



Optimal Path Solution Using Dijkstra's Algorithm for Practical 21 bus system

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the Shortest Path Finding algorithm to identify the optimal path for a distribution system during restoration using Dijkstra's method. The objective is to reduce the power losses and obtain an efficient restoration plan after an extensive outage of the system. The power losses of the distribution system are calculated using Forward-Backward sweep load flow method. The proposed method has been implemented for a practical 21 bus distribution system using MATLAB programming .

KEYWORDS—Shortest Path Finding; Dijkstra's method; Forward-Backward Sweep load flow method

I. INTRODUCTION

The Load flow analysis is a best as well as an elementary tool to study the power system engineering. Today we have lots of methods to study the load flow analysis like Newton Raphson Method, Gauss-siedel Method, Fast decoupled method, but those methods are great match for Transmission system. But unlike transmission system, distribution system has well-known different characteristics; some of them are as shown below:-

- Radial or weakly meshed structure;
- High R/X ratios of the feeders;
- Multi-phase and unbalanced operation;
- Unbalanced distributed load;
- Exceedingly large number of branches and nodes;
- Comprehensive resistance and reactance values.

Hence there is a requirement of an efficient and robust technique to handle the deal. the traditional load flow methods used in transmission systems; fail to meet the requirements in both performance and robustness aspects in the distribution system applications because of above mentioned features. Precisely, the assumptions necessary for the simplifications used in the standard fast-decoupled Newton method [1] often losses it's validity in distribution systems. Thus, a novel load flow algorithm for distribution systems is desired. All of the characteristics mentioned before must be considered, to qualify for a good distribution load flow algorithm.

There are lots of algorithms specifically designed for distribution systems have been suggested in the literature [2]. Most of these methods are derived from transmission networks and based on general meshed topology. Among those methods; Gauss implicit Z-matrix method is highly fashionable but when it comes to the

distribution network, this method does not clearly exploit the radial and weakly meshed network structure of distribution systems and, therefore, a solution of a set of equations whose size is proportional to the number of buses is required. Several other techniques, such as the 3- ϕ fast decoupled power flow algorithm [3], the Newton-Raphson method and phase decoupled method [4] etc., have also been anticipated. Another direct approach, which utilizes two matrices developed from the topological characteristics of the distribution system, is proposed in this paper work.

But, the dominance of the backward and forward sweep method (BFSM); over other solution techniques as it is fast for solving the load flow of radial distribution systems and effective; makes it more valuable. The ill-conditioned nature arising due to high R/X ratios of the feeders are taken care of by The "BFSM", which eradicate the need of Fast decoupled Newton Method and Gauss Method. This techniques model the distribution network as a tree with the slack bus as the root. The backward sweep predominantly sums bus current to finally evaluate the branch current. And the forward sweep is used to calculate voltage drop, which provide updates to the voltage profile constructed from the current estimation of the flows.

Power system restoration following a partial or total blackout is one of the most important tasks for power system operators. It is a complex process that restores the system back to normal after an extensive outage of the system. Due to a combination of unforeseen circumstances, there is a remote possibility of a system-wide outage and it is very important not only to minimize power failure, but also restore the power system network quickly and safely.

To find the shortest path in the weighted network, the following SPF algorithms are used.

- **Dijkstra's algorithm** solves the single-pair, single-source, and single-destination shortest path problems.
- **Bellman Ford algorithm** solves the single source problem if edge weights may be negative.
- **Floyd Warshall algorithm** solves all pairs shortest paths.

II. OVERVIEW OF FORWARD-BACKWARD SWEEP LOAD FLOW METHOD

A. Formulation Of The Problem

The Power flows in a distribution system are computed by the following set of simplified

recursive equations. The power flow analysis can be used to obtain the voltage magnitude, power losses of the 33 bus system. The objective function is to find the power flow.

$$P_{k+1} = P_k - P_{\text{loss},k} - P_{Lk+1} \quad (1)$$

$$Q_{k+1} = Q_k - Q_{\text{loss},k} - Q_{Lk+1} \quad (2)$$

where P_k - Real power flowing out of bus; Q_k - Reactive power flowing out of bus; P_{Lk+1} - Real load power at bus k+1; Q_{Lk+1} - Reactive load power at bus k+1

The power loss in the line section connecting buses k and k+1 may be computed as

$$P_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1) = R_k \frac{P_k^2 + Q_k^2}{V_k^2} \quad (3)$$

$$Q_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1) = X_k \frac{P_k^2 + Q_k^2}{V_k^2} \quad (4)$$

Where, $P_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1)$ - Real power Loss in the line section connecting buses k and k+1;

$Q_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1)$ - Reactive power Loss in the line section connecting buses k and k+1.

The total power loss of the feeder, $P_{T,\text{loss}}$ may then be determined by summing up the losses of all line sections of the feeder, which is given as

$$P_{T,\text{loss}}(k,k+1) = \sum_{k=1}^n P_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1) \quad (5)$$

$$Q_{T,\text{loss}}(k,k+1) = \sum_{k=1}^n Q_{\text{loss}}(k,k+1) \quad (6)$$

where $P_{T,\text{loss}}(k,k+1)$ - Total Real Power Loss in the line section; $Q_{T,\text{loss}}$ - Total Reactive Power Loss in the line section

B. Forward-Backward Sweep Method

Let us consider a radial network, the backward/forward sweep method for the load-flow computation is an iterative method in which, at each iteration two computational stages are performed: The load flow of a single source network can be solved iteratively from two sets of recursive equations. The first set of equations for calculation of the power flow through the branches starting from the last branch and proceeding in the backward direction towards the root node. The other set of equations are for calculating the voltage magnitude and angle of each node starting from the root node and proceeding in the forward direction towards the last node.

i. Forward Sweep

The forward sweep is basically a voltage drop calculation with possible current or power flow updates. Nodal voltages are updated in a forward sweep starting from branches in the first layer toward those in the last. The purpose of the forward propagation is to calculate the voltages at each node starting from the feeder source node. The feeder substation voltage is set at its actual

value. During the forward propagation the effective power in each branch is held constant to the value obtained in backward walk.

ii. *Backward Sweep*

The backward sweep is basically a current or power flow solution with possible voltage updates. It starting from the branches in the last layer and moving towards the branches connected to the root node .The updated effective power flows in each branch are obtained in the backward propagation computation by considering the node voltages of previous iteration. It means the voltage values obtained in the forward path are held constant during the backward propagation and updated power flows in each branch are transmitted backward along the feeder using backward path. This indicates that the backward propagation starts at the extreme end node and proceeds towards source node.

It is well known that there exist three main variants of the forward/backward sweep method that differ from each other based on the type of electric quantities that at each iteration, starting from the terminal nodes and going up to the source node (backward sweep), are calculated.

1. The current summation method, in which the branch currents are evaluated;
2. The power summation method, in which the power flows in the branches are evaluated;
3. The admittance summation method, in which, node by node, the driving point admittances are evaluated. In other terms, the three variants of the B/F method simulate the loads within each iteration, with a constant current, a constant power and a constant admittance model. In the forward phase, the three variants are identical since, based on quantities calculated in the backward phase, the bus voltages are calculated starting from the source node and going towards the ending nodes. Voltages are then used to update, based on the dependency of loads on the voltage, the quantities used in the backward sweep in order to proceed to iteration. The process stops when a convergence criterion is verified.

By comparing the calculated voltages in previous and present iterations, the successive iteration is obtained. The convergence can be achieved if the voltage mismatch is less than the specified tolerance i.e., 0.0001. Otherwise new effective power flows in each branch are calculated through backward walk with the present computed voltages

and then the procedure is repeated until the solution is converged.

The backward/forward sweep method is now reformulated in a way suitable for the analysis of the convergence of the iterative process. A branch is connected between the nodes 'k' and 'k+1'. The effective active (P_k) and reactive (Q_k) powers that of flowing through branch from node 'k' to node 'k+1' can be calculated backwards from the last node and is given as,

$$P_k = P'_{k+1} + r_k \frac{(P_{k+1}^2 + Q_{k+1}^2)}{V_{k+1}^2} \quad (7)$$

$$Q_k = Q'_{k+1} + x_k \frac{(P_{k+1}^2 + Q_{k+1}^2)}{V_{k+1}^2} \quad (8)$$

where

$$P'_{k+1} = P_{k+1} + P_{Lk+1}$$

$$Q'_{k+1} = Q_{k+1} + Q_{Lk+1}$$

P_{Lk+1} and Q_{Lk+1} are loads that are connected at node 'k+1', P_{k+1} and Q_{k+1} are the effective real and reactive power flows from node 'k+1'.

The voltage magnitude and angle at each node are calculated in forward direction. Consider a voltage $V_k < \delta_k$ at node 'k' and $V_{k+1} < \delta_{k+1}$ at node 'k+1', then the current flowing through the branch having an impedance, $z_k = r_k + jx_k$ connected between 'k' and 'k+1' is given as,

$$I_k = \frac{V_k < \delta_k - V_{k+1} < \delta_{k+1}}{r_k + jx_k} \quad (9)$$

The magnitude and the phase angle equations can be used recursively in a forward direction to find the voltage and angle respectively of all nodes of radial distribution system.

Initially, a flat voltage profile is assumed at all nodes i.e., 1.0 pu. The branch powers are computed iteratively with the updated voltages at each node. In the proposed load flow method, power summation is done in the backward walk and voltages are calculated in the forward walk.

III. OVERVIEW OF DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM

A. Description

Dijkstra's algorithm, formulated by the Edsger Dijkstra in 1959, is a graph search algorithm that obtains solution in the single pair, single source and single destination shortest path problem. This algorithm obtains the solution if the path has non negative weight. For a given source vertex (node) in the graph, the algorithm finds the path with the lowest cost between that vertex and every other vertex. For example, if the vertices of the graph represent cities and the edge path cost represent the driving distances between pairs of cities connected by a direct road, Dijkstra's algorithm is used to find the shortest route between one city

and all the other cities. As a result, the optimal path for the transmission of power in the electrical network is obtained by the extended Dijkstra's algorithm.

B. PseudoCode

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void
Dijkstra(Table T)
{
    Vertex v, w;
    for( ; ; )
    {
        v = smallest unknown distance vertex;
        if(v == Not a Vertex)
            break;
        T[v].known = True;
        for each w adjacent to v
        if (! T[w].known)
            if(T[v].dist + Cvw < T[w].dist)
            { /* update w */
                Decrease ( T[w].dist to T[v].dist + Cvw );
                T[w].path = v;
            }
    }
}

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C. Algorithmic Steps

The following procedure is to be executed to find the shortest path in the network.

1. Let the starting node be called an initial node. Dijkstra's algorithm will assign some initial distance value to the edges and it will try to improve them step-by-step.
2. Set the distance value to zero for the initial node and to infinity for all the other nodes.
3. Mark all nodes as unvisited. Set the initial node as current node.
4. For a current node, consider all its unvisited nodes and calculate their distance using Equation 10. (from the initial node).

$$d_w = d_v + d_{v,w} \quad (10)$$

where d_w be the distance of the vertex w , d_v be the distance of the vertex v and $d_{v,w}$ be the distance between the vertex v and w . For example, if the current node (A) has a distance of 6, and an edge connecting it with another node (B) is 2, the distance to B through A will be $6+2=8$. If this distance is less than the previously recorded distance, replace it with the new calculated value.

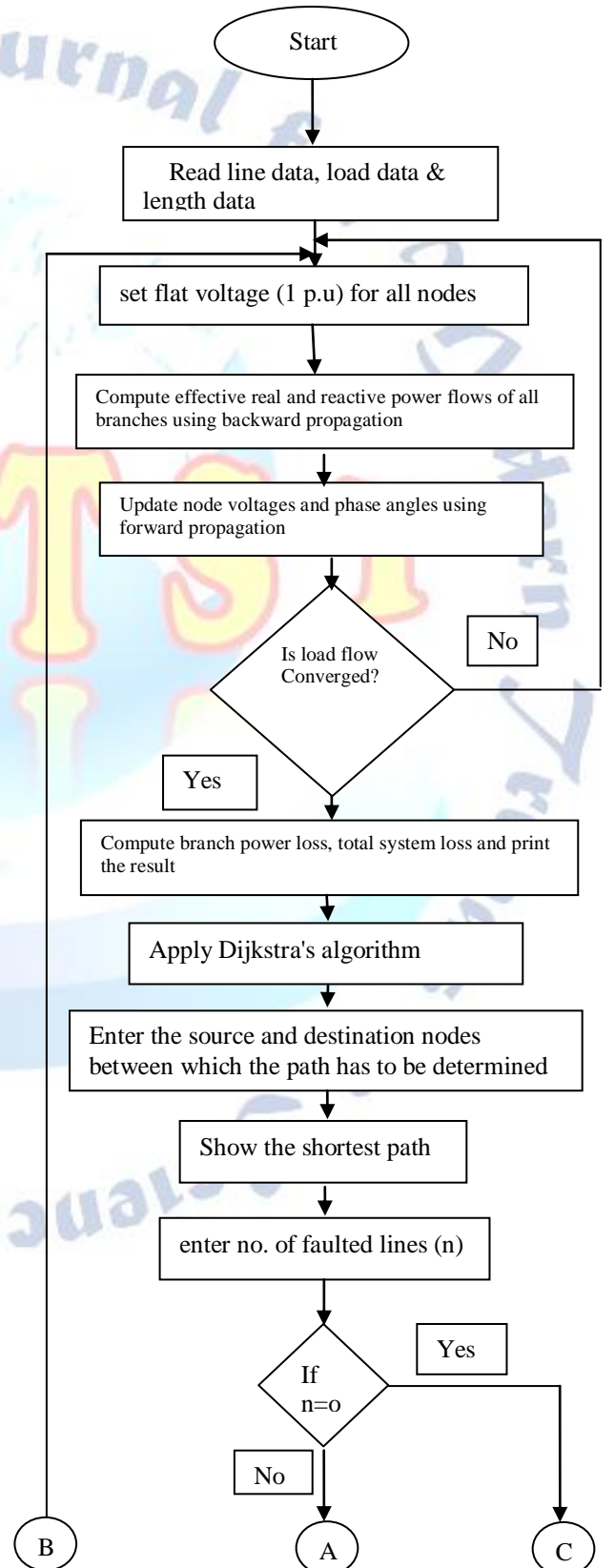
5. The distance between the current node and all its neighbours is calculated using the Equation 10. Then, the corresponding nodes are marked as visited. A visited node will not be checked ever again; its distance recorded now is final and minimal.

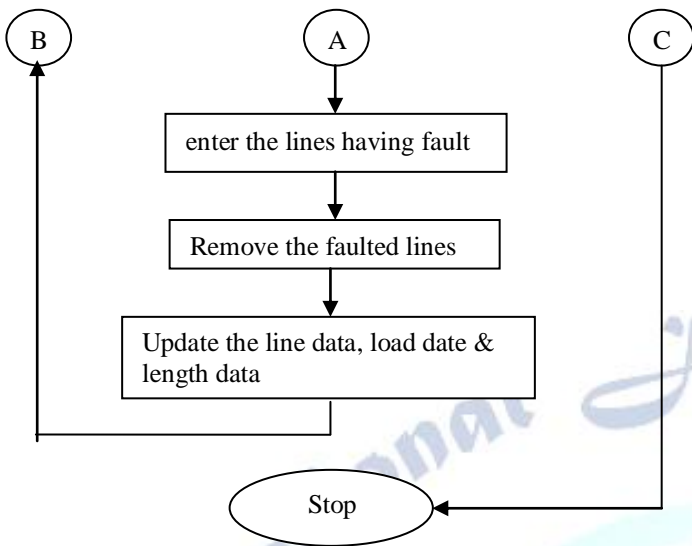
6. Set the unvisited node which is having the smallest distance (from the initial node) as the next "current node" and continue from step 3.

IV. APPLICATION OF DIJKSTRA'S ALGORITHM TO LOAD FLOW

A. Flow Chart

The proposed method is shown in detail using the below flow chart as follows.





V. . SIMULATION RESULTS

The suitability of the proposed method has been tested for a practical distribution system having 21 bus shown in Fig.1. The practical 21 bus system has 37 lines connecting different places in a particular city which are represented by bus numbers. The values of resistance, reactance, real power, reactive power at each bus is shown in the Table 1. The length of the line between different source and destination buses are shown in the Table 2.



Fig 1. Practical 21bus system

TABLE 1 : SYSTEM LINE DATA

Line Number	From bus	To bus	Resistance (ohms)	Reactance (ohms)	P (MW)	Q (MVar)
1	2	1	0.003	0.015	101	8.10
2	1	19	3.54	17.7	131	1.71
3	1	3	1.815	9.075	-11.4	8.91
4	3	4	0.165	0.825	115	10
5	4	20	5.49	27.45	85	10
6	4	8	0.111	0.555	110	0
7	4	8	0.111	0.555	110	0

8	4	11	0.36	1.8	120	0
9	4	7	0.24	1.2	80	0
10	4	13	1.0236	5.118	85	6
11	4	13	1.0236	5.118	85	6
12	4	6	0.18	0.9	20	0
13	4	6	0.18	0.9	20	0
14	4	5	0.015	0.075	200	0
15	4	5	0.015	0.075	180	0
16	7	11	0.27	1.35	84	-3
17	8	12	1.56	7.8	52	-8
18	8	12	1.56	7.8	52	-7
19	8	9	0.708	3.54	61	13.3
20	8	9	0.708	3.54	0	11.47
21	9	10	0.06	0.3	4.03	0.14
22	9	10	0.06	0.3	4.03	0.14
23	11	13	1.245	6.225	32	13
24	12	13	0.45	2.25	32	-2.4
25	12	13	0.45	2.25	33	-1
26	13	14	0.21	1.05	30	-2
27	13	14	0.21	1.05	30	-2
28	13	21	4.8894	24.447	21	9
29	13	15	1.9002	9.501	115	24
30	13	15	1.9002	9.501	115	24
31	14	16	0.3	1.5	27.2	223
32	14	16	0.3	1.5	27.2	223
33	14	17	2.4	12	0	0
34	14	17	2.4	12	0	0
35	15	17	1.14	5.7	0	0
36	15	17	1.14	5.7	0	0
37	15	18	2.7	13.5	62	10

TABLE 2 : SYSTEMS LENGTH DATA

Line Number	From bus	To bus	Length (km)
1	2	1	0.1
2	1	19	118
3	1	3	60.5
4	3	4	5.5
5	4	20	183
6	4	8	3.7
7	4	8	3.7
8	4	11	12
9	4	7	8
10	4	13	34.12
11	4	13	34.12
12	4	6	6
13	4	6	6
14	4	5	0.5
15	4	5	0.5
16	7	11	9
17	8	12	52
18	8	12	52
19	8	9	23.6
20	8	9	23.6
21	9	10	2
22	9	10	2
23	11	13	41.5
24	12	13	15
25	12	13	15
26	13	14	7
27	13	14	7
28	13	21	162.98
29	13	15	63.34
30	13	15	63.34
31	14	16	10
32	14	16	10
33	14	17	80
34	14	17	80
35	15	17	38
36	15	17	38
37	15	18	90

The current, voltage and power losses of each lines and buses before and after removing the faulted lines 5 and 6 are shown in the tables 3 and 4. The paths for applying the Dijkstra's algorithm is obtained as shown in table 5. The shortest path obtained between the buses 2 and 9 before and after removal of faulted lines is shown in figure 2 and 3 respectively.

TABLE 3 : OUTPUTS OBTAINED BEFORE AND AFTER REMOVING THE FAULTED LINES

Current before removing faulted lines	Current after removing faulted lines	Voltage before removing faulted lines	Voltage after removing faulted lines	Power loss before removing faulted lines	Power loss after removing faulted lines
8.4210	5.4227	0.9992	1.0004	0.0013	0.0006
0.1313	0.1319	1.0000	1.0000	0.0004	0.0004
8.3247	5.6141	0.5311	1.2616	0.7848	0.3569
8.3241	5.6132	0.4898	1.2867	0.0713	0.0324
0.0521	2.6565	0.4898	1.2867	0.0001	0.0049
2.6855	0.6904	0.4898	1.2867	0.0050	0.0011
2.6855	0.7093	0.4848	1.2913	0.0050	0.0008
0.6927	0.6549	0.4808	1.2951	0.0011	0.0027
0.7068	0.6549	0.4806	1.2953	0.0007	0.0027
0.6669	0.0165	0.4806	1.2953	0.0028	0.0000
0.6669	0.0165	0.4792	1.2965	0.0028	0.0000
0.0123	0.1648	0.4187	1.3535	0.0000	0.0000
0.0123	0.1484	0.4099	1.3620	0.0000	0.0000
0.1228	0.6730	0.4081	1.3637	0.0000	0.0008
0.1105	1.2822	0.4073	1.3640	0.0000	0.0160
0.6791	1.2828	0.4069	1.3649	0.0008	0.0160
1.3060	0.0553	0.4073	1.3640	0.0166	0.0000
1.3065	0.0112	0.4062	1.3649	0.0166	0.0000
0.0429	0.0032	0.9960	0.9972	0.0000	0.0000
0.0087	0.0032	0.4865	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000
0.0025	0.6423	0.4086	1.3631	0.0000	0.0032
0.0025	0.6347			0.0000	0.0011
0.6543	0.6357			0.0033	0.0011
0.6466	0.2577			0.0012	0.0001
0.6476	0.2577			0.0012	0.0001
0.2610	0.0131			0.0001	0.0000
0.2610	0.1016			0.0001	0.0001
0.0132	0.1016			0.0000	0.0001
0.1037	0.1281			0.0001	0.0000
0.1037	0.1281			0.0001	0.0000
0.1297	0			0.0000	0
0.1297	0			0.0000	0
0	0			0	0
0	0			0	0
0	0.0352			0	0.0000
0				0	
0.0361				0.0000	

TABLE 4: TOTAL POWER LOSSES

Total Power loss before removing faulted lines	Total Power loss after removing faulted lines
0.9156	0.4413

TABLE 5 :NODES WHICH ARE CONNECTED FOR OBTAINING SHORTEST PATH

Path formed and thier respective distances before faulted lines removal	Path formed and thier respective distances after faulted lines removal
(2,1) 0.1000	(2,1) 0.1000
(1,3) 60.5000	(1,3) 60.5000
(3,4) 5.5000	(3,4) 5.5000
(5,4) 0.5000	(5,4) 0.5000
(6,4) 6.0000	(6,4) 6.0000
(8,4) 3.7000	(8,4) 3.7000
(13,4) 34.1200	(13,4) 34.1200
(4,5) 0.5000	(4,5) 0.5000
(4,6) 6.0000	(4,6) 6.0000
(5,7) 8.0000	(5,7) 8.0000
(4,8) 3.7000	(9,8) 23.6000
(9,8) 23.6000	(12,8) 52.0000
(12,8) 52.0000	(8,9) 23.6000
(8,9) 23.6000	(10,9) 2.0000
(10,9) 2.0000	(9,10) 2.0000
(9,10) 2.0000	(5,11) 12.0000
(5,11) 12.0000	(7,11) 9.0000
(7,11) 9.0000	(8,12) 52.0000
(8,12) 52.0000	(13,12) 15.0000
(13,12) 15.0000	(5,13) 34.1200
(5,13) 34.1200	(11,13) 41.5000
(11,13) 41.5000	(12,13) 15.0000
(12,13) 15.0000	(14,13) 7.0000
(14,13) 7.0000	(15,13) 63.3400
(15,13) 63.3400	(13,14) 7.0000
(13,14) 7.0000	(16,14) 10.0000
(16,14) 10.0000	(17,14) 80.0000
(17,14) 80.0000	(13,15) 63.3400
(13,15) 63.3400	(17,15) 38.0000
(17,15) 38.0000	(14,16) 10.0000
(14,16) 10.0000	(14,17) 80.0000
(14,17) 80.0000	(15,17) 38.0000
(15,17) 38.0000	(15,18) 90.0000
(15,18) 90.0000	(1,19) 118.0000
(1,19) 118.0000	(13,21) 162.9800
(4,20) 183.0000	
(13,21) 162.9800	
21 nodes and 37 edges	21 nodes and 35 edges

Here, the outputs obtained after removal of 2 faulted lines is shown. Whereas, the program can be tested for finding shortest path after removal of any number of faults. Any other method for shortest path calculation can also be used for further studies Figure 2: Shortest path between buses 2 and 9 before removing faulted lines

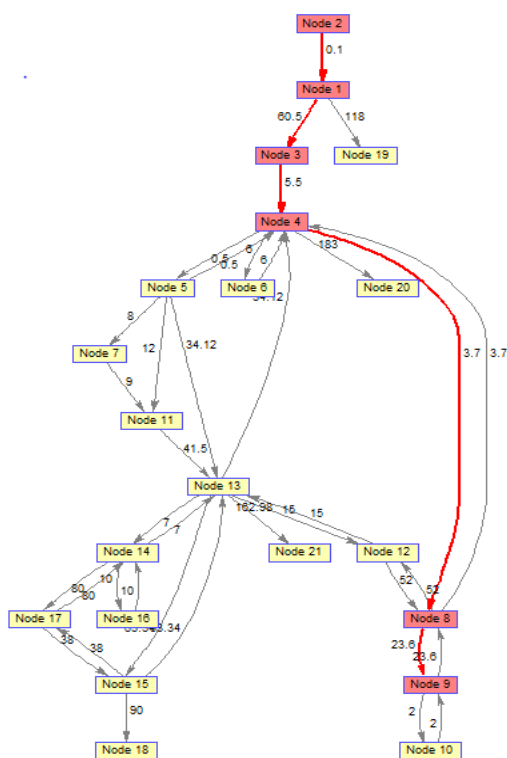
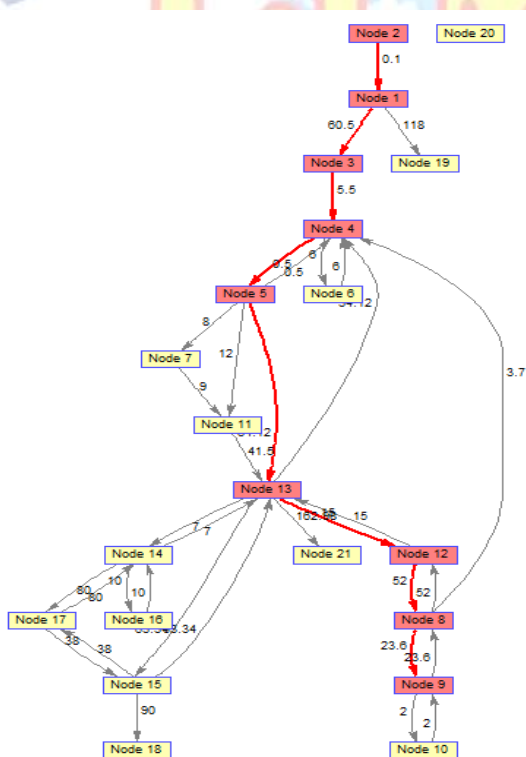


Figure 3: Shortest path between buses 2 and 9 after removing faulted lines



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