

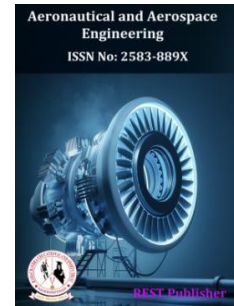
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Assessment of Selecting the Most Appropriate Oilseed for Biodiesel Production Using the COPRAS Method

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Abstract: Diesel resources are valuable both industrially and economically around the world. However, considerations including the diminishing supply of fossil energies and the rise in greenhouse gas emissions have accelerated research into greener alternative fuels globally. Presently, emerging nations are having difficulty supplying their expanding energy needs due to the depletion of traditional energy sources. It is essential to increase the variety of energy supplies and lessen reliance on fossil fuels by utilising substitutes to address this challenge. One of these alternate sources is biomass, which may be used to produce fluid biofuels like "bioethanol and biodiesel". "The fuel quality, engine performance characteristics, and emission outcomes of biodiesel" are the main criteria that have changed as a result of variations in the physicochemical features of the oilseeds ("soybean, cottonseed, rapeseed, and camelina"). To choose the best energy crop, these parameters were assessed using "multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) methodologies". "COPRAS" has been used to determine the importance of each parameter and the order of the studied alternatives for this objective. "Rapeseed, soybean, cottonseed, and camelina biodiesel" are respectively the top four oilseed substitutes for the manufacturing of biodiesel, according to the analysis's findings. According to the findings; "rapeseed" is the most suited oilseed for growth as an energy commodity, whereas "camelina" is the least favored option for making biodiesel.

Keywords: Biodiesel, Oil Seed, The fuel quality, engine performance characteristics, emission outcomes of biodiesel and MCDM.

1. INTRODUCTION

Diesel fuels are valuable both industrially and economically around the world. However, considerations including the diminishing supply of fossil fuels and the rise in greenhouse gas emissions have accelerated research into "cleaner alternative fuels" globally. Among them, biofuels are anticipated to lessen reliance on fossil energy as well as the buildup of "pollutants and greenhouse gases". Additionally, a variety of renewable power can be used to manufacture these fuels [1,2]. Developing nations are currently striving to meet their expanding energy requirements in the face of steadily depleting traditional energy resources. It is imperative to broaden the range of energy sources and lessen our reliance on oil by utilising options to get over this challenge. Biomass is one of these alternate sources that can be used to produce liquid renewables like "bioethanol and biodiesel" [3,4]. A sustainable, recyclable fuel made locally from "vegetable oils, animal fats, or used restaurant grease" is called biodiesel. The Green Fuel Standard's "biomass-based diesel and overall improved biofuel requirements" are both satisfied by biodiesel [5]. Renewability, improved lubricity, and safe handlings among the benefits of biodiesel are its "high flash point, biodegradability, high combustion efficiency, and usage without engine changes". However, when utilised as a fuel, biodiesel has significant drawbacks including "high viscosity, low energy content, increased cold flow characteristics, higher NOx emissions, and reduced engine speed and power" [6]. Various countries are looking for alternative vegetable biodiesel as alternatives to diesel fuel based on their climate and soil circumstances: "soybean oil in the USA, rapeseed and sunflower oils in Europe, palm oil in south-east Asia, and coconut oil in the Philippines" are all considered alternatives to petroleum diesel [7]. The utilisation of edible crude oil for biodiesel manufacturing, such as "mustard, soya bean, sunflower, and palm oil," puts food in direct rivalry, and on top of that, the necessity for edible oils is met by shipping from other nations. The sole alternative for manufacturing biodiesel generation and oil extraction for the function of the engine appears to be non-edible oil resources. The usage of renewable energy sources is receiving more attention from researchers and technologists worldwide due to the social and environmental difficulties related to the

use of fossil fuels for transit and electric generation. Given the need for fossil fuels and their impact on the climate, it is imperative to consider alternative energy sources that can not only replace traditional energy sources but also maintain a pollution-free atmosphere and provide a long-term resolution [8,9]. Renewable energy sources come in many different forms, including "solar, wind, hydropower, ocean thermal energy, geothermal energy, wave energy, biomass, and bioenergy, among others". To lessen reliance on "fossil fuels and environmental pollution problems", it is imperative to expand the renewable resource and boost their use. When the supply of fossil fuels runs out, these green sources of energy will become increasingly crucial [10,11]. One of the significant sources of renewable power is "biomass and bioenergy". Vegetable/plant oils, both consumable and non-edible, can be used to make biodiesel from a variety of sources. It is not advisable to produce biodiesel from consumable oil crops since doing so raises many ethical issues and has led to well-known arguments on whether food should be considered fuel [12]. It is not feasible for biodiesel, which is made from "food-grade vegetable oils, to compete economically with fossil-based diesel" due to its high cost. One of the main sources of renewable biofuel is less-priced, non-edible crop oil or vegetable oil that might be used as a feedstock for biofuel manufacturing [13]. "The fuel quality, engine performance characteristics, and emission outcomes of biodiesel" are the main criteria that have changed as a result of variations in the "physicochemical properties of the oilseeds (soybean, cottonseed, rapeseed, and camelina)". To choose the best energy crop, these parameters were assessed using "multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) methodologies". COPRAS has been used to determine the importance of each condition and the ranks of the studied alternatives for this goal.

2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

"Complex Proportional Assessment (COPRAS)", a rating method, was developed by "Zavadskas, Kaklauskas, and Sarka in 1994". This method considers both the best and worst outcomes independently. Finding "both the optimal best solution and the ideal worst solution" allows one to select the best alternative value. This is frequently utilised in engineering field problem situations for evaluating and choosing different projects. The fundamental goal of the COPRAS technique is to rank each alternative by applying the proper weights to each parameter [14,15]. "COPRAS MCDM" offers numerous noteworthy excellent aspects that more than make up for its few small drawbacks. The ability of "COPRAS" to handle beneficial and negative factors individually is its primary and most important advantage [16]. According to "COPRAS", a set of criteria determines the significance and applicability degree of the variants being considered. The variables, along with the weights and amounts of each standard, are effectively specified by these criteria. These core concepts show that the "COPRAS approach" is an essential "MCDM technique" and a useful judgement instrument [17]. By utilising a single evaluation technique that takes into account "the effects of both the cost and advantage type criteria" COPRAS rates options. By taking into consideration "the utility degree of options," which refers to a percentage and reflects the degree to which one conclusion is better than or worse than the numerous possibilities utilised for evaluation, COPRAS varies from those other MCDM techniques [18]. A recent study has also demonstrated that COPRAS is more dependable than WSM in the event of new data, and assessments incorporated with COPRAS are significantly more exact and less biased than outcomes with "TOPSIS and WSM". Another benefit COPRAS offers over some other MCDM software, such as "PROMETHEE, DEA, VIKOR, AHP, and ELECTRE" is that it uses a very straightforward and straightforward MCDM approach that takes a lot less processing work and has a high likelihood of graphical interpretation [19,20].

Step 1: The decision matrix X , which displays how various options perform about certain criteria, is created.

$$x_{ij} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & x_{12} & \cdots & x_{1n} \\ x_{21} & x_{22} & \cdots & x_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{m1} & x_{m2} & \cdots & x_{mn} \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Step 2: Weights for the criteria are expressed as

$$w_j = [w_1 \cdots w_n], \quad (2)$$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n (w_1 \cdots w_n) = 1$$

the sum of the weight distributed among the evaluation parameters must be one.

Step 3: The matrix x_{ij} 's normalized values are computed as

$$n_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij}} \quad (3)$$

Step 4: Weighted normalized matrix N_{ij} is calculated by the following formula

$$N_{ij} = w_j \times n_{ij} \quad (4)$$

Step 5: sum of benefit criteria and the sum of cost criteria are calculated by following equations 5 and 6 respectively.

$$B_i = \sum_{j=1}^k N_{ij} \quad (5)$$

$$C_i = \sum_{j=k+1}^m N_{ij} \quad (6)$$

Step 6: The relative importance of the choices should be determined. Calculations of alternative significance are based on Q_i . Higher the value of Q_i , the better the response. Alternatives with the highest Q_i value are $Q_{(\max)}$. The following is a Q_i equation:

$$Q_i = B_i + \frac{\min(C_i) \times \sum_{i=1}^n C_i}{C_i \times \sum_{i=1}^n (\frac{\min(C_i)}{C_i})} \quad (7)$$

Step 7: Next U_i is calculated.

$$U_i = \frac{Q_i}{\max(Q_i)} \times 100\% \quad (8)$$

The greatest connected relative importance is C_{\max} . If a selection's utility functionality rises or falls depends on its relative importance value. You can achieve a utility rating of "between 0% and 100%". In a situation when there are many factors to consider, this method permits the examination of "operational features, utility stages of weight, and instantaneous and relative relevance" [21,22]. "The quality of the fuel, the features of engine performance, and the results of biodiesel emission testing" have all changed significantly as a result of the various physicochemical qualities of the oilseeds "(soybean, cottonseed, rapeseed, and camelina)". Therefore, to choose the most appropriate energy crop, these characteristics were assessed using multi-criteria decision-making (MCDM) methodologies. The weights of the researched options and the relevance of each parameter have been determined for this reason using COPRAS.

3. ANALYSIS AND DISCUSSION

TABLE 1. Material Properties

Biodiesel	Cetane Number	Viscosity	Torque	BSFC	CO	HC
Rapeseed	9	7	9	8	8	4
Camelina	3	8	4	2	5	9
Soybean	8	6	8	7	9	5
Cottonseed	7	9	3	3	6	3

Table 1 shows the data set for "fuel quality, engine performance characteristics and emission results" of each alternate bio seed. "Rapeseed, Camelina, Soybean and Cottonseed" are taken as alternate materials in this research. "Viscosity, cetane number, torque, brake specific fuel consumption, Production of air polluting gas such as NOx, and the emission of hydrocarbons" are evaluated for the picking of bio seeds.

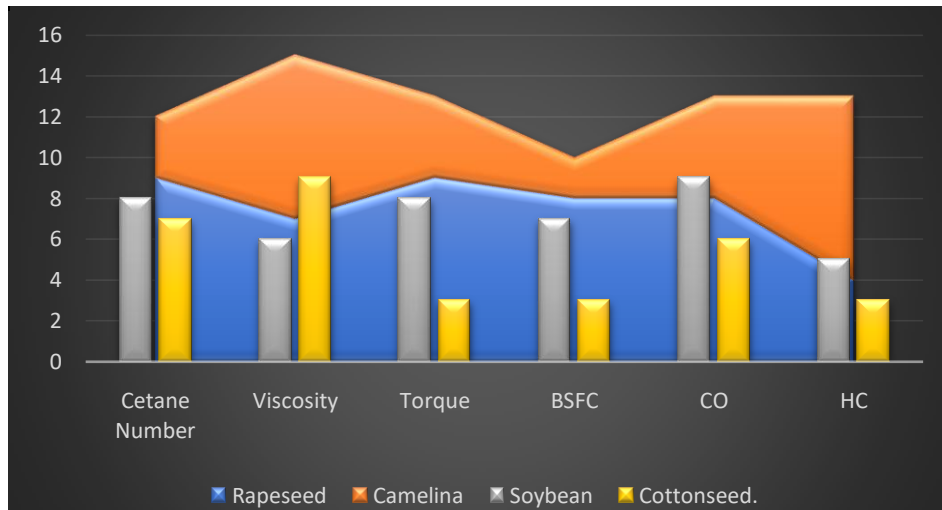


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TABLE 2. Normalized matrix

0.3333	0.2333	0.3750	0.4000	0.2857	0.1905
0.1111	0.2667	0.1667	0.1000	0.1786	0.4286
0.2963	0.2000	0.3333	0.3500	0.3214	0.2381
0.2593	0.3000	0.1250	0.1500	0.2143	0.1429

Table2 The normalized matrix of Performance Ratings of parameters of each bio seed is displayed in Table 2 above. Equation 3 was used to create this matrix.

TABLE 3. Weight Distribution

0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667
0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667
0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667
0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667	0.166667

Table3 The preferred weight for the evaluation parameters is shown in Table 3. In this case, weight is equally distributed among evaluation criteria and the sum of weight distributed is one.

TABLE 4. Weighted normalized decision matrix

0.05556	0.03889	0.06250	0.06667	0.04762	0.03175
0.01852	0.04444	0.02778	0.01667	0.02976	0.07143
0.04938	0.03333	0.05556	0.05833	0.05357	0.03968
0.04321	0.05000	0.02083	0.02500	0.03571	0.02381

Table4 The Performance Ratings of the parameters of each bio seed are shown in Table 4 as a normalized matrix. Equation 4 was used to calculate this matrix, which was produced by multiplying tables 2 and 3.

TABLE 5. the sum of benefit criteria and the sum of cost criterion

Biodiesel	Bi	Ci
Rapeseed	0.223611	0.079365
Camelina	0.107407	0.101190
Soybean	0.196605	0.093254
Cottonseed.	0.139043	0.059524

Table 5 displays the total cost and total benefit criteria that were determined using equations 5 and 6. “Rapeseed, Camelina, Soybean and Cottonseed” are used to optimize the Comprehensive Performance of each bio seed.

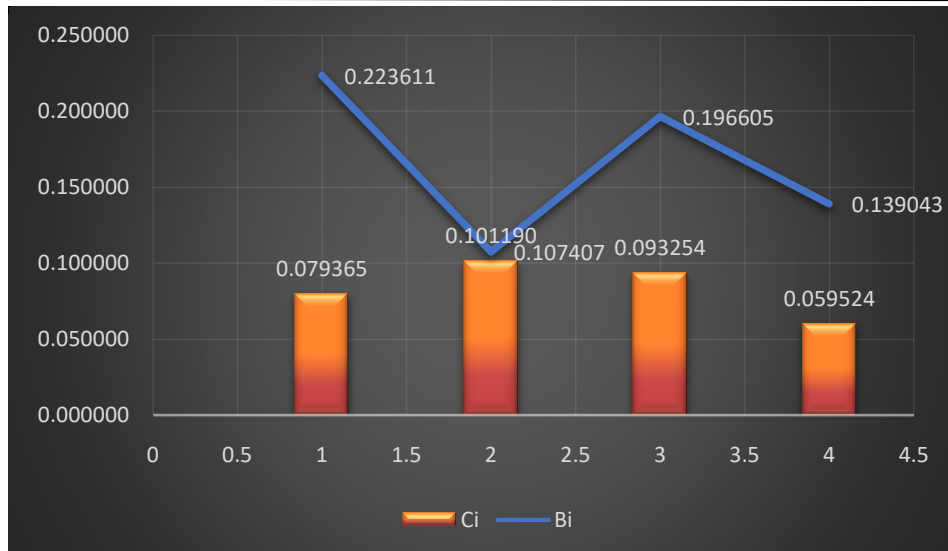


FIGURE 2. Bi and Ci

Equations 5 and 6 were used to calculate the total beneficial criteria and total cost criterion shown in Figure 2. “Rapeseed, Camelina, Soybean and Cottonseed” are used to evaluate the Comprehensive Performance of selected bio seeds.

TABLE 6. Relative significance and Utility degree

Biodiesel	Qi	Ui
Rapeseed	0.30760	100.0000
Camelina	0.17328	56.3333
Soybean	0.26809	87.1537
Cottonseed	0.25103	81.6090

Table6 Using equations 7 and 8, Table 6 displays the relative relevance and utility degree. Here utility degree value for Rapeseed is hundred, Camelina is 56.3333, Soybean is 87.1537 and Cottonseed is 81.6090.

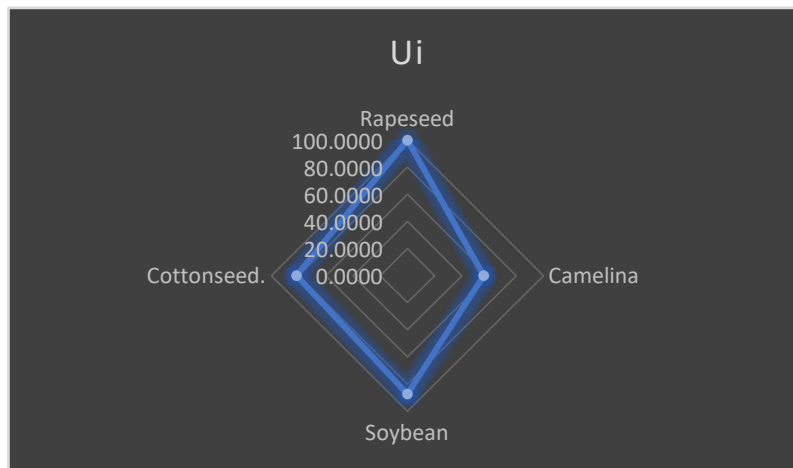


FIGURE 3. Utility Degree

Figure 3 shows the illustration of the Relative significance and Utility degree calculated by using equations 7 and 8. Here utility degree value for Rapeseed is hundred, Camelina is 56.3333, Soybean is 87.1537 and Cottonseed is 81.6090.

TABLE 7. Rank

Biodiesel	Rank
Rapeseed	1
Camelina	4
Soybean	2
Cottonseed	3

Table 7 shows the rank of alternatives “Rapeseed, Camelina, Soybean and Cottonseed” using utility degree values in table 6. Here rank of alternatives using the COPRAS method for Rapeseed is first, Camelina is fourth, Soybean is second and Cottonseed is third.



FIGURE 4. Rank

Figure 4 illustrates the ranking of U_i from Table 6. Here rank of alternatives using the COPRAS method “Rapeseed is first, Camelina is fourth, Soybean is second and Cottonseed is third”. “Rapeseed, soybean, cottonseed, and camelina biodiesel” are the top four oilseed substitutes for the manufacturing of biodiesel, according to the analysis's findings. According to the findings, “rapeseed” is the most suited oilseed for development as an energy crop, whereas “camelina” is the least favored option for making biodiesel.

4. CONCLUSION

Energy independence is essential for India's and other emerging nations' overall economic development. The necessity to look for alternate, safe, clean, and renewable sources have been given major attention. Additional risks to developing nations' economies include erratic supplies and regular price increases of fossil fuels on the global market. In India, the need for transportation fuel is steadily rising. On either hand, the expense of fossil fuels is frequently rising, and the global market's availability is unstable. We must switch to renewable and environmentally friendly biodiesel to reduce the supply of crude oil. Pongamia oil has the potential to be used to produce biofuels, which are safe, clean, and sustainable. Addressing the demand for energy and organic fertilizer has enormous promise for India's rural areas. Of course, works are to be conducted on Pongamia to "standardize agro-technology, low cost and efficient mechanical device to expel oil, to figure out the economics, high yielding and high oil content varieties" compatible to the varied agribusiness of India. Utilizing renewable energy sources is one of the new energy strategies for developing nations. Biodiesel is a promising substitute for current fossil fuel use among renewable energy resources. This paper utilizes the "COPRAS MCDM model" for analyzing four distinct biodiesel products made from energy crops in terms of their "fuel characteristics, engine performance, and exhaust emissions". " Rapeseed, soybean, cottonseed, and camelina biodiesel" are the top four oilseed substitutes for the manufacturing of biodiesel, according to the analysis's findings. According to the findings, “rapeseed” is the most suited oilseed for development as an energy crop, whereas “camelina” is the least favored option for making biodiesel.

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