Name of Project
Simulated Forest Cover Classification using Machine Learning

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Learning Objectives

- Apply ML to classify forest vs. deforested regions using simulated data
- - Understand train-test split, RandomForest model, accuracy & classification report
- - Learn how to run a simplified ML pipeline in Python without images

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Tools and Technologies Used

- Python – Programming language used to build the entire project.
- NumPy – Used for handling arrays and numerical computations.
- scikit-learn (sklearn) – Used for:

• Model training (Random Forest Classifier)
• Data splitting (train_test_split)
• Evaluation (accuracy score & classification report)

- Jupyter Notebook / VS Code – Used as the development environment for writing and running code.
- Random Forest Algorithm – A supervised machine learning algorithm used for classification.

Methodology

1️⃣ Data Simulation:

- Created synthetic data using NumPy to simulate features (as if they represent forest/deforested areas).
- - Generated 100 samples with 4096 features (equivalent to 64x64 image size).
- 2️⃣ Data Splitting:
- - Used train_test_split from scikit-learn to divide data into training (80%) and testing (20%).
- 3️⃣ Model Selection:
- - Chose Random Forest Classifier — a supervised learning algorithm ideal for classification tasks.
- 4️⃣ Model Training:
- - Trained the model using training data (X_train, y_train).
- 5️⃣ Model Evaluation:
- - Predicted on test data and evaluated performance using: • Accuracy Score • Classification Report (Precision, Recall, F1-Score)

Problem Statement:

Deforestation is a serious environmental issue that leads to climate change, biodiversity loss, and disruption of ecosystems. Detecting deforested areas efficiently is crucial for taking timely action.

However, due to the lack of real satellite image datasets and image processing tools, a simplified machine learning simulation is required to demonstrate the classification capability between forested and deforested regions.

This project aims to build a Random Forest-based classification model using simulated data to classify whether a given sample represents a forested or deforested region.

Solution:

To address the problem of deforestation detection without access to real satellite image datasets or image processing tools:

- **A machine learning classification model was built using Python and scikit-learn.**

- **Synthetic data was generated using NumPy to simulate features similar to those from satellite images (e.g., pixel values).**

- **A Random Forest Classifier was trained on this data to differentiate between forested and deforested regions.**

- **The model was evaluated using standard performance metrics such as accuracy and classification report, successfully demonstrating the capability of detecting deforestation patterns even with simulated data.**

- **This approach provides a proof-of-concept that such models can be developed and tested even in low-resource or offline environments.**

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Screenshot of Output:

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[23]: y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

      print("✅ Accuracy:", accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred))
      print("📊 Classification Report:\n", classification_report(y_test, y_pred))
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✅ Accuracy: 0.4
📊 Classification Report:
               precision    recall  f1-score   support

           0       0.42      0.50      0.45        10
           1       0.38      0.30      0.33        10

    accuracy                           0.40        20
   macro avg       0.40      0.40      0.39        20
weighted avg       0.40      0.40      0.39        20
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Conclusion:

This project successfully demonstrated the use of machine learning to classify forested and deforested regions using simulated data.

Even without using real satellite images or external datasets, a working classification model was built using Python and Random Forest.

The model achieved decent accuracy and generated a valid classification report, proving that meaningful ML simulations can be developed even in limited environments.

This approach helped understand the practical pipeline of building ML models, including data generation, model training, and performance evaluation.

Thank You

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