

# Unit Commitment of Thermal Power Plant in Integration With Wind and Solar Plant Using Genetic Algorithm

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**Abstract**— Power sector faces the problem of the most economics unit commitment. Integration of renewable energy with the conventional power station is done the complication in the problem increases. Renewable energy is not enough to provide total demanded power. Thus coherent operation of renewable energy resources (wind and solar) with the conventional energy is a big problem. The generation schedule must meet the demand under constraint of variation of renewable generating station. The problem of unit commitment can be solved by Genetic algorithm. The Solution of Genetic algorithm can be improved by utilizing its output as initial feasible point for conventional mathematical optimization tool like quadratic programming. The solution improved by hybridizing GA is done in the project under the constraint of renewable energy integration with conventional resources. In this paper with integration of wind and solar power station the total generation cost is reduced as well as total carbon emission is also reduced.

**Keywords**— Genetic Algorithm (GA), Unit Commitment(UC), unit commitment problem(UCP),Emission coefficient, Generation Cost

## I INTRODUCTION

The most important problem in the scheduling of electric power generation is unit commitment. Unit commitment means scheduling of generating units for short duration to meet forecast demand of the loads. The unit commitment problem is a complex optimization problem. It has both integer and continuous variable. The recent scenario of electric power generation is installing large size power generators. This turns power system network more complex and tends our concern towards environmental pollution. Hence we need a better approach for determination of economic –emission unit commitment schedule. Before doing economic load dispatch solution, unit commitment problem should be solved. This is because, only those units are considered for generation which was allocated to generating duties by the unit commitment solution. UC is utilized in a power system for determining the different schedule of units to match the predetermined load, in a certain period. Mostly two fundamental decision is utilized which are “the unit commitment decision” and the “economic dispatch decision”. The UC decision includes the determining of the developing unit to undergoing in each hour plan horizon, consider about

capability requirements, involving the spare, and the norms on the starting and stopping of the units. The requirement of the demand and its allotment and spare capability of the operating unit at certain time is considered in “economic dispatch decision”. The above two decision are interrelated to each other.

Due to introduction of renewable energy sources we can reduce the total fuel cost, quantity of carbon emission and execution time. In this paper wind energy and solar energy sources are integrated with thermal generation unit and results are compared.

### Problem Formulation and equations used

The optimization of the total generation costs over the scheduling possibility is the basic purpose of the UC problem. The entire costs consist of,

- Fuel cost
- Start-up cost
- Shut down cost

Fuel cost is calculated using “fuel price information” as well as “unit heat rate”. Certain amount of energy is required to the units which are online because the temperature and the pressure of the plant build gradually. This energy does not result in MW output power and the cost corresponding to this action is called start up cost. Start up cost are two types , “hot start up cost and cold start up cost” .

When the boiler is cool down and heated back to the operating temperature to turn ON generation is called cold start up cost. If boiler is in ON condition and supplied a few amount of energy to just maintain the operating temperature to turn ON generation is called hot start up cost.

Formula for Cold start up cost:

$$STC = C_c(1 - \varepsilon^{\frac{t}{\alpha}}) F + C_f \quad (1)$$

Formula for Hot start up cost:

$$STC = C_t t F + C_f \quad (2)$$

Where

$C_c = \text{cold start}$

STC=start up cost

F=fuel cost

$C_f$  =Fixed cost includes maintenance and crew expense

$C_t$ =Cost in MBtu/h for maintaining the operating temperature of unit.

$\alpha$ =“thermal time constant of unit”

t=time of unit allowed to cool.

Generally shut down cost taken a constant value.

Constraints

- System power balance (demand + losses + exports)
- System reserve requirements
- Unit primary conditions
- Unit high and low MW limits (economic, operating)
- Unit minimum-up time
- Unit minimum-down time
- Unit status restrictions (must run, fixed-MW, unavailable, available)
- Unit rate limits
- Unit start-up ramps
- Unit shut-down ramps
- Unit flame stabilization fuel mix
- Unit dual or alternate fuel usage
- Unit or plant fuel availability
- Crew constraints

All units contain “system power balance and reserve requirement” called system or coupling constraints. Most of constraint concern entity units are called local constraints. There are many constraints which come under the local constraint entail in all units in a plant.

Objective function

The objective function of thermal unit commitment is to optimize the fuel cost, start up cost and fuel emission of generating units. The given function is expressed as

$$FC(P(t)) = \sum_{h=1}^{24} \sum_{i=1}^{10} (a_i + b_i P_{i,h}(t) + c_i P_{i,h}^2(t)) U_{i,h} + \text{start-up cost} \quad (3)$$

Such that

$$P_i^{min} \leq P_i(t) \leq P_i^{max}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} P_{i,h}(t) U_{i,h} + Wind_h + Solar_h = Demand_h \quad (4)$$

Where

$a_i, b_i, c_i$  are positive fuel cost coefficients of unit i.

U= binary operator 0 or 1 for uncommitted and committed unit respectively

Fuel emission of the power plant is considered as quadratic in nature as given by

$$EC_i(P_i(t)) = \alpha_i + \beta_i P_i(t) + \gamma_i P_i^2(t) \quad (5)$$

Where

$\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$  are the emission coefficients of unit i.

II GENETIC ALGORITHM(GA) METHOD

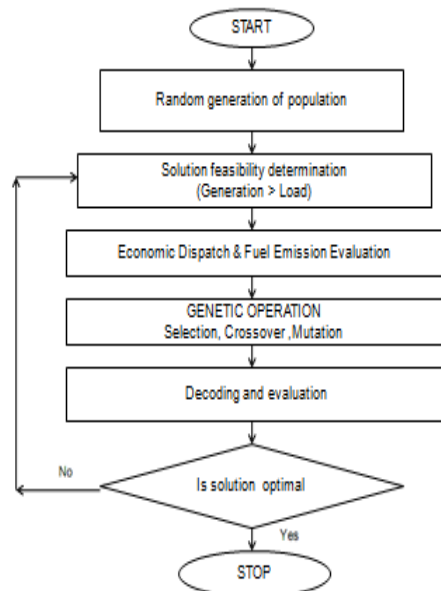
Genetic algorithm is a search method that employs processes found in natural biological evolution. These algorithms search or operate on a given population of potential solutions to find those that approach some specification or criteria. To do this, the genetic algorithm applies the principle of survival of the fittest to find better and better approximations. At each generation, a new set of approximations is created by the process of selecting individual potential solutions (individuals) according to their level of fitness in the problem domain and breeding them together using operators borrowed from natural genetics. This process leads to the evolution of population of individuals that are better suited to their environment than the individuals that they were created from, just as in natural adaptation.

Operators of GA

A basic genetic algorithm comprises three genetic operators.

- Selection
- Crossover
- Mutation

Fig. (1) flow chart of unit commitment using GA



## Generator input data and limit:

Table 1(a) Generator input data and limit for 1-5 units

units →	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5
$P_{g(\text{Max})}$	455	455	130	130	162
$P_{g(\text{min})}$	150	150	20	20	25
Minimum UP time(h)	8	8	5	5	6
minimum DOWN time(h)	8	8	5	5	6
Initial status(h)	8	8	-5	-5	-6
a(\$/h)	1000	970	700	680	450
b(\$/Mwh)	16.19	17.26	16.6	16.5	19.7
c(\$/Mw <sup>2</sup> h)	.00048	.00031	.002	.00211	.00398
hc(\$/h)	4500	5000	550	560	900
Cc(\$/h)	9000	10000	1100	1120	1800
Tcold(h)	5	5	4	4	4
$\alpha_i$ (Kg/h)	10.33908	10.33908	30.0391	30.0391	32.00006
$\beta_i$ (Kg/Mw)	-.24444	-.24444	-.40695	-.40695	-.38132
$\gamma_i$ (Kg/Mw <sup>2</sup> h)	.00312	.00312	.00509	.00509	.00344

Table 1(b) Generator input data and limit for 6-10 units

units →	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
$P_{g(\text{Max})}$	80	85	55	55	55
$P_{g(\text{min})}$	20	25	10	10	10
Minimum UP time(h)	3	3	1	1	1
minimum DOWN time(h)	3	3	1	1	1
Initial status(h)	-3	-3	-1	-1	-1
a(\$/h)	370	480	660	665	670
b(\$/Mwh)	22.26	27.74	25.92	27.27	27.79
c(\$/Mw <sup>2</sup> h)	.00712	.00079	.00413	.00222	.00173
hc(\$/h)	170	260	30	30	30
Cc(\$/h)	340	520	60	60	60
Tcold(h)	2	2	0	0	0
$\alpha_i$ (Kg/h)	32.00006	33.00056	33.00056	35.00056	36.00012
$\beta_i$ (Kg/Mw)	-.38132	-.39023	-.39023	-.39524	-.398664
$\gamma_i$ (Kg/Mw <sup>2</sup> h)	.00344	.00465	.00465	.00465	.0047

## Load demand

Table (2)

Hour	Power demand(MW)	Hour	Power Demand(MW)
1	700	13	1400
2	750	14	1300
3	850	15	1200
4	950	16	1050
5	1000	17	1000
6	1100	18	1100
7	1150	19	1200
8	1200	20	1400
9	1300	21	1300
10	1400	22	1100
11	1450	23	900
12	1500	24	800

## Renewable energy schedule

Table (3)

Hour	Wind Generation	Solar Generation	Hour	Wind Generation	Solar Generation
1	10.54	0	13	25.5	36.78
2	25.27	0	14	24.82	31.59
3	25.5	0	15	20.74	9.7
4	25.5	0	16	14.62	12.92
5	25.5	0	17	25.5	0
6	25.5	0	18	19.04	0
7	25.5	0.09	19	25.5	0
8	25.5	17.46	20	18.02	0
9	25.5	31.45	21	25.5	0
10	25.5	36.01	22	21.42	0
11	25.5	38.06	23	0	0
12	25.5	35.93	24	2.55	0

## III RESULT

## GA PARAMETER

- **Population Size=25**
- **Generations=304**
- **Crossover Probability=0.9**
- **Mutation Probability=0.01**

The problem of economic load dispatch is

Tested for ten thermal generators units and three

Condition is taken.

1- Generation schedule without renewable energy sources:

2) Generation schedule with wind energy source:

3) Generation schedule with wind +solar energy source:

For each case which set of generators is going to be on is decided and then their generation is decided, so that total Cost of production is least.

Table 4(a) Unit commitment schedule without renewable energy resources:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
3	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
4	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
5	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
6	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
7	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
8	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1
9	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
16	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
17	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
18	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1
19	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
22	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
23	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
24	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1

Table 4(b) Generation schedule without renewable energy sources:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	455	235	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
2	455	220	0	0	0	0	0	55	10	10
3	455	185	130	0	0	0	25	55	0	0
4	455	275	130	0	0	0	25	55	0	10
5	455	305	130	0	0	20	25	55	10	0
6	455	395	130	0	0	20	25	55	10	10
7	455	325	130	130	0	20	25	55	10	0
8	455	420	130	130	0	20	25	0	10	10
9	455	455	130	130	0	40	25	55	10	0
10	455	455	130	130	120	20	25	55	10	0
11	455	455	130	130	162	28	25	55	0	10
12	455	455	130	130	162	68	25	55	10	10
13	455	455	130	130	120	20	25	55	10	0
14	455	455	130	130	30	20	25	55	0	0
15	455	395	130	130	25	20	25	0	10	10
16	455	285	130	130	25	0	25	0	0	0
17	455	205	130	130	25	0	0	55	0	0
18	455	285	130	130	25	0	0	55	10	10
19	455	395	130	130	25	0	0	55	10	0
20	455	455	130	130	110	20	25	55	10	10
21	455	440	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	10
22	455	380	0	130	25	20	25	55	10	0
23	455	210	0	130	25	0	25	55	0	0
24	455	230	0	0	25	0	25	55	0	10

Table 5(a) Unit commitment schedule with wind energy source:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
4	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
5	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
6	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
16	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
17	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
18	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
19	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0
20	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
22	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
23	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
24	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0

Table 5(b) Generation schedule with wind energy source:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	455	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	455	198	0	0	0	0	0	55	10	10
3	455	255	0	0	25	0	25	55	10	0
4	455	364	0	0	25	0	25	55	0	0
5	455	374	0	0	25	20	25	55	10	10
6	455	354	130	0	25	20	25	55	0	10
7	455	394	130	0	25	20	25	55	10	10
8	455	315	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	10
9	455	455	130	130	40	20	25	0	10	10
10	455	455	130	130	84	20	25	55	10	10
11	455	455	130	130	145	20	25	55	0	10
12	455	455	130	130	162	42	25	55	10	10
13	455	455	130	130	149	20	25	0	0	10
14	455	455	130	130	60	20	25	0	0	10
15	455	319	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	10
16	455	220	130	130	25	20	0	55	0	0
17	455	235	130	130	25	0	0	0	0	0
18	455	321	130	130	25	0	0	0	10	10
19	455	424	130	130	25	0	0	0	10	0
20	455	455	130	130	112	0	25	55	10	10
21	455	425	130	130	25	20	25	55	0	10
22	455	359	0	130	25	20	25	55	0	10
23	455	310	0	0	25	20	25	55	10	0
24	455	307	0	0	25	0	0	0	10	0

Table 6(a) Unit commitment schedule with wind+solar energy source:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0
4	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
5	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
6	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1
7	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1
10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
11	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
12	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
16	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
17	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
18	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0
19	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0
20	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
21	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1
22	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
23	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
24	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 6(b) Generation schedule with wind +solar energy source:

Hour	U-1	U-2	U-3	U-4	U-5	U-6	U-7	U-8	U-9	U-10
1	455	234	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	455	248	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	0
3	455	314	0	0	0	20	25	0	10	0
4	455	239	130	0	0	20	25	55	0	0
5	455	280	130	0	0	20	25	55	10	0
6	455	249	130	130	0	20	25	55	0	10
7	455	299	130	130	0	20	25	55	10	0
8	455	297	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	10
9	455	448	130	130	25	20	25	0	0	10
10	455	455	130	130	48	20	25	55	10	10
11	455	455	130	130	151	20	25	0	10	10
12	455	455	130	130	149	20	25	55	10	10
13	455	455	130	130	48	20	25	55	10	10
14	455	384	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	10
15	455	320	130	130	25	20	25	55	10	0
16	455	302	0	130	25	20	25	55	10	0
17	455	345	0	130	25	20	0	0	0	0
18	455	396	0	130	25	20	0	55	0	0
19	455	455	0	130	49	20	0	55	10	0
20	455	455	0	130	162	80	25	55	10	10
21	455	425	130	130	25	20	25	55	0	10
22	455	304	130	130	25	0	25	0	10	10
23	455	250	130	0	0	0	0	55	10	0
24	455	212	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 Total fuel emission and fuel cost for various combination of generating units:

POWER SOURCE	FUEL EMISSION(TON/HR)	COST(\$/H)
THERMAL	1081.8044	24503.4208
THERMAL+WIND	1062.2702	23829.8090
THERMAL+WIND+SOLAR	1051.7715	23672.3093

#### Processor and RAM of my computer

- Processor: AMD A4-3330 MX APU @ 2.20 GHz
- RAM: 2.00GB
- System type: 64 bit operating system

MATLAB 2011 used for the execution of the program

Total execution time

POWER SOURCE	Execution Time(sec)
THERMAL	24
THERMAL+WIND	18
THERMAL+WIND+SOLAR	12

#### IV CONCLUSION

Cost of generation is reduced due to introduction of renewable energy resources, so profit of generation company is will increase Carbon emission is reduced so it is better for environment and society. Generators dispatch power within limit so it will increase generator life Total execution time for the calculation of fuel cost and fuel emission is reduced by using GA.

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