

NORMALIZED DIFFERENCE VEGETATION INDEX NDVI ANALYSIS BY USING DATA CAPTURED FROM UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLE UAV

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents the normalized difference vegetation index (NDVI) analysis by using images captured from unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). This normalized vegetation index (NDVI) estimated from drones' images or other unmanned aerial vehicle can be done by using the standard RGB camera with the visual atmospheric resistance index (VARI) algorithm observing the "greenness" of the land or a crop in the field of agriculture. In the proposed approach, images of the land cover in order to create a visual memory of the surroundings, images of the land are first sampled, saved, and organized as a set of ordered key images. By this key images we can easily know the health of vegetation or the greenness of the environment with the help of visual atmospheric resistance index (VARI). This dynamic model can be used to see the overall health of the vegetation and the land with greenness.

Keyword: UAV, VARI, NDVI

I. INTRODUCTION

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are also referred to as drones. It is an aircraft with no crew, passengers, or pilots. UAVs rapidly using more and more in many applications because of its rapid and cost efficient deployment. UAV are used across the world for commercial, civilian, military purpose and it is also growing mainly in the field of agriculture. Until 20th century image monitoring was a difficult task due to the due to storage and high cost of technology based equipment. On the first decade of 21st century rapidly increasing in the field of technology reaches out to users using technology, turning the uses of this technology into something practicable. The multispectral remote sensing, records the energy in different interval of electromagnetic spectrum permit the obtaining of data about biophysical and biochemical factors of the vegetation for the forestry studies. In agriculture, the main objective is to know the healthy vegetation for better growth of crops. Normal difference vegetation index (NDVI) is the measurement of the amount of better and live vegetation in an area and is commonly used in agriculture purpose. The health of vegetation is indicating by NDVI a straightforward metric. When the leaf of the healthy plant hits by the infrared it is reflected back in the atmosphere. As the amount of chlorophyll produce in the plant decreases less near infrared is reflected. This can be easy to see the overall health of the plant. The NDVI algorithm is used to compare the reflected intensities of near infrared (NIR) and visible light. We see several sector using NDVI. For example, in farming, farmer used NDVI for precision farming and to measure biomass. While in forestry, foresters use the NDVI to calculate the amount of forest and the leaf area index. NASA also states the NDVI is good indicator of drought. When water limit vegetation growth, it has a lower relative NDVI and density of vegetation. Many data can be evaluated by remote detection using high resolution data from the sensors attached to the UAV. Additionally, these platform has shown there for large amplitude of environment application including specific studies to monitoring the health of plant, to generate specific data in a short time, like vegetation index for agriculture and Forestry studies. Live plants have NDVI readings that range from -1 to 1, with 1 being the healthiest and -1 representing the least healthy. In order to support healthy vegetation, this study's goal is to assess the first method of vegetation index potential retrieved from multispectral images based on UAV. It can easily measure the state and health of crop. The association between this vegetation index, which gauges how green a region is, and green biomass, a growth indicator, is favorable.

II. METHODOLOGY

StudyArea:

Since NDVI is utilized in many different industries, farmers primarily employ it in agriculture for precision farming and to assess biomass. Whereas, in forestry, foresters use NDVI for leaf area index. As we taken a specific farming area as seen in fig.1.1 to analyse the vegetation index by using NDVI with UAV.



Fig.1.1:-Field to analyse healthy vegetation

(Source: <https://www.agritechtomorrow.com/article/2018/01/ndvi-vs-false-ndvi--whats-better-for-analyzing-crop-health/10434>) Using this particular farming field data of the vegetation index can be analysed by multispectral sensors and farmers can easily analyse the healthy vegetation for the better growth of the crop. Whereas, in forestry, foresters use NDVI for analyzing leaf index to know the greenness of the field as shown in fig.1.2.

NDVI is calculated by using formula $NDVI = \frac{NIR - RED}{NIR + RED}$ Where, NIR = near infrared (Which vegetation strongly reflect) RED = red light (Which vegetation absorbs)



Data can be classified into two groups healthy and unhealthy vegetation. Each pixel on your map has its values calculated and is assigned an index between -1 and 1. On the basis of this range we can analyze whether the vegetation is healthy or unhealthy. Based on range indication is given in Table.1.

Table.1:- Indication table to analyse the health of crops (Source: <https://help.droneDeploy.com/hc/en-us/articles/1500004861181-NDVI-Cameras-for-Drones>)

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Value	Indication
<0	Inanimate/Dead material
0->0.33	Unhealthy plant material
0.33->0.66	Healthy plant material
->0.66	Very healthy plant material



Image Acquisition:

The most crucial step to deal with images is to capture them before evaluating the images. In UAV attached camera is used for image acquisition. The camera we needed is of standard camera captured red, green and blue light. Depending on the type, modified camera can record some combination of near infrared, red, green, and blue light.

There are mainly two options for camera: -

- 1) Used of standard RGB camera with VARI algorithm. Only when utilizing the VARI algorithm do RGB Plant Health maps have any real meaning. The "greenness" of a crop can be determined using the VARI algorithm.
- 2) Purchase a camera that has been adapted to capture near infrared light.

By using this standard camera once, the camera is capture the images of the field and once we uploaded capture images into DroneDeploy dashboard, it will be automatically proceeding into NDVI dataset. Then the plant health tool on DroneDeploy is used. The main purpose of the tool is change the contrast to draw attention to variation within a field.

The thresholding tool, which displays the region inside a certain range, enables you to measure damage and forecast yields once you have determined the pertinent plant health ranges. One's, make sure you are in the Map View rather than the Model View before clicking the Plant Health button in the map page's side panel to begin. The data itself and a histogram of the data will be updated in the panel on the left as a result. Hence, we can easily analyze the health of the vegetation of the given field. The sample portion of the experiment comprehends in figure 1.3 highlighted by RGB image obtained by the camera integrated with UAV.



Fig.1.3: - RGB colour image to the sample area

(Source: <https://www.agritechtomorrow.com/article/2022/06/2022-top-article-drones-and-robotics-in-agriculture/13796>) The index of this sample where calculated by using the plant health tool of DroneDeploy to know the healthy vegetation of the field and the leaf index.

III. RESULT

In this section the result obtained by using NDVI are discussed. NDVI is most known and widely used by farmers and foresters to know the vegetation index or the healthy vegetation of the particular field and leaf index for the greenness of the forest. NDVI shows the health of vegetation by using RGB cameras indicates the health of vegetation highlighted by using some colours and easily know the health of vegetation in the field and farmers can know in which particular area the crop growing ability is more or crop can grow in a healthy manner. This study is being possible with UAV. UAV move easily and faster in the agriculture fields as well as in forestry and capture the data faster. The result we find by using NDVI with UAV using the plant health tool of DroneDeploy as show below in fig. 1.4. is the result of the fig. 1.4

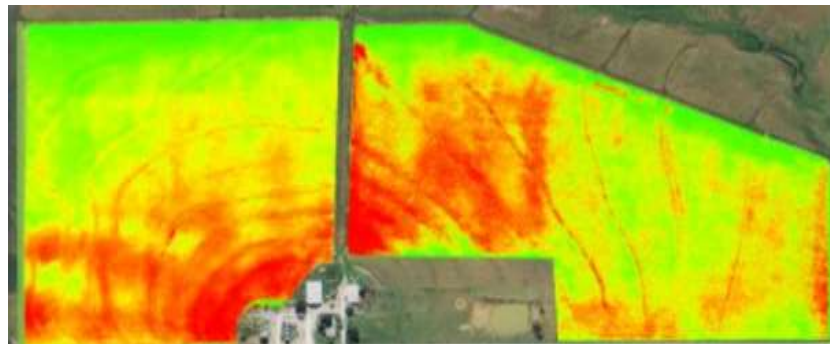


Fig.1.4.:-Result of field using NDVI

[Source:<https://www.agritechtomorrow.com/article/2018/01/ndvi-vs-false-ndvi--what-s-better-for-analyzing-crop-health/10434>]

IV. CONCLUSION

The ability to gather data for the production of a vegetation index from images captured by multispectral sensors connected to a UAV platform is assessed in this work. The acquired data's great spatial resolution offers incredibly precise information on the vegetation and can be utilized at the species level. Target-specific research examining biochemical and biophysical factors is required to develop UAV-based spectroscopy and provide more trustworthy data. Such field research on interesting species has previously been done to support the use of remote sensing method. However, it is conceivable to evaluate the sensor's potential in terms of its sensitivity for indices that relate physiological and ecological elements of the canopy for a first exploratory examination of vegetation indexes. Moreover, it is noticed that vegetation indexes standardization is an important tool for detection and monitoring in conservation areas and for the crops and forest management for better growth of crops and to know the greenness of the forest areas.

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