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Soft Computing Application to Engineering Design

Message from the Guest Editors

Products or machines manufactured through various design and production processes perform the functions intended by the engineer or researcher under various external environments and operating conditions.

However, due to uncertainties in design, manufacturing, and testing, design variables or system parameters may fluctuate, and the desired function may not be

performed properly. Engineering design is one of the most important development processes in various industrial fields such as shipbuilding and offshore systems, automobiles, mechanical systems, architecture, civil engineering etc. In general, in order to increase the reliability of engineering design, a design method that considers the safety factor based on experience has been widely used. Because it is difficult for an engineer or researcher to accurately ascertain the uncertainty occurring in the system, the safety factor is determined mainly based on past experience.

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