

Optimization of Operating Parameters on a Diesel Engine Using Grey Relational Analysis

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Abstract - The present work envisages the multi-response optimization of operating parameters on a single cylinder diesel engine. The performance and emission characteristics of the engine were estimated at various loads i.e. 4A, 9A, 13A and 18A, at various fuel injection timings i.e. 160, 190, 230 and 250 before top dead centre (bTDC) and various fuel injection pressures i.e. 18, 20, 22 and 24 N/mm². Grey relational analysis & Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) were adapted to find the optimal combination of operating parameters. Multi-response optimization with Grey relational analysis showed that 18A load, 250bTDC injection timing and 24 N/mm² injection pressure is the optimal combination level of factor. The ANOVA results showed that the most significant factor is the fuel injection pressure which contributes to 47%.

Key Words: Injection timing, Injection pressure, Grey relational analysis, ANOVA, Optimization

1.INTRODUCTION

Diesel engines are widely employed due to their high reliability, greater power to weight ratio and sturdy structure. The diesel combustion consists of premixed flame combustion and diffusion flame combustion, which is the major cause of NO_x and soot emissions. In general, for a diesel engine, the lowering of NO_x and soot emissions invariably increases the CO and HC emissions. Clean diesel technology remains viable option for balancing NO_x, CO, HC and soot emissions due to the interrelation between the heterogeneous mixture formation and self-ignition of diesel combustion. The quality of atomization greatly influences the combustion and emission characteristics. The role of combustion chamber shape is note worthy in the combustion phenomenon and exhaust emissions in a diesel engine. Researchers have worked on both experiments and simulation studies on various combustion chambers. Piston bowl with Toroidal re-entrant and retarded injection timing improved the BTE and reduced BSFC. Innovative technologies are developed to extract the maximum possible work out of the fuel burnt in the combustion chamber [1]. In general the emissions can be reduced either by installing expensive after treatment equipment like catalytic converter, exhaust gas recirculator etc., Low compression technology on diesel engine has given good results in reducing the NO_x emissions but there has been slight increase in CO and HC emissions. Better mixing of fuel and

air with slower ignition improves complete combustion process, combustion quality and brake thermal efficiency [2]. To incorporate new combustion strategies for reducing emissions and increase engine efficiency, the dynamic interaction between engine subsystems and their impact on combustion processes should be understood. Reducing the compression ratio reduces the peak firing pressure and temperature. Hence the formation of oxides of nitrogen is reduced which is inevitable at higher temperatures. At reduced compression ratios, the brake power and the brake thermal efficiency reduced. The loss in power may be compensated by delaying the ignition, by using multi-stage injection, boosting the charge pressure, reopening the exhaust valve in intake stroke and modifying the combustion chamber design.

Non Linear Regression [3], Response Surface Methodology (RSM) Grey Relational Analysis (GRA) [4], Genetic Algorithm [5] are the commonly used optimization techniques. Taguchi Technique has been widely used for optimization of parameters in Design of Experiments (DOE) [6]. Garg, worked on the management of the engine operating parameters and artificial neural networks (ANN) in predicting the torque, power and fuel consumption by varying injection pressure and speed. Two back-propagation learning algorithms were used [7]. Karthikeyan worked on turpentine mixed with diesel to obtain the optimum multiple performance characteristics [8]. David [9] investigated the influence of compression ratio. The CO and HC emissions were higher and there was degradation of performance at partial load. Ryouta Minamino [10] investigated the effect of compression ratio on low soot emission from diesel engine. The soot emission mainly depends on excess air ratio and it can be reduced by keeping the excess air ratio higher. Carlo Beatrice [11] conducted experiments on multi-jet four cylinder diesel engine at various compression ratios with conventional combustion and low temperature combustion mode for low NO_x emissions. There was strong improvement in reduction in NO_x, and particulate trade-off with increase in HC and CO emissions along with higher fuel consumption at lower compression ratio. Cursente [12] describes the effect of reduction in compression ratio, width to depth ratio of piston bowl and number of nozzle holes. Hiroshi Sono [13] constructed a Pent-roof combustion chamber with straight ports on a single cylinder diesel engine. The gross indicated mean effective pressure got

reduced than the baseline engine. With increase in intake air mass flow, the rise in rated speed was found. Multiple injection strategy is one of the advancement in enhancing the performance and suppression in emission from a diesel engine. Sylvain Mendez [14] used multiple injections which are said as pilot-injections at low compression mode to reduce engine emissions and noise. The combustion noise was controlled by splitting the heat release. For better control of the spatial fuel distribution, multiple injections were used and also to enhance the use of air in the combustion chamber. Usman Asad [15] performed engine test to realize the low temperature combustion on a single cylinder diesel engine at reduced compression ratios.

2 Experimental setup

The engine used is a four stroke single cylinder diesel engine. The specifications of the engine are given in Table 1. The schematic diagram of the experimental setup is shown in Fig. 1.

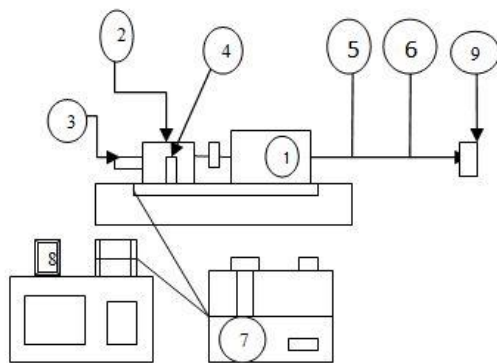


Fig – 1: Schematic diagram of experimental setup

1. Engine
2. Dynamometer
3. Crank angle encoder
4. Load cell
5. Exhaust gas analyzer
6. Smoke meter
7. Control panel
8. Computer
9. Silencer

A pressure transducer is used to monitor the injection pressure. The engine apparatus was connected with an emission measurement device AVL Digas 444 a five gas analyser. The setup is provided with necessary instruments for measuring combustion pressure and crank angle. The signals from the above instruments are interfaced to the computer through engine indicator for P-V and P- θ diagrams with AVL INDIMICRA 602 –T10602A (V2.5). Atmospheric air enters the intake manifold of the engine through an air filter and an air box. An air flow sensor fitted with the air box gave the input for the air consumption to the data acquisition system. All the inputs such as air and fuel consumption, engine brake power, cylinder pressure and crank angle were recorded by the high speed data acquisition system, processed in the computer. A thermocouple in conjunction with a temperature indicator was connected at the exhaust

pipe to measure the temperature of the exhaust gas. The smoke density of the exhaust was measured by the help of an AVL415 diesel smoke meter. A crank position sensor was connected to the output shaft to record the crank angle.

3. Experimental Procedure

To evaluate the performance and emission characteristics, initially the engine was run on zero load condition at standard injection timing of 230 bTDC and injection pressure of 20 N/mm² at a constant speed of 1500 rpm. In order to change the injection timing, the flywheel is rotated to bring the piston to TDC position. Then the flywheel is rotated in anti-clock wise direction until the fuel reaches the fuel injector. The movement of the flywheel should be noted carefully. The flywheel is rotated back by 5mm and this position is marked on the flywheel for the desired injection timing. Shims are added or removed to adopt the other injection timing positions [20]. In the present study, injection timing is altered to 160, 190, 230 and 250 bTDC position. The fuel injection pressure is changed by adjusting the screw provided above the fuel injector. By tightening the screw, the injection pressure is increased and vice-versa. The desired injection pressure is tested by a fuel injector pressure tester. Eddy current dynamometer is used to impart load on the engine. The current and thus the load is varied by a dimmer stat. The experiments were conducted at 4A, 9A, 13 A and 18A load apart from 0A load.

4. Optimization Using Grey Relational Analysis

In the present study load, fuel injection timing, fuel injection pressure are considered as the major influencing factors. Based on the findings available on open literature, the levels and their ranges were selected.

4.1 Selection of level of factors

For the factor fuel injection timing, 160, 190, 230 and 250 before top dead centre (bTDC) are taken as levels. Smoke emission and NO_x emission increases with further increase in advancing and retarding the timing [16]. For factor fuel injection pressures, 18, 20, 22 and 24 N/mm² are chosen as the levels. It is noticed that engine operation was smooth till 24 N/mm² pressures [17]. For factor load, 4A, 9A, 13A and 18A are taken as levels. The design factors and their levels chosen are shown in the Table 2.

Table 2. Design factors and their levels

| Factor No | Factor Influencing | Level of factor | | | |
|-----------|---|-----------------|----|----|----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | Load (A) | 4 | 9 | 13 | 19 |
| 2 | Injection Timing (°bTDC) | 16 | 19 | 22 | 25 |
| 3 | Injection Pressure (N/mm ²) | 18 | 20 | 22 | 24 |

Eight output parameters as responses namely BP, BSFC, BTE, NO_x, HC, CO, CO₂ and O₂ are analyzed in this study.

4.2 Grey Relational Analysis

Signal-to-noise ratio(S/N) is used in engineering for comparing the level of a desired signal to the level of background noise [18]. The experimental results were normalized in the range between zero and one. For brake power, brake thermal efficiency and O₂, the “higher-the-better” original sequence was normalized as follows:

$$x_i(k) = \frac{y_i(k) - \min y_i(k)}{\max y_i(k) - \min y_i(k)} \tag{1}$$

For brake specific fuel consumption, NO_x, HC, CO and CO₂, the “lower-the-better”. The original sequence was normalised as follows:

$$x_i(k) = \frac{\max y_i(k) - y_i(k)}{\max y_i(k) - \min y_i(k)} \tag{2}$$

$y_i(k)$ is the original reference sequence, $x_i(k)$ is the sequence for comparison. $i = 1,2,3, \dots, m$, $k = 1,2,3, \dots, n$ with m, n being total number of experiments and responses. $\min y_i(k)$ is the smallest value of $y_i(k)$ and $\max y_i(k)$ is the highest value of $y_i(k)$. The grey relational coefficients were obtained from the normalized experimental data to express the relationship between the desired and actual

experimental data. The grey relational coefficient $\xi_i(k)$ is calculated as,

$$\xi_i(k) = \frac{\Delta_{\min} + \Psi \Delta_{\max}}{\Delta_{oi}(k) + \Psi \Delta_{\max}} \tag{3}$$

$$\text{where } \Delta_{oi} = \| x_0(k) - x_i(k) \| \tag{4}$$

Δ_{\min} , Δ_{\max} are the min and max values of absolute differences (Δ_{oi}) of all distinguishing coefficient ($0 \leq \Psi \leq 1$). In the present study, the value of Ψ is taken as 0.5 [18].

4.3 Grey relational Generation

The grey relational grade is calculated as,

$$\gamma_o = 1/n \sum_{k=1}^n \beta_i \xi_i \quad \text{And } \sum \beta = 1 \tag{5}$$

Where β is the weighting factor. In the present study, the values of weighting factors are taken equally such that the sum of weighting factors is 1. Table 3 shows the Grey relational grade for each experiment.

Table 3. Grey relational coefficient & grey relational grade with rank

| Exp No. | Grey Relational Coefficient | | | | | | | | Grey Relational Grade | Rank |
|---------|-----------------------------|----------------|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------|
| | BP (kW) | BSFC (kg/h kW) | BTE (%) | NO _x (ppm) | HC (ppm) | CO (%) | CO ₂ (%) | O ₂ (%) | | |
| 1 | 1.0000 | 0.3518 | 0.6491 | 0.3478 | 0.5863 | 1.0000 | 0.5422 | 0.5006 | 0.6222 | 23 |
| 2 | 0.9810 | 0.3385 | 0.6909 | 0.3333 | 0.5299 | 1.0000 | 0.5140 | 0.5006 | 0.6110 | 28 |
| 3 | 0.9169 | 0.3581 | 0.6142 | 0.4025 | 0.4376 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.5015 | 0.5255 | 54 |
| 4 | 0.9257 | 0.3693 | 0.6142 | 0.4945 | 0.8746 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.4993 | 0.5960 | 38 |
| 5 | 0.9869 | 0.3333 | 0.6909 | 0.4126 | 0.5299 | 1.0000 | 0.5566 | 0.5402 | 0.6313 | 19 |
| 6 | 0.9223 | 0.3525 | 0.6491 | 0.4016 | 0.4808 | 1.0000 | 0.5280 | 0.4997 | 0.6043 | 32 |
| 7 | 0.9869 | 0.3581 | 0.6142 | 0.4822 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.5422 | 0.5095 | 0.6247 | 20 |
| 8 | 0.9257 | 0.3693 | 0.6142 | 0.5431 | 0.8746 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.4993 | 0.6021 | 33 |
| 9 | 0.9869 | 0.3585 | 1.0000 | 0.4901 | 0.4376 | 1.0000 | 0.4867 | 0.5365 | 0.6620 | 7 |
| 10 | 0.9169 | 0.3581 | 0.6142 | 0.4369 | 0.4376 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.5015 | 0.5318 | 53 |
| 11 | 0.9805 | 0.3595 | 0.6142 | 0.4574 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.5422 | 0.5095 | 0.6210 | 25 |
| 12 | 0.9257 | 0.3693 | 0.6142 | 0.5431 | 0.8746 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.4993 | 0.6021 | 34 |
| 13 | 0.9560 | 0.3549 | 0.6491 | 0.5808 | 0.4808 | 0.3333 | 0.5566 | 0.5517 | 0.5579 | 45 |

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|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| 14 | 0.9632 | 0.3497 | 0.6491 | 0.5699 | 0.4376 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.5015 | 0.5575 | 46 |
| 15 | 0.9869 | 0.3581 | 0.6142 | 0.5628 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.5422 | 0.5095 | 0.6348 | 17 |
| 16 | 0.9257 | 0.3693 | 0.6142 | 0.5431 | 0.8746 | 0.4608 | 0.5280 | 0.4993 | 0.6021 | 35 |
| 17 | 0.4854 | 0.5886 | 0.4086 | 0.3819 | 0.4178 | 0.4608 | 0.6494 | 0.5391 | 0.4915 | 63 |
| 18 | 0.4788 | 0.5146 | 0.4462 | 0.3743 | 0.3646 | 0.4608 | 0.6172 | 0.5391 | 0.4745 | 64 |
| 19 | 0.4749 | 0.5573 | 0.4169 | 0.4574 | 0.4808 | 0.4608 | 0.6494 | 0.5540 | 0.5064 | 59 |
| 20 | 0.4778 | 0.5516 | 0.4259 | 0.5369 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.4471 | 0.4738 | 0.6141 | 26 |
| 21 | 0.4839 | 0.4746 | 0.4705 | 0.4769 | 0.6887 | 0.4608 | 0.6494 | 0.5886 | 0.5367 | 50 |
| 22 | 0.4749 | 0.5322 | 0.4356 | 0.4601 | 0.6178 | 0.4608 | 0.6172 | 0.5489 | 0.5184 | 58 |
| 23 | 0.4832 | 0.5425 | 0.4259 | 0.5835 | 0.5863 | 1.0000 | 0.6331 | 0.5523 | 0.6009 | 37 |
| 24 | 0.4778 | 0.5516 | 0.4259 | 0.5781 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.3333 | 0.4738 | 0.6051 | 31 |
| 25 | 0.4803 | 0.5592 | 0.5591 | 0.5826 | 0.5046 | 0.4608 | 0.6016 | 0.5886 | 0.5421 | 49 |
| 26 | 0.4749 | 0.5573 | 0.4169 | 0.4557 | 0.4808 | 0.4608 | 0.6494 | 0.5540 | 0.5062 | 60 |
| 25 | 0.4819 | 0.5443 | 0.4259 | 0.5225 | 0.5863 | 1.0000 | 0.6331 | 0.5523 | 0.5933 | 39 |
| 28 | 0.4778 | 0.5516 | 0.4259 | 0.7129 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.4471 | 0.4738 | 0.6361 | 16 |
| 29 | 0.4809 | 0.5841 | 0.4086 | 0.6863 | 0.5299 | 0.4608 | 0.6830 | 0.5974 | 0.5539 | 47 |
| 30 | 0.4774 | 0.5516 | 0.4259 | 0.6709 | 0.4808 | 0.4608 | 0.6494 | 0.5540 | 0.5339 | 52 |
| 31 | 0.4832 | 0.5425 | 0.4259 | 0.6767 | 0.5863 | 1.0000 | 0.6331 | 0.5523 | 0.6125 | 25 |
| 32 | 0.4778 | 0.5516 | 0.4259 | 0.7129 | 1.0000 | 1.0000 | 0.3459 | 0.4738 | 0.6235 | 21 |
| 33 | 0.3866 | 0.6909 | 0.3746 | 0.4574 | 0.4376 | 0.4608 | 0.6830 | 0.5540 | 0.5056 | 61 |
| 34 | 0.3822 | 0.6025 | 0.4008 | 0.4253 | 0.3991 | 0.4608 | 0.7182 | 0.5953 | 0.4980 | 62 |
| 35 | 0.3783 | 0.6804 | 0.3805 | 0.5130 | 0.4178 | 0.4608 | 0.7552 | 0.6139 | 0.5250 | 55 |
| 36 | 0.3812 | 0.7422 | 0.3689 | 0.5871 | 0.6887 | 1.0000 | 0.7365 | 0.5981 | 0.6378 | 15 |
| 37 | 0.3862 | 0.6704 | 0.3805 | 0.5458 | 0.6178 | 0.3333 | 0.7941 | 0.6269 | 0.5444 | 48 |
| 38 | 0.3773 | 0.6607 | 0.3869 | 0.5289 | 0.5571 | 0.3333 | 0.7365 | 0.5953 | 0.5220 | 57 |
| 39 | 0.3851 | 0.6770 | 0.3805 | 0.6680 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.7552 | 0.6037 | 0.6218 | 24 |
| 40 | 0.3812 | 0.7422 | 0.3689 | 0.6219 | 0.6887 | 1.0000 | 0.7365 | 0.5981 | 0.6422 | 13 |
| 41 | 0.3832 | 0.6874 | 0.4169 | 0.6359 | 0.4376 | 1.0000 | 0.7365 | 0.6887 | 0.6233 | 22 |
| 42 | 0.3783 | 0.6804 | 0.3805 | 0.4945 | 0.4178 | 0.4608 | 0.7552 | 0.6139 | 0.5225 | 56 |
| 43 | 0.3834 | 0.6839 | 0.3805 | 0.5529 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.7552 | 0.6037 | 0.6080 | 29 |
| 44 | 0.3812 | 0.7422 | 0.3689 | 0.7953 | 0.6887 | 1.0000 | 0.7365 | 0.5981 | 0.6639 | 5 |
| 45 | 0.3850 | 0.7466 | 0.3636 | 0.8549 | 0.4178 | 0.4608 | 0.8353 | 0.6677 | 0.5915 | 40 |
| 46 | 0.3814 | 0.6671 | 0.3805 | 0.8170 | 0.4178 | 0.4608 | 0.7552 | 0.6139 | 0.5617 | 43 |
| 47 | 0.3851 | 0.6770 | 0.3805 | 0.8335 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.7552 | 0.6037 | 0.6425 | 12 |
| 48 | 0.3812 | 0.7422 | 0.3689 | 0.7953 | 0.6887 | 1.0000 | 0.7365 | 0.5981 | 0.6639 | 6 |
| 49 | 0.3357 | 0.8001 | 0.3586 | 0.5174 | 0.5046 | 0.4608 | 1.0000 | 0.5899 | 0.5709 | 42 |
| 50 | 0.3351 | 0.6770 | 0.3805 | 0.4972 | 0.3333 | 0.4608 | 0.9016 | 0.6968 | 0.5353 | 51 |
| 51 | 0.3349 | 0.9225 | 0.3410 | 0.5619 | 0.5299 | 1.0000 | 0.8144 | 0.6192 | 0.6405 | 14 |
| 52 | 0.3349 | 0.8055 | 0.3539 | 0.6026 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.9016 | 0.6988 | 0.6502 | 11 |
| 53 | 0.3335 | 0.7466 | 0.3636 | 0.6518 | 0.7289 | 0.3333 | 0.9250 | 0.7325 | 0.6019 | 36 |
| 54 | 0.3333 | 0.7173 | 0.3689 | 0.6210 | 0.5571 | 0.3333 | 0.8567 | 0.6907 | 0.5598 | 44 |
| 55 | 0.3366 | 0.7948 | 0.3586 | 0.7208 | 0.5571 | 1.0000 | 0.9016 | 0.6947 | 0.6705 | 4 |
| 56 | 0.3349 | 0.8055 | 0.3539 | 0.6805 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.9016 | 0.6988 | 0.6600 | 8 |

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|----|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----|
| 57 | 0.3349 | 0.7254 | 0.4845 | 0.7360 | 0.5863 | 0.4608 | 0.9250 | 1.0000 | 0.6566 | 9 |
| 58 | 0.3333 | 0.6839 | 0.3805 | 0.5225 | 0.5299 | 0.4608 | 1.0000 | 0.7830 | 0.5868 | 41 |
| 59 | 0.3357 | 0.8001 | 0.3586 | 0.5871 | 0.5571 | 1.0000 | 0.9016 | 0.6947 | 0.6544 | 10 |
| 60 | 0.3349 | 0.8055 | 0.3539 | 0.8115 | 0.5046 | 1.0000 | 0.9016 | 0.6988 | 0.6763 | 3 |
| 61 | 0.3364 | 1.0000 | 0.3333 | 0.9242 | 0.6178 | 0.3333 | 0.9742 | 0.3333 | 0.6066 | 30 |
| 62 | 0.3350 | 0.7379 | 0.3689 | 1.0000 | 0.4585 | 0.4608 | 0.9250 | 0.7816 | 0.6335 | 18 |
| 63 | 0.3366 | 0.9072 | 0.3410 | 0.9805 | 0.5299 | 1.0000 | 0.8144 | 0.6192 | 0.6911 | 1 |
| 64 | 0.3349 | 0.8856 | 0.3451 | 0.8743 | 0.5571 | 1.0000 | 0.7552 | 0.6761 | 0.6785 | 2 |

A higher value of grey relational grade shows that the corresponding S/N ratio is closer to the normalized S/N ratio. As shown in Table 3 the experiment number 63 has the best performance characteristics out of 64 experiments as it has the highest grey relational grade. In this way a multiple response process optimization is converted into a single response problem. The effect of each factor on the Grey relational grade at various levels can be independent [19]. The larger the grey relational grade, the better the multiple performance characteristics. However, the most influencing factor on the set objective needs to be known such that the optimal combination of performance parameters can be determined accurately [20]. For better performance and minimum emissions of the engine, the optimum process parameter combination is found to be A4B4C4. i.e., at 18A load, 250 bTDC Injection timing and 24 N/mm2 Injection pressure as shown in Fig 2. The response table for the S/N ratio is shown in Table 4.

Table 4. Response table for grey relational grade

| Symbol | Grey Relational Grade | | | | |
|--------|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Process Parameter | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Level 4 |
| A | Load | 0.599 | 0.559 | 0.588 | 0.630 |
| B | Injection timing | 0.563 | 0.571 | 0.605 | 0.609 |
| C | Injection pressure | 0.581 | 0.547 | 0.611 | 0.637 |

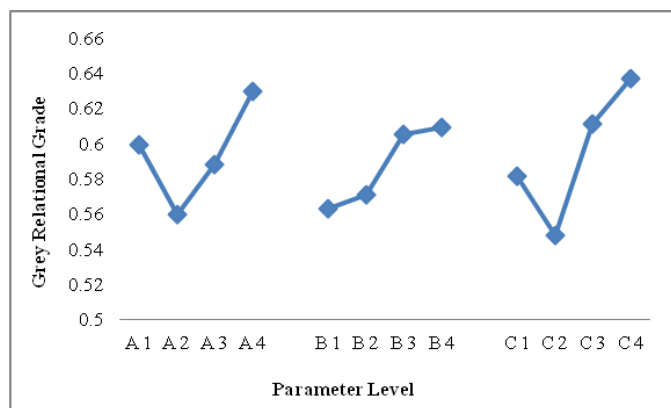


Fig - 2: Effect of process parameters on grey relational grade

5. Analysis of variance (ANOVA)

ANOVA is used to investigate the performance parameter which significantly influences the performance of the engine. The total sum of squares deviations (SST) is calculated by:

$$SST = \sum (n_i - m)^2 \tag{6}$$

Where m is the overall mean of the S/N ratio. The total sum of Squared deviations, SST is divided into two sources:

$$SS_T = \sum_{i=1}^n SS_i + SS_e \tag{7}$$

Where SSj is the sum of squared deviations for each design parameter and is given as

$$SS_j = \sum_{i=1}^l (n_{ji} - m)^2 \tag{8}$$

Where n is the number of significant parameters and l the number of levels of each parameter. SSe is the sum of squared error with or without pooled factor, which is the sum of squares corresponding to the insignificant factors. Mean square of a factor (MSj) is found by dividing its sum of squares with its degree of freedom. % contribution (ρ) of each of the design parameter is given by the following equation: $\rho_i = SS_j / SST$. ANOVA is applied to investigate which factor influences the performance of the engine. The percentage contribution of various factors is shown in Fig 3. The ANOVA table is shown in Table 5. The most significant factor is the fuel injection pressure which contributes 47%.

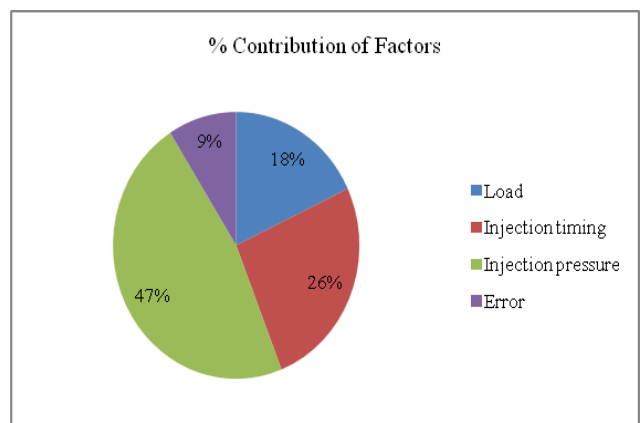


Fig - 3: Percentage contribution of factors

Table 5. ANOVA table

| Source | DF | Sum of Squares | Mean square | % Contribution |
|--------------------|----|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Load | 3 | 0.06522 | 0.021740 | 18 |
| Injection Timing | 3 | 0.097542 | 0.032514 | 26 |
| Injection Pressure | 3 | 0.172291 | 0.057430 | 47 |
| Error | 54 | 0.034175 | 0.000633 | 9 |
| Total | 63 | 0.369228 | | |

| | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| CO ₂ (%) | 4.1 | | 4.4 |
| O ₂ (%) | 14.23 | | 13.8 |
| Grey relational grade | 0.6785 | 0.6888 | 0.6939 |
| Percentage improvement in grey relational grade = 2.26% | | | |

6. Confirmation test

The optimum process parameter combination is found to be A4B4C4. i.e., at 18A load, 250 bTDC Injection timing and 24 N/mm² Injection pressure. In order to verify the actual improvement of the quality characteristic, the confirmation test is conducted for the above combination and was repeated twice. For the prediction of Grey relation (predicted of the optimal performance parameter, it can be expressed as:

$$\alpha_{predicted} = \alpha_m + \sum_{i=1}^n (\alpha_o - \alpha_m) \quad (9)$$

in which, α_0 is the average grey relational grade of the optimal level of the significant factor, α_m is the average grey relational grade and N is the number of significant factors. The grey relational grade for predicting the optimal performance parameter is computed as 0.688. The evaluation points obtained for BP, BSFC, BTE, NO_x, HC, CO, CO₂ and O₂ were 4.31kW, 0.1983 kg/h kW, 42%, 661ppm, 33 ppm, 0.02%, 4.4%, 13.8% respectively. The S/N ratios of the above parameters were 12.6895, 14.0535, 32.465, -56.4040, -30.3703, 33.9794, -12.8691, and 22.785 respectively. The computational value of Grey relational grade is 0.6939. Table 6 shows the comparison between the initial and optimal process parameter.

Table 6. Comparison between initial and optimal process parameter

| Responses | Optimal parameter | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | Raw | Prediction | Experiment |
| | A4B4C3 | A4B4C4 | A4B4C4 |
| BP (kW) | 4.287 | | 4.310 |
| BSFC (kg/h kW) | 0.206 | | 0.198 |
| BTE (%) | 41 | | 42 |
| NO _x (ppm) | 669 | | 661 |
| HC (ppm) | 34 | | 33 |
| CO (%) | 0.02 | | 0.02 |

7. Conclusion

The following conclusions have been derived by applying grey relational analysis to optimize the performance parameters like Load, Injection timing and Injection pressure on a single cylinder diesel engine:

- The experimental results showed that 18A load, 250bTDC and 22 N/mm² combination is close to the optimal value based on the rank.
- The best performance out of the engine can be obtained at 18A load, 250bTDC injection timing and 24 N/mm² injection pressure, which is deduced from the Multi response optimization using Grey relational grade.
- Based on ANOVA, fuel injection pressure has a dominant effect of 47% in contribution, while Load has 18% and injection timing has 26% contribution.

An improvement in Grey relational grade of 2.26% can be achieved by the combination.

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