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CHAPTER 6

SALP SWARM OPTIMIZATION NEURAL NETWORK FOR DAILY WATER LEVEL FORECASTING WITH THE IMPACTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE

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Abstract

Forecasted daily water level data is essential in water resource planning and management. Proper water resource planning and management based on accurate water level forecasting considering climate change's impact can help minimize flooding damage and achieve optimum use of water resources. Thus, this paper proposed applying the Salp Swarm Optimization Neural Network (SSONN) model to forecast daily water levels at Batu Kitang River with the impact of climate change. This study was conducted using seven years of rainfall and water level data from Batu Kitang Station and

Global Climate Model (GCM) predictors from Institut Pierre Simon Laplace — Climate Model 5A — Medium Resolution (IPSL-CM5A-MR) under the scenario of Representative Concentration Pathway (RCP) 4.5. The performance of the SSONN model on daily water level forecasting was evaluated for Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Root Mean Square Error (RMSE), and Coefficient of Correlation (r). The SSONN model's reliability was compared with the performance of the Levenberg-Marquardt Neural Network (LMNN) and Scale Conjugate Gradient Neural Network (SCGNN). Results obtained from this study indicate that the performance of SSONN was superior to LMNN and SCGNN.

Keywords: Salp Swarm Optimization Neural Network (SSONN), daily water level, forecasting, Climate Change, IPSL-CM5A-MR, Global Climate Model (GCM)

1. Introduction

Daily water level forecasting is vital to water resources planning and management due to uncertainty from climate change. Accurate daily water level forecasting considering climate change impacts can be adopted as guidelines to facilitate the management of water resources, which allows early flood mitigation, enhancing dam operation, optimizing water supply, optimizing hydropower generation, and decision support systems. Early water resource planning management with accurate daily water level forecasting can help minimize property damage and loss of lives due to unforeseen floods.

Over the past decades, professional experience, advanced knowledge, and large amounts of historical complete time series data have often been required to predict water levels using conventional hydrological models. However, a lot of historical data obtained from gauging stations is missing due to equipment malfunctions or delayed maintenance of the broken equipment.

This discontinuation of historical local data could limit the efficiency of conventional forecasting models. Therefore, Artificial Neural Network (ANN) models are more favored to overcome the limitations of conventional forecasting models due to their flexibility in performing various tasks.

An ANN, inspired by the function of the human brain and nervous system, offers a relatively fast and flexible means of hydrologic model and the capability to forecast water levels accurately. ANNs have been applied by scientists in various fields for various prediction modeling, especially