

A Novel Approach for Fault location and Division Technique using ANN

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ABSTRACT

The work described in this paper addresses the problems encountered by conventional techniques in fault type classification in double-circuit transmission lines; these arise principally due to the mutual coupling between the two circuits under fault conditions, and this mutual coupling is highly variable in nature. A new approach of digital relays for transmission line protection is presented. The proposed technique consists of a preprocessing module based on Discrete Wavelet Transforms (DWTs) in combination with an artificial neural network (ANN) for detecting and classifying fault events. The DWT acts as an extractor of distinctive features in the input signals at the relay location. This information is then fed into an ANN for classifying fault conditions. A DWT with quasi optimal performance for the preprocessing stage is also presented.

Keyword: Vault classification, double circuit transmission lines, combined unsupervised/supervised learning, self-organization mapping, mural networks.

1. INTRODUCTION

Parallel transmission lines which can significantly increase transmission capacity on existing systems are finding more widespread usage. However, there is difficulty in classifying the fault types on such lines using conventional techniques, Principally because a faulted phase(s) on one circuit has an effect on the phases on the healthy circuit due to mutual Coupling between the two circuits. The problem is compounded by the fact that this coupling is not constant in nature and is dependent upon a complex interplay amongst a number of variables. As a consequence, the coupled phase(s) on the healthy circuit may sometimes be wrongly diagnosed as being the faulted phase(s) under certain fault conditions. Thus conventional classifiers based on logical comparison techniques or linear algorithms are not well suited for such Circuits. There is thus a need to develop an alternative fault classifier. Very often, fault classification is part of an overall Protection scheme. This is particularly so in techniques based on a modular approach whereby correct fault discrimination (ie whether a fault is within the protected zone) is very much dependent upon accurate fault type classification in the first place. Since the majority of power system protection techniques are involved in defining the system state through identifying the patterns of the associated voltages and currents, the development of a novel fault classification technique (the subject of this paper) can be essentially treated as a problem of pattern recognition. In this respect, neural computing has the very important attribute to solve non-linear system identification problems through using neurons, links and learning algorithms, and hence neural networks (NNs) are ideally suited to deal with the complex non-linear fault classification problem [1,2,3].

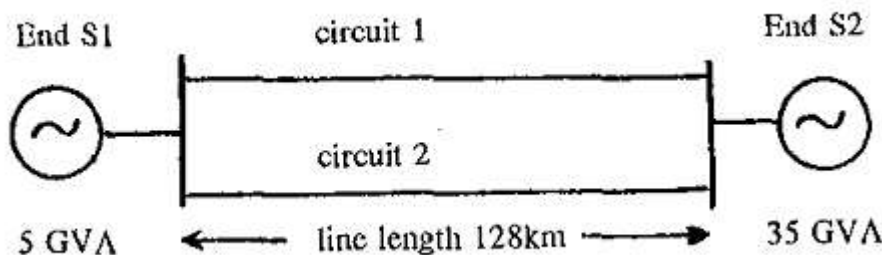


Fig.1. Double circuit lines

SOM Classifiers :

The SOM-based classifier is a technique that separates object recognition into two parts: (i) feature extraction with unsupervised learning in the first stage and (ii) the classification with supervised learning sitting on the top. An important basic principle is that the features must be independent of class membership, since the latter is not yet known at the feature extraction stage by definition. This implies that if any learning methods are used for developing the feature extractors, they should be unsupervised in a sense, because the target class for each object is unknown [5,6,7]. Fig.2 typifies a SOM-based network. The unsupervised learning stage is based on the rule that a neuron with the shortest Euclidean distance is fired while the others are inhibited from firing. The range of fired neurons vary as the learning process proceeds. The NN has the competitive relationship in a sense that once a neuron responds to a specific pattern, other neurons never reply to it. In other words, the input pattern that fires a certain neuron makes the neighboring neurons inactive.

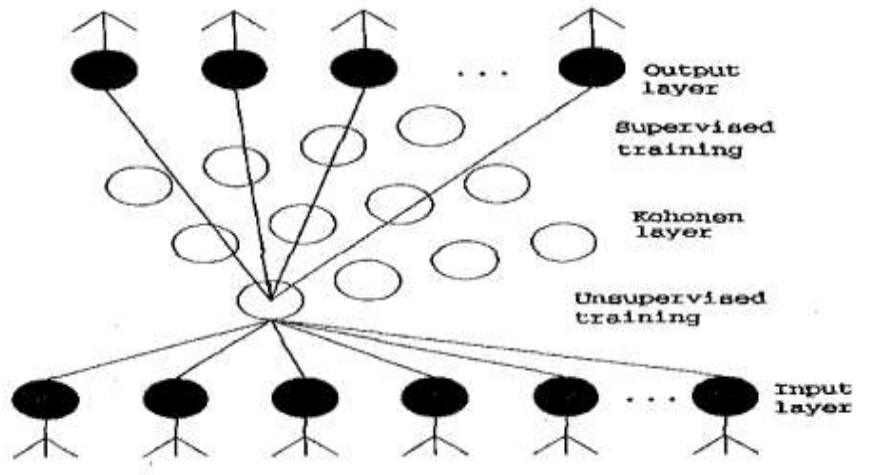


Fig.2. A SOM-based network Structure

A. Input And Output Selection

In order to build up a NN, the inputs and outputs of the network have to be defined for pattern recognition. For these purposes, an accurate knowledge of the three phase voltages and the six phase currents on both the circuits under different system and fault condition is germane to the development of the NN topology. Fig 3 typifies the primary system voltage and current waveforms measured at end S1 (Fig 1) when an 'a'-phase-earth fault occurs (near voltage maximum) on circuit 1 at the midpoint of the line. As expected, there is some high frequency (HF) distortion on the voltage waveforms, in particular on the faulted 'a'-phase (as shown in Fig 4a) and this is so by virtue of the fact that there is a large step change in the 'a'-phase voltage when the fault occurs. Again as expected, there is a large increase in the magnitude of the measured 'a'-phase current of the faulted circuit I (Fig 3b). However, unlike the voltage waveforms, the current signals are relatively distortion free from a HF point of view and are confined to low frequencies; this is due to the inductive nature of the transmission circuit considered. In practice of course, there are systems in which distortion on current waveforms can be quite significant. However, the technique described herein is based on a relatively low sampling rate (800Hz) and utilises a low-pass, anti-aliasing filter with a cut-off frequency of 250 Hz in order to conform with the Nyquist Rate; this effectively means that even in situations when the waveforms are ridden with HF distortion, the latter would be severely attenuated firstly at the analogue stage and secondly when the signals are digitised before being processed through the NN-based algorithm, thereby having little detrimental effect on the performance of the fault classifier. More importantly, the currents on the healthy circuit 2 show a significant rise in magnitude from the pre-fault steady state level, from the time of fault inception (Fig 3c) and this arises as a direct consequence of the mutual coupling effect between the two circuits. As mentioned before, it is this coupling which is largely the cause of fault misclassification conventional techniques. In the technique described herein, the digitized three phase voltages and six phase current on both circuits become input signals to NNI (or "2, as the case may be) as shown

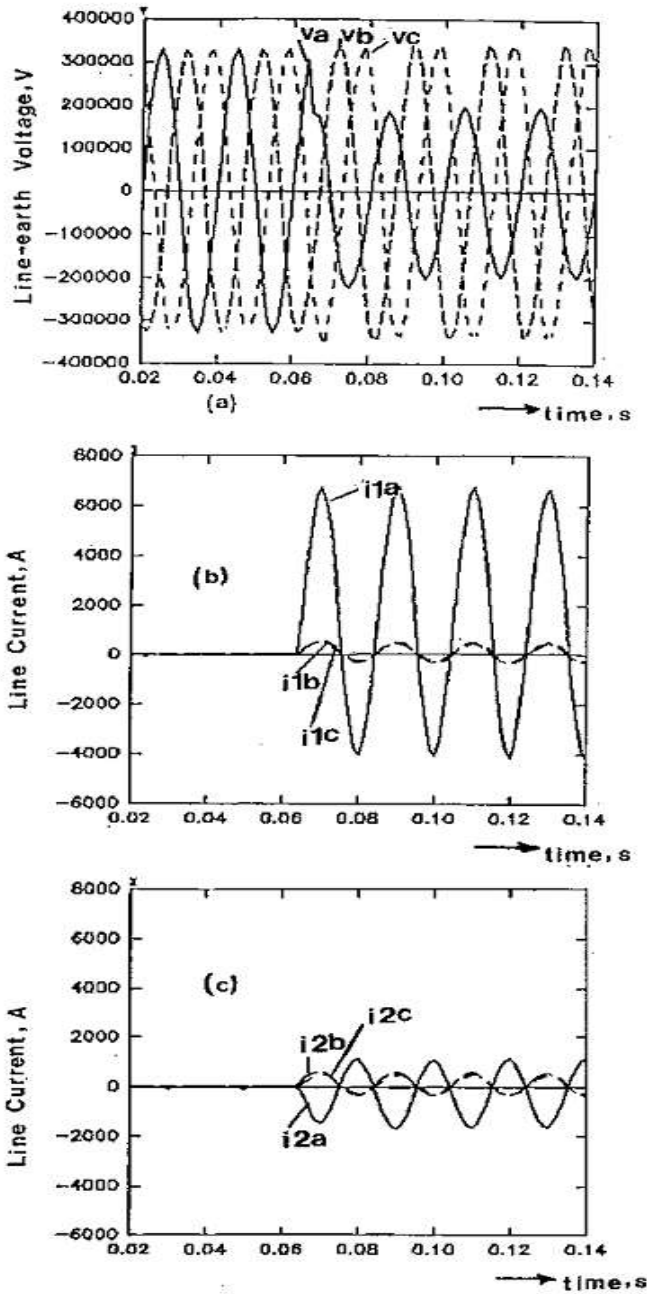


Fig.3. Typical measured voltage and current waveform
 (a) voltage waveforms, (b) current on circuit I, (c) currents an circuit 2

2. Artificial neural network

The ANN represents a parallel multi-layer information processing structure. The characteristic feature of this network is that it considers the accumulated knowledge acquired during training, and responds to new events in the most appropriate manner, given the experiences gained during the training process. The model of the ANN is determined according to network architecture, transfer function and the learning rule. Fig. 1 shows a typical neural network architecture, known as multi-layered perception (MLP), also known as the error back-propagation network. Here, X is the ANN input training matrix, $W[i]$ are the weight matrices, $F[i]$ is the matrix of transfer functions, $b[i]$ the bias vector for individual neural layers ($i=1, 2$), Y is the calculated output vector according to the equation,

$$Y = F[2](W[2] \cdot F[1](W[1] \cdot X + b[1]) + b[2]) \quad (1)$$

And T is the target output vector in ANN training. The objective of the training process is to adjust all ANN weights and biases to obtain minimal deviations between the target and calculated ANN outputs in relation to the mean value of all input samples.

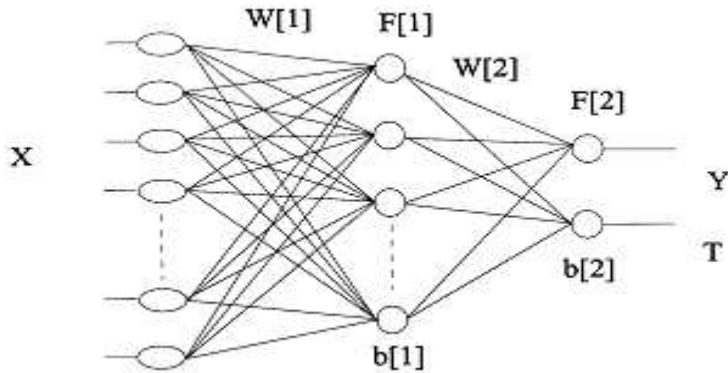


Fig. 4. Multi-layered perceptron architecture

Once the training process is completed the results of training must be checked, first using the samples used in training and then new samples not used in training. To implement a neural network, the following steps must be taken, selection of a suitable network architecture; selection of the learning rule best suited to the network established; training of the neural network; checking of network behaviour.

3.1. Selecting the right architecture Special attention must be paid to accuracy in the obtaining of the fault distance, but it must be remembered that selecting the right size and structure for the network will reduce training time. This is very important, as it simplifies hardware requirements and enables the method to be used on a PC. One factor in determining the right size and structure for the network is the number of inputs and outputs that it must have. The lower the number of inputs, the smaller the network can be. However, sufficient input data to characterize the problem must be ensured. To enable the method to be implemented in both fault location devices and centralised systems, only the magnitudes recorded at one end of the line are used. There is a drawback in using only voltages recorded at the reference end, they vary according to distance and fault resistance less than current levels, so training convergence in some short lines is too slow.

6. CONCLUSION

This paper has presented a new approach to fault location in two-terminal overhead transmission lines, using ANN's, based on the 50:60 Hz fundamental components of the fault and pre-fault voltage and current magnitudes measured at each phase at the reference end. The method considers both correctly measured magnitudes and readings containing errors.



This paper describes a novel fault classifier for double-circuit lines, utilising a SOM-based network. It is shown that the technique presented correctly identifies the faulted phase(s) in spite of the presence of the highly variable mutual coupling effect between the two circuits. In particular, the performance of the proposed fault classification technique is compared with the one based on a BP network. Generally speaking, a BP network with supervised training has a number of disadvantages. For example, it needs a much larger number of training sets to cater for the vast majority of different system fault conditions; this is time consuming and the training is very slow. Moreover, retraining the BP network with new data associated with, for example, contingencies may not converge to the desired value and fault conditions.

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