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ABSTRAK

Pengganti lebahan arus jenis berlawanan masa minima tetap (IDMT) adalah peranti pelindung yang utama yang dipasang dalam rangkaian pembekalan pengagihan elektrik. Peranti tersebut digunakan untuk mengesan dan mengasingkan bahagian yang bermasalah daripada sistem utama untuk memastikan bekalan elektrik dapat dibekalkan seperti biasa semasa keadaan darurat. Koordinasi pelindung secara keseluruhan adalah sangat rumit dan ianya tidak dapat dilakukan oleh cara lazim. Tesis ini mencadangkan algoritma meta-heuristik yang dinamakan “Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO)” untuk meminimumkan masa operasi bagi pengganti lebahan arus dan memenuhi kehendak had-had yang ditetapkan. GWO diinspirasikan oleh kelakuan memburu oleh serigala kelabu yang mempunyai hirarki sosial yang dominan. Algoritma sedia ada yang terkenal yang dikenali sebagai “particle swarm optimizer (PSO)”, “differential evolution (DE)” dan “Biogeography-based Optimizer (BBO)” juga digunakan untuk membuktikan kecemerlangan GWO dengan menggunakan pengaturcaraan simulasi MATLAB dilengkapi dengan sempadan dan had yang sama bagi tujuan perbandingan yang adil. Kajian diteruskan dengan penambahbaikan pada formula penerokaan oleh algoritma GWO yang asal untuk meningkatkan kebolehan memburu dikenali sebagai Omega GWO (ω GWO). Algoritm ω GWO diuji pada rangkaian sistem pengagihan sebenar dengan diintegrasi oleh penjana yang diedarkan (DG). Pengujian ini adalah untuk menyiasat kesan impak negatif oleh integrasi DG kepada konfigurasi asal pengganti lebahan arus. Algoritma GWO telah diuji ke atas empat kes yang berbeza iaitu *IEEE 3 bus*, *IEEE 8 bus*, *9 bus* dan *IEEE 15 bus* dengan keluk songsang normal (NI) untuk kesemua kes dan keluk sangat songsang (VI) untuk kes terpilih. Rangkaian sistem 7 bas pengagihan sebenar di Malaysia telah dipilih untuk menyiasat dan mencadangkan lokasi integrasi DG yang paling optima yang mana mempunyai kurang impak negatif kepada konfigurasi asal. Hasil simulasi telah menunjukkan bahawa algoritma GWO mampu menghasilkan penyelesaian yang lebih baik dengan masa operasi bagi pengganti lebahan arus yang lebih rendah berbanding algoritma yang lain. Masa operasi pengganti lebahan arus oleh algoritma GWO telah dikurangkan sebanyak 0.09 saat dan 0.46 saat berbanding dengan algoritma PSO dan DE. Dalam pada masa yang sama, masa penumpuan oleh algoritma GWO juga telah dikurang sebanyak 23 saat dan 0.46 saat masing-masing berbanding algoritma DE dan PSO. Keteguhan algoritma GWO telah dibuktikan dengan keputusan sisihan piawai yang rendah dengan 1.7142 saat berbanding algoritma Biogeography-based Optimizer (BBO). Cadangan penambahbaikan kepada algoritma GWO yang asal iaitu ω GWO telah menunjukkan penurunan sebanyak 55% dan 19% masing-masing berbanding algoritma GA-NLP dan PSO-LP. Perbandingan dengan algoritma asal GWO jugak telah menunjukkan penurunan masa operasi sebanyak 0.7%. Susulan dari keputusan yang diperolehi dalam kajian ini telah mendapati bahawa ω GWO adalah algoritma yang memenuhi sisihan piawai dan sesuai untuk diaplikasikan kepada rangkaian sistem pengagihan elektrik di masa hadapan yang lebih kompleks.

ABSTRACT

Inverse definite minimum time (IDMT) overcurrent relays (OCRs) are among protective devices installed in electrical power distribution networks. The devices are used to detect and isolate the faulty area from the system in order to maintain the reliability and availability of the electrical supply during contingency condition. The overall protection coordination is thus very complicated and could not be satisfied using the conventional method moreover for the modern distribution system. This thesis apply a meta-heuristic algorithm called Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO) to minimize the overcurrent relays operating time while fulfilling the inequality constraints. GWO is inspired by the hunting behavior of the grey wolf which have firm social dominant hierarchy. Comparative studies have been performed in between GWO and the other well-known methods such as Differential Evolution (DE), Particle Swarm Optimizer (PSO) and Biogeography-based Optimizer (BBO), to demonstrate the efficiency of the GWO. The study is resumed with an improvement to the original GWO's exploration formula named as Omega-GWO (ω GWO) to enhance the hunting ability. The ω GWO is then implemented to the real-distribution network with the distributed generation (DG) in order to investigate the drawbacks of the DG insertion towards the original overcurrent relays configuration setting. The GWO algorithm is tested to four different test cases which are IEEE 3 bus (consists of six OCRs), IEEE 8 bus (consists of 14 OCRs), 9 bus (consists of 24 OCRs) and IEEE 15 bus (consists of 42 OCRs) test systems with normal inverse (NI) characteristic curve for all test cases and very inverse (VI) curve for selected cases to test the flexibility of the GWO algorithm. The real-distribution network in Malaysia which originally without DG is chosen, to investigate and recommend the optimal DG placement that have least negative impact towards the original overcurrent coordination setting. The simulation results from this study has established that GWO is able to produce promising solutions by generating the lowest operating time among other reviewed algorithms. The superiority of the GWO algorithm is proven with relays' operational time are reduced for about 0.09 seconds and 0.46 seconds as compared to DE and PSO respectively. In addition, the computational time of the GWO algorithm is faster than DE and PSO with the respective reduced time is 23 seconds and 37 seconds. In Moreover, the robustness of GWO algorithm is establish with low standard deviation of 1.7142 seconds as compared to BBO. The ω GWO has shown an improvement for about 55% and 19% compared to other improved and hybrid method of GA-NLP and PSO-LP respectively and 0.7% reduction in relays operating time compared to the original GWO. The investigation to the DG integration has disclosed that the scheme is robust and appropriate to be implemented for future system operational and topology revolutions.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS

T_i	Relay operating time
$I_{Ri,l}$	Fault current at location, l
a_i	Weight factor
R_i	Relay at i th
$TMSi$	Time multiplier setting at i th
PSi	Plug setting at i th
I_n	Normal current rating
$I_{f\min}$	Minimum value of current
T_{ibc}	Operating time for back-up relay
T_{ipr}	Operating time for primary relay
α	Alpha wolf
β	Beta wolf
δ	Delta wolf
ω	Omega wolf

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ALO	Ant lion optimizer
BBO	Biogeography-based Optimization
CGA	Continuous Genetic Algorithm
CSA	Cuckoo Search Algorithm
CTI	Coordination time interval
DE	Differential Evolution
DG	Distributed generation
EFO	Electromagnetic Field Optimization
FA	Firefly algorithm
GA	Genetic Algorithm
GWO	Grey wolf optimizer
HEA	Hybrid Evolutionary Algorithm
HGA-NLP	Hybrid GA-NLP
HGAPSOA	Hybrid GA and PSO Algorithm
HGSA	Hybrid Gravitational Search Algorithm
HSA	Harmony Search Algorithm
IGSO	Improved Group Search Optimization
ω GWO	Omega grey wolf optimizer
MDE	Modified Differential Evolution
MFO	Moth flame optimizer
MPSO	Modified Particle Swarm Optimization
NFL	The No Free Lunch
NI	Normal inverse characteristic curve
OF	Objective function
PS	Plug setting
PSO	Particle Swarm Optimization
PSO-LP	Particle Swarm Optimization-Linear Programming
PU	Pick-up setting
SA	Seeker Algorithm
TDS	Time dial setting
TLBO	Teaching Learning-base Optimization
TMS	Time multiplier setting
VI	Very inverse characteristic curve

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