

Figure 9. Network under validation R=1

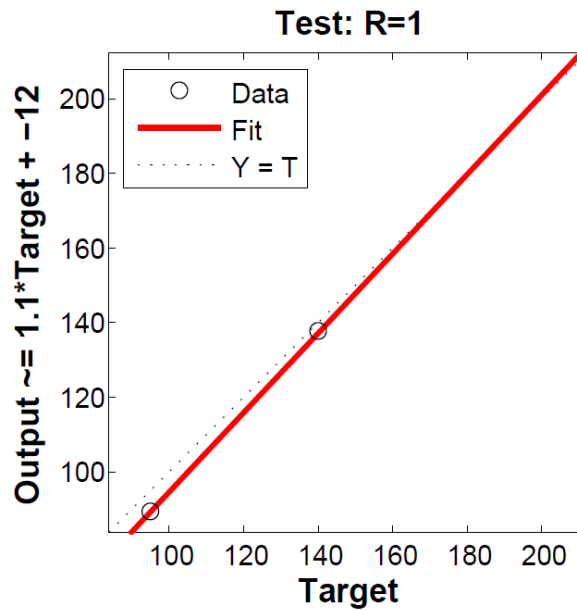


Figure 10. Network under test R=1

From the results it is observed that the voltage and resistance are playing important roles in measuring the glucose level non-invasively whereas the other parameters affect the measurements very little. The temperature effect is more compared to other two parameters, the relative humidity and pressure. The training data is collected from non-diabetic patients with glucose

levels in between 80 mg/dL and 140 mg/dL and a few pre-diabetic patients with glucose levels in between 140 mg/dL and 180 mg/dL. Figure 11 (a) shows the variation in concentration of actual blood glucose levels of a patient over time. Figures 11b to 11f show the variation in different parameters during the non-invasive monitoring of blood glucose over time.

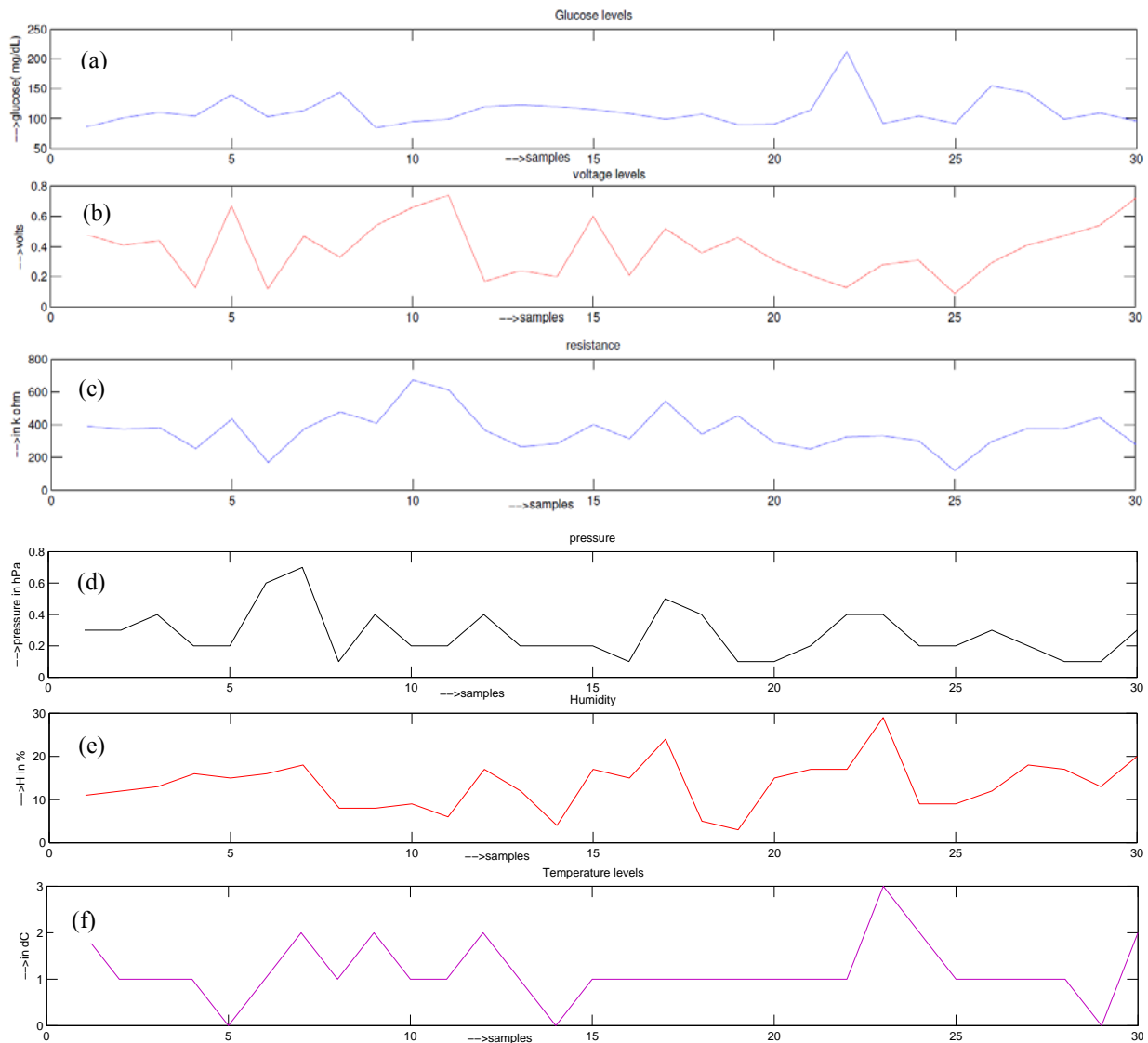


Figure 11. Variations in various parameters during monitoring of blood glucose levels over time: (a) actual concentration of blood glucose levels of a patient over time during invasive measurement; (b) voltage levels, (c) resistance, (d) pressure, (e) humidity and (f) temperature during non-invasive monitoring of blood glucose.

From the Figures 11 (a) to (f) it can be observed that if the glucose levels are high at some point the voltage will also be high and the resistance will go down and the other parameters are moderate. In some cases, albeit the glucose levels are high, voltage levels are low because of considerably low pressure, humidity and temperature levels, which indicate the person did not blow correctly into the mouth piece. These effects are minimized with the help of neural network tool.

V. CONCLUSIONS

In this study, the applicability of the breath acetone sensing method to the determination of glucose in human blood is demonstrated. We used acetone sensor for monitoring acetone levels in the exhaled breath and compared with actual blood glucose levels. We also considered the effects of the pressure, temperature and humidity parameters on the acetone sensing. This test involved studies of non-diabetic and pre-diabetic persons. We have also used Artificial Neural Network model for analyzing the data. The test results show that it is possible to measure the blood glucose levels via breath acetone sensing. The accuracy of the system can be improved with a large set of data.

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