

AUTOMATIC LAND COVER RECONSTRUCTION FROM HISTORICAL AERIAL IMAGES

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ABSTRACT-The land cover reconstruction from monochromatic historical aerial images is a challenging task that has recently known an increasing interest from the scientific community with the proliferation of large-scale epidemiological studies involving retrospective analysis of spatial pattern. However, the efforts engaged by the computer vision community in remote sensing applications are mostly focused on prospective approaches through the analysis of high resolution multi-spectral data acquired by advanced spatial programs. Hence, four contributions are proposed in this article. They aim at providing a comparison basis for the future development of computer vision algorithms applied to the automation of the land cover reconstruction from monochromatic historical aerial images. Firstly, a new multiscale multi-date dataset composed of 4.9 million non-overlapping annotated patches of the France territory between 1970 and 1990 has been created with the help of Geography experts. This dataset has been named HistAerial. Secondly, an extensive comparison study of state-of-the-art texture features extraction and classification algorithms including deep convolutional neural networks (DCNNs) has been performed. It is presented in the form of an evaluation. Thirdly, a novel low-dimensional local texture filter named Rotated-CorneR Local Binary Pattern (RCRLBP) is presented as a simplification of the Binary Gradient Contours filter through the use of an orthogonal combination representation. Finally, a novel combination of low-dimensional texture descriptors, including the R-CRLBP filter, is introduced as a Light Combination of Local Binary Patterns (LCoLBP). The LCoLBP filter achieved state-of-the-art results on the HistAerial dataset while conserving a relatively low-dimensional feature vector space compared with the DCNN approaches (17 times shorter).

INTRODUCTION

Automatic land cover reconstruction is a technique that combines topography analysis with computer science. Its goal is to provide a practical response to the growing demand for precise data to cover the evolution of the earth's face. Although it is a difficult subject, it has attracted a lot of attention in the recent two decades because of the enormous number of publicly

available datasets (71%) obtained using advanced spatial programmes like LandSat1, QuickBird2, and Sentinel3. These spatial operations have proved the satellites' ability to provide a vast volume of data with an average resolution of 81 percent. The Landsat-8 satellite, for instance, has a spatial goal of 30 meters by 10 meters. Sentinel 2-B satellite measures and up to 1.5 measures for SPOT-64.75 percent.

Multi-spectral access systems (e.g. colours, infrared, radar, etc.) and pride-detectors such as GPS and accelerometers are installed on the satellites. They enable recurrent observations of the Earth by adding geo localised ortho corrected temporal series (e.g. 16 days between two photographs of a similar region for Landsat-8). By judiciously mixing the features gathered from the many sources of images accessible, experimenters have been able to at both coarse and fine grained levels (e.g. individual structures (4) (16), pixel (13)) show strong segmentation and bracket discoveries. Kussul et al. (32) recently suggested a deep literacy based method for classifying agriculture fields from land cover data. Albert and colleagues used satellite data to analyse the municipal landscape. (2) used a deep convolutional neural networks (DCNN) technique. Slimene (plural) Standard deviation and mean of multispectral data, as well as indicators (NDVI).

PROPOSED SYSTEM

This report provides four benefits to aid in the interpretation of literal upstanding data and inspire future research and development.

It initially shows a new arduous multi-date and multi-scale dataset that has been annotated by Terrain experts. It was created in response to a paucity of annotated land cover data that might be used to analyse literal upstanding pictures. It's made from 4.9 million Earth face patches gathered by the French from 1970 to 1990.

Second, it compares and contrasts state-of-the-art handcrafted and learnt point birth and bracket algorithms.

Finally, as a reciprocal features birth system to the current state of the art, a new sludge termed Rotated- Corner Original Double Pattern (R-CRLBP) is proposed. The adequacy of the RCRLBP muck was surveyed utilizing the proposed dataset.

IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS:

DATASET

This section presents the HistAerial dataset. It has been specifically created for this study. It is fully available for research purposes.

IMAGE RETRIEVAL

HistAerial was made from monochromatic historical aerial photographs of French territory. These images were captured using an optical camera mounted on an aircraft between 1970 and 1990. They are now freely available on the National Geographic website in France. Website of the Institute (IGN)⁷ These images have no ground truth for land cover. Only a select few despite the fact that the technology existed at the time of the study, images are paired with infrared data period. As a result, the proposed dataset does not include any infrared photos. Once The historical aerial pictures were recovered and projected using the RGF93 coordinate system [21], which is a widely used geographical reference system in France.

IMAGE PROPERTIES

The following are the features of the photos used to construct the HistAerial dataset: they are monochromatic; they were captured when the sun was at its highest point during sunny periods to limit shadows and avoid potentially disturbing clouds; they are geolocalized; multiple images may have been acquired for a given geographical coordinate over time, with up to 4 years between acquisitions; The actual quality of the photos is presumed to be unknown due to possible acquisition system adjustments over the study period (e.g. hardware updates) coupled with the uncontrollable outdoor conditions.(for example, wind, dust, etc.) and they were collected a long time ago, obviating the need to acquire new photographs for the time period under consideration. In both space and time, these traits result in significant intra-class variability

and low inter-class variability. Because only one colour channel is available, the most discriminative colours, Normalized Difference Vegetation Indexes (NDVI) [54], or joint multi-spectral distributions [27], cannot be used to classify the observed earth surfaces. The application of time series analysis to obtain time-robust results like Kussul et al. [31] is complicated by the wide temporal distance between two acquisitions of the same geographical area, paired with possible landscape changes throughout time.

THE PATCHES

Using a 1.5-kilometer radius perimeter and seven representative classes: orchard, arable, grassland, vineyard, urban, forest, and water, geography experts from the L'leonB'erardCenter's Cancer and Environment department were tasked with manually cropping, segmenting, and annotating historical aerial images (see Table I) A sum of 81 high-goal verifiable elevated pictures have been physically commented on (VHR). There are 56 thickly clarified photographs for every single possible class (where accessible), 15 to some extent commented on pictures for the Orchard class, also, 10 somewhat clarified pictures for the Vineyard class altogether. In the initial 56 photographs, the Plantation and Vineyard classes were significantly underrepresented. Two authentic airborne pictures with physically portioned ground truths are displayed in Figure 1. Then, affected by Barbier et al. [5] and Gonzalo, Patches of three for arbitrary reasons decided square sizes (25 pixels 25 pixels; 50 pixels 50 pixels; 100 pixels 100 pixels) were recuperated naturally and freely from a similar commented on extremely superior quality photographs in a managed manner (see Figure 2). Utilizing the accompanying guideline, the extraction inspected non-covering patches (for example step rises to square measure) connected with a solitary class: If every one of the pixels in a fix - in addition to the focal pixel - have a place with a similar class, the fix ought to be saved; if not, it ought to be disposed of. Patches were arranged into classifications in view of their sizes and marks (see Table I). Since we chose to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over between patches of similar size, the nonlinear element between the quantity of patches for each fix size displayed in Table I is because of our choice to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over

between patches of a similar size. As shown in Figure 2, the number of patches got through this extraction system is totally dependent on the nonlinear semantic class borders showed on the ground truth pictures. Since bigger patches are bound to cover various classes, more modest

TABLE I: The complete HistAerial dataset.

Class	Number of patches per size (in pixels)		
	25 × 25	50 × 50	100 × 100
Orchard	319 804	76 866	17 888
Arable	631 015	145 097	30 754
Grassland	348 349	71 334	11 984
Vineyard	174 288	40 528	8 889
Urban	891 500	204 746	43 254
Forest	443 760	95 945	18 554
Water	121 294	28 173	6 207
Total	2 930 010	662 689	137 530

TABLE II: The size-balanced and the class-balanced subsets of the HistAerial dataset.

Class	Number of patches per size (in pixels)			
	size-balanced	class-balanced		
	all sizes	25 × 25	50 × 50	100 × 100
Orchard	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Arable	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Grassland	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Vineyard	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Urban	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Forest	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Water	6 000	120 000	28 000	6 000
Total	42 000	840 000	196 000	42 000

patches are overrepresented in contrasted with bigger patches. s (for example step rises to square measure) relating to a solitary class utilizing the accompanying rule: on the off chance that each of the pixels in a fix have a place with a similar class (in addition to the focal pixel), store the fix; in any case, reject the fix. Patches were arranged into classifications in light of their sizes and names (see Table I). Since we chose to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over between patches of a similar size, the nonlinear element between the quantity of patches for each fix size displayed in Table I is because of our choice to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over between patches of a similar size.

As exhibited in Figure 2, the number of patches acquired through this extraction methodology is completely dependent on the nonlinear semantic class borders showed on the ground truth

pictures. Since bigger patches are bound to cover various classes, more modest patches are overrepresented in contrasted with bigger patches. s (for example step rises to square estimate) relating to a solitary class utilizing the accompanying rule: in the event that every one of the pixels in a fix have a place with a similar class (in addition to the focal pixel), store the fix; in any case, reject the fix. Patches were arranged into classes in view of their sizes and names (see Table I). Since we chose to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over between patches of a similar size, the nonlinear variable between the quantity of patches for each fix size displayed in Table I is because of our choice to dispose of patches addressing more than one class with no cross-over between patches of a similar size.

As exhibited in Figure 2, the quantity of patches acquired through this extraction methodology is totally dependent on the non-direct semantic class borders showed on the ground truth pictures. In comparison, smaller patches are overrepresented. Larger patches are more likely to overlap numerous classes and hence be eliminated, so they are overrepresented in contrast to smaller patches. Any other way, an element of four could be anticipated between the quantity of patches for each fix size. Two subsets of the HistAerial dataset were developed since the quantity of patches per class and size were not equitably circulated (see Table II). These determinations may be considered two unmistakable datasets created from the HistAerial dataset. The first is the size balanced subset (see Table II). Based on the HistAerial dataset's lowest number of patches available, it was obtained using a random sampling approach on patches of each class and size (i.e. Water in 100 pixels 100 pixels). This subset looks to contemplate exactly the same things. For each size and class, I want a specific number (not an extent) of information, so an absence of information for one size doesn't influence the examination of the channels and classifiers (see segment IV). This technique, then again, overlooks the meaning of the portrayal of contrasts between the patches procured for each size. While arbitrarily inspecting 6 000 patches out of 43 000 patches (100 pixels). class urban), the variability in the sampled data is projected to be lower than when randomly selecting 6 000 patches out of 891 000 patches (76 percent 70 percent 68 percent 19/44). (25 pixels 25 pixels, class urban). The class balanced subset was created to address this issue (see Table II) Patches were chosen at random from the

smallest number of patches available in each size. The class-balanced subset is expected to represent the same but approximate proportion (not quantity) of patches for each patch size. It's worth noting that these subsets were all sampled at the same time so that the experiments detailed in Section IV) could all be run on the same data. Patches offer a lot of benefits. To begin with, each image (i.e. patch) is the same size. No resizing process that does not preserve the image size ratio is necessary to compare them. If resizing is necessary, it will be done on square photos of the same size. The relative texture and shape properties of patches should not be affected by this operation. The HistAerial dataset patches, on the other hand, are made up of non-overlapping photos. In a similar way to Porebski's [47] dataset, they might be interpreted as spatially independent images that should reflect furthermore, intra-class changeability without presenting an unequivocal connection between two patches (see Figure 3). Third, patches make it conceivable to lead multi-scale research rapidly and really: Only the size of the patches should be changed during the extraction cycle to procure another size of patches. The disadvantages of this procedure are recorded beneath. How many fixes per class is first characterized by fixed-size clarified pictures in light of true information that can't normally address each class in an equilibrated way

The dataset Histaerial's. This issue is tended to by measure and class-adjusted subsets.

Second, in light of the fact that main patches addressing a solitary class are returned, bigger patches bring about fewer fixes being returned (see Table I). To put it another way, the more geological setting caught by a fix, the less information can be recuperated from a picture. By and by, the quantity of patches lessens as the size of the patches rises (see Table I). Thus, in the proposed HistAerial dataset, no patches bigger than 100 pixels are incorporated: The dataset would be considerably more modest on the off chance that the patches were bigger. Overlapping patches may be able to remedy these issues in the future.

However, it was decided to retain the patches physically independent, as in , in order to provide a fair comparison basis that does not contain spatial redundancy between patches. Covering patches might have the option to cure these issues from now on. In any case, it was chosen to hold the

patches truly free, as in , to give a fair examination premise that doesn't contain spatial overt repetitiveness between patches.

Results

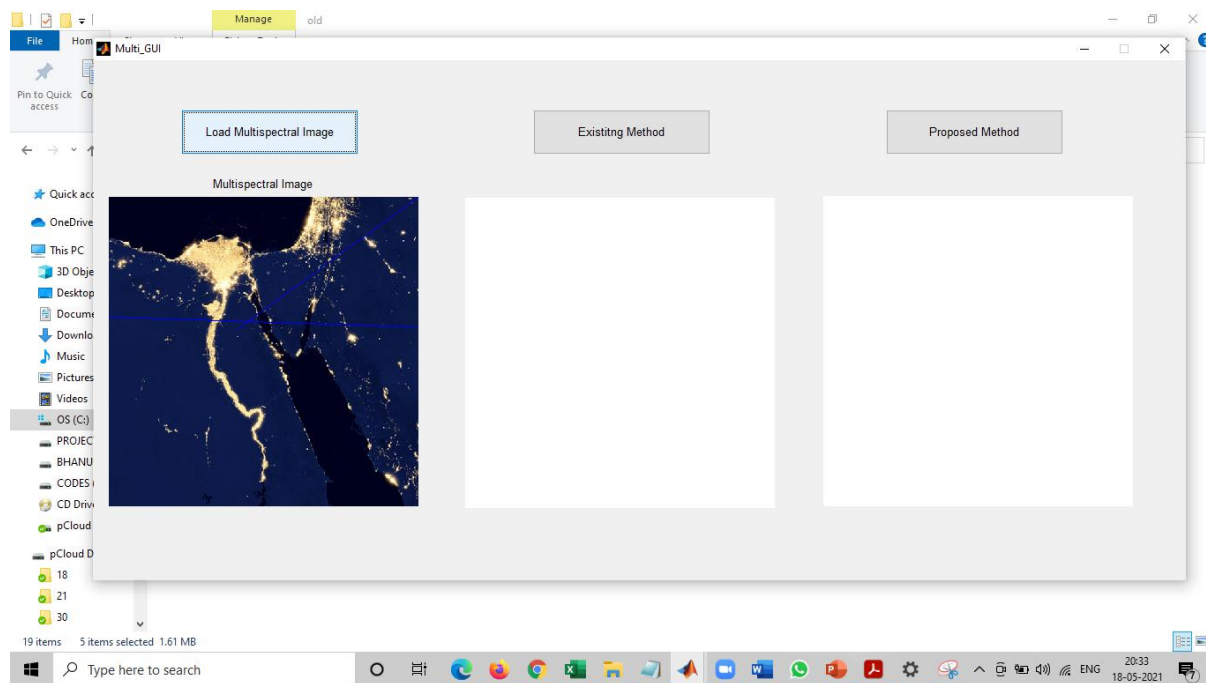


Fig.1 : Input Image

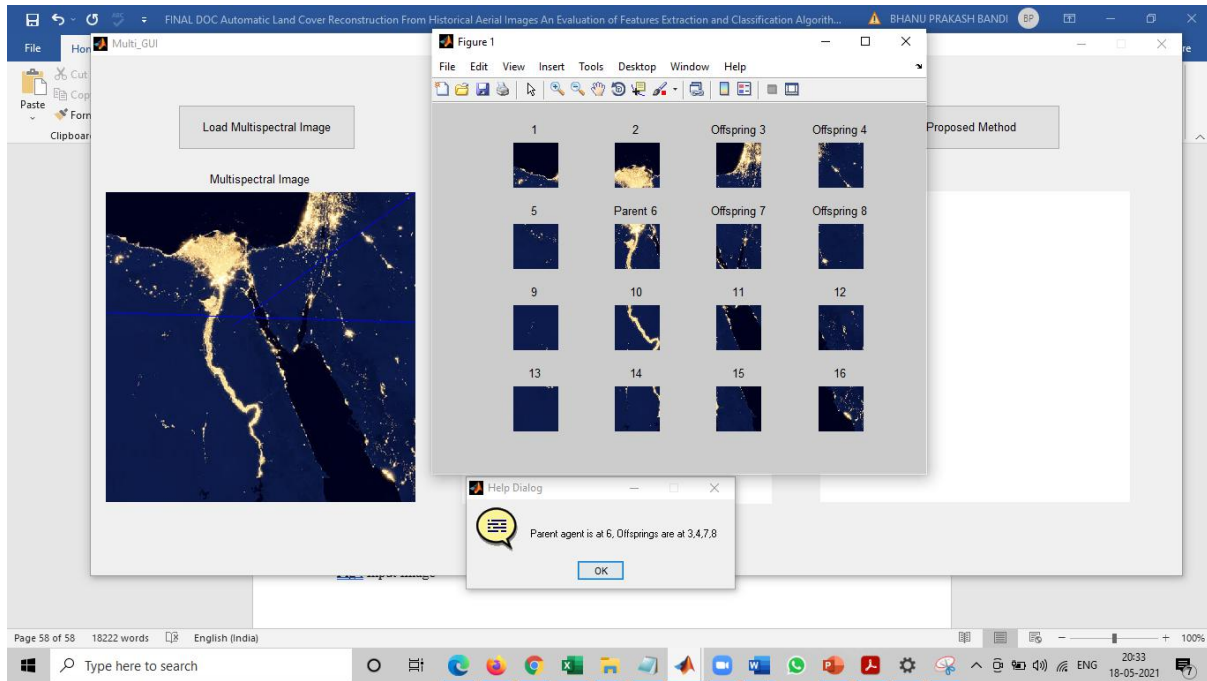


Fig. 2: Clustering of an image

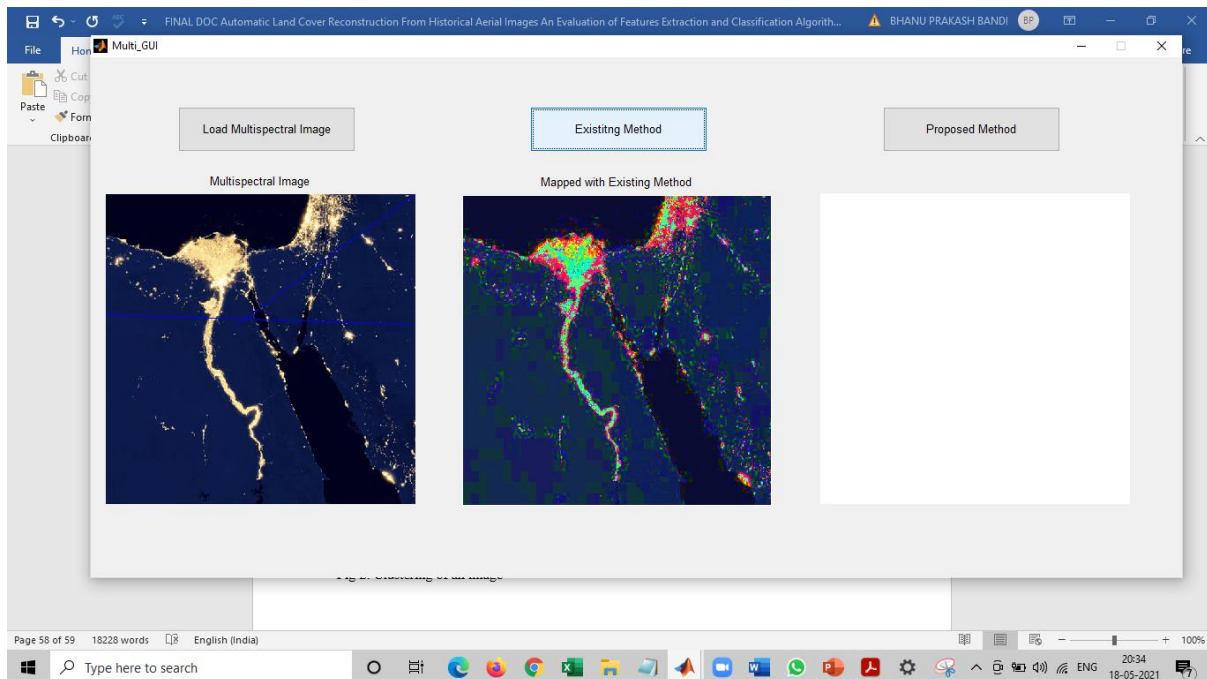


Fig. 3: Mapping With Existing Method

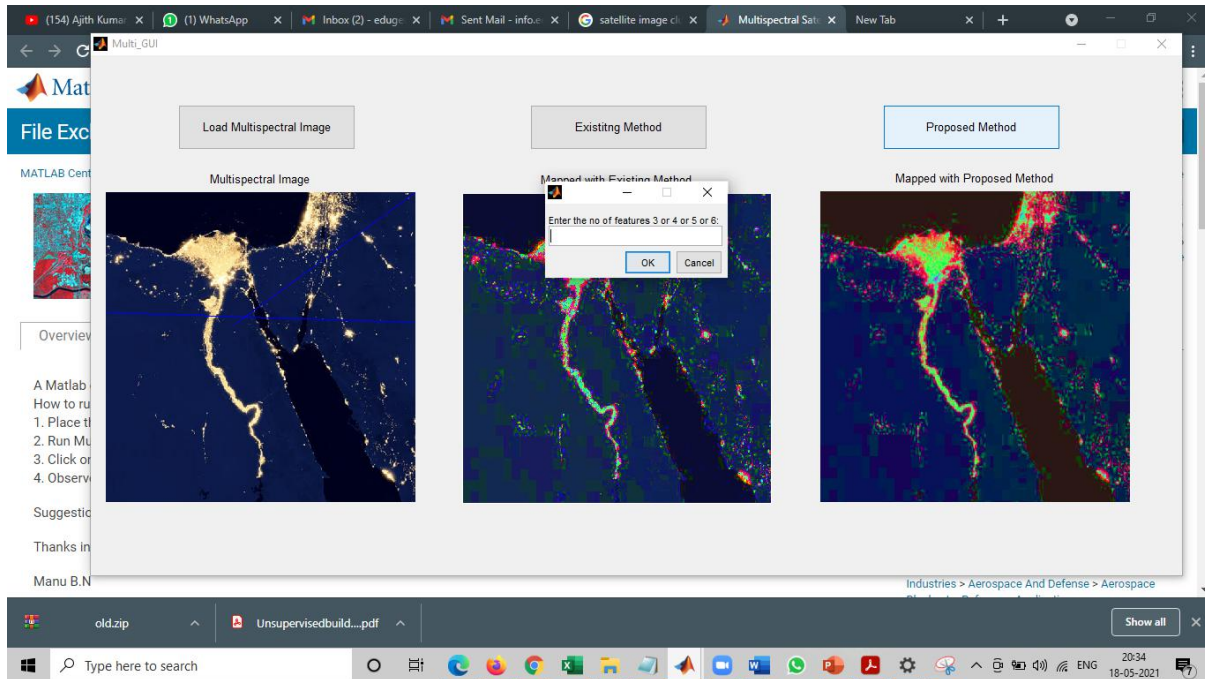


Fig. 4 : Proposed Method

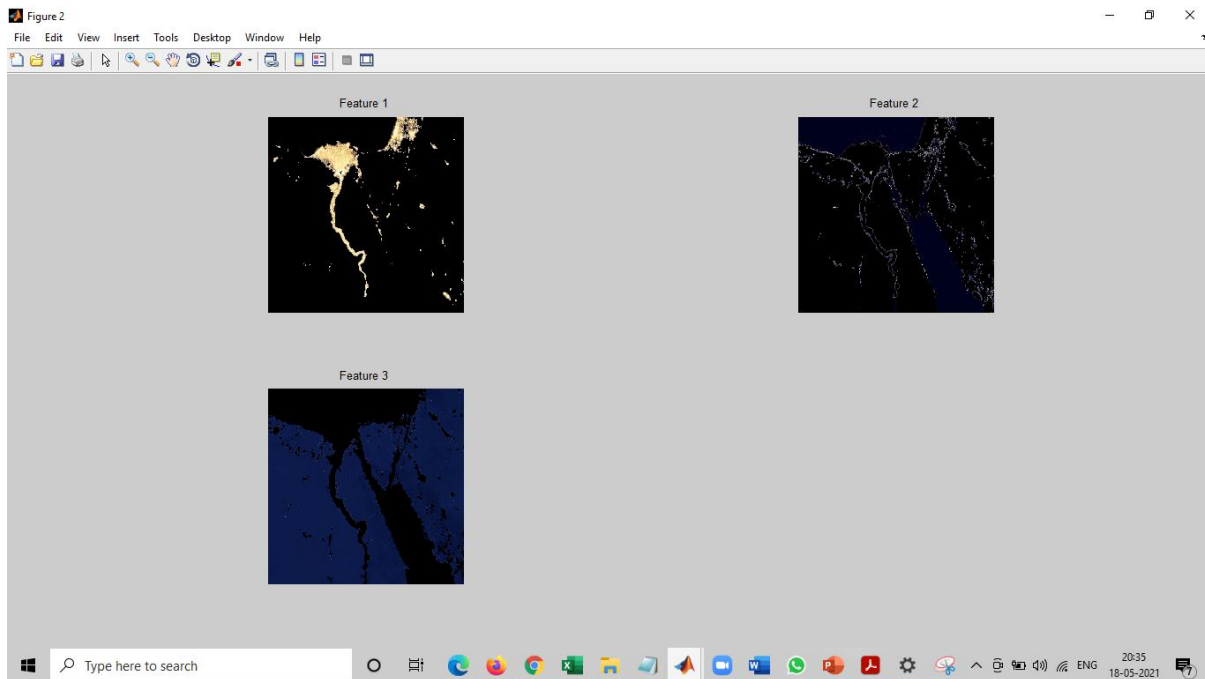


Fig.5: Clustering

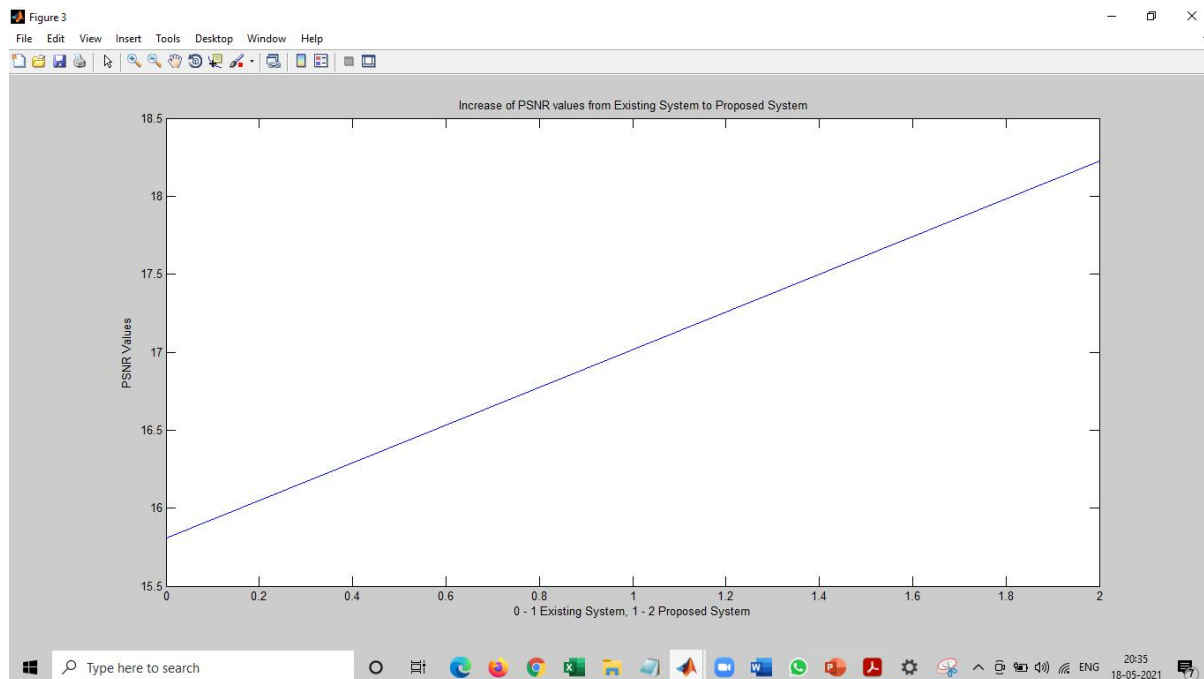


Fig. 6: Comparison Graph

CONCLUSION

The main 1 order task results on the seven-class issue were accounted for and examined for two reciprocal yet haphazardly inspected subsets of the HistAerial dataset. Among all handmade surface channels, the LCoLBP positioned first for each fix size. Such a component vector could empower the proposed techniques to be utilized in intelligent learning systems (e.g., collaboration based learning, support learning) on non-vigorously parallelized machines, for example, those utilized by professionals. The meaning of spatial setting for the examination of remote detecting pictures utilizing a fix based approach has likewise been explored, with both the hand tailored and DCNNs techniques accomplishing higher exactness rates on bigger patches.

Further exploration will investigate the utilization of profound convolutional models related to high quality surface channels to break down authentic flying pictures. Past exploration has assessed and noticed their possible complementarity in the trials introduced in this paper. At last, utilizing genuine multi-phantom pictures, the utilization of long defer fleeting series will be examined to computerize land cover remaking from authentic airborne pictures.

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