Urban flood prediction using fuzzy neural networks: An investigation on automated network architecture

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Physical v data-driven models



Model architecture

- 1. Input selection?
 - Compare 3 input variable selection (IVS) methods: PCA, PMI & CNPSA
- 2. Model structure?
 - Search algorithm for optimum structure
- 3. Model parameters and output?
 - Fuzzy neural network with fuzzy parameters
- 4. Others?
 - Training methods & criteria, complexity...





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Principal Component Analysis



Partial Mutual Information





The strength of a pathway from the input to output:

 $W_{IO} = W_1 \times W_2$

- 36 different W_{IO} values for each year
- The larger the value of the W_{IO} the more influential the input





The ensemble interquartile range (EQR):

 $EQR = \{min(|Q_1|, |Q_3|)/max(|Q_1|, |Q_3|)\}.sgn(Q_1).sgn(Q_3)$

where $Q_1 \& Q_3$ are the first & third quartile of all W_{IO} for each input

EQR for 18 input parameters



ANN input selection





ANN structure selection









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Training a Fuzzy Neural Network



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Fuzzy Neural Networks

- Fuzzy number inputs, outputs, weights & biases used for uncertainty quantification
- Upper & lower bounds rather than deterministic output



Model performance



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Test dataset: 2013 flood results



Conclusions + future work

- CNPSA efficient IVS method
- Search algorithm can replace ad hoc approach
- FNN produces intervals for risk analysis
- Real-time updating capability to improve performance
- Include complexity as a criteria for model selection

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