Crop Classification with Time Series of Polarimetric SAR Data

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Introduction

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Learning outcomes:

By the end of this practical you will learn how to:

• Run Python code for machine learning of multitemporal PolSAR data
• Pre-process PolSAR data for using machine learning
• Format the data in feature vectors
• Run random forest and K-Means classifiers
• Evaluate the accuracy of your classifiers
Before you start:

- This practical builds on skills from a previous ARSET training: Mapping Crops and their Biophysical Characteristics with Polarimetric SAR and Optical Remote Sensing

- If you are not very familiar with Python, you may want to go through the materials from the previous training before you attempt this training.

- In the training folder, you will find files with and without solutions. My suggestion is to try to solve the coding exercises on your own before you listen to the training or look at the solutions.
“Python is a programming language that lets you work quickly and integrate systems more effectively.”

https://www.python.org/

You can find many tutorials or books on the web. The one I use is the following:

https://docs.python.org/3/tutorial/
Downloading/Installing: Anaconda

My suggestion is to use the Anaconda installer, because it comes with most of the common libraries: https://www.anaconda.com/products/individual?modal=nucleus

If you do not want to use Anaconda, please make sure you use Python 3.x version (3.6+ will be fine), but **NOT 2.7**, since some functions have changed!

The 2.7 version will NOT run with the code I am sharing!

### Anaconda Installers

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NASA’s Applied Remote Sensing Training Program
Anaconda will install Jupyter Notebook and you should see its icon in the Start menu (Windows OS).
Jupyter Notebook

Jupyter opens in a web browser, and you can upload scripts using the Upload button.
Spyder

Anaconda will install the Python editor **Spyder** and you should see the icon below.

Spyder is a handy editor, and you may want to use it when you are scripting operational/automatic processing stacks.