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REFLECTED RADIATION INTENSITY ESTIMATION USING ARTIFICIAL NEURAL NETWORK

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ABSTRACT

In most urban areas, buildings and paved surfaces using concrete materials have gradually replaced preexisting natural landscape. This new surfaces and materials absorbs solar energy thereby leading to an increase in the surface temperature of urban areas relative to the ambient air temperatures sometimes leading to urban heat island phenomenon. In this paper, the use of artificial neural network (ANN) for the estimation of reflected radiation on concrete surface in and around urban areas has been proposed. Measured radiation intensity acquired from location around city center serves as input data to a 1-3-1 ANN system. The system was trained using back propagation algorithm and upon convergence the system has been able to estimate reflected radiation intensity on a concrete floor and average relative error obtained is about 5%.

Keywords: Artificial neural network, Concrete, Radiation, Temperature, Urban Heat Island

I. INTRODUCTION

Human settlement is becoming increasingly urbanized in all countries of the world. The number of urban dwellers has increased from about 600 million in 1890 to about 2 billion in 1986 [1]. This surge in rural-urban migration relies to a greater extent on intensive use of non-renewable energy for the operation of equipment and space conditioning (cooling and heating) facilities. However, the production and consumption of energy using currently available technology have long-term environmental effects on a global scale, such as contributing to the build-up greenhouse gases (GHG) in the atmosphere. These factors are also responsible for altering the environment of cities, contributing directly to the urban heat island effect.

An urban heat island is a metropolitan area which is significantly warmer and hotter than its surrounding rural and undeveloped areas. In this urban heat island process, solar energy is absorbed by rooftops, pavements, structures, and facades which is then converted and released as heat energy into the air. Since the spacing of man-made structures is much denser in urban areas, more heat is released causing the outside temperature in a city to be increased thus hotter than rural areas. Howard (1818) pointed out that the description of the very first report of the Urban