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Abstract

In the field of geomorphology, automated extraction and classification of landforms is one of the most active research areas. Until the late 2000s, this task has primarily been tackled using pixel-based approaches. As these methods consider pixels and pixel neighborhoods as the sole basic entities for analysis, they cannot account for

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Abbreviations:

BAS: Bilateral asymmetry

BTH: Black top hat (grayscale) morphological filter

CCW: Cross-sectional curvature weighting

ELA: Equilibrium line altitude GAD: Gradient – apex divergence *h*_s: Spatial bandwidth

 h_r : Range bandwidth

LOOCV: Leave-one-out cross validation

HSA: Half-splay angle

MRS: Multiresolution segmentation
OBIA: Object-based image analysis
OBMA: Object-based morphometric analysis
PED: Polygon fractal dimension

PFD: Polygon fractal dimension SAW: Slope angle weighting

SRTM 1": Shuttle Radar Topography Mission DEM with 1" posting

SVM: Support vector machine

WTH: White top hat (grayscale) morphological filter

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