



OPTIMIZATION OF PV MODULE WITH SINGLE-DIODE MODEL FOR TOKAT REGION

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Abstract

In this study single diode model of photovoltaic cell is simulated with using all cell parameters for Tokat Region in TURKEY. Retscreen software and matlab were used to determine model parameters. Simulation studies were carried out with different irradiances and temperatures in Tokat Region. The output power, voltage and current characteristics of PV model are analyzed especially with taking the effect of temperature and irradiance. Komaes 140W PV module is referenced to analyze the presented model. Also Euclidean distance, Manhattan distance and Minkowski distance methods are used to determine distance from maximum panel power.

Introduction

Over the last decades, renewable energy sources has been most popular and credible for humankind. Because fossil fuels cause pollution and limited sources [1]. So, solar energy, wind energy, biomass etc. become most popular in alternative energy sources. In that context, solar energy is inexhaustible, renewable and non-polluting. Therefore it can be used in different energy applications [2]. But solar energy has less energy contribution than other energy sources. Because it has low efficiency and high cost [3]. Our country has a position of having second highest potential of solar energy in Europe. However, Turkey is falling behind of many of European countries in terms using its potential. Nevertheless, due to the new regulations put in place in last years, benefiting from solar energy has begun to be chosen in Turkey as well, for producing electricity. That is why, today, Energy Ministry of Turkey encourages setting up Solar Power Plants and it is permitted to produce electricity up to 500kW without licence.

Solar cell is the main part of PV systems and these systems directly produce the electric from sun. Cells are suitable to be connected to power electronic systems and loads [4]. Efficiency is very important for photovoltaic systems. Thereby maximum power point tracking control is preferred in many PV systems. PV system parameters also have an important role and the circuit based model is needed for modelling for the PV cell [5]. Generally non-linear I-V curve is used for modeling of PV module. Many researchers used single-diode model to characterize the PV module as the current source in parallel to a diode [6-8]. The single diode model use a series resistance for good performance. These models are known to as Rs-models [9-10]. Also many researchers have used this model that includes a shunt resistance (Rsh) for right approach [11-13]. On the other hand the second model is two-diode model of a solar cell. Difference between Rs model and two-diode model is a second diode. But especially Rs model is commonly preferred. Because this model is very simple and to determine parameters of cell is easy [14-17].

In literature; Celik et.al., have used analytical models that are used four- and five-parameter for current of photovoltaic module [9]. For PV panel behavior Neural network revised under realistic weather conditions [19]. Ghani et.al., have studied numerical solution about series and shunt resistances [20]. PV cell's dynamic resistance is calculated using I-V characteristics in Ref [21]. Zagrouba et.al., calculated the electrical parameters using genetic algorithms [22]. Ishibashi et.al., offered a new approach using a single I-V curve to derive cell parameters [23].



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In this study; single diode model is preferred to determine unknown parameters of solar cell and focused on distances from the maximum panel power according to meteorological data of Tokat. Numerical analysis showed a 40% loss of maximum panel power.

Mathematical Model of A Solar Cell

One-Diode model is shown in Fig.1 where represents series and parallel resistance, respectively. I_L light current (A), I_D ideal diode current (A), I_{sh} shunt resistance current, I cell's current.

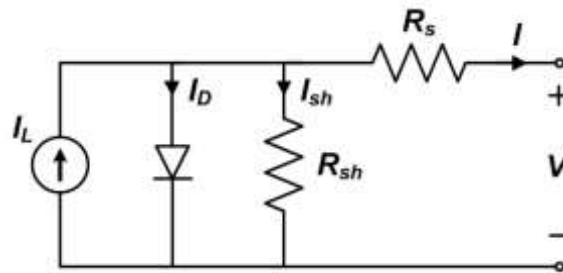


Figure 1 Electrical Device of Solar Cell with One-Diode

Generally to calculate relation between the cell's current and voltage is used following equation:

$$I = I_L - I_0 \left(e^{\frac{V+R_s I}{aV_T}} - 1 \right) - \frac{V+R_s I}{R_{sh}} \quad (1)$$

Where;

I_L : Photocurrent (A)

I_0 : Diode Saturation Current (A)

R_s : Series Resistance (Ω)

R_{sh} : Shunt Resistance (Ω)

a : Diode Ideality Factor

V_T : Thermal Voltage equivalent (V)

Cell Parameters And Equations To Determine Cell Parameters

Photocurrent (I_L)

The photocurrent can simply be calculated using Equation 2. This equation is a function of temperature and irradiance values. [24],

$$I_L = \frac{I_{scref}}{G_{Tcref}} G_{Tc} - \alpha(T_c - T_{cref}) \quad (2)$$

G_{Tc} : Irradiance (W/m^2)

G_{Tcref} : Reference irradiance ($1000 W/m^2$)

I_{scref} : Reference condition's short circuit current (A)

α : Curve Fitting Parameter

T_c : Condition Temperature

T_{cref} : Reference Temperature ($25^\circ C$)



$$\alpha = \frac{T_{cref} + 273}{T_c + 273} \alpha_{ref} \quad (3)$$

α_{ref} : The value of α the reference condition (1000W/m² and 25 °C) [25],

$$\alpha_{ref} = \frac{2V_{mpref} - V_{ocref}}{I_{scref} - I_{mpref} + \ln\left(1 - \frac{I_{mpref}}{I_{scref}}\right)} \quad (4)$$

V_{mpref} : The Reference Condition's Maximum Power Point Voltage (V)

V_{ocref} : The Reference Condition's Open Circuit Voltage (V)

I_{mpref} : Maximum Power Point Current At The Reference Condition (A)

Diode Saturation Current (I_0)

According to variations in cell temperature to calculate the diode saturation current (I_0) is used the following equation [26];

$$I_0 = \frac{(R_{sh} + R_s)I_{sc} - V_{oc}}{R_{sh}e^{\left(\frac{V_{oc}}{aV_T}\right)}} \quad (5)$$

$$V_T = \frac{n_s k T}{q} \quad (6)$$

q : Electron Charge ($1.60217646 \times 10^{-19}$ C)

n_s : Series Cells's number

k : Boltzmann Constant ($1.3806503 \times 10^{-23}$ J/K)

T : P-N Junction's temperature (K)

Series (R_s) And Shunt Resistances (R_{sh})

Both series and shunt resistances are calculated according to the following equations [26];

$$R_s = \alpha_{ref} \ln \left[1 - \frac{I_{mpref}}{I_{scref}} \right] + V_{ocref} - V_{mpref} \quad (7)$$

$$R_{sh} = \frac{(V_m - I_m R_s)(V_m - R_s(I_{sc} - I_m) - aV_T)}{(V_m - I_m R_s)(I_{sc} - I_m) - aV_T I_m} \quad (8)$$

Series resistance is small than parallel resistance. Also parallel resistance's value is generally high. Therefore both of them are negligible [27].

Materials and Methods

Komaes KM(P) 140 PV panel is referenced for modeling. Because it is most commonly used in PV technology. Electrical characteristics data of Komaes 140W pv module is shown in Table 1.

*Table 1. Electrical characteristics data of Komaes 140W*

Electrical Characteristics		
Model	KM(P) 140	
Maximum Power	P _{max} (W)	140
Maximum Power Voltage	V _m (V)	18.36
Maximum Power Current	I _m (A)	7.65
Open Circuit Voltage	V _{oc} (V)	21.96
Short Circuit Current	I _{sc} (A)	8.17
Cells of Module	Pcs	36(4x9)
Temperature Coefficient of I _{sc}	%/°C	+0.05
Temperature Coefficient of V _{oc}	%/°C	-0.35

In this study; the monthly mean values of solar irradiance and temperature for Tokat Region were obtained using RETScreen Software. RETScreen is most suitable and used software for renewable energy, energy efficiency, energy performance analysis and feasibility analysis. The monthly mean values of solar irradiance and temperature are shown in Table 2.

Table 2. The monthly mean values of solar irradiance and temperature

Month	Solar Irradiance (kWh/M ² /g)	Temperature (°C)
January	1.85	-0.4
February	2.60	0.0
March	3.64	3.9
April	4.52	9.6
May	5.62	13.3
June	6.53	16.4
July	6.48	18.7
August	5.77	18.8
September	4.69	16.0
October	3.19	11.8
November	2.14	5.9
December	1.54	1.3
Mean value of yearly	4.05	9.7

In the single diode model, to solve nonlinear I-V equation, electrical and thermal values of PV panel using datasheet, location variables, defining constants, finding series and parallel resistances were used and I-V characteristic curves are achieved. According to months I-V characteristic curves are shown in Fig. 2.

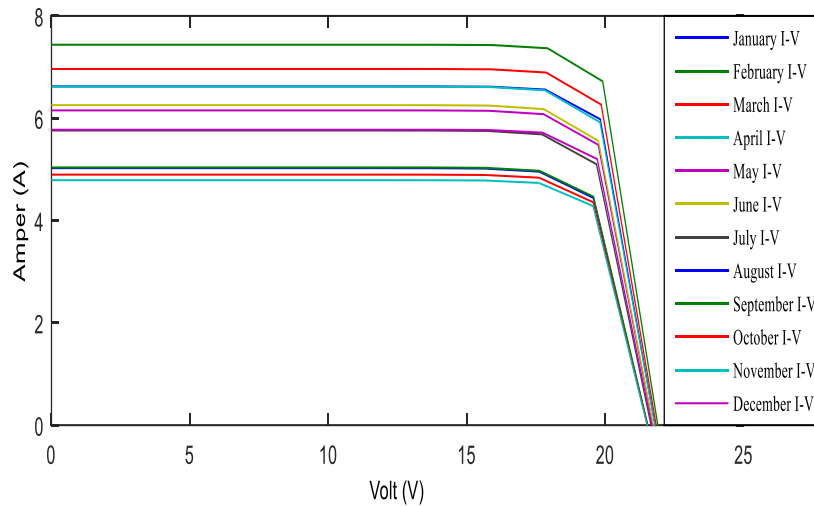


Figure 2 I-V Characteristics According to Months

The maximum power of the panel was calculated for each month in Fig. 3.

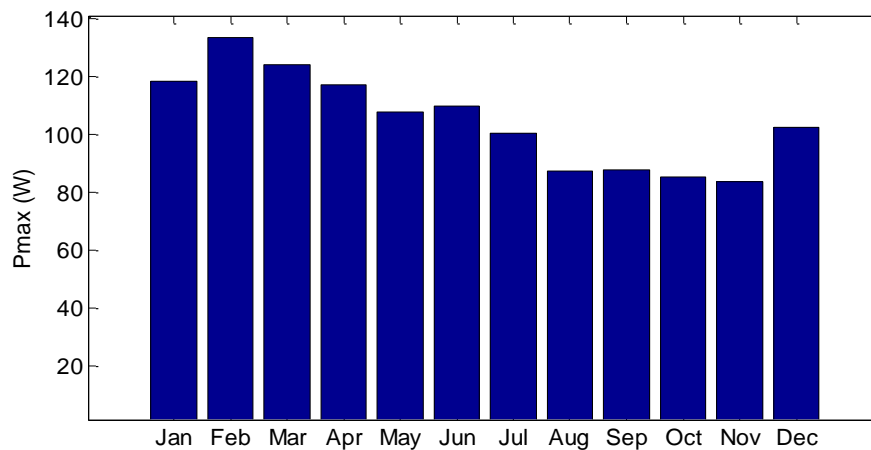


Figure 3 The Maximum Power of The Panel for Each Month

The maximum power of panel was selected as reference is 140W. The distance of power for each month from the maximum panel power was calculated by 3 methods. These are Euclidean distance, Manhattan distance and Minkowski distance. These methods are widely used in clustering methods of data mining.



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Euclidean distance

It is the most commonly used distance measure in practice. Euclidean distance is an application of pythagorean theorem in two dimensional space. Euclidean space becomes a metric space.

Euclidean distance is the length of the line that is connecting A and B points (\overline{AB}). If there are two point in Euclidean as $A = (A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n)$ and $B = (B_1, B_2, \dots, B_n)$, distance (d) is calculated by Pythagorean formula.

$$d(A, B) = \sqrt{(A_1 - B_1)^2 + (A_2 - B_2)^2 + \dots + (A_n - B_n)^2} \tag{9}$$

This equation can be updated as equation 10.

$$d(i, j) = \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^p (X_{ik} - X_{jk})^2} \tag{10}$$

Manhattan distance

This distance is calculated as the sum of absolute distances between observations. The Manhattan distance is calculated as:

$$d(i, j) = |X_{i1} - X_{j1}| + |X_{i2} - X_{j2}| + \dots \tag{11}$$

Minkowski distance

The Minkowski distance is a metric in a normed vector space. It is the generalization form of Manhattan distance and Euclidean distance. Minkowski distance is calculated as:

$$d(i, j) = [|X_{i1} - X_{j1}|^m + |X_{i2} - X_{j2}|^m + \dots + |X_{im} - X_{jm}|^m]^{1/m} \tag{12}$$

The results that were obtained according each distance method are shown in Table 3.

Table 3. Distance values from maximum power for each distance method

Months	Euclidean Distance	Manhattan Distance	Minkowski Distance
January	445,895	651,766	199,311
February	361,105	533,913	160,663
March	391,222	573,564	174,029
April	401,174	582,325	178,576
May	432,161	622,071	192,617
June	408,133	585,651	181,766
July	448,138	639,078	199,892
August	538,385	759,781	242,965
September	526,058	741,888	236,821
October	575,231	809,249	261,269
November	618,088	866,046	282,895
December	530,120	759,333	239,895



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Discussion and Conclusion

We studied single-diode model of solar cell to determine I-V characteristic. The performance of the PV system under change solar radiation and temperature difference are calculated in this paper. While solar radiation increases, cell's current increases in direct proportion and open circuit voltage comparatively less increases. On the other side while temperature increases, cell's current less increases but open circuit voltage linearly decreases. This situation affects the output power of panel. Especially in November, 60% of output power of panel is decreased was observed in numerical solutions. This situation leads to a loss of about 79 kWh of energy. Three distance methods were used. The maximum distance was calculated with Manhattan Distance Method in November. To study on Physical modeling is very difficult because of the parameters of the given module. But mathematical model helps to analyse by changing values. Panels can be used more efficiently with the production of custom panels for cities or regions. Also this situation reveals the importance of hybrid systems.

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