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Deep Learning for Scenario Generation and Scenario Reduction in Short-Term Power System Operations

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Abstract: With the increasing penetration of renewable generation, new operating paradigms for short-term power system operations have been proposed to address the integration challenges due to the intermittent and non-dispatchable nature of renewables such as wind. Those paradigms typically follow a stochastic programming approach, which requires a high quality scenario set which consists of representative sample paths into the near future. We first consider the scenario generation problem, in which we adapt the sequence generative adversarial network to generate sample paths of hourly wind power generation on the next day. On the other hand, a large number of scenarios may render the underlying optimization problem intractable, especially in the presence of integer variables such as unit commitment decisions. We then consider the scenario reduction problem, in which we develop a mixed autoencoder based fuzzy clustering architecture to trim down the number of scenarios while deteriorating the accuracy of the approximation as little as possible. The effectiveness of the deep learning models is validated through numerical studies.

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