

Development and Application of Probabilistic Performance Index for Ranking N-1 Contingencies

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Abstract — Contingency analysis and ranking are important tasks in modern electrical power systems which aim at keeping the power system secure, reliable, and stable. N-1 contingency is the loss of any one component of power system and is obviously the most frequent contingency in power system. Contingency ranking has most often been done using deterministic indices which can be either active power performance index (PI_P), voltage performance index (PI_V) or the overall performance index (PI). Power system contingencies are ranked based on the calculated Performance index for each contingency. Ranking is from the contingency with the highest performance index first and proceeds in a descending manner which corresponds to the most severe to the least severe contingency. Due to the fact that Contingencies are unpredictable events, researchers of recent have suggested the inclusion of the probability of the occurrence of a contingency in its ranking index. This makes the index probabilistic. In this work, the development and application of probabilistic performance index for ranking N-1 contingencies is considered. It is illustrated with a case study.

Key words — Contingency, Contingency ranking, N-1 Contingency, Probabilistic Performance Index, State Probability.

I. INTRODUCTION¹

Contingency in electrical power system are unpredictable events that are detrimental to the power system operation. It refers to outage of system components which is possible but cannot be predicted with certainty. A contingency is basically an outage of a generator, transformer and or line, and its effects are monitored with precise security limits [1]. ‘N-1’ contingency is the loss of any one component of power system (line, transformer, generator etc.). Unarguably, N-1 contingency is the most frequent in power systems. A power system design requirement is to satisfy N-1 operation, that is, when any one of its generators, transformers or transmission lines fails, the system operation criteria remain within acceptable limits. [xi fang yang] However, as the operating state of the power system changes such as loss of generator, loss of a transmission line, loss of a transformer or a load, these changes may cause equipment overloads or unacceptable voltage levels [2].

Contingencies pose a serious problem to power system networks especially over stretched networks where the installed facilities are almost fully utilized. Contingency in a

power system can lead to reduced system reliability and affects, negatively, system security and continuity. It can also lead to instability of entire power system and ultimately total system collapse. Because of its negative effect to smooth power system operation, severity and types of contingencies are often studied even before they occur to know which type require much preventive measures to be taken. The contingencies are often arranged (ranked) according to severity from the most severe to the least severe.

The most adopted procedure for contingency analysis and ranking is using Newton Raphson power flow solution and is carried out in the following steps [3].

Step 1: Read system’s line data and bus data.

Step 2: Perform pre contingency power flow analysis to obtain base case values.

Step 3: Simulate a contingency by removing the component on outage.

Step 4: Run power flow analysis for this particular outage and calculate the active power flow in the remaining branches of the network.

Step 5: Calculate the active power performance index (PI_P) which indicates the degree of line overloads and the voltage performance index (PI_V) which indicates the voltage limit violation at all the load buses due to the contingency [4].

Step 6: The system’s overall performance index is obtained by adding PI_P and PI_V for each line outage [3]. The PI_P and PI_V are calculated as in equations (1) and (3) respectively [1], [3], [5].

$$PI_P = \sum_{i=1}^{N_L} \frac{w}{z} \left(\frac{P_i}{P_i^{max}} \right)^{2z} \quad (1)$$

Where

P_i – the post contingency power flowing in the *i*th line;

N_L – Number of the transmission lines in the power system;

w – Real non-negative weighting factor (=1);

z – Order of Exponent (=1)

$$P_i^{max} = \frac{|V_i||V_j|}{X_{ij}} \quad (2)$$

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where

V_i – Pre contingency voltage at bus i ;
 V_j – Pre contingency voltage at bus j ;
 X_{ij} – Reactance of line connecting buses i and j .

$$PI_{Vi} = \sum_{i=1}^{N_B} \frac{w_i}{2z} \{ (|V_i| - |V_i^{sp}|) / \Delta V_i^{max} \}^{2z} \quad (3)$$

where

$|V_i|$ – Voltage magnitude at i^{th} bus;
 $|V_i^{sp}|$ – Specified (rated) voltage magnitude at the i^{th} bus;
 ΔV_i^{max} – Maximum deviation in the voltage;
 z – Order of Exponent ($=1$);
 N_B – Number of buses in the system;
 w – Real non-negative weighting factor ($=1$)/

The voltage deviation limit can be calculated by taking average value of minimum and maximum allowable voltages at a particular bus. The maximum voltage limit is 1.05 p.u and minimum voltage limit is 0.95 p.u since $\pm 5\%$ deviation in voltage is allowed [5].

Step 7: Repeat Steps 3 to 6 to obtain the PI for all other possible contingencies.

Step 8: Rank the contingencies based on the values of the performance indices obtained.

The fact that contingencies are probabilistic makes their probability of occurrence an important factor to be considered when ranking them. Nowadays, the deterministic indices are used along with the probability of occurrence in ranking contingencies. The combination of the probability of occurrence and a deterministic index results in a probabilistic index. If the deterministic index (PI) is multiplied by the probability of contingency occurrence, the resulting PI will be probabilistic, rather than deterministic, which is more realistic since most of system failures are probabilistic in nature. The probabilistic index which is called “Expected Performance Index, ϵPI , in [6] is formulated as:

$$\epsilon PI_i = PI_i \cdot P_i \quad (4)$$

where

ϵPI is probabilistic performance index (PPI).
 P_i is probability of occurrence of contingency.
 PI is the deterministic overall index.
In another related work [7], PPI is expressed as:

$$PPI = \sum_{j=1}^{N_C} k = 1 \text{ to } N_B \left(\frac{\omega}{Y} \right) \left(\frac{L_{kj} F_j}{L_{max}} \right)^Y \quad (5)$$

where

ω – Real non-negative weighting factor;
 n – Order of exponent;
 L_{max} – Maximum load curtailed;
 N_B – Number of buses;
 N_C – Number of contingencies;
 L_{kj} – MW curtailed at bus k for contingency j ;
 L_{max} – Maximum load curtailed;
 F_j – Frequency of failure for contingency j .

$$F_j = P_j * (\text{transition rates}) \quad (6)$$

where

P_j – State probabilities.

It is observed from (4) through (6) that the probability of any contingency state is required for PPI formulation. In this work, the contingency state probabilities are computed for N-1 contingencies and the PPI is formulated as in (4). The procedure is illustrated with a case study.

II. METHODOLOGY

The required bus and line data were obtained from the operational records of the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) [8]. The data are presented in an appendix. All possible contingencies are first of all analyzed using Newton Raphson method to find out if there are extremely severe contingencies and if there are others that do not affect system’s stable operation. The analysis and selection are carried out as illustrated for line contingencies in the flow chart of Fig. 1.

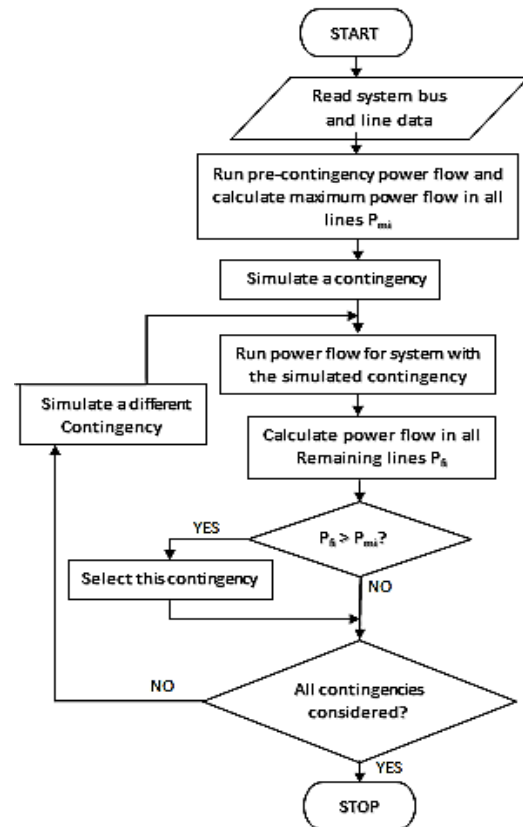


Fig. 1. Flow chart for severe contingency selection.

Outage data which should necessarily include the forced outage hours (FOH) and the service hours (SH) are gathered for the selected power system components with contingencies to be ranked. The FOH is the number of hours within time duration, usually one year, during which the component is unfit to operate due to its own fault. SH is the number of hours in the time period during which the component is either operating or

capable of operating. Partial operating times are converted to equivalent full SH or FOH [9].

Using gathered outage data, availability of every component is computed as [10]:

$$av_k = \frac{SH_k}{FOH_k + SH_k} \quad (7)$$

where av_k is the availability of component k. SH_k and FOH_k are the service hours and forced outage hours of component k.

In power system reliability assessment, it is always assumed that component failures are independent events. That being the case, system state probabilities may be calculated as the product of component state probabilities. From the availability (av) and unavailability ($1-av$) for components (generators, transformers, transmission lines etc.), state probabilities for N-1 failure are computed as [11]:

$$P_j = (1 - (av)_j) \prod_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq j}}^{N_a} (av)_k \quad (8)$$

where P_j – Probability of occurrence of the j^{th} contingency;

$(av)_I$ – availability of line I;

N_a – Number of available lines.

The Probabilistic Performance Index for N-1 Contingency ranking (PPIN-1), formulated as in equation (4) is:

$$PPI(N-1)_j = P_j PI_j \quad (9)$$

where

$PPI(N-1)_j$ – Probabilistic performance index for j^{th} N-1 contingency;

P_j – Probability of being in contingency state j;

PI_j – Deterministic performance index for j^{th} contingency.

After obtaining the PPI (N-1) for all contingencies, ranking is done starting with the one with the highest PPI(N-1) ranked first and then arranged in descending order of indices, quantifying the severity of contingencies from the most to the least severe.

III. CASE STUDY

The case study is 330kV transmission network of the Nigerian National Electric Power System (NNEPS). The network has 33 buses and 41 transmission lines. Nine (9) of the buses are generator buses and the rest are load buses. In this work, Egbin GS has been chosen as the slack bus and only N-1 transmission line contingencies are considered for illustration. The buses and lines and their data as well as the system's one-line diagram are given in an appendix.

IV. RESULT AND CONCLUSION

Every possible line contingency is first analyzed to determine its severity on the power system operation. The analysis is to simulate every possible contingency one after another and computing the active power performance index,

the Voltage Performance index and the overall performance index for each simulated contingency using Newton Raphson method. The results are given in Table I.

As observed from Table I, after the contingency screening process, eighteen out of the forty-one possible line contingencies are found to cause instability in the network while the remaining twenty-three have varying degrees of adverse effect on the power system.

Line outage data were gathered from [8] for the twenty-three lines contingencies with varying degree of adverse effect on the system operation. The availability of each of these lines is calculated using (7). Contingency state probabilities are computed as in (8). Probabilistic performance index for N-1 contingency is computed as in (9). The results are given in Table II.

The ranking of the contingencies using overall performance index (PI) and probabilistic performance index (PPIN-1) are given in Table III.

V. CONCLUSION

The commonly used method of ranking transmission line contingencies using the active power performance index, the voltage performance index or the overall performance index will rank the contingencies based on their severity on the power system security only. A better ranking index, that takes into consideration both system security and reliability is the probabilistic performance index. This index has been developed in this work for the ranking of N-1 contingencies and demonstrated in ranking the transmission line contingencies on the Nigerian National Electrical Power System. The possible line contingencies were first screened using Newton Raphson method to determine their severity on the network. It was discovered that the outage of sixteen out of the forty-one lines leads to unacceptable bus voltage levels (instability) in the system showing that the system is overstretched or overloaded. The remaining twenty-three possible line contingencies leads to varying degrees of adverse effect on the network. Simulation results also revealed that, apart from the outages that results in system instability, the next most dangerous contingency based on its effect on the security of the power system is the disconnection of the line from Shiroro TS to Katampe and the outage of the line between Oshogbo and Egbin TS is the least severe. Based on the probabilistic index, the most severe contingency, which is the one that should receive more attention to ensure both secured and reliable operation of the power system, is the outage of the line from Gamno to Jebba TS while the outage of Egbin TS to Aja line is the least severe. All the line outages have been ranked according to the power performance index (PI) and the probabilistic performance index for N-1 contingencies (PPIN-1).

TABLE I: CONTINGENCY SCREENING

S/No.	Line on Outage Bus to Bus		Active Power Performance Index (PI _P)	Voltage Performance Index (PI _V)	Overall Performance Index (PI)
1	(1)	(10)	0.6634	0.7146	1.3780
2	(1)	(30)	0.5994	0.7170	1.3164
3	(2)	(25)	0.5856	0.7044	1.2900
4	(4)	(25)	0.5855	0.7029	1.2884
5	(6)	(14)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
6	(6)	(12)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
7	(31)	(15)	0.6124	0.816	1.4284
8	(8)	(31)	0.6390	0.7738	1.4128
9	(31)	(20)	0.5921	0.9023	1.4944
10	(9)	(23)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
11	(11)	(12)	0.5875	0.7041	1.2916
12	(11)	(22)	0.5878	0.7031	1.2909
13	(11)	(10)	0.5850	0.7034	1.2884
14	(11)	(32)	0.5889	0.7050	1.2939
15	(22)	(23)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
16	(22)	(4)	0.5854	0.7062	1.2916
17	(22)	(26)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
18	(22)	(2)	0.5851	0.7037	1.2888
19	(10)	(22)	0.5904	0.7036	1.2940
20	(21)	(11)	0.5970	0.7117	1.3087
21	(21)	(10)	0.5850	0.7068	1.2918
22	(17)	(24)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
23	(17)	(18)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
24	(26)	(28)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
25	(26)	(27)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
26	(26)	(3)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
27	(18)	(19)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
28	(30)	(13)	0.5859	0.7037	1.2896
29	(18)	(33)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
30	(28)	(5)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
31	(32)	(12)	0.6101	0.7044	1.3145
32	(7)	(12)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
33	(15)	(16)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
34	(15)	(17)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
35	(11)	(30)	0.5849	0.7033	1.2882
36	(32)	(30)	0.5880	0.7031	1.2911
37	(8)	(30)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	
38	(8)	(15)	0.6010	0.8357	1.4367
39	(8)	(20)	0.5769	0.7712	1.3481
40	(1)	(13)	0.5853	0.7040	1.2893
41	(10)	(29)		Causes unacceptable bus voltage levels	

TABLE II: PPIN-1 FOR CONTINGENCIES THAT DO NOT CAUSE UNACCEPTABLE VOLTAGE LEVEL

S/No.	Line on outage Bus To Bus		Availability (av) _k	Contingency state probability (P _i)	Active power performance index (PI _P)	Voltage Performance index (PI _V)	Overall Performance index (PI)	PPIN-1
1	(1)	(10)	0.909	0.0331	0.6634	0.7146	1.3780	0.0456
2	(1)	(30)	0.952	0.0167	0.5994	0.7170	1.3164	0.0220
3	(2)	(25)	0.956	0.0152	0.5856	0.7044	1.2900	0.0196
4	(4)	(25)	0.970	0.0102	0.5855	0.7029	1.2884	0.0131
5	(31)	(15)	0.945	0.0193	0.6124	0.8160	1.4284	0.0276
6	(8)	(31)	0.942	0.0204	0.6390	0.7738	1.4128	0.0288
7	(31)	(20)	0.969	0.0106	0.5921	0.9023	1.4944	0.0158
8	(11)	(12)	0.914	0.0311	0.5875	0.7041	1.2916	0.0402
9	(11)	(22)	0.953	0.0163	0.5878	0.7031	1.2909	0.0210
10	(11)	(10)	0.976	0.0081	0.5850	0.7034	1.2884	0.0104
11	(11)	(32)	0.941	0.0207	0.5889	0.7050	1.2939	0.0268
12	(22)	(4)	0.943	0.0200	0.5854	0.7062	1.2916	0.0258
13	(22)	(2)	0.932	0.0241	0.5851	0.7037	1.2888	0.0311
14	(10)	(22)	0.943	0.0200	0.5904	0.7036	1.2940	0.0259
15	(21)	(11)	0.988	0.0040	0.5970	0.7117	1.3087	0.0052
16	(21)	(10)	0.941	0.0207	0.5850	0.7068	1.2918	0.0267
17	(30)	(13)	0.988	0.0040	0.5859	0.7037	1.2896	0.0052
18	(32)	(12)	0.902	0.0359	0.6101	0.7044	1.3145	0.0472
19	(11)	(30)	0.983	0.0057	0.5849	0.7033	1.2882	0.0073
20	(32)	(30)	0.984	0.0054	0.5880	0.7031	1.2911	0.0070
21	(8)	(15)	0.954	0.0160	0.6010	0.8357	1.4367	0.0230
22	(8)	(20)	0.969	0.0106	0.5769	0.7712	1.3481	0.0143
23	(1)	(13)	0.973	0.0092	0.5853	0.7040	1.2893	0.0119

TABLE III: CONTINGENCIES RANKED ACCORDING TO PI AND PPIN-1

Ranking based on PI				Ranking based on PPIN-1			
Ranking	Line on outage Bus to Bus		PI	Ranking	Line on outage Bus to Bus		PPIN-1
1	(31)	(20)	1.4944	1	(32)	(12)	0.0472
2	(8)	(15)	1.4367	2	(1)	(10)	0.0456
3	(31)	(15)	1.4284	3	(11)	(12)	0.0402
4	(8)	(31)	1.4128	4	(22)	(2)	0.0311
5	(1)	(10)	1.378	5	(8)	(31)	0.0288
6	(8)	(20)	1.3481	6	(31)	(15)	0.0276
7	(1)	(30)	1.3164	7	(11)	(32)	0.0268
8	(32)	(12)	1.3145	8	(21)	(10)	0.0267
9	(21)	(11)	1.3087	9	(10)	(22)	0.0259
10	(10)	(22)	1.2940	10	(22)	(4)	0.0258
11	(11)	(32)	1.2939	11	(8)	(15)	0.0230
12	(21)	(10)	1.2918	12	(1)	(30)	0.0220
13	(22)	(4)	1.2916	13	(11)	(22)	0.0210
14	(11)	(12)	1.2916	14	(2)	(25)	0.0196
15	(32)	(30)	1.2911	15	(31)	(20)	0.0158
16	(11)	(22)	1.2909	16	(8)	(20)	0.0143
17	(2)	(25)	1.2900	17	(4)	(25)	0.0131
18	(30)	(13)	1.2896	18	(1)	(13)	0.0119
19	(1)	(13)	1.2893	19	(11)	(10)	0.0104
20	(22)	(2)	1.2888	20	(11)	(30)	0.0073
21	(4)	(25)	1.2884	21	(32)	(30)	0.0070
22	(11)	(10)	1.2884	22	(21)	(11)	0.0052
23	(11)	(30)	1.2882	23	(30)	(13)	0.0052

APPENDIX

TABLE A1: BUS DATA EXPRESSED IN PER UNIT ON 330kV, 100MVA BASE

Bus Number	Bus Name	Generation		Load		Voltage	Voltage Angle (Radians)
		P(pu)	Q(pu)	P(pu)	Q(pu)	Magnitude (pu)	
1	Egbin					1.0	0.0
2	Delta GS	0.550				1.0	
3	Okpai GS	2.200				1.0	
4	Sapele GS	0.750				1.0	
5	Afam GS	4.790				1.0	
6	Kainji GS	3.230				1.0	
7	Jebba GS	3.220				1.0	
8	Shiroro GS	2.800				1.0	
9	Geregu GS	2.000					
10	Ikeja-West			3.341	3.825		
11	Oshogbo			1.781	1.103		
12	Jebba TS			0.224	0.003		
13	Aja			1.199	0.615		
14	Birnin-Kebbi			2.130	1.401		
15	Kaduna			1.080	1.487		
16	Kano			2.580	1.907		
17	Jos			1.470	0.911		
18	Gombe			1.230	0.356		
19	Yola			1.120	0.540		
20	Katampe			3.110	2.333		
21	Aiyede			2.040	0.376		
22	Benin			1.660	1.554		
23	Ajaokuta			0.400	0.090		
24	Makurdi			0.730	0.374		
25	Aladja			1.250	0.879		
26	Onitsha			1.930	1.448		
27	New Haven			1.820	1.365		
28	Alaoji			2.760	2.070		
29	Akangba			3.690	2.767		
30	Egbin TS			2.200	1.650		
31	Shiroro TS			0.800	0.375		
32	Gamno			0.270	0.130		
33	Maiduguri			0.610	0.689		

TABLE A2: LINE DATA EXPRESSED IN PER UNIT ON 330kV, 100MVA BASE

Line Number	Bus	Line Between and Bus	Length (km)	Impedance (pu)	Half Line Charging Susceptance (pu)
1	(1) Egbin GS	(10) Ikeja West	62	0.0029+0.0241i	0.0109
2	(1) Egbin GS	(30) Egbin TS	5	0.0005+0.0043i	0.0019
3	(2) Delta GS	(25) Aladja	32	0.0015+0.0124	0.0056
4	(4) Sapele gs	(25) Aladja	63	0.0029+0.0245i	0.0111
5	(6) Kainji GS	(14) B.Kebbi	310	0.0145+0.1205i	0.0545
6	(6) Kainji GS	(12) JebbaTS	81	0.0038+0.0315i	0.0142
7	(31) Shiroro TS	(15) Kaduna	96	0.0045+0.0373i	0.0169
8	(8) Shiroro GS	(31) ShiroroTS	8	0.0007+0.0054i	0.0025
9	(31) Shiroro TS	(20) Katampe	144	0.0067+0.0560i	0.0253
10	(9) Geregu GS	(23) Ajaokuta	5	0.0007+0.0062i	0.0028
11	(11) Oshogbo	(12) JebbaTS	157	0.0073+0.0610i	0.0276
12	(11) Oshogbo	(22) Benin	251	0.0117+0.0976i	0.0441
13	(11) Oshogbo	(10) IkejaWest	252	0.0118+0.0980i	0.0443
14	(11) Oshogbo	(32) Gamno	75	0.0035+0.0292i	0.0132
15	(22) Benin	(23) Ajaokuta	195	0.0091+0.0758i	0.0343
16	(22) Benin	(4) Sapele GS	50	0.0023+0.0194i	0.0088
17	(22) Benin	(26) Onitsha	137	0.0064+0.0533i	0.0241
18	(22) Benin	(2) Delta GS	107	0.0050+0.0416i	0.0188
19	(10) IkejaWest	(22) Benin	280	0.0131+0.1088i	0.0492
20	(21) Ayede	(11) Oshogbo	115	0.0054+0.0447i	0.0202
21	(21) Ayede	(10) Ikeja West	137	0.0064+0.0533i	0.0241
22	(17) Jos	(24) Makurdi	247	0.0116+0.0960i	0.0434
23	(17) Jos	(18) Gombe	264	0.0123+0.1026i	0.0464
24	(26) Onitsha	(28) Alaoji	138	0.0065+0.0536i	0.0243
25	(26) Onitsha	(27) N.Heaven	96	0.0045+0.0373i	0.0169
26	(26) Onitsha	(3) Okpai	80	0.0037+0.0311i	0.0141
27	(18) Gombe	(19) Yola	188	0.0088+0.0731i	0.0331
28	(30) EgbinTS	(13) Aja	28	0.0013+0.0109i	0.0049
29	(18) Gombe	(33) Maiduguri	278	0.0130+0.1081i	0.0489
30	(28) Alaoji	(5) Afam GS	25	0.0012+0.0097i	0.0044
31	(32) Gamno	(12) Jebba TS	80	0.0037+0.0311i	0.0141
32	(7) JebbaTS	(12) Jebba GS	8	0.0005+0.0039i	0.0018
33	(15) Kaduna	(16) Kano	230	0.0108+0.0894	0.0404
34	(15) Kaduna	(17) Jos	196	0.0092+0.0762i	0.0345
35	(11) Oshogbo	(30) Egbin TS	157	0.0073+0.0610	0.0276
36	(32) Gamno	(30)Egbin TS	80	0.0037+0.0311	0.0141
37	(8) Shiroro GS	(30) Egbin TS	244	0.0114+0.0948	0.0429
38	(8) Shiroro GS	(15) Kaduna	96	0.0045+0.0373	0.0169
39	(8) Shiroro GS	(20) Katampe	218	0.0102+0.0847	0.0383
40	(1)Egbin GS	(13) Aja	14	0.0007+0.0054	0.0025
41	(10) Ikeja West	(29) Akangba	17	0.0008+0.0066	0.0030

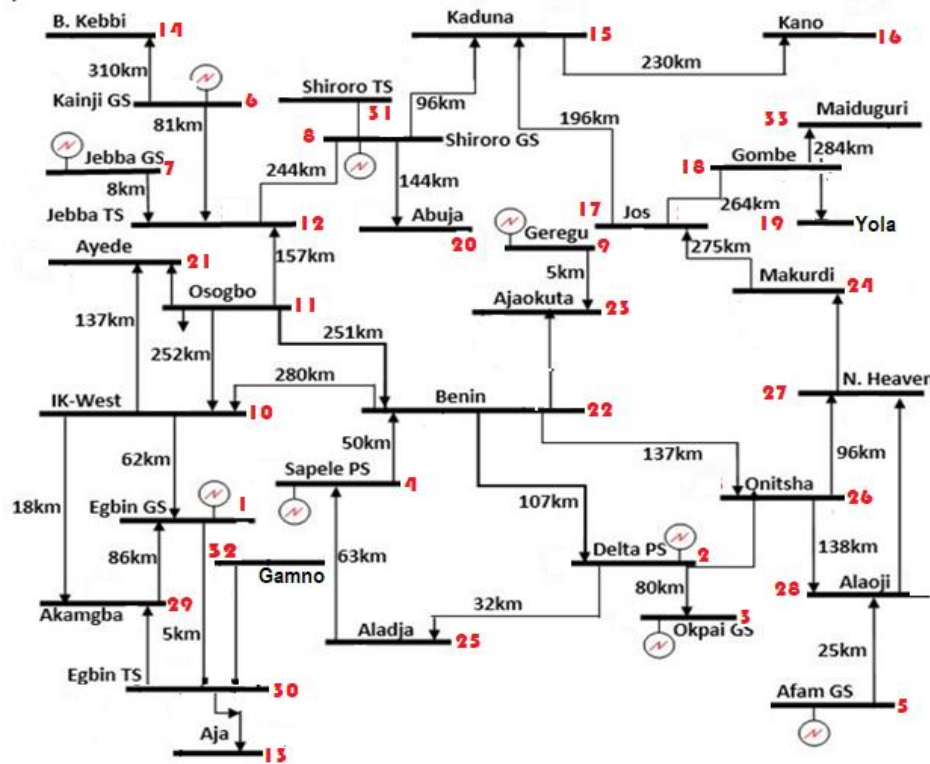


Fig. A1: Single line diagram of the 32 bus Nigeria National Electrical Power System.

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