



## ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY: APPLICATION OF DIFFUSE LOGIC TECHNIQUE FOR ASSESSMENT IN THE NEGRO RIVER BASIN (CUNDINAMARCA, COLOMBIA)

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### ABSTRACT

This paper presents the assessment of the concurrent environmental quality evaluated in the conditions of the Negro River Basin (Cundinamarca, Colombia), integrating the variables of water quality (BOD, TSS, N-NO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>total</sub>) and precipitation in a collaborative model, using the fuzzy logic artificial intelligence technique to emulate the evaluation performed by a group of experts.

**Keywords:** watershed, fuzzy logic, environmental quality.

### INTRODUCTION

The artificial intelligence technique called fuzzy logic or false fuzzy systems is used to treat uncertain or inaccurate knowledge, which does not require a mathematical model of the system. However, uncertainties and restrictions patterns, are included in descriptive procedure fuzzy inference instructions and also can express the control in an informally way and with linguistic labels based on expert knowledge (Firat 2007; Cuevas 2015). This system has the advantage of making qualitative variables in quantitative through fuzzy sets, logical operators and mathematical expressions, i.e. analysis of an expert system, using reasoning models and managing uncertainty (Escobar 2016). The rules (fuzzy rules that include all possible fuzzy relations between inputs and outputs) are taken from experts to then adapt and learn rules for the manipulation of the system, i.e., have allocation of the partial belongings of any object to different subsets of a universal joint, rather than completely belong to a single set, and the membership function assume values between 0 and 1, inclusive (Gómez 2011; Ponce 2010). The membership function of a fuzzy set is (Calderón 2014):  $F = \{(u, u_f(u))/u \in U\}$  where  $u_f(u)$  indicates the degree that the value of the variable  $u$  is included in the concept of  $F$ . This technique has been applied in decision making for reuse of wastewater, quality management and quantity of water, dynamic water and solutes, (Escobar 2016; Zarghami 2007; Carvajal 2013; Szesz 2016). Therefore, in this work the environmental quality in the Negro River basin (Cundinamarca, Colombia) will be assessed using the diffuse logic technique.

Among the most relevant research relating to this investigation are: the one made by (Deshpande & Raje 2003), in this paper modeled cognitive uncertainty of perception of experts or consumers and statistical uncertainty in the data field using fuzzy logic to determine the quality of water in the Ganga river by the end of the year after the partial implementation of pollution control strategies, where they concluded that the diffuse logic

technique is a good tool for the measurement of water quality of the river for specific purposes. Other relevant research was conducted by (Roveda *et al.* 2013), in which they developed a water quality index for public supply (IPS) using a fuzzy inference methodology. From the results obtained it was shown that the new procedure was more effective, compared to the classic IPS. Also, (Zhu & Hao 2009) present a fuzzy neural network model to evaluate water quality in the area of Suzhou in China since 1999-2002. Results indicated that the model is suitable for assessing water quality. Finally, the research done by (Kateriya & Tiwari 2016), it was to analyze different investigations which have implemented quantitative models such as neural networks, fuzzy logic, genetic algorithms, integrated models, etc., using different parameters to determine water quality. In the future, it was necessary to use hybrid methods of these approaches with new optimization techniques, namely genetic algorithm (GA), optimization of particle swarm (PSO) and optimization of ant colony to improve the quality of the selection of features and to obtain better classification accuracy.

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

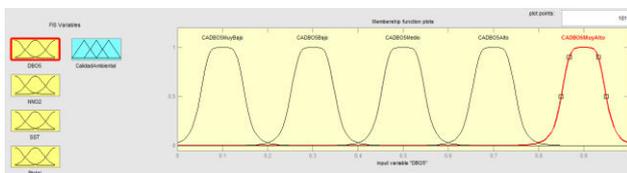
The method used is a combination of real and exact observation and knowledge of an empirical, complex situation and inductive reasoning, which would be to derive a new knowledge from particular phenomena and knowledge already obtained, and to establish propositions analyzed from their causes and real effects, i.e. from the particular to the general (Vergel 2010; Balestrini 2001). It should be mention that according to the analysis and scope of the results, the type of research is analytical - quasi experimental, since it analyzes an event and understands it in terms of its obvious aspects, and also discovers elements that make up the totality and connections explaining their integration, i.e., promotes the study and deeper understanding of the event under study (Hurtado J. 2000; Vergel G. 2010; Hernández 2010).



Precipitation information was obtained from the weather stations of the Cundinamarca Autonomous Regional Corporation (CAR) located in each of the municipalities belonging to the Negro river basin; information water quality parameters BOD, TSS, N-NO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>total</sub>, as for surface water quality as plants wastewater treatment (including treatment flow) located in towns in to the basin in question, were taken from the Environmental Laboratory of the Cundinamarca Autonomous Regional Corporation (CAR).

## RESULTS

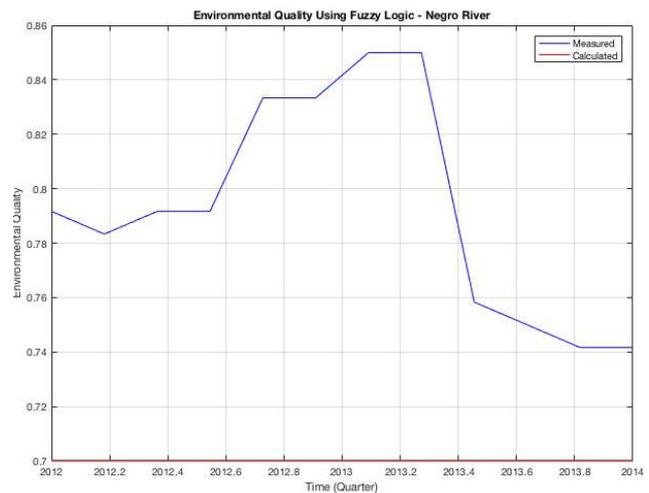
Using the Fuzzy Logic technique to establish the environmental quality, a categorization of the values of the variables analyzed in the surface water body, in environmental quality qualification of very low, low, medium, good (high) and very high Good (high) were due. Then he defined, as appropriate the "membership functions", which allow the post to establish the rules defining the calculation or in this case, the classification of environmental quality. The following functions are display:



**Figure-1.** Established fuzzy functions.

In Figure-1, 4 input variables, and one output variable, are define in ranges previously specified. It was decide to use the gbellmf function (Generalized bell-shaped membership function), which allows much more diffuse classification categories compared to other options. Once the function has been define, we proceed to find the relation between variables that allowed generating a compendium of rules, in order to calculate the environmental quality from them, a task that in this case is not particularly simple, given the fact that we have 4 variables and each one with 5 possibilities. There are few methods to find a set of rules from the input variables, however, the measure  $J$  ( $J$ -measure), offers a choice from conditional probability, concepts of entropy and using the data in time, find rules for a variable, with respect to its output:

$$J(B_T; A) = p(A) * \left( p(B_T|A) \log\left(\frac{p(B_T|A)}{p(B_T)}\right) + (1 - p(B_T|A)) \log\left(\frac{1 - p(B_T|A)}{1 - p(B_T)}\right) \right)$$



**Figure-2.** Comparison between the calculated and the expert environmental quality.

In Figure-2, it is observed how the line entities is the indicator of the environmental quality measured (experts). It is a volatile fluctuation with a recurrent frequency in the analyzed period (2012 - 2014), with a high dispersion of the results of environmental quality for the body of surface water, between 0.75 to 0.85, indicating a variability of quality qualification between good and very good, due to the low concentration of contaminants discharged into the body of water and the assimilation of this as to his self-recovery. As for the calculated environmental quality (Fuzzy Logic), it presents a constant linear trend in a qualification of regular in terms of environmental quality.

The difference of values obtained between the expert and the calculated (LD), shows that the technique of diffuse logic fails to emulate the concepts emitted by the experts, and this is evidence by the absolute error that was obtained 0.0931 and the relative error 11.7338 % as shown in Table-1. This result and the difference between the measured (Experts) and the calculated (LD) would indicate that the system modeled with the fuzzy logic technique is not the ideal to emulate the concepts emitted by the group of experts. For this reason, a feedback process was carry out with the environmental experts of the results obtained and the model, in order to determine the possible causes of the differences in results. At the end of the process, the consensus of the experts was obtained that the main variable that influences the phenomenon that was not taken explicitly in the initial model was the precipitation, since the influence of this affects the measurements of the quality parameters of the water (BOD, TSS, N-NO<sub>2</sub> and P<sub>Total</sub>) so that precipitation helps to concentrate or dilute the contaminants analyzed in this surface water body.

In Table-1, it is observe that the obtained results of environmental quality by applying diffuse logic to emulate the results of environmental quality conceived by the group of experts in this body of surface water evidenced favorable values in terms of the relative and



absolute error, in comparison with the literature. However, when comparing the values obtained when applying the technique versus the suggested values, it evidence that the mean square error (MSE) is outside the suggested range. Therefore, the proposed model serves as a tool for the

analysis of the quality of surface bodies but should not be used as a sole criterion to determine the quality of water and makes it necessary to use the concept emitted by experts for environmental making decision.

**Table-1.** Performance measurement of the computational technique.

Computational technique	Mean squared error (MSE)		Testing coefficient determination ( $R^2$ )		Relative error	Absolute error
	Suggested value	Value obtained	Suggested value	Value obtained		
Diffuse logic	$\leq 0.10$	0.1009	0.90	N / A	11.7338%	0.0931

## CONCLUSIONS

When using fuzzy logic to estimate the environmental quality in the body of surface water, it is observe that the categorizations, relations between variables and combinations found in the abstraction of the environmental phenomenon, according to the qualification of pre-established environmental quality, are significant. The emulation of the environmental quality of the experts according to the performance results are adequate, but they are not sufficient for the environmental making decision, for which the concept of experts is necessary for making assertive decisions. By comparing the measured (expert) and calculated (diffuse logic) results, it presents a combined topology in the segments of observation that converge in a marked heterogeneity and high variability of the results of environmental quality, which establishes to condition the variable precipitation as influent in the phenomenon of concentrating or diluting the contaminants analyzed in this body of surface water.

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