

Hyper Spectral Image Analysis in Agriculture

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ABSTRACT

Satellite image classification process involves grouping the image pixel values into meaningful categories. Several satellite image classification methods and techniques are available. In existing k-means clustering technique is used for clustering the satellite data, with this method not able to cluster accurately all the classes. In our proposed method self-organising maps as a clustering technique is used. Self-organising maps learn to cluster data based on similarity, topology, with a preference of assigning the same number of instances to each class. Self-organising maps are used both to cluster data and to reduce the dimensionality of data. They are inspired by the sensory and motor mappings in the mammal brain, which also appear to automatically organizing information topologically. CNN Classifiers meld results from many weak learners into one high- quality ensemble model. Our proposed technique is K- Medoid clustering with CNN algorithm for classification of satellite data into water, Agriculture, Barren land, Green Land. The proposed method of self-organising map clustering and CNN classifier gives best result compared to existing ones.

INTRODUCTION

Hyperspectral Imaging

This project develops an advanced **hybrid machine learning system** for automated satellite and hyper spectral image classification, integrating **Self- Organizing Maps (SOM) for unsupervised clustering and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for supervised classification** to achieve superior accuracy in land cover mapping. While traditional methods like k-means struggle with complex spectral- spatial relationships in high-resolution data, our solution leverages SOM's topology-preserving clustering to effectively reduce dimensionality and group similar pixels in both multispectral and hyperspectral imagery. The clustered output is then processed by a CNN classifier with subspace discriminant ensembles, enabling robust feature extraction and precise classification of land cover types—Water, Agricultural Land, Barren Land, and Green Land—while addressing the "curse of dimensionality" inherent in hyper spectral data. A key innovation is the extension of our framework to **hyperspectral image analysis**, where we optimize band selection and feature extraction to handle hundreds of spectral channels efficiently. The system employs **random subspace**

ensemble to improve generalization across diverse spectral signatures and reduce computational overhead. Rigorous evaluation using metrics like **Overall Accuracy, Kappa Coefficient, and Spectral Angle Mapper (SAM)** validates performance on benchmark datasets (Landsat, Sentinel-2, and AVIRIS hyper spectral data). Designed for real-world scalability, this solution supports critical applications in **precision agriculture (crop health monitoring), mineral exploration, and environmental hazard detection**. By unifying SOM's spectral dimensionality reduction with CNN's spatial feature learning, this project advances hyper spectral and multispectral image analysis, enabling more accurate and efficient Geo spatial decision-making.

The term digital image refers to processing of a two dimensional picture by a digital computer. In a broader context, it implies digital processing of any two dimensional data. A digital image is an array of real or complex numbers represented by a finite number of bits. An image given in the form of a transparency, slide, photograph or an X-ray is first digitized and stored as a matrix of binary digits in computer memory. This digitized image can then be processed and/or displayed on a high-

resolution television monitor. For display, the image is stored in a rapid-access buffer memory, which refreshes the monitor at a rate of 25 frames per second to produce a visually continuous display.

An image processor does the functions of image acquisition, storage, pre-processing, segmentation, representation, recognition and interpretation and finally displays or records the resulting image. The following block diagram gives the fundamental sequence involved in an image processing system.

The first step in the process is image acquisition by an imaging sensor in conjunction with a digitizer to digitize the image. The next step is the preprocessing step where the image is improved being fed as an input to the other processes. Preprocessing typically deals with enhancing, removing noise, isolating regions, etc. Segmentation partitions an image into its constituent parts or objects. The output of segmentation is usually raw pixel data, which consists of either the boundary of the region or the pixels in the region themselves. Representation is the process of transforming the raw pixel data into a form useful for subsequent processing by the computer. Description deals with extracting features that are basic in differentiating one class of objects from another. Recognition assigns a label to an object based on the information provided by its descriptors. Interpretation involves assigning meaning to an ensemble of recognized objects.

The knowledge base guides the operation of each processing module and also controls the interaction between the modules. Not all modules need be necessarily present for a specific function. The composition of the image processing system depends on its application. The frame rate of the image processor is normally around 25 frames per second.

Digital image processing refers to processing of the image in digital form. Modern cameras may directly take the image in digital form but generally images are originated in optical form. They are captured by video cameras and digitalized. The digitalization process includes sampling, quantization. Then these images are processed by the five fundamental processes, at least any one of them, not necessarily all of them.

Image enhancement operations improve the qualities of an image like improving the image's contrast and brightness characteristics, reducing its noise content, or sharpen the details. This just enhances the image and reveals the same information in more understandable image. It does not add any information to it.

Image restoration like enhancement improves the qualities of an image but all the operations are mainly based on known, measured, or degradations of the original image. Image restoration is used to restore images with problems such as geometric distortion, improper focus, repetitive noise, and camera motion. It is used to correct images.

Image analysis operations produce numerical or graphical information based on characteristics of the original image. They break into objects and then classify them. They depend on the image statistics. Common operations are extraction and description of scene and image features, automated measurements, and object classification. Image analysis is mainly used in machine

vision applications.

Image compression and decompression reduce the data content necessary to describe the image. Most of the images contain a lot of redundant information, compression removes all the redundancies. Because of the compression the size is reduced, so efficiently stored or transported. The compressed image is decompressed when displayed. Lossless compression preserves the exact data in the original image, but Lossy compression does not represent the original image but provides excellent compression.

LITERATURE SURVEY

"An Effective Feature Selection Method for Hyperspectral Image Classification Based on Genetic Algorithm and Support Vector Machine Authors: Shijin Li, Hao Wu, Dingsheng Wan, Jiali Zhu, Year: 2011, Journal: Knowledge- DOI: 10.1016/j.knosys.2010.07.003"

With the development and popularization of remote-sensing imaging technology, there are more and more applications of hyperspectral image classification tasks, such as target detection and land cover investigation. It is a very challenging issue of urgent importance to select a minimal and effective subset from those mass of bands. This paper proposed a hybrid feature selection strategy based on genetic algorithm and support vector machine (GA-SVM), which formed a wrapper to search for the best combination of bands with higher classification accuracy.

"A Change Detection Model Based on Neighborhood Correlation Image Analysis and Decision Tree Classification, Authors: Jungho Im John R. Jensen Year: 2005"

Elementary piece of our prior knowledge about images of the physical world is that they are spatially smooth, in the sense that neighboring pixels are more likely to belong to the same object (class) than to different ones. The smoothness assumption becomes more important as sensor resolutions keep increasing, both because the radiometric variability within classes increases and because remote sensing is employed in more heterogeneous areas (e.g., cities), where shadow and shading effects, a multitude of materials, etc., degrade the measurement data, and prior knowledge plays a greater role.

"An Overview and Comparison of Smooth Labeling Methods for Land-Cover Classification, Author: Konrad Schindler, Year: 2012"

Vagueness in the boundaries of land cover classes is one of the important problems in the image classification. Fuzzy c means (FCM) is a traditional clustering algorithm that has been widely used in the satellite image classification. However, this algorithm has the drawback of falling into a local minimum and it needs much time to accomplish the classification for a large data set. In order to overcome these drawbacks, a New Fuzzy Cluster Centroid (NFCC) for unsupervised classification algorithm is proposed to improve the traditional FCM and fuzzy weighted c means (FWCM) algorithm. In this work, a new objective function is formulated by adding the new term along with the distance between the pixels and cluster centers in the spectral domain.

"Classification of Satellite Images Using New Fuzzy Cluster Centroid for Unsupervised Classification Algorithm, Authors: C. Heltingenitha, Dr. K. Vani, Year: 2014"

In this paper, we present a new methodology for clustering hyperspectral images. It aims at simultaneously solving the following three different

issues: 1) estimation of the class statistical parameters; 2) detection of the best discriminative bands without requiring the a priori setting of their number by the user; and 3) estimation of the number of data classes characterizing the considered image. It is formulated within a multi-objective particle swarm optimization (MOPSO) framework and is guided by three different optimization criteria, which are the log-likelihood function, the Bhattacharyya statistical distance between classes, and the minimum description length (MDL). CNNs are most commonly described as performing the task of searching through a hypothesis space to find a suitable hypothesis that will make good predictions with a particular problem. Even if the hypothesis space contains hypotheses that are very well-suited for a particular problem, it may be very difficult to find a good one. Evaluating the prediction of an ensemble typically requires more computation than evaluating the prediction of a single model, so ensembles may be thought of as a way to compensate for poor learning algorithms by performing a lot of extra computation. Fast algorithms such as [decision trees](#) are commonly used in ensemble methods (for example [Random Forest](#)), although slower algorithms can benefit from ensemble techniques as well.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The primary objective of this project is to develop an advanced and automated system for satellite image classification by integrating **Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)** for unsupervised clustering and **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** for supervised classification, with the goal of significantly improving accuracy and efficiency compared to traditional methods like k-means. The proposed hybrid SOM-CNN approach aims to accurately classify high-resolution satellite images into four key land cover categories—**Water, Agricultural Land, Barren Land, and Green Land**—and CNN's deep learning capabilities for precise feature extraction and classification. The project also focuses on optimizing computational performance through **random subspace ensembles** in CNNs in satellite data. Performance will be rigorously evaluated using standard metrics such as **Overall Accuracy (OA), Kappa Coefficient, and per-class Precision**.

NEED OF THE PROJECT

In today's world, the growing demands of urbanization, environmental sustainability, and food security have made it essential to monitor and manage Earth's resources

effectively. Satellite imagery serves as a powerful tool in this regard, providing vast and detailed visual data of land cover across the globe. When using traditional classification methods like k-means, this project introduces a more intelligent and efficient approach to satellite image classification by integrating **Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)** for clustering and **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** for classification. This hybrid method enhances the precision of land cover categorization into meaningful classes such as water bodies, agricultural fields, barren lands, and green vegetation.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Satellite image classification is a critical task in remote sensing, with applications ranging from land-use mapping and agricultural monitoring to disaster management and environmental protection. However, conventional classification methods such as k-means clustering and basic supervised algorithms often fail to achieve high accuracy due to their inability to capture complex spatial patterns and nonlinear relationships in high-dimensional image data. To address these challenges, there is a need for an advanced classification system that can learn topological relationships and extract meaningful patterns from satellite imagery. This project proposes a hybrid approach combining **Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)** for unsupervised clustering and **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** for robust classification.

ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

Self-organizing maps learn to cluster data based on similarity, topology, with a preference of assigning the same number of instances to each class. Self-organizing maps are used both to cluster data and to reduce the dimensionality of data. They are inspired by the sensory and motor mappings in CNN algorithm, which also appear to automatically organize information topologically. CNN is a classification method. The proposed system presents a novel approach for satellite image classification by combining the strengths of **Self-Organizing Maps (SOM)** for clustering and **Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)** for classification. This hybrid model is designed to address the limitations of traditional clustering techniques like k-means, which often struggle with non-linear data, high dimensionality, and poor accuracy in classifying complex land cover types.

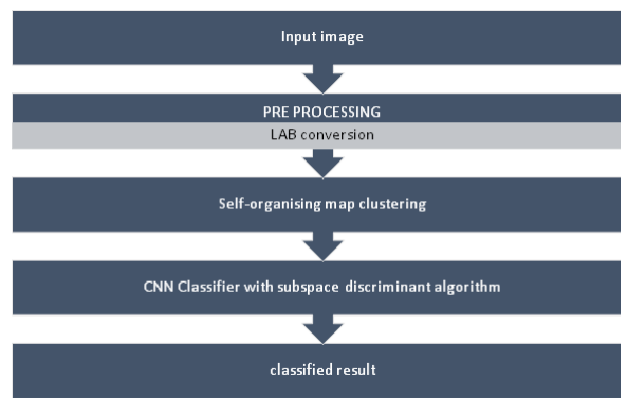


Fig1.1 ARCHITECTURE OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

METHODOLOGY

The Input Images is land set satellite Image. This image contain green, barren land, crop and water. So we are going to classify 4 classes in that image. The input satellite image is converted to LAB colour space and reshape the image data for applying self-organising map clustering technique.

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1. Choose without replacement a random set of m predictors from the d possible values.
2. Train a weak learner using just the m chosen predictors.
3. Repeat steps 1 and 2 until there are n weak learners.
4. Predict by taking an average of the score prediction of the weak learners and classify the category with the highest average score.

IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed satellite image classification system is implemented using MATLAB 2017a, utilizing several built-in toolboxes including the Neural Network Toolbox, Deep Learning Toolbox, and Image Processing Toolbox. These tools support both unsupervised clustering using Self-Organizing Maps (SOM) and supervised classification using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The input dataset comprises original high-resolution satellite images of the Kakinada region, stored in TIFF format, capturing multiple land cover types such as water, green vegetation, barren land, and agricultural areas. The implementation begins with the acquisition and preprocessing of the satellite images. Each image is resized to a standard resolution to ensure consistency across the dataset. The color space of the image is converted from RGB

to LAB, which provides better separation between luminance and chromatic components. Once the image is prepared, a Self-Organizing Map is used for unsupervised clustering. The SOM is initialized with a 2×2 grid to segment the image into four main land cover classes. The SOM training process uses competitive learning, where the neuron whose weights are closest to the input. The clustered image from the SOM serves as a pseudo-labeled dataset to train a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). The original image is resized appropriately and used as input to the CNN, while the SOM output acts as the ground truth. After training, the CNN is used to classify each pixel in the satellite image. The final result is a segmented image where each region is labeled as one of the four predefined land types. The output is visually interpretable, with clear boundaries between classes and accurate representation of real-world terrain.

EXISTING SYSTEM

This project solves the problem of unsupervised land-cover classification of remotely sensed multispectral satellite images from the perspective of cluster ensembles and self-learning. A cluster-ensemble-based method is proposed here for the initialization of the unsupervised iterative SVM algorithm, which eventually produces a better approximation of the cluster parameters considering a certain statistical model is followed to fit the data. A novel method for generating a consistent labelling scheme for each clustering of the consensus is introduced for cluster ensembles. The EM algorithm approximates cluster parameters assuming that clusters are Gaussian distributed. The final classification is obtained by a maximum likelihood (ML) classifier trained on the updated parameters produced by the SVM algorithm. The proposed model compares with existing algorithm SVM, k-means, k-NN. The clustering performance of the proposed method on a medium resolution and a very high spatial resolution image and high accuracy.

Cluster Ensemble Initialization: Multiple clustering results (e.g., from k-means, DBSCAN, etc.) are combined to form a consensus labeling.

Self-Learning SVM: This SVM is trained iteratively using pseudo-labels derived from cluster ensembles.

EM Algorithm (Expectation Maximization): Used to refine the parameters of the Gaussian distributions assumed for each class. **Maximum Likelihood Classifier (MLC):** Final classification is performed using MLC based on the refined parameters.

Dataset: Landsat 8 **Multispectral Satellite Image Bands Used:** Red, Green, Blue, Near Infrared (NIR), Shortwave Infrared (SWIR) **Region:** Urban and semi-urban areas with diverse land cover types (e.g., vegetation, water, built-up, barren land)

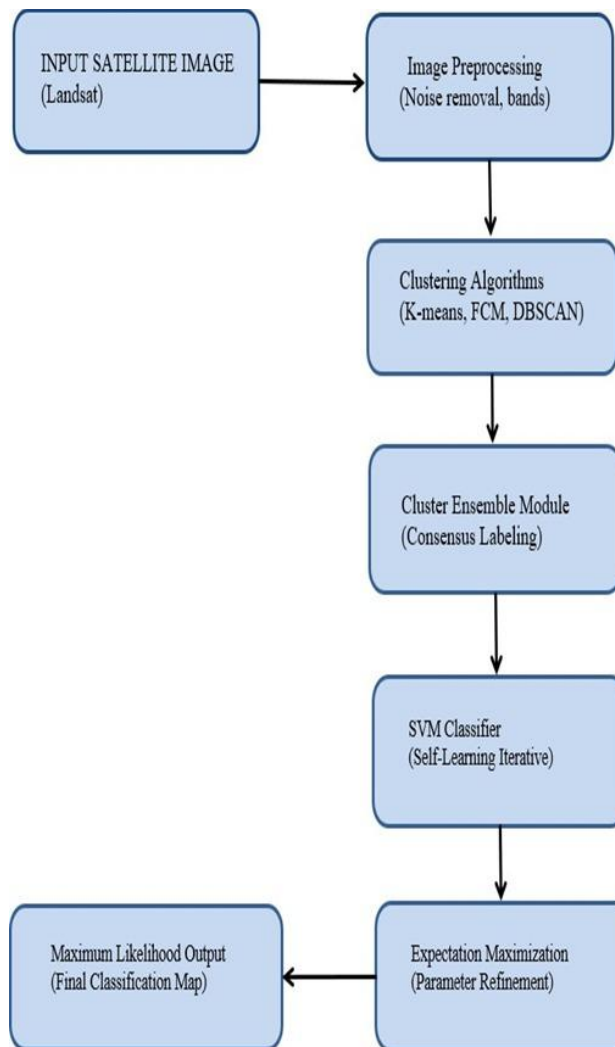


FIG1.4EXISTINGARCHITECTURE

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