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## Editorial

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Nowadays, power system operation has become more complex owing to the critical operation conditions necessitated by the highly competitive behaviour of power system market operations. In this context, efficient methods for optimisation of power system operation and planning become critical to satisfying operational (technical) and financial demands. Therefore, the detailed analysis of modern optimisation techniques, as well as its application to the resolution of power system problems, represents a relevant issue from the scientific and technology point of view.

The objective of the special issue is to provide a means for the publication and interchange of information, on an international basis, on all aspects of mathematical optimisation methods applied to network operation and planning, from theoretical and practical terms.