**Article Abstract**

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| Title: | Radial basis function neural network in fault detection of automotive engines |
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| Abstract: | Fault detection and isolation have become one of the most important aspects of automobile design. A fault detection (FD) scheme is developed for automotive engines in this paper. The method uses an independent Radial Basis Function (RBF) Neural Network model to model engine dynamics, and the modelling errors are used to form the basis for residual generation. A dependent RBFNN model is a model which uses output data of a plant as a target output then use it to train the neural network, while, The independent RBFNN model is a higher accuracy than the dependent model and the errors can be detected by this model, this is because this model does not dependent on the output of the plant and it will use its output as a target, so if any faults in the plant will be not effect in the model and this faults will be detected easily and clearly. The method is developed and the performance assessed using the engine benchmark, the Mean Value Engine Model (MVEM) with Matlab/Simulink. Five faults have been simulated on the MVEM, including three sensor faults, one component fault and one actuator fault. The three sensor faults considered are 10-20% change superimposed on the outputs of manifold pressure, temperature and crankshaft speed sensors; one component fault considered is air leakage in intake manifold and Exhaust Gas Recycle (EGR); the actuator fault considered is the malfunction of fuel injector. The simulation results showed that all the simulated faults can be clearly detected in the dynamic condition throughout the operating range. |
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