

## Automatic Generation of Fuzzy Rules using the Fuzzy-Neural Networks

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**ABSTRACT :** In the paper, a new design method of rule-based fuzzy modeling is proposed for model identification of nonlinear systems. The structure identification is carried out, utilizing fuzzy c-means clustering. Fuzzy-neural networks composed back-propagation algorithm and linear fuzzy inference method, are used to identify parameters of the premise and consequence parts. To obtain optimal linguistic fuzzy implication rules, the learning rates and momentum coefficients are tuned automatically using a modified complex method.

### I. Introduction

Mathematical models to express dynamic analyses of nonlinear and complex real systems do not give good results. Fuzzy model describing the static or dynamic characteristics<sup>[1,3,4]</sup> is used as a method to overcome the problems.

But because conventional fuzzy system extracts linguistic fuzzy implication rules from the heuristic method, the method that estimate the rules from the concrete and systematic method is needed vigorously. Recently, many researchers have interests in the fuzzy-neuro fusion with the increasing concerns for the neural network.

Neural network system has the learning capability that can identify fuzzy implication rules and tune membership function that can not be done by the fuzzy

inference system. A lot of researches on fuzzy-neuro fusion have been done, utilizing the similarity and relation of mutual compensation for the fuzzy logic and the neural network.

In the early, the technique for the fuzzy-neuro fusion introduced the neural network to the fuzzy inference. On the contrary, recently, the fuzzy inference to the neural network. A study on fuzzy-neuro fusion is variously presented in different viewpoints [1]-[8], [10]-[12].

In the paper, consider the automatic extraction of fuzzy rules from fuzzy linear inference and from configurations of fuzzy-neural network with the fusion. The identification of system is conducted after optimal fuzzy rules is extracted by the autotuning algorithm - a modified complex method.

Box and Jenkin's time series data for gas furnace<sup>[9]</sup> are used to demonstrate the feasibility and effectiveness of proposed rule-based fuzzy modeling through comparison of identification errors with conventional fuzzy modeling.

### II. Fuzzy neural network

In the paper, the structure of fuzzy-neural network is proposed as figure 1 and the membership functions like figure 2 are used.

#### II- 1. Premise

Consider the SCM (Soft C-Means) clustering for the

identification of structure. The SCM clustering algorithm [13] produces a fuzzy c-partition of the data set  $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . The basic steps of the algorithm used in this paper are given as follows:

(step 1)

Determine the initial parameters.

① Fix the number of clusters,  $c$  ( $2 \leq c \leq n$ ), where  $n$  is the number of data.

② Fix  $m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq \infty$ ) and define  $D_i$  as geometrical distance.

③ Set  $p=1$  and initialize  $U^{(p-1)}$  as  $1/c$ .

(step 2)

Calculate the cluster centers  $v_i^{(p)}$  with  $U^{(p-1)}$  and eqn. (1) for the  $i$ -th cluster center.

$$v_{il}^{(p)} = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n (\mu_{ik})^m x_{kl}}{\sum_{k=1}^n (\mu_{ik})^m} \quad l=1, \dots, d \quad (1)$$

where  $d$  is dimension of  $x_k$ , and  $\mu_{ik} = \mu_{ik}(x_k)$  is the membership grade of  $x_k$  in fuzzy set  $\mu_i$

(step 3)

Update  $U^{(p)}$  for  $k=1$  to  $n$ .

① Calculate  $I_k$  and  $I_k'$ .

$$I_k = \{ i \mid 1 \leq i \leq c, D_{ik} = \|x_k - v_i\| = 0 \} \quad (2)$$

$$I_k' = \{1, 2, \dots, c\} - I_k \quad (3)$$

② For data  $k$ , compute new membership function values.

i)  $I_k = \emptyset$  이면

$$\mu_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^c (D_{ik}/D_{jk})^{2/(m-1)}, \text{ if } \mu_{ik} < (a/c), \mu_{ik}=0 \quad (4)$$

$$\mu_{ik} = \sum_{i=1}^c \mu_{ik} \quad (5)$$

ii)  $I_k \neq \emptyset$  이면

$$\mu_{ik} = 0 \text{ for all } i \in I_k, \text{ and } \sum_{i \in I_k} \mu_{ik} = 1. \quad (6)$$

③ Next  $k$ .

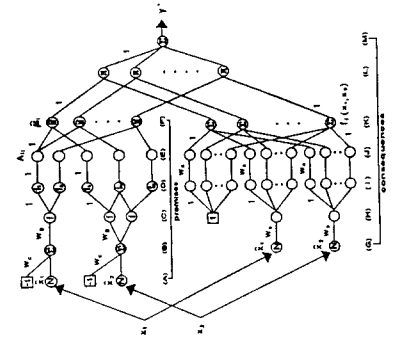
(step 4)

Compare  $J_m^{(p)}$  and  $J_m^{(p-1)}$ . If  $|J_m^{(p)} - J_m^{(p-1)}| \leq \epsilon$ , stops :

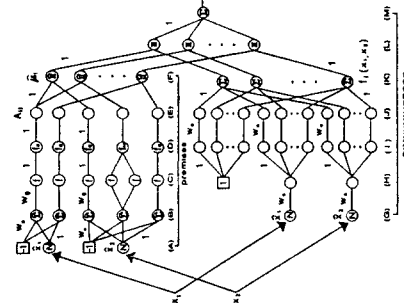
$$J_m^{(p)} = \sum_{k=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^c (\mu_{ik})^m D_{ik}^2 \quad (7)$$

otherwise  $p = p + 1$ , and go to step 2.

Figures 1 and 2 show 2 or 3 membership functions and 2 inputs in premise. The circles and the squares in figures represent the units of the network. The denotations  $w_c, w_g, 1$  and  $-1$  between the units mean connection weights. The units with a symbol of 1 in (A)-layer are the bias units with output of unity.  $x_j$  denote normalized input variables.

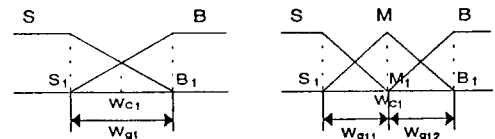


(a) Type a

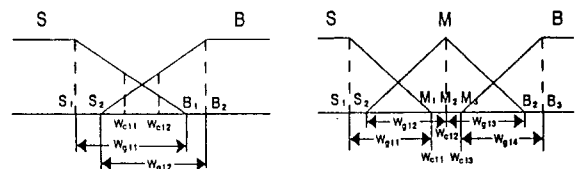


(b) Type b

Fig. 1. Types of fuzzy-neural network



(a) Type a



(b) Type b

Fig. 2. Premise membership functions

The input-output relationships of units with symbols of  $N$  in (A)-layer,  $\hat{\Sigma}$  in (B)-layer,  $f$  in (C)-layer and  $f_i$  in (D)-layer are defined as

$$N : \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \sum_k w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = i_j^{(n)} / \max(i_j^{(n)}) \end{cases} \quad (8)$$

$$\hat{\Sigma} : \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \sum_k w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = 1/i_j^{(n)} \end{cases} \quad (9)$$

$$f : \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \sum_k w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = 1/i_j^{(n)} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

$$f_i : \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \sum_k w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = f_i(i_j^{(n)}) \quad (i=S,M,B) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where  $i_j^{(n)}$ ,  $o_j^{(n)}$  are the input and output of the  $j$ -th unit in  $(n)$ -layer, respectively,  $w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)}$  is the connection weight between the  $k$ -th unit in  $(n-1)$ -layer and the  $j$ -th unit in  $(n)$ -layer, and  $\max(i_j^{(n)})$  denotes the maximum value of  $i_j^{(n)}$ .  $f_i(\cdot)$  in (D)-layer of is a triangular function given by

$$f_S(x) = -x + 1/2 (S_1 \langle x | B_1 \rangle) \quad (12)$$

$$f_B(x) = x + 1/2 (S_1 \langle x | B_1 \rangle) \quad (13)$$

$f_i(\cdot)$  in (D)-layer of figure 5 (b) is a triangular

function given by

$$f_S(x) = -x \quad (S_1 \langle x | M_1 \rangle) \quad (14)$$

$$f_M(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1 (S_1 \langle x | M_1 \rangle) \\ -x + 1 (M_1 \langle x | B_1 \rangle) \end{cases} \quad (15)$$

$$f_B(x) = x \quad (M_1 \langle x | B_1 \rangle) \quad (16)$$

$\hat{\Sigma} - f$  relationships represent that output is reciprocal of input. The units without any symbol just deliver their inputs to succeeding layers. The outputs of the units in (D)-layer are written as

$$o_j^{(D)} = 1/w_g \cdot (x_j - w_c) \quad (17)$$

The connection weights  $w_g$ ,  $w_c$  are parameters which determine the central position and the gradient of triangular function, respectively. By approximately initializing the connection weights using the fuzzy clustering method or the maximum and minimum values of data, the membership function in the premises can be allocated on the universe of discourse. The networks

initialize the membership function in the premise so that they divide the universe of discourse at the same interval and tune them by modifying their parameters  $w_c$ ,  $w_g$  through the learning.

The truth value of premise in each fuzzy rule is obtained from the outputs of the units in (F)-layer. The truth value in each fuzzy rule is given by the product of values of the membership functions.

The input-output relationships of the units with a symbol of  $\hat{\Pi}$  in (F)-layer are expressed as follows;

$$\hat{\Pi} = \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \prod_k w_{jk}^{(n,n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = i_j^{(n)} / (\sum_k i_k^{(n)}) \end{cases} \quad (18)$$

The outputs of the units in (F)-layer are the normalized truth values by the summation of the inputs  $i_j^{(F)}$ . The calculation done at the units in (F)-layer can be rewritten as

$$\text{Input} : \mu_i = \prod_j A_{ij}(x_j) \quad (19)$$

$$\text{Output} : \hat{\mu}_i = \mu_i / (\sum_k \mu_k) \quad (20)$$

where  $\hat{\mu}_i$  is the truth value of the  $i$ -th fuzzy rule and  $\mu_i$  is the normalized value of  $\mu_i$ . The units in (F)-layer use the center of gravity method.

## II-2. Consequence

The consequence is expressed by first-order linear equation, and uses the linear (or complex) inference given by

$R^i$  : If  $x_1$  is  $A_{i1}$ , ..., and  $x_k$  is  $A_{ik}$ ,

then  $y = f_i(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  (21)

$$f_i(x_1, \dots, x_k) = a_{i0} + a_{i1}x_1 + \dots + a_{ik}x_k$$

$$y^* = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i f_i(x_1, \dots, x_k)}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i} \\ = \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{\mu}_i f_i(x_1, \dots, x_k)$$

where  $R^i$  is the  $i$ -th fuzzy rule,  $x_j$  is an input variable,  $A_{ij}$  is a membership functions of fuzzy sets,  $a_{ij}$  is consequence parameters,  $n$  is the number of the fuzzy rules,  $y^*$  is the inferred value,  $\mu_i$  is the truth value of  $R^i$  in the premises and  $\hat{\mu}_i$  is the

normalized truth value of  $\mu_i$ .

(G)~(M)-layers of figure 1 are in the consequences. The connection weights  $w_s$  are the normalizing scaling factors of the input variables in the consequences.  $a_{ij}(j=0)$  is equal to the products of  $w_s$  and  $w_a$ . Normalizing factor  $w_s$  is made so that  $w_a$  may be independent on input variables. The outputs of the units in (k)-layer are the inferred values of each fuzzy rule  $f_i(x_1, x_2)$ .

The input-output relationships of the units with symbols of  $\Pi$  in (L)-layer are given by

$$\Pi : \begin{cases} i_j^{(n)} = \Pi w_{jk}^{(n, n-1)} o_k^{(n-1)} \\ o_j^{(n)} = i_j^{(n)} \end{cases} \quad (22)$$

The products of  $\mu_i$  and  $f_i(x_1, x_2)$  are calculated in (L)-layer. The sum of the products in (M)-layer is the inferred value of the fuzzy inference. Therefore, the fuzzy inference is realized by eqn.(21).

The connection weights in the consequences  $w_s$  are initialized to be 1 as the normalized scaling factors of input variables and are identified by modifying  $w_s$  through the learning. The connection weights  $w_a$  are initialized to be zeros and the fuzzy rules are identified by modifying  $w_a$  through the learning from the condition with no fuzzy rules.

### II- 3. Learning and Tuning Algorithms

The FNNs identify the fuzzy rules and tune the membership functions by modifying the connection weights through the learning. Their learning algorithm is based on the back-propagation (BP) method which apply the delta rule to the general multi-layer neural network. In case that the number of the input-output data is  $N$ , the cost function of output error is given by

$$E_p = \frac{1}{2} \sum_j (y_{pj} - y_{pj}^*)^2 \quad (23)$$

$$E = \sum_{p=1}^N E_p \quad (24)$$

where  $y_{pj}$  is the  $j$ -th output value of the  $p$ -th input-output data (the learning data) and  $y_{pj}^*$  is the

inferred value of the fuzzy-neural network for  $y_{pj}$ .

The minimization of output error  $E$  for overall input-output data is equal to the minimization of output error  $E_p$  for the  $p$ -th learning data. Then, the change  $\Delta w_{ji}^{(n, n-1)}$  of connection weights  $w_{ji}^{(n, n-1)}$  is obtained using gradient decent rule as follows;

$$\Delta w_{ji}^{(n, n-1)} = \eta \left( - \frac{\partial E_p}{\partial w_{ji}^{(n, n-1)}} \right) \quad (25)$$

where  $\eta$  is learning rate.

Eqn.(25) can be rewritten as

$$\Delta w_{ji}^{(n, n-1)} = \eta \cdot \delta_j^{(n)} \cdot o_i^{(n-1)} \quad (26)$$

In output layer,  $\delta_j^{(n)}$  is rewritten by the input-output relationships of the units a symbol of  $\Sigma$  as follow;

$$\delta_j^{(n)} = y_{pj} - y_{pj}^* \quad (27)$$

In hidden-layers, because the input-output relationships are combined as the type of different units, the inner function of the units is separately investigated in the case of single input or multi-inputs. The inner functions of the units with symbols of  $\Sigma$ ,  $f$  and  $f_i$  are considered. In these units, since each input of units in succeeding layers is calculated as the sum and product,  $\delta_j^{(n)}$  is given by

$$\delta_j^{(n)} = F'(i_j^{(n)}) \sum_k \delta_k^{(n+1)} w_{kj}^{(n+1)} \left( \prod_{i \neq j} w_{ki}^{(n+1, n)} o_i^{(n)} \right) \quad (28)$$

where  $F$  means the units with symbols of  $f$  or  $f_i$ .  $F'(\cdot)$  denotes the derivative of an inner function of the unit. The derivatives of linear units except units with symbols of  $f$  or  $f_i$  are to be 1 or constant. The inner functions denote the multi-inputs with symbols of  $\Pi$ . Each input of the units in succeeding layers is calculated as the sum and the product.

The modification of the connection weights  $w_c$ ,  $w_g$  in the premise is stabilized rather than decreased by the influences of the outputs in (B)-layer and the fuzzy rules are identified by the connection weights.

$$\begin{aligned}
w_{ji}^{(n,n-1)}(m+1) &= w_{ji}^{(n,n-1)}(m) \\
&+ \eta \delta_j^{(n)} (w_{ji}^{(n,n-1)}(m))^2 o_i^{(n-1)} \\
&+ a \cdot (w_{ji}^{(n,n-1)}(m) - w_{ji}^{(n,n-1)}(m-1)) \quad (29)
\end{aligned}$$

where the learning rate  $\eta$  and the coefficient of momentum  $a$  is autotuned by using the modified complete method and the optimal fuzzy rules are extracted at  $\eta$  and  $a$ .

In the parameter identification of the premises and consequences, in order to solve the optimal values of the learning rate and the coefficients of momentum we realize the algorithm to expand and unite the simplex concept - constrained optimization technique - to the complex method. The algorithm called as modified complex method is the constrained simplex method that minimizes the cost function, as follows:

$$\text{Minimize } f(X) \quad (30)$$

$$\text{Subject to } g_i(X) \leq 0, \quad j=1,2,\dots,m$$

$$X_i^{(l)} \leq X_i \leq X_i^{(u)} \quad i=1,2,\dots,n$$

where  $l$  denote the lower bound and  $u$ , the upper bound. The algorithm had been studied and published by authors<sup>[14]</sup>.

### III. Simulation and Results

In the paper, 296 pairs of input-output data of the time series for gas furnace are used in order to do rule-based fuzzy modeling from the inference by fuzzy-neuro fusion and to evaluate the effectiveness and applications. Fuzzy rules are extracted from the input-output data, that is, the flow rate of gas and the burned carbon dioxide density.  $u(t-3)$  and  $y(t-1)$  are used as input variables for fuzzy modeling and  $y(t)$  as output variable.  $u(t)$  means the flow rate and  $y(t)$  denotes the burned carbon dioxide density.

The membership values are calculated by fuzzy clustering for structure identification of premise as figure 3.

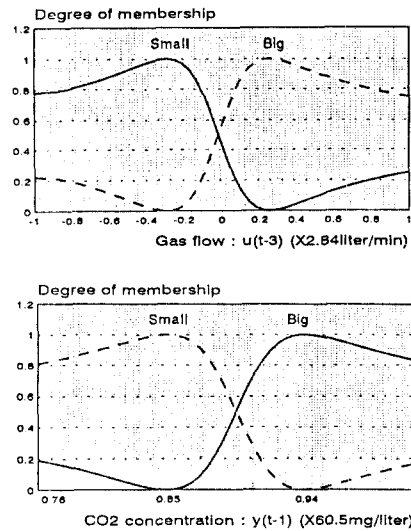


Fig. 3. Fuzzy partitioned membership values of type b

Table 1 shows initial connection weights calculated from the membership functions of input fuzzy variables on types a and b. These initial connection weights are used to identify membership functions of each input fuzzy variable through the learning of the fuzzy-neural networks.

Table 1. Initial values of premise connection weights in the number of rules 4.

Initial values			
	Type a	Type b	
$w_{c1}$	0.0208	$w_{c11}, w_{c12}$	-0.0467
$w_{g1}$	0.9791	$w_{g11}, w_{g12}$	0.5302
$w_{c2}$	0.8787	$w_{c21}, w_{c22}$	0.8893
$w_{g2}$	0.1212	$w_{g21}, w_{g22}$	0.0852

Table 2 shows the initial learning rate and momentum coefficients of connection weights, and the final learning rate and momentum coefficients obtained by the extracted optimal rules.

Table 2. Initial and final learning rates and momentum coefficients of connection weights

P.	S.	C.W.	Initial values		Final values		I.	R	PI
			$\eta$	$\alpha$	$\eta$	$\alpha$			
Type a	$w_c$	$1.0e-5$	0.01	$1.7e-5$	0.125	$u(t-4)$ $y(t-1)$	4	.103	
	$w_g$	$1.0e-5$	0.01	$1.6e-5$	0.125				
	$w_a$	0.01	0.01	0.013	0.0125				
	$w_s$	0.01	0.01	0.015	0.0125				
Type b	$w_c$	$1.0e-5$	0.01	$1.3e-7$	0.111	$u(t-3)$ $y(t-1)$	4	.096	
	$w_g$	$1.0e-5$	0.01	$1.5e-5$	0.098				
	$w_a$	0.01	0.01	0.014	$1.13e-4$				
	$w_b$	0.01	0.01	0.014	$1.17e-4$				

Briefly, consider only type b. Type b is consisted of four fuzzy rules by four fuzzy partitions using the identification data as eqn.(31). Input variables -  $u(t-3)$  and  $y(t-1)$ , use Small and Big as fuzzy variable, respectively. Output variable  $y(t)$  uses four linear equations as follows. The identified parameters of each fuzzy rule are like table 3.

R1:If  $u(t-3)$  is Small &  $y(t-1)$  is Small,

$$\text{then } y = a_{10} + a_{11}u(t-4) + a_{12}y(t-1)$$

R2:If  $u(t-3)$  is Small &  $y(t-1)$  is Big ,

$$\text{then } y = a_{20} + a_{21}u(t-4) + a_{22}y(t-1)$$

R3:If  $u(t-3)$  is Big &  $y(t-1)$  is Small,

$$\text{then } y = a_{30} + a_{31}u(t-4) + a_{32}y(t-1)$$

R4:If  $u(t-3)$  is Big &  $y(t-1)$  is Big ,

$$\text{then } y = a_{40} + a_{41}u(t-4) + a_{42}y(t-1)$$

(31)

Table 3. Identified parameters for optimal fuzzy rules of type b

premis				consequence			
w <sub>c11</sub>	0.0210	w <sub>c21</sub>	1.0030	a <sub>10</sub>	6.4075	a <sub>11</sub>	-0.2825
w <sub>c12</sub>	0.0205	w <sub>c22</sub>	0.7109	a <sub>12</sub>	10.0707	a <sub>20</sub>	6.8748
w <sub>g11</sub>	1.8843	w <sub>g21</sub>	0.2397	a <sub>21</sub>	-1.0137	a <sub>22</sub>	8.8673
w <sub>g12</sub>	1.9794	w <sub>g22</sub>	0.2375	a <sub>30</sub>	10.0888	a <sub>31</sub>	7.9369
				a <sub>32</sub>	8.5487	a <sub>40</sub>	5.9818
				a <sub>41</sub>	-1.0366	a <sub>42</sub>	7.9289

Type b shows the best among performances of the optimal fuzzy rules extracte by the learning through the fuzzy-neural networks. The output data are compared with real data for gas furnace as figure 4.

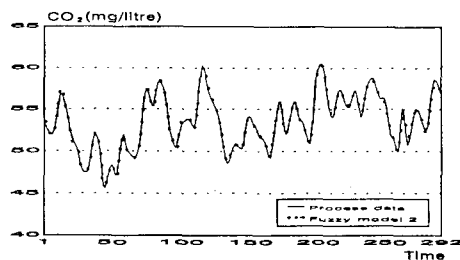


Fig.4. Comparison of original data and output data for Type b

The identification error (or performance index) is compared with other fuzzy modeling methods using the identification data in table 4. Evaluation criterion is

like eqn. (32).

$$PI = (1/N) \cdot \sum_{k=1}^N (y(k) - y^0(k))^2 \quad (32)$$

where N is the data number,  $y(k)$  the output value of real data and  $y^0(k)$  the inferred value from identified model.

Table 4. Comparison of identification error with other fuzzy modeling methods

Model name	Mean quence error	Number of rules
Tong's model	0.469	19
Pedrycz's model	0.776	20
Xu's model	0.328	25
Sugeno's model	0.355	6
Hwang's model	0.166	6
Our model	Type a	0.103
	Type b	0.096

Fuzzy modeling method using the proposed fuzzy-neural networks is more excellent performance than other fuzzy modeling methods.

#### V. Conclusions

In the paper, efficient identification techniques are presented that automatically extract the optimal fuzzy rules, using the fuzzy clustering method in the structure identification, the BP algorithm of the neural networks in the parameter identification and the advanced complex method which is an autotuning algorithm proposed. Here, the linear fuzzy inference is introduced to identification methods.

As the proposed rule-based fuzzy modelings are applied to the process of gas furnace, identification errors are like 0.103 in type a and 0.096 in type b. The performance is more excellent than the conventional fuzzy modeling with the identification error 0.355 and the nuber of fuzzy rules 6. The feasibility and effectiveness of the new modeling is proved in data for gas furnace process.

Finally, the proposed method will be also applied to the system of sewage treatment process.

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