Different Hybrid Neural Network in Inverse Design

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Abstract—Here, we investigate a different hybrid neural network method for the design of airfoil using inverse procedure. The aerodynamic force coefficients corresponding to series of airfoil are stored in a database along with the airfoil coordinates. A feedforward neural network is created with input as a aerodynamic coefficient and the output as the airfoil coordinates. In existing algorithm as an FNN training method has some limitation associated with local optimum and oscillation. The cost terms of the first algorithm are selected based on the activation functions of the hidden neurons and first order derivatives of the activation functions of the output neurons. The cost terms of the second algorithm are selected based on the first order derivatives of the activation functions of the hidden neurons and the activation functions of the output neurons. Results indicate that optimally trained artificial neural networks may accurately predict airfoil profile.

Index Terms—nonlinear error, airfoil design, neural networks, backpropagation, hybrid, inverse design.

I. INTRODUCTION

This paper focuses on the comparative analysis of hybrid methods. In order to develop aircraft components and configurations, automated design procedures are needed. At present, there are two main approaches to the design of aircraft configurations. The first is direct optimization, where an aerodynamic object function, such as the pressure distribution is optimized computationally by gradually varying the design parameters, such as the surface geometry. The second is the inverse design methods. Here, a two dimensional airfoil profile is obtained for the given coefficient of lift (CL) and the coefficient of drag(CD).

But the back propagation takes long time to converge the computational effort can therefore be excessive. Some focused on better function and suitable learning rate and momentum (18-22). Details on the use of numerical optimization in aerodynamic design can be found in works by Hicks and other authors. (1-3), in inverse design methods, the aim is to generate geometry for airfoil. There are many inverse techniques in use, for example, hodo-graph methods for two dimensional flows (4-6) and other two dimensional formulations using panel methods (7-8). The above methodologies have been extended to the three dimensional case (12-14). To design fast algorithm, Abid et al. proposed a new algorithm by minimizing sum of squares of linear and nonlinear errors for all output (22). Kathirivalavakumar proposed new efficient learning algorithm for training ANN (21). The hidden layer and output layer was trained separately to speed up the convergence. Many constrained learning algorithm with functional constraints into neural networks have been proposed (24). Jeong et al. proposed learning algorithm based on first and second order derivatives of neural activation at hidden layers (23).

Han et al. proposed two modified constrained to obtain faster convergence (25). The additional cost terms of the first algorithm are selected based on the first order derivatives of the activation functions of the hidden neurons and second order derivatives of the activation of the output neurons. Second one are selected based on the second order derivatives of the activation functions of the hidden neurons and first order derivatives of activation functions of the output neurons. High order techniques have one goal in mind; to increase the speed with which back propagation converges to optimal weights(16). HONNs lead to faster convergence, reduced network size and more accurate curve fitting, compared to other types of more complex NNs.

The objective of this work is to show that different hybrid neural network method for the design of airfoil using inverse procedure. The cost terms of the first algorithm are selected based on the activation functions of the hidden neurons and first order derivatives of the activation functions of the output neurons. The cost terms of the second algorithm are selected based on the first derivatives of the activation functions of the hidden neurons and the activation functions of the output neurons. In existing algorithm as an FNN training method has some limitation associated with local optimum and oscillation. Results indicate that optimally trained artificial neural networks may accurately predict airfoil profile.

II. ANN TRAINING METHOD

\[ n_i := g\left(\sum_j w_{ij}n_j - \mu_i \right) \]

Figure 1.Schematic Diagram for a Simple Neuron

An easy way to comply with the conference paper formatting requirements is to use this document as a template and simply type your text into it. Here, ni is called the state or activation of the neuron i. g() is a general non linear function called variously the activation-function. The weight wij represents the strength of the connection between neurons i and j. \( \mu_i \) is the threshold value for neuron i, the general architecture of a two layer neural network with feed-forward connections and one hidden layer is shown in Figure3. The input layer is not included in the layer count because its nodes do not correspond to neural elements. The weighted sum of the inputs must reach the threshold value for the neuron to
transmit. One drawback associated with neural networks is that it is normally very difficult to interpret the values of the connecting weights \( w_{ij} \) in terms of the task being implemented.

Neural networks offer a very powerful and general framework for representing nonlinear mappings from several input variables to several output variables. Since the goal is to produce a system which makes good predictions for new data. Training generally involves minimization of an appropriate error function defined with respect to the training set. Learning algorithms such as the back-propagation algorithm for feed-forward multilayer networks (16) help us to find such a set of weights by successive improvement from an arbitrary starting point. An airfoil profile can be described by a set of x- and y-coordinates, as illustrated in figure 2.

Figure 2. Flow field and airfoil data

The aerodynamic force coefficients corresponding to series of airfoil are stored in a database along with the airfoil coordinates. A feedforward neural network is created with input as a aerodynamic coefficient and the output as the airfoil coordinates. This is then trained to predict the corresponding surface y-coordinates. We used the below sigmoidal activation function to generate the output.

\[
f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}
\]

For a neuron \( j \) at output layer \( L \), the linear outputs given by Abid et al. is

\[
u^L_j = \sum w_{ji} y^H_i
\]

Where \( w_{ji} \) is the weight connection between the output neuron \( j \) and hidden neuron \( i \). And \( y^H_i \) is the output of neuron \( i \) at hidden layer \( H \). And the non linear output given by Abid et al. is

\[
f(u^L_j) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u^L_j}}
\]

The non linear error is given by

\[
e^L_{ji} = \hat{y}^L_j - y^L_j
\]

Where \( \hat{y}^L_j \) and \( y^L_j \) respectively is desired and current output for \( j \)th unit in the \( L \)th layer.

To achieve low input and output mapping the error must be reduce by derivative of cost function. When the value of \( E^L \) becomes larger. This procedure, the dependence of the learning function is on the instantaneous value of the total error thereby leading to faster convergence.

**Cost function for first algorithm**

Now, the weight update rule for the output layer is derived by applying the gradient descent method to \( E^L \). Hence we get weight update rule for output Layer \( L \) as

\[
\Delta w_{jl} = -\mu L \frac{\partial E^L}{\partial w_{jl}}
\]

Where \( \mu L \) is the network learning parameter

\[
\Delta w_{jl} = -\mu L \frac{\partial E^L}{\partial y^L_j} \frac{\partial y^L_j}{\partial u^L_j} \frac{\partial u^L_j}{\partial w_{jl}}\]

And we get the weight update rule for the hidden layer \( H \) as

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\[
\Delta w_{ji} = -\mu H \frac{\partial E^L}{\partial y^H_i} \frac{\partial y^H_i}{\partial y^L_j} \frac{\partial y^L_j}{\partial u^L_j} \frac{\partial u^L_j}{\partial w_{ji}}
\]

**Cost function for second algorithm**

Now, the weight update rule for the hidden layer \( H \) as

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\]

The network learning parameter \( \mu \) is initialized, which plays an important role in minimizing the error. Then the network is trained with corresponding change of weight for both hidden and output layer.

**Proposed Algorithm**

In the Proposed Algorithm the network learning parameter \( \mu \) is first initialized. Here, the change of weight for output layer and hidden layer is determined using new cost function equation (5) and (6) respectively.
Step 1: Initialize the parameter \( \mu \) to some random values
Step 2: Assign Threshold value to a fixed value based on the sigmoid function.
Step 3: Calculate linear output using equation (2)
Step 4: Calculate Non-Linear output using sigmoid function as in the equation (3)
Step 5: Calculate the below values for output layer
   - Calculate weight change for output layer using the equation (5)
Step 6: Calculate the below values for hidden layer
   - Calculate the weight change for hidden layer using the equation (6)
Step 7: Calculate the mean square error
Step 8: If the mean square error value is greater than threshold value, then the above steps from 3 to 7 is repeated
Step 9: If the mean square error value is less than threshold value, then declare that the network is trained

### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

All paragraphs must be indented. All paragraphs must be justified, i.e. both left-justified and right-justified. In our investigation of neural network models for inverse design, we found that satisfactory results were obtained by the cost terms selected based on the activation functions of the hidden neurons and first order derivatives of the activation functions of the output neurons. In our case, it was found that twenty hidden nodes could adequately capture the nonlinear relationship between the airfoil profiles. As mentioned previously we have a database comprised of 26 upper and lower-surface x and y coordinates, together with the corresponding coefficient of lift (CL) and the coefficient of drag (CD). There were 78 patterns in total. The main goal is to determine the airfoil profile for a given conditions. This is the “inverse” problem.

The network was trained to minimum error (using 60 training patterns) on a test set (comprising 18 patterns) which was not used in the training process. The computed profiles show good agreement with the actual profiles. The new airfoil is tested again for the same flow conditions in Xfoil tool to compare Cl, Cd. In Table I, we have given the values of stored y coordinates, the values of calculated y coordinates for a pattern and also the difference between these values.

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<th>Y coordinate in database</th>
<th>Y coordinate calculated using proposed algorithm in test phase</th>
<th>Difference</th>
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<td>0.00351</td>
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Next we compute the convergence rate at training phase. To do this, we noted down the MSE error at each epoch and plotted it in the graph in Figure 4. The red line indicates the errors of first algorithm converge. It is clear that first algorithm converges quickly and in this approach the error is less at the converging stage. It shows how the training decreases mean square Error (MSE) with the epoch. From this figure it is obvious that the first algorithm increase the converges speed and without oscillation of learning.

![Figure 4. Convergence Comparison](image_url)

Table II - Comparison Table

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Just for sample, we have given 7 coordinates out of 26 coordinates for a pattern. From this table, we can say that the computed profiles generated during the test process show good agreement with the actual profiles.

Table I - Profile Comparison between Calculated & Stored Y Coordinates
Table III - Maximum Error for Airfoil Profiles Generated by Proposed Algorithm.

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<th>Airfoil</th>
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<td>NACA2013</td>
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<td>0.001495</td>
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<tr>
<td>NACA1017</td>
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Figure 5 contains the airfoils naca2013, naca2012 and naca1017 which are generated by proposed algorithm in test phase. From this figure, we can say that profile generated from proposed algorithm in test phase matches with that of stored database profiles. A measure of the accuracy of the results obtained can be inferred from examination of error which is defined as

\[
\text{Error} = \frac{Y_{\text{actual}} - Y_{\text{computed}}}{\text{airfoil thickness ratio}} \times 100
\]

Where \(Y_{\text{actual}}\) is the actual y-coordinate of the section at location \(i\), \(Y_{\text{computed}}\) is the computed y-coordinate. Table-III shows the maximum error in percentage for the airfoil profiles naca2013, naca2012 and naca1017 which are generated by proposed algorithm in test phase. From this table III, we can conclude that our approach predicated comparatively the correct airfoil profiles.

Figure 5. Proposed Alg. generated Airfoils
V. CONCLUSIONS

In this paper, we have used an inverse design methodology using artificial neural networks which is used for the design of airfoil profiles. The results indicate the cost function of first algorithm increase the convergence speed. In the proposed algorithm the cost terms are selected based on the activation functions of the hidden neurons and first order derivatives of the activation functions of the output neurons. Results indicate that optimally trained artificial neural networks may accurately predict airfoil profile without oscillation in learning.


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