



## Distribution Feeder Reconfiguration for Loss Minimization Based on Modified Honey Bee Mating Optimization Algorithm

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### Abstract

This paper presents an efficient algorithm for multi-objective distribution feeder reconfiguration based on Modified Honey Bee Mating Optimization (MHBMO) approach. The main objective of the Distribution feeder reconfiguration (DFR) is to minimize the real power loss, deviation of the nodes' voltage. Because of the fact that the objectives are different and no commensurable, it is difficult to solve the problem by conventional approaches that may optimize a single objective. So the metaheuristic algorithm has been applied to this problem. This paper describes the full algorithm to Objective functions paid, The results of simulations on a 32 bus distribution system is given and shown high accuracy and optimize the proposed algorithm in power loss minimization.

*Keywords:* Distribution feeder reconfiguration (DFR), Modified honey bee mating optimization (MHBMO), Multi-objectives distribution feeder reconfiguration (MDFR);

### 1. Introduction

Distribution systems usually open ring design and operation as are radial. If all keys are closed, the network losses will be minimal. But due to the complexity and high level of protection short circuit if it does not work. In these systems there are two types of switches; sectionalizing-switches (normally closed) and tie-switches (normally open). The configuration of the distribution system is changed by opening sectionalizing switches and closing tie switches so that the radial structure of the network is maintained and all of the loads are supported, and reduced power losses and improve power quality and increase system security. Distribution feeder reconfiguration (DFR) is a complex nonlinear combinatorial problem since the status of the switches is non-differentiable. Therefore, most of the algorithms in the literature are based on heuristic search techniques, which use either analytical or knowledge-based engines. Generally, DFR is defined as altering the topological structure of the distribution feeders by changing the open/close states of sectionalizing and tie switches so that the objective function is minimized and the constraints are met.

One of the first papers on this topic was presented by Merlin and Back [1]. Civanlar et al. introduced a simple innovative method for calculating the loss through the network reconfiguration [2]. Shirmohammadi and Hong presented the use of the power flow method based on a heuristic algorithm to determine the minimum loss configuration for radial distribution networks [3, 5]. Baran and Wu modeled the problem of loss reduction and load balancing as an integer programming problem [4]. Nara et al. have presented an implementation using a genetic algorithm to look for the minimum loss configuration [6]. Chiang and Rene proposed a solution procedure which used simulated annealing to search for an acceptable non inferior solution [7, 8]. Goswami and Basu introduced a power-flow-minimum heuristic algorithm for distribution feeder reconfiguration [9]. Vanderson Gomes et al. proposed a heuristic strategy for reconfiguration of distribution systems [10]. Lopez presented an approach for online reconfiguration [11]. Das proposed a fuzzy multi-objective approach to solve the network reconfiguration problem [12]. Niknam et al. presented an efficient hybrid algorithm for multi-objective distribution feeder reconfiguration based on Honey Bee Mating Optimization (HBMO) and fuzzy multi-objective approach [13]. Olamaei et al. proposed a cost based on compensation methodology for distribution feeder reconfiguration considering distributed generators [17-19]. Niknam et al. presented an efficient multi-objective modified shuffled frog leaping algorithm that has been used to solve MDFR problem [16].

The present work considers the network reconfiguration problem as a multi-objectives distribution feeder reconfiguration (MDFR), problem subject to operational and electric constraints. The problem formulation proposed here in considers two different objectives related to:

- Minimizing of the power losses;

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- Minimizing the deviation of the bus voltage;

## 2. Problem Formulation

This section proposes two objective functions for the network reconfiguration problem [22–24].

### 2.1. objective functions

As mentioned before, the proposed DFR problem has the following objectives:

#### 2.2. Minimization of the power losses:

The minimization of the total real power losses arising from feeders can be calculated as follows:

$$f_1(x) = \sum_{i=1}^{Nbr} R_i \times |I_i|^2 \tag{1}$$

$$X = [Tie_1, Tie_2, \dots, Tie_{N_{tie}}, Sw_1, Sw_2, \dots, Sw_{N_{tie}}]$$

where  $R_i$  and  $I_i$  are resistance and actual current of the  $i^{th}$  branch, respectively.  $Nbr$  is the number of the branches.  $X$  is the control variables vector.  $Tie_i$  is the state of the  $i^{th}$  tie switch (0 = open and 1=close).  $Sw_i$  is the sectionalizing switch number that forms a loop with  $Tie_i$ .  $N_{tie}$  is the number of the tie switches.

#### 2.1.2) Minimizing the deviation of the bus voltage:

Bus voltage is one of the most significant security and service quality indices, which can be described as follows:

$$f_2(x) = \max_i |V_i - V_{rate}|, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{bus} \tag{2}$$

where  $N_{bus}$  is total number of the buses.  $V_i$  and  $V_{rate}$  are the real and rated voltages on the  $i^{th}$  bus, respectively.

## 3. Original HBMO Algorithm

The honey bee is a social insect that can survive only as a member of a community, or colony. The colony inhabits an enclosed cavity. A honey-bee colony typically consists of a single egg laying long-lived queen, anywhere from zero to several thousand drones (depending on the season) and usually 10,000 to 60,000 workers. Queens are specialized in egg laying[39].

The HBMO Algorithm combines a number of different procedures [35-37]. Each of them corresponds to a different phase of the mating process of the honey bee. A drone mates with a queen probabilistically using an annealing function as follows:

$$Prob(D) = \exp(-\Delta(f)/S(t)) \tag{3}$$

where  $Prob(D)$  is the probability of adding the sperm of drone  $D$  to the sperm theca of the queen,  $\Delta(f)$  is the absolute difference between the fitness of  $D$  and the fitness of the queen and  $S(t)$  is the speed of the queen at time  $t$ . It is apparent that this function acts as an annealing function, where the probability of mating is high when either the queen is still in the start of her mating-flight and therefore her speed is high, or when the fitness of the drone is as good as the queen's. After each transition in space, the queen's speed,  $S(t)$ , and energy,  $E(t)$ , decay using the following equations:

$$S(t + 1) = \alpha \times S(t) \tag{4}$$

$$E(t + 1) = E(t) - \gamma \tag{5}$$

where  $\alpha$  is a factor  $\in (0,1)$  and is the amount of speed and energy reduction after each transition and each step.

Initially, the speed of the queen is generated at random. A number of mating flights are realized. Thus, an Honey-Bees Mating Optimization (HBMO) algorithm may be constructed with the following five main stages [38]:

1. The algorithm starts with the mating-flight, where a queen (best solution) selects drones probabilistically to form the sperm theca (list of drones). A drone is then selected from the list at random for the creation of broods.
2. Creation of new broods (trial solutions) by crossover ring the drones' genotypes with the queen's.
3. Use of workers (heuristics) to conduct local search on broods (trial solutions).
4. Adaptation of workers' fitness based on the amount of improvement achieved on broods.
5. Replacement of weaker queens by fitter broods.

The main steps of the HBMO algorithm presented in Figure.1:

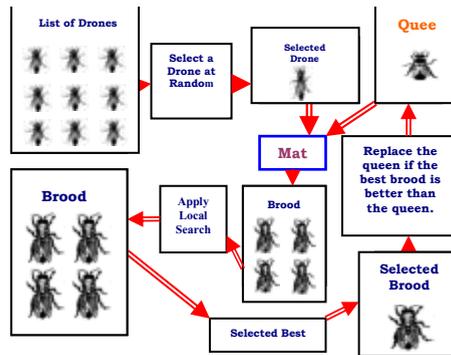


Figure1. The HBMO algorithm

#### 4. Solution of Multi-objective Distribution Feeder Reconfiguration

To apply the proposed algorithm in the distribution feeder reconfiguration problem, the following steps have to be taken [13,20]:

Step 1: Define the input data:

In this step, the input data including the network configuration, line impedance and status of switches, the speed of queen at the start of a mating flight ( $S_{max}$ ), the speed of queen at the end of a mating flight ( $S_{min}$ ), the speed reduction schema ( $\alpha$ ), the number of iteration, the number of workers ( $N_{Worker}$ ), the number of drones ( $N_{Dreone}$ ), the size of the queen's sperm theca ( $N_{Sperm}$ ) and the number of broods ( $N_{Brood}$ ) are defined.

Step 2: Transfer the constraint optimization problem to an unconstraint one.

Step 3: Generate an initial population:

In this step, an initial population based on state variable is generated, randomly. That is formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Drone &= \left[ X_1 X_2 \dots X_{N_{Dreone}} \right] \\
 X &= \left[ Tie_1, Tie_2, \dots, Tie_{N_{tie}} \right] = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{Dreone}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{6}$$

Step 4: Calculate the objective function value by using results of the distribution load flow.

Step 5: Sort the initial population based on the objective function values.

Step 6: Select the queen:

The individual ( $X_{best}$ ) that has the maximum objective function should be considered as the queen.

Step 7: Generate the queen speed:

The queen speed is randomly generated as:

$$S_{queen} = rand(.) \times (S_{max} - S_{min}) + S_{min}
 \tag{7}$$

where  $rand(.)$  is a random function generator.

Step 8: Select the population of the drones:

The population of drones is selected from the sorted initial population as:

$$\begin{aligned}
 Drone\_Population &= \begin{bmatrix} D1 \\ D2 \\ \vdots \\ D_{N_{Dreone}} \end{bmatrix} \\
 D_i &= \left[ Tie_1, Tie_2, \dots, Tie_{N_{tie}}, Sw_1, Sw_2, \dots, Sw_{N_{tie}} \right] \\
 i &= 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{Dreone}
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{8}$$

Where  $D_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  drone.

Step 9: Generate the queen's sperm theca matrix (Mating flight):

At the start of the mating flight, the queen flies with her maximum speed. A drone is randomly selected from the population of drones. The mating probability is calculated based on the objective function values of the queen and the selected drone. A number between 0 and 1 is randomly generated and compared with the calculated probability. If it is less than the calculated probability, the drone's sperm is sorted in the queen's sperm theca and the queen speed is decreased. Otherwise, the queen speed is decreased and another drone from the population of drones is selected until the speed of the queen reaches to her minimum speed or the queen's sperm theca is full:

$$Spermac\theta ea\_matrix = \begin{bmatrix} Sp_1 \\ Sp_2 \\ \dots \\ Sp_{N_{Sperm}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$Sp_i = [s_j]_{j \times n} = [Tie_1, Tie_2, \dots, Tie_{N_{tie}}, Sw_1, Sw_2, \dots, Sw_{N_{tie}}]$$

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{Sperm}$$
(9)

where  $Sp_i$  is the  $i^{th}$  individual in the queen’s sperm theca.

Step 10: Breeding process:

In this step, a population of broods is generated based on mating between the queen and the drones stored in the queen’s sperm theca. The  $i^{th}$  individual is generated as:

$$\bar{X}_{best} = [x_{best}^1 \ x_{best}^2 \ \dots \ x_{best}^n]$$

$$Sp_i = [s_i^1 \ s_i^2 \ \dots \ s_i^n]$$

$$Brood_j = round(\bar{X}_{best} + \beta(\bar{X}_{best} - Sp_i)) \quad j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{Brood}$$
(10)

where  $\beta$  is a random number between 0 and 1. Brood  $j$  is the  $j^{th}$  brood.

Step 11: Feeding selected broods and queen with the royal jelly by workers:

The population of broods is improved by applying different heuristic functions and mutation operators as follows: At first the  $i^{th}$  brood is randomly selected. Two integer numbers ( $B1$  and  $B2$ ) between 1 and  $n$  are randomly generated. It is assumed  $B1 < B2$ . The brood is changed and improved as below:

$$Brood_i(j) = Brood_i(j) \quad \text{if} \quad j < B1$$

$$Brood_i(j) = rand() \times (x_{max}^j - x_{min}^j) + x_{min}^j, \quad \text{if} \quad B1 \leq j \leq B2$$

$$Brood_i(j) = Brood_i(j) \quad \text{if} \quad j > B2$$
(11)

$$i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, N_{Worker}$$

where  $x_{max}^j$  and  $x_{min}^j$  are the maximum and minimum values of the  $j^{th}$  state variables, respectively.

Step 12: Calculate the objective function value for the new generated solutions.

Step 13: Check the termination criteria:

If the termination criteria satisfied finish the algorithm, else discard all previous trial solutions and go to step 3 until convergence criteria met.

### 5. Modified Honey Bee Mating Optimization (MHBMO) Algorithm

The improvement process starts when the reproduction process is completed and offspring (i.e. broods) are generated. In this stage, different heuristic workers will selectively be activated to improve fitness of the generated offspring (i.e. broods’ feeding). Heuristic functions are ranked according to their efficient contribution in solution improvements at each generation. Heuristic functions with a higher contribution in solution improvement will be used more extensively in the next improvement process. This feature will limit the unnecessary objective function evaluation for heuristic functions with non-significant contribution in solution improvements. The main difference between HBMO and Modified HBMO has been listed in Table (1). The Baran and Wu distribution test system is a hypothetical 12.66 kV system with a two-feeder substation, 32 buses, and 5 looping branches. The number of ties and sectionalizing switches are 5 and 32, respectively. The system data is given in [4] and the single line diagram of this system is shown in Fig. 2. The total load conditions are 5058.25 kW and 2547.32 kVar. The normally open switches, s33, s34, s35, s36 and s37, are illustrated by dotted lines. The normally closed switches, s1 to s32, are represented by solid lines. Before reconfiguration, the initial losses and minimum per unit voltage are 202.67 kW and 0.913 p.u, respectively, (Sbase=100kva).

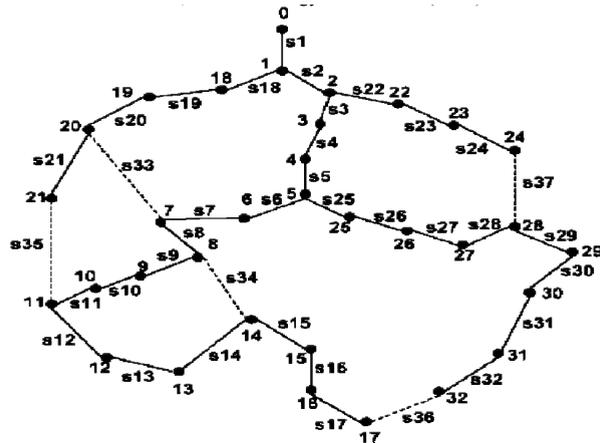


Figure 2. A single line diagram of Baran and Wu distribution test system.

Table 1. Differences between the original and Modified HBMO algorithms

| ID | Defination   | HBMO   | Modified HBMO  |
|----|--|--|--|
| 1  | Improvement of the best solution (Queen feeding).          | There is not a certain step for queen feeding after generating the population and selecting the best solution as Queen.  | Queen feeding has been added after its generation by using some heuristic functions as workers.  |
| 2  | Temperature (Queen's speed) reduction factor ( $\alpha$ ). | Constant factor $e$ (0,1).   | Linear factor with initial value of 1 and linear reduction till zero. Technically, this reduction factor ( $\alpha$ ) is the number of successful parent nominations (mating flight and adding a drone's sperm into sperm theca) over the size of mating pool (sperm theca). |
| 3  | Crossover (breeding) and mutation (broods feeding).        | These two steps are done by using the crossover and mutation functions simultaneously.   | Breeding would be done first using crossover functions and afterwards mutation functions are applied for broods feeding.   |
| 4  | Heuristic functions (workers) Application.                 | 6 heuristic functions are used for local search (broods feeding).  | Number and type of heuristic functions are improved. The best scheme is selected after conducting sensitivity analysis.  |
| 5  | Heuristic functions (workers) Updating.                    | Allocated space to heuristic functions in updating process is determined based on functions ranking. Considering multipliers of 10. Apparently, the better function quality, the more allocated space. | These allocated spaces from the population (hive) are determined relatively based on the amount of improvement which is produced by heuristic functions.   |

At first, total active power losses, the number of switching operations and the voltage deviation of the buses are separately optimized to find the extreme points of the trade-off front. The best results obtained by optimizing the first and the Second objectives separately are shown in Tables (2) and (3), respectively. The results shown change in the status of the tie and sectionalizing switches. In Table (2) the best results obtained by optimizing the first objective of the proposed algorithm have been shown, and it is obvious that the solution obtained by the proposed algorithm is better than the others. In Table (3) the best results obtained by optimizing the first objective of the proposed algorithm are compared with other studies. As shown in the Tables (2) and(3), the algorithm is capable of finding the best solutions for each objective function in power loss minimization. According to Tables (2) and (3), the best solutions obtained by minimizing power losses and voltage deviation separately are not the same, hence despite saying these objective are not different; in these tables (Tables 2 and 3) it has been shown that in some solutions these objectives are not commensurable. Also in most references, "Deviation of the node's voltage" and "real power loss" are considered as two objective functions.

Table 2. Results obtained by optimizing the total real power losses.

| Method                 | Power losses (Kw) | Loss reduction (%) | Minimum voltage (p.u) | Open switches          |
|------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Optimum [10]           | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| Goswami [9]            | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| MeDemott [24]          | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| Shirmohammadi [3]      | 140.26            | 30.78              | 0.93781964            | s7, s10, s14, s32, s37 |
| Vanderson Gomes [10]   | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| DPSO-HBMO [22]         | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| DPSO [20]              | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| PSO-ACO [20]           | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| DPSO-ACO [21]          | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| HBMO [13]              | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| MMSFL[16]              | 139.53            | 31.14              | 0.93781964            | s7, s9, s14, s32, s37  |
| The proposed algorithm | 134.26            | 33.76              | 0.94549331            | s7, s9, s14, s28, s32  |

**Table 3.** Results obtained by optimizing the voltage deviation of the buses.

| Method                 | Minimum deviation of the bus voltage | Minimum voltage (p.u) | Power losses (kW) | Open switches         |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| DPSO-HBMO [22]         | 0.061203                             | 0.9387968             | 142.80820         | s6, s9, s14, s32, s37 |
| DPSO [20]              | 0.061203                             | 0.9387968             | 142.80820         | s6, s9, s14, s32, s37 |
| PSO-ACO [20]           | 0.061203                             | 0.9387968             | 142.80820         | s6, s9, s14, s32, s37 |
| DPSO-ACO [21]          | 0.061203                             | 0.9387968             | 142.80820         | s6, s9, s14, s32, s37 |
| HBMO [13]              | 0.061203                             | 0.9387968             | 142.80820         | s6, s9, s14, s32, s37 |
| MMSFL[16]              | 0.054261                             | 0.9457390             | 140.06828         | s7, s9, s14, s32, s28 |
| The proposed algorithm | 0.057838                             | 0.9421622             | 135.95491         | s7, s9, s14, s28, s36 |

As Figure (3) Shows, after the 5 repeat (4iteration) the above algorithm to optimal response is achieved. The high accuracy and speed in the optimization algorithm shows:

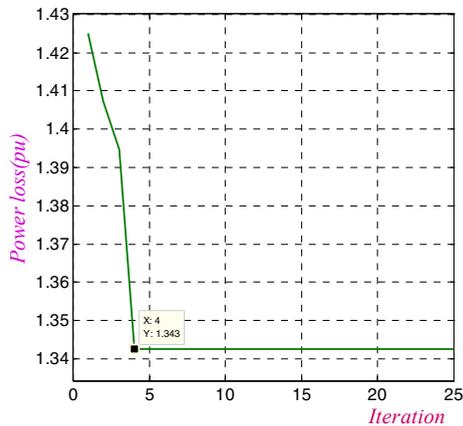


Figure 3. Diagram out put real power loss test system

**6. Conclusion**

In this paper, an modified honey bee mating optimization (MHBMO) algorithm, make-up distribution network for reconfiguration 32 Bus samples (Baran and Wu distribution test system) used, and simulations. The results show that the above algorithm for real power loss minimization to be the most effective and efficient. Because optimization algorithms based on search work, Can be shown that the new arrangement, which can reduce real power loss much better results and optimal response is achieved. The simulation results shown that global or close to global optimum solutions for the system losses, than the other algorithms respectively attained.

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