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Special Issue on “Pattern Recognition in Remote Sensing”

Due to recent advancement in sensor technology, the capabilities of acquiring images of the Earth surface have been dramatically improved. The improvements involve larger swath width, finer spectral, spatial, temporal, and/or radiometric resolutions. Therefore, the amount of data to be processed is growing rapidly, and, in particular, the number of dimensions of the corresponding feature spaces is rising. This poses methodological challenges that require the utilization of more advanced pattern recognition techniques for effective and efficient data/image interpretation. There are similar challenges for multiple data collected by different types of sensors, such as optical, multispectral, hyperspectral, thermal, LiDAR and RADAR sensors. Within the machine-learning and pattern recognition community, new methods or crucial improvements of known methods are being developed that also will be useful for the analysis of such high dimensional and high resolution remotely sensed imagery. This special issue includes approaches using deep learning but is not restricted to such models.

This special issue is following the successfully held Pattern Recognition in Remote Sensing (PRRS) Workshop in 2016 (http://iapr-te7.de/prrs/PRRS2016.htm), which was co-organized by the Technical Committee on Pattern Recognition in Remote Sensing and Mapping (TC7) of the International Association for Pattern Recognition (IAPR), the Inter Commission Working Group for Pattern Analysis in Remote Sensing (ICWG II/III) of the International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), and IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Society (GRSS). This special issue is open to any submission in the scope. For a paper presented in PRRS 2016, it is required that the journal version is 2 to 3 times longer.

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- Feature selection and reduction
- Supervised and semi-supervised classification
- Clustering
- Active and transfer learning
- Deep learning
- Target and anomaly detection
- Data fusion
- Nonlinear methods for pattern recognition
- Novel pattern recognition tasks in remote sensing applications
- Technical reviews on related topics

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