Object Classification of Satellite Images Using Cluster Repulsion Based Kernel Fcm and Svm Classifier

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Abstract: We investigated the Classification of satellite images and multispectral remote sensing data .we focused on uncertainty analysis in the produced land-cover maps .we proposed an efficient technique for classifying the multispectral satellite images using Support Vector Machine (SVM) into road area, building area and green area. We carried out classification in three modules namely (a) Preprocessing using Gaussian filtering and conversion from conversion of RGB to Lab color space image (b) object segmentation using proposed Cluster repulsion based kernel Fuzzy C- Means (FCM) and (c) classification using one-to-many SVM classifier. The goal of this research is to provide the efficiency in classification of satellite images using the object-based image analysis. The proposed work is evaluated using the satellite images and the accuracy of the proposed work is compared to FCM based classification. The results showed that the proposed technique has achieved better results reaching an accuracy of 79%, 84%, 81% and 97.9% for road, tree, building and vehicle classification respectively.

Keywords:-Satellite image, FCM Clustering, Classification, SVM classifier.

I. Introduction

Multispectral image brings a huge basis of data for studying spatial and temporal alters aptitude of the ecological factors. It can be utilized in a figure of applications which comprises of reconnaissance, making of mapping manufactured goods for military and civil use, assessment of environmental injure, nursing of land use, radiation level check, urban planning, growth directive, soil test and crop result augmentation . One main area where we use multispectral image is in the process of classification and mapping of vegetation over large spatial scales, as the remote sensing data brings high-quality coverage, mapping and classification of land cover featureslike vegetation, soil, water and forests. These behave like a substitute for the standard classification techniques, which necessitate luxurious and time-intensive field surveys. Researches and studies on image classification have long been enthralled the concentration of the scientific community, from the time when many environmental and socioeconomic presentations are based on the classification penalty. Usually, a classification system makes a classification map of the particular meaningful features or classes of land cover section in a part. Regardless of all the compensation, classification of land-cover using multispectral imagery is a difficult subject since of the difficulty of landscapes and the spatial and spectral resolution of the images being occupied.

Multispectral images comprise of info collected over a wide range of changes on frequencies and these frequencies change over different areas (irregular or frequency variant behaviour of the signal). The overall complex nature of multispectral image data can be credited to the spectral characteristics with correlated bands and spatial features related within the same band which is also known as the spatial association. A resourceful method capable of arranging the spectral and spatial (contextual) info existing in the multispectral data can boost the accuracy level of the classification in a good way when matched with the traditional non-contextual information based techniques. Researches and studies on multispectral image categorization have long acquired the attention of the scientific community, because mainly environmental and socio-economic applications are based on the classification grades.

Multispectral image classification can be measured as a mutual project of both image processing and classification scheme. Usually, image classification, in the procedure of remote sensing is the process of referring pixels or the basic units of an image to the classes. It is chiefly probable to create groups of similar pixels found in image data into classes that match the informational category of user interest by matching the pixels to one another and to those of the said identity. Many technique of image classification have been introduced and numerous areas like image analysis and prototype recognition use the vital term, classification. In many circumstances, the classification itself may become the entity of the analysis and serve as the ultimate matter. In other scenarios, the categorization aims to be the middle step in more complicated computations, such as land-degradation studies, process studies, landscape modelling, coastal zone management, resource management and other environment monitoring applications. Due to this, image categorization has grown and established as a major tool for learning digital images. Furthermore, the choice of the ideal classification method

to be used can have a considerable effect on the outcomes of it. The classification is used as a major product or as one of many computational processes used for deriving info from an image for further learning.

The obtainable literature has a good number of supervise procedure that has been created to conquer the multispectral data classification difficult prospect. The statistical method used for the earlier studies of landcover categorization is the utmost likelihood classifier. In fresh times, various studies have applied artificial intelligence technique as seconds to the remotely-sensed image classification applications. Besides, different ensemble classification technique has been presented to increase the classification precision. Scientists have made great strides in creating well-organized classification organization and methods for increasing the classification accuracy. Here, we have proposed an efficient technique for classifying the multispectral satellite images using SVM into road area, building area and green area. The classification is carried out in three modules namely (a) Pre-processing using Gaussian filtering and conversion from conversion of RGB to Lab colour space image (b) object segmentation using proposed Cluster repulsion based kernel FCM and (c) Final classification using one-to-many SVM classifier. The goal of this research is to provide the efficiency in classification of satellite images using the object-based image analysis.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: A brief review of researches related to the proposed technique is presented in section 2. The proposed classification technique is presented in Section 3. The experimental results and discussion are given in Section 4. The conclusions are summed up in Section 5.

II. Review Of Related Works

A lot of research works have been carried out in the literature for remotely sensed multispectral image classification and some of them have motivated us to take up this research. Brief reviews of some of those recent significant researches are presented below: K Perumal and R Bhaskaran [1] proposed a proficient land use image classification system with the help of image processing methods and Support Vector Machines. The proposed method consisted of SVM Training and then, SVM Testing. In the training part, the multispectral image data was done un-sharp filtering and nonlinear isotropic diffusion segmentation. The segmented image pixels matching the land use regions were then given as training input to the SVM. And in order to have the testing in an automatic manner, the regions segmented by nonlinear isotropic diffusion segmentation were then mined out with the use of the active contour model. Then, the trained SVM precisely classified the land cover regions based on the pixel values of the mined out area. The experimental results showed the efficacy of the proposed classification technique in classifying land cover regions.

JanKnorn *et al.* [2] presented a technique for the Landsat image classification. Their goal was to remove the drawbacks of a normal system and to examine the chain classifications, which is to the classify Landsat images based on the info in the overlapping regions of nearby sights. The SVMs classified 8 sight scenes with a precision in the range of 92.1% and 98.9%. Xiaochen Zou and Daoliang Li [3] proposed an outline of a number of different techniques to image texture analysis. All the outcomes of the classifications were matched and computed. In their work, they used grey level co-occurrence matrix (GLCM) and the feature label images, which assisted in the classification of remote sensing. Reda A. El-Khoribi [4] proposed a method to perform classification of multispectral images in which, a discriminative training procedure for discrete hidden Markov tree (HMT) productive structures were given to the multi-resolution ranklet changes and it was performed and evaluated on a set of Landsat 7-band images and used the acceptable statistics of the HMT generative model. B Sowmya and B Sheelarani [5] clarified the mission of land cover classification making use of the renewed fuzzy C means. In order to assess the image on all of its colours, the likely colours were grouped together by the renewed fuzzy C means algorithm. The segmented images were matched using image quality evaluation metrics which used peak signal to noise ratio (PSNR), error image and compression ratio. The time needed for image segmentation was also used as an assessment factor.

V.K.Panchal *et al.* [6] presented a technique in which concentrated on the classification of the satellite image of a specific land cover making use of the concept of Bio-geography based Optimization. Alterations were applied to the original BBO algorithm to incorporate clustering and the modified changed algorithm was employed to classify the satellite image of the given area. Highly precise land cover features were mined successfully when the proposed technique was made use of. Huang B *et al.* [7] presented a SVM modeling framework to discuss and assess the land-use change in relation to different factors such as population, distance to roads and facilities, and surrounding land use. An unbalanced SVM was implemented by improving the standard normal SVMs in order to solve the issues faced by normal SVM, such as having an unstable land-use data.

III. Proposed Object Classification Of Satellite Images Using Cluster Repulsion Based Kernel Fcm Clustering And Svm Classifier

In this section, complete description of the proposed multi-object classification from satellite image is given. The classification is carried out in three modules namely (a) Preprocessing using Gaussian filtering and conversion from conversion of RGB to Lab color space image (b) object segmentation using proposed Cluster repulsion based kernel FCM and (c) classification using one-many SVM classifier. Block diagram of the proposed technique is given in figure 1.



Fig.1. Block diagram of Object Based Classification

3.1 Pre-Processing

Multispectral images cannot be fed directly into the SVM for training and testing. The input multispectral satellite image is subjected to a set of pre-processing steps so that the image gets transformed suitably for the further processing. Here we employ two step preprocessing procedure in which first the input image is passed through a Gaussian filter to reduce the noise and get a better image fit for segmentation. Passing the image through the Gaussian filter also enhances the image quality. In the second step in the preprocessing, we convert the image from the RGB model to Lab colour space Image which makes the more fit to be segmented by the use of clustering technique.

A. Gaussian Filter: A Gaussian filter [20] is a filter whose impulse response is a Gaussian function. Gaussian filters are developed avoid overshoot of step function input while reducing the rise and fall time. This character is very much linked to the fact that the Gaussian filter has the minimum possible group delay. In mathematical terms, a Gaussian filter changes the input signal by convolution with a Gaussian function; this change is also called the Weierstrass transform. The Gaussian function is non-zero for $x \in [-\infty, \infty]$ and would supposedly need an infinite window length. The filter function is supposed to be the kernel of an integral transform. The Gaussian kernel is continuous and is not discrete. The cut-off frequency of the filter can be taken as the ratio between the sample rate F_s and the standard deviation σ .

$$f_c = \frac{f_s}{\sigma}$$

The 1D Gaussian filter is given by the equation:

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\Pi}\sigma} e^{\frac{-x^2}{2\sigma^2}}$$

The impulse response of the 1D Gaussian Filter is given by:

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\Pi}\sigma} e^{\frac{-\sigma^2 u^2}{2}}$$

Here in the preprocessing step, the input image is passed through a Gaussian filter which results in reduction of the noise in the input image and also results in obtaining an image fit for further processing. Passing the image through the Gaussian filter also enhances the image quality.

B. Conversion of RGB to Lab colour space Image: A Lab color space [21] is a color-opponent space with dimension L for lightness and 'a' and 'b' for the color-opponent dimensions, based on nonlinearly compressed CIE XYZ color space coordinates. Different from the RGB and CMYK color models, Lab color is developed to approximate the human vision. It aims for perceptual uniformity, and its L component relatively corresponds to human perception of lightness. It is therefore used to make accurate color balance corrections by changing the output curves in the 'a' and 'b' components, or to regulate the lightness contrast using the L component. In RGB or CMYK spaces, which model the output of physical devices instead of the human visual perception, these changes are done with the aid of the corresponding blend modes in the editing application.

3.2 Segmentation Module

After applying the preprocessing steps to the input multispectral satellite image, we get an image fit to be segmented. This image is made of thousands of pixels and to classify this image based on each of this individual pixel is a hectic task and is time consuming. Processing this huge amount of data also results in increase of error rate and the degraded performance of the classifier system. Hence, we cluster the pre-processed image into clusters and then select the centroid of each of these clusters formed for the classification process. This is due to the fact, that each member in a cluster will have almost similar pixel values and differ from the centroid value of the cluster by only a small amount. Hence, this centroid value will represent all the pixels in the clusters. As a result, the classification of a centroid of a cluster will act virtually as classification of all the pixels in the cluster. This result in reducing the number of the inputs to the classifier system which reduce the classifier complexity and also the time incurred. It also results in making the system more efficient and accurate.

Cluster analysis is a technique for classifying data, i.e., to divide a given dataset into a set of classes or clusters. The goal is to divide the dataset in such a way that two cases from the same cluster are as similar as possible and two cases from different clusters are as dissimilar as possible. The idea behind cluster repulsion is to combine an attraction of data to clusters with repulsion between different clusters. Here, the distance between clusters and the data points assigned to them should be minimized. The distance between clusters should to be maximized and there should be no empty clusters, i.e., for each cluster there must be datum with non-vanishing membership degree. Membership degrees should be close to one and, of course, the trivial solution of all membership degrees being zero should be suppressed.

The degrees of membership to which a given data point belongs to the different clusters are computed from the distances of the data point to the cluster centers with respect to the size and the shape of the cluster as stated by the additional prototype information. The closer a data point lies to the center of a cluster, the higher is

its degree of membership to this cluster. Hence the problem to divide a dataset $D = \{\vec{d}_1, \vec{d}_2, ..., \vec{d}_n\} \subseteq R^P$ into k clusters can be stated as the task to minimize the distances of the data points to the cluster centers and to

maximize the degrees of membership.

In probabilistic fuzzy clustering the task is to minimize the objective function:

$$J(D,\Pi,\Delta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{ij}^{m} s^{2}(\vec{\lambda}_{i},\vec{d}_{j})$$

Subject to: $\sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{ij} > 0$, for all $i \in \{1,...,k\}$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{k} \mu_{ij} = 1$, for all $j \in \{1,...,n\}$

Where $\mu_{ij} \in [0,1]$ is the membership degree of datum \vec{d}_j to cluster k_i, λ_i is the prototype of cluster k_i , and s $(\vec{\lambda}_i, \vec{d}_j)$ is the distance between datum \vec{d}_j and prototype λ_i . Δ is the set of all k clusters $\vec{\lambda}_1, \vec{\lambda}_2, ..., \vec{\lambda}_k$. $\Pi = [\mu_{ij}]$ is called the fuzzy partition matrix and the parameter m is called the fuzzifier.

In possibilistic fuzzy clustering, more intuitive assignment of degrees of membership is achieved by dropping constraint which forces μ_{ij} away from zero for all $i \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$. That is, the objective function J is modified to:

$$J(D,\Pi,\Delta) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{ij}^{m} s^{2}(\vec{\lambda}_{i},\vec{d}_{j}) + \sum_{i=1}^{k} \eta_{i} \sum_{j=1}^{n} (1-\mu_{ij})^{m}$$

Where, $\eta_i > 0$. The first term leads to a minimization of the weighted distances while the second term suppresses the trivial solution by making $\mu_{ij} \neq 0$ for all $i \in \{1, 2, ..., k\}$. This approach is called possibilistic clustering, because the membership degrees for one datum resemble the possibility. The formula for updating the membership degrees that is derived from this objective function is:

$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{1}{1 + (\frac{s^2(\vec{d}_j, \vec{\lambda}_i)}{\eta_i})^{\frac{1}{m-1}}}$$

 η is chosen for each cluster separately and can be determined by the equation:

$$\eta_j = \frac{G}{M_i} \sum_{j=1}^n \mu_{ij}^m s^2(\vec{d}_j, \vec{\lambda}_i)$$

Applying KFCM using Gaussian Kernels, we get the centroid updation formula:

$$c_{i} = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{ij}^{m} K(d_{j}, c_{i}) d_{j}}{\sum_{j=1}^{n} \mu_{ij}^{m} K(d_{j}, c_{i})}$$

Where K is the Gaussian kernel and $K(d_i, d_i)$ the kernel function is defined in DKFCM by:

$$K(d_i, d_j) = \exp(-\frac{\|d_i - d_j\|^2}{r^2})$$

= $\exp(-\frac{\|[d_i, \overline{d_i}] - [d_j, \overline{d_j}]\|^2}{r^2})$
= $\exp(-\frac{|d_i - d_j|^2 + |\overline{d_i} - \overline{d_j}|^2}{r^2})$
= $\exp(-\frac{|d_i - d_j|^2}{r^2}) + \exp(-\frac{|\overline{d_i} - \overline{d_j}|^2}{r^2})$
= $K_1(d_i, d_j) \cdot K_2(d_i, d_j) = K_{COM}(d_i, d_j)$

3.3 Feature Extraction

After pre-processing and segmentation, the color feature is extracted from every segment. The average HSV value is the color feature of a region which is then converted to a semantic color name. Firstly, the HSV values are normalized to the range [0,1]. The range from zero to one is uniformly quantized into 10 segments, where each segment is denoted by a base colors. The ten base colors are red, orange, yellow, green, aqua, aquamarine, blue, violet, purple and magenta. Table 1 shows the semantic colors with their corresponding quantized HSV values.

Value of HSV	Base Color
0-0.1	Orange
0.1-0.2	Yellow
0.2-0.3	Green
0.3-0.4	Aqua

0.4-0.5	Aquamarine	
0.5-0.6	Blue	
0.6-0.7	Violet	
0.7-0.8	Purple	
0.8-0.9	Magenta	
0.9-1	Red	
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3.4 Final Classification Module

After feature extraction, we employ Support Vector Machines (SVM) for multi-object classification. Support Vector Machines (SVM) [16] is a statistical learning based classification system where the basic idea is to find a hyper plane which separates the d-dimensional data perfectly into its two classes. Consider there are k training examples denoted by $\{a_j, b_j\}$ where j = 1, 2, ..., k. Here each example has g inputs $(a_j \in R^g)$ and class label with one of the two values $(b_j \in \{-1,1\})$. The hyper planes in R^g are hence parameterized by a vector h and constant c, which can be expressed by the equation:

$$h.a + c = 0$$

Here h is the vector orthogonal to the hyperplane. Considering the hyper plane (h, c), function that separates the data can be defined as:

$$f(a) = sign(h.a+b)$$

The hyper plane (h, c) can be equally expressed by all pairs $(\mu h, \mu c)$ for $\mu \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Hence we define a canonical hyperplane to be that which separates the data form hyperplane by a distance of atleast 1 which can be expressed as:

$$a_j . h + c \ge +1$$
, when $b_j = +1$
 $a_j . h + c \le -1$, when $b_j = -1$

This can be compactly defined as:

$$b_i(a_i.h+c) \ge 1$$
, when $\forall j$

In order to obtain the geometric distance from hyperplane to the data point, we normalize by magnitude h to get:

$$d((h,c),a_{j}) = \frac{b_{j}(a_{j},h+c)}{\|h\|} \ge \frac{1}{\|h\|}$$

To maximize the geometric distance to the closest data points, we need to minimize ||h||. The problem can be eventually transformed into:

$$H(\beta) = -\sum_{j=1}^{k} \beta_{j} + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{k} \sum_{l=1}^{k} b_{j} b_{i} \beta_{j} \beta_{i} (a_{j} . a_{i})$$

Subject to:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} b_{j} \beta_{j} \text{ where } 0 \leq \beta_{j} \leq C \; (\forall j)$$

Here, where β is the vector of k non-negative Lagrange multipliers and C is a constant. From the derivation, the hyperplane can also be defines as:

$$h = \sum_{j} \beta_{j} \cdot b_{j} \cdot a_{j}$$
$$\beta_{i} (b_{i} (h a_{i} + c) - 1) = 0$$

It can be also shown that:

$$\beta_j(b_j(h.a_j+c)-1)=0$$

The input satellite image is classified into four classes using a one-to-many SVM. The classifications are green area, road area, vehicle and building area. The operation of a one-to-many is explained in figure 2. Multiple loops of binary SVM operation is carried out for one-to-many SVM operation. Here it can be seen that there are four classes and initially matching is carried out between class 1 and rest of the classes (class 2, 3 and 4 in our case). If class 1 matches, then it is assigned class 1 label else the matching out between class 2, class 3 and class 4 and class labeling is done accordingly.



Figure 2: Block diagram of One-To-Many SVM

The pre-processed satellite image is clustered using Cluster repulsion based kernel FCM to obtain clusters. Here it can be seen that each member in a cluster will have almost similar pixel values and differ from the centroid value of the cluster by only a small amount. Hence the centroid value can represent all the pixels in the clusters. Hence, by performing single step of classifying the centroid of a cluster will act like as multiple steps of classifying all the pixels in the cluster. This result in reducing the number of the inputs to the classifier system which reduce the classifier complexity and also the time incurred.

Suppose we consider the i^{th} cluster having n elements where each pixel having a value of P_k . Then, the

centroid value of the i^{th} cluster, O_i can be calculated as $O_i = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^{n} P_k}{n}$. Similarly, repeat the process for all the clusters to obtain the centroid values for each of the clusters. Suppose there are N numbers of cluster, then centroid set $O = \{O_1, O_2, O_3, \dots, O_N\}$, will be given as the input to the SVM classifier.

Classification is carried out in two phases in SVM, namely testing phase and training phase. In the training phase the system is being taught using the features extracted and in testing phase, actual classification takes place. The feature extracted for the purpose is the average HSV value as the color feature of a region which is then converted to a semantic color name. In the testing phase, the input is classified by the trained SVM based on the features and the classifications are road area, green area, building area and vehicle.

IV. Results And Experimentation

The results obtained for the proposed satellite classification technique is discussed in this section. The experimental set up and the evaluation metrics used are given in section 4.1. The experimental results obtained are plotted in section 4.2 and performance analysis is made in section 4.3.

4.1 Experimental set up and evaluation metrics

The proposed technique is implemented in MATLAB on a system having 6 GB RAM and 2.6 GHz Intel i-7 processor. The evaluation metrics used to evaluate the proposed technique is the accuracy of the classification. The accuracy of a measurement system is the degree of closeness of measurements of a quantity to that quantity's actual true value.

4.2 Experimental results

The experimental results obtained for the proposed technique are given in this section. Figure 3 and figure 4 gives the input and preprocessed input image. Figure 5 gives the plot obtained for building classification using proposed technique, figure 6 gives the plot obtained for road classification. Figure 7 gives the plot obtained for vegetation classification and figure 8 provides the extracted vehicle from the satellite image. In the building classification plot, we can see that the building areas are marked in red and others unchanged, similarly in the road classification plot, we can see that the tree areas are marked in green and others unchanged. The figures show that the proposed technique has achieved good results.



Figure 3: Input Image



Figure 4: Preprocessed Input Image



Figure 5: Image obtained for building classification using proposed technique



Figure 6: Image obtained for road classification using proposed technique



Figure 7: Image obtained for tree classification using proposed technique



Figure 8: Image obtained for car classification using proposed technique

4.3 Performance Analysis

The performance is evaluated by the evaluation metric of accuracy. The accuracy obtained by the various classifications by our technique is given in figure 9 to 12. Here, for comparison, existing clustering technique, FCM method is taken and also, neural network classifier is also taken to do the comparison. For SVM classifier, different kernels such as, 'linear', 'quadratic', 'polynomial', and 'RBF' are also used for comparative analysis. From the results, it is clear that the proposed clustering technique with quadratic kernel have achieved better results when compared to FCM based classification with neural network.

For building area classification, it can be observed that the classification accuracy of proposed clustering technique with RBF kernel came about 81.07% for our proposed technique and FCM based technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 81.04%. For road area classification, the classification accuracy of proposed technique with RBF kernel came about 79.09% and FCM based technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 79.89%. For tree area classification, it can be shown that the classification accuracy of proposed technique with RBF kernel came about 84.0% for our proposed technique and FCM based technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 79.89%. For tree area classification, it can be shown that the classification accuracy of proposed technique with RBF kernel came about 84.0% for our proposed technique and FCM based technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 79.7%. For vehicle area classification, it can be proved that the classification accuracy of proposed technique with RBF kernel accuracy of proposed technique with RBF kernel accuracy of proposed technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 79.7%. For vehicle area classification, it can be proved that the classification accuracy of proposed technique with neural network had the classification accuracy of 97.75%. In table 1, I summarized the accuracy of different methods.



Figure 9. Classification accuracy of building area



Figure 10. Classification accuracy of road area



Figure 11. Classification accuracy of tree area

Object s name	NN With FCM	SVM WITH proposed method
BUILDING	81.04	81.07
ROAD	79.89	79.07
TREE	79.7	84.02
VEHICLE	97.5	97.92

Table 1. Accuracy of the different methods in object classification



Figure 12. Classification accuracy of vehicle

V. Conclusion

The proposed satellite image classification to road area, building area, vehicle area and vegetation area is carried out using object segmentation using proposed Cluster repulsion based kernel FCM and one-many SVM classifier. Initially, preprocessing using Gaussian filtering and conversion from conversion of RGB to Lab color space image is carried out and then object segmentation and final classification is done to have the classified output. The proposed work is evaluated using the satellite images and the accuracy of the proposed work is compared to FCM based classification with neural network. The results showed that the proposed technique has achieved better results reaching an accuracy of 79%, 84%, 81% and 97.9% for road, tree, building and vehicle classification respectively.

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