

System Planning 2014

Lecture 8, L8:

Short-term planning of hydro power systems





System planning 2014

- Short-term planning of hydro power systems
- Chapter 5.1-5.2.4 (actually 5.2.1-5.2.4)
- Content:
 - Generally about short-term planning,
 - Generally about hydropower
 - Electricity Production
 - Hydrological coupling
 - Hydro power planning



Generally about hydro power planning (1/3)

- What is short-term planning?
 - Timeframe: 24 hours 1 week
 - In this course: Hourly planning
 - Minimize costs, maximize profit
- Results:
 - Operation schedules for the power plants
 - Trade on the electricity market
- Limiting factors planning the operation:
 - Technological/Physical
 - Economical/Juridical



Generally about hydro power planning (2/3)

- A generally formulated short-term planning program:
- Maximize
 - Incomes during the studied period
 - (Expected) future incomes
- Minimize
 - Costs during the studied period
 - (Expected) future costs
- Continued ...



Generally about hydro power planning (3/3)

- Continues ...
- Subject to
 - Physical constraints,
 - Juridical constraints, e.g.
 - Water-right judgements
 - Emission certificates
- This results in an optimization problem
- This course: deterministic models



Generally about hydro power (1/5)

- Produces electricity by potential energy differences
- Reservoirs common also for streaming water



Generally about hydro power (2/5)

Typical construction with low head





Generally about hydro power (3/5)

Typical construction with high head





Generally about hydro power (4/5)

- Necessary variables in hydro power planning
 - Discharge, Q
 - Spillage, S
 - Reservoir content, M
 - Generated power, H(Q)
- Variables expressed in "hour equivalents", HE (SE: TE)
 - 1 HE means:
 - Discharge & spillage:

flow
$$1 \frac{m^3}{s}$$
 during 1 h

• Reservoir content:

volume corresponding to flow 1 $\frac{m^3}{s}$ during 1 h



Generally about hydro power (5/5)



Uddby Hydro Power Plant, Tyresö



Turbine

- Maximal discharge:
- Minimal spillage:





- Q, discharge
- H(Q), power production function of discharge
- $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q}$, production equivalent (efficiency)
- $\mu(Q) = \frac{dH(Q)}{dQ}$, marginal production equivalent
 - Marginal production change for altered discharge



•
$$\eta(Q) = \frac{\gamma(Q)}{\gamma_{\max}}$$
, relative efficiency,

• normalized production equivalent

•
$$\gamma_{\max} = \max_{Q} \gamma(Q)$$









- H(Q), power production function of discharge
- Not linear
- What to do?













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- $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q}$, production equivalent (efficiency)
- Why is this?
- Why not equally high peaks?
- Turbines
 - Needs some discharge
 - Peak efficiency a design parameter
 - Next turbine starts
 - (Thomas Sandberg, KTH)





- $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q}$, production equivalent (efficiency)
- Why is this?
- Why not equally high peaks?
- Friction losses in tunnels
 - Headrace
 - Tailrace
 - $P_L \propto Q^2$
 - (Anders Wörman, KTH)

• But, $P_G \propto Q$





- $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q}$, production equivalent (efficiency)
- *H*(*Q*), power production function of discharge
- Not linear
- What to do?
- Use efficiency peaks for segmentation





- $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q}$, production equivalent (efficiency)
- Use peaks for segmentation
- **Piecewise linear approximation**
- Each segment constant marginal production equivalent (slopes)
- Validity?





 $\mu(Q) = \frac{dH(Q)}{dQ}$, marginal production equivalent









$$\mu(Q) = \frac{dH(Q)}{dQ}$$
, marginal production equivalent











• Total discharge, power station *i*, hour *t*

$$Q_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} Q_{i,j,t}$$

• $Q_{i,j,t}$, discharge, station *i*, segment *j*, hour *t*



• Total power production, power station *i*, hour *t*

$$H_{i,t} = \sum_{j=1}^{n_i} \mu_{i,j} Q_{i,j,t}$$

• $\mu_{i,j}$, marginal production equivalent, station *i*, segment *j*



- How to assure ordered segment activation?
- Not an issue here
- $\mu_{i,j} > \mu_{i,j+2}$
- We maximize income
- Last lecture we treated consumption
- Sometimes binaries not needed!





Forbidden discharges (1/5)

- Small discharges low efficiency
- Not considered in piecewise linear model
- *Primarily* a problem in first segment
- Avoid low discharges
- Introduce binary variables



Forbidden discharges (2/5)

- Production equivalent according to figure
- Compare with slide 16
- Low efficiency below 50 HE
- Either above 50 HE or nothing
- Piecewise linear model





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Forbidden discharges (3/5)



- Average of remaining ۲ allowed interval
- Question: Higher or lower • than before?



Forbidden discharges (4/5)

• Binary variables, $z_{i,t}$, each segment and time-step

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$$z = \begin{cases} 0, & Q = 0 \text{ HE} \\ 1, & Q \ge 50 \text{ HE} \end{cases}$$

• Total discharge and production given by:

$$Q_{i,t} = 50z_{i,t} + Q_{K,i,t}$$
$$H_{i,t} = 50\mu_{K,i,t}z_{i,t} + \mu_{K,i}Q_{K,i,t}$$



Forbidden discharges (5/5)

- Constraints ensuring no discharge when z = 0
- $Q_{K,i,t} \leq \overline{Q_{K,i}} z_{i,t}$
- Variable limits:

$$0 \le Q_{K,i,t}$$
$$z_{i,t} \in \{0,1\}$$



The planning problem (1/3)

- Maximize
 - Incomes during period
 - Assets after end of period
- Minimize
 - Production costs during period
- Subject to
 - Hydrological coupling
 - Laws and regulations
 - (Other) physical limitations



The planning problem (2/3)

- Production costs neglectable
 - Very small
 - Remember from electricity pricing?
- Incomes during period
 - Sales on spot market
 - Bilateral sales to customer
 - $\sum_{t=1}^{T} \lambda_t H_{i,t}$
 - Where, λ_t , denotes the price



The planning problem (3/3)

- Assets after end of period
 - Stored water
 - Expected future price
 - Expected future production
- Value of stored water at station *i*

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$$B_i(M_{i,T}) = \lambda_e M_{i,T} \sum_{j \in N_i} \gamma_j$$

- λ_e , expected future price
- $M_{i,T}$, reservoir content at end of period
- N_i , set of indices for downstream stations
- γ_j , expected future production equivalent



Hydrologic Coupling (1/5)

- Hydropower stations in a river dependent
- Operation of a station affect others
- The interrelations need to be considered





Hydrologic Coupling (2/5)







Hydrologic Coupling (3/5)





Hydrologic Coupling (4/5)

- Time consumed water flowing between stations *j*, *i*, $\tau_{j,i}$
- From *j* to closest downstream station *i*
- Complicated relations of $\tau_{j,i}$
 - Water flows
 - Reservoir levels
 - Etc.
- Assume constant water delay times, τ_i
 - h_j hours, m_j minutes



Hydrologic Coupling (5/5)





Legal and physical constraints (1/2)

- Power station limitations
 - Laws and regulations
 - water-rights judgement
 - water-rights judgement
 - etc.
 - Physical limitations
- Variable limits
 - $\underline{Q}_i \leq Q_{i,t} \leq \overline{Q}_i$
 - $\underline{M}_i \leq M_{i,t} \leq \overline{M}_i$
 - $\underline{M}_{i,T} \le M_{i,T} \le \overline{M}_{i,T}$
 - $\underline{M}_{i,T}$ and $\overline{M}_{i,T}$ could be more constraining



Legal and physical constraints (2/2)

- Contracts with customer(s)
- $\sum_{i \in I} H_{i,t} \ge D_t$
- Equality also occurs
- $H_{i,t}$, production
- D_t , contracted load



Planning problem – Example (1/7)

- Two hydropower station
 - Located after each other in river
 - All power sold on power exchange
 - Plan the 6 following hours
- Known
 - Expected price, λ_t , for t = 1, 2, ..., 6
 - Stored water after t = 6 sold at λ_f
 - Reservoirs are half full at start





Planning problem – Example (2/7)

- Known
 - Installed capacity, \overline{H}_i , i = 1,2
 - Maximal discharge, \overline{Q}_i , i = 1,2
 - Maximal reservoir contents, \overline{M}_i , i = 1,2
 - Local hydro inflow, V_i , i = 1,2
- Assumptions
 - Constant efficiency, $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q} = \frac{\gamma Q}{Q} = \gamma$
 - Gives linear production function, $H(Q) = \gamma Q$





Planning problem – Example (3/7)

- Assumptions
 - Constant efficiency, $\gamma(Q) = \frac{H(Q)}{Q} = \frac{\gamma Q}{Q} = \gamma$
 - Gives linear production function, $H(Q) = \gamma Q$
 - Gives constant production equivalent, $\mu(Q) = \frac{d\gamma Q}{dQ} = \gamma = \mu$
 - Installed capacity reached at maximal discharge

• Gives
$$\gamma_i = \frac{\overline{H}_i}{\overline{Q}_i}$$
, $i = 1, 2$





Planning problem – Example (4/7)

- Solution
 - Maximize
 - Income from sold power
 - Value of stored water
 - Subject to
 - Hydrological coupling





Planning problem – Example (5/7)

- Variables
 - Discharge, $Q_{i,t}$, $i \in \{1,2\}$, $t \in \{1,2, \dots, 6\}$
 - Spillage, $S_{i,t}$, $i \in \{1,2\}$, $t \in \{1,2, ..., 6\}$
 - Reservoir content end of period t, $M_{i,t}, i \in \{1,2\}, t \in \{1,2, \dots, 6\}$





Planning problem – Example (6/7)

- Objective function
 - Sold electricity, $\sum_{t=1}^{6} \lambda_t \sum_{i=1}^{2} \gamma_i Q_{i,t}$
 - Stored water, $\lambda_e [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2)M_{1,6} + \gamma_2 M_{2,6}]$
 - Altogether:
 - $\sum_{t=1}^{6} \lambda_t \sum_{i=1}^{2} \gamma_i Q_{i,t} + \lambda_e [(\gamma_1 + \gamma_2) M_{1,6} + \gamma_2 M_{2,6}]$





Planning problem – Example (7/7)

- Hydrologic constraints
 - $M_{1,t} = M_{1,t-1} Q_{1,t} S_{1,t} + V_1$
 - $M_{2,t} = M_{2,t-1} Q_{2,t} S_{2,t} + Q_{1,t} + S_{1,t} + V_2$
- Variable limits
 - $0 \le Q_{i,t} \le \overline{Q}_i$
 - $0 \leq S_{i,t}$
 - $0 \le M_{i,t} \le \overline{M}_i$
- Where, $M_{i,0} = 0.5\overline{M}_i$





Typical exam question, part 1 (1/2)

- Hydro station Språnget
 - Maximal discharge, $100 \frac{m^3}{s}$
 - Best efficiency at discharge, $70 \frac{m^3}{s}$
 - Maximal discharge, installed capacity generated, 20.8 MW
 - At best efficiency, 15.4 MW generated



Typical exam question, part 1 (2/2)

- Assume
 - Piecewise linear generation model needed
 - Two segments needed
 - Breaking point at best efficiency
- Compute:
 - Marginal production equivalent for each segment
 - Maximal discharge, each segment



Typical exam question, part 2

- Power plant indices, $i \in \{1,2,3\}$
 - Strömmen 1,
 - Fallet 2,
 - Språnget 3
- Segment indices, $j \in \{1,2\}$
- Time (hour) indices, $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, 24\}$





Typical exam question, part 2

- Given
 - $M_{i,0}$, reservoir content at start
 - *M_{i,t}*, reservoir content, end of period *t*
 - $Q_{i,j,t}$, discharge, plant *i*, segment *j*, during *t*





Typical exam question, part 2

- Given
 - $M_{i,0}$, reservoir content at start
 - $M_{i,t}$, reservoir content at end of t
 - $Q_{i,j,t}$, discharge, plant *i*, segment *j*, during *t*

Strömmen

Fallet

Språnget

- $S_{i,t}$, spillage, reservoir *i*, during *t*
- $V_{i,t}$, local inflow, reservoir *i*, during *t*
- Using given information
 - Formulate hydrological constraints
 - Neglect water delay times



End of lecture 8

Next time thermal short-term planning

