

Lecture 1.10

Simple Numericals on Load, Cost, and Tariff

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- Review of Key Formulas (Load Factors)
- Numerical Problem 1: Load and Demand Factors
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Formula Recap: Load and Demand

Term	Formula	Typical Range
Demand Factor	$\text{Max Demand} / \text{Connected Load}$	< 1
Average Load	$\text{Total energy} / \text{Hours}$	–
Load Factor	$\text{Avg Load} / \text{Max Demand}$	< 1
Diversity Factor	$\text{Sum of individual max demands} / \text{Simultaneous max demand}$	> 1
Plant Capacity Factor	$\text{Actual Energy} / (\text{Capacity} \times \text{hours})$	< 1
Plant Use Factor	$\text{Actual Energy} / (\text{Capacity} \times \text{actual operating hours})$	< 1

Problem 1: Load Factors

Problem Statement

A generating station has a connected load of 43 MW and a maximum demand of 20 MW.

The units generated being 61,500,000 per annum.

Calculate:

- 1 The demand factor.
- 2 The load factor.

Assume a non-leap year (365 days).

Solution 1: Load Factors

Given:

Connected Load = 43 MW, Maximum Demand = 20 MW, Annual Energy = 61.5×10^6 kWh

1. Demand Factor Calculation

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Demand Factor} &= \text{Maximum Demand} / \text{Connected Load} \\ &= 20 \text{ MW} / 43 \text{ MW} = 0.465 \text{ or } 46.5\%\end{aligned}$$

2. Load Factor Calculation

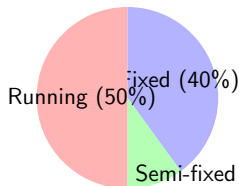
Average Demand = Total Annual Energy / Hours in a year

$$\begin{aligned}&= 61,500,000 \text{ kWh} / (365 \times 24) \text{ h} \\ &= 61,500,000 / 8760 \text{ kW} \\ &= 7020.5 \text{ kW} = 7.02 \text{ MW}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Load Factor} &= \text{Average Demand} / \text{Maximum Demand} \\ &= 7.02 \text{ MW} / 20 \text{ MW} = 0.351 \text{ or } 35.1\%\end{aligned}$$

Formula Recap: Power Plant Economics

- **Total Annual Cost:** Sum of Fixed Costs, Semi-fixed Costs, and Running (Operating) Costs.
- **Fixed Costs:** Independent of generation (e.g., interest on capital, depreciation, taxes).
- **Running (Operating) Costs:** Proportional to the units generated (e.g., fuel cost, maintenance).
- **Cost of Generation per Unit:** Total Annual Cost / Total Annual Energy Generated (in kWh).
- **Depreciation:** Straight Line method, Sinking Fund method, or Diminishing Value method.



Problem 2: Cost of Electrical Energy

Problem Statement

A 100 MW power station has the following parameters:

- Capital cost: Rs. 1500 per kW installed.
- Interest and depreciation: 10% on capital.
- Annual load factor: 40%.
- Annual capacity factor: 30%.
- Annual running charges: Rs. 20×10^6 .

Calculate:

- 1 The cost of power generation per kWh.
- 2 The reserve capacity.

Solution 2: Cost of Electrical Energy

Calculations

Total Capital Cost = $100,000 \text{ kW} \times \text{Rs. } 1500/\text{kW} = \text{Rs. } 150 \times 10^7$

Annual Fixed Charges (10%) = $0.10 \times 150 \times 10^7 = \text{Rs. } 15 \times 10^6$

Total Annual Cost = Fixed (15M) + Running (20M) = **Rs. 35×10^6**

Energy Generated

Avg Load = Capacity $\times$ Capacity Factor = $100 \text{ MW} \times 0.30 = \text{30 MW}$

Units Generated/year = $30,000 \text{ kW} \times 8760 \text{ h} = 262.8 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh}$

Results

Cost per kWh = Total Cost / Units = $35,000,000 / 262,800,000 = \text{Rs. } 0.133 \text{ (13.3 Paise)}$

Reserve Capacity = Plant Capacity - Max Demand

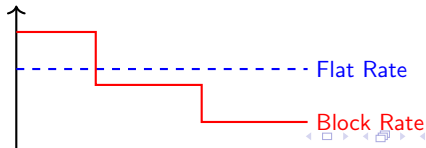
Max Demand = Avg Load / Load Factor = $30 \text{ MW} / 0.40 = \text{75 MW}$

Reserve Capacity = $100 \text{ MW} - 75 \text{ MW} = \text{25 MW}$

Formula Recap: Tariff Calculations

- **Simple Tariff:** Cost per unit = Total cost / Total units supplied.
- **Flat Rate Tariff:** Different consumer classes (lighting, power) are charged at different fixed rates per unit.
- **Block Rate Tariff:** Energy is divided into blocks (e.g., first 50 units), with the price per unit decreasing for successive blocks.
- **Two-Part Tariff (Hopkinson Demand Rate):** Total Bill = Rs $(A \times \text{kW} + B \times \text{kWh})$
 - A = Rate per kW of maximum demand (Fixed charge)
 - B = Rate per kWh of energy consumed (Running charge)
- **Power Factor Tariff:** Often incorporates a kVA maximum demand charge or penalties for low power factor.

Rate (Rs/unit)



Problem 3: Two-Part Tariff

Problem Statement

A consumer has a maximum demand of 200 kW at 40% load factor. The tariff is Rs. 100 per kW of maximum demand plus 10 paise per kWh consumed.

Calculate:

- 1 The total energy consumed in a year (8760 hours).
- 2 The annual electricity bill.
- 3 The overall cost per kWh.

$$\text{Tariff Equation: Bill} = (100 \times \text{MD}) + (0.10 \times \text{Energy})$$

Solution 3: Two-Part Tariff

1. Energy Consumed

Average Load = Maximum Demand $\times$ Load Factor = 200 kW $\times$ 0.40 = **80 kW**

Annual Energy = Average Load $\times$ 8760 = 80 $\times$ 8760 = **700,800 kWh**

2. Annual Bill Calculation

Maximum Demand Charge = Rs. 100 $\times$ 200 kW = **Rs. 20,000**

Energy Charge = Rs. 0.10 $\times$ 700,800 kWh = **Rs. 70,080**

Total Annual Bill = 20,000 + 70,080 = **Rs. 90,080**

3. Overall Cost per kWh

Overall Cost/kWh = Total Annual Bill / Total Energy

Overall Cost = 90,080 / 700,800 = **Rs. 0.1285 or 12.85 paise/kWh**

Problem 4: Comprehensive Mixed Problem

Problem Statement

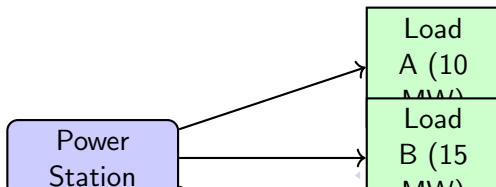
A power station supplies three distinct loads:

- Load A: Max demand 10 MW, LF 40%
- Load B: Max demand 15 MW, LF 50%
- Load C: Max demand 20 MW, LF 60%

The diversity factor of the station is **1.5**.

The tariff for the station is **Rs. 150 per kW of station maximum demand + 5 paise per unit generated.**

Calculate: The overall cost of generation per unit (kWh).



Solution 4: Comprehensive Mixed Problem

1. Station Maximum Demand

Sum of individual max demands = $10 + 15 + 20 = \mathbf{45 \text{ MW}}$

Station Max Demand = Sum of MDs / Diversity Factor = $45 / 1.5 = \mathbf{30 \text{ MW}}$

2. Total Energy Generated Annually

Units A = $10,000 \text{ kW} \times 0.40 \times 8760 = 35.04 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh}$

Units B = $15,000 \text{ kW} \times 0.50 \times 8760 = 65.70 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh}$

Units C = $20,000 \text{ kW} \times 0.60 \times 8760 = 105.12 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh}$

Total Units = $205.86 \times 10^6 \text{ kWh}$

3. Total Cost and Cost per Unit

Demand Charge = Rs. $150 \times 30,000 \text{ kW} = \text{Rs. } 4.5 \times 10^6$

Energy Charge = Rs. $0.05 \times 205.86 \times 10^6 = \text{Rs. } 10.293 \times 10^6$

Total Cost = Rs. 14.793×10^6

Cost per Unit = $14.793 \times 10^6 / 205.86 \times 10^6 = \mathbf{\text{Rs. } 0.0718 \text{ (7.18 Paise)}}$

Summary

- **Load Metrics:** Load factor, capacity factor, and demand factor are crucial for assessing plant utilization.
- **Diversity Factor:** A higher diversity factor reduces the required station capacity and lowers the cost of generation.
- **Costing:** Total cost comprises fixed (capital-dependent) and running (generation-dependent) components.
- **Tariffs:** Two-part tariffs effectively split costs, charging for maximum demand (kW) and energy consumption (kWh) separately.

Unit 2 Preview: Thermal Power Plants

- Site selection criteria for steam power plants.
- General layout and working principle of modern thermal power plants.
- Coal handling, ash handling, and dust collection systems.
- Introduction to thermodynamic cycles (Rankine cycle).