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Site Wind Energy Appraisal Function for Future Egyptian Homes

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SUMMARY

Wind energy systems are ideally suited for distributed generation systems especially in Egypt to solve the energy problem in future homes. This paper proposes identification and estimation of wind energy in Egypt to present a simple method for the calculation and appraisal of the wind energy potential available in Egypt. This is done based on real data from many stations in Egypt with the aid of Artificial Neural Network (ANN). The Neural Network is created and trained by the data of many wind energy stations in Egypt like: Sallum, Sidi Barrani, El Dabaa, Dekheila, Alexandria, Balteam, Damietta, Port Said, and El Arish stations; then checked and tested for Marsa Matroh and Hergada stations to show its validity. The neural network' inputs are: Latitude, Longitude, Elevation and Month; the output is the monthly wind speed. This Simulink Model (GUI) or the algebraic equations could be used directly without the need of Network training every time. ANN model is created with suitable numbers of layers and neurons, which trained, simulated, and checked with excellent regression constant. This neural model has the ability to predict values in – between learning values, also make interpolation between learning curves data. The validity of the model is achieved from comparison between target and output and model excellent regression factor. This work aims to identify good sites in Egypt for new wind turbine installations and predict for other sites too to help in designing wind family homes. All results and simulations data are well depicted in the form of 3D figures.

KEYWORDS

Wind energy, Egypt homes, estimation, site stations and Artificial Neural Network (ANN).

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INTRODUCTION

Wind energy generation has attracted much interest in the last few years in modeling and control for hybrid systems [1-5]. It is estimated that their indirect carbon dioxide emissions are paid back within nine months of operation for offshore turbines [6]. Solving the mathematical models is a tedious and repetitive problem [7]. To tackle the mathematical problems (forward and backward streams), several researchers have developed different methods, techniques, and computer programs for the simulation of a very wide range of variety of wind turbines. Jafarian [8] uses fuzzy modeling techniques and Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) to estimate annual energy output for wind turbines in different regions. Vinay [9] presents a comparative study of various methods of mathematical modeling of wind turbines, with reference to three commercially available wind turbines, with the help of an algorithm developed. S. Bououden [10] used fuzzy model based multivariable predictive control of wind turbine generator. In the same way of modeling technique, the different approaches to structural modeling of wind turbines are addressed by Hansen [11]. The placement of wind turbines in wind farm has been resolved with a new coding and also a novel objective function in Genetic algorithm approach by Emami [12]. Also A. Kusiak and Z. Song [13] presented a model for wind turbine placement based on the wind distribution to maximize the wind energy capture. Isam [14] investigated the aerodynamic flow simulation of wind turbine. Lubov [15] investigated the wind flow deformation inside the wind farm. Ekonomou [16] estimated the optimal number and power produced in the wind farm by the use of ANN model. Fouad Kamel [17], Investigated a small locally produced windmill for electric power generation as a model for small industry. N. G. Mortenson et al. [18], Studied the wind atlas for the Gulf of Suez, Arab Republic of Egypt. H. K. Ahmed et al. [19], Studied the utilization of wind energy in Egypt in remote areas. The study based on three coastal and remote desert areas. M. N. El-Kordy et al. [20], Studied the economical evaluation of electricity generation considering externalities. A full analysis for the cost of the kWh of electricity generated from different systems actually used in Egypt is presented. A. S. Ahmed Shata and R. Hanitsch [21], Studied the evaluation of wind energy potential and electricity generation at the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in Egypt. A. S. Ahmed Shata and R. Hanitsch [22], The potential of electricity generation at the east coast of Red Sea in Egypt was studied. A. S. Ahmed Shata and R. Hanitsch [23, 25], Studied the application of electricity generation along the western coast of Mediterranean Sea in Egypt. A. S. Ahmed Shata and R. Hanitsch [24], Studied the electricity generation and wind potential assessment at Hurghada, Egypt. In this paper; ANN algorithm is used to deduce Wind Energy Appraisal Function based on Site information from various Egyptian wind stations. A simple method for the calculation and estimation of the wind energy potential available in Egypt is presented with the aid of Artificial Neural Network (ANN). The Neural Network is created and trained by the data from: Sallum, Sidi Barrani, El Dabaa, Dekheila, Alexandria, Balteam, Damietta, Port Said, and El Arish stations; then checked and tested for Marsa Matroh and Hergada stations to show its validity.

WIND ENERGY POTENTIAL IN EGYPT

This data analysis [21-31] will help to identify good sites for new wind turbine installations at the selected sites in Egypt. Egypt occupies a geographical zone between 220 and 320N latitude and 250 and 360E longitude. The Egyptian area is about 998,000 km², only 3.5% of it can be said to be permanently settled, while the remainder being desert. The orography of the region has an important role in accelerating and deflecting the wind as shown in fig. 1.

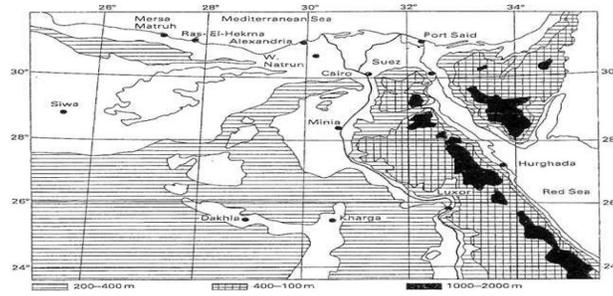


Fig. 1. Orography of the Egyptian Region (obtained from Ref. [26]) [31].

Fig. 2. shows the location of 10 chosen stations along the coast of Mediterranean Sea zone in Egypt. The present study is based on measurements of monthly wind speed, air temperature and air pressure data were taken at a height of 10 m above ground level, in open areas and over roughness class 0 (water). The Egyptian Meteorological Authority provided the data for a period of more than 10 years.

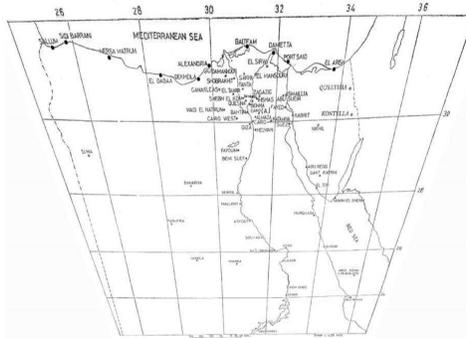


Fig. 2. Distribution of meteorological stations over Egypt [31].

The analysis of this region showed that the typical features of Mediterranean coasts are strong winds aloft or strong thermal/pressure gradients [27]. The Mediterranean zone is characterised by a wide flat coastal area along the sea and existence of Maryout plateau in the northwest area [28]. Fig. 3. illustrates the monthly mean of wind speed for all stations. It clear from the figure that the Mediterranean zone is windy. The wind speed has a maximum value of 6.3 m/s at Mersa Matruh in March, and a minimum value of 2.0 m/s at El Arish in October. This zone characterized by sea-land winds. Also from Fig. (3-3), it can be taken that high wind speeds occur in the winter and spring seasons. This may be a result of the Mediterranean Sea secondary depressions [29].

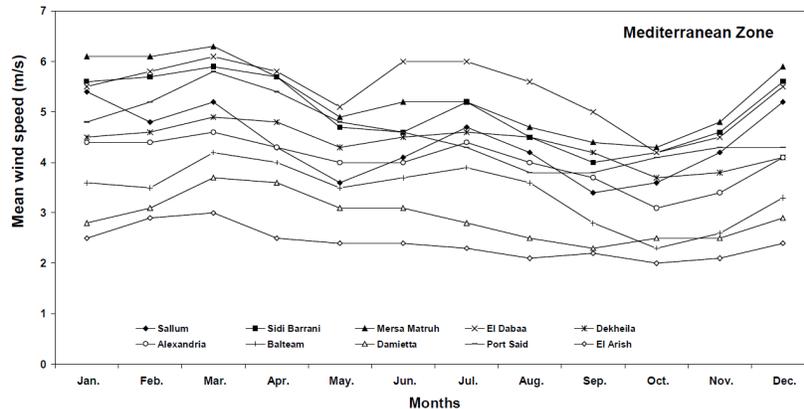


Fig. 3. Monthly variation of wind speeds of the year for selected stations [31].

Mean monthly wind speeds for different seasons of the year are plotted in Fig. 4. During *winter season*, the wind speed level at three stations Sidi Barrani, Mersa Matruh and El Dabaa reaches high values of 5.5–6.1 m/s. The maximum mean wind speed occurs at Mersa Matruh during January and February with 6.1 m/s. In *spring season*, four stations (Sidi Barrani, Mersa Matruh, El Dabaa and Port Said) have high values of wind speed 4.8–6.1 m/s, where the maximum value is recorded in Mersa Matruh with 6.3 m/s during March. In *summer season*, the wind speed level reaches 6.0 m/s at El Dabaa during June and July. For *autumn season*, the maximum mean wind speed is recorded as 5.0 m/s at El Dabaa.

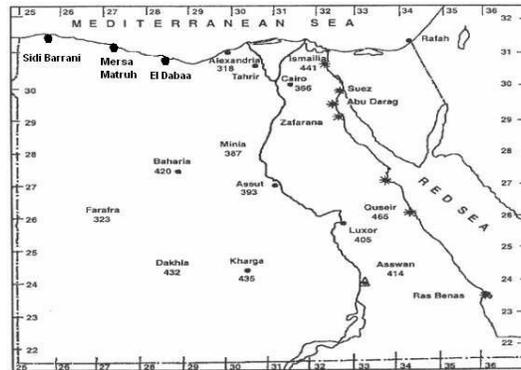


Fig. 4. Distribution of some meteorological stations over Egypt [31].

It can be taken that high wind speeds occur in the winter and spring seasons. This may be due to the Mediterranean Sea secondary depression [29]. During *winter season*, the wind speed level at the three stations reaches high values of 5.5–6.1 m/s. The maximum mean wind speed occurs at Mersa Matruh during January and February with 6.1 m/s. In *spring season*, the three sites have high values of wind speed 4.8–6.1 m/s, where the maximum value is recorded in Mersa Matruh with 6.3 m/s during March. During *summer season*, the wind speed level reaches 6.0 m/s at El Dabaa during June and July. For *autumn season*, the maximum mean wind speed is recorded as 5.0 m/s at El Dabaa in September. Deserts have a number of characteristics that make them almost ideal for wind energy applications: the pressure on the land is low, access is easy, and construction work is relatively simple. Furthermore, the surface roughness tends to be done low and uniform, so siting of wind turbines can be done primarily with optimization of the energy production—and minimization of cost—in mind. Large desert regions exist with a very promising wind potential. One region with these features is the coast along the Red Sea in Egypt [18]. Fig. 5. shows the locations of these seven stations along Red Sea zone in Egypt. The period of observations that was used equal more than 10 years except two stations (Abu Darag and Zafarana), 5 years. Data was obtained from the Egyptian Meteorological Authority and New & Renewable Energy Authority in Egypt.

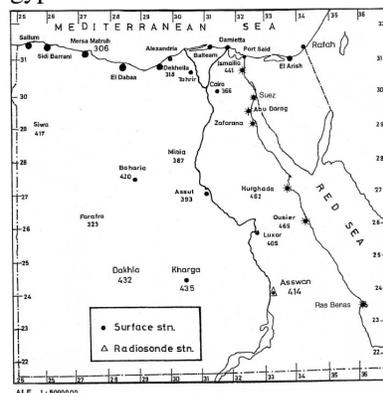


Fig. 5. Distribution of some meteorological stations over Egypt [30], [31].

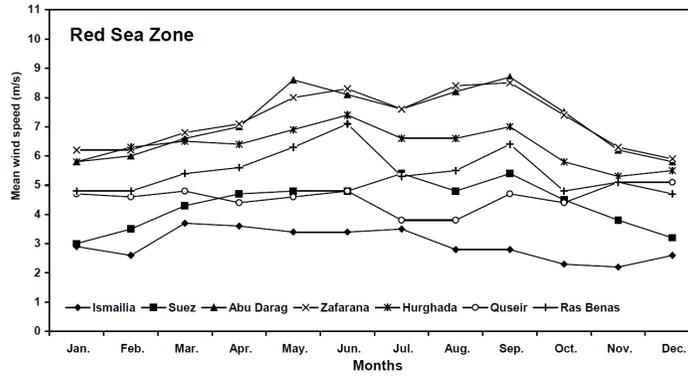


Fig. 6. Monthly variation of wind speeds of the year for selected stations [31].

ANN WIND ESTIMATION FUNCTION

The wind regression model is performed by the ANN method illustrated and validated in [32-42] is presented in this section. Based on the available data units; the hidden layer would be a 37 neurons and the output layer would be one neurons. The neural network' inputs are: Latitude, Longitude, Elevation and Month; the output is the monthly wind speed. The configuration here is a general approximator to any function with a log-sigmoid function in the hidden layer and pure-line for output layer. Number of neurons in output layer have to be the same as the output variables number. Number of neurons in hidden layer is selected by inspection or by try and error until reaching the desired performance goal, accuracy, minimum error with little time for training and with low number of neurons as possible. This Simulink Model (GUI) or the algebraic equations could be used directly without the need of Network training every time. ANN model is created with suitable numbers of layers and neurons, which trained, simulated, and checked with excellent regression constant.

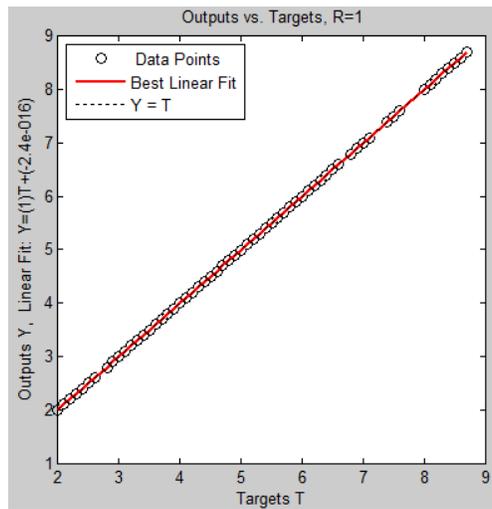


Fig. 7. Output VS Target for ANN Model training data

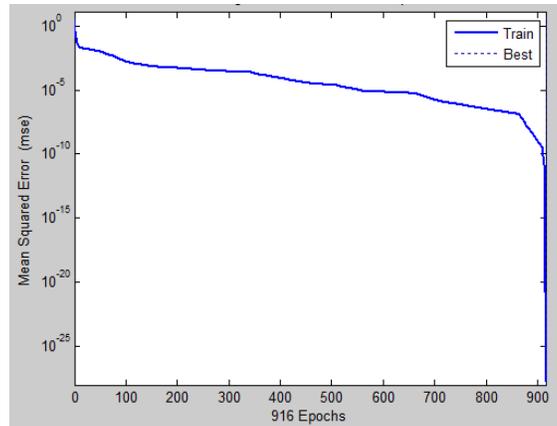


Fig. 8. Performance for the Model

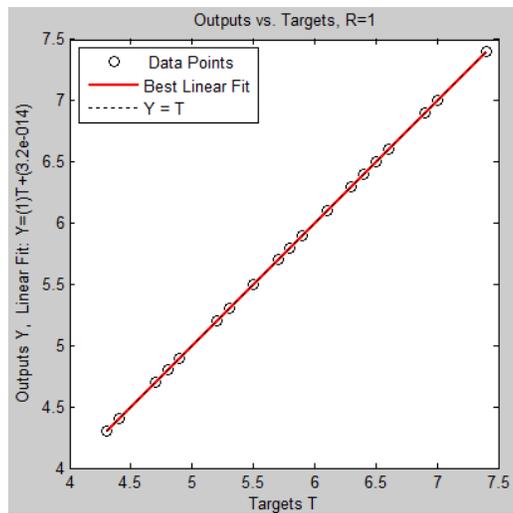


Fig. 9. Output VS Target for ANN Model testing data

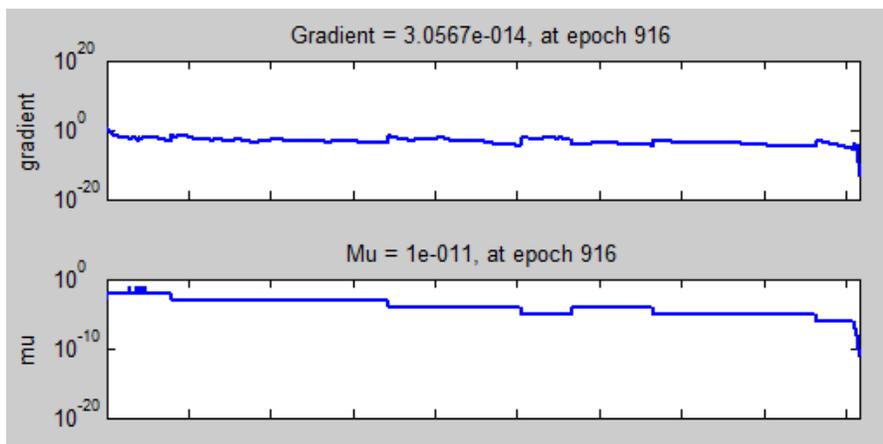


Fig. 10. Training state

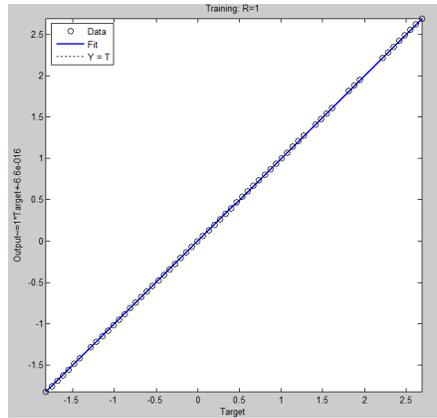


Fig. 11. Regression (R=1) for ANN Model

The ANN Regression equations are presented as follows:

$$\text{Latitude}_n = (\text{Latitude} - 29.7929) / 2.1699 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Longitude}_n = (\text{Longitude} - 30.8935) / 2.8941 \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Elevation}_n = (\text{Elevation} - 8.9588) / 9.1365 \quad (3)$$

$$\text{Month}_n = (\text{Month} - 6.5000) / 3.4605 \quad (4)$$

The previous Equations present the normalized inputs (subscript n denotes normalized variable):

$$E = \begin{bmatrix} 0.6396 & 1.7471 & -0.6547 & 10.7274 & & 13.8405 \\ 3.8388 & 1.8295 & -0.2010 & 8.1984 & & -13.1492 \\ -0.0014 & 1.6007 & -1.7180 & 4.4499 & & 6.1709 \\ 0.6574 & 15.7247 & -0.6711 & -14.5684 & & -23.2526 \\ 3.9752 & 8.4089 & -1.0063 & -5.0979 & & -9.2339 \\ -4.3993 & 5.5209 & -7.3705 & -13.8017 & & 18.2249 \\ -1.4445 & -3.4076 & 0.2363 & 13.9397 & & -12.9798 \\ -3.2226 & 4.3336 & 6.9290 & 4.9608 & & 3.4329 \\ -1.6385 & -6.8753 & -0.4421 & -0.0521 & & 3.1377 \\ 1.9207 & -12.0107 & 3.2032 & -0.7662 & & 6.4560 \\ 2.5774 & 9.2207 & 5.4978 & -1.7696 & & -3.8536 \\ 14.6010 & 7.7009 & 0.3930 & -10.8569 & & 4.8699 \\ -1.0794 & 0.4928 & 1.2320 & 2.4442 & & 0.5142 \\ 11.4851 & 7.1752 & 13.0946 & -6.8885 & & 9.1335 \\ 2.3234 & -2.1758 & -4.4652 & -3.3138 & & -2.6794 \\ 2.7262 & -1.1075 & -1.9147 & 9.1774 & & 3.0427 \\ -0.3619 & 6.0620 & 3.6032 & 5.3536 & & -2.0523 \\ 4.1085 & -0.9830 & -1.7143 & 11.8227 & & 3.7346 \\ 8.2118 & -1.6681 & 6.6795 & -14.8795 & & 17.8160 \\ -24.4035 & 2.6200 & 7.9527 & -12.5354 & & -19.4547 \\ 0.9567 & 10.4662 & -0.2216 & 1.7240 & & -10.4799 \\ 14.7541 & 3.8684 & 13.7256 & -0.4884 & & 1.8920 \\ -0.5210 & -4.3984 & -2.8106 & -3.9145 & & 2.0945 \\ -4.0715 & 1.3964 & -0.7247 & -6.6795 & & -7.2365 \\ -2.0625 & 2.4753 & 6.6938 & 6.8036 & & -3.9351 \\ 2.0076 & -0.9915 & 4.0430 & -3.7045 & & -13.8135 \\ -8.5372 & -0.7810 & -13.3020 & 10.5343 & & -25.0362 \\ -4.4550 & -0.2966 & -1.9832 & 6.5876 & & -5.3209 \\ -6.1481 & 7.5041 & -2.1220 & -5.2759 & & -12.7860 \\ -3.8167 & -0.8801 & -1.1000 & 4.8134 & & -4.8994 \\ -2.3042 & -4.2086 & -3.7192 & 6.9408 & & -9.4211 \\ 4.3253 & 2.8406 & 1.1728 & 11.4908 & & -18.2145 \\ 3.8204 & -0.2882 & 3.5823 & 2.7588 & & 5.7881 \\ -6.6415 & -0.5181 & -2.1048 & 5.3027 & & -15.3119 \\ 0.1600 & 4.2205 & 2.9439 & -8.4838 & & 19.2701 \\ 0.7797 & 2.2422 & 9.3573 & -12.9151 & & -30.0884 \\ -8.0808 & -4.0563 & -11.8823 & 8.2312 & & -19.5553 \end{bmatrix}$$

Latitude_n
Longitude_n
Elevation_n
Month_n

(5)

$$F_{1:33} = 1 / (1 + \exp(-E_{1:33})) \quad (6)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Windspeed}_n = & 3.6139 F_1 + 21.9593 F_2 - 11.7991 F_3 + 1.3770 F_4 + 1.1708 F_5 + 2.8611 F_6 - 0.6264 F_7 \\ & + 16.8955 F_8 + 19.8342 F_9 - 16.7641 F_{10} + 13.4811 F_{11} - 3.7711 F_{12} + 14.4935 F_{13} - 4.4601 F_{14} + \\ & 28.6591 F_{15} + 5.4886 F_{16} - 13.6707 F_{17} - 4.0305 F_{18} + 8.1823 F_{19} + 4.2012 F_{20} - 13.0403 F_{21} + \\ & 10.3183 F_{22} - 13.0129 F_{23} - 9.8727 F_{24} - 6.2241 F_{25} - 13.3637 F_{26} - 12.7769 F_{27} - 11.0904 F_{28} - \\ & 13.7870 F_{29} + 20.2839 F_{30} - 6.8401 F_{31} - 12.6040 F_{32} - 20.6121 F_{33} + 17.7477 F_{34} + 9.0585 F_{35} + \\ & 5.5217 F_{36} + 8.1274 F_{37} - 10.1474 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

The un-normalized out put

$$\text{Windspeed} = 1.4859 \text{ Windspeed}_n + 4.7064 \quad (8)$$

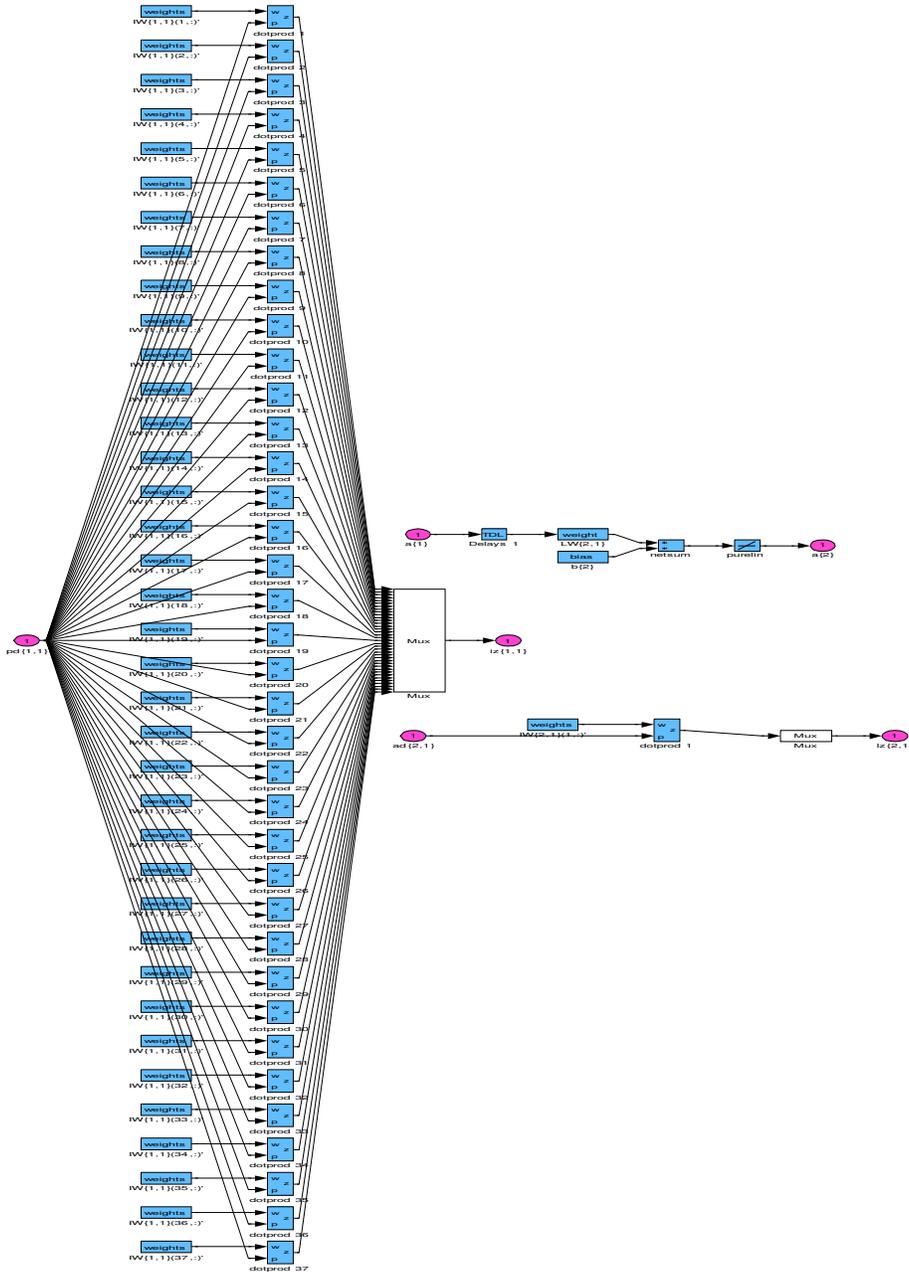


Fig. 12. ANN Model with its layers, neurons, weights, and structures.

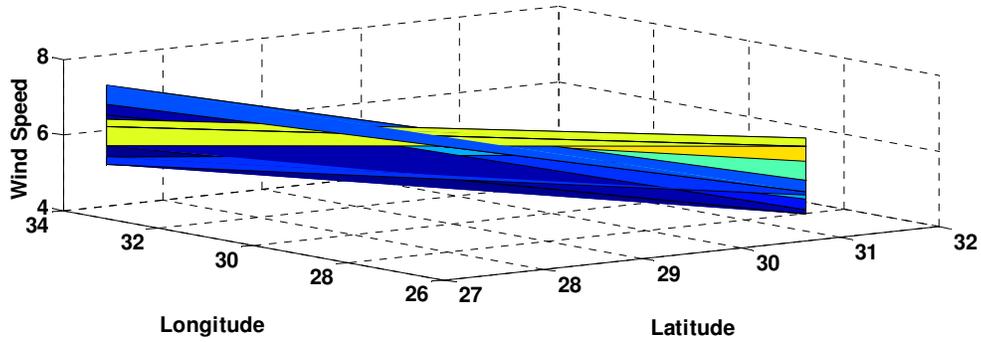


Fig. 13. 3D relation for Wind Speed, Longitude with Latitude for testing data

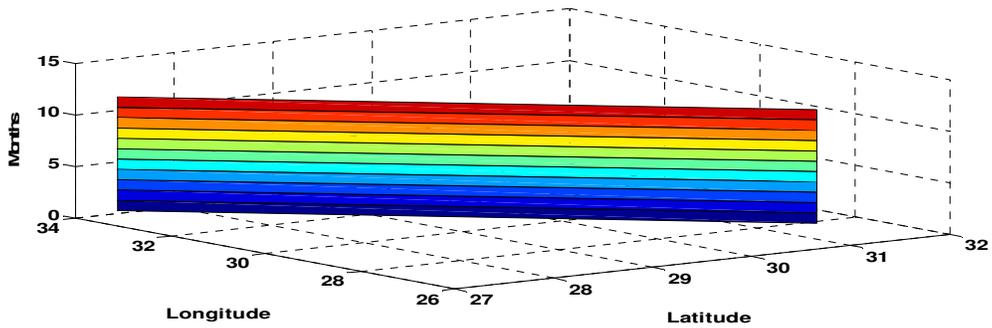


Fig. 14. 3D relation for Months, Longitude with Latitude for testing data

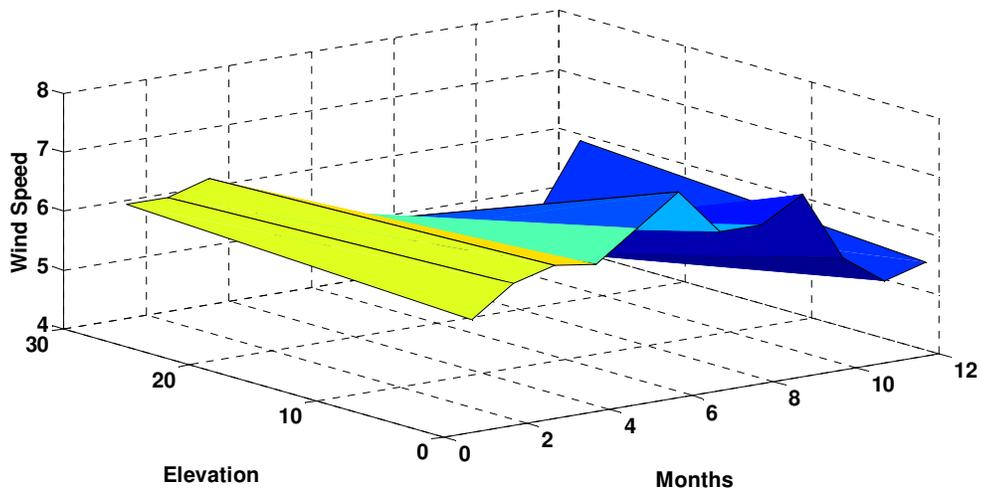


Fig. 15. 3D relation for Wind speed, Elevation with Months for testing data

CONCLUSIONS

The ANN regression function is introduced to be used directly without operating the neural model each time. Results reveal that the actual data are matched with the model data results. The models have many features such as: Easy model construction; Covering a wide range; Easy of combination with other technologies; Ease of converting the model codes into C++ or Visual Basic software programming; and The developed model is very easy to be used instead of the using the complicated

equations. The neural networks units are implemented, using the back propagation (BP) learning algorithm due to its benefits to have the ability to predict values in – between learning values, also make interpolation between learning curves data. This is done with suitable number of network layers and neurons at minimum error and precise manner. Number of neurons and layers are selected to give more accuracy to the model with back- propagation technique with two layers one hidden layer and the other output layer. This configuration is considered to be as a general approximator to any function with a log-sigmoid function in the hidden layer and pure- line for output layer. Number of neurons in output layer has to be the same as the output variables number. Number of neurons in hidden layer is selected by inspection or by try and error until reaching the desired performance goal, accuracy, minimum error with little time for training and with low number of neurons as possible with the aid of MATLAB, and toolbox. Identification and estimation of wind energy in Egypt is proposed to present a simple method for the calculation and appraisal of the wind energy potential available in Egypt. This is done based on real data from many stations in Egypt with the aid of Artificial Neural Network (ANN) to help in future wind energy family homes. The Neural Network is created and trained by the data of many wind energy stations in Egypt like: Sallum, Sidi Barrani, El Dabaa, Dekheila, Alexandria, Balteam, Damietta, Port Said, and El Arish stations; then checked and tested for Marsa Matroh and Hergada stations to show its validity. The neural network' inputs are: Latitude, Longitude, Elevation and Month; the output is the monthly wind speed.

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