

# Artificial Neural Network Modeling & Control For Pressurized Head Box of Paper Machine

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## ABSTRACT

A dynamic model for pressurized head box of high speed paper machine is considered. Analysis procedures enable to anticipate the automation in the head box. An optimum, minimum control effort strategy is proposed. Simulated open and closed loop response records are computed. The simulated data has been used for training the neural network. Artificial neural network(ANN) model minimizes the interaction between physical parameters. In this paper, an ANN controller has been designed for headbox and both the controllers namely PID and ANN have been compared.

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## Introduction

In paper industry, the high speed paper machine is equipped with pressurized flow box with air cushion. For complete automation, it is necessary to know dynamic processes which are associated with the incoming and outgoing stock on the paper machine wire. The pressurized headbox is shown in fig.1. The headbox arrangement will produce output interaction between air pressure and stock level. In present trend of the process industry, the complex system can not be handled with classical controller(PID). For this purpose, ANN has been designed and compare both controllers.

## 2. Dynamic model of pressurized headbox:

The stock flow affects the stock level and other physical parameters. The headbox model is derived in three ways as under.

### 2.1 When portion of box filled with stock:

#### For equilibrium condition

$$dm_{in}/dt = m_{in} - m_{out} - m_{oi} \quad [1]$$

Equation[1] may be represented by the relationship

$$d\Delta m_{in}/dt = \Delta m_{in} - \Delta m_{out} - \Delta m_{oi} \quad [2]$$

Amount of stock present in the flow box,

$$m_{fb} = V_1 \rho_s \text{ or } A_{fb} h_1 \rho_s$$

$$\text{or } \Delta m_{fb} = A_{fb} \Delta h_1 \rho_s$$

$$\text{or } \Delta m_{fb} = A_{fb} h_1 \rho_s v_1; \Delta m_f = m_{fb} \rho_s v_1$$

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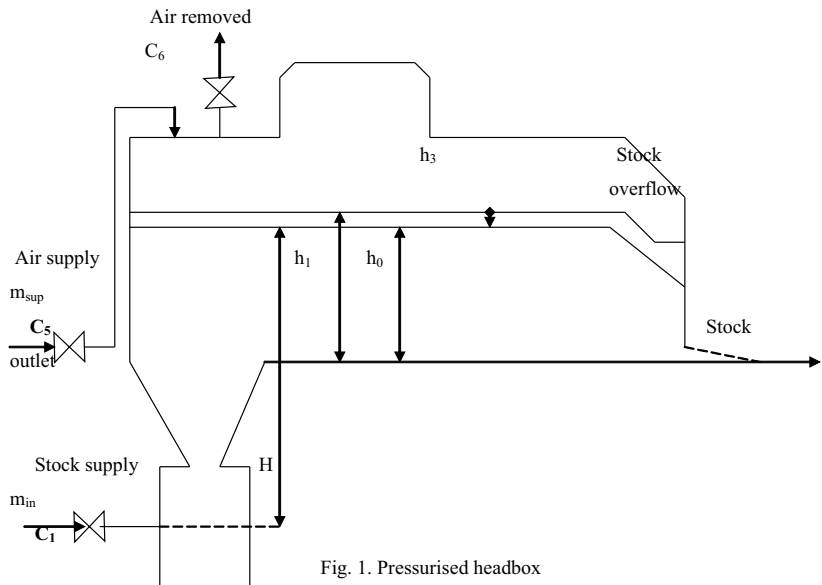


Fig. 1. Pressurised headbox

Amount of inlet stock  $m_{in}$  depends on opening of inlet valve  $C_1$ , therefore the pressure of stock before and after the valve  $P_{11}$  &  $P_{12}$ .

$$m_{in} = m_{in}(C_1, P_{11}, P_{12})$$

$$\Delta m_{in} = (\partial m_{in} / \partial C_1) \Delta C_1 + (\partial m_{in} / \partial H) \Delta P_{11} + (\partial m_{in} / \partial P_1) \Delta P_{12} \quad [3]$$

Assume that the characteristic of inlet valve of stock is linear, then

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial m_{in} / \partial C_1) \Delta C_1 &= m_{inmax} / C_{1max} \Delta C_1 \\ (\partial m_{in} / \partial C_1) \Delta C_1 &= m_{inmax} \mu_1 \end{aligned} \quad [4]$$

Flow of stock through the regulating valve amount to

$$m_{in} = A_c C_d \sqrt{2 \rho_s (P_{11} - P_{12})} \text{ or } (\partial m_{in} / \partial H) \Delta P_{11} = -1/2 m_{in} \rho_s g (h_1 / P_{11} - P_{12}) v_1 \quad [5]$$

$$(\partial m_{in} / \partial P) \Delta P_{12} = -1/2 m_{in} \rho_s (P_{11} - P_{12}) P' \quad [6]$$

### Flow of stock from slice lip

$m_{out} = m_{out}(C_2, h_1, P)$ ,  $C_2$  is the slice opening

$$\Delta m_{out} = (\partial m_{out} / \partial C_2) \Delta C_2 + (\partial m_{out} / \partial h_1) \Delta h_1 + (\partial m_{out} / \partial P) \Delta P \quad [7]$$

if slice opening is linear then

$$\begin{aligned} (\partial m_{out} / \partial C_2) \Delta C_2 &= m_{outmax} / C_{2max} \Delta C_2 \\ \text{or } (\partial m_{out} / \partial C_2) \Delta C_2 &= m_{outmax} \mu_2 \end{aligned} \quad [8]$$

Flow of stock through the slice

$$m_{out} = A_{slip} C_{d2} \sqrt{2 \rho_s (h_1 g \rho_s + P)} (\partial m_{out} / \partial h_1) \Delta h_1 = 1/2 m_{out} \rho g (h_1 / h_1 g \rho_s + P) v_1 \quad [9]$$

$$(\partial m_{out} / \partial P) \Delta P = 1/2 m_{out} \rho (P / h_1 g \rho_s + P) P' \quad [10]$$

**Flow of stock through overflow is**

$$\begin{aligned} m_{ol} &= C_{d3} b \rho_s \sqrt{2g(h_3)^{1.5}} \\ \Delta m_{ol} &= 3/2 C_{d3} b \rho_s h_3 \infty \sqrt{2gh_3} \Delta h_3 / h_3 \infty \\ \text{or } \Delta m_{ol} &= 3/2 m_{ol} \infty v_3 \end{aligned} \quad [11]$$

Substituting equations from 1 to 11 in equation 2,

$$\begin{aligned} d(V_1 \rho_s v_1)/dt &= [m_{inmax} \mu_1 - 1/2 m_{in} \infty \rho_s g(h_1 \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) v_1 - 1/2 m_{in} \infty (P \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) P' - m_{outmax} \mu_2 - 1/2 m_{out} \infty \rho g(h_1 \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) v_1 - 1/2 m_{out} \infty (P \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) P' - 3/2 m_{ol} \infty v_3] \\ \text{or } V_1 \rho_s dv_1/dt &= [m_{inmax} \mu_1 - 1/2 m_{in} \infty \rho_s g(h_1 \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) v_1 - 1/2 m_{in} \infty (P \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) P' - 1/2 m_{out} \infty \rho g(h_1 \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) v_1 - 1/2 m_{out} \infty (P \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) P' - 3/2 m_{ol} \infty v_3] \\ (V_1 \rho_s / m_{inmax}) * (dv_1/dt) &= [\mu_1 - (m_{in} \infty / m_{inmax}) 1/2 \rho_s g(h_1 \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) v_1 - (m_{in} \infty / m_{inmax}) 1/2 (P \infty / P_{11} - P_{12}) P' - 1/2 \rho g(h_1 \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) (m_{out} \infty / m_{outmax}) v_1 - 1/2 m_{out} \infty (P \infty / h_1 g \rho_s + P) P' - 3/2 m_{ol} \infty / m v_3] \\ \text{or } T_{fb1} dv_1/dt &= [\mu_1 - (w_1 K_{1v1} + w_{2K2v1}) \mu_1 - (w_1 K_{1\rho} + w_2 K_{2\rho}) P' - 3/2 w_{31} a_{13} v_1] \end{aligned} \quad [12]$$

Considering that  $h_1 = h_0 + h_3$ ; we have  $\Delta h_1 = \Delta h_3 = 1$ , so  $v_3 = (h_1 \infty / h_3 \infty) v_1$  or  $a_{13} v_1$ . Equation 12 can be written as  $T_{fb1} dv_1/dt = [\mu_1 - (w_1 K_{1v1} + K_{2v1}) \mu_1 - (w_1 K_{1\rho} + w_2 K_{2\rho}) P' - 3/2 w_{31} a_{13} v_1]$  Or  $T_{fb1} dv_1/dt + A v_1 = \mu_1 - B P'$  [13]

## 2.2 Material balance for overflow system:

$$\begin{aligned} dm_{ch}/dt &= [m_{ol1} - m_{ol2}] \\ \text{or } m_{ch} &= A_{ch} h_{ch} \rho_s = V_{ch} \rho_s \\ d\Delta m_{ch}/dt &= \Delta m_{ol1} - \Delta m_{ol2} \end{aligned} \quad [14]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{ch} &= A_{ch} h_{ch} \infty \rho_s v_2 \quad \text{or Flow of stock,} \\ m_{ol2} &= A_{op} C_{d4} \sqrt{2\rho_s (h_{ch} \rho_s g + P)} \\ \Delta m_{ol2} &= 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty \rho_s g(h_{ch} \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) v_2 + 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty (P \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) P' \end{aligned} \quad [15]$$

Substituting the values of  $\Delta m_{ol1}$ ,  $\Delta m_{ol2}$  &  $\Delta m_{ch}$  into [14].  $d(V_2 \rho_s v_2)/dt = 3/2 m_{ol1} \infty v_3 - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty (P \infty / h_2 g \rho_s + P) P' - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty \rho_s g(h_{ol1} \infty / h_{ol1} g \rho_s + P) v_2$  or  $V_2 \rho_s (dv_2/dt) = 3/2 m_{ol1} \infty a_{13} v_1 - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty (P \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) P' - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty \rho_s g(h_{ch} \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) v_2$  or  $(V_2 \rho_s / m_{ol2} \infty) \rho_s (dv_2/dt) = [3/2 m_{ol1} \infty a_{13} v_1 - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty (P \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) P' - 1/2 m_{ol2} \infty \rho_s g(h_{ch} \infty / h_{ch} g \rho_s + P) v_2] / m_{ol2} \infty$  or  $T_{fb0} dv_2/dt = w_{21} v_1 - K_{3\rho} P' - K_{1v2} v_2$ ; or  $T_{fb0} dv_2/dt + K_{1v2} v_2 = w_{21} v_1 - K_{3\rho} P'$  [16]

## 2.3 Material balance for air cushion:

$$\begin{aligned} m_{air} &= m_{sup} - m_{rem} \\ \text{or } d\Delta m_{air}/dt &= \Delta m_{sup} - \Delta m_{rem} \end{aligned} \quad [17]$$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{air} &= V_3 \rho_a \quad [18] \\ V_3 &= V_0 - V_1 - V_2 \quad [19] \\ \Delta m_{air} &= \rho_a \infty \Delta V_3 + V_3 \infty \Delta \rho_a \quad [20] \end{aligned}$$

Putting the value of  $V_3$  in equation [20], then

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta m_{air} &= \rho_a \infty (\Delta V_1 - \Delta V_2) + V_3 \infty \rho_a \Delta P / P \infty \\ \text{or } \Delta m_{air} &= -\rho_a \infty \Delta V_1 - \Delta V_2 \rho_a \infty + V_3 \infty \rho_a P' \end{aligned} \quad [21]$$

Loss of air through valve  $C_5$  &  $C_6$

$$\begin{aligned} m_{sup} &= A_{c5} K_{c5} \sqrt{2\rho_a (P_{51} - P_{52})}; \\ m_{rem} &= A_{c6} K_{c6} \sqrt{2\rho_a (P_{61} - P_{62})} \\ \Delta m_{sup} &= m_{supmax} \cdot (\Delta C_5 / C_{5max}) - 1/2 m_{sup} \infty \cdot (P_{52} \infty / P_{51} - P_{52}) P' \text{ if valve } C_5 \text{ is linear.} \\ \Delta m_{sup} &= m_{supmax} \cdot \mu_5 - 1/2 m_{sup} \infty \cdot (P_{52} \infty / P_{51} - P_{52}) P' \\ \Delta m_{rem} &= m_{remmax} \cdot (\Delta C_6 / C_{6max}) - 1/2 m_{rem} \infty \cdot (P_{61} \infty / P_{61} - P_{62}) P' \\ \text{Or } \Delta m_{rem} &= m_{remmax} \cdot \mu_6 - 1/2 m_{rem} \infty \cdot (P_{61} \infty / P_{61} - P_{62}) P' \end{aligned} \quad [22]$$

$C_6$  is constant, so  $\mu_6 = 0$ ;  
 $\Delta m_{rem} = -1/2 m_{rem} \infty \cdot (P_{61} \infty / P_{61} - P_{62}) P'$  [23]

Putting the values of  $\Delta m_{air}$ ,  $\Delta m_{sup}$ ,  $\Delta m_{rem}$  in equation [5.22], we get

$$\begin{aligned} d/dt(\rho_a \infty \Delta v_3 + v_3 \infty \Delta \rho_a) &= m_{supmax} \cdot \mu_5 - (1/2 m_{sup} \infty \cdot (P_{52} \infty / P_{51} - P_{52}) - 1/2 m_{rem} \infty \cdot (P_{61} \infty / P_{61} - P_{62})) P' \\ \text{Or } d/dt(-\Delta v_1 \rho_a \infty - \Delta v_2 \rho_a \infty + v_3 \rho_a P') &= m_{supmax} \cdot \mu_5 - (1/2 m_{sup} \infty \cdot (P_{52} \infty / P_{51} - P_{52}) - 1/2 m_{rem} \infty \cdot (P_{61} \infty / P_{61} - P_{62})) P' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} T_{air} dP'/dt &= w_4 (k_4 + k_5) P' = \mu_5 + T_{tv1} d_{u1}/dt + T_{tv2} du_2/dt \end{aligned} \quad [24]$$

Dynamic process in the flow box under examination may be properly understood with the help of equations (Mardon)

$$\begin{aligned} T_{fb1} du_1/dt + A u_1 &= \mu_1 - B P'; \\ T_{fb0} du_2/dt + k_{1v2} u_2 &= w_{21} u_1 + k_{3\rho} P'; \\ T_{air} dP'/dt + w_4 (k_4 + k_5) P' &= \mu_5 + T_{tv1} d_{u1}/dt + T_{tv2} du_2/dt \end{aligned}$$

These equations may be represented in the following form

$$\begin{aligned} T_{fb1} du_1/dt + A u_1 &= \mu_1 - B P' \quad [25] \\ T_{fb0} du_2/dt + C u_2 &= E u_1 + D P' \quad [26] \\ T_{air} dP'/dt + F P' &= \mu_5 + T_{tv1} d_{u1}/dt + T_{tv2} du_2/dt \quad [27] \end{aligned}$$

In order to determine the transition process as originating irregular channel of flow box. It is necessary to solve the set of equation w.r.to  $P'$  and  $u$ . The equation can be written as  $(T_{fb1} s + A) u_1 = \mu_1 - B P'$  Or  $u_1 = \mu_1 / (T_{fb1} s + A) - B P' / (T_{fb1} s + A)$  If  $Q = 1 / (T_{fb1} s + A)$ ;  $R = B' / (T_{fb1} s + A)$ , or Then  $u_1 = Q \mu_1 - R P'$  [28] Equation [5.27] can be written as

$$(T_{air} s + F) P' = \mu_5 + T_{tv1} du_1/dt + T_{tv2} du_2/dt$$

From equation [5.26]

$$\begin{aligned} (T_{fb0} s + C) u_2 &= E u_1 + D P' \\ \text{Or } [(T_{fb0} s + C)(T_{tv2} s)] u_2 &= (T_{tv2} s E) u_1 + (T_{tv2} s D) P' \end{aligned} \quad [29]$$

From equation [5.27]

$$\begin{aligned} (T_{tv2} s) u_2 &= (T_{tv1} s) u_1 - (T_{air} s + F) P' + \mu_5 \\ \text{Or } [(T_{fb0} s + C)(T_{tv2} s)] u_2 &= [(T_{fb0} s + C)(T_{tv1} s)] u_1 - [(T_{air} s + F)(T_{fb0} s + C)] P' + \mu_5 (T_{fb0} s + C) \end{aligned} \quad [30]$$

Subtracting equation [30] from [29]

$$\begin{aligned} [T_{tv2} s E - (T_{fb0} s + C)(T_{tv2} s)] u_1 &= [T_{tv2} s D - (T_{air} s + F)(T_{fb0} s + C)] P' + \mu_5 (T_{fb0} s + C) \\ \text{or } P' &= [T_{tv2} s E + -(T_{fb0} s + C)(T_{tv1} s)] u_1 / [T_{air} T_{fb0} s^2 + (T_{air} C + T_{tv2} D + T_{fb0} F) s + F C] + \mu_5 (T_{fb0} s + C) / [T_{air} T_{fb0} s^2 + (T_{air} C + T_{tv2} D + T_{fb0} F) s + F C] \end{aligned} \quad [31]$$

Then equations can be written as

$$P' = x u_1 + y \mu_5 \quad [32]$$

$$U_1 = Q \mu_1 - R P' \quad [33]$$

From equations [32 & 33], both values  $u_1$  &  $P'$  are related with process conditions. Variable opening of valves  $\mu_1$  or  $\mu_5$  affect regulation in the valve of these variables. Because they are related with the relationship (mardon)  $V_1 = Q'(s) \mu_1 + R'(s) \mu_5$  [34]  $\rho_1 = X'(s) \mu_1 + Y'(s) \mu_5$  [35]

## Simulation results:

The simulation results of equations 34 & 35 are shown in figs.2, 3, 6, & 7, closed loop control system has also been designed with the help of matlab software, when  $\mu_1 = 0$ ,  $\mu_5 = 0$ .

## 3. Development of ANN controller for the case of air pressure and level in the headbox:

For the case of air pressure ( $\rho$ ,  $\rho$ ) and level (neu/neo, V), design the ANN controller with following ANN parameters are as shown in table 1. The training programmes for the same is also developed.

## 4. Comparison of simulated data between PID and ANN controller:

After simulating the process, data is used for training the network, the tables 2 & 3 show the statistical data and errors between PID and ANN data. The plots show the errors between PID and ANN data with a given set point. Both the controllers show over damped system. Statistical data are also depicted in

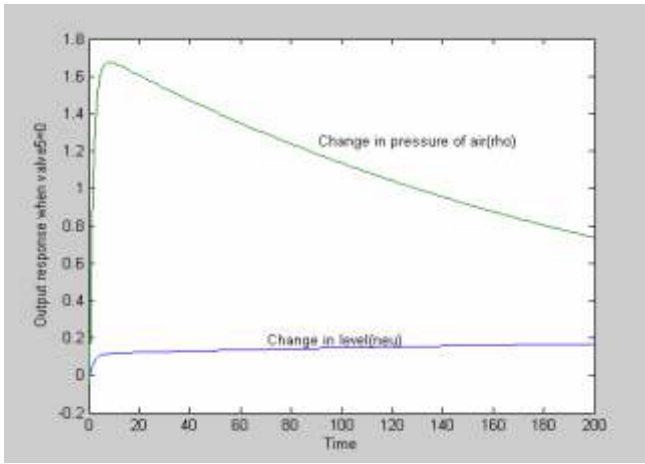


Fig-2 Characteristics of pressurized flow box when  $\mu_5=0$ ,

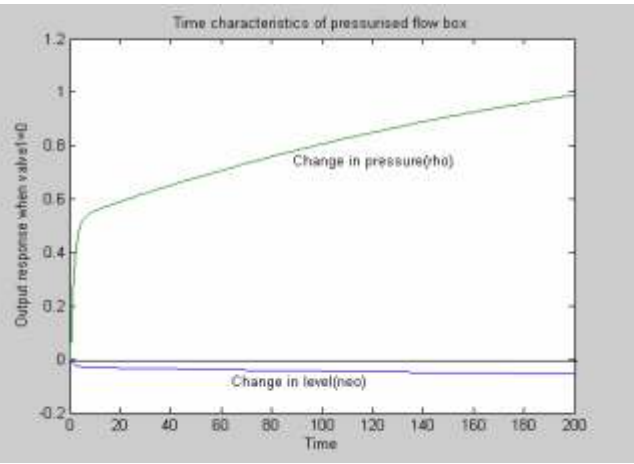


Fig-3 Characteristics of pressurized flow box when  $\mu_1=0$ ,

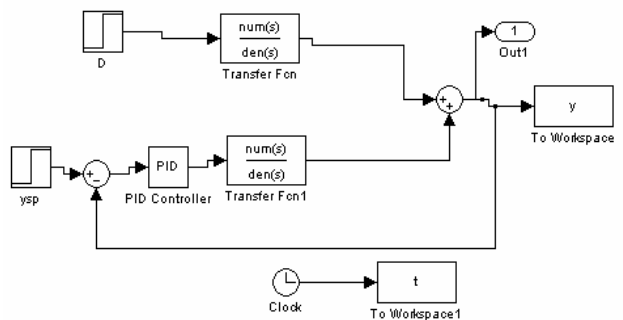


Fig. 4 Closed loop system for  $V_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$

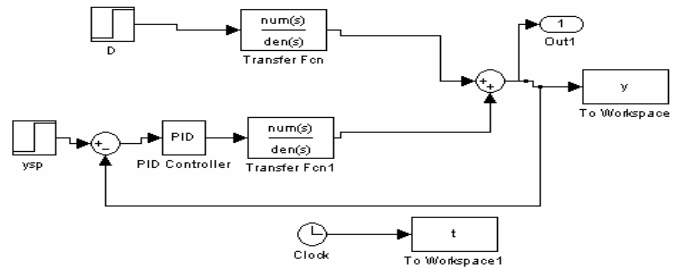


Fig-5 Closed loop system for  $\rho_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$

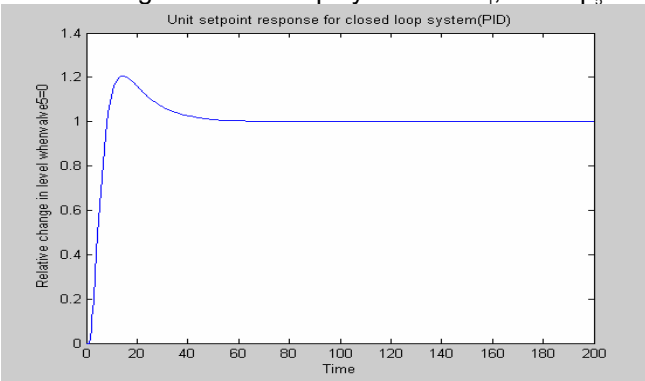


Fig-6 Unit set point response for closed loop system for  $V_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$

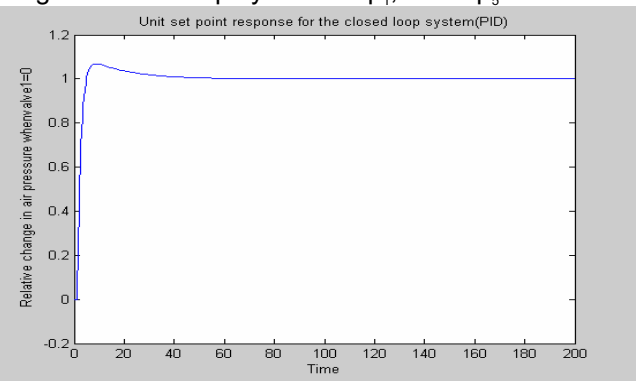


Fig-7 Unit set point response for closed loop system for  $\rho_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$

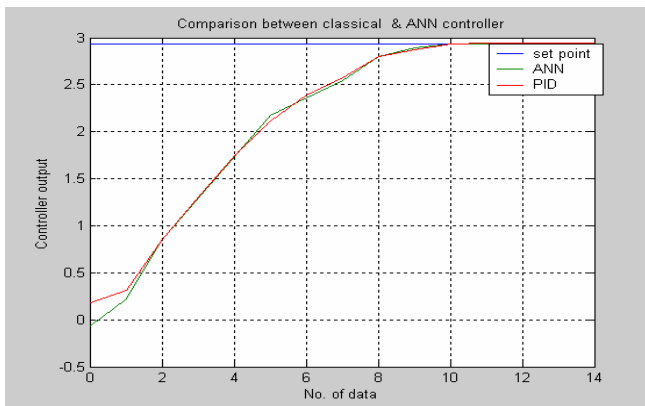


Fig-8 Comparison between classical and ANN data for  $V_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$

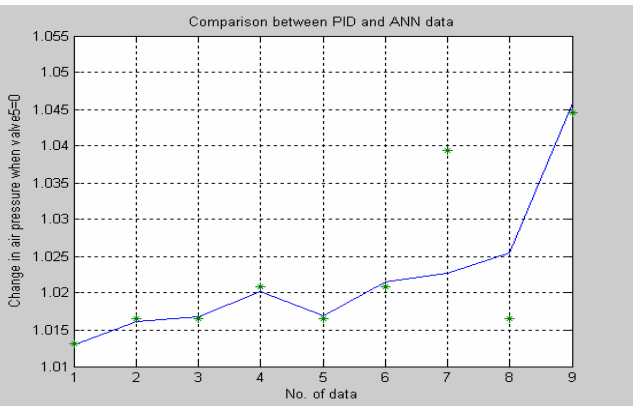
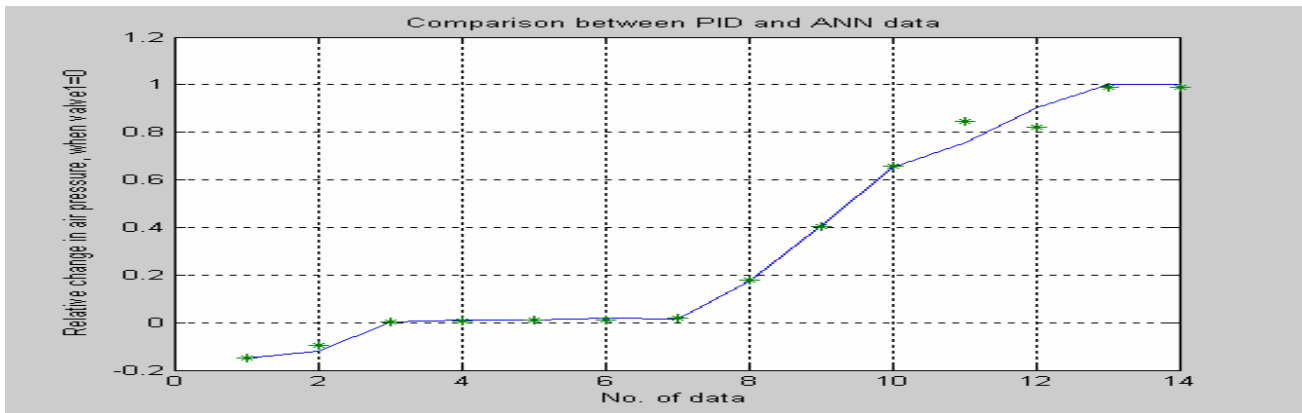


Fig-9 Comparison between classical and ANN data for  $\rho_1$ , when  $\mu_5=0$



**Fig.-10 Comparison between classical and ANN data for  $\rho_2$ , when  $\mu_1=0$**

**TABLE: 1**

Parameters	$V_1$	$\rho_1$	$P_2$
Input nodes	2	2	2
Hidden nodes	5	5	5
Output nodes	1	1	1
Activation function	Tansig	tansig	Tansig
Algorithm	Gradient descent	Gradient descent	Gradient descent

**TABLE:2 COMPARISON BETWEEN PID CONTROLLER FOR  $V, \rho$**

Specifications	PID value for (V)	PID value for( $\rho$ )
Max. overshoot	22.7%	6.8%
Delay time	5.4 sec.	2.14 sec.
Min.	0	0
Max.	1.227	1.068
Mean	.5174	.8179
Median	.4415	1
Std.	.5122	.3852

**TABLE:3**

$V_1$	<b>Min. error</b>	-.0551
	<b>Max. error</b>	.0852
	<b>Average error</b>	.0242
$\rho_1$	<b>Min. error</b>	-.0009
	<b>Max. error</b>	.0165
	<b>Average error</b>	.0038
$\rho_2$	<b>Min. error</b>	-.0912
	<b>Max. error</b>	.082
	<b>Average error</b>	-.0008

tables. Which show that the ANN controller gives approximately the same value as the conventional controller provides.

### 5. Conclusions:

To demonstrate the effectiveness of the design procedure presented herein, a model of a paper making machine headbox was considered. The objective of the study was to improve regulation with compensatory increases or reductions in stock level with no overshoot condition. The comparison between PID and ANN is more clearly shown in figs. It is found that except two values of ANN other tally very closely. Therefore it can be concluded that the ANN controller can be used for MIMO system successfully.

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### Model of pressurised headbox:

$m_{ib}$  = Amount of stock present in the flow box  
 $m_{in}$  = Amount of incoming stock  
 $m_{out}$  = Amount of outgoing stock  
 $m_{ol}$  = Stock flow through the overflow line  
 $t$  = time  
 $A_{ib}$  = Average cross-section area of flow box  
 $h_1$  = hydrostatic pressure  
 $\rho_s$  = Density of suspension  
 $\rho_a$  = Density of air  
 $v_1$  = Relative deviation of level  
 $P$  = Air pressure  
 $H$  = Height of stock to the axis of valve  
 $\mu_1$  = Relative change in the opening of inlet valve  
 $A_v$  = Cross section of valve opening  
 $C_{d1}$  = Discharge coefficient  
 $C_1$  = Inlet valve  
 $P_{11}$  = Pressure before entering valve  $C_1$   
 $P_{12}$  = Pressure after valve  $C_1$   
 $P'$  = Relative change in pressure of air  
 $C_2$  = Slice opening  
 $A_{ip}$  = Cross-sectional area of lip opening  
 $C_{d2}$  = Discharge coefficient  
 $C_{d3}$  = Discharge coefficient  
 $b$  = Width of air flow  
 $h_3$  = Height of overflow  
 $T_{bl}$  = Time constt. For flow flow box for level of stock in the box  
 $w_1, w_2, w_3$  = load factors  
 $K_{1v1}, K_{2v1}, K_{1p}, K_{2p}, K_{1v2}, K_{3p}$  = Constant factors depending on the speed of the machine  
 $m_{ch}$  = Amount of stock present in the channel

$m_2$  = Flow of stock  
 $A_{ch}$  = Average area of cross-sectional of the channel  
 $h_{ch}$  = Height of stock level in channel  
 $V_{ch}$  = Volume of channel  
 $A_{op}$  = Cross-sectional area of outlet pipe  
 $T_{bto}$  = Time constt. For flow box stock level in the overflow pipe  
 $w_{21}$  = Factor depending on  $v_1$   
 $m_{air}$  = Amount of air present above the stock level in the flow box  
 $m_{sup}, m_{rem}$  = Amount of air supplied and removed from the flow box  
 $V_3$  = volume of air above stock level in the flow box  
 $A_{c5}, A_{c6}$  = Cross-sectional area of overflow valves  $C_5, C_6$   
 $K_5, K_6$  = loss factors  
 $P_{s1}, P_{s2}$  = Inlet & Outlet pressure of valve  $C_5$   
 $P_{o1}, P_{o2}$  = Inlet & Outlet pressure of valve  $C_6$   
 $T_{air}$  = Time constt. Of flow box for air cushion  
 $w_4$  = Load factor  
 $T_{tv1}, T_{tv2}$  = Time constt. For turbulence in the channel depending on  $v_1, v_2$