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Enhancing Yield Estimation and Field Zoning Accuracy in Precision Agriculture Using Solar-Powered Drone-Based Remote Sensing

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Abstract. Precision agriculture is an advanced farming practice that leverages technologies such as GPS, remote sensing, and data analytics to monitor and manage field variability. This approach enhances crop productivity, conserves resources, and improves overall farm efficiency by enabling the precise application of inputs like water, fertilizers, and pesticides based on real-time data. This study proposes a solar-powered, drone-based remote sensing system tailored for precision agriculture to improve yield estimation and field zoning accuracy. Equipped with multispectral and updraft sensors, the drone captures high-resolution images of agricultural fields, providing detailed insights into crop health and soil conditions. The system processes this data using advanced machine learning algorithms to forecast crop yields and generate detailed field zoning maps, enabling optimized resource allocation and improved farm management. The integration of solar power extends the drone's operational time, making it a sustainable solution for large-scale data collection. Field trials validated the system's accuracy, efficiency, and resource-saving capabilities. The income assessment model demonstrated high precision, with data points closely aligning with the 1:1 line, indicating a strong correlation between actual and predicted yields. The field zoning map revealed significant three-dimensional variability, with lower yields in lighter-shaded areas and higher yields in darker-blue regions. Radiation data analysis indicated peak incident radiation at 500 W/m² and reflected radiation at 200 W/m² around noon. Drone performance varied, with operational times ranging from 18 to 25 minutes across field segments. The results highlight the effectiveness of the proposed precision agriculture system, showcasing its potential for improving crop yield predictions, optimizing resource distribution, and enhancing overall farm productivity.

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1 Introduction

Accuracy farming is a forward-thinking approach that influences technology and data to augment farming applications and enrich efficiency. It encompasses accumulating data from bases such as satellite imagery, drones, sensors, and GPS to make knowledgeable conclusions about crop management. Unlike out-of-date procedures, meticulous farming applies properties like water, fertilizers, and pesticides in a site-specific manner, tailor-made to the exceptional conditions of changed areas within a field [1]. This embattled tender progresses supply productivity, diminishes waste, and lowers costs. By enhancing mounting conditions and lecturing issues such as soil inconsistency and pest compression, precision agriculture can significantly intensify crop production. Moreover, it emboldens improved soil strength and more proficient water control, while also subordinating sustainable performance by curtailing ecological impression [2]. Overall, precision farming assimilates knowledge and data to augment both financial and conservational consequences in farming. Harvest assessment is a crucial characteristic of contemporary cultivation that embraces a substantial position for enlarging agricultural detects and ensuring admissible agricultural productivity [3]. Detailed approximation of crop paycheques authorizes farmers to plan their procedures meritoriously, accomplish incomes like water, fertilizers, and pesticides, and schedule planting and gathering activities with meticulousness. This far-sightedness is fundamental for capitalizing on supply consumption and curtailing unused. Economically, trustworthy produce calculations are necessary for accounting and predicting [4]. They document farmers and cultivated industries to set precise revenue chances, complete cash flow, and a variety of well-informed speculation assumptions.

This economic fidelity is enthusiastic for subsidiary measures and undertaking long-standing enlargement. In the basic chain, producing evaluations routine is an essential protagonist in logistics and broadcasting [5]. By expectant harvest amounts, farmers and dealers can coordinate transference and storing, subsiding costs and preventing damage. Furthermore, harvest predictions inspire market pricing and contract negotiations, subsidizing a more unchanging market situation. Risk management is another dangerous area where yield calculation proves exceptional. By estimating budding harvests, farmers can be enhanced to organize for confrontational circumstances such as deadly weather, pests, or diseases, and appliance defensive procedures to lessen these hazards [6]. Moreover, harvest documents are essential for farming examination and development. It aids in appraising ground-breaking crop deviations, undeveloped performances, and methodological improvements, torrential improvement in farming detects. Management and formations also be contingent on yield assessments to outline strategies, assign subsidies, and conservation programs that supplement proficiency and sustainability [7]. Field zoning is crucial in current farming due to its part in enlightening resource use and augmenting crop organization. By segregating a field into dissimilar zones based on factors such as soil category, landscape, and crop necessities, farmers can relate custom-made amounts of water, manures, and insecticides to each zone [8]. This embattled approach guarantees that resources are used resourcefully, leading to better-quality crop harvests and superiority. Field zoning also cares for better soil strength by permitting applicable crop revolutions and concealment crops, which can avert soil poverty and maintain abundance. In addition, it plays a critical role in accuracy agriculture, where data-driven observations are used to complete contributions precisely, lessen waste, and improve productivity. Functioning pest and disease management is another benefit, as unrelated zones can attain embattled activities, restricting the prerequisite for broad-spectrum solicitations [9]. Furthermore, field zoning advancements water running by improving fluctuating dampness levels and drainage necessities across diverse sectors.

Overall, this replication supports bear farming by coordinating proficiency with conservational shield and litheness.

2 Literature survey

In the early stages of precision agriculture, traditional methods for yield estimation and field zoning primarily depended on manual techniques like field surveys, soil sampling, and farmer observations [10]. These methods laid the groundwork for understanding agricultural practices but were inherently labor-intensive and prone to human error. The accuracy of the data collected through these manual processes was often compromised by variability in human observations, inconsistencies in sampling methods, and the considerable time required to collect and analyze the data [11]. Furthermore, the spatial determination of these approaches was limited, making it problematic to seize the inconsistency within great or varied fields. This non-existence of exactness often led to comprehensive calculations that could not precisely replicate the micro-environmental circumstances that suggestively guide crop yield [12]. As a significance, yield forecasts were frequently unreliable, and field zoning exertions lacked the granularity looked for in operative administration, particularly in extensive farming processes where circumstances can vary suggestively over undersized distances. With the progression of knowledge, investigators began to discover the prospective of remote sensing to augment the exactness and effectiveness of harvest approximation and field zoning [13]. Early explorations were motivated by the custom of satellite imagery, which was permissible for the checking of vast cultivated areas over a period. Satellite data provides a substantial upgrade over labor-intensive methods by submitting a wider viewpoint and permitting more recurrent checking. However, the initial use of satellite imagery challenged numerous critical boundaries. One of the most substantial challenges was the comparatively short three-dimensional determination of early satellite sensors, which resisted to seizure of fine-scale dissimilarities within specific fields [14]. This constraint often stimulated in wide-ranging data that could not accurately register unambiguous stretches of pressure or impulsiveness within a pitch, foremost to imprecision in both harvest assessment and ground zoning.

Furthermore, the time-based purpose of satellite data erected experimentations for its submission in accuracy agriculture. Satellite pictures were seized at explicit intervals, which meant that life-threatening periods in the crop evolution cycle could be unexploited, predominantly during speedy evolving phases or when unexpected conservational deviations arose. The irregularity of satellite authorizations over a certain area, collective with the probable of cloud concealment and other distinctive circumstances to incomprehensible images, further imperfect the steadfastness of satellite-based watching [15]. In comeback to these limitations, investigators and consultants turned to unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) prepared with high-resolution cameras and sensors. UAVs provide a more comprehensive and elastic tool for data gathering, proficient in seizing high-resolution descriptions that expose fine-scale dissimilarities within grounds that satellites could not distinguish [16]. The proficiency to fly UAVs at secondary altitudes and more persistently than satellites empowered more battered data gathering, enlightening the meticulousness of out-of-date valuation and area zoning [17]. However, the adoption of UAV technology brought new challenges. The limited flight range and battery-operated life of UAVs constrained their capability to conceal outsized farming areas in only flight, often challenging frequent expeditions to complete data across widespread fields. This augmented the convolution and time obligatory for data gathering, particularly in large-scale farming operations. Moreover, UAV actions were extremely complex to weather conditions [18]. Adversarial weather, such as high winds, rain, or poor prominence, could postpone flights, decrease the eminence of the data composed, or even prevent data gathering overall. These functioning tests, collective with the time-sensitive countryside of agricultural watching, emphasized the need for more full-bodied and dependable systems. Furthermore, the incorporation of data from numerous sources, such as merging UAV and satellite data, became a part of attention to overwhelm the individual boundaries of each technique [19]. The detection of revolution in data assortment methods endures, with enduring exploration aimed at developing systems that can faultlessly integrate diverse data sources to increase the meticulousness and trustworthiness of yield assessment and ground zoning in modern precision agriculture.

3 Proposed work

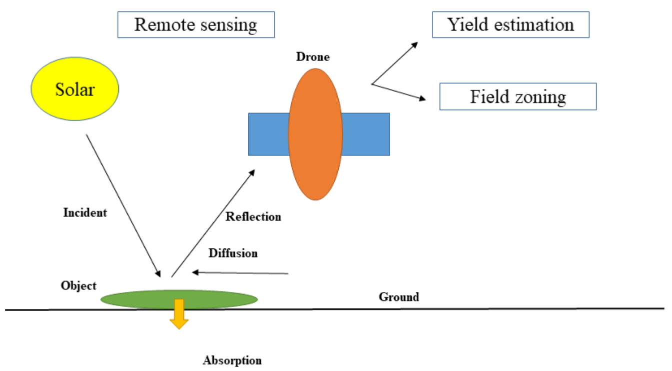

Fig.1. Remote sensing workflow

The anticipated work emphasizes an emergent ground-breaking drone-based remote sensing system personalized for correctness cultivation, specifically expected to augment yield estimation and field zoning accuracy. Accuracy agriculture has developed as a perilous approach to managing agricultural practices with higher efficiency, minimizing waste, and enhancing resource use. The incorporation of forward-thinking remote sensing machinery into this ground holds momentous possibilities to modernize how data is composed and examined, eventually foremost to more knowledgeable decision-making and improved outcomes for agriculturalists. The essential of this system involves exploiting drones fortified with multispectral and updraft sensors accomplished of apprehend high-resolution descriptions of agricultural grounds. These whirrs are intended to operate using solar energy, extending their operational time and reducing the need for frequent recharging or battery replacement. Solar panels integrated into the drone's structure allow it to connect solar energy during flight, making it a maintainable and energy-efficient resolution for significant data congregation. The practice of solar consultants is primarily advantageous in farming surroundings, where pitches are often massive and demand widespread exposure.

The remote sensing expansion begins with the drone airborne over the designated fields, apprehending data on various limitations critical to crop well-being and field circumstances. The multispectral feelers on the drone are intended to seize incident contamination from the sun, along with the simulated and dispersed contamination from the plants and soil. This wide-ranging radiation capture empowers the arrangement to gather detailed information on vegetation health, soil moisture levels, and other vital indicators. The thermal sensors supplement this data by providing temperature-related insights, which can be crucial for understanding plant stress and other conservational influences. Once the data is composed, it experiences processing to abstract expressive comprehensions. One of the key purposes of this handing-out point is profit assessment. By investigating the seized imagery with progressive machine-learning algorithms, the association can estimate crop incomes with astonishing precision. These assessments are well-known for immeasurable reasons, including plant vitality, growth measures, and recyclable conditions. Machine learning representations are experts on ancient data to diagnose patterns and associations that promote precise harvest estimates. This competence allows agriculturalists to assume harvest procedures and make knowledgeable decisions regarding source allotment and rational arrangement.

In addition to harvest estimation, the arrangement also prominences on producing correct ground zoning plots. Arena zoning is a life-threatening aspect of meticulous agriculture, as it allows farmers to complete different spaces of their arenas according to detailed needs. For occurrence, one part of the ground may necessitate more irrigation, while another may profit from supplementary fertilization. The data serene by the buzz is directed using Geographic Information System (GIS) outfits to engender comprehensive maps that climax these dissimilarities. These maps act as a monitor for farmers, helping them augment the use of water, fertilizers, and other inputs, thereby cultivating overall field administration and falling costs. The implementation of this system includes several key steps, starting with the design and deployment of the drone platform. The drones must be armed with the necessary sensors and solar panels to guarantee they can operate meritoriously in various field surroundings. Succeeding in this scheme is verified in practical farming settings through widespread field trials. These trials are necessary for authenticating the accuracy and consistency of the yield calculation and field zoning competencies. Performing metrics such as control accuracy, operative effectiveness, and source assets are used to assess the system's efficiency.

3.1 Algorithmic outline

Algorithm1 takes as influence the distinct agricultural field zone, a drone armed with multispectral and existing sensors, and a pre-trained machine learning classic for harvest estimation. The drone collects radioactivity data from the pitch by apprehending happening, reproducing, and dispersing radiation. This data is then administered to produce meaningful understandings. The algorithm's outputs include a precise yield approximation (Yield_Est) for the crops and a comprehensive field zoning map (Field_Zone_Map) that recognizes areas necessitating specific administration interventions, helping farmers augment source apportionment and progress complete produce efficiency.

Table 1. Solar-Drone Precision Agriculture Algorithm

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Initialization

1.  Field_Area = define_field_area()  # Describe the extent of the agricultural field
2.  Drone = initialize_drone(solar_power=True, sensors=['multispectral', 'thermal'])

# Step 1: Data Collection

3.  Drone.take_off()
4.  for sector in Field_Area:
5.  Drone.fly_to(sector)
6.  radiation_data = Drone.capture_data(sector)

# Step 2: Data Processing
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7.    processed_data = process_radiation_data(radiation_data)
# Step 3: Yield Estimation
8.    Yield_Est = machine_learning_model.predict(processed_data)
# Step 4: Field Zoning
9.    Field_Zone_Map = generate_field_zoning_map(processed_data)
# Step 5: Output
10.   Drone.land()
11.   save_results(Yield_Est, Field_Zone_Map)
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This encryption framework is a classification for manipulating a drone to increase cultivated field management. It inaugurates significant field capacity and the initializing of a solar-powered drone equipped with multispectral and thermal sensors. In the Data Collection step, the drone takes off and flies to each sector of the field, apprehending radiation data indispensable for analyzing crop health and conservational circumstances. In the Data Processing phase, the composed radioactivity data is administered to abstract expressive insights. The Yield Approximation step procedures a machine learning model to forecast possible crop harvest based on the managed data. The next stage, field zoning, includes producing a map that boundaries the arena into zones, likely demonstrating areas necessitating dissimilar stages of consideration or possessions. Lastly, the drone plots, and the results, counting harvest approximations and the field zoning map, are protected from additional examination or exploitation. This procedure influences drone knowledge and machine learning to augment precision agriculture performance, finally targeting to upsurge effectiveness and harvest yield.

4 Results and discussion

To keep the examination and consideration of agricultural data meritoriously, the system of government must meet precise requirements. A high-performance CPU, such as an Intel i7/i9, is crucial for holding compound calculations and outsized datasets resourcefully. At least 16 GB of RAM is needed to ensure amiable expense and multitasking capabilities. Adequate storing is also critical, with a slightest of 512 GB SSD mandatory for loose data access and recovery. For optimum graphical performance, a steadfast GPU like NVIDIA GTX/RTX is mentioned to switch forward-thinking conceptions and interpretation tasks. Furthermore, the arrangement should be prepared with robust data inquiry, and visualization software, such as Python, is required to smooth accurate data clarification and graphical demonstration.

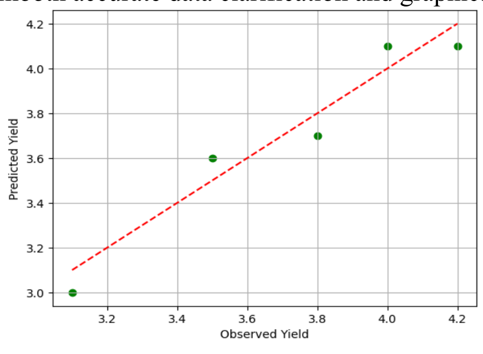

Fig.2. Harvest estimation vs. observed produce

Fig.2 efficiently demonstrates the association between experimental and forecast crop yields, providing perception into the accurateness of the employed model within meticulous agriculture. The green scatter points characterize different data pairs of practical versus forecast profits, which gather around the red ruined line specifying the ultimate 1:1 ratio. This alignment yields a robust relationship, where the expected earnings precisely equal the reliable earnings, representing the model's unexpected perfectionism in yield calculation. Though some data arguments digress slightly from the line, the complete inclination supports the representation's strength. These consequences authorize that the remote sensing techniques engaged suggestively subsidize consistent crop produce estimating, which is life-threatening for augmenting reserve use and cultivating administrative in correctness agricultural observes.

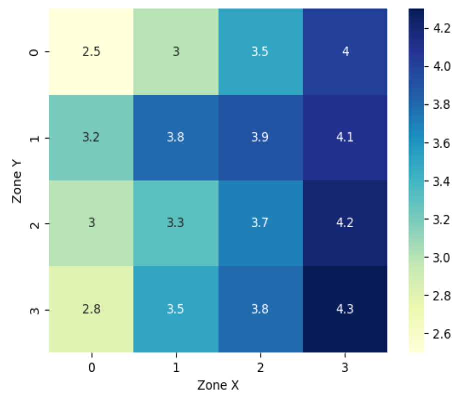

Fig. 3. Field zoning map

Fig.3 offers a graphical illustration of crop harvest scattering across various field sectors, contributing treasured understanding of longitudinal capriciousness within the ground. Each cell in the heatmap resembles an explicit field zone, with colors on behalf of the magnitude of crop harvests, stretching from inferior yields in sunnier shades to complex yields in gloomier shades of blue. The observations within each cell show the exact yield values, enabling precise assessment of yield performance across different zones. The map reveals notable variations in yields between zones, which can inform targeted management practices. For instance, zones with darker colors (higher yields) suggest areas of the field that are accomplishing exceptionally well, hypothetically representing optimal circumstances or actual management applies in those areas. Equally, lighter shades (lower yields) highpoint zones may necessitate further search to lecture possible concerns such as soil quality, irrigation, or nutrient shortages. This comprehensive meditation is involved in accuracy agriculture, as it empowers farmers to make data-driven pronouncements for enhancing crop management, cultivating source distribution, and eventually augmenting complete crop efficiency. By recognizing and analyzing these harvest patterns, embattled involvements can be instigated to statement unambiguous requirements of dissimilar zones, foremost to more well-organized and current agricultural performances.

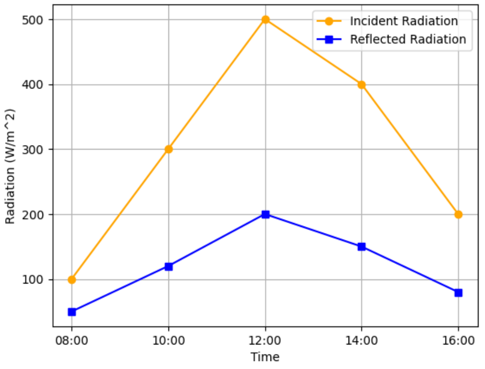

Fig. 4. Radiation data over time

Fig.4 delivers a complete opinion of radioactivity capacities over a day, relating occurrence and replicated radiation. The x-axis signifies time recesses through the day, from 08:00 to 16:00, while the y-axis enumerates radiation levels in watts per square meter (W/m²). The orange line with spherical markers symbolizes incident radiation and shows a peak value of 500 W/m² at noon, which brings it into line with the solar noon when solar intensity is uppermost. The inclination then declines towards the end of the day, replicating the diminishing sun angle. Equally, the blue line with square indicators embodies reflected radiation, which mountains at 200 W/m² around noon, demonstrating the uppermost reflectivity of the occurrence light at this period. This also reduces as the day advances, reflecting the instance of radioactivity's deterioration. The experimental decorations expose that reproduced radioactivity steadily represents a segment of occurrence radioactivity, with peak values thoroughly following the incident radiation's trends. The plot emphasizes the dynamics of how solar radiation is immersed and redirected by exteriors during the day. This information is decisive for thoughtful energy balance and augmenting solar energy applications, as healthy as for analysing conservational communications with solar radioactivity.

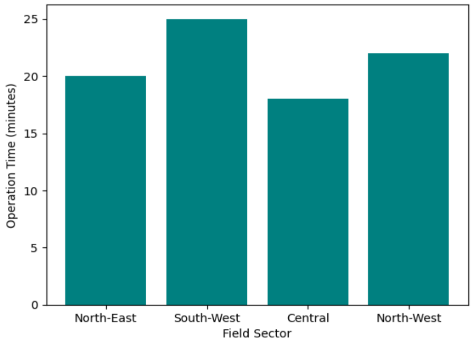

Fig. 5. Drone operational efficiency by field sector

Fig.5 chart efficiently demonstrates the effective proficiency of hums across dissimilar field segments, providing appreciated insights into their routine. The x-axis characterizes the numerous segments where drones were positioned: North-East, South-West, Central, and North-West. The y-axis procedures the processing time in minutes, seizing how long drones were energetically involved in tasks within each segment. The chart exposes dissimilar dissimilarities in drone effective efficiency across the divisions. The North-East segment illustrates the thorough procedure time, at 20 minutes, demonstrating high effectiveness and hypothetically fewer difficulties or more rationalized operations in this area. In contrast, the Southwest sector reports the longest process time of 25 minutes. This lengthy period could propose enlarged complexity, sophisticated working experiments, or supplementary responsibilities compulsory in this segment. The Central segment has a technique time of 18 minutes, the undeviating among the confirmed times. This highlights an incomparable level of effectiveness, possibly due to productive circumstances or enhanced functioning procedures in this segment. On the other hand, the North-West sector has a procedure time of 22 minutes, signifying a reasonable equal of efficiency that is improved than the South-West sector but not as optimum as the Central sector. Overall, the data highlights significant alterations in drone productivity across the segments. The Central sector attitudes out with the bottommost process time, representing the uppermost efficiency, while the Southwest sector validates the most prolonged procedure time, filling in probable areas for working improvements.

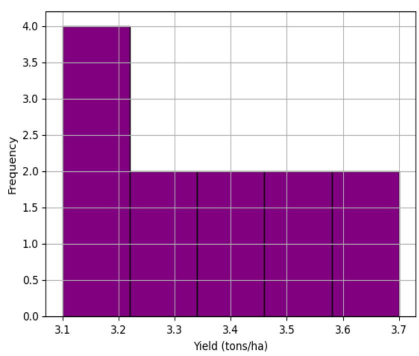

Fig. 6. Crop yield distribution by zone

Fig.6 suggests a comprehensive picture of harvest produce spreading across various farming zones, providing a clear representation of yield inconsistency. On the x-axis, harvest produce is characterized as tons per hectare (tons/ha), while the y-axis represents the regularity of occurrences within precise yield ranges. The histogram is divided into five bins, each on behalf of a variety of crop products, to demonstrate how harvests are circulated across the sectors. It is accessible with purple bars delineated in black for a clear explanation. The circulation exposes that the popularity of crop produce falls within the 3.1 to 3.3 tons/ha range, as demonstrated by the maximum bar in this bin. Moreover, there is a notable occurrence in the 3.4 to 3.6 tons/ha range, signifying that produces are commonly found within this assortment as well. This decoration recommends that most sectors practice producing between 3.2 and 3.5 tons/ha, indicating a moderately dependable show across the considered zones. It also highlights that the occurrence of occurrences shrinks as harvests diverge from this essential range. The bars external the 3.1 to 3.6 tons/ha range are dumpier, replicating a smaller number of districts with significantly higher or lower yields. This decrease in frequency towards the extremes underscores that while most sectors have harvests within the 3.2 to 3.5 tons/ha range, there are smaller amount zones with harvests significantly above or below this average, demonstrating less inconsistency and telling a general standardization in harvest yield show across the sections studied.

5 Conclusion and future work

The proposed system involves a solar-powered drone equipped with multispectral and thermal sensors for precision agriculture. High-resolution imagery was captured to assess vegetation health and soil conditions. Machine learning algorithms were utilized to predict crop yields and generate field zoning maps. The results demonstrated high accuracy in yield predictions, and the zoning maps revealed significant spatial variability. Drone efficiency varied between 18 to 25 minutes across sectors, and radiation data analysis indicated peak incident radiation at 500 W/m². Future work will focus on refining the machine learning models to enhance prediction accuracy further and expanding the system to cover different crop types and geographical regions. Additionally, improving the drone's energy efficiency and exploring real-time data processing capabilities will be key priorities for scaling the system for broader agricultural applications.

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