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Performance Evaluation of Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System and Group Method of Data Handling-Type Neural Network for Estimating Wear Rate of Diamond Wire Saw

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Abstract The wear rate of diamond wire saw plays a vital role in the performance of sawing process. Predicting the sawing performance is very important in the production's cost estimation and planning of the dimension stone quarries. In this research, an adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system (ANFIS) is applied to estimate the wear rate of diamond wire saw under uncertain processes; hence, indirect prediction in ANFIS is carried out using subtractive clustering method (SCM) and fuzzy c-means clustering method based on four effective rock properties, such as Shore hardness, Schimazek's F-abrasivity, uniaxial compressive strength and Young modulus. For this purpose, 38 rock samples were selected to test the proposed model from Turkey quarries. The results of indirect prediction indicated that the best performed

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Department of Mining Engineering, Hacettepe University, Ankara, Turkey e-mail: yilmaz@hacettepe.edu.tr model was related to ANFIS-SCM with highly acceptable degrees of accuracy 0.998 and 0.59 for R^2 of the train and test data sets, respectively. In addition, group method of data handling type of neural network is used to assess the factors influencing the wear rate of the diamond wire saw. A sensitivity analysis was performed on the laboratory test results of studied rocks using three methods. In comparison to the existing models, the estimated results showed that a satisfactory performance could be obtained using the proposed ANFIS-subtractive clustering method.

1 Introduction

Nowadays, diamond wire cutting (DWC) in dimension Stone industry (plan and quarry) has an excessive significance in spite of its economic and technological problems. The wear rate of the diamond wire does not affect so much operating costs when marbles or limestones are extracted. It is worth mentioning that the consumption of DW plays a key role in abrasive stones such as granites. This is very important for optimization and other technological studies related to the DWC (Careddu and Marras 2015). In DWC method, after the complete preparation for production, the vertical and horizontal holes perpendicular to each other are drilled on blocks. Diamond wire is threaded through these holes and mounted around the drive wheel of the cutting machine. Then, it is rotated with the drive wheel's movement. Tension and rotation forces required for cutting are provided by the movement of a diamond wire-cutting machine away from the cut surface on the rail. Water is applied with spin direction of the wire as a coolant and as a means of removing the particles (Özçelik and Bayram 2004). A schematic figure of DWC layout is shown in Fig. 1.

Up to now, the performance evaluation of diamond wire cutting has been well studied in the literature. Some of these studies have been done on sawability of dimension stone and some relationships have been presented among rock properties and cutting rate, wear rate and energy consumption. The performance of the diamond wire saw in the hard rocks' cutting process was studied by Ciccu et al. (1998). The wear rate of diamond beads in the cutting process of different dimension stone types was investigated by Özçelik et al. (2002) using the regression analyses. The effect of dimension stone properties on the diamond wire saw's performance such as the diamond wire cutting rate and wear were studied by Agus et al. (2003) using a multiple regression approach. The diamond wire cutting process was studied by Özçelik (2005) to obtain the optimum working conditions of cutting machines in the marble industry. The influence of operating parameters on the performance of diamond wire in cutting of granite was studied by Cai et al. The results showed that the peripheral speed of the diamond wire is important for tool life and energy consumption (Cai et al. 2007). The production rate of the diamond wire saw was investigated by Ataei et al. (2012) using the statistical analysis. The performance of diamond wire saw with respect to texture characteristics of carbonate rock was studied by Ghaysari et al. (2012). The production rate of diamond wire saws was predicted by Sadegheslam et al. (2013) using the multiple nonlinear regression analysis and artificial neural network. The granite sawing using the diamond wire saw was studied by Careddu and Cai (2014). This study focused on the diamond wire technology. The difference between multi-wires and older technologies was discussed in terms of their both economic and environmental issues. The effect of cutting wire tension on the production rate of diamond wire in the cutting of travertine was studied by Almasi et al. (2015). The harmony search algorithm was used by Mikaeil et al. (2016) for evaluating the performance of the diamond wire. The diamond wire saw in basalt quarries was studied by Careddu et al. This study provided a technical, economic and environmental assessment of the diamond wire used in the quarrying basalt (Careddu et al. 2017).

Artificial intelligence (AI) techniques have been the most appropriate scientific tools to deal with imprecision and vagueness of human knowledge, complex phenomena and systems for assessment of different types of industrial, political, engineering, social and environmental problems in recent decades (Berry et al. 1989; Bortolussi et al. 1990; Rad et al. 2012; Fattahi 2016; Haghshenas et al. 2016a, b; Salemi et al. 2017;





Aryafar et al. 2018; Mikaeil et al. 2018a, b). Recently, aside from traditional methods and empirical equations available, the use of these approaches have been used successfully for modeling and prediction in field of rock mechanics. Hence, this research presents three AI techniques, namely ANFIS-SCM, ANFIS-FCM, GMDH-type neural network to predict the performance of sawing process through cutting operations. The major advantages of these methods are their capability of tolerate imprecision, simulation of uncertainty systems and vague data. Adaptive ANFIS and GMDH type of neural networks are used as other statistical tools. Several effective rock properties such as Shore hardness, Schimazek's F-abrasivity, uniaxial compressive strength and Young modulus are used as input data and wear on beads is considered as an output to the prediction of the diamond wire cutting's performance. The root mean square error (RMSE), the mean square error (MSE) and the squared correlation coefficient (R^2) of the train and test data are considered to assess ANFIS and GMDH-type neural network models. In fact, this study is aimed to investigate the application and efficiency of the artificial intelligence to evaluate the performance of diamond beads through cutting operations. This paper is organized as follows. In Sect. 2, ANFIS, SCM, FCM are described. In Sect. 3, GMDH is explained. The study areas and laboratory studies are presented in Sect. 4. The application of ANFIS-based SCM and FCM are discussed in Sect. 5. Section 6 describes the application of GMDH-type artificial neural networks (ANN) and sensitive analysis with ANFIS model. In Sect. 7, conclusions and recommendations for future studies are presented.

2 Adaptive Network-Based Fuzzy Inference System (ANFIS)

One of the most common Neuro-fuzzy systems performed for Sugeno fuzzy system in a neural structure is ANFIS model. The typical mathematical tools such as differential equations are not appropriate and efficient for modeling complex and uncertain systems. ANFIS model proposed in 1993 is a combined complex form of ANN and FIS (Jang 1993; Kasabov 2001). ANFIS model is an appropriate model for predicting complex conditions and problems under uncertainty due to the learning power of ANN model on the one hand, and application of logic and formation of rule base and fuzzy data on the other hand, and is capable of modeling qualitative aspects of human knowledge and reasoning processes very accurately without using the quantitative analysis (Kasabov et al. 2013; Kecman 2001). In fact, the structure of adaptive network includes a set of connected nodes which are directly interconnected, where each node is considered as a processing unit. In ANFIS model as an adaptive model of this structure, there is no limitation on the functions of nodes, except that they must be differentiable section by section. In terms of effectiveness, the Neuro-fuzzy network corresponds to the fuzzy inference system (FIS).

ANFIS model has a high capability in modeling and mapping input–output data. The structure of ANFIS model includes 5 layers based on Fig. 2 which is defined as follows:

The first layer: in each node i in this layer, using the membership functions (MFs), each node produces the membership belonging to each of the appropriate fuzzy sets based on Eq. (1).



$$\begin{cases}
Q_{l,i} = \mu A_i(x) & \text{for } i = 1, 2 \\
\text{or} \\
Q_{l,i} = \mu B_i(y) & \text{for } i = 3, 4
\end{cases}$$
(1)

where $Q_{l,i}$ is the membership degree of the fuzzy set and μ is the membership function. In these equations, x and y are the inputs of node i, and Ai and Bi are linguistic labels relating to this node.

The second layer: Each node in this layer is formed by a node called II which its output is the multiplication of all input signals based on Eq. (2). In this layer, each output node indicates the firing strength of a rule. In fact, in this layer, operator "AND" was used.

$$Q_{2,i} = w_i = \mu A_i(x_i) \cdot \mu B_i(y_i) \quad i = 1, 2$$
 (2)

The third layer: In this layer, each node is named with N fixed label which in ith node, the ratio of ith rule's firing strength is calculated based on Eq. (3) for all rules' firing strength.

$$Q_{3,i} = \bar{W}_i = \frac{w_i}{\sum_{j=1}^2 w_j} \quad i = 1, 2$$
(3)

where \overline{W}_i is the output of this layer and is called normalized firing strengths.

The fourth layer: Each node i in this layer is matched with functions' node based on Eq. (4). In Eq. (4), \overline{W}_i is the output of the third layer and is called normalized firing strengths. p_i , q_i and r_i are parameters of this node which are considered as inductive parameters of the fuzzy model section.

$$Q_{4,i} = \bar{W}_i \cdot f_i = \bar{W}_i (p_i x + q_i y + r_i) \tag{4}$$

The fifth layer: This layer is only one node with label \sum which calculates all outputs from the total input signals based on Eq. (5). Therefore, in this layer, obtained fuzzy results are calculated based on defuzzifier rules in the form of non-fuzzy output.

$$Q_{5,i} = \sum \bar{W}_i \cdot f_i = \frac{\sum w_i f_i}{\sum w_i} \tag{5}$$

Neuro-fuzzy model makes it possible for fuzzy systems to use adaptive back propagation training algorithm in parameters training topics. In this method, using error gradient descend algorithm, the error rate is distributed toward inputs and parameters are corrected. This training method is exactly like the error back propagation method used in artificial neural networks. In fact, in artificial neural networks, this method is known as error back propagation method.

2.1 Subtractive Clustering Method (SCM)

SCM was first introduced by Chiu (1994). This technique is one of the most efficient methods for determining the number of clusters and initial position of clusters' centers. In the subtractive clustering technique, each sample point is considered as a potential cluster center. The cluster center of all data was determined using SCM. Then, automatic membership functions, rule base and the location of MF within dimensions were generated using the numbers of subtractive centers.

At the beginning of SCM process, a set of data points $\{x_1, x_2, x_3, ..., x_n\}$ is considered in the m-dimensional space. Then, each data point such as x_i is considered as the center of cluster for this set and a density measure is determined for that x_i based on Eq. (6).

$$D_{i} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \exp\left[-\frac{\left\|x_{i} - x_{j}\right\|^{2}}{\left(\frac{r_{a}}{2}\right)^{2}}\right]$$
(6)

where D_i is the density measure for $x_i \cdot r_a$ indicates a neighborhood radius as a positive constant for each data point under study. In addition, a data point with a high density in the neighborhood radius has many neighboring data points in this domain (radius). Data points outside the domain of r_a radius do not have any high and indirect effect on the determination of the density amount, but they impose a low impact on the amount of density. In the next step, the first center of cluster from among data points reaches a data point with the highest amount of density, and x_{c1} and D_{c1} are determined as the center and amount of density in the first cluster, respectively (Jang et al. 1997). Then, the density of other x_i is calculated based on Eq. (7).

$$D_{i} = D_{i} - D_{c1} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \exp\left[-\frac{\|x_{i} - x_{c1}\|^{2}}{\left(\frac{r_{b}}{2}\right)^{2}}\right]$$
(7)

where r_b indicates a positive constant defining a neighborhood which includes measurable reductions in the density measure.

Then, the amount of density for the next data point is calculated and x_{c2} is determined and the process of algorithm is corrected and updated until the required number of clusters is obtained.

2.2 Fuzzy C-Means (FCM) Clustering Technique

One of the unsupervised learning methods is clustering, through which data are divided into clusters with the most familiar members. Therefore, FCM clustering method was proposed by Bezdak using the fuzzy logic and membership degree concept based on the generalization and extension of Hard C-mean (HCM) method (Bezdek et al. 1984). This clustering technique is one of the most efficient clustering methods for the optimal management of a system. Fuzzy clustering technique has different applications, including risk management of mechanized tunnels based on the evaluation of geological units (Haghshenas et al. 2016a, b), investigation of the effects of freezing on the resistance of stones (Mikaeil et al. 2016) and evaluation of Cretaceous stones (Rad et al. 2014).

The beginning of algorithm for determining the number of clusters (c) is between larger than or equal to 2 and smaller than or equal to n (number of samples). Then, by determining m' index as the weighting factor for the amount of fuzziness in the clustering process, the clustering process is started. $U^{(0)}$ is guessed as initial partition matrix and each step or replication of this algorithm is determined by r value. Then, the center of clusters $\{V_i^{(r)}\}$ per replication is calculated and the partitioned matrix for rth replication is updated as $\tilde{U}^{(r)}$. The process is defined based on Eqs. (8) to (12).

$$\mu_{ik}^{(r+1)} = \left[\sum_{j=1}^{c} \left(\frac{d_{ik}^{(r)}}{d_{jk}^{(r)}}\right)^{\frac{2}{(m'-1)}}\right]^{-1} \quad for \ I_k = \varphi \tag{8}$$

$$\mu_{ik}^{(r+1)} = 0 \quad \text{for all calsses } i \text{ where } i \in \tilde{I}_k \tag{9}$$

$$I_k = \left\{ i | 2 \le c < n; \ d_{ik}^{(r)} = 0 \right\}$$
(10)

$$\tilde{I}_k = \{1, 2, \dots, c\} - I_k \tag{11}$$

$$\sum_{i \in I_k} \mu_{ik}^{(r+1)} = 1 \tag{12}$$

where $\mu_{ik}^{(r+1)}$ indicates the membership degree of kth data in ith cluster for r + 1 replication of algorithm. d_{ik} is the Euclidean distance (distance function) between the center of ith cluster and kth data and can be ordered in the form of vector (Bezdek et al. 1984; Das and Basudhar 2009).

In the last step, the result obtained from clustering or in other words, the accuracy of algorithm ε_L is evaluated. If Eq. (13) is satisfied, the result of clustering achieved an appropriate optimization. Under this condition, the computations can be stopped. Otherwise, the computation process returns to the previous steps and this ring will continue up to an acceptable level of algorithm's accuracy for optimization.

$$\tilde{U}^{(r+1)} - \tilde{U}^{(r)} = \varepsilon_L \tag{13}$$



Fig. 3 Location map of the investigated marble quarry areas under consideration

3 Group Method of Data Handling (GMDH)-Type Neural Networks

GMDH was proposed by Ivakhnenko as an algorithm based on the neural network for solving complex and imprecise problems (Ivakhnenko 1968). GMDH algorithm can directly determine and obtain information about the objective function through sampling data. This algorithm is a self-organized and unilateral neural network formed by several layers and neurons. In fact, GMDG-type neural network includes a set of neurons which is resulted from combining different pairs of a quadratic polynomial (Ivakhnenko 1971; Sheikholeslami et al. 2014; Bagheri-Esfe and Safikhani 2016). By combining quadratic polynomials resulted from all neurons, the algorithm produces an approximate function (proper mapping) with output for a set of inputs such as $x = \{x_{i1}, x_{i2}, x_{i3}, \dots, x_{im}\}$ with the minimum possible error compared to output y based on Eq. (14).

$$\hat{y} = \hat{f}(x_{i1}, x_{i2}, x_{i3}, \dots, x_{im})$$
 for $i = (1, 2, 3, \dots, m)$

(14)

The general form of GMDH basic neural network's mapping for input data based on output data can be obtained according to Eq. (15). It is also called Ivakhnenko polynomial.

$$y = a + \sum_{i=1}^{m} b_{i}x_{i} + \sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} c_{ij}x_{i}x_{j}$$

+
$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{m} d_{ijk}x_{i}x_{j}x_{k}$$

+
$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \sum_{j=1}^{m} \sum_{k=1}^{m} \sum_{l=1}^{m} e_{ijkl}x_{i}x_{j}x_{k}x_{l} + \cdots$$
(15)

where m is the number of data for values $x_1, x_2, x_3, \ldots, x_m$ for an output such as y. GMDH-type neural networks is very efficient for systems'



Fig. 4 A representation of the five different points on the beads at which measurements were taken

modeling, prediction, optimization and identification of non-linear patterns (Ivakhnenko and Ivakhnenko 1995).

4 Study Areas and Laboratory Studies

This study investigated 38 different kinds of dimension stones by laboratory and field studies. In field studies, the wear rate of beads is measured, while laboratory tests provided us physical and mechanical characteristics of rocks. Block cutting was performed on three different rock types consisting of ten limestone, thirteen marble and fifteen andesite samples. At least three cutting operations were performed for each rock type on-site, and their averages were taken and recorded as a representative on-site measurement. Location map of the investigated marble quarry areas under consideration is shown in Fig. 3.

In this study, the wear values of diamond bead were measured after a series of cutting tests in each studied rock type using a digital micrometer. At the end of the cutting test, the diameters of selected beads were measured two times at points A-A^I, B-B^I, C-C^I, D-D^I and E-E^I, as shown in Fig. 4. The average of the differences between the diameter values before and after the cutting operation gave the average wear amount on the diamond beads. The wear rate of each diamond bead was calculated from these average wears. The characteristics of studied rocks including Shore hardness, Schimazek's F-abrasivity, uniaxial compressive strength and Young modulus and wear rate of beads are given in Table 1. These data sets of rock properties are used for training and testing the constructing models.

5 Prediction of Wear Rate Using ANFIS Models

Wear rate is one of the most important factors affecting diamond wire saw machine performance. Hence; in order to predict wear rate in saw machine, first the datasets in Table 1 are provided as input and output data and then pseudo codes of ANFIS modeling based on subtractive clustering method and Fuzzy c-means clustering are written for computing in MATLAB software. Then, after the preparation of the pseudo-code of ANFIS algorithms in MATLAB, the algorithms' control parameters are adjusted in

Table 1 Diamond bead wear rate and characteristics of studied rock

Cutting no.	Sample	Cutting performance WR (mm/m ²)	Rock characteristics			
			UCS (MPa)	SH	YM (GPa)	SFa (N/mm)
Andesite						
1	Andesite1	0.00150	28.05	33.00	6.80	0.104
2	Andesite2	0.00230	47.39	39.93	7.60	0.134
3	Andesite3	0.00360	77.25	65.00	20.80	0.331
4	Andesite4	0.00340	84.02	63.62	23.50	0.290
5	Andesite5	0.00210	26.55	49.93	7.90	0.043
6	Andesite6	0.00560	67.41	67.00	15.50	0.531
7	Andesite7	0.00160	57.75	43.70	8.00	0.171
8	Andesite8	0.01570	87.53	61.38	30.56	0.313
9	Andesite9	0.01680	75.75	63.70	24.60	0.254
10	Andesite10	0.01590	81.35	62.48	25.40	0.292
11	Andesite11	0.00850	78.75	60.30	26.40	0.272
12	Andesite12	0.00800	82.50	61.20	28.30	0.320
13	Andesite13	0.00360	27.23	42.50	7.30	0.133
14	Andesite14	0.00220	51.92	41.20	7.76	0.203
15	Andesite15	0.00360	56.25	43.50	8.01	0.221
Real marble						
16	Usak White	0.00370	69.00	47.00	12.20	0.021
17	Kozagac White	0.00280	42.00	40.00	12.10	0.034
18	Milas Lilac	0.00260	55.00	46.00	11.00	0.154
19	Afyon Cream	0.00300	64.00	46.00	11.80	0.014
20	Kutahya Lilac 1	0.00820	52.26	42.90	17.02	0.004
21	Kutahya Lilac 2	0.00980	79.00	43.05	17.50	0.004
22	Kutahya Violet	0.00820	63.49	43.25	21.14	0.004
23	Afyon Violet 1	0.00650	74.19	45.23	21.43	0.003
24	Afyon Violet 2	0.00490	51.84	41.60	15.96	0.003
25	Afyon Gray 1	0.00440	49.02	41.55	13.07	0.004
26	Afyon Gray 2	0.00440	45.57	39.85	15.72	0.003
27	Mugla Nacre	0.00290	28.68	50.45	12.74	0.003
28	Mugla White	0.00150	30.00	32.90	9.86	0.002
Limestone						
29	Yesilova Beige	0.00310	70.50	56.00	9.90	0.014
30	Sivrihisar (Eskisehir) beige1	0.00370	72.00	60.00	12.50	0.014
31	Sivrihisar beige2	0.00380	70.00	62.00	13.20	0.013
32	Sivrihisar beige3	0.00390	68.00	58.00	12.20	0.012
33	Antalya Beige 1	0.00610	55.30	58.70	22.83	0.061
34	Antalya Beige 2	0.00850	65.80	58.15	25.24	0.104
35	Antalya Beige 3	0.00710	59.77	58.00	17.43	0.122
36	Antalya Beige 4	0.00820	56.75	59.48	20.35	0.370
37	Toros Black 1	0.01990	105.48	65.30	20.25	0.122
38	Toros Black 2	0.01573	110.77	64.75	17.94	0.121



Fig. 5 The membership functions (MFs) of rock properties for ANFIS-SCM model



Fig. 6 The membership functions (MFs) of rock properties for ANFIS-FCM model

order to have a desired prediction and optimization, including Maximum Epoch = 300, Initial step size = 0.1 and 0.5 for ANFIS-SCM and ANFIS-FCM, respectively. MFs type and output MFs are considered as Gaussian and linear for two modelings. The data set consisted of 38 different kinds of dimension stones by laboratory and field studies that use the 80% of the dataset for training and remaining (20%) of it for testing as random selection. In Modelings, after the initial analysis, some limitations should be considered Fig. 7 The comparison between measured and predicted wear rate using ANFIS-SCM model for train and test data



Fig. 8 The comparison between measured and predicted wear rate using ANFIS-FCM model for train and test data

which include Max epoch and Initial step size equal to 100 and 0.5, respectively. After running of the program, once the computing has reached to the max epoch, the calculations are stopped. Figures 5 and 6 show the membership functions (MFs) of input data (Rock properties) for ANFIS-SCM and ANFIS-FCM models, respectively.

Two scenarios are designed in order to predict the wear rate in performance of sawing machine. The comparison results of the predicted wear rate versus measured values for train and test data are depicted in Figs. 7 and 8.

In comparison to the existing values of the wear rate, prediction of results for train and test data show that a satisfactory performance is obtained using the proposed ANFIS-SCM model. A similar pattern was repeated for ANFIS-FCM modeling with an appropriate trend for train data, but this trend isn't agreeable for test data compared to ANFIS-SCM model.

Accordingly, modelings of ANFIS-SCM and ANFIS-FCM for predicting wear rate summarized the results in Table 2. After assessment of the results, R^2 for train and test data in ANFIS-SCM has higher values than another models. Furthermore, there was this superiority for other results.

Table 2 The comparison of train and test results for ANFIS-SCM and ANFIS-FCM models

Results	ANFIS-SCM model	ANFIS-FCM model
R ² _{Train}	0.998	0.998
R ² _{Test}	0.59	0.391
RMSE _{Train}	1.3863e-04	4.6743e-05
RMSE _{Test}	0.0043	0.0075
MSE _{Train}	1.9218e-08	2.1849e-09
MSE _{Test}	1.8887e-05	5.6043e-05
SD _{Train}	1.4e-04	4.76e - 05
SD _{Test}	0.0041	0.0074

0.02

6 Prediction of Wear Rate Using GMDH-Type **Neural Network Models**

In this work, assessment and prediction were performed using the train and test data employed in the GMDH type of neural network models. After several analyses, the most appropriate control parameters were obtained. The considered control parameters in the prediction are the maximum number of neurons of 12 in a layer, maximum number of 5 layers and iteration number of 300. Figure 9 shows the comparison between predicted wear rate using GMDH type of neural network models for train and test data and measured wear rate from laboratory tests that is





Train Data

Fig. 10 Coefficient of determination (R²) of predicted GMDH-type neural network modeling and measured wear rate: a train data and b test data Table 3The comparisonof train and test results forANFIS-SCM and GMDH-type neural networkmodelings

Results	ANFIS-SCM model	GMDH-type neural network model		
R ² _{Train}	0.998	0.78		
R ² _{Test}	0.59	0.41		
RMSE _{Train}	1.3863e-04	0.0021		
RMSE _{Test}	0.0043	0.0045		
MSE _{Train}	1.9218e-08	4.24e-06		
MSE _{Test}	1.8887e-05	2.049e-05		
SD _{Train}	1.4e-04	0.0021		
SD _{Test}	0.0041	0.0047		

calculated and obtained using pseudo code in MATLAB software.

The R^2 is calculated and drawn for train and test data in Fig. 10. Furthermore, the results of evaluation and prediction of train and test data are shown in Table 3 and are compared with the results of ANFIS-SCM model.

The results presented here show that ANFIS-SCM technique is superior to GMDH-type neural network based on values of the R^2 , RMSE, MSE and SD for train and test data.

In this study, the ANFIS-SCM, ANFIS-FCM and GMDH type of ANNs were used for estimating the wear rate and then those modelings were compared according to their capability and the highest accuracy. A comparison was conducted between results of laboratory and prediction of the wear rate. Finally, after performing calculations and comparisons, the priority of using wear rate predicting based on soft computing techniques and laboratory is as follows: ANFIS-SCM > ANFIS-FCM > GMDH-type neural network.

7 Conclusion

This paper presented the application of three intelligent models using GMDH-type ANNs and adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system based on the subtractive clustering method and Fuzzy c-means clustering approach to predict the wear rate for the diamond wire saw machine performance from database of 38 different varieties of dimension stones from Turkey mines. Artificial intelligence techniques have been successfully used to estimate the performance of sawing machine based on the cutting operations. As evidenced from the results obtained, it can be concluded that ANFIS-SCM is a reliable modeling approach for forecasting the wear rate. The reasonable correlation with a coefficient higher than 0.998 and 0.59 and appropriate RMSE: 1.3863e-04 and 0.0043 for train and test data indicates the validity of the observed system. Hence, ANFIS-SCM technique can be effectively used for prediction and found to be more efficient than ANFIS-FCM and GMDH type of neural networks. Also, ANFIS-FCM is superior to GMDHtype neural networks. Future studies are focused on comparing the methods presented here with other soft computing approaches. Prediction of the wear rate can also be assessed with Grey Wolf Optimizer (GWO), Self-Organizer Map (SOM), neural networks based on Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) and Imperialist Competitive Algorithm (ICA), Tabu search algorithm, Ant Colony algorithm, etc.

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