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Prediction of emission and performance characteristics of reactivity-controlled compression ignition engine with the intelligent software based on adaptive neural-fuzzy and neural-network

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ABSTRACT

A fuel reactivity-controlled compression ignition concept promises to overcome increasingly stringent emission standards with ultra-low nitrogen oxide and soot emissions and very high fuel efficiency. In the present work, it was developed an intelligent software-based on adaptive neural-fuzzy inference systems in order to predict the emission and performance values of reactivity-controlled compression ignition engine fueled with natural gas and diesel under different operating conditions through an experimentally validated computational fluid dynamics model with the four cases generated in the study for intelligent software-based on neural-fuzzy systems simulation considering different input and output parameters. The engine model was run at input variables as initial pressure (1.67–2.79 bar), total fuel mass (60–130 mg), exhaust gas recirculation ratio (0–20%), the start of injection (32–56◦ before top dead center) and total 180 different conditions were generated while output responses such as indicated power, maximum in-cylinder pressure, soot, and nitrogen oxide emissions. The main operating parameters of the reactivity-controlled compression ignition engine were determined for different load conditions, enabling the engine to operate in a wide range with high efficiency and low emission. For the neuralfuzzy inference model presented study, the different number Gaussian curve membership functions (5, 6, 7, 8) (gaussmf) have been used considering different adaptive neural-fuzzy cases, and generally, about 13500 training cycles is found to be optimum neural-fuzzy inference parameters and minimum error value. Mean square error, mean error percentage, and the absolute fraction of variance (R^2) were used to assess and compare the performance of the adaptive neural-fuzzy and artificial neural network. Results of the adaptive neural-fuzzy confirm that the model successfully predicts the performance and emission of the engine with the R^2 value % 99.8, % 99.9, and %96.5 for the output parameters indicated power, maximum in-cylinder pressure, and nitrogen oxide, respectively. Moreover, the performance of the neural-fuzzy inference algorithm compared with artificial neural network and consequently, it was observed that neural-fuzzy inference gives more accurate predict value according to the artificial neural network. Moreover, generating a neural-fuzzy inference architecture using the proposed mathematical foundation given the study shows that neural-fuzzy inference is a very effective and helpful technique to predict the reactivity-controlled compression ignition engine performance and emission parameters.

1. Introduction

Compression ignition (CI) engines are widely used in many application areas such as automotive, railways, power, and marine ([Reitz](#page-19-0) [et al., 2020](#page-19-0)). However, meeting the ever tighter emission limits, different combustion strategies are developed to reduce exhaust emissions and improve efficiency ([Mohan et al., 2013](#page-19-0)). Combustion temperature is one of the substantial factors for NO_X formation (Gao [et al., 2021](#page-19-0)). The major mechanisms of NO_X formation are prompt NO_X and thermal NO_X to be caused by combustion temperature, reaction duration, and oxygen concentration [\(Huang et al., 2019b](#page-19-0)). Because higher in-cylinder combustion temperature exceeding 1650 K promotes the oxidation of nitrogen as a thermal NO_X mechanism, it is aimed to reduce NO_X emissions by decreasing combustion temperature (Chen

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Available online 12 August 2021 0959-6526/© 2021 Elsevier Ltd. All rights reserved. Received 8 June 2021; Received in revised form 3 August 2021; Accepted 11 August 2021 [et al., 2020](#page-19-0)). In addition, it is desired to prevent the formation of soot emission by ensuring a more homogeneous mixture before combustion and by reducing fuel-rich regions ([Gehmlich et al., 2018](#page-19-0)). Thus, an engine with high thermal efficiency and low NO_X and soot emissions will be achieved.

New combustion strategies are being developed to increase efficiency and reduce emissions. One of these new strategies is homogeneous charge compression ignition (HCCI) that premixed air-fuel mixture and high compression ratio ignite the charge and promise very low NO_X and soot emissions ([Kimura et al., 2001\)](#page-19-0). Premixed charge compression ignition (PCCI) engines also inject the fuel at the compression stroke ([Salahi and Gharehghani, 2019](#page-19-0)). However, it becomes difficult to control the combustion rate in these strategies, especially at high loads [\(Mofijur et al., 2019](#page-19-0)). Moreover, the volume-specific power is limited by excessive combustion rate, and heat release and causes knock, noise, and vibration [\(Liu et al., 2008\)](#page-19-0). Therefore reactivity-controlled compression ignition (RCCI) engines, which used the auto-ignition characteristics of two different fuels (low and high reactivity) have been proposed [\(Kokjohn et al., 2011\)](#page-19-0). The ignition delay and combustion duration are controlled by injecting the fuels with two different auto-ignition characteristics into the cylinder as direct and port injection [\(Nieman et al., 2012\)](#page-19-0). The reactivity stratification is constituted in the cylinder with these two fuels. The low reactivity fuel is premixed with intake air, while the direct injection of the high reactivity fuel is implemented to initiate the low reactivity charge mixture ([Pachiannan et al., 2019](#page-19-0)).

Many different fuels such as gasoline-diesel, gasoline-biodiesel, ethanol-diesel, natural gas-diesel can be used in combination as low and high reactivity fuels in the RCCI engines. Natural gas (predominantly methane) has a lower carbon-hydrogen ratio that emits lower $CO₂$ emissions with its combustion. Since it does not contain aromatics, soot formation can be suppressed in internal combustion engines [\(Taqizadeh](#page-20-0) [et al., 2020\)](#page-20-0). Thus, the usage of natural gas in the RCCI engine is promising that producing higher efficiency and power with lower emissions. On the other hand, natural gas is abundant and has relatively low cost besides clean combustion characteristics ([Huang et al., 2019a](#page-19-0)).

Computational fluid dynamics (CFD) modeling is a very useful method for the development of an internal combustion engine (ICE) ([Sener et al., 2020\)](#page-20-0). Modeling of an ICE will improve as our comprehension and knowledge of the chemistry and physics mechanism of the phenomena and as computers continue to increase their ability to solve complex equations [\(Shu et al., 2019](#page-20-0)). The models describe the thermodynamics, combustion, heat transfer, and emission formation events of the engines [\(Broatch et al., 2019](#page-19-0)). Sener and Gül optimized the combustion chamber geometry and injection parameters of the compression ignition engine in order to minimize the exhaust emissions using a multi-objective genetic algorithm (Sener and Gül, 2021). Nazemi and Shahbakhti used Converge CFD code to investigate the injection pressure, spray angle, the start of injection, and the premixed ratio of an RCCI engine on combustion, performance, and emission ([Nazemi and](#page-19-0) [Shahbakhti, 2016\)](#page-19-0). Poorghasemi et al. analyzed the performance and emission of the natural gas-fueled RCCI engine for varied injection parameters using Converge CFD code ([Poorghasemi et al., 2017\)](#page-19-0). They found that the CFD model can predict the in-cylinder pressure and heat release trends and also exhaust emission with acceptable accuracy.

An artificial neural network (ANN) has been successfully implemented in several problems such as mechanical vibrations ([Koide et al.,](#page-19-0) [2014\)](#page-19-0), prediction of the non-linear seismic response of the buildings ([Lagaros and Papadrakakis, 2012](#page-19-0)), modal parameters identification for smart civil structures [\(Perez-Ramirez et al., 2016](#page-19-0)), rail rolling ([Altınkaya](#page-19-0) [et al., 2014](#page-19-0)) and estimating some operating parameters in internal combustion engines. ANN is a non-linear and very complicated algorithm performed on computers. Recently, especially with the development of computer technologies, ANN has been successfully applied in defense systems. ANN has been applied to automatic target identification problems in the military field ([Rogers et al., 1995\)](#page-19-0). Hosseini and

Dalvand estimated the penetration depth of the projectile in a steel block using ANN [\(M. Hosseini and A. Dalvand, 2014\)](#page-19-0). Some other studies using ANN in the field of defense systems were carried out by [\(Koç et al.,](#page-19-0) [2016\)](#page-19-0). Furthermore, more detailed literature research has been studied in various engineering fields ([Najafi et al., 2018\)](#page-19-0). The adaptive neuro-fuzzy logic inference system (ANFIS), another AI method, is a mixed combination of ANN and fuzzy logic (FL) that uses the learning ability of artificial ANN to obtain fuzzy IF-THEN rules created with appropriate membership functions. ANFIS has been applied in several different engineering fields. For example, the study in which a fire support system was designed using ANFIS was carried out by ([Goztepe,](#page-19-0) [2013\)](#page-19-0). Yadav and Gaur used ANN and ANFIS with the adaptive control for the design of I-IMC to speed control of the uncertain nonlinear heavy-duty vehicle ([Yadav and Gaur, 2016](#page-20-0)). Sada and Ikpeseni studied ANN and ANFIS algorithms to evaluate the performance in terms of predicting machining responses in an AIS steel turning operation ([Sada](#page-19-0) [and Ikpeseni, 2021](#page-19-0)). Intelligent software such as ANN, ANFIS, and Genetic Algorithm have been implemented to an internal combustion engine to evaluate emissions and performance characteristic properties of the engine for different working conditions. The ANN algorithm was performed for the simulate of engine characteristics using ethanol-and kerosene-containing oxygenated fuel [\(Ebrahimi et al., 2020\)](#page-19-0). The researcher optimizes ANN's performance with GA and particle swarm optimization (PSO) algorithms. Ebrahim et al. have modeled a mathematical computational technique with an ANN algorithm to test the performance of the reactivity controlled ignition (RCCI) engine ([Ebra](#page-19-0)[himi et al., 2018a](#page-19-0)). Taghavifar et al. investigate the ANN-based prediction of diesel engine exhaust emissions. They trained the ANN model coupled with the CFD approach ([Taghavifar et al., 2016\)](#page-20-0). Dharma et al. studied the performance and emission characteristics of diesel direct-injection engines fueled with varying volumetric ratios of Jatropha curcas-Ceiba pentandra biodiesel-diesel blends. They also developed an ANN model in order to predict engine performance and emissions [\(Dharma et al., 2017](#page-19-0)). Agbulut et al. examined ANN modeling of the diesel engine fueled with cottonseed methyl-ester in order to predict exhaust emission and engine performance (Ağbulut et al., 2020).

[Table 1](#page-2-0) summarizes the literature studies about CFD, ANFIS, and ANN approaches. In light of the studies presented above, the highlighted items for the present work have been listed as follows:

- The combustion, performance, and emission values of an RCCI heavy-duty engine fueled with natural gas-diesel were simulated using the experimentally validated CFD model in this study.
- It was generated by simulating a total of 180 cases with different operating parameters.
- The influence of the initial pressure and temperature, methane mass (equivalence ratio), EGR ratio, and the SOI of the direct injection of high reactivity fuel (diesel) as important parameters are investigated on the performance and exhaust emissions of the RCCI engine. Also, indicated power, peak firing pressure, NO_X , and soot emission values were successfully estimated using the ANFIS method.
- Finally, to compare ANFIS performance with another intelligent algorithm, an ANN algorithm architecture has been designed.

From the literature research perspective, one can understand that easily very detailed studies have been performed by scientists on increase engine emission performance using different intelligent software and hybrid models obtained by using their conjunction. The novelty of the presented study is combining computational fluid dynamics finite volume analysis procedure with adaptive neuro-fuzzy and artificial neural network intelligent algorithms to ensure training and testing data which represent emission and performance parameters of the RCCI engine and validate experimental set up according to different cases obtained by considering various emission and engine performance parameter. From the view of the literature studies point, generally, in the studies which use artificial neural approach for predicting of some

Overview of the literature review.

Reference	Application Area	Method	Results
Najafi et al. (2016)	SI engine	SVM- ANFIS	The results demonstrate that the SVM and ANFIS are capable of predicting the SI engine performance and emissions. However, the performance of the ANFIS is significantly higher than that of the SVM.
Taghavifar et al. (2016)	CI engine	ANN	$CO2$, soot, and NOx emission of n-heptane fueled CI engine were predicted using ANN. CFD approach was coupled with ANN to train the model.
Dharma et al. (2017)	CI engine	ANN	The performance and emission of the CI engine fueled with Jatropa Curcas- Ceiba Pentandra biodiesel- diesel blends were predicted using the ANN.
Ebrahimi et al. (2018b)	RCCI engine	ANN	Mathematical computational techniques with an ANN algorithm were developed to test the performance of the reactivity-controlled ignition (RCCI) engine.
Ebrahimi et al. (2020)	RCCI engine	ANN- GA-PSO	Based on the RCCI engine's responses derived from the simulation, reactivity- controlled compression- ignition combustion's mathematical model is identified directly using an artificial neural network.
Ağbulut et al. (2020)	CI engine	ANN	The combustion and emission characteristics of the CI engine fueled with different biodiesel blends and injection pressure were successfully predicted using the ANN.
Saravanakumar and Prakash (2020)	CI engine	ANFIS	Effects of the Calophyllum Inophyllum methyl esters fuel blend were investigated using the ANFIS on brake specific fuel consumption, thermal efficiency, and exhaust emissions.
Singh et al. (2020a)	CI engine	ANFIS- GA	Using the ANFIS and genetic algorithm, performance and exhaust emission parameters of the CI engine fueled with biodiesel were precisely forecasted.
Singh et al. (2020b)	CI engine	ANFIS- PSO-GA	In short, the whole study concludes that hybrid techniques like ANFIS-GA and ANFIS-PSO are effective and reliable methods for the effective assessment of engine
Kumar et al. (2021)	CI engine	ANFIS- RSM	emission parameters. The ANFIS model was used to individually correlate the output variable (biodiesel yield) with four input variables with an R2 value of 0.9998.
Atarod et al. (2021)	CI engine	ANFIS- PSO	The applied soft computing combination appears to be a promising approach to model and optimize the operating parameters and fuel composition of diesel engines.

limited emission considering only some restricted cases, the emission, and engine performance parameter has been obtained by laborious and time-consuming experimental study. However, with the using potency of the computational fluid dynamics and adaptive neuro-fuzzy combined algorithm presented in this study, one can easily obtain very critical emission and performance parameters of the RCCI engine without necessary any costly and time-consuming experimental studies. On the other hand, in the recent state-of-art similar studies, the commercial Toolboxes are generally used for adaptive neural-fuzzy applications. This technique is adequate to generate an ANFIS model for basic engineering problems in terms of investigating some basic parameters such as R^2 and mean squared error (MSE) values. But if any researcher wants to some more detail ANFIS parameters such as membership function's midpoint and standard deviation change and consequent parameters given in the study according to iteration number, it is insufficient to use these commercial Toolboxes. The in-house ANFIS special code written in MATLAB has been developed by the authors to investigate more detailed parameters given the presented study such as consequent parameters of each Takaki-Sugeno type IF-THEN rules. Thus, the change of each training and testing pattern given in the study has been presented in detail according to iteration number during the training and testing process.

This research investigated the performance and emission evaluations of natural gas-diesel fueled RCCI engines and explored engine parameters to achieve low NO_X and soot emissions using the experimental, CFD, ANFIS, and ANN techniques. The applications of the RCCI engines would remarkably reduce hazardous pollutants to achieve cleaner production and environmentally friendly on-road and non-road engines.

2. Experimental, CFD, and ANFIS modeling

2.1. CFD modeling

The numerical studies were performed using 3D CFD commercial software Converge ([Richards et al., 2019](#page-19-0)). The computational domains of the RCCI engine with bathtub piston bowl were generated for the CFD simulations (Fig. 1). The piston bowl shape of a heavy-duty diesel engine was optimized for RCCI strategy by [\(Splitter et al., 2012](#page-20-0)). RNG k-ε turbulence scheme was adopted to model in the computational domain ([Han and Reitz, 1995](#page-19-0)). Fuel spray was simulated by the Lagrangian-parcel Eulerian-fluid method ([Yue and Reitz, 2019](#page-20-0)). The Kelvin-Helmholtz/Rayleigh-Taylor (KH-RT) breakup model ([Beale and](#page-19-0) [Reitz, 1999\)](#page-19-0), no time counter droplet collision (NTC) model ([Schmidt](#page-19-0) [and Rutland, 2000\)](#page-19-0), frossling evaporation model [\(Amsden et al., 1989](#page-19-0)), O'Rourke turbulent dispersion model (O'[Rourke, 1989\)](#page-19-0), and Rebound/Slide spray-wall interaction model [\(Manuel et al., 1991](#page-19-0)) were used in the fuel spray process [\(Table 2\)](#page-3-0).

The SAGE chemistry solver was used with detailed chemical kinetics to model combustion ([Senecal et al., 2003\)](#page-19-0). A reduced n-heptane

Sub-models of the CFD simulation.

Turbulence	RANS - RNG k- ε model
Combustion	SAGE detailed chemistry solver
Reaction mechanism	42 species, 168 reactions
Spray Breakup	$KH + RT$ model
Collision	NTC model
Evaporation	Frossling model
Turbulent dispersion	O'Rourke model
Spray-wall interaction	Rebound/Slide model
Soot	Hiroyasu Soot model
NO _x	Extended Zeldovich model

chemical mechanism includes 76 species and 464 reactions ([Nordin,](#page-19-0) [1998\)](#page-19-0). Diesel and natural gas are represented in the model as C_7H_{16} and CH4, respectively. The O'Rourke and Amsden model was selected to simulate the wall heat transfer [\(Amsden, 1997](#page-19-0)). Hiroyasu Soot model was used to simulate the soot formation. The Extended Zeldovich mechanism was used to simulate NO_X formation [\(Heywood, 1988](#page-19-0)).

The CFD simulations were carried out from +125◦ bTDC to exhaust valve opening (+130◦ bTDC). The swirl ratio of 0.7 and swirl profile of 3.11 were taken by assuming the initial mixture as homogenous and uniform. A 60-degree sector mesh was used due to the axial symmetrical piston bowl geometry and six equally injector holes. The wall temperatures of the piston, liner, and cylinder head were 575 K, 475 K, and 550 K, respectively.

2.2. Experimental part and validation

The Caterpillar® 3401 single-cylinder DI diesel engine was used as the test engine (Fig. 2). The main specifications of the test engine are listed in Table 3. The common-rail injector with an injection pressure of 50 MPa, a spray angle of 145◦, and 6-hole was utilized in the test engine.

Fig. 2. Test engine laboratory layout.

The piston bowl geometry was optimized according to the specified spray angle and engine parameters. The start of injection changes from − 32◦ to − 56◦ aTDC and the injector hole diameter is 0.25 mm (Table 4).

The CFD model has been established according to the test engine specifications and operating conditions. In order to validate the CFD model, four cases were defined with different indicated gross indicated mean effective pressure (IMEP_g) and intake pressure [\(Table 5](#page-4-0)). The engine speed was set to 1300 r/min. and the direct injection of diesel fuel to 13 mg/cycle. The model was calibrated by comparing the results obtained by experimental [\(Walker et al., 2015\)](#page-20-0) and simulation ([Ebra](#page-19-0)[himi et al., 2018b](#page-19-0)) with in-cylinder pressure and rate of heat release values. Prediction of the starting point and the ending point of combustion of the CFD model was an acceptable level, differences were not more than 2◦ crank angle for cases 1–4 ([Fig. 3](#page-4-0)). The CFD model predicted faster heat release during premixed combustion phases. This may be due to the representation of natural gas and diesel, simplified reaction mechanism, and inaccuracy of modeling of the spray. Furthermore, there is an error in the measurement of the tests ([Chen et al., 2020](#page-19-0)). According to the studies, the CFD results can be used as supplying data for ANFIS and ANN approach to predict the characteristics of the RCCI engine.

The in-cylinder equivalence contours of the validation cases on the cut plane of the spray axis are illustrated in [Fig. 4.](#page-5-0) The increase of the methane mass for cases causes the enhancement of the equivalence ratio. Because of the increment of methane mass in the premixed charge, and enhancement of the homogeneity of the equivalence ratio inside the cylinder, local fuel rich zones decrease. The same statement conduces the increment in in-cylinder temperature distribution [\(Fig. 5](#page-5-0)).

2.3. Mesh independency

Since the test engine has a 6-hole injector, a 60-degree sector mesh was utilized to minimize CPU cost. The mesh size is very important for both solution accuracy and simulation time in CFD simulation studies. The mesh size should be chosen so that the results can be obtained in the most accurate way in a reasonable time. The mesh independence studies were performed to ensure that the findings were independent of the mesh size.

The model was performed using three different mesh sizes as fine (1.5-mm), medium (1.8-mm), and coarse (2.3-mm). The adaptive mesh refinement (AMR) method was adopted at embedding levels of two according to velocity and temperature fluctuations during the simulation. Also, fixed embedding levels of two were applied to the spray region. Fixed embedding and AMR layers of the three mesh sizes were the same except for the base grid size.

Table 4 Operating parameters of the engine model.

IVC	-143° aTDC.
EVO	$+135^\circ$ aTDC
Swirl ratio	0.7
Injector hole diameter	0.25 mm
Number of injector holes	6
Injector spray angle	145 deg.
SOI timing	$32^{\circ} - 56^{\circ}$ bTDC

Operating parameters of the validated cases.

The pressure and rate of heat release curves of all three meshes had similar trends ([Fig. 6\)](#page-6-0). The fine mesh estimated the ignition delay value more accurately, but it increased the CPU cost. The results of the coarse mesh had inconsistency around the premixed combustion region. Emission values of medium and fine mesh size were very close [\(Fig. 6c](#page-6-0)). Therefore, medium mesh with a 1.8-mm grid size was accepted with an

2.4.1. ANFIS forward-propagation learning algorithm

[Fig. 7](#page-6-0) shows the ANFIS architecture used to predict emissions and performance parameters of the RCCI engine used in this study for different input parameters initial pressure (IP), total fuel mass (TFM), exhaust gas recirculation (EGR), and the start of injection (SOI) for diesel fuel. As seen in [Fig. 7,](#page-6-0) indicated power (IKW), peak firing pressure (PFP), Soot, and nitrogen oxide (NO_X) were determined as the output parameters for ANFIS considering different simulation cases. According to [Fig. 7](#page-6-0), ANFIS architecture consists of six layers. Each layer consists of several neurons determined by neuron functions. Let us assume that in a four-input (*x, y, z, t*) parameters system, fuzzification of the parameters *x*, *y*, *z*, *t* are represented by N_A , N_B , N_C , N_D MFs respectively. In this case, *NR* is the number of rules, $N_R = N_A \times N_B \times N_C \times N_D$ number of rules are written in Takaki-Sugeno type IF-THEN form to define the relation between ANFIS input parameters and output parameters as shown in Equation (1):

$$
\begin{cases}\n\{R^1: if \ x \ is \ A_1, \ y \ is \ B_1, \ z = C_1 \ and \ t = D_1, \ then \ f^1 = p_1x + q_1y + r_1z + k_1t + u_1 \\
\{R^2: if \ x \ is \ A_2, \ y \ is \ B_2, \ z = C_2 \ and \ t = D_2, \ then \ f^2 = p_2x + q_2y + r_2z + k_2t + u_2 \\
\vdots \\
\{R^{N_R}: if \ x \ is \ A_{N_A}, \ y \ is \ B_{N_B}, \ z = C_{N_C} \ and \ t = D_{N_D}, \ then \ f^{N_R} = p_{N_R}x + q_{N_R}y + r_{N_R}z + k_{N_R}t + u_{N_R}\n\end{cases}
$$
\n(1)

AMR level of 2. Thus, the total cell number can increase up to $1.1 \times 10^{+4}$ during the simulation.

2.4. ANFIS modeling

[Jang \(1993\)](#page-19-0) proposed the ANFIS system that combines learning ability with decision-making ability. The structure of the ANFIS model is considered a combination of fuzzy inference systems (FIS) and ANN. Apart from that, it uses the "Takagi-Sugeno" inference model, which uses IF-THEN rules to correlate inputs and outputs. This feature enables ANFIS to cope better with the real data incoming from the outside world due to its high learning ability. ANFIS is very efficient in terms of calculation technique and is widely used in modeling nonlinear systems. It is an important disadvantage that ANN and FL are dependent on expert knowledge on issues such as creating the topology of the network, selecting membership function (MF), and determining MF parameters. The approach of combining FL with ANN makes the problem less dependent on expert knowledge. Due to this feature, ANFIS has been successfully applied in several different engineering fields such as predicting biochar yield [\(Ewees et al., 2017\)](#page-19-0), estimating wind speed ([Ahmed et al., 2017](#page-18-0)), estimating copper prices [\(Alameer et al., 2019](#page-18-0)), and forecasting fuel consumption ([Al-qaness et al., 2019\)](#page-18-0).

In Equation (1) p_i , q_i , r_i , k_i and u_i are the consequent parameters, which are determined during the training of ANFIS.

The layers within ANFIS are as follows:

- *Layer 1*: Each neuron in this layer is input neurons where input signals are transferred to other layers.
- Layer 2: In an ANFIS model with two inputs given in [Fig. 7,](#page-6-0) the output of the second layer is calculated as follows (the first input to be graded with *n* MF functions and the second input to be graded with *m* possessive functions).

$$
O_i^2 = \mu_{\phi_i}(x), \left\{ \begin{array}{l} i = 1, ..., N_{A,B,C,D} \\ \Phi = \{A, B, C, D\} \end{array} \right\}
$$
 (2)

If the Gaussian membership function with a maximum of 1 and a minimum of 0 is used as membership function on each neuron, the result function is written as follows:

$$
\mu_{\phi_i}(x) = \exp\bigg[-\bigg(\frac{\Psi - m_i}{\sigma_i}\bigg)^2\bigg], \quad \bigg\{\begin{array}{l} i = 1,.., N_{A,B,C,D} \\ \Psi = (x, y, z, t) \end{array}\bigg\} \tag{3}
$$

In Equation (3) parameters m_i and $σ_i$ represent the midpoint and standard deviation of the Gaussian membership function, respectively. These variables are adjusted while training ANFIS.

Fig. 3. Comparison of experiment and simulation cylinder-averaged pressure traces.

Fig. 4. In-cylinder equivalence ratio distribution for four cases at $-5°$ and $+10°$ aTDC.

Fig. 5. In-cylinder temperature distribution for four cases at different crank angles.

Fig. 6. Comparison of in-cylinder a) pressure traces, b) rate of heat release, c) emissions of three different mesh sizes.

Fig. 7. ANFIS architecture used in this study with four inputs parameters *IP, TFM, EGR,* and *SOI,* and one output parameter.

• *Layer 3*: Each neuron at this layer is tagged with [∏] and shows the multiplication of all entering signs.

$$
O_i^3 = \mu_i = \mu_{A,i}(x)\mu_{B,j}(y)\mu_{C,k}(y)\mu_{D,r}(y), \begin{cases} i = 1, ..., N_A & k = 1, ..., N_C \\ j = 1, ..., N_B & r = 1, ..., N_D \end{cases}
$$
 (4)

• *Layer 4*: In this layer, each neuron is enabled with **N**, and the normalized firing level of each rule is calculated as follows:

$$
O_i^4 = \overline{\mu}_i = \frac{\mu_i}{\sum_{j=1}^{N_R} O_j^3}, \quad i = 1, ..., N_R
$$
 (5)

• *Layer 5*: Every neuron *i* in this layer is an adaptive neuron with the neuron function. The neuron exit function is calculated as follows:

$$
O_i^5 = \overline{\mu}_i f_i = \overline{\mu}_i (p_i x + q_i y + r_i z + k_i t + u_i), \quad i = 1, ..., N_R
$$
 (6)

• *Layer 6*: There is only one neuron in this layer, and it is enabled with **∑.** Here, the outputs obtained from the fifth layer are summed and ANFIS output is obtained as follows:

$$
O^6 = f = \sum_i \overline{\mu}_i f_i = \frac{\sum_i \mu_i f_i}{\sum_i \mu_i}
$$
 (7)

2.4.2. ANFIS back-propagation learning algorithm

In the backpropagation learning algorithm, the error value obtained from the output of the network is reflected the input layer and the necessary weight variables are adjusted. The error obtained from the output of the network is calculated as follows:

$$
e = d - f \tag{8}
$$

In Equation (8) , the parameter d is the expected output value corresponding to any *x, y* input set given to ANFIS. Other than that, *f* is the actual output value of the network. By applying the least-squares method to this error value, the error criterion *E* is calculated as follows:

$$
E = \frac{1}{2}e^2\tag{9}
$$

The error value for the output of the ANFIS model, also *MSE*, the absolute fraction of variance R²and mean error percentage (MEP) are respectively expressed as follows:

$$
MSE = \frac{1}{N_p} \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (f_i - d_i)^2, \ R^2 = 1 - \left(\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} (f_i - d_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} f_i^2} \right), \ MEP = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N_p} \left(\frac{d_i - f_i}{d_i} \right) x 100}{N_p},
$$
\n(10)

The parameter N_p in Equation (10) represents the number of samples in the training or test set. Using the error criterion, the error is reflected layer by layer as shown in Appendix A.

3. Simulation cases and results

In this study, the four different simulation cases given in Table 6 have been introduced to test the performance of the ANFIS model which is designed for RCCI engine emissions and performance parameters and given in [Fig. 7](#page-6-0). In all of the cases, the parameters IP, TFM, EGR, and SOI have been represented as input parameters of the ANFIS model. On the other hand, the parameters IKW, PFP, Soot, and NO_X have been assigned as output parameters for cases 1 to 4, respectively. For the fuzzification

Table 6 Simulation cases used in this study.

	Inputs				Output
Case 1	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	IKW
Case 2	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	PFP
Case 3	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	Soot
Case 4	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	NO _x

Table 7 Simulation cases used in this study.

Table 8

The training data sets used in this study for the projectile mass and projectile exit velocity obtained by FEM.

	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	IKW	PFP	SOOT	NO _x
1	1.67	72.8	$\mathbf{0}$	32	16.53	86.48	0.00097	0.927
$\overline{2}$	2.41	111.0	0	32	30.56	136.9	0.00026	0.738
3	1.67	69.8	5	32	18.41	86.35	0.00078	0.618
4	2.41	106.1	5	32	29.31	123.9	1.79e-5	0.685
5	1.67	69.2	10	32	16.86	84.44	0.00037	0.619
6	2.41	101.2	10	32	27.79	119.3	4.34e-5	0.545
7	1.67	63.83	15	32	13.29	79.85	0.00145	0.619
8	2.41	96.32	15	32	25.89	115.4	0.00068	0.369
9	1.67	60.84	20	32	11.86	77.95	0.0012	0.511
10	2.41	91.42	20	32	15.97	109.1	0.00093	0.506
11	1.67	72.80	$\mathbf{0}$	35	18.36	90.40	0.00032	0.749
12	2.41	111.0	$\bf{0}$	35	30.44	134.9	5.57e-6	0.791
13	1.67	69.81	5	35	19.10	88.13	0.00042	0.511
14	2.41	106.1	5	35	29.33	130.3	1.1362	0.72
15	1.67	69.27	10	35	18.75	87.27	0.00069	0.477
16	2.41	101.2	10	35	27.79	117.9	2.5e-5	0.557
17	1.67	63.83	15	35	16.43	82.87	0.00077	0.356
18	2.41	96.32	15	35	26.37	116.0	8.6e-5	0.384
19	1.67	60.84	20	35	12.77	78.69	0.00092	0.380
20	2.41	91.42	20	35	21.73	115.1	0.00064	0.217
21	1.67	72.80	$\mathbf{0}$	41	19.64	93.51	5.27e-5	0.455
22	2.41	111.0	$\mathbf{0}$	41	30.85	145.1	0.00010	0.401
23	1.67	69.81	5	41	19.45	96.29	0.00069	0.196
24	2.41	106.1	5	41	29.70	147.6	1.54e-5	0.422
25	1.67	69.27	10	41	19.18	90.34	0.00023	0.285
26	2.41	101.2	10	41	28.57	140.4	3.47e-5	0.175
27	1.67	63.83	15	41	17.23	84	0.00037	0.179
28	2.41	96.32	15	41	27.07	133.1	0.00012	0.140
29	1.67	60.84	20	41	16.20	81.79	0.00069	0.085
30	2.41	91.42	20	41	24.26	115.8	0.00049	0.069

of the input parameter given in Table 6, four various MF numbers have been considered as shown in Table 7 to evaluate the effect of the MF number upon ANFIS predict performance. Accordingly, the performance of each case given in Table 6 has been evaluated considering four MF numbers given in Table 7. The number of the rules determined according to the number of the MF which used fuzzification the input parameters has been given in the sixth row of Table 7. Moreover, in the last row in Table 7, the type of MF used in this study has been given.

3.1. Training of ANFIS

Training an ANFIS model means reducing the difference between the ANFIS output obtained against each sample given as input to ANFIS during the training and the actual output below the predetermined error tolerance. For this purpose, sixty pieces of pattern used in this study to train the ANFIS model have been given some training pattern in Table 8. In these patterns, two different values {1.67, 2.41} for IP parameter, ten different value intervals [72, 111] for TFM value, five different values {0, 5,10,15,20} for EGR parameter, six different values {32,35,41,44,50,56} for SOI parameter have been selected for the ANFIS simulation considering four cases given in Table 6. The training process is completed by changing the consequent parameters given by Equation [\(1\)](#page-4-0) and determined for each rule $(p_i, q_i, r_i, k_i, u_i)$ and MF midpoint and gradient parameters in MF statements given in Equations (5a-b) at each

Fig. 8. The error value for the different cases a-) MSE value for Case 1, b-) R² value for Case 1, c-) MSE value for Case 2, d-) R² value for Case 2, e−) MSE value for Case 3, f-) R^2 value for Case 3, g-) MSE value for Case 4, h-) R^2 value for Case 4.

training iteration and adjusting them to minimize error.

The training process consists of 13500 training cycles. As there are 120 cases in each training set, each training cycle consists of 120 iterations. Fig. 8a-h shows the change of MSE and R^2 values for four different cases given in [Table 6](#page-7-0) and four different MFs respectively depending on the number of iterations. As seen in Fig. 8, as the number of training cycles increases, the *MSE* value gradually decreases. However, as the number of training cycles increases, it is seen that the *R2* value gradually approaches 1. Apart from this, as seen in Fig. 8 , as the number of MF used for the fuzzification of the input values in the second layer and the number of rules determined accordingly, the gradient of the *MSE* and R^2 graphic generally decreases. For example, as seen in Fig. 8a, the *MSE* value was obtained as 210.4 at the end of 200 iterations for MFs 5 in Case 1, while this value was determined as 550.4 for MFs 8 in Case 1. On the other hand, *R2* value was obtained as 0.1331 at the end of 200 iterations for MFs 5 in Case 1, while this value was obtained as − 17.39 for MFs 8 in Case 1.

In [Table 9](#page-9-0), the error and *MSE* values obtained in different training

cycles are given for some patterns in the training set, considering the four cases given in [Table 6](#page-7-0) and four different MFs given in [Table 7](#page-7-0). As seen in [Table 9](#page-9-0), for all training sets, the error value decreases as the number of training cycles increases. In addition, as the number of training cycles increases, the *MSE* values of the samples in the training set decrease significantly, while the R^2 value gradually increases and approaches 1. As can be seen in [Table 9](#page-9-0), there is no linear relationship between the number of MF used for the fuzzification of the input parameters and the number of rules obtained based on them, and the *MSE* and R^2 values. Especially at low iteration numbers, the increase in the MF number caused an increase in the MSE value, while the R^2 value gradually decreased. However, when the high iteration number is reached, the situation is reversed. In addition, [Fig. 9](#page-10-0) shows the variation in error value for all examples in the training set depending on the number of training cycles.

In [Fig. 10](#page-11-0), the comparison of the values produced by ANFIS at the end of 13500 training cycles against the examples in the training set for four different cases given in [Table 6](#page-7-0) and the actual values obtained from

The error of the training pattern for the different cases and different training rounds.

the CFD model introduced in section [2](#page-2-0) are given. As seen in [Fig. 10](#page-11-0), the ANFIS output closest to the actual output of the samples in the training set using CFD was obtained in MFs 5 given in [Fig. 10a](#page-11-0). This situation arises from the fact that the lowest *MSE* (1.23) value and the highest *R2* (0.998) value obtained as a result of 13500 training cycles, as given in Table 9, is obtained in MFs 5. Apart from this, it is seen that the output produced by the ANFIS model in MFs 6 is quite different from the actual output of CFD. This situation shows that while trying to solve an engineering problem with the ANFIS model, the topology of the network should be adjusted well by the designer. So, using too much MF or too little MF may not always work best for solving every problem. In this case, the designer should determine the most appropriate ANFIS topology by examining the effect of different membership functions on ANFIS performance. [Fig. 11](#page-11-0) shows the comparison between ANFIS output which has been obtained considering four different MFs given in [Table 7](#page-7-0) for Case 2 given in [Table 6](#page-7-0) and CFD training value. As shown in [Fig. 11](#page-11-0), the closest value of the ANFIS model's produced output to CFD value has been obtained in MFs 5 given in [Table 7.](#page-7-0) Besides, [Figs. 12 and 13](#page-12-0) show a comparison of the ANFIS output value at end of the training process with

CFD value for Case 3 and 4 considering training sets, respectively. In [Tables 10 and 11,](#page-13-0) the consequent coefficients of the rule output functions obtained by using four different MFs as a result of 13500 training cycles are given.

3.2. Testing of ANFIS

In order to evaluate the performance of the ANFIS model which was completed the training with the examples in the training set listed in Table 9, it was tested using different patterns that are not included in the training set. Thus, a total of 60 patterns was used to evaluate the performance of the ANFIS model and only shown 30 patterns in [Table 12](#page-13-0). The selected test parameters must be in the same search space as the training sets considering a high ANFIS performance. If the selected test parameters and the training set are in different search spaces, there is a risk for a low ANFIS performance.

In [Table 13,](#page-14-0) the relative error of each sample is shown for the total of 60 parameters in the testing set, taking into account the five different cases given in [Table 6.](#page-7-0) The relative error for each sample in the test set is

Fig. 9. The error value change of the pattern in the training set according to training cycle a-) 5 MFs Case 1, b-) 7 MFs Case 1, c-) 5 MFs Case 2, d-) 7 MFs Case 2, e−) 5 MFs Case 3, f-) 7 MFs Case 3, g-) 5 MFs Case 4, h-) 7 MFs Case 4.

calculated as follows:

$$
\varepsilon_t = \frac{|E|}{B} 100 \tag{32}
$$

As seen in [Table 13,](#page-14-0) Case 3 has the lowest ANFIS test performance due to the highest relative error considering the ANFIS testing results using the test set given in [Table 12](#page-13-0). Because the training performance of Case 3 given in [Fig. 12](#page-12-0) is low and the lowest R^2 value given in [Table 9](#page-9-0) is obtained in Case 3. On the other hand, the R^2 value for Case 3 was obtained as 0.89, 0.83, 0.79, and 0.78 after 13500 training cycles for the MFs 5–8 analyzes, respectively [\(Table 9](#page-9-0)). Otherwise, the minimum relative error for all samples in the testing set was obtained in Case 2 ([Table 13](#page-14-0)). It can clearly be seen in [Table 9](#page-9-0) the reason for these results. The highest R^2 value for all samples included in the testing set was 0.999, 0.999, 0.999, 0.999 for the MFs 5–7 analyzes in Case 2, respectively. It is seen in [Fig. 11](#page-11-0) that the closest output to all samples in the training set for four different MFs 5–8 analyzes is given in Case 2. In [Figs. 14-17a-](#page-15-0)d, the comparison of the ANFIS results and the samples in the testing set for MFs 5–8 analyzes and the actual test data considering Case 1–4, respectively. Moreover, the testing performance values have been given in [Table 14](#page-17-0) for all cases presented in this study considering different numbers MF.

3.3. Comparison of performance of ANFIS with ANN

ANN was used to compare the performance of the ANFIS model for the prediction of the engine performance and emissions. The architecture of the ANN was shown in [Fig. 18](#page-17-0). ANN architecture used similar to

Fig. 10. The training performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 1 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 11. The training performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 2 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 12. The training performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 3 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 13. The training performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 4 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

The consequence parameters of the rules are defined end of the training process.

Table 11

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Table 12

The pattern in test sets used for the testing ANN.

	IP	TFM	EGR	SOI	IKW	PFP	SOOT	NO _x		$_{\rm IP}$	TFM	EGR	SOI	IKW	PFP	SOOT	NO _x
	1.67	72.8	$\mathbf{0}$	38	19.0	92.160	$2.42e-4$	$6.3e-1$	16	2.41	101.23	10	47	28.87	139.53	3.14e-04	3.34e-2
2	2.41	111.2	$\mathbf{0}$	38	30.7	143.89	3.66e-4	7.0e-01	17	1.67	63.83	15	47	17.79	85.40	5.93e-04	3.31e-2
3	1.67	69.8	5	38	19.3	95.48	$9.50e-4$	$4,2e-01$	18	2,41	96.32	15	47	27,33	132,44	3.94e-04	2.37e-2
4	2.41	106.1	5	38	29.7	149.67	1.65e-5	$4.1e-1$	19	1.67	60.84	20	47	16.86	82.13	5.39e-04	1.23e-2
5	1.67	69.2	10	38	19.1	91.41	5.56e-4	3.4e-01	20	2.41	91.42	20	47	25.51	116.21	7.35e-04	1.22e-2
6	2.41	101.2	10	38	28.1	127.65	1.55e-5	4.5e-01	21	1.67	72.80	Ω	53	20.39	96.44	3.63e-04	5.28e-2
7	1.67	63.8	15	38	17.0	83.76	7.96e-4	2.6e-01	22	2.41	111.03	Ω	53	31.35	144.01	9.44e-06	2.01e-1
8	2.41	96.3	15	38	27.0	131.29	1.64e-4	1.8e-01	23	1.67	69.81	5	53	19.65	95.16	5.82e-05	2.20e-2
9	1.67	60.8	20	38	14.6	80.12	$1.2e-3$	$2.2e-01$	24	2.41	106.13	5	53	30.24	150.76	1.24e-04	6.54e-2
10	2.41	91.4	20	38	24.5	117.43	3.76e-4	$1.2e-01$	25	1.67	69.27	10	53	19.53	93.49	1.12e-03	$2.74e-2$
11	1.67	72.8	$\mathbf{0}$	47	20.1	95.58	5.63e-4	1.7e-01	26	2.41	101.23	10	53	28.90	139.69	1.41e-04	2.77e-2
12	2.41	111.0	$\mathbf{0}$	47	31.2	146.39	3.70e-6	2.1e-01	27	1.67	63.83	15	53	17.82	83.28	2.13e-04	6.67e-3
13	1.67	69.8	5	47	19.6	97.7	1.02e-3	7.3e-02	28	2.41	96.32	15	53	27.42	125.44	3.08e-04	1.27e-2
14	2.41	106.1	5	47	30.1	148.13	6.87e-4	7.3e-02	29	1.67	60.84	20	53	16.57	78.48	$4.22e-04$	$4.92e-3$
15	1.67	69.2	10	47	19.4	94.05	5.27e-4	9.5e-02	30	2.41	91.42	20	53	25.68	113.76	7.86e-04	3.68e-3

the ANFIS architecture in this study consists of three layers, an input layer, a hidden layer, and an output layer. There are four neurons in the input layer as IP, TFM, EGR, and SOI. In the hidden layer, four different neurons as 5, 6, 7, 8, were taken into consideration, comparison of ANFIS and ANN performance were analyzed. There was one neuron in the output layer to represent the output parameters for the four different cases ([Table 6](#page-7-0)). This nervous was generated for the parameters of IKW, PFP, Soot, and NO_X . In order to activate the net input to the nervous in each layer, the sigmoid function was used. It was applied the generalized delta rule algorithm that includes forward and backward calculations from ANN calculation. The data were not processed in the input layer and the data were transferred to the hidden layer. The neurons in the hidden layer multiply the data transferred from the input layer with weights and calculate the net input. Then the data were calculated the output of the nervous using the activation function. This data is transmitted to the output laser and the same operations were repeated at the

output layer. The output of the nervous in the output layer is the output of the network. By comparing this output with the expected output, the error of the network is calculated. In order to reduce this error value, the backward calculation is performed using the generalized delta algorithm ([Koç et al., 2016\)](#page-19-0). The ANN architecture with five nervous in the hidden layer is shown in [Fig. 18](#page-17-0). Similarly, other ANN architectures were generated for performance comparison with ANFIS in this study ([Table 15](#page-18-0)).

In [Table 15,](#page-18-0) the comparison of the ANFIS performance with the ANN which architecture given in [Fig. 18](#page-17-0) has been explained according to

MSE, R^2 , and MEP parameters considering four different cases given in [Table 5](#page-4-0) and four different MFs used fuzzification of the input parameters. As shown in [Table 15,](#page-18-0) when comparing the performance of the ANN and ANFIS, it is clearly shown that the training performance of the ANN is higher than ANFIS because the smallest MSE value is obtained as 1.23 in the ANFIS algorithm with MFs 5 situation, on the other hand, this value has been obtained as 0.32 in ANN algorithm with 4-8-1 architecture. Moreover, while the value of the parameter R^2 has been obtained as 0.998 in the training process with ANFIS MFs 5 situation, it was obtained as 0.999 with ANN 4-8-1 architecture. As can be seen, in Case

Fig. 14. The testing performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 1 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 15. The testing performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 2 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 16. The testing performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 3 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

Fig. 17. The testing performance of the ANFIS model used in this study considering four membership functions for Case 4 a-) MFs 5, b-) MFs 6, c-) MFs 7, MFs 8.

The testing performance of the ANFIS used in this study for the different cases.

Fig. 18. ANN architecture used in this study.

1, the training performance of the ANN is more accurate than ANFIS. But the performance of an artificially intelligent algorithm must be evaluated according to testing performance, not training performance. When comparing testing performances of the ANN and ANFIS algorithms, it is clearly shown that the smallest MSE value is obtained as 1.11 in ANFIS with MFs 5 situation while this value is obtained as 1.62 in ANN 4-8-1 architecture. This result shows that testing performance ANFIS's performance is more accurate than ANN in terms of the test set given in [Table 11](#page-13-0). Otherwise, when comparing MEP values given in [Table 15](#page-18-0), a similar result was obtained as shown in [Table 15.](#page-18-0)

Furthermore, when comparing the performance of the ANFIS and ANN algorithms for Case 2 given in [Table 15,](#page-18-0) it is understood both the training and testing performance of the ANFIS model is more accurate according to ANN. While the smallest MSE value has been obtained as 6.901 in the ANFIS algorithm with MFs 6 situation in the training process, this value is obtained as 11.6 in ANN algorithm with 4-8-1 architecture. Moreover, the value of the parameter R^2 is very highly detected in both algorithms ($R^2 = 0.999$). when the comparing performances of the ANN and ANFIS algorithms for Case 2 given in [Table 5](#page-4-0), while the smallest MSE value has been achieved as 7.72 in ANFIS MFs 5, this value has been calculated as 53.27 in ANN with 4-5-1 architecture. Moreover, while the R^2 value has been calculated as 0.999 in the ANFIS algorithm, this is obtained as 0.996 in ANN. As shown in [Table 15](#page-18-0), the performance of the ANFIS and ANN algorithms is low in both the training and test process for Case 3 given in [Table 5](#page-4-0). The smallest MSE value has been calculated as 3.2e-8 and 8e-8 in the training and test process,

respectively. This value is obtained as 4.9e-8 and 6e-8 for ANN in Case 3 considering training and test process, respectively. Apart from this, the biggest R^2 values have been obtained as 0.894 and 0.67 for the training and test performances of the ANFIS, respectively. On the other hand, these values have been obtained as 0.82 and 0.75 in the ANN algorithm, respectively. As shown in [Table 15,](#page-18-0) in Case 4, according to a comparison of the performance of the ANFIS and ANN algorithms, in the training process, the smallest MSE values in ANFIS and ANN algorithms have been calculated as 0.001 for MFs 5 and 0.0022 for 4-8-1 architecture, respectively. Moreover, as shown in [Table 15](#page-18-0), the training performance of the ANFIS in Case 4 is higher than ANN as in Case 2. Moreover, when comparing R^2 parameters for the ANFIS and ANN algorithms, the biggest value has been calculated as 0.99 and 0.983 for the MFs 5 and 4-6-1 architecture, respectively. It is understood that the training performance of the ANFIS is better than ANN according to this comparison. When comparing the performances of the ANFIS and ANN for Case 4, the smallest MSE value has been obtained as 0.0021 and 0.0035, respectively. Furthermore, the biggest R^2 value is obtained as 0.9667 and 0.943 for the ANFIS and ANN, respectively. According to these values obtained from a comparison of the performance of the ANFIS and ANN, the prediction performance of the ANFIS is better than ANN.

4. Conclusions

The most important objective of an engine is to achieve maximum performance with minimum emission value due to increasingly tightening emission standards. The dual-fueled RCCI engine emits very low soot and NO_X emissions with high thermal efficiency. It is important to achieve low emissions in an RCCI engine under different loads and operating conditions. The main engine parameters that affect the exhaust emission are SOI, EGR, fuel mass, and intake pressure. Since the engine can be worked under different operating conditions, the emission value and engine parameters can also be different in varied conditions. In this study, the benefits of using ANFIS in terms of environmental pollution has been addressed as shown below:

- The prediction of emissions of an RCCI engine using ANFIS is a very important and useful technique for predetermining some critical parameters of the engine without lots of experimental effort. Thus, the sources can be used efficiently, and more economical results can be obtained.
- It is proven that using the artificially intelligent technique proposed in this study, it can be obtained critical parameters of the RCCI engine without any more experimental effort.

In order to define the relationship between input parameters to ANFIS and output parameters, the number of rules consisting of four different ANFIS cases was taken into consideration. Finally, by comparing the performance of the ANFIS model with ANN, the following results were obtained, respectively:

Comparison of the ANFIS and ANN for the different cases.

- In ANFIS and ANN algorithms, as the number of iterations increases, the MSE value gradually decreases while the R^2 value gradually increases. During the training, the minimum MSE and the maximum R^2 values in Case 1, 2, 3, 4 were obtained with MFs 5, MFs 6, MFs 5, MFs 5, respectively. According to this analysis, one can understand easily that optimum MFs number has been obtained variously for each simulation case given in [Table 5.](#page-4-0)
- Considering the output of the ANFIS for the samples in the testing set, the minimum MSE and maximum R2 values for Case 1, 2, 3, 4 were also obtained in MFs 5, MFs 5, MFs 7, MFs 7.
- Lastly, the performance of the ANFIS model is compared with the ANN model. For Case 1, the training performance of ANN was higher than ANFIS. But considering the testing performance, the performance of ANFIS was higher than ANN. Similarly, In Cases 2 and 4, the testing and training performances of the ANFIS have been obtained as better than ANN according to Table 15.
- Only in Case 3, the testing performance of the ANN is better than ANFIS. But the training performance of the ANFIS is better than ANN as in Case 1, 2, and 4.

This study proves that an adaptive neuro-fuzzy based intelligent system is more effective than an artificial neural approach in terms of prediction of the emissions and performance parameters of the RCCI engine for the many simulation cases given the study because the ANFIS use both power of the fuzzification and learning capability together with the different number MF. Using experimental study and computational fluid dynamics approaches to obtain training and testing data, one can determine emission and performance characteristics of the RCCI engine without necessary costly and time-consuming laboratory studies. On the other hand, combined with the ANFIS, CFD, and experimental studies proposed in this study, the applications of RCCI engines will significantly reduce hazardous pollutants to achieve cleaner production and environmentally friendly on and off-road engines.

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