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Early Warning System for Flood Disaster Prediction in Wetland Area in Greater Yola Using Adaptive Neuro Fuzzy Inference System

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ABSTRACT

Natural calamity disrupts our daily life activities; thereby bring many sufferings in our life. One of the natural disasters is the flood. Flood is one of the most catastrophic disasters. However, too much rainfall courses environmental hazard. These prompted to flood prediction in order to help communities and Government with the necessary tool to take precaution to safe human life and properties. This work was developed using an (ANFIS) Adaptive Neuro-Fuzzy Inference System to compare some weather parameter (temperature and relative humidity) with rainfall to forecast the amount of rainfall capable of coursing flood in the study area. From the above graph (Fig. 22) it can be seen that the actual and the forecasted rainfall followed the same pattern from 2008 to 2010 with slight decrease in 2011. A high amount of rainfall in 2012 was forecasted to be flooded during that year and tally with the forecasted rainfall on the above graph in 2012. Based on the results on

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the graph, it shows that from 2014 to 2017 gives a constant flow between the actual and forecasted rainfall. It is predicted that the maximum amount of rainfall forecasted was 124.0 mm which is far below the recommended flood level of 160.0 mm which reveals that, River Benue would not experience flood disaster in the year ahead. The model developed was validated using (MAPE) Mean Absolute Percentage Error as 4.0% with model efficiency of 96.0% which shows very high excellent prediction accuracy.

Keywords: Flood disaster; wetland area; natural disasters; environmental hazard.

1. INTRODUCTION

Natural calamity disrupts our daily life and brings many suffering in our life. Among the natural Disasters, flood is invariably, terribly the most catastrophic. Flood Prediction helps communities and government with the necessary tools to take precautions and save human lives. Several types of data parameter such as temperature, humidity and rainfall are used to predict flood water level in an area. Even in this twenty first century after so many technological innovations human are helpless in the hand of natural disaster. There are different natural disasters like floods, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Flood is considered as the most catastrophic among the other natural disaster. Flood causes the highest number of fatalities and greater economic damage in comparison to other natural disasters [1].

Flood disaster prediction is a very expensive process in recent strategy, current methods add to the difficulty with the need for expensive equipment, centralized and computationally difficult flood prediction schemes. There is a growing significance in obtaining wetland data due to the importance of the river to different features of human life activities. Steering, fishing, environmental science and weather impact are some example of this import. However, even though casing more than 70% of the earth surface, the ocean is not well known due to their dimensions, complications of data acquisition and the high costs of maritime equipment and operations. Precise tidal estimate is an important problem for creation events in coastal area. Tidal data is vital for the construction of docks and direction finding. In revering areas, accurate data sample is helpful for successful and safe operation. The application of Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) contains a wide variety of scenarios. In most of them, the network is composed of significant number of nodes deployed in a targeted area in which all nodes are indirectly connected. Further the data exchange is carried by multi-hop communication system. Environmental calamities are essentially random and rise in very short periods of time. Hence technology has to be developed to capture suitable signals with tiniest observing interruption [2].

Wireless sensor is one of the modem technology that can quickly act in response to rapid variations of data and send sensed data to a analysis center in areas where cabling is not possible. WSN technology has dexterity of quick capturing, processing and broadcast of critical data in real time with high resolve. However, it has its own constraint such as relatively low amount of battery power and low memory availability compared to many existing technologies. It does, though, have the pro of deploying sensor in hostile atmosphere with a bare minimum of maintenance. This fulfills a crucial requisite for any real time monitoring, especially in unsafe or remote scenarios.

According to Nanda et al. [3], the usual practice for data acquisition and monitoring is specially based on several sensors congregated in one station operating on exterior power supply. This post is left in the water in the place of curiosity and hold onto recording data during some stipulated time, which may last for longer period of time. At the end the stipulated time the station is mend for data transfer, dispensation examination, and to perform predefined set of action. Victor Sea [4] explained that to create an expert system, a user has an expert source of knowledge, an inference engine, an under-standing on how to build a rule base, and knowledge of how to enter and retrieve IO (input and output) from the expert system. The hardest part is obtaining the knowledge to create the rule base. These knowledge sources can come from various places, such as domain expert, data mining, and other legacy devices. To currently create an expert system a programmer must take the knowledge source and translate it into rule form. While this may sound easy, it involves the programmer having a partial understanding about the knowledge that is being codified and the expert system language you are coding in. after the knowledge has been transferred to a rule base, the user must supply input into the expert system, in the form of a working memory. The input can come from a GUI, console, or script depending on the type of application. Once this is complete the user can run the expert system and translate the answer from the working memory.

Predicting flood will help in the taking the necessary steps for human evacuation and other entities. Several types of data are used for predicting floods. These are the amount of rainfall, rainfall duration, the rate of change in river flow, river water level, the characteristics of a river's drainage basin and human activities. Some of these data are quantitative in nature and other are qualitative in nature. Hence, we need an integrated framework, which is able to process both qualitative and quantitative data in a single integrated framework.

In this research, capability to process both qualitative and quantitative data in a single integrated framework to predict flooding in the study area. Sensor can be used to automatically collect different types of environmental data necessary for predicting flood and transmit these data to central system. Nowadays, due to the cost efficiency and protocol standardization, low-powered sensor is easily deployed in large scale for different systems. We can collect data for different environmental parameters like rainfall, water level, humidity and temperature by using different types of sensors. An efficient heterogeneous wireless sensor network (WSN) is needed for collecting and transmitting data as sensor are deployed in harsh environment [5].

2. CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Floods are among the most devastating natural disasters in the world, claiming more lives and causing more property damage than anyone can image. In Nigeria, though not leading in terms of claiming lives, flood affects and displaces more people than any disaster; it also causes more damage to properties. According to NEMA at least 20% of the population is at risk from one form of flooding or another. Frequently, supreme states and Federal Government adopt immediate action, that is, a post-disaster reaction where relief materials are supplied to the affected victims. This research will emphasize on Early warning system for flood disaster and prevention in wetland area in greater Yola.

The approach in this study also attempts to describe the application of remote sensing and GIS in an environmental issue such as flooding in a developing Country. A data base will be created using both cartographic and attributes data collected from these and other sources. Spatial analyses will be carried using Arc GIS Desktop 10.1 and its Arc Hydro extension. In under developed like Nigeria, flood disaster has been perilous to people, communities and institutions. Between July and October 2012, flooding in Nigeria pushed rivers over their banks and submerge hundreds of thousands of acres of farmlands. In winter period, the flood had forced 1.3 million people out of their homes and claimed 431 lives, according to Nigeria's National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA). Adamawa State was among the states that were affected by flood. The flood destroyed both the built-environment and the undeveloped areas [6]. The most important feature about flood is that it does not discriminate, but marginalizes whosoever refuses to prepare for its occurrence. The results obtained in this study implicated that dumpsites within the river channels as well as structure development within the floodplain and high amount of rainfall are the major causes of inundation in the city, especially, in the wet season. The study will conclude that the use of geo-information technology, if well implemented, would provide adequate decision support information to planners and decision makers. Recommendations are made towards flood disaster management agency NEMA in Yola metropolis.

There is no doubt that the people in the study area (flood prone zone) are under serious threat from the environment: From China to Mexico, Indonesia, United States of America, The British Kingdom and Nigeria, researchers argued that the environment was only responding to the abuses heaped on it by man's activities [7]. The disquiet is that the world may be getting close to extinction through natural disasters unless immediate actions are put in place to checkmate the incident of flood; and the signs are just too apparent to be ignored [7,8]. Around 21st May 2008, floods triggered by heavily rain which killed dozens of people across the Region of China, while thousands of others were victims of landslides caused by the downpours. China is not alone.

It stated that over 14 million Indians that were victims to the flood of August 2007 in SathyaSai-Baba, a major human settlement, of that region. The Federal Government could not organize any emergency relief material immediately, instead they spent over $1.6 billion on Hawk Jets. Hunger and diseases stalked the Indian children and the poor in the region. Report shows that the devastating flood of Lahore, Pakistan in July 2011 where transportation systems were halted and businesses were closed down for days. Constructions increase along rivers and decrease rate of population around submergible areas, the flood-induced damages are increasing. Flood prediction with the installation of great flood control structures like flood dams are not justified due to its high cost. It is not, socially, economically and environmentally an optimum idea either. Due to these facts, the flood forecasting system can have a tremendously role in flood management through logical utilization of weir-gates and dam reservoirs. In this direction, different systems have been innovated for different countries around the world [9] Xiaoliu, 2000.

Predicting or forecasting flood is important to prevent probable loss of life and to reduce damages of properties, to sites of high economic importance. The floods occur when there is blockage on river ways or channels; runoffs cannot be contained in stream channels, natural ponds and constructed reservoirs, and the land surface becomes submerged, sweeping away all its content. Terminal floods are resulting during heavy rainfall occur naturally on many rivers, making the area known as the flood plain. The precipitation often cause the rivers to overflow their banks, sometimes with a velocity and enormously destructive surge. Study has also recorded that flood disaster is not recent, and its destruction are sometimes enormous. For instance, the Johnston flood of May 31, 1889 in Johnston, Pennsylvania, USA left about two third of Johnstown submerged under water, its rail and telegraph lines washed out.

Frequent of floods in the cities and towns of Nigeria in recent times have been a great concern and challenge to the people, Governments and researchers, (Akintola 1982; [10] and Aderogba et al. 2012). However, there are journalistic and non-quantitative reports of flood for several parts of Nigeria. Most a times they are thorough and lack directions for professionals and policy makers [11]. The works of Adeaga [8], Oyegbile (2008) and Oyebande (1990 and 2005) are paraphrasing, disjointed or sectional. Occurrences of flood in most southern cities in Nigeria are so prominent that some inhabitants in many of these settlements have often described it as 'an act of God'. However, flood disaster in many river way in some communities in Nigeria, are mostly due to poor perception of the residents on environmental information, inadequate or sometimes absolute lack of spatial information of flood prostrate areas, waste dump and construction of buildings (commercial and residential, etc) on river channels or ways without adequate measure for water flow. Similarly, floods are natural persistent hydrological phenomena that affect human lives. The danger of flood are chiefly in urban regions, are vital from both human settlement and economical perspectives in recent times, the estimation of flood dangerous impacts and the development of GIS-based flood deluge maps have been considered a crucial demand (Khalid et al. 2012).

In some develop society is one which progresses in its development while equitably meeting its present needs and not compromising the ability of future generation to develop and meet their own needs (UNGA 1987). The challenges posed by disasters, technological changes and other challenges can result in negative impacts for development. Disasters can be complexly exacerbated by global poverty and can have very detrimental impacts on development and on efforts to eradicate poverty. Effective and comprehensive knowledge on disaster risks can enable greater resilience to such stresses and enable development opportunities [12]. There is need to focus on the "essential relationship between disaster decrease, enable development and poverty eradication" [13]. This is the grant challenge of incorporated research on disaster risk. Since the 1980s the impacts of disasters have risen rapidly, affecting developed and developing countries and almost all sectors of economy at local, national and regional levels. Several hundred million people are affected annually, and losses reached over USD 400 Billion in 2011 [14]. Federal Government attending the World Conference on Disaster Reduction in 2005 in Kobe, Japan, agreed on a series of priorities for action (HFA), including action related to the understanding of disaster risk and the enhancement of early warning systems and the roles of knowledge innovation and education for the building of a culture of safety and resilience. The High Functioning Autism (HFA) was the first framework to enlighten, express and factor the work that is required from all different sectors and actors to reduce disaster victims. There is a developmental arrangement and agreement with the many partners needed to reduce disaster challenges for Government, International Agencies, disaster experts and many others by bringing them into a common system of coordination. The HFA bring out five priorities for action and offered guiding principles and practical means for achieving disaster hardiness. Their goal was, and is, to substantially reduce disaster losses by the year 2015, by building the resilience of nations and communities to disasters. This means reducing defeat of lives and social, economic and environmental assets when hazards wallop.

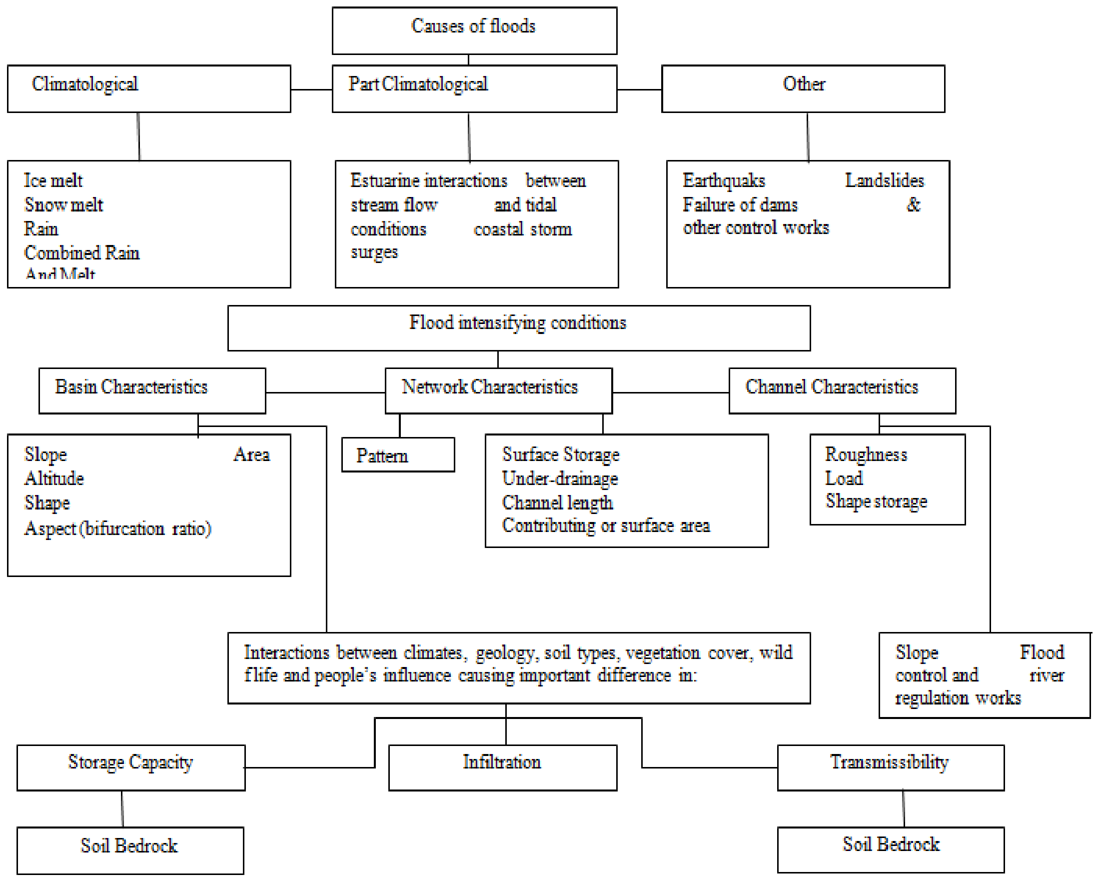

Fig. 1. The chart showing the causes of floods and flood intensifying conditions [15]

Table 1. The showing a review of some flood disaster cases in Nigeria [15]

Year	Location	Cause	Estimated damages	Source
2001	Abia, Adamawa, Akwa-Ibom States	Rainfall	5000 people affected	Famous Ebebi 2012
2001	Zamfara State	Rainfall	12,300 persons displaced	
2005	Taraba State	Rainfall	50,000 people displaced	
2008	Imo State (Awo-idemili)	Rainfall	12,250 people displaced	Vanguard newspaper 24/9/08
2008	Edo State (Benin City)	Rainfall	20 houses collapsed and four dead	Vanguard newspaper 23/9/08
2008	Benue State	Rain Storm	Destroyed 350 houses	Vanguard newspaper 27/9/08
2012	Plateau State	Rainfall leading to overflow of Lamingo dam	39 people died, 200 homes submerged and 3000 people displaced	Wikipedia downloaded on 19/10/2014

3. METHODOLOGY

This chapter deals with the methodology used in designing the ANFIS model for flood prediction in the study area that is greater Yola.

3.1 Study Area

Yola is located in North-East Geopolitical Zone of Nigeria. The town lies around latitude 9.2035°N and longitude 12.4954°E of the equator and has many rivers around the city, but my interest is raised to study the flood prediction of wet land in greater Yola, because of the number of lifes and properties that are situated along the river bank. This prompted me to conduct this project research.

3.2 Method of Data Collection

The method used in collecting data is secondary method of data obtained from Nigeria Meteorological Agency Yola Airport for the past 10 years from 2008 – 2017 comprising of three (3) parameters which include Temperature, Humidity and Rainfall.

3.3 Data Analysis

There are many factors that contribute to flooding in every environment and most of this risk factors includes meteorological (precipitation, rainfall, temperature, wind speed), hydrological (land use, vegetation, terrain, soil textures), human activities (Dam creation, agriculture, social, blockage of water channels, building infrastructure, etc). But for this study, the researcher intent to used monthly water level reading, rainfall, temperature for both minimum and maximum and humidity to predict flood in the study area.

3.4 Procedure for ANFIS Design

ANFIS based modeling combines the transparent linguistic representation of fuzzy systems with the learning ability of neural network so that they can betrained to perform an input/output mapping. The ANFIS is essentially a hybrid learning system which can be seen as fuzzy inference system that uses neural network theory to derive its parameters through learning algorithm.

3.5 ANFIS Architecture

ANFIS is a simple data parameter that uses Fuzzy Logic to Change a given inputs into a desired output through highly interconnected Neural Network processing elements and information connections, which are weighted to map the numerical inputs into an output. It incorporate two technique for machine learning (Fuzzy Logic and Neural Network) into a single technique. An ANFIS works by applying Neural Network learning methods to tune the parameters of a Fuzzy Inference System (FIS). There are many functions that make ANFIS to achieve it success.

1. It refines fuzzy IF-THEN rules to describe the behavior of a complex system.
2. It does not require prior human expertise.
3. It is easy to implement.
4. It enables fast and accurate learning.
5. It offers desired data set; greater choice of membership functions to use; strong generalization abilities; excellent explanation facilities through fuzzy rules.
6. It is more easier to combine together linguistic and numeric knowledge for problem solving.

Diverse system cannot share the same output membership function. The number of membership functions must be equal to the number of rules. ANFIS architecture can be presented in two ways: IF-THEN rules based on a first order Sugeno model are considered:

Rule (1): IF x is A_1 AND y is B_1, THEN
$$f_1 = p_1 x + q_1 y + r_1.$$

Rule (2): IF x is A_2 AND y is B_2, THEN
$$f_2 = p_2 x + q_2 y + r_2.$$

It is possible to identify two (2) parts in the network structure which consist of premise and consequence part. The architecture is composed by five (5) layers. The first layer takes the input values and determines the membership functions belonging to them which is called “fuzzification layer”. The membership degrees of each function are computed by using the premise parameter set called dataset (a,b,c). the second layer is responsible of generating the firing strength for the rule, due to its function, the second layer is called or denoted as “rule layer”. The function of the third layer is to normalize the computed firing strength by plunging each value for the total firing strength. The fourth layer takes as input the normalized value and the consequence parameter dataset. The fifth layer returned the value by defuzzificated ones and that value are passed to returnthe final output.

3.6 Assigning of Membership Function

Membership function is a graph that defined how input and output are mapped between 0 and 1. Membership function may be classified into mainly two sub-classes: continuous (Triangular, gbell, trapezoidal, Gaussian and piecewise) and discrete (generic singleton and singleton). In this work Gaussian membership function will be adopted. It is chosen because of its flexibility in accepting all kinds of data.

3.7 Block Diagram of ANFIS Structure

ANFIS Structure is basically a graphic network representation of Sugeno-type fuzzy system endowed with the neural learning capabilities and the network is comprised of nodes with specific functions collected in layers. It normally has 5 layers of neurons of which neurons in the same layer are of the same function family. ANFIS Structure can construct a network realization of IF/THEN Statement or Rules. To achieve the desire result requires the ANFIS structure below will be used.

3.8 ANFIS Framework

ANFIS framework is class of adaptive networks that incorporate both neural networks and fuzzy logic principles. Neural networks are supervised learning algorithms which utilize a historical dataset for the prediction of future values. ANFIS is an attractive, powerful modeling techniques, combining well established learning laws of ANNs (Artificial Neural Network) and the linguistic transparency of fuzzy logic theory within the framework of adaptive networks and FIS (Fuzzy Inference System) are one of the well known application of fuzzy logic.

i) Required Data sets size

The required dataset used is 10 years from 2008 – 2017 will be used as training sample which comprises of monthly temperature, humidity and rainfall.

ii) Data Preparation

Data preparation is one of the major key step in every Neural Network Application. In order to train the Neural Network, the data set would have to be normalized. Normalization shows that all from values the data set should take values within the range of 0 to 1. Therefore, the dataset to be used in this research work would be done using the formula below:

$$x_n = \frac{x - x_{min}}{x_{max} - x_{min}} * (-1) + 1 \ldots \quad (1)$$

where,

x_n = Normalized value
x = Value that should be normalized
x_{min} = Minimum value of x
x_{max} = Maximum value of x

i. Data requirement: the required data used in this research work is 10 years from 2008-2017 is used as sample data which comprises of temperature, relative humidity and monthly rainfall. Required data are prerequisite to measure data quality and also serve as a bench mark that evaluate or describe how to express data requirement.

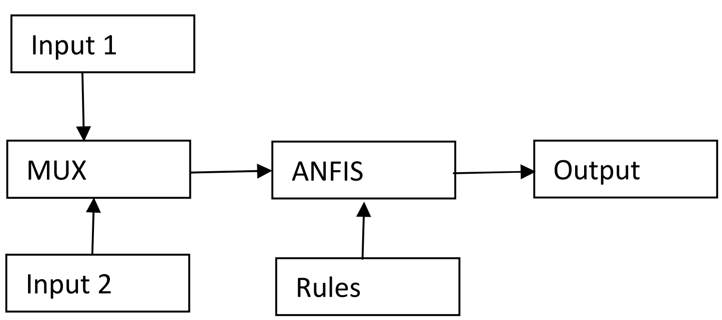

Fig. 2. Block Diagram of ANFIS Structure

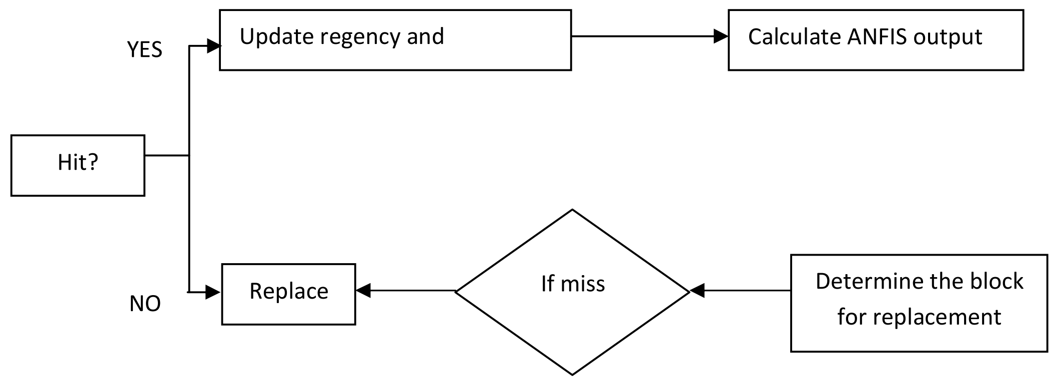

Fig. 3. Diagram of ANFIS framework

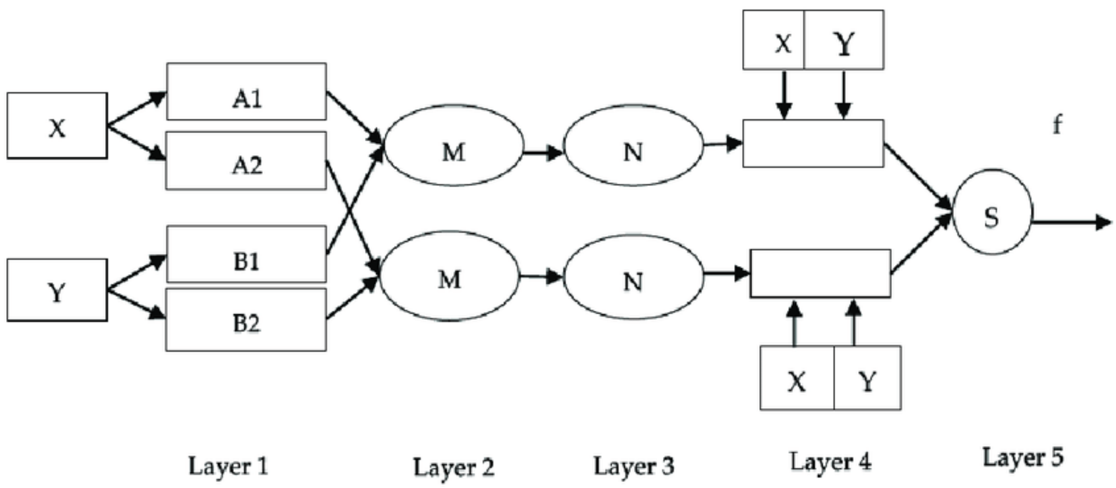

Fig. 4. General framework of ANFIS

ii. Data preparation: is an important step in modeling for every Neural Network and the procedure for the preparation of data effects many important parameter and it also reduce the modeling errors, speeds up the process of training the neural network and leads to simplification of the system as a whole, the data set should take values within the range.

3.9 Modeling Design Process for ANFIS

Adaptive Neuro Fuzzy Inference System is an intellectual Neuro-Fuzzy technique that is used for the modeling and control of ill-defined uncertain system based on the input/output data sets or pairs of the system under consideration of learning context. The learner profile contains a learner's preferences, knowledge, goals, plans, place and possibly other relevant aspects that are used to provide personalized learning content. The ANFIS is a class of adaptive networks that combine the processing of neural networks and fuzzy logic principles. ANFIS, as an adaptive multilayer feed-forward network. It is an effective technique for modeling/mapping the input and output relationship in complex and nonlinear systems.

3.10 Error Analysis

The measure of the prediction accuracy is considered using Asolute Percentage Error (APE) and Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) as given in a equation (2) and (3)

$$\text{APE} = \left| \frac{actual - forecast}{actual} \right| x\ 100\% \quad (2)$$

$$\text{MAPE} = \frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n} \left| \frac{actual - forecast}{actual} \right| x\ 100\% \quad (3)$$

4. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the results obtained from the ANFIS developed. A Membership function is the graph that defines how input and output are mapped between 0 and 1. However the diagrams below shows the Membership Function developed for temperature, Humidity and Rainfall.

4.1 Membership Functions

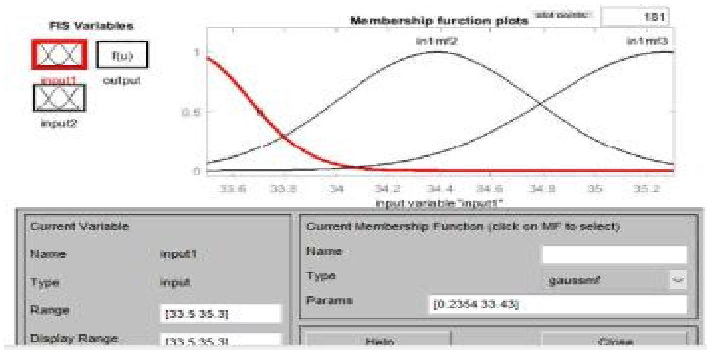

Fig. 5. Membership function for temperature

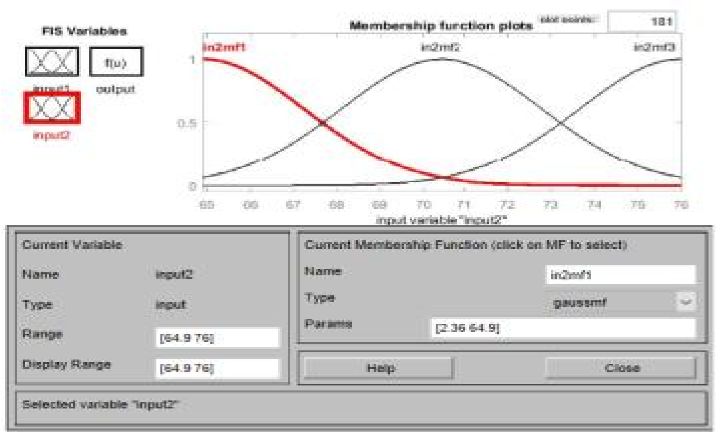

Fig. 6. Membership function for humidity

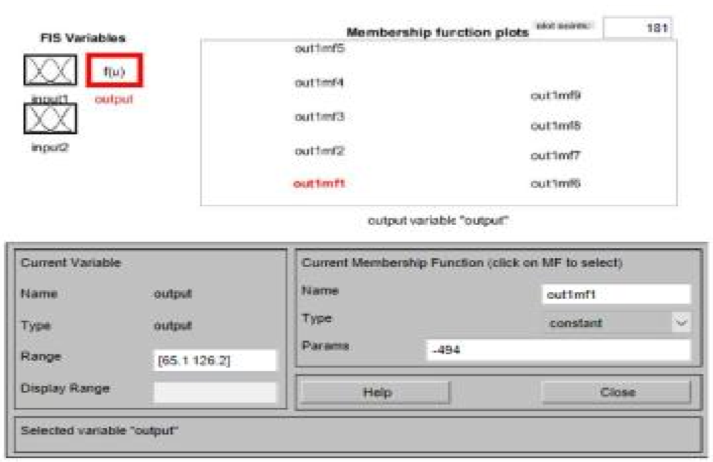

Fig. 7. Membership function for rainfall

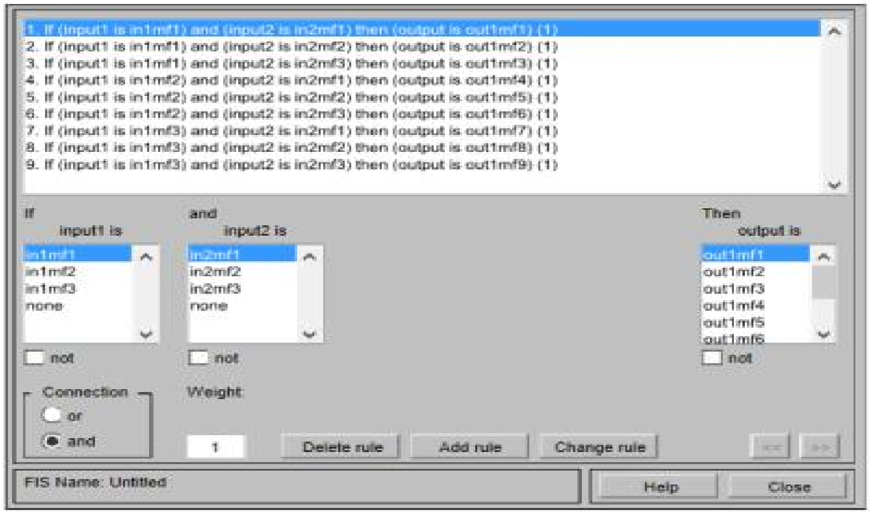

Fig. 8. Rules generated by the ANFIS system model

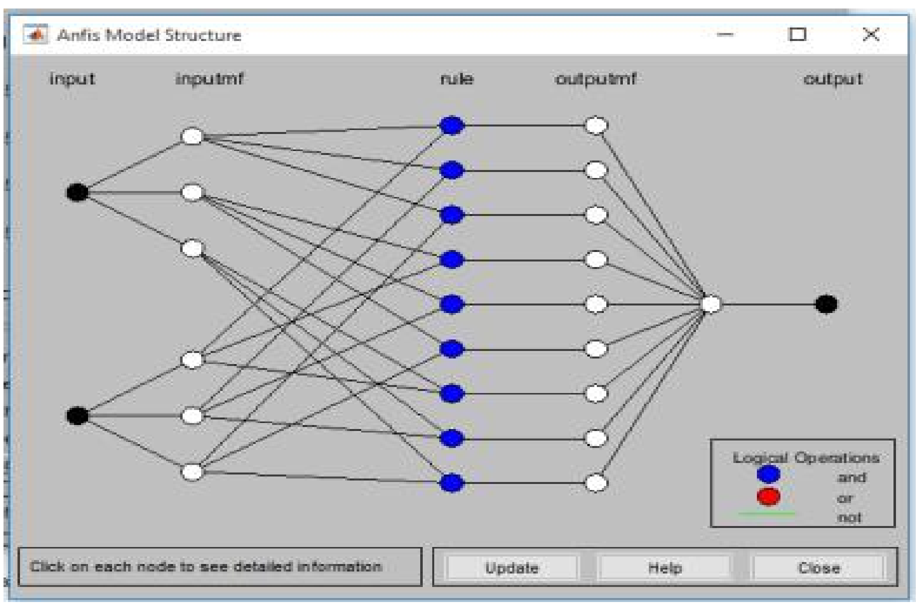

Fig. 9. Simulated ANFIS model structure

Table 2. 2008 dataset

		2008		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	39.8	49	26.8	26.8
May	36.8	65	32.3	32.3
June	34.0	77	84.0	84.0
July	32.4	77	41.1	42.1
August	31.1	84	89.2	91.6
September	31.5	84	148.5	145.0
October	33.2	67	33.7	33.4

Table 3. 2009 dataset

		2009		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	38.5	56	43.9	43.9
May	35.7	68	63.9	63.9
June	33.6	79	148.3	149.0
July	32.6	80	122.2	124.0
August	31.5	84	183.3	156.0
September	31.7	84	122.3	151.0
October	33.0	81	104.0	101.0

4.2 ANFIS Model Stucture

Based on the membership function developed the ANFIS simulated network model of two inputs is shown below.

It can be seen that the ANFIS model structure shows the equivalent of two inputs and three inputs membership function, nine rules generated by the model, nine outputs membership function also generated by the model with one output.

4.3 Rule Viewer

The Rule viewer depicts the defuzzified out of the ANFIS model. The diagram below present the result of a sample dataset taken in the year 2008 for the month of July, where the temperature is 32.4°, humidity 77.0mm and forecasted rainfall as 42.1 mm.

4.4 Sample Dataset for Forecasted Rainfall for 10 Years from 2008-2017

The below Tables show a samples dataset for forecasted rainfall from the year 2008-2017, which later on combine to have a mean average forecasted for 10 year Below are yearly prediction.

From the above graph (Fig. 21) it can be seen that the actual and the forecasted rainfall followed the same pattern from 2008 to 2010 with slightly decrease in 2011. A high amount of rainfall in 2012 was forecasted to be flooded during that year and tally with the forecasted rainfall on the above graph in 2012. From 2014 to 2017 gives a constant flow between the actual and forecasted rainfall. However, the prediction accuracy using Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) was determined as 4.0% using equation (3) and the model efficiency of the prediction accuracy was validated as 96.0% which shows a very high excellent prediction accuracy.

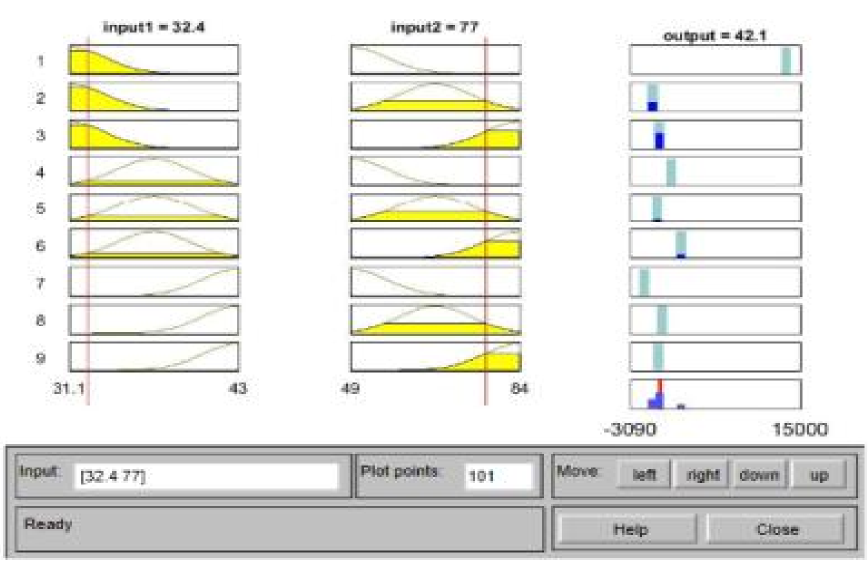

Fig. 10. Defuzzified predicted out of one sample data for the month of July 2008

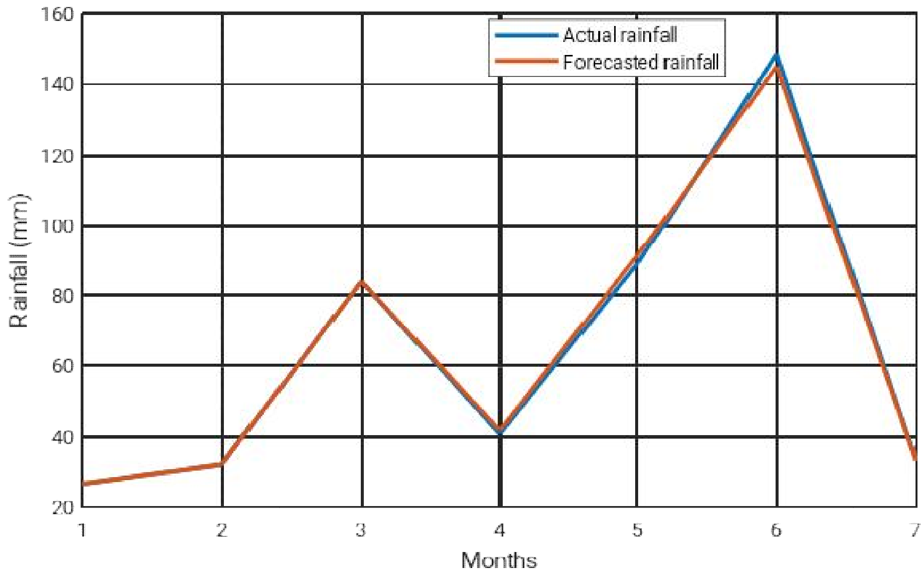

Fig. 11. Forecasted results for 2008 flood prediction graph

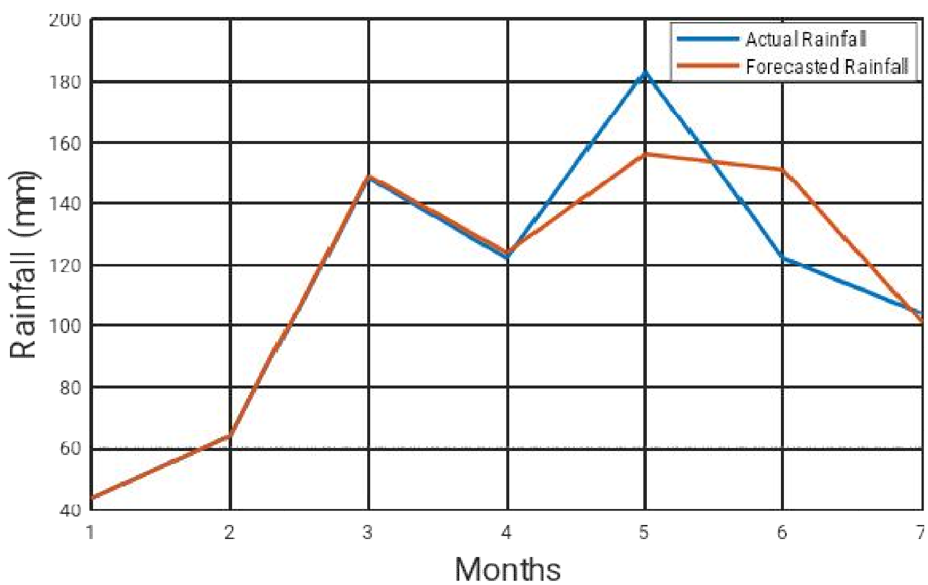

Fig. 12. Forecasted results for 2009 flood prediction graph

Table 4. 2010 dataset

		2010		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	42.3	42	34.9	34.9
May	37.3	67	50.7	50.6
June	33.5	71	193.7	194.0
July	31.4	82	176.0	174.0
August	30.9	85	135.6	154.0
September	31.1	85	162.4	144.0
October	32.6	81	55.9	57.5

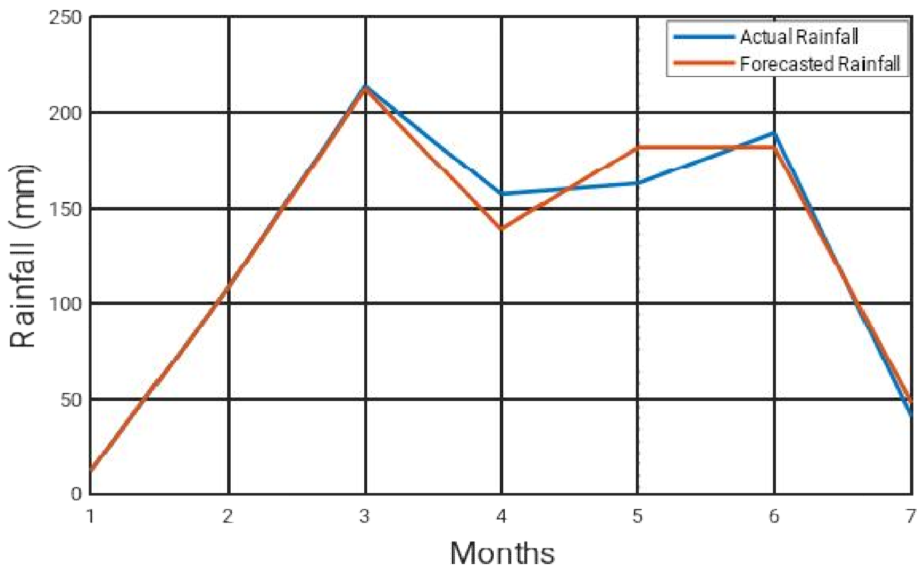

Fig. 13. Forecasted results for 2010 flood prediction graph

Table 5. 2011 Dataset

		2011		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	40.9	42	2.5	2.5
May	36.9	65	58.8	58.8
June	34.8	79	29.9	29.1
July	32.4	78	75.7	71.1
August	31.4	82	134.1	144.0
September	30.6	85	210.0	204.0
October	33.5	77	67.2	69.2

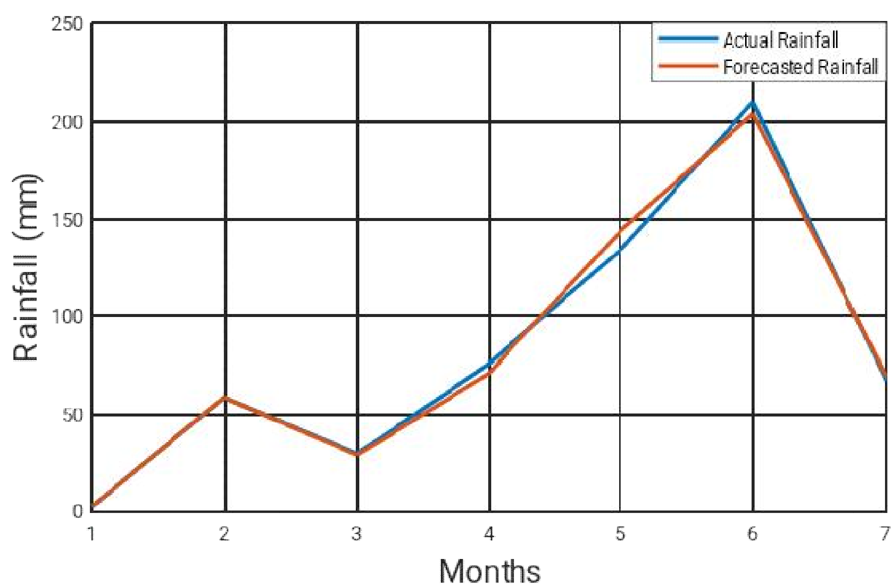

Fig. 14. Forecasted results for 2011 flood prediction graph

Table 6. 2012 Dataset

2012				
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	40.9	48	12.0	12.0
May	36.9	67	108.0	108.0
June	34.8	70	213.4	212.0
July	32.4	84	157.1	139.0
August	31.4	85	162.8	182.0
September	30.6	84	189.5	182.0
October	33.5	80	40.9	48.0

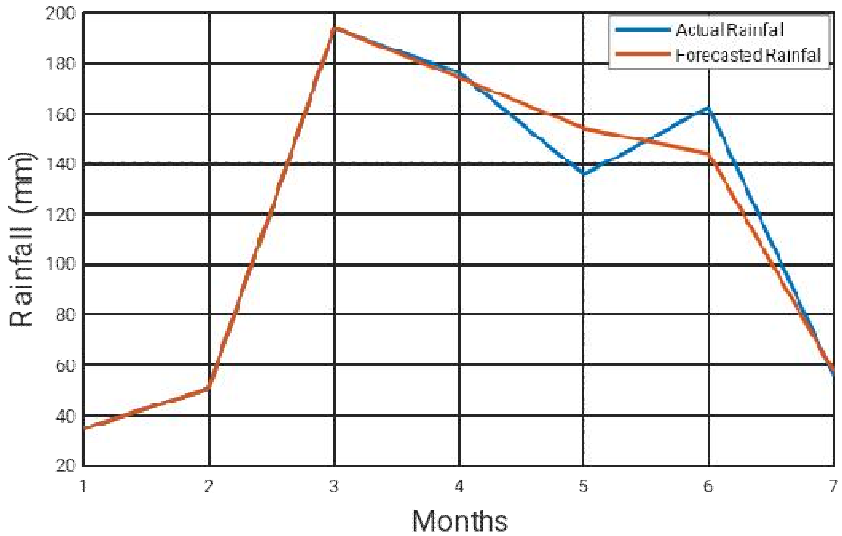

Fig. 15. Forecasted results for 2012 flood prediction graph

Table 7. 2013 Dataset

2013				
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
APRIL	40.2	48	00.0	00.0
MAY	37.9	60	61.0	61.0
JUNE	34.7	77	142.4	142.0
JULY	31.5	80	93.8	93.7
AUGUST	30.8	81	120.0	120.0
SEPTEMBER	31.5	83	178.7	179.0
OCTOBER	34.1	75	44.7	44.7

Table 8. 2014 Dataset

2014				
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	38.9	50	00.0	00.0
May	34.6	73	74.1	74.1
June	34.2	71	77.8	78.3
July	31.6	80	196.8	170.0
August	31.6	81	183.3	198.0
September	31.7	79	120.5	133.0
October	33.7	73	65.7	64.9

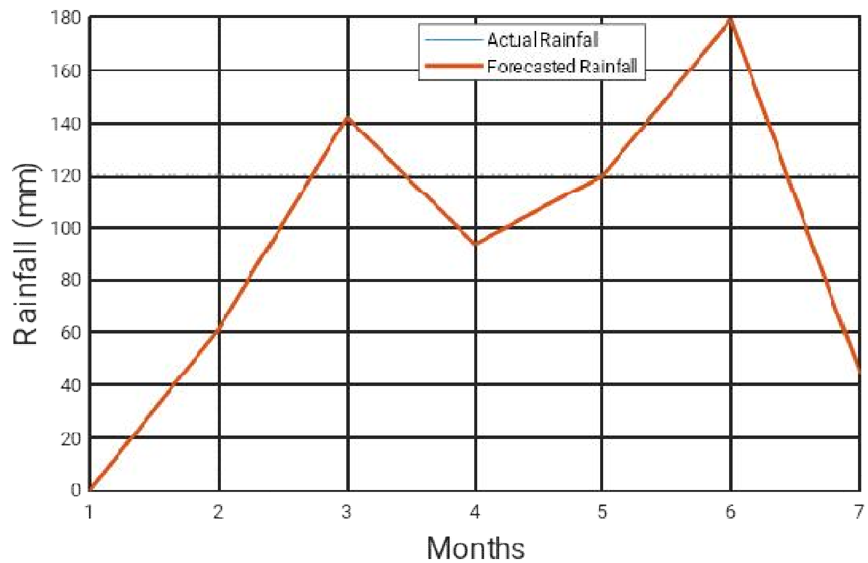

Fig. 16. Forecasted results for 2013 flood prediction graph

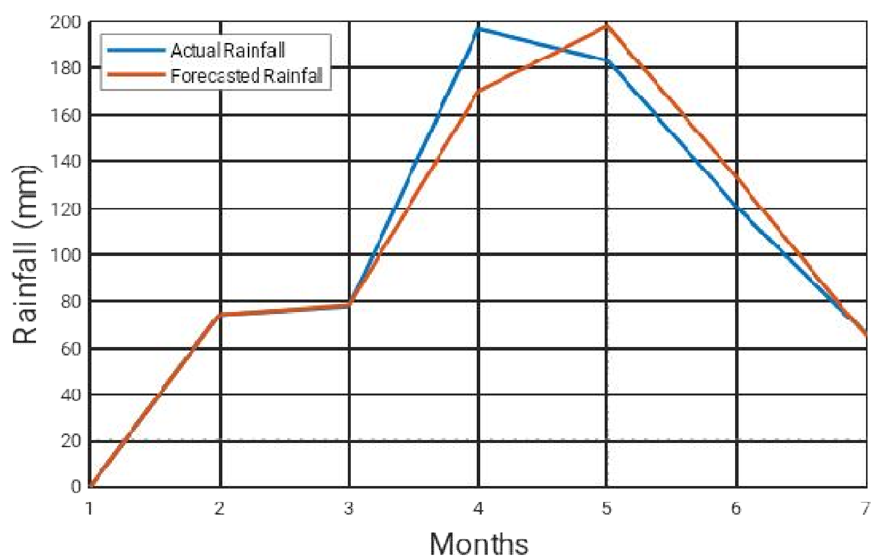

Fig. 17. Forecasted results for 2014 flood prediction graph

Table 9. 2015 Dataset

		2015		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	38.7	46	00.0	00.0
May	36.3	62	34.1	34.0
June	33.5	73	79.8	79.1
July	30.2	83	120.9	131.0
August	30.0	83	142.2	132.0
September	31.1	72	178.5	179.0
October	34.6	69	40.9	41.4

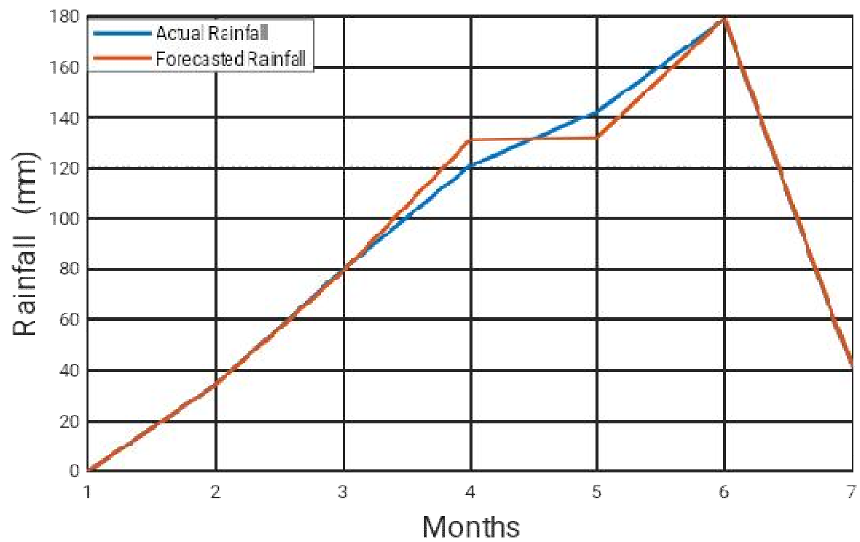

Fig. 18. Forecasted results for 2015 flood prediction graph

Table 10. 2016 dataset

		2016		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
April	41.4	49	00.0	00.0
May	40.5	60	56.4	56.4
June	35.0	73	104.0	96.1
July	33.5	83	142.4	132.0
August	31.5	83	167.0	184.0
September	31.3	81	189.5	176.0
October	34.5	76	58.1	73.8

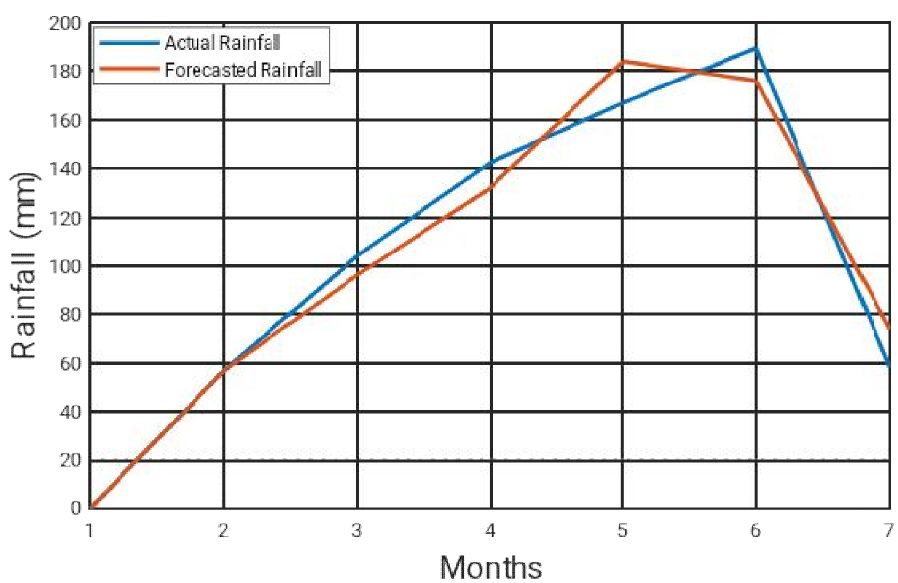

Fig. 19. Forecasted results for 2016 flood prediction graph

Table 11. 2017 dataset

		2017		
Month	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted rainfall (mm)**
APRIL	40.2	25	17.1	17.1
MAY	37.9	45	45.1	45.1
JUNE	34.7	69	113.3	113.0
JULY	31.5	75	142.4	142.0
AUGUST	30.8	83	185.6	187.0
SEPTEMBER	31.5	81	164.0	166.0
OCTOBER	34.1	76	63.1	62.9

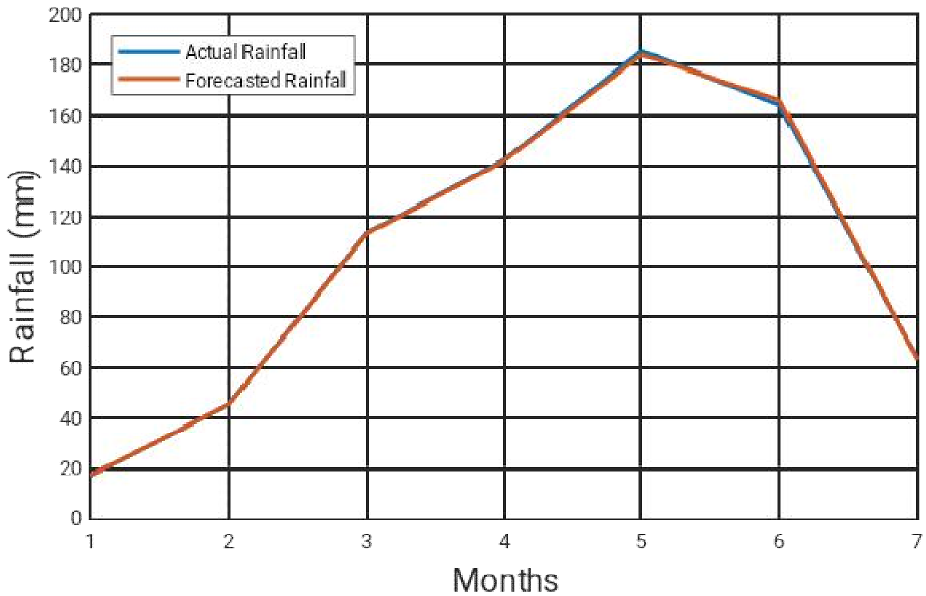

Fig. 20. Forecasted results for 2017 flood prediction graph

Table 12. Mean average dataset for 10 Years

		Mean Average For 10 Years			
Years	**Temperature (°)**	**Humidity (%)**	**Rainfall (mm)**	**Forecasted Rainfall (mm)**	**Ape (%)**
2008	34.1	71.9	65.1	72.5	11.37
2009	33.8	76.0	112.6	113.0	0.36
2010	34.2	73.3	115.6	117.0	1.21
2011	34.4	72.6	82.6	89.8	8.72
2012	34.4	74.0	126.2	124.0	1.74
2013	34.4	72.0	91.5	77.7	15.08
2014	33.8	72.4	102.6	102.0	0.59
2015	33.5	69.7	85.2	85.2	0.00
2016	35.3	72.1	102.5	103.0	0.49
2017	34.4	64.9	104.4	104.0	0.38
					MAPE = ∑APE% = 4.0%

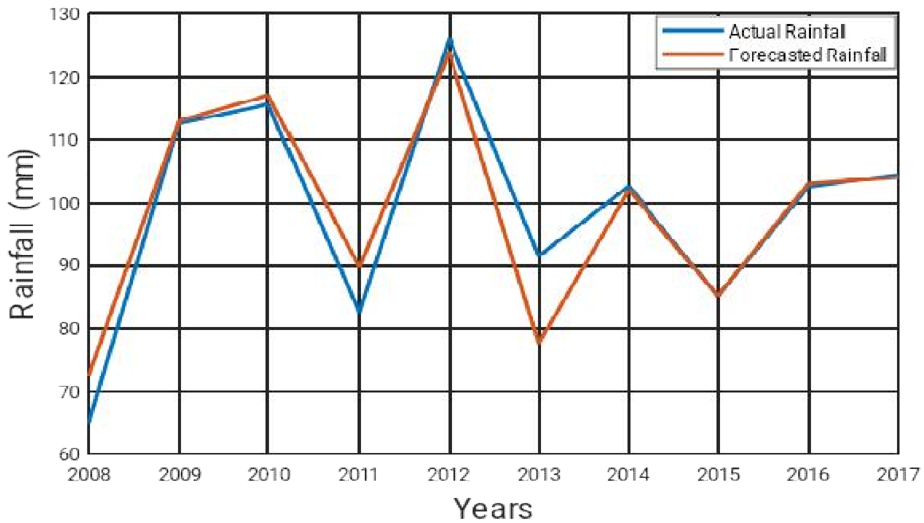

Fig. 21. Mean average forecasted results for 10 years (2008-2017) flood prediction graph

4.5 Dimensional Surface Viewer

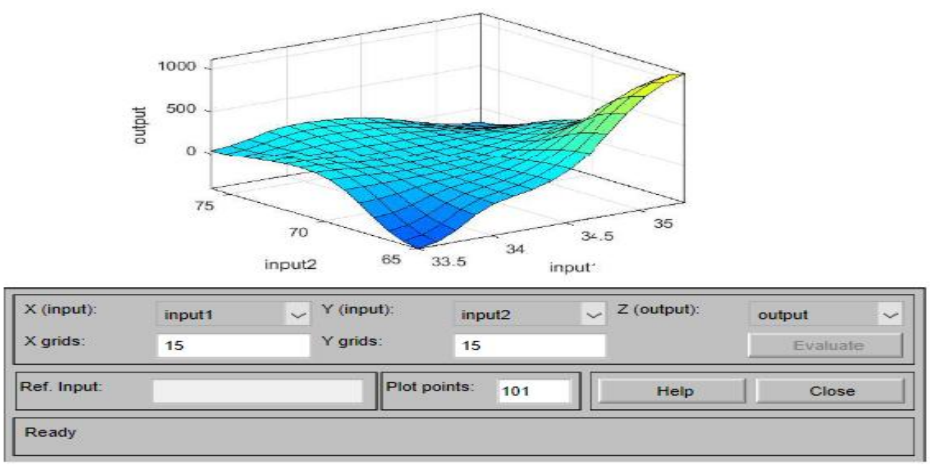

Fig. 22. 3 dimensional curves for temperature, humidity and rainfall

The Rule viewer shows one calculation at a time and in great details. In this sense, it presents a sort of micro view of the ANFIS. The mapping of the surface viewer is done in one plot showing two input and one output case of the entire output surface of the system through the surface viewer. It shows a three-dimensional curve that represents the mapping from distance and previous radiation density to actual radiation density.

5. CONCLUSION

An ANFIS model was used to developed a forecast rainfall from the year 2008-2017. It is observed that, the actual and the forecasted rainfall followed the same pattern from 2008 to 2010 with slightly decrease in 2011. A high amount of rainfall in 2012 was forecasted to be flooded during that year and tally with the forecasted rainfall in 2012. From 2014 to 2017 gives a constant flow between the actual and forecasted rainfall. However, the prediction accuracy using Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) was determined as 4.0% and the absolute percentage error shows that the model efficiency was validated to be 96.0% (that is 100% - 4.0% = 96.0%) which shows excellent prediction accuracy with no any flood possibility in the year ahead.

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