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Abstract. Over the last few years, academicians all over the world have been studying about the underwater images and the ability to obtain crystal clear images. Along with this, the entire process of restoring the obtained images is a tedious task. Due to the scientific phenomena of absorption along with scattering, the obtained underwater images suffer from few defects. The notable problems in these images are: a distortion in the original color, blurriness, and the effects of low contrast. Overcoming these shortfalls is a herculean task for researchers in image processing domain. Light travels in a constricted pathway, when it is gone through water. Here, the bigger frequencies are influenced more, when compared with the more limited frequencies; hence, pictures get submerged and becomes greenish blue as they come up short on certain frequency parts. For example, if a picture obtained at a profundity of around 4–5 m submerged, then it will need red frequency on the grounds that the more extended frequency segments of the apparent range are weakened first. With additional increment, other frequency segments will likewise begin to lose importance. The pictures accordingly experience the ill effects of restricted perceivability range, lopsided lighting, and presence of splendid antiquities. To overcome this, the proposed research work uses deep learning model to enhance the underwater images.

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1 Introduction

Most researchers find underwater imaging to be a challenging field. There is an increasing requirement for submerged photographs, as well as those that would not be seen on land and above water photography. In the first place, on account of the medium, submerged pictures have an obscuring impact due to the dispersion of light; this seldom happens in land photography. Second, frequency retention typically causes a shading decrease

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inside the obtained pictures, which seldom happens in air. Third, aside from electronic clamor, the silt inside the water will additionally influence the high dimensional imaging. Another issue happens on the grounds that the fake lighting is generally utilized for images taken under the surface and the clarity does not sum up to the standard.

1.1 Problems of Underwater Imaging

Light ingestion and the innate design of the sea are two main challenges associated with submerged images. Also, this research work examines the effects of darkening submerged images. In terms of light reflection, the daylight varies substantially depending on the sea's architecture. The reflected measure of daylight is somewhat enraptured on a level plane and mostly enters the water vertically, a significant attribute of the vertical polarization is that it makes the thing less sparkling and hence assists with catching profound tones which cannot be feasible to catch in any case. Another prominent issue associated with the pictures taken at deep sea is supposed to be the water thickness inside the sea, which is seen on multiple different occasions to be denser than air. Therefore, when light moves on from the air to water, it is not entirely reflected and at an equivalent time at midway it starts to enter the water. The measure of sunlight that enters the water will reduce when we start moving further deep into the sea.

Additionally, Water particles take in a specific amount of light. Accordingly, the submerged pictures are turning out to be more obscure and hazier on the grounds of profundity increments. Not just the amount of daylight gets diminished when travelled deep into the sea but also due to the tone frequency, the colors get impacted. For example, first red tone vanishes at the profundity of 3 m. Furthermore, vanishing of orange tone is seen as we go further. The orange tone will also vanish at the profundity of 5 m. Thirdly, most of the yellow vanishes at the profundity of 10 m and at last the green and purple tones will also vanish at additional profundity.

2 Literature Survey

Nayar et al. [1] in her paper dealt with lowered imaging is an emerging space of investigation. The lowered picture suffers degradation in the view of dispersion and maintenance. To vanquish these issues, the acquired pictures are changed by using concealing balance and a short time later altered using white balance. Normal methods available for white harmony are retinex and dim world. In this work, Gray world methodology is proposed for white harmony. From the amended picture, weight maps-based component extraction would be done followed by multi mix and picture improvement. Due to the wide utilization of wavelet change in picture getting ready, here two-dimensional Discrete Wavelet Transform is used as blend executive. Moreover, make a synaptic association to the new level of utilization. The result shows, that the proposed update estimation can obtain a visual result.

Narasimhan et al. [2] dealt with lowered picture redesign has been attracting a lot of thought due to its significance in marine planning and maritime mechanical innovation. Different lowered picture update estimations have been proposed over the two or three years. Regardless, these estimations are mainly evaluated by using either designed datasets or few picked authentic pictures. It is accordingly unclear how these estimations would perform on pictures secured in the wild and how we could check the headway in the field. To beat this issue, we present the principle comprehensive perceptual examination and assessment of lowered picture overhaul using colossal extension certifiable pictures.

Tan et al. [3] because of the meaning of lowered examination in the development and use of distant sea resources, lowered self-administering movement is progressively more basic to avoid the unsafe high-pressure far off sea environment. For lowered free action, the smart PC vision is the principal development. In a lowered environment, weak edification, and terrible quality picture overhaul, as a pre-handling technique, is essential for lowered vision. In this paper, a mix of max-RGB methodology and shades of faint procedure is applied to achieve the improvement of lowered vision, and a short time later a CNN (Convolutional Neutral Network) strategy for dealing with the pathetically illuminated issue for lowered pictures is proposed to set up the arranging relationship to get the light guide.

Fattal et al. [4] in his paper proposed another methodology for lowered pictures modifying and overhaul which was charged by the faint divert earlier in picture dehazing field. Right off the bat, we proposed the impressive channel before of lowered environment. By surveying and reviewing the astonishing channel picture, evaluating the climatic light, and surveying and refining the movement picture, over the long-haul lowered pictures were restored. Moreover, to review the concealing bowing, the modifying pictures were adjusted by using the closed histogram change. The examination results showed that the proposed system could improve the idea of lowered pictures effectively.

He et al. [5] completely proposed on examining the significant undersea world guide, a first-class picture without intruding thing is preferred. Regardless, as in the water, the image quality will overall be thwarted by water thickness, light choking, and disseminating sway. Furthermore, the extraordinary impediment may impact the authentic lowered guide. In this paper, we proposed a multi-step and all-round lowered picture planning structure exceptionally for the lowered pictures taken in movement to improve the image quality, kill the amazing impediment and reproduce the image.

Ge and Li et al. [6] comprehended that the image trapped in water is shady due to the couple of effects of the lowered medium. These effects are addressed by the suspended particles that lead to maintenance and scattering of light during picture advancement measure [7–9]. This paper presents a wavelet-based mix methodology to improve the shady lowered pictures by keeping an eye on the low distinction and concealing change issues. The unreservedly available overcast lowered pictures are updated and separated emotionally with some top tier procedures [10–12]. The quantitative examination of picture quality depicts promising results [13–16] (Fig. 1).

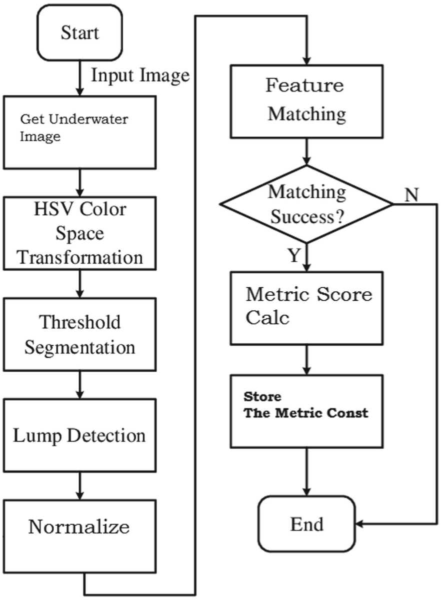

Fig. 1. Proposed flow diagram

3 Proposed System

The main objective of the proposed systems is to improve the object quality using filters, image segmentation using wavelet filters, image classification using Deep Neural Network and underwater image detection using Deep Neural Network.

Firstly, read the input test image by resizing the image into common matrix size for the ease of handling. The resized images are given for Gray scale conversion and it is followed by histogram equalization. The equalized images are further transformed into binary by using *imbinarize* command. Then, to further enhance the image into clear view, the histogram equalization technique and HSV color correction technique are incorporated. The red, green, and blue bands are clearly contrast enhanced by using the given technique and equally organized. The MSE, RSME and PSNR calculation has been done to understand the uniqueness of test image.

The proposed system utilizes three-point feature mapping technique by using feature extraction methods of MSER, Harris and surf. The strongest points of the features are considered as the unique points present with the test image and that are mapped.

Based on the extracted features and blob area of the salient object with the tested image, the connected component vector and object area is calculated. Further, the feature values are spilt up into training and testing inputs to evaluate the hybrid algorithm, which is a combination of KNN decision model with Decision Tree hierarchical model to classify the object (Fig. 2).

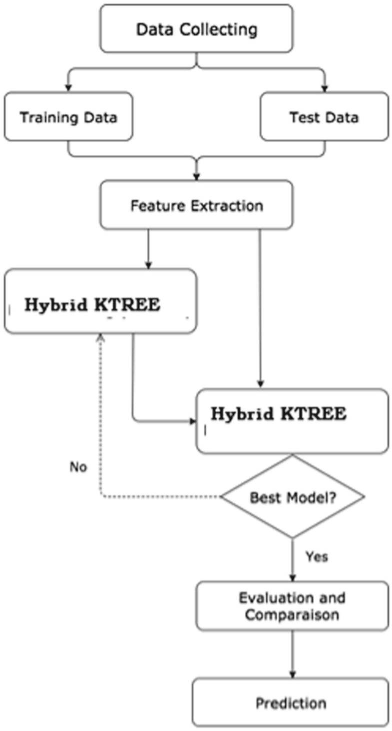

Fig. 2. Deep neural network

The flow genuine model-based procedures, except for the new work, follow the enhanced picture advancement models that acknowledge the diminishing coefficients are only properties of the water and are uniform across the scene per concealing channel. This assumption prompts the insecurity and obviously unpleasing. The force and theory of significant learning-based lowered overhaul methodologies will really fall behind the normal state-of-the-art procedures.

This research work combines the KNN algorithm and Decision tree algorithm to form an improved hybrid K-Tree algorithm. It will be used to train the model and then subsequently test pictures that are taken below the surface. On the basis of certain prime features, its state and structure will be distinguished along with its accuracy.

3.1 Objective

- Improve the object quality using filters
- Image segmentation using Wavelet filters
- Image classification using Deep Neural Network [DNN]
- Underwater image detection using Deep Neural Network [DNN]

This research work obtains dataset from TURBID, which is an open image dataset that has been generated to contribute with the underwater research area. TURBID consists in a collection of five different subsets of degraded images with its respective ground-truth.

3.2 Histogram Equalization

This strategy ordinarily assembles the overall separation of various pictures, especially when the usable data of the image tends to close distinction. Through this change, the powers can be better flown on the histogram. This thinks about the spaces of lower close by separation to get a higher contrast. Histogram balance accomplishes this by feasibly fanning out the most customary power regards. The procedure is important in pictures with establishment and closer perspectives that are both magnificent and dull. In particular, the procedure can provoke better points of view on bone development in x-bar pictures, and to all the more promptly detail in photographs that are done or under-revealed. A basic advantage of the system is that it is a really immediate technique and an invertible overseer. Along these lines, on a basic level, if the histogram balance work is known, the principal histogram can be recovered.

For each social occasion of pixels taken from comparable circumstance from all data single-channel pictures, the limit puts the histogram repository worth to the goal picture, where the headings of the compartment are constrained by the potential gains of pixels in this data bundle. To the extent bits of knowledge, the value of each yield picture pixel portrays the probability that the relating input pixel pack has a spot with the article whose histogram is used.

3.3 Decision Tree Classification Algorithm

This is supervised learning technique that has dual nature. It can be utilised for regression and classification although it is preferred for the latter. This in terms of an object can be represented as a tree. The data features are present in the internal nodes, decision rules being present in the branches and the outcome being present in the leaf node. Essentially, the two parts can be summed up as the decision node and leaf node. Decision nodes are utilised to make calls and have multiple accessories for the same along with the leaf nodes which are utilised for the result of the decision without the additional branches. Evaluation is performed on the basis of the data features. Solutions to a problem based on situations can be displayed visually using graphs. Cart algorithm is utilised for building this approach. The process is simplifying with a dual response present, choosing either one would the divide the process into subtrees.

3.4 Results and Discussion

Upon carefully training and testing the dataset, some results have been obtained. The result might be (slightly) different each time you compute k-means. To avoid this, a solution is to use a hybrid approach by combining the hierarchical clustering and the k-means method. This process is named as hybrid hierarchical k-means clustering (hybrid k-means) and the results are shown in Figs. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.

Upon calculation, we received a

- Hybrid K-tree accuracy = 99.
- KNN accuracy = 47.619
- Dtree accuracy = 99.5

Hence, the increased levels of accuracies help us determine, the enhancement of an image taken underground. It is believed that future works are also in progress in the said field to improve the detection and enhancement of pictures taken underwater.

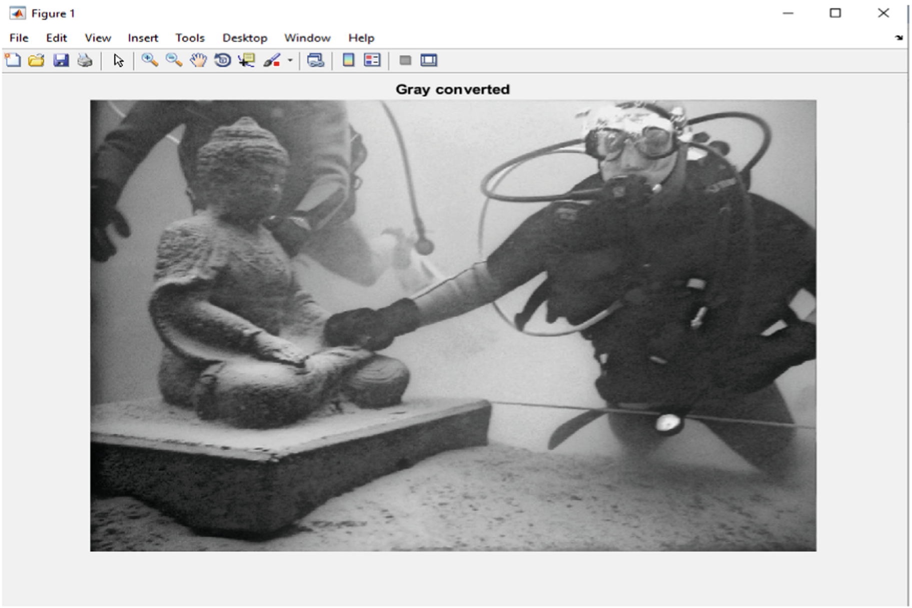

Fig. 3. Gray converted

Fig. 4. Binary converted

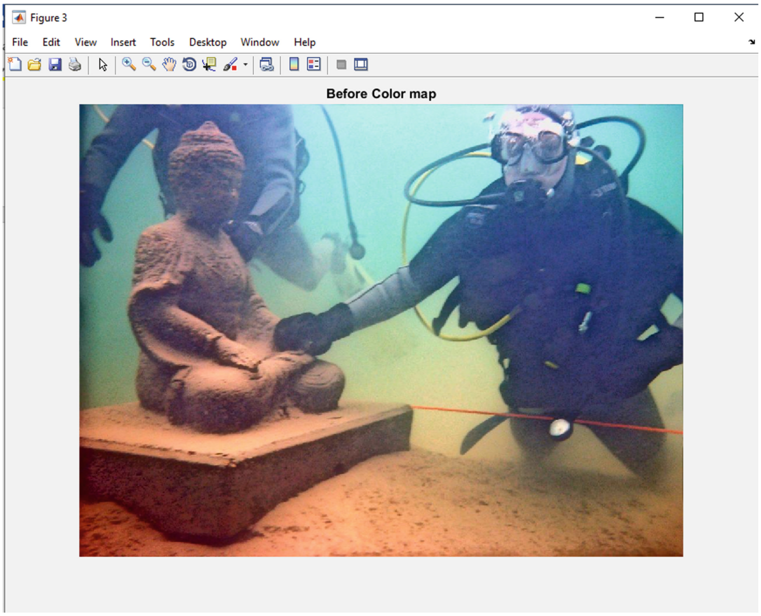

Fig. 5. Before color map

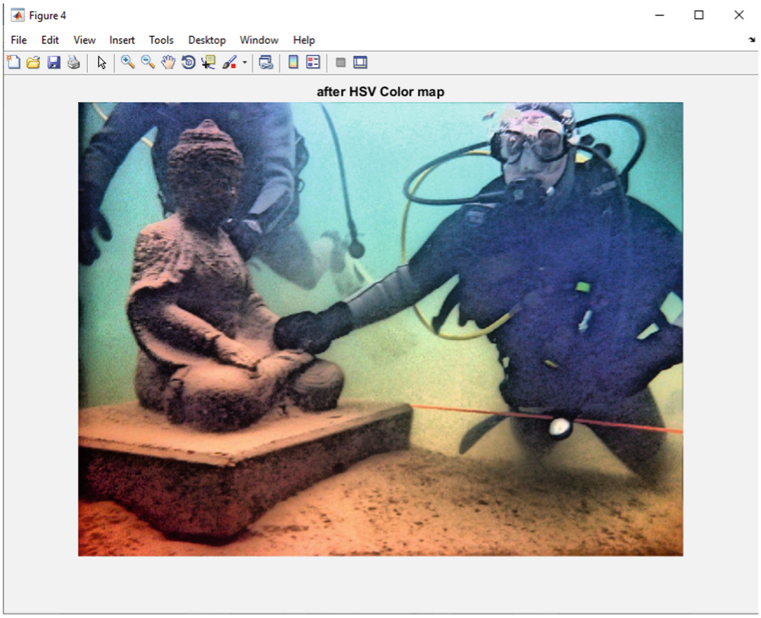

Fig. 6. After HSV color map

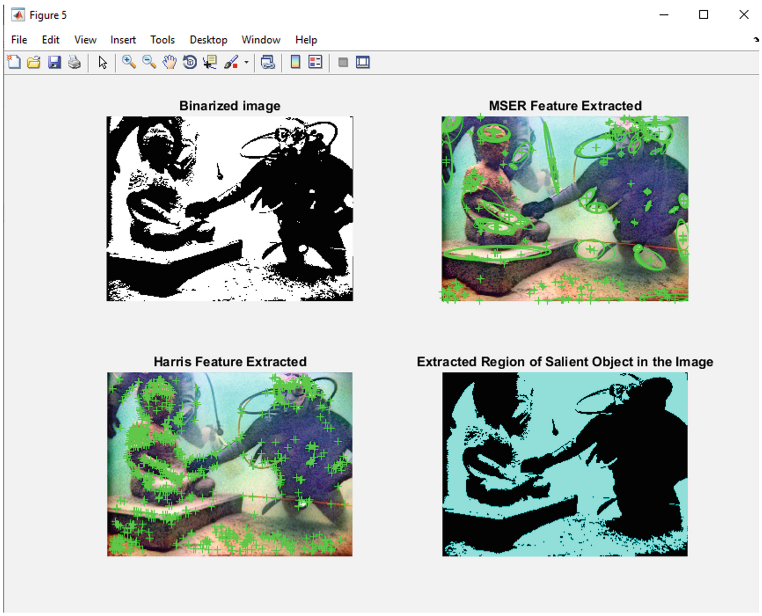

Fig. 7. Feature extraction

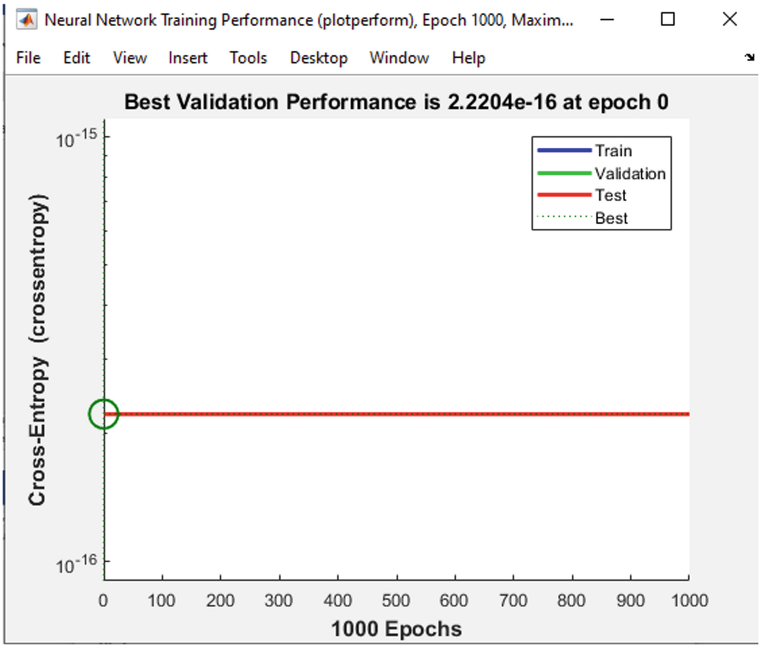

Fig. 8. Performance Plot

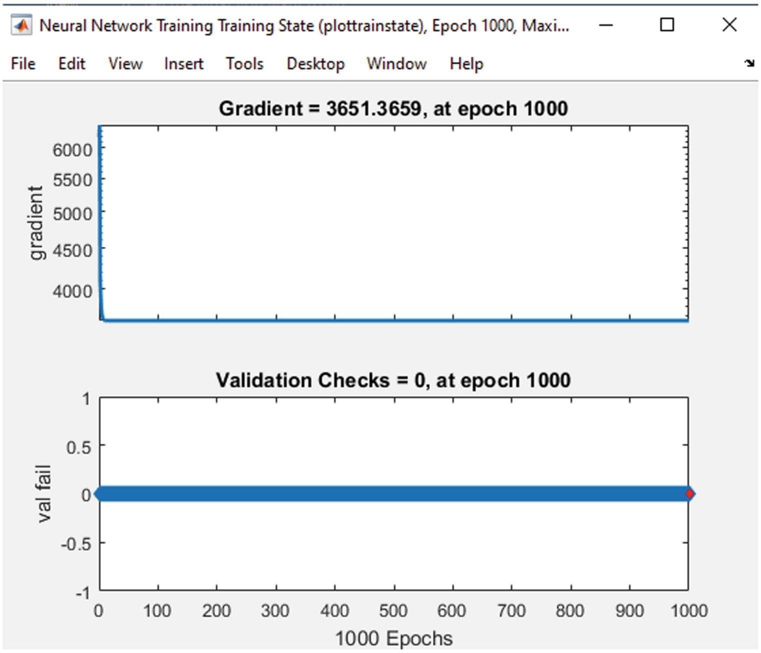

Fig. 9. Train state plot

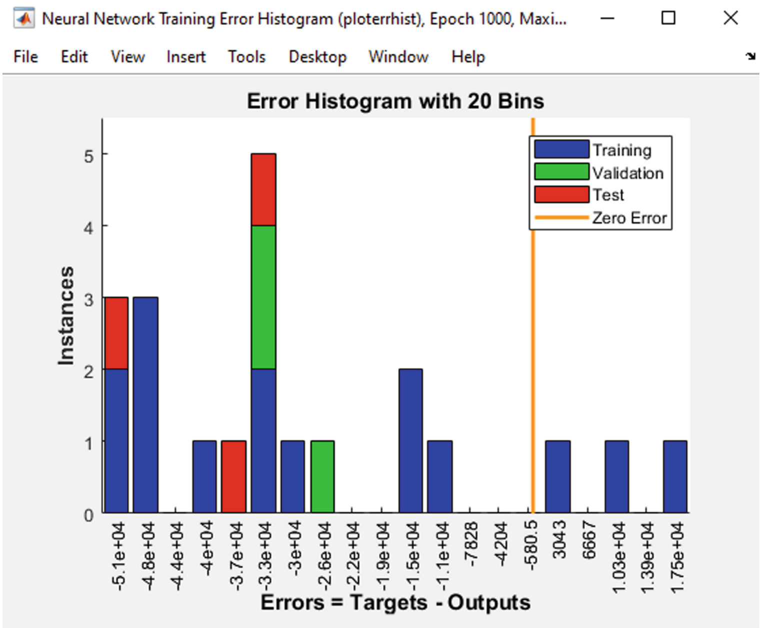

Fig. 10. Error histogram

Fig. 11. Confusion plot

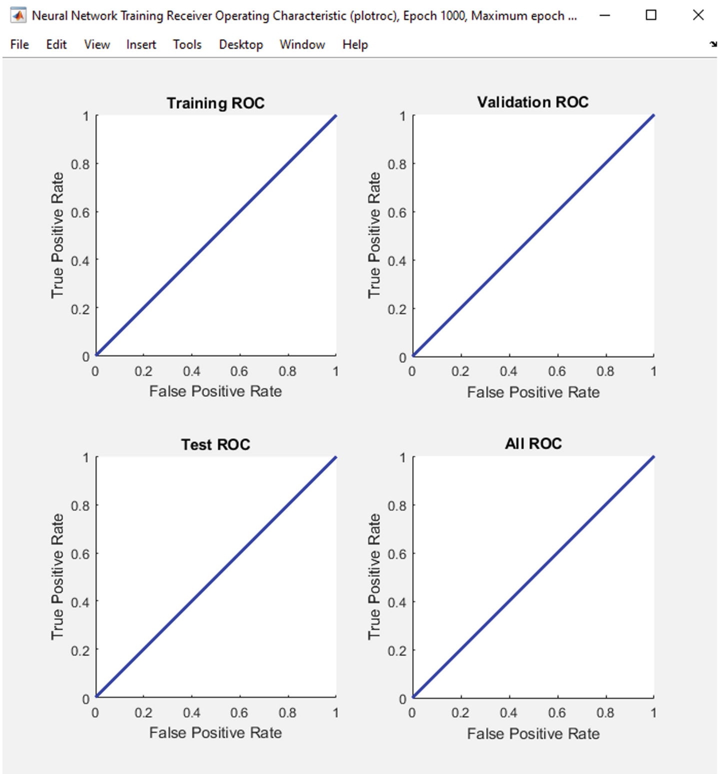

Fig. 12. ROC plot

Fig. 13. Neural network training

Fig. 14. Pattern recognition

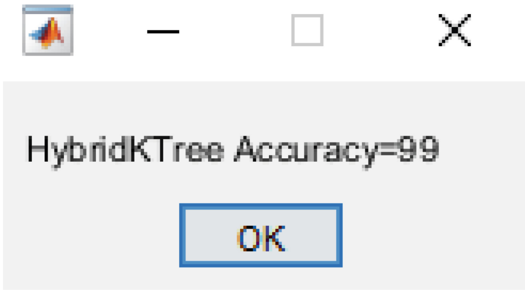

Fig. 15. Hybrid K-tree accuracy

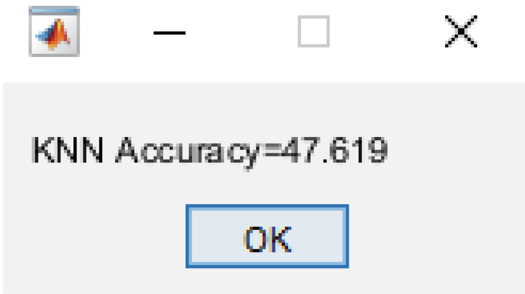

Fig. 16. KNN accuracy

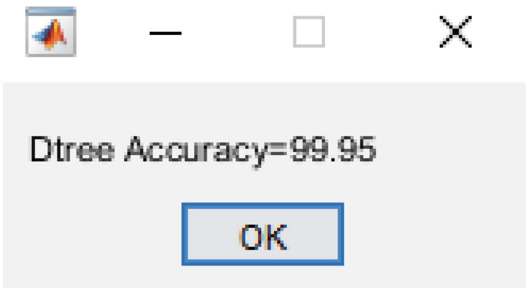

Fig. 17. Dtree accuracy

4 Conclusion

Hence, the increased levels of accuracies help us to determine the enhancement of an image taken underground. It is believed that, the future works are also in progress in the said field to improve the detection and enhancement of pictures taken underwater.

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