

# Damage Detection in Concrete Bridge T girders using 3D Finite Element Simulations Trained by Artificial Neural Network

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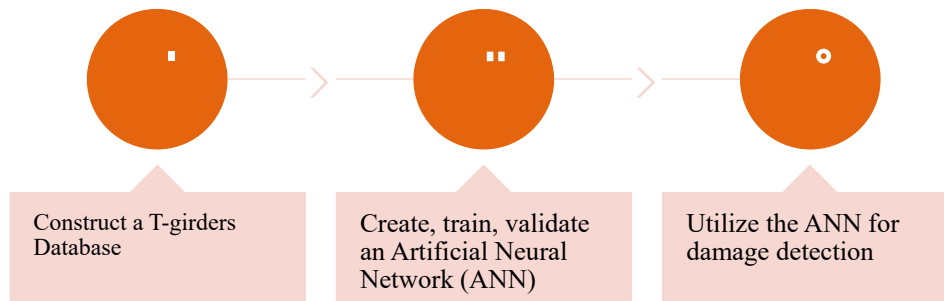


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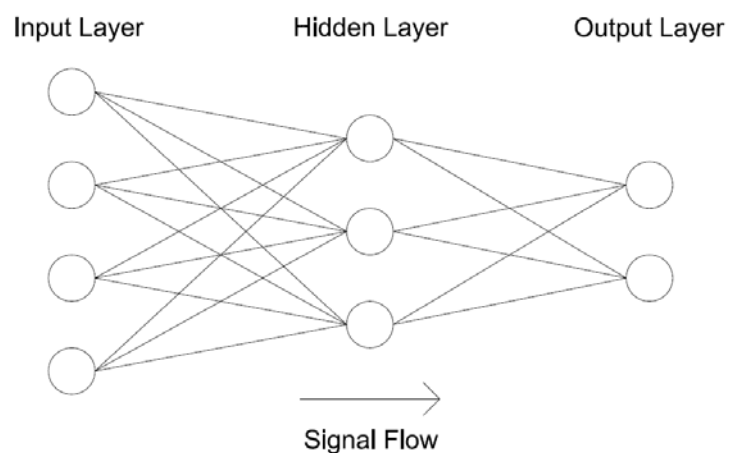
## Objective

“Investigate the potential for application of the finite element (FE) method and artificial neural networks (ANN) to create a damage detection model for 3D reinforced concrete bridge T-girders that could be utilized with nodal stiffness ratios as inputs.”



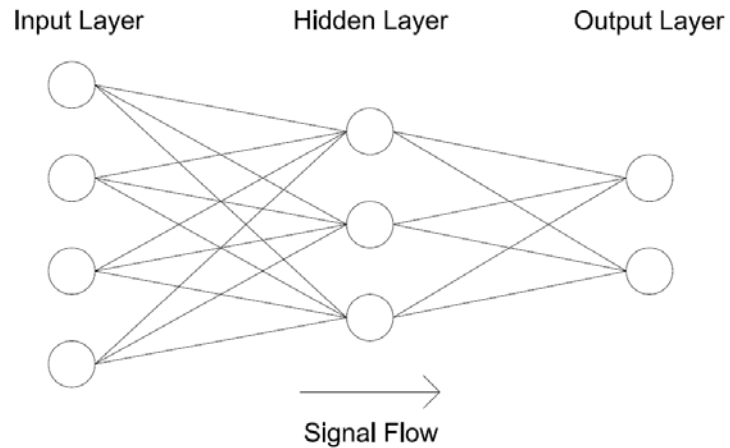
## Introduction

- Most network structures consist of at least three layers of neurons, or nodes: an input layer, one or more hidden layers, and an output layer.
- Learning occurs through mathematical operations performed within the hidden layers and their connections to the input and output layers.



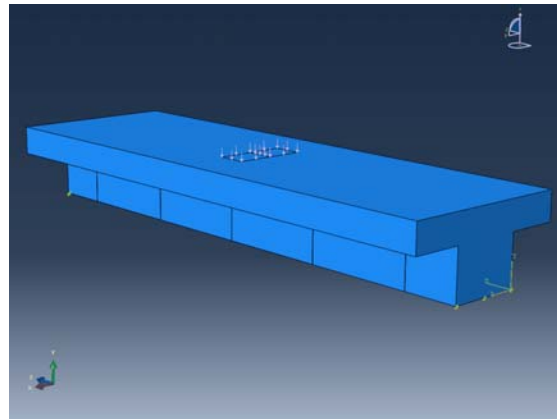
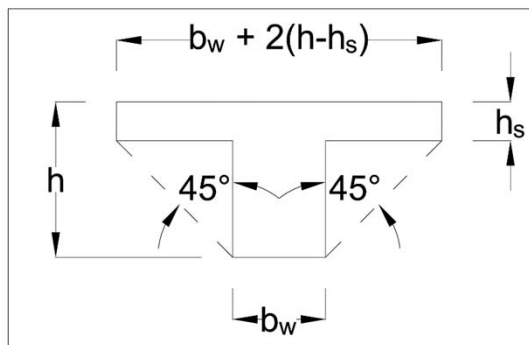
## Introduction

- In feedforward networks, signal flow is unidirectional from the input layer to the output layer, and nodes within layers are not interconnected.
- In supervised learning, outputs predicted by the ANN are judged against the actual or provided outputs.

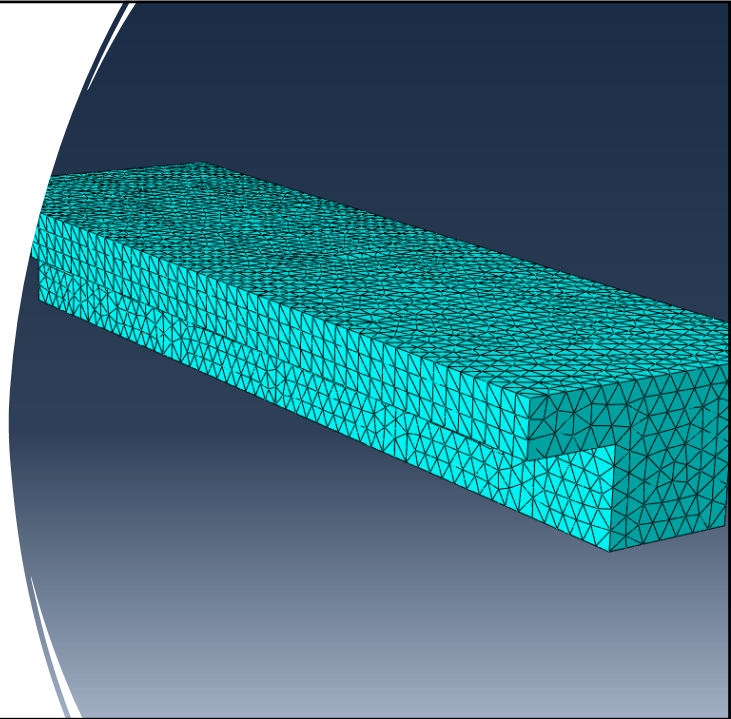
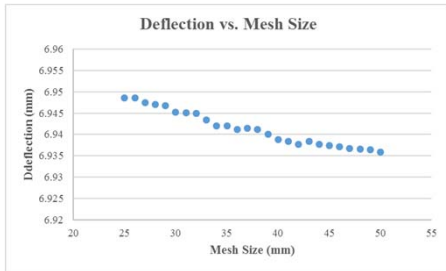


## Methodology

- 3D solid parts .
- 10-node quadratic tetrahedral (C3D10) elements utilizing an auto meshing technique.
- Reinforcement was modeled using 3D wire parts meshed with 3-node truss elements (T3D3), and three equally spaced reinforcing bars were embedded in all concrete beam models.

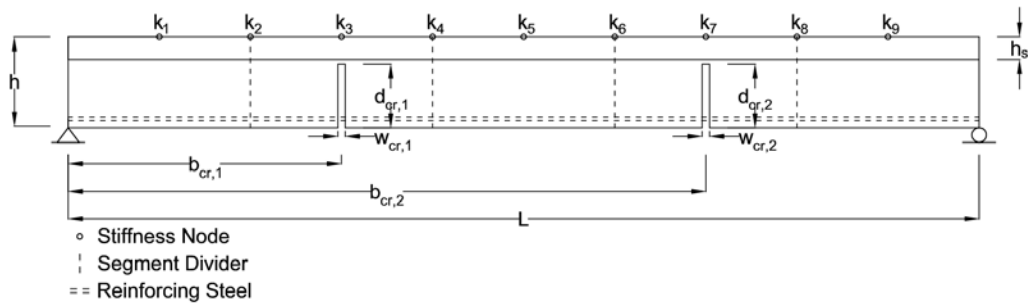


## Methodology (Mesh and Convergence)



## Methodology (Parameters)

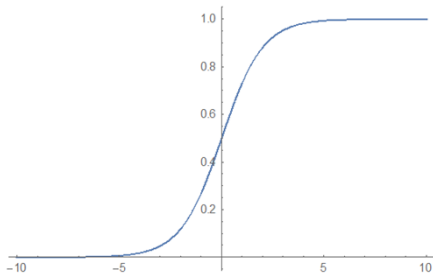
ID	$b_w/h$	$h_s/h$	$L/h$	$\rho$	$f_c$ (MPa)	$k\%_n$	$b_{cr,m}/L$	$d_{cr,m}/h$	$W_{cr,m}$ (mm)	Set
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## Methodology (Parameters)

Parameters	Values								
$b_w/h$	0.5	0.7	0.9						
$L/h$	7	10	13						
$\rho$	0.005	0.01							
$f'_c$ (MPa)	20	30	40	50					
$K\%_n$	$K\%_1$	$K\%_2$	$K\%_3$	$K\%_4$	$K\%_5$	$K\%_6$	$K\%_7$	$K\%_8$	$K\%_9$

## Methodology (Parameters after activation)



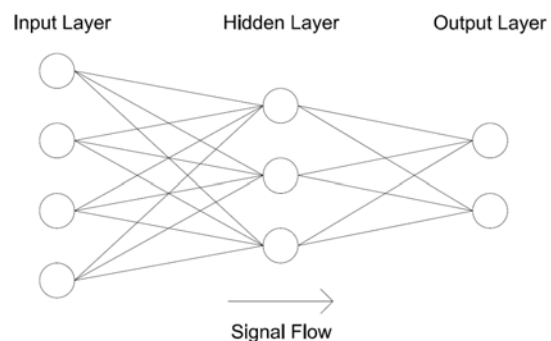
Parameter	Inputs		Parameter	Outputs	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
$b_w/h$	0.45	0.95	$b_{cr1}/L$	0.013333	0.24667
$h_u/h$	0.18	0.38	$d_{cr1}/h$	0	0.852
$L/h$	6.25	13.75	$w_{cr1}$	0	6.6667
$\rho$	0.004375	0.010625	$b_{cr2}/L$	0.13333	0.46667
$f'_c$	16.25	53.75	$d_{cr2}/h$	0	0.852
$k\%_1$	0.63539	1	$w_{cr2}$	0	6.6667
$k\%_2$	0.50907	1	$b_{cr3}/L$	0.33333	0.66667
$k\%_3$	0.47686	1	$d_{cr3}/h$	0	0.852
$k\%_4$	0.43376	1	$w_{cr3}$	0	6.6667
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$k\%_6$	0.43176	1	$d_{cr4}/h$	0	0.852
$k\%_7$	0.48287	1	$w_{cr4}$	0	6.6667
$k\%_8$	0.51158	1	$b_{cr5}/L$	0.75333	0.98667
$k\%_9$	0.63937	1	$d_{cr5}/h$	0	0.852
			$w_{cr5}$	0	6.6667

## Methodology (Artificial Neural Network Models)

		Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
Training	R <sup>2</sup>	0.40529	0.36465	0.42176
	ASE	0.045959	0.050298	0.04065
Testing	R <sup>2</sup>	0.37743	0.2887	0.42179
	ASE	0.042688	0.04356	0.031652
Validation	R <sup>2</sup>	0.36535	0.29846	0.40444
	ASE	0.046458	0.048582	0.035467
All Data	R <sup>2</sup>	0.39081	0.35084	0.42564
	ASE	0.045105	0.049255	0.040025

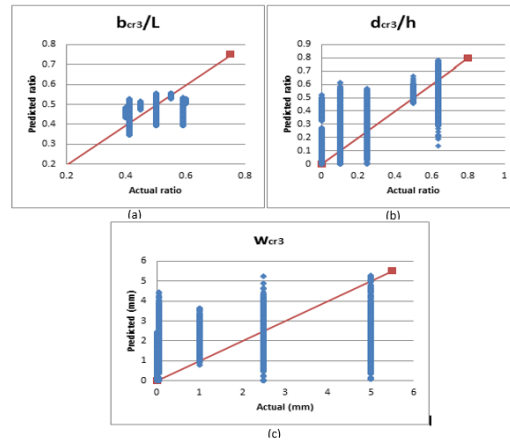
## Methodology (Artificial Neural Network)

- 50% of the database for training
- 25% of the data base for testing
- 25% of the database for validation
- 14 Input Nodes, 16 Hidden Nodes, 15 Output Nodes.
- Feedforward, supervised ANN.
- Learning rate 0.01

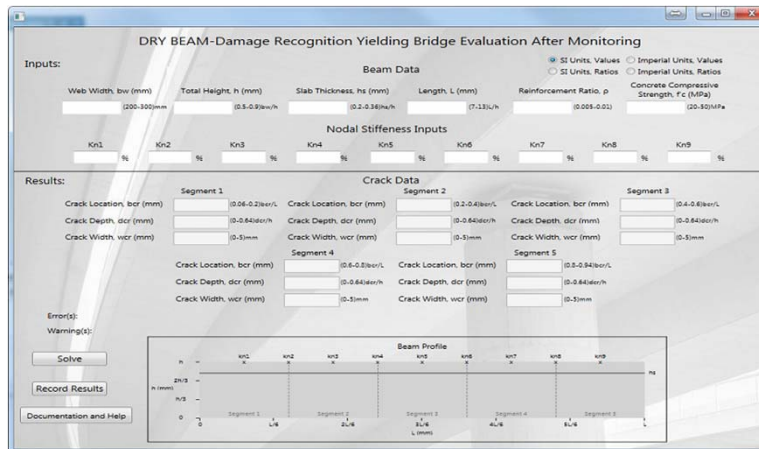


# Results

- ANN models are capable of locating the cracks with a very good accuracy.
- The presently collected and trained database was not successful in predicting the depth and width of the cracks.
- A modest agreement against the actual crack configurations with an  $R^2$  equal to 0.42.



# Software



## Conclusion

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- One ANN was employed to predict the damage configurations of beams up to five cracks.
- The predicted damage parameters define the location, the depth, and the width of each crack.
- The ANN accepted the geometric, material, and the nodal stiffness ratios as inputs and predicted the crack parameters as outputs.
- Upon determining the optimum model for crack configuration prediction, the statistical results for this optimum model were modest with  $R^2$  value equal to 0.42 in the training, testing, and validation phases due to the non-uniqueness of these cracking predictions and missing cases from the two, three and four cracks in the database.
- The low  $R^2$  for the overall damage detection ANN is expected to significantly increase if the location of the cracks is considered as the only output parameter to be judged by the network.

## Questions

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## Learning Rate Parameter

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- In [machine learning](#) and [statistics](#), the **learning rate** is a [tuning parameter](#) in an [optimization algorithm](#) that determines the step size at each iteration while moving toward a minimum of a [loss function](#).<sup>[1]</sup> Since it influences to what extent newly acquired information overrides old information, it metaphorically represents the speed at which a machine learning model "learns". In the [adaptive control](#) literature, the learning rate is commonly referred to as **gain**.<sup>[2]</sup>