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#### **ABSTRACT**

Artificial neural networks (ANNs) are one of the most research areas that attracts the attention of experts of various scientific areas. Recent research activities regarding ANNs indicated that this method is a powerful tool to solve complicated problems in engineering fields.

In this paper, ANNs were utilized to predict the lateral behavior of school buildings in Egypt. For this, reinforced concrete (RC) frames representing common school buildings with different characteristics were analyzed using nonlinear dynamic pushover analysis to obtain their capacity curves, failure loads and displacements. Parameters included number of stories, location and dimensions of the frames, distribution of masonry infill panels, and properties of concrete and reinforcement. Obtained data were used to train several ANN models with different topologies and learning algorithms. The most representative ANN was used to obtain more insight into the behavior of school building frames with different parameters.

KEYWORDS: Artificial Neural Networks, ANSYS, RC Frames, School buildings

#### 1-INTRODUCTION

In the last decade, a wide range of research has been carried out on using Artificial Neural Networks (ANNs) for the purpose of analysis and design of structures. Recent research activities regarding ANN indicated that this method is a powerful tool to solve complicated problems in all engineering fields. ANN, similar to real human brain, has the ability to learn and utilize the acquired new experiences from past and similar affairs. This paper tries to utilize the power of ANN to predict the behavior of school building in Egypt taking into consideration the effect of presence or absence of infill panels in different bays.

Several previous studies have been conducted to investigate the effects of infill panels on frame behavior. For example, Amanat and Hoque (2006) studied the fundamental vibration periods for a series of regular RC framed buildings using 3D FE modeling and modal Eigen value analysis including the effects of infill. It has been found that when the frames do not include infill, as are modeled in conventional analysis, the period given by the analysis are significantly longer than the period predicted by the code equations justifying the imposition of upper limit on the period by the code. Anil and Altin (2007) investigated the behavior of ductile reinforced concrete (RC) frames strengthened by introducing partial infills under cyclic lateral loading. One-bay, one-story, 1/3 scale

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test specimens were constructed and tested under reversed cyclic loading. Test results indicated that partially infilled RC frames exhibited significantly higher ultimate strength and higher initial stiffness than the bare frame (frame with no infill).

ANNs were applied by some investigators to understand the behavior of frames. A statistical approach was proposed by Bakhary et al. (2007) to take into account the effect of uncertainties in developing an ANN model. By applying Rosenblueth's point estimate method verified by Monte Carlo simulation, the statistics of the stiffness parameters were estimated. The developed approach was applied to detect simulated damage in a numerical steel portal frame model and also in a laboratory tested concrete slab. Nikoo et al. (2012) studied a wall concrete frame with 4-stories and 4-bays, in nonlinear dynamic analysis for several records with different acceleration levels. The rate of total damage of the frame in each record and each acceleration were calculated, then the rate of damage were determined by using evolutionary ANN models. To determine the number of effective lag times and input data of earthquake in the ANN model, Cross-Correlation of time series was used. Korogl et al. (2012) studied the application of combined ANNs for the flexural capacity estimation of quadrilateral FRP confined reinforced concrete columns. A database on quadrilateral FRP confined RC columns subjected to axial load and moment was obtained from experimental studies in the literature. Lagaros and Papadrakakis (2012) proposed a new adaptive scheme in order to predict the structural non-linear behavior when earthquake actions of increased severity are considered. Sipos et al. (2013) analyzed infilled frames using ANNs trained on the experimental database that contains results of 113 published tests of one-story one-bay masonry infilled frames. In order to reduce the dimensionality of input data and achieve better performance of ANNs, dimensionality reduction techniques, principal component analysis, forward stepwise sensitivity analysis and dimensionless modeling parameter approach were applied. A multilayered back propagation ANN with adaptive weight function was applied and the optimal network topology, for each required output value, has been chosen.

This paper aims to give more insight into the behavior of school buildings of Egypt using ANNs. For this, RC frames representing common school buildings with different characteristics were analyzed using nonlinear dynamic pushover analysis to obtain their capacity curves, failure loads and displacements. Input parameters included number of stories, location of the frames, distribution of masonry infill panels, dimensions and reinforcement of the frame components (beams and columns) and properties of the concrete. Output parameters include the failure load and corresponding displacement of the frames. Obtained data were used to train several ANN models with different topologies and learning algorithms. The most representative ANN was used to give more insight into the behavior of school building frames with different parameters.

#### 2-DESCRIPTION OF THE MODEL

Frame models that represent common school buildings were considered. Table (1) lists the main variables that are typically used in these buildings. The cases that include all the suggested variables listed in Table (1) are 16200 cases. After careful study of these cases, 10% of these cases, namely 1620 cases, has been selected and analyzed using ANSYS 10 (2005). Selected cases were chosen such that they cover the whole domain of the problem. This is essential to give the ANNs the chance to "understand" the whole problem. Fig. 1.a illustrates the finite element models of interior and exterior frames taking into consideration the effect of transverse action for beams and slabs. Analyzed cases include frames with three, four, and five story with heights of 11.25, 14.75, and 18.25 m, respectively. The height of the first story is 4.25 m, and the heights of typical stories are 3.5 m. The total width of the building is 8.0, 9.5 and 11.0 m (see Fig. 1). Infill masonry walls with thickness  $t_w$ = 0.125 and 0.25 m were used. The beams of the frame (B1, B2) has depth = 0.5, 0.6, 0.7 m and width = 0.25 m. Typical reinforcement details of different frames are shown in Fig. 2 and Table 2. The material parameters was taken as follows: For concrete: compressive strength  $F_{cu}$  =20,

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27.5, 35 MPa, ultimate tensile strength  $F_{tu}$ =2, 2.75, 3.5 MPa, Poisson's ratio v=0.2. Steel reinforcement was modeled using steel bar for the skeleton of frames (columns, and beams), but for transverse slabs or beams reinforcement, it was modeled as smeared steel. Steel modulus of elasticity  $E_s$ =210 kN/mm², steel yield strength  $f_{sy}$ =360 MPa, yield strength of stirrups =240 MPa and Poisson's ratio v=0.3.

Different arrangement of masonry infill panels were analyzed (see Fig. 1-b). Such arrangements were chosen to represent different cases of existence of infill panels in these school buildings. Pushover analyses were conducted by applying a lateral triangle load on the left or the right sides of the frames. Results indicated that, when the triangular load was applied towards the longer span side, the frames exhibited less lateral load capacity. Hence, this direction for load application was selected to reveal the least lateral capacity of the frames.

### 3. ANN LEARNING TECHNIQE

After careful study of the literature, it was found that selected parameters listed in Table 1 are the most important parameters that affect the behavior of the frames. Therefore, eleven parameters were chosen as inputs. These are, Number of stories, Ns; Short span, S1; Long span, S2; Height of beam, t; Thickness of column 2, t2; Thickness of column 3, t3; Strength of concrete,  $f_{cu}$ ; Percentage of area of steel to balanced steel,  $A_s$ ; Width of brick wall,  $t_w$ ; Frame location (Interior or Exterior), I and E; and Configuration of frames, C. (refer to Fig.1.b).

The selected 1620 RC buildings were analyzed. Output data from the nonlinear analysis were used in the training process of the ANN. For this, several Feed-forward, multi-layer, back-propagation ANNs were constructed to predict the base shear over total weight (B.S/T.W) and top displacement over total height (T.D/T.H).

The available data were split into four parts. These are: a) Training set, used to determine the network weights; b) Validation set, used to estimate the network performance and decide when training should stop; c) Testing set, used to verify the effectiveness of the stopping criterion; and d) Prediction set, used to verify the effectiveness of the stopping criterion and to estimate the expected performance in the future. After careful study of the recommendations in the literature, it was decided to use 50%, 35%, 10% and 5% of the available data for training, testing, cross validation and prediction, respectively. The flow chart shown in Fig. 3 summarizes the general layout for the training process that was used in the current study. Moreover, Fig. 4 shows typical structure of ANNs used in this study.

#### 3.1 Transfer functions and normalization of data

A Sigmoid transfer function was used in this study. The equation of sigmoid function is given by

$$f(t) = \frac{1}{1 + \exp(-tn)} \tag{1}$$

where f(t) = transfer function, n = net input of neuron, t = an approximation representing the length of linear part of transfer function diagram. Data were normalized to be presented to the networks. A simple linear normalization function within the values from (0.1 to 0.9) is given by Eq. (2), (Arslan 2009 and Bakharyet al. 2007).

$$SX = 0.1 + 0.8(\frac{X - X \min}{X \max - X \min})$$
 (2)

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Where SX is the normalized value of variable X and Xmin and Xmax are the corresponding minimum and maximum values of the same variable, respectively.

## 3.2 Criteria for assessing model performance

One of the criteria used for assessing the performance of the ANNs is the coefficient of multiple determinations ( $R^2$ ). In addition, the mean square error (MSE) has also been used to assess the model performance. The equations of these criteria are as follows

$$R^{2} = 1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{o} - x_{p})^{2}}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_{0} - x_{o}^{'})^{2}}$$
(3)

$$MSE = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_o - x_p)^2}{n}$$
 (4)

Where xo is the actual value of xi with i = 1, 2, ..., n observations,  $xo' \square$  is the average of xi, xp is the predicted values of xi, and n is the total number of observations.

#### **3.3 ANNs**

## Type and architecture

In the current study, different types of neural networks were used. These are the Generalized Feed Forward (GFF), General Recurrent (GR), Multilayer Perceptron (MP) and Principal Component Analysis (PCA) networks. In each type of these networks, different learning functions have been utilized. These are the Momentum (M), Quick-propagation (Q), and the Conjugate Gradient (CG) learning functions.

Several networks with one or two hidden layers including 5 to 100 neurons per hidden layer were constructed, trained and tested such that the optimum neural network can be selected to predict the behavior of the frames. Input layer included eleven nodes representing the number of stories, Ns; first and second spans of the two bay frame, S1 and S2, respectively; dimensions of the three columns of the frame,  $t_1$ ,  $t_2$  and  $t_3$ , respectively; concrete compressive strength,  $f_{cu}$ ; area of main steel of beam,  $A_s$ ; thickness of the infill panel wall,  $t_w$ ; location of the frame, Interior, I or Exterior, E, respectively; and distribution of infill panels in the frames, C (Refer to Fig.1-b). Output layer included two nodes representing (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H).

#### 4. SELECTION OF APPROPRIATE NETWORK

Figs. 5 to 8 show the results of the MSE for base shear over total weight and top displacement over total height for different networks and different learning functions. Moreover, Table 3 shows the performance of some selected networks in terms of both MES and  $R^2$ .

It is clear that while the performance of the GFF networks is better when using two hidden layers, the performance of the GR and the MP networks is better when using only one hidden layer. For the PCA networks, comparable behavior is observed for the networks having one or two hidden layers. For GFF, GR, and MP networks, the CG learning rule gives best results while this behavior is not clear for the PCA networks. Also, increasing the number of processing elements per hidden layer does not necessarily mean better capturing of the actual performance.

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To Judge on the behavior of all networks and select the network with the best performance, one should keep in mind that the most successful network is the smallest size network that gives least errors for both target outputs not only during the training phase, but also during testing and cross validation phases. After careful study, it was found that network (MP-CG-11-15-2) which has one hidden layer containing 15 processing elements seems to be the most appropriate network for prediction of both base shear and top displacement.

Fig. 9 illustrates values of (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H) obtained using finite element method FEM against those predicted by the selected ANN (MP-CG-11-15-2). Moreover, the line of equality is plotted on each figure. It can be seen that most ANN results lye on or very close to the line of equality indicating success of the selected ANN to predict the actual behavior not only during training phase but also during testing and cross validation phases.

The sensitivity analysis technique was used for monitoring the effect of deferent variables influencing the behavior of infilled RC frames and the results are shown in Figure 10. It is clear that the number of stories of the structure NS has a major effect on the (B.S/T.W) and a more pronounced effect on the (T.D/T.H). The concrete strength,  $f_{cu}$ , has a moderate effect on both the (B.S/T.W) and the (T.D/T.H). The steel area,  $A_s$ , has also a moderate effect on the (T.D/T.H) and a less effect on the (B.S/T.W). This might be attributed to the fact that all the studied cases has area of steel equal or less than the balanced steel area which means that different steel areas essentially means different deformability of the sections rather than different carrying capacity. Finally, the distribution of infill panels within the frames has a significant effect on the results in terms of both (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H).

## 5. EFFECT OF VARIOUS PARAMETERS ON THE RESPONSE OF RC INFILLED FRAMES

To gain an insight into the effect of each parameter on the global behavior of infilled RC frames, the successful neural network (MP-CG-11-15-2) has been selected and used to estimate the response of different RC frames to variations in each parameter. Results will be presented and discussed in this section. Such results help engineers to understand the effect of each individual parameter on the general behavior of such complicated structures.

## **5.1.** Effect of Concrete Strength

The effect of concrete strength,  $f_{cu}$  has been predicted using ANNs. Figure (11) illustrates the capacity curves for concrete strength with base shear and top displacement for three, four and five story frames, with different configurations. Also, calculated values using FEM are also plotted on the same figures to examine the accuracy of the prediction of the ANN. It is observed that, in all cases the base shear increases linearly when increasing the concrete strength,  $f_{cu}$ . This is combined by a favorable behavior of more or less linear reduction of the top story displacement. This pronounced effect of concrete strength on the capacity of the frames can help the designer to significantly control the expected response. Lastly, the predictions of the ANN are observed to be in good agreement with the FE results.

The shear capacity, displacement and inter-story drift distribution over building height is compared for the case when  $f_{cu} = 27.5$  MPa and the results are shown in Fig. 12. It is clear from the figures that Configuration C1 which has no infill panels (bare frame) has the least stiffness and resistance and accordingly, exhibits very limited shear capacity. For the cases with infill panels, base shear changes dramatically with the configuration of the infill panels. For different number of stories, configurations C2 gives the highest stiffness of the buildings and accordingly, the highest shear capacity and lowest top displacement. Configuration C3 gives moderate stiffness of the buildings and hence moderate shear capacity and top displacement. Configurations C4 and C5 are characterized by

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open ground story which affects buildings' stiffness and strength distribution with height and give comparable results of both limited shear capacity combined with high top displacement and high ground story drift.

#### 5.2. Effect of Steel Ratio

The effect of steel ratio (steel area over balanced steel area) was predicted using ANN. Fig. 13 illustrate the predicted base shear and top displacement against the steel ratio for cases of three, four and five story frames.

It can be observed that the base shear significantly increased with the existence of infill panel walls. It reached its maximum when the frame is completely infilled (case C2). Moreover, cases C4 and C5 had no significant difference. While in case the bare frame, C1, exhibited the lowest base shear over weight ratio. These results confirm that, presence of infill significantly affects the lateral behavior of RC frames due to the significant increase of both stiffness and strength provided by the infill. This behavior should be taken into account during the analysis of such structures.

It is also evident that the base shear linearly increase and the top displacement linearly decrease with increasing the steel ratio for all cases of frames. This beneficial effect of the steel gives the designer another tool to control the structural response. Again the results obtained using FE analysis lie very close to the results predicted using ANN indicating success of the ANN to predict the effect of steel on the lateral behavior of the frames.

#### **5.3.** Effect of wall thickness

While many design engineers consider the infill panels as non-structural elements and take their weight into account, it has been confirmed that the presence of infills in reinforced concrete frames can substantially change the seismic response of buildings. In certain cases they may produce undesirable effects or in other cases they can produce favorable effects of increasing the seismic resistance capacity of the building. The effect of wall thickness (t<sub>w</sub>) has been investigated using the successful ANN. Figure (14) illustrates the relation between the wall thickness versus the base shear and top displacement for three, four and five story frames, with different configurations. It is evident that increasing the wall thickness results in a linear increase in the base shear for all cases. It also results in a general reduction of the top story displacement up to a thickness of 200 mm where a plateau is reached.

#### 6. CONCLUSIONS

- The performance of the GFF networks is better when using two hidden layers while the performance of the GR and the MP networks is better when using only one hidden layer.
- For the PCA networks, comparable behavior is observed for the networks having one or two hidden layers.
- For GFF, GR, and MP networks, the CG learning rule gives best results.
- Increasing the number of processing elements per hidden layer does not necessarily mean better capturing of the actual performance.
- Network (MP-CG-11-15-2) which has one hidden layer containing 15 processing elements was observed to be the most appropriate network for prediction of both base shear and top displacement.
- The number of stories of the structure NS has a major effect on the (B.S/T.W) and a more pronounced effect on the (T.D/T.H).
- The concrete strength, f<sub>cu</sub>, has a moderate effect on both the (B.S/T.W) and the (T.D/T.H).

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- The steel area,  $A_s$ , has also a moderate effect on the (T.D/T.H) and a less effect on the (B.S/T.W).
- Presence of infill significantly affects the lateral behavior of RC frames due to the significant increase of both stiffness and strength provided by the infill.
- Configuration C1 which has no infill panels (bare frame) has the least stiffness and resistance and accordingly, exhibits very limited shear capacity. Due to this limited shear capacity, the top displacements also exhibit limited values.
- Configurations C2 gives the highest stiffness of the buildings and accordingly, the highest shear capacity and lowest top displacement.
- Configuration C3 gives moderate stiffness of the buildings and hence moderate shear capacity and top displacement.
- Configurations C4 and C5 are characterized by open ground story which affects buildings' stiffness and strength distribution with height and give comparable results of both limited shear capacity combined with high top displacement.
- The base shear increases linearly when increasing the concrete strength, f<sub>cu</sub>. This is combined by a favorable behavior of more or less linear reduction of the top story displacement.
- The base shear linearly increase and the top displacement linearly decrease with increasing the steel ratio for all cases of frames.
- Increasing the wall thickness results in a linear increase in the base shear for all cases. It also results in a general reduction of the top story displacement up to a thickness of 200 mm where a plateau is reached.

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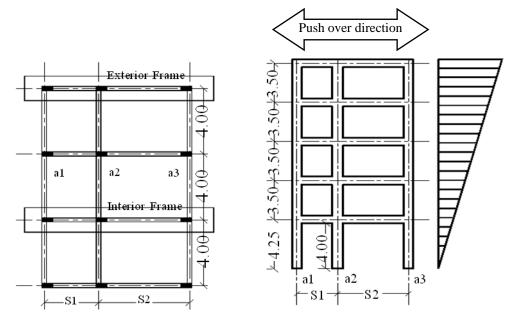
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Frames location

Applied load

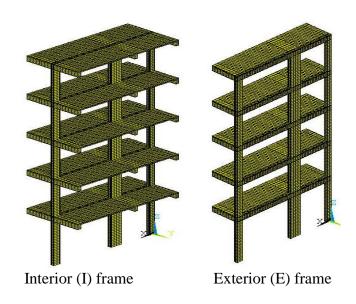


Fig. 1.a Frames location, Finite element mesh and loading



Fig.1.b Distribution of infill panels within the frames

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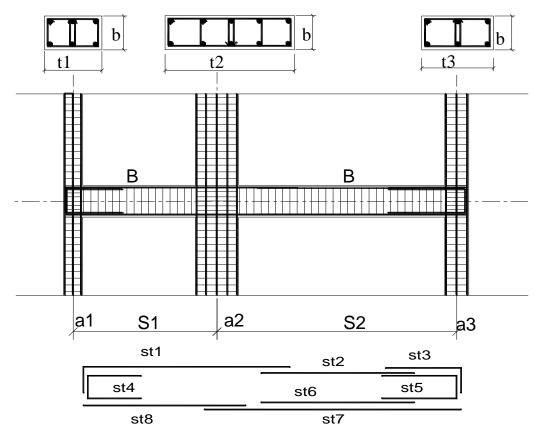


Fig. 2 Typical reinforcement details of frames

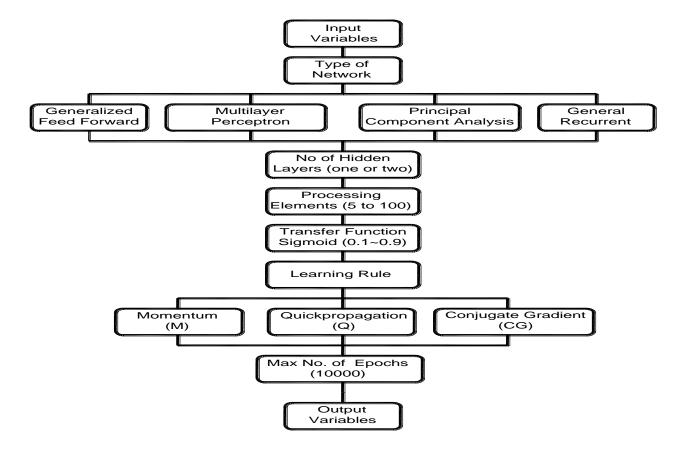


Fig. 3 Flow chart of ANN learning technique

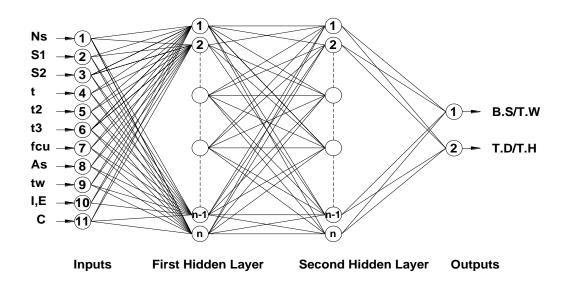


Fig. 4 Network consisting of an input layer, hidden layers, and output layer

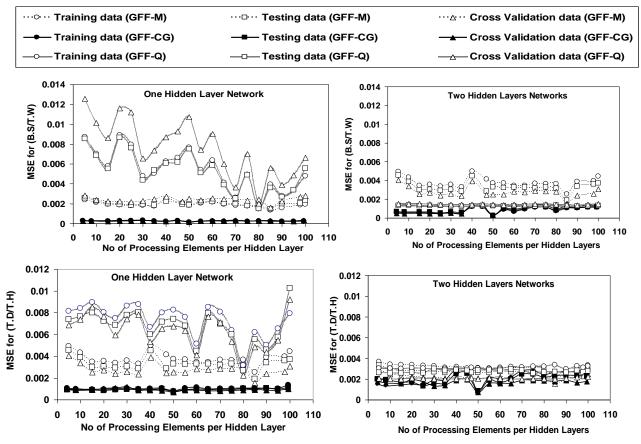


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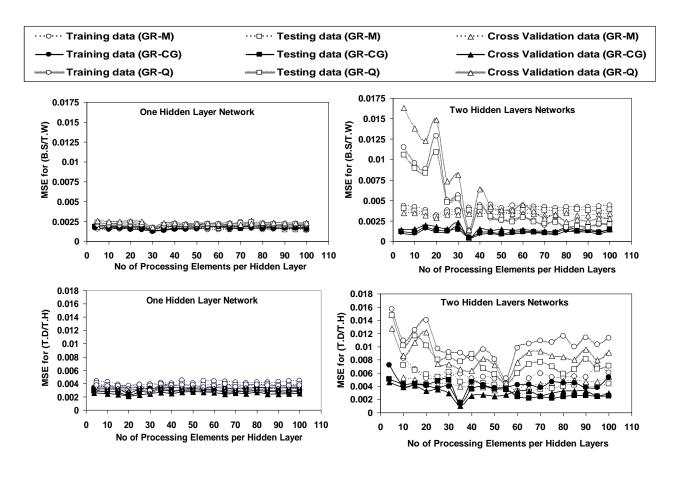
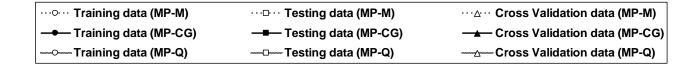
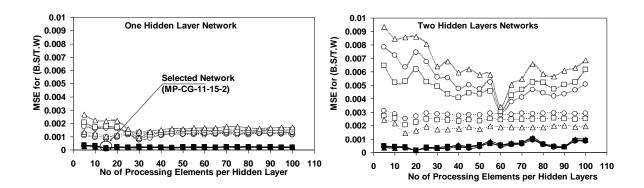


Fig. (6) General Recurrent Networks (GR).





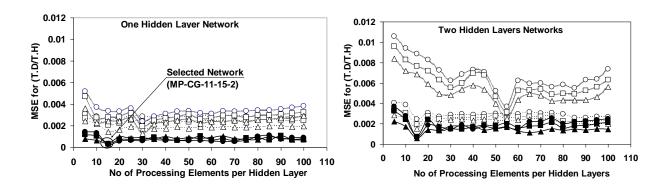


Fig. (7) Multilayer Perceptron Networks (MP).

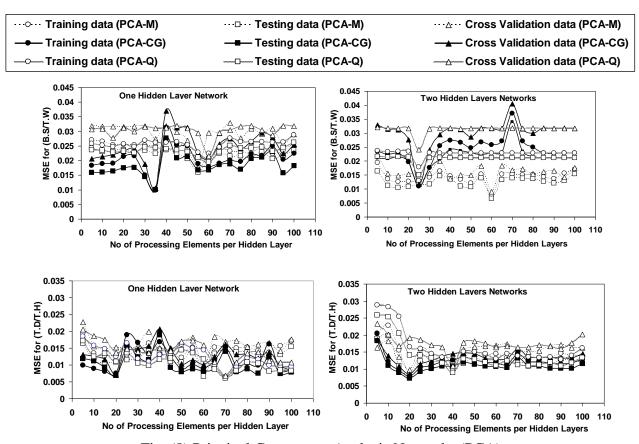
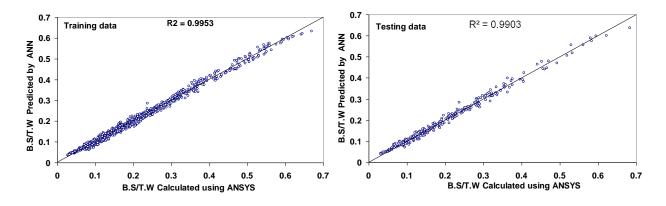


Fig. (8) Principal Component Analysis Networks (PCA)



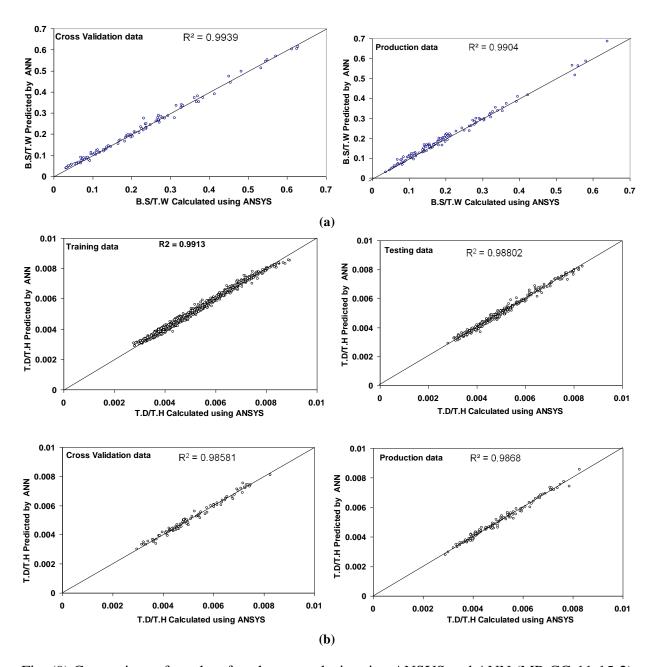


Fig. (9) Comparison of results of pushover analysis using ANSYS and ANN (MP-CG-11-15-2) for: a) B.S/T.W; b) T.D/T.H

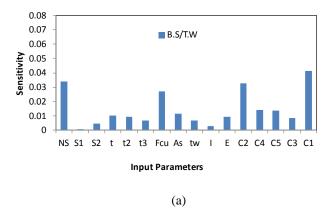


Fig. (10) Sensitivity of (MP-CG-11-15-2)network to input parameters for: a) B.S/T.W; b) T.D/T.H 101

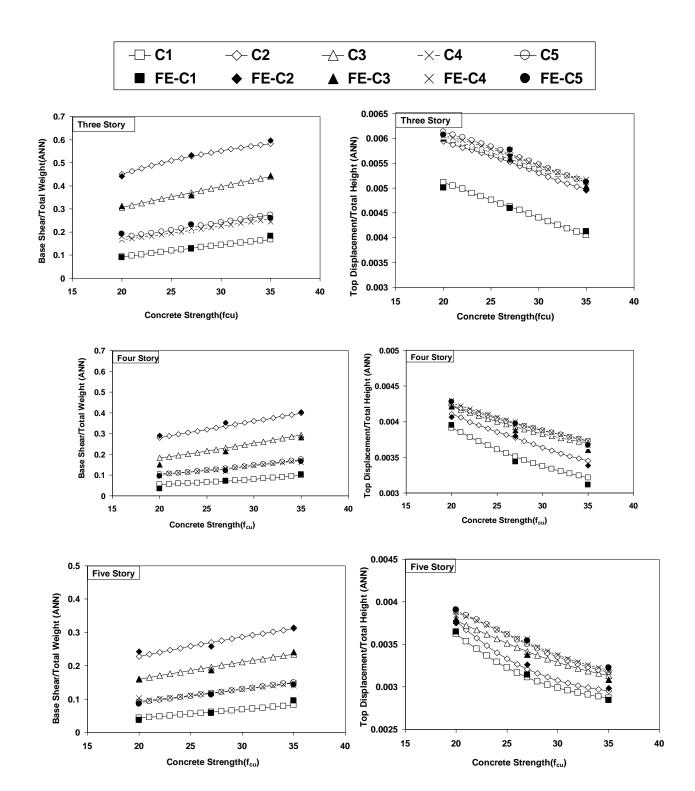
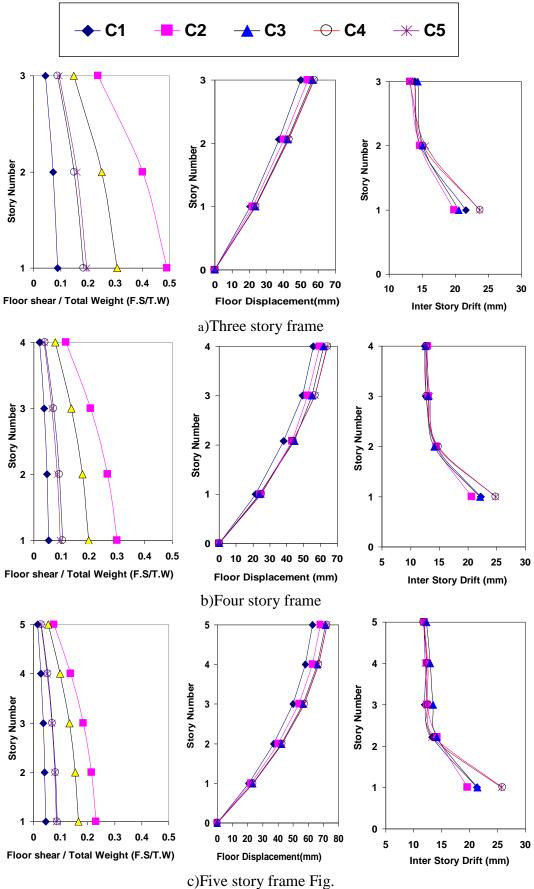


Fig.(11). Effect of Concrete Strength ( $f_{cu}$ ) on (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H)



(12) Results of pushover analysis for different frames for f<sub>cu</sub>=27.5 MPa

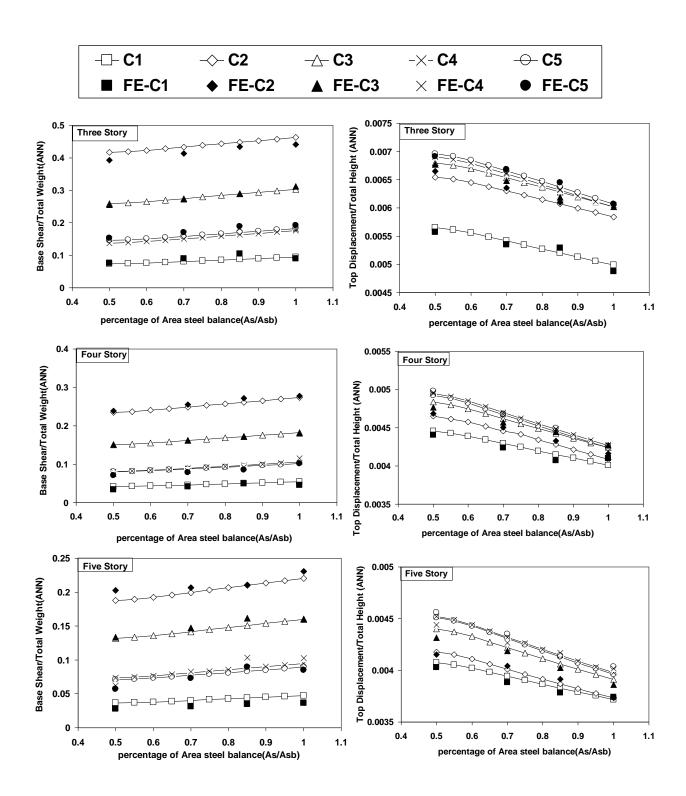


Fig.(13). Effect Area of steel (AS) on (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H)

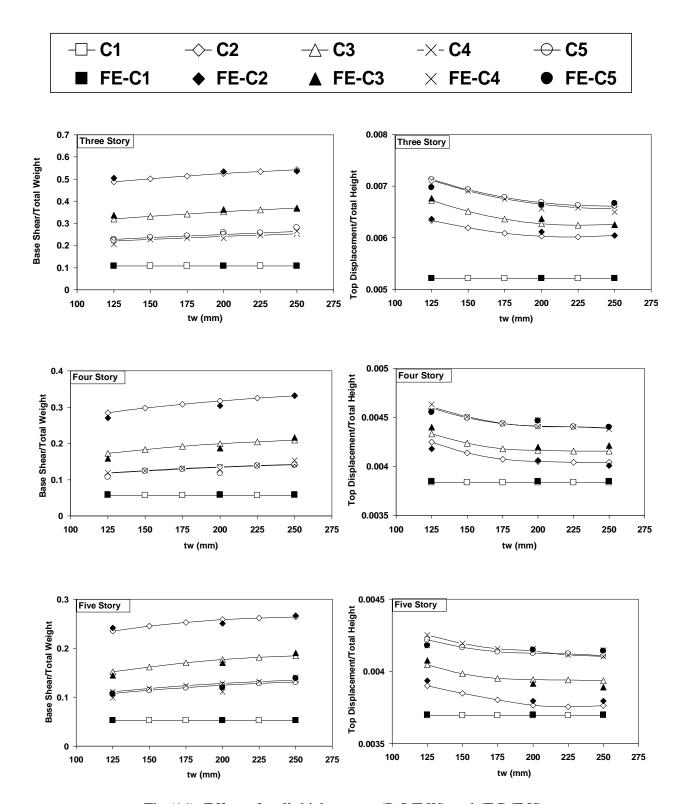


Fig.(14). Effect of wall thickness on (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H)

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Table 1. ANN Input parameters

parameter	Definition	Range
Ns	Number of stories	3, 4, 5
S1	Short span	3.0, 3.5, 4.0 m
S2	Long span	5.0, 6.0, 7.0 m
t	Height of beam	0.5, 0.6, 0.7 m
t2	Thickness of column 2	0.9, 1.0, 1.1 m
t3	Thickness of column 3	0.5, 0.6, 0.7 m
$f_{cu}$	Strength of concrete	20, 27.5, 35 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
$A_s$	Percentage of Area of steel / balanced steel	0.5, 0.7, 1.0 *
$t_{\rm w}$	Width of brick wall	0.125,0.25 m
I,E	Frame location (Interior or Exterior)	I and E
C	Configuration of frames (Fig.1.b)	C1,C2,C3,C4,C5

<sup>\*</sup>For training phase only and not for practical applications

Table2. Dimensions and Reinforcement of different cases

	Paramet er	Case1 (S1=3m,S2=5m)			Case2 (S1=3.5m,S2=6m)			Case3 (S1=4m,S2=7m)			
Element		Dimens	sion,	Rft	Dime	nsion,	Rft	Dime	nsion,	Rft	Gri
		m			m			m			Stirrups
		b	t		b	t		b	t		
Columns	a1	0.25	0.40	6 ¢ 16	0.25	0.40	6 ф 16	0.25	0.40	6 ф 16	□ 8 @ 15 cm
	a2	0.25	0.90	10 ¢ 16	0.25	1.00	10 φ 18	0.25	1.10	10 ¢ 20	□ 8 @ 15 cm
	a3	0.25	0.50	6 ¢ 16	0.25	0.60	6 ф 16	0.25	0.70	8 <b>φ</b> 14	□ 8 @ 15 cm
Beams	St1	0.25	0.50	3 \phi 22	0.25	0.60	3 \phi 25	0.25	0.70	6 \ \ 28	
				+3 \ 25			+3 \phi 28			'	□ 8 @ 15 cm
	St2			3 \phi 16			3 \phi 18			3 \phi 18	
	St3			3 \phi 16			3 \phi 18			3φ 18	
	St4			2 \phi 16			2 \phi 16			2 \phi 16	
	St5			2 \phi 16			2 \phi 16			2 \phi 16	
	St6			3 \phi 22			3 \phi 25			3 \phi 28	
	St7			3 \phi 25			3 \phi 28			3 \phi 28	
	St8			2 \phi 12			2 φ 12			2 \phi 12	

Table 3. Performance of different back-propagation Neural Network for (B.S/T.W) and (T.D/T.H)

	NO. of			3.505		D2 0/			
	neurons		MSE			R <sup>2</sup> %			
Back	per	ANINI	m		Cross	m		G	
Propagatio	hidden	ANN	Trainin	TD4*	validatio	Trainin	TD4*	Cross	
n Methods	layer	Structure	g	Testing B.S/T.W)	n	g	Testing	validation	
		_			1	1	1	1	
GFF-CG	50	11-50-2	0.00016	0.00018	0.00019	99.165	99.120	99.200	
GFF-CG	50	11-50-50-2	0.00025	0.00028	0.00031	98.933	98.645	99.022	
GFF-M	85	11-85-2	0.00137	0.00146	0.00161	94.910	94.140	95.559	
GFF-M	85	11-85-85-2	0.00116	0.00120	0.00130	95.730	95.130	96.319	
GFF-Q	80	11-80-2	0.00148	0.00153	0.00201	94.180	93.188	95.136	
GFF-Q	80	11-80-80-2	0.00126	0.00135	0.00146	94.610	93.761	95.734	
GR-CG	30	11-30-2	0.00127	0.00138	0.00149	94.696	93.688	95.697	
GR-CG	35	11-35-35-2	0.00045	0.00048	0.00045	98.125	97.788	98.702	
GR-M	30	11-30-2	0.00122	0.00135	0.00145	93.544	92.770	93.110	
GR-M	40	11-40-40-2	0.00111	0.00122	0.00146	95.800	95.540	96.133	
GR-Q	30	11-30-2	0.00165	0.00170	0.00181	93.047	92.187	93.803	
GR-Q	35	11-35-35-2	0.00115	0.00121	0.00145	95.258	94.454	96.292	
MP-CG	15	11-15-2	0.00012	0.00014	0.00016	99.534	99.368	99.580	
MP-CG	20	11-20-20-2	0.00015	0.00017	0.00019	99.373	99.225	99.483	
MP-M	15	11-15-2	0.00084	0.00092	0.00103	96.480	95.698	97.252	
MP-M	20	11-20-20-2	0.00086	0.00096	0.00107	96.690	96.090	97.215	
MP-Q	30	11-30-2	0.00075	0.00082	0.00091	96.875	96.184	97.584	
MP-Q	60	11-60-60-2	0.00302	0.00305	0.00340	90.585	88.892	92.576	
PCA-CG	35	11-35-2	0.00982	0.01010	0.01060	58.494	59.300	59.829	
PCA-CG	25	11-25-25-2	0.01095	0.01071	0.01180	53.715	50.634	56.371	
PCA-M	55	11-55-2	0.01700	0.01597	0.01770	29.300	29.300	30.882	
PCA-M	40	11-40-40-2	0.01259	0.01226	0.01370	53.400	48.600	44.600	
PCA-Q	60	11-60-2	0.02051	0.01938	0.02160	57.100	52.400	50.000	
PCA-Q	25	11-25-25-2	0.01790	0.01500	0.02410	56.700	58.000	54.500	
		1		T.D/T.H)					
GFF-CG	50	11-50-2	0.00081	0.00074	0.00068	95.200	95.050	95.380	
GFF-CG	50	11-50-50-2	0.00096	0.00086	0.00074	95.980	96.520	96.935	
GFF-M	85	11-85-2	0.00254	0.00190	0.00155	90.520	91.100	91.457	
GFF-M	85	11-85-85-2	0.00218	0.00183	0.00157	91.310	92.010	92.490	
GFF-Q	80	11-80-2	0.00317	0.00269	0.00223	88.909	90.187	91.290	
GFF-Q	80	11-80-80-2	0.00321	0.00265	0.00202	89.170	89.640	91.170	
GR-CG	20	11-20-2	0.00306	0.00244	0.00208	89.097	90.046	91.452	
GR-CG	35	11-35-35-2	0.00158	0.00142	0.00103	94.363	94.685	95.719	
GR-M	20	11-20-2	0.00317	0.00302	0.00284	87.520	88.010	88.594	
GR-M	60	11-60-60-2	0.00330	0.00255	0.00270	87.980	88.600	89.200	
GR-Q	30	11-30-2	0.00285	0.00266	0.00250	86.240	86.800	87.420	
GR-Q	55	11-55-55-2	0.00520	0.00432	0.00449	87.000	88.770	88.896	
MP-CG	15	11-15-2	0.00024	0.00032	0.00034	99.138	98.802	98.581	
MP-CG	15	11-15-15-2	0.00071	0.00072	0.00058	97.461	97.940	97.649	
MP-M	15	11-15-2	0.00252	0.00206	0.00143	91.020	92.302	94.235	
MP-M	15	11-15-15-2	0.00244	0.00192	0.00155	91.301	92.845	94.689	
MP-Q	30	11-30-2	0.00238	0.00193	0.00127	91.531	92.809	94.889	
MP-Q	55	11-55-55-2	0.00367	0.00313	0.00252	83.100	86.000	89.100	
PCA-CG	20	11-20-2	0.00748	0.00682	0.00707	73.260	74.491	70.721	
PCA-CG	20	11-20-20-2	0.00792	0.00722	0.00856	71.705	73.198	69.500	
PCA-M	60	11-60-2	0.00787	0.00666	0.00900	73.700	75.206	71.300	
PCA-M	20	11-20-20-2	0.00887	0.00792	0.00980	68.295	70.455	65.300	
PCA-Q	70	11-70-2	0.00646	0.00609	0.00684	74.623	77.235	74.600	
PCA-Q	40	11-40-40-2	0.01004	0.00892	0.03174	78.500	75.000	76.000	

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#### List of Abbreviation

ANNs Artificial neural networks RC Reinforced Concrete

 $\begin{array}{ll} t_w & masonry \ walls \ with \ thickness \\ E_s & Steel \ modulus \ of \ elasticity \\ F_{cu} & compressive \ strength \ of \ concrete \\ F_{tu} & ultimate \ tensile \ strength \ of \ steel \end{array}$ 

 $\begin{array}{lll} \upsilon & Poisson's \ ratio \\ f_{sy} & yield \ strength \ of \ steel \\ (B.S/T.W) & base \ shear \ over \ total \ weight \\ (T.D/T.H). & top \ displacement \ over \ total \ height \end{array}$ 

f(t) Transfer function SX The normalized value

 $R^2$  coefficient of multiple determinations

MSE the mean square error

GFF Generalized Feed Forward network
GR General Recurrent network

MP General Recurrent network
Multilayer Perceptron network

PCA Principal Component Analysis network

M Momentum learning functions.

Q Quick-propagation learning functions. CG Conjugate Gradient learning functions.

(FE) finite element