TWO DAYS ONLINE WINTER WORKSHOP
on
## RECENT ALGORITHMS FOR FOREST REMOTE SENSING APPLICATIONS (RAFRSA2023)
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Last date for registration: 4th November 2023
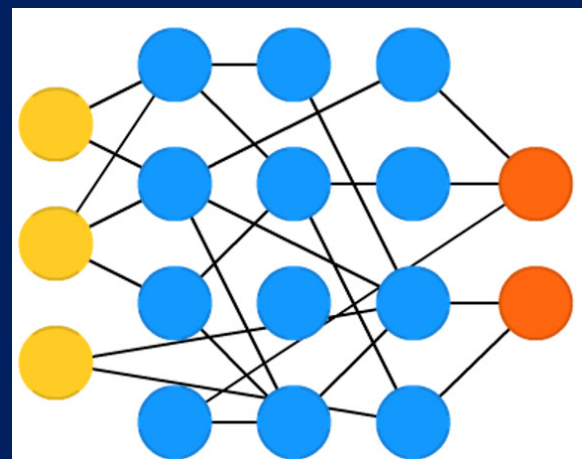
1. Overview of Online winter workshop

Remote sensing can be defined as the collection of data about an object from a distance. Humans and many other types of animals accomplish this task with aid of eyes or by the sense of smell or hearing. Geographers use the technique of remote sensing to monitor or measure phenomena found in the Earth's lithosphere, biosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere. Remote sensing of the environment by geographers is usually done with the help of mechanical devices known as remote sensors. These gadgets have a greatly improved ability to receive and record information about an object without any physical contact. Often, these sensors are positioned away from the object of interest by using helicopters, planes, and satellites. Most sensing devices record information about an object by measuring an object's transmission of electromagnetic energy from reflecting and radiating surfaces.

Remote sensing imagery has many applications in mapping land-use and cover, agriculture, soils mapping, forestry, city planning, archaeological investigations, military observation, and geomorphological surveying, among other uses. Agriculture provides humanity with food, fuel, and raw materials that are paramount for human livelihood. Today, this role must be satisfied within a context of environmental sustainability and climate change, combined with an unprecedented and still-expanding human population size, while maintaining the viability of agricultural activities to ensure both subsistence and livelihoods. Remote sensing has the capacity to assist the adaptive evolution of agricultural practices in order to face this major challenge, by providing repetitive information on crop status throughout the season at different scales and for different factors. Many recent algorithms offer the many potential applications in the field of remotes sensing data processing and analysis. One such potential for effective and efficient classification of remotely sensed imagery. The strengths of recent algorithms include the capacity to handle data of high dimensionality and to map classes with very complex characteristics. Nevertheless, implementing a recent algorithm for classification are not straightforward, and the literature provides conflicting advice regarding many key issues.

The proposed workshop presents recent algorithms for remote sensing applications in forest. It also highlights many real applications of remote sensing and contains sessions for the participants who may not have a strong background in the field. The purpose of the two days online workshop is to provide an understanding of how to use the recent algorithms like as deep learning algorithms and to equip the participants with available software tools for solving the practical problems in remote sensing domain.

2. Key objectives

The primary objectives of the course are as follows:
- Exposing participants to the fundamentals of remote sensing applications in Forest.
- Building in confidence and capability amongst the participants in the application of remote sensing in Forest.
- Providing exposure to practical problems and their solutions in the remote sensing applications.
- Enhancing the capability of the participants to identify new applications of remote sensing in Forest application.

3. Teaching Faculty for the summer workshop
Instructors from ISRO, FRI and NITK

4. Workshop details

4.1 Duration: Two Days

4.2 Lectures and practical's schedule
Inauguration: 9: 30am to 10:15am IST
Lecture-1(10:15am to 12:15pm IST): By Dr. C. Sudhakar Reddy, Scientist-SG and head, NRSC(ISRO), Hyderabad, India
Topic: Geospatial innovations for Sustainable Forest management and biodiversity conservation

Lecture-2 (2:00 am to 4:00 pm IST): By Dr. Anil Kumar, Scientist-SG, IIRS (ISRO), Dehradun, India.
Topic: Fuzzy Machine Learning Model for Forest Species Mapping using Semi Hyper-Temporal Data

Lecture-3 (9:00am to 11:00am IST)): By Dr. Shyam Lal, Associate Professor, NITK, Surathkal, India
Topic: Hands-on Deep Learning Algorithms for Forest Cover Mapping from Satellite Images

Lecture-4 (11:15am to 1:15pm IST): By Dr. Maneesh Singh Bhandari, Scientist-E, Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, India
Topic: Eco-geographical mapping of forest genetic resources in India

5. Who can attend
- Students at all levels (Ph.D/M.Tech/MSc/B.Tech(3[th]Year & 4th Year))
- Faculty members from academic institutions.
    - Engineers and researchers from Industry organizations including R&D laboratories.
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6. Registration Fee: NIL   Link for registration: https://forms.gle/7JMuuiTwCgeHkFRz6
    Important Note: Preferences will be given to IEEE GRSS, and IEEE members.

7.Last date for workshop registration: 4th November 2023

8. Student Volunteers:
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