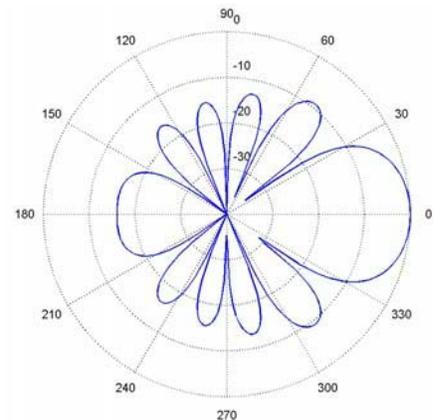
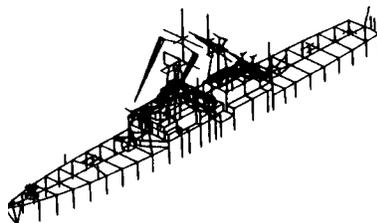
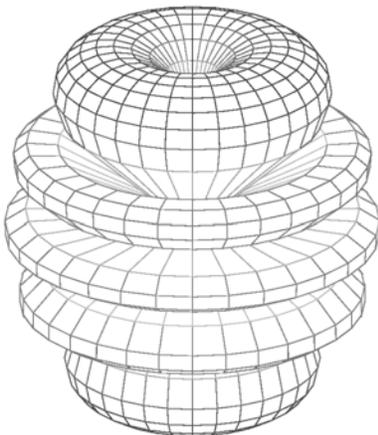
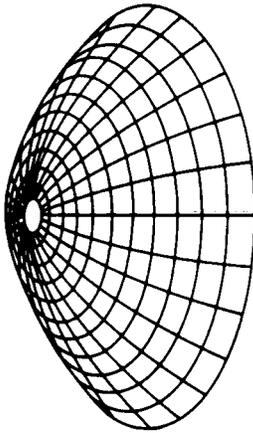
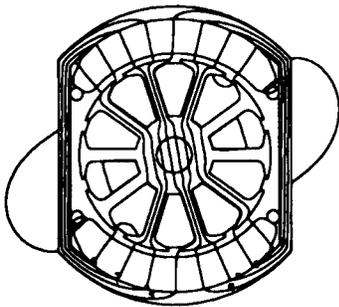
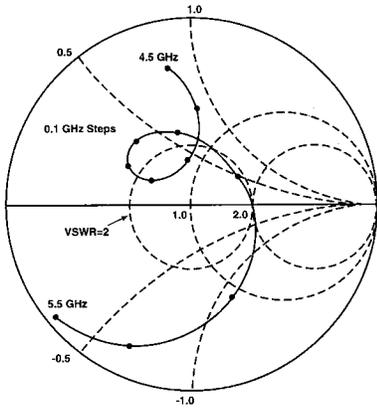


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Neural computing and machine learning algorithms have arrived and are here to stay! In the last ten years neural networks have experienced an unbelievable growth, both in terms of novel neural network architectures that have appeared in the literature, and new applications where neural networks have been used successfully. The high-speed capabilities and “learning” abilities of neural networks can be applied to quickly solving numerous complex optimization problems in electromagnetics, and this special issue shows you how. Even if you have no background in neural networks, the papers that appear in this issue will give you a flavor of the different applications that neural networks can be applied to.

In the past, neural networks (NNs) have been applied to modeling and design of antennas, microstrip circuits, embedded passive components, semiconductor and optical devices, and so on. Today, support vector machines (SVM) have also emerged in the area of machine learning and have been used mainly in the area of pattern recognition and classification. In this issue, two of the papers discuss a machine learning approach to solving electromagnetics problems. One of them compares results between classical neural networks and SVM’s.

There are basically four main situations in which NNS and SVMs are good candidates for use in electromagnetics.

1. When closed form solutions do not exist and trial and error methods are the only approaches to solving the problem at hand.
2. When the application requires real-time performance.
3. When faster convergence rates and smaller errors are required in the optimization of large systems.
4. When enough measured data exist to train an NN or an SVM for prediction purposes, especially when no analytical tools exist.
5. When they can be used in conjunction with other numerical techniques for enhancement purposes.

This special issue includes 7 papers all of which are very different yet they have one unifying factor which is the use of NNS and SVM in tackling the problem at hand. The 1st paper is an example of how both neural networks and support vector machines can be used to classify buried objects (a classification problem). The second paper shows how neural networks can be used along with signal processing techniques for bio-medical applications and sensors. In the third paper we see an example of how neural networks can be combined with equivalent circuit formulations and other approaches for modeling of multilayer printed circuits. The fourth paper introduces the use of SVM in training adaptive array antennas for determining the direction of arrival of a signal (DOA). The paper includes a brief introduction of machine learning and support vector machines and how results compare with the more classical existing techniques. The fifth paper demonstrates how measured data can be used to train neural networks to predict

resonances for microstrip antennas at different frequencies and for different dimensions. The sixth paper is an example of how neural networks can be used in problems where no closed-form solutions exist such as the estimation of target orientation using measured radar cross section data. The last paper is a unique example of using neural networks with the asymptotic waveform evaluation (AWE) to speed up the analysis of the method of moments. This combined approach is applied to the solution of a microstrip antenna. Also, several references are included in each paper and the hope is that the reader will be exposed to the wide range of applications that are possible today in the area of electromagnetics using neural networks and machine learning!

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