

Direct, Accelerated, and Accurate PDT Superposition Approach for Sharing of Branch Power Losses and Loads in the IEEE 9-Bus System

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Abstract:

Accurate allocation of individual generator contributions to specific loads and branch power losses is essential for transparent electricity pricing in deregulated power markets. Conventional allocation methodologies such as flow-tracing algorithms, Bialek's method, and Kirschen's method suffer from heavy computational burdens due to complex matrix iterations and non-invertible flow matrices. To overcome these limitations, this paper presents an innovative Power Division Theorem (PDT)-Superposition framework that eliminates iterative computations by linearizing quadratic, non-linear power dependencies into a structural current framework. Grounded in network circuit theory, the proposed framework establishes explicit nodal equations for the IEEE 9-bus system, embedding operational constraints directly into a back-solvable Mathcad solve block for direct verification and independent auditing. Experimental validation proves that while the PDT-Superposition framework provides an exact complex power benchmark, the standalone PDT formula resolves load-sharing profiles within a tight <5% error margin. This allows grid operators to strategically bypass the superposition principle entirely to minimize execution overhead. Ultimately, this approach provides a faster, direct, and highly transparent methodology for real-time power and loss tracking in modern energy management systems.

Keywords: Power Division Theorem (PDT), Superposition theorem, Branch power losses, Power allocation, Deregulated electricity markets, computational complexity.

1. Introduction

The rapid expansion and integration of open-access generation in deregulated power markets have transformed modern transmission networks into highly complex transaction hubs. Under these market structures, accurate and fair allocation of branch power losses and individual load contributions to specific generation units is no longer a trivial power flow exercise; it is an economic and operational necessity for transparent electricity pricing. When network pricing mechanisms lack transparency, market participants lose confidence, which leads to disputes and complicates independent regulatory auditing. To trace electricity and allocate costs, conventional tracking methodologies rely primarily on topological tracing schemes. Narimani et al. proposed a modified tracing framework based on Bialek's method to identify specific network lines whose power flows depend entirely on single-node generation or demand [1]. While

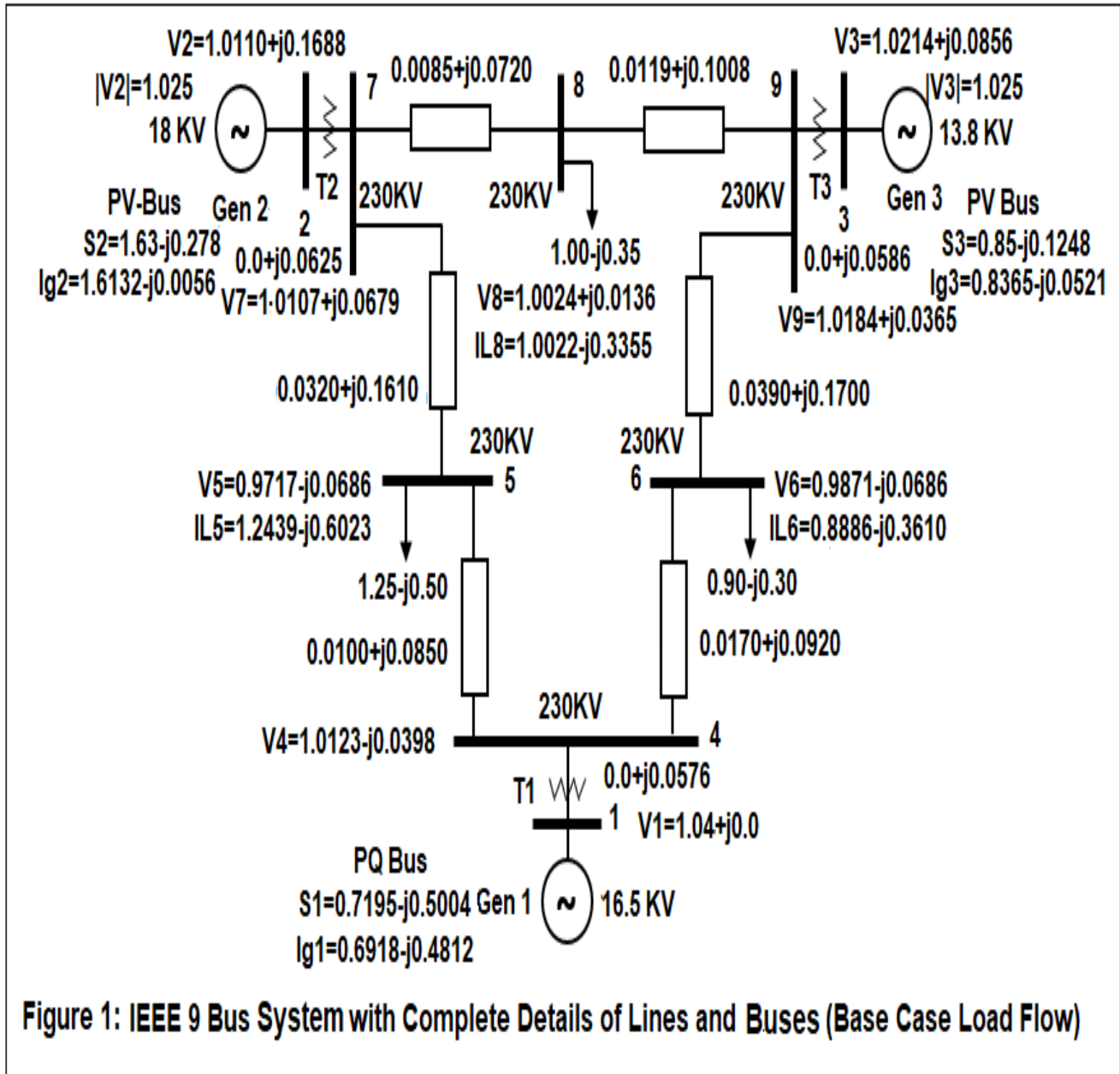
this approach accelerates processing times by bypassing distribution matrices, it still struggles with dense matrix structures in highly meshed grids [1]. To address the exact equitable distribution of network costs among users, alternative models have integrated power flow analysis and modelling with the superposition theorem to isolate demand-specific impacts on branch losses [2]. This method works across both meshed and radial system topologies [2]. Shifting the focus to transaction frameworks, researchers often compare Power Transfer Distribution Factor (PTDF) methods—specifically evaluating the trade-offs between the computationally faster DC-PTDF models and the mathematically rigorous, complex AC-PTDF formulations [3]. To optimize transmission grids further under these configurations, advanced heuristic network reconfigurations utilizing unique bus identification schemes have been deployed to accelerate calculations over traditional quadratic allocation methods [4]. Furthermore, state-of-the-art scalable Mixed-Integer Quadratic Programming (MIQP) models have been developed to determine optimal capacity configurations and minimize active power losses by up to 94.30% [5]. Despite these developments, conventional configurations still carry inherent structural limitations. Most conventional methods rely on tracing algorithms, precise system modelling, and power flow analysis with acceptable approximations, using the faster DC-PTDF method to improve accuracy [1, 2, 3]. An analytical loss allocation technique that outperforms the traditional quadratic method still increases computational work results with less accuracy [4]. Meanwhile, advanced MIQP optimization frameworks are restricted to deciding the optimal physical location for loss minimization rather than tracing active transactions [5]. Crucially, definitive proof for the claimed results is missing across all of these conventional methods. To resolve these compounding issues, this paper introduces a direct, accelerated, and highly accurate tracking framework based on the integration of the Power Division Theorem (PDT) [6] and the Superposition Theorem [7,9]. Conventional power system modelling historically rejects the application of superposition to power values because complex power ($S = VI^*$) is inherently non-linear and quadratic. The integration of the PDT fundamentally resolves this long-standing challenge [6]. By converting quadratic, non-linear power dependencies into a linearized structural current framework, PDT provides the exact mathematical validation needed to apply superposition principles directly to complex network power sharing [7, 8, 9]. Using the standard IEEE 9-bus system, this paper demonstrates the proposed approach by establishing a base case load flow with nodal equations and constraints in a [Mathcad](#) solve block. It then illustrates how PDT evaluates power sharing based on data derived from superposition. Because the method directly relies on these two fundamental network theorems, the resulting allocation data is mathematically guaranteed to be correct, precise, and universally verifiable [6, 7, 8, 9].

2. IEEE 9 Bus System

System Base Apparent Power (S base): 100 MVA, System Nominal Frequency (f): 60 Hz

Voltage Bases (V base): 16.5 kV (Bus 1), 18.0 kV (Bus 2), 13.8 kV (Bus 3), and 230 kV for the transmission network (Buses 4–9). All values in the figures are in Per Unit.

A. Base Case Load Flow



The Half Susceptance for each line is given below:

Line 4-5 = 0.0880, Line 4-6 = 0.0790, Line 5-7 = 0.0153, Line 7-8 = 0.0745, Line 8-9 = 0.1045, Line 9-6 = 0.0179

The value of Susceptance at each node: $B_{44} = j(0.0880 + 0.0790) = j0.1670$,
 $B_{55} = j(0.0880 + 0.0153) = j0.1033$, $B_{66} = j(0.0790 + 0.0179) = j0.0969$,
 $B_{77} = j(0.0153 + 0.0745) = j0.0898$, $B_{88} = j(0.0745 + 0.1045) = j0.179$,
 $B_{99} = j(0.1045 + 0.0179) = j0.1224$.

The dynamic load power configurations operating at the network load centers are specified as $L_5 = 1.25 - j0.50$ p.u., $L_6 = 0.90 - j0.30$ p.u., and $L_8 = 1.00 - j0.35$ p.u. Each individual nodal bus susceptance operates strictly in parallel with its corresponding load parameter, all of which are fully integrated into the baseline case load flow matrices.

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Node 1 $\frac{V_1 - V_4}{Z_{14}} \approx I_1$	Node 2 $\frac{V_2 - V_7}{Z_{27}} \approx I_2$	Node 3 $\frac{V_3 - V_9}{Z_{39}} \approx I_3$
Node 4 $\frac{V_4 - V_6}{Z_{46}} + \frac{V_4 - V_5}{Z_{45}} + B_{44} \cdot V_4 \approx I_1$	Constraint Equations $S_2 \approx \overline{V_2} \cdot I_2$ $S_3 \approx \overline{V_3} \cdot I_3$ $\text{Re}(S_2) \approx 1.63$ $\text{Re}(S_3) \approx 0.85$ $V_2 \approx 1.025$ $V_3 \approx 1.025$	
Node 5 $\frac{V_5 - V_4}{Z_{45}} + \frac{V_5 - V_7}{Z_{57}} + \frac{L_5}{\overline{V_5}} + B_{55} \cdot V_5 \approx 0$		
Node 6 $\frac{V_6 - V_9}{Z_{69}} + \frac{V_6 - V_4}{Z_{46}} + \frac{L_6}{\overline{V_6}} + B_{66} \cdot V_6 \approx 0$		
Node 7 $\frac{V_7 - V_8}{Z_{78}} + \frac{V_7 - V_5}{Z_{57}} + \frac{L_7}{\overline{V_7}} + B_{77} \cdot V_7 \approx I_2$		
Node 8 $\frac{V_8 - V_9}{Z_{89}} + \frac{V_8 - V_7}{Z_{78}} + \frac{L_8}{\overline{V_8}} + B_{88} \cdot V_8 \approx 0$	Node 9 $\frac{V_9 - V_8}{Z_{89}} + \frac{V_9 - V_6}{Z_{69}} + B_{99} \cdot V_9 \approx I_3$	

Figure 2: Load Flow Equations with Constraints: Mathcad Solve Block: Tolerance Set at 10⁻⁵

1. **Variables to be found:** I1, I2, I3, S1, S2, V2, V3, V4, V5, V6, V7, V8, V9, Voltage at bus 1 kept at 1.04+j0.0. The other variables are guessed initially. Results are marked in the Figure 1.
2. Susceptance Current **IB** = (B44 × V4 + B55 × V5 + B66 × V6 + B77 × V7 + B88 × V8 + B99 × V9) = 0.0069+j0.7599
3. Total Generator current **IG** = I1 + I2 + I3 = 3.1415-j0.5389
4. Total Load Current = **IL** = IL5 + IL6 + IL8 = 3.1346-j1.2988
5. **Verifying Current balance:** IL + IB = 3.1346 - j1.2988 + 0.0069 + j0.7599 = IG = 3.1415-j0.5389
6. **Load Impedances:** ZL5 = V5 / IL5 = 0.6544 - j0.2618, ZL6 = V6 / IL6 = 0.9784 - j0.3261, ZL8 = V8 / IL8 = 0.8952 - j0.3133
7. **Actual Line/Branch Loss Calculation (TBL):**
8. Line 1-4 = TB14 = |(V1-V4)|²/Z14, Line 2-7 = TB27 = |(V2-V7)|²/Z27, Line 3-9 = TB39 = |(V3-V9)|²/Z39, Line 5-7 = TB57 = |(V7-V5)|²/Z57, Line 4-5 = TB45 = |(V4-V5)|²/Z45, Line 4-6 = TB46 = |(V4-V6)|²/Z46, Line 6-9 = TB69 = |(V9-V6)|²/Z69, Line 8-9 = TB89 = |(V9-V8)|²/Z89, Line 7-8 = TB78 = |(V7-V8)|²/Z78, Total Line/Branch Loss =
9. TBL = TB14+TB27+TB39+TB57+TB45+TB46+TB69+TB89+TB78 = **0.0495 - j0.5166**
10. **Effect of Susceptances (EB):**
11. Bus 4 = EB4 = (B44) × |V4|², Bus 5 = EB5 = (B55) × |V5|², Bus 6 = EB6 = (B66) × |V6|², Bus 7 = EB7 = (B77) × |V7|², Bus 8 = EB8 = (B88) × |V8|², Bus 9 = EB9 = (B99) × |V9|²
12. Total = EB4+EB5+EB6+EB7+EB8+EB9 = j0.7633
13. **Verifying Power Balance:** Total Generation **TG** = S1 + S2 + S3 = 3.1995-j0.9032:
14. Total Load **TL** = L5 + L6 + L8 = 3.15 - j1.15: Total Loss **TO** = **TG** - **TL** = 0.0495 + j0.2468 (Effect of B included), Actual total loss TBL = TO - EB = 0.0495 + j0.2468 - j0.7633 = **0.0495 - j0.5166**

B: Applying Superposition Principle:

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Node 4 $\frac{V_4 - V_6}{Z_{46}} + \frac{V_4 - V_5}{Z_{45}} + B_{44} \cdot V_4 \approx 0.6918 - j0.4812$ Node 6 $\frac{V_6 - V_9}{Z_{69}} + \frac{V_6 - V_4}{Z_{46}} + \frac{V_6}{Z_{L6}} + B_{66} \cdot V_6 \approx 0$ Node 8 $\frac{V_8 - V_9}{Z_{89}} + \frac{V_8 - V_7}{Z_{78}} + \frac{V_8}{Z_{L8}} + B_{88} \cdot V_8 \approx 0$	Node 5 $\frac{V_5 - V_4}{Z_{45}} + \frac{V_5 - V_7}{Z_{57}} + \frac{V_5}{Z_{L5}} + B_{55} \cdot V_5 \approx 0$ Node 7 $\frac{V_7 - V_8}{Z_{78}} + \frac{V_7 - V_5}{Z_{57}} + B_{77} \cdot V_7 \approx 1.6132 - j0.0056$ Node 9 $\frac{V_9 - V_8}{Z_{89}} + \frac{V_9 - V_6}{Z_{69}} + B_{99} \cdot V_9 \approx 0.8365 - j0.0521$
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Figure 3: Equations for Superposition Principle: Mathcad Solve Block

In the load bus equations (5, 6, 8) in Figure 2, the load currents are replaced as given below in Figure 3: $IL5 = V5/ZL5$, $IL6 = V6/ZL6$, $IL8 = V8/ZL8$. Nodes 1, 2, and 3, along with their constraint equations, are removed in Figure 3, because the values of $I1$, $I2$, and $I3$ were already determined by including these constraints in the solve block of Figure 2.

1. **Input:** Generator Currents: $I1$, $I2$, and $I3$
2. **Variables to be found:** $V4$, $V5$, $V6$, $V7$, $V8$, and $V9$: The solution of voltages $V4$ to $V9$ resulted in
3. **Calculation of Line/Branch Currents:**

Figure 2 are identical to the solution of the equations in Figure 3

$L1-4 = (V1-V4)/Z14$	$L2-7 = (V2-V7)/Z27$	$L3-9 = (V3-V9)/Z39$	$L5-7 = (V7-V5)/Z57$
$L4-5 = (V4-V5)/Z45$	$L4-6 = (V4-V6)/Z46$	$L6-9 = (V9-V6)/Z69$	$L6-9 = (V9-V6)/Z69$
$L7-8 = (V7-V8)/Z78$	$IL5 = V5/ZL5$	$IL6 = V6/ZL6$	$IL8 = V8/ZL8$
$L1-4 = 0.6918 - j0.4812$	$L2-7 = 1.6132 - j0.0056$	$L3-9 = 0.8365 - j0.0521$	
$L5-7 = 0.8620 - j0.0705$	$L4-5 = 0.3889 - j0.4315$	$L4-6 = 0.2963 - j0.2187$	
$L6-9 = 0.5985 - j0.0465$	$L8-9 = 0.2425 - j0.1302$	$L7-8 = 0.7573 - j0.0258$	
$IL5 = 1.2438 - j0.6024$	$IL6 = 0.8886 - j0.3609$	$IL8 = 1.0022 - j0.3355$	

Figure 4: Line, Load Currents: Source Currents $I1$, $I2$, $I3$ Present

Source I1 Only

Source I2 only

Source I3 only

All Sources Present

$I1 = 0.6918-j0.4812$ $I2 = 0.0; I3 = 0.0$	$I2 = 1.6132-j0.0056$ $I1 = 0.0; I3 = 0.0$	$I3 = 0.8365-j0.0521$ $I1 = 0.0; I2 = 0.0$	I1, I2, I3 Present Total Value
L1-4=0.6918-j0.4812	0.0-j0.0	0.0-j0.0	L1-4=0.6918-j0.4812
0.0-j0.0	L2-7=1.6132-j0.0056	0.0-j0.0	L2-7=1.6132-j0.0056
0.0-j0.0	0.0-j0.0	L3-9=0.8365-j0.0521	L3-9=0.8365-j0.0521
L5-7=-0.1073+j0.0614	L5-7=0.7804-j0.0701	L5-7=0.1890-j0.0618	L5-7=0.8621-j0.0705
L4-5=0.3687-j0.3111	L4-5=-0.1208-j0.0715	L4-6=0.1410-j0.0489	L4-5=0.3889-j0.4315
L4-6=0.3088-j0.2144	L4-6=0.1271-j0.0103	L4-6=-0.1396+j0.0060	L4-6=0.2963-j0.2187
L6-9=-0.1110+j0.0624	L6-9=0.3263-j0.0678	L6-9=0.3832-j0.0411	L6-9=0.5985-j0.0465
L8-9=0.0954-j0.0900	L8-9=-0.3166+j0.0053	L8-9=0.4637-j0.0455	L8-9=0.2425-j0.1302
L7-8=0.0957-j0.0813	L7-8=0.8483+j0.0177	L7-8=-0.1867+j0.0378	L7-8=0.7573-j0.0258
IL5=0.2496-j0.2740	IL5=0.6646-j0.1917	IL5=0.3296-j0.1367	IL5=1.2438-j0.6024
IL6=0.1872-j0.1753	IL6=0.4558-j0.1253	IL6=0.2456-j0.0603	IL6=0.8886-j0.3609
IL8=0.1669-j0.2098	IL8=0.5515-j0.0693	IL8=0.2839-j0.0564	IL8=1.0022-j0.3355

Figure 5: Superposition Principle

Line/Branch and Load Currents at Each Source and Their Total Values

The line/branch and load currents calculated using the voltages in Figure 4 are identical to those obtained using the superposition principle in Figure 5

C. PDT Calculation for Power Sharing using Superposition Principle Data:

$$I_{\text{source1}} \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z \quad I_{\text{source2}} \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z \quad I_{\text{source3}} \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z \quad (I_{\text{total}})^2 \times Z$$

Power from Source 1	Power from Source 2	Power from Source 3	Total Power Loss in the Line
$(I_1)^2 \times Z_{14}$ S14 = j0.0409	0.0+j0.0	0.0+j0.0	S14 = j0.0409
0.0+j0.0	$(I_2)^2 \times Z_{27}$ S27 = j0.1627	0.0+j0.0	S27 = j0.1627
0.0+j0.0	0.0+j0.0	$(I_3)^2 \times Z_{39}$ S39 = j0.0412	S39 = j0.0412
S571 -0.0104-j0.0141	S572 0.0226+j0.1089	S573 0.0118+j0.0257	S57 0.0240+j0.1205
S451 -0.0005+j0.0240	S452 0.0066-j0.0022	S453 -0.0028+j0.0069	S45 0.0033+j0.0287
S461 0.0020+j0.0128	S462 -0.0016+j0.0041	S463 0.0019-j0.0044	S46 0.0023+j0.0125
S691 -0.0082-j0.0105	S692 0.0121+j0.0327	S693 0.0102+j0.0390	S69 0.0141+j0.0612
S891 0.0014+j0.0034	S892 0.0031-j0.0083	S893 -0.0036+j0.0125	S89 0.0009+j0.0076
S781 0.0049+j0.0049	S782 0.0029+j0.0465	S783 -0.0029-j0.0100	S78 0.0049+j0.0414
SL51 0.3610-j0.0001	SL52 0.5741+j0.3526	SL53 0.3147+j0.1475	SL5 1.2498+j0.5
SL61 0.2533-j0.0115	SL62 0.4230+j0.1987	SL63 0.2234+j0.1126	SL6 0.8997+j0.2998
SL81 0.2610-j0.0636	SL82 0.4794+j0.2839	SL83 0.2595+j0.1297	SL8 1.0000+j0.3500

Figure 6: Line loss and load power allocation determined by the PDT formula using the superposition data from Figure 5.

Model Calculation: Line5-7: $S_{57} = S_{571} + S_{572} + S_{573}$

$$S_{571} = L_{5-7} (\text{Source1}) \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z_{5-7} = (-0.1073+j0.0614) \times (0.8620+j0.0705) \times (0.0320+j1610)$$

$$S_{572} = L_{5-7} (\text{Source2}) \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z_{5-7} = (0.7804-j0.0701) \times (0.8620+j0.0705) \times (0.0320+j1610)$$

$$S_{573} = L_{5-7} (\text{Source3}) \times \overline{I_{\text{total}}} \times Z_{5-7} = (0.1890-j0.0618) \times (0.8620+j0.0705) \times (0.0320+j1610)$$

Similarly Each Source Power Sharing on all the Lines and Loads are calculated and given in Figure 6.

Note that reactive powers have positive values for line impedances and loads. This is because the calculation of complex power loss is given by $S = I^2 \times Z = V \times I^* = P + jQ$. However, if V^2 / Z is used, it results in $P - jQ$ when the current 'I' through the impedance is lagging the voltage 'V' across it. That is why the total line loss calculated in Section A, Step 7 was initially written as $0.0495 - j0.5166$, whereas summing each individual line loss in the last column of Figure 6 yields the correct total line loss of $0.0495 + j0.5166$

D. Direct calculation of Load Sharing using PDT formula :

Sharing of j^{th} load by i^{th} Source = j^{th} Load Power $\times i^{\text{th}}$ Source current / Total of Source Currents

	Load 5 1.25 - j0.50	Load 6 0.90 - j0.30	Load 8 1.00 - j0.35
Source 1	0.2433 - j0.2598	0.1819 - j0.1727	0.2002 - j0.1959
Source 2	0.6658 - j0.1448	0.4744 - j0.0743	0.5285 - j0.0909
Source 3	0.3409 - j0.0954	0.2438 - j0.0530	0.2713 - j0.0632

Figure 7: Source Sharing of Loads by using PDT Formula

Model Calculation: Load 5 = 1.25 - j 0.50

Source 1 to Load 5 = $(1.25 - j0.50) \times (0.6918 - j0.4812) / (3.1346 - j0.2988) = 0.2433 - j0.2598$

Source 2 to Load 5 = $(1.25 - j0.50) \times (1.6132 - j0.0056) / (3.1346 - j0.2988) = 0.6658 - j0.1448$

Source 3 to Load 5 = $(1.25 - j0.50) \times (0.8365 - j0.0521) / (3.1346 - j0.2988) = 0.3409 - j0.0954$

E. Complex Power comparison of PDT and PDT-Superposition Theorem Frame Work:

	Load 5 1.2498 - j0.5000	Load 6 0.8999 - j0.2999	Load 8 1.0000 - j0.3500
Source 1	0.3610 + j0.0001	0.2533 + j0.0115	0.2610 + j0.0636
Source 2	0.5741 - j0.3526	0.4232 - j0.1988	0.4794 - j0.2839
Source 3	0.3147 - j0.1475	0.2234 - j0.1126	0.2595 - j0.1297

Figure 8: Source Sharing of Loads using PDT-Superposition Framework

Note that the load sharing allocation yields distinct results between the two methodologies. A comparison between Figure 7 (PDT Formula) and Figure 8 (PDT-Superposition Framework) reveals shifting shares across all three sources for Loads 5, 6, and 8, particularly regarding the sign and magnitude of the reactive power components.

F. Apparent Power comparison of PDT and PDT-Superposition Theorem Frame Work:

	Load 5 1.3463	Load 6 0.9487	Load 8 1.0595
Source 1	0.3559	0.2508	0.2801
Source 2	0.6814	0.4802	0.5362
Source 3	0.3540	0.2495	0.2786

Figure 9: Source Sharing of Load Apparent Power Magnitude using PDT

	Load 5 1.3463	Load 6 0.9487	Load 8 1.0595
Source 1	0.3610	0.2536	0.2687
Source 2	0.6738	0.4676	0.5572
Source 3	0.3476	0.2581	0.2981

Figure 10: Source Sharing of Load Apparent Power Magnitude using PDT-Superposition Frame work

	Load 5 1.3463	Load 6 0.9487	Load 8 1.0595
Source 1	1.41%	1.1%	-4.26%
Source 2	-1.13%	-2.69%	3.76%
Source 3	-1.05%	0.27%	3.98%

Figure 11: Difference of Apparent Power Magnitude by PDT with PDT-Superposition Frame work

The results indicate that the percentage difference in apparent power magnitude sharing remains strictly under 5% when evaluated with **respect to the** PDT-Superposition Framework (Figure 10). Given this narrow margin, the PDT-Superposition Framework serves as the only definitive approach when high-precision complex power sharing is mandatory.

However, if a 5% error margin relative to this baseline is acceptable for the apparent power magnitude, the standard PDT method becomes highly preferred; it completely bypasses the superposition principle, thereby significantly minimizing computational complexity and execution time.

3. Discussions and Conclusions:

This paper successfully introduces a novel, direct, and non-iterative mathematical framework combining the Power Division Theorem (PDT) and the Superposition Theorem to solve branch power loss and load sharing allocations in deregulated power markets. Tested on the standard IEEE 9-bus system, the proposed framework completely bypasses the heavy computational iterations and structural tracking complexities

inherent to conventional flow-tracing methodologies like Bialek's or Kirschen's methods. By linearizing non-linear power dependencies into a structural current framework within a Mathcad environment, the method guarantees exactly auditable, transparent, and back-solvable allocation profiles.

Comparative analysis reveals key operating insights based on the required engineering precision:

1. **For High-Precision Complex Power Sharing:** The **PDT-Superposition Framework** serves as the definitive analytical benchmark. It isolates shifting shares and precisely captures both the sign and magnitude of individual generator contributions to reactive power components.
2. **For Accelerated Computational Execution:** The **standard PDT method** provides an excellent alternative when an apparent power magnitude error margin of under 5% is acceptable. By bypassing the superposition principle entirely, it drastically minimizes processing times and system overhead.

Ultimately, this dual-framework approach empowers grid operators to easily balance computational speed against mathematical precision. It provides a fair, transparent, and universally verifiable mechanism for transmission cost and loss allocation in modern, active distribution networks.

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