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### DEVELOPMENT OF FUZZY INFERENCE SYSTEM FOR POTASSIUM REQUIREMENT IN GRAPE GARDEN

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#### ABSTRACT

The grape is one of the major important fruit crops of the Maharashtra. The high input used crop gives more profit through export as foreign exchange. However, at present, the input in the form of fertilizer for e.g. Potassium, requirement is increasing, so cost also increases. Doses of Potassium are decided by the experts after soil testing. In the present study, the soil samples are collected from different vineyards of the Maharashtra and Karnataka State. In this paper to decide the actual requirement of Potassium, the Fuzzy Information System (FIS) is developed. The laboratory data obtained from the analysis of soil testing report is used as an input to FIS and output results are compared with the results suggested by the expert. It is found that the Potassium requirement suggested by FIS of any grape vineyard is less than the laboratory expert suggestions. Results help to reduce the cost of production without affecting the yield level of the grape vineyard and to maintain the soil quality. Development of Fuzzy Inference System is based on MATLAB Simulation GUI Tool.

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#### INTRODUCTION

Grape is one of the major important fruit crops of the country grown on an area of about 1.19 lakh hectares with an annual production of 25.85 lakh metric tons (National Horticulture Database, India, 2015). In Maharashtra, it is grown on an area of 90,000 hectares with production of 21.60 lakh metric tons (National Horticulture Database, India, 2015). Under the tropical condition, the vine is pruned twice in a year i.e., once after the harvest of fruits during April (back pruning) and again for fruits during October (forward pruning)<sup>(4, 7)</sup>. During each pruning, the nutrient requirement for soil is different and it varies from grape variety to variety. Potassium is one of the major nutrients supplied to the vineyard for cane maturity and fixation of bunch developed in the bud during fruit bud differentiation stage<sup>(15)</sup>.

Potassium (K) helps in increasing the sugar content in berries. The increase in sugar content ultimately leads to increase in yield per vine<sup>(4)</sup>. The sweet berries containing high amount of sugar in the form of total soluble solids are generally preferred by the consumers. This is achieved by application of potassium. The main growth stages at which Potassium is needed at optimum for March/April pruning are bud fixing stage, cane maturity stage and period before fruit pruning.

Adequate status of Potassium has been emphasised for formation of fruitful buds at bud initiation and differentiation stages<sup>(1)</sup> and at bud fixation after differentiation (50 to 55 days after pruning) and at cane maturity<sup>(19)</sup>. After October pruning, adequate Potassium is needed for translocation of sugars to the berries.

The nutrient requirement of grapevine is assessed by the researcher. This is based on the soil test report. It has been noted that the suggestions for requirement of the nutrients from the same vineyard may vary from laboratory to laboratory. The nutrient requirement of each vineyard is different and is based on the nutrient status of each garden. The method used for analyzing the nutrient in a given sample varies from laboratory to laboratory. This shows that vagueness is present in nutrient suggestion. There is also vagueness in the interpretation of the test results. To avoid this we have developed FIS for suggestion of Potassium requirement. The principal contribution of fuzzy logic- is its high power of precision<sup>(11)</sup>. Most of the practical applications of fuzzy logic are associated with its relational facet. Considering this, Fuzzy Inference System (FIS) suggests the Potassium requirement of grape vineyard based on the soil testing report. The objective of this paper is to avoid the vagueness in Potassium treatment to soil and generate more yields.

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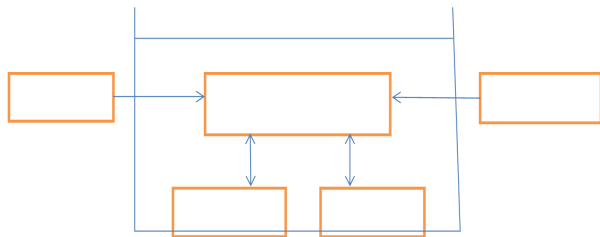


431	230	471	240	511	295	551	640	591	330
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434	280	474	840	514	390	554	330	594	1080
435	440	475	220	515	280	555	550	595	560
436	320	476	145	516	230	556	550	596	170
437	570	477	345	517	400	557	420	597	480
438	260	478	546	518	430	558	720	598	170
439	150	479	560	519	210	559	700	599	380
440	550	480	440	520	230	560	280	600	150

**Table 2** The data base used developed for input and output parameters in grape vineyard

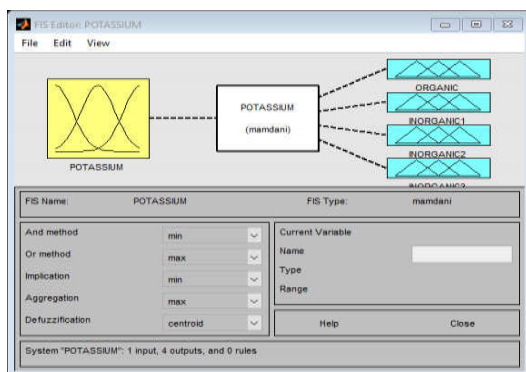
Obs.No.	INPUT(K (ppm))	OUTPUT				
		Organic before pruning (Kg/acre)	Inorganic Before Pruning (Kg/acre)	Inorganic 30-60 days after pruning (Kg/acre)	Inorganic 105-135 days after pruning (Kg/acre)	
		Natural Potassium	Artificial Potassium 1	Artificial Potassium 2	Artificial Potassium 3	
1	100	84	5	63	63	
2	200	70	5	53	53	
3	300	62	5	46	46	
4	450	56	5	42	42	
5	600	56	5	42	42	
6	650	51	5	38	38	
7	700	45	5	34	34	
8	750	39	5	29	29	
9	800	34	5	25	25	
10	2000	28	5	21	21	
11	2200	23	5	17	17	

Note: K: Potassium, NL: NaturalPotassium, AK1: Artificial Potassium 1, AK2: Artificial Potassium 2, AK3: Artificial Potassium 3.



**Fig.1** Block diagram of Fuzzy Inference System

Input and output variables of Fuzzy Inference System are shown in Fig.2



**Fig.2** Fuzzy Inference System

**Fuzzification:** It is the process of conversion of precise quantity to a fuzzy quantity which is the first step in Fuzzy inference System. It includes Data base and Rule base.

**Data Base:** The fuzzy system represents structured information in the form of a fuzzy set (FS). The input and output universe

are modeled using FS<sup>(11)</sup>. It consists of fuzzy domains such as: MOL (Most Low), VL (Very Low), JL(Just Low), ML (Moderate Low), L (Low),N (Normal), H (High), MH (Moderate High), JH (Just High), VH (Very High), MOH (Most High).

Potassium domain is used as input for FIS which may carry out the Fuzzification for suggestion of Potassium to the soil specific vineyard. The suggestion of Potassium varies in the range of 100 kg/acre to 2200 kg/acre. The eleven fuzzy sets for input variable Potassium are shown in Table 3.

**Table 3** Fuzzy Set for input variable Potassium

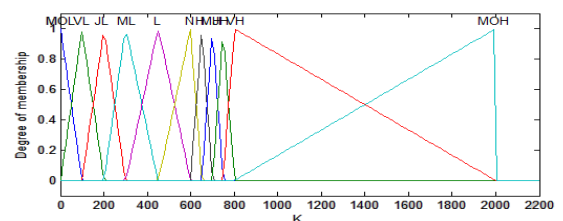
Sr.No.	Potassium Measured (Membership Function)	Fuzzy sets for Potassium (kg /acre)
1	$\mu_{MOL}$	L(100, 100, 200)
2	$\mu_{VL}$	$\Lambda(100, 200, 300)$
3	$\mu_{JL}$	$\Lambda(200, 300, 450)$
4	$\mu_{ML}$	$\Lambda(300,450, 600)$
5	$\mu_L$	$\Lambda(450, 600, 650)$
6	$\mu_N$	$\Lambda(600, 650, 700)$
7	$\mu_H$	$\Lambda(650, 700, 750)$
8	$\mu_{MH}$	$\Lambda(700,750, 800)$
9	$\mu_{JH}$	$\Lambda(750, 800, 2000)$
10	$\mu_{VH}$	$\Lambda(800, 2000, 2200)$
11	$\mu_{MOH}$	(2000, 2200, 2200)

Depending upon the potassium value in the soil of individual garden, the doses of Potassium through organic and inorganic grades are to be supplied. The linguistic values for suggested Potassium are chosen as: MOH (Most High), VH (Very High), JH(Just High), MH (Moderate High), H (High), N (Normal), L (Low), ML (Moderate Low), JL (Just Low), VL (Very Low), MOL (Most Low). The values of NL are within the range of 23-84 kg/acre. Here AK1 is constant as 5 kg/acre, while AK2 and AK3 range is from for 17-63 kg/acre. It is shown in table 4.

**Table 4** Fuzzy set for output variableOrganic (NL) and Inorganic fertilizer (AP2 and AP3)

Obs. No.	Organic and Inorganic fertilizer (Membership Functions)	Fuzzy set		
		Basal Organic before pruning(NL) (kg /acre)	Inorganic 30-60 days after pruning(AP2) (kg /acre)	Inorganic 105-135 days after pruning(AP3) (kg /acre)
1	$\mu_{MOH}$	L (84, 84, 70)	L (63, 63, 53)	L (63, 63, 53)
2	$\mu_{VH}$	$\Lambda(84, 70, 62)$	$\Lambda(63, 53, 46)$	$\Lambda(63, 53, 46)$
3	$\mu_{JH}$	$\Lambda(70, 62, 56)$	$\Lambda(53, 46, 42)$	$\Lambda(53, 46, 42)$
4	$\mu_{MH}$	$\Lambda(62, 56, 56)$	$\Lambda(46, 42, 42)$	$\Lambda(46, 42, 42)$
5	$\mu_H$	$\Lambda(56, 56, 51)$	$\Lambda(42, 42, 38)$	$\Lambda(42, 42, 38)$
6	$\mu_N$	$\Lambda(56, 51, 45)$	$\Lambda(42, 38, 34)$	$\Lambda(42, 38, 34)$
7	$\mu_L$	$\Lambda(51, 45, 39)$	$\Lambda(38, 34, 29)$	$\Lambda(38, 34, 29)$
8	$\mu_{ML}$	$\Lambda(45, 39, 34)$	$\Lambda(34, 29, 25)$	$\Lambda(34, 29, 25)$
9	$\mu_{JL}$	$\Lambda(39, 34, 28)$	$\Lambda(29, 25, 21)$	$\Lambda(29, 25, 21)$
10	$\mu_{VL}$	$\Lambda(34, 28, 23)$	$\Lambda(25, 21, 17)$	$\Lambda(25, 21, 17)$
11	$\mu_{MOL}$	(28, 23, 23)	(21, 17, 17)	(21, 17, 17)

Membership function for input variable Potassium measured in soil is shown in Fig.3.



**Fig 3** Fuzzy membership function for Potassiummeasured

Membership functions for output variables i.e. Organic Potassium, Inorganic Potassium1, Inorganic Potassium 2 and Inorganic Potassium 3 are shown in Fig.4a, 4b, 4c respectively.

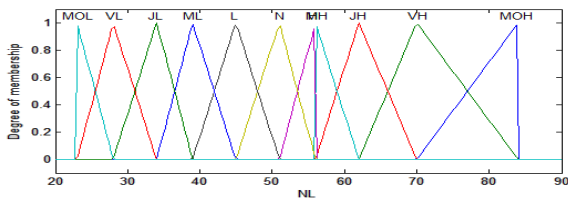


Fig 4a Fuzzy membership function for Organic Potassium (NL) suggested

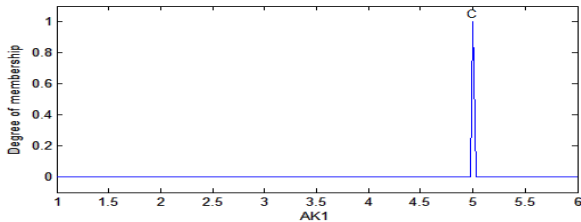


Fig 4b Fuzzy membership function for Inorganic Potassium (AK1) suggested

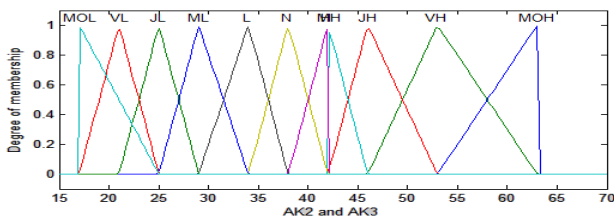


Fig 4c Fuzzy membership function for Inorganic Potassium (AK2 and AK3) suggested

**Fuzzy Rule base:** In this rule base, 11 rules are developed by researcher and shown in table 5.

Table 5 The fuzzy rule base developed is given below.

	MOL		MOH		C		MOH		MOH
	VL		VH		C		VH		VH
	JL		JH		C		JH		JH
	ML		MH		C		MH		MH
	L		H		C		H		H
	N		N		C		N		N
	H		L		C		L		L
If K is	MH	Then	ML	And	C	And	ML	is	ML
	JH	NL is	JL	AK1 is	C	AK2 is	JL		JL
	VH		VL		C		VL		VL
	MOH		MOL		C		MOL		MOL

The fuzzy rule base is read as

If Potassium is Most Low Then Natural Potassium is Most High and Artificial Potassium1 is constant and Artificial Potassium2 and Artificial Potassium3 is Most High.

Fig.5 shows the GUI rule base of MATLAB.

Work flow of FIS: FIS.PS works according to the flow chart as shown in fig.6.

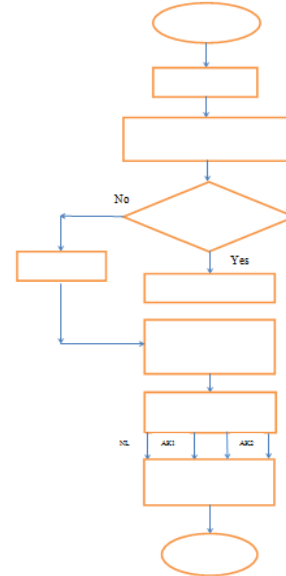


Fig.6 Work flow of FIS

**Defuzzication:** It is the process of conversion of fuzzy quantity to a precise quantity.

Here centroid Defuzzification method is used and shown in fig.7.

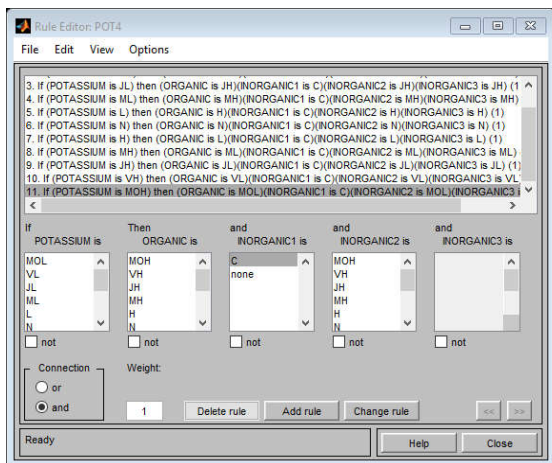


Fig. 5 Rule base for inference system

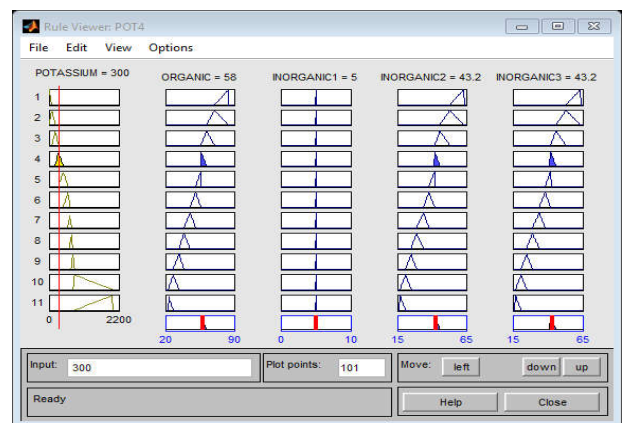


Fig.7 Defuzzication is shown in fig.

**Practical Results for Suggestion of NL, AK1, AK2 and AK3**

The data given in the table 6 shows suggested value for natural and artificial potassium based on the status of potassium available in the soil samples of different farmers. The data suggested by FIS gives requirement of exact quantity of fertilizer during the season. This can help to save cost of fertilizer and produce more yields.

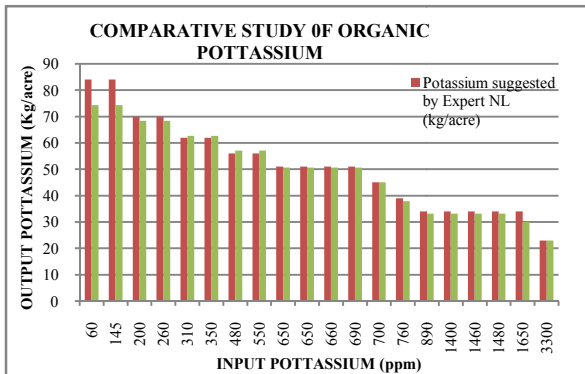
**Surface Viewer**

The Surface Viewer is a GUI tool that examines the output surface of a stored in a file, a.fis, for any one or two inputs. It gives the nonlinear relationship between input and output.

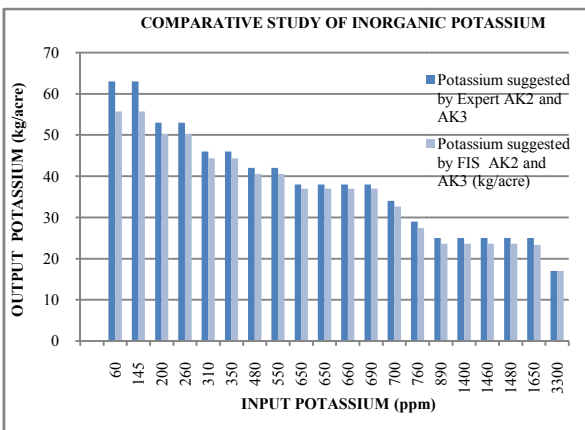
**Table 6** Suggestion of NL, AK1, AK2 and AK3

Sr.No.	Farmer No.	Input Data (ppm)	Potassium suggested by Expert			Potassium suggested by FIS		
			NL (kg/acre)	AK1 (kg/acre)	AK2 and AK3 (kg/acre)	NL (kg/acre)	AK1 (kg/acre)	AK2 and AK3 (kg/acre)
1	489	60	84	5	63	74.37	5	55.67
2	476	145	84	5	63	74.37	5	55.67
3	168	200	70	5	53	68.38	5	50.26
4	481	260	70	5	53	68.38	5	50.26
5	292	310	62	5	46	60.66	5	44.37
6	583	350	62	5	46	60.66	5	44.37
7	544	480	56	5	42	54.03	5	40.53
8	690	550	56	5	42	54.03	5	40.53
9	549	650	51	5	38	49.66	5	36.99
10	475	650	51	5	38	49.66	5	36.99
11	254	660	51	5	38	49.66	5	36.99
12	550	690	51	5	38	49.66	5	36.99
13	394	700	45	5	34	43.41	5	32.66
14	32	760	39	5	29	37.91	5	27.42
15	59	890	34	5	25	32.14	5	23.58
16	77	1400	34	5	25	32.14	5	23.58
17	380	1460	34	5	25	32.14	5	23.58
18	95	1480	34	5	25	32.14	5	23.58
19	576	1650	34	5	25	32.14	5	23.32
20	579	3300	23	5	17	23	5	17

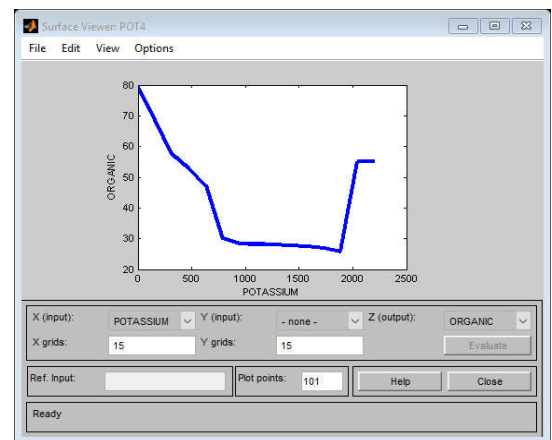
Phosphorus suggested by FIS gives better result as shown in graph fig.8a and 8b.



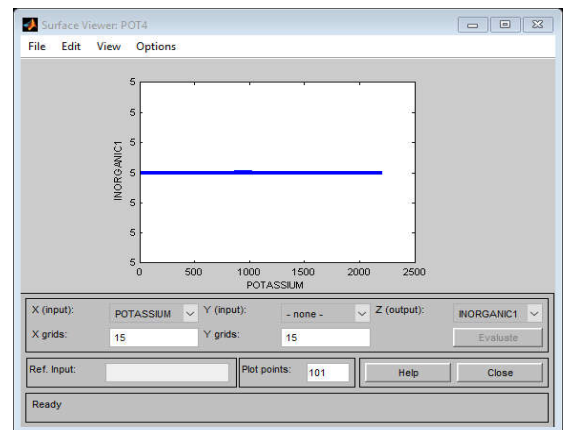
**Fig.8a** Comparative study of Organic potassium (NL)



**Fig.8b** Comparative study of Inorganic potassium (AK2 and AK3)



**Fig.8a** Surface viewer of the system



**Fig.8b** Surface viewer of the system

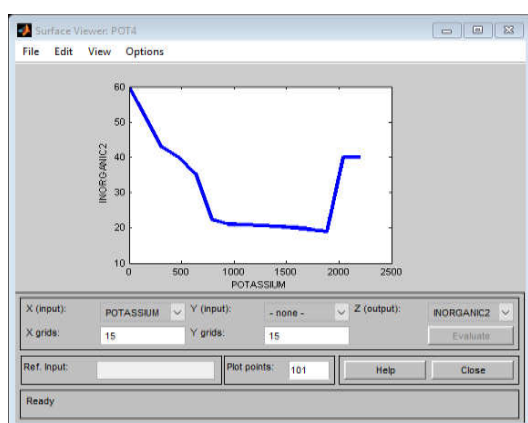


Fig.8c Surface viewer of the system

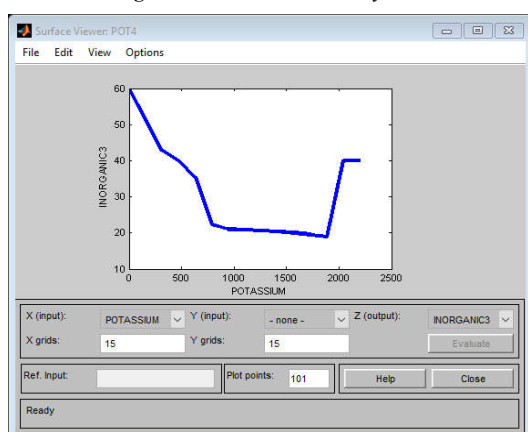


Fig.8d Surface viewer of the system

## CONCLUSION

Laboratory expert does not indicate exact quantity of fertilizer Potassium to be used for the soil. The FIS system helps to suggest the accurate quantity of Potassium used for the soil. This reduces the cost of production of grapes and it also increases the yield.

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