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Water Quality Analysis Using Machine Learning

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Abstract: Human beings are dependent on the natural resources that stands for its quality. Climatic changes and environmental impacts have always been under observation. The quality of the products is always measured before use. Water, an inevitable resource, has got a serious significance in checking its quality due to the influence of various external factors like industrial effluents, acid rain etc. This paper provide same theology for assessing the water quality that uses statistical quality control technique and Machine Learning algorithms to scale up the classification accuracy. The classification is focused on deciding if the water is suitable for drinking purpose. The goal of this study is to develop a water quality prediction model with the help of water quality factors using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and time-series analysis.

Keywords: Water quality predication, Machine learning algorithms, Artificial neural network, Time series analysis.

I. INTRODUCTION

Natural water resources like groundwater and surface water have always been the cheapest and most widely available resources of freshwater. However, these resources are also most likely to become contaminated due to various factors including human, industrial and commercial activities as well as natural processes. In addition to that, poor sanitation infrastructure and lack of awareness also contributes immensely to drinking water contamination [2]. The effect so water quality deterioration are far-reaching, impacting health environment and infrastructure in a very adverse manner. According to United Nations (UN), water borne diseases cause death of more than 1.5 million people each year[1], much greater than deaths caused by accidents, crimes and terrorism combined. Therefore, it is very crucial quality trends. In order to carry out useful and efficient water quality analysis and predicting the water quality patterns, it is very significant to include atemporal dimension to the analysis, so that the seasonal variation of water quality is addressed [2].

Moreover, recent studies have shown that a suitable hybrid of multiple models for forecasting and prediction gives better results than using a single one. Different methodologies have been proposed and applied for analysis and monitoring of water quality as well as time series analysis [1][2]. However, the non-linear nature of water quality data, as in this research, makes it very complex to map input-output data and predict future water quality.

The focus of this work is the attribute reduction for assessing the quality based on range charts and the result so analyzing data obtained from Machine Learning algorithm. Water quality prediction results could be implemented on LAN through Android Application for better utility [3].

The water analysis is done due to the scarcity of the pure natural water and the increased usage of mineralized waters in the market. The features of the proposed model include data aggregation of the values of certain parameters from sensors. Applying those to range chart analysis, to check if the values fall within the control limits [5]. The mean of the collected data is computed with respect to the area as nature of the water Changes with respect to its geographic allocation.

II. RELATED WORK

In the existing system, implementation of machine learning algorithms is bit complex to build due to the lack of information about the data visualization. Mathematical calculations are used in existing system for model building this may takes the lot of time and complexity [1]. To overcome all this, we use machine learning packages available in the scikit-learn library. Previous studies have shown that the richness and quality of data determines the accuracy and reliability of analysis. Since most of the water monitoring organizations have lack of detail and insufficient observations, we have opted for the acquisition of data from one of the most reliable water resources in the world which is usually pre-processed and frequently updated [1]. So the major disadvantage is the previous process is highly complex and time consuming.

III. PROPOSED WORK

The methodology used in this study comprises of Machine learning with training and testing data from USGS online data repository.

Therefore, we propose a machine learning-based approach which combines anew technique of preprocessing the data for features transformation, resampling techniques to eliminate the bias and the deviation of instability and performing classifier tests based [5]. By proposing the algorithms we increase the theoretical background of the methodology and algorithm used is as follows:

A. Artificial Neural Network

ANN has been widely acknowledged a same theology for classification of complex datasets such as those of environmental processes. It has the ability to efficiently describe the non-linear relationship of the complex water quality datasets [14]. Moreover, it has strong adaptability to depict the Changes that might occur in the water environment of a particular area. The algorithmic architecture of ANN attempts to simulate the structure and networks in a human brain, with an input layer, hidden layer and output layer each consisting of nodes. There might be one or more hidden layers, depending upon the problem at hand [6,7]. The importance of Decision making has been reported by many researchers in varied fields. Some of them being E-LEACH protocol, Smart Home Appliances Controller Using IOT [10,11].

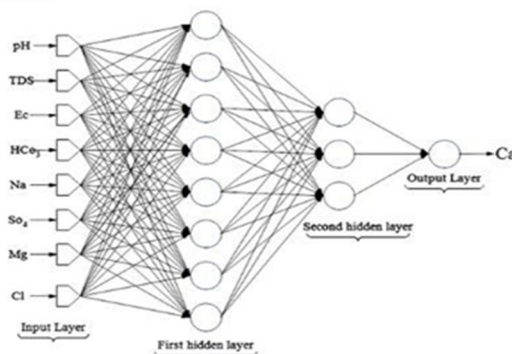


Fig.(a) Structure of ANN model for predicting water quality component (Ca) [14].

B. Gaussian Naïve Bayes

Naïve Bayes is a simple and a fast algorithm that works on the principle of Bayes theorem with the assumption that the probability of the presence of one feature is unrelated to the probability of the presence of the other feature [8].

C. Decision Tree

A decision tree is a simple self-explanatory algorithm, which can be used for both classification and regression. The decision tree, after training, makes decisions based on values of all the relevant input parameters. It uses entropy to select the root variable, and, based on this, it looks towards the other parameters' values [9]. It has all the parameter decisions arranged in a top-to-down tree and projects the decision based on different values of different parameters.

D. Support Vector Machine

Support vector machines (SVMs) are mostly used for classification but they can be used for regressions well. Visualizing data point spotted on a plane, SVMs define a hyperplane between the classes and extend the margin in order to maximize the distinction between two classes, which results in fewer close miscalculations [9][17]

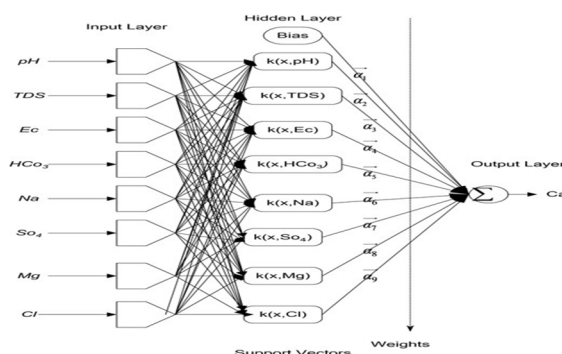


Fig.(b)Structure of SVM model for predicting water quality component (Ca) [9].

E. K Nearest Neighbor

The K nearest neighbor algorithm classifies by finding the given points nearest N neighbors and assigns the class of majority of n neighbors to it. In the case of a draw, one could employ different techniques to resolve it, eg. increase n or add bias towards one class [12]. K nearest neighbor is not recommended for large datasets because all the processing takes place while testing, and it iterates through the whole training data and computes nearest neighbors each time. We used a n = 5 configuration for our model [18].

F. Random Forest

Random forest is a model that uses multiple base models on subsets of the given data and makes decisions based on all the models [14]. In random forest, the base model is a decision tree, carrying all the pros of a decision tree with the additional efficiency of using multiple models [18].

ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

- The data analysis is done on the data set proper variable identification is also done.
- Then proper machine learning algorithms are applied to the dataset where the pattern of data is learned.
- After applying this algorithm, the time complexity compared to the existing system and also increased to its higher accuracy. From 70% to up to 94% Accuracy.

ACCURACY MEASURES USE (Evaluation matrix)

In this section, prior to discussing the results, we will describe different measures used to assess the accuracy of the applied machine learning algorithms. As mentioned earlier, this research employed two types of supervised machine learning algorithms, i.e. regression and classification. The results yielded by both types of algorithms were evaluated differently. For regression, we used the following measures:

1) Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

Mean absolute error (MAE) is a measure of accuracy for regression. It sums up absolute values of errors and divides them by the total number of values. It gives equal weight to each error value. The formula for calculating MAE is shown in Equation, where x_{obs} refers to the actual value, x_{pred} refers to the predicted value, and refers to the total number of samples considered.

$$MAE = \frac{\sum(|x_{obs} - x_{pred}|)}{n}$$

2) Mean Square Error (MSE)

Mean square error (MSE) is the sum of squares of errors divided by the total number of predicted values. This attributes greater weight to larger errors. This is particularly useful in problems where there needs to be a larger weight for larger errors. It is measured, where x_{obs} is the actual value, x_{pred} is the predicted value, and n is the total number of samples considered

$$MSE = \frac{\sum (X_{obs} - X_{pred})^2}{n}$$

3) Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)

Root mean squared error (RMSE) is just the square root of MSE and scales the values of MSE near to the range so of observed values. It is estimated from Equation, where x_{obs} points to the actual value, x_{pred} points to the predicted value, and n points to the total number of samples considered.

$$MAE = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_{obs} - x_{pred})^2}{n}}$$

4) R Squared Error (RSE)

R squared error (RSE), also known as the coefficient of determination, and often denoted as R^2 , determines the goodness of fit of the model. It particularly explains the amount of variance of the dependent variable that is explainable through the independent variable, as shown in Equation. Higher RSE values mean that the independent variables largely explain the variance of the dependent Variable.

$$RSE \text{ or } R^2 = 1 - \frac{\text{Explained Variation}}{\text{Total Variation}}$$

For classification, we used the following measures:

- a) **Accuracy:** Accuracy is the correct number of predictions made by the model overall the observed values. Accuracy is measured by Equation, where TP refers to true positive, TN refers to true negative, FP refers to false positive and FN refers to false negative.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TP + TN}{TP + FP + TFN}$$

- b) **Precision:** Precision is the proportion of correctly classified instances of a particular positive class out of the total classified instances of that class. Precision is calculated with the formula shown in Equation, where TP refers to true positive and FP refers to false positive.

$$Precision = \frac{TP}{TP + FP}$$

- c) **Recall:** Recall is the proportion of instances of a particular positive class that were actually classified correctly. Recall is calculated with the formula shown in Equation, where TP refers to true positive and FN refers to false negative.

$$Recall = \frac{TP}{TP + FN}$$

- d) **F1 Score:** As precision and recall, individually, do not cover all aspects of the accuracy, we took their harmonic mean to reflect the F1 score, as shown in Equation, which covers both aspects and reflects the overall accuracy measure better. It ranges between 0 and 1. The higher the score, the better the accuracy.

$$Score = \frac{2 \times Precision \times Recall}{Precision + Recall}$$

IV. CONCLUSIONS

Overall, the goals defined for this research were reached and the examples of the application of machine learning models are presented, covering most of the aspects of the average research. Generally, regression models were able to show the consistent trend and overall correlation between each other, even though for some of the measurements they give models of poor quality. Random forests (RF) show the best performance and are devised for scientists and engineers working with environmental data. Artificial neural networks (ANN) are another alternative, though their performance is inferior and they are prone to overfitting. Support vector machines (SVM) are a good example for the cases where a base line model is needed, being one of the basic algorithms. K-nearest neighbors (KNN) model was successfully used for data imputation and is also suggested for this task for other researchers. Though, and it is worth noticing, amount of AI in all, following the technological progress and taking the best from what it provides us from day today ensures continuous development of the research field. The same goes for environmental sciences and machine-learning algorithms are one of the tools that can contribute to this field a lot and may be used to keep the progression-going.

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