In order to optimize the technology of the building, the damage identification of the building structure is studied. Firstly, back propagation neural network (BPNN) and information fusion technology are used to build neural network models. Secondly, the established model is trained. Finally, the displacement mode, natural frequency, Modal Assurance Criterion (MAC), and three kinds of information fusion with only one characteristic information are used as input data to analyse the results of BPNN identification damage. The results show that when the natural frequency is used as the sensitive feature of damage, the accuracy is the highest. The difference between the network output value and the expected value is the smallest, the network output is the most stable, and the network recognition effect is the best. The network output of a mixture of two damage depths is compared with the output of a single damage depth. The data of the network training set composed of the feature data with damage depth of 20 mm and 5 mm has higher accuracy and more accurate damage recognition. This research provides a reference for the optimization of building survey technology and has certain practical value.

1. Introduction

Historical architecture is a treasure produced in the process of human history development. It has important historical value, scientific value, artistic value, social value, and economic value. Therefore, the protection of historical buildings is urgent. At present, there are many new and old buildings in various countries in the world, and the service life of these buildings will decrease over time. Since the 1950s, the world population has grown exponentially, the economy is developing rapidly, and human beings exploit large amounts of natural resources. These have led to frequent environmental and geological disasters all over the world. China has experienced several major earthquake disasters. Ground fissure is a kind of superficial geological disaster phenomenon; its occurrence frequency and disaster scale show an increasingly serious trend. As of 2019, according to incomplete statistics of more than 200 cities and counties in the seven provinces of Shaanxi, Shanxi, Shandong, Jiangsu, Hebei, Henan, and Anhui, there are more than 1,000 ground fissures in total. These ground fissures have caused serious damage to various building structures, transportation facilities, urban lifeline projects, and land resources. Over the years, the direct and indirect economic losses caused by ground fissure disasters amounted to hundreds of millions of yuan. Building damage will bring some safety issues. Ground fissures can cause wall cracks, foundation collapse, and even collapse of buildings. Therefore, the occurrence of building cracks is inevitable [1]. Due to the continuous development of secondary hidden cracks, some ancient buildings gradually appeared cracks and suffered varying degrees of damage [2]. Therefore, long-term monitoring of the health status of existing building structures and covering them in different areas of ground fissure activity provide the possibility for traditional buildings to cross ground fissures [3].

Ground fissures can cause a series of hazards such as cracking of the walls of the building structure, damage to
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Neural networks belong to intelligent recognition, and there are some problems in practical applications. Neural networks need a large amount of sample data to train, and the training time is long. Meanwhile, the neural network may fall into a local minimum during the training process. More importantly, the recognition results of neural network methods are very dependent on the selection and construction of damage indicators. How to choose and construct damage-sensitive indicators is a problem that needs to be solved urgently.

2. Literature Review

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3. Materials and Methods

3.1. Structural Damage Recognition. There are certain requirements for structural damage identification indicators. Damage must meet certain conditions before it can be used for identification. The specific conditions are shown in Figure 1.
When an object vibrates freely, its displacement varies with time according to sine or sine curve. The frequency of vibration has nothing to do with the initial conditions and is related to the inherent characteristics of the system (such as mass, shape, and material), known as the natural frequency. The corresponding period is called inherent period. In the engineering structure, the parameters of the natural frequency are easy to obtain and have high accuracy [13]. The characteristic equation about the natural vibration of the system can be expressed as

\[ (K - \lambda M)\phi_i = 0. \quad (1) \]

\( K \) is the stiffness matrix of the structure, \( M \) is the mass matrix, \( \phi_i \) is the natural mode shape, and \( \phi_i^T M \phi_i = 1 \).

Suppose the number of the structural unit is \( r \), and the total number of units is \( m \). The stiffness is matrixed by Equation (1), which is expressed as

\[ K = \sum_{r=1}^{m} p_r K_r^e. \quad (2) \]

\( K_r^e \) is the element stiffness matrix, and \( p_r \) is the quality of the structure. When \( p_r = 1 \), the structure is not damaged. When \( p_r = 0 \), the damage of this structure is very serious, and it has been destroyed. Under normal circumstances, if the structure is damaged, its stiffness matrix will produce certain variables for frequency and mode shape. Therefore, the perturbation equation of the structural equation can be expressed as

\[ (K + \Delta K) - (\lambda + \Delta \lambda_i)(M + \Delta M) (\phi_i + \Delta \phi_i) = 0. \quad (3) \]

\( \Delta K \) represents the change in the stiffness matrix when the structure is damaged, \( \Delta M \) represents the change in the mass matrix when the structure is damaged, \( \Delta \lambda_i \) is the change in the eigenvalue, and \( \Delta \phi_i \) is the change in the eigenvector. Equation (3) can be expanded, as shown in

\[ \Delta K \phi_i - \Delta \lambda_i M \phi_i = \lambda_i M \Delta \phi_i - K \Delta \phi_i. \quad (4) \]

Both \( K \) and \( M \) are real number matrices. Multiply the left side of Equation (4) by \( \phi_i^T \), as shown in

\[ \Delta \lambda_i = \phi_i^T \Delta K \phi_i \phi_i^T M \phi_i. \quad (5) \]

When the structure is damaged, the stiffness will decrease, and there will be \( \Delta K \leq 0 \), so \( \Delta \lambda_i \leq 0 \). Equation (6) can be obtained from Equation (2):

\[ \Delta K = - \sum_{r=1}^{m} (1 - p_r) K_r^e = \sum_{r=1}^{m} \alpha_r K_r^e. \quad (6) \]

\( K_r^e \) is the element stiffness matrix, \( p_r \) is the quality of the structure, and \( \alpha_r \) and \( p_r \) are corresponding, referring to the quality of the structure. Substitute Equation (6) into Equation (5), for single damage structure, as shown in

\[ \Delta \lambda_i = - \frac{\alpha_r \phi_i^T K_r^e \phi_i}{\phi_i^T M \phi_i} (i = 1, 2, \ldots, n). \quad (7) \]

\( n \) is the degree of freedom. Equation (7) shows that the frequency change of the structure is affected by two factors, the degree of damage \( \alpha \), and the location of the damage.

(2) Damage identification by strain or displacement mode, the expressions of structural displacement and strain are shown in Equations (8) and (9)

\[ \nu(x) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} a_r \phi_r \phi_r(t), \quad (8) \]
\[ \varepsilon(x) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_r(x) q_r(t). \]  

(9)

\( \phi_r \) and \( \phi_r \) are the \( r \)th order displacement mode and strain mode of the structure; \( q_r(t) \) and \( q'_r(t) \) are the displacement mode and strain mode coordinates, respectively. Suppose \( u, v, \) and \( w \) are the displacements of the elastic body corresponding to the \( x, y, \) and \( z \) axes, respectively, and the displacement can be expressed as Equation (10) through modal superposition:

\[ u = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \phi_r(x). \]  

(10)

If the strain mode is set to \( \psi_r^e \), then \( \psi_r^e \) can be expressed as shown in

\[ \psi_r^e = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \phi_r(x). \]  

(11)

Taking the derivative of Equation (10), the strain \( \varepsilon_x \) of the structure can be obtained as

\[ \varepsilon_x = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \phi_r(x) = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \frac{\partial \phi_r(x)}{\partial x} = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \psi_r^e(x). \]  

(12)

Assuming that the displacement is expressed in the form of a vector, then the displacement vector \( \{x\} \) and the displacement mode are as

\[ \{x\} = \{u \ v \ w\}, \]  

(13)

\[ \{\phi_r\} = [\{\phi_r^u\} \ \{\phi_r^v\} \ \{\phi_r^w\}]. \]  

(14)

The displacement response can be obtained by superimposing the displacement mode, which is expressed in

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \{u\} \\ \{v\} \\ \{w\} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \begin{bmatrix} \{\phi_r^u\} \\ \{\phi_r^v\} \\ \{\phi_r^w\} \end{bmatrix}. \]  

(15)

Suppose the normal strain in the three-dimensional space is \( \varepsilon_x, \varepsilon_y, \) and \( \varepsilon_z \). According to the theory of elasticity, the displacement, strain, and shear strain can be expressed in the form of a matrix, as shown in

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x & \alpha_{xy} & \alpha_{xz} \\ \alpha_{yx} & \varepsilon_y & \alpha_{yz} \\ \alpha_{zx} & \alpha_{zy} & \varepsilon_z \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial v}{\partial z} & \frac{\partial w}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix}, \]  

(16)

\[ \gamma_{xy} = \alpha_{yx} + \alpha_{xy}, \]  

\[ \gamma_{yz} = \alpha_{zy} + \alpha_{yz}, \]  

\[ \gamma_{xz} = \alpha_{xz} + \alpha_{zx}. \]  

(17)

Normally, the normal strain is measured in the actual measurement. If only the normal strain is considered, then the corresponding strain tensor can be expressed as

\[ \begin{bmatrix} \varepsilon_x \\ \varepsilon_y \\ \varepsilon_z \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial \psi_r^e}{\partial x} \\ \frac{\partial \psi_r^e}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial \psi_r^e}{\partial z} \end{bmatrix} = \sum_{r=1}^{m} q_r \begin{bmatrix} \psi_r^e \varepsilon_x \\ \psi_r^e \varepsilon_y \\ \psi_r^e \varepsilon_z \end{bmatrix}. \]  

(18)

\( \{\psi_r^e\} \) is the mode shape of the \( r \)th strain mode. In actual measurement, the strain mode shape corresponding to the measured strain can be expressed as

\[ H_{ij}^{\psi e} = \sum_{r=1}^{m} \frac{\psi_r^e \psi_{ij}^e}{1 - (\omega^2/\omega_r^2) + 2j \xi_r (\omega/\omega_r)}. \]  

(19)

Among them, \( \xi_r \) is the damping ratio, and \( \omega \) is the circular frequency of the structure. The specific calculation equations for these two quantities are

\[ \xi_r = \frac{c_r}{2 \sqrt{m_r k_r}}, \]  

(20)

\[ \omega_r = \frac{\sqrt{k_r}}{m_r}. \]  

(21)

If the frequency of the \( S \)th order is the same as the external excitation, Equation (19) can be changed to

\[ H^{\psi e} = \frac{\psi_{ms} \psi_{ms}}{2 j \xi_r k_r} + \sum_{r=1}^{m} \frac{\psi_r^e \psi_{ij}^e}{1 - (\omega^2/\omega_r^2) + 2j \xi_r (\omega/\omega_r)}. \]  

(22)

Except for the \( S \)th order, the modes of other orders are not considered. Then, Equation (22) is simplified, as shown in

\[ H^{\psi e} = \varepsilon_i(\omega_s) F_m(\omega_s) = \frac{\psi_{ms} \psi_{ms}}{2 j \xi_r k_r}. \]  

(23)

The corresponding \( S \)th order strain mode can be expressed as

\[ \psi_{ms} = \frac{2 j \xi_r k_r}{\psi_{ms} F_m(\omega_s)} \varepsilon_i(\omega_s). \]  

(24)

When the structure is damaged, the internal stress distribution will be affected. Its stress distribution will change, which will affect the strain mode. If \( \{\psi_{rd}\} \) and \( \{\psi_{rd}\} \) are
the predamage and postdamage strain modes, respectively, the variation of the strain mode can be expressed as

\[ \Delta \psi^e_r(i) = \psi^e_{rd}(i) - \psi^e_r(i)m_i \epsilon_{rk}. \]  

(25)

Under different working conditions, the damage of the structure is distinguished and located by the change of the strain mode.

(3) Damage identification by modal confidence criterion. If the structure is damaged, each corresponding mode shape will change. The mode shape is expressed by Modal Assurance Criterion (MAC) [14], as shown in

\[ \text{MAC}(\phi) = \frac{\phi_{fi} \phi_{dj}^T}{\phi_{fi} \phi_{fi}^T \phi_{dj} \phi_{dj}^T}. \]  

(26)

\( \phi_{fi} \) and \( \phi_{dj} \) are the jth mode modes before and after damage, respectively. Equation (26) is the relationship between the mode shapes before and after damage.

3.2. Information Fusion Technology. In the early days, the information fusion technology was researched and applied because of its military needs. At that time, the information fusion technology was considered to start from multiple sensor data and related information sources, combined with the evaluation process, to achieve the positioning of the target and the comprehensive evaluation of the threat and importance of the battlefield. The basic principle of information fusion is by the biological brain processing a variety of information streams, combined with computer technology, the information acquisition system for regular processing [15–17]. Calculate, analyse, and preprocess to get the status information of the target. Combining different datasets, more structural information is gotten.

In the information fusion process, the detected information is converted into electrical signals, and then, the converted signals are converted into digital signals. After preprocessing and denoising, signal processing features are extracted from feature fusion or direct data fusion [18]. Its main advantage is multisensor information fusion technology can obtain data integration through multiple sets of sensors and can quickly and effectively process information [19]. If part of the information fails during the information processing, other information can be added, and the stability of the system can be improved.

According to the abstraction level of the data, the information fusion system can be classified (as shown in Table 1).

3.3. BPNN. BPNN is a back propagation algorithm added to the structure of the feedforward network. It has not only input and output nodes, but also one or more hidden layer nodes, which is a unidirectional propagation multilayer forward network [20, 21]. BPNN consists of three parts: input layer, hidden layer, and output layer. The hidden layer can have multiple layers, and each layer can contain a different number of neurons [22]. When BPNN works, import data samples through the input layer. Then, through a series of mathematical calculations, the law between the data is obtained [23]. Finally, use these laws to calculate all forecast datasets to get the forecast results. In the calculation process, the data propagates forward, and the weights and biases of hidden neurons are obtained randomly [24]. The neural network propagates forward to obtain the sum of each neuron and transmits the data on the neuron to the next layer of neurons through the activation function. The BPNN structure with 2 hidden layers is shown in Figure 2.

3.4. Establishment of Neural Network Algorithm. In the learning process of BPNN, errors are propagated back. The core of the BPNN algorithm is the weight adjustment process [25]. Take h-layer BPNN as an example to establish the BPNN algorithm:

(1) Parameter definition. Suppose the total number of samples is \( n \), and the weight matrix is \( V_{ij} \). Among them, \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \); \( j = 1, 2, \ldots, m_k \). The sample value of the input layer is expressed as

\[ X = (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n). \]  

(27)

Layer 1: there are \( m_1 \) neurons, and the weight matrix is \( W_{ij}^1 \), where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, m_1; j = 1, 2, \ldots, m_2 \). The output value is

\[ y_1 = \left(y_1^1, y_2^1, \ldots, y_{m_1}^1 \right). \]  

(28)

Layer 2: there are \( m_2 \) neurons, and the weight matrix is \( W_{ij}^2 \), where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, m_2; j = 1, 2, \ldots, m_3 \). The output value is shown in

\[ y_2 = \left(y_1^2, y_2^2, \ldots, y_{m_2}^2 \right). \]  

(29)

Layer h: set up \( m_k \) neurons, \( l \) output layer samples, and the weight matrix is expressed as \( W_{ij}^h \), where \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, m_k \); \( j = 1, 2, \ldots, l \). Then, the output value is as shown in

\[ y_k = \left(y_1^k, y_2^k, \ldots, y_{m_k}^k \right). \]  

(30)

The sample value of the output layer can be expressed as

\[ O = (o_1, o_2, \ldots, o_l). \]  

(31)

(2) The process of feedforward. Initialize first, given the input sample, expected output and training sample data, the weight is arbitrarily selected on (-1, 1) [26]. The “gradient descent method” is used for learning. The weights of the neural network are
function, as shown in the output layer, and the error of the output layer can be expanded into

\[ E = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{l} \left( d_k - f \left( \sum_{j=1}^{m_h} w_{h,k,j}^\theta \right) \right)^2. \]  

(37)

The error of BPNN is a function of the weight value of each layer.

(3) The weight is adjusted. Taking Equation (37) as the objective function, it is necessary to adjust the weight matrix, in order to make the error \( E \) continue to decrease. To obtain the partial derivative of Equation (37), Equations (38) and (39) can be obtained:

\[ \Delta w_{j,k}^h = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j,k}^h}, \]  

(38)

\[ \Delta v_{i,j} = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial v_{i,j}}. \]  

(39)

\( \eta \) is the learning rate, and \( \eta \in (0, 1) \). Then the weight value of the output layer can be adjusted to Equation (40) by the chain rule:

\[ \Delta w_{j,k}^h = -\eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{j,k}^h} = \eta \frac{\partial E}{\partial \text{net}_j^h} \frac{\partial \text{net}_j^h}{\partial w_{j,k}^h} \]

\[ = \eta \left( \frac{\partial E}{\partial \text{net}_j^h} \right) \frac{\partial \text{net}_j^h}{\partial w_{j,k}^h} \]

\[ = \eta \left( d_k - o_k \right) o_i \left( 1 - o_i \right) w_{j,k}^\theta, \]  

(40)

where \( k = 1, 2, \ldots, l; j = m_h \) is the number of neurons in the \( h \) th layer, and \( k_h = 1 \) is the number of samples in the output layer.

The specific algorithm flow of BPNN is shown in Figure 3.
3.5. BPNN and Structural Damage Identification. The application of BPNN in structural damage identification is to match the actual detected structural features with the database of normal state features. The ability of pattern recognition is used to effectively and orderly classify measurement features. The learning and classification of BPNN is applied to data classification. The process of BPNN's identification of structural damage is divided into four steps:

Step 1: the structure of the neural network is built. The structure of the neural network selected is three layers. The specific number of nodes in the hidden layer is determined by specific performance changes in network training and learning.

Step 2: the sample data is processed. Commonly used methods to standardize data include dispersion standardization and standard deviation standardization. The standardization method used is the dispersion standardization method.

Dispersion standardization: in fact, it is the method of maximum and minimum values. This method treats the data as

\[ x = \frac{x_{ij} - \min x_{ij}}{\max x_{ij} - \min x_{ij}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \ldots, n, \quad j = 1, 2, \ldots, m. \]  

\[ (41) \]

\( x \) represents the standardized data value, \( x_{ij} \) represents the unprocessed data value, \( \min x_{ij} \) represents the minimum data value, and \( \max x_{ij} \) represents the maximum data value.

Step 3: the network is trained. In the process of sample training, the parameters of the network are changed and adjusted in order to make the final output value consistent with the expected output value as much as possible.

Step 4: the network is tested. The data of the test samples is used to perform a series of tests on the performance of those networks after the training is successful.

3.6. Parameter Setting. The input vector used is composed of damage sensitive characteristics of reinforced concrete beams. Simple damage identification of structures is a binary classification problem, so the expected output is expressed as 0, 1. However, in the structural damage location, due to the need to distinguish different damage regions, the expected output is set in the form of vector.

The BPNN model is established on MATLAB, and the parameters are set through training and learning to construct the damage recognition model. According to the damage depth (20 mm, 5 mm) and the distance from the support (10 mm, 2500 mm), four groups are set for comparative analysis, \( A_1 \) (20 mm, 10 mm), \( A_2 \) (5 mm, 10 mm), \( B_1 \) (20 mm, 2500 mm), \( B_2 \) (5 mm, 2500 mm). The network training data and the test dataset are, respectively, set to \( 1 \times 100 \) and \( 1 \times 20 \) matrices. The network output structure is selected as a \( 1 \times 20 \) matrix. The expected output is assigned a value. The label of the lossless dataset is recorded as 0, and the label of the damaged feature dataset is recorded as 1. The output result is close to 1 for lossless and close to 0 for damage. A total of 25 sets of data are randomly selected, of which 20 sets of data are training samples, and 5 sets are test samples.

4. Results and Discussion

4.1. Damage Identification Analysis by Single Feature. Use displacement mode data for network training and adjust parameters. The performance changes of the number of neurons in different hidden layers of the displacement mode are shown in Figure 4.

Figure 4 shows that for the displacement mode, as the number of neuron nodes increases, the MSE continues to decrease, and when the number of neuron nodes exceeds 7, it starts to increase again. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 7 and the number of iterations is 200, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.
Use natural frequency data for network training and adjust parameters. The performance changes of the number of neurons in different hidden layers of natural frequencies are shown in Figure 5. Figure 5 shows that for the natural frequency, when the number of neuron nodes exceeds 4, as the number of neuron nodes increases, the MSE continues to increase. When the number of neuron nodes is 4, the corresponding MSE value is the smallest. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 4 and the number of iterations is 140, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.

Use MAC data for network training and adjust parameters. The performance changes of the number of neurons in different hidden layers of MAC are shown in Figure 6. Figure 6 shows that for MAC, when the number of neuron nodes is 6, the corresponding MSE value is the smallest. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 6 and the number of iterations is 195, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.

For different working conditions and feature sets, different data are tested. The output results are shown in Figures 7 and 8.

Figure 7 shows that when the damage centre is 10 mm away from the support, the damage depth is 20 mm, and the displacement mode is the characteristic data, the output values of the two sets of data numbered 3 and 4 are greater than 0.2, so the expected output requirements are not met. When MAC and natural frequency are, respectively, characteristic data, the output values of the five sets of data all meet the requirements of expected output, and the expected damage identification is achieved. Figure 8 shows that when the
damage centre is 2500 mm away from the support and the damage depth is 20 mm, the output values of these three types of characteristic data are all less than 0.2. Therefore, they can meet the requirements of expected output and achieve the desired damage identification. In addition, the output result corresponding to the natural frequency has the best damage recognition effect in these three categories.

Compare the actual output value of the network with the expected value, and the absolute value of the difference between the two is shown in Figure 9.

Figure 9 shows that when the displacement mode is used as the characteristic data, the difference between the network output value and the expected value fluctuates relatively large, and the robustness is relatively poor. When the natural frequency is used as the sensitive feature of damage, the accuracy is the highest, the difference between the network output value and the expected value is the smallest, and the network output is the most stable. Therefore, its network recognition effect is also the best among these three categories.

4.2. Structural Damage Identification Analysis by Information Fusion. Five groups of data are extracted from the data of 10 mm and 2500 mm from the damage centre to the support, respectively, as test data, and the remaining data constituted the training set. 1 is the label of nondamaged data, and 0 is the label of damaged data. If the output value is greater than 0.85, it is close to 1. If the output value is less than 0.25, it is close to 0. When the damage depth is 20 mm, 5 mm, and the two depths are mixed, the node performance changes of the different hidden layer neurons corresponding to the network are shown in Figures 10–12.

Figure 10 shows that when the damage depth is 20 mm, and the number of neuron nodes is 7, the corresponding MSE value is the smallest. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 7 and the number of iterations is 205, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.

Figure 11 shows that when the damage depth is 5 mm, the MSE fluctuates up and down as the number of neuron nodes increases. When the number of neuron nodes is 5, the corresponding MSE value is the smallest. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 5 and the number of iterations is 167, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.

Figure 12 shows that when the feature data with damage depths of 20 mm and 5 mm together form the data of the network training set, the MSE decreases and then increases with the increase of the number of neuron nodes. When the number of neuron nodes is 6, the corresponding MSE value is the smallest. Therefore, when the number of neurons in the hidden layer is 6 and the number of iterations is 155, the performance of the corresponding network is the best.
In these three different training situations, the actual output values of the network are compared, and the result analysis is shown in Figure 13. The actual output value of the network with the expected value are compared, and the difference between the two is shown in Figure 14.

Figure 13 shows that the distance from the damage centre to the support is 10 mm, and the data of the network training set consists of a damage depth of 20 mm and a damage depth of 5 mm; the corresponding output values are all less than 0.2. Therefore, it can meet the requirements of expected output and achieve the desired damage identification.

Figure 14 shows that when the distance from the damage centre to the support is 2500 mm, and the data of the network training set consists of a damage depth of 20 mm and a damage depth of 5 mm; the corresponding output values are all less than 0.2. Therefore, they can meet the requirements of expected output and achieve the desired damage identification. When the feature data with damage depths of 20 mm and 5 mm together form the data of the network training set, the corresponding output result is closer to the expected value, so the damage recognition effect is the best in these three categories.

Figure 15 shows that comparing the output of the network with a mixture of two damage depths with the output of a single damage depth, when the feature data with damage depths of 20 mm and 5 mm together form the data of the network training set, the corresponding accuracy is higher.

4.3. Damage Location Analysis. Structural damage identification can not only determine whether the structure is in a safe state but also provide a more accurate basis for the safety identification of the structure by identifying the location of the structural damage, which is easy to maintain and inspect the structure. The output result of damage location is shown in Figure 16.

Figure 16 shows that the accuracy of damage location by the displacement mode structure is relatively high. Compared with the accuracy of single damage location by natural frequency and MAC, the accuracy of damage recognition by information fusion will be higher. This shows that the application of information fusion technology in damage location is still feasible.

By the above discussion, in the current neural network model, the displacement mode can realize the damage location when it is used as the characteristic parameter. But the network error is larger than that when it is used for damage
identification. For the damage of other characteristic parameters on certain locations, it is impossible to locate the damage. The possible influencing factors include:

(1) Compared with damage identification, damage location requires more accurate analysis of feature data. When BPNN performs operations with higher accuracy requirements, it also requires higher data requirements and requires more complete datasets to complete the learning of structural characteristics.

(2) The selected feature data are theoretically sensitive to damage location, but different features have different sensitivities to damage location. As the whole characteristic of structure, natural frequency is affected by other factors besides damage location, so there is a big error in reflecting damage location. The displacement mode is more sensitive to the structural damage location, so the recognition accuracy is relatively high. The MAC values obtained from the vibration mode parameters are also more sensitive to the damage and less sensitive to the damage location.

5. Conclusions

Nowadays, with the continuous development of science and technology, AI is used in the damage identification of structures, which helps to improve the calculation speed of the system. As a result, the accuracy of structural damage detection is improved. The damage recognition of the building structure is studied, BPNN and information fusion are used as the basis, and the BPNN is established and trained. The displacement mode, natural frequency, MAC, and three kinds of information fusion with only one characteristic information are used as input data, and the result of BPNN identification damage is analysed. The results show that when the natural frequency is used as the sensitive feature of damage, the accuracy is the highest, the difference between the network output value and the expected value is the smallest, and the network output is the most stable. Therefore, its network recognition effect is also the best among these three categories. Comparing the output of the mixed network of two damage depths with the output of a single damage depth, it corresponds to higher accuracy and more accurate damage identification. The research provides a reference for the optimization of building survey technology and has certain practical value. The disadvantage is that when selecting the structural parameters, the influence of some external factors such as the environment or the instrument is not considered. So, in the future, it is necessary to establish a system that can be used in a complex environment.

Data Availability

The key source code and data used to support the findings of this paper are available upon request to the corresponding author.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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