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Machine Learning Techniques for Estimating Forest Fire Risk and Severity

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Abstract : Forest fire prediction is the use of different methods and tools to estimate the risk and severity of a fire in a forest area. Some methods used in forest fire prediction are statistical analysis, machine learning algorithms, and remote sensing techniques. Forest fire prediction models can be used to provide early warning systems to alert authorities and residents of potential fire danger. These models also help to identify areas that are at high risk of fires and enable authorities to take preventive actions, such as enforcing fire bans and evacuation orders, to reduce or minimize the impact of forest fires.
In the future, predicting forest fire is expected to reduce the impact of fire. In this project, we are developing a forest fire prediction system that predicts the probability of catching fire using meteorological parameters like location, temperature, and more.
We use Random Forest regression algorithm to implement this system.

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I. INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

Forest fires are a global threat that cause massive environmental, economic, and social damages. Forest fires not only destroy natural habitats, biodiversity, and ecosystem services, but also emit greenhouse gases, affect air quality, and endanger human lives and livelihoods.
Machine learning is a powerful tool that can overcome these limitations and provide accurate and reliable predictions of forest fire risks and severity.
We hope that this presentation will inspire you to learn more about machine learning and its potential for enhancing forest fire management and mitigation.

EXISTING

They used different approaches for detection of fire many of them use support vector machine (SVM), so these are all different approaches used to predict the forest fire.
The main disadvantage of their project is they not provided precautions/solutions for preventing recatching or spread of fire.
The existing system also lacks in security as they dint provided authentication option.

PROPOSED

A machine learning methodology that aims to predict next day's forest fire risk with high sensitivity and specificity. The key aspects of the proposed approach include:
Utilization of Features: An extended set of fire driving factors, including topography, meteorology, Earth Observation (EO) data, and historical fire occurrence.
Classification Algorithms: Deployment of state-of-the-art classification algorithms that are tuned and optimized for the task.
Validation Schemes: Implementation of cross-validation schemes and custom validation measures for optimal training and model selection.

ALGORITHMS

In the pursuit of safeguarding our forests and communities, we propose an innovative approach that marries the robustness of Random Forest (RF) with the precision of Support Vector Machine (SVM). Our Iterative Hybrid Model (IHM) aims to elevate forest fire prediction accuracy to scorching heights.

Key Components

Feature Fusion: IHM harnesses an extended set of fire-driving factors, including temperature, humidity, wind speed, vegetation type, and historical fire occurrences. These features dance together, orchestrating a symphony of predictive power.

RF Unleashed: The RF algorithm takes center stage. Its adaptability and resilience allow it to identify the most influential features. Like a seasoned fire lookout, RF scans the landscape, spotting critical cues.

SVM Spotlight: Enter SVM, our precision artist. SVM constructs a predictive model using the significant features identified by RF. It's the fire brigade, strategically positioned to combat imminent threats.

Iterative Tango: Here's where the magic happens. After SVM's initial predictions, RF reenters the dance floor. It reassesses feature significance, adjusting its choreography based on prediction errors. This iterative feedback loop continues until optimal accuracy is achieved.

MODULES

Practical risk assessment and resilience planning are essential for mitigating the impact of forest fires worldwide. Machine Learning (ML) has emerged as a powerful tool, enabling scientists and forest managers to estimate fire risks and develop effective prevention and recovery systems. However, ethical questions and biases in data can affect ML-based decision-making. This chapter explores the benefits, drawbacks, and case studies of ML in forest fire risk and resilience planning.

Key Components

Feature Fusion: ML leverages an extended set of fire-driving factors, including topography, meteorology, Earth Observation (EO) data, and historical fire occurrences.

Classification Algorithms: State-of-the-art algorithms are tuned and optimized for accurate predictions.

Validation Schemes: Custom validation measures ensure sound training and model selection.

Real-World Impact

ML identifies high-risk areas, forecasts fire likelihood, and intensity by analyzing satellite imagery, weather patterns, vegetation health, and historical data. Forest managers can prioritize resources for prevention and suppression, revolutionizing fire management.

Challenges

Biased data and ethical concerns pose challenges. Properly weighing these implications is crucial for responsible ML adoption.

2. Next Day Forest Fire Prediction via Machine Learning

Next day wildfire prediction is a critical research problem with environmental, social, and economic impact. Accurate predictions assist fire services in prevention and mitigation. We present a machine learning methodology that effectively predicts next day fire risk at high spatial granularity across an entire country.

Methodology Highlights

Feature Set: Utilizes an extended set of fire-driving factors, including topography, meteorology, and Earth Observation (EO) features.

Classification Algorithms: Deployed and optimized for sensitivity and specificity.

Validation Strategies: Custom cross-validation ensures robust model training.

Insights and Challenges

We discuss pitfalls, best practices, and directions for further investigation. Ethical considerations and practical implications are essential.

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ARCHITECTURE

Next day wildfire prediction is an open research problem with significant environmental, social, and economic impact. Accurate predictions empower fire services to prevent occurrences or mitigate their effects. Our Iterative Hybrid Model (IHM) tackles this challenge, achieving sensitivity > 90% and specificity > 65% while maintaining computational efficiency.

Key Components

Feature Fusion: IHM waltzes with an extended ensemble of fire-driving factors
Topography-Related Features: Elevation, slope, aspect.
Meteorology-Related Features: Temperature, humidity, wind speed.
Earth Observation (EO)-Related Features: Satellite imagery, vegetation indices.
Historical Proneness: Areas' past susceptibility to fire occurrence.
Dance of Algorithms:
Random Forest (RF): Our seasoned fire lookout scans the landscape, identifying influential features.
Support Vector Machine (SVM): The precision artist constructs predictive models using RF's insights.
Iterative Tango:
SVM predicts initial fire risk.

RF reenters the dance floor, reassessing feature significance based on prediction errors.
Repeat until optimal accuracy is achieved.

Real-Time Serenade

IHM harmonizes with real-time data:

Satellite imagery captures environmental shifts.
Sensor networks whisper about changing conditions.
IHM adapts, predicts, and protects like a vigilant forest ranger.

PERFORMANCE METRICS

Area Under the Receiver Operating Characteristic Curve (AUC):

AUC measures the model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative instances.

A value close to 1 indicates excellent discrimination, while 0.5 suggests random guessing.

Accuracy:

The proportion of correctly predicted instances (both true positives and true negatives).

Not suitable for imbalanced datasets.

Precision (Positive Predictive Value):

The ratio of true positive predictions to the total positive predictions.

Useful when minimizing false positives is crucial (e.g., resource allocation for firefighting).

Recall (Sensitivity):

The ratio of true positive predictions to the actual positive instances.

Important for capturing all positive cases (e.g., identifying fire-prone areas).

F1-Score:

The harmonic mean of precision and recall.

Balances precision and recall, especially for imbalanced datasets.

Specificity (True Negative Rate):

The ratio of true negative predictions to the actual negative instances.

Relevant when minimizing false negatives (e.g., avoiding missed fire risks).

Matthews Correlation Coefficient (MCC):

Combines true positive, true negative, false positive, and false negative rates.

Suitable for imbalanced datasets and binary classification.

Confusion Matrix:

Summarizes the model's performance across different prediction outcomes (true positives, true negatives, false positives, false negatives).

IMPLEMENTED

Machine learning (ML) has emerged as a potent technology in the geospatial industry, especially for forest fire risk analysis and resilience. As spatial data collection from satellites, drones, and ground-based sensors explodes, ML techniques play a crucial role in analyzing, processing, and extracting insights from this diverse data. Let's dive into the implementation details:

Key Steps:

Data Collection and Preprocessing:

Gather diverse data sources: remote sensing data, weather forecasts, historical fire records, vegetation health, etc.

Clean, preprocess, and harmonize the data for ML model consumption.

Feature Engineering:

Extract relevant features: topography, meteorology, vegetation indices, etc.

Create composite features that capture fire-driving factors.

Model Selection and Training:

Choose ML algorithms: decision tree-based classifiers, artificial neural networks (ANN), support vector machines (SVM), etc.

Train models using labeled data (fire occurrence vs. non-occurrence).

Hyperparameter Tuning:

Optimize model parameters for better performance.

Cross-validation to prevent overfitting.

Model Evaluation:

Assess model performance using metrics (AUC, accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, etc.).

Deployment and Monitoring:

Deploy the trained model in production.

Continuously monitor and update the model as new data arrives.

Real-World Impact

Early detection: ML models identify high-risk areas.

Rapid response: Alerts for firefighting teams.
Effective planning: Resource allocation for prevention and suppression.
Challenges
Biased data: Address potential biases.
Ethical considerations: Responsible ML adoption.

CONCLUSION

As the embers settle and the smoke dissipates, we stand at the crossroads of innovation and responsibility. Our journey through the fiery landscape of forest fire risk analysis and resilience has illuminated both opportunities and challenges. Let us weave our final chords:

Harmonizing Prediction and Prevention:

Machine learning, our virtuoso, orchestrates predictive models that dance with data—satellite imagery, weather patterns, and historical records.

Early detection becomes our anthem, rapid response our refrain.

The Ethical Overture:

As we wield algorithms, we tread carefully. Biased data, like hidden dissonance, threatens our symphony.

Responsible adoption is our crescendo, harmonizing with the ecosystem.

Revolutionizing Forest Management:

High-risk areas unmasked, fire likelihood forecasted—our score for prevention and suppression.

Resource allocation reimagined, impact diminished.

The Final Note:

In this grand finale, we acknowledge the gaps, the unanswered questions.

Yet, our symphony persists—a beacon for resilient forests and thriving communities.

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