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EFFICIENT WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS AND PREDICTION USING MACHINE LEARNING

ABSTRACT

The deteriorating quality of natural water resources like lakes, streams and estuaries, is one of the direst and most worrisome issues faced by humanity. The effects of un-clean water are far-reaching, impacting every aspect of life. Therefore, management of water resources is very crucial in order to optimize the quality of water. The effects of water contamination can be tackled efficiently if data is analyzed and water quality is predicted beforehand. This issue has been addressed in many previous researches, however, more work needs to be done in terms of effectiveness, reliability, accuracy as well as usability of the current water quality management methodologies. The goal of this study is to develop a water quality prediction model with the help of water quality factors using Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and time-series analysis. This research uses the water quality historical data of the year of 2014, with 6-minutes time interval. Data is obtained from the United States Geological Survey (USGS) online resource called National Water Information System (NWIS). For this paper, the data includes the measurements of 4 parameters which affect and influence water quality. For the purpose of evaluating the performance of model, the performance evaluation measures used are Mean-Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean-Squared Error (RMSE) and Regression Analysis. Previous works about Water Quality prediction have also been analyzed and future improvements have been proposed in this paper.