

FAULT CLASSIFICATION OF A TRANSMISSION LINE USING WAVELET
TRANSFORM AND ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORKS

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ABSTRACT

Power reliability and quality plays an important role in transmission power system. Faults occurrence will damage the equipment along the transmission line. Hence, it is crucial to accurately detect the location of the fault to shorten the fault clearing process and improve the reliability of the system. This study will be focusing on identifying the fault in overhead transmission line using wavelet transform and classify it using artificial neural network. The power system of the transmission line will be modelled in MATLAB2013a/SIMULINK to obtain and pre-process the fault data and analyzed them by using discrete wavelet transform. The mother wavelet daubechies4 (db4) is employed to decompose high frequency component from the fault signals. The data sets obtained from DWT are used to train and test the ANN architecture by using neural network toolbox of MATLAB. Several types of fault with different location of fault and fault resistances have been simulated and an attempt has been applied to identify and classify the fault appropriately. By using the proposed method, high accuracy of fault classification was be achieved and gives more reliable results.

ABSTRAK

Kebolehpercayaan dan kualiti kuasa memainkan peranan penting dalam sistem kuasa penghantaran. Kejadian kerosakan akan memusnahkan peralatan di sepanjang talian penghantaran. Oleh itu, adalah penting untuk mengesan lokasi kerosakan secara tepat untuk memendekkan proses pembersihan kerosakan dan meningkatkan system kebolehpercayaan. Kajian ini akan menumpukan perhatian untuk mengenalpasti kerosakan dalam talian penghantaran ‘overhead’ menggunakan transformasi wavelet dan mengklasifikasikannya menggunakan rangkaian neural buatan. Sistem kuasa talian penghantaran akan dimodelkan dalam MATLAB2013a / SIMULINK untuk mendapatkan dan pra-proses data kerosakan dan dianalisis dengan menggunakan transformasi wavelet diskret. Ibu wavelet daubechies4 (db4) digunakan untuk mengurai komponen frekuensi tinggi dari isyarat kerosakan. Set data yang diperoleh daripada DWT digunakan untuk melatih dan menguji seni bina ANN dengan menggunakan kotak alat rangkaian neural MATLAB. Beberapa jenis kerosakan dengan lokasi yang berbeza dari kerosakan dan rintangan kerosakan telah disimulasikan dan pelbagai percubaan telah dijalankan untuk mengenal pasti dan mengklasifikasikan kesalahan itu dengan sewajarnya. Dengan menggunakan kaedah yang dicadangkan, ketepatan tinggi klasifikasi kesalahan tercapai dan memberikan hasil yang lebih dipercayai.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ANN	-	Artificial Neural Network
DWT	-	Genetic Algorithm
LIF	-	Low Impedance Fault
HIF	-	High Impedance Fault
FFT	-	Fast Fourier Transform

LIST OF SYMBOLS

Z	-	Impedance
A	-	Approximate wavelet level
D	-	Detailed wavelet level
s	-	Signal
ψ	-	Mother Wavelet
E	-	Energy
R	-	Resistance
L	-	Inductance
C	-	Capacitance

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

A transmission line is the electrical conductors that carrying an electrical signal from generating station to the end users. The wave of voltage and current are transmitted from one end to another. To ensure the improvement of the system reliability, faster in the maintenance and restoration of power supply and quick detection of faults, accurate fault location is needed as mentioned by [1, 2]. Faults occurs when high excessive currents are flowing in which causes the damage to the equipment and devices. Hence, fault diagnosis is necessary to design suitable protection devices.

The faults are categorized into two which are unsymmetrical and symmetrical faults. Unsymmetrical faults are commonly occurs in the transmission line and is less severe than the symmetrical fault. The faults are namely line-to-ground (L-G), line-to-line (L-L) and double-line to ground (L-L-G) faults. These faults causes unbalanced in the system whereby the impedance value in each phase are different and are difficult to analyzed. The symmetrical faults are also known as balanced faults and are namely line-to-line-to-ground (L-L-G) and line-to-line-to-line (L-L-L). These types of faults are very severe, however it are rarely occur in the power system. The system will remains balanced when faults occurs but the equipment and devices will damage severely. [3,4] When faults occurs on the overhead line, it is due to weather conditions such as lightning strike, heavy rains, fog, salt spray on contaminated insulators. These environmental conditions will disturb the power supply and also damage the electrical installation. [5]

The short circuit occurs between phase to neutral or ground or phase conductors cause low impedance faults (LIF) while high impedance fault (HIF) normally occurs due to conductors touching the ground surface or a tree branch. [6] It is important to discriminate between LIF and HIF especially for locating faults schemes, precisely. [7]

1.2 Problem Statement

Fault which occurs on transmission lines not only effects the equipment but also the power quality. So, it is necessary to determine the fault type and location on the line and clear the fault as soon as possible in order not to cause such damages. Hence, pre-processing must be applied to improve the reliability of the power system.

1.3 Research Objectives

The objectives of the research are :

- (a) To analyse the transmission line fault with Discrete Wavelet Transform.
- (b) To classify the fault type using Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

1.4 Scope of Work

The analysis of the fault identification and classification is categorized into two stages. Firstly, the pre-processing stage is carried out in which the simulation of signals with different types of faults are simulated using MATLAB Simulink 2013a. Three types of faults are single line to ground, double lines to ground, line to line and three phase fault. The waveform and signal produced will be computed using Wavelet Transform (WT) algorithm.

Secondly, the data from the pre-processing stage were analyzed and train using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) by simulation using MATLAB Simulink 2013a.

1.5 Thesis Outline

Chapter 1 generally describe on the fault occurs at the transmission line. This chapter also provides information on the objectives of the study, problem statement and the scope of the study.

Chapter 2 focused on the previous work done to improving the reliability of combined transmission line and methods and classifiers available to analyze the fault in the transmission line.

Chapter 3 discuss on the modelling of the overhead transmission line using SimPowerSystem toolbox of MATLAB to simulate the fault signals.

Chapter 4 analysed the result obtained from MATLAB software. The analysis of different types of faults signals will be discussed in this chapter.

Chapter 5 explain the conclusion of the overhead transmission line system and recommendation.

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