

EFFECT OF UNCERTAINTIES IN FORECASTED LOADS AND FORCED OUTAGE

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2. LOLP as a measure of reliability level

The loss of load probability (LOLP) is generally defined as the long run average number of days in a period of time that load exceeds the available installed capacity and thereby capacity deficiency occurs. During a state of capacity deficiency the load demand is not met by an adequate generation due to either unexpected loss of generation as a result of technical problems or unexpected increase in the daily peak load caused by the uncertainty in load forecast.

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For the ideal case when both the FPL & FOR are deterministic, exact estimation for the mean of LOLP is given by equation(1) with zero variance. $P_c(C_i - L_i)$ is computed by forming the cumulative capacity outage probability table using the recursive expression^{4,6}:

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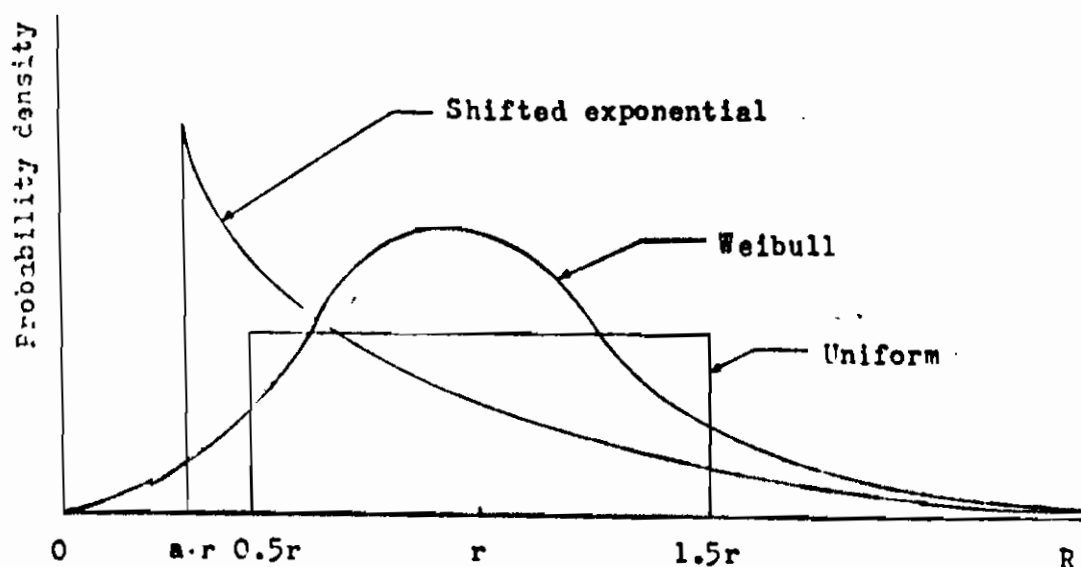


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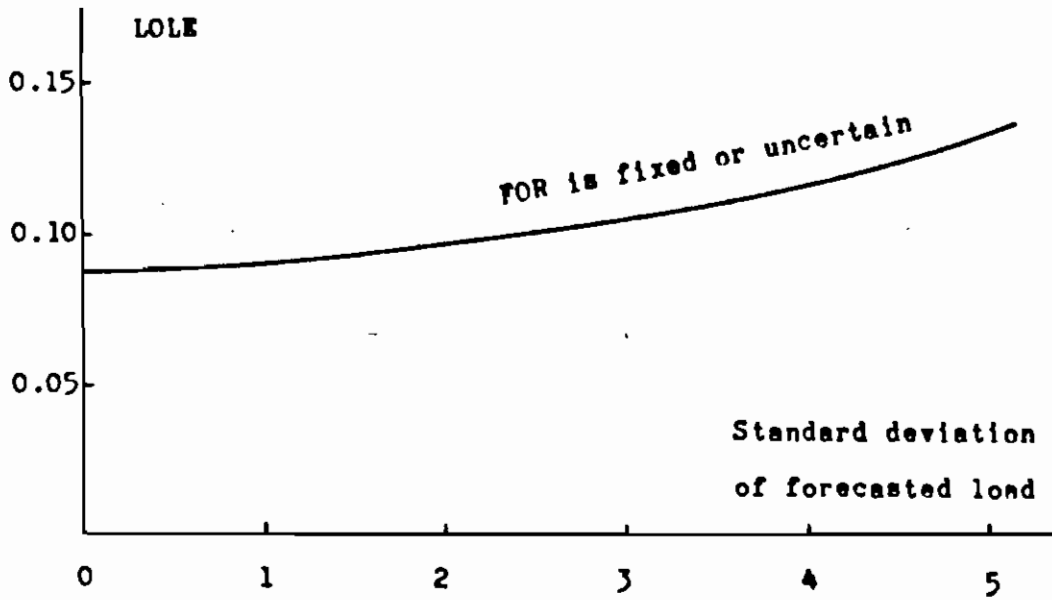


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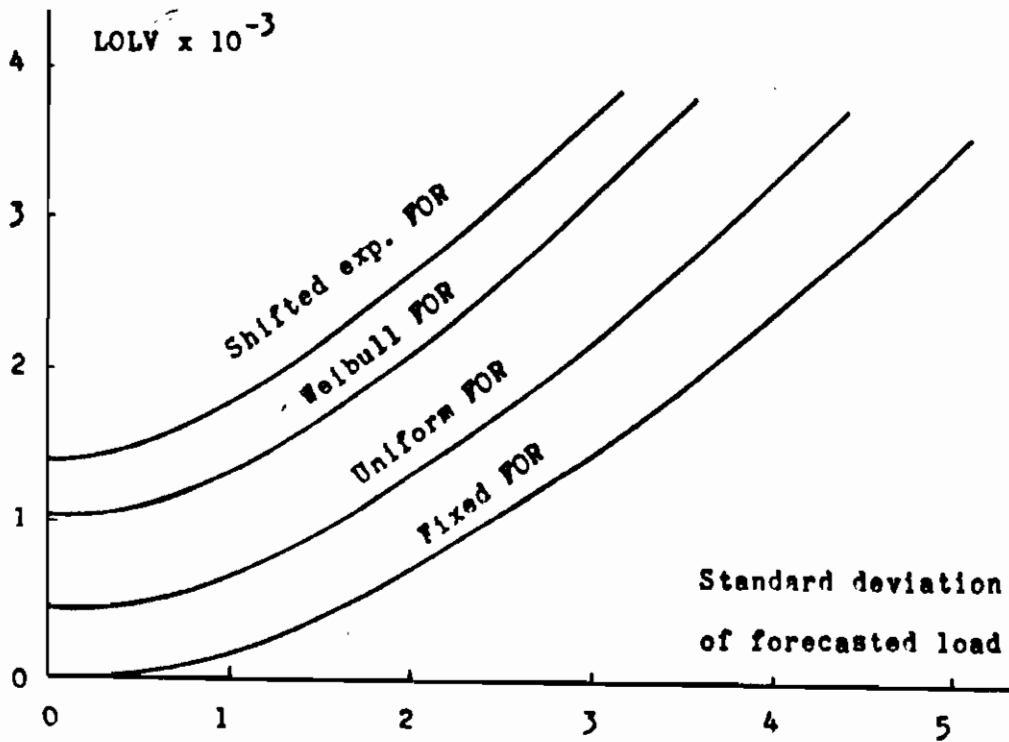


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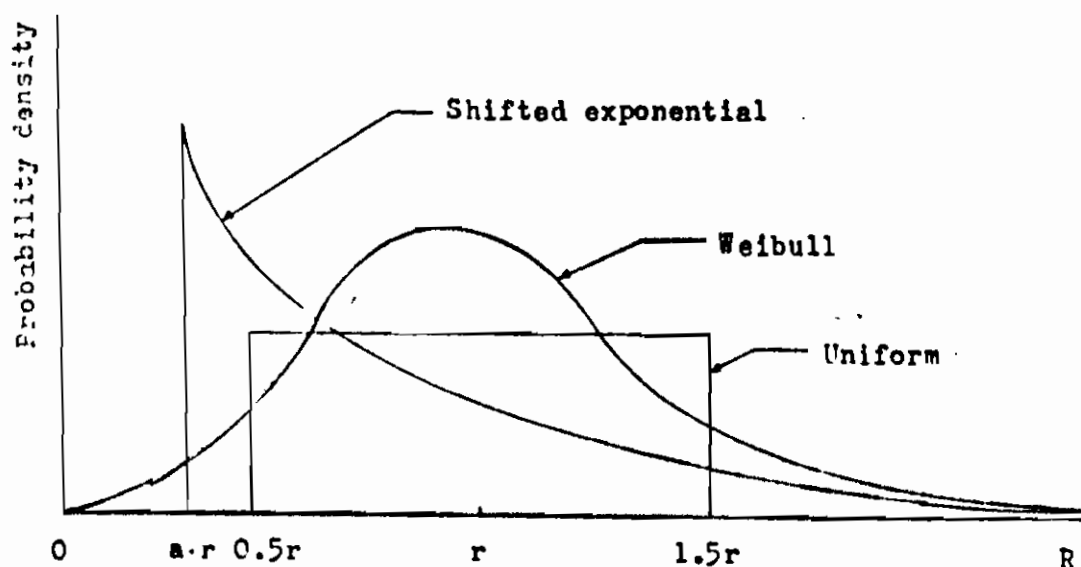


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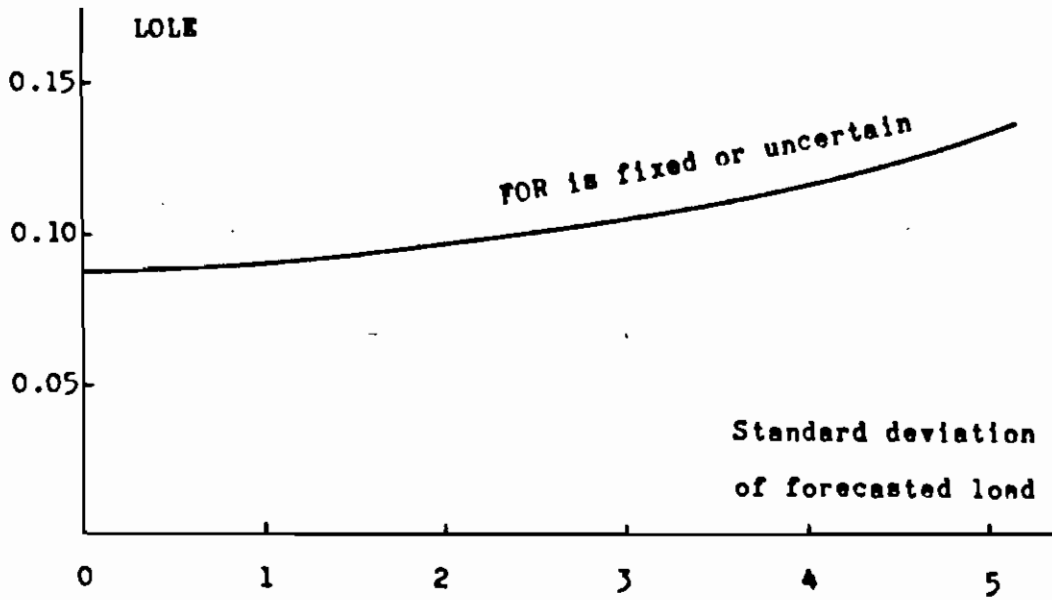


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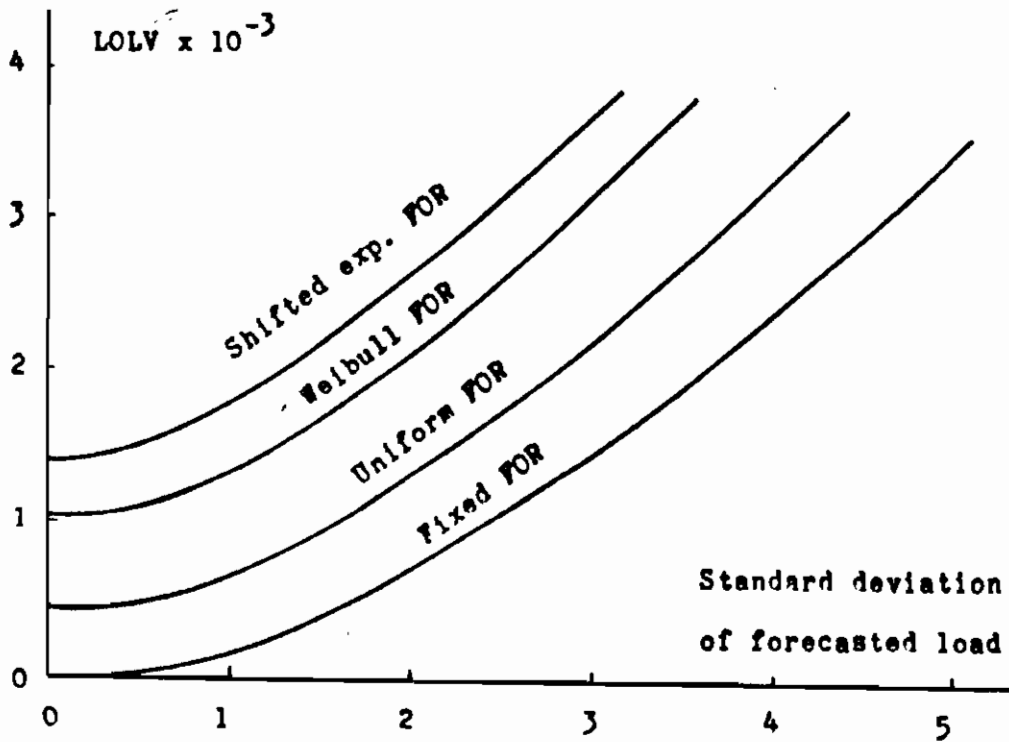


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By the assumption of mutual independence:

$$f(R, k, l) = f(R) f(k) f(l)$$

$$\text{Let } P_c(C_i - L_i) = P_i \text{ and } P_c(C_j - L_j) = P_j$$

$$E(\text{LOLF})^2 = \sum_i \sum_j \iint f(k) f(l) \int P_i P_j f(R) dR dk dl$$

$$\text{But } \int P_i P_j f(R) dR = E(P_i P_j) = P_i P_j + \text{COV}(P_i, P_j)$$

Therefore,

$$\text{LOLV} = \sum_i \sum_j \iint f(k) f(l) \left[P_i P_j + \text{COV}(P_i, P_j) \right] dk dl - \text{LOLE}^2$$

$$= \sum_i \int f(k) \left[P_i^2 + \text{VAR}(P_i) \right] dk$$

$$+ \sum_{i \neq j} \iint f(k) f(l) \left[P_i P_j + \text{COV}(P_i, P_j) \right] dk dl$$

$$= \sum_i \text{LOLE}_i^2 + \sum_{i \neq j} \iint f(k) f(l) P_i P_j dk dl$$

Assuming a normal distribution for the forecasted load, the LOLV is:

$$\text{LOLV} = \sum_i \sum_k P_{L_i}(k) \left[P_c^2(C_i - L_i) + \text{VAR} \left[P_c(C_i - L_i) \right] \right]$$

$$+ \sum_{i \neq j} \sum_k \sum_l P_{L_i}(k) P_{L_j}(l) \text{COV} \left[P_c(C_i - L_i), P_c(C_j - L_j) \right]$$

$$= \sum_i \text{LOLE}_i^2$$

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