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# Soil Properties Classification Using Support Vector Machine for Raver Tehsil

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## ABSTRACT

Soil properties are dynamic in nature and different factors are affecting to the soil quality. It is directly consequence on soil productivity and soil fertility. The heavy use of fertilizers, heavy rain fall, various agricultural practices are responsible for soil quality degradation. The soil assessment is require to maintain the soil quality. The spectroscopic techniques using Remote sensing and GIS gives the fast and accurate results as compare to traditional soil testing methods. The present study is conducted for classification of soil physicochemical properties in pre monsoon and post monsoon season. Soil samples are collected where Organic, Chemical and Mixed fertilizers treatments were applied to banana and cotton crops sites from Raver tehsil of Jalgaon district. Total 220 soil specimens are collected in pre monsoon and post monsoon season for two year respectively. ASD FieldSpec4 spectroradiometer device were used for data acquisition in the controlled laboratory environment. Acquired spectral data were processed for conversion in numeric format then various statistical methods were used for quantitative analysis of the physiochemical soil properties. The support vector machine is used for classification of the collected soil samples in pre-monsoon and post-monsoon season and classification were performed on the basis of training and testing datasets. The soil samples are divide in pre-monsoon training, pre-monsoon testing and post -monsoon training and post-monsoon testing class with support vector. The hyper plane is used for separation of pre-monsoon and post-monsoon soil samples. Misclassification rate and Mean Squared Error were calculated in the SVM classification.

**Key words :** Soil properties, pre monsoon, Post monsoon, SVM, Spectroradiometer.

# 1. INTRODUCTION

Soil nutrient management is necessary to maintain the constant or high productivity of agricultural systems as well

as good quality soil [1]. The use of different fertilizers is essential for fulfillment of nutrients required for plant growth and increasing productivity of soil. Generally chemical, organic and mixed fertilizers are used in agriculture field. Chemical fertilizers are relatively inexpensive, have high nutrient contents, and are rapidly taken up by plants [2]. Though, the use of excess fertilizer can result in a number of problems, such as nutrient loss, surface water and groundwater contamination, soil acidification or basification, reductions in useful microbial communities, and increased sensitivity to harmful insects [3]. Organic manure has a number of deficiencies, including low nutrient content, slow decomposition, and different nutrient compositions depending on its organic materials, compared to chemical fertilizers. However, organic manure has multiple benefits due to the balanced supply of nutrients, including micronutrients, increased soil nutrient availability due to increased soil microbial activity, the decomposition of harmful elements, soil structure improvements and root development, and increased soil water availability [4]. Mixed fertilizers are more expensive because it is a combination of chemical and organic fertilizers. Most studies in agricultural fields have reported that the mixed use of chemical fertilizer and organic manure decreases the damage that can be induced by chemical fertilizers and improves crop productivity [3]. The traditional soil assessment methods are manual and time consuming. The quantitative assessment of soil properties near-infrared using visible shortwave infrared (Vis-NIR-SWIR) spectroscopy has been demonstrated as a fast and non-destructive method [5]. The technique is mainly used in the laboratory, where soil samples are prepared and measured under controlled conditions, and it can be considered as an alternative to traditional analytical techniques [6]. The determination of the spatial extent of soil resources is difficult task at a specific site [7].

Reflectance spectroscopy is a fast, nondestructive analytical method that could be used to predict soil properties. The spectral reflectance data can be alternative to the traditional methods for determining soil properties [17-20]. Hyper spectral reflectance with wavelength between 350 and 2500 nm of soil samples gives better measured using a spectroradiometer in a laboratory environment [21]. There

are various statistical methods are applied for process the acquired spectral data. The quantitative analysis were perform for getting the status of soil properties availability. On the basis of quantitative analysis the support vector machine were applied for classification of soil properties in pre monsoon and post monsoon season. The minimum misclassification rate and MSE (Mean Square Error) shows the support vector machine gives better results for classification of soil properties in different season.

#### 2. MATERIALS AND METHODS

Soil samples are collected from Raver tehsil of Jalgaon district (Study area) figure 1 where Organic, Chemical and Mixed fertilizers treatments used for banana and cotton crops sites in two different season (Pre monsoon and post monsoon) in year 2018 with GPS locations. The soil samples are collected as per the guideline of soil survey and soil testing, Agriculture Department of Maharashtra Government. Same soil samples are collected in the year 2019 pre monsoon and post monsoon. The appropriate soil sampling and preparation of soil samples methods are used for data collection [10-14].



**Figure 1:** Study area Raver Tehsil of Jalgaon district location map

The dataset of 2018(110 samples) and 110 samples from 2019 in pre monsoon and post monsoon season for each year respectively. Soil samples were measured with the portable Analytical Spectral Devices (ASD) Field Spec4 spectroradiometer with a spectral range of 350–2500 nm. Once every few minutes, the spectrometer was calibrated to spectral reflectance using a standard white reference panel. Each sample was measured ten times, while rotating it 90° between each reading. These ten readings were later averaged to represent the sample.

#### 2.1. Data acquisition

ASD FieldSpec4 acquisition perform using Data Spectroradiometer (Analytical Spectral Devices Inc., Boulder, Colorado, USA) NIR reflectance spectroscopy with a spectral range of 350–2500 nm performed in under controlled lab condition. Once every few minutes, the spectrometer was calibrated to spectral reflectance using a standard white reference panel. Each sample was measured ten times, while rotating it 90° between each reading. These ten readings were later averaged to represent the sample. The required set up were used for data acquisition [15-18] in Multispectral Research lab, Department of Computer Science & Information Technology, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Marathwada University, Aurangabad. There are 10 spectral signature are acquired for each samples.

### 2.2. Data processing

The acquired 10 spectral signatures for each samples are processed by applying mean and generate one spectral signature for each sample. The different fertilizers and crop wise mean data were processed. The spectral mean data converted in numeric format using ViewSpecPro software. Numeric data were opened in Microsoft Excel and process the by applying statistical mean methods for quantitative analysis of soil properties on the respective absorption wavelength range. the quantitative analyzed total 220 soil samples were divided into training and testing sets for pre monsoon training, pre monsoon testing and post monsoon training, post monsoon testing.

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Spectral data were acquired using spectroradiometer and processed quantitative data were used for the classification. SVM (Support Vector Machine) classifier used for classification of the collected soil sample in pre-monsoon and post-monsoon season. On the basis of quantitative analysis, the soil properties from collected soil samples are dynamic in different season. The various factors are responsible for alter the soil properties in different season i.e. fertilizer treatments, different agriculture practices, rainfall and irrigation system etc. The collected soil samples quantitative data were divide in pre-monsoon training, pre-monsoon testing and post monsoon training and post-monsoon testing class with support vector. The hyper plane is used for separation of and post-monsoon pre-monsoon soil samples. Misclassification rate and Mean Squared Error were calculated in the SVM classification. The classification were successfully classify the all classes and representation of Misclassification rate and Mean Squared Error in table 1. for each soil properties.

	classification	
	Misclassificatio	MSE
	n Rate	
Sand	0.1	0.269839
Silt	0.11	0.351525
clay	0.12	0.289725
SOM	0.1	0.289725
Moisture	0.18	0.266681
pН	0.13	0.317109
Carbon	0.1	0.26345
Nitrogen	0.12	0.289725
Phosphorou	0.14	0.282301
S		
Potash	0.13	0.258881

Table 1: Misclassification rate and MSE of soil properties

# 3.1. Classification using Support Vector Machine

The support vector machine is used for classification of the collected soil samples in pre-monsoon and post-monsoon season.









0.1 Postmonsoon Nitroger 0.12

0.14

0.08

0.06

0.04 0.04

0.06



## Machine

The soil samples are divide in pre-monsoon training, pre-monsoon testing and post monsoon training and post-monsoon testing class with support vector. The hyper plane is used for separation of pre-monsoon and post-monsoon soil samples. Misclassification rate and Mean Squared Error were calculated in the SVM classification. The misclassification rate of overall soil properties are minimum. The minimum misclassification rate is 0.1 and maximum 0.18 it represents the overall classification were successfully classify the all classes. The representation of SVM classifier is shown in figure 2. for each soil properties.

0.16

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# 4. CONCLUSION

Reflectance spectroscopy is a fast, nondestructive analytical method that could be used to predict soil properties. The spectral reflectance data can be alternative to the traditional methods for determining soil properties. Hyper spectral reflectance with wavelength between 350 and 2500 nm of soil samples gives better measured using a spectroradiometer in a laboratory environment. There are various statistical methods are applied for process the acquired spectral data. The quantitative analysis were perform for getting the status of soil properties availability. On the basis of quantitative analysis the support vector machine were applied for classification of soil properties in pre monsoon and post monsoon season. The minimum misclassification rate and MSE (Mean Square Error) shows the support vector machine gives better results for classification of soil properties in different season. It is helpful for classification of soil samples in the assessment of soil properties for long term monitoring.

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