ESTIMATION OF COMBINED CYCLE POWER PLANT POWER OUTPUT USING MULTILAYER PERCEPTRON VARIATIONS

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Abstract:

In this paper an artificial intelligence-based method for output electric power of combined cycle power plant (CCPP) is presented. Method is based on utilizing various designs of multilayer perceptron (MLP). Different MLPs are designed by varying activation functions, solvers and configurations of hidden layers. MLPs are trained and tested by using training dataset of 7500 samples and test dataset of 2068 samples. From obtained results it can be concluded that by using appropriate activation function and solver, low output errors are achieved, regardless of hidden layers. Furthermore, it can be concluded that minimal error is achieved if MLPs designed with Tanh activation function are used.

Keywords: Activation function, Combined cycle power plant, Gas turbine, Multilayer perceptron, Stem turbine

1. Introduction

Gas turbine (GT) power plants are today widely used in applications where heat production together with power production is acceptable [1], [2]. The conventional GT is characterized with higher grade heat that is exhausted to the atmosphere. This heat can be used for steam generating with aim for additional electric power producing [3]. Generated stem is than used for power generating by using a steam turbine (ST). ST is nowadays used in various applications in range from electric power producing to ship propulsion systems [4-9]. For modeling and control of complex systems as CCPP, artificial intelligence methods could be used. Artificial intelligence algorithms are used in wide spectrum of science such as: medicine [10] [11], robotics [12], etc. In this research an artificial intelligence-based system for electrical power production of CCPP is presented.

2. Power plant description

The combined cycle power plant (CCPP) used in this research is composed of two gas turbines (GT) and one steam turbine (ST). Motion energy of forementioned turbines is thought shaft transmitted to electric power generators where electric power is generated. Gas turbines, together with motion energy, are generating fairly hot exhaust that is used for steam generation in heat recovery steam generators (HRSG) [13]. Each of two GT produces exhaust that is used for generating steam in one HRSG. Scheme of CCPP used for these research is shown in Figure 1.

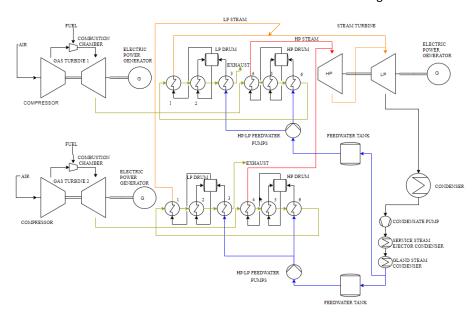


Figure 1. – Scheme of the combined cycle power plant used in this research

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Steam system utilized in this CCPP consists of the high pressure (HP) and the low pressure (LP) ST.

In Figure 1. components of HRSG are enumerated as follows:

- 1. LP super heater,
- 2. LP evaporator,
- 3. LP economizer,
- 4. HP super heater,
- 5. HP evatorator and
- 6. HP economizer.

Dataset used for this research is obtained in power plant with a nominal generating capacity of 480 MW. This system is made by using two 160 MW ABB 13E2 GTs and one 160 MW ABB ST. Dataset is constructed of 7500 samples used for training and 2068 samples used for testing.

3. Dataset description

Dataset used in this research consists of four input parameters and one output parameter, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. – Paramaters used for MLP training and testing

Input/Output	Parameter	Range
Input	Temperature (T)	1.81°C – 37.11°C
Input	Ambient Pressure (AP)	992.89 mB - 1033.30 mB
Input	Relative Humidity (RH)	25.56% - 100.16%
Input	Exhaust Vacuum (V)	25.36 cm Hg - 81.56 cm Hg
Output	Net hourly electrical energy output (EP)	420.26 MW - 495.76 MW

First three input parameters are obtained by measuring GT air intake parameters and fourth is obtained by measuring ST exhaust vacuum. Net hourly electrical energy output is obtained by measuring electrical power generators output power. Described parameters are used for training and testing the Multy-layer perceptron (MLP) for net hourly electrical energy output prediction.

4. Multilayer perceptron

Multilayer perceptron (MLP) is a type of artificial neural network (ANN) wich consists of three types of layers: Input layer, hidden layer(s) and output layer [14]. Multilayer perceptron (MLP) is a type of artificial neural network (ANN) wich consists of three types of layers: Input layer, hidden layer(s) and output layer. ANN is designed by using artificial neurons (ANs), mathematical models of the biological neuron [15]. Output value of each AN can be defined as

$$y = f(u), \tag{1}$$

where u represents a sum of all weights multiplied with all AN input values

$$u = \sum_{n=1}^{N} w_n x_n \tag{2}$$

and f represents activation function, mathematical equivalent to action potential in the biological neuron [15].

Activation functions used for designing MLPs used in this research are [16]:

- Logistic sigmoid,
- Tanh and
- ReLU.

Logistic sigmoid is an activation function that maps values from $\langle -\infty, +\infty \rangle$ domain interval into [0, 1] codomain interval This activation function can be defined as

$$f(u) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-u}}. (3)$$

Tanh is an activation function that maps values from $\langle -\infty, +\infty \rangle$ domain interval into [-1,1] codomain interval This activation function can be defined as

$$f(u) = tanh(u) = \frac{e^u - e^{-u}}{e^{-u} + e^u}.$$
 (4)

In the case of ReLU activation function, the domain interval will be mapped into the codomain interval by using rectified linear function

$$f(u) = \begin{cases} 0, x < 0 \\ u, x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
 (5)

MLPs are trained by using three different solvers. These solvers are:

- Adam is an adaptive learning rate method (Adam)
- Stochastic gradient descent (SGD) and
- Limited-memory Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (L-BFGS)

5. Research methodology

For purposes of this research, 102 different MLPs are designed. These MLPs are designed by varying designs of hidden layers, activation functions and solvers used for MLP training. All MLPs that are designed are trained and tested by using training and test dataset. By using test dataset, output data errors are determined as

$$error = \frac{100 \cdot (y_{real} - y_{output})}{y_{output}},\tag{6}$$

where y_{real} represents real output value and y_{output} represents value predicted with MLP. Minimal errors achieved with each of activation functions, number of hidden layers and solver are obtained.

6. Results and discussion

When minimal errors versus number of hidden layers performances are evaluated for MLPs designed with Logistic sigmoid activation function, it can be seen that minimal errors are achieved if MLPs are trained by using L-BFGS solver. MLPs are performing with higher errors if are trained by using Adam or SGD solver, as it is shown in Figure 2.

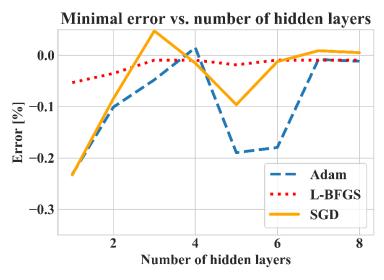


Figure 2. – Minimal error versus number of hidden layers performances for MLPs designed with Logistic sigmoid activation function

For the case of MLPs designed with Tanh activation function, it can be seen that lowest errors are achieved if SGD solver is used. For MLPs with two or more hidden layers, similar errors are achieved if L-BFGS is used. Higher errors are present if Adam solver is used, as shown in Figure 3.

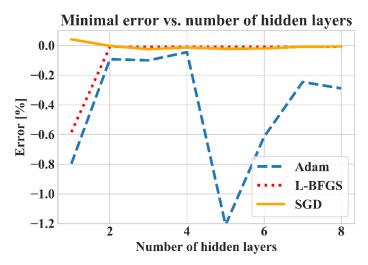


Figure 3. – Minimal error versus number of hidden layers performances for MLPs designed with Tanh activation function

When minimal error versus number of hidden layers is observed, it can be seen that minimal errors are achieved if L-BFGS solver is used. Slightly higher errors are achieved by using Adam solver, as it can be seen in Figure 4. By using SGD errors higher than 20 % are achieved. These errors are not included into graph into Fgiure 4.

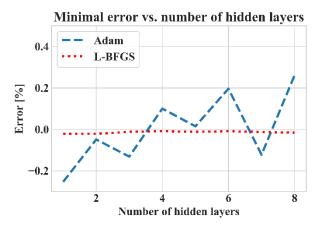


Figure 4. – Minimal error versus number of hidden layers performances for MLPs designed with ReLU activation function

When minimal errors are observed for each of activation functions, it can be seen that the lowest errors are achieved if Tanh activation function is used. MLPs designed with ReLU activation function are achieving the highest minimal error, as it is shown in Figure 5.

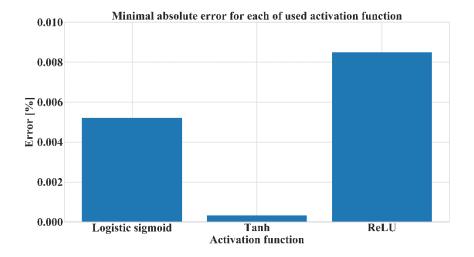


Figure 5. – Minimal absolute errors achieved with MLPs designed with Logistic sigmoid, Tanh and ReLU activation function

7. Conclusion

In this paper a MLP-based method for CCPP electric power output estimation is presented. From presented results it can be concluded that is possible do utilize more than one MLP for electric power output estimation. This is achieved by varying MLP designs. From presented results it can be seen that estimation with the highest accuracy will be achieved if MLPs designed with Tanh activation function are used. It can also be seen that similar results are achieved regardless of MLP hidden layers design, if right solver is used.

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