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## Abstract

Artificial intelligence researchers created new branches, developed and applied them to solve the problems and improve the performance since two decades ago. Although lots of AI techniques and approaches are available and developed in mechanical engineering domains, there isn't any survey with aiming to review the existing works, systems and applications in the field of fracture mechanics. In this paper for filling this gap, the states of the art and analysis of five artificial intelligence methods which are used in the field of fracture mechanics are surveyed. This review is performed on technical point on particular applications of artificial neural network, Bayesian network, genetic algorithm, fuzzy logic and case-based reasoning. Therefore, after an overview of AI methods, engineering fracture mechanics and its main domains for fault and failure analysis is described. The existing works from 1990 to 2016 are analysed and discussed in four categories as sub-domains of fracture mechanics: (a) failure mode and failure mechanism identification, (b) damage and failure detection and diagnosis, (c) fault and error detection, diagnosis and (d) mechanical fracture and fracture parameters. We analysed literature based on a classification of these five AI methods in order to highlight their main concepts and mechanisms and explain how they are applied in these sub-domains of fracture mechanics. Our analysis and discussion in this paper shows the advantages, limitations and research gaps in this field. Finally, perspectives and future research directions are outlined.

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