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Abstract

In this paper we propose a novel and easily implementable model-based air balancing method for a ventilation system. The proposed method provides a well-defined form of balancing for a ventilation system, which can be effectively solved. The method follows three procedures: i) mathematical modeling for duct system which is based on steady-state pressure balance; ii) model parameters identification by supervised machine learning; iii) determination of damper positions based on the model. The performance of this method is validated through testing in a duct testbed with five terminals. The results show that the final flow rates in all terminals match with the desired values with no more than 6.8% relative error.

Keywords: Ventilation system, air balancing, model-based method, parameter identification, optimization, experiment.

1. Introduction

Heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) is designed to satisfy the thermal comfort and indoor air quality for occupants in residential, commercial, and industrial buildings. There are some basic requirements for fresh air and

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