

Prediction of Soil Moisture Using Machine Learning

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ABSTRACT

The performance of the predictor is evaluated on the idea of Mean Squared Error (MSE) and test scores. The comparison results shows that call tree is giving an accuracy of 0.87 and Random Forest Classifier is giving an accuracy of 0.937500. Accurate estimates of root zone soil moisture (RZSM) at relevant spatio-temporal scales are essential for several agricultural and hydrological applications. Applications of machine learning (ML) techniques to estimate root zone soil moisture are limited compared to commonly used process based models supported flow and transport equations within the vadose zone. However, data-driven ML techniques present unique opportunities to develop quantitative models without having assumptions on the processes operating within the system being investigated. During this study, the Random Forest (RF) ensemble learning algorithm, is tested to demonstrate the capabilities and advantages of ML for RZSM estimation.

I. INTRODUCTION

Soil moisture prediction across large spatial scales is difficult thanks to the heterogeneity in soil texture, crop type, and crop residue cover. Point measurements that include gravimetric methods and in-situ electromagnetic sensors are accurate but have limited spatial extent and need significant time and labor. Remote sensing tools are used recently to predict topsoil moisture, but efficiency and models applicable to multiple landscapes are still under study. Soil moisture is usually predicted using information collected from nearby weather stations and variables from soil and crops using one among three empirical, regression, and machine learning methods. These methods include forecasting models like empirical formulas, water balance approach, dynamic soil water models, statistic models, and neural network models .

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

Water below the land surface appears in two zones - saturated and the unsaturated zone. When rainfall occurs, a part of it infiltrates into the ground. Some amount of this infiltrated rain is held up by the upper layer of soil in its pore spaces. This layer is immediately below the land surface and contains both air and water and is known as the unsaturated zone. When all the soil pores are completely filled with water, then water seeps further down through the fractures in the rock. After a certain depth all pores in the soil are completely filled with water, this part forms the saturated zone. The top of saturated zone is known as the water table and water in this zone is called the groundwater.

Soil moisture has a strong influence on the distribution of water between various components of the hydrological cycle in agricultural fields. It helps in understanding the hydrology and climatic conditions that have high spatial and temporal variability. Precise measurement and/or prediction of soil moisture provide insights into expected infiltration and runoff generation during rainfall events and the management of water for agricultural purposes. In agricultural fields, soil moisture affects key farm activities from crop selection to

timing of tilling, planting, fertilizer application, and harvesting due to infiltration, evaporation, runoff, heat, and gas fluxes.

Groundwater level is an indicator of groundwater availability, groundwater flow, and the physical characteristics of an aquifer or groundwater system. Due to increased population and decreased groundwater recharge, the demand increases and it may not be feasible to check the draft of groundwater resources. The only available option is to increase the recharge rate to the aquifer by suitable means. Therefore, it is necessary to quantify the present rate of groundwater recharge, monitor the change in water table depth and then predict the future trend of water table depth before any intervention

Any phenomenon, which produces pressure change within an aquifer, results into the change of ground water level.

These changes in ground water level can be a result of changes in storage, amount of discharge and recharge, variation of stream stages and evaporation.

III. PROPOSED SYSTEM:

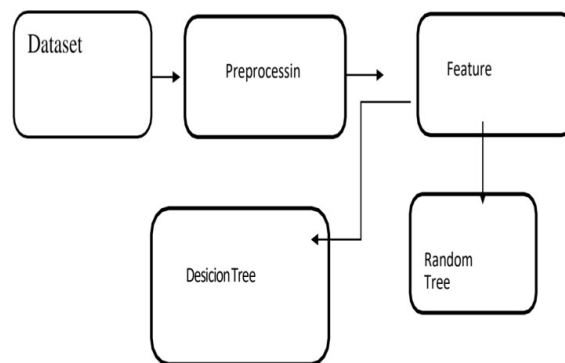


Fig: Proposed System

This is mainly in the form of estimation of the magnitude of a hydrological parameters. The factors that influence and control the groundwater level fluctuation were determined to develop a forecasting model and examine its potential in predicting groundwater level.

Models for prediction of water table depth were developed based on Decision Tree Classifier and Random Forest Classifier with different combinations of hydrological parameters. The best combination was confirmed with factor analysis. The input parameters for groundwater level forecasting were derived using Time Series Analysis (TSA). Hydrological cycle parameters such as precipitation, surface runoff, evapotranspiration, interception, infiltration, change in soil moisture, river flow, and change in groundwater storage are part of Earth's dynamic ecosystem. However, these methods provide point-based estimates of hydrological parameters.

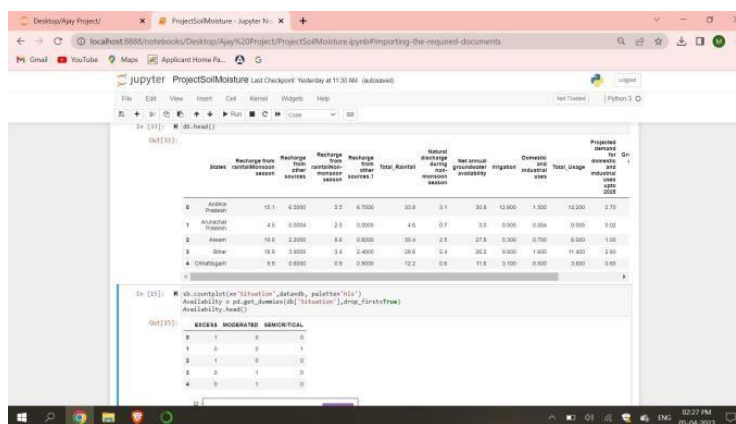
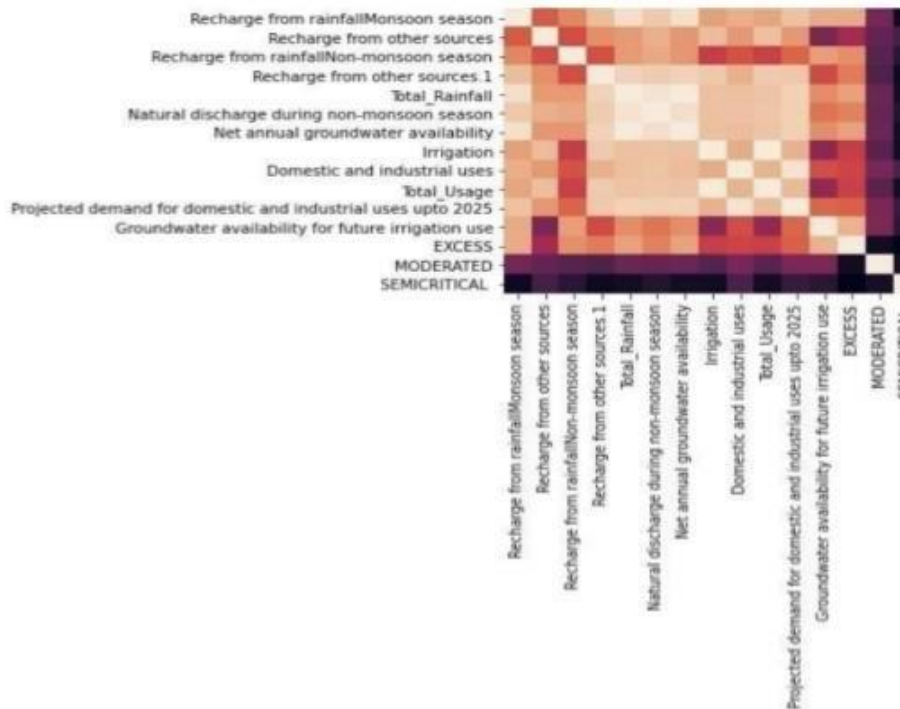
VI. TRAINING AND TESTING THE DATASET

Pandas Visualization: Pandas is an open source high-performance, easy-to-use library providing data structures, such as dataframes, and data analysis tools like the visualization tools we will use in this article. Pandas Visualization makes it really easy to create plots out of a panda's dataframe and series. It also has a

higher-level API than Matplotlib and therefore we need less code for the same results.

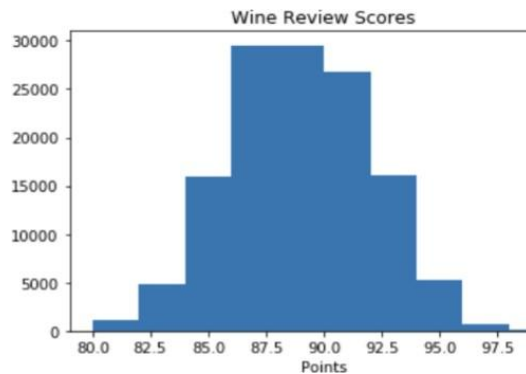
Heat Map: A Heatmap is a graphical representation of data where the individual values contained in a matrix are represented as colors. Heatmaps are perfect for exploring the correlation of features in a dataset. To get the correlation of the features inside a dataset we can call `.corr()`, which is a Pandas dataframe method. This will give us the correlation matrix. We can use either Matplotlib or Seaborn to create the heatmap.

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III. RESULTS

In Matplotlib we can create a Histogram using the `hist` method. If we pass it categorical data like the points column from the wine-review dataset it will automatically calculate



A bar-chart can be created using the bar method. The bar-chart isn't automatically calculating the frequency of a category so we are going to use pandas value_counts function to do this. The bar-chart is useful for categorical data that doesn't have a lot of different categories (less than 30) because else it can get quite messy.

IV. CONCLUSION

Based on the latest assessment involves estimation of dynamic ground water resources that was conducted in 2020 jointly by both respective State and Central Ground Water Board, we have taken that database and converted it to a data frame and with the help of different factors of how the groundwater is recharged and how the water comes in different seasons. Here features are the resources of water that causes the recharge of ground water. These data is used to train the different machine learning models like Random Forest Classifier and Decision Tree model and applying the Data Preprocessing methods and using the Anaconda Python Environment we have applied the data to the models using Sklearn module and this is a classification model. The model predicts the amount of moisture present in soil using the data that is given as input to the model which assesses the features and predicts one of the four labels EXCESS, MODERATED, SEMI CRITICAL, CRITICAL which represents a range of quantity of moisture present in soil.

