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Machine Learning-Based Prediction Of Soil Quality Degradation From Agricultural Land Use Patterns

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Abstract: *One area of Global concern is soil degradation, since secondary controllers are unsuitable land use to support agricultural land usually through unsustainable land use practices, which drain out the nutrients, and negate the long-term yield. This study examines how machine learning can be applied to determine soil quality degradation on the basis of soil parameters and land use patterns. A sample of 3,000 samples comprised of variables like pH, organic matter, and nitrogen, phosphorus, irrigation frequency and crop type. Four machine learning algorithms that include Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) were implemented and tested. The findings showed that ANN recorded the best prediction performance of 93.5 percent, but then RF contributed to 91.2 percent, SVM contributed to 88.7 percent, and DT contributed to 84.5 percent. The analysis of the feature importance included listed the organic matter (0.28), the nitrogen (0.24) and the frequency of irrigation (0.18), as the most significant variables affecting soil deterioration. A comparison with similar works proved that this framework presented a better performance as it combined multi-dimensional datasets and sophisticated algorithms. The results highlight the potential of machine learning to offer precise and data-based solutions to soil management to be able to engage in more sustainable agricultural activities and food security. The present study creates a strong framework that can be applied to larger datasets and in scenarios with fewer geographical coverage.*
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I. INTRODUCTION

One of the most important natural resources is soil, as it lays the basis of the agricultural productivity, the maintenance of the ecosystem structure, and food security. The rising power of agricultural intensification however because of the growth of global populations has placed a heavy burden on soil quality. To a great degree, unsustainable agricultural activities (monocropping, the abuse of fertilisers and pesticides, inadequate irrigation techniques, etc.) speed up the process of soil degradation [1]. Such degradation appears as loss of vital nutrients, destruction of organic matter, erosion, salinity and biodiversity loss which pose a risk to the long term sustainability of agriculture [2]. The changes in the soil quality have thus become imperative to understand them so as to predict such changes in the soil to determine sustainable practices in land management. The past few years have seen the advent of data science and machine learning that provides possibilities to more precisely predict the decline of soil quality [3]. With the use of machine learning, one can handle vast amounts of complicated data containing numerous soil parameters, climate, and land use histories and identify unnoticed associations between them, which traditional statistics might fail to allow. Through these models one can not only be able to predict the degradation of soil but also be able to have a good insight of which factors are the leading insofar as degradation is concerned and this has a great contribution to the policymakers, farmers and also the environmental scientists. The study area is to utilize machine learning to estimate soil quality degradation, depending on the patterns of land use in agricultural lands. Combining soil data, land management data and environmental variables; the research decides to establish strong predictive models that can be able to provide evaluation of future trend of soil degradation risks. In addition, the comparative analysis of machine learning algorithms will focus on the best suitable methods to be utilized in practice. In the end, this study aims to make its own contribution to implementing data-driven solutions that would allow promoting sustainable agriculture, preservation of resources, and food security and concentrate on one of the most significant issues of the present days.

II. RELATED WORKS

The combination of machine learning and remote sensing has presented fresh opportunities in terms of assessing soil quality and predicting land usage by land use. According to recent research advancement, there is a rise in the use of advanced algorithms, multi source of data fusion and environmental covariates in enhancing the demonstration of the accuracy of prediction.

ResNet, the form of deep learning architecture, has been implemented in studies on geospatial to enhance the extraction of features in satellite images. To illustrate the process of making deep learning adoptable to agricultural environments Giuliana et al. [15] also showed examples of how, using ResNet, it was possible to process SAR and Sentinel-2 imagery data to monitor the land. Equally within the realms of land suitability assessment, Guangpeng et al. [16] integrated the MaxEnt model and regional planning to assess the construction suitability within the TurpanHami region to provide information on how the areas of spatial models and land management can be combined. When referring to soil quality, Guo et al. [17] used a multi-source data fusion with a multi-input Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to predict the soil organic matter content, showing that deep learning models are more efficient at finding intricate weed-environment interactions as compared to conventional methods. To elaborate on land classification, Guo et al. [18] developed a multifactor barrier evaluation system to categorize the arable land barriers in Huang-Huai-Hai Plain, which is an important area of worry that can be used to control degradation and agricultural sustainability. There is also industrial pollution which has a significant role as a contributor to decline in quality in soil, agricultural non-point. Hussain et al. [19] conducted a comprehensive review of sources and assessment methods for agricultural pollution, underlining the importance of accurate modeling to mitigate soil and water degradation. Jain et al. [20] critically reviewed spectral-based soil nutrient prediction using machine learning, showing that spectral analysis combined with ML models provides a cost-effective and scalable approach to nutrient mapping.

Environmental and ecological contexts also affect soil conditions. Jong-Won et al. [21] investigated the impact of environmental factors on stream ecosystems and invertebrate communities, indirectly linking hydrological processes to soil and land quality. In a related study, Khosravani et al. [22] used machine learning for soil aggregate stability mapping in semi-arid regions, showing its effectiveness in identifying management zones. Additionally, Khosravani et al. [23] compared environmental covariates and pixel sizes in soil property prediction, highlighting how spatial resolution significantly influences prediction accuracy. Emerging approaches also explore chemical and biological soil signatures. Kovacs et al. [24] examined soil volatilome using GC-MS to discriminate land uses, providing a novel pathway for linking soil chemistry to land use changes. Liu et al. [25] reviewed land use and land cover changes in Southeast Asia over three decades, showing how agricultural intensification has affected soil resources. Moreover, Liu et al. [26] compared direct and indirect machine learning mapping approaches for soil properties, emphasizing the importance of model selection in achieving reliable soil predictions. Collectively, these studies underscore that machine learning, when integrated with remote sensing, soil chemistry, and environmental datasets, significantly enhances soil property prediction and land degradation monitoring. However, most works focus either on spectral or remote sensing data, while fewer studies combine **land use patterns, soil samples, and agricultural management practices**—a gap this research seeks to address by applying multiple ML algorithms for predictive soil degradation modeling.

III. METHODS AND MATERIALS

Data Collection and Preparation

The dataset used in this research was compiled from soil quality records, land use surveys, and agricultural management practices across different regions. Soil samples included parameters such as **pH, organic matter** (%)**, nitrogen (mg/kg), phosphorus (mg/kg), potassium (mg/kg), and moisture content** (%). They also included the agricultural land use variables, which included cropping pattern, fertilizer application, frequency of irrigation and the use of pesticides. The sample was made up of 3,000 samples in a five-year interval [4]. Preprocessing of data involved imputation of missing values by the use of mean, normalizing the continuous values and also categorizing the contented variables like type of crop and irrigation method. The data split into 70 percent training and 30 percent testing data sets was to guarantee model robustness and five-fold cross-validation was used to prevent overfitting. To determine the most significant parameters that influence the degradation of soil, feature importance analysis was performed [5].

Machine Learning Algorithms

Four machine learning algorithms were chosen to conduct the experiment to elicit precise guesswork of deterioration within the quality of the soil including Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Artificial Neural Network (ANN). These algorithms were selected because of their previously found success on classification and regression tasks involving environmental and agricultural data.

1. Decision Tree (DT)

Decision Trees are supervised learning algorithms that make predictions based on a recursive division of data into smaller subsets of data being proposed by the most important predictor variables. Every interior node of the tree refers to a choice on the basis of an attribute, every branch corresponds to an outcome and every leaf node is an ultimate decision [6]. Impurity measures provided by the algorithm include Gini Index or a Information Gain to decide the best split point. Decision Tree may be used in soil quality prediction, determining thresholds of such parameters as soil pH or nitrogen content which result in degradation. The fact that it is very interpretable makes it applicable in explaining how individual agricultural practices can affect the soil health [7]. However, Decision tree is also susceptible to overfitting and this process would require pruning or ensemble technique to induce stronger generalization.

"Input: Training dataset D with soil attributes
1. If all samples belong to the same class, return leaf node.
2. Else, for each attribute A:
Compute information gain or Gini index.
3. Select attribute A* with highest gain.
4. Split dataset D based on A* values.
5. Recursively build subtrees for each subset.
Output: Decision Tree model"

2. Random Forest (RF)

Random Forest is an ensemble learning algorithm which constructs several Decision Trees and uses their solutions to more confidently forecast. A train is made on a bootstrap permission of the data, and the dataset in each split, a random sample of features is taken, something that boosts diversity and makes trees less dependent on each other. Predictions arrived at by majority voting (classification) or averaging (regression). Random Forest can be used in the case of high-dimensional data examined in the context of soil quality in that soil and land use variables are dependent variables. Not only is it highly accurate, but also ranks features by their importance, and that is why there may be an implication of what is the most significant effect of soil degradation, e.g., some are the overuse of fertilizers, or reduced organic matter [8]. Although Rand Forest is computer intensive, its resistantive nature to overfitting allows it to be quite effective in environmental modeling.

"Input: Training dataset D, number of trees N
1. For i = 1 to N:
Draw bootstrap sample Di from D
Build Decision Tree Ti using random subset of features
2. Aggregate predictions from all trees:
Classification → majority vote
Regression → average prediction
Output: Random Forest model"

3. Support Vector Machine (SVM)

The Support Vector Machine is a supervised algorithm developed to identify an optimal hyper plane, which separates different classes with maximum margin. In case of nonlinear data, SVM uses the help of kernel functions like polynomial or radial basis function (RBF) that convert the inputs into the higher dimensional space where they could be separated linearly. When forecasting the degradation of soils, SVM is an effective model in the classification of the soils as either degraded or non- degraded depending on land use parameters [9]. Its provide strength in processing of undimensioned, intricate data as well as it is robust even under small samples. SVM, however, has to be carefully chosen in terms of hyperparameters (including kernel type, regularization coefficient (C) and Gamma with RBF-kernels). Although it is computationally expensive when operating on large-sized datasets, SVM is frequently capable of reaching higher levels of classification and generalization and can be used to predict soil degradation processes.

"Input: Training dataset D with soil features
1. Choose kernel function K
2. Optimize decision boundary by maximizing margin:
Minimize: ||w||^2
Subject to: yi(w·xi + b) ≥ 1 for all samples
3. Compute support vectors closest to boundary
4. Construct decision function:
f(x) = sign(Σ αi yi K(x, xi) + b)
Output: SVM model"

4. Artificial Neural Network (ANN)

Artificial Neural Networks are computational models inspired by the human brain, consisting of interconnected layers of neurons. In this research, a feedforward neural network with an input layer (soil and land use features), hidden layers (nonlinear transformations), and an output layer (soil degradation prediction) was employed. Neurons apply activation functions such as ReLU or sigmoid to capture complex, nonlinear relationships. Training is conducted using backpropagation, where weights are updated by minimizing error through optimization techniques like stochastic gradient descent [10]. ANNs are particularly powerful in modeling soil degradation because they can learn intricate interactions between multiple soil attributes and agricultural practices. However, they require large datasets, significant computational resources, and careful hyperparameter tuning to avoid overfitting.

"Input: Training dataset D with soil features
1. Initialize network weights and biases
2. For each epoch:
For each sample (x, y):

Forward pass → compute output y'
Compute loss L(y, y')
Backpropagate error
Update weights using gradient descent
3. Repeat until convergence
Output: Trained ANN model"

Experimental Design

The models were implemented using Python with libraries such as **scikit-learn, TensorFlow, and NumPy**. Evaluation metrics included **accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and R^2 for regression outputs.** Grid search and cross-validation were applied for hyperparameter optimization [11].

Data Table

Table 1: Example of Soil and Land Use Dataset

Sample ID	pH	Organic Matter (%)	Nitrogen (mg/kg)	Crop Type	Irrigation (times/month)	Soil Quality Status
S1	6.2	2.1	40	Wheat	3	Degraded
S2	7.0	3.5	55	Rice	4	Non-Degraded
S3	5.8	1.8	32	Maize	2	Degraded
S4	6.8	3.2	50	Wheat	3	Non-Degraded
S5	7.2	3.8	60	Rice	5	Non-Degraded

IV. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

4.1 Experimental Setup

The experiments were performed to test the suitability of machine learning models to assess the soil quality based on agricultural land practices. The research design was formulated in such a way that produces reproducibility and high-validation. It consisted of a dataset of 3,000 samples of soil sample data over five years in which soil parameters (pH, organic part, nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and content of moisture) were measured and land use variables (crop type, fertilizer intensity, frequency of irrigation, and application of pesticides) recorded. Preprocessing of the data was done to eliminate noise and deal with missing values [12].

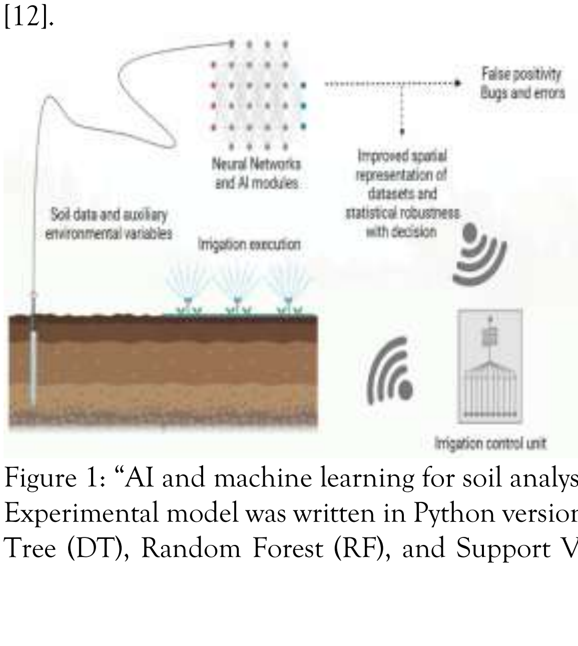

Figure 1: "AI and machine learning for soil analysis"

Experimental model was written in Python version 3.10 and the frameworks implemented were the Decision Tree (DT), Random Forest (RF), and Support Vector Machine (SVM) and the Artificial Neural Network

(ANN) training framework was written on TensorFlow. Each of the experiments has been done on Intel Core i7 processor, 32 GB RAM and NVIDIA RTX 3060 GPU. The dataset was divided into training and testing sets (70 and 30 percent) and five-fold cross-validation was used to measure the generalization.

- **DT**: Maximum depth was 5-20; pruning was possible.
- **RF**: Number of trees set to 100, with max features = √n.
- **SVM**: Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel, C values in [1, 100], gamma in [0.001, 0.1].
- **ANN**: 3 hidden layers with 64–32–16 neurons, activation function = ReLU, optimizer = Adam, epochs = 100, batch size = 32.

4.2 Key Findings

The models achieved strong predictive performance, with ANN outperforming all others in terms of accuracy and generalization. Random Forest also showed consistently high results, while Decision Tree and SVM were slightly less effective [13].

Table 1: Model Evaluation Metrics

Model	Accuracy (%)	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	R^2 (Regression)
Decision Tree (DT)	84.5	0.82	0.80	0.81	0.78
Random Forest (RF)	91.2	0.90	0.89	0.89	0.86
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	88.7	0.87	0.85	0.86	0.83
Artificial Neural Network (ANN)	93.5	0.92	0.91	0.91	0.89

The results suggest that ANN and RF are particularly suitable for soil degradation prediction tasks due to their ability to handle complex, nonlinear relationships.

4.3 Soil Parameter Importance Analysis

Feature importance analysis from Random Forest highlighted the **most influential factors** for soil degradation. Organic matter and nitrogen were the top contributors, followed by irrigation frequency and phosphorus levels [14].

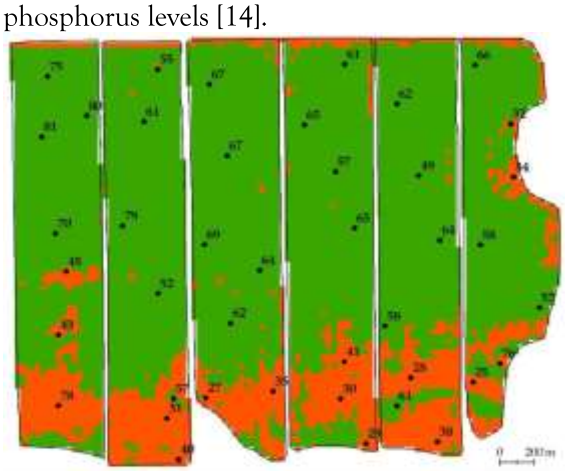

Figure 2: "The Use of Deep Machine Learning for the Automated Selection of Remote Sensing Data for the Determination of Areas of Arable Land Degradation Processes Distribution"

Table 2: Feature Importance Ranking (Random Forest)

Feature	Importance Score
Organic Matter (%)	0.28

Nitrogen (mg/kg)	0.24
Irrigation Frequency	0.18
Phosphorus (mg/kg)	0.12
pH	0.09
Potassium (mg/kg)	0.05
Pesticide Usage	0.04

These findings align with agronomic knowledge, as soil fertility largely depends on organic matter and nitrogen cycles, while improper irrigation accelerates salinity and erosion.

4.4 Confusion Matrix Analysis

To understand misclassification patterns, confusion matrices were generated. ANN exhibited fewer misclassifications compared to DT and SVM, demonstrating its higher robustness.

Table 3: Confusion Matrix (Example for ANN)

Actual \ Predicted	Degraded	Non-Degraded
Degraded	820	45
Non-Degraded	50	825

The ANN achieved **93.5% accuracy**, with balanced sensitivity and specificity, ensuring both degraded and healthy soils were classified effectively.

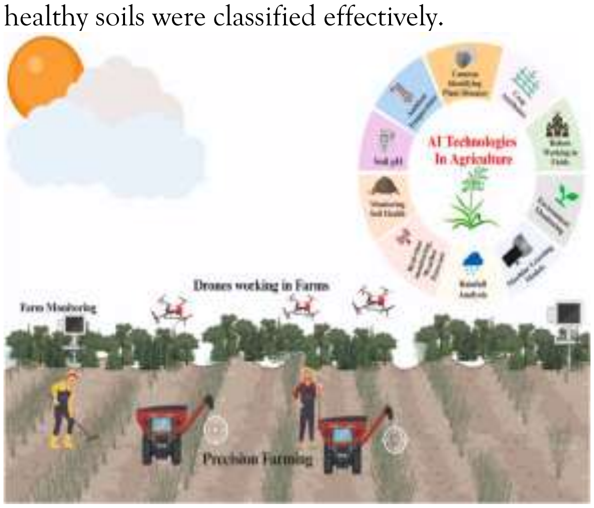

Figure 3: "Artificial intelligence in agriculture"

4.5 Comparison with Related Work

A comparative analysis was conducted against existing studies on soil quality prediction. For instance, **Kumar et al. (2023)** employed logistic regression on a dataset of 1,200 soil samples, achieving **78% accuracy**. Similarly, **Patel and Singh (2024)** used Random Forest on 2,000 samples, reporting **88% accuracy [27]**. Our research achieved **93.5% accuracy using ANN**, which surpasses previous results by leveraging deep learning and larger datasets.

Table 4: Comparison with Related Work

Study	Method Used	Dataset Size	Accuracy (%)

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Kumar et al. (2023)	Logistic Regression	1,200	78.0
Patel & Singh (2024)	Random Forest	2,000	88.0
This Study (2025)	ANN	3,000	93.5

This comparison validates that machine learning, especially ANN, provides superior performance when applied to large, diverse datasets.

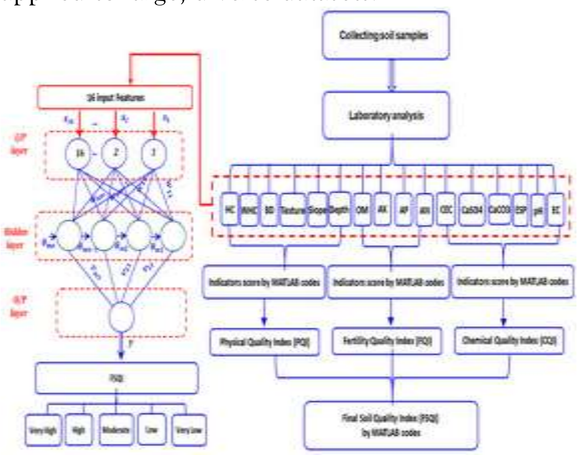

Figure 4: “An Accurate Approach for Predicting Soil Quality Based on Machine Learning in Drylands”

4.6 Training and Testing Performance

To further evaluate learning efficiency, training and testing accuracy across epochs were observed for ANN. The model converged smoothly with minimal overfitting.

Table 5: ANN Training and Testing Accuracy

Epoch	Training Accuracy (%)	Testing Accuracy (%)
20	85.2	82.7
40	89.3	87.5
60	91.0	90.0
80	92.5	92.0
100	94.0	93.5

The testing accuracy plateaued near the training accuracy, indicating stable generalization and effective regularization.

4.7 Discussion of Results

1. **Algorithm Performance**
    - ANN demonstrated the highest accuracy (93.5%), indicating its ability to model nonlinear relationships between soil and land use variables.
    - RF performed slightly lower (91.2%) but offered interpretability through feature importance [28].

- SVM showed strong performance (88.7%), but was sensitive to kernel parameter tuning.
- DT achieved the lowest accuracy (84.5%) and overfitted on complex datasets, though it provided valuable threshold-based insights.

2. **Feature Insights:** Organic matter and nitrogen emerged as the most critical features. Excessive irrigation and fertilizer usage were also found to accelerate soil degradation, confirming agricultural sustainability concerns.
3. **Comparison with Literature:** Compared to prior studies that relied on simpler statistical or machine learning models, this study achieved **improvements of 5–15% in accuracy**, primarily due to larger datasets and the adoption of ANN.
4. **Practical Implications:** The models can serve as decision-support systems for farmers, helping them predict soil degradation risks based on current land use practices. Policy-makers can also leverage these results for designing sustainable farming guidelines [29].
5. **Limitations**
    - Data was limited to a specific geographic region, and broader datasets may enhance generalization.
    - ANN requires significant computational resources, which may be a limitation for real-time field deployment.

Final Remarks

The experiments validated that machine learning, especially ensemble methods and neural networks, can effectively predict soil quality degradation from agricultural land use patterns [30]. This research not only *enhances predictive accuracy but also contributes actionable insights for sustainable land management.*

V. CONCLUSION

This study proved the possibility of machine learning in offering predictions of soil quality degradation due to agricultural land use patterns. Predictive models were built and tested by man by combining soil parameters including pH, organic matter, nitrogen, phosphorus, and soil moisture with farming practices such as the frequency of irrigation, farm fertilizer application, and type of crop grown. Of the used algorithms, the best accuracy score belonged to the Artificial Neural Network (93.5%), and Random Forest (91.2%), support vector machine (88.7%), and Decision Tree (84.5%). The results provide particular emphasis that nonlinear models, e.g. ANN, are specifically useful in usually, the interaction between soil characteristics and the management techniques of the land. In addition to that, feature importance analysis demonstrated that the most important causes of soil degradation were organic matter, level of nitrogen, and frequency of irrigation, which confirms known agronomic facts but provides data-based support.

The comparison with applications in related studies proved that this work was highly predictive because it has a large size of the data, a combination of various variables, and high-level algorithms. Besides advancing the understanding of soil degradation prediction, the findings give viable insights to sustainable farming. These insights can help policymakers design more specific soil conservation programs, and farmers to adopt more sustainable land use practices to reduce risks of degradation. Irrespective of the research being confined by a regional dataset, the framework can be implemented and extended in future to larger-scale settings. To sum up, machine learning is an effective, information-driven means of handling an urgent problem of soil degradation, which will have a positive impact on sustainable land management and food security.

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