Big Data Analytics Lab, UMBC ERA5 Reanalysis Climate Dataset Collection

Date: 11th June 2023
Prepared by: Omar Faruque

Goal: This document describes the process of the ERA5 reanalysis climate data collection. Here we will download the hourly data for one year from the European Copernicus Climate Data Store for seven variables used for the unsupervised clustering task.

Follow these steps to download the dataset:

Step-1:

Create a new user in the Copernicus Climate Data Store using the following URL. Skip this step if you already have a user in the system.

https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/user/register?destination=%2Fcdsapp%23!%2F home

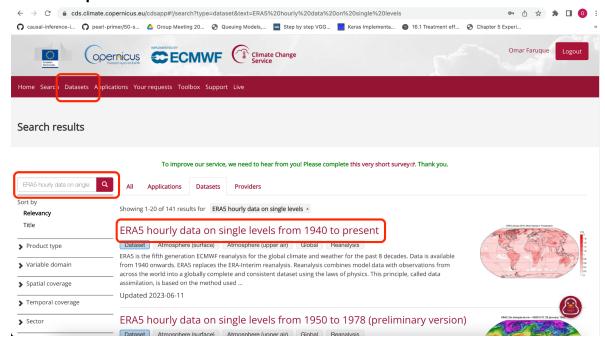
Step-2:

Login to the Copernicus Climate Data Store using your email ID and password through the following URL.

https://cds.climate.copernicus.eu/user/login?destination=%2Fcdsapp%23!%2Fhome

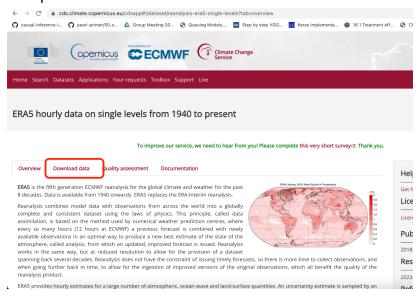
Step-3:

After login click the "Datasets" option from the top menu bar. On the dataset page, you will see all the datasets available to download. In the search bar type "ERA5 hourly data on single" and click the search button. Then from the search result select the dataset with the title "ERA5 hourly data on single levels from 1940 to present".



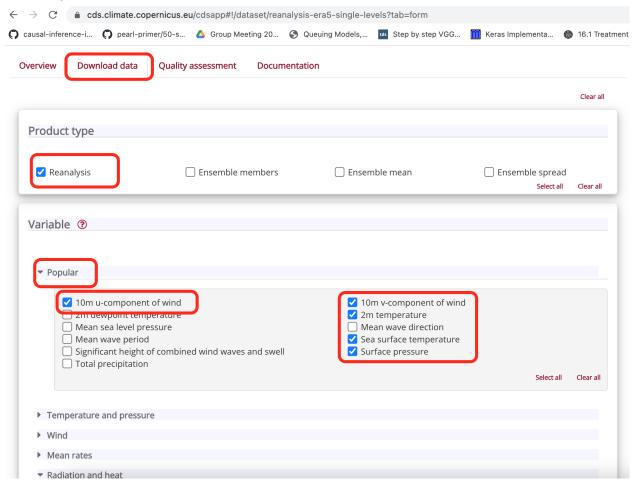
Step-4:

The next page will show the overview of the dataset and the description of all variables included in this dataset. Here click on the "**Download data**" option as shown in the picture.

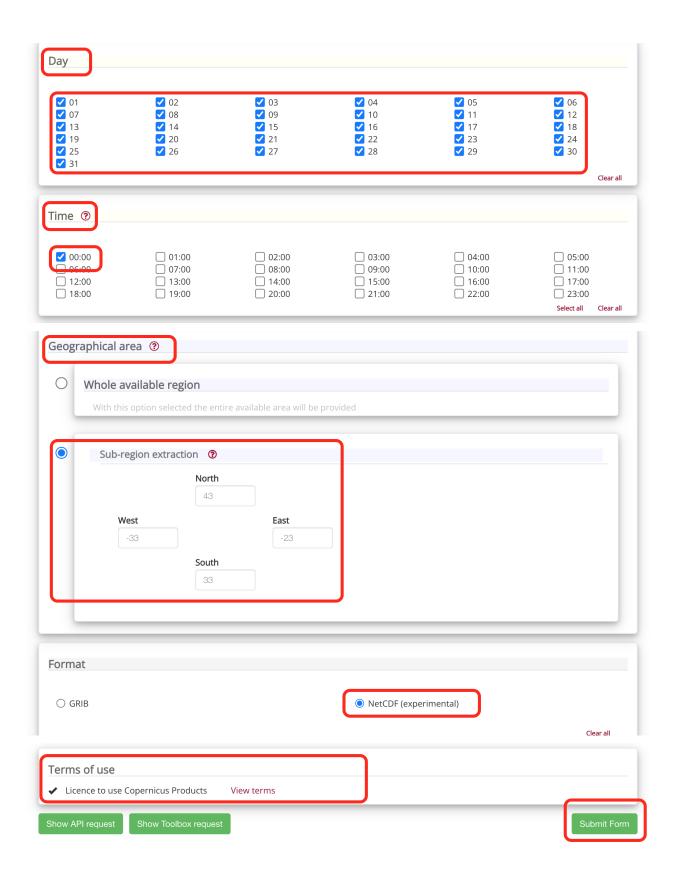


Step-5:

On this page, we have to choose different options according to our dataset requirements. We have to select **reanalysis** from the product type. Then select the variables as shown in the picture. Here we have selected 7 variables from the "**Popular**" and "**Radiation and heat**" subsets. Then select the target "**Year**", "**Month**", "**Day**", "**Time**", and "**Geographical area**". Select the "**NetCDF**" from the data format. Finally, **submit** the form after selecting the "**Terms of use**" option.



Mean rates						
Radiation and h	neat					
Clear-sky direct solar radiation at surface Forecast logarithm of surface roughness for heat Near IR albedo for diffuse radiation ✓ Surface latent heat flux Surface net thermal radiation, clear sky Surface solar radiation downward, clear sky Surface thermal radiation downward, clear sky TOA incident solar radiation Top net solar radiation, clear sky Top net thermal radiation, clear sky UV visible albedo for diffuse radiation		Downward UV radiation at the surface Instantaneous surface sensible heat flux Near IR albedo for direct radiation Surface net solar radiation Surface solar radiation Surface sensible heat flux Surface solar radiation downwards Surface thermal radiation downwards Top net solar radiation Total sky direct solar radiation at surface UV visible albedo for direct radiation		ce	Clear all	
Clouds						
Lakes						
/ear 1940 1946 1952 1958 1964 1970 1976 1982 1988 1994 2000 2006 2012 2018	1941 1947 1953 1959 1965 1971 1977 1983 1989 1995 2001 2007 2013 2019	1942 1948 1954 1960 1966 1972 1978 1984 1990 1996 2002 2008 2014 2020	☐ 1943 ☐ 1949 ☐ 1955 ☐ 1961 ☐ 1967 ☐ 1973 ☐ 1979 ☐ 1985 ☐ 1991 ☐ 1997 ☐ 2003 ☐ 2009 ☐ 2015 ☑ 2021	1944 1950 1956 1962 1968 1974 1980 1986 1992 1998 2004 2010 2016 2022	1945 1951 1957 1963 1969 1975 1981 1987 1993 1999 2005 2011 2017 2023	Clear all l
Month						
✓ January ✓ July	FebruaryAugust	MarchSeptember	✓ April ✓ October	MayNovember	JuneDecemb	er



Step-6:

After the successful submission of the form, you will see the request on the next page, and the status will be "In Process". The dataset will be ready for download after 1 to 2 minutes and you will see the green "Download" button in the status. You can also view all of your previous data requests from the "Your requests" option in the top menu.

