Data Generation and Evaluation Using Deep Learning

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1. Introduction

Promising artificial intelligence (AI) research applicable to real nuclear power plants (NPPs) requires a lot of real data. In NPPs, real data is limited due to confidentiality. Simulation data was generated using the generative adversarial network (GAN) [1] to analyze whether AI models are generating data well even under limited circumstances. The GAN is a methodology for generating images. The GAN, consisting of a generator and discriminator, aims to generate real images using features extracted from image data. Recently, as various studies using the GAN have been conducted it can be applied to time-series data, table data, etc. Therefore, the GAN was applied to generate time-series data, and a classification model using the deep neural network (DNN) [2] was applied for the quantitative evaluation of data.

The GAN has a deep neural network structure composed of two networks. The GAN is known to have three limitations. First, the GAN is unstable during training. Second, it is impossible to know what process the result of the used generator came from. Third, there is no quantitative evaluation standard for the accuracy of newly generated data [3]. In general, when generating an image, the image quality is determined by humans and has a subjective disadvantage. As a result, various models based on the GAN have been studied to improve the performance of the GAN.

In this paper, one of the GAN models, the deep convolutional GAN (DCGAN) [3] was used. For the quantitative evaluation of the GAN, the DNN classification model using the accident simulation data obtained from the modular accident analysis program (MAAP) code [4] was used.

2. DCGAN (Deep Convolutional Generative Adversarial Network)

In this paper, the DCGAN [3] was used as the data generation model. The DCGAN is almost similar to the existing GAN [1], but most of the fully-connected structures are used as convolution layers, which are the structures of the convolutional neural network. In addition, strided convolutions were used instead of the pooling layers, and batch-normalization was used for the generator and discriminator.

DCGAN is a deep neural network structure composed of two networks; a generator and a discriminator. The applied GAN model trains the generator after training the discriminator to generate data that can fool the trained discriminator.

 $\min \max V(D,G)$

$$= E_{x \sim P_{data}(x)} [\log D(x)] + E_{z \sim P_z(z)} [\log(1 - D(G(z)))]$$
(1)

where

$$D(x)$$
: Discriminator's outputs

G(z): Generator's outputs

 $x \sim p_{data}(x)$: Data sampled from a probability distribution for real data

 $z \sim p_z(z)$: Data sampled from random noise using the Gaussian distribution

z : Noise vector

Eq. (1) shows the objective function or loss function of the DCGAN. In Eq. (1), D(x) outputs 1 if the data is real and 0 if it is fake. D(G(z)) outputs 1 if the data G(z) generated by the generator is determined to be real and 0 if it is determined to be fake.

To maximize Eq. (1) value from the discriminator's perspective, the first term and the second term should be the maximum. So, D(x) should be 1 and D(G(z)) should be 0. Through this process, the discriminator trains how to classify real data into fake and real data.

From the generator's perspective, D(G(z)) should be 1 to minimize Eq. (1). This process is to train the generator to generate data that can trick the discriminator. In this way, in the adversarial learning, learning proceeds in the order of discriminator and generator, and this process is repeated. Fig. 1 shows the DCGAN described above.



Fig. 1. Overview of the DCGAN Structure

As a result, the DCGAN tries to improve the performance of the discriminator and generator in adversarial structures. In other words, the generator can generate fake data similar to the real data, and the discriminator cannot distinguish the fake data from the real data.

3. DNN (Deep Neural Network)

In this paper, a classification model using the DNN is used to analyze the results of data generated using the DCGAN. The DNN is a methodology based on an artificial neural network algorithm that mimics the structure of the human brain. The DNN model consists of multiple hidden layers between the input and output layers. The DNN is composed of multiple layers, and one layer is composed of multiple nodes.



Fig. 2. Overview of the DNN Structure

As shown in Fig.2, the DNN model classifies and predicts specific data labels by learning specific patterns from various input data. The performance of the DNN model is determined by the activation function and the number of hidden layers and nodes. But, as the number of parameters increases, the model is complex and it takes a lot of time to train the model. Moreover, there is the disadvantage that overtraining the training data causes overfitting problems, such as an increased error in the test data.

4. Data Applied to Data Evaluation

The data applied to the classification model for quantitative evaluation and verification was obtained through the simulation using the MAAP code [4]. To verify the data generated by the DCGAN model, 6 accident scenarios such as loss of coolant accidents (LOCA), steam generator tube rupture (SGTR), feedwater line break (FWLB), main steam line break (MSLB), MSLB+SGTR, station blackout (SBO), main feedwater pump (MFW) off, were applied to the classification model. The data was generated for the corresponding scenario using the DCGAN, and the results of the DCGAN were compared with the real data. After that, the data generated using the DCGAN model was applied to the trained DNN classification model and to verify that the performance can be classified into the corresponding scenario for verification. Fig. 3 shows the total number of data used in this study.



Fig. 3. Histogram of data

5. Results of Study

Figs. 4 and 5 show the real and generated data of the cold-leg LOCA scenarios. Fig. 4 shows the real data distribution of the cold-leg LOCA. Fig. 5 shows the distribution of data generated using the DCGAN model. When visually compared, the generated data can be notified to be similar to the distribution of the real data.



Fig. 4. Real data distribution of cold-leg LOCA



Fig. 5. Generated data distribution of cold-leg LOCA

Figs. 6-12 show the results of applying the data generated for each scenario to the DNN classification model with the DCGAN. In the graph, the x-axis is time and the y-axis is the probability of diagnosis. In this paper, the verification standard for the DCGAN results were set as a classification model using the DNN since there is no quantitative evaluation standard of the GAN. As shown in Figs. 6-10, the data distribution generated by the DCGAN is generated according to the distribution of the real data and is well categorized. However, the classification results for scenarios with a lot of data (refer Fig. 3).





Fig. 7. Verification of cold-leg LOCA







Fig. 9. Verification of MSLB



Fig. 10. Verification of MSLB+SGTR



Fig. 11. Verification of SBO



Fig. 12. Verification of MFW Pump OFF

6. Conclusions

In this paper, the deep convolutional generative adversarial network (DCGAN), a model that complements the performance of the GAN, was applied to generate data based on time-series data. In addition, since there is no quantitative evaluation standard of the GAN, data generation results were analyzed using the deep neural network (DNN) classification model. The data generated using the DCGAN was well generated by comparing it with real data through visual or the DNN classification models. The GAN is a model that generates data and will contribute to generating appropriate data in situations that require a lot of data.

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