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## ENHANCING FLOOD PREDICTION ACCURACY WITH MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

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### ABSTRACT:

A flood occurs when a lot of water overflows onto land. A warning is sent by the flood prediction (FF) system in response to changes in water level or hydraulic structure discharges. Flood forecasts (FF) improve hydrology's capacity and progress in reducing risks using machine learning with artificial neural networks. Machine learning algorithms (MLAs) are used in flood forecasting in order to learn and enhance system scale in order to reduce flood threats in accordance with climate change. The purpose of this study is to anticipate floods in the Upper Wardha project, which spans the Wardha river basin. Real-time estimation of flood value is provided by flood forecasting (FF), and the predicted inflow rate in the reservoir is used to determine the operating time, or the opening and shutting of the gate in real-time using artificial neural networks (ANN).

### I. INTRODUCTION

Flood forecasting, which lowers the risks to human life and the environment, is the technique of estimating time and length based on the topographical features of any river basin. The difficulty of flood forecasting is predicting the frequency and size of flash floods over time. Flooding resulted from the rains continuing at the

appropriate moment. Regular rainfall also helps to cause disastrous floods over time. In order to reduce the risks to non-structural structures and manage them economically, flood forecasting techniques are essential. To provide flood warnings to the government, flood forecasting stations are located across the network of flood-prone areas. Inflow forecasting is also used to operate hydraulic structures, like dams, that have gates on spillways that open and close. distinct flood structures demand distinct flood forecasting methods and flood warning systems. Building dams, weirs and dykes can lessen the risk of flooding, but it cannot completely eradicate it. With an early warning, flood forecasting algorithms can reduce environmental and population threats in real time [1]. Flood routing models and rainfall-runoff models have been used to forecast floods. Depending on the watershed or catchment region, flood forecasts anticipate inflow at specific sites with HFL values at certain river locations throughout time. In order to adequately assist the decision-makers' actions, the downstream side later forecasts the flood with a trip time restriction and an evaluation of uncertainty [9]. With the use of artificial intelligence (AI), flood forecasting employing machine learning algorithms (MLAs) may learn and

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enhance system scale to reduce flood dangers in accordance with climate change. Flood forecasting uses historical and current flood records along with real-time data from rain gauges with various return times to build a machine learning system. Rainfall-runoff, water levels measured by satellite-based automated rain sensors, infiltration rate, etc. are the sources of the dataset.

### **Problem Statement:**

Flood forecasting is a critical aspect of disaster management, providing valuable insights and early warnings to mitigate the impact of flooding on communities and infrastructure. Traditional flood forecasting methods often rely on simplistic models and historical data, struggling to capture the complexities of dynamic environmental factors that contribute to flooding. Additionally, the increasing frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, exacerbated by climate change, pose new challenges for accurate and timely flood predictions.

The limitations of current flood forecasting systems include the inability to adapt to rapidly changing weather patterns, inadequate spatial resolution, and challenges in integrating diverse data sources. As a result, there is a pressing need for advanced and adaptive forecasting approaches that harness the power of machine learning to improve accuracy, incorporate real-time data, and enhance the lead time for flood warnings.

The existing problem lies in the inefficiency of conventional flood forecasting methods to provide precise and timely predictions, especially in the face of changing climate

patterns and extreme weather events. Developing machine learning-based flood forecasting models is crucial to address these limitations and advance the capabilities of flood prediction systems for better disaster preparedness and response.

### **Objectives :**

#### **1. Data Integration and Preprocessing:**

- Aggregate and preprocess diverse data sources, including weather patterns, river discharge, soil moisture, and historical flood data, for input into machine learning models.

#### **2. Feature Selection and Extraction:**

- Identify and extract relevant features from the integrated datasets, employing techniques that enhance the model's ability to capture patterns indicative of flood events.

#### **3. Machine Learning Model Selection:**

- Evaluate and select appropriate machine learning models, such as regression models, decision trees, ensemble methods, or deep learning architectures, based on the characteristics of the flood forecasting problem and the available data.

#### **4. Real-Time Data Integration:**

- Develop mechanisms for real-time integration of weather and hydrological data, enabling the model to adapt to changing conditions and provide up-to-date flood predictions.

#### **5. Spatially Resolved Forecasting:**

- Enhance the spatial resolution of flood predictions by employing machine learning techniques that consider the local topography and geographical features, ensuring more accurate and localized forecasts.

#### **6. Uncertainty Estimation:**

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- Implement methods to estimate and communicate uncertainties associated with flood predictions, providing decision-makers and communities with a clearer understanding of the reliability of forecasted outcomes.

#### 7. Seasonal and Climate Variability Considerations:

- Incorporate features and patterns related to seasonal and climate variability, ensuring the machine learning models account for long-term trends and changes in climate that may influence flood occurrences.

## II. LITERATURE SURVEY

**Pappenberger, F.; Cloke, H.L.; Parker, D.J.; Wetterhall, F.; Richardson, D.S.; Thielen, J. The monetary benefit of early flood warnings in Europe. *Environ. Sci. Policy* 2015, 51, 278–291.**

Effective disaster risk management relies on science-based solutions to close the gap between prevention and preparedness measures. The consultation on the United Nations post-2015 framework for disaster risk reduction highlights the need for cross-border early warning systems to strengthen the preparedness phases of disaster risk management, in order to save lives and property and reduce the overall impact of severe events. Continental and global scale flood forecasting systems provide vital early flood warning information to national and international civil protection authorities, who can use this information to make decisions on how to prepare for upcoming floods. Here the potential monetary benefits of early flood warnings are estimated based on the forecasts of the continental-scale European Flood Awareness System (EFAS)

using existing flood damage cost information and calculations of potential avoided flood damages. The benefits are of the order of 400 Euro for every 1 Euro invested. A sensitivity analysis is performed in order to test the uncertainty in the method and develop an envelope of potential monetary benefits of EFAS warnings. The results provide clear evidence that there is likely a substantial monetary benefit in this cross-border continental-scale flood early warning system. This supports the wider drive to implement early warning systems at the continental or global scale to improve our resilience to natural hazards.

**Krzysztofowicz, R. Bayesian system for probabilistic river stage forecasting. *J. Hydrol.* 2002, 268, 16–40.**

The purpose of this analytic-numerical Bayesian forecasting system (BFS) is to produce a short-term probabilistic river stage forecast based on a probabilistic quantitative precipitation forecast as an input and a deterministic hydrologic model (of any complexity) as a means of simulating the response of a headwater basin to precipitation. The BFS has three structural components: the precipitation uncertainty processor, the hydrologic uncertainty processor, and the integrator. A series of articles described the Bayesian forecasting theory and detailed each component of this particular BFS. This article presents a synthesis: the total system, operational expressions, estimation procedures, numerical algorithms, a complete example, and all design requirements, modeling assumptions, and operational attributes.

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**Clark, M.P.; Slater, A.G. Probabilistic quantitative precipitation estimation in complex terrain. J. Hydrometeorol. 2006, 7, 3–22.**

This paper describes a flexible method to generate ensemble gridded fields of precipitation in complex terrain. The method is based on locally weighted regression, in which spatial attributes from station locations are used as explanatory variables to predict spatial variability in precipitation. For each time step, regression models are used to estimate the conditional cumulative distribution function (cdf) of precipitation at each grid cell (conditional on daily precipitation totals from a sparse station network), and ensembles are generated by using realizations from correlated random fields to extract values from the gridded precipitation cdfs. Daily high-resolution precipitation ensembles are generated for a 300 km × 300 km section of western Colorado (dx = 2 km) for the period 1980–2003. The ensemble precipitation grids reproduce the climatological precipitation gradients and observed spatial correlation structure. Probabilistic verification shows that the precipitation estimates are reliable, in the sense that there is close agreement between the frequency of occurrence of specific precipitation events in different probability categories and the probability that is estimated from the ensemble. The probabilistic estimates have good discrimination in the sense that the estimated probabilities differ significantly between cases when specific precipitation events occur and when they do not. The method may be improved by merging the gauge-

based precipitation ensembles with remotely sensed precipitation estimates from ground-based radar and satellites, or with precipitation and wind fields from numerical weather prediction models. The stochastic modeling framework developed in this study is flexible and can easily accommodate additional modifications and improvements.

**Vrugt, J.A.; Robinson, B.A. Treatment of uncertainty using ensemble methods: Comparison of sequential data assimilation and Bayesian model averaging. Water Resources. 2007, 43.**

Predictive uncertainty analysis in hydrologic modeling has become an active area of research, the goal being to generate meaningful error bounds on model predictions. State-space filtering methods, such as the ensemble Kalman filter (EnKF), have shown the most flexibility to integrate all sources of uncertainty. However, predictive uncertainty analyses are typically carried out using a single conceptual mathematical model of the hydrologic system, rejecting a priori valid alternative plausible models and possibly underestimating uncertainty in the model itself. Methods based on Bayesian model averaging (BMA) have also been proposed in the statistical and meteorological literature as a means to account explicitly for conceptual model uncertainty. The present study compares the performance and applicability of the EnKF and BMA for probabilistic ensemble streamflow forecasting, an application for which a robust comparison of the predictive skills of these approaches can be conducted. The results suggest that for the watershed under

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consideration, BMA cannot achieve a performance matching that of the EnKF method.

**Ebtehaj, M.; Moradkhani, H.; Gupta, H.V. Improving robustness of hydrologic parameter estimation by the use of moving block bootstrap re-sampling. Water Resour. Res. 2010, 46.**

Modeling of natural systems typically involves conceptualization and parameterization to simplify the representations of the underlying process. Objective methods for estimation of the model parameters then require optimization of a cost function, representing a measure of distance between the observations and the corresponding model predictions, typically by calibration in a static batch mode and/or via some dynamic recursive optimization approach. Recently, there has been a focus on the development of parameter estimation methods that appropriately account for different sources of uncertainty. In this context, we introduce an approach to sample the optimal parameter space that uses nonparametric block bootstrapping coupled with global optimization. We demonstrate the applicability of this procedure via a case study, in which we estimate the parameter uncertainty resulting from uncertainty in the forcing data and evaluate its impacts on the resulting streamflow simulations.

### **III. SYSTEM ANALYSIS AND DESIGN**

#### **EXISTING SYSTEM :**

The present study carried out on Wardha River basin. The Upper Wardha project is one of the major irrigation project in Vidharbha region of Maharashtra state. This

project is across Wardha River near village Simbhora Taluka Morshi of Amravati district. The Upper Wardha project consists of earthen dam on a both flanks with a centrally located gated spillway and canal on left and right flanks. The Upper Wardha dam has total gross irrigation (GI) of 11690 (ha) with gross capacity of 786 MCM in Godavari River Basin with annual rainfall in the catchment is 840 mm\

#### **DISADVANTAGES OF EXISTING SYSTEM :**

- 1) Less accuracy
- 2) low Efficiency

#### **PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

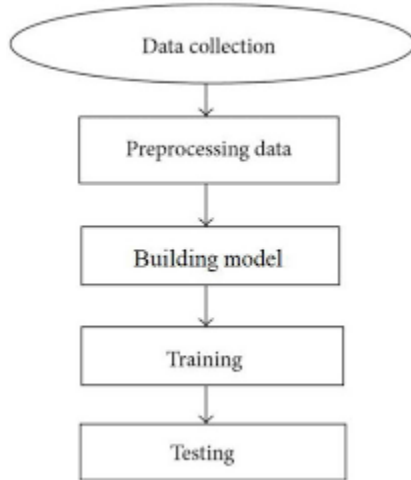
Flood forecasting technique organized method suitably based on available data and an appraisal of rating criteria with an inspired performance. Flood forecasting using real time estimation gives chances of flood value in GUI. Flood estimation using Machine Learning in real time can calculate large data instantly. Comparison between flood modelling by machine learning and stochastic method (i.e. Muskinghum method) gives machine learning is accurate, easy and can be applied for numbers of calculation.

#### **ADVANTAGES OF PROPOSED SYSTEM :**

- 1) High accuracy
- 2) High efficiency

#### **SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE:**

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#### IV. SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION MODULES

To implement this project we have designed following modules

- 1) New User Signup Here: using this module we will allow user to signup with the application
- 2) User Login: using this module we will allow user to login to application
- 3) Preprocess Dataset: using this module we will read flood dataset and then remove missing values and then normalize dataset values and then split dataset into train and test where application use 80% dataset for training and 20% for testing
- 4) Run Machine Learning Algorithms: using this module we will train all 4 machine learning algorithms such as SVM, Logistic Regression, KNN and MLP and calculate prediction accuracy on test data
- 5) Forecast Flood: using this module we will upload test data and then MLP will predict flood from that test data.

#### V. SCREEN SHOTS

#### DATASET DESCRIPTION

In this project we are using various machine learning algorithm to predict or forecast flood situation as this is a natural calamity which can cause huge loss of lives and financial assets. Timely and accurate prediction of future floods can help in reduce such loss and to predict flood accurately we have evaluated performance various machine learning algorithms such as SVM, Logistic Regression, MLP and KNN. In all algorithms MLP is giving best performance and to implement this project we have used below flood dataset from KAGGLE website.

SUBDIVISION	YEAR	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	ANNUAL RAINFALL	FLOOD		
KERALA	1901	28	74	71	143	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES		
KERALA	1902	8	72	47	143	134	5	300	120	13	8	491	639	4	YES		
KERALA	1903	3	116	1	143	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES		
KERALA	1904	23	73	12	71	5	215	7	100	2	72	3	121	1	YES		
KERALA	1905	2	22	1	107	2	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES	
KERALA	1906	28	74	71	143	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES		
KERALA	1907	18	4	8	7	107	2	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES
KERALA	1908	4	20	18	2	107	2	100	7	320	74	137	1	107	2000	630.84	YES
KERALA	1909	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1910	2	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	72	YES		
KERALA	1911	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1912	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1913	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1914	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
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KERALA	1920	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1921	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1922	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1923	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		
KERALA	1924	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	YES		

In above dataset first row contains dataset column names and remaining rows contains dataset values. In each row we have monthly and annual rainfall and based on that we have class label as YES (flood occur) and NO (no flood occur). So by using above dataset we will train all algorithms and evaluate their performance in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, FSCORE, sensitivity and specificity.

To predict flood we are using below test data

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Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Annual
2011	20.8	45.7	24.1	165.2	124	5.789	5.514	8.492	7.991	2.227	2.369	7.49	5.103
2012	5.401	49.9	9.9	119	104.2	7.89	2.997	7.554	2.259	5.154	17.225	7.4	125.4
2013	74.9	1.7	7.95	4.106	7.852	5.415	3.7	2.48	4.335	8.9	4.8	2.410	7.7
2014	2.5	9.8	1.8	1.20	7.86	4.11	3.87	2.807	2.35	3.49	8.13	3.8	209.2

In above test data we have monthly and annually rainfall without flood label and when we apply this dataset on MLP algorithm then it will predict flood will occur or not.

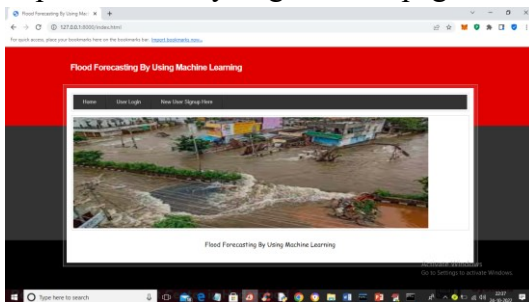
To run project double click on 'run.bat' file to start python DJANGO web server and get below output

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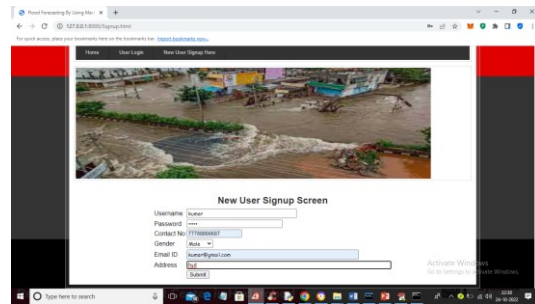
C:\Python38\Scripts>python manage.py runserver
Performing system checks...
System check identified no issues (0 raised).
You have 15 unapplied migrations; your project may not work properly until you apply the migrations for app(s): admin, auth, contenttypes, sessions.
Run 'python manage.py migrate' to apply them.
[11/11/2024 10:00:00 AM] Django started on http://127.0.0.1:8000/
Hit Ctrl-C to stop the server and Ctrl-B to reload.

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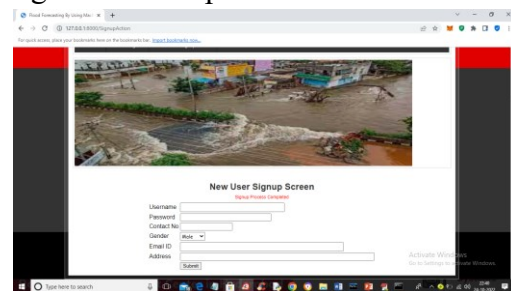
In above screen python DJANGO server started and now open browser and enter URL as <http://127.0.0.1:8000/index.html> and press enter key to get below page



In above screen click on 'New User Signup Here' link to get below page



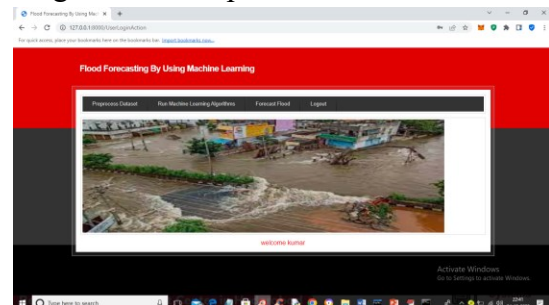
In above screen user is signing up and then click on 'Submit' button to complete signup and get below output



In above screen signup process completed and now click on 'User Login' link to get below login screen

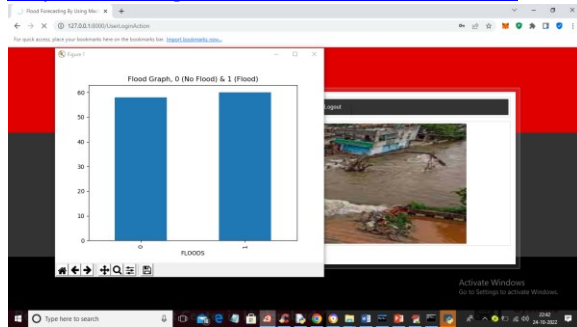


In above screen user is login and after login will get below output



In above screen click on 'Preprocess Dataset' link to load and process dataset and get below output

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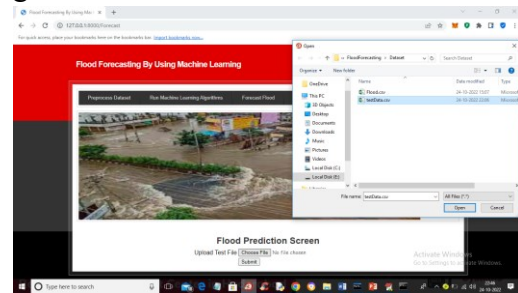
In above screen dataset processing completed and in graph x-axis represents labels as 0 (no flood) and 1 (flood) and y-axis represents number of records in that label and now close above graph to get below output. By using label encoding processing technique we have converted YES and NO to 0 and 1 as machine learning algorithms accept only numeric data

In above screen entire dataset process and loaded and now click on 'Run Machine Learning Algorithms' link to train all algorithms and get below output

Algorithm Name	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	Sensitivity	Specificity
Logistic Regression	90.4210205137895	84.705822024117	88.8554665034666	1.0	0.284117847058220	0.999999999999999
SVM	96.7637076627676	97.3024174627676	97.87428774287	1.0	0.87705822024117	0.999999999999999
KNN	95.1033333333333	94.1234567890123	96.1234567890123	0.95	0.87705822024117	0.999999999999999
MLP	100.0	100.0	100.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

In above screen in tabular format we can see in all algorithms MLP got highest accuracy as 100% and for each run this accuracy may vary from 95 to 100%. Now algorithms are

trained and now click on 'Forest Flood' link to get below screen



In above screen select and upload 'testData.csv' file and then click on 'Open' and 'Submit' button to load test data and get prediction output like below screen. This testData.csv is available inside 'Dataset' folder

In above screen in first column we can see the Rainfall monthly and annually test data and in last column we can see prediction output as 'Flood May Occur' in red colour and 'No Flood Occur' in green colour.

## VI. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE ENHANCEMENT

Ij and Ij+1 are the values that flow in and out of the process at the beginning and end of the jth time interval, respectively, while Qj and Qj+1 are the values that flow out. Machine learning has the ability to explicitly learn and enhance systems. Computer programs that can approach, get, or retrieve access data after learning it are made possible by machine learning. Large data

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sets may be calculated using machine learning. In order to enhance flood forecasting systems, artificial intelligence (AIS) is utilised to train data at an early stage of warning system development.

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