

Predicting the Coefficients of the Daubert and Danner Correlation Using a Neural Network Model

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ABSTRACT

In the present research, three different architectures were investigated to predict the coefficients of the Daubert and Danner equation for calculation of saturated liquid density. The first architecture with 4 network input parameters, including critical temperature, critical pressure, critical volume, and molecular weight, the second architecture with 6 network input parameters, including the ones in the first architecture with acentric factor and compressibility factor. The third architecture contains 12 network input parameters, including 6 input parameters of the second architecture, and 6 structural functional groups of different hydrocarbons. The three different architectures were trained and tested with the 160 sets of Daubert and Danner coefficients gathered from the literature. The trained neural networks were also applied to 15 un-known hydrocarbons, and the outputs (Daubert and Danner coefficients) were used to predict the saturated liquid densities. The calculated liquid densities were compared with the experimental values. The Results indicated that the coefficients obtained from the second architecture produced more precise values for the liquid densities of the 15 selected hydrocarbons.

1. Introduction

Prediction of thermodynamic properties of pure and mixed fluids, such as vapor pressure, density, surface tension, etc., is a very important task in many industrial processes such as petrochemical, medicine, and chemical industries [1]. However, there are not always adequate physical and chemical properties of pure materials or mixtures under different thermodynamic conditions. Density of liquids is considered as one of the most important thermodynamic properties.

Numerous researches have been conducted in this field, indicating its high importance. In the last twenty years, neural network has been applied in many different chemical engineering aspects. Nguyen et al. predicted the vapor-liquid equilibrium data for 3 component systems with the aid of artificial neural network [2]. Lashkarbolooki et al. also studied the phase equilibrium for prediction of the bulb and the dew points in a two-component system including carbon dioxide and a group of hydrocarbons [3]. Ghaderi et

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al. predicted the viscosity of six refrigerants using neural network [4]. Kuhne et al. applied neural network to estimate the vapor pressure of hydrocarbons [5]. In another research performed by Moosavi et al., the density of short- and long-chain alkanes at high pressure and temperature was evaluated using artificial neural network method [6]. Moghadassi et al. presented a model based on artificial neural network to predict the density of sulfur dioxide [7]. Many models of neural networks were used to evaluate the thermodynamic properties [8-12]. A comprehensive review of using neural networks for estimation of different thermodynamic properties, such as boiling point, critical temperature, critical pressure, vapor pressure, thermal capacity, evaporation enthalpy, and density, was presented by Taskinen [13]. Considering the complicated nonlinear dependency of the liquid density on the temperature, artificial neural network may be considered a proper method for the modeling of these systems [8].

Of course, many empirical correlations have been developed before the spread of the neural networks and other soft computing methods; in recent years a brief description of them may be found elsewhere [14]. One of the most adequate empirical correlations is used for prediction of the saturated liquid density. The main problem which prevents the wide usage of this correlation is the lack of a precise and applied method to predict the mainly empirical coefficients. In other words, if there were empirical coefficients, this correlation would be your first choice for prediction of the saturated liquid density; therefore, if there are no coefficients, other choices should be considered.

Since it is not possible to predict all of these coefficients by means of a simple correlation, this study aims to develop an artificial neural

network model to predict the Daubert and Danner coefficients in order to estimate the saturated liquid density of different hydrocarbons. Of note, when the saturated liquid density data are available, it is simple to correlate the above-mentioned coefficients by means of common regression techniques. However, the real application of this method is to the cases with no or insufficient experimental data. Once the neural network is trained, it can be easily used to produce the Daubert and Danner coefficients, known as one of the most precise methods to estimate saturated liquid density.

A description of the neural network is given in the next section; then, the data bank used for training and testing the network is presented. In the third section, the structure of the model is described; finally, the obtained results are discussed.

2. Modeling

2.1. Artificial neural network

Artificial neural networks have been known as a modeling technique for the nonlinear data and as having the ability to find the complicated relations between the inputs and outputs. The basics of the neural networks models is the generalization and extension of the experimental experience to new ones and making decisions [15]. These models are measurement systems based on the human neural system. Different types of neural networks usually include main layer, input layer, and the output layer [16]. The input layer consists of all the input elements. The data are processed from this layer into the hidden layer; then, the output layer calculates the final output vector. Any nonlinear complex function may be modeled using a feedforward multilayer neural network with the desired precision [17]. Multi-layer

perceptron neural network (MLP) is selected as the desired neural architecture used in this work. This architecture is called a feedforward artificial neural network describing the input data based on an appropriate set of outputs. MLP is able to discover the complicated and nonlinear problem [18]. To create an ANN model, the input data sets should be divided into three different sections: training, validation, and testing [19-20]. Many types of neural networks exist which are classified as feedforward and feedback based on the type of network. However, the structures of these artificial neural networks are similar, consisting of similar elements such as nodes, layers, and connections. However, some of these networks, such as multi-layer perceptron and neural network, are more likely to be based on radial functions [16]. The design and establishment of each network has two main steps: training and testing. In order to use neural networks, the network should first be trained. Training a networks is actually a step-by-step process for obtaining the model parameters such as weight factors and biases. In fact, the training process is known to optimize the ANN parameters with respect to input data through a repetitive procedure [13].

2.2. Experimental data

The first step in developing a neural network model is the establishment of a data bank of valid experimental data, which is necessary for training and testing the network. The known coefficients of 160 hydrocarbons [21] were used to design and optimize the neural network; however, since the ultimate goal of this research is to provide a method to predict the saturated liquid density, a total of 15 hydrocarbons (169 data) with unreported

Daubert and Danner coefficients are selected to show the applicability of the presented method. These data were gathered from different sources listed in Table 1. The optimized network was used to predict the Daubert and Danner coefficients of these 15 hydrocarbons. As these 15 compounds were not used in the training and testing of the network, the outputs might be used to predict the saturated liquid density and compare with the experimental data. Due to the scattering of input and output data before training the network, the inputs and outputs of the network should be normalized. In this study, the normalization was performed between 0 and 1.

2.3. Network specifications

After choosing the input data, the structure of neural network is determined, and the number of neurons in the intermediate layer is optimized. The number of the neurons in the intermediate layer is increased one by one, and the training-evaluation cycle is repeated. This procedure continues until the optimum performance of the network training is achieved. The modeled neural network is the feedforward network with the error back-propagation algorithm, Gauss-Newton training function (BFGS), hyperbolic tangent activation function for the hidden layer, and linear activation function for output layer. 70 % of data were used for training, 15 % for validation, and 15 % for testing of the neural network. Several network architectures were tested to select the most accurate design. Considering the fact that the detailed information on the optimum number of neurons was not available in this case, the optimum number of the neurons was determined with the trial and error method. The optimum number of the neurons of the

three-layer neural network for the first, second, and third architectures was determined, as listed in Table 2.

Table 1
The properties of 15 testing hydrocarbons.

Component	No. of data	Temperature (K)	Density (kmol/dm ³)	Mol Wt.	Crit. temp (K)	Crit. Pre. (bar)	Crit. Vol. (cm ³ /mol)	Crit. Comp. factor	Acentric factor	Ref.
Butane	13	200_380	11.595_7.8141	58.1222	425.12	37.96	255	0.274	0.2002	[24]
1-butene	13	210_390	12.257_7.7513	56.106	419.5	40.2	241	0.278	0.1845	[28]
Cis-2- butane	14	200_395	12.868_11.441	56.106	435.5	42.1	234	0.272	0.2019	[22]
Trans-2- butane	13	215_395	11.146_7.9376	56.106	428.6	41.0	238	0.274	0.2176	[23]
Cyclohexane	11	290_390	9.2862_8.1009	84.156	553.8	40.8	308	0.273	0.2081	[28]
Hexane	14	210_390	8.5066_6.5194	86.175	507.6	30.25	371	0.266	0.3013	[26]
2-methyl pentane	10	200_380	8.5239_6.5643	86.175	497.7	30.4	368	0.270	0.2791	[29]
2-methyl propane	13	205_385	11.231_6.8650	58.122	407.8	36.4	259	0.278	0.1835	[30]
2-methyl propene	13	210_390	12.246_7.7041	56.106	417.9	40.0	239	0.275	0.1948	[28]
1-nonane	8	240_380	5.9249_5.0496	126.239	593.1	24.28	524	0.258	0.4367	[28]
Octane	8	240_380	6.5193_5.5097	114.229	568.7	24.9	486	0.256	0.3996	[28]
Propane	10	205_340	13.834_9.3403	44.096	369.83	42.48	200	0.276	0.1523	[25]
Propylene	10	210_345	14.922_9.4631	42.080	364.85	46.0	185	0.281	0.1376	[28]
Toluene	10	200_380	10.349_8.4979	92.138	591.75	41.08	316	0.264	0.2640	[22]
Heptane	10	205_385	7.5549_5.9995	100.202	540.2	27.4	428	0.261	0.3495	[27]

Table 2
The optimized number of neurons for different ANN architectures.

	Number of neurons in each layer		
	First (input) layer	Second (hidden) layer	Third (output) layer
First architecture	4	4	4
Second architecture	6	7	4
Third architecture	12	17	4

Performance of the network training can be determined by measuring the errors in the training, validating, and testing. The accuracy and precision of the model in predicting the saturated liquid density were tested using the mean percentage error (MPE), the mean absolute error (MAE), mean square error (MSE), and R² (correlation coefficient) through the following equations [3,31]:

$$MPE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N 100 \times \left| \frac{\rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \rho_i^{\text{cal}}}{\rho_i^{\text{exp}}} \right| \quad (1)$$

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \left| \rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \rho_i^{\text{cal}} \right| \quad (2)$$

$$MSE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \rho_i^{\text{cal}})^2 \quad (3)$$

$$R^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \bar{\rho})^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N (\rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \rho_i^{\text{cal}})^2}{\sum_{i=1}^N (\rho_i^{\text{exp}} - \bar{\rho})^2} \quad (4)$$

In these equations, N is the number of experimental saturated liquid density data, ρ_i^{exp} is the experimental saturated density of point i, ρ_i^{cal} is the calculated saturated liquid density, and $\bar{\rho}$ is the average experimental saturated density.

3. Mathematical correlations for the prediction of the saturated liquid density

One of the first empirical correlations was presented by Rackett [32]. In 1970, Rackett proposed Eq. (5) was used for calculating the saturated liquid density:

$$\rho = [V_c Z_c^{(1-T_r)^{\frac{2}{7}}}]^{-1} \quad (5)$$

where V_c is the critical volume, Z_c is the critical compressibility factor, T_r is the reduced temperature, and T_c is the critical temperature. In Eq. (5), T_r is given as follows:

$$T_r = \frac{T}{T_c} \quad (6)$$

The Rackett equation is often written as follows [32]:

$$V_s = \frac{RT_c}{P_c} Z_c^{[1+(1-\frac{T}{T_c})^{\frac{2}{7}}]} \quad (7)$$

where V_s is the specific volume of saturated liquids. The Rackett equation may be re-written for the estimation saturated liquid density in the following form:

$$\rho = \left(\frac{RT_c}{P_c}\right) Z_c^{-(1+\tau^{\frac{2}{7}})} \quad (8)$$

where τ is:

$$\tau = 1 - T_r \quad (9)$$

The Rackett equation has been modified by several researchers to give more precise results.

In 1997, Daubert and Danner [21] changed the physical quantities and replaced the coefficients of Rackett equation with 4 adjustable parameters:

$$V_s = B^{[1+(1-\frac{T}{C})^D]} / A \quad (10)$$

It is reported that the Daubert and Danner equation has higher precision, compared to other classical methods. However, the lack of coefficients is considered as a drawback which can be fixed with the aid of neural network. Regression constants A, B, C, and D are determined from linear regression of existing data, while C corresponds to critical temperature. Specific volume of the liquid is linearly reducing from triple point to the normal boiling point and nonlinearly to critical density (reverse critical volume).

The Daubert and Danner equation for prediction of saturated liquids density is presented in the following form:

$$\rho = \frac{A}{B^{[1+(1-\frac{T}{C})^D]}} \quad (11)$$

4. Results and discussion

The first architecture of the neural network includes 4 variables (molecular weight, critical pressure, critical temperature, and critical vapor); the second includes 6 variables (critical pressure, critical temperature, critical volume, molecular weight, acentric factor, and critical compressibility factor); the third one with 12 input variables (critical pressure, critical temperature, critical volume, molecular weight, acentric factor, critical compressibility factor, and the structural functional groups including CH₃, CH₂, CH, C, and C=C as well as types of the hydrocarbons). Figures 1-3 show the mean absolute error of the network in training, evaluating, and testing for hydrocarbons for different architectures.

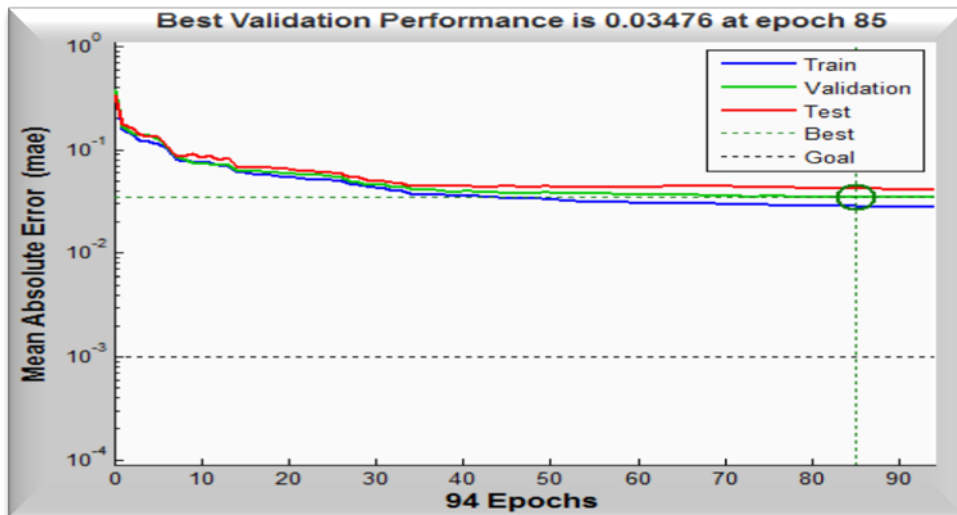


Figure 1. Mean absolute error of training, evaluating, and testing datasets for the first ANN architecture.

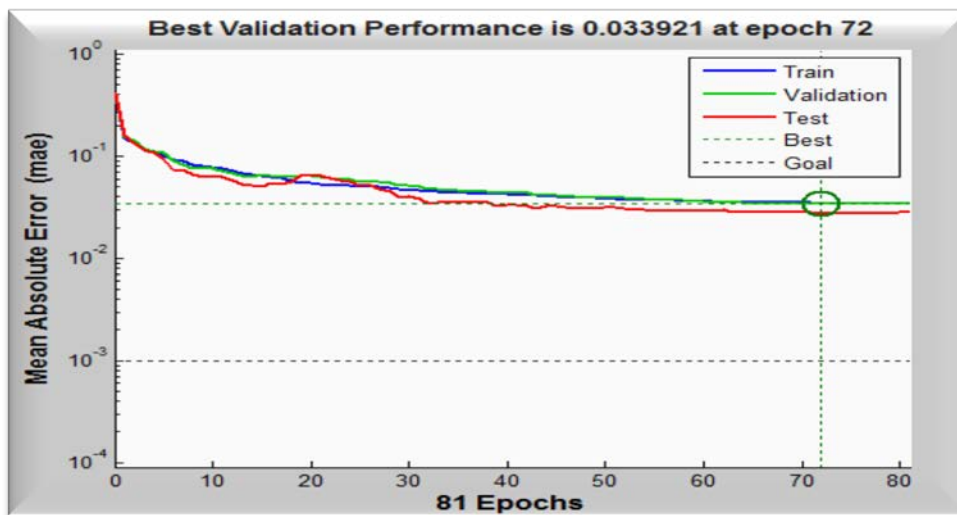


Figure 2. Mean absolute error of training, evaluating, and testing datasets for the second ANN architecture.

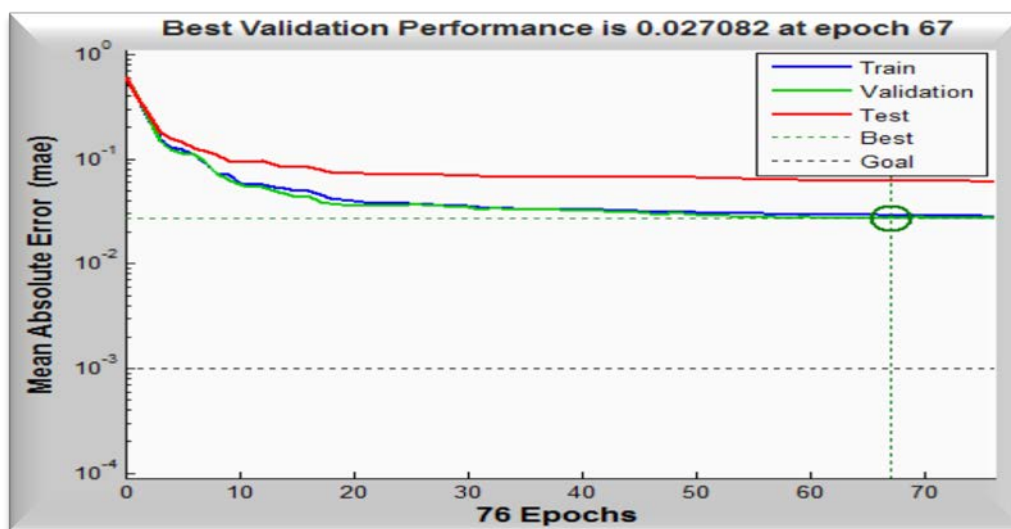


Figure 3. Mean absolute error of training, evaluating, and testing datasets for the third ANN architecture.

The continuous reduction of the mean absolute error indicates the progress of the learning process. The curve is composed of three lines corresponding to the error in training, evaluating, and testing sets. The evaluation set is used to maintain the generality of the network. The training routine continues until the error of the network is decreased for the evaluation set.

As a result, the pre-processing of the networks on the training set can be avoided. The predicted coefficients of the neural network, in comparison to the Daubert and Danner coefficients, in the training and testing stages of hydrocarbons in different architectures are illustrated in Figures 4 to 9 and show good agreement.

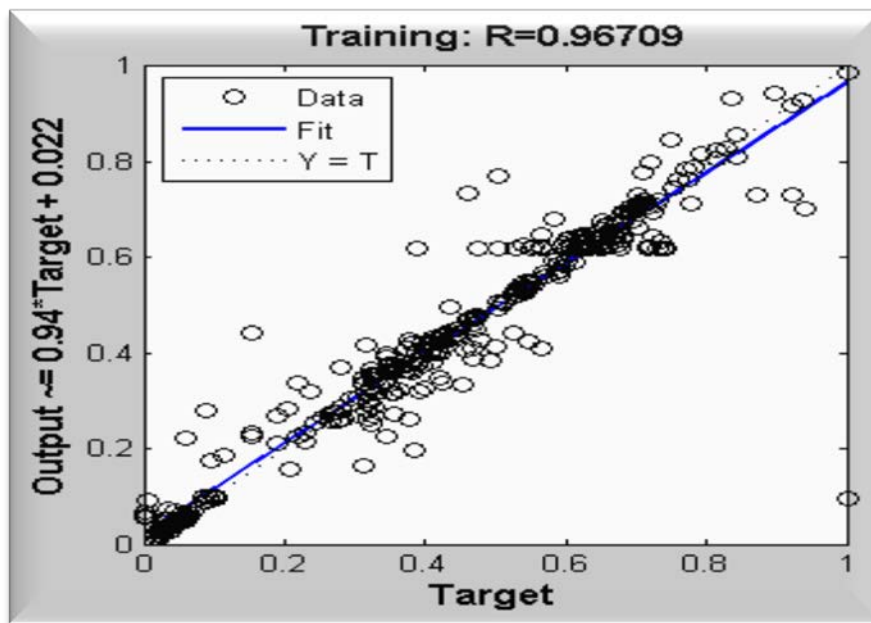


Figure 4. Comparison of the predicted and training target values for the first ANN architecture.

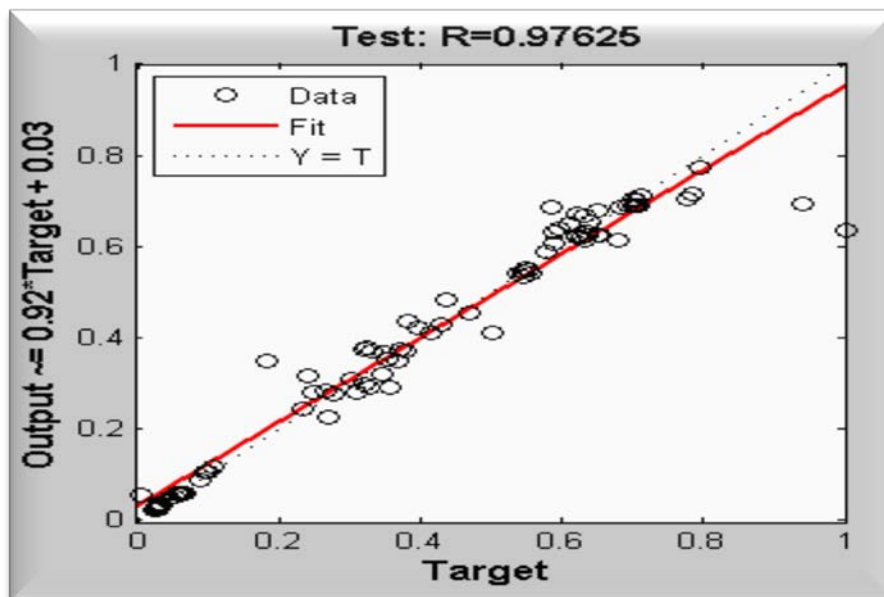


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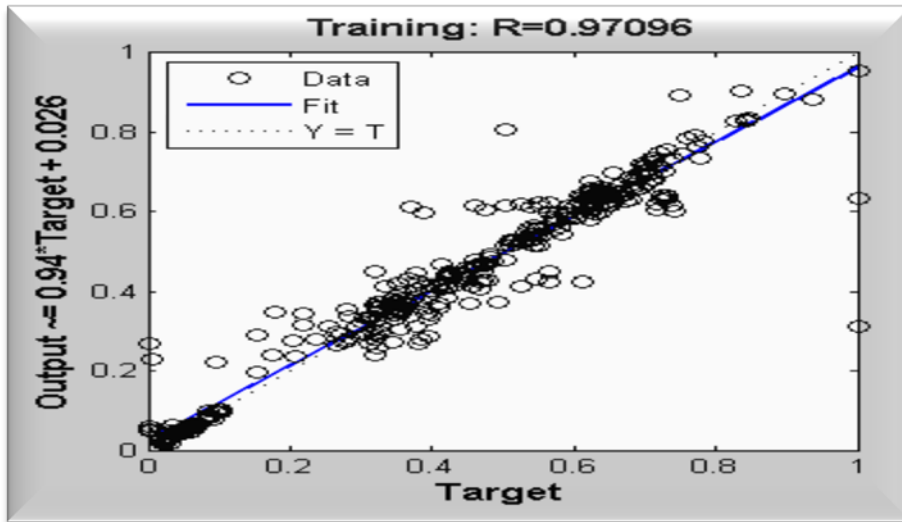


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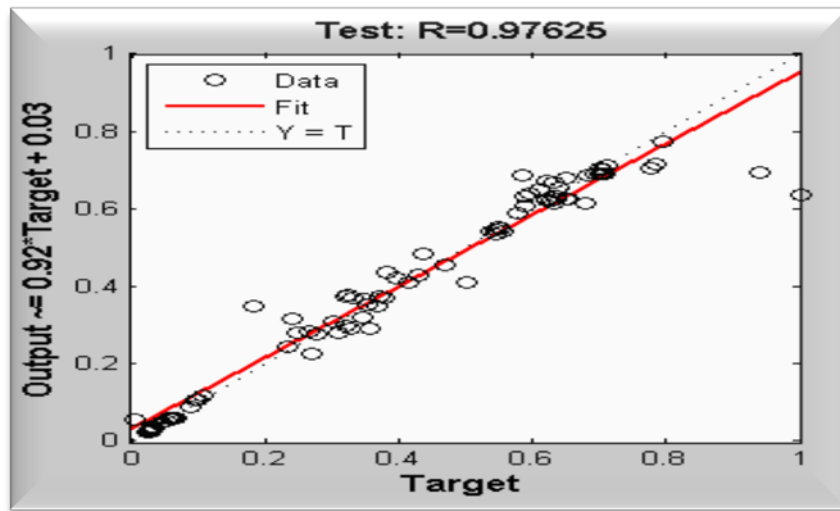


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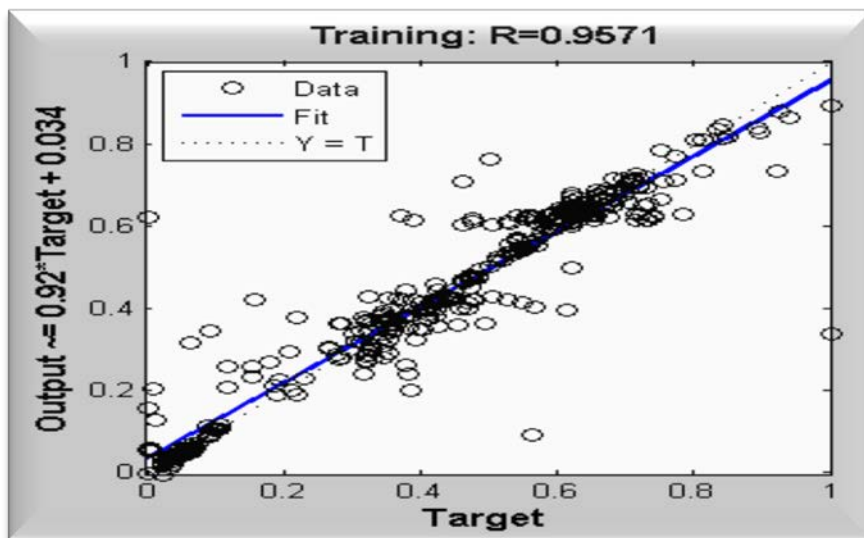


Figure 8. Comparison of the predicted and training target values for the third ANN architecture.

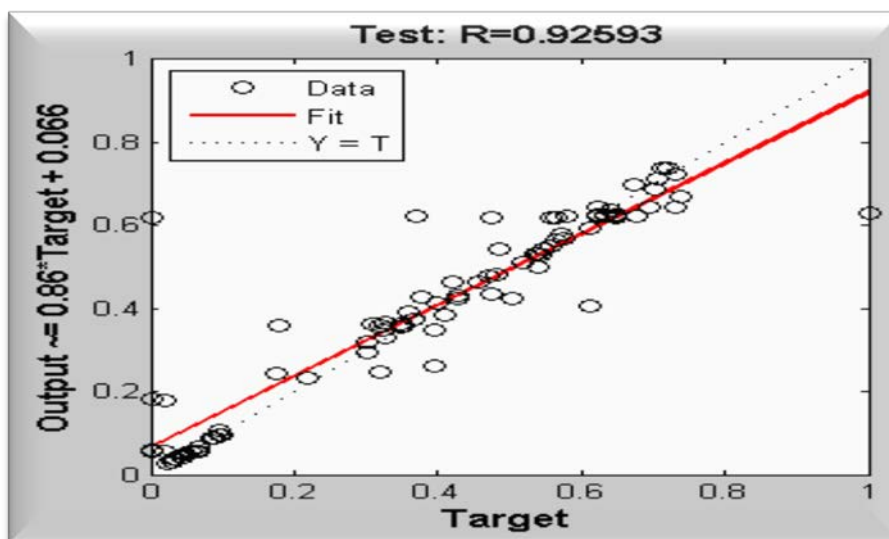


Figure 9. Comparison of the predicted and testing target values for the third ANN architecture.

These figures indicate that the predicted values by the neural network are close to the reported values. Figures 4, 6, and 8 demonstrate that the data are well trained in the network, while Figures 5, 7, and 9 showed that the network presented significant performance for new data.

After predicting the coefficients (A, B, C, and D) with neural network, saturated liquid density was calculated using Daubert and Danner equation and compared with the experimental data. Error analysis and the different coefficients of determination of neural networks are summarized in Table 3. Figures 10 to 12 show the variation of mean

percentage error of three ANN architectures vs the number of neurons in the hidden layer.

In figures 10 to 12, the changes of 1 to 20 neurons in the hidden layer of the neural network with the logsig-purelin transfer functions are shown. According to these figures, the most accurate structures for the first, second, and third architectures include 17, 4, and 7 neurons in the hidden layer, respectively. The mean percentage errors (MPE) of the three optimized architectures are reported to be 2.63, 2.33, and 3.6, respectively. This fact proves the relative accurate prediction of the Daubert and Danner coefficients.

Table 3

Error analysis and coefficient of determination for different architectures.

NO. of Neurons	1 st Architecture			2 nd Architecture			3 rd Architecture		
	MPE	MAE	R ²	MPE	MAE	R ²	MPE	MAE	R ²
4	4.1359	.429755	0.9984	2.3200	.203807	0.9977	6.5864	.595805	0.9241
5	2.9909	.300563	0.9965	2.9717	.284811	0.9854	6.3800	.606398	0.9954
7	3.7097	.363394	0.9965	2.8090	.266033	0.9889	3.4692	.325549	0.9312
8	2.6577	.262398	0.9956	2.6636	.251144	0.9875	5.8482	.562948	0.9874
9	3.3507	.308093	0.9952	3.1969	.375282	0.9889	5.2835	.474134	0.9988
11	3.5973	.330972	0.9921	3.8901	.415022	0.9977	7.4878	.766536	0.9954
15	2.7677	.265618	0.9941	2.4240	.240588	0.9965	6.2900	.592704	0.9914
17	2.6693	.250201	0.9932	2.8238	.269201	0.9978	5.2494	.556261	0.9955

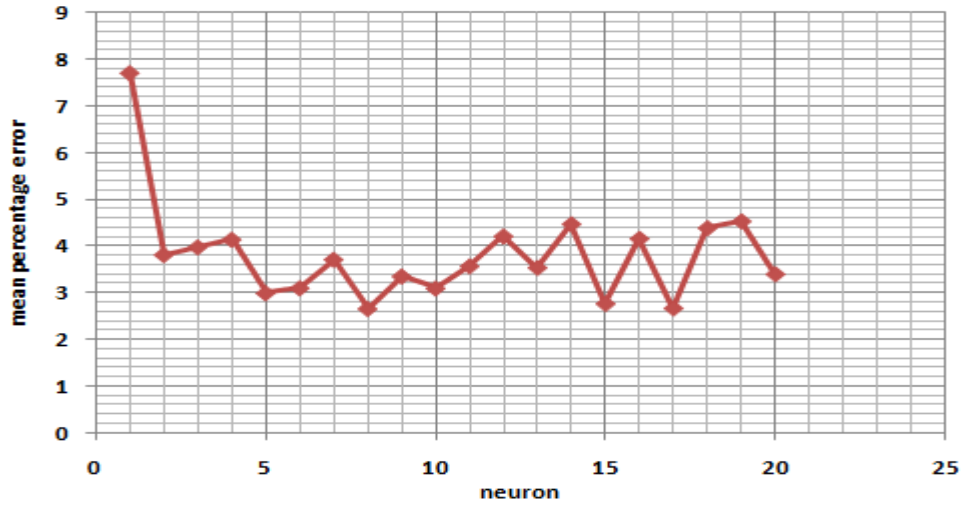


Figure 10. The mean percentage error vs no. of neurons in the hidden layer for the first ANN architecture.

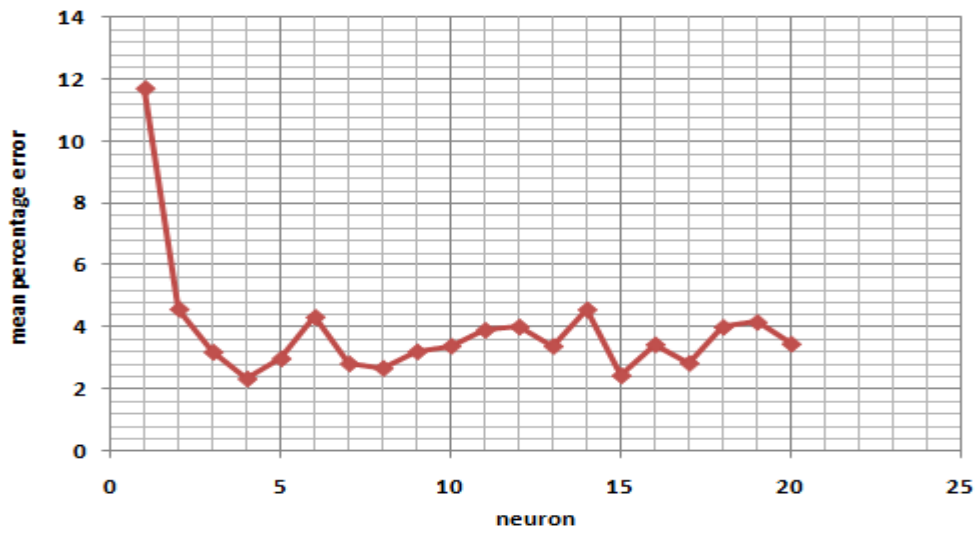


Figure 11. The mean percentage error vs no. of neurons in the hidden layer for the second ANN architecture.

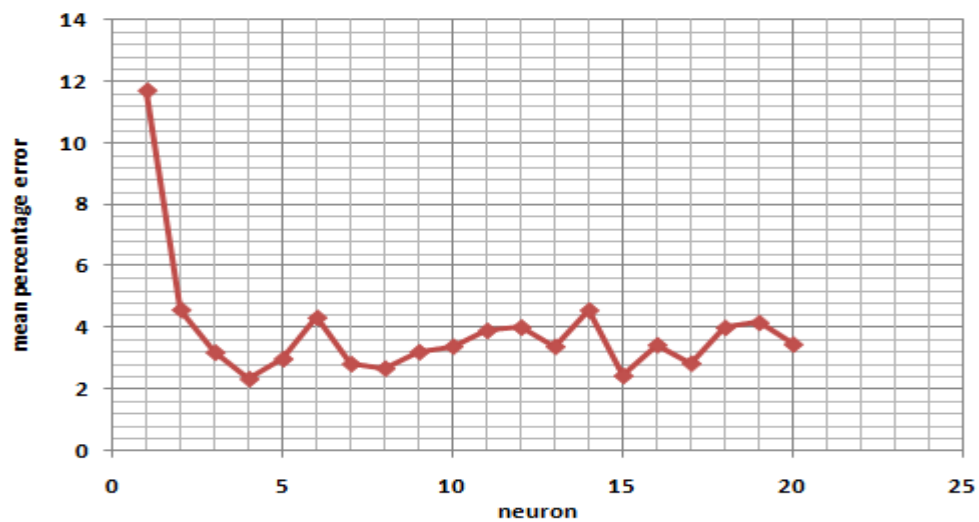


Figure 12. The mean percentage error vs no. of neurons in the hidden layer for the third ANN architecture.

5. Conclusions

The ability of the neural networks to predict the coefficients in order to estimate the saturated liquid density using the Daubert and Danner equation was investigated. The accurate determination of the liquid densities plays an important role in industrial processes and academic research. In this regard, obtaining an appropriate procedure to calculate the saturated liquid density has always been controversial, and many researchers have attempted to find it. In this research, three different neural network architectures were used to predict the Daubert and Danner coefficients. In the first architecture with 4 input variables of molecular weight, critical temperature, critical pressure and critical volume, the mean percentage error of 2.6693 was achieved, while, for the second architecture, by adding other parameters, such as acentric and critical compressibility factors, mean percentage error of 2.3200 was obtained. For the third architecture with 12 parameters involving the input of the first mode combined with structural decomposition of elements, a mean percentage error of 3.4692 was achieved, showing the increased error deviation. Contrary to the impression that increasing the number of input parameters should enhance the performance of the network, such a result was not observed. In fact, the precision of the network appears to depend on the type of parameters. For example, this research showed that the molecular weight, critical properties, acentric and critical compressibility factors can influence prediction of the Daubert and Danner coefficients and the saturated liquid density.

Results of the research demonstrate that artificial neural network can be considered for predicting the saturated liquid density. In

addition, by applying the network, the values of un-known coefficients could be predicted without using the experimental data, and the main weak point of the Daubert and Danner equation could be resolved.

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