

# A Novel Hybrid Supervised Machine Learning Model for Real Time Risk Assessment of Floods using Concepts of Big Data

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**Abstract:** *Amongst various natural catastrophes, flood is one of the most destructive natural disasters, which has severe impact over the economy of a country and its people. Modelling and analyzing the flood is a complex task. The advancement in technologies helps to predict the impact of floods through an essential metric, namely, risk assessment, which drastically reduce the loss of human life, property damage, through preventive measure taken well in advance. Risk assessment modelling refers to combinatorial development of identification and assessment of potential for occurrence of an event which causes a negative impact on an entity of interest. With recent advances in data acquisition and archival methods, concepts of big data have been a great boon to risk assessment development. It is primarily due to the fact that, the accuracy of risk assessment (RA) relies on the volume of historical data analysed. Based on this, a risk assessment model is designed as a hybrid model using differential evolution and adaptive neuro-fuzzy inference system to assess risk in real time. The performance ability of proposed hybrid model is compared with conventional ANFIS and neural network models by analysing the rainfall status in India. Based on the monthly, annual and seasonal data, the risk assessment is performed through various factors like wetness index, land slope angle, stream power, stream density, rainfall, curvature and distance. Data from the expert systems are collected by analysing various case study areas from India to validate the performance of proposed hybrid system.*

**Keywords:** Flood risk assessment, Prediction models, Big Data, Machine learning, Hybridization, Prediction accuracy

## I. INTRODUCTION

Worldwide flood is one among the significant natural disasters which takes away numerous lives, produces intense property damage, collapses the socio-economic factors, creeps up the ecosystem and paralyzes transportation. Every year on an average, 200 million people get affected, which results into a \$95 billion economic loss around the world [1]. Due to the floods, almost 50% of economic loss is claimed by Asian countries, which comprises human casualties on an average of 90%. India has witnessed continuous floods recently, especially in North and South India which has resulted in huge financial loss and human lives. Table.1 depicts the flood statistics of India from 2013 to 2020.

**Table 1. Flood Statistics in India [Source: <http://floodlist.com/tag/india>]**

<b>Year</b>	<b>State Affected</b>	<b>Socio and Economic Loss</b>
<b>2013</b>	Uttarakhand	More than 5700 human casualties
<b>2015</b>	Gujarat	More than 70 human casualties
<b>2015</b>	Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu	More than 500 human casualties
<b>2016</b>	Assam	1.8 Million peoples affected
<b>2017</b>	Gujarat	More than 200 human casualties
<b>2018</b>	Kerala	More than 445 human casualties
<b>2019</b>	Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Gujarat	More than 850 human casualties
<b>2020</b>	Assam, Kerala and Bihar	More than 95 human casualties

Statistics clearly depict that flood-based casualties are unavoidable, but it could be reduced by pre-flood measures, through alerts, to evacuate the people. The ultimate reason for flood is heavy rain and in few exceptional cases floods have occurred due to human mistakes and improper drainage system. Floods due to heavy rainfall not only affect the properties, but also affect the day to day life of people.

In general, various sources are attributed to floods but in practice, floods are categorized based on its originating characteristics and risk factors such as fluvial, coastal flood, reservoir flood, sewer flood, burst water flood. River flooding or fluvial occurs, when the capacity of the river exceeds. If the river fails to accommodate the volume of incoming water, then this type of floods occurs. Coastal flood occurs due to the storm which results in a rapid increase of sea level. The effects of coastal floods are high due to high tides and surges. Reservoir floods occur in artificial lakes such as dams. Due to structural damage, water leakage in the reservoir due to erosion or damage leads into reservoir floods, which clears the properties in nearby locations. Floods due to overflow in sewerage systems are termed as sewer floods. It occurs on heavy rainfall due to which the sewerage system is not able to handle the rainwater. This arises due to the heavy pressure and clogged waste materials. Burst water flood is a rare flooding type

which occurs due to major breakage in water supply system. Due to this flood, the chances of human casualties are less, but it affects the transport system in that region.

Technology developments in information systems helps to reduce the huge losses due to floods, by sensing the geographical informations such as soil texture, landscape etc., along with rainfall ratio, satellite images and additional radar information, which help to predict the flood occurrence. As a result, the human casualty rate could be avoided or reduced. Generally, congested areas are heavily affected due to floods, which reduce the lifespan of people. Hence, safety is an essential factor in flooding times. Safety could be ensured by collecting proper data to analyse the particular region through specific parameters such as wetness index, land slope angle, stream power, stream density, rainfall, curvature and distance. The flood crossing limit is generally termed weighted standardized risk factor, which is used to specify the flood limits considering the rapid flood occurrence in a region. In some cases, floods may occur due to poor drainage system and these kinds of floods are termed as manmade floods. In order to analyse the flood nature, proper analysis of drainage system is essential, which describes the stream behaviour. The relation between the streams are need to be analysed as remote sensing data through geographical information system, which helps to gather ~~obtain~~ the information about the region, where the floods might occur. Floods in crowded regions produce huge losses due to the physical models. Without rainfall prediction and flood information, the collateral damage in crowded regions are huge in numbers.

Prediction of rapid floods could be possible in recent times due to the integration geographical information system and remote sensing information. This integrated module could provide the flood occurrence based on the database and geological maps by processing the data efficiently. As a result, the exact location could be predicted. Similarly, Satellite and Radar images help to predict the flood through proper analysis of maps and its topographical information. Soil moisture is used as another factor to determine the flood probability. With the help of remote sensing processes the information about the flood could be obtained through surface soil moisture. The data could be collected ~~obtained~~ through advanced microwave scanning radiometer, which measures the temperature facts as C and X brightness.

Similar to flood prediction analysis, flood risk assessment is essential, which describes the flood intensity and its risk factors based on the interaction between depth and areal dimension of flood. Socio-economic elements which are affected due to floods could be analyzed through flood risk assessment systems. It is related by an equation



Proposed machine learning approach is presented in section III, experimental results and its discussion is given in section IV, followed by conclusion in the last section.

## II. RELATEDWORK

The importance of flood prediction and risk assessment has been discussed through various approaches. A vast survey has been made to analyse the methodologies, merits and demerits, which helps to improve the proposed flood prediction and risk assessment model. In general, flood risk assessment and frequency of flood is a stationary assumption process, but the flood probabilities change every year due to the climate changes. Prior knowledge of the climate changes help to predict the magnitude of floods. Based on streamflow, nonstationary risk in floods across Negro river in Brazil is analysed [1] based on the extreme value distribution, such as sea surface temperature, at beginning of the year and previous year data, along with nonstationary parameters, which help to predict the annual peak in the river. This could help the people by providing an early alert under dynamic risk assessment process. This prediction model is limited to specify the river floods and not suitable for other floods. Highly populated areas undergo severe issues due to flooding. These urban floods have to be predicted with high spatiotemporal resolution, which is quite a critical task [2]. Similarly, early warnings for the specified region with cost effective measures is essential in urban locations. Based on the spatiotemporal data, this early prediction and alerts could be provided to the people in highly populated area with high accuracy and specificity which greatly reduces the simulation error and its effects.

The risk towards flooded homes and its restoration process [3] is important as it directly affects the people and produces unnecessary delays in case of restoration. Risk management helps to understand the behaviour of flooded buildings and its contaminants within the building, after floods. An integrated drying model using simulation linked microbial model and geolocation information system helps the people to recover the building from the contaminants. This process will help the health authorities, local governments and insurance companies to be prepared for urban flood risks. In order to assess the floods based on water level and land elevation [4], a hydrodynamic model with dynamic land flow, flood walls and drainage system helps to estimate the wave heights and nearshore effects of floods. Lack of backwater precaution measures results in storm drainage similar to overtopping floods in natural dams. The accuracy of coastal flood prediction [5] could be achieved through hydrodynamic model using two-dimensional hydrodynamic flood model. The topographic and tidal data are analyzed

through maximum likelihood classification as a supervised approach which differentiates the land cover classes. Hydrodynamic models are reliable and provide better statistics. Subsequently, urban backshore floods could be handled with precaution measures which could save human lives.

Overtopping of dam is one of the reasons for floods, compared to flood prediction due to heavy rain. This type of prediction process is simple and more accurate. Analytical identification of parameters for dam failure need to be performed to predict the peak discharge and outflows. Using model calibration [6], the discharge hydrograph is observed and flood nature is predicted, which helps to reduce the difficulties in risk management process, on and after flooding. Similarly, observing the water discharge properties in a dam help to predict the floods. Since the transfer function is related to average amount of rainfall and water discharge, flood prediction could be reduced to a simple solution [7], facilitating early warnings which reduces the probability of human casualties.

Relative analysis of rainfall and runoff in flood prediction is a challenging task. In literature, the predictive capabilities are investigated through Xinanjiang model [8] which is a familiar flood forecasting simulation process in China. Based on geomorphological instances, hydrograph and Xinanjiang model based improved flood prediction is attained in the research model. The limitation of this hybrid model is its hourly time scale which requires catchments causing an increase in the system complexity. Rapid prediction system has ability to represent the rainfall and runoff as risk analysis. This system requires accurate storm surge data due to the computational demand and hence a strong high-fidelity hydrodynamic mode is required, with advanced circulation to represent the rainfall and runoff [9]. This statistical model provides the relationship between the pressure field and wind characteristics, which helps to determine the peak flood responses and flood risk probabilities.

In flood forecasting, collective forecasts are essential in order to obtain results through numerical weather prediction model [10]. Weather prediction provides details about rainfall forecasts based on the hydrological model, which could reduce the after-flood effects by prior warnings to people. Numerical weather prediction requires numerous attributes to obtain the forecast results, which is observed to a significant limitation of the research model. The location and natural features of river faces flood risks due to change in climate. In order to investigate the risk in this region, one dimensional hydrodynamic model is suggested [11] as real time operations of pumps and sluices. Using dual lumped hydrological model, the rainfall

and runoff process is estimated for rural and urban areas. In order to avoid flood hazards, the difficulties in draining is considered through evaluation parameters, which reduces the flood severity in river management. Computation time, accuracy level and robustness are the major issues in traditional flood prediction process. One dimensional analysis has evolved to improve the parameters, though the performance lags under critical circumstances. Following this, two dimensional models [12] have emerged to be better flood prediction models. These two-dimensional water models are simulated with GPU to recreate the real time floods. The numerical instabilities are controlled through first order finite volume process which is suitable for complex landscape analysis. Bayesian network [13] based models are further evolved to reduce the uncertainties in two dimensional models which provides better risk analysis for floods in reservoirs.

In some cases, the flood stage reliability and its predictions get affected due to the poor performance of hydraulic model uncertainties. Due to these uncertainties, prediction through conventional hydraulic model becomes inefficient. In order to improve the prediction performance, Bayesian model averaging [14] is used to combine the prediction results from different hydraulic model, which provides better stage prediction and distribution. Integrating the channel shape, width, input flow and roughness, the uncertainties are reduced and validated the floods. Hierarchical Bayesian model [15] is developed for rapid flood analysis in rural and urban places of China. Based on the annual daily flow obtained from 15 different stream flow gauges sites, the proposed approach analyses the generalized distribution value and flood distribution. To obtain the posterior distribution, Markov chain Monte Carlo method is used with Gibbs sampling. Compared to conventional delta model, the proposed approach shows better performance credibility for flood quantiles. Moreover, the proposed approach allows regional analysis, as index flood method, to obtain region homogeneity and scale invariance.

Multi criteria decision making analysis techniques and Machine Learning models are tested to obtain the flood susceptibility of China in literature [16]. In order to obtain the desired results, input parameters such as normalized Difference Vegetation Index, distance from river, curvature, Lithology, land use, altitude, Topographic Wetness Index, Stream Transport Index, slope, Stream Power Index, soil type and rainfall are considered for analysis. Amongst these, NBT approach obtains better flood prediction compared to other conventional prediction models. Same input parameters, basins and flood susceptibility are reported in literature [17] through analytical hierarchical process, knowledge driven, fuzzy logic and logistic regression models. Comparative analysis of research work provides better area under curve analysis over

Dwarkeswar river. Multi variant discriminate analysis [18] using regression trees and support vectormachinesareevolvedtoobtainbetterfloodpredictionanditssusceptibilities.Compared to multi criteria-based decision analysis, these discriminate analyses provide accurate results forurbanfloods.Similarly,multi-layercapacitanceresistivemodelsareusedtoobtaintheflood prediction in reservoir. Considering each layer, the injection and production rates constituted by individual and combined, the bottom hole pressure could be obtained. Kalman filter [19] is used to estimate the coefficients of each layer and the indexnumbers.

Flood prediction using Machine Learning [20] and Artificial Intelligence [21] approaches is the recent research trend which predicts the floods based on sensor data and spatiotemporal data of floods. However, researchers are working on it to provide a better predictionmodel.Integratedlongshort-termmemoryandreducedordermodelisusedtoframe the prediction model in literature [22]. The proposed model has ability to represent the distribution of floods with reduced spatial datasets, which is obtained through single value decomposition and orthogonal decomposition. These reduced dataset increases the efficiency in terms of accuracy and computation time. Neural network-based flood prediction isreported [23]toimprovethepredictionaccuracywithminimizedcomputationtime.Integratedorhybrid approaches are evolved to improve the performance of machine learning models. Resampling algorithm reported in literature [24] is combined with machine learning model provides better classification and predictionperformance.

Urban flood data is either structured or mostly unstructured in nature. Based on this data, an urban flood database is created to predict the urban flood depth using deep learning algorithm [25] such as gradient boosting decision tree. Rainfall and its duration, peak evaporation and utilization of lands for roads, water bodies, properties and grasslands are consideredalongwithrainfallperiodstopredictthefloodmap.Regressionmodelisusedalong with proposed approach to obtain the conditioning factors. From the above survey, it is observed that precise flood prediction and risk assessment is still lacking. Formulation of the flood prediction based on previous and current data similarities will provide better prediction and assessment model with high reliability and accuracy. Since inaccurate prediction accrues huge property loss and waste of time, such models lead into an inefficient risk management. Therefore,itisessentialtoformulatethefloodpredictionssystemalongwithriskassessmentas a precise model compared to existing floodpredictors.

### III. PROPOSED WORK

Mathematical model for risk assessment from big data through hybrid differential evaluation and adaptive neuro fuzzy inference system is presented in this section. ANFIS is an advanced neuro fuzzy based reliable estimator, which provides solutions to complex issues. Combining the artificial neural network and fuzzy logic, ANFIS provides high learning capability. The proposed hybrid model includes advanced fuzzy rules to define the nonlinear functions in flood model. Through artificial neural network learning rules, the parameters are identified and structured for fuzzy inference system. Using the given dataset and neural network training process, ANFIS model identifies the missing rules so that it provides accurate learning, strong implementation and reliable results. Flood modelling through ANFIS helps to analyse short term forecasts of rainfall and floods with different types of data results into a high accuracy prediction system. The proposed model is designed with differential evolution algorithm coupled with ANFIS to obtain optimized solution. Differential evolution is a population based evolutionary optimization algorithm incorporated with ANFIS in the proposed work.

The collected big data is used as input to the ANFIS model and the results are obtained as a prediction model. In order to improve the training process, the dimensionality of the data needs to be reduced along with improved feature selection. To attain this, differential evolution model is incorporated with ANFIS model to provide solution to the complex data dimensions. Four process of data reduction and selection is performed through differential evolution model such as initiation, mutation, crossover and selection.

In the initiation process, the initial population is randomly generated. Based on the collected information, the initial features are selected randomly with specified design parameters, so that each value is obtained as

$$x_{j,i} = x_{j,i}^{min} + r_j (x_{j,i}^{max} - x_{j,i}^{min}) \quad (2)$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$  and  $j = 1, 2, \dots, D$  which is a decision variable. The upper and lower bounds of data dimensions are represented as  $x_{j,i}^{max}$  and  $x_{j,i}^{min}$  respectively which lies in the

$$[x_{j,i}^{min}, x_{j,i}^{max}]$$

range of [0,1]. Mutation is the second process in differential evolution in which a mutation operator generates differential vectors for the given input data vectors and it is give as

$$P_{i,j} = P_{i,j} + r_j (P_{i,j} - P_{i,j}) \quad (3)$$

where randomly selected indices are given as  $r_1$ ,  $r_2$  and  $r_3$ , randomly selected population are given as  $P_{i,j}$ ,  $P_{i,j}$  and  $P_{i,j}$ . The scale factor is represented as  $r$ . Using target and donor vectors a trail vector is produced in the third stage of differential evolution process i.e., cross over process and it is given as

$$P_{i,j} = P_{i,j} + r_j (P_{i,j} - P_{i,j}) \quad (4)$$

$r_j$

$$r_j = \begin{cases} \text{rand} & \text{if } \text{rand} < \text{cr} \\ P_{i,j} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

where the uniform random number is given as  $\text{rand}$  which lies in the range of [0,1], similarly the crossover function is given as  $\text{cr}$  which is in the range of [0,1]. The selection of minimum parameter and the mutant vector is given as  $P_{i,j}$ . Selection is the last process in differential evolution where the fitness function of trail vector and the target vector is compared. Based on the obtained values, the best choice for next generation is selected in the selection process. This helps to obtain the necessary features to be given into ANFIS model so that the accuracy of the prediction system could be improved. The selection process is given as

$$P_{i,j} = \begin{cases} P_{i,j} & \text{if } f(P_{i,j}) < f(P_{i,j}) \\ P_{i,j} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

$P_{i,j}$

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where the parent vector is represented as  $P_{i,j}$  and the fitness function is given as

$$f(P_{i,j})$$

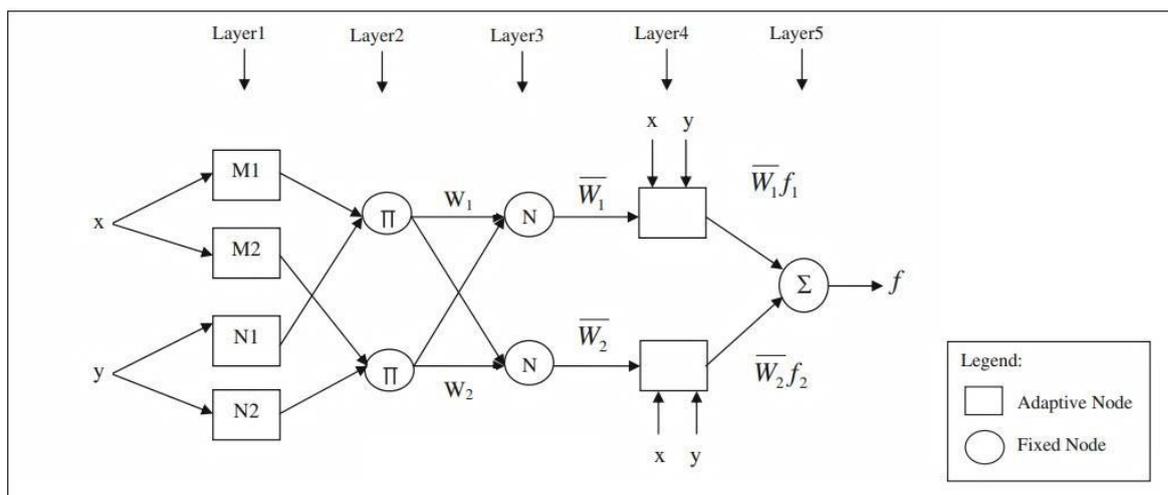


Figure 2. ANFIS System

The proposed system is a Sugeno Fuzzy system based on feed forwarding network design which is typically included in the neural network model. It provides better adaption ratio due to its characteristics. Figure 2 depicts the two input ANFIS model with one output. Based on the input conditions the rule for ANFIS is derived as

$$\text{If } x \text{ is } \mu_1 \text{ and } y \text{ is } \nu_1 \text{ then } z = \mu_1 \nu_1 + \mu_1 \nu_1 + \mu_1 \quad (6)$$

$$\text{If } x \text{ is } \mu_2 \text{ and } y \text{ is } \nu_2 \text{ then } z = \mu_2 \nu_2 + \mu_2 \nu_2 + \mu_2 \quad (7)$$

where  $x$  and  $y$  are the inputs and  $z$  is the output of the system with in the region specified by the rules,  $\mu_1, \nu_1, \mu_2, \nu_2$  are fuzzy sets and the design parameters are given as

$\mu_1, \nu_1, \mu_2, \nu_2$  these design parameters are obtained at the time of training process. Fuzzy set is used to represent the node in the layer and output layer and its corresponding layers are related to membership degree function of fuzzy sets. The shape parameters are used to define the membership function and a bell-shaped function is widely used in ANFIS model. The same is used in the proposed work. The membership function is represented as  $\mu_{ij}(x)$  and it is given as

$$\mu_{ij}(x) = \frac{1}{1 + \left( \frac{x - a_{ij}}{b_{ij}} \right)^2} \quad (8)$$

where  $x$  is the input value for  $\mu_{ij}^{(h)}$  node, the membership functions and its parameters are represented as  $a_{ij}, b_{ij}, c_{ij}$  and this parameters are considered as conditional parameters of the first layer. Based on the degree of activation of rules, every node in the second layer computes the input and performs a multiplication process. The multiplied membership function is given as

$$\mu_{ij} = \mu_{ij}(x) \mu_{ij}(y) \quad \text{for } i=1,2... \quad (9)$$

where  $\mu_{ij}(x)$  is the membership function of  $\mu_{ij}$  rule set for the value  $x$  and  $\mu_{ij}(y)$  is the membership function of  $\mu_{ij}$  rule set for the value  $y$ . In the third layer, the ratio of activity degree to the sum of all activity degree is computed and it is represented as  $\mu_{ij}^{(h)}$  which is a normalized degree for  $\mu_{ij}^{(h)}$  rule and it is given as

$$\mu_{ij}^{(h)} = \frac{\mu_{ij}}{\mu_{i1} + \mu_{i2} + \dots} \quad \text{for } i=1,2... \quad (10)$$

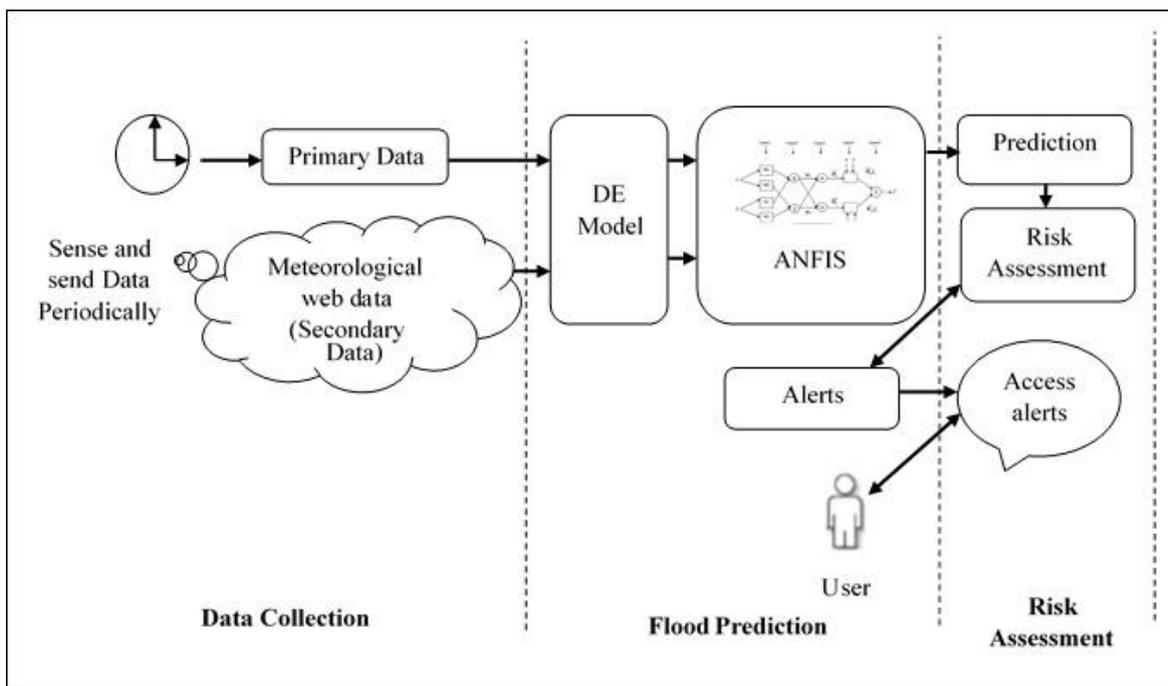
Fourth layer provides the output of any layer and it is obtained as

$$\bar{w}_i = \bar{w}(p_i x + q_i y + r_i) \quad (11)$$

where the consequent parameters are given as  $\mu, \sigma, \sigma, \sigma, \sigma$  which are interchangeable. In the fifth layer, the final output of the network is obtained as function  $\mu$  which is a summation incoming signals from all the nodes. Generally, the total number of nodes is similar to output parameter which is derived in the fifth layer is given as

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\mu_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \mu_i} \quad (12)$$

In order to obtain fast training results, the network parameters are adjusted in the network by keeping fixed premise parameters and a forward propagation is considered for network to layer information transfer. Similarly, in backward phase, the selected parameters are tuned into fixed values and error propagation is initiated. Using gradient descent method, these premise parameters are modified. The membership function is the only parameter which needs to be specified by the user in the learning algorithm.



**Figure 3 Proposed Flood Prediction and Risk assessment model**

Figure 3 depicts the process flow of proposed flood prediction and risk assessment model. Based on the periodic sensing of primary and secondary data from real time sensors and meteorological data, the information about the rainfall statistics is obtained. This collected information consists of structured data from meteorological and unstructured data from sensors which needs to be pre-processed. Using differential evolution model, these unstructured data are processed and reduced with equal dimensions similar to meteorological data. These selected

features are fed into ANFIS structure to obtain desired classification results. Based on the prediction results, risk assessment is performed by providing alerts to the users in the particular region. Based on proposed approach, the early prediction of flood could be possible and through risk assessment the user gets clear idea about the rainfall status and flood probabilities. Summary of the proposed work pseudocode is given as follows.

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**Input:** Sensor data, Meteorological data

**Output:** Flood Prediction and risk assessment

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**Initialize** serial communication with host

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**Read the primary data**

Send data to system

**Read the meteorological data**

Send data to system

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Generate Initial Population of size  $N_p$

While

For each individual,  $j$  is the population

Generate random integers  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  with respect to initial population

Generate random integer  $i_{gen} \in (1, n)$

For each parameter of  $i$

$$\alpha'_{i, \alpha \alpha \alpha} + \beta$$

$$\alpha \alpha \alpha (\alpha'_{i, \alpha \alpha \alpha} + \beta) \leq \alpha (\alpha \alpha \alpha)$$

$$\alpha \alpha, \alpha \alpha \alpha + \beta = \{ \alpha$$

$$\alpha \alpha \alpha \alpha$$

$$\alpha, \alpha \alpha \alpha$$

End for

Replace  $\alpha \alpha$  with child  $\alpha' \alpha$ , if  $\alpha' \alpha$  is better

End

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Train 75% of data base

Validate 25% of database

Test the vector rules  $\square\square$

Test the initial learning rates  $\square\square\square$

Set number of test values

Set number of epochs

For  $\square \in$

$\square\square\square$ do For  $\square$

$\in \square\square$ do

For  $\square = \square : \square$  do

Generate random FIS with 2 inputs and learning rate  $\square = \square$

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Evaluate ANFIS function with  $\mu = \mu_{\square}$ , training and validation of randomly generated FIS  
Save the FIS with lowest validation error, training error and vector validation

End for

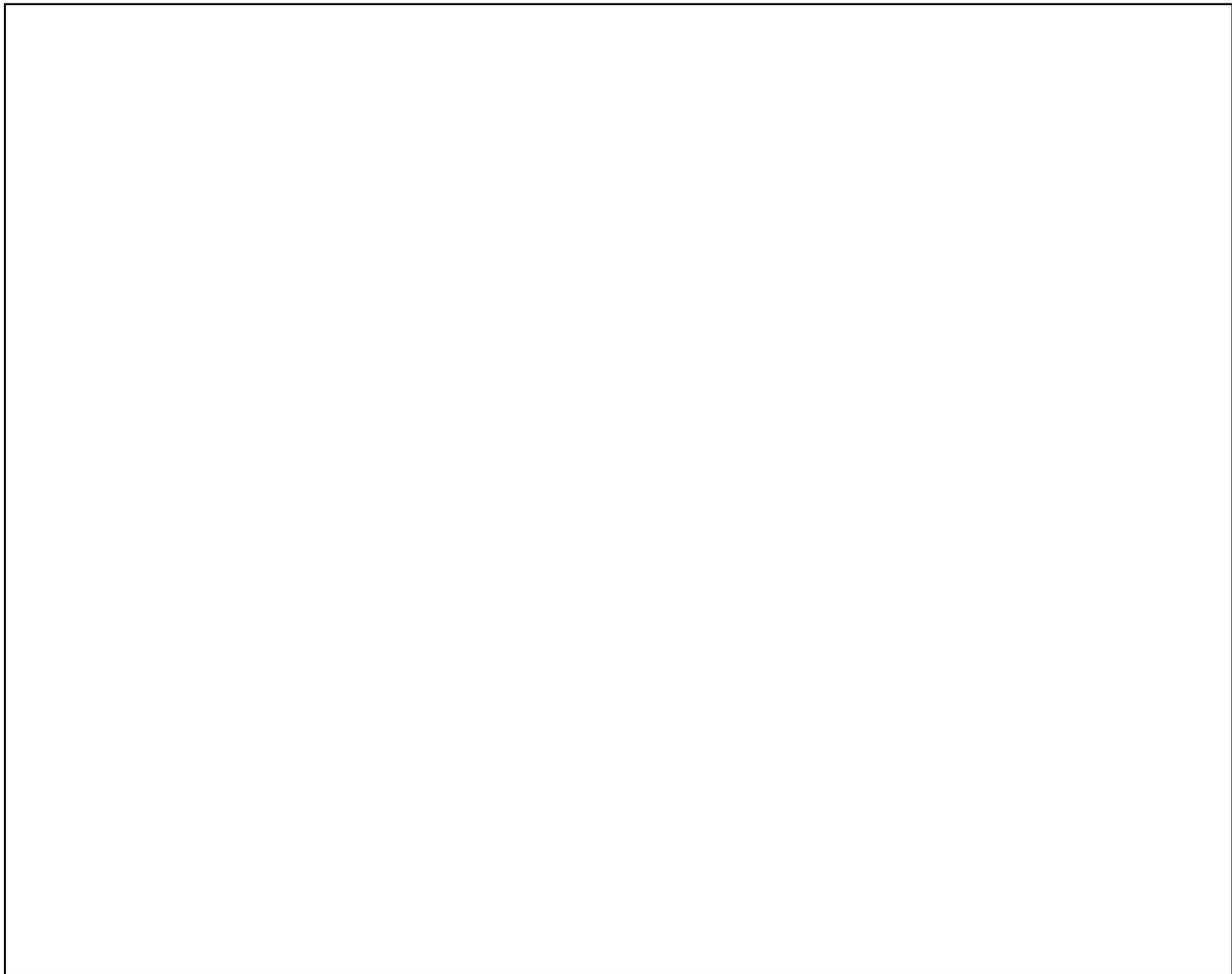
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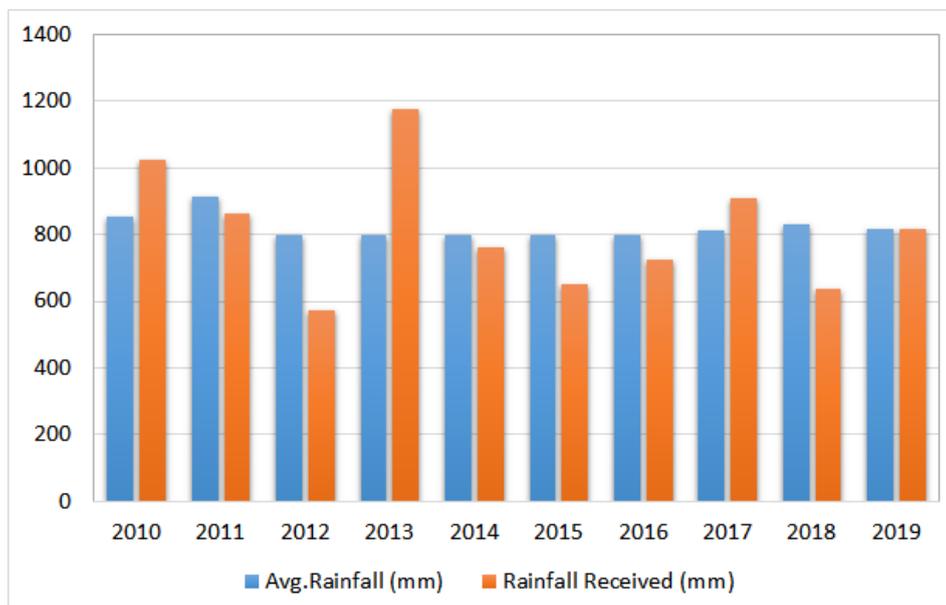
#### IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed model is experimented by analysing the rainfall status of the Gujarat state which is located on the Western coast of the Indian Peninsula. As per the recent survey, Gujarat is the fifth largest state by area and ninth largest state by population where 60.4 million people live across the state. The largest coast line of 1,600 km will provide seasonal rainfall to the state. The average humidity will be 67% and the average rainfall will be 1,107.578 mm. Figure 4 depicts the topographical view of Gujarat province.



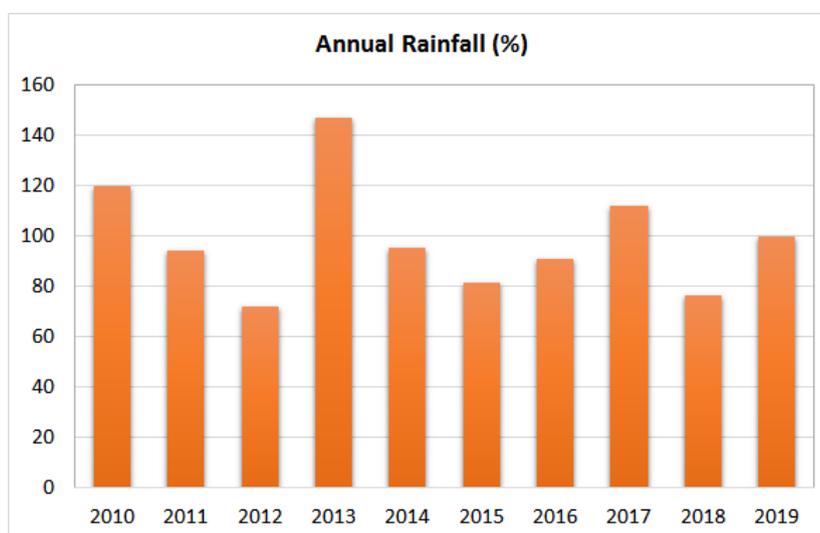
**Figure 4 Topographical view of Gujarat province.**

The average rainfall for the past ten years in Gujarat is depicted in figure 5. The rainfall data collected from GSDMA for the years 2010 to 2019.



**Figure 5. Average rainfall for a decade in Gujarat**

The annual rainfall for Gujarat state is depicted in figure 6. Gujarat faced more than 100% of rainfall in three years which is considered for flood prediction and risk assessments.



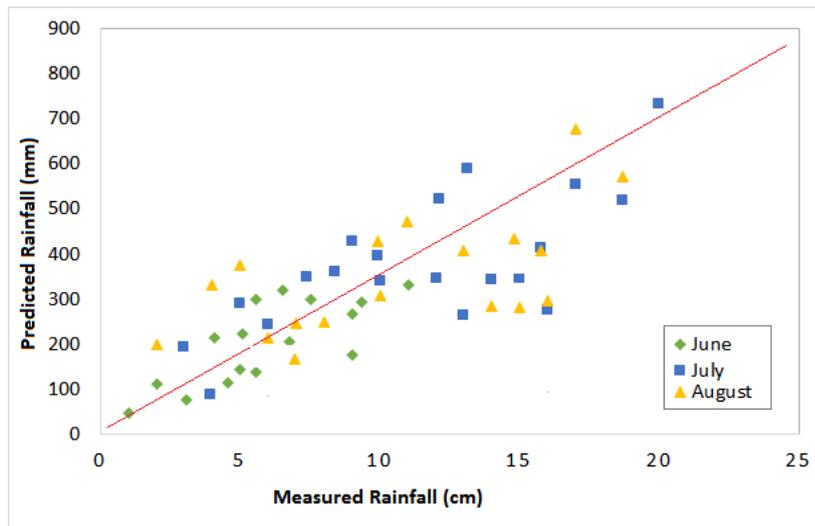
**Figure 6. Annual Rainfall Statistics in Gujarat**

It is observed from the average rainfall and annual rainfall statistics, there is minor variation in every year rainfall cycle but it has a constant rain circle in the decade. The rainfall circle of the monsoon season starts from July and ends in August or September, where most of the regions are hot, wet and more humid. Similarly, the high distribution of monsoon rain indicates that the summer season is hot with almost zero mm of rain.

State	District	Year	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Annual Total
Gujarat	Ahmedabad	2010	0.2	0	0	0	0	46.7	335.9	421.1	241.7	0.9	50.7	0.2	1102.2
Gujarat	Amreli	2010	0	0	0	0	0	110.2	348.4	197.9	178.5	16.8	79.3	0	931.1
Gujarat	Anand	2010	0	0	0	0	0	35.3	192.1	433.7	170	0.2	32.2	0	863.5
Gujarat	Banaskantha	2010	0.8	0	0	0	0	35.8	404	331.3	138.4	0	75.9	0.1	986.3
Gujarat	Baroda	2010	0	0	0	0	0	48	290.1	374.7	214.8	0.6	21.9	0	950.1
Gujarat	Bhavnagar	2010	0.2	0	0	0	0	72.5	244.4	214.2	200	6.3	52.4	0	790
Gujarat	Broach	2010	0	0	0	0	0	47.4	290.5	247.1	286.5	11.8	19.3	0	902.6
Gujarat	Dahod	2010	0	0	0	0	0	54.4	158.4	249.9	115.3	0	8.1	0	586.1
Gujarat	Dangs	2010	0	0	0	0	0	176	427	788	312	40	144	0	1887
Gujarat	Gandhinagar	2010	0	0	0	0	0	81.8	341.6	307.5	168.8	0	20.9	0.6	921.2
Gujarat	Jamnagar	2010	0.3	0	0	0	0	112.2	619.3	471.9	237.1	3	62	0	1505.8
Gujarat	Junagadh	2010	0	0	0	0	1	88.7	686.8	540.1	267.1	30.5	87.5	0	1701.7
Gujarat	Kheda	2010	0	0	0	0	0	21.9	264.8	408.6	117.3	0	33.8	0.6	847
Gujarat	Kutch	2010	0.3	0	0	0	0	52.7	344.3	283	153.3	0	54.2	0	887.8
Gujarat	Mehsana	2010	0	0	0	0	0	62.1	345.3	281.4	97.5	0	37.4	0.1	823.8
Gujarat	Narmada	2010	0	0	0	0	0	81.1	274.9	296.8	214.8	22.1	23.2	0	912.9
Gujarat	Navsari	2010	0	0	0	0	0	156	553.6	677.8	540.4	23.4	30.8	0	1982
Gujarat	Panchmahal	2010	0	0	0	0	0	36.9	168.5	338.7	163.9	0	2.9	0	710.9
Gujarat	Patan	2010	0	0	0	0	0	56.8	315.7	310.3	96.3	0	89.7	0	868.8
Gujarat	Porbandar	2010	0	0	0	0	0	37.6	733.4	563.3	344.1	17.9	82.5	0	1778.8
Gujarat	Rajkot	2010	0	0	0	0	0	93.8	416.6	449.7	208.9	2.6	76.4	0	1248
Gujarat	Sabarkantha	2010	0	0	0	0	0	39.6	321.7	375.5	133	0	25.8	2.1	897.7
Gujarat	Surat	2010	0.2	0	0	0	0	82.5	460.5	461.5	488.2	42	36	0	1570.9

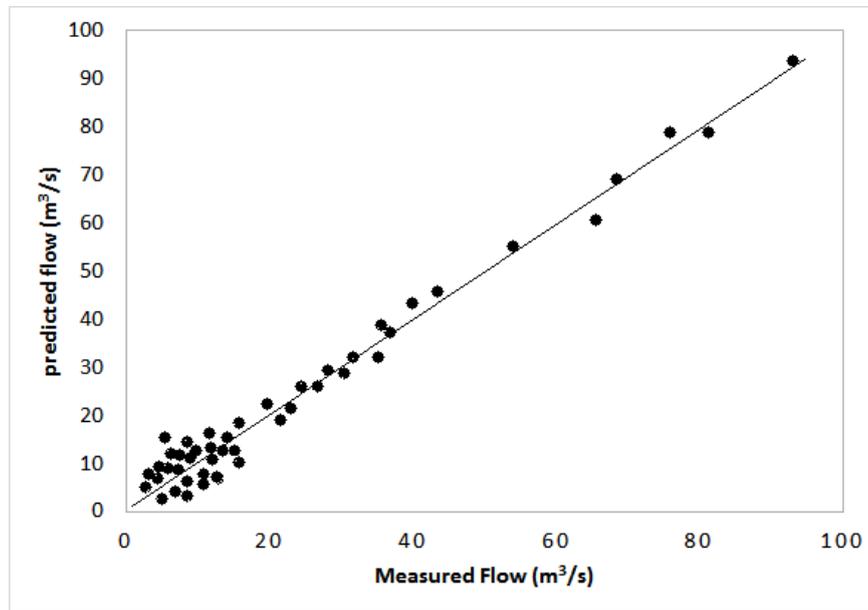
**Figure 7 Rainfall data of Gujarat [Source: <https://www.indiawaterportal.org/>]**

For experimental analysis, rainfall data of Gujarat is considered and the simulation is performed based on the big data from various sources like humidity, temperature, soil characteristics etc., Experimentation is performed in python, with the above-mentioned parameters for predicting the average rainfall during the months of June to August. Based on the rainfall data and simulation results, the performance of proposed model is evaluated. Correlation between predicted rainfall and measured rainfall is depicted in figure 8.



**Figure 8. Correlation between predicted rainfall and measured rainfall**

The correlation between the predicted flow and measured flow and predicted flow is depicted in figure 9. It is observed that the simulation result has small deviations compared to actual data in few places, apart from that the prediction results are near to the actual measured values.



**Figure 9. Correlation between predicted flow and measured flow**

Performance evolution of ANFIS model on training and validation period is given in table 2. Based on the factors like RMSE, Correlation Co-efficient, Discrepancy ratio the performance is evaluated.

**Table 2. Performance evaluation of Proposed Hybrid Model**

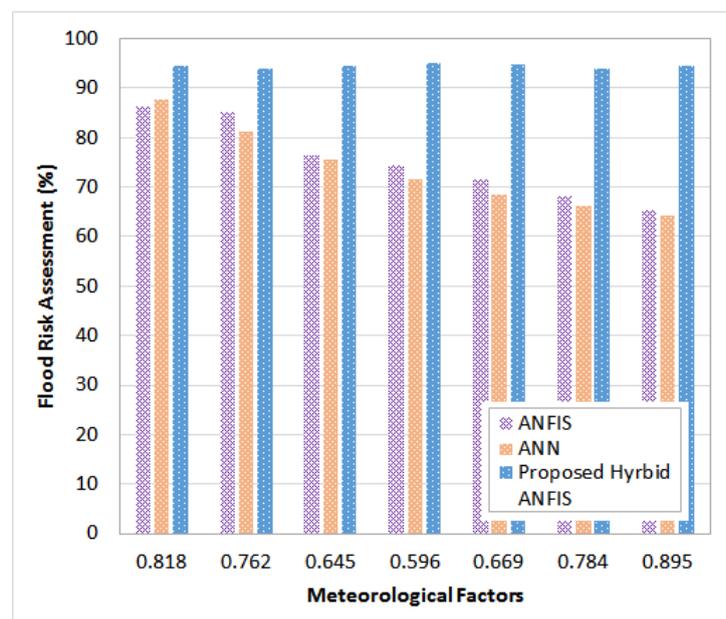
Ratio: 75-25%			
	RMSE	Correlation Co-efficient	Discrepancy Ratio
Training Phase	550.24	0.99	0.99
Validation Phase	524.22	0.98	0.96

Based on the factors such as wetness index, landslope angle, stream power, stream density, rainfall, curvature and distance, the risk assessment is performed in the proposed model. The parameters used for risk assessment is listed in table 3. The predicted values are analyzed and observed in terms of risk assessment parameters and the necessary actions are taken to alert the public.

**Table 3. Parameters for Risk Assessment**

S.No	Parameter	Range
1	Wetness index	0.4-0.6
2	Land Slope angle	8°-15°
3	Stream Power	30-40kmph
4	Stream Density	Average density of 290 per sq. km
5	Rainfall	1,107 578 mm
6	Curvature	Concave, convex and flat
7	Distance	More than 50km

Considering the above parameters, the risk assessment performance of proposed model is observed and compared with other conventional models. The performances of conventional models are satisfactory but due to reduced data dimension and learning rates, proposed hybrid model attains a noteworthy performance in risk assessment. Figure 10 depicts the risk assessment comparison of all the three models.



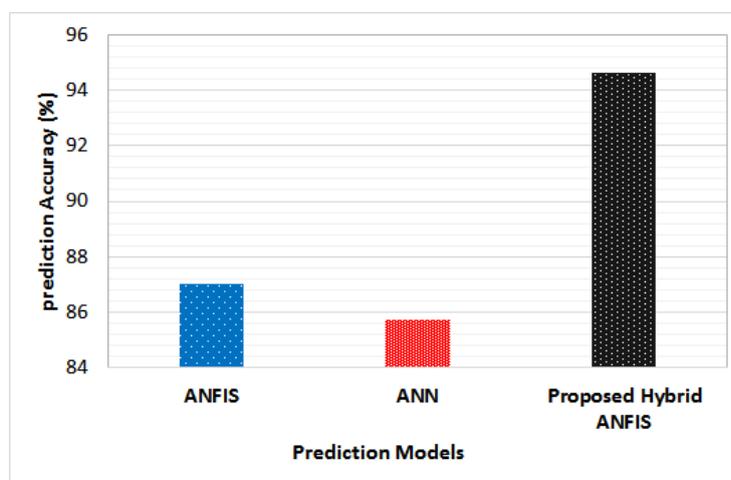
**Figure 10. Risk assessment performance comparison**

Performance comparison of proposed hybrid model and conventional ANFIS and artificial neural network is depicted in figure 10 in terms of precision, recall and f-measure scores. Table 4 gives the comparative analysis details.

**Table 4. Performance Comparison**

Model	Precision	Recall	F-measure
ANFIS	0.91	0.90	0.42
ANN	0.93	0.89	0.50
Proposed Hybrid ANFIS	0.96	0.93	0.64

From above table 4, it is observed that proposed hybrid model attains better performance compared to conventional models due to its data handling capabilities.



**Figure 11 Accuracy comparison**

Flood prediction accuracy of all the three models are compared and depicted in figure 11. Based on the historical data analysis, the proposed hybrid approach provides better performance over conventional ANFIS and artificial neural network model.

## V. CONCLUSION

A novel flood risk assessment model is proposed in this research work using differential evolution and adaptive neuro fuzzy inference system as a hybrid approach. The importance of flood prediction and risk assessment process is presented in the article to obtain prior knowledge about the flood-oriented research issues. The dimensionality issues in big data is reduced using differential evolution model and then, the selected feature data vectors are fed into the adaptive neuro fuzzy inference system to obtain the flood prediction results. Based on the prediction results and the risk assessment parameters, the necessary procedures are initiated as risk management process. Experimental analysis of proposed work is carried out with

historical data and validated with experimental results. Compared to conventional adaptive neuro fuzzy inference system and artificial neural network model, proposed hybrid model attains better prediction accuracy. The relative analysis experimented in this research work helps to predict the future floods, which could save human lives. The limitation of the model is in its data sample as it considers the monthly statistics and hence could not provide daily predictions. Accuracy of the system may slightly change due to global impacts and climatic changes. The prediction performance could be further improved in future using hybrid models with other different parameters.

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