A Data Mining Algorithm for Satellite Data: Application for Double ITCZs

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Climatological 18-year Mean: Nov 16-30 1988-2005





Temporal Mean:



120 130 140 150 170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240 260 270 280



160 170 180 190 200 210 220 230 240 250 260 270 280 290

5-Day mean

1-Day OLR

14-Day mean



Goal:

-Develop an automated algorithm for detecting DITCZ manifestations capable of:

-Searching at any location in an OLR image

-Direct application to other data sets

-Direct application to other regions

-Being User friendly

Motivation:

- -Relation of DITCZs with annual monsoon
- -Tendency of GCM to over-predict DITCZs
- -Potential relation of DITZCs to symmetric instability
- -Application of algorithm to DITCZs in other ocean basins
- -Potential application of feature detection to other fields?

Algorithm Process:

1) User generates training set by classifying a number of images

2) Images are decomposed via vertical wavelet transform and resulting coefficient energies are saved.

3) Singular value decomposition is applied to coefficient energy data

4) Linear discrimination analysis used to differentiate between images based on highest SVD modes

5) Post-processing applied to image to retrieve information about detected DITCZ

Algorithm Example (1/5): Training Set



Algorithm Example (2/5): Wavelet Decomposition



Algorithm Example (2/5): Coefficient Energies



Algorithm Example (3/5): SVD, Primary Modes

SVD Mode 1





Algorithm Example (4/5): Linear Discrimination Analysis



Algorithm Example (5/5): Post-Processing



Decomposition



Relevant Minima



Grouping Algorithm Applied



Algorithm Example (5/5): Post-Processing









Automated DITCZ detection: Accuracy

(Out of 400 test cases:)

Overall: ~89.0%



False Negatives: 7.0%



False Positives: 4.0%

Annual DITCZ Probability:



Annual signal produced by detection algorithm. OLR 10-day running mean from Jan 1st 1979 to Jan 1st 2009. Daily probability of DITCZ occurrence.

Alternative Detection Methods:



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Alternative Detection Methods:



Previous algorithm output. Applied to 10-day running mean at 7° S (red), 0° (blue), and 7° N (green). Daily probability of DITCZ presence for each month.

Further Research:

-Verification by comparison to other data sets

-Comparison to surface winds and vorticity data

-Application to other ocean basins (western Pacific?)