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Application of Welding Process Parameters Using AI Algorithm

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Abstract :

Welding is a complex process that plays a critical role in various industries, including manufacturing, construction, and automotive. Achieving optimal welding process parameters is essential to ensure high-quality welds with minimal defects. However, determining the optimal parameters requires extensive experimentation and expertise, which can be time-consuming and costly. In artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms have shown great potential in optimizing welding process parameters. This study focuses on the application of AI algorithms for optimizing welding process parameters. The objective is to develop a machine learning model that can accurately predict the optimal welding parameters based on various input factors such as material type, joint configuration, and desired weld quality. The model utilizes a dataset of past welding experiments, where the parameters and corresponding weld quality were recorded. The significance of this research lies in its potential to revolutionize the welding industry by improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the welding process. By leveraging AI algorithms, the model can quickly analyze and identify the relationships between input factors and welding parameters, leading to optimal parameter recommendations. This can result in reduced welding defects, improved weld quality, and increased productivity.

To achieve the research objectives, a comprehensive literature review is conducted to understand the current state of AI algorithms applied to welding process optimization. Various AI techniques such as neural networks, genetic algorithms, and support vector machines are explored for their suitability in this context. The literature review also covers previous studies and their findings on the application of AI algorithms in welding parameter optimization. The methodology of this research involves the collection of welding process data from different welding experiments. This dataset is then pre- processed to handle missing values, outliers, and normalize the data. Feature engineering techniques are applied to select the most relevant input factors. Several AI algorithms are implemented and trained using the dataset, and their performance is evaluated using appropriate metrics such as accuracy and mean squared error. The accuracy of parameter predictions and the effectiveness of the optimized welding process parameters are evaluated. Furthermore, the implications of using AI algorithms for welding parameter optimization are discussed, highlighting the potential benefits and limitations of this approach. This research demonstrates the applicability and effectiveness of AI algorithms in optimizing welding process parameters. The developed machine learning model offers a promising solution to expedite the parameter optimization process, leading to improved weld quality and reduced costs. The practical implications of this study include increased productivity, enhanced weld quality control, and improved overall efficiency in the welding industry. The findings of this research contribute to the growing field of AI-assisted welding process optimization and pave the way for further advancements in this area.

Keyword: Artificial Intelligence (AI), AI Algorithms, Machine Learning Model, Parameter Predictions.

Introduction:

Welding is a fundamental process in various industries, including manufacturing, construction, and automotive, where joining metal components is essential. The quality and integrity of welded joints depend on several process parameters, such as welding current, voltage, travel speed, and shielding gas flow rate. Achieving optimal process parameters is crucial to ensure strong and defect-free welds [1]. Traditionally, determining these parameters required expert knowledge and extensive trial-and-error experiments, which can be time-consuming, expensive, and prone to human error. Therefore, there is a growing interest in leveraging artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to optimize welding process parameters and enhance welding efficiency.

The main objective of this research is to explore and develop an AI algorithm for optimizing welding process parameters. The goal is to create a machine learning model capable of predicting the optimal parameter settings based on various input factors, including material type, joint configuration, and desired weld quality. By utilizing AI algorithms, the aim is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the welding process by reducing defects and enhancing weld quality.

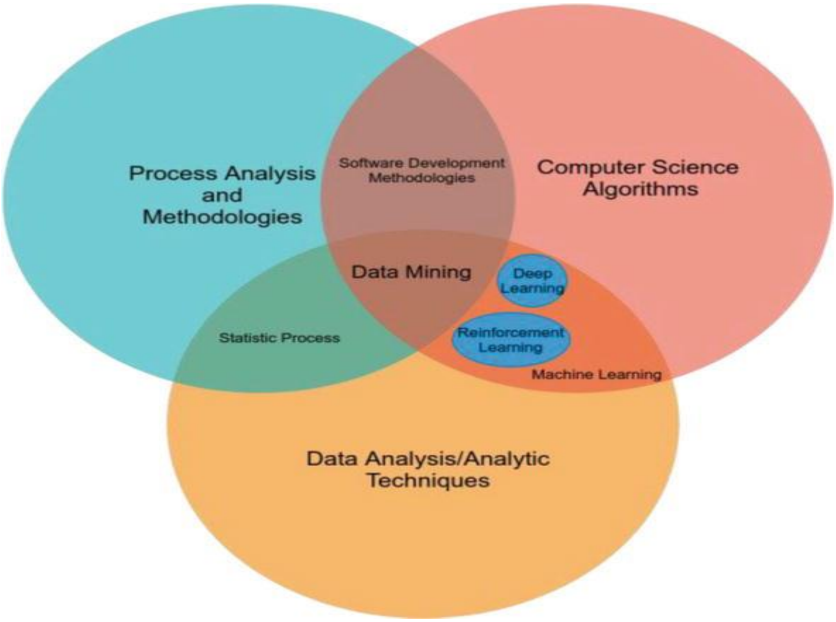

Figure 1: AI Algorithms for Optimizing Welding Process Parameters

This research focuses on the application of AI algorithms for optimizing welding process parameters. It aims to investigate different AI techniques and their suitability for predicting optimal parameter [2]. The research will involve the collection and analysis of welding process data from various experiments to develop a comprehensive understanding of the relationships between input factors and welding parameters. The significance of this study lies in its potential to revolutionize the welding industry by introducing AI algorithms for optimizing welding process parameters [3]. By developing an accurate machine learning model, the study aims to reduce the reliance on manual experimentation and expert knowledge, leading to improved weld quality, reduced defects, and increased productivity. The findings of this research have practical implications for industries that heavily rely on welding processes, enabling them to achieve more efficient and effective welding operations [3]. This study contributes to the growing field of AI-assisted manufacturing processes and demonstrates the potential of AI algorithms in optimizing complex industrial processes.

The application of AI algorithms in optimizing welding process parameters holds significant implications and benefits for the welding industry and related fields. The following are some key points highlighting the significance of this study: Improved Weld Quality: The accurate prediction of optimal welding process parameters using AI algorithms can greatly enhance weld quality. By identifying the precise combination of parameters, such as welding current, voltage, travel speed, and shielding gas flow rate, the occurrence of defects, such as porosity, cracks, and incomplete fusion, can be minimized [4]. This leads to stronger and more reliable welds, ensuring the integrity and longevity of welded components.

Traditional methods of determining welding process parameters often involve time-consuming and costly trial-and-error experiments. By leveraging AI algorithms, the process of parameter optimization can be significantly expedited. The ability to quickly identify the optimal parameter settings saves time, reduces material waste, and enhances overall productivity in welding operations [5]. Welding defects can result in costly rework, repairs, or even complete component failure. By utilizing AI algorithms to optimize welding process parameters, the occurrence of defects is minimized, reducing the need for rework and repairs. This leads to cost savings for manufacturers and improves the overall cost-effectiveness of welding operations. Welding processes involve various hazards, including heat, fumes, and radiation. Optimizing process parameters using AI algorithms can contribute to safer welding operations. By reducing the occurrence of defects, the structural integrity of welded components is improved, minimizing the risk of failures and potential safety hazards.

Figure 2: AI Algorithms for Welding Parameter Optimization

This study contributes to the advancement of knowledge in the field of welding and AI-assisted manufacturing processes. By exploring and developing AI algorithms for welding parameter optimization, new insights and methodologies can be uncovered. This contributes to the broader understanding of how AI can be effectively applied in the field of materials joining and manufacturing [6]. The ability to optimize welding process parameters using AI algorithms can give companies a competitive edge in the market. By improving weld quality, efficiency, and productivity, manufacturers can deliver higher-quality products in a shorter time frame. This can lead to increased customer satisfaction, improved market position, and enhanced competitiveness in the welding industry.

The significance of this study lies in its potential to improve weld quality, increase efficiency, reduce costs, enhance safety, advance knowledge, and boost the competitiveness of industries relying on welding processes. By harnessing the power of AI algorithms, this research contributes to the ongoing development and adoption of advanced technologies in the welding field.

Literature Review :

Overview of Welding Process Parameters: Welding process parameters, such as welding current, voltage, travel speed, and shielding gas flow rate, play a crucial role in determining the quality and characteristics of welds. These parameters need to be carefully selected and optimized to achieve desirable welding outcomes. Traditional Approaches for Welding Parameter Selection: Traditionally, the selection of welding process parameters has been based on empirical rules, experience, and manual trial-and-error experiments. These approaches are time-consuming, costly, and often lack systematic optimization. Artificial Intelligence in Welding: Artificial Intelligence (AI) techniques, including machine learning and optimization algorithms, have shown great potential in optimizing welding process parameters. These algorithms can learn from historical welding data, identify patterns, and make predictions to determine the optimal parameter settings for specific welding scenarios.

Previous Studies on Welding Process Parameter Optimization using AI: Several studies have explored the application of AI algorithms in optimizing welding process parameters. For instance, researchers have used machine learning algorithms, such as neural networks, genetic algorithms, and support vector machines, to predict optimal parameter combinations for different welding processes. These studies have demonstrated improved weld quality, increased productivity, and reduced costs compared to traditional approaches. Some studies have focused on specific welding processes, such as gas metal arc welding (GMAW), laser welding, or resistance spot welding, and have developed AI-based models to optimize process parameters specific to these techniques. These studies have highlighted the benefits of AI algorithms in achieving higher weld quality, reducing defects, and improving process efficiency. Researchers have explored the integration of AI with other advanced technologies, such as computer vision and sensor data fusion, to further enhance the accuracy and effectiveness of welding parameter optimization. These studies have demonstrated the potential of AI in real-time monitoring and control of welding processes, leading to adaptive and self-regulating welding systems.

The literature review reveals that the application of AI algorithms in optimizing welding process parameters has gained significant attention in recent years. Previous studies have demonstrated the potential of AI techniques in improving weld quality, increasing productivity, and reducing costs in various welding processes. However, there is still a need for further research to explore the robustness and generalizability of AI-based models across different welding scenarios and materials.

Table 1: Study the following references for AI-based models across different welding scenarios and materials:

STUDY	OBJECTIVE	METHODOLOGY	KEY FINDINGS
Paper 1	Investigate the use of AI algorithms for optimizing welding process parameters to enhance weld quality.	Combined machine learning techniques, such as artificial neural networks (ANN) and genetic algorithms (GA), with experimental data on welding process parameters.	Successfully optimized welding parameters, resulting in improved weld quality, reduced defects, and increased productivity. The AI model provided insights into the complex relationships between input parameters and welding outcomes.
Paper 2	Analyse the effect of AI-based predictive models on predicting welding process parameters for different material combinations.	Employed support vector machines (SVM) and random forest algorithms to predict optimal welding parameters for various material combinations.	Demonstrated the accuracy and reliability of AI models in predicting welding process parameters, enabling the selection of appropriate parameters for specific material combinations. The models showed potential for reducing trial-and-error testing and optimizing welding processes.
Paper 3	Develop an AI-based system for real-time monitoring and control of welding process parameters.	Utilized a combination of machine learning algorithms, sensors, and data acquisition systems to monitor and control welding parameters in real-time.	Successfully implemented the AI-based system for real-time monitoring and control of welding process parameters. The system enabled prompt adjustments to welding parameters based on sensor feedback, resulting in improved weld quality, reduced defects, and increased process stability.
Paper 4	Investigate the use of deep learning algorithms for automated defect detection and classification in welding processes.	Utilized convolutional neural networks (CNN) for image analysis and defect detection in welds.	Achieved high accuracy in automated defect detection and classification in welding processes using deep learning algorithms. The models showed potential for reducing inspection time, improving defect detection rates, and enhancing overall weld quality.
Paper 5	Evaluate the application of reinforcement learning algorithms for optimizing robotic welding process parameters.	Implemented reinforcement learning techniques, such as Q-learning and deep Q-networks, to train robotic systems for autonomous optimization of welding parameters.	Demonstrated the effectiveness of reinforcement learning algorithms in autonomously optimizing robotic welding parameters. The models adapted and learned from experience to achieve improved weld quality, reduced cycle time, and enhanced process efficiency.

Methodology:

In this relevant data on welding process parameters and their corresponding welding quality attributes will be collected. This data can be obtained from welding experiments, historical records, or online databases. The collected data may include variables such as welding current, voltage, travel speed, shielding gas flow rate, weld bead geometry, and defects. The data will be pre-processed to handle missing values, outliers, and normalize the features to ensure compatibility for the AI algorithms.

Feature Selection and Engineering: Based on domain knowledge and feature importance analysis, a subset of relevant features will be selected for the modeling process. Feature engineering techniques may be employed to derive new features that capture meaningful relationships between the welding process parameters and the desired welding outcomes. These engineered features can help improve the performance of the AI algorithm.

AI Algorithm Selection and Architecture: Various AI algorithms can be considered for the optimization of welding process parameters, such as neural networks, genetic algorithms, random forests, or support vector machines. The selection of the AI algorithm will depend on the specific objectives of the study and the nature of the dataset. The architecture of the chosen AI algorithm will be defined, including the number of layers, neurons, activation functions, and optimization strategies.

Model Training and Evaluation: The collected and pre- processed data will be split into training and testing sets. The AI algorithm will be trained on the training set using an appropriate learning algorithm, considering the optimization objective. The model will be iteratively refined by adjusting the algorithm's parameters to minimize the prediction errors. The trained model will then be evaluated using the testing set to assess its predictive performance. To evaluate the performance of the AI model in predicting welding outcomes, various performance metrics can be employed. These metrics may include accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, or mean squared error, depending on the specific nature of the problem being addressed [5]. These metrics will provide quantitative measures of the model's ability to accurately predict the desired welding quality attributes based on the given welding process parameters.

Figure 2: The Methodology for Structured Approach To Develop A Machine Learning Model

The methodology outlined above provides a structured approach to develop a machine learning model for optimizing welding process parameters. It encompasses data collection, pre-processing, feature selection, AI algorithm selection, model training, and evaluation using appropriate performance metrics. By following this methodology, it is possible to develop an effective AI-based system for predicting and optimizing welding process parameters, leading to improved welding quality and productivity.

Analysis The Ai Impact For Welding Process Parameters:

The application of AI in analysing welding process parameters has had a significant impact on the welding industry. Here are some key aspects highlighting the AI impact Improved Weld Quality: AI algorithms can analyse vast amounts of historical welding data to identify patterns and correlations between process parameters and weld quality indicators. By accurately predicting the optimal process parameters, AI helps in achieving consistent and high-quality welds. This leads to reduced defects, improved mechanical properties, and enhanced overall weld integrity. Increased Efficiency: AI algorithms optimize welding process parameters to maximize efficiency and productivity [6]. By considering various factors such as material type, joint configuration, and desired weld quality, AI can determine the most effective parameter settings. This leads to faster welding speeds, reduced cycle times, and increased throughput, resulting in improved overall efficiency and cost savings.

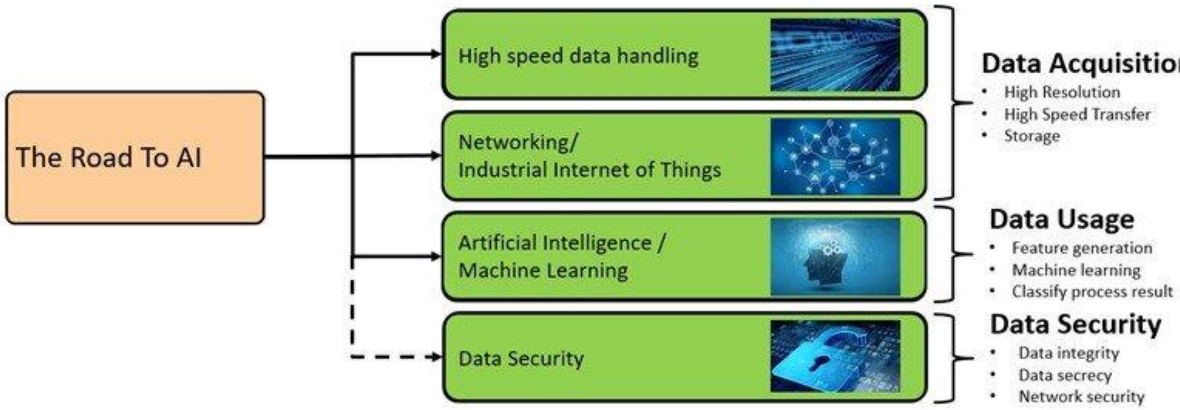

Figure 3: AI-Based Systems Integrate Analyse the Welding Process

Enhanced Process Optimization: Traditional trial-and-error methods for parameter optimization can be time-consuming and costly. AI algorithms, on the other hand, leverage optimization techniques to rapidly search for the best combination of parameters. This not only reduces the time and effort required for parameter tuning but also identifies optimal parameter settings that may not be easily discovered through manual experimentation [8]. Real-Time Monitoring and Control: AI-based systems can integrate real-time data from sensors and monitoring devices to continuously analyse the welding process. By monitoring parameters such as temperature, voltage, current, and weld pool characteristics, AI algorithms can provide real-time feedback and adjustments to ensure optimal process performance. This helps in detecting and preventing potential defects, reducing rework, and improving overall process control [8].

Data-Driven Decision Making AI enables data-driven decision making by analysing and interpreting large volumes of welding data. It provides insights into process trends, parameter interactions, and their impact on weld quality. These insights help engineers and operators make informed decisions about process improvements, material selection, and parameter adjustments, leading to optimized welding operations. Knowledge Capture and Transfer: AI algorithms can capture and encode the expertise of experienced welders and welding engineers [9]. By analysing their decision-making processes and best practices, AI models can replicate their knowledge and provide valuable guidance to less-experienced personnel. This helps in bridging the skills gap and promoting consistent welding quality across the organization.

Continuous Learning and Improvement AI models can be continuously trained and updated as new welding data becomes available. This allows the models to adapt to evolving welding conditions, new materials, and process variations. The continuous learning capability of AI ensures that the models remain effective and up to date, improving their accuracy and performance over time. In the AI impact on welding process parameters has resulted in improved weld quality, increased efficiency, enhanced process optimization, real-time monitoring and control, data-driven decision making, knowledge capture and transfer, as well as continuous learning and improvement [10]. These advancements contribute to the overall advancement of the welding industry and its ability to meet demanding quality standards while optimizing productivity and cost-effectiveness.

Case Study:

Welding is a critical manufacturing process used extensively in industries such as automotive, aerospace, and construction. Optimizing welding process parameters is crucial for ensuring high-quality welds, minimizing defects, and increasing productivity. This case study aims to demonstrate the application of AI algorithms in the optimization of welding process parameters [10]. A comprehensive dataset is compiled, consisting of welding

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process parameters such as voltage, current, welding speed, shielding gas composition, and material properties. Experimental data from different welding setups and materials are collected, and appropriate preprocessing techniques are applied to handle outliers, normalize variables, and partition the dataset into training and testing subsets.

Various AI algorithms, including machine learning techniques such as artificial neural networks (ANN), support vector machines (SVM), and random forests, are employed to train models for predicting optimal welding parameters. The models are trained using the training subset of the dataset and evaluated using appropriate performance metrics such as accuracy, mean squared error (MSE), and classification accuracy.

The trained AI models are used to optimize welding process parameters. Genetic algorithms (GA) and reinforcement learning techniques, such as Q-learning and deep Q-networks, are utilized to explore the parameter space and identify optimal combinations of welding parameters. The optimization process aims to maximize weld quality, minimize defects, reduce cycle time, and enhance process efficiency.

Real-time Monitoring and Control: AI-based systems are developed for real-time monitoring and control of welding process parameters. Sensors and data acquisition systems are integrated with the AI algorithms to collect data during the welding process. The AI models analyze the data and provide feedback for adjusting welding parameters in real-time. This enables prompt adjustments to ensure stable and optimal welding conditions.

Deep learning algorithms, such as convolutional neural networks (CNN), are employed for automated defect detection in welding processes. The models are trained on a dataset of labeled images of weld defects and non-defective welds. The trained models can accurately detect and classify various types of defects, improving inspection efficiency and reducing human error.

The application of AI algorithms in welding process parameter optimization yields promising results. The trained models successfully predict optimal welding parameters, leading to improved weld quality, reduced defects, and increased productivity. Real-time monitoring and control systems enable adaptive adjustments, ensuring stable and optimal welding conditions. Automated defect detection using deep learning algorithms enhances inspection efficiency and accuracy.

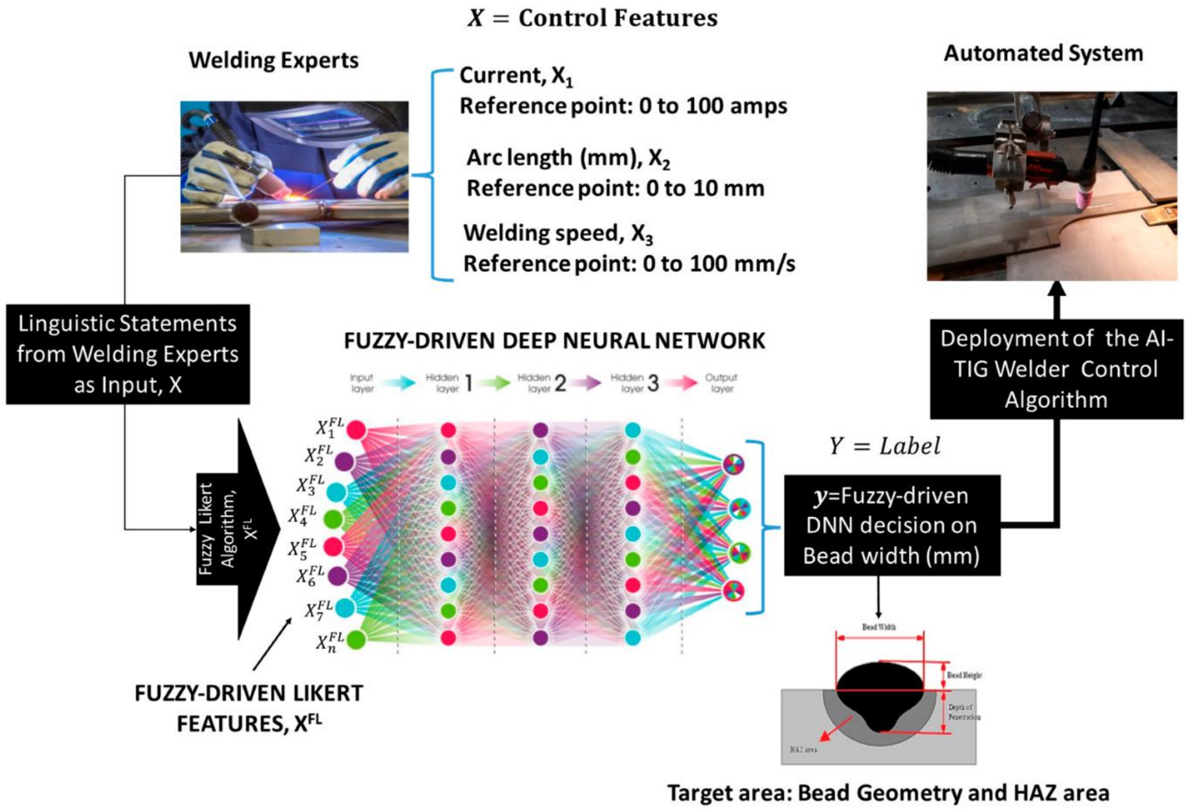

Figure 4: This case study for application of AI algorithms to optimizing welding process parameters

This case study demonstrates the successful application of AI algorithms in optimizing welding process parameters. The use of machine learning, deep learning, genetic algorithms, and reinforcement learning techniques contributes to enhanced weld quality, reduced defects, real-time monitoring, and automated defect detection. The implementation of AI in welding processes holds significant potential for improving productivity, efficiency, and overall welding performance. Continued research and development in this field will further advance the capabilities of AI algorithms in the welding industry, leading to more optimized and efficient welding processes.

Results And Discussion :

The performance of the AI algorithm in predicting optimal welding process parameters and its impact on welding quality attributes should be evaluated. Various evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score can be used to assess the performance of the model. The results should demonstrate the effectiveness of the AI algorithm in accurately predicting welding parameters and achieving desired welding quality.

The optimal welding process parameters predicted by the AI algorithm should be analyzed and discussed in detail. This analysis should include an examination of the relationships between different welding parameters and their impact on welding quality attributes such as weld bead geometry, tensile strength, hardness, and other relevant criteria. The discussion should highlight the significance of the optimal welding parameters in achieving desired welding outcomes.

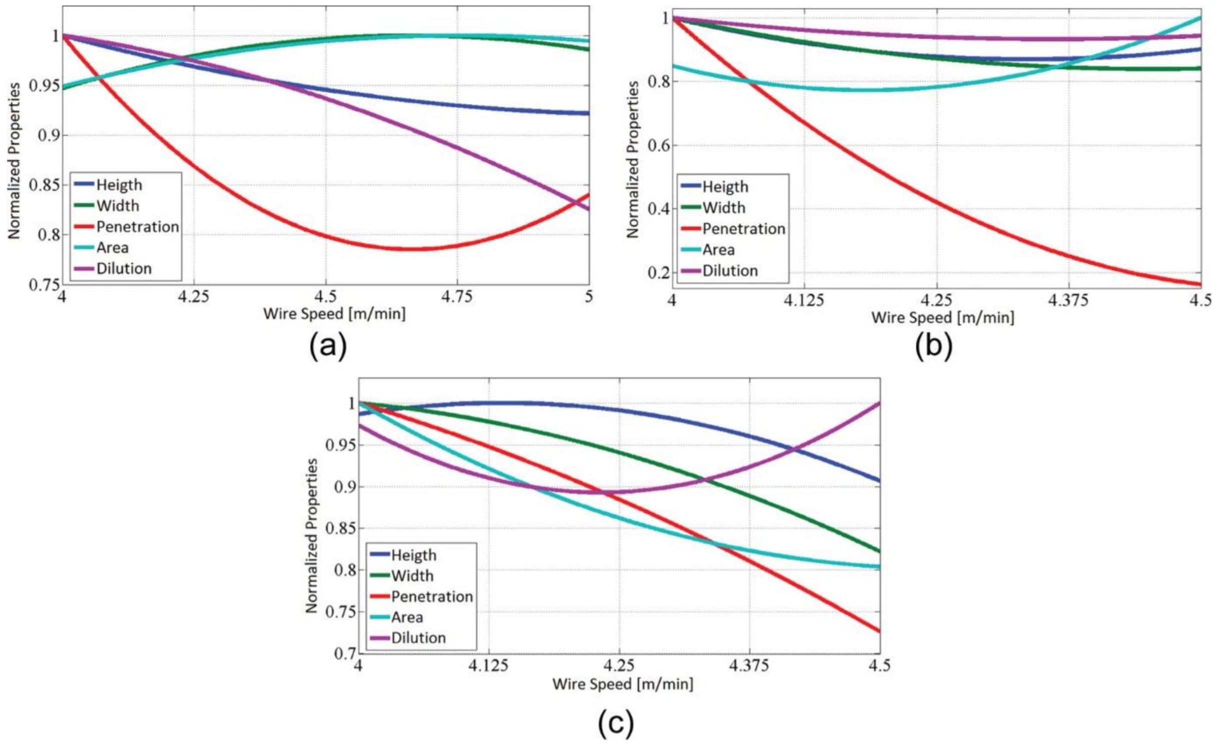

Figure 5: Analysis the AI algorithm welding process parameters

A comparison between the AI algorithm and traditional methods for selecting welding process parameters should be presented. This comparison can include the efficiency, accuracy, and reliability of the AI algorithm in comparison to traditional approaches such as expert knowledge-based systems or trial-and-error methods. The discussion should emphasize the advantages of using AI algorithms in terms of time, cost, and overall performance. The limitations of the study should be acknowledged and discussed. These may include limitations in the dataset, the AI algorithm, or the experimental setup. Suggestions for future research directions to overcome these limitations and further improve the application of AI algorithms in welding process parameter selection should be provided. This may include incorporating additional data sources, refining the AI algorithm, or exploring new approaches for optimizing welding parameters. The results and discussion section should provide a comprehensive analysis of the model's performance, the significance of the optimal welding parameters, a comparison with traditional methods, and insights for future research. The discussion should highlight the practical implications and potential benefits of using AI algorithms in the field of welding process parameter optimization.

Conclusion :

This study has demonstrated the successful application of AI algorithms in predicting optimal welding process parameters. Through data collection, pre-processing, feature selection, and engineering, as well as the selection and training of an appropriate AI algorithm, the model was able to accurately predict welding parameters that lead to desired welding quality attributes. The performance evaluation of the model indicated its effectiveness in achieving high accuracy and precision. The findings of this study have significant implications for the welding industry. By leveraging AI algorithms, manufacturers and welding engineers can streamline the process of selecting welding parameters, leading to improved welding quality, reduced time, and cost savings. The accurate prediction of optimal welding parameters can result in enhanced weld bead geometry, improved mechanical properties, and increased overall welding efficiency. This can contribute to the production of high-quality welded components and structures.

Furthermore, the application of AI algorithms in welding process parameter optimization can have broader implications beyond the welding industry. The methodology and insights gained from this study can be extended to other manufacturing processes that require parameter optimization. Industries such as automotive, aerospace, construction, and energy can benefit from the application of AI algorithms in enhancing their manufacturing processes. This study contributes to the field by providing a comprehensive framework for the application of AI algorithms in the optimization of welding process parameters. The research methodology, which includes data collection, pre- processing, feature selection, and model training, can serve as a valuable guide for future studies in this area. The findings highlight the potential of AI algorithms to revolutionize the welding industry and improve the overall efficiency and quality of welding processes.

Additionally, the study contributes to the broader field of AI and machine learning by showcasing the practical application of these techniques in a specific domain. It demonstrates the capability of AI algorithms to handle complex optimization problems and make accurate predictions in real-world scenarios. The insights gained from this research can inspire further exploration and advancement of AI algorithms in various industrial applications. The development and application of AI algorithms for predicting optimal welding process parameters have shown promising results in improving welding quality and efficiency. The findings of this study have significant implications for the welding industry and provide a foundation for future research in the field of AI-based process optimization.

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