Toward Centralized/Decentralized Controlled Power Flow Applying Whale Versus Genetic Optimization Algorithms

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Abstract: Many techniques are created in order to solve the optimal power flow issues as it is the most effective tool to get minimum cost or minimum losses under certain constraints. In this work, a smart idea is done in order to get the most optimum cost. This is done based on centralized and decentralized techniques. In general power system, decentralized technique is commonly used. However centralized technique is appeared, as this technique has a better security assessment for the system than the other. Decentralized technique based on separate the whole grid to small areas and the generating units and/or voltages on the boundaries between this area and the connected one only considered. The system is solved by two techniques; genetic algorithm (GA) and an Artificial intelligence technique called whale optimization algorithm (WOA); they are presented and utilized as optimizers in order to reach our goal. These techniques are done on IEEE 48-bus system which is consisting of two regions. These techniques are developed and simulated by using Matlab code in order to solve the OPF issue. The effect of the small voltage variations is also analyzed in order to get better optimum cost. Results demonstrate the benefits of using centralized/decentralized technique and the effect of variations of

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I. INTRODUCTION

In smart grids, electrical system control is split through numerous control entities. Although each private area of the network has its responsible control entity, this control entity must take in consideration the neighboring control areas of the network as there are transmission lines interconnecting between different areas. Subsequently, the whole control entities have to collaborate with each other for obtaining effective performance, high reliability and stable smart grid. One of the major issues within the electric power system planning and control network is the performance of the optimal power flow (OPF) as it claims optimization technique with very high performance. OPF is supported tool

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in order to control the electric network taking into consideration technical and economic issues. The prime purpose for the OPF is to suppose an optimum solution for the electric power system in which the wanted objective is minimized; such as generation costs and losses; while taking into consideration security equality and inequality constraints [1].

In most smart power system grids, an OPF is carried out for the control entity taking into consideration the shared data between neighboring entities. Then, iterative decentralized or centralized algorithms are formulated to locate the most reliable and optimal operation for the electric grid. The solution of the connected areas is categorized into two approaches: decentralized or centralized solution techniques. In decentralized technique, the connected areas are considered as one area in which the control structures directly communicate and interchange information with their neighbors and all the generating units and voltage buses of the system can be changed in order to achieve the most optimum cost under certain constraints. In centralized solution technique, when the two areas get connected to each other, only the generating units and voltage buses on the boundaries can be considered. This means that the system didn't have to change all the values of its generating units and voltage buses, only the generating units and voltage buses on the boundaries can be changed in order to cover this connection, so the system security increased [2], [3].

In the past decades, a large number of classical optimization algorithms such as linear programming, non-linear programming [4] and quadratic programming effectively introduced in order to solve the OPF issues [5]. However, these algorithms having a lot of difficulties during running such as: poor convergence property, trapping into local optimum, failure to achieve global optimal solutions in a short time. These drawbacks are decreased by the appearance of a wide variety of global optimization algorithms which have been developed in order to solve the complex OPF electric power systems. These algorithms are established depending on heuristic and stochastic portions like: Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [6], Genetic algorithm (GA) [7], Differential evolution (DE) [8], Gravitational search algorithm (GSA) [9], Cuckoo Optimization Algorithm (COA) [10], Improved artificial bee colony (IABC) [11], Biogeography based optimization method (BBO) [12], Black hole algorithm (BH) [13], Grey Wolf Optimization (GWO) [14], Ant Lion Optimization (ALO) [1],Crow Search

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Algorithm (CSA)

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Dragonfly Algorithm (DA) [16]. By all of these techniques, the system performance and accuracy have been improved.

GA suggested as a good technique for these optimization problems. These algorithms have the ability to found comprehensive implementations in solving optimization searching cases when the closed-form optimization technique cannot be applied. The GA is more predictable to converge across the global solution in view of fact that it estimates many points in the parameter space altogether. The method may be not very sensitive to the starting points. However, it is capable to determining the global optimum solution to the OPF taking into consideration the constraints in addition to the optimum value for the objective function [17].

One of the novel utilized mechanism is the whale optimization algorithm (WOA). WOA is considered as a modern swarm brilliance-based stochastic optimization technique. Whales are characterized by exploration and exploitation which are already established in WOA. Consequently, WOA makes a very serious role to reach good implementation in order to solve the complicated optimization problems [18]. WOA has been used in a lot of applications of optimization concerns such as sizing optimization of skeletal structures [19], Semi-empirical PEM fuel cells [20], unit commitment problem [21] and economic dispatch problem [22].

In this presented paper, decentralized and centralized OPF solution and the effectiveness of each technique is illustrated by using both GA and WOA. The behavior of the system is showed in decentralized/centralized by taking considerations the variations in voltage and power in order to get the most optimum cost. Both procedures are formulated and applied on two connecting areas according to IEEE 48-bus test power system grid and the result are discussed. This paper consists of 6. Sections. Section 2, illustrates the general formulation of DC-OPF cost objective function containing voltages, in addition to the OPF for solving the multi-region power system network. Section 3, presents both GA and WOA and its implementation. Section 4, represents the test system under study. Simulation results are explained in section 5. Finally, conclusion and the aim of the paper clarified in section 6.

II. GENERAL FORMULA OF DC OPTIMAL POWER FLOW

In this section, the drive for the DC-real power flow and the DC-OPF are illustraated and analyzed. Then connected areas OPF is presented.

A. Approximation of the DC-real power flow equation

Equation (1) illustrates the general power flow equations of the electric power system

$$P_k = \sum_{j=1}^{N} |V_k| |V_j| \left(G_{kj} \cos(\theta_k - \theta_j) + B_{kj} \sin(\theta_k - \theta_j) \right)$$
 (1)

Where, P_k is the active power generation, $|V_k|$ and $|V_i|$ are the magnitude of the voltage buses at bus k and j respectively, θ_k and θ_j are the voltage angles at bus k and bus jrespectively, G_{kj} is the conductance of kj bus, and B_{kj} is the susceptance of ki bus.

Since the transmission circuit's resistance value is notably less than the reactance value. Commonly, it is when the x/r ratio is between 2 and 10. Therefore; as shown from (2); G will be very small compared to B, so G can be cancelled from (1) and the approximated equation for the power flow will

beas shown in (3).

$$Y = \frac{1}{z} = G + j B = \frac{r}{r^2 + x^2} + j \frac{-x}{r^2 + x^2}$$
 (2)

$$P_k = \sum_{j=1}^{N} |V_k| |V_j| \left(B_{kj} \sin(\theta_k - \theta_j) \right)$$
 (3)

Usually; under normal conditions; the differences in the angles of the voltage at two buses k and j connected by a circuit, is less than 10-15 degrees. Therefore, the sine function is of a small angle which can be considered the angle itself. From equation (3), when the term j=k is extracted the new equation will be:

$$P_{k} = |V_{k}|^{2} B_{kk} \sin(\theta_{k} - \theta_{k}) + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \ j \neq k}}^{N} |V_{k}| |V_{j}| \left(B_{kj} \sin(\theta_{k} - \theta_{j})\right)$$
(4)

As seen the first term equal to zero. Thus, from the above discussion the final approximated power equation will be as illustrated in (5). The magnitude of voltage buses varies between 0.95 and 1.05 [23].

$$P_{k} = \sum_{\substack{j=1\\j\neq i}}^{N} |V_{k}| |V_{j}| \left(B_{kj} \left(\theta_{k} - \theta_{j}\right)\right)$$
 (5)

B. DC-OPF

The main aim for the optimal power flow is to achieve the generation dispatch in order to cover the demand power as well as satisfying the constraints. The equations governing the (DC-OPF) are as showed:

$$\min_{\substack{(P)\\ (P)}} \sum_{u \in \Omega_G} f(P_u)$$
S.t. (6)

$$h(x): \begin{cases} P_i - d_i = \sum_{j \in \Omega_i} \frac{\theta_i - \theta_j}{X_{ij}} \forall i \in \{1, 2 \dots N_b\} \\ \theta_{ref} = 0 \end{cases}$$
 (7)

$$g(x): \begin{cases} \underline{P_u} \leq P_u \leq \overline{P_u} & \forall u \in \Omega_G \\ \underline{PL_{ij}} \leq \frac{\theta_i - \theta_j}{X_{ij}} \leq \overline{PL_{ij}} & \forall ij \in \Omega_L \end{cases}$$

$$x = \{P\}$$
(8)

Where, θ is the angle of the voltage buses, d_i is the demand at i bus, Ω_G are all the generating units in the network, Ω_i are all the buses connected to i bus, Ω_L are all the branches. f(Pu)is the cost objective function needed, the output of the generating units is denoted by (p). The other two functions h(x) and g(x) are both the equality and inequality constraints, respectively. Balances at nodal power flow and the adjustment for the voltage angle of the reference bus to zero are guaranteed by (7). Inequality (8) secures that the output power of generating unit u in addition to the power flow in transmission line ij are always within their ranges [3].

C. Electric Power System OPF for Multi- Region

In decentralized electrical power system networks, the whole network is taken as one area and any algorithm is executed on the whole unit. However, in centralized the electrical power system grids the whole network is divided into regions and these regions are interconnected with each other through transmission lines.



This system is called a multi-region power system network. There are two common ways to perform OPF for the multi-region networks First technique is to consider the multi-region as one network then runs the optimization technique under certain constraints and change all the generating units of the network to achieve the minimum cost. Second technique is to change only the coupling generators on the boundaries between the regions then runs the optimization technique under the same constraints to find the optimum cost. Also, smooth variations in the whole voltage or on the boundaries of the connected area in decentralized and centralized respectively, can be taken into considerations. Fig.1 illustrates the topology discussed.

III. PRESENTATION OF OPTIMIZATION TECHNIQUES

In this section, the used techniques for solving the OPF problem in this paper will be presented to know how they are used in order to solve this issue.

A. Genetic Optimiation Algorithm

According to the evolutionary theory of Darwin, GA is proposed and presented. it is initially utilized by Holland in 1975, in order to get solution for the optimization problem. Originally, a set of initial random solutions is introduced which subtended to whole conditions. After that some control guidelines are encoded to make the GA able to solve OPF issue. Appearance of fitness function is introduced in order to make more resistant generations using operators of crossovers and mutations in each iteration step. The iteration process will be still going until the optimal results are obtained for OPF issue in Fig.2 [24].

B. Whale Optimiation Algorithm

WOA is introduced and developed by Mirjalili and Lewis which is dependent on the simulation of humpback whales hunting behavior [25]. There are two general mechanisms which are done during attacking: randomly tracking the victim or search for best agent, simulate the bubble net hunting strategy. Humpback whales like to hunt a set of small fish which are laying near to the surface.

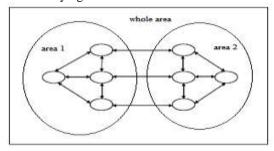


Fig. 1.Decentralized and centralized electric power system networks.

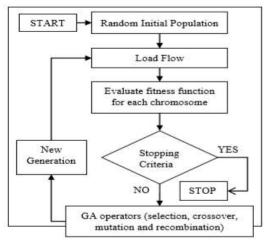


Fig. 2.General solution of OPF using GA.

They hunting the target by swimming around it inside and alongside a thin circle. Consequently, they make a winding shape and produce special blebs along the circle as shown in Fig. 3. This hunting technique is very noticeable and it is named the bubble net hunting method [21], [26].

The simulation of the WOA is presented in Fig. 4 which is mainly depend on two main stages: Exploitation stage, in which encircling victim and the bubble net hunting method are introduced. Exploration stage, in which random search for the victim is carried out. Therefore, WOA is, generally, consists of three phases.

Encircling victim: Humpback whales have the ability to successfully find out the position of the victim and encircle them. The optimal design of the search space was unknown before, therefore WOA consider the current best candidate solution as the best one or approximately the optimum. The other search agents will therefore try to enhance their placement in direction of the best one. This manner can be introduced by:

$$\vec{X}(t+1) = \vec{X}^*(t) - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{D}$$
 (9)

$$\vec{D} = \left| \vec{C} \cdot \vec{X}^*(t) - \vec{X}(t) \right| \tag{10}$$

$$\vec{A} = 2 \cdot \vec{a} \cdot \vec{r} - \vec{a} \tag{11}$$

$$\vec{\boldsymbol{C}} = \mathbf{2} \cdot \vec{\boldsymbol{r}} \tag{12}$$

Where, \overrightarrow{X}^* represents the optimum result as yet, \overrightarrow{X} represents the position vector, and t represents the current iteration. \overrightarrow{A} and \overrightarrow{C} represent the coefficient vectors which are determined from (11) and (12) respectively. The magnitude of vector \overrightarrow{a} is initially 2 then diminished to 0. \overrightarrow{r} represents a random vector of value between 1 and 0 [24], [27].



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Fig. 3.The bubble net feeding of humpback whale.

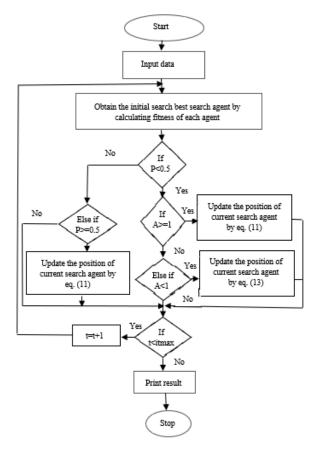


Fig. 4.A General flow chart of WOA.

- Bubble net hunting method: There are two mechanism for the hunting method
 - Shrinking encircling method: to carry out this case, the value of \vec{a} is decreased. Therefore, the fluctuation range of vector \vec{A} will also be decreased. In this case, the value of \vec{a} is decreased from 2 to 0 during the iterations. Vector \vec{A} may be considered as a random value, having value within the interval [-1, 1]. The new position of search agent will be obtained between the original position and the position of current best one.
 - **Spiral updating position**: the spiral equation to emulate the spiral updated position is given

$$\vec{X}(t+1) = \overrightarrow{D}' e^{M} \cos(2\pi t) + \overrightarrow{X}^{*}(t)$$
 (13)

Where,

$$\vec{D} = \left| \vec{X^*}(t) - \vec{X}(t) \right|$$

Where, \vec{D} represents the distance of between the i-th whale and the victim (best solution), b is a constant, and t is a random value [-1,1].

During hunting, whales swim around the victim in above two methods altogether. To choose and update whales positions 50% probability is taken for above two methods:

$$\vec{X}(t+1) = \begin{cases} \vec{X}^*(t) - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{D} & p < 0.5\\ \vec{D}^* e^M \cos(2\pi t) + \vec{X}^*(t) & p > 0.5 \end{cases}$$
(14)

Where, p is random value from 0 to 1 [24], [27].

Searcg for victim: It is the exploration stage which is depending upon variance of \vec{A} . Humpback whales are seeking for victim randomly depending on their position. Therefore, to force the search agents to shift far away from the local whale. In this algorithm, \vec{A} is used by random values greater than 1 or less than -1 in order to oblige the search agent to move far away from the reference whale. The search agent position will be considered and updated to the random chosen of search agent as an alternative of the best search agent get so far. This execution helps WOA to implement global search and overcome the local optimal problem. This mechanism is expressed mathematically as follows:

$$\vec{D} = |\vec{C} \, \overrightarrow{X_{rand}} - \vec{X}|$$

$$\vec{X}(t+1) = \overrightarrow{X_{rand}} - \vec{A} \cdot \vec{D}$$
(15)

$$\vec{X}(t+1) = \overrightarrow{X_{rand}} - \vec{A}.\vec{D}$$
 (16)

Where, $\overrightarrow{X_{rand}}$ represents the random position whale [24], [27].

IV. SIMULATION OF THE TEST SYSTEM UNDER STUDY

The system used to apply the algorithms on it is the IEEE 48-bus electric system [28]. This system is composed of two regions that are connected to each other through three transmission lines as shown in Fig. 5. The elements of the first region are specified by prefix 1, while the other elements of region 2 by prefix 2. For example, G107 indicates that it is the generating unit at bus 7 of region 1, and bus 207 indicates that it is bus number 7 in region 2. The three transmission lines that connecting the two regions with each other are 107, 113, and 123 from region one to 203, 215, and 217 in region two respectively. Required parameters to make OPF is on IEEE 48-bus system.

V. SIMULATION RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this section, the results are divided into two sections. Section 1 represents the optimization results of the decentralized technique. Section 2 represents optimization results for the centralized technique. In both sections the study is done based on three effects which are:

changing in the generating units only, variations in the voltage only, and variations in both the generating units and voltages.



Then a detailed table for the whole system is illustrated for the two techniques. In each section results are showed according to two optimization algorithms which are: WOA and GA.

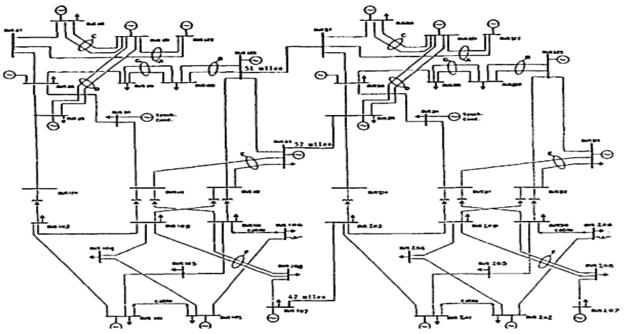


Fig. 5.IEEE 48-bus electric power system network.

A. Results Based on Decentralized Technique

In this section the system is solved based on decentralized technique. The 48-IEEE system is considered as one area by taking into account all the generating units in addition to voltage buses of the whole network. The system is studied under three effects. Firstly, the changing in the generating units are only considered, while the voltage buses are kept unity. Then, the variations of voltage buses are only considered as the voltage buses can vary from 0.95 to 1.05, while the generating units are kept constant. Finally, the system is studied by changing both the generating units as well as the voltage buses. Results for the optimal cost is illustrated by two algorithms: WOA and GA. Table 1 illustrates the optimal cost for the three cases as well as the two algorithms used.

Table- I: Results based on decentralized technique

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Cases Studied	GA	WOA
Variations in the generating units only	86293	86282
Variations in the voltage buses only	160286	160286
Variations of both generating units and voltage buses	86352	86280

As shown from table I, the most optimal cost is due to the varitions in both the generating units and voltage buses. When the system is studied due to the voltage buses variatons, the cost is slightly decreased compared to the DC-power flow. Thus, the system optimal cost couldn't be found due to the variations in voltage buses only. It is also observed from the table that the cost considering WOA gives lower optimal cost than using GA. In addition, GA gives higher value by considering both generating units and voltage variations due to complicity. Thus the use of WOA based on

voltage variations and generating units gives the best result. Table II shows the detailed power flow for the whole system by considering the best result obtained.

Table- II: OPF of decentralized 48- bus system

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Bus no.	P _{max} (P.U)	P _{min} (P.U)	Gen. power (P.U)	Theta (radian)
101	1.92	0.624	0.624	-0.3329
102	1.92	0.624	0.624	-0.3349
103	0	0	0	-0.2295
104	0	0	0	-0.3116
105	0	0	0	-0.3267
106	0	0	0	-0.3374
107	3	0.75	2.253	-0.2511
108	0	0	0	-0.3025
109	0	0	0	-0.2223
110	0	0	0	-0.2629
111	0	0	0	-0.1060
112	0	0	0	-0.0862
113	5.91	2.07	5.3720	0
114	0	0	0	-0.0588
115	2.15	0.663	0.663	0.0523
116	1.55	0.543	1.55	0.0541
117	0	0	0	0.1245
118	4	1	4	0.1455
119	0	0	0	0.0495
120	0	0	0	0.0784
121	4	1	4	0.1566
122	3	0.6	3	0.2567

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Bus	P _{max}	P _{min}	Gen. power	Theta
no.	(P.U)	(P.U)	(P.U)	(radian)
123	6.6	2.486	6.6	0.1067
124	0	0	0	-0.0554
201	1.92	0.624	0.624	-0.3685
202	1.92	0.624	0.624	-0.3706
203	0	0	0	-0.2625
204	0	0	0	-0.3475
205	0	0	0	-0.3629
206	0	0	0	-0.3739
207	3	0.75	2.286	-0.2730
208	0	0	0	-0.3307
209	0	0	0	-0.2584
210	0	0	0	-0.2997
211	0	0	0	-0.1451
212	0	0	0	-0.1258
213	5.91	2.07	5.169	-0.0485
214	0	0	0	-0.0963
215	2.15	0.663	0.663	0.0149
216	1.55	0.543	1.55	0.0180
217	0	0	0	0.0914
218	4	1	4	0.1113
219	0	0	0	0.0131
220	0	0	0	0.0417
221	4	1	4	0.1215
222	3	0.6	3	0.2224
223	6.6	2.486	6.6	0.0700
224	0	0	0	-0.0911

B. Results based on centralized technique

In this section the system is solved based on centralized technique. The 48-IEEE system is considered as two area connected to each other by transmission lines. by taking into account, only the generating units on the boundaries between the two area. Thus, this technique has higher security than the decentralized technique. The system is studied under three effects. Firstly, the changing in the generating units are only considered, while the voltage buses are kept unity. Then, the variations of voltage buses are only considered as the voltage buses can vary from 0.95 to 1.05, while the generating units are kept constant. Finally, the system is studied by changing both the generating units as well as the voltage buses. Results for the optimal cost is illustrated by two algorithms: WOA and GA. Table 3 illustrates the optimal cost for the three cases as well as the two algorithms used.

Table- III: Results based on centralized technique

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Cases Studied	Cost		
Cases Studied	GA	WOA	
Variations in the generating units only	144394	144394	
Variations in the voltage buses only	160286	160286	
Variations of both generating units and voltage buses	144394	144392	

As shown from table III, the most optimal cost is due to the varitions in both the generating units and voltage buses by using WOA. When the system is studied due to the voltage buses variatons, the cost is slightly decreased from the DC-power flow case. Thus, the system optimal cost couldn't be found due to the variations in voltage buses only. It is also observed from the table that the cost considering WOA gives lower optimal cost than using GA. Thus the use of WOA based on voltage variations and generating units gives the best result. Table IV shows the detailed power flow for the whole system by considering the best result obtained.

Table- IV: OPF of decentralized 48- bus system

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Bus no.	P _{max} (P.U)	P _{min} (P.U)	Gen. power (P.U)	Theta (radian)
101	1.92	0.624	1.72	-0.1540
102	1.92	0.624	1.72	-0.1558
103	0	0	0	-0.1269
104	0	0	0	-0.2032
105	0	0	0	-0.2078
106	0	0	0	-0.2530
107	3	0.75	1.1694	-0.3019
108	0	0	0	-0.3118
109	0	0	0	-0.1652
110	0	0	0	-0.2014
111	0	0	0	-0.0582
112	0	0	0	-0.0472
113	5.91	2.07	2.5846	0
114	0	0	0	0.0153
115	2.15	0.663	2.15	0.1786
116	1.55	0.543	1.55	0.1592
117	0	0	0	0.2440
118	4	1	4	0.2708
119	0	0	0	0.1302
120	0	0	0	0.1413
121	4	1	4	0.2862
122	3	0.6	3	0.3934
123	6.6	2.486	6.6	0.1602
124	0	0	0	0.0618
201	1.92	0.624	1.72	-0.2546
202	1.92	0.624	1.72	-0.2554
203	0	0	0	-0.2601
204	0	0	0	-0.2998
205	0	0	0	-0.3017
206	0	0	0	-0.3430
207	3	0.75	2.4	-0.2495
208	0	0	0	-0.3201
209	0	0	0	-0.2595
210	0	0	0	-0.2883
211	0	0	0	-0.1626
212	0	0	0	-0.1456
213	5.91	2.07	2.853	-0.1033
214	0	0	0	-0.1039
215	2.15	0.663	0.663	0.0264
216	1.55	0.543	1.55	0.0263
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Bus no.	P _{max} (P.U)	P _{min} (P.U)	Gen. power (P.U)	Theta (radian)
217	0	0	0	0.1184
218	4	1	4	0.1410
219	0	0	0	0.0127
220	0	0	0	0.0368
221	4	1	4	0.1516
222	3	0.6	3	0.2652
223	6.6	2.486	6.6	0.0638
224	0	0	0	-0.0831

C. Comparison between Different Systems

Table-V: Cost under different cases

Cases Studied	Cost by WOA
DC- power flow	160286
Decentralized OPF	86280
Centralized OPF	144392

As shwon from table V, the cost due to optimizatation is lower than the DC-power flow. In addition, the cost considering one region is lower than considering two region, however the differnce between them is not too large. So, the system can be solved by considering only the boundaries in order not to change the whole system to increase the stability of the system and lowering the changes.

VI. CONCLUSION

This paper analyzes optimization techniques based on the DC-OPF for solving decentralized and centralized areas. The network introduced is solved by using GA and WOA techniques to reach the minimum production cost. Procedures are formulated and applied on two connecting areas according to IEEE 48-bus test power system grid. The system is solved in decentralized mode and also solved by only considering the boundaries between the two regions.

Case studies are accomplished via GA and WOA: the centralized and decentralized system is studied in order to obtain the most optimal cost by taking in considerations the generating unit's changes. The results showed that WOA gives lower cost than GA as it is improved and newest technique. In addition, the system is studied based on the voltage variations. Since the changes in volt is slightly small the optimal cost did not change too much. Finally, the system is studied under the effect of both voltage variations as well as changing of generating units. Due to these both effects the system gives the most optimal cost among the other cases. The results are introduced and demonstrate an encouraging performance for using the last case. In addition, results showed that, the changes in the generating units on the boundaries only of two connecting areas, give lower cost compared to DC-power flow, so it can be used as it introduces higher security technique.

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