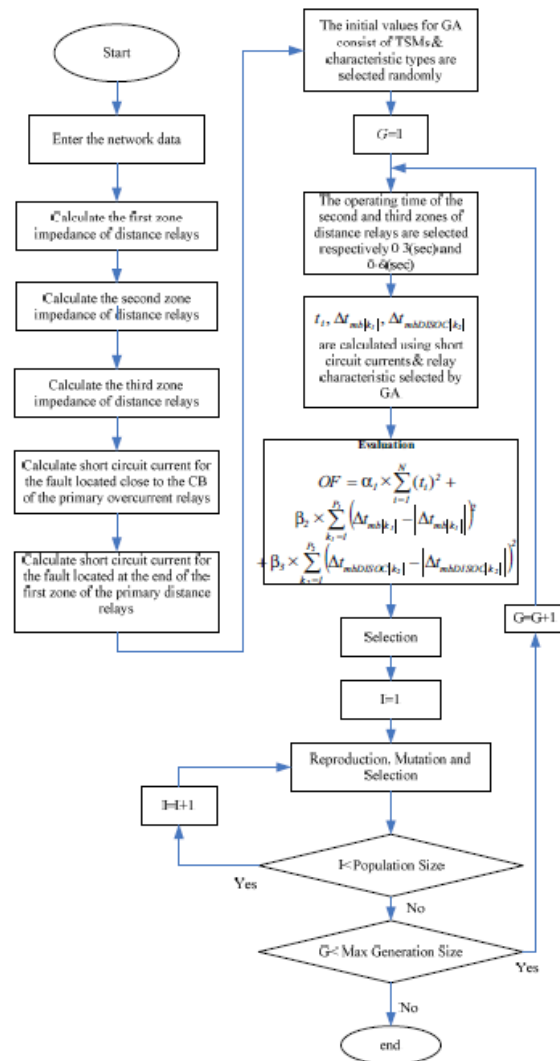


Fig. Flow chart of Genetic algorithm method

TABLE VI

TSMs AND SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF OVERCURRENT RELAYS

| Relay Number | TSM (Considering Characteristics Selected by GA) | TSM (Considering Fixed Characteristics) | Number of Selected Characteristic | Number of Fixed Characteristic |
|--------------|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 4 | 2 |
| 2 | 0.35 | 0.2 | 4 | 2 |
| 3 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 5 | 2 |
| 4 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 1 | 2 |
| 5 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 4 | 2 |
| 6 | 0.05 | 0.2 | 5 | 2 |
| 7 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 4 | 2 |
| 8 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 5 | 2 |
| 9 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 1 | 2 |
| 10 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 4 | 2 |
| 11 | 0.15 | 0.15 | 2 | 2 |
| 12 | 0.05 | 0.25 | 5 | 2 |
| 13 | 0.3 | 0.05 | 1 | 2 |
| 14 | 0.4 | 0.1 | 1 | 2 |

TABLE VII

OPERATING TIME OF OVERCURRENT RELAYS

| Relay Number | Operating Time of OC Relays (Considering Characteristics Selected by GA) (sec) | Operating Time of OC Relays (Considering Fixed Characteristics) (sec) |
|--------------|--|---|
| 1 | 0.0359 | 0.3262 |
| 2 | 0.2570 | 0.7219 |
| 3 | 0.0341 | 0.5049 |
| 4 | 0.0775 | 0.4389 |
| 5 | 0.0885 | 0.5047 |
| 6 | 0.0326 | 0.5416 |
| 7 | 0.0445 | 0.4196 |
| 8 | 0.0334 | 0.4433 |
| 9 | 0.0791 | 0.4488 |
| 10 | 0.0391 | 0.3457 |
| 11 | 0.0880 | 0.5160 |
| 12 | 0.0293 | 0.7575 |
| 13 | 0.2294 | 0.2331 |
| 14 | 0.4064 | 0.3964 |

VI. CONCLUSION.

The results obtained from the fuzzy logic overcurrent relay and the inverse time relay shows that the response of the fuzzy logic relay is superior compared to the inverse time overcurrent relay when it comes to distance of fault from main relay and fault severity. This can be seen from the fact that the biggest coordination difference of the fuzzy overcurrent relay was only 70ms. However the membership functions of this relay needs to be refined in order to solve the problems of violating the coordination constraint.

A new computer program for distance and overcurrent relay coordination based on GA has been developed. In the proposed method, the OF has been modified by adding a new term which presents the constraint for distance and overcurrent relay coordination. Various relay characteristics have been considered for each overcurrent relay and the best of them has been selected by GA to fulfill optimal coordination. The computer program has been tested on a sample power network.

From the obtained results, it has been shown that the new method is successful and accurate.

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