OPTIMIZATION of Al-BASE COMPOSITE USING GENETIC ALGORITHM

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ABSTRACT

This paper provides six tests were carried out for the base alloy (BA) (Al-2%Mg) and the three composite samples ((A_1 (Al-2%Mg-2%CKD), A_2 (Al-2%Mg-8%CKD) & A_3 (Al-2%Mg-16% CKD))) which were prepared by using powder metallurgy technique. As a results, it was found an optimum composite material using the hybrid method represented by genetic algorithms by using through carry out two ways of crossover (1X, 2X), basing on statistical data obtained from experimental results. The basic data were built, depending on their properties, to describe the composite. Then, the evolution algorithm is to make procedure for the genetic clustering process and provides a number of required clusters; to avoid the overlapping between clusters with the other. One of the clustering validity measures called "Davies-Bouldin index" as fitness function of that algorithm that used. Then, the two types of properties for each cluster: mechanical properties (hardness, thermal conductivity, wear rate, friction coefficient) and machining properties (surface roughness, tool life) were extracted. This paper concludes that composite (43&33) represented optimum composite material by using one point and two point crossover operators (1X,2X) respectively.

الخلاصه

هذا البحث يبين ست اختبارات للسبيكة الاساس وثلاث نماذج من المواد المركبه A1,A2,A3 المحضرة باستخدام تقنيه الباودر ميتالورجي. ومن النتائج تم الحصول على السبيكة المثلى باستخدام طرق الوراثه الجينيه بالاعتماد على البيانات الاحصائيه الناتجة من النتائج التجريبية المتمثله بخواص المواد المركبه. استخدمت داله الصلاحيه لقياس تداخل المجاميع. يوجد نوعين من الخواص لكل مجموعه (الخواص الميكانيكيه وتشمل الصلادة , الموصليه الحراريه , معدل البلى ومعامل الاحتكاك) و(الخواص التشغيليه التي تشمل خشونه السطح وعمر العده) . نستنتج من هذا البحث بان السبائك (43و33) تمثل السبائك المثلى .

Key words: ***genetic algorithm, optimum, hardness, thermal conductivity, wear rate, friction coefficient, surface roughness, tool life.***

1. INTRODUCTION

A genetic algorithm (GA) is a search and optimization method which works by mimicking the evolutionary principles and chromosomal processing in natural genetics. A GA begins its search with a random set of solutions usually coded in binary strings. Every solution is assigned a fitness which is directly related to the objective function of the search and optimization problem. Therefore, the population of solutions is modified to a new population by applying three operators similar to natural genetic operators-reproduction, crossover, and mutation. It works iteratively by successively applying these three operators in each generation till a termination criterion is satisfied. Over the past decade and more, GAs have been successfully applied to a wide variety of problems, due to their simplicity, global perspective, and inherent parallel processing [Sedighizadeh, 2008].

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1. Overview of the Genetic Algorithms and Operators:

Genetic Algorithm ,GA, is a heuristic used to find approximate solutions for difficult to solve problems through application of the principles of evolutionary biology to computer science. Genetic algorithms use biologically-derived techniques such as inheritance, mutation, natural selection, and recombination (or crossover) [Samaher, 2005].

A basic genetic algorithm that can produce acceptable results in many practical problems is composed of five operators:

1) Reproduction process goal is to allow the genetic information, stored in the good fitness artificial strings, survive the next generation. The typical case is where the population's string has assigned a value according to its aptitude in the object function. This value has the probability of being chosen as the parent in the reproduction process of a new generation [Hussein ,2013].
2) Fitness function plays the most important role in genetic search. This function has to evaluate the goodness of each chromosome in a population [Sedighizadeh M., 2008 & Mansouri, 2012]. Thus, the input of the fitness function is a chromosome and it returns a numerical evaluation representing the goodness of the feature subset. The fitnesss of a chromosome is calculated by using the Davies-Bouldin index. This index is a function of the ratio

of the sum of within-cluster scatter to between-cluster separation [Kumar., 2014 & Mr. Goyal, 2009]. The scatter within the ith cluster, is computed as:

$$\mathbf{Si,q} = \left(\frac{1}{|\mathbf{Ci}|} \sum_{\mathbf{x \in Ci}} \{\| \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{Zi} \|_2^q\} \right)^{1/q} \quad \mathbf{(1\text{-}1)}$$

and the distance between cluster Ci and Cj is defined as:

$$\mathbf{d\ ij,t} = ||\mathbf{Zi} - \mathbf{Zj}||\mathbf{t} \quad \mathbf{(1\text{-}2)}$$

Si,q is the qth root of the qth moment of the |Ci| points in cluster Ci with respect to their mean zi, and is a measure of the dispersion of the points in the cluster. Specifically Si,q used in this article, is the average Euclidean distance of the vectors in class i to the centroid of class i,dij,t is the Minkowski distance of order t between the centroids zi and zj that characterize clusters Ci and Cj. Subsequently, the study will compute.

$$\boldsymbol{R}\mathbf{i,qt} = \max_{j,i \neq i} \left\{ \frac{Si,q + Sj,q}{dij,t} \right\} \quad \mathbf{(1\text{-}3)}$$

The Davies–Bouldin DB index is then defined as:

$$\mathbf{DB} = \frac{1}{\mathbf{K}} \sum_{\mathbf{i=1}}^{\mathbf{K}} \mathbf{Ri,qt} \quad \mathbf{(1\text{-}4)}$$

The objective is to minimize the DB index for achieving proper clustering. The fitness function for chromosome j is defined as 1/DBj, where DBj is the Cavies-Bouldin index computed for this chromosome, where the maximization of the fitness function will ensure minimization of the DB index [Bandyopadhyay, 2001].

3) Crossover operator plays an important role in producing a new generation. The crossover operator is a genetic operator that combines (mates) two chromosomes (parents)

to produce a new chromosome (offspring). The idea behind crossover is that the new chromosome may be better than both of the parents if it takes the best characteristics from each of the parents. Crossover occurs during evolution according to a user definable crossover probability. There is number of cross over operators such as: One point crossover, two point crossover and uniform crossover in this research. The study has as a results, used one and two point crossover operators will be used [Abuiziah, 2013].

4) Mutation involves the modification of the value of each 'gene' of a solution with some probability pm, (the mutation probability). The role of mutation in genetic algorithm has been that of restoring lost or unexplored genetic material into the population to prevent premature convergence of the GA to suboptimal solution [Hussein, 2013 & Furdu, 2006].
5) Elitism when creating new population by genetic algorithm processes, we might lose the best chromosome since the selection of chromosomes (or candidate solutions) is more or less done at random. Elitism is the name of method, which first copies the best chromosome (or a few best chromosomes) to new population for further evolution. Elitism can very rapidly increase performance of GA because it prevents losing the best found solution. We have implemented elitism at each generation by preserving the best string seen up to that generation in a location outside the population [Chakraborty, 2003].

2.2. Representation of Solution

The chromosomes are makeup of real values (representing the values of the alloy properties that obtain by the laboratory tests as shown in Tables (1 & 2)) by using visual basic language. The length of a chromosome equal N gene while the length of gene is dynamic length the first gene equals one that represent the hardness properties as explained in Fig.(1), the second gene length equals one that represent the thermal conductivity properties, the third gene length equals eight that represent the wear rate properties, the fourth gene length equals eight that represent the friction coefficient properties, the fifth gene length equals eight that represent the surface roughness, the sixth gene length equals eight that represent the tool life properties.

2.3. Implementation

The genetic operators are used in the genetic algorithm optimization procedure according to the flowchat given in Fig. 2. It is not necessary to employ all of these operators in a genetic algorithm because each operates independently of the other, the choice or design of operators depends on the problem and the representation scheme employed. For instance operators designed for binary strings cannot be directly used on strings coded with integers or real number.

3. Results and Discussion

This study provides method to reach to the optimum sample using the hybrid method, that represented by statistical parameters and genetic algorithms, where the use of data obtained from experiments to determine the optimum properties of alloys (i.e. in this research have been identified six of the properties of alloys). Accordingly, the database was built describe alloys depending on their properties. Results showed optimization algorithm represented genetic algorithm the chromosome (43) is the optimal alloy for 1X-crossover operator that gives the best properties according to results shown in Table(5) and the chromosome (33) is the optimal alloy for 2X-crossover operator that gives the best properties according to results shown in Table (6).

Step1 load the alloys database that contain the (50) alloys and (34) feature (represented mechanical properties such as hardness test, thermal conductivity test, wear rate test and friction coefficient test and machining tests such as surface roughness test and tool life test with (F1,F2,F3-F10,F11-F18,F19-F26 and F27-F34) respectively .

Step2 convert the values of above database to the values in the range [0,1].

Step3 in this work, we apply the genetic algorithm to find the optimal sample by using two ways of crossover (1X,2X) as shown in Table (3&4) respectively.

Genetic algorithm is applied to find the best values of the final results of alloys features. Before this, we need to determine some of parameters related to GA such as (population size= 50 individuals, probability of crossover= 90%, probability of mutation= 10% and number of generation= 100).

4. CONCLUSIONS

As a results which have presented the work. The study can be the following concluded:

1. The optimal alloy by using one point crossover operator is alloy (43) which means it gives the best properties similar to (A_3) alloy properties.
2. The optimal alloy by using two point crossover operator is alloy (33) which means it gives the best properties similar to (A_3) alloy properties.
3. As compared to the laboratory results, which need longer time and more cost. The results were obtained by using genetic algorithm in a shorter time and less cost.

Gen_1…………………………………………………………$Genn$

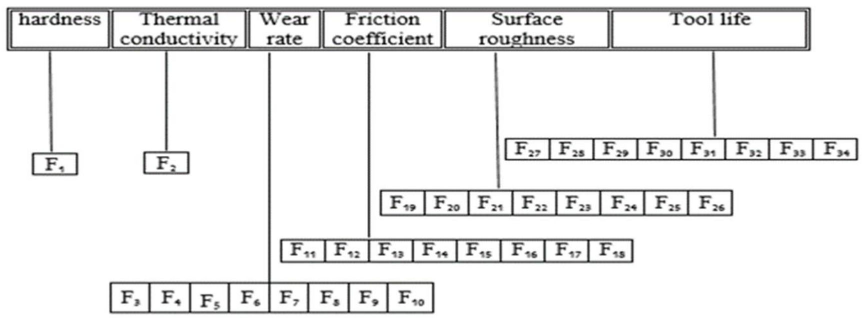

Fig.(1): The representation of chromosome.

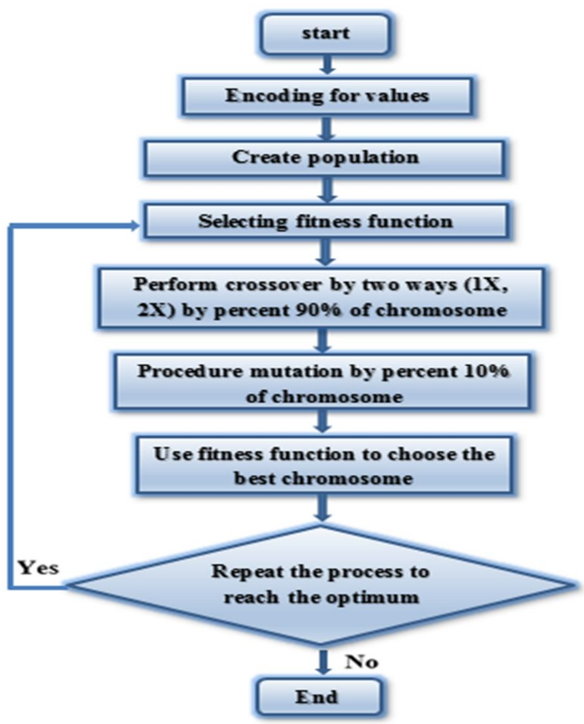

Fig.2. Flowchart of a simple genetic algorithm.

Table 1. Features of tests results.

Features	Meaning of features	Features	Meaning of features
F_1	Vickers hardness value at load 200g.	F_2	Thermal conductivity value at temperature 100 °c.
F_3	Wear rate at load 4N for 5min.	F_4	Wear rate at load 4N for 10 min.
F_5	Wear rate at load 4N for 15 min.	F_6	Wear rate at load 4N for 20 min.
F_7	Wear rate at load 10 N for 5 min.	F_8	Wear rate at load 10 N for 10 min.
F_9	Wear rate at load 10 N for 15 min.	F_{10}	Wear rate at load 10 N for 20 min.
F_{11}	Friction coefficient at 4N for 5 min.	F_{12}	Friction coefficient at 4N for 10 min.
F_{13}	Friction coefficient at 4N for 15min	F_{14}	Friction coefficient at 4N for 20min.
F_{15}	Friction coefficient at 10N for 5min	F_{16}	Friction coefficient at 10N for 10 min
F_{17}	Friction coefficient at 10N for 15 min.	F_{18}	Friction coefficient at 10N for 20 min
F_{19}	Surface roughness at speed 80 rpm, feed rate 0.05 m/rev.	F_{20}	Surface roughness at speed 160 rpm, feed rate 0.05 m/rev.
F_{21}	Surface roughness at speed 315 rpm, feed rate 0.05 m/rev.	F_{22}	Surface roughness at speed 500 rpm, feed rate 0.05 m/rev.
F_{23}	Surface roughness at speed 80 rpm, feed rate 0.1 m/rev.	F_{24}	Surface roughness at speed 160 rpm, feed rate 0.1 m/rev.
F_{25}	Surface roughness at speed 315rpm, feed rate 0.1 m/rev.	F_{26}	Surface roughness at speed 500 rpm, feed rate 0.1 m/rev.
F_{27}	Tool life at speed 80 rpm, feed rate 0.05 mm/rev.	F_{28}	Tool life at speed 160 rpm, feed rate 0.05 mm/rev.
F_{29}	Tool life at speed 315 rpm, feed rate 0.05 mm/rev.	F_{30}	Tool life at speed 500 rpm, feed rate 0.05 mm/rev.
F_{31}	Tool life at speed 80 rpm, feed rate 0.1 mm/rev.	F_{32}	Tool life at speed 160 rpm, feed rate 0.1 mm/rev.
F_{33}	Tool life at speed 315 rpm, feed rate0.1 mm/rev.	F_{34}	Tool life at speed 500 rpm, feed rate 0.1 mm/rev.

Table 2. Results of laboratory tests.

Material code	Hardness test (HV)	Thermal conductivity test (w/m.k)	Load (N)	Time (min)	Wear rate (g/cm)	Friction coefficient	Spindle speed (rpm)	Feed rate (mm/rev)	Surface roughness (micron)	Tool life (sec)
BA (base alloy)	50	245	4	5	0.009	0.77	80	0.05	4	177
				10	0.0085	0.7	160		2.95	111
				15	0.0069	0.54	315		1.902	102
				20	0.0051	0.48	500		1.623	51
			10	5	0.0099	0.66	80	0.1	4.412	147
				10	0.009	0.37	160		2.967	108
				15	0.0074	0.29	315		2.4	99
				20	0.006	0.27	500		2.1	48
A_1 (Al-2%Mg-2%CKD) composite	54	240	4	5	0.007	0.61	80	0.05	3.5	174
				10	0.0058	0.58	160		2	102
				15	0.003	0.44	315		1.51	84
				20	0.002	0.32	500		1.356	48
			10	5	0.008	0.5	80	0.1	3.621	90
				10	0.0073	0.32	160		3	78
				15	0.005	0.27	315		2.136	48
				20	0.003	0.22	500		1.765	46.8
A_2 (Al-2%Mg-8%CKD) composite	63	180	4	5	0.004	0.49	80	0.05	2.812	168
				10	0.0029	0.4	160		1.7	99
				15	0.0018	0.35	315		1.2	48
				20	0.0015	0.28	500		1	45
			10	5	0.0045	0.4	80	0.1	3	84
				10	0.0043	0.3	160		2	72
				15	0.003	0.2	315		1.7	47.4
				20	0.002	0.18	500		1.156	42
A_3 (Al-2%Mg-16% CKD) composite	74	101	4	5	0.0025	0.3	80	0.05	2.123	117
				10	0.002	0.25	160		1.4	51
				15	0.0015	0.1	315		0.937	47.4
				20	0.0011	0.09	500		0.456	42
			10	5	0.0028	0.2	80	0.1	2.5	63
				10	0.0024	0.14	160		1.9	48
				15	0.002	0.08	315		1.2	45
				20	0.0013	0.07	500		0.7	41.4

Table (3): Results of genetic algorithm for 1X way of crossover.

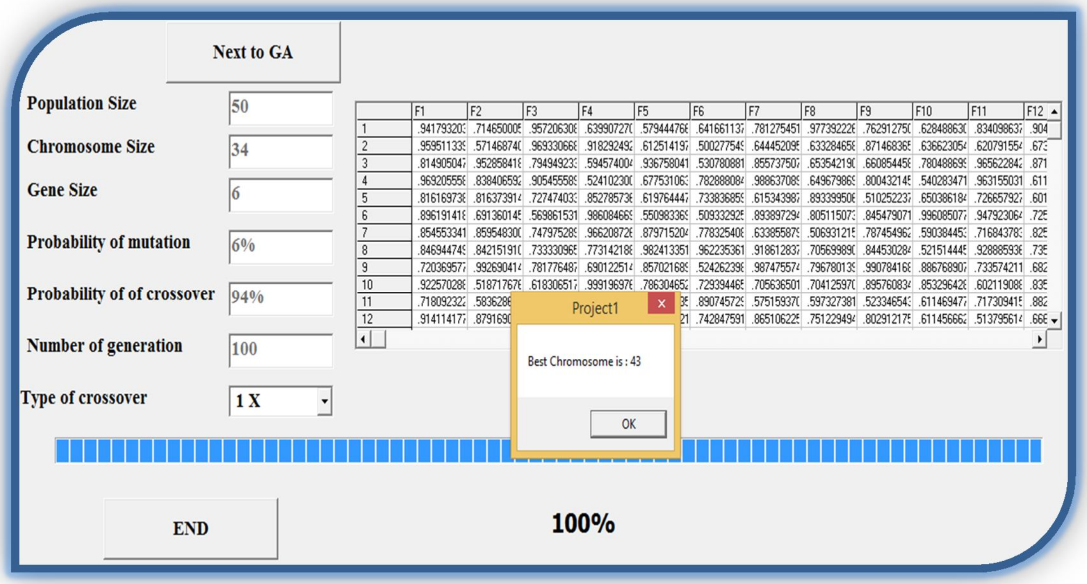

Table (4): Results of genetic algorithm for 2X way of crossover.

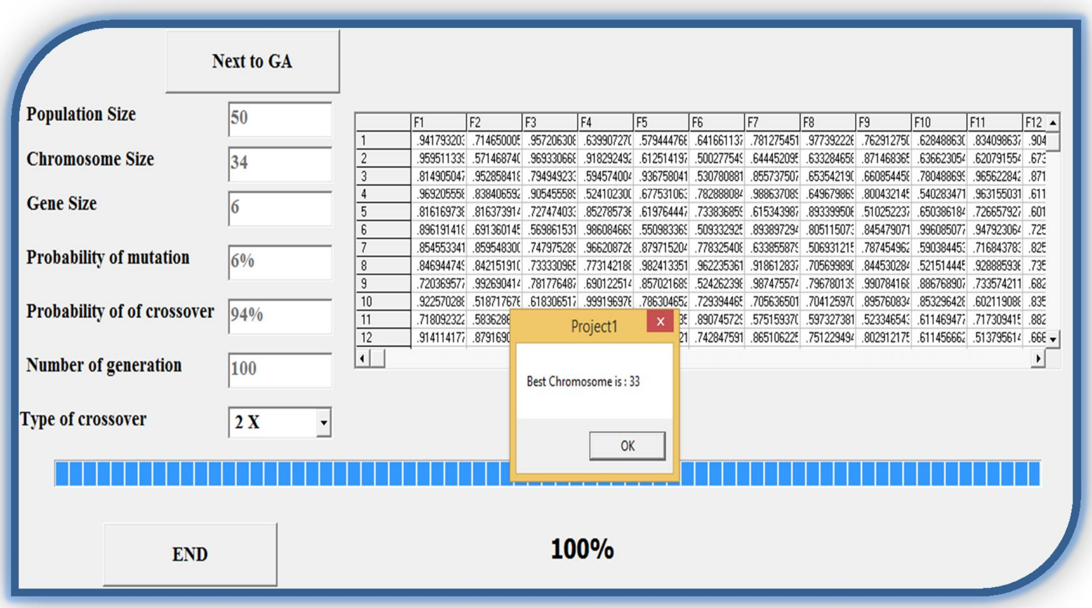

Table 5. Results of the optimization algorithm represented genetic algorithm for 1X-crossover operator compared with the experimental results.

Features	Experimental results	Optimization Algorithm
F_1	74	71
F_2	101	115
F_3	0.0025	0.0030
F_4	0.002	0.004
F_5	0.0015	0.0016
F_6	0.0011	0.0018
F_7	0.0028	0.0025
F_8	0.0024	0.002
F_9	0.002	0.0019
F_{10}	0.0013	0.007
F_{11}	0.3	0.46
F_{12}	0.25	0.5
F_{13}	0.1	0.08
F_{14}	0.09	0.1
F_{15}	0.2	0.28
F_{16}	0.14	0.15
F_{17}	0.08	0.1
F_{18}	0.07	0.15
F_{19}	2.123	2.235
F_{20}	1.4	1.4
F_{21}	0.937	1.1
F_{22}	0.456	0.552
F_{23}	2.5	2.542
F_{24}	1.9	2.243
F_{25}	1.2	1.647
F_{26}	0.7	0.742
F_{27}	117	115
F_{28}	51	49
F_{29}	47.4	46
F_{30}	42	40
F_{31}	63	58
F_{32}	48	39
F_{33}	45	30
F_{34}	41.4	39

Table 6. Results of the optimization algorithm represented genetic algorithm for 2X-crossover operator compared with the experimental results.

Features	Experimental results	Optimization Algorithm
F_1	**74**	60
F_2	**101**	141
F_3	**0.0025**	0.0032
F_4	**0.002**	0.004
F_5	**0.0015**	0.002
F_6	**0.0011**	0.001
F_7	**0.0028**	0.002
F_8	**0.0024**	0.0022
F_9	**0.002**	0.002
F_{10}	**0.0013**	0.009
F_{11}	**0.3**	0.43
F_{12}	**0.25**	0.45
F_{13}	**0.1**	0.15
F_{14}	**0.09**	0.1
F_{15}	**0.2**	0.3
F_{16}	**0.14**	0.16
F_{17}	**0.08**	0.06
F_{18}	**0.07**	0.03
F_{19}	**2.123**	2.47
F_{20}	**1.4**	1.77
F_{21}	**0.937**	1.151
F_{22}	**0.456**	0.9
F_{23}	**2.5**	2.614
F_{24}	**1.9**	2.438
F_{25}	**1.2**	1.519
F_{26}	**0.7**	1.022
F_{27}	**117**	111
F_{28}	**51**	44
F_{29}	**47.4**	42
F_{30}	**42**	38
F_{31}	**63**	50
F_{32}	**48**	38
F_{33}	**45**	28
F_{34}	**41.4**	37

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