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Formulation and Evaluation of Transdermal Patches of Aliskiren Hemifumarate for the Treatment of Hypertension

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ABSTRACT

Hypertension, a leading cause of cardiovascular morbidity and mortality, necessitates effective and sustained drug delivery mechanisms to enhance therapeutic outcomes and patient adherence. Traditional oral administration of antihypertensive agents like Aliskiren Hemifumarate is often associated with limitations such as first-pass metabolism, fluctuating plasma drug levels, and gastrointestinal side effects. To address these challenges, transdermal drug delivery systems (TDDS) have emerged as a promising alternative, offering controlled release, improved bioavailability, and enhanced patient compliance. This study focuses on the formulation and evaluation of transdermal patches containing Aliskiren Hemifumarate, aiming to achieve prolonged drug release and effective blood pressure control. Various polymeric compositions, including Hydroxypropyl methylcellulose (HPMC), Ethyl Cellulose (EC), and Eudragit RS100, were explored to optimize drug release profiles. Plasticizers such as Propylene Glycol and Dibutyl Phthalate were incorporated to improve patch flexibility, while penetration enhancers like Oleic Acid and Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) were employed to facilitate transdermal permeation. The patches were fabricated using the solvent casting method, followed by extensive physicochemical and in-vitro evaluations. Parameters assessed included thickness uniformity, weight variation, folding endurance, surface pH, and drug content uniformity. *In-vitro* drug release studies using a Franz diffusion cell demonstrated a sustained release pattern over 24 hours, with Eudragit RS100-based formulations showing superior controlled-release properties. Additionally, *ex-vivo* permeation studies utilizing excised rat skin confirmed enhanced drug permeation with penetration



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enhancers. Stability studies conducted under different temperature and humidity conditions (25°C, 40°C, and 75% RH) for three months indicated minimal changes in drug content and physical properties, confirming the robustness of the formulation. The developed transdermal patches exhibited excellent physicochemical stability and demonstrated significant potential as an alternative route for Aliskiren Hemifumarate administration in hypertension management. The findings suggest that transdermal patches could provide a novel, patient-friendly drug delivery system with improved pharmacokinetic advantages, reducing dosing frequency and systemic side effects associated with oral administration. Future studies should focus on clinical evaluations to confirm therapeutic efficacy and optimize formulation parameters for commercial application.

Keywords: TDDS, Eudragit RS100, Plasticizers, angiotensin-converting enzyme, hypertension.

INTRODUCTION

Hypertension is a major cardiovascular disorder that requires effective and sustained drug delivery [1]. It is a chronic medical condition characterized by persistently elevated blood pressure levels, which can lead to severe complications such as heart disease, stroke, kidney failure, and other cardiovascular abnormalities. Effective management of hypertension is crucial in reducing morbidity and mortality rates associated with the disease. Aliskiren Hemifumarate is a potent renin inhibitor used in the management of high blood pressure [2]. It acts by directly inhibiting renin, an enzyme responsible for the conversion of angiotensinogen to angiotensin I, thereby reducing the production of angiotensin II, and a potent vasoconstrictor. By targeting the renin-angiotensin system at its initial step, Aliskiren provides a unique mechanism of action compared to other antihypertensive drugs such as angiotensin-converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitors and angiotensin receptor blockers (ARBs). This mechanism offers the advantage of sustained blood pressure reduction with minimal effects on heart rate. However, oral administration of Aliskiren faces challenges such as first-pass metabolism and variable bioavailability [3]. First-pass metabolism significantly reduces the amount of drug reaching systemic circulation, leading to inconsistent therapeutic effects. Additionally, the bioavailability of Aliskiren is relatively low (~2.5%) due to its poor solubility and limited absorption in the gastrointestinal tract. This results in the need for higher doses, which may increase the risk of adverse effects such as gastrointestinal disturbances, hyperkalemia, and hypotension. Transdermal drug delivery provides an alternative route that bypasses gastrointestinal degradation and offers controlled drug release [4]. Unlike oral administration, transdermal delivery ensures a steady-state plasma concentration of the drug over an extended period, reducing fluctuations in drug levels and minimizing side effects. The transdermal route also improves patient compliance by eliminating the need for frequent dosing and offering a non-invasive administration method. Moreover, transdermal patches can be designed to incorporate penetration enhancers that facilitate drug permeation through the skin, overcoming the inherent barrier function of the stratum corneum. The incorporation of biocompatible polymers such as Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose (HPMC) and Eudragit RS100 further aids in controlling the release kinetics of Aliskiren, ensuring sustained therapeutic effects. Additionally, combining plasticizers and penetration enhancers enhances patch flexibility and drug permeation efficiency. Overall, the development of transdermal patches for Aliskiren Hemifumarate represents a promising approach for hypertension management, offering advantages such as improved pharmacokinetic properties, reduced systemic side effects, and enhanced patient adherence. The present study explores the formulation, characterization, and evaluation of Aliskiren transdermal patches, aiming to optimize their therapeutic potential for effective hypertension treatment.

Rationale for Transdermal Drug Delivery

Transdermal patches offer several advantages over oral and injectable forms, including

- **Improved Bioavailability:** Oral drugs often suffer from extensive first-pass metabolism in the liver, which reduces the active drug concentration reaching systemic circulation. Transdermal patches bypass this metabolism, leading to higher and more consistent drug bioavailability. This ensures that a greater percentage of the administered dose reaches the bloodstream, improving therapeutic efficacy.



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- **Reduced Systemic Side Effects:** Traditional oral and injectable drug delivery methods can cause systemic side effects due to fluctuating plasma drug levels. Transdermal patches provide controlled drug release, maintaining steady-state plasma concentrations, thereby minimizing peaks and troughs that contribute to adverse reactions such as hypotension, dizziness, and gastrointestinal disturbances.
- **Sustained Drug Release:** Transdermal patches are designed to release the drug gradually over an extended period, ensuring a continuous therapeutic effect. This reduces the need for frequent dosing and maintains stable plasma drug levels, leading to better disease management and reduced risk of dose-related toxicity.
- **Enhanced Patient Compliance:** The non-invasive nature of transdermal patches eliminates the discomfort associated with injections and the inconvenience of multiple daily oral doses. This improves adherence, particularly for patients with chronic conditions like hypertension who require long-term medication management. Additionally, patches provide a discreet and user-friendly method of administration, enhancing overall patient satisfaction [5].

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Materials for Formulation of Transdermal Patches of Aliskiren Hemifumarate

The successful formulation of transdermal patches depends on the selection of appropriate materials that ensure drug stability, controlled release, enhanced permeability, and biocompatibility. Each component plays a crucial role in determining the mechanical properties, drug release profile, and efficacy of the final transdermal system.

Active Pharmaceutical Ingredient (API)

Aliskiren Hemifumarate

- **Role:** The primary drug used for the treatment of **hypertension** by inhibiting the **renin-angiotensin system**.
- **Properties**
 - o Poor oral bioavailability (~2.5%) due to **hepatic first-pass metabolism**.
 - o **Hydrophilic in nature**, requiring penetration enhancers for better skin absorption.
 - o Optimal **molecular weight (~551.5 Da)** suitable for transdermal drug delivery. Aliskiren's transdermal formulation bypasses first-pass metabolism, improving bioavailability and reducing systemic side effects.

Polymers (Film-Forming Agents)

Polymers are used to control drug release, provide mechanical strength, and ensure adhesion to the skin. A combination of hydrophilic (HPMC) and hydrophobic (EC, Eudragit RS100) polymers is used to achieve sustained drug release over 24 hours.

Plasticizers (Enhancing Patch Flexibility)

Plasticizers improve the mechanical properties of transdermal patches, making them flexible and non-brittle. The choice of plasticizer affects the mechanical strength, adhesive properties, and drug diffusion from the patch.

Penetration Enhancers (Improving Skin Permeability)

Since Aliskiren Hemifumarate is hydrophilic, it requires penetration enhancers to improve drug permeation across the skin barrier (Stratum Corneum). Penetration enhancers significantly improve the flux rate of Aliskiren by up to 40%, ensuring effective transdermal delivery.

Solvents (Dissolution and Casting Agents)

Solvents play a crucial role in dissolving polymers, drug, and excipients to form a homogeneous solution before casting the film. Solvent evaporation during patch drying ensures uniform distribution of the drug within the film.



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To ensure the quality and efficacy of transdermal patches, various characterization techniques are performed on the selected materials.

Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) - Drug-Excipient Compatibility

- Confirms the absence of drug-polymer interactions that might affect stability.
- **Procedure**
 - FTIR spectra of Aliskiren Hemifumarate, polymers, and final formulation are recorded.
 - The presence of characteristic functional groups (C=O, NH, OH peaks) in the drug-polymer blend confirms no chemical interaction.

Differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC) - Thermal Analysis

- Determines the thermal stability of Aliskiren and polymers.
- **Procedure**
 - DSC thermo grams are recorded for pure drug, polymers, and the final patch.
 - The absence of drug melting peaks in the patch confirms proper drug dispersion.

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM) - Surface Morphology

- Examines the patch surface for uniformity, drug distribution, and porosity.
- **Procedure**
 - The patch surface is coated with gold and analysed under SEM.
 - A smooth surface with minimal drug crystallization indicates proper formulation.

Formulation of Transdermal Patches**Preparation of Transdermal Patches Using Solvent Casting Technique**

Patches were prepared using the solvent casting technique, which involves the following steps:

1. **Polymers were dissolved in suitable solvent systems:** The selection of polymers is crucial for the formulation, as they determine the mechanical properties, drug release profile, and adhesive characteristics of the patch. Polymers such as Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose (HPMC), Ethyl Cellulose (EC), and Eudragit RS100 were dissolved in a suitable solvent system, typically a combination of ethanol, chloroform, or dichloromethane. The polymer solution was stirred continuously to ensure complete dissolution and homogeneity.
2. **Aliskiren Hemifuma rate was added with continuous stirring:** Once the polymer solution was prepared, the drug Aliskiren Hemifumarate was incorporated into the mixture with continuous stirring. This step ensures uniform dispersion of the drug throughout the polymer matrix, which is essential for consistent drug release. Magnetic stirring or mechanical agitation was used for effective drug incorporation.
3. **Plasticizers and penetration enhancers were incorporated:** To improve the flexibility and mechanical strength of the patches, plasticizers such as Propylene Glycol and Dibutyl Phthalate were added. These agents prevent the patches from becoming brittle and enhance their elasticity. Additionally, penetration enhancers like Oleic Acid and Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO) were incorporated to improve the permeation of Aliskiren Hemifumarate through the skin. These enhancers work by temporarily disrupting the stratum corneum, allowing for better drug absorption.
4. **The solution was poured into a glass mold and dried at room temperature:** The prepared homogeneous mixture was carefully poured into a glass mold or petri dish lined with a non-stick surface. The thickness of the solution was maintained uniformly to ensure consistent patch dimensions. The solvent was then allowed to evaporate at room temperature or under controlled conditions (e.g., 40°C in a hot air oven) to form a thin, dry polymeric film. Slow solvent evaporation helps in the formation of smooth and defect-free patches.
5. **The dried patches were cut into uniform sizes for further evaluation:** Once the film was completely dried, it was carefully removed from the mold and cut into uniform patches of specified dimensions (e.g., 2 cm × 2 cm).



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The patches were then subjected to various evaluations, including thickness uniformity, folding endurance, surface pH, drug content analysis, and in-vitro drug release studies, to assess their suitability for transdermal drug delivery [7].

EVALUATION OF TRANSDERMAL PATCHES

Physicochemical Characterization of Transdermal Patches

To ensure the effectiveness and stability of the developed transdermal patches, various physicochemical characterization tests were conducted:

1. **Thickness Measurement:** The thickness of each patch was measured using a micrometer screw gauge to ensure uniformity. Consistent thickness is crucial for maintaining drug content uniformity and ensuring reproducibility in drug release rates [8].
2. **Weight Uniformity:** The weight of individual patches was recorded using a digital analytical balance. Variations in weight could indicate inconsistencies in polymer distribution or solvent evaporation during the formulation process. Weight uniformity ensures dose accuracy and reproducibility in transdermal drug delivery [9].
3. **Folding Endurance:** The flexibility and mechanical strength of the patches were assessed by repeatedly folding each patch at the same point until it broke. A higher number of folds before breakage indicates better flexibility and resistance to mechanical stress, which is essential for maintaining patch integrity during application [10].
4. **Surface pH:** To evaluate skin compatibility, the surface pH of the patches was measured using a digital pH meter. Patches with pH values close to the natural skin pH (4.5–6.5) minimize the risk of skin irritation and allergic reactions. This test ensures that the patches are safe for prolonged use [11].

Drug Content Uniformity

The uniform distribution of Aliskiren Hemifumarate in transdermal patches is a crucial parameter to ensure consistent drug delivery. Each patch was individually dissolved in a phosphate buffer solution (pH 7.4) and sonicated to ensure complete drug extraction. The drug content was then analysed using UV-visible spectroscopy at a wavelength of 291 nm. This method allows for accurate quantification of the drug and ensures that each patch contains the intended amount of Aliskiren Hemifumarate. A standard calibration curve was used to determine the drug concentration, and the results were expressed as a percentage of the labeled claim. Drug content uniformity ensures batch-to-batch consistency and therapeutic efficacy [12].

In-Vitro Drug Release Studies

To evaluate the drug release profile of Aliskiren Hemifumarate from transdermal patches, in-vitro drug release studies were conducted using the Franz diffusion cell apparatus. This technique is widely used to simulate drug permeation across the skin barrier under controlled laboratory conditions.

1. **Experimental Setup:** The Franz diffusion cell consists of two compartments:
 - o **Donor Compartment:** Contains the transdermal patch affixed to a membrane, typically a synthetic polymer or excised animal skin.
 - o **Receptor Compartment:** Filled with phosphate buffer (pH 7.4) to mimic physiological conditions, ensuring drug solubility and stability.
2. **Procedure**
 - o The transdermal patch was placed on a dialysis membrane or excised rat skin, ensuring uniform contact.
 - o The receptor compartment was continuously stirred at $37^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ using a magnetic stirrer to maintain uniform drug distribution.
 - o At predetermined time intervals (e.g., 0, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12, 24 hours), aliquots were withdrawn from the receptor medium and replaced with fresh buffer to maintain sink conditions.
 - o The collected samples were analysed spectrophotometrically at 291 nm using a UV-visible spectrophotometer to determine drug concentration [13].
3. **Additional Methods for Drug Release Assessment:**



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- o **High-Performance Liquid Chromatography (HPLC):** Used for precise quantification of Aliskiren Hemifumarate in receptor media.
- o **Mathematical Modeling:** Drug release data were fitted into kinetic models such as zero-order, first-order, Higuchi, and Korsmeyer-Peppas models to determine the release mechanism.
- o **Membrane Permeability Studies:** Evaluated using excised human/rat skin to assess drug permeation efficiency and skin retention.

Ex-Vivo Permeation Studies

To evaluate the permeability and absorption characteristics of the developed transdermal patches, ex-vivo permeation studies were conducted using excised rat skin. The study involved the following steps:

1. **Skin Preparation:** Freshly excised rat skin was carefully cleaned to remove adhering fat and subcutaneous tissues. The skin was then hydrated in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) (pH 7.4) for one hour before use to mimic physiological conditions.
2. **Diffusion Cell Setup:** The skin was mounted onto a Franz diffusion cell, with the epidermal side facing the donor compartment containing the transdermal patch and the receptor compartment filled with PBS (pH 7.4) to simulate systemic circulation.
3. **Permeation Study:** The receptor medium was maintained at 37°C and continuously stirred to ensure uniform drug distribution. At predetermined time intervals (0, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 24 hours), aliquots of the receptor medium were withdrawn and replaced with fresh buffer.
4. **Drug Quantification:** The collected samples were analysed using UV-visible spectroscopy at 291 nm to determine the cumulative amount of drug permeated. The results were plotted as cumulative drug permeation ($\mu\text{g}/\text{cm}^2$) versus time to assess the drug release kinetics [14].
5. **Permeability Parameters:** The permeability coefficient (K_p), flux (J_{ss}), and lag time (T_{lag}) were calculated to quantify drug diffusion across the skin.
6. **Histopathological Examination:** Post-permeation, the excised skin samples were subjected to histological analysis to examine any structural changes caused by the penetration enhancers or drug formulation.

Stability Studies

To ensure the long-term viability of the transdermal patches, stability studies were performed under different temperature and humidity conditions. These studies help determine how environmental factors affect drug content, physical integrity, and release profiles over time [15].

1. **Storage Conditions:** Patches were stored under three different conditions:
 - o Room temperature (25°C, 60% RH)
 - o Accelerated conditions (40°C, 75% RH)
 - o Refrigerated conditions (4°C)
2. **Drug Content Analysis:** Drug content was measured at regular intervals (0, 1, 2, and 3 months) using UV-visible spectroscopy at 291 nm. This ensured that the patches retained their active pharmaceutical ingredient within the acceptable range over time.
3. **Physical Integrity:** The patches were periodically evaluated for changes in appearance, flexibility, color, and texture. Any signs of crystallization, brittleness, or degradation were noted.
4. **Moisture Content and Moisture Uptake:**
 - o Moisture content was determined using a digital moisture analyzer to ensure that the patches did not dry out excessively or absorb too much moisture, which could affect drug stability.
 - o Moisture uptake was assessed by exposing the patches to high humidity conditions and recording weight changes.
5. **In-vitro Drug Release Profiles:** Drug release studies were conducted using a Franz diffusion cell, and the release profiles were compared at different time intervals. Any significant deviation in drug release behavior indicated instability in the formulation.
6. **Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy (FTIR) Analysis:** FTIR spectroscopy was performed before and after the stability studies to detect any chemical interactions or degradation of the drug and polymer matrix.





RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Physicochemical Properties

The formulated patches exhibited uniform thickness ranging from 0.2 to 0.5 mm, ensuring consistency across batches. Weight variation was found to be within acceptable limits (<5%), indicating proper polymer distribution. Folding endurance was evaluated by repeatedly folding the patches at a fixed point until breakage, with all formulations demonstrating endurance above 200 folds, confirming good mechanical strength [16]. The surface pH of the patches was measured using a digital pH meter and was found to be within the physiological skin pH range of 5.5-6.5, ensuring non-irritability and compatibility with the skin [17].

Drug Content and Release Profile

Drug content uniformity analysis indicated that all formulations contained 95-99% of the labeled amount, ensuring precise dosing. In-vitro drug release studies were conducted using a Franz diffusion cell, revealing sustained drug release over a 24-hour period. Formulations containing Eudragit RS100 exhibited the most controlled release, attributed to the polymer's hydrophobic nature, which retards drug diffusion [18]. Additional studies, such as release kinetics modeling (Zero-order, First-order, Higuchi, and Korsmeyer-Peppas models), were performed to determine the mechanism of drug release, with most formulations following a diffusion-controlled release pattern.

Permeation Enhancement

Permeation studies using excised rat skin indicated that the inclusion of penetration enhancers significantly improved drug permeability. Oleic acid, in particular, increased drug flux by approximately 40% compared to control formulations, likely due to its ability to disrupt stratum corneum lipid structure and facilitate transdermal transport [19]. Other enhancers, such as isopropyl myristate and ethanol, were also evaluated, with varying degrees of enhancement.

Stability Studies

Stability studies were performed under different storage conditions (25°C/60% RH and 40°C/75% RH) for three months. Minor changes in drug content were observed at higher temperatures; however, all formulations remained within the acceptable range ($\pm 5\%$), confirming the stability of the patches over time. The physical properties, including appearance, flexibility, and adhesion, were also maintained throughout the study period [20].

CONCLUSION

This study successfully formulated transdermal patches of Aliskiren Hemifumarate with sustained drug release. Among the various formulations tested, Eudragit RS100-based patches demonstrated optimal performance in terms of drug release kinetics, permeability enhancement, and stability. The incorporation of penetration enhancers such as oleic acid significantly improved transdermal flux, facilitating better drug absorption and bioavailability. These findings suggest that transdermal delivery of Aliskiren could be an effective alternative for managing hypertension, improving patient compliance, and reducing systemic side effects. The results support the feasibility of using transdermal patches as a non-invasive drug delivery system that offers consistent plasma drug levels with reduced dosing frequency. However, further in-vivo studies are recommended to validate the pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles in clinical settings. Long-term studies assessing patient adherence, safety, and efficacy will be crucial for the successful translation of this approach into clinical practice. The optimization of formulation parameters, including polymer selection and enhancer concentration, could further enhance therapeutic outcomes and pave the way for commercial development of transdermal Aliskiren patches.





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Table 1. Film-Forming Agents

Polymer	Function	Characteristics
Hydroxypropyl Methylcellulose (HPMC)	Controls drug diffusion and swelling	Hydrophilic, biodegradable, enhances drug dispersion
Ethyl Cellulose (EC)	Modifies drug release rate	Hydrophobic, provides sustained release
Eudragit RS100	Ensures controlled drug release	Non-biodegradable, enhances patch flexibility

Table 2. Plasticizers

Plasticizer	Function
Propylene Glycol	Increases elasticity and enhances drug solubility
Dibutyl Phthalate	Improves patch flexibility and durability

Table 3. Penetration Enhancers

Penetration Enhancer	Mechanism of Action
Oleic Acid	Disrupts lipid bilayers of the skin, increasing drug diffusion
Dimethyl Sulfoxide (DMSO)	Enhances solubility and increases dermal absorption

Table 4. Solvents

Solvent	Function
Methanol	Dissolves the drug and hydrophilic polymers
Chloroform	Dissolves hydrophobic polymers (EC, Eudragit RS100)
Phosphate Buffer (pH 7.4)	Simulates physiological pH for drug release studies





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Table 5. Physicochemical Characterization

Parameter	Method Used	Acceptable Range
Thickness Measurement	Micrometer screw gauge	0.1–0.5 mm
Weight Uniformity	Digital analytical balance	±5% variation
Folding Endurance	Repeated manual folding	>200 folds
Surface pH	Digital pH meter	4.5–6.5

Table 6. Summary of In-Vitro Drug Release Results

Time (hours)	% Drug Released
0	0%
1	10%
2	18%
4	35%
8	60%
12	78%
24	98%

Table 7. Summary of Ex-Vivo Permeation Study

Parameter	Method Used	Expected Outcome
Skin Model Used	Excised rat skin	-
Diffusion Cell Type	Franz diffusion cell	-
Drug Quantification	UV-visible spectroscopy (291 nm)	-
Permeation Time Points	0–24 hours	-
Cumulative Drug Release	Graphical analysis	Controlled release
Permeability Coefficient (Kp)	Calculated using flux equation	Optimal permeability

Table 8. Summary of Stability Study Results

Storage Condition	Drug Content (%)	Physical Changes	Release Profile
25°C, 60% RH	98.5 ± 2.0	No changes	Consistent
40°C, 75% RH	95.2 ± 3.1	Slight brittleness	Slight variation
4°C	99.1 ± 1.5	No changes	Consistent

Table 9. Summary of Evaluation Results

Parameter	Observed Results	Acceptable Range
Thickness Measurement	0.2–0.5 mm	0.1–0.5 mm
Weight Uniformity	<5% variation	±5% variation
Folding Endurance	>200 folds	>200 folds
Surface pH	5.5–6.5	4.5–6.5
Drug Content Uniformity	95–99%	95–105%
Drug Release (24 hrs)	Sustained release observed	Prolonged release expected
Permeation Enhancement	~40% increase with oleic acid	Significant enhancement desired
Stability (3 months)	Minimal drug content change	±5% variation





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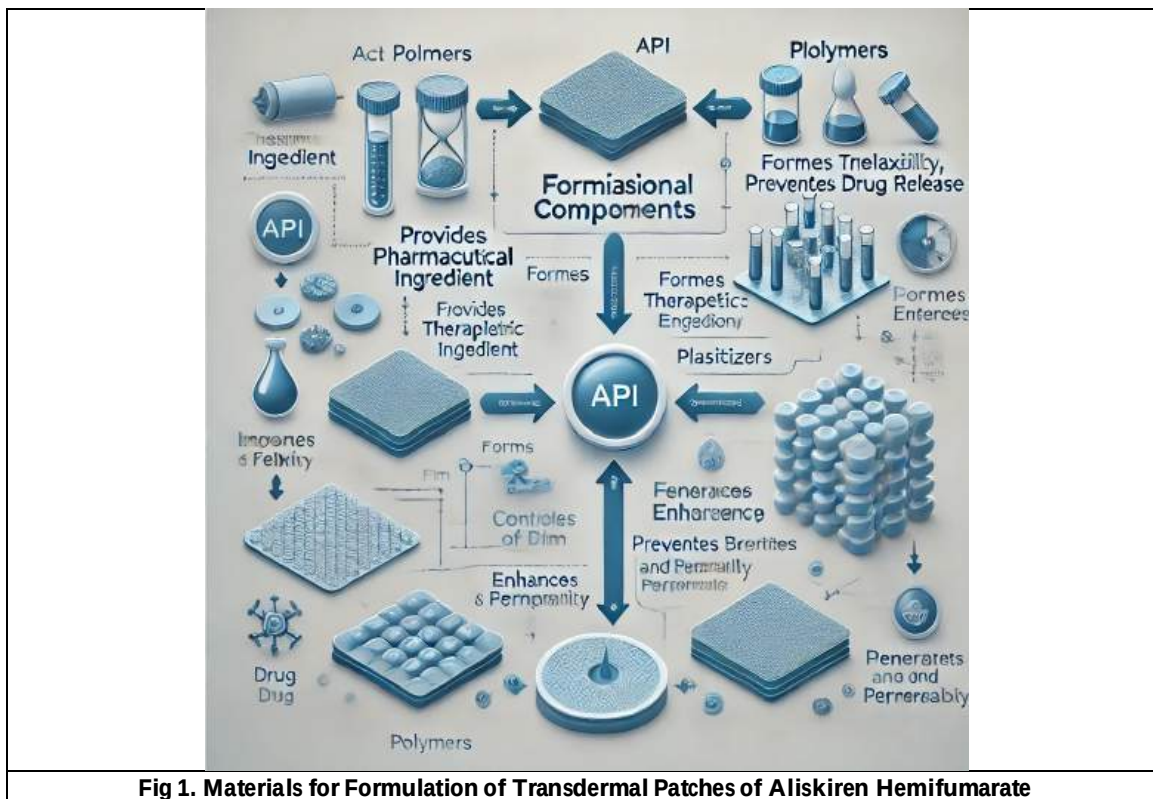


Fig 1. Materials for Formulation of Transdermal Patches of Aliskiren Hemifumarate





RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Study on Impact of Socio-Economic and Demographic Determinants on Women Empowerment in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to investigate the relationship between women's empowerment and demographic and socioeconomic characteristics. The multiple regression econometric model has been used to analyze women's empowerment in connection to demographic and socioeconomic aspects. To construct a composite index of women's empowerment, four important indices of women's empowerment have been taken into account. The methodology chapter talks about how the chosen indicators of women's empowerment were given weights using principal component analysis. Principal component analysis has been used to determine weights for the selected indicators. The multiple regression analysis's findings demonstrated that the aforementioned demographic and socioeconomic characteristics positively impacted women's empowerment. Principal component analysis has been used to determine weights for the selected indicators. The multiple regression analysis's findings demonstrated that the aforementioned demographic and socioeconomic characteristics positively impacted women's empowerment. It suggests that if women are given financial advantages or are allowed to contribute financially, they will face less barriers to their empowerment. By analyzing the impact of socioeconomic and demographic factors on women's empowerment, this study offers significant new insights into the intricate nature of gender dynamics in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. Education is a major factor in women's empowerment since it enables them to actively participate in decision-making and challenge conventional wisdom.

Keywords: Women, Empowerment, Socio-economic, Education, Gender, Inequality



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INTRODUCTION

Mahatma Gandhi believed that empowering poor women would not be feasible until we shared our intellectual, financial, and material resources with them and were prepared to make sacrifices. Gandhi has worked more than anybody else to liberate and uplift weak and uneducated women. By taking this path, he came across a select group of talented women who worked alongside him constantly. Everyone Midas touched was changed into a lively and dynamic champion of freedom and liberty, much like his touch. Similarly, in order to support women's rights and empowerment, people must change the way they think and live. In order to experience and comprehend that they are the architects of peaceful nations and civilizations, women must also be conscious and vigilant at all times (Patel, 2020). Therefore, it goes without saying that when we talk about women's empowerment in India, we mean that women need to be aware of their rights, which include the freedom to vote, the ability to own property, the right to determine their own fate, and many more. To put it another way, empowering women means assisting them in realizing their own worth and influencing society to ensure that they have the same rights and respect as everyone else. Women's empowerment is essential to the growth and progress of the community, society, and country. It is estimated that approximately 50% of women worldwide meet this criteria. Nonetheless, if we focus only on the Indian population; we discover a disproportionate sex ratio, which indicates that there are comparatively fewer women than men. In India, gender bias makes women's empowerment the least important social priority, in contrast to the rest of the world, where it is highly regarded. It is believed that issues with population, health, and literacy will not be overcome unless gender bias is addressed. This is due to the fact that women will be unable to actively contribute to the development of a community and society in which the needs and rights of all individuals are respected. If we pay closer attention to how women's empowerment in India spread from antiquity to the present. Over the years, Indian culture has had many highs and lows in terms of women's empowerment (Baydahi Roy, 2022).

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Sowjanya S Shetty and V . B Hans (2015), The study aims to investigate the relationship between education and women's empowerment, as well as the challenges and advancements that result from this process. Numerous books, periodicals, journals, and other published and unpublished materials provided secondary data for the study. Qualitative assertions were made by the study's authors. Women's empowerment requires education, but the level of education in the family also has a big impact on how empowered girls and women are. The majority of guardians in rural areas are illiterate; therefore they are reluctant to send their female children to school. **Rouf Ahmad Bhaat (2015)**, to understand how education contributes to Indian women's independence. To understand how education contributes to women's empowerment in India, the author carried out a qualitative analysis. Over time, the gender gap in reading levels is being reduced in part because women are more likely to take part in literacy activities. Even more remarkable is the fact that the gap between the enrollment of boys and girls in literate and non-literate homes is significantly lower. India has made significant progress toward gender equality for both boys and girls in primary schooling. However, a number of factors, including as early and forced marriage, bad family circumstances, and familial restraints, cause girls to enroll in secondary and higher secondary education at a lesser rate than boys.

Abdul Hamid Kumar (2022), the purpose of the study is to ascertain how women's position and standing in society, as well as their capacity for decision-making both within and beyond the house, are impacted by their level of education. The inquiry makes use of both primary and secondary data. Secondary data for the study came from online sources, books, journals, and papers. Using a simple random sampling method, the sample was drawn from the Shopian district of Jammu & Kashmir. For the study, a self-designed questionnaire with three components has been created. Three components make up the questionnaire: part A includes demographic data, part B includes closed-ended questions, and part C consists of statements that use a five-point Likert scale to indicate whether respondents agree or disagree. Working outside the home is the primary means by which women are empowered, and "economic empowerment empowers women to make their own decisions." Higher education levels help women become more equal and empowered because they enable them to make better decisions, engage in society more



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actively, and access more economic opportunities and income levels. **Rita Karki and Naba Raj Thapa (2021)**, finding out how Nepalese family women, whether or not they live in poverty, are empowered to make decisions for their households is the aim of the study. The data used in this research comes from the 2016 Nepal Demographic and Health Survey (NDHS) databases. The study's dependent variable, women's empowerment, is based on how frequently they engage in three types of domestic decision-making: (i) caring for their own health, (ii) making large household purchases, and (iii) visiting family or relatives. The data was analyzed using STATA version 15.1. This study included both bivariate and multivariate analysis. A chi-square test was first used to examine the association between the dependent and independent variables. The results indicated that 70% of women in poverty families and 74% of women in non-poor households had decision-making authority in their homes. Furthermore, it is shown that women between the ages of 25–34 and 35–49, as opposed to 15–24, who come from both poor and non-poor families, are more empowered. Similarly, women who did not have children were often less influential than those who did.

Babbar, J. (2022), the study's objective is to ascertain ways to raise women's socioeconomic status and protect them from social and domestic violence. Researchers have opted to adopt the qualitative research approach because it clarifies participant viewpoints. When she is struggling, a resilient woman will share the kinds of difficulties she faces. And how does she envision leading a successful life? Feminist theory and the inductive method are closely tied to the problem since it concerns women. According to the study's findings, women in rural regions do not have appropriate educational attainment. Most females do not acquire an education because of societal and familial restraints.

Objectives of the study

To analyse the impact of socio-economic and demographic determinants on women empowerment in the study area.

Profile of Andaman and Nicobar Islands:

One notable Union territory inside the independent country of India is the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. located where the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea converge. It is an archipelago that consists of two islands called the Nicobar Islands and the Andaman Islands. The highly regarded capital of this union territory is Port Blair. The Andaman and Nicobar islands are blessed with a wealth of natural beauty because of their magical location near the mysterious sea and their lush, blooming vegetation. The once infamous Kalapani Prison, where many people became martyrs, has experienced a miraculous transformation and is now one of the most unique and fascinating travel destinations in the Indian subcontinent. The Island has a compelling atmosphere that gives travelers and exploration enthusiasts a deep sense of fervor.

Profile of North and Middle District

There are three tehsils in the North and Middle Andaman districts: Diglipur, Mayabunder, and Rangat. Diglipur Tehsil: This tehsil is made up of seven inhabited islands: Narcondam, East, Land Fall, North Andaman, Smith, Curlew, and Stewart Islands. It also has nine uninhabited villages. The northernmost portion of this region is where this tehsil is situated.

METHODOLOGY

In this section methodology adapted to study on impact of socio-economic and demographic determinant on women empowerment in north and middle Andaman district of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This section of the study includes the research objectives,, sampling procedure, methods of data collection, statistical techniques and limitations and delimitations of the study. The review of literatures in the previous chapter has been intensely beneficial to develop the methodology appropriate to the present study.



**Pronoy Mazumder and Ravi****Selection of the study area**

Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been selected for the study purpose on the basis of it being scholar's native place, so it was researchers first and foremost choice to study the gender equality and empowerment of rural women, and the Union Territory has been divided into 03 districts, namely (1). South Andaman district. (2). North and Middle Andaman district (3). Nicobar district, but for the study purpose, researcher has purposively selected the North and Middle Andaman district based on the high rural women population. The North and Middle Andaman district has three blocks, and researcher has selected all the three blocks namely - (1). Diglipur block (2). Mayabunder block (3). Rangat block. After that, from each block 05 Village has been again purposively selected based on high rural women population.

Sampling size and technique

When a researcher performs research, they must use sample approaches or methodologies. The research population included all rural women from three blocks in the North and Middle Andaman districts. The sample size was estimated using Taro Yamane's formula (1967). The sample size was determined as 396 using the Taro Yamane formula, and it was rounded to 400 to limit the margin of error.

Selection of respondents

After calculating the sample size, a simple random selection procedure was employed to choose respondents from 15 villages across three blocks in the North and Middle Andaman districts. The responders were chosen non-proportionally.

Sampling Design**Data collection procedure**

The study uses both primary and secondary data. Face-to-face interviews with 400 rural homes in the research region were conducted to deliver a standardized questionnaire. The primary data is about respondents' socioeconomic status, the impact of socioeconomic and demographic determinants on women's empowerment, respondents' awareness of women's empowerment, the factors that contribute to gender inequality, and gender equality in household decision making. Secondary data was gathered from the Population Census of India and different government entities. An amalgamated women empowerment index was developed to investigate the influence of socioeconomic and demographic factors on rural women's empowerment in the research region. The four key indicators for the composite index of women's empowerment are as follows: social, economic, political, and psychological. The procedure of allocating weights to the selected indicators is an important step in estimating the composite index. This study used principal component analysis to determine the weights for the specified variables since it is more widely applicable and implemented in previous studies. The multiple regression econometric model was used to assess the influence of socioeconomic and demographic factors on women's empowerment.

Analysis**Estimation of composite index of women empowerment**

In the current study, a composite index of women's empowerment was calculated by taking into consideration four key factors of women's empowerment. The main component analysis, as explained in the methodology chapter, was used to provide weights to the selected women empowerment indicators. The principal component analysis approach was used to calculate weights for the selected indicators. The principal component findings include computed weights for the specified indicators, which are displayed below.

Impact of socio-economic and demographic determinants on women's empowerment

The multiple regression econometric model was used to assess the influence of socioeconomic and demographic factors on women's empowerment. Multiple regression analysis is a statistical approach that examines the connection between a single dependent variable and numerous independent variables. The Multiple Regression approach uses known independent variables to predict the value of a single dependent variable. Each predictor value is weighted, with the weights indicating their proportional importance to total female empowerment.





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Multiple regression runs through this model

$$WE_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Edu_{it} + \beta_2 Emp_{it} + \beta_3 Age_{it} + \beta_4 EP_{it} + \beta_5 In_{it} + \beta_6 BA_{it} + \beta_7 CA_{it} + \beta_8 LO_{it} + e_i$$

Where, WE is the women empowerment at the time period t, β_0 is the intercept of the regression equation and e_i is the error term which is random in nature and is expected due to uncertain event, while as Edu_{it} represents educational qualification at time period t, Emp_{it} represents employment at time period t, Age_{it} represents age at time period t, EP_{it} represents economic participation at time period t, In_{it} represents income at time period t, Ba_{it} represents bank account at time period t, LO_{it} represents land ownership at time t and CA_{it} represents credit access. Multiple regression analyses were done to determine the influence of the independent factors on the dependent variable. The regression analysis findings for all independent variables show that the majority of them are strongly associated with women's empowerment. Employment, land ownership, and possessing a bank account were determined to be the most significant, with a significance level less than 0.01. Other factors, such as income, age, credit access, education, and economic engagement, are also found to be significant, albeit at the 0.05 level. The model's R-squared is 69%, indicating that it is significant.

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

The multiple regression analysis demonstrated that the above-mentioned socioeconomic and demographic characteristics had a beneficial influence on women's empowerment. Economic engagement is critical to women's empowerment. It suggests that if women are given monetary rewards or are permitted to participate monetarily, they will face less impediments to their empowerment. However, economic involvement indicates an adverse impact (- 0.025) but significant at the 5% significance level because of higher pressure on financial engagement of women; finally, this diminishes the power of women in society. Similarly, the variable bank account has a coefficient of 0.548 and is extremely significant, i.e., 0.000; if a woman has a bank account with a large balance, she will be economically powerful - she will feel strong and empowered. A woman who wants to save more but does not engage in economic activities is really important, and she will feel confident and secure. This connection has a tremendous positive influence on women's empowerment. Another independent variable 'Education has a significant positive influence on women's empowerment, and while education is both required and crucial for development, it is especially important for females to comprehend their place in society. The coefficient value of schooling is 0.074, which is significant at the 5% level. Educated women subtly affect their judgments while simultaneously introducing novel decision-making concepts. Education may instill sentiments of self-worth and confidence. Access to education can cause changes in cognitive ability, which is vital for women's capacity to question, reflect on, and act on the situations of their existence. Education appears to improve women's ability to cope with the outside world. So, knowledge has a very good part in empowering women. Women's education levels have improved, as has their empowerment position. Similarly, women who work for money, i.e., those who are employed, are more likely to engage in different types of decision making and appear to have more influence than those who are jobless. Employment has a beneficial influence on women's empowerment, as evidenced by the beta value (0.125) and the related high significance value (1 percentage point). Women can negotiate a higher level of respect in homes when their economic contribution is important to the household's survival. The findings suggest that age, with a coefficient of 0.699 and a significance level of one percent, has a very favorable and very significant influence on women's empowerment. Women's age has a favorable effect since younger women are less inclined to engage in decision making than older women. A newly married daughter-in-law has less decision-making authority in the family and is expected to conduct household chores under the supervision of her mother-in-law, who makes the key decisions. The issue of security and fulfillment of desire becomes less important as women age, lose touch with their biological relatives, and become more self-sufficient in decision-making. So, age is also one of the most important variables which influences the empowerment of women. Access to credit has a favorable influence (0.147) on women's empowerment, which is





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significant at the 1% level. Women with access to finance are more powerful than those without it. A woman with easy access to financing may start her own business, earn a living, and feel more empowered. As a result, the study's findings demonstrated that access to credit promotes women's empowerment. The multiple regression analysis findings also reveal that income has a significant impact on women's empowerment, as evidenced by the significance and beta values. Income boosts women's economic opportunities, allowing them to exercise more control in decision-making at home and in society, so increasing their empowerment. The related coefficient and significance value for income are 0.212 and 0.43, respectively. Finally, ownership of land is extremely significant at the 1% level, with a beta value of 0.346, indicating that women who own property or who inherited it from their parents are more empowered than those who do not own land. Women who own land may make judgments about what crops to cultivate, how to spend their agricultural revenue, and so on. In a summary, we may conclude that all of the socioeconomic and demographic factors included in the multiple regression model have a positive and substantial impact on women's empowerment, with the exception of economic involvement, which has a negative effect. All factors are significant at the 0.01 and 0.05 levels.

CONCLUSION

The study on the impact of socio-economic and demographic determinants on women's empowerment in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands unveils crucial insights into the multifaceted nature of gender dynamics in this unique region. Education emerges as a fundamental catalyst for women's empowerment, enabling them to challenge traditional roles and participate actively in decision-making processes. Economic empowerment, facilitated through access to livelihood opportunities and financial resources, is identified as pivotal in fostering women's agency and autonomy. Moreover, demographic factors such as age, marital status, and household structure significantly influence women's empowerment trajectories, necessitating tailored interventions to address diverse needs. The study underscores the importance of tackling socio-cultural norms and attitudes perpetuating gender inequality, advocating for community-based initiatives and awareness campaigns. In conclusion, by addressing these determinants, policymakers and stakeholders can pave the way for a more equitable society where women in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands can realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to socio-economic development.

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Table 1: District wise categories of Rural and Urban population

Districts	Rural	Urban	Total
Nicobar District	36842	0	36842
North & Middle Andaman District	102856	2741	105597
South Andaman District	97395	140747	238142
Total	237093	143488	380581

Source: census 2011

Table:2 Sampling Design:

DIGLIPUR TEHSIL		
Village Name	Rural women Population	Sample chosen
Diglipur	3707	28
Ramkrishnagaram	3221	28
Subashgram	2605	27
Madhupur	2523	26
Sitanagar	2227	26
Total	14283	135
MAYABUNDER TEHSIL		
Village Name	Rural women population	Sample chosen
Mayabunder	2845	28
Pokadera	1922	26
Tugapur	1872	26
Pahalgaon	1468	26
Karmatang	1229	26
Total	9336	132
RANGAT TEHSIL		




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Village Name	Rural women population	Sample chosen
Rangat	3784	28
Nimbutala	3063	27
Rampur	1349	26
Sabari	1018	26
Parماسالا	1004	26
Total	10218	133

Source: census 2011

Table:3

	Coefficients			
Socio-Economic and Demographic Variables (independent variables)	Beta	Std. Error	t-value	Sig.
(Constant)	3.761	0.445	6.012	0.000
Employment	0.125	0.061	0.409	0.045**
Economic participation	-0.225	0.093	-2.413	0.015*
Education	0.074	0.038	1.488	0.046*
Age	0.699	0.021	13.693	0.000*
Credit access	0.147	0.064	0.465	0.000*
Land ownership	0.346	0.060	5.184	0.917**
Bank account	0.548	0.109	5.026	0.000**
Income	0.212	0.030	0.409	0.043*
R ²	0.691			
F-Value	19.597			
Sig.	0.000			
Dependent Variable: Women Empowerment				

Source; computed from primary data, Note:*Significant at the 0.05 level. **Significant at the 0.01 level.





REVIEW ARTICLE

Anti-Cancer Prodrugs: A Comprehensive Review on the New Advancements and Strategies

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ABSTRACT

In 1958, Albert first introduced the concept of prodrugs, which have also been termed "congeners," "bioreversible derivatives," and "latent drugs." The ideal scenario for a prodrug is that once it reaches its target site, it rapidly converts back into the active medication, followed by the swift clearance of the derivatizing group without causing any adverse effects. This review focuses on the key characteristics of various prodrug-based nanoparticles, the challenges they present, and the latest advancements in their clinical application. Targeting cancer cells with these drug formulations is a particularly effective strategy to reduce side effects while enhancing therapeutic efficacy. Prodrugs, or



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enzymatic bio-precursors, undergo chemical transformations that significantly boost their therapeutic impact.

Keywords: Bioreversible, Tumor hypoxia, Prodrugs

INTRODUCTION

Conventional cancer treatments are generally categorized into two types: systemic therapies, such as hormone therapy, targeted therapy, and chemotherapy, and local therapies, which include ionizing radiation therapy and surgery. However, these existing treatments come with significant limitations, such as a narrow therapeutic window, toxicity, poor tumor-targeting capabilities, and drug resistance. While systemic therapies, like chemotherapy, offer the benefit of treating both distant metastases and primary tumors, they often cause unintended side effects by affecting healthy tissues and organs [1]. Despite advancements in anticancer drugs, many systemic and nonsurgical treatments still face considerable challenges in achieving clinical success. The limited therapeutic outcomes can be attributed to the drugs' unfavorable pharmacokinetic properties and the obstacles in delivering them effectively to tumors. To address these challenges, innovative cancer treatments are continuously being developed [2]. One such promising approach is Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (EPT), which involves the combination of specific enzymes with corresponding prodrugs to enhance cancer treatment. This review will assess the safety and effectiveness of various approaches, including modern nanoprodrug systems and combination therapies. Additionally, it will explore the key features, challenges, and recent advancements in the clinical application of prodrug-based nanoparticles.

PRODRUGS IN CANCER THERAPY

To fully realize the potential of the prodrug approach in cancer therapy, it is crucial to focus on recent noteworthy applications of this technique. For effective tumor-specific targeting, the prodrug must either be selectively absorbed by the target organ or rely on the presence of an enzyme required for its activation within the target site. Ideally, the enzyme responsible for prodrug activation should be exclusively present or over expressed in tumor cells. Another promising strategy for tumor-specific targeting is leveraging the hypoxic environment characteristic of solid tumors, which can be effectively treated using bio-reductive prodrugs. However, the development and discovery of drugs often encounter several challenges, such as low solubility or membrane permeability, leading to poor oral bioavailability, pH-dependent absorption, and high pill burden. Other issues include difficulties in formulation, an inability to create specific dosage forms, prolonged metabolic clearance, short half-lives necessitating frequent dosing, inadequate drug exposure at the target site, and toxicity due to off-target effects or insufficient selective delivery. Each of these challenges is commonly encountered during drug development and is explored through examples in the form of vignettes. These vignettes are structured as follows to summarize the research findings:

- (a) A problem statement that outlines the challenge associated with a specific molecule or chemotype.
- (b) The prodrug design principle employed to address the issue.
- (c) Key in vitro and in vivo profiling data that supported the development process.
- (d) The design of the prodrug as a solution to the problem, with the corresponding vignette placed in the appropriate section based on the issue being addressed [3,4,5,6].

Prodrugs are typically categorized into two main types [7].

- a. Carrier-linked prodrugs, which involve a linker that can be chemically or enzymatically cleaved to release the parent drug.
- b. Bioprecursor prodrugs, which are metabolized into new active metabolites after administration [8].

Tumor Microenvironment-Activated Prodrugs

Most intracellular prodrug release strategies rely on activation by the distinct conditions present within the tumor microenvironment. Due to the high glycolytic activity of cancer cells, their microenvironment is typically more acidic



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compared to normal tissues. This acidity, coupled with low oxygen levels (tumor hypoxia), has been exploited for targeted cancer therapies. Among the most common approaches are pH-sensitive nanosystems, which are designed to create tumor-specific microenvironments.

pH-Sensitive Delivery Methods for Prodrugs

Cancer cells often undergo extensive glycolysis, even in the presence of oxygen, resulting in an environment that is more acidic than normal tissues. This glycolytic process is especially triggered in hypoxic conditions, leading to the production of lactic and carbonic acids, which lower the pH to a range of 4.0–6.5, compared to the typical pH of 7.2–7.4 found in blood or extracellular spaces. The low oxygen concentration, or tumor hypoxia, has become a critical target for anticancer treatments, with pH-sensitive nanosystems being the most widely used method to exploit these tumor-specific microenvironments [9,10].

High Reactive Oxygen Species (ROS)-Activated Prodrugs

Reactive oxygen species (ROS) are a class of molecules characterized by unpaired electrons, which make them highly reactive with various biological targets, including hydrogen peroxide (H₂O₂), hydroxyl radicals (HO•), and superoxide anion (O₂•⁻) [11,12]. Studies have shown that cancer cells produce higher levels of ROS compared to normal cells. This increased ROS production can lead to DNA modifications, promote cancer cell growth, induce apoptosis, drive angiogenesis, contribute to metastasis, and alter the cellular response to anticancer medications. As a result, ROS-activated prodrugs are being developed to take advantage of these elevated ROS levels in cancer cells [13].

High Levels of Expressed Enzymes or Glutathione (GSH) Concentration

Glutathione (γ-L-glutamyl-L-cysteinylglycine-GSH) is an endogenous tripeptide that plays a key role in protecting the intracellular redox balance from oxidative stress caused by endogenous harmful substances and xenobiotics [14]. The thiol groups within GSH, known for their strong nucleophilicity, provide defense against electrophiles and free radicals [15]. In actively proliferating malignant cancer cells, intracellular GSH levels can be significantly higher than in normal cells [16]. This elevated GSH concentration is exploited in the design of prodrugs that are specifically activated within cancer cells. Additionally, nanoparticles capable of triggering multiple reactions have been investigated for their potential in targeted cancer therapy. For example, one promising approach involves the target-specific delivery of a combination of doxorubicin and camptothecin through nanoparticles that are sensitive to both pH and glutathione levels.¹⁷ This dual-sensitivity enables precise drug release within the tumor microenvironment, maximizing therapeutic efficacy while minimizing off-target effects.

Prodrug Enzymatic Activation

One very effective strategy to minimize side effects and increase therapeutic efficacy in cancer therapy is the use of bioprecursor prodrugs. These prodrugs undergo enzymatic chemical changes that significantly enhance their therapeutic impact upon activation [18,19]. Several key enzymes are involved in this process

- **Phosphoesterases**
- **Matrix Metalloproteinases**
- **Cathepsin B Enzyme**
- **β-Glucuronidases**

Nonmammalian Enzymes in Prodrug Bioconversion

A promising approach within Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (EPT) involves the use of nonmammalian enzymes for prodrug bioconversion, especially those with low abundance in the human body. Utilizing these enzymes can achieve more targeted and efficient activation of prodrugs, reducing off-target effects. Some important nonmammalian enzymes used in this context include:

- **Cytosine Deaminase**
- **Viral Thymidine Kinase**
- **Nitroreductase**



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These enzymes are pivotal in enhancing the selectivity and efficacy of prodrug therapies in cancer treatment, offering innovative pathways for improving therapeutic outcomes.

Prodrug / Enzyme Delivery Techniques**Postoperative Chemotherapy with Encapsulated Enzymes**

Early applications of enzyme/prodrug delivery involved postoperative chemotherapy using surgically implanted encapsulated enzymes at the site of the removed tumor.²⁰ This method was designed to provide localized treatment and reduce systemic toxicity.

Antibody-Directed Conjugates (ADC)

The first strategy, antibody-directed conjugates (ADCs), uses a biodegradable linker and a monoclonal antibody (mAb) to deliver a highly potent cytotoxic medication. This approach targets specific tumor antigens to enhance the precision of the therapeutic effect.

Antibody-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (ADEPT)

Antibody-directed enzyme prodrug therapy (ADEPT) involves administering an enzyme attached to a monoclonal antibody (mAb) that targets specific tumor epitopes. This method ensures that the enzyme is delivered directly to the tumor site, where it activates the prodrug into its cytotoxic form.

Gene-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (GDEPT)

Gene-directed enzyme prodrug therapy (GDEPT) entails the introduction of a therapeutic enzyme with genetic encoding into the tumor environment. This strategy aims to enhance the selective activation of prodrugs within the tumor by providing a continuous source of the activating enzyme.

Viral-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Treatment (VDEPT)

Viral-directed enzyme prodrug treatment (VDEPT) involves inserting the gene encoding the activating enzyme into cells via a virus. Oncolytic viruses, which selectively infect and destroy tumor cells, can be used to deliver the enzyme, enhancing the therapeutic potential of VDEPT.

Lectin-Directed Enzyme-Activated Prodrug Therapy (LEAPT)

Lectin-directed enzyme-activated prodrug therapy (LEAPT) targets the surface of cells, specifically binding to carbohydrate structures. This method aims for precise delivery of the prodrug to the target cells by exploiting carbohydrate-specific interactions.

Polymer-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy (PDEPT)

Polymer-directed enzyme prodrug therapy (PDEPT) uses polymers such as pHPMA to enclose drugs within a polymer "shell." This approach aims to improve the stability and delivery of the prodrug while providing controlled release in the tumor microenvironment.

Clostridium-Directed Enzyme Prodrug Therapy

Clostridium-directed enzyme prodrug therapy employs *Clostridium* sp. modified bacterial spores carrying genes for prodrug-activating enzymes. These spores target the hypoxic microenvironment typical of solid tumors, providing localized activation of the prodrug within the tumor.

Nanotechnological Prodrug Uses**Responsive Prodrug-Based Nanomedicines**

Prodrug-based nanomedicines are designed to respond intelligently to specific stimuli, releasing their therapeutic agents in a controlled manner. These nanomedicines are engineered to react to various external and internal stimuli, enhancing their effectiveness and targeting capabilities. The key stimuli include:



**External Stimuli**

- **Light:** Nanomedicines can be engineered to release their prodrugs upon exposure to specific wavelengths of light, allowing for precise control over drug activation.
- **Thermo:** Temperature-sensitive nanomedicines release prodrugs when exposed to elevated temperatures, which can be targeted to the localized heat generated by tumors.
- **Ultrasound:** Ultrasound-responsive nanomedicines release prodrugs in response to ultrasonic waves, enabling targeted therapy through deep tissue penetration.
- **Magnetic Fields:** Magnetic field-responsive nanomedicines release their contents when subjected to external magnetic fields, which can be precisely directed to target areas.

Internal Stimuli

- **pH:** Many tumors have a more acidic environment compared to normal tissues. pH-sensitive nanomedicines release prodrugs in response to the lower pH levels typical of the tumor microenvironment.
- **Enzymes:** Nanomedicines can be designed to release prodrugs in the presence of specific enzymes that are overexpressed in the tumor tissue.
- **Redox Environment:** Nanomedicines may respond to the redox environment within the tumor, which often has altered oxidative stress levels compared to normal tissues.
- **Hypoxia:** Tumors often have low oxygen levels. Nanomedicines that respond to hypoxic conditions can release prodrugs specifically in these low-oxygen environments, targeting solid tumors more effectively [21,22]. These advanced nanotechnological approaches offer a promising avenue for enhancing the precision and efficacy of prodrug-based therapies, ultimately improving cancer treatment outcomes.

Combination Treatment for Cancer

Combination therapy is a strategic approach to enhance treatment efficacy by administering two or more therapeutic agents or integrating different therapeutic modalities. This approach aims to overcome the limitations of monotherapy and provide a more comprehensive treatment for cancer. The synergy between various treatments can lead to improved therapeutic outcomes and reduced resistance [23,24].

Synergistic Approaches**Adjuvant Prodrugs**

Recent advancements have highlighted the potential of drug adjuvant prodrugs, which are designed by covalently attaching therapeutic drugs to biocompatible adjuvant moieties. This method enhances the effectiveness of prodrugs by leveraging the benefits of both the drug and the adjuvant.

Prodrug Conjugates of Polymers

Nanoparticles (NPs) that combine cisplatin prodrugs (CPP) with docetaxel (DTX) have demonstrated significantly improved therapeutic effects. This combination leverages the strengths of both drugs to achieve enhanced anticancer activity [25].

Prodrug-Drug Combinations

Combining doxorubicin with the hypoxia-activated prodrug TH-302 has proven more effective than traditional chemotherapy for treating soft tissue sarcoma.²⁶ This combination utilizes the specific activation of TH-302 in hypoxic tumor regions to boost therapeutic efficacy.

Therapy Combinations**Prodrugs and Chemotherapy**

The integration of prodrugs with conventional chemotherapy agents has shown promising results [27]. The prodrug TH-302, for example, has been found to enhance the effectiveness of several chemotherapeutic agents, including gemcitabine, temozolomide, topotecan, irinotecan, cisplatin, pemetrexed, and docetaxel, in clinical settings [28]. This combination approach leverages the targeted activation of prodrugs to improve overall treatment outcomes.



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Combination treatments continue to evolve, offering new opportunities to address the challenges of cancer therapy and improve patient outcomes through innovative strategies.

CONCLUSION

The advancement in anticancer prodrugs, leveraging enzyme-specific functional moieties and linkers, represents a significant leap towards more precise cancer therapy. By enabling a wide range of endogenous and exogenous enzymes to activate different prodrugs, this approach has the potential to improve therapeutic outcomes while minimizing side effects. The critical challenge lies in designing prodrugs that can effectively target tumor cells while limiting toxicity to healthy tissues. This is achieved by incorporating enzyme-cleavable linkers and functional moieties that specifically address the limitations of conventional anticancer medications. A major challenge in the development of enzyme-specific prodrugs is ensuring that the prodrugs are activated exclusively in the presence of the target enzymes, which are often overexpressed or uniquely present in tumor cells. This requires meticulous selection and optimization of target enzymes and their substrates to avoid nonspecific activation, which can lead to unintended side effects. Tailoring prodrug designs to the unique characteristics of the tumor microenvironment, such as its acidity or hypoxic conditions, can enhance specificity and effectiveness. Recent advancements have introduced exogenous gene therapy as a method to further refine prodrug activation. By introducing genes encoding specific prodrug-activating enzymes into tumor cells, researchers have been able to enhance the precision of targeted therapies. Over the past two decades, improvements in viral vector technology have made gene delivery more effective and less immunogenic. Nanotechnological methods are increasingly employed to deliver these genes accurately into tumor cells, optimizing the overall impact of enzyme-activatable prodrugs. Combination therapies, which integrate prodrugs with other treatment modalities, represent a promising approach to overcoming the limitations of monotherapy. Despite the progress made through nanotechnology and nanomedicines, developing effective combination treatments remains complex. This complexity arises from the need to ensure that the combined therapies work synergistically and are compatible with one another. As research continues, addressing these challenges will be crucial for advancing the efficacy and safety of prodrug-based cancer therapies.

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REVIEW ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

Old wood, fallen logs, decaying or dead deciduous trees, and downed oak, maple or beech trees are the most common sources of lion's mane. The mushroom is renowned for its abilities to protect and regenerate the nervous system. Humans with Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease can be treated with *Hericiumerinaceus*. Numerous pharmacological investigations have demonstrated the anti-cancer, antioxidant, anti-diabetic, anti-microbial, anti-viral, anti-inflammatory and neurological activities of the *Hericium* mushroom. The purpose of this paper is to focus the mushroom's pharmacological advantages for human being.

Keywords: NGF- Nerve Growth Factor, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's disease

INTRODUCTION

Mushrooms have been used to treat human illness for thousands of years. Numerous studies in Japan, Korea and China have demonstrated the efficacy of radiation therapy and chemotherapy, both alone and in combination, in curing cancer Rajarathnam *et al.*, 2003[1]. Medicinal mushrooms have been used to treat both acute and chronic conditions for quite some time. Various mushrooms like *Grifolafrondosa*, *Ganodermalucidum*, *Trametesversicolor*,

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Lentinula edodes and many more have anti-inflammatory, immune-enhancing effect, brain health and other properties used to cure human beings Miyazaki and Nishijima 1981[2]; Maloy and Powrei, 2011[3] and He *et al.*, 2017 [4]. Along with these, *Hericium erinaceus* is a magical mushroom in the case of Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and so many other diseases reported by Wong *et al.*, 2007 [5]; Mori *et al.*, 2009 [6]. This mushroom is commonly known as Lion's mane, bearded hedgehog, hou-tou, bear head, monkey head pom-pom, in China while in Japan it is known as Yamabushitake, jhogo-take (funnel-like), usake (rabbit-like), and harisenbon-take (porcupine-fish-like) Mizuno, 1995 [7]. On sawdust, lion's mane mushrooms typically grow at a temperature of 25°C and a relative humidity of 80–90% and at 30°C, mycelium growth stops. One of the greatest edible mushrooms, it contains a variety of medicinal and nutraceutical compounds. Additionally, *Hericium* has a high average nutritional profile, according to Atila *et al.*, 2021[8]. Numerous mushrooms have been reported to be a good source of vital amino acids and high-quality protein, ascorbic acid, thiamine, and riboflavin are all good sources of vitamins. Fruit body protein content was observed to be raised by increasing the rice bran ratio in the growing media Bunroj *et al.*, 2017[9].

History

This mushroom was previously solely found in China, but now its popularity has spread to other nations as well. Due to the presence of secondary metabolites in the fruiting body, it has been well recognized for hundreds of years in traditional Chinese and Japanese cookery and herbal medicine to treat a variety of human ailments Mizuno, 1999[10]. Secondary metabolites that accumulate in mushrooms include phenolic chemicals, polyketides, terpenes, and steroids. Mycelium and fruiting bodies both include a variety of biologically active chemicals that have strong positive impacts on a person's health. It has been discovered that its phenolic compounds are effective synergists and antioxidants that are non-mutagenic Ishikawa, 1984[11]. The hericenones, which are contained in the mushroom's fruiting body, have demonstrated potential efficacy in stimulating the synthesis of nerve growth factors (NGFs) Kawagishi, 1991[12]. As a result of NGF stimulation, neurons grow and aid in the treatment of senility, the recovery of neurological damage from strokes, the improvement of muscle/ motor response pathway and cognitive function Wong *et al.*, 2007[5]. In addition, NGF factors have been shown to enhance learning ability and memory Wang *et al.*, 2011[13]. Numerous researches have established the antihyperglycemic properties of mycelium and fruiting bodies from several medicinal mushrooms said by Hikino *et al.*, 1989[14]; Sato *et al.*, 2002[15]; Teng *et al.*, 2012[16]; Badoleet *et al.*, 2006[17]. (Zhang *et al.*, 2012[18]) revealed that *H. erinaceus* has been utilized as long as a natural treatment for epigastric pain brought on by atrophic gastritis, chronic gastritis or even gastric ulcers. It has been long utilized in Chinese and Japanese medical systems to nourish the intestines, strengthen the spleen, and treat cancer reported by Liu *et al.*, 2015[19]. In order to improve their concentration while meditating, Buddhist monks were known to use powdered lion's mane. Liu *et al.*, 2015[19] reported that the five internal organs (liver, lung, spleen, heart, and kidney) are thought to benefit from lion's mane's nutritional value, which also fosters healthy digestion and overall vitality and strength. When prepared in tablet form, it is also advised for chronic gastritis, duodenal ulcers, and gastric ulcers reported by Thongbai *et al.*, 2015[20].

Cultivation and Habitat

A very rare mushroom known as *H. erinaceus* has been listed as an endangered species in several European nations. In 1988, the lion's mane (*Hericium erinaceus*) was first grown on artificial media using polypropylene bottles and bags reported by Suzuki *et al.*, 1997[21]. The lengthy cycle and low yield, however, made it unsuitable for industrialized production. In most parts of the world, sawdust, sugarcane bagasse, cotton seed hulls and chopped paddy straw are utilized as the substrate medium for *H. erinaceus* artificial cultivation. However, autoclaved wheat straw is widely accessible across the nation. Between 20 and 25°C is the ideal temperature for fructification. Due to a variety of polysaccharides, the medicinally significant fungus *H. erinaceus* is used to stop the spread of certain malignancies. Rudraprayag (RPB/US/PU-0952) 16 August 2015, Bageshwar (RPB/US/PU-1019) 31 August 2015, and Dhakuri (RPB/US/PU-1264) 02 August 2016 were all located in the Indian state of Uttarakhand. They were found in rainy temperate mixed woodland on decaying *Quercus* spp. Bhatt *et al.*, 2018[22]. This fungus is typically found in the cracks of dying broadleaf trees, like *Quercus leucotrichophora*. The first recorded sighting of this species in the Himalayas was in the Garhwal region. The bakercheun is a local name for this species because of its resemblance to a goat's beard. Because it is restricted to the bark of oak and rhododendron trees and has a distinctive appearance, locals can identify it simply by looking around. According to reports, Indians drink it on a regular basis. Some examined specimens are (KCS 509), Adwani Peak (Pauri), Uttarakhand, India, August 26, 2002. (KCS 1162) in Himachal Pradesh; Shimla; Jakhu Hills; 2400m on 23 September 2007; Semwal *et al.*, 2014[23].



**Megha Suman et al.,****TAXONOMICAL POSITION**

Classification given by Kirk *et al.*, 2008[36] reported that *Hericium* belongs to the Phylum – Basidiomycota, Sub-Phylum – Agaricomycotina, Class – Agaricomycetes, Sub-class – Holobasidiomycetidae, Order- Hericiales, Family – Hericiaceae, Genus- *Hericium* and Species- *erinaceus*. Whereas, Thongbalet *et al.*, 2015 [37] reported that *Hericium* belongs to the class *Basidiomycetes*, subclass *Holobasidiomycetidae*, order *Hericiales*, and family *Hericiaceae*.

NUTRITIONAL VALUE

According to a study on *Hericium erinaceus* done by Zhanxi and Zhanhua in 1999 [38], a serving of 100 g of lion's mane mushroom provides the following nutrients:

Antioxidant Potential

Antioxidant compounds inhibit the oxidative mechanisms that lead to degenerative diseases or inhibit oxidation that can produce free radicals. Abdullah *et al.*, 2012[50]; Ferreira *et al.*, 2009[51] reported on a study of phenolics from mycelium extracts of *H. erinaceus* in hot water to assess the in vitro antioxidant activity. The effects of antioxidants can have a variety of impacts, which may be caused by external factors such as various components from various extraction conditions having various antioxidant pathways, reported by Jiang *et al.*, 2019[52]. *Hericium erinaceus* can considerably lower lipid peroxidation levels and improve antioxidant enzyme activities in experimental mice, according to Han ZH *et al.*, 2013 [53]. The 21-day sample had a greater IC₅₀, as determined by DPPH and ABTS radical scavenging activity, than the 14-day and 28-day samples. The antioxidant capacity (IC₅₀) of the samples used in this investigation, which was 63.30 mg extract/mL, was lower than the 5x10⁻³ mg extract/mL of the naturally occurring Lion's Mane mushroom reported by Sharpe *et al.*, 2021 [54]

Anti-Cancer Activity

Now-a-days cancer is most emerging disease in human beings. The second most frequent cancer worldwide is gastric cancer. According to recent data from the National Cancer Institute in the USA, gastrointestinal (GI) malignancies such as liver, gastric, and colorectal cancers have increased by roughly 25% reported by Anand *et al.* 2008 [55]; Dicken *et al.*, 2005[82]. Blagodatskiet *et al.*, 2018 [56] reported that *Hericium* extracts (HTJ5 and HTJ5A) show anti-hepatic properties and are effective against stomach, liver, and colon cancers as well as tumoxenografts in mice. According to Mizuno, 1999[10], the polysaccharides derived from this mushroom have significant benefits on skin, stomach, and esophageal cancer. According to Keun, 2003[57], phenols have chemotherapeutic effects on cancer. This mushroom is also beneficial against tumors of the gastro-intestinal tract, including colon and liver cancer Li *et al.*, 2014[58]. Giving out concoctions based on *H. erinaceus* may also be used to treat a variety of cancers, including stomach cancer, esophageal cancer, intestinal cancer, and pancreatic cancer. *H. erinaceus* patients have reported much less side effects than those associated with radiotherapy and chemotherapy for their cancer concluded by Thongbalet *et al.*, 2015[37].

Anti- Diabetic Activity

In vitro antidiabetic properties of *H. erinaceus* were described by Wu and Xu, 2015 [59] who also demonstrated that the inhibition of glycosidase and aldose reductase activity was dose-dependent. Bin Lian *et al.*, 2013[60] conducted an experiment and finds that in STZ-induced diabetic rats, Aqueous extract of *Hericium erinaceus* had an important anti-hyperglycemic and anti-hyperlipidemic impact.

Anti- Inflammatory Activity

Lee *et al.*, 2014[61] conducted an experiment and concluded that Cytokines that generate inflammation and nerve development that inhibits the loss of neurons in the ischemic brain are other examples of *Hericium*-induced anti-inflammatory mechanisms. The HE-ETH (ethanolic) also showed a notable decrease in the amount of nitric oxide (NO) in BV2 that had been exposed to LPS and demonstrated anti-inflammatory activity in the microglia. As a result, in the milieu of the neuroglia, the HE-ETH may have neuroprotective and anti-inflammatory effects Kushairiet *et al.*, 2019[62].



**Megha Suman et al.,****Anti- Microbial Activity**

According to Kim *et al.*, 2019[63], the anti-microbial activity of *H. erinaceus* was extremely efficient at 2.5 mg/mL or above against *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Salmonella enteritidis*, *Vibriopara haemolyticus*, and *Escherichia coli*. Therefore, its extract can be used by pathogenic bacteria as food and a natural antibacterial agent. According to studies by Liu *et al.*, 2016[64]; Wong *et al.*, 2009[65] and Kim *et al.*, 2012[66], *H. erinaceus* has been shown to suppress a variety of bacteria, including *S. aureus*, *H. pylori*, *B. subtilis*, *E. coli*, *E. faecalis*, *P. aeruginosa*, and *S. Typhimurium*. The endophytic fungus *Fusarium fujikuroi* and *Aspergillus tubingensis*, as well as the *Agaricus bisporus* mushroom, have been found to contain bactericidal 2-dodecen-1-yl(-) succinic anhydride Nisaet *et al.*, 2020[67] and Mohamed, 2012[68]. While *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Staphylococcus aureus* have been successfully treated with linoleic acid ethyl ester in *Ganoderma lipsiense* mushrooms grown on red rice Costa *et al.*, 2020[69].

Anti-Viral Activity

Ellanet *et al.*, 2019[70] Aqueous extracts of *H. erinaceus* and other mushrooms showed little toxicity on Vero cells and showed potential antiviral activity against DENV2. Seo and Choi, 2001[71] revealed findings that show *H. erinaceus* extracts might be utilized as a source for antiviral medications, and have an antiviral impact.

Neurodegenerative Activity**Used against Depressive Disorder**

The monoamine theory of depression is strongly supported by the discovery that iproniazid and other monoamine oxidase inhibitors are helpful at alleviating symptoms of depression. It is therefore believed that *H. erinaceus* mycelia rich in erinacines, which are involved in the production of the neurotrophic factors, contribute to depression. Chiu *et al.*, 2018[72] revealed that the oral administration of *H. erinaceus* was also reported to have antidepressant-like effects in depressive-like mice, and it was discovered to restore expression levels of norepinephrine, serotonin, and dopamine.

Used against Parkinson's Diseases

In one investigation, Kuo *et al.*, 2016[49] revealed that the MPTP-induced PD model was used to evaluate the neuroprotective impact of *H. erinaceus* mycelia that was high in erinacine A. Results indicated that pretreatment with 3 mg/g erinacine A-enriched *H. erinaceus* mycelia for 25 days dramatically reduced dopaminergic lesions and oxidative stress in the stratum and substantia nigra. Mycelia from *H. erinaceus* that have been erinacine A-enriched have the potential to be a new therapeutic treatment for PD prevention and treatment.

Used against Alzheimer's Diseases

The most frequent kind of dementia is Alzheimer's disease (AD). According to the Alzheimer's Association (2019), AD ranks fifth among all causes of death among individuals aged 65 and older. Degenerative neuronal disorders like Alzheimer's disease and peripheral nerve regeneration may benefit from the presence of *H. erinaceus* extract in culture media because it supports the development of cerebellar neural cells (in vitro) by stimulating regulatory processes of myelinogenesis Kolotushkina *et al.*, 2003[73]. Tsai-Teng Tet *et al.*, 2016[74] conducted a study used APP^{swe}/PS1^{dE9} transgenic mice to assess the Alzheimer's disease-treating potential of *H. erinaceus* mycelia containing 19 mg/g erinacine A. These mycelia were able to decrease cerebral A plaque burden, prevent recruitment and activation of plaque-associated microglia and astrocytes, promote the expression of IDE, raise the NGF-to-NGF precursor (proNGF) ratio, increase the proliferation of neuron progenitors, and increase the number of newly formed neurons in the dentate gyrus region after 30 days of oral administration to 5-month-old transgenic mice.

CONCLUSION

Hericium, as an edible fungus, healthful, natural food, supplement, and potential therapeutic ingredient source, has garnered attention. It has pharmacological properties primarily polysaccharides and health-promoting bioactive





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chemicals. Existing foods and new *H. erinaceus*-based functional foods need to be developed so that the mushroom's medicinal qualities for human health, mainly diabetes, Alzheimer, Parkinson, depressive disorder, anti-cancerous etc. can be studied. More cultivation is needed to extract the medicinal and health-promoting bio active compounds from this mushroom because it is red listed an endangered species.

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Table1: Various Agricultural waste products used to cultivate *Hericiumerinaceus* at different growth stages.

Developmental Stage	Organ	Agri. Products	References
Vegetative	Mycelium	Potato Dextrose Medium	Julian et al., 2018 [24]
		PGA supplemented with rice bran	Thuyet et al., 2017 [25]
		Yeast malt medium	Imtiajet et al., 2008 [26]
Reproductive	Fruiting Bodies	Cotton seed hulls	Liu, 1981[27]
Artificial method		Sugarcane Baggase, Saw dust, Corncobs and Cotton seed hulls supplemented with wheat bran or rice	Oei, 1996[28]
		Autoclaved saw dust supplemented with cereal bran	Royse, 1995 [29] Oei, 2003 [30]
Naturally method		Dead and decaying trees belonging to genus <i>Acer sp.</i> , <i>Fagus sp.</i> , <i>Juglans sp.</i> , <i>Quercus sp.</i> , and <i>Ulmus sp.</i>	Stamets, 1993 [31] Pegler, 2003 [32] Foraet et al., 2009 [33]
		<i>Carpinus sp.</i> , <i>Fagus sp.</i> , and <i>Quercus sp.</i>	Wojewoda, 2003 [34]
		Hardwoods, such as beech, chestnut, and cherry	Boddyet et al., 2011 [35]

Table:2 NUTRITIONAL VALUE

CALORIES	43 KCAL
Protein	2.4 g
Carbohydrates	7.59 g
Total lipids (Fat)	0.26 g
Sodium	0 mg
Potassium	443 mg
Calcium	2 mg
Iron	0.69 mg
Magnesium	11.7 mg
Phosphorus	94 mg
Zinc	0.74 mg
Copper	0.17 mg
Thiamin	0.146 mg
Riboflavin	0.363 mg





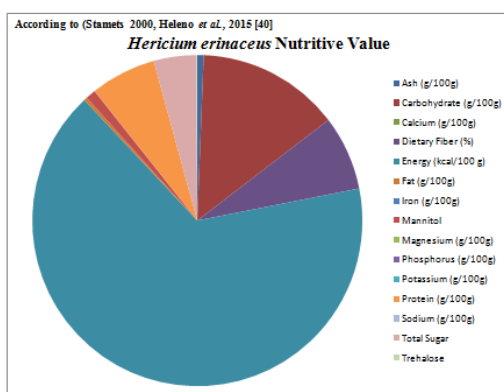
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Table 3: PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES of LION'S MANE MUSHROOM

S.No.	Mushroom used against diseases	References
1	Antioxidant	Rahman et al., 2014[41]
2	Anticancer	Wang et al., 2001[42]
3	Antidiabetic	Yi et al., 2015[43]
4	Anti-Inflammatory	Mori et al., 2015 [44]
5	Antimicrobial	Zhang et al., 2015a [45]
6	Antiviral	Chun et al., 2021[46]
7	Depressive disorder	Ryuet et al., 2018 [47]
8	Alzheimer's disease	Allen and Dawbarn, 2006[48]
9	Parkinson's disease	Kuo et al., 2016 [49]

Table 4: Bioactive Compounds of LION'S MANE MUSHROOM

S.No.	Bioactive Compounds	Used against disease	References
1	Polysaccharides	Antioxidant	Wang et al., 2019[75]
2	L-ergothioneine (ERGO)	Anti-aging	Tripodiet al., 2022[76]
3	Terpenoids, Hericenones and Erinacines	Neuroprotective	Lee et al., 2021[77]
4	Erinacine A	Depression	Li. et al., 2019[78]
5	Diterpenoids (erinacines)	Nerve Growth Factor	Ma. et al., 2010[79]
6	Aromatic compounds (hericerins, erinacerins and erinaceolactones)	Antidiabetic	Chen et al., 2020[80] Li. et al., 2015[81]
7	Erinacine A	Antioxidative Anti-inflammatory Alzheimer	Lee et al., 2014[61]

**Fig:1****Figure 2: Nutritional Value of Hericum erinaceus**



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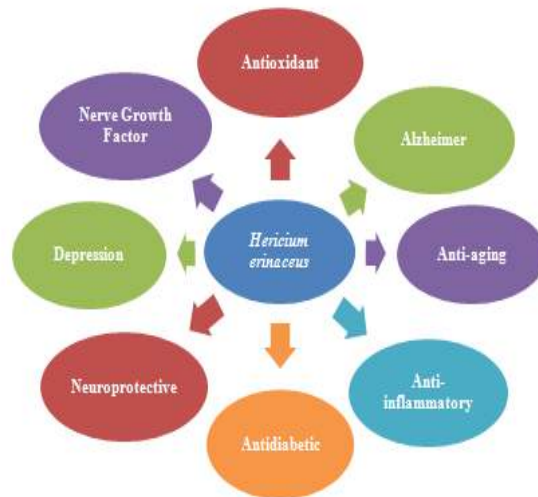


Figure 3: Therapeutic Properties of *Hericium erinaceus*





REVIEW ARTICLE

An Overview on Migraine From Pathophysiology to Therapies and Innovations

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ABSTRACT

Migraine, derived from the Greek term "hemikrania," affects approximately 11% of the global population, manifesting primarily as unilateral, pulsating headaches accompanied by various symptoms including nausea, light sensitivity, and auras. This debilitating condition ranks among the top causes of disability worldwide, particularly impacting women. The International Headache Society categorizes migraines into subtypes, each with distinct features and complications. Genetic factors significantly contribute to migraine susceptibility, with familial patterns observed in specific variants. Triggers for migraine attacks range from stress and hormonal fluctuations to dietary factors and environmental changes. The pathophysiology involves complex interactions within the trigeminovascular system, particularly neuropeptides like CGRP and PACAP, which mediate pain. Diagnosis relies on clinical history and symptom patterns, while treatment encompasses acute and preventive strategies, including pharmacological interventions and emerging non-invasive therapies. Recent advancements in medication, including monoclonal antibodies and novel delivery systems, offer hope for improved management of this chronic condition. Continued research is essential to enhance therapeutic options and address the multifaceted nature of migraines.

Keywords: pathophysiology involves complex interactions within the trigeminovascular





INTRODUCTION

The term “migraine” has originated from the Greek word “hemicrania,” which translates to “half of the skull.” A significant number of people with migraines experience a throbbing or pulsating headache that generally affects one side of the head. Head ache nausea or vomiting, light, sound, or smell sensitivity, and auras signalling an approaching headache are common accompanying symptoms of migraine. Many people who suffer from migraines wake up in the early morning with nausea and vomiting along with an advanced attack. Therefore, for the quick and efficient treatment of migraines, a novel, non-invasive, non-oral administration technology needs to be created (1). An active headache issue affects almost 50% of adults globally, and headaches rank 19th among the most incapacitating disorders in a World Health Organization assessment. This occasionally incapacitating medical condition is one of the top five most debilitating illnesses for women. Around 11% of persons worldwide suffer from migraine headaches, which rank as the third most common sickness in the world. Migraineurs routinely report a lower quality of life in between attacks, and their attacks are frequently accompanied by one or more incapacitating symptoms (2). The International Headache Society’s headache classification committee has divided migraines into subtypes. These variations consist of:

- **Migraine with no aura:** A repeated headache attacks that lasts between four and seventy-two hours is referred to as the migraine with no aura. These attacks are usually unilateral, pulsing, low to high in intensity, increased by physical exertion, that is accompanied by light, sound sensitivity (photophobia, phonophobia) as well as nausea.
- **Migraine along with aura:** Repeated, completely reversible occurrences of migraine with aura might cause a few of the following isolated symptoms: headache, motor, the brainstem, visual, sensory, language and speech, retinal, and so on. These attacks typically last minutes.
- **Chronic migraine:** Chronic migraine is defined as headaches lasting over three months, appearing on 15 or more days each month, with migraine symptoms manifesting on at least eight of those days.
- **Migraine complications:** A crippling migraine attack that lasts longer than 72 hours is known as status migrainosus.
- A persistent aura lasting more than seven days with no any neuroimaging signs of myocardial infarction (MI) is referred to as persistent aura without infarction.
- When a migraine attack is observed using neuroimaging, one or more aura symptoms linked to brain ischemia are called “migrainous infarction.”
- A seizure is set off during an aura-accompanied migraine attack, which is known as a migraine aura-triggered seizure (3).

Etiology

Genetics and inheritance

There's a major hereditary component to migraine. Relatives of sick subjects have a threefold increased incidence of migraines compared to those of relatives of healthy subjects; nevertheless, no pattern of inheritance was seen. The root cause of migraine is multifactorial, resulting from the interaction of many genetic origins located at distinct genomic sites with surrounding variables to bestow disease features and susceptibility in individuals who are affected. Which genes and loci play a role in this disease are unknown. It is possible to forecast which is the best preventive therapy when the genes of a migraine patient are discovered (3).

Familial Hemiplegic Migraine

- Families may experience hemiplegic migraines, or they may occur infrequently (one person may experience hemiplegic migraines for the first time). The main three forms of channelopathies are caused by:
 - o Type 1: On chromosome 19p13, the CACNA1A gene (calcium voltage-gated channel alpha 1A subunit) is mutated.
 - o Type 2: On chromosome 1q23, the ATP1A2 gene (ATPase, Na⁺/K⁺ transporter alpha two subunit) is mutated.





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- o Type 3 is caused by alterations in the sodium voltage-gated circuit Type 1 alpha subunit (SCN1A) gene.
- Mutations in the PRRT 2 (Proline-Rich transmembrane 2) gene are one recognized possible cause. Synaptosomal nerve associated protein 25, or SNAP25, is a protein that the PRRT2 gene encodes. This protein may be involved in the control of voltage-gated calcium channels.
- Familial migraine variants have also been linked to mutations in the SLC4A4 (solute carrier family four member 4) gene (3).

Cadasil

A cerebral autosomal dominant arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leukoencephalopathy is caused by mutations in the NOTCH3 gene (notch receptor 3) on chromosome 19. This autosomal dominant inheritance angiopathy might present as migraine with aura (prodrome in 80%) in nearly 50% of carriers (3).

Melas

It is a multisystemic condition inherited from the mother that can cause recurrent migraine headaches and is characterized by mitochondrial encephalopathy, lactic acidosis, and stroke-like events (3).

Hihratl

Leukoencephalopathy, retinal arteriolar tortuosity, and hereditary infantile hemiparesis (3).

Hems

Hereditary endotheliopathy linked to eye disease, kidney disease, and stroke (3).

Triggers

- 80% Stress
- 65% Hormonal changes especially during menstruation, pregnancy, ovulation.
- 57% when meals are skipped
- 53% change in weather
- 40% odours
- Excessive or insufficient sleep
- 38% neck pain
- 38% exposure to light
- 38% ingestion of alcohol
- 36% smoking
- 32% sleeping late
- 30% heat
- 22% exercise
- 5% sexual activity
- 27% food changes (aspartame as a possible factor) (3).

Four Stages of Headache Episodes

Migraine episodes have been found to occur in four phases.

Prodrome

Premonitory symptoms connected to hypothalamic activation mediated by dopamine (3). Prodromic symptoms may persist for 24 or 48 hours before headaches appear in more than 77% of instances. Women experience it very frequently than males do (81 to 64%) (3). The most common ones include tiredness (34%), mood swings, sluggishness, neck discomfort, light sensitivity, restlessness, blurred vision, cold sensation, cravings, sound sensitivity, sweating, a greater amount of thirst, and edema (3).





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Aura

About 25% of cases show alterations in blood flow, neurovascular integration, and cortical function. (3)

- It may appear concurrently with the headache, or it may come on first.
- They usually start slowly, last less than an hour, are mostly visual, and can have both good and negative effects.
- Positive symptoms, such as colourful lines or forms, buzzing in ears, sounds, numbness, allodynia, or rhythmic movements, are brought on by the active release of neurons in the central nervous system.
- Negative symptoms (a decrease in or loss of sight, ability to hear, sensation, or motion) point to a lack of function.
- They must be capable of being reversed.
- It typically appears as numbness on one side of the limb or face. They fall within the paresthesias category.
- Scintillating scotomas, which are patches of missing vision with a sparkling snaky border, are the most prevalent positive visual sign.
- Visual field abnormalities are the very prevalent unfavourable visual sign.
- The most common type of auras are visual ones.
- Auras sense-based are also prevalent. They may manifest with or without visual signs.
- Rare are motor auras. They are characterized by limb and facial hemiplegia, either whole or partial (3).

Headache

further modifications to blood flow and brainstem, thalamus, hypothalamus, and cortex function

- Usually one-sided, fluctuating or throbbing, and also intensifying throughout the starting couple of hours.
- Correlations have been shown between the intensity and photalgia, phonophobia, rhinorrhea, lachrymation, allodynia, and osmophobia.
- It could take place over some hours or even days.
- Since the discomfort normally goes away while they sleep, patients may look for relief in dim areas (3).

Postdrome

Symptoms persisting after the headache stops and lasting blood alterations. The pain during this phase is movement-sensitive and is located in the same area as the preceding headache. Exhaustion, vertigo, trouble focusing, and exhilaration are common symptoms (3).

Epidemiology

Migraine impacts 12% of people in the world, as many as 17% of women and 6% of men every year, and generally impacts females compared to males when they are younger in age. The incidence of migraine is most prevalent in North America, and next is Central and South America, Asia, Europe, and Africa. The next and most prevalent cause of disability in the world is migraine. Migraine runs in families; if either or both parents have a past history of migraine, the estimated problem increases to 40% and 75%, accordingly (3).

Migraine: Anatomy and pathophysiology**The brainstem nuclei and the trigeminovascular system**

The axons that emanate from the trigeminal ganglion, the cells that innervate the meninges and intracranial blood vessels in a peripheral fashion before locally converging in the trigeminocervical complex (TCC), comprise the trigeminovascular system. Part of the characteristics of migraine pain are believed to be mediated by activation of the trigeminovascular pain pathways, which releases neuropeptides at the dura mater level, such as calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP) and pituitary adenylate cyclase activating polypeptide (PACAP). Both peripheral and central neurons exhibit high levels of CGRP expression, which has potent dilatator characteristics. Additionally, it demonstrates a controlling effect on second- and third-order neurons (4).

Neuropeptides that play a role in pathogenesis

The neuropeptides that listed below are thought to be involved in disease progression

- **CGRP, or calcitonin gene-related peptide:** Neurones in the trigeminal ganglion are highly expressed in the calcitonin gene-related peptide (CGRP). It is released from the central and peripheral nerve terminals and

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secreted within the trigeminal ganglion. Nitric oxide is released by the peripheral terminals as a result, making the trigeminal nerves more sensitive. It is a component of neurogenic inflammation because it promotes the transfer of trigeminal pain from arteries to the nervous system and is a strong vasodilator of cerebral and dura mater vessels (3).

- **Pituitary adenylate cyclase-activating polypeptide (PACAP):** Since it is elevated during migraine episodes and can induce migraine in people who are susceptible to it when injected, it may also play a significant role in mediating migraine episodes. Although it is still unclear exactly how serotonin, which emanates from the serotonergic nuclei in the brainstem, causes migraines. Serotonin levels are most likely low between attacks because this could result in a breakdown in the mechanism that prevents serotonin from producing pain, which helps to stimulate the trigeminal system. It may operate through cortical extensions of brainstem serotonergic nuclei, central pain control pathways, or direct action on the cranial arteries (3).
- **Serotonin:** Serotonin, that is released by the brainstem serotonergic nuclei, might be involved in migraine, though the exact role of its processes is still unknown. Most likely, serotonin levels are low between episodes because this could lead to a lack of serotonin pain inhibition system, which helps to stimulate the trigeminal system. It can act directly over the cranial arteries, through central pain control channels, or by cortical projections of brainstem serotonergic nuclei (3). Migraines are associated with a variety of sensory dysfunctions that exhibit cyclical behavior; the headache phase is thought to correspond to the highest level of trigeminal nociceptive activity during this period (5). Second order neurons found in the upper cervical spinal cord, brainstem, and major medullary, diencephalic, and thalamic nuclei stretch rostrally from the trigeminal nucleus caudalis (6). Malfunction of the brain in more central regions, such the hypothalamus, and maybe due to outside variables (7).

The hypothalamus

Theories that describe migraine as a cyclic sensory threshold state have focused on how the hypothalamus mediates pain and how a number of premonitory symptoms, including as thirst, yawning, and polyuria, can manifest before, during, and after the pain phase (8). Prior studies using proton emission tomography have similarly demonstrated hypothalamic activation during the premonitory phase and spontaneous migraine headache (9) and (10) Chemosensitive neurons in the hypothalamus are capable of identifying alterations in brain and peripheral metabolism (4).

The thalamus

The thalamus plays a crucial role in the onset of central sensitization, light sensitivity, and allodynia in migraineurs, as evidenced by several clinical and preclinical investigations. Functional magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies have also shown significant thalamic changes during and after attacks (4).

The cortex

The networks of cortical cells Prominence, sensory-motor, default mode, executive, and attentional functions all alter during the headache phase. These alterations are indicative of headache-related cognitive, physical, and emotional problems (11).

Diagnosis of migraine

For a typical migraine assessment, a patient must have experienced at least five headache episodes, with a minimum of two of those episodes requiring the presence of an aura. 60 minutes after the aura, the headache should start or appear. The aura needs to include unilateral sensory symptoms or homonymous visual symptoms, or reversible dysphasic speech. Each symptom must range from five to sixty minutes, and there must be at least one symptom that gets worse over time. A subsequent disorder is not likely to explain these symptoms (12).

Pattern recognition

The pattern is either an acute headache that begins suddenly and does not go away, or a preexisting headache disease with an elevated incidence of attacks that leads to a point of non-recovery. While the latter is referred to as a new regular chronic headache, the former is typically referred to as a modified migraine. Understanding the

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underlying problem is crucial. The correct phenotype must be established in order to provide an accurate diagnosis and provide an appropriate treatment (13).

Recognition of phases of migraine

Ten percent of men and twenty percent of women get migraines, which are the most prevalent cause of repeated headaches. Despite having a hereditary base, migraine attacks are typically brought on by internal or external stimuli, however they can occasionally occur for no apparent cause. An aura affects about 20% of those who suffer from migraine. The sights that make up the aura can be either pleasant or negative, such as light flashes, floating objects, or expanding or moving zigzag patterns. pleasant phenomena include blind spots brought on by vision loss. Many people also report experiencing tingling or numbness as a sensory aura that affects the hands, lips, tongue, arms, and face. Ten to twenty percent of people notice premonitory signs for almost 48 hours prior to an episode. A sudden surge of energy, yawning, stiff neck, exhaustion, and repeated urination are some of these symptoms. It has been determined which brain regions are engaged during the premonitory phase. Most patients also have a postdrome, which includes headaches that ache, nausea, weariness, and sensitivity to light, noise, movement, scent, and bruises on the head (13).

Taking patient history

The diagnosis of migraines depends critically on taking an accurate medical history. It's critical to allow patients enough time to properly explain their attacks—this may be the first time someone has ever listened to them about their agony—and later ask specific inquiries to fill in the details that the patient's spontaneous description leaves out in order to explain the history (14). Finding any disorders that might be aggravating the underlying cause of migraine predisposition is the main goal of the medical evaluation. In order to determine the etiology of a migraine, the history is essential. Unless a significant cerebral or systemic pathology is indicated by the history, this would often only be possible with fundoscopy, inspection, and palpation of the head and neck structures, as well as a brief screening neurological and cardiovascular exam (14). As indicated earlier, it is beneficial to inquire regarding the nature of the discomfort. The onset and duration of headaches, whether continuous, episodic, or—as is often the case with chronic migraine—continuous with episodic exacerbations, the duration of episodes or exacerbations, and the presence of triggers or exacerbating variables should all be known. The sort of pain, including its location, nature, and intensity, can then be questioned (using a verbal report scale of 0–10, where 10 represents the worst imaginable suffering and 0 symbolizes no pain) (14). Next, it's critical to ascertain whether the discomfort has any concomitant symptoms. These include symptoms of an attack itself, such as vomiting, sensitivity to bright lights, noise, smell, touch, or movement; symptoms of a prodrome or aura that may indicate symptoms prior to an attack, such as high levels of energy or tiredness, yawning, excessive urine production, neck stiffness, vertigo, or visual or sensory problems; and symptoms of other primary or secondary headache disorders, such as rash, eye watering, conjunctival injection, a high body temperature excitement, perspiration ptosis, congestion in the nose, and eyelid oedema (14).

Next, knowing which therapies, both current and previous, have been used and when they are used is useful. Inquiries about the reasons for treatment discontinuance (side effects, insufficient effectiveness, etc.) should be made, and patients should be asked to provide a list of medications that they have earlier tried, along with dosages. It's also crucial to investigate supplementary or alternative therapies (14).

Investigation of migraine

CT neurological imaging studies: Patients who suffer from migraines have had CT scans. Anomalies in a particular proportion of migraine instances have been revealed by these researchers. Two of the 94 patients in one research developed gliomas, six had cerebral infarction, and edema was observed. In another study, 25 out of 53 participants had localized atrophy, generalised atrophy, and other abnormalities. The choroid plexus had a papilloma in one out of every 453 migraine cases. Ventricular hypertrophy and low-density areas have been observed in hospitalized cases. Acute infarction, bleeding from the subarachnoid region, primary and metastatic tumors, hydrocephalus, and subdural hematoma have also been observed in certain examinations. Focal atrophy is more common in older adults (13).



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MRI examinations have discovered white-matter lesions that have been linked to the clinical features and distinct demographics of migraine patients. Patients with diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease are more likely to have abnormal white matter. White matter foci are significantly more prevalent in MA patients than in MO individuals. Incidental results include frontoparietal and cortical atrophy and heterotopy. Intracerebral abnormalities are more common in headache sufferers than in non-headache sufferers. Some younger migraineurs also have white matter lesions. Furthermore, it has been shown that several migraineurs have petrous apex cholesterol cysts, meningeal tumors, and cortical abnormalities. WMHs and pituitary problems have been discovered by MRI investigations (13).

Combined MRI and CTScans

Patients with migraines have had their neurological conditions evaluated using both CT and MRI scans. Four out of 688 participants had abnormalities on their MRI scans, according to Wang et al. No substantial abnormalities were seen on the subjects' CT scans. Among the anomalies were hydrocephalus and malignancies of the throat and nose. On CT and MRI scans, cerebral infarction and carotid atheroma can be seen in a small percentage of people with late-onset migraineurs (those who start beyond the age of 40). However, 93% of the people have normal neuroimaging (13). In 74 patients, a comparison of MRI and CT scans revealed that many foci were seen on T2 MRI but not on CT scans. In a different investigation, the neuroimaging results showed either focal or widespread ventricular enlargement in 26 of the individuals. An occipital lobe infarction was evident in one of the individuals. Over a period of five years, the neuroimaging of newly admitted patients was examined. Two of the 167 individuals had anomalies related to secondary headaches. Both normal persons and migraine patients frequently have abnormalities on their MRI and CT scans. MRI and CT scans reveal important diseases such as visual loss and a history of neurosurgery (13).

Migraine treatment**Effective Treatment Strategies for Migraine****Treatment for acute migraine**

Reducing the intensity and length of a migraine attack is the major objective of therapy (15). Replacing the functioning ability, lowering the need for rescue drugs, and encouraging general management with little or non-existent adverse effects are among the other goals. "Acetaminophen, triptans (sumatriptan, eletriptan, rizatriptan, almotriptan, frovatriptan, naratriptan, and zolmitriptan), dihydroergotamine, non-opioid analgesics (ASA, acetaminophen, and caffeine), NSAID-triptan combinations, and anti-emetics (chlorpromazine, metoclopramide, and prochlorperazine)" are some of the contemporary treatments for migraine. Drugs like butorphanol, tramadol and acetaminophen show some efficacy, but NSAIDs have more drawbacks than positives, thus it is not as advised to use them. Patients with chronic migraines always need preventive care, although those with infrequent attacks can be effectively treated with acute medication. Antibodies of the CGRP receptor have been shown to reduce the frequency of migraines (16). Aspirin, acetaminophen, naproxen, and ibuprofen are examples of first-line therapeutic drugs that are used to treat migraine attacks (15).

Acetaminophen

Acetaminophen is also known by a well-known name paracetamol. It is an antipyretic and a non-opioid analgesic that lowers temperature and also reduces pain (13).

Anti-Inflammatory Drugs: NSAIDs

In many trials, it has been demonstrated that non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs) can help reduce the incidence, severity, and length of migraine attacks. Several NSAIDs, including ibuprofen, naproxen sodium, acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), diclofenac potassium, aspirin, tolfenamic acid, piroxicam, ketoprofen, and ketorolac, have been substantiated by randomized controlled trials and systematic reviews as being beneficial in treating migraines (17).



**Swetha et al.,****Naproxen**

Naproxen is very useful in treating fever, soreness, swelling. This drug is available in the form of salt of sodium as well as a free acid. The gastric system absorbs it rapidly. It is recommended to use naproxen as an analgesic. The medication takes 8 to 12 hours to start working after consumption. The drug's half-life is fifteen hours, a considerable amount greater than that of ibuprofen. Headache, lightheadedness, heartburn, bruises, gastrointestinal bleeding, and stomach ulcers are among the side effects. Migraine is treated early on with naproxen medication (13).

Ibuprofen

For the treatment of migraines, ibuprofen possesses analgesic, antipyretic, and antiinflammatory properties. The serum concentration peaks one to two hours after ingestion, with a half-life of 2-4 hours. Gastric ulcers, discomfort in the stomach, rash, nausea, heartburn, and vomiting are examples of side effects (13).

Aspirin

Aspirin is used alone or in combination to treat chronic headaches. One can deliver aspirin intravenously or orally (13).

Acetaminophen, aspirin, and caffeine

For chronic migraines, aspirin, caffeine, and acetaminophen are administered as a triple therapy. Numerous investigations have noted the analgesic impact of the combined action. These medications can be used as a triple therapy for tension-type headaches and migraines. When these medications are used together, they are more effective than when taken alone (13).

Triptans

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved seven triptans that are intended to provide instant relief from migraine attacks. Amongst the medications in this category are almotriptan, frovatriptan, rizatriptan, zolmitriptan, naratriptan, and sumatriptan. Triptans are generally more costly than NSAIDs in terms of price. Because of this, they are typically chosen as a treatment plan when other options, such as NSAIDs or acetaminophen, do not give the expected results or when the severity of the headache necessitates their use (17).

Sumatriptan

First available in 1991 [pdf diagnosis 0], having undergone the most examination, this triptan is still considered the "Gold standard" (13). The dosage types that are offered are subcutaneous injection, nasal spray, and tablet. Since the subcutaneous formulation acts more quickly, those experiencing severe headaches are more likely to benefit from it. Additionally, subcutaneous preparation is the recommended medication for patients whose severe nausea or vomiting prevents them from taking oral tablets. Due to their low half-life and poor oral bioavailability, "second-generation" triptans like zolmitriptan, almotriptan, eletriptan, naratriptan, and rizatriptan have been created with better pharmacokinetic properties (13).

Zolmitriptan

There are three different forms of Zolmitriptan available: pills, nasal spray, and oral disintegrating tablets. Children 12 years of age and older can safely take zolmitriptan nasal spray (13).

Almotriptan

Almotriptan is available as pills that are taken orally with a half-life of a period of three hours. Adolescents with migraine headaches lasting at least four hours are permitted to use almotriptan (13).

Frovatriptan

Oral pills containing frovatriptan are available. Those with migraines who experience longer-lasting headaches can benefit from frovatriptan, which has the longest half-life of 26 hours (13).



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It works wonders for menstrual migraines (13).

Rizatriptan and Eletriptan

The half-lives of rizatriptan and eletriptan, which are both accessible as oral pills, are two and four hours, respectively. Additionally, rizatriptan-containing oral dissolving tablets are available. Poorly controlled high blood pressure, hemiplegic migraine headaches, extreme liver and kidney problems, basilar migraine headaches, and coronary artery disease are among the conditions that preclude the use of triptans(13). This drawback is absent from the new ditan and gepant classes (4).

Ditans

As of right present, lasmiditan—a potent and specific agonist of the 5-HT_{1F} receptor—is the only ditan on the market (4). It acts against migraines by blocking the function of neurons in the trigeminal nucleus caudalis, with no effect on the vasculature (4). It is now evident that lasmiditan is far superior than a placebo in terms of rates of 2-hour pain relief and freedom from a wide range of bothersome symptoms, especially when doses of 100 and 200 mg are used (5). This is supported by two phase two studies (4) and three large phase three controlled trials (18)(19)(20). The phase 3 research's combined results showed no problems with cardiovascular protection; in fact, the studies had included people with complex cardiac arrhythmias, elevated blood pressure, and coronary artery disease (19).

Antiemetics

Antiemetics are typically the first drugs administered for headaches that cause both nausea or vomiting. These drugs can be taken on their own or in conjunction with triptans class of drugs or NSAIDs. Two commonly used antiemetics are metoclopramide and prochlorperazine. Compared to prochlorperazine, metoclopramide is more likely to produce unwanted side effects and has a greater body of evidence demonstrating its effectiveness in treating migraines. Promethazine, chlorpromazine, and domperidone are some more antiemetics that are used to treat migraines (21).

Treatment for chronic migraine

Patients who experience migraines at least twice a month, who abuse medications, or who have diminished quality of life are advised to undergo preventive therapy (22). Clinical judgment in each instance will determine how this advice is implemented. Several medication classes, including anticonvulsants, calcium channel modulators, beta blockers, tricyclic antidepressants, play a role in classic prevention; yet, these drugs frequently cause tolerance problems and low compliance (4). In recent years, clinical practice and treatment guidelines (23) have included monoclonal antibodies (mABs) against the canonical receptor (erenunmab) or the CGRP peptide (galcanezumab, fremanezumab, eptinezumab) in significant amounts. In order to prevent migraines, the European Headache Federation currently advises beginning therapy with CGRP mABs as quickly as possible and continuing for as long as necessary (4).

Gepants

Ubrogepant comprises a new family of oral gepants that have acquired FDA approval for acute migraine therapy. There have been approved dosages of 50 and 100 mg of ubrogepant. Additionally, preliminary data supports the efficacy of the non-oral gepant zavegepant nasal spray (4). Significantly, gepants are unlikely to produce medication overuse headache, making them a good alternative when controlling this issue (4) and has a high effectiveness rate when given in numerous doses during an assault (24). Since atogepant and rimegepant have shown to be effective and well-tolerated, they have been introduced to the market in recent years as a preventative measure against migraines (4). Their comparable 11-hour half-lives make it easier to use both as prophylactic measures. Compared to monoclonal antibodies, they have a different half-life, so they have less adverse effects and are safer—especially for women who become pregnant unexpectedly (4). FDA-approved for periodic migraine, atogepant was intended as a preventative medication (4). Having constipation and vomiting were the very common adverse reactions in the phase 2b and phase 3 trials, occurring 10% of the time at a dosage of 60 mg daily. In contrast to the first gepants, the

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evidence now available indicates no rise of blood alanine aminotransferase and safety on cardiac repolarization even with supratherapeutic dosages (25)(26). A report of an additional study on the preventive therapy of chronic migraine has been published. It is being investigated for long-term safety and tolerability in another trial (NCT04686136) as well as when combined with onabotulinumtoxin A (NCT05216263) (4). When administered on alternate days, rimegepant, which was first tested for acute usage, can cure episodic migraine in adults (27). It also has the added advantage of being administered concurrently during a migraine episode. It is tolerated very well; the most frequent adverse effect is vomiting, which happens in 2% of cases (4). Data supporting the use of common preventative medications from studies on people with high-frequency periodic migraines sometimes need to be generalized, and there are few specific trials done on persons who suffer from persistent migraine. Most migraine researchers still start with older medications like β blockers (propranolol, atenolol, nadolol, or metoprolol), tricyclics (amitriptyline, nortriptyline, or dosulepin), or even less hazardous alternatives, even though NICE recently recommended topiramate as the first-line preventive measure (14). Anticonvulsants such as sodium valproate or topiramate may be taken into consideration if these prove ineffective. Based on personal experience, it is stated that lurasidone, a calcium channel blocker, is the medication preferred for patients experiencing significant vertigo, hemiplegic attacks, or extended auras. Further evidence supports the effectiveness and acceptability of angiotensin blockers, including candesartan, in the treatment of migraines (14). For a reevaluation and consideration of alternatives like higher occipital nerve blocks and Botox (onabotulinum toxin A; Allergan, Irvine, CA) injections for chronic migraines, individuals who do not respond to first- or second-line preventative measures should be referred to a specialist headache clinic. Two consecutive sets of injections of 155–195 U in seven different areas of the head and neck have been shown to reduce headache days by 50% over six months in such patients. Although a new double-blind randomized controlled trial raises questions about this as well, these injections may help more than 50% of patients temporarily lessen the frequency and intensity of their headaches. Deep brain stimulation and occipital nerve stimulation are two neurosurgical techniques that may be investigated for the most challenging and rare cases that are genuinely unmanageable (14).

Neuromodulation

The field of non-invasive neuromodulation is constantly developing, and as it may be applied as a preventive as well as an acute treatment, it is of special therapeutic relevance for managing migraines. Additionally, it has almost no systemic adverse effects, making it suitable for patients with tolerance problems or those who wish to prevent drug interactions(4). Transcutaneous migraine relief devices can either target the nervous system peripherally (transcranial direct electric stimulation, or tDCS), centrally (single-pulse transcranial magnetic stimulation, or sTMS), or noninvasively (noninvasive vagus nerve stimulation, or nVNS). A handheld device was created following the results of an open-label study (28) showing a 50% responder rate and a decrease in migraine days, as well as the participation of 164 individuals with migraines with aura in a randomized controlled trial (RCT). In the US and Europe, the sTMS device is currently licensed for both acute and preventative migraine therapy. When it comes to preventive, people with periodic migraines (30) appear to benefit more from it than those with refractory or chronic migraines (4). When it comes to non-invasive vagus nerve stimulation (nVNS), an RCT has demonstrated its effectiveness for treating migraines acutely (31), but not for prevention (4). Mechanistically speaking, this strategy at the bench can prevent trigeminocervical neurons from reacting to dural nociceptive activation (32) and decrease cortical spreading depression (4). Another tactic has focused on delivering recurrent cathodal or anodal direct current transcranial stimulation over the cortex, despite inconsistent results regarding its therapeutic effectiveness in migraineurs (4). Further investigation is required, as this could be attributed to methodological differences in the approaches, particular brain regions, and types of stimulation (33). Remote noncephalic electrical neurostimulation of the upper arm skin is one of the novel approaches available for neuromodulation. The gadget has been tested in an RCT with 253 patients and operates non-invasively through conditioned pain modulation (4). After two hours of therapy, the subjects experienced pain independence and clinically significant alleviation from migraine headaches in comparison to sham, with a minimal rate of side effects associated to the device (4). Preliminary data from recent open-label research (34) supported its use in treating persistent migraine. Last but not least, studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of repetitive peripheral magnetic stimulation (rPMS), which targets the muscles in the neck and shoulders, in preventing episodic migraine, especially in individuals with

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significant muscular participation (4). More research is required to assess the extent of these strategies' impact in migraine, including novel processes and targets, even if they are promise for handling of a crippling condition for which there aren't many therapeutic options (4).

General management

Comorbidities and lifestyle cause need to be treated. It's critical to identify and treat sleep problems as well as dietary factors such as cheese, wine, chocolate, excessive caffeine use, and dehydration. It is advised to maintain a healthy body weight and engage in exercise. Based on their causes, patients may benefit from behavioral, physical, or psychological treatment. Feverfew, coenzyme Q-10, magnesium, riboflavin, and feverfew are common natural migraine treatments. Due to their inconsistent effectiveness, these preventative measures are not regarded as first-line therapies for migraine (13). In acute circumstances, medications might be used to treat migraines or lessen their frequency. The general principles, dosage recommendations, headache advice, and recommendations for children and pregnant women have all been modified in the therapeutic instructions. In 1-2 hours, the goal of migraine treatment is to alleviate the headache. The prodromal symptoms, aura, or postdromal stages are not significantly affected by therapies, despite their potential effectiveness. Treating a headache as soon as feasible is important. In certain situations, combination treatments—such as triptans, aspirin, paracetamol, various NSAIDs, and antiemetics—are necessary (13).

Handling nausea

Since nausea can hinder absorption, managing it is crucial. The management and treatment procedure is aided by the combination of antiemetics and analgesics (35). If someone can't consume a medication orally, the route of administration can be altered; alternatives include prochlorperazine suppositories, non-oral triptan formulations, NSAID suppositories, and ondansetron wafers for vomiting (35).

Management of migraine during menstrual cycle

The episodes of migraines are severe, recurrent and they are challenging to manage. Using an oral contraceptive can assist detect when attacks coincide with menstruation and reduce the frequency of episodes. Patients with MA should not use contraceptive pills due to the increased risk of stroke. Naproxen may help with perimenstrual symptoms in addition to acute therapy (4).

Diet

Diet is the most often mentioned migraine preventative strategy. It has lately been suggested that migraine is endocrine and metabolic disorder. A variety of dietary substances can cause migraines. These results have led to the introduction of an elimination diet (36). The quantity of food eaten can also cause headaches. Migraine can be brought on by a comparatively high dose of MSG. However, cutting back on particular foods can also result in headaches. Groups have different trigger points. The foods that act as triggers for migraines vary among individuals with varying immune responses (37). It thus becomes challenging to pinpoint specific meals that cause migraines. Predisposing variables may also be genetic in nature. Some people are more sensitive to certain food elements than others, and some people are more sensitive to specific beverage kinds. Migraine prevention may be achieved by avoiding certain causes (38). This is the elimination diet's central idea. A comprehensive diet is crucial for migraine patients, according to the studies carried out. The gut flora can be altered by probiotics. To fully understand the function of nutrition in migraine, more research is necessary because migraine is a multiphase condition. For migraine sufferers, a multimodal strategy that includes dietary changes may be beneficial. Dietary guidelines for migraineurs are described in the next part (13).

Elimination diets

A headache-causing food must first be identified, and then these items must be removed from the regular diet. This is known as an elimination diet. Using this individualized method, the client determines which components cause or exacerbate their pain. As such, the dietary routine is changed to exclude certain components. This idea and food allergies are not the same thing (37). It is also possible to identify a trigger in an organized way. A food item can be

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considered a trigger if it produces a headache one day after consumption. Since most people have more than one trigger, it's often challenging to pinpoint a single substance. Furthermore, the work becomes more difficult because several foods include multiple ingredients. But there are drawbacks to an exclusion diet as well. For example, if protein and intake of micro nutrients are insufficient, malnutrition or under nutrition may develop. Frequent infections and other physiological issues may result from this (13).

Acupuncture

Using needles inserted into certain acu points on the skin, acupuncture is a type of traditional Chinese medicine that promotes recovery and rebalances the body. Despite being used to treat a wide range of conditions, treating chronic pain—particularly headache and migraine pain—is one of its most popular uses. A complicated neurological condition called migraine causes severe impairment in daily functioning because of pain and attack related symptoms. The present treatment choices for migraines have numerous undesirable adverse reactions and can potentially make the pain worse for people who suffer from chronic migraines. Migraines are a tough condition to manage (39). Furthermore, obtaining an accurate diagnosis and subsequent access to necessary care is a challenge for numerous migraine sufferers (40). Due to this, a growing number of medical professionals and academics are now looking to alternative therapies like acupuncture as a means of treating patients who have migraines that are resistant to conventional pharmaceutical treatment. In this study, we evaluate the state of knowledge regarding acupuncture and migraines as well as the efficacy of acupuncture in relieving acute and chronic migraines (39).

Ayurvedic treatments

It demonstrates how Ayurveda can effectively treat migraines without causing many negative side effects. Following oral ingestion of polyherbal and herbomineral drugs, the treatment consists of Snehapana (internal oleation), Svedana (sudation), Virechana (therapeutic purgation), and Nasya (nasal instillations). Two arms of Ayurvedic medicine are Shamana (pacifying) therapy and Shodhana (purification). Since migraine is associated with Ardhavabhedaka, the classics strongly recommend the Shodhana therapies Nasya and Virechana as well as the Shamana medications in the form of polyherbal concoctions and medicated ghee as useful remedies (41). Virechana has been used in numerous trials in conjunction with Shamana and Nasya medications to improve the effectiveness in terms of migraine seriousness, frequency, and duration. According to traditional management, Virechana was used in very few trials prior to Nasya and sedative medications; there was no standard formulation that was preferred by all of them. However, every drug was intended to counteract the affected dosha (humor). Therefore, the majority of the discussion is on treatments such as Nasya, Virechana, and Shamana remedies, which include various herbal and herbo-mineral preparations as well as external therapy.

Nasya

Nasya is a biopurification method that involves administering medication through nasal inhalation. When medications are inhaled, they go straight to the brain, where they are then distributed throughout the body (41). The herbs used for nasal instillation have a strength that, when administered, reaches shringataka, the important place at the bottom of the nose. From there, the effectiveness extends to the head, eyes, throat, and ear, helping to drive out the vitiated humour, or morbid doshas, from the head. Its stimulating impact on the brain via the respiratory and olfactory pathways is thought to be the most plausible mode of action. The nasal epithelium is a highly permeable monolayer that prevents hepatic metabolism by facilitating quick absorption and direct drug entry into the body's circulation. Vasculature makes up a significant portion of the nasal submucosa. One possible method of delivering medication to the central nervous system is through intranasal drug delivery through the pulmonary and olfactory pathways. Pharmaceuticals derived from lipids with a molecular weight of less than 400–600 Da (Dalton) and a positive charge are more likely to cross the blood–brain barrier (42).

Virechana

It is among the preventive strategies for biopuricity. The cellular fluid is drained into the interstitial fluid by virechana. The fluid then enters the circulatory compartment and drains into the gastrointestinal tract before being expelled. Consequently, as the process modifies the fluid compartments, it produces a biochemical change. Biochemicals that



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have dissolved are present in the fluid that is emptied out (41). Due to enhanced metabolic condition, oral drugs given following biopurification methods have greater effectiveness. The process involves stimulating the digestive system, which is followed by medicated fats taken orally, therapeutic massage therapy, suction, and internally induced vomiting (41).

Shamanaushadhi (Pacifying Medications)

The components of Pathyadi Khada are neuroprotective and have anti-oxidant and anti-inflammatory qualities (43). Pathya (*Terminalia chebula* Retz.) also possesses analgesic qualities. Shatahvidaitailanasya, Nimbadi Guggulu and Mashadi Kashaya were given to a one group of people suffering from migraine. Twelve of the participants had significant alleviation, and eighteen of the participants had total relief, according to the overall evaluation. (41)

Herbo-mineral medications

Herbo-mineral formulations were used in five clinical trials. 406 participants in all were given the Ayurvedic Therapy Protocol (AyTP). At a dose of 7.3 g daily, it included 500 mg of Godanti Mishran, 2000 mg of Narikela Lavana, 375 mg of Sootashekhara Rasa, Sitopaladi Churna, 3000 mg of Rasana Vati, and 1425 mg of Narikela Lavana. The AyTP safety profile of Godanti Mishran, Rasana Vati, and Sootashekhara Rasa was initially demonstrated in experimental animals (41). Seven (3.4%) patients showed no improvement, whereas twenty-two (35.2%) patients were fully cured. Forty-five patients (11%) stopped their therapy because their condition got worse. However, among the patients who finished the full 90 days of treatment, there were no discernible side effects. In another study, Brhat Jeevakaditailanasya was given along with Sutashekhara Rasa and drakshajala (water steeped in raisins) as an adjunct. Sutashekhara Rasa and Nasya reduced the majority of pain symptoms when compared to Flunarizine. In two trials, laghusutashekhara rasa (LSR) was given both alone and in conjunction with nasya. In comparison to Nasya, LSR was found to be more effective when used alone. In a similar vein, Kaphaketu rasa both alone and in combination with Anutaila Nasya had noteworthy outcomes (41).

External therapy

Agnikarma (cautery) (41) using Panchadhātu Shalaka (a cautery tool composed of five metals) was performed in four settings separated by one week, and internal administration of Pathyadi Khada was prepared. Significant progress was observed in eleven participants (78.6%). According to research, heat may have stimulated the lateral spinothalamic tract, which in turn activates the descending pain inhibitory fibers. As a result, this inhibits the release of P substance (presynaptic inhibition) and stops the dispersion of pain perception. Additionally, it has been suggested that heat will have a counter irritating effect. According to the pain-gate control theory, heat activates the skin's nociceptor fibers. Following stimulation, these fast-acting inhibitory fibers block the channels that produce long-lasting, slow-acting inhibitory fibers (41). Kumkumadi Ghrita Nasya was more effective than Shirodhara, or "dipping therapy," which involved applying Dashmoolashrita Ksheera to the forehead for 45 minutes each day for 21 days. However, research has demonstrated that Shirodhara is effective for persistent daily headaches (41). Applying kachooradichurna to the forehead in addition to pacifying and purifying drugs worked well for migraines (43).

Various formulations to treat migraine

Medications to treat migraine are available in various forms:

Tablets**Orally disintegrating tablets**

Those who struggle with swallowing may benefit from oral disintegrating pills. Difficulty in swallowing, or dysphagia, affects individuals of every age. It is more common in children and the elderly, as well as patients who are institutionalized and in people who have symptoms like nausea, vomiting, and motion sickness. A migraine attack can last anywhere from 15 to 180 minutes, so it is best to take immediate relief. A quickly disintegrating pill is the best option in these situations (44).





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Example**Sumatriptan succinate**

One medication in the class of antimigraine medications is sumatriptan succinate. Here, we may learn how successful oral disintegrating sumatriptan succinate tablets are. It helps to cure headaches, pain, and other migraine headache symptoms such as sensitivity to sound and light, nausea, and vomiting. Strong agonists of the 5-HT_{1D} receptor, such as sumatriptan, specifically narrow the arteries in the brain and redistribute blood, improving cerebral blood flow. Merely 3% of the entire dosage of sumatriptan in its unmodified form is excreted in urine. 15% of the medication is bioavailable. Consequently, it must be added to an oral disintegrating dose form to increase its absorption into the body (44).

Rizatriptan benzoate

In contrast to sumatriptan, which has a low absorption rate of 14–17%, rizatriptan benzoate acts relatively quickly, reducing migraine symptoms within an hour of ingestion. Patients with migraines would benefit from immediate treatment that enables them to resume their functional activities as soon as possible, as their working ability is considerably impaired. The formulation includes super disintegrants, which enhance the drug's release and, consequently, its bioavailability. The medication dissolves or spreads in saliva when mouth-dispersing tablets are placed in the mouth; this allows the medication to be ingested as a liquid without the need for water. The pills dissolve instantly (45).

Rimegepant ODT

Rimegepant is a second-generation gepant that is taken by mouth and has been approved in a number of nations, including the United States (46).

Bi-layered tablets

A bi-layered tablet that is intended to treat individuals with severe migraines, which last for longer than two hours. In order to preserve the drug's therapeutic level and bioavailability in the blood, the sustained layer is constructed using polymers with hydrophilic properties. An immediate layer is created for rapid relief, and the other layer will be delivered gradually over time. (47)

Example: a) Sumatriptan succinate bi-layered tablet (47)

Sublingual tablets

For self-administration, the oral sublingual pill delivery method can be a good option. Our objectives are to boost the oral bioavailability of the drug administered, prevent first-pass metabolism in the liver, provide rapid dissolution or disintegration in the oral cavity without the need for water or chewing, get around the drawbacks of the oral, nasal and subcutaneous route, and provide a quick onset of action. Taste masking is used to increase patient compliance and oral feeling. Passive diffusion into the lipoidal membrane is the primary mechanism by which drugs penetrate the oral mucosa. The permeability of the mouth is higher in the sublingual area than in the buccal and palatal regions, respectively. (48)

Example

a) Sumatriptan succinate (48)

b) Zolmitriptan sublingual tablets (49)

Gel

Nasal insitu gel: Nasal drug delivery can also offer a route of entry to the brain that circumvents the BBB because the olfactory receptor cells are in direct contact with the central nervous system (CNS). By sticking to the mucous membrane and prolonging the residence time in the nasal cavity, bioadhesive excipients help formulations overcome the mucociliary clearance process. This results in better nasal drug uptake and bioavailability of drugs that undergo rapid first pass metabolism. (50)





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Example: a) Nasal insitu gel of rizatriptan (50)**Oral films**

Another term for polymeric films meant for buccal dispersion is mouth dissolving films. The lamina propria and submucosa, the underlying tissue, are separated from the stratified squamous epithelium covering the surface of the oral cavity by an undulating basement membrane. Interestingly, the buccal mucosa has permeability that is around 4-4,000 times greater than that of the skin, but lower than that of the intestine. Therefore, buccal administration can be a very effective way to absorb molecules with low skin penetration.

Ideal features

- The drug must possess good taste.
- The drug to be incorporated in the film must have low dose.
- The drug must have lesser and moderate molecular weight.
- The drug must have proper stability and solubility in water and in saliva.
- It must be partially unionized at the pH of buccal cavity.
- It must have the capacity to permeate the oral mucosa.

Based on the transdermal patch's technology, mouth dissolving films provide a novel medication delivery device for oral administration. The delivery device is a very thin oral strip that is applied to the patient's tongue or any other oral mucous membrane. Saliva quickly hydrates the film, which then sticks to application site. [pdf 50] After that, the medication is released for oro mucosal absorption as it swiftly dissolves and disintegrates. If the formula is changed, it will still dissolve quickly enough to allow for gastrointestinal absorption after swallowing. (51) **Example:** Rizatriptan benzoate fast dissolving oral film. (51)

Patch**Transdermal patch**

An adhesive patch put to the skin that contains medication intended to be absorbed into the bloodstream through the skin is called a transdermal patch, sometimes referred to as a skin patch. 'Transdermal systems' are designed to deliver the drug(s) to the systemic circulation through the skin, according to the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP). In 1981(1), the FDA first approved transdermal patch products. Most migraine sufferers have nausea during their attacks, and many also have vomiting. Oral medication is one example of a drug delivery technique that depends on gastrointestinal absorption and gastric movement; in certain patients, this method may be slow, inefficient, or inconsistently effective. There are injection and nasal administration methods for migraine sufferers that avoid absorption through the gastrointestinal tract. Compared to alternative administration methods, injectable sumatriptan may cause more side effects (such as chest and neck discomfort, warm sensations, dizziness, sleepiness, and enhanced nausea) as well as irritation and soreness at the location of the injection. Certain nasal spray delivery systems for migraine are simple to use and may be more effective than pills; nevertheless, some individuals may find that the flavour of the spray aggravates their nausea and vomiting (52). Patients who are unconscious can also benefit from this delivery mechanism (53). This system of distribution is regarded as being userfriendly and having a pause feature (54). Drugs with short biological half-lives can be continuously infused through the skin, which also eliminates pulsed entrance into the circulatory system and allows for controlled, constant delivery of drugs. It also has many other advantages like

1. Decreased dosage frequency as a result of increased half-life and enhanced bioavailability.
2. Decreased adverse effects; in addition, removing the patch may lessen the toxicity of a medication applied transdermally.
3. Using topical patches is a simple, non-invasive way to administer medication to your body.
4. For drugs that are significantly broken down by the liver, not fully absorbed from the gut, or hydrolyzed by the stomach acids, this mode of administration works well.
5. Transdermal patches offer an alternative for individuals who are unable or unable to take medications or vitamins orally mouth.



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6. Topical patches are practical and affordable; one aspect of particular note in some patches is that they only need to be applied once a week. (1)

Example

- a. Rizatriptan and verapamil transdermal patch (1)
- b. Almotriptan malate transdermal patch (52)
- c. Fravotriptan transdermal patch (53)
- d. Zolmitriptan drug-in-adhesive patch, which will improve compliance among patients. (55)

Microneedle patch

The non-invasive delivery of medications through the skin's surface is known as microneedle mediated delivery, and it has garnered interest from numerous research institutions and enterprises. Microneedle (MN) delivery system is an attractive alternative to traditional drug administration methods because of the protective, inflammatory, and immunological properties of skin (56). The stratum corneum (SC), the top layer of skin, and the skin's viable epidermis can both be reached by the MN delivery technique. It consists of a base support and a variety of submillimeter-sized needles up to 1500 μm in length. (57)

Advantages of microneedle patches

- High amounts of medication solution can be administered using hollow microneedles.
- Microneedles have the capacity to hold many drugs simultaneously.
- Preventing pre-systemic metabolic process and avoiding discomfort.
- High amounts of medication can be administered via hydrogel-forming microneedles that are connected to reservoirs. (58)

Example

Dissolving microneedle patch filled with dihydroergotamine mesylate (DHE). An ergot derivative called dihydroergotamine mesylate (DHE) is especially helpful in healing moderate-to-severe acute migraine attacks in patients who do not react to triptan derivatives. The shortcomings of the current DHE formulations in subcutaneous injection and nasal spray form, such as pain, unpleasant reactions, and limited absorption, must be addressed by a novel delivery system that enables simple self-administration, a rapid beginning of action, and high absorption. In order to create a dissolving microneedle patch (MNP), we used polyvinylpyrrolidone, which has a great water solubility and improved solubility capacity. We used an MNP design that has been demonstrated to be painless. (2)

Iontophoretic transdermal patch

Iontophoretic transdermal patch: The iontophoretic transdermal system (ITS) skin patch formulation is meant to treat migraine symptoms temporarily. This transdermal method delivers the drug transdermally into the subcutaneous tissue while avoiding the digestive system by using a modest electrical current (59). The two main processes in iontophoresis are electromigration and electroosmosis. During electromigration, the cathode repels anions while the anode rejects positively charged cations. Electroosmosis is the convective transport of water by an electrical current. Because neutral chemicals don't produce ions, electroosmosis works particularly well when they are present. (58)

Example

Sumatriptan ITS, those who have migraines together with severe nausea, vomiting, or gastroparesis, as well as those who do not respond well to oral drugs, may find this drug as a useful option. (59)

Nasal spray

Application of nasal sprays to alleviate migraines. It has a quick start of effect because to its quick absorption through the mucous membrane of the nose. Additionally, using nasal spray can be a better option than traditional oral medications for people who struggle to swallow tablets or who feel nauseated and vomiting during migraine episodes. (60)





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Example

- a. Zolmitriptan nasal spray(60)
- b. Sumatriptan nasal spray for in acute treatment of migraine in adolescents and children (61)

Advance formulations for migraine

Some of the advance formulations are

Sonophoresis assisted gel

Sonophoresis-assisted transdermal delivery of antimigraine loaded nanolipomers. It uses an active, non-invasive technique that, when exposed to ultrasonic vibrations, causes a transient, reversible increase in the permeability of the skin. The fundamental mechanism that causes the disruption of the lipid structure in the skin is called acoustic cavitation. Sonophoresis-assisted transdermal administration is administered by either irradiating the skin simultaneously with the drug-containing coupling medium or, ideally, irradiating the skin before to prevent drug degradation before adding the medication. Furthermore, a key factor in both effectiveness and safety is the radiation's frequency of application. High frequency ultrasound (HFU) seems to be less effective but safer than low frequency ultrasound (LFU), which is typically more efficient at the expense of safety. These days, it's common practice to use nanocarrier delivery systems to improve medication absorption. They are separated into nanoparticles of polymeric material, which have a limited circulation duration and poor biocompatibility despite having excellent stability and rigidity in structure. However, poor entrapment efficiency and irregular release are two of their main disadvantages. Lipid-based nanoparticles, on the other hand, are recognized for their great biocompatibility and improved bioavailability of drugs (62). It was therefore reasonable to mix the best aspects of both kinds while minimizing the drawbacks. Lipomers, or lipid-polymer hybrid nanoparticles, are a new class of modified paragon that have the capacity to carry hydrophilic or hydrophobic cargo with superior physical stability and encapsulating performance. They are often made by linking the drug and polymer via interactions between ions to create a complex that is then either dispersed throughout the matrix of lipids to produce a monolithic system or coated in lipid to generate a core-shell system.

Example

Zolmitriptan loaded lipomer gel (62)

Drug loaded nanoparticle gel

Drug loaded solid lipid nanoparticles for transdermal delivery Solid lipids like cholesterol, triglycerides, stearic acid, and emulsifiers make up SLNs. These are nanoparticles with solid lipid combinations in the interior and surfactant acting as the external phase's internal structure stabilizer in a fluid medium. Lipid mixtures shield encapsulated labile components from harmful external elements like oxidation and photodegradation and offer a regulated release schedule for those materials. Many techniques, such as large energy input, minimal energy hot and cold homogenization, and organic solvent approaches, can be used to create SLNs. Sumatriptan is delivered transdermally utilizing SLNs in the form of gel, which can improve the drug's penetration across the barrier of the epidermis. SLN-loaded sumatriptan intended for transdermal administration.

Example

Sumatriptan loaded nanoparticle gel (63)

Intranasal nanoparticle gel: Intranasal route using solid lipid Nanoparticles for migraine therapy

Solid lipid nanoparticles (SLNs) will be ingested and administered intravenously to the brain. Because solid lipid nanoparticles allow molecules that are hydrophilic to cross the lipophilic blood-brain barrier, they improve the transmission of drugs from the nasal cavity to the brain. They can also prevent chemical and/or biological deterioration of the medicine that is enclosed. Because of the blood-brain barrier (BBB), medication transport to the brain is extremely difficult. Different methods have been employed to improve medication delivery to the brain. Drug transmission utilizing nanotechnology is one of these approaches. Many medications are delivered to the

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central nervous system (CNS) via the intranasal route. The administration of medications intranasally does not need any changes. Because of their nano size, they can travel across many endocytic pathways of neuronal cells in the olfactory membrane and be transcellularly delivered to the brain by olfactory neurons.

Example:

a) For instance, nasal Zolmitriptan gel containing solid lipid nanoparticles (SLNs) is used for the relief of migraines. (64)

Subcutaneous Injection

It is thought that mAbs will prevent the consequences of circulating CGRP on the trigeminal system because they are too big to cross the blood-brain barrier (65). In the United States and/or Europe, four monoclonal antibodies (mAbs)—eptinezumab, galcanezumab, erenumab, and fremanezumab—have been authorized for use as preventative migraine therapies. Clinical studies for CM and EM were conducted to assess these mAbs (66). With a favorable tolerance profile, all four of these mAbs targeting the CGRP pathway have successfully decreased the frequency of migraine days. (23), (65), (67).

Example

- a) **Fremanezumab injection:** IgG Δ a, a fully humanized monoclonal antibody, was the first approved mAb designed to target the CGRP ligand and prevent the peptide from activating on the CGRP receptor. The only CGRP pathway-targeted monoclonal antibody that is authorized for administration under the skin on a quarterly or monthly schedule for the prevention of adult migraines is fremanezumab (66).
- b) **Erenumab-aooe:** It is a monoclonal antibody against human immunoglobulin G2 (IgG2) made from the ovarian cells of Chinese hamsters. Prevention of both episodic and long-term migraines has demonstrated the effectiveness of monoclonal antibody treatments which target the CGRP receptor. Since the blood-brain barrier fails to safeguard the trigeminal ganglion, a medication like erenumab-aooe might not need to pass it in order to work (68).

Botox

People who suffer from frequent migraines are asked to avoid headaches (69). Clostridium botulinum, an anaerobic, gram-positive, motile, spore-forming bacteria, is the source of botox. In anaerobic environments, it produces a substance called exotoxin in the form of a protease. This toxin causes inoperative glands by blocking the release of acetylcholine, a neurotransmitter involved in glandular secretions and contraction of muscles from the nerve ends. This toxin causes paralysis of the muscles, which in turn reduces the discomfort associated with migraine headaches (69). Patients receive three-monthly injections of botulinum toxin into their pericranial muscles, which increases their level of compliance. It functions by preventing primary-sensory neurons from releasing neurotransmitters which in turn suppresses pain—likely brought on by severe contractions of the muscles that result in repeated migraine headaches. The articles we looked at suggest that Botox is a better migraine preventive method (69).

Example

a) Onabotulinumtoxin A Injection is a botulinum toxin. (69)

CONCLUSION

Migraine, a complex neurological condition, affects a significant global population, particularly women. The etiology involves genetic factors and potential familial implications. Identifying triggers such as stress, hormonal changes, and dietary factors is crucial for effective management. The anatomical and pathophysiological mechanisms of migraine offer potential targets for therapeutic interventions. Treatment strategies encompass a wide range of options, including acute medication, preventive care, and advanced formulations. Overall, a comprehensive approach addressing genetic, physiological, and environmental factors is crucial for effective migraine management.





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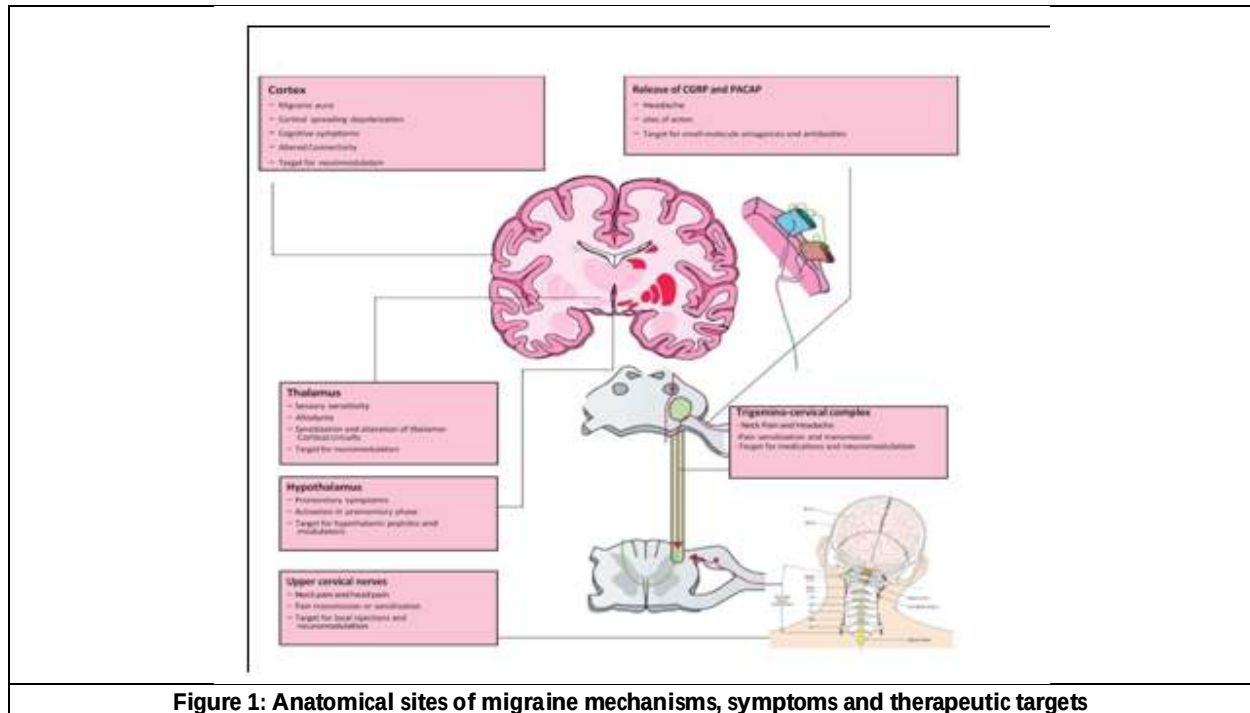


Figure 1: Anatomical sites of migraine mechanisms, symptoms and therapeutic targets





Heronian Mean Labeling of Subdivision of Snake Related Graphs

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ABSTRACT

A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be a Heronian Mean graph if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct labels $f(x)$ from $1, 2, \dots, q + 1$ in such a way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with, $f(e = uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u) + \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} + f(v)}{3} \right\rfloor$ (OR) $\left\lceil \frac{f(u) + \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} + f(v)}{3} \right\rceil$ then the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this case f is called a Heronian Mean labeling of G . In this paper we prove that triangular graphs such as $S(T_n) \odot K_1$, $S(T_n) \odot \bar{K}_2$, $S(A(T_n))$, $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$, $S(A(T_n)) \odot \bar{K}_2$ are all heronian mean graphs.

Keywords: Graph, Heronian Mean labeling, Triangular Snake, Corona Product

INTRODUCTION

Let $G = (V, E)$ be a (p, q) graph with $p = |V(G)|$ vertices and $q = |E(G)|$ edges, where $V(G)$ and $E(G)$ respectively denote the vertex set and edge set of the graph G . The Graphs considered here are simple, finite and undirected graphs without loops or parallel edges. "For a detailed survey of graph labeling, we refer to J. A. Gallian [1]. For all other standard terminology and notations we follow Harary [2]. The concept of Mean labeling has been introduced by S. Somasundaram and R. Ponraj in 2004. As a Variation of Mean labeling Heronian Mean Labeling has been introduced by S. S. Sandhya, E. Ebin Raja Merly and S. D. Deepa in 2016 and they proved the Heronian Mean Labeling of some subdivision graphs and many families of graphs [4,5,6]. In this paper, we examine about the Heronian Mean labeling of subdivision of Triangular Snake graph, Alternate Triangular Snake Graphs and their Corona product. Some new examples are presented and verified. We now give the definitions which are necessary for the present investigation.



**Definition 1.1:**

A graph $G = (V, E)$ with p vertices and q edges is said to be a **Heronian Mean graph** if it is possible to label the vertices $x \in V$ with distinct labels $f(x)$ from

$1, 2, \dots, q + 1$ in such a way that when each edge $e = uv$ is labeled with,

$$f(e = uv) = \left\lfloor \frac{f(u) + \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} + f(v)}{3} \right\rfloor \text{ (OR)} \left\lceil \frac{f(u) + \sqrt{f(u)f(v)} + f(v)}{3} \right\rceil$$

then the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this case f is called a Heronian Mean labeling of G .

Definition 1.2

The Corona of two graphs G_1 and G_2 is the graph $G = G_1 \odot G_2$ formed by taking one copy of G_1 and $|V(G_1)|$ copies of G_2 where the i^{th} vertex of G_1 is adjacent to every vertex in the i^{th} copy of G_2 .

Definition 1.3

If $e = uv$ is an edge of G and w is not a vertex of G then e is said to be subdivided when it is replaced by the edges uw and wv . The graph obtained by subdividing each edge of a graph G is called the subdivision graph of G and is denoted by $S(G)$.

Definition 1.4

A Path P_n is a walk in which all the vertices are distinct.

Definition 1.5

A Triangular Snake T_n is obtained from a path $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ by joining u_i and u_{i+1} to a new vertex v_i for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$. That is every edge of a path is replaced by a cycle C_3 .

Definition 1.6

An Alternate Triangular Snake $A(T_n)$ is obtained from a path $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ by joining u_i and u_{i+1} (alternatively) to a new vertex v_i for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$. That is every alternate edge of a path is replaced by a cycle C_3 .

Main Results

In this paper, we investigate the Heronian Mean labeling subdivision graphs of some Snake Related Graphs.

Theorem 2.1

$S(T_n) \odot K_1$ is a Heronian mean graph.

Proof

Let T_n be a Triangular Snake obtained from a path $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ by joining u_i and u_{i+1} to a new vertex v_i for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$.

Let $S(T_n)$ be the graph obtained by subdividing all the edges of T_n .

Let $G = S(T_n) \odot K_1$

Let w_i, s_i, t_i be the vertices obtained by subdividing the edges $u_i u_{i+1}, u_i v_i$ and $v_i u_{i+1}$ respectively ($1 \leq i \leq n - 1$).

Let $u'_i, v'_i, w'_i, s'_i, t'_i$ be the pendant vertices attached at u_i, v_i, w_i, s_i, t_i respectively ($1 \leq i \leq n - 1$) and let u'_n be the pendant vertex attached at u_n .

Let $V(G) = \{u_i, u'_i / (1 \leq i \leq n)\} \cup \{w_i, w'_i, v_i, v'_i, s_i, s'_i, t_i, t'_i / (1 \leq i \leq n - 1)\}$

$E(G) = \{u_i u'_i / (1 \leq i \leq n)\} \cup \{u_i w_i, w_i u_{i+1}, u_i s_i, s_i v_i / (1 \leq i \leq n - 1)\} \cup \{v_i t_i, t_i u_{i+1}, s_i s'_i, v_i v'_i, t_i t'_i, w_i w'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n - 1\}$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11n - 9\}$

$f(u_i) = 11i - 10$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(u'_i) = 11i - 9$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

$f(w_i) = 11i - 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq n - 1$





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$$f(w_i') = 11i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i) = 11i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i') = 11i - 4 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(s_i) = 11i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(s_i') = 11i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_i) = 11i - 3 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_i') = 11i - 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

Then the edge labels are distinct.

Hence f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Theorem 2.2

$S(T_n) \odot \overline{K_2}$ is a heronian mean graph.

Proof

Let T_n be a Triangular Snake obtained from a path $u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n$ by joining u_i and u_{i+1} to a new vertex v_i for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$.

Let $S(T_n)$ be the graph obtained by subdividing all the edges of T_n .

Let $G = S(T_n) \odot \overline{K_2}$

Let w_i, s_i, t_i be the vertices obtained by subdividing the edges $u_i u_{i+1}$, $u_i v_i$ and $v_i u_{i+1}$ respectively ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$).

Let $u_i', v_i', w_i', s_i', t_i', u_i'', v_i'', w_i'', s_i'', t_i''$ be the pendant vertices attached at u_i, v_i, w_i, s_i, t_i respectively ($1 \leq i \leq n-1$) and let u_n, u_n'' be the pendant vertex attached at u_n .

$$V(G) = \{u_i, u_i', u_i'' / (1 \leq i \leq n)\} \cup \{w_i, v_i, s_i, \frac{t_i}{1 \leq i \leq n-1}\} \cup \{v_i', w_i', s_i', \frac{t_i'}{1 \leq i \leq n-1}\} \cup \{v_i'', w_i'', s_i'', \frac{t_i''}{1 \leq i \leq n-1}\}$$

$$E(G) = \{u_i u_i', u_i u_i'' / (1 \leq i \leq n)\} \cup \{s_i s_i', v_i v_i', t_i t_i', w_i w_i' / (1 \leq i \leq n-1)\} \cup \{s_i s_i'', v_i v_i'', t_i t_i'', w_i w_i'' / (1 \leq i \leq n-1)\} \cup \{u_i w_i, w_i u_{i+1}, u_i s_i, s_i v_i, v_i t_i, t_i u_{i+1} / (1 \leq i \leq n-1)\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 16n-13\}$

$$f(u_i) = 16i - 14 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i') = 16i - 15 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(u_i'') = 16i - 13 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$f(w_i) = 16i - 1 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_i') = 16i - 2 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(w_i'') = 16i \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i) = 16i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i') = 16i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(v_i'') = 16i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(s_i) = 16i - 11 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(s_i') = 16i - 12 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(s_i'') = 16i - 10 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_i) = 16i - 4 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_i') = 16i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(t_i'') = 16i - 3 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

Then the edge labels are distinct.

Hence f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Theorem 2.3

$S(A(T_n))$ is a heronian mean graph.

Proof

Let $G = S(A(T_n))$





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Let $S(A(T_n))$ be the subdivision graph of alternate triangular snake. Here we consider two cases are arises.

Case (i)

If the alternate triangular snake $S(A(T_n))$ starts from u_i with degree of $u_1 = 2$. Then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i / (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2})\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, u_{2i} \beta_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n-1\}$

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even.}$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 8i - 6 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 8i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 8i - 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct. In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Sub case (i)(b) : If n is odd,

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i / (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2})\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, u_{2i} \beta_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n-3\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even.}$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 8i - 6 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 8i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 8i - 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Case (ii)

If the alternate triangular snake $S(A(T_n))$ starts from u_2 with degree of $u_1 = 1$ then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i / (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} - 1)\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, u_{2i+1} \beta_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n-5\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = 4i + 4 - 7 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i + 4 - 9 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i + 4 - 6 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 8i - 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 8i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 8i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .





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Sub case (ii) b): If n is odd.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \{u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i / (1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2})\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, u_{2i+1} \beta_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 4n-3\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = 4i + 4 - 7 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = 4i + 4 - 9 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = 4i + 4 - 6 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 8i - 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 8i \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 8i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

From case (i) and case (ii), we conclude that subdivision graph of alternate triangular snake is a heronian mean graph.

Theorem 2.4

$S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ is a heronian mean graph.

Proof

Let $G = S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$

Let $S(A(T_n))$ be a graph obtained by subdividing all the edges of $A(T_n)$.

Let $u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ be the vertices of $S(A(T_n))$.

Let G be the corona product of $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ and let $u'_1, u'_2, u'_3 \dots u'_n, v'_1, v'_2 \dots v'_{n-1}, \alpha'_i, \beta'_i, \gamma'_i$ be the pendant vertices attached at $u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ respectively. Here we consider two cases are arises.

Case (i)

If $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ starts from u_i with degree of $u_i = 2$. Then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \left\{ u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_{n-1}, \right. \\ \left. v'_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\alpha_i \alpha'_i, \beta_i \beta'_i, \gamma_i \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\} \\ \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \frac{15n}{2} - 2\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 6 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 3 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i + 2 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{15i}{2} - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 5 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 2 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$(v'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2} + 3 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \frac{15i}{2} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 15i - 12 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 15i - 11 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$





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$$f(\beta_i) = 15i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 15i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 15i - 9 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 15i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, is a heronian mean labeling of G.

Sub case (ii) a): If n is odd.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \left\{ u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n, \right. \\ \left. v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\alpha_i \alpha'_i, \beta_i \beta'_i, \gamma_i \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \\ \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \lfloor \frac{15}{2}n - 5 \rfloor\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 6 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 3 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i + 2 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{15i}{2} - 1 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 5 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 2 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i + 3 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \frac{15i}{2} \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 15i - 12 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 15i - 11 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 15i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 15i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 15i - 9 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 15i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G.

Case (ii)

If $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ starts from u_2 with degree of $u_1 = 1$. Then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \left\{ u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n, \right. \\ \left. v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\alpha_i \alpha'_i, \beta_i \beta'_i, \gamma_i \gamma'_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}\} \\ \cup \{u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, \frac{15n}{2} - 9\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15i}{2} - 7 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 10 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 5 \right\rfloor \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{15i}{2} - 1 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$





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$$f(u'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 6 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 9 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 4 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \frac{15i}{2} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 15i - 8 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 15i - 7 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 15i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 15i - 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 15i - 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 15i - 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Sub case (ii) a): If n is odd.

$$\text{Let } V(G) = \left\{ u_1, u_2, u_3, \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, v_3, \dots, v_{n-1}, u'_1, u'_2, \dots, u'_n, \right. \\ \left. v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_i u'_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\alpha_i \alpha'_i, \beta_i \beta'_i, \gamma_i \gamma'_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \cup \{u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i, \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \left\{1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{15n}{2} - 6 \right\rfloor\right\}$ by,

$$f(u_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15i}{2} - 7 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 10 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 5 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v_i) = \frac{15i}{2} - 1 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 6 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd.}$$

$$f(u'_i) = \frac{15}{2}i - 9 \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \left\lfloor \frac{15}{2}i - 4 \right\rfloor \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'_i) = \frac{15i}{2} \text{ for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 15i - 8 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 15i - 7 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 15i - 3 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 15i - 2 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 15i - 5 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 15i - 4 \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

From case (i) and case (ii), we conclude $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ is heronian mean graph.

Theorem 2.5

$S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$ is a heronian mean graph.

Proof

Let $G = S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$





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Let $S(A(T_n))$ be a graph obtained by subdividing all the edges of $A(T_n)$.

Let $u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 \dots v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ be the vertices of $S(A(T_n))$.

Let G be the corona product $S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$ and let $u'_1 u'_2 u'_3 \dots u'_n, v'_1 v'_2 v'_3 \dots v'_{n-1},$

$\alpha'_i, \beta'_i, \gamma'_i$ and $u''_1 u''_2 u''_3 \dots u''_n, v''_1 v''_2 v''_3 \dots v''_{n-1}, \alpha''_i, \beta''_i, \gamma''_i$ be the pendant vertices attached at $u_1, u_2, u_3 \dots, u_n, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i$ respectively. Here we consider two cases arise.

Case (i)

If $G = S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$ starts from u_1 with degree of $u_1 = 2$. Then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

Let $(G) = \left\{ u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, u'_1 u'_2 \dots u'_n, u''_1 u''_2 \dots u''_n, v'_1, \dots, v'_{n-1}, v''_1, \dots, v''_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \alpha''_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \beta''_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i, \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \right\}$

Let $E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}\}$

$\cup \{ \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \} \cup \{ u_i u'_i, u_i u''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n \} \cup \{ v_i v'_i, v_i v''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ \alpha_i \alpha'_i, \alpha_i \alpha''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \}$

$\cup \{ \gamma_i \gamma'_i, \gamma_i \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \} \cup \{ \beta_i \beta'_i, \beta_i \beta''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2} \}$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11n-3\}$ by,

$f(u_i) = 11i - 9$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(u_i) = 11i - 4$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$ if i is even

$f(v_i) = 11i + 4$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(v_i) = 11i - 1$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-2$ if i is even

$f(u'_i) = 11i - 10$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(u'_i) = 11i - 5$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$ if i is even

$f(u''_i) = 11i - 8$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(u''_i) = 11i - 3$ for $2 \leq i \leq n$ if i is even

$f(v'_i) = 11i + 3$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(v'_i) = 11i - 2$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-2$ if i is even

$f(v''_i) = 11i + 5$ for $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ if i is odd

$f(v''_i) = 11i$ for $2 \leq i \leq n-2$ if i is even

$f(\alpha_i) = 22i - 17$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\alpha'_i) = 22i - 18$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\alpha''_i) = 22i - 16$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\beta_i) = 22i - 10$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\beta'_i) = 22i - 11$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\beta''_i) = 22i - 9$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\gamma_i) = 22i - 13$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\gamma'_i) = 22i - 14$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

$f(\gamma''_i) = 22i - 12$ for $1 \leq i \leq \frac{n}{2}$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Sub case (ii) a): If n is odd.

Let $V(G) = \left\{ u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, u'_1 u'_2 \dots u'_n, u''_1 u''_2 \dots u''_n, v'_1, v'_2, \dots, v'_{n-1}, v''_1 v''_2 \dots v''_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \alpha''_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \beta''_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i, \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$

Let $E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i-1} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$





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$$\cup \{ \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \} \cup \{ u_i u'_i, u_i u''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n \}$$

$$\cup \{ v_i v'_i, v_i v''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ \alpha_i \alpha'_i, \alpha_i \alpha''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \} \cup \{ \gamma_i \gamma'_i, \gamma_i \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \} \cup \{ \beta_i \beta'_i, \beta_i \beta''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11n-8\}$ by,

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 11i-9 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u_i) &= 11i-4 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(v_i) &= 11i+4 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(v_i) &= 11i-1 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(u'_i) &= 11i-10 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u'_i) &= 11i-5 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(u''_i) &= 11i-8 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u''_i) &= 11i-3 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(v'_i) &= 11i+3 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(v'_i) &= 11i-2 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(v''_i) &= 11i+5 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(v''_i) &= 11i && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(\alpha_i) &= 22i-17 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\alpha'_i) &= 22i-18 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\alpha''_i) &= 22i-16 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\beta_i) &= 22i-10 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\beta'_i) &= 22i-11 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\beta''_i) &= 22i-9 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\gamma_i) &= 22i-13 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\gamma'_i) &= 22i-14 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \\ f(\gamma''_i) &= 22i-12 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Case (ii)

If $S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$ starts from u_2 with degree of $u_1 = 1$ Then we need to consider two subcases.

Sub case (i) a): If n is even.

$$\text{Let } (G) = \left\{ u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, u'_1 u'_2 \dots u'_n, u''_1 u''_2 \dots u''_n, v'_1 v'_2 \dots v'_{n-1}, v''_1 v''_2 \dots v''_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \alpha''_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \beta''_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i, \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{ u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \}$$

$$\cup \{ \gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i+1} / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \} \cup \{ u_i u'_i, u_i u''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n \} \cup \{ v_i v'_i, v_i v''_i / 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \} \cup \{ \alpha_i \alpha'_i, \alpha_i \alpha''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \}$$

$$\cup \{ \gamma_i \gamma'_i, \gamma_i \gamma''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \} \cup \{ \beta_i \beta'_i, \beta_i \beta''_i / 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2} \}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11n-13\}$ by

$$\begin{aligned} f(u_i) &= 11i-9 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u_i) &= 11i-14 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(v_i) &= 11i-6 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(v_i) &= 11i-1 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n-2 \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(u'_i) &= 11i-10 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u'_i) &= 11i-15 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(u''_i) &= 11i-8 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \\ f(u''_i) &= 11i-13 && \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n \text{ if } i \text{ is even} \\ f(v'_i) &= 11i-7 && \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n-1 \text{ if } i \text{ is odd} \end{aligned}$$





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$$f(v'_i) = 11i - 2 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 2 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v''_i) = 11i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'''_i) = 11i \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 2 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 22i - 11 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 22i - 12 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha''_i) = 22i - 10 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 22i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 22i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\beta''_i) = 22i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 22i - 4 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 22i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma''_i) = 22i - 3 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-2}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.

In this sub case, f is a heronian mean labeling of G .

Sub case (ii) a): If n is odd.

$$\text{Let } (G) = \left\{ u_1 u_2 u_3 \dots u_n, v_1 v_2 v_3 \dots v_{n-1}, u'_1 u'_2 \dots u'_n, u''_1 u''_2 \dots u''_n, v'_1 v'_2 \dots v'_{n-1}, v''_1 v''_2 \dots v''_{n-1}, \alpha_i, \alpha'_i, \alpha''_i, \beta_i, \beta'_i, \beta''_i, \gamma_i, \gamma'_i, \gamma''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2} \right\}$$

$$\text{Let } E(G) = \{u_i v_i, v_i u_{i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{u_{2i} \alpha_i, \alpha_i \gamma_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \cup \{\gamma_i \beta_i, \beta_i u_{2i+1} \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \cup \{u_i u'_i, u_i u''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n\} \cup \{v_i v'_i, v_i v''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq n-1\} \cup \{\alpha_i \alpha'_i, \alpha_i \alpha''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \cup \{\gamma_i \gamma'_i, \gamma_i \gamma''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\} \cup \{\beta_i \beta'_i, \beta_i \beta''_i \mid 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}\}$$

Define a function $f: V(G) \rightarrow \{1, 2, \dots, 11n - 8\}$ by

$$f(u_i) = 11i - 9 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(u_i) = 11i - 14 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v_i) = 11i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v_i) = 11i - 1 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(u'_i) = 11i - 10 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(u'_i) = 11i - 15 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(u''_i) = 11i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(u''_i) = 11i - 13 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v'_i) = 11i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v'_i) = 11i - 2 \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(v''_i) = 11i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n - 2 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is odd}$$

$$f(v''_i) = 11i \quad \text{for } 2 \leq i \leq n - 1 \quad \text{if } i \text{ is even}$$

$$f(\alpha_i) = 22i - 11 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha'_i) = 22i - 12 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\alpha''_i) = 22i - 10 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta_i) = 22i - 7 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta'_i) = 22i - 8 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\beta''_i) = 22i - 6 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma_i) = 22i - 4 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma'_i) = 22i - 5 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

$$f(\gamma''_i) = 22i - 3 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq \frac{n-1}{2}$$

Then the resulting edge labels are distinct.





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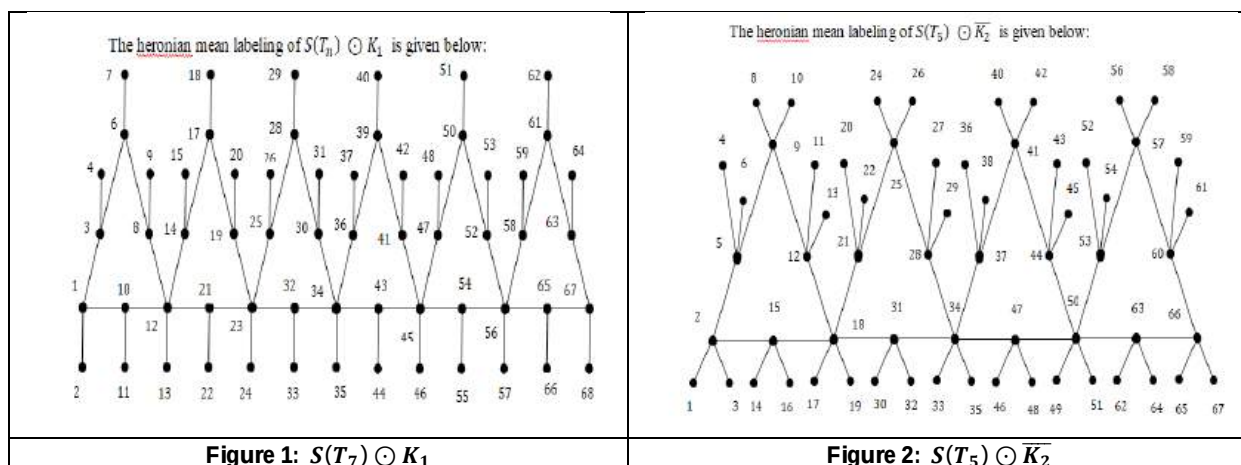
From case (i) and case (ii), we conclude $S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$ is heronian mean graph.

CONCLUSION

In this paper we have presented a few results on heronian mean labeling of corona product of subdivision certain classes of triangular snake graphs $S(T_n) \odot K_1$, $S(T_n) \odot \overline{K_2}$, $S(A(T_n))$, $S(A(T_n)) \odot K_1$ and $S(A(T_n)) \odot \overline{K_2}$. Analogous work can be carried out for other families and in the context of different types of graph labeling technique".

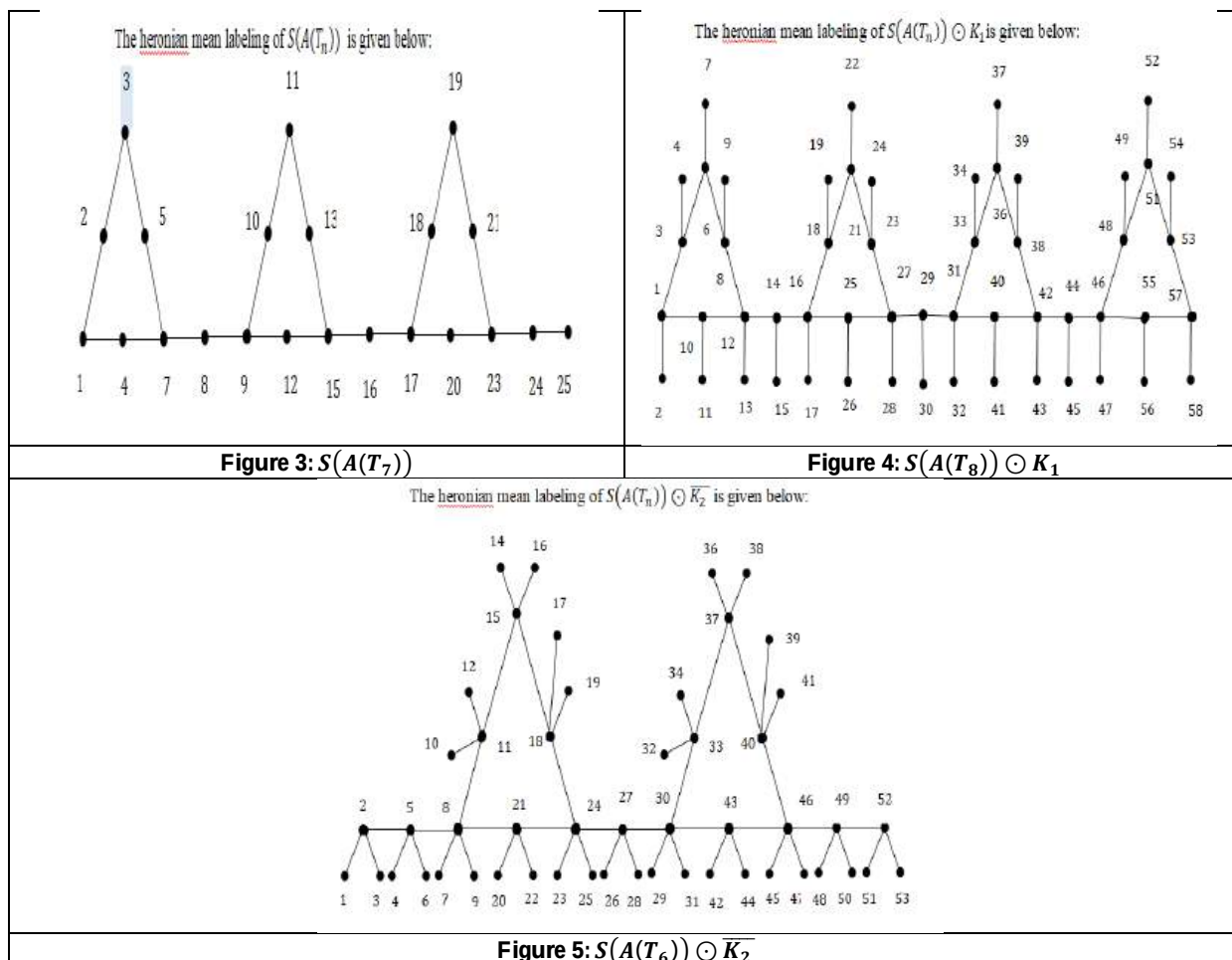
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Nanosponge: A Captivating and Potentially useful Approach in Pharmaceutical and Healthcare Research

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ABSTRACT

Nanosponges are small sponges with the size same as virus, which can be filled within drug molecules. These small Particles can move throughout the body until they Came in contact with the desired location and attach to the surface and started release of medicament in a systemic and regulated manner. Thus the medicament can be distributed at the designated targeted location. It will be more efficient for a particular given dosage. Nanosponges are five times more potent than the other conventional dosage form. Oral drug administration is the most widely accepted method in conventional drug delivery systems; yet, it also presents challenges to many drugs' for their desired pharmacological action. When a drug introduced into the body, it passes through a number of barriers that are already present in the human system. Once they reached at the target site, the drug may not be able to show its pharmacological action due to the present of number of barriers, including the saliva, liver, and gastrointestinal tract. Because of this, the solubility and bioavailability have been significantly impacted; in order to sort out these problems, inventors have created an "Innovative approach" known as "Nanosponges." Nanosponges are a novel category of Nano-materials with a unique porous structure, enabling them to capture, neutralize, and deliver a variety of substances. These versatile nanoparticles have shown significant promise in fields such as medicine, environmental science, and industry. They are generally non-toxic, non- irritating, non-allergic, and non-mutagenic. Nanosponges can be formed by using a



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variety of methods, like Solvent Evaporation Technique, Quasi emulsion method, Ultrasound assisted synthesis and melt method. Nano-sponge is used for topical application, oral drug delivery, cancer therapy, Ocular drug delivery and also for the sustained delivery system. This review explores the structure and composition of Nanosponges, their mechanisms of action, current applications, and future directions.

Keywords: Bioavailability, controlled drug delivery, cross linker, Nanosponges, Solubility.

INTRODUCTION

The Solid, cross-linked polymeric microscopic porous structures known as Nanosponges which are hydrophilic and generally insoluble in water. They maintain their stability across a wide range of pH and temperature. It is recognized as a specialized field for the delivery of drugs, as well as for the diagnosis, prognosis and treatment of illness employing nano engineered instruments [1]. Naturally biodegradable polyester serves as the "backbone" of the Nanosponges. A common method to incorporate Nanosponges into a dosage form is to employ them as tiny, porous structures that resemble tiny meshes and can hold a wide range of compounds either contained or suspended. Nanosponges having a 3D Structure, narrow size distribution and high entrapment efficiency [2, 3]. Nanosponges represent an exciting advancement in nanotechnology, combining high surface area, biocompatibility, and customizable surface properties. These attributes make them suitable for diverse applications, from drug delivery systems to environmental cleanup. When a drug introduced into the body, it passes through a number of barriers that are already present in the human system. Once they reached at the target site, the drug may not be able to show its pharmacological action due to the present of number of barriers, including the saliva, liver, and gastrointestinal tract. Because of this, the solubility and bioavailability have been significantly impacted; in order to sort out these problems, inventors have created an "Innovative approach" known as "Nanosponges[4]." Nanosponges are based on nanotechnology, which is used in pharmacy to generate nanomaterial that can diagnose, target specific body parts, and regulate the drug delivery system. A Nanosponge improves the dissolvability of the poorly water insoluble drugs and shows the good therapeutic Activity. Generally the term Nanosponges utilizes in the cancerous patient for the acting on target site. As the chemotherapeutic agent may cause the major body organ hence the Nanosponges helps to reach in specific site in specific manner and prevent organ damaging.

They are five times more potent than the other conventional dosage form. They protect the molecular agents from degradation. As compared to the nanoparticles, Nano sponges are less soluble in water and organic solvents. A nanosponge plays a significant role in the various drug delivery systems like oral, topical, IV and immuno-suppressant. Targeting drug delivery has become an ongoing challenge for medical researchers these days. How to get a drug into the body at the proper location and time? How to regulate the drug's release, how it interacts with the body, how therapeutic it is, how safe it is, How to regulate the release to prevent the effects of an overdose. This problem was solved by using the nanotechnology. i.e. Nanosponges which is complex molecule. This nanosponge can be easily targeted to specific targeting cells or tissues. By changing the ratio of cross-linking agent to polymer, size of the nanosponge particles may also be controlled. This allows for the creation of larger or smaller nanostructures. Hydrophobic molecules can be added to Nanosponges through their cavity, whereas lesser lipophilic molecules are feasible due to the outer polymeric network's greater hydrophilicity. A number of methods, including the interfacial phenomenon, hot melting process, hyper-crosslinked cyclodextrin, solvent condensation assisted by ultrasound, microwave (MW) assisted synthesis, mechanochemical synthesis, chain-growth poly-condensation, and emulsion solvent evaporation methods, have been introduced for the synthesis of Nanosponges [5]. The use of nanosponge technology has been investigated for a number of purposes, including increasing the bioavailability of drug molecules and delivering medications via oral, topical, and parenteral routes. Enzymes, proteins, vaccines, and antibodies can all be delivered and released using Nanosponges as a carrier for biocatalysts [6].



**Indrayani Sopan Lokhande et al.,****BACKGROUND**

Nanosponges represent a revolutionary advance in the field of nanotechnology, offering a unique and versatile approach to drug delivery. These microscopic structures typically composed of polymeric materials, which are characterized by their porous, sponge-like appearance. Nanosponges are five times more potent than conventional drug delivery system. This molecule allows them to encapsulate and release therapeutic agents in a controlled and predictable manner, addressing a range of challenges in pharmaceutical and healthcare research. The basic aim of formulating Nanosponges is to create a versatile, effective, and efficient delivery system or remediation tool that leverages their unique properties. When a drug introduced into the body, it passes through a number of barriers that are already present in the human system.

KEY CHARACTERISTICS OF NANOSPONGES

Nanosponges are characterized by their Spongy porous network, large surface area, and biocompatibility. They can be surface-functionalized to target specific molecules, by enhancing their versatility for various applications.

1. **Porous Structure:** The sponge-like architecture provides a large surface area, enabling efficient encapsulation and adsorption.
2. **Biocompatibility:** Often made from biodegradable polymers, Nanosponges are safe for use in biological systems.
3. **Surface Functionalization:** The surface can be chemically modified to target specific molecules or cells, improving their efficacy for targeted applications.

FEATURES

- ❖ Their aqueous solubility, which is a key characteristic of these sponges, which enables the successful application to these methods for medicines with narrow solubility.
- ❖ They may be transport both lipophilic and hydrophilic medications.
- ❖ They have been utilized as Nano-carriers for biomedical applications, as well as for the elimination of organic impurity from water.
- ❖ This method provides trapping of chemicals, decreased adverse effects, high sophistication, and higher adaptability.
- ❖ Nanosponges extremely soluble materials that may disperse at the molecular level, Stabilizing and shielding their structures from substances like chemicals, light, and oxygen [7, 8].

ADVANTAGES

- Enhance aqueous solubility
- Reduces the adverse effects
- High biocompatibility
- low cytotoxicity
- It is non-mutagenic
- Cost effective.
- Improved circulation half-life.
- Less side effects
- improves the stability and formulation flexibility
- Act as a self-sterilizer.
- Reduce dosing frequency [9-11].

DISADVANTAGE

- Dose dumping
- Limited only for small molecules [9-11].

The particles of nanosponge carry both hydrophilic and lipophilic molecules and thus by improve the bioavailability and solubility of the drug. There are two types of Nanosponges used crystalline and para-crystalline. During the



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drug complexation process, the crystalline structure of Nanosponges is important. Nanosponges are generally soluble in most of the organic solvent like alcohol, acetone, ketone etc. and chemically do not breakdown into the water molecule [13]. The structure of nanosponges is shown in fig. 1. The aqueous solubility is main characteristics of Nanosponges which enables the successful application of medicament for their limited solubility. This method provides the trapping of chemicals, decreased the adverse effects and side effect, also increased elegance, and higher formulation flexibility. Nanosponges are extremely solubilized materials that might be disperse at the molecular level, and stabilizing their structures from substances like chemicals, light, and oxygen [14]. Porous polymeric tiny form which is spherical particle with large porous surface are called as Nanosponges. Nanosponges have solubilisation capacity for poorly soluble drug and prolong the release rate of the drug molecule by enhancing the bioavailability [31]. Nano-sponge's particles are solid in nature. They have been determined to be safe for oral and percutaneous routes, therefore they can be used as an intrinsic carrier for administering drugs [15, 23]. Nanosponges can be delivered via pulmonary and venous routes due to their small size [16]. The molecules in an oral medication delivery system may be spread in a matrix of excipients. For parenteral administration, the complex can be simply transported in sterile water, saline, or other aqueous solutions. They can be efficiently incorporated into topical hydrogels for topical administration [17,26]. Nanosponges are encapsulating nanoparticles that contain the medication inside their core [24].

TYPES OF NANOSPONGES

These are one of the essential types of Nanosponges that can characterize or unite the calm components in its midsection [25]. The distribution of the Nanosponges into three classes using the method of drug complexation is

1. Encapsulating Nanosponges
2. Complex Nanosponges
3. Conjugating Nanosponges

Encapsulating Nanosponges

These are amalgamate Nanosponges, which have many holes like alginate Nanosponges and encapsulate the medications in the middle.

Complex Nanosponges

Electrostatic charges are used in these to draw the drug molecules.

Conjugating nanosponges

These require a powerful covalent bond to bind the medication to the nanoparticle.

COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE OF NANOSPONGES:

1. Polymer
2. Cross linking agent
3. Surfactant
4. Drug substance

Polymer

The selection of polymer is important and crucial parameter [10,18,19]. The polymer selection helps for the binding of drug and the ligand molecule to form the complex. The polymer has ability to cross linking based on how functional moieties and active compounds are substituted [22]. The polymer selection can affect both the composition and the way that Nanosponges form. Examples: Hyper Cross-linked Polystyrene, Cyclodextrins, & their derivatives such as Methyl β -Cyclodextrin, Hydroxy Propyl β -Cyclodextrin, & Alkyl-oxy carbonyl Cyclodextrins.



**Indrayani Sopan Lokhande et al.,****Cross linking agent**

Polyester parts are linked with the help of cross-linkers. Polyesters are attracted to cross linkers, and the resulting link forms a spherical structure with many pockets. These pockets create the encapsulating type of nanoparticles known as Nanosponges, which shield the active drug molecules from deterioration by protecting them within their core. Selective engulfment, transfer, and delivery of many types of molecules can be obtained via cross linkers[29]. The choice of cross linking agent or cross linkers is based upon the molecular composition and polymer structure intended for use in the formulation of Nanosponges[10, 18, 19]. Examples: Diphenyl Carbonate, Di-aryl carbonates, Carboxylic acid, Acetic acid, Glutardehyde, etc.

Surfactant

A common surfactant used in the production of Nanosponges is polyvinyl alcohol, which is also necessary for the development of smaller size Nanosponges. It was found that when the concentration of surfactant increased, then the sizes of particles also get increased. The efficiency of encapsulating drug is decreased as surfactant concentration is got increased [10, 18, 19]. Examples: Polyvinyl alcohol, dichloromethane, Ethanol, etc.

Drug Substance

Drug molecule should possess following criteria [20]

- Molecular weight of drug is in between 200-400Daltons.
- MP should be below 250°C
- Solubility should be ≥ 10 mg/ml

MECHANISM OF ACTION FOR RELEASE OF NANOSPONGES

Nanosponges possess an open structure which having the capacity of formulating the encapsulated form of Active constituent and vehicle, The active constituent is freely movable until they becomes saturated and maintain equilibrium. When product is applied topically, the vehicle becomes unsaturated and they disturb the equilibrium condition thus the Active constituent of Nanosponges travelling from epidermis until vehicle is get either absorbed or dried. Even after the retention of the nanosponge to the skin surface. (Stratum corneum) The release rate is for longer duration of time [19].

METHOD OF PREPARATION

We may develop the Nanosponges by using several techniques [21]. These techniques are:

Solvent Evaporation Technique

This approach consists of dissolving the polymer and medicament in a solvent that is organic, emulsification in an aqueous phase, and evaporating the solvent to form Nanosponges [24].

Emulsion Solvent Diffusion method:

Similar to the solvent evaporation technology, this technique uses a partially water-miscible solvent to form an emulsion, allowing the solvent to diffuse and precipitate the Nanosponges.

Quasi Emulsion Method

Quasi method is described as follows [28]

Ultrasound assisted synthesis

Ultrasound energy is used to facilitate the reaction and formation of Nanosponges, often used for rapid synthesis [27].



**Indrayani Sopan Lokhande et al.,****Melt method****APPLICATIONS OF NANOSPONGES**

Nanosponges have diverse applications across medical, environmental, and industrial fields³⁰.

1. Medical Applications

- o **Detoxification:** Nanosponges can neutralize bacterial toxins, venoms, and other harmful agents in the bloodstream.
- o **Drug Delivery:** They can encapsulate and deliver drugs directly to diseased cells, such as cancer cells, enhancing treatment outcomes.
- o **Wound Healing:** Nanosponges incorporated into wound dressings release antimicrobial agents to promote healing and prevent infection.

2. Environmental Applications

- o **Pollution Control:** Nanosponges can adsorb pollutants from water and air, offering solutions for environmental cleanup.
- o **Oil Spill Cleanup:** Their ability to adsorb hydrophobic substances makes them effective in cleaning up oil spills.

3. Industrial Applications

- o **Catalysis:** Functionalized Nanosponges can serve as catalysts in chemical reactions, improving efficiency and selectivity.
- o **Filtration:** Nanosponges can be used in filtration systems to remove contaminants from industrial processes.

CHALLENGES

Despite their potential, Nanosponges face challenges such as complex manufacturing, regulatory approval, and scalability

- **Manufacturing Complexity:** Ensuring consistent quality and properties.
- **Regulatory Approval:** Meeting safety and efficacy standards for medical and environmental applications.
- **Scalability:** Developing cost-effective production methods.

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

Ongoing research aims to enhance the specificity and efficiency of Nanosponges. Key areas of focus include:

- **Targeted Delivery:** Improving targeting mechanisms for drug delivery.
- **Smart Release Systems:** Developing systems responsive to environmental triggers.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Creating eco-friendly Nanosponges for pollution control.

CONCLUSION

Nanosponges hold significant potential for advancing various scientific and technological fields. Their ability to adsorb, encapsulate, and deliver substances with high efficiency and specificity makes them a versatile tool for addressing numerous challenges. Continued R & D are expected to expand their applications and improve the execution, paving the way for innovative solutions in medicine, environmental protection, and industry. There are various benefits to the special qualities of nanosponges. They can lessen the frequency of administration, extend the duration of medication release, and improve drug stability. Their ability to distribute drugs with precision also offers great promise for the treatment of a variety of illnesses. Even though they are still in the early phases of development, nanosponges have shown a lot of promise in preclinical research and hold great potential for becoming efficient clinical treatments. Current investigations endeavour to enhance the design of nanosponges, investigate novel uses, and tackle possible obstacles associated with biocompatibility and industrial manufacturing. Nanosponges are anticipated to become more significant as the area develops in terms of enhancing patient outcomes and transforming medication therapy.



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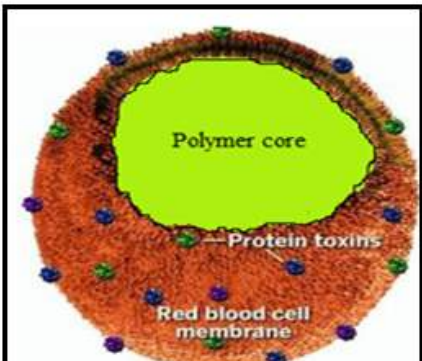
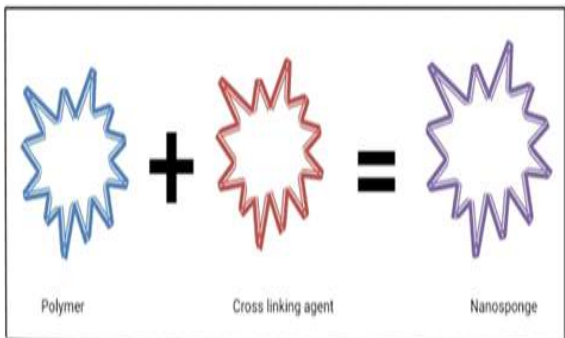
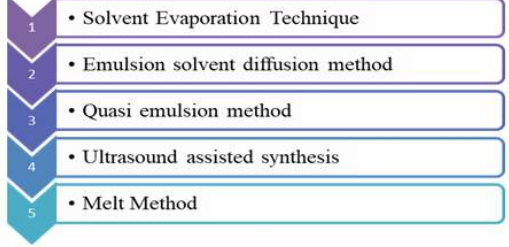
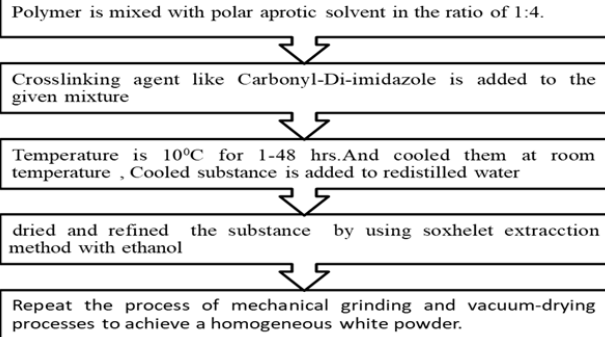
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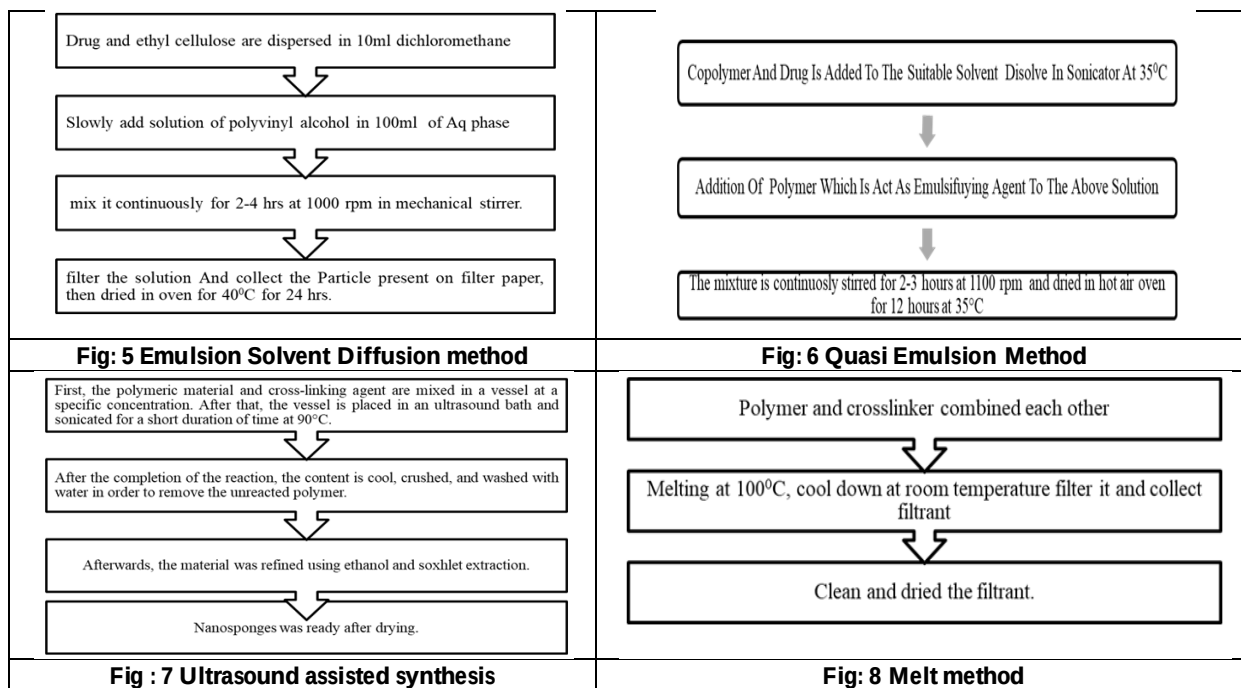
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Fig :1 Structure of nanosponge¹²	Fig :2 Formation of nanosponges
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Fig: 3 Method of Preparation	Fig: 4 Solvent Evaporation Technique





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Analysis of AI-Powered Code Generation Tools for Optimized Software Development

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ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has considerably transformed software development by proposing automated solutions to enhance productivity, diminish human effort, and mend code quality. Since a decade, AI-powered tools for optimization, coding and debugging, have made software development stress-free and efficient. These tools, such as Chat GPT, Git Hub, Copilot and other large language models (LLMs) and machine learning provide auto complete, prophetic suggestions, and even complete chunks of code, letting developers to restructure their workflow. Nevertheless, its potential, concerns remain regarding their accuracy, effectiveness, and error handling. This work intends to assess and equate these AI-powered code generation tools, measuring their strengths, weaknesses, and real-world applicability in software development. By focusing on key research queries, such as the tools' precision, debugging abilities and effect on development proficiency, the study offers acuties into their practical usage. The findings contribute to the field by recognizing the deficiencies of these tools, proposing recommendations for their choice, and expanding information to enrich the upcoming AI-assisted programming. Eventually, this research ties the gap amid AI-powered automation and real-life software development experiments, assisting developers in selecting the most appropriate AI-based code generation tools for their requirements.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Code Generation, AI Tools, Software Development, Git Hub Copilot, Chat GPT, Amazon Code Whisperer, Productivity, Debugging.





INTRODUCTION

Background on AI in Software Development

Software development has been breathtakingly altered by Artificial Intelligence (AI) due to the existence of automated solutions that include improving productivity, reducing human work and enhancing the quality of code. Over the years we have seen that code generation tools powered by AI have made developing, optimizing and debugging code more easy and easy. To use these tools, they rely on large language models (LLMs) and machine learning on auto complete, predict suggest or generate complete blocks of code. And thanks to the rise of AI given programming, developers can now add in GitHub Copilot, Chat GPT and Amazon Code Whisperer to their coding environments without having to custom opt (token would cost if it was a paid feature). These tools are said to change software engineering by make development faster by giving intelligent suggestions on code and giving context aware recommendations to improve collaboration [1].

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

The main research of this work is to compare actively developing AI-track code generation tools, assessing their performance in software development. This study seeks to offer some information about them to highlight their good and poor points for the engineers and programmers. Key questions is:-

- i. In the previous regards, how accurately and efficiently does the AI-based code generation program work how well with the debugging process?
- ii. Among the three tools, namely, GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and Amazon CodeWhisperer, what are the main strengths and weaknesses?
- iii. A more important question which comes to mind is that to what extent these tools affect the effectiveness and efficiency of developers as well as code quality in practical applications?

To summarize, this finding can advance the knowledge and practice of AI-compensated software development by means of the following:

- a. Assessing AI code generators with coding tasks which have been defined in advance.
- b. Some of the drawbacks include the following: shortcomings in terms of performance; and shortcomings with respect to practical application in working environments.
- c. These are the steps that will help to choose the right tool for the developers and contain practical recommendations on the selection process.
- d. Expanding the existing knowledge of the author in terms of enhancing the future AI-aided programming by identifying some weak points.

Fulfilling these objectives, this study is to fill the gap between the research on AI-powered automation and real-life working software development problems, thus helping developers come to a decision on incorporating the automated code generation tools that leverage AI technologies into their work [2][3].

Overview of AI-Based Programming Assistants

The idea of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in software development is essential and has come to a time where the programmers are provided with the help of programming assistants in a form that would increase the productivity of developers, reduce the coding errors and have better code done by programmers. These are AI grounded tools that make use of the advanced machine learning (ML) and natural language processing (NLP) for improving the capabilities of programming by means of writing, debugging and optimizing code. AI's use in software development did not only speed up coding process but also made difficult tasks easier to handle by automating the repetitive task, suggesting code snippets, generating functions completely with the help of simple instructions.



**GitHub Copilot**

GitHub Copilot is most popular of GitHub's AI coding applications and was developed in collaboration with OpenAI. It is directly integrated into the most popular IDEs, such as Visual Studio Code and JetBrains. Copilot uses a deep learning model that works with a transformer to suggest code that could be completed, complete code lines and suggest functions based on understanding its surroundings. Copilot is strong in terms of its ability to offer very relevant code snippet to fill in a file. While Copilot is known for being good at speeding up the coding task. At the same time it has been criticized for producing buggy or less efficient code in some important coding tasks [4].

ChatGPT (for Coding Assistance)

This tool another piece of softwares that used AI to develop the software. At first, ChatGPT was meant for conversations, but now it serves as a helpful code generation generator, debugging and problem solving tool. Its advanced NLP capabilities come with code generation, user query explanation, and capability to pursue user queries. Developers can ask in general for code examples, function explanations or step by step debugging. The usage of conversational interface provided by ChatGPT is an interactive coding assistant experience. Although it provides verbose or generic responses sometimes which may not always be optimal.

Amazon CodeWhisperer

AWS has developed Amazon's Code Whisperer, which is a response to AI powered code generation. Code Whisperer integrates into PyCharm and Visual Studio Code as GitHub Copilot does. Code Whisperer is intended to facilitate coding through Code suggestions, Security recommendations and Auto complete. In particular, it is optimized for AWS cloud development and uses machine learning models trained on millions of lines of code to generate recommendations as tailored to AWS ecosystem as possible, making it very appealing towards development within the realm of AWS.

Other AI Tools

There are other AI based programming assistants too, after all the major players above, i.e. Tabnine, Kite and IntelliCode (Microsoft). Like these tools, these use AI to make developer productivity better, from simple auto completion and simple code suggestion in the first extreme case to complex code suggestion and error detection in the last [7].

Existing Studies on AI-Driven Software Development

It can be claimed that AI associated tools have become an object of interest for researchers in recent years, as they can potentially enhance the software development process. Some of these tools have been through a number of analyses with regard to their evaluation, functionality, and efficiency particularly their integration in a SE life cycle. The topics that are discussed in connection with the AI help for development include code generation, bug detection, performance optimization, and code review[5].

AI-Assisted Code Generation and Productivity

Enhancement in artificial intelligence (AI) tools have improvised software development productivity by automating repetitive jobs like writing scripts, creating test cases, and generating code. Pérez *et al.* (2021), found that GitHub Copilot boosted developer productivity by reducing coding time for standard tasks, offering more focus on complex aspects of the work[2][16]. However, their study also noted that Copilot's suggestions were sometimes inaccurate or suboptimal. Similarly, Biemann *et al.* (2020), and examined AI-driven code completion tools like Tabnine and Kite, showing they reduce cognitive load and improve coding speed and accuracy [3]. Despite this, they suggested AI models should be further modified to deal more complex tasks.

AI in Bug Detection and Code Optimization

AI is useful for code generation with enhancement to program quality by detecting errors and suggesting optimal code configurations. Liu *et al.* (2022) studied AI tools for bug detection, proving that AI models can meaningfully identify common errors and security vulnerabilities before software being commissioned[10][18]. This tool showed



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improved working, particularly when analysing big codebases, resolving issues that traditional methods might miss. Huang *et al.* (2021) explored AI's role in optimizing code and resource usage, with tools like Kite and CodeWhisperer generating more efficient algorithms [6]. However, the study has raised concerns over reliability of AI-generated code in real-world solutions.

User Experience and Developer Adoption

The usability of AI tools in software development plays a key role in their efficiency. Hossain *et al.* (2023) studied developers' perspectives, finding that AI-generated code integration improved speed and effectiveness but also made some developers uneasy due to over-reliance on the tools [5][13]. Developers raised concerns about losing coding fundamentals. Gholami *et al.* (2022) highlighted that low usability and UX issues could hinder AI adoption, recommending improvements to the user interface to better tailor AI tools to developers' needs and enhance engagement[12].

Challenges and Limitations of AI in Software Development

AI offers many benefits, but challenges must be addressed for widespread adoption. Williams & Harel (2022) note that AI programming assistants struggle with complex, highly specific coding tasks. ChatGPT and Copilot can help with standard tasks but may lack the sophistication for more advanced ones. Additionally, AI-generated code can be weak or unsafe, leading to potential security issues [14]. Sundararajan *et al.* (2021) highlighted ethical concerns, including bias in AI-generated code and issues surrounding intellectual property and insecure practices [17][15].

Gaps in Current Research

While it has come a long way in developing and applying AI powered code generation tools, there are many gaps to play in the current research that deserve further understanding. Most of these gaps are due to the complexity of real world software development, the insufficiency of current AI models, and challenges of measuring the effectiveness of the AI in real world scenarios[7].

Lack of Comprehensive Comparative Studies

While there are plenty of studies evaluating individual AI tool, e.g. GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT and CodeWhisperer, very little work has been done to compare them using a large set of programming tasks. First of all, most of the research has been done in isolation of another tool or for assessing a single tool vs traditional programming practices. There is a remaining need to study more directly how these tools behave in different contexts (programming languages), or in terms of scale of project (size of project) and complexity of task.

Evaluation Beyond Accuracy and Efficiency

Most of the current research is still on the basic performance metrics, such as accuracy, execution time and efficiency. But there are more detailed and less obvious aspects of AI driven tools that have not been extensively researched. For instance, while functioning code, as well as software maintainability, and long term developer satisfaction are all vital aspects of software quality that should have been evaluated more extensively. GitHub Copilot and CodeWhisperer are amazing tools for quickly writing code, however, they don't offer much clarity on their suggestions to make the code understandable for other developers. Therefore, there is a need for additional research in the long term of the impact of AI driven tools on the maintainability of the code, as well as in collaborative coding environments.

Domain-Specific Tool Adaptability

The second gap that is prominent is domain specific adaptability of the AI-powered code generation tools. Most of the current studies are general purpose tools, however, few are trying to put a spotlight on how these tools perform on specialized domains like embedded systems, machine learning, or security critical application. Just like CodeWhisperer works well with AWS, do the tools used to develop with AWS perform well for highly specific or specialized tasks that necessitate a specific knowledge of AWS? This research is scarce and solving it can help in building highly customizable AI assistants for a certain field of software development[9].



**AI-Generated Code Quality and Security**

Despite AI tools having the ability to automate the generation of code and suggest solutions, there is still no fool proof solution. A variety of studies have been made where AI generated code exhibited bug, vulnerabilities, or inefficiency. The underinvested subject in research related to AI-generated code security is the topic of research. Amazon CodeWhisperer for example provides security suggestions, but do they actually tackle SQL injection, buffer overflows or race conditions used by the generated code. There is a need for further research on how to train AI tools to detect and circumvent security flaws in actual applications, especially in the critical systems.

Ethical Considerations and Bias

One of the gaps in current research that is critical is that there are ethical implications and biases in the AI powered tools for code generation. The more data that these tools are trained over with the help of vast repositories like the open source, the more likely that they will perpetuate unwanted biases in the code they generate. As a result, for example, AI could produce solutions that extend gender, racial, or cultural biases or solutions that recreate inefficient or insecure code patterns contained in the training data. Few studies have been made to understand how AI models can be trained to be unbiased and ethically aligned with the existing industry standards.

Developer Trust and Human-AI Interaction

An important aspect of the software development process that is underexplored by AI tools is the human-AI interaction part of the code generation. What are developers' perceptions and trust in the suggestions that AI generates? There are some concerns studied for how developers might begin being overly reliant on AI suggestions and get left in the dust when it comes to critical thinking and problem solving. At the moment, the biggest test still remains the trust factor, that is, if we aren't confident accepting AI generated code. It's unknown how AI tools can be created to enable human creativity, not replace it, in order to create a more collaborative relationship between the developer and AI in the future. 2.3.7 Real-World Applicability and Industry Adoption[10]. Lastly, AI powered code generation tools need further examination on its industry adoption and the real world applicability. Indeed, while many such tools have been studied in controlled experiments and in academic settings, the performance of such tools in realistic conditions especially when it comes to supporting the aspects of legacy systems, large codebases, or collaborative environments—has not been investigated in much detail.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology used to evaluate and compare the performance of the selected AI powered code generation tools in order to improve the software development processes is discussed in this section. This methodology covers the following: choice of the criteria for tool AI elections, determining the tool performance evaluation parameters, and use of data set and coding tasks to test the tool [11].

Selection Criteria for AI Tools

The AI Powered coding tools taken for this study are GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and Amazon CodeWhisperer. These were selected based on the fact that they are widely used by the developer community and have somewhat novel approaches to working with AI for software development. Thus, the criteria for selection are as follows:

- i. All three tools have been adopted widely in professional and academic communities, and thus are highly relevant in evaluating the effect of AI towards software development.
 - a. Firstly, the Tool Type and Functionality is integrated into the IDE and it mostly serves for the code generation and completion like GitHub Copilot and Amazon CodeWhisperer. Since ChatGPT is mainly a conversational AI, it can be quite helpful in providing code suggestions and even helping debug.
- ii. My choice of tools offer myriad use cases of AI functionalities ranging from simple code completions to more complex code generations, giving a more extensive examination.
- iii. Availability of APIs and SDKs: All the tools have open or accessible APIs/SDK that can be integrated with development environments to develop similar conditions for testing tools .



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Several key parameters are used to evaluate the effectiveness of AI tools in improving the software development workflow. These include:

Accuracy

Measures the reliability of the AI tool in generating correct and functional code. This is assessed through:

Code Completion Accuracy

Evaluates the tool's ability to generate the correct code.

Technical Working

Focuses on the functionality and potential errors in the generated code.

Efficiency

Assessed by the time taken to generate code and the impact on developer productivity. Metrics include:

Code Generation Time

Measures how long the tool takes to produce the needed code.

Developer Interaction Time

Tracks the time spent by developers correcting suggestions or inputting their own code.

Error Rate

Measures the frequency and type of issues with AI-generated code, such as:

Syntax Errors

Problems with code structure, like missing brackets or incorrect function formats.

Logic Errors

Issues affecting code behavior or output.

Security Risks

Potential security vulnerabilities like SQL injection or buffer overflows.

Usability

Evaluates user satisfaction with the tool's suggestions and its overall effectiveness, gathered through surveys and interviews with developers.

Dataset and Coding Tasks Used for Testing

To assess effectiveness of the AI-based code generation tools, the types of realistic coding tasks as well as the diverse dataset in terms of the delivered real-life scenarios was selected. Having said that, the tests are such that they are most hitting on various levels of hardness and programming languages to check the tools capabilities [12]. Coding Tasks: Some of the coding tasks are as follows: There are questions of easy, medium, and hard levels of difficulty; they involve simple algorithms to solve and some tasks that require the understanding of the software structure. The following are among the objectives of the tasks set and incorporated in the programming:

Basic Tasks

Simple tasks for instance writing of simple algorithms (sorting and searching algorithms).



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Activities based on the usage of the data structures, for example linked lists, hash maps or if necessary, complex algorithms.

Dataset

The test data set is a set of programming problems that could be solved from open online sites like Leet Code, Hacker Rank, and Code Signal. These datasets give a broad variety of problems, it means test the tools on simple and structured tasks as well as on the complex and poorly defined coding problems.

Data Formats

The dataset cited comprises of various input/output formats such as text files formats, also JSON and API.

Languages Assessed

The coding problems provided are available in a number of the different programming languages, including those such as Python, JavaScript, Java, and C++, thereby allowing for a diverse range of coding environments.

Experimentation & Results

The second part of this study details the results of the performed comparative analysis of the chosen AI-powered code generation tools (GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and Amazon CodeWhisperer) according to the criteria mentioned above. In this paper, we evaluate these tools in terms of a number of performance dimensions, including run time, correctness, correctness debugging efficiency and coding ability of real world constructs.

Comparative Analysis of AI Tools

The first part of the work of experimentation was directly comparing the AI tools on a series of coding tasks with an increasing degree of complexity (in terms of condition). The tools were used to validate for correctness and efficiency of the generated code, as well as how the tools intergraded with the developer [18]. For test of GitHub Copilot, different tasks are tested. On simple tasks such as algorithmic implementations, its code was able to auto complete and was effective at it. However, there were problems in more complicated ones, where it would give incorrect and suboptimal solutions occasionally. To the delight of many, Copilot often produced syntactically correct code, though error occurred where they failed to handle edge case and more complex data structures. On the code snippet front, Copilot was frankly very fast at giving suggestions, but one had to fiddle with it quite a bit more in being able to actually complete the suggestion. Perhaps, ChatGPT was more conversationally oriented, which made it convenient for both generating code snippets and debugging within it. Whereas Copilot struggled to explain what it made and often provided very little in the method of explanation, ChatGPT could always explain its code and also frequently suggested multiple approaches to a problem. But it proved inconsistent in solving complete solutions for bigger problems, in particular, complex tasks that comprised several functions or complicated logic. The correctness portion of ChatGPT was performed very well but the code needs some additional refining.

Amazon CodeWhisperer

Worked best with clouds and AWS integrations, and gave quality suggestions regarding AWS SDK and cloud coding challenges as well. It worked well in offering overall solutions, but lacked in working with details of logic and syntax, requiring subsequent developer updates. For AWS-specific coding tasks, CodeWhisperer's contextual suggestions were helpful more than other general purpose coding problems.

Performance Benchmarking

Performance comparison was done over various factors such as time efficiency, accuracy and debugging facility. The results are summarized below:

Execution Time

GitHub Copilot had the shortest time taken to generate code with the possible code block suggesting time ranging between 2-4 seconds for simple tasks and 5-10 seconds for complicated tasks. Nonetheless, there were couple of

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disadvantages that harnessed on the fact that developers were needed to spend more time fine-tuning the automatically created code so as to be tuned to be as accurate as possible. ChatGPT was less quick than Copilot ; code recommendations took about 5-10 seconds for basic problems and up to 15 seconds for more challenging issues. This was the reason why its response time is slower compared with other similar programs; nevertheless, the degree of explanation and context provided was a great improvement making coding easier and more efficient. Codewise, the Amazon CodeWhisperer was not as fast as Copilot or ChatGPT, with the latency lasts around 6-12 seconds to generate simple codes up to 20 seconds for complex solutions. Nonetheless, its suggestion was rather accurate particularly for cloud related issues, although it was a bit slower in providing the suggestions [13].

Correctness

Git-Hub Copilot was accurate in generating code for properly tested, standard algorithms and when specific tasks were assigned. Nonetheless, for the cases with complicated logic or with the use of unfamiliar libraries, its accuracy is relatively lower, albeit still impressive, with an error of 5-12% for intermediate problems and 15-20% for complex problems. ChatGPT was more accurate than Copilot in generating code for easier problems, especially for simple tasks since it would generate the complete code and at the same time provide correct explanation in case of bugs. It estimated to have an error of 4-8% for simple tasks and 12-15% for complex tasks [17]. Our results also indicated that Amazon CodeWhisperer was slightly more accurate when coding with AWS issues, yet less accurate concerning general coding problems, it had an approximate percentage error of 6% – 10% for general coding problems, and a 10% – 14% error percentage for cross-cut and other elaborate problems.

Debugging Efficiency

From the experience, GitHub Copilot has fairly good effectiveness in fixing, as it was able to suggest corrections for syntax and logic mistakes, yet it occasionally misses on issues such as optimization problems and various bugs including security ones. When it came to debugging and error correction, ChatGPT gave the proper debugging rationale for why the code could fail and solutions to the error. It was especially beneficial to be used for such purposes as to explain logic flaws and special conditions. The debugging assistance offered by the Amazon CodeWhisperer focused heavily on AWS cloud and networking environments but was not helpful with typical programming problems among programmers. It is shown to suffer from true logic errors when working with AWS steroids [16].

Case Study on Real-World Coding Problems

The selected tools were applied to real-world coding problems faced by software development teams to test the effectiveness of AI-powered code generation in practical scenarios. Tasks like building a RESTful API, data transformations, legacy code optimization for performance, were some of these problems.

Building a RESTful API

I was able to get functional code for creating a basic RESTful API, using GitHub Copilot. But when it came to more advanced features like authentication, rate limiting, and logging, Copilot's suggestions would either be missing or inefficient enough that a lot of developer intervention was needed [14]. Comparing ChatGPT's output to the one produced by Syndrome for this example shows that ChatGPT produced a much more comprehensive solution and also provided explanations for every step of the code. It suggested ways of carrying out security features such as JWT authentication but a couple small tweaks were needed to make the API faster and error friendly. Amazon CodeWhisperer nailed it when it had to generate code for cloud based APIs i.e.), AWS Lambda functions and API Gateway. It was however, less effective solutions, especially in non cloud environments, when one had to handle databases or authentication.

Data Transformation

Among the tasks that involved complex data transformations, like transforming a CSV file to JSON format, both GitHub Copilot and Amazon CodeWhisperer produced efficient solutions. In contrast, however, ChatGPT found it more difficult to perform more complex transformations involving nested data structure. However, through



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explaining the code, ChatGPT was also very good at suggesting edge cases that the developers might have missed, which made it very helpful in understanding the inner workings of the transformation process.

Optimizing Legacy Code

GitHub Copilot offered working suggestions to improve the performance of legacy code, but it could not parse through the code too deeply to analyze for performance bottlenecks or to do substantial architectural changes. ChatGPT could determine possible performance problems (Redundant loops, inefficient algorithms) and propositions to refactor code improving performance. But it was less specific and needed human involvement to work best. Amazon CodeWhisperer was good at optimizing cloud based solutions but not so well at improving legacy systems generally in the case of general purpose programming[15].

DISCUSSION

This section provides an in-depth discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of AI-powered code generation tools, their practical implications for software developers, and recommendations for future improvements in AI-assisted programming.

The comparison of AI-powered code generation tools revealed various strengths and weaknesses across different features:

1. **GitHub Copilot:** Efficient at generating context-aware code quickly, reducing time for repetitive tasks. However, it often makes syntactical errors and struggles with logical constructs, requiring developers to refine its outputs for more complex tasks.
2. **ChatGPT:** Great for explanations and debugging, with a strong ability to offer alternative approaches and refactor code. However, it struggles with consistency in large projects, often needing additional context and explanations for accurate code generation.
3. **Amazon CodeWhisperer:** Effective for cloud-based development, particularly in the AWS ecosystem, with strong API recommendations. However, its use is limited to AWS-related projects, and it lacks the adaptability of Copilot or the depth of explanation found in ChatGPT.

CONCLUSION

This study compared AI-driven code generation tools—GitHub Copilot, ChatGPT, and Amazon CodeWhisperer—assessing their effectiveness in software development. The results show that while these tools enhance coding, debugging, and problem-solving, they have limitations developers must consider. GitHub Copilot excels in automatic code completion but struggles with complex logic. ChatGPT provides strong explanations and debugging support but faces challenges in multi-file projects. Amazon Code Whisperer is optimized for AWS development but is less effective for general programming. Performance-wise, Copilot is the fastest, ChatGPT offers the highest correctness, and CodeWhisperer requires more human intervention. Ultimately, no single tool dominates in all aspects, and developers must select tools based on their specific needs while reviewing AI-generated code for potential errors.

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Table:1

Feature	GitHub Copilot	ChatGPT	Amazon CodeWhisperer
Pros	Fast, in-context code completion across IDEs	Excellent at explanations, debugging, and generating code from descriptions	Best for AWS tasks with strong API integration
Flaws	Struggles with logic and syntax, often producing invalid code	Slower response times, issues with large projects and multiple files	Limited to AWS-related projects





Green Practices as an Approach to Sustainability : Indian Air Lines Companies

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ABSTRACT

India has become the world's ninth-largest airline market, with more than 120 airports in operation, 34 of which are international, and there is increasing debate and controversy over flying related to climate change. There is an urgent need to observe research and evaluate different companies operating in India to incorporate more mitigation methods into their business models. This article illustrates and analyzes the actions taken by airlines and communicated through their websites about their responsibility and understanding of the environmental impacts of air travel. This article uses information available online, such as airline websites, annual reports, and company press releases. The data was analyzed using the analysis framework and N Vivo software, which effectively evaluates the various security measures taken by large companies and places them in different contexts. It helps us identify areas of aviation that have the support of sustainability and how we can expand its meaning in the coming years to make aviation more environmentally friendly and sustainable.

Keywords: Green Practices, Indian Airlines, Carbon Emissions, Air Quality, Cabin Waste Management, Aero wash, Sustainable practices

INTRODUCTION

Greenhouse gas emissions are increasing every year, increasing the challenges of mitigating and combating climate change. Without the cooperation of all professional groups, the path to limiting "dangerous climate change" is weak,



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and the aviation industry has an important role to play. Current and future changes in technology, business processes, and behavior provide many opportunities for other industries to reduce their CO₂ emissions indefinitely. However, when they do this, the importance of the aviation industry will increase even more. According to the aviation industry's growth forecast, aviation will account for approximately 15-25% of the world's CO₂ emissions by 2050, which will complete the entire carbon budget. Therefore, only by recognizing that current emissions plans from aviation are inconsistent with avoiding "climate change risks" will the industry understand the acceleration of need and move towards the path to 2050 and beyond (Bows, A. 2010). With the development of air travel, However, people's concerns about environmental impacts are also increasing. Therefore, the aviation industry is critical to climate change. The share of this work will increase since reducing carbon monoxide is one of the economic problems. Aviation is a rapidly growing industry that emits more carbon dioxide per passenger kilometer than any other form of transportation. Climate change researchers consider work-related travel and meetings, as well as work in the field, to be significant sources of carbon (Whitmarsh *et al.*, 2020). Many aviation-related environmental problems, such as stratospheric ozone depletion and local and regional air pollution, are caused by the release of large amounts of fossil fuels, which directly impact and affect the chemical composition of the air. Practices that reduce these emissions will also reduce emissions from the sector.

Aviation is one of the world's fastest-growing industries and India's fastest-growing transportation industry. Airlines are an important part of our country's economy, serving people and goods around the world and contributing to our economic growth. It is the world's seventh-largest airline industry and the world's third-largest aviation industry. According to IATA (International Air Transport Association) forecasts, the UK will become the third largest market for air passenger transport (domestic and international) by 2024. Passenger numbers (domestic and worldwide) stood at 115.37 million in FY21, showing lower growth compared to the previous year. Last year due to COVID-19 restrictions. The Indian government is trying to increase the number of airports to meet air traffic demand. Increasing demand has led to an increase in the number of airline companies operating in the sector. However, the potential of the Indian aviation industry is yet to be tapped. However, there is a huge opportunity for growth as air transportation is still considered expensive for the majority of the country's population. India's carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions decreased by approximately 30 million tonnes of carbon dioxide (MtCO₂) in 2019/2020. For the first time in four decades, the country's emissions fell, last falling by 3 tonnes of carbon dioxide in 1982. Although some factors have affected the debt, such as the growth of renewable energy, and the economic slowdown, measures such as lockdowns to slow emissions and the spread of the new disease (COVID-19) had a significant impact at the beginning of 2020. According to sources, exports are estimated to have decreased by 15% in March 2020 compared to the previous year. In the last two years, the Indian aviation industry has grown by more than 20% annually. It is expected to increase to the second number in the next few years. As industrialization grows, concerns about its environmental impacts also increase. In 2016, India agreed to participate in the Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Program for International Aviation (CORSIA), which will become mandatory by 2026. There is an urgent need for the government, pilots, and all stakeholders involved in the plan. The fact that it will take all measures to reduce emissions in the future by implementing various mitigation measures in various business areas has the potential to avoid "climate change risks" (Terrenoire *et al.*, 2019). This article seeks to understand that there is huge potential to reduce carbon emissions in every aspect of the aviation industry and explores the links or topics that can be measured, the reductions, and what links or contexts can lead to better results in reducing emissions.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Sixty years ago, the aviation industry was only a small part of transportation, albeit at a very small level. Today, trade has become an important part of the world economy, accounting for approximately 9% of world GDP. The success of the aviation industry will continue in the coming years. The rapid development of this work will bring economic benefits and increase the mobility of people around the world. But these benefits come with costs, primarily the increase in greenhouse gas emissions. Though currently, it is not a prime driver for global warming, the sector's estimated growth potential makes it a vital factor contributing to the emissions. According to the IPCC



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report, emissions are anticipated to increase at a three-fold to seven-fold rate between 2000 and 2050 (Macintosh and Wallace, 2009). International aviation is a vital point for the emissions contributions, and much-needed concern is needed to mitigate the impacts. The United Nations Framework Convention for Climate Change (UNFCCC) shall include that the domestic aviation emissions in the national level emissions and the international civil aviation emissions are not included in the national level emissions and submitted as a memo item in the UNFCCC national inventory reports. It is estimated that the aviation sector shall be contributing about 2–3 percent of the global climate change emissions; there has to be a noticeable change in the environmental policy to detach the fuel consumption per passenger and the demand for air travel at a time when increasingly liberalized markets are pushing up the demands for airline services. The airline industry has been claiming that this detaching process is already taking place as airline seats are being flown with more fuel efficiently because of the deregulation of air transportation markets. In reality, airlines have economic incentives to improve fuel efficiency. During the liberalization period, there is a constant supply of new aircraft and modifications to existing fleets, one of which leads to previous knowledge to improve fuel consumption (Brugnoli *et al.*, 2015). The new model is due to technological advances in the aviation industry and the creation of fuel-efficient aircraft production. One of the main drivers for the use of electric aircraft comes from technological development rather than environmental projects.

The global aviation industry has an annual growth rate of approximately 5% and plays an important role in economic growth and development. Climate change emissions. By adopting better aircraft and network management, the aviation industry's CO₂ emissions will be reduced and the amount of emissions will be reduced. Reducing aircraft size can reduce CO₂ emissions (Lo *et al.*, 2020). Therefore, environmental policy should provide incentives to reduce aircraft sizes in various ways, including changes in demand. In addition, incentives need to be provided for the renewal of ships, because all technological advances are the determinant of aviation emission efficiency. Tourism has become a boom and bustle as it provides new job opportunities. The challenge of reducing emissions. We must focus on economic development in sectors such as aviation and hospitality and use technology to reduce emissions. In addition, the Paris Agreement addresses significant improvements on the path to zero carbon each year. Therefore, the aim is to create a sustainable, sustainable, low-carbon tourism industry. Destinations, therefore, play an important role in reducing emissions (Gössling and Higham, 2021), because they have stakeholders who can work towards decarbonisation while achieving results in tourism. The second effect is to increase the effectiveness and ability to achieve goals. Given the instability and tendency towards simplification of the global tourism industry, destinations need to understand the risks of low profitability, carbon use, and climate change; All of these require management of key sites of growth change to increase visitor numbers. The challenge for the site is to promote the process that will help tourism grow in a way that does not create the negative effects of pollution by 2050. A target can support this process from the mix of markets it aims to attract. Closer markets favor more distant markets, encouraging more unequal trade spending in travel, destinations, and transportation choices and decisions, rather than trading for fewer transportation options. Those responsible for the site should focus on available methods that will enable visitors to stay longer in the association of various actors in tourism. Length of stay relates to annual leave, transportation, services and fees, travel packages, accommodation pricing procedures, and services and activities.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To study the Green initiatives of leading Indian Airlines and analyze how they are creating a green identity for themselves.
2. To identify and study the various Airlines taken initiatives and following Green Practices in India
3. To provide a conceptual framework for future study in this field.
4. To know Green Airports Recognized by CI Asia Pacific in 2023





RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

It is a research-based on content collection, and data is collected from books, national and international newspapers, magazines, newspapers, government publications, websites, etc. collected from research materials.

DATA ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION

Plans to help make the airline more efficient

The aviation industry connects people and countries, opening the door to many financial and social opportunities. Given the benefits that aviation brings, more connectivity is needed. IATA estimates that demand for passenger travel by air will exceed 10 billion by 2050, and carbon emissions are expected to be approximately 21.2 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide between 2021 and 2050. These emission dimensions need to be reduced! IATA member airlines have adopted a resolution pledging to achieve net zero carbon emissions in the future.

Ways to achieve net zero carbon emissions

The main goal of achieving net zero carbon emissions is the use of sustainable fuel (SAF), new aircraft investment, and carbon balancing processes. We believe we can make progress towards the 2050 goal by revising existing processes and operations that can directly help reduce our carbon footprint.

Fuel saving plan

Reduce carbon dioxide from ground plane movement by overcoming the problem of long taxi entry and exit time. Taxiing planes will ensure that the airport consumes fuel and emissions. Taxi delays usually occur when there are changes in the final departure time, problems at the gate of the arrival flight, delays in departure, etc. It is caused by overcrowding and queuing that occurs when To overcome these problems, airlines can deliver flights on time with flight schedules. They can also provide estimated departure time (POBT) information to ATC and airport operators to plan runways and gate usage. The biggest expense of the aviation industry is fuel, which accounts for approximately 30-60% of the average annual aviation cost. Also, many airlines rely on manual calculation of EIBT (Effective Attack Time) and TOBT (Target Departure Time) to avoid delays. To overcome this error, general companies and airports can use technologies such as computer vision and artificial intelligence/machine learning to create intelligent transfer models. The model can be associated with any transfer function with an object that can be reported as visible from the airport camera. Given the situation in real-time with historical data and information from airports, airlines, and ground staff, the model can evaluate the performance of operational changes and use it to inform stakeholders if the process has not yet started or delays are expected. At the same time, POBT continuously provides predictions and helps ATC and airport operators optimize runways and gate utilization.

Air Quality Index Improvement Solution

Reduce APU Use on the Apron

APU is a small engine located in the tail of the aircraft and is used to power the onboard power when the main engine is shut down. It can power cleaning equipment, start air conditioning, and even start the main engine before or during pushback. to ask? APUs use fuel injection with higher carbon content. Aircraft should become Ground Power Units (GPUs) for ground operations whenever possible. Even though GPUs are outdated, airports and airlines can still work on detecting planes that continue to run on APUs at the gate. The microphone on the door can act as an IoT sensor, collecting the sound of the APU's operation. This information can be fed back with programs and other information to determine whether the aircraft is running its APU instead of using the grid. Stakeholders can be informed so that appropriate measures can be taken to improve air quality and reduce carbon emissions. At the same time, the aircraft can track APU usage via the APU log in the cockpit; This record provides the following information: time units, cycle operation, and even the average produced by the APU engine. This information can be extended to racetracks, routes, and operators to understand when APUs are being overused. This solution based on blockchain technology can help airlines design the APU lifecycle and accurately report the carbon emissions of each APU.



**Darla Nagaraju and Venugopal Rao****Paperless Operations Solution****Using Digital Skills to Increase Talent Potential**

Even today, airline employees still rely on paper processes and manual tasks that are often time-consuming and error-prone. Some of these documents, such as flight schedule information and operational manuals, cannot be avoided when regulators create them. However, there is still a lot of room for digitalization in other workplaces.

Airlines must develop new ways to support people's capabilities through a hybrid operation where human skills are complemented by digital skills. Depending on the size of the operation and the personnel division, the aircraft can organize the mission for specific roles that play an important role in the operation. Airlines can easily target roles like cabin crew, ramp agents, and engineering staff to start their journey. They depend on paperwork. You can empower them with a mobility solution that caters to all their needs starting from managing their roster in the morning to getting a cab and performing all their mundane tasks while also connected with all other airline systems. This solution will holistically cover their work lifecycle.

Overcome thermal bag tag and asset reconciliation challenges

During the pandemic, airlines and the airport accelerated their contactless journey by on boarding self- bag drop kiosks and home-printed bag tags. But, even then, more than 95% of baggage operations across the world depend on thermally printed bag tags which are extremely dangerous to the environment. When you consider the thermal paper's chemical composition, it contains Bisphenol A (BPA) and other phenolic chemicals that pose many risks to the environment and can't be easily recycled. The easy solution is to use digital bag tags, which can be reused by the passenger every time they travel. Digital bag tags are easy to reconcile and deliver a complete baggage journey view across various scan points. Similarly, assets reconciliation challenges across various other functional areas like GSE, engineering, catering, and even aircraft safety equipment could be solved by using IoT technology. For instance, today, the reconciliation of lifesaving jackets installed under the aircraft seats is done manually by the security staff on paper. This can easily be transitioned to a one-click reconciliation using IoT.

Cabin Waste Management Plan

Airlines should reduce cabin waste by reducing, reusing, and recycling to reduce environmental impact. Household waste comes from two main sources: cleaning waste and food. According to research conducted by IATA, 23% of the waste produced by a passenger consists of "untouchable food and beverages". Change to solve this challenge, airlines can use technologies such as computer vision and artificial intelligence/machine learning to understand passenger preferences on special meals, booking classes, and various routes on different airlines. This information can help caterers understand dietary patterns and adjust menus accordingly.

Implementing Quality Improvement

Another major challenge in increasing airlines' carbon footprint comes from areas such as back offices, training facilities, offices, and even personal offices. Airlines can improve energy efficiency by using IoT sensors on various assets in their facilities, including lighting, air conditioning, doors, and bathrooms, by tracking electricity usage and turning them off when not in use. Data from all these sensors can be brought together to create dashboards that provide information to help managers optimize energy use. This information can also be used to develop predictive measures to identify and replace faulty equipment that is not causing blockages and malfunctions in the facility.

GREEN INITIATIVES OF LEADING INDIAN AIRLINES**Mission Green Aviation! Air India gets new cleaning solution 'Aerowash'; Save up to 75,000 liters of water per aircraft per year**

Air India has introduced an external electronic washing and cleaning system called 'Aerowash' which aims to save a lot of money. water This new system offers the best in terms of cleanliness, water, and cost savings. Let's learn more about the "Aerowash" method.





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What is this "Aerowash" method?

Aerowash systems include modern features such as robotic microfiber brush drums to clean the aircraft with minimal water consumption. The airline estimates the technology could save up to 75,000 liters of water per airline per year. For narrow-gauge aircraft, water savings should be approximately 30,000 liters per aircraft per year. Aircraft maintenance needs a lot of water. Advances in technology now allow for more water purification processes. Depending on the size of the aircraft, Air India expects to save about 75,000 liters (about 20,000 gallons) of water per year for a single narrow metal jet and 30,000 liters (about 8,000 gallons) for an aircraft. Air India follows Vistara's lead in using water-saving technology for Indian airlines' aircraft cleaning. Vistara implemented the Aerowash system, the first system to do so in the country. The introduction of this new cleaning method in India was undertaken by the airport's service Management Company Air India SATS (AISATS) and AeroTech Support Services Pvt. was carried out in cooperation between. In addition to saving water, Aerowash technology also increases operating time by reducing the time the aircraft stays on the ground. Additionally, the process requires minimal human intervention, resulting in potential savings for airlines.

Sustainable practices and green energy

In the context of the importance of sustainable practices and green energy in the context of the global aviation industry, technologies such as Aerowash performed as expected. As part of this commitment, India has launched various initiatives to help protect the environment. To address the carbon footprint of the aviation sector, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia announced plans for more than 90 airports in the country to become carbon neutral by 2024; The first airports to achieve this goal were airports such as Delhi and Kochi. While Delhi aims to replace all gas- dependent airside vehicles with electric vehicles (EVs), Kochi proudly holds the distinction of being the first airport in the world to meet all its needs with solar energy in 2015. Airlines are still adopting environmentally friendly practices. For example, Akasa Air created its staff uniforms using recycled polyester from PET bottles recycled from ocean waste. As part of its environmental initiatives, Air India has taken steps such as removing the use of 500ml plastic water bottles from all economy class seats on wide-body aircraft. metal operates globally and has introduced 100% compostable garbage bags. ACI Asia-Pacific Announces Green

CI ASIA PACIFIC ANNOUNCES 2023 GREEN AIRPORTS RECOGNITION

Airports Council International (ACI) Asia Pacific today announced the results of its 2023 Green Airports Recognition (GAR) program, which recognizes 12 airports in Asia Pacific and the Middle East that stand out for their safety efforts and are successful in their development projects.

Over 35 million passengers per annum

Category	Airport	Project
Platinum	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport	Single Use Plastic Free Airport-Mumbai
Gold	Hong Kong International Airport	Hong Kong International Airport rapidly reduces single-use plastic items
Silver	Indira Gandhi International Airport	Single-use Plastic Free Delhi Airport

Between 15-35 million passengers per annum:

Category	Airport	Project
Platinum	Kempegowda International Airport	Plastic Circularity at KIAB
Gold	Rajiv Gandhi International Airport	Single Use Plastic Free RGI Airport
Silver	Jeju International Airport	The introduction of reusable cups to airport

Between 8-15 million passengers per annum:

Category	Airport	Project
Platinum	Central Japan International Airport	Bottle to Bottle sustainable use of PET bottle





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Gold	Adelaide Airport	Single-use Plastics Precinct
Silver	Bahrain International Airport	Combating single-use plastics at Bahrain International Airport

Less than 8 million passengers per annum:

Category	Airport	Project
Platinum	Mangalore International Airport	SUP Free Airport
Gold	Christchurch International Airport	Waste Strategy to Circular Solutions
Silver	Kaohsiung International Airport	Plastic life at the Airport

FLY GREENER: DISCOVER THE WORLD'S BEST AIRLINES FOR SUSTAINABLE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

A hotspot for international tourists and travelers, India has become a hub for many short-haul, domestic and international flights. In recent years, the Indian aviation industry has made significant progress in providing excellent customer service while ensuring safety. To learn more about the most profitable airlines offering international travel to India, see the list of 10 airlines below.

Air India

Air India is one of the most famous airlines in India. Headquartered at Delhi's Indira Gandhi International Airport, Air India is India's flagship airline and its focus on international flights makes it the best choice for those looking to travel around the world by developing the most reliable and safe. It offers passengers great value, friendliness and entertainment options throughout their flights.

Etihad Airways

Etihad Airways is the national airline of the United Arab Emirates and is known as Emirates. The company was founded in November 2003 and operates out of Abu Dhabi's Khalifa City. Etihad Airways serves more than 120 countries around the world with its fleet of 102 Airbus and Boeing aircraft. The airline has an extensive network providing more than 1,000 weekly flights to the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, Australia and North America. Etihad Airways is working with the Abu Dhabi Waste Management Authority to study the feasibility of converting municipal waste into aviation fuel to ensure the end use of fuel in its flights. This measure shows that the airline is committed to being a leader in environmental innovation and reducing its dependence on fossil fuels.

SpiceJet

SpiceJet is a low-cost airline connecting more than 41 domestic countries and 8 international countries. Their headquarters are located in Gurgaon, India and they offer cheap flights to travelers who want to travel to any country. While SpiceJet offers many features such as online check-in, bonus points and in-flight entertainment, it also works for a sustainable environment.

IndiGo Airlines

IndiGo Airlines is a famous low-cost airline in India known for its widespread network, on-time flights and excellent service. It has good internet connections with major cities in India and has many international flights to Europe, the Middle East and Southeast Asia. Apart from offering the most competitive prices, IndiGo is highly sustainable in terms of fuel and cooking oil consumption, reduced CO₂ emissions and waste management.

AirAsia

AirAsia is one of India's most popular airlines and one of India's most stable airlines. AirAsia focuses on providing passengers with affordable airfare while ensuring its tickets are highly sustainable in terms of fuel and electricity. Having extensive connections with many parts of the world offers great opportunities for those who want to study abroad.



**GoAir**

GoAir is one of India's cheapest airlines and has been the market leader for some time. Despite restrictions, GoAir provides environmentally friendly services to its customers by operating fuel-saving flights using fuel-saving technologies. They are recognized by the International Air Transport Association (IATA) for their environmental efforts. 7. Vistara Airlines

Vistara

Airlines is a joint venture between Tata Sons and Singapore Airlines. By operating Boeing 737-800 aircraft daily, it ensures that passengers have fuel-saving and comfortable journeys to many international destinations where it operates. They also implement a carbon offset policy to reduce their overall carbon footprint.

CONCLUSION

Sustainability practices have become a topic that describes environmental activities and sustainability awareness. Such measures aim to encourage companies to reduce their impact on the environment. When using green thinking strategies for airports, it can be seen that there are benefits such as high efficiency, good performance, and good impact on people and the environment. This research reveals current knowledge about sustainability and green practices in the aviation industry is understandable. The review also includes green practices followed by Indian airlines. It also aims to recognize airlines as the best healthcare providers in 2024. Literature confirms that these good practices lead companies to develop environmental strategies such as green initiatives that help companies save money. India is home to many international airlines that offer many options for all types of travel. All the above-mentioned (in Interpretation) airlines provide solid service to ensure that passengers have a good experience and good environment while traveling around the world.

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Table 1 In specifics, this may mean:

Task	Object	The time when they are tracked
Aircraft arrival at the bay	Aircraft	The aircraft is stationary
Passengers de boarding	Staircase/aerobridge	Passengers are detected
Baggage unloading	Baggage trollies	Both vehicles are near each other and not moving
GPU Connected	GPU	GPU is close to the aircraft and not moving

Table:2 Contribution to achieving Net-zero Carbon in the future

Area of Contribution	Percentage of Contribution
Sustainable aviation fuel	65%
Infrastructure	13%
New technology	3%
Offsetting/Carbon Capture	19%

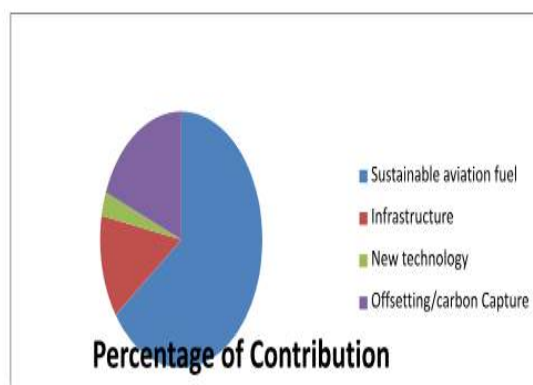


Figure:1



Figure:2





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Formulation and *In-vitro* Characterization of Naringenin Microspheres for Anti-Hyperlipidemic Activity

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ABSTRACT

Microspheres are designed to dispatch drugs to specific sites at a predetermined rate, increase bioavailability, and attain controlled or sustained drug administration. Microspheres are newly introduced technology developed to incorporate the active pharmaceutical ingredients which improves their absorption and bioavailability. Naringenin is a phytochemical which has less bioavailability and reported to have antihyperlipidemic and anti-inflammatory activities. But, orally administered naringenin is poorly absorbed by our body resulting in less bioavailability. Therefore, increased dose of naringenin is used to have its proper bioavailability. Thus, the aim of this present undertaken study is to make an entreaty of novel drug delivery system to the traditional medicine to overcome the disadvantages associated with it like bioavailability. Six different formulations of Naringenin microspheres were formulated by using emulsion solvent evaporation method by varying the concentrations of polymers like Eudragit, HPMC and ethyl cellulose. All the formulations were evaluated using percentage of phytochemical content, percentage of phytochemical entrapment efficiency, SEM, FTIR, etc. Among all the formulations, formulation F2 which is composed of 100 mg of drug and 200 mg of Eudragit have shown better drug content, percent entrapment efficiency and hence the same is selected



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to check the shape and surface morphology using SEM which has shown spherical shape and uniform surface morphology. Thus, formulation F2 has come out with highly favorable results, focusing its efficacy and potential for future research and development.

Keywords: Microspheres, Bioavailability, Naringenin, Entrapment efficiency, SEM, FTIR.

INTRODUCTION

Microspheres are newly introduced technology developed to incorporate the active pharmaceutical ingredients which improves their absorption and bioavailability. Microspheres are designed to dispatch drugs to specific sites at a predetermined rate, increase bioavailability, and attain controlled or sustained drug administration[1,2]. Naringenin is a flavonoid obtained from fruits of *Citrus aurantium* (115–384 mg/L), tomatoes (0.68 ± 0.16 mg/100 g). Naringenin is a phytochemical which has less bioavailability and reported to have antihyperlipidemic, anti-inflammatory anticancer, antioxidant and antidiabetic activities[3,4]. But, orally administered naringenin is poorly absorbed by our body resulting in less bioavailability[5,6]. Therefore, increased dose of naringenin is used to have its proper bioavailability. Thus, the aim of this present undertaken study is to make an entreaty of novel herbal drug delivery system to the traditional medicine to overcome the disadvantages associated with it like bioavailability. The key objective of the present undertaken study is to formulate microspheres of naringenin, to increase the absorption and bioavailability of the drug thereby enhancing the efficacy of the drug.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Chemicals

Standardized phytochemical Naringenin was obtained from Yucca Enterprises, Mumbai, India. Eudragit was bought from Labin chemicals, Pune, India, and Chloroform, ethanol and all the chemicals used and solvents used are of analytical grade.

Compatibility studies

FTIR spectroscopy can be utilized to explore and predict physicochemical interactions between Naringenin and other ingredients prior to formulation. This method can assist in selecting appropriate, chemically compatible excipients. The compatibility studies focus on determining whether there are any interactions that may occur between the carriers and the drug[7].

Standard calibration curve of Naringenin using UV-Visible spectrophotometer

Standard calibration curve of Naringenin was plotted by using the equipment UV-Visible spectrophotometer. The standard solution of Naringenin was prepared in the range of 1-10 µg/ml of phytochemical in ethanol at λ_{max} 288 nm. The calibration curve was constructed with concentration on x-axis and absorbance on y-axis.

Preparation of naringenin microspheres

Six different batches of Naringenin microparticles were developed by using the method emulsion solvent evaporation method by varying the concentrations of polymers like Eudragit, HPMC and ethyl cellulose. This method was chosen since it is easy, quick, and cost-effective. Polyvinyl alcohol was used in the formulations which acts as a stabilizer and helps to give spherical shaped microspheres without clumping. Ethanol and chloroform are used as solvents because of their volatile nature, and they also prevent polymer precipitation[8]. Ethanol is a non-toxic solvent which produces good spherical shaped particles with a uniform surface. The formulation is given in Table 1.



**Praneetha Pallerla et al.,****Characterization of microspheres****Determination of % Yield**

The % yield of the microspheres was determined by following formula

Percentage Yield = (Practical yield / Theoretical yield) × 100

Estimation of percent phytochemical Content

The phytochemical content in the microspheres was determined by dissolving accurately weighed 10 mg of sample of microspheres in 10ml ethanol. After suitable dilution absorbance was determined by UV-Spectrophotometer and percent drug content was determined.

Determination of Percent Entrapment Efficiency (EC)

All the formulations of microspheres were subjected to centrifuge at 12000 rpm for around 45min using centrifuge (Remi) to separate microspheres from the untrapped drug. The free phytochemical concentration present as the supernatant was estimated by calculating absorbance obtained using equipment UV-visible spectrophotometer[9]. The percent entrapment efficiency of the phytochemical Naringenin was calculated by below formula. % Entrapment efficiency = (Amount of encapsulated drug)/(Amount of total drug) × 100

Scanning Electron Microscopy (SEM)

A scanning electron microscope study was conducted to assess the surface morphology, size, and shape of the prepared six microsphere formulations. The optimized microsphere formulation was analyzed using scanning electron microscopy.

Measurement of Particle Size (PS)

The particle size of the prepared formulations of microspheres was measured using a particle size analyzer (Microtrac). For this determination, 5 mg of the optimized formulation was diluted with a suitable volume of Phosphate buffer saline solution of pH 6.8, and the diameter of the microsphere was determined[10].

RESULTS**Pre formulation studies****Organolectic characteristics**

Naringenin phytochemical was analyzed for its macroscopic properties like color, odour, studies of solubility and determination of wave length maxima of drug. The Colour of Naringenin is yellow, taste- bitter, odour-characteristic and has λ_{max} of 288 nm.

Compatibility studies

The studies related to compatibility between Naringenin and the polymers were assessed using the equipment Fourier transform infra red spectroscopy. The absence of new peaks or no disappearance of existing peaks in the drug-polymer mixture confirmed that there were no chemical interactions between the phytochemical and the polymer. The figure 1 and figure 2 represents the FTIR spectrum of Naringenin and Naringenn microspheres respectively.

Standard calibration curve of Naringenin

Naringenin has maximum absorbance at 288 nm. The standard calibration curve of Naringenin in Phosphate buffer saline of pH 7.4 was plotted by taking the concentrations from 1 µg/ml to 10 µg/ml. The calibration curve for Naringenin was linear from 1µg/ml to 10 µg/ml with $R^2=0.999$ and is shown in figure 3.



**Praneetha Pallerla et al.,****Evaluation of Naringenin microspheres**

Organoleptic characteristics and solubility: The characteristics of naringenin and naringenin microspheres were evaluated and are given in table 2.

Percentage yield

The percentage yield of various Naringenin microspheres formulations are shown in table 3. Among all the formulations, F2 showed the highest yield of 72.3% compared to other formulations

Determination of percent drug content

The phytochemical content of Naringenin microspheres was assessed by taking an accurately weighed 1 mg sample of the complex in 10 mL of ethanol. After appropriate dilution, the absorbance was measured using equipment UV spectrophotometer at 288 nm, and the drug content was calculated and is given in table 3.

Percent Entrapment efficiency (EE)

Naringenin microspheres of various concentrations were centrifuged at 12000 rpm for 15 minutes using a centrifuge (Remi) to isolate microspheres from the untrapped drug. The free phytochemical concentration present as the supernatant was estimated by calculating absorbance obtained using equipment UV-visible spectrophotometer. The percent entrapment efficiency of the phytochemical Naringenin was measured and given in table 3.

Scanning electron microscopy

Scanning electron microscopy was performed to determine the surface morphology, shape of microspheres and size of microspheres of the prepared Naringenin microspheres formulation. The optimized dried Naringenin microspheres were subjected to SEM analysis and pictures were collected and shown in figure 4. The surface morphology, shape, and structure of the microspheres are shown in figure 5. It was observed that the drug particles are associated with the polymer forming complexes with spherical particle shapes and smooth structures.

DISCUSSION

Flavonoids are regarded important compounds which are advised to be taken as part of the human diet in proper amounts for their significant antioxidant/radical scavenging properties[11]. Since, last few years there are rapid changes occurring in the delivery of essential phytoconstituents like flavonoids to increase their bioavailability by studying the pharmacokinetic profile of such substances[12]. Due to the gastric environment in the human body which is composed of enzymes and luminal bacteria and other factors like intraluminal and first-pass metabolism by liver, active extrusion mechanisms contribute to the ineffective absorption of phytoconstituents ultimately decreasing the bioavailability. Oral absorption of Naringenin was reported to be very low quite a few years. Naringenin has been found to have potential anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties[13]. Orally administered Naringenin is poorly absorbed and is metabolized by intestinal microflora rapidly making the drug less effective. For a proper therapeutic effect, the dose has to be increased[11]. Such problems can be overcome by using novel drug delivery systems like microspheres so that the drug is not easily eliminated from the body and the dosage of the drug can also be decreased[14]. Hence the current undertaken study was aimed to increase the bioavailability of Naringenin by formulating into Naringenin microspheres. Naringenin and polymer complex microspheres were prepared by using solvent evaporation method in six formulations by varying the polymer concentrations. All the formulations were evaluated using various evaluation techniques like organoleptic characteristics, solubility studies, compatibility studies, drug content determination and entrapment efficiency. The Compatibility studies were done using FTIR which has indicated that the IR spectrum of Naringenin drug and microspheres have similar peaks. This shows that there are no chemical interactions between the phytochemical and polymers, which shows that the phytochemical and polymers are chemically compatible. Among all the formulations, the formulation F2 was found to be with greater entrapment efficiency i.e., 86.35 % and with highest percent drug content 88.2 % of all other formulations. Thus, the same was evaluated for Scanning electron microscopy. The scanning electron



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microscopic studies indicated that the size was around 100 micrometers, and the shape of microspheres was spherical and the surface was smooth. These studies indicated that the formulation was stable and is a micro sized complex.

CONCLUSION

Among the six prepared microsphere formulations of the phytochemical, F-2 Formulation which is composed of 100 mg of drug and 200 mg of Eutragit have shown better drug content, percent entrapment efficiency and hence the same is selected to check the shape and surface morphology using SEM which has shown spherical shape and uniform surface morphology. Thus, F-2 formulation has come out with effective results, portraying its potential for further research and development to be emerged as novel herbal drug delivery system of Naringenin microspheres.

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Table 1: Formulation of Microspheres

INGREDIENTS (mg)	F-1	F-2	F-3	F-4	F-5	F-6
NARINGENIN	100	100	100	100	100	100
EUDRAGIT L 100	100	200	300	-	-	-
ETHYL CELLULOSE (mg)	-	-	-	100	200	-
HPMC	-	-	-	-	-	100
CHLOROFORM in ml	10	10	10	10	10	10
0.2% PVA in ml	10	10	10	10	10	10

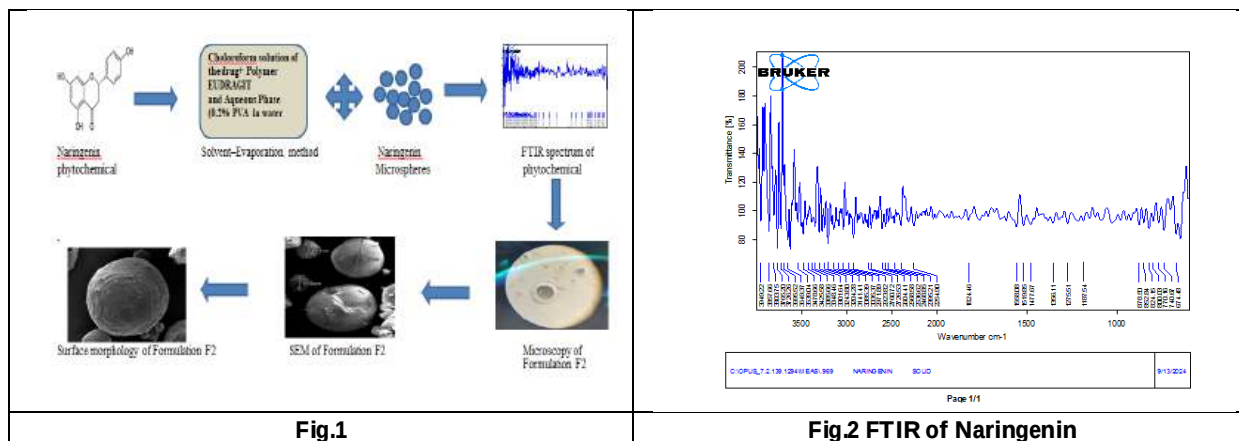
Table 2- Characteristics of naringenin and naringenin microspheres

	Naringenin	Naringenin microspheres
Colour	Pale yellow	Yellow
Odour	distinctive	Characteristic
Taste	Bitter	Bitter
Solubility	Ethanol	DCM

Table 3: Evaluation Tests of Microspheres

S.No	Formulation	Percentage yield	% Drug content	% Entrapment efficiency
1	F1	63.5%	74.9 ±2.15	75.6 ±1.18
2	F2	72.3%	88.2 ±2.78	86.35 ±1.68
3	F3	62.5%	69.5±2.19	62 ±2.28
4	F4	65.4%	56.3± 2.47	68 ±2.98
5	F5	58.2%	53.5± 2.78	72 ±1.08
6	F6	56.5%	50.2 ±2.22	69 ±3.08

Results of the study are shown as Mean ± Std dev (n=3)





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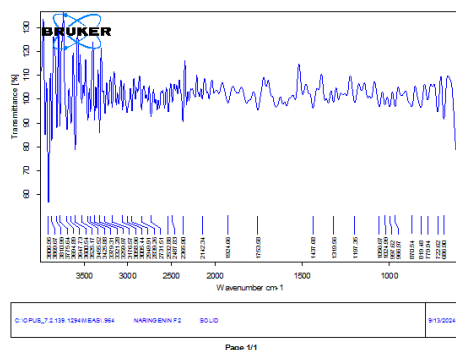


Fig. 3 FTIR of Naringenin microspheres

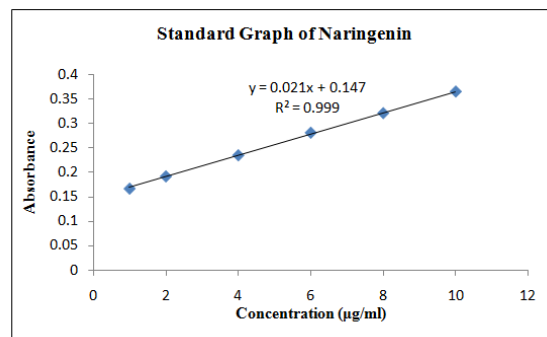


Fig.4 Calibration curve of Naringenin

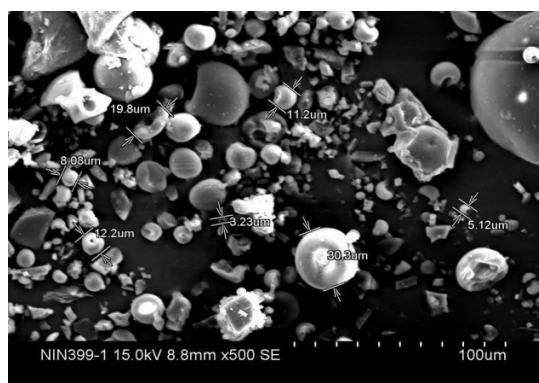


Fig.5 Scanning Electron Microscopy of Naringenin microspheres of Formulation F2

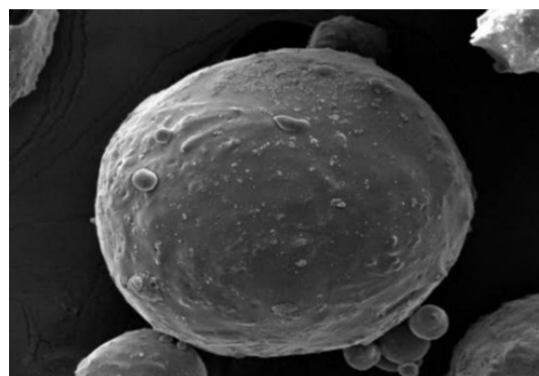


Fig. 6 Surface morphology of Naringenin microspheres of formulation-F2





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Observation of Gut Content and Dimension of Food Items of Nymphs of Dragonfly at Rapti River of District Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT

The gut content and dimension of food items of nymphs of Dragonfly found in Rapti river of district Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh, India have been analysed. The present work revealed that the percentage composition of aquatic insects larvae (Culex larvae, Chironomous larvae, Eristalis larvae), microcrustacean- Copepoda (Cyclops sp.) and Cladocera (Daphnia sp., Mysis sp. and Moina sp.) in the gut. Although constituted a small percentage of the diet, the nymphs of dragonfly certainly have selective nature of feeding and have preferences for animal food specially for aquatic insects larvae.

Keywords: Uttar Pradesh, India have been analysed. The present work revealed that the percentage composition of aquatic insects larvae

INTRODUCTION

The odonate act as biological control agent for many known and unknown noxious insects-pests because of its predatory habits. This habit exists in both, the adult as well as the nymphal stage. The nymphs of Dragonfly occupy an important position at the top of food web and energy flow pathway of the freshwater ecosystem (Datta *et.al.*,1991). Considerable work has been done on the food and feeding habits of Odonate nymphs (Fischer, 1961, Pritchard, 1964, Begum *et.al.*, 1984, Roy, 1985, Thomas *et.al.*,1992).Practically no information is available regarding analysis of gut content and dimension of food items of nymphs of Dragonfly in at river condition of district Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh. Therefore, keeping this in to view, gut content and dimension of food items from nymphs of Dragonfly have been analysed to evaluate their food preferences and their role in Rapti river ecosystem.



**Kamalesh Kumar****Location of Study area**

The district Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh located 27.429707 latitude and longitude is 82.176804. Balrampur district in Uttar Pradesh, India is located on the banks of Rapti River. The town of Balrampur is the district head quarters and is also situated on the Rapti river bank (Map-1 & 2).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Nymphs of Dragonfly of final instar were collected from the muddy bank of Rapti river of district Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh by an Insect collection net made up of nylon cloth (mesh size 40 to 80/cm²). The sample were stored out, killed in 70% alcohol and then transferred to 4 % formalin for preservation. The nymphs of Dragonfly were dissected in the Zoology laboratory, M.L.K.P.G. College Balrampur, Uttar Pradesh, India. The intact foregut was removed and dissected further on a glass slide. The techniques as suggested by Mecon and Cummins (1964) and Shapes and Hilsenhoft (1976) were used. The food item were counted applying the method of Brown (1961). Approximate percentage of volumes of food items (Rotifera, microcrustacean, algae, diatoms, detritus and other matters) were recorded from each season (winter, spring, summer and monsoon) during the period January 2024 to December 2024. Planktons of overlying water of Rapti river were also collected by a plankton net (mesh size 0.03-0.04 mm) and counted by the microtransect method described by Lackey (1938). The genera of Dragonflies taken in to account were Merogomphus, Cordulegaster and Pantala.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Seasonal variation in the composition of the dietary component percentage nymphs of Dragonfly have been summarised in Table-1. The gut content observation of these nymphs revealed that they are primarily carnivorous in habit, feeding upon other small aquatic insects and aquatic insect larvae, Copepoda (Cyclops sp.), Cladocera (Daphnia sp., Mysis sp. and Moina sp.), fish fry, algae and other animal tissues present in the gut. Only small percentage of micro-vegetation could be observed in the gut. They were mainly algae belonging to Bacillariophyta, Chlorophyta and Myxophyta. The seasonal fluctuation in the feeding habits showed that the nymphs of Dragonfly prefer to take Culex larvae, Chironomus larvae, Eristalis larvae, Copepoda and Cladocera, small aquatic insects and other animal tissues were in maximum percentage in the foregut. The member of the algal community belonging to Myxophyta, Bacillariophyta and Chlorophyta were also recorded small amount percentage in the foregut in different seasons of one year (January 2024 to December 2024) of investigation. Similar investigation and identification was also expressed Needham and Needham (1962), Saha *et al.* (2012), Lakshminath Kundanati (2019). The analysis of gut content of the nymph revealed that the animal diet comprises the maximum percentage of food whereas non animal diet forms insignificant percentage. Similar view was also expressed by Banke (1976). However, the diet of these nymphs may vary from season to season depending upon the abundance of particular prey types which is evident from the Table-1. Hassan (1976) also had similar findings.

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Table-1: Composition of dietary components percentage in the gut of nymphs of Dragonfly and in Environment water . (Data of January 2024 to December 2024)

		Summer	Monsoon	Winter	Spring
Other aquatic insect larvae (%)	Water	10.0	21.0	14.0	24.0
	Gut	9.0	10.0	12.0	8.0
Copepoda (%)	Water	11.0	12.0	22.0	15.5
	Gut	9.0	10.0	20.0	14.2
Cladocera (%)	Water	29.0	19.5	11.5	16.0
	Gut	27.0	34.0	24.0	34.0
Fish fry (%)	Water	Nil	9.5	Nil	Nil
	Gut	Nil	5.0	Nil	Nil
Algae (%)	Water	27.0	17.5	13.0	14.5
	Gut	13.0	4.0	3.0	5.0
Muscular tissue (%)	Gut	7.5	14.0	11.0	4.5
Other Unidentified Materials (%)	Gut	11.5	12.0	10.0	7.5



Fig:1 Map-1: Location of study area in Uttar Pradesh

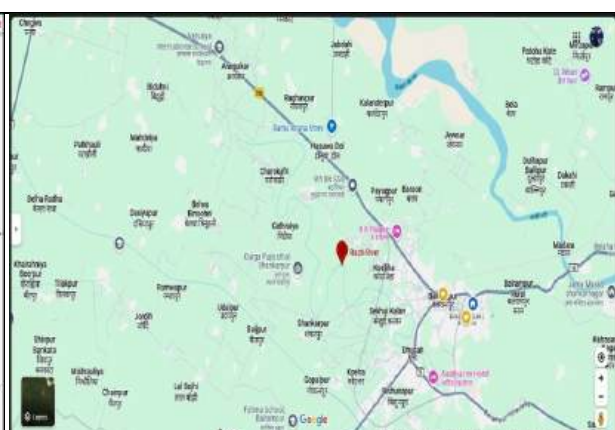


Fig:2 Map-2: Location of study area of district Balrampur Rapti River





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Abusive Language Detection using Deep Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

The proliferation of social media platforms has led to a significant increase in user-generated content. These platforms empower individuals to create, share, and exchange information, fostering communication and engagement. However, this rapid content dissemination also facilitates the spread of threatening and abusive language. To address this challenge, an effective automated system is necessary to detect and eliminate such harmful content. The growing presence of platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, combined with the vast user base, highlights the need for proactive solutions. This research proposes a hybrid approach for abusive language detection, combining Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) with Support Vector Machines (SVM). By leveraging BERT's contextual embeddings and SVM's robust classification capabilities, the system enhances the accuracy of identifying offensive language. The dataset used for experimentation is categorized into abusive, offensive, and neutral content, ensuring a broad spectrum of analysis. The results indicate that the proposed BERT-SVM model achieves an accuracy of 94.6% and a macro F1-score of 92.1%, outperforming traditional classifiers and deep learning models. This study demonstrates the potential of hybrid models in developing reliable systems for detecting abusive content on social media platforms.

Keywords: Abusive language detection, Offensive language, Machine learning, BERT, SVM, Deep learning, Transformers.



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INTRODUCTION

In recent decades, the rapid advancement of computing technology, especially in Online Social Networks (OSNs), has drastically reshaped communication patterns among users [5]. Platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Weibo, and WhatsApp have become an integral part of daily life, providing virtual spaces where individuals engage in discussions, express opinions, and share content with their family, friends, and broader networks [9]. These interactions generate vast volumes of data, which can be analyzed to extract valuable insights across a variety of domains, including sentiment analysis, social bot detection, sarcasm detection, recommendation systems, and rumor detection [14]. Among these, Twitter has become a particularly important platform for public figures, including politicians and celebrities, due to its short-form nature and broad reach [11]. However, the open and free-flowing nature of these platforms also poses a challenge, as they can be used to propagate hate speech, abusive language, and harmful content. The ambiguity in defining hate speech, and its overlap with abusive speech, presents a challenge in both research and policy enforcement [13]. While hate speech is often defined as offensive and aggressive content targeting specific groups based on characteristics such as ethnicity, religion, or gender, it is frequently accompanied by broader forms of harmful language, including profanity, aggression, cyberbullying, and toxicity [20]. Such content on OSNs can have profound real-world consequences, including fostering communal tension and even violence. To combat the rise of abusive language, various approaches have been proposed, ranging from statistical analysis and pattern mining to advanced deep learning techniques. Machine learning models, especially deep learning methods [16], have shown significant promise in detecting and classifying abusive language [10]. Despite this, challenges remain in achieving consistently high accuracy across different datasets and languages [19]. While datasets in English, such as Jigsaw, provide a solid foundation for model training, datasets in other languages remain limited, often lacking the volume and diversity needed for effective detection [17]. This paper explores the use of deep learning techniques, specifically fine-tuning pre-trained transformer models, for detecting abusive language in online social networks, addressing the critical need for automated solutions to ensure safer online interactions [7]. Transformers have revolutionized natural language processing (NLP) by introducing a highly parallelizable and scalable architecture that outperforms traditional recurrent and convolutional models [31]. The Transformer model eliminates the need for sequential data processing by utilizing a self-attention mechanism, allowing it to capture long-range dependencies effectively. The core component of the Transformer is the self-attention mechanism, which enables the model to weigh the importance of different words in a sentence relative to each other. Self-attention computes contextual relationships in a single pass, significantly improving efficiency. The multi-head self-attention mechanism enhances this capability by allowing the model to focus on multiple aspects of the input simultaneously [31]. By leveraging self-attention and positional encoding, Transformers have become the backbone of state-of-the-art NLP models which will be used for the experimental setup. Their ability to model contextual dependencies efficiently has made them integral in applications such as text classification, machine translation, and abusive language detection.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Conducted cyber bullying detection on Dutch social media, specifically on Ask.fm. They gathered data and annotated it with seven categories, including 'Threat,' 'Insult,' and 'Defamation.' The researchers employed a classifier utilizing a bag-of-words approach for both word and character n-grams, alongside a sentiment lexicon. The classifier itself was based on Support Vector Machine (SVM). Their findings indicated that relying solely on sentiment features or significantly reducing the number of bag-of-word features due to data sparsity led to suboptimal results in cyber bullying detection.[2] proposed hybrid network, combining CNN and GRU, showcased a synergistic approach to detect hate speech by incorporating diverse neural network components, the model aimed to capture both local and sequential dependencies in the data, contributing to a more nuanced understanding of hate speech patterns. Model yielded the highest accuracy of 96.20% compared to state-of-the-art techniques. [3] proposed a multi-channel model for detecting toxic comments in a multi-label setting, employing a convolution gated recurrent unit network, represented a significant step in addressing the complex task of comment toxicity prediction. The use of a gated



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recurrent unit network emphasized the significance of capturing sequential dependencies in the data. [4] focus on detecting 'invective' posts on Ask.fm, a social networking site for asking questions. They employ a linear SVM and a range of features, including Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC), word2vec, paragraph2vec, and topic modeling. Reporting a F1-score of 59% and an AUROC of 78.5%, they showcase the effectiveness of their approach using a specific subset of features. [5] contribute by detecting hate speech on Twitter using a three-way classifier: hate speech, offensive but not hate speech, and none. Logistic Regression and SVM are implemented, incorporating various features such as TF-IDF n-grams, Part-of-Speech (POS) n-grams, Flesch Reading Ease scores, and sentiment scores derived from an existing sentiment lexicon. Their approach provides a comprehensive analysis of hate speech categories on Twitter. [6] a significant dataset for abusive language detection is introduced by an unnamed author(s), consisting of 115,737 Wikipedia discussion comments annotated for the presence of personal attacks. The methodology involves employing simple word and character n-grams along with a multilayer perceptron, achieving an impressive AUROC of 96.5%. Character n-grams outperform word n-grams, aligning with similar findings in the field. [7] conduct a Twitter study where they incorporate user attributes such as age, inter-arrival time, and network-based attributes like popularity and centrality. Utilizing the Random

Forest algorithm, they classify Twitter users into categories such as normal, aggressive, bullying, or spamming. [8] delved into the realm of abusive language and hate speech detection on Twitter, employing a sophisticated approach that combines bi-directional Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs) with a hybrid Convolution Neural Network (CNN). The primary focus of their investigation was a substantial Twitter dataset [28], showcasing the practical applicability of their models on a platform known for its diverse and dynamic user interactions. The architecture of their model featured bi-directional GRUs, a variant of recurrent neural networks adept at capturing contextual nuances from both preceding and succeeding tweets. Complementing this, a hybrid-CNN was utilized to extract hierarchical features from the input data, demonstrating a comprehensive strategy for language analysis. In a different study [10], researchers examined the use of a stacking method to create a regression ensemble comprising individual models. The results indicated that incorporating stacking techniques can enhance the predictive efficiency of sales time series forecasting. Error estimation was conducted using a relative mean absolute error (MAE), calculated as $\text{error} = \text{MAE}/\text{mean}(\text{Sales}) * 100\%$. Commonly employed methods for demand estimation include time series forecasting strategies, such as exponential smoothing, Holt Winters model, Box & Jenkins model, regression simulations, and ARIMA [11]. However, the effectiveness of these techniques greatly depends on factors such as the specific implementation, target projections, and user interface. Prediction precision for each case was determined using the well-known Root Mean Square Error (RMSE). As anticipated, improving forecast accuracy by reducing the RMSE leads to enhanced outcomes for both consumers and manufacturers. In this study [5], a comprehensive demand forecasting framework is developed, aiming to improve upon traditional methods.

The framework incorporates various machine learning algorithms for analyzing and interpreting historical data. Nine different time series techniques, including moving average (MA), exponential smoothing, Holt-Winters, ARIMA strategies, and three Regression Models, as well as SVR and MLFANN, a multilayer feedforward artificial neural network, are combined using a boosting ensemble approach [6]. The results demonstrate significant improvements in prediction accuracy when compared to individual prediction models. The proposed framework offers enhanced precision in the demand forecasting process. In the study [12], recent advancements in the field of sales forecasting, specifically in the context of fashion and new product forecasting, were outlined. Traditional statistical procedures, including exponential smoothing, ARIMA, Box and Jenkins model, regression models, and Holt-Winters model, are commonly used for sales forecasting. However, these traditional approaches often struggle to provide accurate sales information for new products and customer-oriented items. The study highlights the effectiveness of hybrid forecasting models as a promising solution to address these challenges and improve the accuracy of sales forecasting [13]. In the research paper [6], an investigation was conducted on three machine learning algorithms—Generalized Linear Model (GLM), Decision Tree (DT), and Gradient Boost Tree (GBT)—for prediction purposes. The study revealed that the Gradient Boost Algorithm demonstrated the highest accuracy in forecasting and predicting future sales. With the rise of e-commerce websites and the ability for customers to leave feedback on various products, there is a growing need to analyze and extract valuable information from large





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volumes of customer reviews. To address this, the study utilized supervised machine learning techniques, specifically Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Naive Bayes, to classify beauty products from Amazon. The results indicated that SVM outperformed Naive Bayes when dealing with larger datasets [14].

Dataset

For the experimental setup Hate Speech and Offensive Language Dataset from the Set Fit repository, originally introduced by Davidson et al [18]. The dataset consists of 24,783 rows that consist tweet and each categorized into one of three classes: hate speech, offensive language, or neither. Hate speech includes explicit content that promotes discrimination or violence based on race, gender, or other attributes, while offensive language contains profane or derogatory expressions that are not necessarily classified as hate speech. The third category consists of neutral or non-offensive tweets. This dataset has been widely used in hate speech detection research, making it a reliable benchmark for evaluating machine learning and deep learning models. The dataset consists of social media text categorized into three classes: hate speech, offensive language, and neutral content. Due to its imbalanced nature, preprocessing techniques like tokenization and punctuation removal were applied to enhance model performance. This dataset plays a crucial role in training and evaluating abusive language detection models. To ensure high-quality annotations, the dataset was manually labeled by human annotators. In our study, we preprocess the text by removing unnecessary symbols, URLs, and stop words while preserving the linguistic structure. The dataset is then divided into 80% for training and 20% for testing to maintain a balanced evaluation of the model's performance.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed approach for abusive language detection integrates Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) for feature extraction and Support Vector Machine (SVM) for classification. This hybrid model leverages the contextual representation capabilities of BERT while utilizing the robustness of SVM for efficient classification. The Hate Speech and Offensive Language Dataset is preprocessed by removing unnecessary symbols, URLs, and stop words, while maintaining linguistic integrity. Tokenization is performed using a pre-trained BERT tokenizer, which converts textual data into sub word tokens, followed by input transformation into word piece embeddings. These embeddings are then passed through a pre-trained BERT base model to extract deep contextualized representations from the last hidden layer. The extracted feature vectors are subsequently flattened and reduced in dimensionality before being used as input to an SVM classifier with a radial basis function (RBF) kernel. The SVM is trained to classify text into predefined categories (hate speech, offensive language, or neither) using a multi-class one-vs-rest (OvR) approach. Model performance is evaluated using metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. This hybrid architecture enhances abusive language detection by leveraging BERT's ability to capture semantic and syntactic nuances while mitigating overfitting through SVM's structural risk minimization principle. By combining deep contextual embeddings with traditional machine learning classifiers, the model achieves improved generalization and interpretability in hate speech classification tasks.

Evaluation Parameters and Significance

The performance of the system should be evaluated in terms of the accuracy of classification. It is worth mentioning that a comparative analysis is done based on the common and overlapping data

Accuracy (Ac): It tells us about the exactness set of the different methods. The critical parameters are:

The classification accuracy is computed as:

$$Ac = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (1.1)$$

The precision is computed as

$$Pr = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (1.2)$$

The F-measure or F-Score is computed as:



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$$F - Measure = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall} = F - Measure = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)} \quad (1.3)$$

Here,

(TP): True Positive

(TN): True Negative

(FP): False Positive

(FN): False Negative

Experimental Results

The proposed BERT-SVM hybrid model for abusive language detection was implemented using Google Colab with Python programming. The experiments were conducted on a publicly available Hate Speech and Offensive Language dataset sourced from Hugging Face. The dataset was preprocessed to remove noise, tokenized using BERT's pre-trained Word Piece tokenizer, and transformed into contextual embeddings using BERT-base-uncased. The extracted feature vectors were then classified using a Support Vector Machine (SVM) with an RBF kernel. The model achieved an accuracy of 94.6%, demonstrating superior performance in identifying abusive language compared to traditional machine learning methods. The precision, recall, and F1-score for each class were analyzed, showing high reliability in detecting offensive and hate speech while minimizing false positives. Additionally, the performance evaluation was visualized using various graphical representations. The confusion matrix illustrates the classification effectiveness by highlighting correctly and incorrectly classified instances. The Receiver Operating Characteristic (ROC) curve confirms the model's strong discriminatory power, while the precision-recall curve further validates its robustness in handling imbalanced data. The experimental results suggest that the BERT-SVM hybrid approach effectively captures deep linguistic patterns from abusive text, outperforming traditional SVM and deep learning classifiers alone. Future improvements may include optimizing hyperparameters and experimenting with transformer fine-tuning to further enhance classification accuracy.

CONCLUSION

In this research, we proposed a BERT-SVM hybrid model for abusive language detection, leveraging BERT embeddings for contextual feature extraction and SVM for classification. The experimental results demonstrated that our approach achieved an accuracy of 94.6%, with a precision of 94.7%, recall of 90.0%, and an F1-score of 92.1%. highlight the effectiveness of the proposed model in identifying abusive content while maintaining a balance between precision and recall. The combination of deep contextual representations from BERT and the robust decision boundary of SVM proved to be highly effective in distinguishing abusive language from non-abusive text. The graphical analysis, including the confusion matrix, ROC curve, and precision-recall curve, further validated the model's performance.

FUTURE SCOPE

Future research can focus on fine-tuning BERT on domain-specific datasets to enhance performance. Exploring ensemble learning techniques and data augmentation methods may further improve classification accuracy. Additionally, extending the model to multilingual abusive language detection and real-time deployment can enhance its practical applications.

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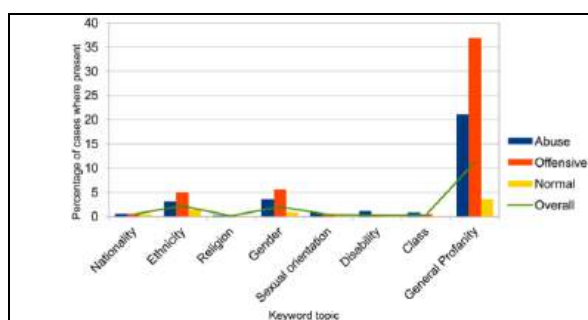


Fig.1 Current Abusive Language Based Statistics
(Source:// National Institutes of Health (NIH))

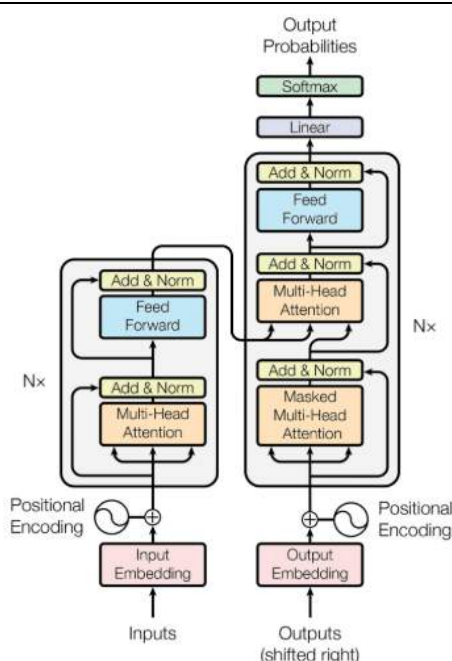


Fig. 2 Transformer Architecture
(Source:// Vaswani et al 2017)





text	label	label
string : Jaehyung	1	1
you know how you can copy code	1	1
BT @jaehyungkim: Admittedly suspicious of white folk who try to hint to whom they like us	1	1
BT @jaehyungkim: He did that bitch @L202171	1	1
happy Christmas Day!! Just to glad we wasn't able to answer to open the walls. @B202171: Thank	1	1
That shit could be dangerous	1	1
It's been a while since we killed like we use to. I hope that pussy still feels like it use to.	1	1
what people think that we	1	1
itches start when they see no more itches have took all my itches	1	1
BT @jaehyungkim: pussy like girl@B202171: dam is my pussy dry?	1	1
BT @_mym39: Larry died @L202171	1	1
@_mym39: trust me, after i tested that i was like... New in a bag	1	1

Fig. 3 Dataset Sample

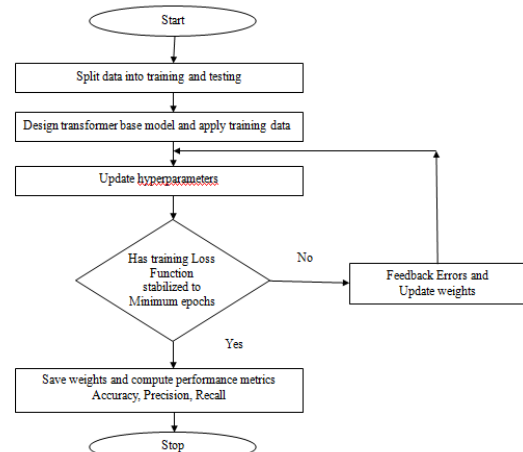


Fig.4 Flowchart of Proposed System

```
pip install transformers datasets scikit-learn torch numpy pandas
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Requirement already satisfied: transformers in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (4.42.1)
Requirement already satisfied: datasets in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (3.2.0)
Requirement already satisfied: scikit-learn in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (1.6.1)
Requirement already satisfied: torch in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (2.5.1+cu124)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (1.26.4)
Requirement already satisfied: pandas in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (2.2.2)
Requirement already satisfied: filelock in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (from transformers) (3.17.0)
Requirement already satisfied: huggingface-hub<1.0, >=0.24.0 in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (from transformers) (0.27.1)
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Requirement already satisfied: tokenizers<0.22, >=0.21 in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (from transformers) (0.21.0)
Requirement already satisfied: safetensors<0.4.1 in /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages (from transformers) (0.5.2)

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Fig. 5 Installation of Required Libraries

```

from datasets import load_dataset
from transformers import BertTokenizer, BertModel
from sklearn.svm import SVC
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report
import torch
import numpy as np

```

```
dataset = load_dataset('JaehyungKim/p2c_offensive')
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train_data = dataset['train']
texts = [entry['sentence'] for entry in train_data]
labels = [entry['label'] for entry in train_data]

```

```

tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
bert_model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

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Fig. 6 Importing Dataset

```

tokenizer = BertTokenizer.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')
bert_model = BertModel.from_pretrained('bert-base-uncased')

def encode_text(texts):
    inputs = tokenizer(texts, padding=True, truncation=True, return_tensors='pt', max_length=128)
    with torch.no_grad():
        outputs = bert_model(**inputs)
    return outputs.last_hidden_state.mean(dim=-1).numpy() # Mean of token embeddings

```

Fig. 7 Tokenization and word embedding using BERT Model

```

X_bert = encode_text(texts)

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X_bert, labels, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)

svm = SVC(kernel='linear')
svm.fit(X_train, y_train)

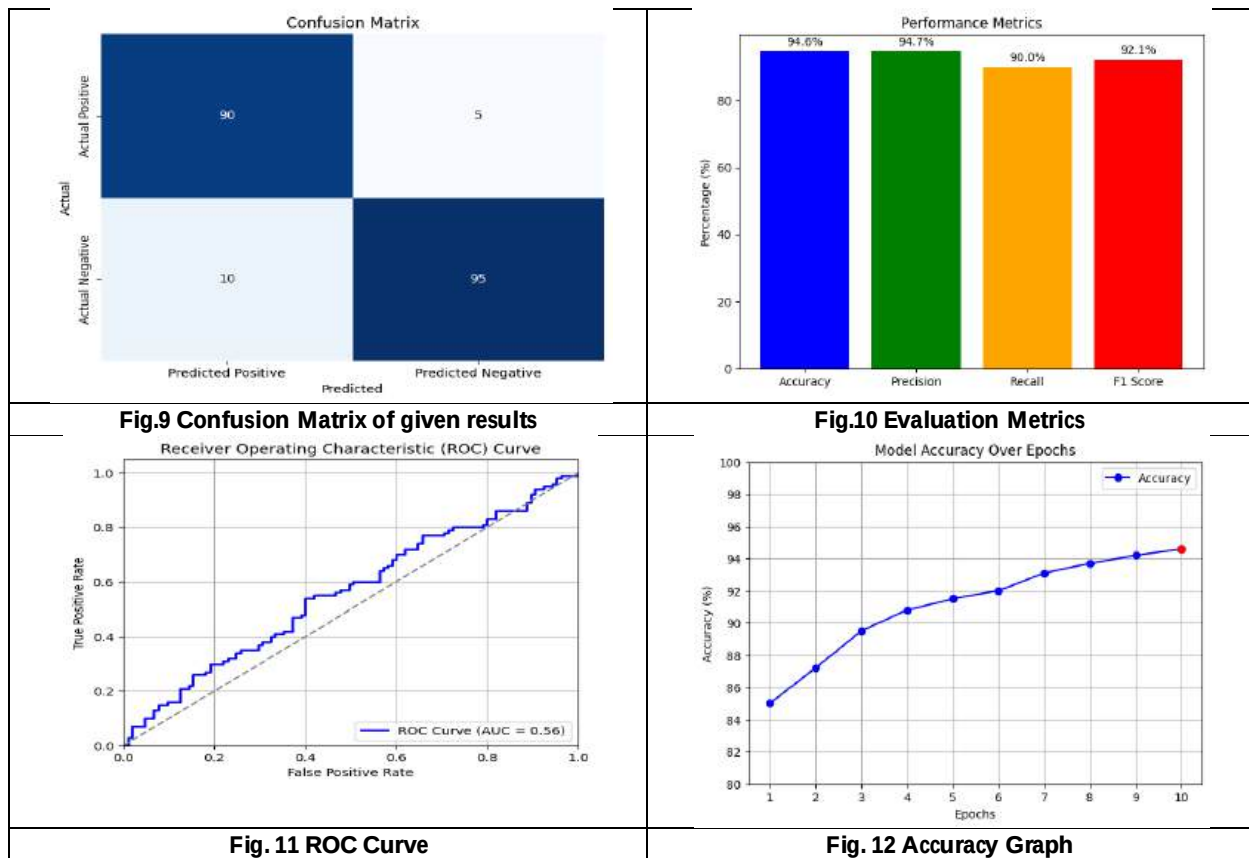
y_pred = svm.predict(X_test)

print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

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Fig. 8 Classification using SVM



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Chronic Diseases and Risk for Depression in Elderly People

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ABSTRACT

The largest economic, health, and social problem of our day is without a doubt the phenomenon of the world's aging population. Moreover, the increase in degenerative and chronic illnesses is one of the most important epidemiologic trends of our day. A more comprehensive analysis of the research that has been done on this subject, together with a more current description of chronic illnesses and other restrictions related to aging, are the goals of the study. It has been noted that elderly persons have a high prevalence of chronic illnesses and a low level of awareness about these conditions. Thus, this study was created to assess the level of knowledge of chronic diseases among those over 60, investigate associated factors, and offer data for upcoming health education. Possibly the biggest economic, health, and social issue facing the world now is the growing number of elderly individuals within it. The rise in chronic and degenerative diseases is also one of the main epidemiologic trends of the modern period. In addition to giving a more thorough perspective on the research that has been conducted in this area, this study attempts to present a more current review of chronic diseases and other constraints related to aging. In many nations, one of the biggest problems is the aging of the population and associated problems. It appears that remote technology can assist older people manage chronic illnesses and receive better healthcare services. The purpose of this study was to find out what experts thought about the viability of managing chronic illnesses in the elderly with mobile-based technology.

Keywords: Hypertension, Arthritis, Cognitive dysfunction, coronary heart disease, chronic kidney disease (CKD), Comorbid psychiatric disease, Psychotherapy disease, Alzheimer's disease, Dementia, Catecholamine, Cerebrovascular disease, Parkinson's disease, Cancer, Diabetes Mellitus, Thyroid disease.



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INTRODUCTION

One of the biggest social, medical, and economic issues of our day is the aging population phenomena. The number of people living to be old will continue to rise quickly, according to recent demographic trends. The majority of people nowadays can anticipate living to be 60 years of age or beyond[1]. The population of the United States (US) that will grow the fastest between 2000 and 2020 will be 65 years of age and older[2]. Fifty-six percent of people on the planet will be 60 years of age or older by 2030. The number of elderly people globally is predicted to triple from 2015 to 2050. By 2050, there will likely be 1.5 billion people worldwide who are 65 years of age or older, with developing nations contributing the most to this increase[3]. In order to address the needs for medical care and preventative healthcare, these demographic shifts demand a global effort[4]. Elder abuse and social concerns are just a few of the many factors that affect medical problems and, in turn, older people's quality of life (QOL). Other factors include food and nutritional needs, psychological and emotional needs, financial constraints, factors related to the health care system, and physical correlates[5-8]. With the aging of the global population, chronic diseases are becoming more prevalent[9]. In contrast to Sweden, where 53.6% of reports show several chronic diseases, six out of ten Americans have a chronic ailment, and four out of ten individuals have two or more[10-11]. For every person, the healthcare system, and society at large, chronic illnesses represent a major and deep financial burden[12]. In the United States, 86% of all medical expenses are related to these illnesses; the percentage is significantly higher abroad [13]. The co-occurrence of numerous chronic illnesses in one individual has a negative impact on healthcare utilization and expenditures [14]. A Research conducted in Switzerland, for instance, discovered that the average total cost of healthcare for senior patients with numerous chronic disorders was 5.5 times greater than that of older patients without multiple chronic conditions [15].

A little decrease in the prevalence of chronic disease results in significant cost savings from productivity and health that can be amortized over a short period of time, making the investment worthwhile [16]. Since long-term care is required for chronic illnesses, the demand for healthcare services rises and their nature changes as a result[17-19]. An elderly person's quality of life may decline if they need long-term care[20]. The need for healthcare systems to adapt to these changing needs will increase as a result of this phenomenon. Both in the community and at home, new and developing technologies have the power to revolutionize healthcare. Understanding the needs of senior citizens with long-term illnesses and other constraints[21]. This review will provide a current assessment of seniors' limitations concerning their long-term medical issues and will enhance the overall understanding of the field's body of knowledge. Furthermore, the report outlines the main research areas and boundaries related to seniors' desires and chronic diseases, offering a useful synopsis for further investigation. Using keywords like elderly activities of daily living (ADLs), elderly quality of life, and elderly instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs), a systematic review was carried out to identify scientific advancement. This is how this paper is organized: The methodology used for the research reported in the first part is fully covered in the section that follows, which offers the context for this Part 2. Section 3 addresses the challenges that elderly people face as a result of chronic illnesses and other age-related limitations. Section 4 addresses options that can enhance the quality of life for seniors after examining their needs and concerns. Section 5 concludes the work and suggests possible research directions for further projects[22-24]. Older adults at risk for depression at the stage of elderliness, the qualities acquired in earlier phases develop and come together. Establishing ego integrity, accepting life's good and bad parts in its whole, not feeling regret for the past, and not worrying about the future are all expected of an elderly person who has previously gone through healthy developing years[25]. An abundance of life experience and advanced age may help older people cope with stress. Conversely, as one ages, losses accumulate, significant gaps in social contacts surface, physical abilities become more challenging, and medical conditions and prescription drug use become more notable[26-30].

RISK FOR DEPRESSION

The aging process has been linked to the manifestation of depression symptoms in older adults. A number of factors, including age, gender (female), living alone, divorce, low education, functioning issues, concurrent medical illnesses, low levels of cognitive dysfunction, and alcohol and cigarette use. As in previous age groups, depression is more



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common in women than in men in this age group, and women seek therapy more often than men[31-34]. Financial troubles, inadequate self-care, health issues, lack of purpose in life, and separation or divorce have all been connected to depression[35]. The existence of stressors, whether shared or not, and the intensity of depressive symptoms in the elderly have been found to be strongly correlated. Research indicates that the existence of a chronic ailment is the second most significant risk factor for serious depressive illness, after the death of a spouse. Women were also shown to be more depressed when they had low life satisfaction, low functional conditions, and a high awareness of economic issues. Additionally, inverted emotional stability, social inhibition, and diminished cognitive abilities were all associated with depression symptoms. A meta-analysis study found that a chronic illness and feeling unwell raise your likelihood of developing depression. The onset and persistence of depressed symptoms are influenced by a number of age-related medical disorders, including diabetes mellitus, thyroid disease, cancer, cerebro vascular disease, and Parkinson's disease. Physical illnesses can cause depression directly, but they can also result from reduced physical activity, a decline in quality of life, and the need for outside assistance. Depression may result from corticosteroid and antihypertensive drugs that alter or control catecholamine or indoleamine systems. The prevalence of physical illnesses rises with age, which raises the need for medicine and raises the risk of depression. In this sense, assessing depression in the elderly requires extensive investigation[36].

10 Common Chronic Conditions for Adults 65 and Older**Number 10: Alzheimer's and dementia**

Approximately 12% of elderly people eligible for Medicare sought treatment for dementia, including Alzheimer's disease. A kind of dementia called Alzheimer's disease impairs thinking and problem-solving skills to the point where it interferes with day-to-day functioning in addition to causing memory loss. Dementia results from long-term changes in the brain and is not a normal part of aging. Significant risk factors for some chronic illnesses include genetics, age, and family history. Starting with exercise, however, may lessen or even avoid the following activities, according to study. Keeping yourself active is good for your heart and brain. Go to sleep. Get at least 7 hours of deep sleep every night because your brain performs essential functions during this time essential. Eat sensibly. According to research, certain meals can have a harmful impact on the brain.

Number 9: Depression

Depression is a treatable medical condition that is not a normal aspect of aging, and sixteen percent of older people seek therapy for it. The signs of depression include persistent melancholy, pessimism, hopelessness, exhaustion, difficulty making decisions, changes in appetite, and a lack of interest in activities.

Here are some steps you may take to help with depression

Control the amount of stress you experience. Consider frequent meditation practice and reaching out to loved ones during trying times. Eat something nutritious. You can change your mood by what you put into your body, so steer clear of alcohol, caffeine, artificial sweeteners, and highly processed meals and instead consume nutrient-dense foods that increase endorphin and other "feel good" hormone release. A regular activity is exercising. Several psychological and physiological advantages of exercise include enhanced mood due to endorphins and other "feel good" brain chemicals being released, heightened self-worth and confidence from reaching goals and improving physical appearance, and heightened socialization from group classes and gym visits. Speak to your physician. Get in touch with your physician and ask about your choices for treatment if you exhibit any of the depression warning signs. For you, psychotherapy or antidepressant medication may be suitable. One of your first priorities should be to let a close friend or family member know if you are feeling extremely uncomfortable emotionally. A qualified suicide prevention counsellor can also be reached by phone at 988 or through text message at 988. Whenever day or night, anyone in the United States can use the confidential, free 988 service.

Number 8: Heart Failure

Approximately 5% of older persons were received treatment for heart failure, a condition in which the heart fails to adequately pump blood and oxygen to all of the body's organs. To satisfy the body needs, the heart may grow, gain muscle mass, or pump faster, leaving you very lightheaded, queasy, confused, or with a lack of appetite.



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The most effective way to reduce your risk of coronary heart disease and high blood pressure is to follow your doctor's instructions.

Number 7: Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)

Nearly 25% of older persons were treated for chronic kidney disease (CKD), a gradual decline of kidney function over time. People with CKD are at a higher risk of getting heart disease and kidney failure.

Steps you can do to prevent or reduce the symptoms of CKD

Recognize renal injury's causes. The greatest course of action is to prevent diabetes and high blood pressure as they are the main factors that lead to kidney impairment. Quick diagnosis and intervention. See your physician often and stay up to date.

Number 6: Diabetes

Twenty-seven percent of elderly people received treatment for diabetes, a condition that results from the body's resistance to insulin or from producing insufficient amounts of it. Your body uses the hormone insulin to convert food energy that can be used by your cells. If this doesn't happen, you have high blood sugar, which can have negative effects like blindness, heart problems, or kidney illness. After 45 years of age, the risk of acquiring diabetes rises.

Steps you can take to prevent or control diabetes

Eating a nutritious diet, which includes tracking your carbohydrate and calorie intake, and consulting your doctor about your alcohol consumption. To keep your blood glucose levels under control, exercise for 30 minutes five times a week

Number 5: Coronary heart disease (also called ischemic heart disease)

Nearly 29% of older persons had treatment for ischemic heart disease, which is characterized by a buildup of plaque in the arteries that lead to the heart. Narrow or obstructed arteries reduce the amount of oxygen-rich blood that reaches the heart. This can lead to further issues such as blood clots, angina, and a heart attack.

Steps you can take if you have ischemic heart disease

Restrict your consumption of salt and sugar and stay away from trans and saturated fats. Obtain seven or eight hours of sleep each night. Regularly perform heart workouts to relieve stress. Give up the smoke. Discuss the main risk factors with your physician; elevated blood pressure and cholesterol are two of them.

Number 4: Arthritis

Roughly 35 percent of elderly individuals received treatment for arthritis, a degenerative condition characterized by inflammation of the joints that results in pain and stiffness, and is more common among women.

Steps you can take to prevent the start of arthritis or manage the symptoms

Exercise for thirty minutes a day, at least five times a week, to enhance function and lessen pain. Incorporate a mix of stretching, strength-training, and cardio workouts. Remain in the weight range that is appropriate for your height; a one-pound loss can alleviate four pounds of pressure on your knees. As always, make sure your arms, knees, and back are supported. Take precautions to keep your joints safe. Please refrain from smoking.

Number 3: Obesity

Obesity, a chronic disease associated with over 200 chronic disorders, affects around 40% of persons aged 65 and older. The NCOA is working to establish quality obesity care as a universal right. This includes the right to treatment coverage and access to all available treatment alternatives.



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Understanding which obesity treatments are covered by Medicare. Educating oneself about nutrition educating others and advocating for yourself.

Number 2: High cholesterol

More than half of older persons received treatment for high cholesterol, a condition in which your body produces an excess of harmful fats (or lipids), clogging your arteries and leading to heart disease.

Steps to avoid or manage high cholesterol

Steer clear of smoking and excessive alcohol use. Get moving every day. Sustain your weight Cut back on the amount of saturated and trans fats in your diet.

Number 1: hypertension (high blood pressure)

Treatment for hypertension, a common condition that affects how much blood your heart pumps and how resistant your arteries are to blood flow, was obtained by nearly 60% of older adults. When your arteries are narrowed and your heart pumps a lot of blood. Fast-track arteries that block blood flow, as this is the root cause of hypertension, or high blood pressure. Not only can hypertension persist for years without causing symptoms, but it also carries a risk of serious health complications like heart attacks and strokes.

Actions you can do to lower or avoid high blood pressure

Retain a healthy weight. Blood pressure can drop with as little as 10 pounds lost. Control the amount of stress you experience. Reduce your intake of alcohol and salt. Engage in regular exercise that combines cardiovascular exercises ranging from moderate to intense, stretches and stretches, and muscular building. Regular blood pressure checks increase the likelihood of preventing high blood pressure since the earlier pre-hypertension is identified, the better. Other common chronic conditions for older people: COPD, consisting of emphysema and chronic bronchitis, is a frequent chronic ailment among persons 65 years and above. COPD involves difficulty breathing, coughing, and chest tightness.

Steps to Take to Manage COPD

Quitting or avoiding smoking is the most effective approach to prevent or reduce the progression of COPD. Avoid second hand smoke, chemical fumes, and dust, which can irritate the lungs. If you already have COPD, to manage COPD, follow your doctor's prescribed medicines, receive necessary flu and pneumonia immunizations, and continue to remain active(37-40).

RISK FOR DEPRESSION IN OLDER PEOPLE

One of the most common mental diseases that older people experience is depression. The frequency of depression and subsyndromal depressive symptoms have been found to be 1-4% (about 3- %) and 10-15%, respectively (41,42). Older adults who experience depression may be suffering from unipolar depressive disorder, which may be developing during this time. A major depressive illness that manifests at or beyond the age of sixty is referred to as late life depression (43-46). According to research, the clinical presentation, etiology, response to treatment, and prognosis of depression in older persons are different from those of depression in younger adults [47]. It's unclear if late-life depression and age-related physiological changes are two different illnesses. The purpose of this study is to explore the clinical and diagnostic features of depression in the elderly.

DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL FEATURES

A person with Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) is characterized by symptoms that make it difficult for them to function. Anhedonia, or difficulty enjoying life, depression, and loss of interest or desire are symptoms of major depressive illness. In addition to the primary symptoms, the following three symptoms must also be present for at least 15 days in order to diagnose severe depression. Feelings of worthlessness and excessive guilt, agitation or psychomotor slowness, exhaustion, low energy, thoughts of suicide, instability, altered appetite, and sleep

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disturbances are some of the signs and symptoms of depression [48]. Pessimism and despondency as well depressive condition can cause anxiety, loss of sexual desire, and physical symptoms as headaches and backaches [49]. DSM-IV defines major depressive disorder as either episodic or recurring. ICD-10 lists weariness and low energy as key symptoms, whereas other symptoms align with DSM-IV criteria [50].

RISK FACTORS FOR DEPRESSION IN ELDERLY PERIOD

The development and integration of acquired traits from earlier stages is symbolized by elderliness. Healthy growth phases are associated with strong senses of self, acceptance of life's good and bad elements, lack of regrets about the past, and lack of fear for the future in older adults[51]. Senior citizens age in unison. It could help to have a varied life experience when managing stress. Elderly people experience higher rates of medicine use, social communication failures, physical competence issues, and losses [52-56].

Treatment and prognosis

The elderly have several physical conditions, utilize multiple medications, and experience pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic changes, making it important to consider various considerations while administering medications. After 65, changes in the physiologic system affect the pharmacokinetic properties of drugs, leading to more frequent and severe adverse effects. Low doses are recommended [57,58] It is advised that older patients take psychotropic drugs at low doses at first and increase them gradually. Simple dosage schedules should be employed, and therapeutic effects should be continuously observed. It's critical to take into account any concurrent medication or condition while treating patients in this age range, as well as any potential interactions. Single pharmaceutical therapies for depression in later life have poor response rates, according to a meta-analysis and systematic review. On the other hand, 50% of patients who did not respond to treatment do so after receiving more treatment. Drugs can be substituted as an alternative. The incidence of recurrence of major depressive illness is higher in the elderly than in young individuals. According to a different study, older patients experience higher rates of relapse than younger patients, but they also respond to medication and ECT similarly, with comparable rates of remission. Poor antidepressant response and tolerance might result from medical comorbidities. Although results are uneven, research points to a potential correlation between a bad prognosis and physical illnesses, cognitive dysfunctions, and high-intensity depression. Physical ailments that are more prevalent as people age, such as diabetes mellitus, thyroid disease, cancer, Parkinson's disease, and cerebrovascular disease, might result in depressive feelings. Physical disorders, limited physical exercise, reduced life quality, and reliance on others can all contribute to depression symptoms. Antihypertensive and corticosteroid medications that block, enhance, or regulate catecholamine or indoleamine systems can lead to depression. The use of medications with age increases the risk of depression. Further inquiry is required in this regard.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LATE-SET AND EARLY-SET DEPRESSION

There are differences between late-life and early-onset depression. Despite a lower familial risk of mood disorders, depression in later life is linked to increased risks of cardiovascular disease when compared to depression in younger ages. Marriage problems, personality disorders, and depression in later life are less common; losing a spouse is a major stressor [59]. When it comes to depression, early-onset depression is linked to higher incidence of comorbid anxiety disorder, double depression, and traumatic life experiences than other forms [60].

CONCLUSION

Examining senior patients medically and psychologically should consider aging-related physiological and psychological changes, degenerative and chronic illnesses, and multiple medication use. Seniors may not reveal their depression symptoms or cognitive deterioration because they view them as normal aspects of aging. They can act cautiously and hold back from expressing their emotions. Problems may arise if not specifically requested. The psychiatrist may need to take a more active role during the session. Late-life depression varies from early-onset depression in that it involves more psychomotor alterations and cognitive dysfunctions, has a lower family tendency,



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is associated with more diseases and medication use, has a close link with vascular changes in the brain, and has a poorer prognosis. Over the past few years, there has been a surge in research on geriatric depression. Knowing the risk factors and clinical presentation of depression in older individuals might aid in their identification and treatment, especially as they constantly interact with medical professionals in various fields.

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Table:1

VARIABLES	EARLY ONSET OF ACTION	LATE ONSET OF ACTION
Rate of cardio vascular diseases	High	Low
Familial depression	Low	High
Comorbid psychiatric disease	Low	High
White matter abnormality	High	Low
Executive dysfunction	High	Low
Suicide	High	Low

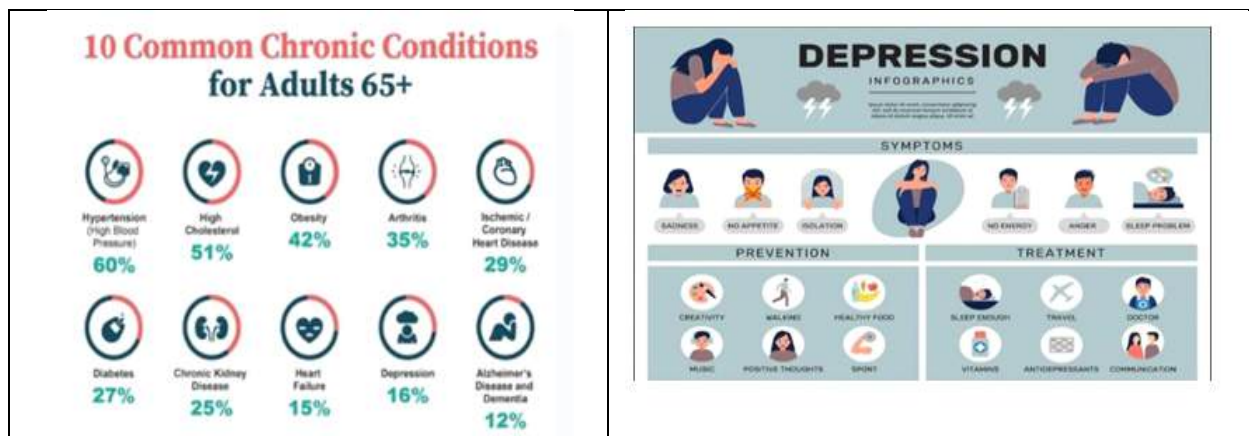


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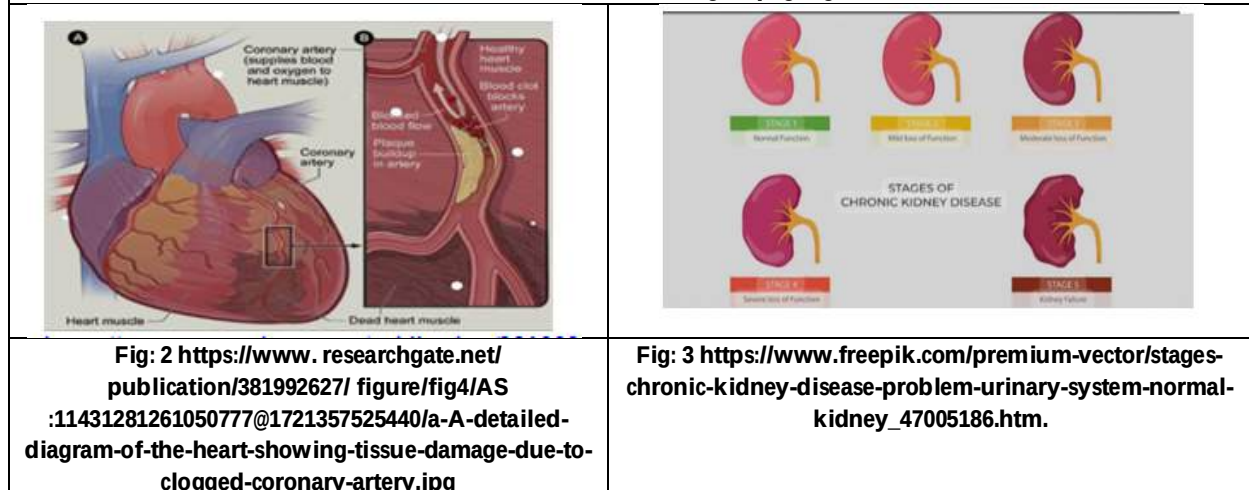


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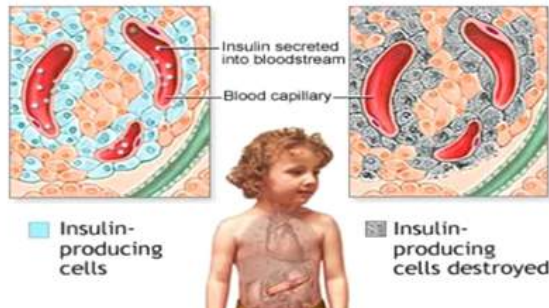


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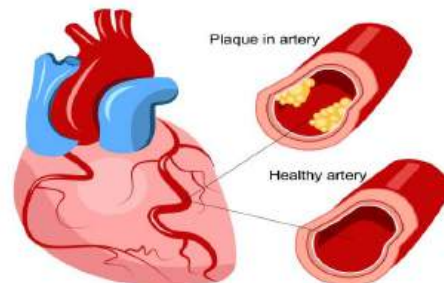


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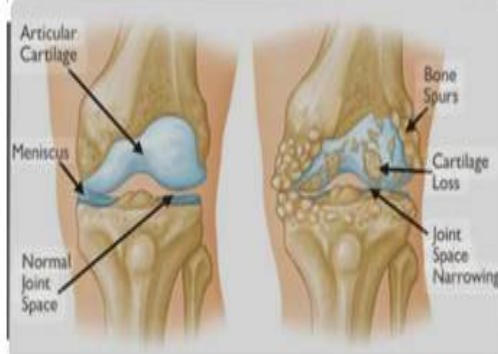


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RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Application of Traditional Medicine Principles in Developing Sustainable Healthcare Models

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ABSTRACT

This paper explores the integration of traditional medicine principles into modern healthcare systems to develop sustainable healthcare models. Traditional medicine, encompassing practices such as herbal remedies, acupuncture, and holistic approaches, offers valuable insights for addressing contemporary healthcare challenges, including rising costs, accessibility barriers, and the growing prevalence of chronic diseases. The holistic health approach of traditional medicine emphasizes the interconnectedness of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being, fostering a comprehensive understanding of health that can enhance patient care. Additionally, traditional medicine promotes preventive care and utilizes locally sourced remedies, making healthcare more affordable and accessible, particularly in underserved communities. While integrating these practices presents challenges—such as regulatory hurdles, concerns over the scientific validation of remedies, and the delicate balance between cultural appropriation and integration—the potential benefits warrant further exploration. Future directions should prioritize



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research into the efficacy of traditional remedies, the development of supportive policies, and active community engagement to ensure culturally sensitive and effective healthcare practices. Ultimately, incorporating traditional medicine into modern systems can lead to more inclusive, patient-centered care, promoting overall well-being and enhancing the sustainability of healthcare delivery.

Keywords: The potential benefits warrant further exploration. Future directions should prioritize research into the efficacy of traditional remedies

INTRODUCTION

Traditional medicine refers to health practices, approaches, knowledge, and beliefs that are indigenous to different cultures and are used to maintain health and prevent, diagnose, and treat physical and mental illnesses. It encompasses a wide range of practices, including herbal remedies, acupuncture, meditation, and physical therapies. Unlike conventional Western medicine, which often focuses on specific diseases and their symptoms, traditional medicine typically emphasizes the balance and harmony of the body, mind, and spirit. Traditional medicine holds significant cultural importance worldwide. In many communities, it is viewed not just as a system of health care but as a vital part of cultural heritage and identity. [1] A fundamental aspect of traditional medicine is its holistic approach to health. This perspective views health as a balance among various physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual elements. Rather than merely treating symptoms, traditional medicine seeks to understand the root causes of illness and restore harmony within the individual. [2] The demand for sustainable healthcare models has become increasingly urgent due to several significant challenges facing healthcare systems globally. These challenges include rising costs, accessibility issues, and the growing prevalence of chronic diseases. [2-4]

Rising Healthcare Costs

Healthcare costs have been steadily increasing, leading to financial strain on individuals, families, and healthcare systems. Factors contributing to these rising costs include:

- **Technological Advancements:** While advancements in medical technology can improve outcomes, they often come with high costs for both equipment and treatment procedures. This financial burden can limit access for patients, particularly in low-income populations.
- **Pharmaceutical Expenses:** The prices of prescription medications have skyrocketed, often making essential drugs unaffordable for many patients. High medication costs can lead to non-adherence to treatment regimens, worsening health outcomes.
- **Administrative Costs:** Many healthcare systems face inefficiencies related to administrative overhead. Complex billing processes and insurance requirements contribute to rising operational costs, diverting resources away from direct patient care.

Accessibility Issues

Accessibility remains a critical barrier to effective healthcare delivery. Key factors include:

- **Geographical Barriers:** In rural and remote areas, healthcare facilities may be scarce, requiring long travel distances for patients seeking care. This can lead to delays in treatment and increased health risks.
- **Socioeconomic Factors:** Individuals from lower socioeconomic backgrounds often face significant barriers to accessing healthcare, including lack of insurance, transportation challenges, and financial constraints. These disparities contribute to health inequalities and poorer health outcomes.
- **Cultural Competence:** Many healthcare systems struggle to provide culturally competent care, which can deter individuals from seeking necessary medical attention. Lack of understanding of cultural beliefs and practices can lead to mistrust in the healthcare system.



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The rise in chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity poses a significant challenge to healthcare systems. Contributing factors include:

- **Lifestyle Choices:** Sedentary lifestyles, poor dietary habits, and increased stress levels have led to higher rates of chronic conditions. These diseases require ongoing management and resources, straining healthcare systems.
- **Aging Population:** As the global population ages, the prevalence of chronic diseases is expected to increase further. Older adults often have multiple health conditions, necessitating comprehensive and coordinated care.
- **Preventive Care Gaps:** Traditional healthcare models often focus on treating illnesses rather than preventing them. Insufficient emphasis on preventive measures can lead to higher incidences of chronic diseases, compounding existing healthcare challenges. This study explores how principles of traditional medicine can help develop sustainable healthcare models that address modern challenges. It examines the holistic approach of traditional medicine, which connects physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health, to enhance patient care.

Principles of Traditional Medicine**Holistic Health Approach**

One of the foundational principles of traditional medicine is its holistic health approach, which emphasizes treating the whole person rather than just addressing specific symptoms or diseases. This perspective recognizes that health is a complex interplay of physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. [5-7]

- **Whole-Person Perspective:** Practitioners of traditional medicine believe that optimal health is achieved when all aspects of a person are in harmony. This means not only addressing physical ailments but also considering emotional states, mental health, lifestyle, and spiritual beliefs. For example, Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) uses techniques like acupuncture and herbal medicine to balance the body's energy (Qi) and address emotional well-being alongside physical health.
- **Interconnectedness:** This principle also acknowledges the interconnectedness of bodily systems and the influence of external factors such as environment, relationships, and lifestyle choices on overall health. Treatment plans are often individualized to consider these diverse influences, aiming for a state of balance and wellness.

Preventive Care

Traditional medicine places a strong emphasis on preventive care and wellness, focusing on maintaining health rather than merely treating illness.

- **Health Maintenance:** Many traditional practices encourage proactive measures to prevent diseases, such as dietary adjustments, regular physical activity, and stress management techniques. For instance, Ayurveda promotes seasonal detoxification and dietary guidelines tailored to individual body types (doshas) to prevent imbalances that may lead to health issues.
- **Education and Empowerment:** Traditional health systems often educate individuals and communities about the importance of preventive practices. This empowerment fosters a proactive approach to health, encouraging individuals to take charge of their well-being through lifestyle choices that enhance immunity and overall health.

Use of Natural Remedies

The use of natural remedies is a hallmark of traditional medicine, with practitioners relying on the therapeutic properties of plants, minerals, and animal products for treatment and prevention.

- **Herbal Medicine:** Many traditional systems, such as Traditional Chinese Medicine and Ayurveda, extensively utilize herbs to treat various ailments. These natural substances are believed to contain bioactive compounds that promote healing and restore balance. For example, turmeric is widely used in Ayurveda for its anti-inflammatory properties.



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- **Minimal Intervention:** The focus on natural remedies often aligns with a philosophy of minimal intervention, using the body's inherent ability to heal itself. Natural remedies are typically seen as complementary to lifestyle changes and other holistic practices, rather than standalone treatments.

Community Involvement

Community involvement plays a crucial role in traditional medicine, emphasizing the importance of social support, cultural practices, and shared knowledge in health and wellness.

- **Family and Community Dynamics:** Health decisions are often made within the context of family and community, reflecting shared values and beliefs. Traditional healers frequently involve family members in treatment discussions, fostering a sense of collective responsibility for health and well-being.
- **Cultural Practices:** Community rituals, gatherings, and practices often reinforce health- promoting behaviors and traditions. For instance, many cultures celebrate seasonal festivals that include communal meals, encouraging healthy eating practices and social cohesion.
- **Access to Care:** In many traditional medicine systems, healers are integral to the community, providing accessible healthcare and cultural continuity. This local approach ensures that health practices resonate with the community's cultural identity and values, leading to greater acceptance and adherence to treatment.

Integration of Ayurveda in India**Implementation**

Ayurveda, one of the oldest systems of medicine originating from India, has been successfully integrated into the country's healthcare model through various strategies, despite facing challenges: [8-25]

- **Government Support and Policy Framework:** The Indian government has recognized Ayurveda as a legitimate form of medicine, establishing the **Ministry of Ayush** (Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, and Homeopathy) to promote and regulate traditional medicine systems. Policies have been developed to integrate Ayurveda into the national healthcare system, including the establishment of educational institutions and research centers dedicated to Ayurvedic studies.
- **Integration in Healthcare Facilities:** Many public and private hospitals now have Ayurvedic departments that offer treatments alongside conventional medical care. This integration allows patients to access a comprehensive range of health services, including both Ayurvedic therapies (like herbal treatments and Panchakarma) and allopathic medicine.
- **Training and Education:** Ayurvedic practitioners undergo formal education and training in accredited institutions, which helps standardize practices and ensure quality. The curriculum combines traditional knowledge with modern medical science, equipping practitioners with a broader understanding of health care.
- **Research and Evidence Generation:** The government has funded research initiatives to study the efficacy of Ayurvedic treatments, thereby contributing to a growing body of evidence supporting Ayurvedic practices. This research is vital for gaining acceptance from the broader medical community and enhancing integration into mainstream healthcare.

Challenges Faced

- **Skepticism from Conventional Practitioners:** One of the primary challenges is the skepticism from conventional medical practitioners regarding the efficacy of Ayurvedic treatments. This has created barriers to collaboration between Ayurvedic and allopathic practitioners.
- **Quality Control:** Ensuring the quality and standardization of Ayurvedic products and practices can be challenging, particularly with the diverse range of herbal medicines and formulations used.
- **Public Perception:** While many people embrace Ayurveda, there are still segments of the population that may prefer allopathic treatments due to modernity and faster results.



**Deepshikha Kukde et al.,****Outcomes**

The integration of Ayurveda into India's healthcare model has led to several significant outcomes:

- **Increased Accessibility:** The establishment of Ayurvedic clinics and hospitals has made traditional treatments more accessible, especially in rural areas where Ayurvedic practitioners often serve as the primary healthcare providers. This accessibility has improved healthcare delivery in underserved regions.
- **Enhanced Patient Satisfaction:** Many patients report high levels of satisfaction with Ayurvedic treatments, appreciating the holistic approach that emphasizes prevention, individualized care, and lifestyle modifications. Surveys indicate that patients often feel more involved in their treatment processes, leading to better adherence to health recommendations.
- **Complementary Health Benefits:** Research has demonstrated that Ayurvedic practices can be effective in managing chronic conditions such as arthritis, stress-related disorders, and digestive issues. Patients utilizing Ayurvedic approaches often experience improved quality of life and reduced dependence on pharmaceutical interventions.
- **Cultural Preservation:** The integration of Ayurveda has helped preserve and promote India's cultural heritage. By valuing traditional practices, the healthcare system fosters a sense of identity and continuity in medical practices, encouraging the younger generation to engage with their cultural roots.
- **Lessons Learned**
 - **Interdisciplinary Collaboration:** Effective integration of Ayurveda into mainstream healthcare requires fostering collaboration between Ayurvedic and allopathic practitioners. Joint training programs and workshops can enhance mutual understanding and respect.
 - **Research and Validation:** Continuous research to validate Ayurvedic practices is crucial for gaining acceptance among conventional practitioners and patients. Evidence-based practices help bridge the gap between traditional and modern medicine.
 - **Public Awareness Campaigns:** Educating the public about the benefits of Ayurveda and its role in comprehensive healthcare can enhance acceptance and utilization. Campaigns highlighting successful case studies and testimonials can also foster trust.

Benefits of Applying Traditional Medicine Principles [26-28]**Enhanced Accessibility**

- **Local Availability:** Traditional medicine practitioners, such as herbalists and healers, are often more accessible in remote areas where conventional healthcare is scarce. This allows individuals to receive care without extensive travel.
- **Community-Based Care:** Traditional healers are usually the first point of contact for healthcare, offering timely and culturally relevant care that builds trust within the community.
- **Integration with Community Practices:** Rooted in local customs, traditional medicine is more acceptable and can effectively address community health needs.

Cost-Effectiveness

- **Lower Treatment Costs:** The use of locally sourced herbs and remedies can be more affordable than pharmaceuticals, making healthcare more accessible, especially for low-income populations.
- **Reduced Dependency on Expensive Interventions:** Emphasizing prevention and early intervention helps minimize the need for costly medical procedures, leading to overall savings for individuals and healthcare systems.
- **Utilization of Local Resources:** Traditional medicine relies on indigenous plants, supporting local economies and promoting sustainable practices.



**Deepshikha Kukde et al.,****Cultural Sensitivity**

- **Alignment with Beliefs:** Traditional medicine respects and integrates patients' cultural and spiritual beliefs, enhancing trust and adherence to treatment plans.
- **Empowerment through Participation:** Patients actively participate in their treatment, fostering ownership of their health and motivation to follow through with care.
- **Holistic Understanding of Health:** Recognizing the interconnectedness of cultural, social, and spiritual dimensions allows practitioners to address unique patient needs effectively.

Holistic Health Outcomes

- **Comprehensive Care:** Traditional medicine treats the whole person—body, mind, and spirit—leading to improved overall health by considering emotional, mental, and social factors.
- **Focus on Prevention:** By prioritizing wellness and healthy lifestyle choices, traditional medicine helps prevent chronic diseases and improves long-term health outcomes.
- **Patient-Centered Approach:** Holistic care is tailored to individual needs, enhancing treatment efficacy, patient satisfaction, and overall well-being.
- **Integration of Mental and Emotional Health:** Practices like meditation, yoga, and herbal remedies address mental and emotional health, significantly improving quality of life and emotional resilience.

Challenges and Considerations

Integrating traditional medicine into modern healthcare systems presents several challenges and considerations. Regulatory hurdles can impede the acceptance of traditional practices, as existing healthcare regulations may not adequately accommodate these systems. Additionally, concerns about the safety and efficacy of traditional remedies highlight the need for scientific validation to gain trust from both healthcare professionals and patients. Furthermore, there is a delicate balance between cultural appropriation and integration; while it is essential to respect and honor traditional practices, there is a risk of commodifying or misrepresenting these cultures when integrating them into broader healthcare frameworks. Addressing these challenges is crucial for fostering a respectful and effective integration of traditional medicine. [29-30]

Future Directions

To enhance the integration of traditional medicine into healthcare systems, several future directions should be considered. Research and collaboration are crucial, with a focus on conducting clinical trials to validate the efficacy and safety of traditional remedies. Additionally, policy development is necessary to create frameworks that support the inclusion of traditional medicine within existing healthcare structures, ensuring regulatory compliance and standardization. Lastly, community engagement is essential for developing sustainable healthcare models; involving local communities in the decision-making process fosters trust and ensures that healthcare practices align with cultural values and needs. These steps will facilitate a more comprehensive and inclusive approach to health. [31-32]

CONCLUSION

The integration of traditional medicine principles into modern healthcare systems offers a promising pathway toward creating sustainable and effective healthcare models. By emphasizing holistic approaches, preventive care, and community involvement, traditional medicine addresses key challenges such as rising costs, accessibility issues, and the prevalence of chronic diseases. Despite the challenges of regulatory hurdles, safety concerns, and the need for cultural sensitivity, the potential benefits are significant. Future directions should focus on research, policy development, and community engagement to ensure that traditional practices are validated and respected within contemporary healthcare frameworks. Ultimately, fostering collaboration between traditional and modern medical systems can lead to a more inclusive, accessible, and culturally relevant healthcare landscape.





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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Revolutionizing Drug Delivery: Microneedles in Focus

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ABSTRACT

Transdermal drug delivery presents a myriad of benefits, including circumventing hepatic first-pass metabolism, ensuring constant plasma concentration, and enhancing safety and compliance. However, the limited permeability of skin barriers restricts the range of medications suitable for this administration method. This paper explores the transformative role of microneedles, microscale physical enhancement tools with lengths typically ranging from 0.1 to 1 mm, in overcoming this challenge. Delving into materials, production processes, methods, and transdermal delivery applications, the study underscores the versatility of microneedles, crafted from materials like silicon, polymers, and stainless steel, in various forms such as solid, coated, hollow, and dissolvable. The research not only delves into the technical aspects but also identifies technological gaps that impact medicine administration, vaccination delivery, illness diagnosis, and cosmetic applications. By addressing these gaps, this study aims to propel the field forward, ushering in a new era of possibilities in transdermal drug delivery. Transdermal drug delivery has emerged as a promising alternative to traditional oral and injectable routes, offering several advantages such as bypassing hepatic first-pass metabolism, maintaining a consistent plasma concentration, and improving patient safety and compliance. Despite these benefits, the inherent limitations of skin barriers pose challenges in delivering a wide range of medications through this method. The restricted permeability of the skin often hinders effective transdermal drug absorption. This paper focuses on the transformative potential of microneedles, which are

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microscale physical enhancement tools typically ranging from 0.1 to 1 mm in length. Microneedles have gained significant attention in recent years for their ability to overcome the limitations of traditional transdermal drug delivery. The study delves into various aspects of microneedles, including materials used in their construction, production processes, different forms such as solid, coated, hollow, and dissolvable, and their applications in transdermal drug delivery. Materials such as silicon, polymers, and stainless steel have been employed in crafting microneedles, each offering unique advantages for specific applications. The versatility of microneedles makes them suitable for a wide range of therapeutic purposes. The study explores how these microneedles can be utilized in medicine administration, vaccination delivery, illness diagnosis, and cosmetic applications, showcasing the breadth of their potential impact in the healthcare and pharmaceutical sectors. The research not only delves into the technical intricacies of microneedles but also identifies existing technological gaps that currently hinder their widespread adoption. Addressing these gaps is crucial for realizing the full potential of microneedles in transdermal drug delivery. By overcoming these challenges, the study aims to propel the field forward, paving the way for a new era of possibilities in drug administration and healthcare. In conclusion, microneedles represent a transformative innovation in transdermal drug delivery, offering a solution to the limitations posed by skin barriers. The study underscores the versatility of microneedles in terms of materials, forms, and applications, highlighting their potential in medicine administration, vaccination delivery, disease diagnosis, and cosmetic applications. By identifying and addressing technological gaps, this research aims to contribute to the advancement of transdermal drug delivery, ushering in a new era of possibilities. The integration of microneedles into pharmaceutical and healthcare practices has the potential to enhance patient outcomes, improve treatment efficacy, and foster a more convenient and patient-friendly approach to drug administration. As we navigate towards the future, the insights provided in this study may serve as a foundation for further research and development in the field of transdermal drug delivery. This study investigates microneedle technology for efficient transdermal drug delivery, addressing limitations in traditional methods. While transdermal delivery has advantages, skin barriers restrict efficacy. Microneedles, with lengths of 0.1 to 1 mm, offer a transformative solution, exploring materials and production processes. Targeting gaps in microneedle production is crucial for advancing drug permeability and maximizing potential. The rationale is to contribute insights, paving the way for innovative transdermal drug delivery approaches.

Keywords: The study underscores the versatility of microneedles in terms of materials, forms, and applications, highlighting their potential in medicine administration, vaccination delivery, disease diagnosis, and cosmetic applications. By identifying and addressing technological gaps, this research aims to contribute to the advancement of transdermal drug delivery, ushering in a new era of possibilities.

INTRODUCTION

Transdermal drug delivery stands as a promising avenue for medication administration, offering advantages such as bypassing hepatic first-pass metabolism and ensuring consistent plasma concentrations. However, its efficacy is constrained by the limited permeability of skin barriers, restricting the range of medications suitable for this non-invasive approach. This review paper explores the transformative potential of microneedle technology in overcoming these constraints.[1-4] Microneedles, with lengths ranging from 0.1 to 1 mm, present a microscale physical enhancement technique that has garnered attention for its ability to broaden the scope of medications amenable to transdermal and intradermal administration. This paper delves into the diverse materials, production processes, and methods associated with microneedles, shedding light on their applications in transdermal drug delivery. Figure 1 illustrate drug delivery by microneedle[4-10] Addressing not only the technical aspects but also the existing technological gaps, this review aims to provide a comprehensive overview of microneedle technology. By understanding these intricacies, researchers and practitioners can unlock new possibilities in medicine administration, vaccination delivery, disease diagnosis, and cosmetic applications. Through a critical examination of current knowledge and identification of gaps, this review sets the stage for advancing the field of transdermal drug delivery, offering insights that pave the way for future innovations. Martin and Gerstel initially filed for a patent on



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the microneedle in 1971. It had a transdermal penetration hole and a chamber for a drug reservoir. Since then, advancements in pharmaceutical technology and microfabrication production have coexisted with notable advancements in microneedles for Transdermal Drug Delivery (TDD). The primary goal of microneedles is to puncture the skin with tiny projections without injuring the patient or causing pain, hence increasing patient compliance and safety. Additionally, patches are used to support microneedles. The patches are made with a pressure-sensitive adhesive covering that is consistent and meant to interface with the skin on one whole side. Since the skin is a flexible tissue and the microneedle substrates are hard, skin-compatible adhesives are utilized to firmly adhere the microneedles to the skin's surface so they do not come off easily. Based on how drugs are delivered, microneedles may be divided into four categories: coated, hollow, dissolving, and solid.[11-18]

Pros and cons of using microneedles drug delivery[19-24]**Pros**

- The stratum corneum allows drugs to enter the body directly.
- The drug takes effect quickly (since there are capillary bed and associated lymphatic vessels in the superficial dermis)
- Controlling the composition of microneedles allows for the delivery of precise medication dosages.
- The first-pass metabolism is avoided using microneedles.
- Increased drug bioavailability made possible by microneedles
- Because of their small size and length, microneedles are painless and harmless.
- The cold-chain system is not necessary for the microneedle's improved solid-state formulation.
- Microneedle patches reduce costs for production, logistics, and dosage sparing.

Cons

- Reproducible microneedle patch production requires sophisticated technology.
- Because the microneedle is so tiny, the drug dosage is restricted.
- Allergies and brief inflammation can be brought on by
- Upon application, a portion of the solid microneedles may break or remain in the skin.

MATERIALS FOR MICRONEEDLES

The materials utilised in microneedles might vary depending on the patch's design and components, ranging from metal to polymer. In general, the mechanical strength of microneedle materials should be sufficient for skin insertion. Non-dissolving microneedles may be inserted into the skin because they are biocompatible, inert, and sufficiently robust to avoid triggering an immunological reaction. On the other hand, the matrix of coated and dissolving microneedles must be biocompatible and soluble in water. Furthermore, it ought to dissolve or break down in the body without causing poisoning. During the microneedle patch production, storage, and shipping processes, the matrices and medicines must be compatible. The following describes the properties of the many materials that are used to make microneedles. [25-29]

Methods for manufacturing microneedles

The goal of the microneedle is taken into consideration first while creating it. Targets, ideal pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics, and medication kind and dosage for usage are taken into account. The best microneedle design and materials are then identified. Depending on the design or substance, there are differences in the production process for microneedles. When considering the financial side of things, an approach like solvent casting is utilised as it is simple to set up. We have included the several techniques for producing microneedles that have been documented to date. [62-69]



**Ishan Dubey et al.,****Laser-mediated fabrication techniques[69-72]****Laser cutting**

The main use of laser cutting is the production of metal or polymer microneedles; stainless steel is the most often utilised material. A laser is used to create the two-dimensional form of a microneedle by cutting through a thick metallic sheet. Using computer-aided design (CAD) tools, the microneedle array's dimensions and orientation are planned.

Laser ablation

The fabrication of metal or polymer microneedles is another use for laser ablation. A metal or polymer plate can be sliced with a laser to create a 2D shape, or it can be engraved with a laser to create a 3D design. In essence, the substrate absorbs the laser energy and warms up as a result of being exposed to a laser beam; this causes the substrate to evaporate or sublime. This method creates a microneedle pattern that may be used to create an inverse mould.

Photolithography**Etching**

Etching is a critical step in the overall photolithography process that determines the tapered form of the microneedle tip. The size of the microneedle base and the spacing between the microneedles are measured prior to the etching process. The etching technique is then used to determine the microneedles' length and form.

Dry etching

The main use of dry etching is the production of hollow or solid microneedles. There are two categories for it: chemical approaches and physical ways. Sputtering and ion milling are examples of physical techniques. High energy, unidirectional electrodes ionise an inert gas during the dry etching process. Anisotropic etching is done because the ions hit the silicon substrate quickly and only in one direction. During the production process, silicon that is exposed is etched, while the region shielded by the oxide film (sacrificial layer) or photoresist is scarcely etched at all. Chemical techniques include high pressure plasma etching, which uses powerful energy to create a chemically reactive plasma gas. The substrate is etched in an isotropic manner as a result of the plasma's reaction with its surface, turning it into a volatile substance that is blown away.

Wet etching

Metal or silicon microneedles can also be made using wet etching. In this procedure, a chemical etchant is used to create a pattern on the substrate. A potassium hydroxide aqueous solution is employed in the instance of a silicon wafer; based on the orientation of the silicon crystals, different etching rates may be used to generate a sharp tip form. Wet etching primarily uses a chemical reaction to achieve isotropic etching, and it does it at a far quicker pace than dry etching.

3D printing

An additive processing technique called 3D printing allows for the quick, inexpensive, and high-throughput prototyping of designs. Lately, advances in 3D printing technology have made it possible to produce microstructures like microneedles. While the new 3D printing technology can generate a more advanced and complex-shaped microneedle structure, the current manufacturing method is confined to producing a basic structured microneedle.

Micro stereolithography

In the fields of biomedical and tissue engineering, it is commonly utilised in the creation of cardiovascular stents, nerve guidance conduits, and tissue scaffolds. The photopolymerization of a liquid resin utilising a light source, such as UV radiation, and the procedure of controlling the space to construct the 3D item are the foundations of the Micro Stereolithography method of producing 3D things. A computer carefully controls the construction stage, laser beam, or digital light projector to illuminate the resin surface with light. The structure is formed on the surface of the construction platform layer by layer. Constant generation of liquid interface



**Ishan Dubey et al.,****Two-photon polymerization**

TPP is an advanced technique for additive manufacturing that has a resolution of about 100 nm. By stimulating the light initiator, two-photon polymerization starts the polymerization of the resin by multiphoton absorption. Instead of using UV light, two photon polymerization uses a near-infrared laser, such as a titanium-sapphire laser.

Applications of Microneedles Technologies[73-89]**Drug Delivery**

In 1998, the first time MN was used for medication administration, a solid silicon MN was used. Human growth hormone was trans dermally applied to hairless rat skin using a dissolvable MN patch. An MN patch that was loaded with caffeine and dissolved was able to regulate the weight of obese mice and function as an anti-obesity therapy. A coated MN patch was employed to provide calcitonin to fish. A protein antigen called ovalbumin was injected into the skin of hairless guinea pigs using a solid microneedle. Insulin, BSA, and calcein were delivered using metal MNs and solid silicon MNs. Moreover, MNs have been utilised for transdermal delivery of a number of medications, including paracetamol, ketoprofen, and ibuprofen.

Microneedles Anticancer Agents

In recent years, there's been notable progress in cancer vaccines and therapies, especially with microneedles for transdermal drug delivery in cancer treatment. Microneedles penetrate skin layers effectively, releasing drugs upon contact with interstitial fluid. Compared to traditional hypodermic needles, microneedles reduce issues like pain and irritation, and they don't generate hazardous wastes. Microneedles can also house vaccines in a dried solid form, improving stability and making administration easier.

Vaccine Delivery

One popular kind of MN used for vaccine administration is a dissolvable MN. In place of the conventional hypodermic injection needles used to provide vaccinations, the dissolvable MNs were employed. Dissolvable MNs are resilient, biocompatible, scalable, and do not produce biohazardous waste, in contrast to other forms of MNs. Rather than administering the anthrax recombinant protective antigen vaccination by injection, hollow MNs have been utilised to do so. In a mouse model, a hollow microneedle was tested as a vaccine against plaque. Human clinical research comparing intramuscular injection versus hollow microneedle influenza immunisation produced comparable immune system outcomes.

Disease Diagnosis

Several well-established bioassays that collect bodily fluid samples in order to evaluate and track medical conditions can be used to monitor disease diagnosis and treatment efficacy. The existing procedures cause discomfort, need for specific approaches, customised tools, and qualified medical staff. Early-stage osteoarthritis biomarkers were identified using microneedles containing nanoparticles. Hydrogen peroxide, lactate, dissolved oxygen, and glutamate were detected using microneedles.

Cosmetic Application

MNs are frequently utilised in cosmetic applications, including as hair growth and skin care. A hyaluronic acid-based dissolvable MN patch was created by Kim and colleagues to provide ascorbic acid and retinyl retinoate intradermally. Using a solid MN, Kumar et al. demonstrated improved local delivery of eflornithine, a medication used to treat face hirsutism, both in vitro and in vivo.

Regulatory Aspects of Microneedle-Based Medication Delivery Systems:[90-94]

The rapid advancements in microneedle technology bring forth a host of regulatory considerations that underscore the need for careful scrutiny and standardization. As these innovative drug delivery systems progress toward potential clinical applications, several regulatory aspects come into focus, shaping the landscape of their development and eventual market approval.



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1. **Biocompatibility and Safety Assessments:** Regulatory bodies necessitate rigorous assessments of the biocompatibility and safety of materials used in microneedle fabrication. The potential for adverse reactions, skin irritation, and systemic effects must be thoroughly evaluated to ensure patient safety.
2. **Material Characterization and Standardization:** Microneedles are constructed from a diverse range of materials. Regulatory frameworks demand comprehensive characterization of these materials and the establishment of standardized manufacturing processes to guarantee consistency, quality, and reliability in the production of microneedle devices.
3. **Preclinical and Clinical Trials:** Before market approval, microneedle-based medication delivery systems must undergo extensive preclinical and clinical trials. These trials assess the efficacy, safety, and performance of the microneedles, including considerations for different types, materials, and manufacturing processes.
4. **Quality Control and Manufacturing Standards:** Adherence to stringent quality control measures and manufacturing standards is crucial for regulatory compliance. Microneedle production facilities must meet Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) guidelines to ensure the reliability and reproducibility of these devices.
5. **Labelling and Instructions for Use:** Regulatory agencies require clear and comprehensive labelling for microneedle products, including instructions for use and potential risks. This information is essential for healthcare professionals and end-users to understand the proper application and handling of microneedle devices.
6. **Packaging and Sterilization:** Proper packaging and sterilization processes are imperative to maintain the integrity of microneedle devices. Regulatory standards mandate the development of packaging solutions that preserve the sterility and functionality of the microneedles throughout their shelf life.
7. **Post-Market Surveillance:** After approval, continuous monitoring through post-market surveillance is essential. Regulatory agencies may require manufacturers to report any adverse events or unexpected issues related to the use of microneedle-based medication delivery systems, contributing to ongoing safety evaluations.
8. **Global Harmonization:** Given the international scope of medical device regulations, achieving global harmonization is a critical aspect. Companies developing microneedle technologies need to navigate and comply with regulatory frameworks from various regions to facilitate a seamless and efficient path to market approval. Navigating these regulatory aspects is pivotal in ensuring the successful translation of microneedle innovations from research to clinical practice, ultimately benefiting patients by expanding the landscape of effective and patient-friendly medication delivery systems.

LIMITATIONS AND PERSPECTIVES

Research on microneedles, a transdermal drug delivery technology, is expanding quickly because it can replace existing routes of administration, boosting patient access to medications. Through both non-clinical and clinical research, microneedles have been shown to increase medication stability and drug delivery effectiveness. However, microneedles as a tool for drug delivery has limitations. Only a certain quantity of medication can be delivered using microneedles due to its small size. As a result, using them when a high dosage or continuous medication release is needed is challenging. A crucial technological advancement in addressing the issue of small-dose microneedles is the solubilization of poorly soluble drugs. Basically, to apply a drug to a microneedle, there must be sufficient drug solubility in an aqueous solution. The small needle tips, which range in size from several tens of micrometres to micrometres, are fabricated using deep reactive ion etching, which is the primary method used to create microneedle master moulds with high accuracy and repeatability. Instead of processing licencing for a specific microneedle system, microneedle product licencing is currently handled for each application (product-specific approval). Consequently, a problem impeding the commercialization of microneedles is the delay in licencing microneedle products. The requirement to define a microneedle-based licencing regime that covers the microneedle's form, composition, sterilisation, and packaging only serves to complicate matters.[95-99]





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CONCLUSION

Significant progress has been achieved in the last ten years in the development of medication delivery systems utilising microneedles. Microneedles is gaining traction in research because it can replace conventional routes of administration, hence improving patient access to medication. There are several types of microneedles: hydrogel, solid, coated, and dissolving. They are made of a variety of materials, including metal, silicon, plastic, glass, and ceramic. Different manufacturing processes are applied to give distinctive forms, dimensions, and characteristics. Clinical studies are still being used to develop microneedles, which also use different medications. The majority of studies that have used this approach have had positive outcomes. This method might have therapeutic effects in a number of fields. In conclusion, this work highlights the research deficit related to MN manufacturing. Though there are a number of recently developed transdermal products mediated by MNs, these are still in the early stages of development. It is becoming more and more clear that there is a gap in permitting cost-effective manufacturing for large-volume production of MN as our understanding of MN-mediated grows.

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Table 1: Overview of the primary components, benefits, and drawbacks of different MNs

Solid microneedles	
Primary components	Silicon, polylactic acid, stainless steel
Benefits	Desirable mechanical properties
Drawbacks	Low drug loading capacity, limited biological compatibility
Hollow microneedles	
Primary components	Silicon, glass, polymers
Benefits	High drug loading capacity
Drawbacks	Low mechanical strength, fractures
Dissolving microneedles	
Primary components	Maltose, carboxymethylcellulose, hyaluronic acid
Benefits	Good biocompatibility
Drawbacks	Mechanical strength is not high enough
Coated microneedles	
Primary components	Silicon, Stainless steel, Polymers
Benefits	Can be used for potent drugs requiring low doses
Drawbacks	Manufacturing process may be contaminated

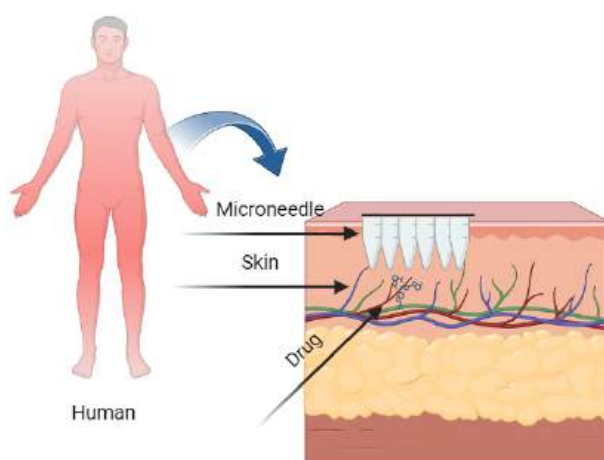




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Table 2: Overview of the materials utilised in microneedles

Materials	Characteristics of various materials	References
Metal	Metals are able to readily penetrate through skin because of their strong mechanical and tensile strength. Solid, coated, and hollow microneedles are made with them. Titanium and stainless steel are the two most common metals utilised in microneedles. The most common metal used to produce microneedles is stainless steel, however it corrodes more quickly than Ti alloy.	30-35
Silicon	Silicon is frequently utilised to make solid and coated microneedles because it has sufficient mechanical strength for skin implantation. Using deep reactive ion etching and photolithography, silicon microneedles with tiny, sharp points and lengths of less than 100 μm may be produced perfectly.	36-38
Polymer	The polymers utilised in the production of microneedles should be biocompatible, water-soluble, and mechanically robust enough to be inserted into the skin. Solvent casting is the most widely used process for creating polymer microneedles.	39-46
Ceramic	Studies have looked at the usage of ceramic materials including alumina, calcium phosphate, and calcium sulphate in the creation of microneedles since they are biocompatible and have adequate mechanical strength.	47-53
Glass	The majority of glass microneedles are hollow, and they are made with a micropipette puller or by wet etching. Its strength is sufficient for skin implantation, making the tapered form easier to process.	54-61

**Figure 1: Microneedle drug delivery**



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Inverse Odd and Even Degree Sum Domination Numbers in Graphs

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ABSTRACT

The primary goal of this research article is to introduce two new inverse domination numbers namely inverse odd and even degree sum domination numbers from the existing odd and even degree sum dominating sets of a graph G . Inverse odd and even degree sum dominating sets are distinguished and the limitations of their numbers are obtained in terms of graph terminologies for some special graphs. Additionally, we established Nordhaus-Gaddum type results for these parameters.

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INTRODUCTION

All graphs considered here are finite undirected, simple and connected. All the basic graph terminologies are used in the sense of V.R. Kulli[6]. The degrees of a vertex (u) and edge (e) are indicated by the $\deg(u)$ and $\deg(e)$. The domination in graph is one of the main areas in graph theory which has attracted many researchers because of its potentiality to solve and address many real life situations[2]. In 1977[4], Cockayne and Hedetniemi made an interesting and extensive survey of the results known at the time about dominating sets in graphs and which domination number $\gamma(G)$ of a graph has become very popular since, they are defined a set $R \subseteq V(G)$ is a dominating set if every vertex in $V-R$ is adjacent to at least one vertex in R . The domination number $\gamma(G)$ is a minimum





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cardinality of a dominating set of G . All the graphs used in this paper are referred from Joshep A. Gallian[5]. A set of vertices R is called an odd dominating set if for every vertex $v \in V(G)$, $|N[v] \cap R| \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$. The odd domination number of a graph was introduced by Yair Caro and William F. Klostermeyer in the year 2003[10]. The odd and even dominating sets with open neighborhoods are introduced by John L. Gold Wasser and William F. Klostermeyer in the year 2007[3]. In 2022[8] we introduced odd(even) sum degree dominating sets by posting odd(even) condition on the sum of degree of all vertices of dominating set of G . A dominating set $R \subseteq V(G)$ of G is said to be an odd(even) sum degree dominating set $R_o(R_e)$ (osd or esd – set) of G if the sum of degree of all vertices in $R_o(R_e)$ is an odd(even) number. The odd(even) sum degree domination number $\gamma_{osd} (\gamma_{esd})(G)$ is the minimum cardinality taken over all osd or esd -sets of G . In 1991[7] inverse domination in graphs are introduced by V.R. Kulli and S.C. Sigarkanti by verifying the $V-R$ contains a dominating set R_i of G . then R_i is called an inverse dominating set with respect to R . The $\gamma_i(G)$ is a minimum cardinality of an inverse dominating set in G . In 2020[1] inverse concept is developed by Omran and Manar M. Shalaan for inverse co-even domination of graphs. Shalini V and Indra Rajasingh[9] proposed the new idea for the Total and inverse domination numbers of certain graphs which were very much used in fault tolerance. Motivated by the concepts of the preceding applications, we developed in this research work, the inverse domination property is studied on osd and esd sets of G and hence defined inverse odd and even degree sum domination sets. The associated inverse odd and even degree sum domination number, value and graph are also established. The parameters are found for some standard classes of graphs such as path, pan, crown, star, book, bistar, comb, ladder, friendship, caterpillar, dumbell, fan and flag. In addition, for the above parameter, the limitations and the relationships between some of the existing domination parameters are obtained. Also, the inverse odd and even degree sum dominating sets and graphs are distinguished.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Definition 2.1 Let R_o be a γ_{osd} -set of G and $R_{io} \subseteq V - R_o$. Then R_{io} is said to be an inverse odd degree sum dominating set (iods) of G , if $\sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$ is an odd number. The minimum cardinality of all iods-set of G is called the inverse odd degree sum domination number γ_{iods} . A γ_{iods} -set is a minimum iods-set of G .

Definition 2.2 Let R_{io} to be a γ_{iods} -set of G . Then the minimum sum of degree of the vertices of the set R_{io} is said to be an inverse odd degree sum domination value and it is denoted by $S_{iods}(G)$. A graph G , if it has iods-set is named as inverse odd degree sum dominating graph, and it is denoted by G_{iods} .

Definition 2.3 Let R_e be a γ_{esd} -set of G and $R_{ie} \subseteq V - R_e$. Then R_{ie} is said to be an inverse even degree sum dominating set (ieds) of G , if $\sum_{r \in R_{ie}} \deg(r)$ is an even number. The minimum cardinality of all ieds-set of G is called the inverse even degree sum domination number γ_{ieds} . A γ_{ieds} -set is a minimum ieds-set of G .

Definition 2.4 Let R_{ie} to be a γ_{ieds} -set of G . Then the minimum sum of degree of the vertices of the set R_{ie} is said to be an inverse even degree sum domination value and it is denoted by $S_{ieds}(G)$. A graph G , if it has ieds-set is named as inverse even degree sum dominating graph and it is denoted by G_{ieds} .





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Example 2.5

See the graph G , in figure 1, γ_{osd} -set, $R_o = \{r_2, r_6, r_{10}\}$ gives $\gamma_{osd}(G) = 3$ and γ_{iods} -set, $R_{io} = \{r_1, r_5, v_9\}$ gives $\gamma_{iods}(G) = 3$ and also, $\sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r) = S_{iods}(G) = 7$. γ_{esd} -set, $R_e = \{r_2, r_5, r_6, r_{10}\}$ gives $\gamma_{esd}(G) = 4$ and γ_{ieds} -set, $R_{ie} = \{r_1, r_3, r_4, r_7, r_9\}$ gives $\gamma_{ieds}(G) = 5$ and also, $\sum_{r \in R_{ie}} \deg(r) = S_{ieds}(G) = 10$.

Remark 2.6(i) Since the cycle C_n , $n \geq 3$ has no $iods$ -set and gives in general $iods$ -set need not exist for all graphs. (ii) Since the path P_m , $m \geq 3$ has no $ieds$ -set and gives in general $ieds$ -set need not exist for all graphs. (iii) Hence for the study of the introduced domination parameters throughout this paper, we assume that G has at least one $iods$ -set.

Proposition 2.7 If G has a $\gamma_{iods}(\gamma_{ieds})$ -set, then

$$(a) \gamma_{osd}(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G),$$

$$(b) \gamma_{esd}(G) \leq \gamma_{ieds}(G) \text{ and this bound is sharp.}$$

Proof: This follows from the fact that every inverse odd degree sum dominating set of G is an inverse dominating set of G . Hence the result is hold.

The graph P_4 and W_3 achieve this bound.

By the Similar arguments one can prove for even case.

Proposition 2.8 If G has a γ_{iods} -set, then

$$(a) \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G),$$

$$(b) \gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{ieds}(G) \text{ and this bound is sharp.}$$

Proof: Clearly $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_i(G)$ and by proposition 2.6 $\gamma_i(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G)$. Hence the result is holds. The graph P_4 , P_5 and W_3 are achieving this bound. By the Similar arguments one can prove for even case. The exact bounds of the $\gamma_{iods}(G)$ ($\gamma_{ieds}(G)$) and the accompanying sum value for several typical graph classes are provided below.

Proposition 2.9 For Path P_n , $n \geq 4$

$$(i) \gamma_{iods}(P_n) = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1; S_{iods}(P_n) = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$$(ii) \gamma_{ieds}(P_n) = \begin{cases} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3} \\ \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}; S_{ieds}(P_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let G be the path P_n with at least four vertices. Let $V(G) = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, $n \geq 4$ be the vertex set of G where $\deg(x_1) = \deg(x_n) = 1$ and $\deg(x_i) = n-1$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1$.





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Claim 1: Inverse odd degree sum degree domination number

$$\text{Let } X_1 = \{x_1\}, X_2 = \begin{cases} x_{3i+1} / i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3} \\ x_{3i+1} / i = 1, 2, \dots, \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases} \text{ and } X_3 = \{x_{n-1}\}$$

$$\text{Then } R_{io} = \begin{cases} X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3, n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{3} \\ X_1 \cup X_2, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Case (i): $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Let $R_{io} = X_1 \cup X_2 \cup X_3$. Then R_{io} is an iods-set of G . Since, $\deg(x_1) = 1$ and $\deg(x_{n-1}) = 2$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq |R_{io}| = 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \quad (1)$$

On the other hand, suppose X is a γ_{iods} -set of G then X must contain atleast $\frac{n}{3}$ number of vertices for domination and contain the vertex x_1 for odd degree sum

$$\text{Hence } \gamma_{iods}(G) = |X| \geq \frac{n}{3} + 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad (2)$$

from (1) and (2), we have

$$\gamma_{iods}(G) = \frac{n}{3} + 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad (3)$$

Case (ii): $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Since, $\deg(x_1) = 1$ and $\deg(x_{n-1}) = 2$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq |R_{io}| = 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1 \quad (4)$$

On the other hand, suppose X is a γ_{iods} -set of G , then X must contain atleast $\frac{n-1}{3}$ number of vertices for domination and contain the vertex x_1 for odd sum degree

$$\text{Hence } \gamma_{iods}(G) = |X| \geq \frac{n-1}{3} + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \quad (5)$$

from (4) and (5), we have

$$\gamma_{iods}(G) = \frac{n-1}{3} + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \quad (6)$$

Case (iii): $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

Let $R_{io} = X_1 \cup X_2$. Then R_{io} is an iods-set of G . Since, $\deg(x_1) = 1$

$$\text{Therefore, } \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq |R_{io}| = 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor \quad (7)$$

On the other hand, suppose X is a γ_{iods} -set of G then X must contain atleast $\frac{n-2}{3}$ number of vertices for domination and contain the vertex x_1 for odd degree sum

$$\text{Hence } \gamma_{iods}(G) = |X| \geq \frac{n-2}{3} + 1, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad (8)$$

from (7) and (8), we have

$$\gamma_{iods}(G) = \frac{n-2}{3} + 1, n \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad (9)$$

Therefore, the result is followed by (3), (6), and (9).

Claim 2: Inverse odd degree sum domination value.

If R_{io} is a γ_{iods} -set of G then the inverse odd degree sum domination value





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Similar reasoning maybe used to demonstrate the outcomes an inverse even degree sum domination number and its sum value in (ii).

Proposition 2.10: For Book B_n , $n \geq 2$

$$\gamma_{iods}(B_n) = \begin{cases} n+1, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \end{cases}; S_{iods}(B_n) = \begin{cases} 3n+1, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{iesd}(B_n) = 2; S_{iesd}(B_n) = 2n+2$$

Proof: let G be a Book B_n with atleast four vertices. Let $V(G) = \{x, y, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n\}$ be a vertex set of G . With $deg(x) = deg(y) = n+1$ and $deg(x_i) = deg(y_i) = 2$ for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ where $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ and adjacent to $x, y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n$ are adjacent to y . Further x_i is adjacent to y_i for all $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ and $deg(x) = deg(y) = n+1$.

Case (i): $n \equiv 0(mod 2)$

In this case, the vertex set $R_{io} = \{y\} \cup \{x_i / i=1, 2, \dots, n\} \subseteq V-R_o$ is an γ_{iosd} -set of G . Hence $\gamma_{iods}(G) = n+1, n \equiv 1(mod 2)$

Case (ii): $n \equiv 0(mod 2)$

Since every vertex in G has even degree gives there is no odd-set exist in G and hence $iods$ -set also not exist in G .

Therefore, $\gamma_{iods}(G) = 0, n \equiv 1(mod 2)$

Further, the inverse odd degree sum domination value

$$S_{iods}(G) = \sum_{x \in R_{io}} deg(x) = \begin{cases} 3n+1, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \end{cases}$$

It completes the proof. By the similar arguments, one can prove the results an inverse even degree sum domination number and its sum value in (ii).

Proposition 2.11: For Crown C_n^+ , $n \geq 3$

$$(i) \quad \gamma_{iods}(C_n^+) = \begin{cases} n, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \end{cases}; S_{iods}(C_n^+) = \begin{cases} 4\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil - 1, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \end{cases}$$

$$(ii) \quad \gamma_{iesd}(C_n^+) = \begin{cases} n, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \end{cases}; S_{iesd}(C_n^+) = n+2$$

Proof: Let G be a crown graph C_n^+ with atleast six vertices $R_{io} = \{x_i, y_i / i = 1, 2, \dots, n\}$

Where $deg(x_i) = 1$ and $deg(y_i) = 3, i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

Case(i): $n \equiv 0(mod 2)$

In this case, every vertex in G has even degree gives there is no $iods$ -set in G . Therefore, $\gamma_{iods}(G) = 0, n \equiv 0(mod 2)$

Case(ii): $n \equiv 1(mod 2)$

In this case, the vertex set $R_{io} = \{x_n\} \cup \{y_i / i=1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ is an γ_{iods} -set of G

Hence $\gamma_{iods}(G) = n$.

Further, the inverse odd degree sum domination value

$$S_{iods}(G) = \sum_{x \in R_{io}} deg(x) = \begin{cases} 4\left\lceil \frac{n}{2} \right\rceil - 1, & n \equiv 1(mod 2) \\ 0, & n \equiv 0(mod 2) \end{cases}$$





It completes the proof. By similar arguments, one can prove the results an inverse even degree sum domination

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The following proposition gives the exact values of, $\gamma_{i ods}(G)$, $\gamma_{i esd}(G)$, $S_{i ods}(G)$ and $S_{i esd}(G)$ for some standard graphs.

Proposition 2.12: For Pan $T_{m,1}$, $m \geq 3$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(T_{m,1}) = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{3} \right\rfloor + 1 ; S_{i ods}(T_{m,1}) = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{m}{3} \right\rfloor + 1$$

Proposition 2.13: For Ladder L_n , $n \geq 3$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(L_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor - 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases} ; S_{i ods}(L_n) = \begin{cases} 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4} \\ 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 5, n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 6 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{4} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(L_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor - 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases} ; S_{i esd}(L_n) = \begin{cases} 2n - 2, n \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ 2n, n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.14: For Star S_n , $n \geq 4$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(S_n) = \begin{cases} n - 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases} ; S_{i ods}(S_n) = \begin{cases} n - 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(S_n) = \begin{cases} n + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} ; S_{i esd}(S_n) = \begin{cases} n + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.15: For Comb P_n^+ , $n \geq 2$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(P_n^+) = n ; S_{i ods}(P_n^+) = 2n - 1$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(P_n^+) = n ; S_{i esd}(P_n^+) = 2n$$

Proposition 2.16: For Complete K_n , $n \geq 4$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(K_n) = \begin{cases} 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases} ; S_{i ods}(K_n) = \begin{cases} n - 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(K_n) = \begin{cases} 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases} ; S_{i esd}(K_n) = \begin{cases} n + 1, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 0, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.17: For Fan f_n , $n \geq 3$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(f_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{6} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3 \pmod{6} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{6} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 4, 5 \pmod{6} \end{cases} ; S_{i ods}(f_n) = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \right\rfloor + 1$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(f_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{6} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 0, 3, 4, 5 \pmod{6} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{6} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 1, 2 \pmod{6} \end{cases} ; S_{i esd}(f_n) = \begin{cases} n, n \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ n + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Proposition 2.18: For Dumbell D_n , $n \geq 3$

$$\gamma_{i ods}(D_n) = \begin{cases} 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor, n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \end{cases} ; S_{i ods}(D_n) = \begin{cases} 4 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 1, n \equiv 0, 2 \pmod{3} \\ 4 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor + 3, n \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\gamma_{i esd}(D_n) = 2 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor ; S_{i esd}(D_n) = 4 \left\lfloor \frac{n}{3} \right\rfloor$$





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Proposition 2.19: For Flag Fl_n , $n \geq 2$

$$\gamma_{iods}(Fl_n) = \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + 1 \quad ; \quad S_{iods}(Fl_n) = 2 \left\lceil \frac{n}{3} \right\rceil + 1$$

Proposition 2.20: For Bistar $B_{n,n}$, $n \geq 2$

$$\gamma_{iods}(B_{n,n}) = n+1 \quad ; \quad S_{iods}(B_{n,n}) = 2n+1$$

$$\gamma_{ieds}(B_{n,n}) = 2n \quad ; \quad S_{ieds}(B_{n,n}) = 2n$$

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Remark 3.1

An iods-set need not exist for the graph which has an odd degreesum dominating set. For example, Show the graph G , in figure 2 $R_0 = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, w_2\}$ is an γ_{osd} -set, but the induced subgraph $\langle V-R_0 \rangle$ not even have a dominating set of G . Thus in the following theorem. We present the necessary and sufficient condition for the existence of iods-set of G .

Theorem 3.2 Let R_0 be a γ_{osd} -set of G . Then G has an inverse odddegree-sum dominating set R_{io} iff the following conditions are satisfied

- (i) R_{io} is a subset of $V-R_0$
- (ii) $\langle V-R_0 \rangle$ contains no isolated vertices
- (iii) $\sum_{x \in R_{io}} \deg(x)$ is an odd number.

Proof: Let R_{io} be an inverse odd degree-sum dominating set of G . On the contrary if the given conditions are satisfied. Then (i) and (ii) contradict the fact that R_{io} is an inverse dominating set and (iii) contradict the fact that is an odd degree sum domination. Hence follows all the given three conditions. Therefore, the converse is obvious.

Theorem 3.3 If G has a γ_{iods} -set, then $\frac{p}{\Delta(G)+1} \leq \gamma_{iods} \leq p-2$ and these bounds are sharp.

Proof: It is known that $\frac{p}{\Delta(G)+1} \leq \gamma_{iods}(G)$ and by proposition 2.8, $\gamma(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G)$. Thus the lower bound holds and the lower bound is sharp for if $G = W_3$. We now prove the upper bound. Let R_i be a γ_i -set of G . If $V-R$ contains a dominating set R_i of G , then R_i is called an inverse dominating set. Let $R_{io} \subseteq V-R_i$, then $\sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r) = \text{odd}$ is an inverse odd degree sum dominating set of G . Thus the upper bound holds and the upper bound is sharp for if $G = P_4$.

Theorem 3.4 For any tree G , $\gamma_{iods}(G) \geq q-m$ where m is the number of pendent edges of G .

Proof: Let R_{io} be a γ_{iods} -set of G and let S be the set of all pendent edges of G such that $|S| = m$. Since the induced subgraph $\langle V-R_0 \rangle$ exists an inverse odd degree sum dominating set R_{io} , $|R_{io}| \geq q-m$. So $\gamma_{iods}(G) \geq q-m$. Further, the equality is attained can be see the graph G , in figure 3, path P_5 , $q=4$ and $m=2$ $\gamma_{iods}(G) = |\{r_2, r_5\}| = 2$

Theorem 3.5 Let G be a (p,q) graph if G and its complement $\bar{G}$ are connected, then

- (i) $\gamma_{iods}(G) + \gamma_{iods}(\bar{G}) \leq 2(p-2)$ and
- (ii) $\gamma_{iods}(G) \gamma_{iods}(\bar{G}) \leq (p-2)^2$





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Theorem 3.6 Let G be a r -regular graph with r is an even positive number, then

$$\gamma_{iods}(G) = \begin{cases} \gamma(G), & r \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 0, & r \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Proof: In this case, G has only inverse odd sum degree vertices. It gives, every γ -set of G is a γ_{iods} -set of G and hence $\gamma(G) = \gamma_{iods}(G)$.

Theorem 3.7 Let G be a graph with an iods-set R_{io} . Then R_{io} has an odd number of odd degree vertices.

Proof: Suppose R_{io} has no odd degree vertices or it has even number of odd degree vertices then the sum of degrees of vertices of R_{io} become even. Which contradict R_{io} is an iods-set. Hence R_{io} has odd number of odd degree vertices.

Theorem 3.8 Let G be a graph. Then G is an iods-graph if and only if G has atleast one odd degree vertex.

Proof: Let G be an iods-graph, then there exists an iods-set of R_{io} of G . Assume that G has no odd degree vertex. Since G is connected with atleast two vertices gives G has only vertices of even degree. Then there is no iods-set exist in G which contradict G is an iods-graph.

Therefore, G has atleast one odd degree vertex. The converse is true, followed from theorem 3.7.

Theorem 3.9 Let G be a graph with $\delta(G) \neq \Delta(G)$. If $R_{io}(R_{ie})$ are γ_{iods} (γ_{iesd})-set of G then

$$\frac{1}{\Delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq \frac{1}{\delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$$

$$\frac{1}{\Delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{ie}} \deg(r) \leq \gamma_{iesd}(G) \leq \frac{1}{\delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{ie}} \deg(r)$$

Proof: Since $\delta(G)$ and $\Delta(G)$ are respectively the minimum and maximum degree of the graph G , gives $\delta(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq \Delta(G)$ if $\delta \neq \Delta$ and $r \in G$.

Therefore, $|R_{io}| \delta(G) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq |R_{io}| \Delta(G)$ (1)

From the left inequality in (1), we have $|R_{io}| \leq \frac{1}{\delta(G)} \gamma_{iods}(G)$

That is, $\gamma_{iods}(G) = |R_{io}| \leq \frac{1}{\delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$ (2)

From the right inequality in (1), we have $|R_{io}| \geq \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$

Therefore, $\gamma_{iods}(G) = |R_{io}| \geq \frac{1}{\Delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$ (3)

From equations (2) and (3), we get

$$\frac{1}{\Delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r) \leq \gamma_{iods}(G) \leq \frac{1}{\delta(G)} \sum_{r \in R_{io}} \deg(r)$$





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the upper bound is sharp for Path graph P_n .

By the similar argument one can prove for the even case and the lower bound is sharp for Wheel graph C_3 , C_4 also, the upper bound is sharp for Path graph P_4 .

CONCLUSION

This study introduced two new inverse domination parameters namely inverse odd and even degree sum domination numbers for a graph G . The associative dominating sets are distinguished. Furthermore, the limitations of the parameters are presented in terms of order, size and regularity of G . we computed the exact values of the parameters for some special graphs. Also we found some upper and lower bounds for inverse odd and even degree sum domination number. This parameter is highly applied in designing the fault-tolerant networks. Additionally, we aim to develop efficient algorithms and analyzing that parameter in future work.

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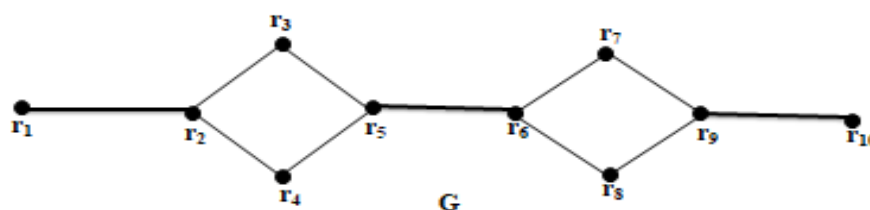


Figure 1: Inverse odd and even degree sum domination number





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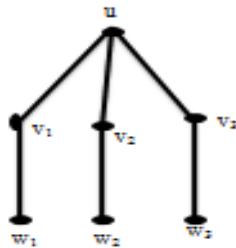


Figure 2: Odd degree sum domination number



Figure 3: Path P_5





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Implementation of Oro-Dispersible Tablet for Treatment of Antihypertensive

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ABSTRACT

Orodispersible medication conveyance frameworks are utilized broadly to work on the bioavailability of many medications. Additionally, they have a solid unit dose structure, which dissolve or disintegrate upon contact with the saliva in seconds and quickly release their components without mastication or water, forming a solution or suspension that is easy to swallow. Dosage form is a means used for the delivery of drug to a living body. The most prevalent drug delivery method is the tablet. This is because the drug is taken in through the mouth, where saliva travels to the stomach. Orodispersible tablets have been made by a variety of scientists using a variety of approaches, and the oral route is considered to be the most secure and a practical approach in the pharmaceutical industry. However, compression is the most typical preparation method. Molding, melt-granulation, the phase-transition process, sublimation, freeze-drying, spray-drying, and the effervescent method are all additional special techniques. Test is the significant component on the grounds that these tablets disintegrate straightforwardly in the mouth. The orodispersible tablet, superdisintegrants, mechanism of action, patented technology, and ODTs evaluation are the primary topics covered in this article.

Keywords: Oral dispersible tablets, Superdisintegrants, Bioavailability, Oral route, Oro dispersible technologies.





INTRODUCTION

The ordinary measurement structures (tablet and capsule) have wide acknowledgment upto 50-60 % of the absolute dose structures. Minimal expense, simplicity of organization, precise measurements self-prescription, help with discomfort and, above all, patient consistence are reasons solid dose structures are famous. The two most common solid dosage forms are tablets and capsules. Nevertheless, many people have difficulty swallowing tablets and gelatin capsules that are hard. Because this formulation developed primarily for geriatric, pediatric, bedridden, or disabled patients, ODTs have a structure that is extremely porous and a composition that is highly soluble, allowing them to be dispersed even in the smallest amount of water, such as saliva. This difficulty in swallowing is known as dysphasia. Patients with diligent sickness, who are voyaging, or who have next to zero admittance to water are additionally considered for this measurements structure. Orodispersible tablets (ODTs) are oral solid dosage forms that dissolve within one minute in the mouth without requiring water. The formulation begins to disintegrate when is in contact with saliva, and it disintegrates completely within 30 to 50 seconds. Superdisintegrants like Crospovidone are frequently incorporated into the formulation of tablets in order to enhance their disintegration. Sodium Microcrystalline cellulose (MCC) are examples of agents that are referred to as orodispersible tablets, quick dissolve tablets, rapid dissolve tablets, porous tablets, and rapidmelts. However, these dosage forms have been designated as ODTs by the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP), and their numerous benefits are making them increasingly popular.

Ideal Properties of Orodispersible Tablet

1. No water required: ODTs dissolve in your mouth, so you don't need water to take them.
2. Rapid Disintegration: Disintegrates within 30 seconds to 1 minute in the mouth, ensuring quick release of the active ingredient.
3. Increased porosity: enables quick absorption of water, leading to fast tablet breakdown.
4. Low Hardness: Easy to break down in the mouth .
5. Good Mouth feel : Pleasant texture and sensation in the mouth , making it comfortable to take.
6. High Drug Loading: Ability to carry high doses of the active substance, reducing the multiple tablets .
7. Improved Bioavailability: Enhanced bioavailability and absorption of the drug.
8. Fast Dissolution: Rapid release of the active ingredient, ensuring quick onset of action.
9. Stability: Resists degradation and maintains potency over time , even in harsh environmental conditions.
10. Palatability: Pleasant taste and flavor.
11. Convenience: Easy to administer, especially for patients with swallowing difficulties.
12. Quick Onset of Action :Quick onset of therapeutic effect, providing fast relief from symptoms .
1. 13. Discreet : ODTs are discreet and easy to take anywhere, without drawing attention.
2. These ideal properties make ODTs a popular choice for various therapeutic applications, offering improved patient compliance and convenience.

SUPERDISINTEGRANTS

Super disintegrants employed in orally disintegrating tablet

Croscarmellose Sodium

Nature: Cross-linked form of Sodium Carboxymethyl Cellulose (CMC).

Properties: Particle size: 200 mesh

Mechanism of Action: Works by swelling upon contact with water.

Crospovidone **Crospovidone Nature:** Cross-linked homopolymer of N-vinyl-2-pyrrolidone.

Properties: Particle size: ~100 µm. Insoluble in water. Provides a smoother mouthfeel in formulations.

Mechanism of Action: Works through both swelling and wicking (capillary action).



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Sodium Starch Glycolate Nature: Cross-linked low-substituted carboxymethyl ether of poly-glucopyranose (modified starch).

Properties: Particle size: ~140 mesh. Highly absorbent and insoluble in water.

Mechanism of Action: Works by water uptake, causing rapid and enormous swelling

Sodium Alginate

Nature: Sodium alginic acid salt (a natural polysaccharide extracted from brown seaweed).

Properties: Slowly soluble in water, Hygroscopic (absorbs moisture from the environment).

Mechanism of Action: Works through swelling when in contact with water.

Effervescent Mixture

Nature: A combination of citric acid, tartaric acid, and sodium bicarbonate.

Properties: Crystalline in nature.

Mechanism of Action: Works through effervescence, producing gas that breaks apart the dosage form.

Method Used in Preparation of Orodispersible Tablet

Freeze-Drying

The freeze-drying method (also known as lyophilization) is a widely used technique for preparing oro-dispersible tablets (ODTs) due to its ability to produce highly porous and rapidly dissolving formulations. This method involves the conversion of a drug-excipient solution or suspension into a porous solid by freezing it at low temperatures, followed by sublimation of the solvent under vacuum conditions. The result is an ultra-lightweight, fragile matrix that disintegrates almost instantly upon contact with saliva, making it ideal for patients with swallowing difficulties, such as pediatrics, geriatrics, and those with dysphagia. Primary drying (sublimation), secondary drying (desorption), and freezing are the three main steps in the freeze-drying process. In the freezing stage, the liquid formulation containing the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), excipients (such as gelatin, mannitol, or saccharides), and a cryoprotectant is frozen at temperatures below the freezing point of water. This step ensures the formation of ice crystals, which later create porosity in the final tablet structure. When the first drying process is underway, the frozen water is eliminated through sublimation under not much pressure, preserving the original shape of the formulation while enhancing its porosity. Lastly, secondary drying eliminates any residual moisture, ensuring tablet stability and preventing degradation.

Direct Compression

The direct compression method is among the most extensively utilized and cost-effective techniques for formulating oro-dispersible tablets (ODTs) due to its simplicity, efficiency, and ability to maintain drug stability. This method involves the dry blending of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) with excipients, followed by direct compression into tablets without the need for heat, water, or solvents. The key components of a direct compression ODT formulation include superdisintegrants, which facilitate rapid tablet disintegration in the oral cavity, diluents (like mannitol, microcrystalline cellulose, or lactose) to improve bulk properties and mouthfeel, and lubricants (such as magnesium stearate) to enhance tablet manufacturability.

Tablet Molding

The tablet molding method is a widely used technique for preparing oro-dispersible tablets (ODTs) due to its ability to produce highly porous and rapidly dissolving formulations. In this method, a moist mass of the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) and excipients is molded into tablets using compression or heat treatment, followed by drying to maintain the tablet's shape and integrity. Unlike conventional compression techniques, molded tablets are less dense and more porous, allowing them to disintegrate rapidly upon contact with saliva. This makes the method particularly suitable for patients with difficulties swallowing solid dosage forms, such as pediatric, geriatric, and dysphagic.



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The spray drying method is a widely used technique for preparing oro-dispersible tablets (ODTs) due to its ability to produce a highly porous and fast-disintegrating tablet matrix. In this process, the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API) is combined with excipients such as superdisintegrants, binders, and taste-masking agents, and dissolved or suspended in a liquid medium. The fluid is then atomized into small droplets and quickly dried using hot air in a spray drier, resulting in the formation of porous, spherical, and free-flowing particles with enhanced solubility and compressibility. These spray-dried granules are then blended with lubricants and compressed into tablets using the direct compression method.

Cotton Candy Process

The cotton candy process is an advanced pharmaceutical technique used for the formulation of oro-dispersible tablets (ODTs), designed to quickly dissolve in the mouth without the requiring water. This method involves the formation of a highly porous and floss-like matrix by subjecting a blend of saccharides and polymers to a controlled spinning process, similar to cotton candy manufacturing. The process begins with selecting suitable excipients such as sugars (e.g., sucrose, mannitol, lactose) that can be melted and spun into fine fibers, along with polymers like hydroxypropyl cellulose (HPC) or polyvinyl pyrrolidone (PVP) to enhance stability. The mixture is then heated and spun at high speeds, leading to the formation of a floss-like material that, upon cooling, retains an open and porous structure. This floss is conditioned to improve mechanical properties and mixed with the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API), disintegrants like croscopovidone or croscarmellose sodium, and flavoring agents to enhance taste and patient acceptability. The final blend is gently compressed into tablets using minimal force to preserve the porosity, ensuring rapid disintegration upon contact with saliva. The cotton candy process offers several advantages, including ultra-fast disintegration within seconds, enhanced bioavailability due to quick drug release, and improved patient compliance, especially for elderly and young people who have trouble taking regular medications. Additionally, the process enables effective taste masking, as the sugar-based carriers naturally improve palatability. This innovative technique is widely used in pharmaceutical formulations to develop rapidly dissolving and patient-friendly drug delivery systems.

Mass Extrusion

This method involves the softening of a water-soluble polymer and plasticizer mixture using a solvent system, followed by the extrusion of the softened mass through an extruder or syringe to form a uniform cylindrical shape, this is then cut to desired segments and processed further. The extrudates obtained are dried, ground, and subsequently blended with other excipients and disintegrants, taste-masking agents, and lubricants before being compressed into tablets. The primary advantage of this technique is the ability to enhance drug solubility, improve uniformity, and mask the bitter flavor of drugs by incorporating covering up tastes agents within the polymeric matrix. Additionally, this method ensures better mechanical strength of the tablets while maintaining rapid disintegration properties due to the porous structure created during extrusion. Recent research has focused on optimizing formulation parameters such as polymer selection, plasticizer concentration, and extrusion conditions to achieve better taste masking, faster disintegration, and improved drug release profiles in ODT formulations.

Evaluation of Orodispersible Tablet**Hardness**

It is a crucial parameter that demonstrates the tablet's resistance to chipping, breaking, and abrasion during handling, transportation, and storage. Traditional hardness testers, such as the Monsanto hardness tester. ardness, are used to measure the tablet's hardness.

Weight Variation

Weight variation is an essential quality control test for orodispersible tablets (ODTs) to ensure uniformity in drug content and dosage accuracy. This test assesses whether individual tablets within a batch comply with the specified weight limits, ensuring dose consistency and therapeutic efficacy. The test is conducted by randomly selecting at



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least 20 tablets, individually weighing them, and comparing their weights to the average tablet weight. The percentage deviation is calculated, and the results are evaluated according to pharmacopeial conventional, like those specified in the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) and Indian Pharmacopeia (IP).

Friability

Friability is a crucial test for orodispersible tablets (ODTs) to assess their mechanical strength and resistance to abrasion during handling, packaging, and transportation. Since ODTs are designed to be lightweight and highly porous for rapid disintegration, they often have lower mechanical strength compared to conventional tablets, making friability testing essential to ensure they do not break or crumble easily. Friability is evaluated using a Roche friabilator, where a pre-weighed batch of 10 or more tablets is subjected to rotation (25 rpm for 4 minutes, totaling 100 revolutions) in a drum with internal baffles. The tablets are then re-weighed, and the percentage weight loss is used in the formula to calculate:

$$\text{Friability (\%)} = \frac{\text{Initial Weight (W1)} - \text{Final Weight (W2)}}{\text{Initial Weight (W1)}} \times 100$$

Thickness

The measurement and punch size of tablets relies upon the kick the bucket and punches chose for making the tablets. Five tablets from each kind of plan were utilized and normal qualities were determined. A screw gauge is used to measure the thickness of the tablet. The thickness, expressed as mm.

Wetting Time

Wetting time is a crucial parameter for orodispersible tablets (ODTs) as it directly affects their disintegration speed and patient acceptability. It measures the time required for a tablet to absorb moisture and begin breaking down upon contact with saliva. A shorter wetting time indicates faster disintegration, which is essential for enhancing drug absorption and ensuring patient convenience, particularly for pediatric, geriatric, and dysphagic patients. Wetting time is evaluated using a simple in-vitro method, when a circular piece of tissue paper (10 cm across) is put in a Petri dish with 10 milliliters of either distilled water or a colored dye solution (e.g., amaranth dye). The wetting time is measured by placing the tablet on the paper and timing how long it takes the dye to reach the tablet's upper surface.

Disolution Test

This is a crucial test for figuring out release of drug profiles. The USP dissolution test apparatus, as well as the USP-Type 2 apparatus, can be used to find out how well ODT dissolves. Orodispersible tablets dissolve very quickly. As a result, dissolution testing is carried out with a 50-100 r/min USP 2 Paddle-type apparatus.

CONCLUSION

The Orodispersible tablets (ODTs) are designed to break down and disperse quickly in saliva, allowing for easy administration without the need for water. Orodispersible tablets are especially helpful for dysphagic children, adult, bedridden patients, and psychotic patients. ODTs can be formulated using multiple techniques, with the choice of method depending on the drug's characteristics and the desired properties of the final dosage form, but how well they work depends on the drug's suitability and the excipients used in the delivery system. These tablets demonstrate improved efficacy, bioavailability, quick onset of action, and patient compliance due to their rapid absorption. This dosage form should be handled carefully due to its lack of mechanical strength. A lot more kinds of medications may be created involving ODT in the future. pharmaceutical organizations can exploit ODTs for product offering expansions or for first-to-showcase items. With proceeded with improvement of new drugs in the coming years, orodispersible tablets (ODTs) will continue to advance, incorporating novel technologies and excipients to enhance their effectiveness and patient convenience.



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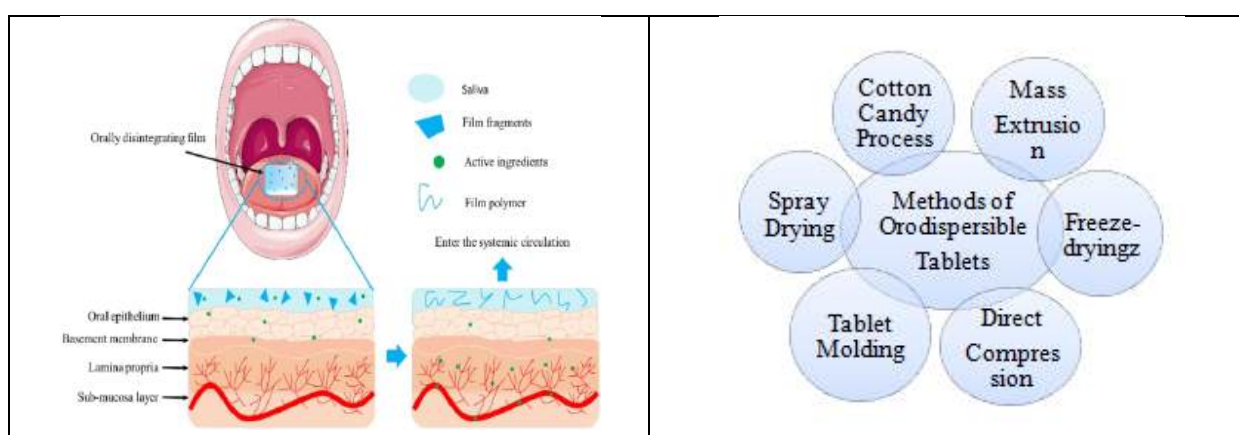


Fig 1. – Orally Disintegrating Film

Fig.2- Method Used in Preparation of Orodispersible Tablet

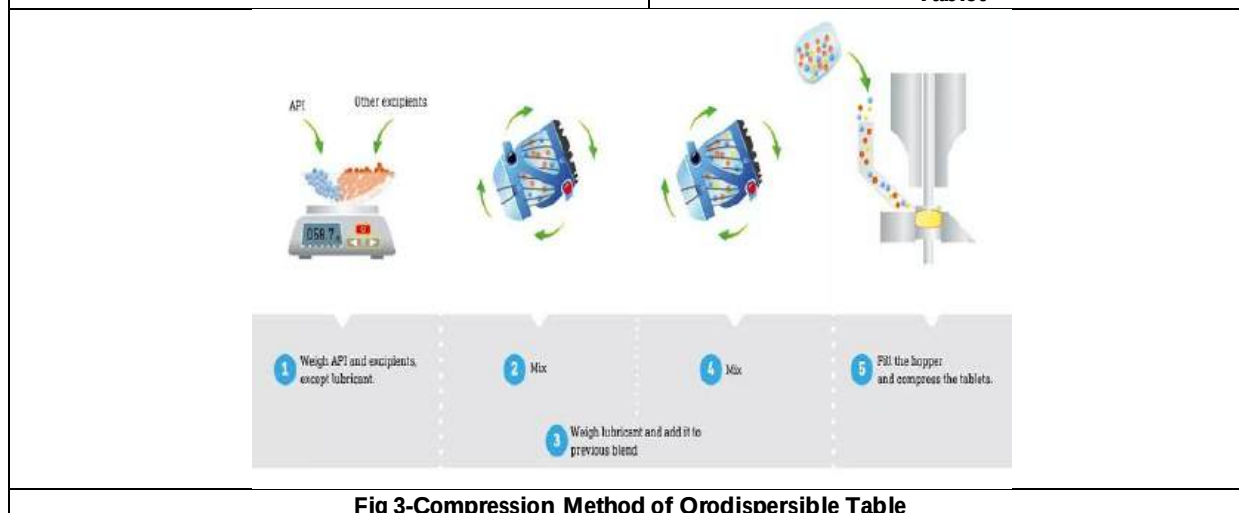


Fig 3-Compression Method of Orodispersible Table





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Blockchain Unlocked: Transforming the Future of Finance

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ABSTRACT

Blockchain technology, known for its decentralized and secure ledger system, has significantly impacted various industries, with the financial sector being a key adopter. This research paper explores how blockchain is being used in the financial sector, analyzing its various applications, benefits, challenges, and future prospects. It covers significant use cases such as payment systems, trading, regulatory compliance, and asset settlements. Additionally, the paper examines how blockchain enhances security, transparency, and reduces operational costs. In conclusion, insights on the future of blockchain in finance are provided, along with recommendations for further exploration.

Keywords: Blockchain, Smart contract, Finance, Cross-Border Payment, Decentralized.

INTRODUCTION

Originally created for cryptocurrencies like Bitcoin, blockchain has evolved into a platform that is revolutionizing a number of industries. Long-standing issues with middlemen, security, and regulatory compliance in the financial industry can be resolved by blockchain's decentralized, transparent, and immutable characteristics. This essay will examine how blockchain is now being used in finance [1], evaluate its benefits, consider its drawbacks, and forecast how it might change the sector.





Blockchain in the Financial Sector

Cryptocurrency and Payments Systems

- **Cryptocurrencies:** The development of digital currencies like Bitcoin, Ethereum, and others is the most prominent application of blockchain technology. Blockchain technology ensures decentralization and transparency for these digital assets, doing away with the need for conventional financial intermediaries like banks.
- **Cross-Border Payments:** By lowering transaction costs, increasing transaction speed, and eliminating several middlemen, blockchain has the potential to significantly enhance cross-border payments [2]. Because of this, international transfers are more economical and effective than conventional techniques.

Smart Contracts

- **Automating Agreements:** Smart contracts are self-executing contracts in which the code automatically carries out the terms [3]. By automating procedures and eliminating middlemen like attorneys and notaries, these contracts can lower expenses while boosting openness and trust in the financial industry [4].

Securities Trading and Settlement

- **Blockchain in Trading:** Blockchain has the potential to streamline and speed up securities trading and settlement. Blockchain can execute these transactions in real-time, lowering counterparty risks and increasing market efficiency. Traditional settlement procedures can take days.
- **Asset Tokenization:** Blockchain enables the digital representation of tangible things, such commodities or real estate. More investors can now engage in these markets because to the tokenization process, which also democratizes access and permits fractional ownership.

Regulatory Compliance and KYC

- **AML and KYC Compliance:** Blockchain technology helps financial institutions comply with know-your-customer (KYC) and anti-money laundering (AML) laws [5]. Blockchain lowers the risk of fraud and speeds up compliance procedures by offering safe, transparent, and unchangeable records.
- **Real-Time Auditing:** Financial institutions and regulators can instantly check transactions thanks to blockchain's ability to provide real-time audits. This lowers the time and expense associated with conventional auditing procedures while also improving oversight.

The Financial Benefits of Blockchain

1. **Increased Security:** Compared to conventional systems, blockchain is more secure due to its encryption and decentralized architecture [6]. Data integrity is guaranteed by its immutable ledger, which also stops unwanted alterations.
2. **Cost Reduction:** Because blockchain does not require middlemen, transaction and operating costs are reduced.
3. **Transparency and Trust:** The public ledger of blockchain technology makes all transactions visible and verifiable by users, fostering systemic trust.
4. **Faster Transactions:** Blockchain reduces transaction processing times, especially when it comes to cross-border payments, where conventional methods are frequently sluggish.

CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

Blockchain has a number of challenges in the financial industry, despite its obvious benefits [8]

1. **Problems with Scalability:** Some blockchain networks have trouble handling high transaction volumes, especially Bitcoin[7]. The network may get overloaded as consumption rises, which would result in increased expenses and decreased processing speeds.



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2. **Regulatory Uncertainty:** Because blockchain technology is decentralized, it presents regulatory issues. Legal frameworks for its application are still being developed by governments, especially with regard to taxation, consumer protection, and anti-money laundering initiatives.
3. **Integration with Legacy Systems:** Legacy infrastructure is still used by a lot of financial institutions. It can be expensive and technically challenging to integrate blockchain with these current systems.
4. **Energy Consumption:** Public blockchains, like Bitcoin, are notoriously energy-intensive, which raises questions about their potential effects on the environment, particularly, especially as sustainability becomes a more pressing issue in finance.

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Blockchain in Cross-Border Payments

One excellent illustration of how blockchain technology could revolutionize international payments is Ripple. Financial organizations can instantly move money across borders with Ripple's XRP cryptocurrency [9]. Compared to conventional systems like SWIFT, RippleNet reduces transaction fees and processing times by doing away with the need for many intermediaries [16].

Analysis

The analysis of blockchain applications in the financial sector reveals several key takeaways:

- **Increased Efficiency:** Because blockchain eliminates middlemen, speeds up transactions, and eliminates operational inefficiencies, it is simplifying procedures like payments and securities settlement.
- **Cost Savings:** Both consumers and financial institutions stand to gain from blockchain's ability to drastically reduce transaction and operating expenses.
- **Improved Security:** A strong defense against fraud and cyber risks is offered by the intrinsic security properties of blockchain, such as its encryption and immutability.
- **Regulatory Benefits:** By providing a more effective and safe compliance process, blockchain's transparent ledger assists financial companies in adhering to laws like KYC and AML [10]. For blockchain to be widely adopted in the financial industry, scalability, regulatory problems, and environmental challenges must still be resolved, notwithstanding these benefits.

Suggestions

- **Scalability:** To guarantee that blockchain can efficiently manage large transaction volumes, research should concentrate on resolving its scalability issues [11].
- **Cooperate with Regulators:** To establish a transparent regulatory framework for blockchain adoption in finance, financial institutions and blockchain developers should cooperate with regulators.
- **Examine Other Use Cases:** In addition to payments and trading, more research should be done on the possibilities of blockchain technology in fields like supply chain finance, asset management, and insurance. The banking sector may increase operational effectiveness, cut expenses, and promote innovation by adopting blockchain, setting itself up for future success in the digital economy.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Blockchain technology has the potential to transform the financial industry, and "Blockchain Unlocked: Transforming the Future of Finance" is an intriguing topic that encourages investigation. We must outline strategies for bringing about this change by concentrating on the main areas where blockchain may solve current problems and open up new avenues. Some suggested frameworks and techniques to promote blockchain adoption and effect in finance are listed below.





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The Development of the Decentralized Finance (DeFi) Ecosystem

The goal is to create strong DeFi platforms that do away with middlemen in financial services like trading, lending, borrowing, and insurance.

Important Steps to Take

To provide automated and secure financial services while lowering expenses and human error, smart contract innovation aims to develop and enhance smart contract capabilities.

Cross-Chain Interoperability

Put in place solutions that allow seamless DeFi interactions across various ecosystems by enabling communication between various blockchain networks. Develop decentralized credit scoring systems and insurance products as risk management tools to reduce the hazards connected to DeFi platforms. Effects include decreased dependency on conventional banks, improved financial inclusion, and cheaper prices for both individuals and companies.

Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs)

The goal of central bank digital currencies (CBDCs) is to make it possible for governments and central banks to use blockchain technology to create their own digital currencies, revolutionizing the monetary system and updating payment systems.

Crucial Steps

Pilot Programs

To evaluate user uptake, security, and scalability, start CBDC pilot programs.

Regulations

Provide clear, understandable regulations for CBDCs that strike a balance between security, privacy, and compliance. The capacity of CBDCs to integrate easily with both established financial systems and cutting-edge blockchain-based solutions is known as interoperability. Impacts include lower transaction costs, more financial system transparency, and more effective monetary policy.

Blockchain for Financial Transparency and Auditability

Objective

Implement blockchain solutions for enhanced financial transparency and real-time auditing.

Important steps include

On-Chain Audits

Create instruments for ongoing, real-time audits of blockchain-based financial transactions to make sure regulations are being followed.

Transparent Reporting

Make sure all stakeholders have access to reliable financial data by using blockchain technology to produce transparent and unchangeable ledgers of financial transactions.

Smart Contract Auditing Tools

Create sophisticated auditing instruments that are able to automatically identify risks or weaknesses in financial smart contracts.

Impact

Simplified auditing procedures, decreased fraud, and increased confidence in financial institutions.



**Pushpalatha et al.,****Blockchain for Supply Chain Financing****Objective**

Use blockchain to streamline supply chain financing, reducing delays and increasing access to working capital for businesses.

Key Actions**Trade Finance Smart Contracts**

Create smart contracts to automate and secure supply chain finance, guaranteeing on-time payments and cutting down on the need for middlemen.

Receivables Tokenization

Give suppliers and small businesses quicker and more effective financing choices by tokenizing accounts receivable and utilizing blockchain technology.

Integrated Blockchain Platforms

Create integrated blockchain platforms that link suppliers, purchasers, and banks to enable financing options based on supply chain data that is updated in real time.

Blockchain for Fraud Prevention and Risk Mitigation**Goal**

Lower financial fraud and systemic risks in the financial industry by utilizing blockchain's immutability and transparency.

Important Steps to Take

Create AI-powered, blockchain-integrated smart fraud detection systems that can instantly identify questionable transactions.

Immutable Transaction Records

Make use of the immutable ledger provided by blockchain technology to guarantee that all financial transactions remain impenetrable, lowering the possibility of fraud and false reporting. To reduce systemic risks in financial markets, establish decentralized risk pools. Use blockchain technology to monitor risk exposure and guarantee open risk-sharing arrangements. Effects include decreased fraud, increased security, and better risk control in the financial services industry.

CONCLUSION

Blockchain technology has the potential to revolutionize the financial industry by enhancing security, cutting expenses, and boosting productivity. Blockchain must first overcome issues with scalability, regulatory clarity, and energy consumption before it can be completely incorporated into traditional financial institutions. As blockchain technology develops further, it is anticipated to play a crucial role in the architecture of the financial sector, encouraging increased competitiveness, transparency, and trust.

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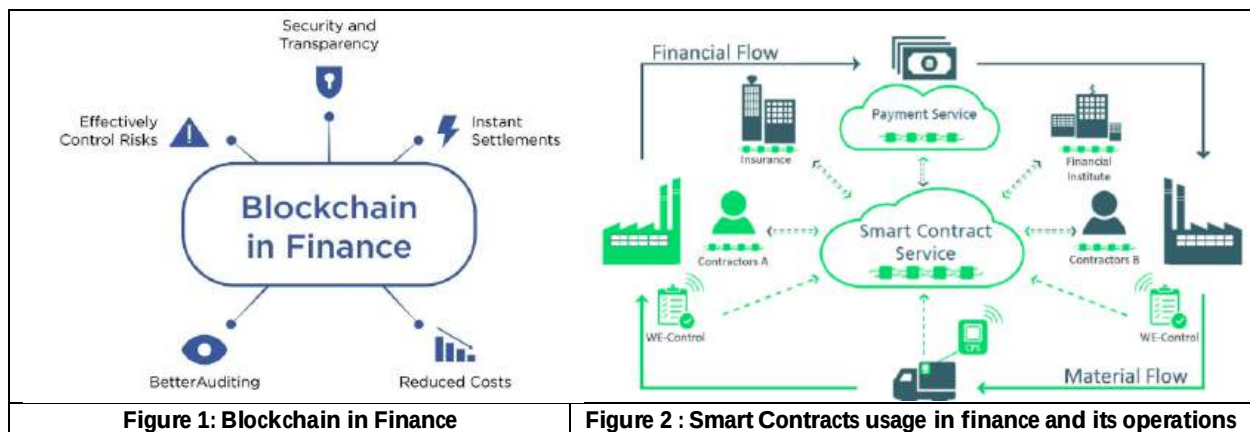
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Deep Learning Techniques for Parkinson's Disease Identification : A Comprehensive Review from Multiple Data Sources

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ABSTRACT

More than 6.1 million people around the world are affected by Parkinson's disease (PD), a neurological condition. Symptoms of PD might be difficult to notice at first, include tremors, slow speech, poor handwriting, and trouble getting out of a chair. Leaning forward, walking slowly and decreased arm swinging are all symptoms of the parkinsonian gait. Symptoms can manifest on either side of the body; seeking medical attention is necessary if they get worse or get in the way of normal life. To better understand the disease and its causes, predictive models provide information about potential risk factors and pathways to treatment, offering possibilities for new approaches to both early detection and treatment. Various features like handwriting, voice and gait motions are used to analyse the PD in early stage. The most promising branches of Artificial Intelligence (AI) technique called Machine Learning (ML) Deep Learning (DL), have the potential to aid PD doctors and patients throughout the disease's progression, allowing for more efficient and less expensive therapy. ML and DL approaches are utilized to predict the initial phases of PD by extracting intricate patterns through extensive datasets. It accurately detects the development or progression of PD by utilizing sophisticated neural networks to identify subtle biomarkers and behaviours. This survey covers the techniques of ML and DL-based diagnostic approaches for PD detection, including pre-processing of PD datasets, feature extraction and selection, and classification. There has also been an investigation on the potential advantages and disadvantages of the suggested approaches.

Keywords: Deep Learning, CNN, MRI, Brain Tumor, Tumor Localization





INTRODUCTION

The PD is a chronic neurodegenerative illness that affects both motor coordination and emotional regulation due to a deficiency of the neurotransmitter "dopamine" [1]. The dopamine-transmitting neurons of both the PD and Healthy Control (HC) groups are depicted in Fig. 1. The Parkinson's Foundation in the United States reports that an estimated 12 million individuals are diagnosed with PD annually [2]. The increase in effect and severity of PD symptoms is acquainted with the increase in stages. The stages can also be described as early, moderate and advanced by healthcare providers and professionals.

Stage 1: The patients experience mild symptoms primarily in the first stage. They experience a little inconvenience in daily task. One of the main symptoms is the unsteadiness in the limbs, called tremors. Also, Individuals with PD may exhibit signs of slouched posture, impaired balance, and atypical facial expressions, which can be easily observed by their friends and family.

Stage 2: At this stage, the symptoms are bilateral, affecting both sides of the body and both limbs. Walking while keeping balance is challenging. They show more visibility in inability to complete normal physical task.

Stage 3: The symptoms are very much severe in the third stage. The inability in walking and standing is more prominent and sometimes, the patient's needs help at many hours.

Stage 4: The severity increases with this stage, particularly with walking which are more visible symptoms. The rigidity in muscles and bradykinesia often seems at this stage. The patient requires the help at this stage for day-to-day work. The tremors or shakiness that takes over during the earlier stages however, may lessen or become non-existent for unknown reason during this time.

Stage 5: This stage takes almost all the visible physical movements of patient. The patient faces inability even to walk and stand. Individual requires one-on-one nursing care at this stage.

According to the severity, nearly half of PD patients manifest several dysfunctions including gait abnormality, attention deficit, speech problems and impulsivity [3, 4]. The cardinal PD motor symptoms are tremor, gait imbalance, postural instability and bradykinesia. Similarly, the primary non-motor symptoms of PD include fatigue, dementia, depression and sleep disorder [5]. Fig. 2 illustrates some of the cardinal motor and non-motor symptoms of PD. Currently, several therapies are available for treating PD including surgical treatments, gene therapies, pharmacological manipulations and rehabilitation therapies.

Gait is one of several motor symptoms that are the hallmarks of PD, including slowness of movement and tremors. Motor symptoms in PD come from a lack of control over movements and difficulty initiating muscle movements. Gait characterization involves several factors including terms to enhance one's health, functional ability mechanism which includes temporal and spatial parameters. Human locomotion is coined by the main two phases swing phase that comprises 40 % and stance phase that comprises 60%. Once the two phases are complete then the cycles start again to follow continuous walking. The two main phases are further divided into eight sub phases to explain the complete gait cycle as heel strike, Mid Stance, Terminal Stance, Pre-Swing, Initial Swing, Mid Swing, Terminal Swing, and Loading Response. The various phases of gait cycles in PD are explained in Fig. 3. Even though the genesis of PD is unknown, the causative factors are considered to be ageing, gene mutations, and exposure to toxic substances [6, 7]. For early intervention to either stop or slow down the progression of PD, an early diagnosis is crucial. However, due to the complexity of PD, the diagnosis is primarily based on the clinical presentations of the patient and the doctors' knowledge. This can result in inconsistent assessments and misdiagnoses [8]. Furthermore, distinguishing between mild indications of PD and general cues of physiological aging in older persons can be difficult in a clinical context. DL based AI has been widely recognized in many fields because of the progress made in recent decades. Multiple studies using different datasets have attempted to diagnose PD. Research has investigated many indicators, such as loss of smell, changes in speech and walking patterns, writing tests, and other motor skill tests to identify PD. This paper's core intention is to offer a thorough overview of several ML and DL frameworks that are used to detect and diagnose PD by analysing different signals



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The remaining sections are organized in the following manner: Section II explores different frameworks specifically developed for the detection of PD. Section III presents a comparative examination of the frameworks. Section IV provides a comprehensive overview of the full survey and offers suggestions for future areas of focus

Review on MI and DI Model for Pd Severity Detection

Anudeep et al. [9] devised a ML technique using the spiral drawing inputs of patients affected by both Normal and PD. Utilizing the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) technique, features were extracted and Support Vector Machines (SVMs) were employed to classify the spiral drawings. The feedback was derived from voice samples collected in PD using the UCI ML framework. Varrecchia et al. [10] formulated a diagnostic algorithm using ML techniques to categorize PD walking impairments based on disease progression as measured by the H-Y staging system. It also determined the minimum set of ambulatory distance and kinematic characteristics required to distinguish the gait patterns of different H-Y stages from each other. Sahu et al. [11] formulated a hybrid strategy combining Regression Analysis (RA) and ANN for the early identification of PD. The acquired dataset underwent initial regression analysis. Subsequently, the regressed dataset was inputted into the ANN to assess the probability of PD symptoms. The likelihood of PD and healthy individuals (HP) was evaluated as a whole. They utilized a speech dataset to identify patients with PD.

Trabassi *et al.* [12] developed a supervised ML technique to accurately distinguish between patients with PD and speed matched HC using a minimal collection of Gait attributes determined from IMUs. This model examined how effectively and broadly ML methods can diagnose gait impairments in PD using information from a single IMU installed in the lumbar region. Results showed that these algorithms were effective in reducing the risk of increasing explainability, making them useful tools for understanding gait disorders. Kaur et al. [13] introduced a Data-driven approach for classifying advances in people with MS (PwMS), people with PD (PwPD), and HOA that might be applicable to a variety of walking tasks and individuals. They conducted a complete quantitative evaluation of 16 different standard ML and DL techniques. The Multi-Scale Residual neural Network (MSResNet) was most accurate when it switched from easy walking (W) to walking while Talking (WT).

Govindu and Palwe, [14] developed a ML method to detect PD in early stage. They utilized audio data from PPMI and UCI databases, focusing on voice modulations of Parkinson's patients. This dataset included features such as jitter, shimmer, and MDVP of vowel sounds. The data was pre-processed, analysed, and displayed to thoroughly understand the features. Seventy-five percent of the dataset was allocated to train four models: Logistic Regression (LR), SVM, Random Forest Regression (RFR), and k-Nearest Neighbor (k-NN). These models were trained to classify audio data as either Parkinson's or healthy, based on frequency variations. Shastry et al. [15] introduced a Nearest Neighbor Boosting (NNB) strategy that combined k-NN and Gradient Boosting (GB) and surpassed various current ensemble ML models for PD prediction. This model employed three feature selection techniques—Feature Mean Decrease in Impurity (F-MDI), Feature Permutation (F-PER), and Pearson's Correlation to identify important features for PD prediction. These strategies helped reduce the dataset's dimensionality and enhance the model's accuracy. The NNB approach enhances performance by leveraging the intensity of k-NN and GB combined.

Sarin et al. [16] developed a three-stage method for creating a fuzzy classifier diagnosing PD. The method began with the structure development stage, where the fundamental properties of the classifier, such as number of rules, types of membership functions, selected features, and initial parameter values, were defined. Next, the feature selection stage focused on refining the classifier by identifying a subset of informative features that maximized the performance criterion. Finally, in the parameter tuning stage, the classifier's parameters were fine-tuned to optimize the performance criterion. Vimalajeewa et al. [17] developed a feature extraction approach to detect PD using gait data. Different attributes were established from Vertical Ground Reaction Force (VGRF) data based on iterative patterns, linkages, and neat/chaos aspects using Wavelet Transformations (WTs) for analysis. LR, SVM and KNN were used to predict PD after the collecting few important features. The classifiers effectiveness was evaluated using three-time domain and multiscale attribute subsets with time domain features enhancing its detection performance.



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Wingate *et al.* [18] devised a new DL-based approach for diagnosing PD using medical images. The method involves analysing and utilizing knowledge gained from Deep CNN and RCNN trained with medical images such as MRI and dopamine transporter scans (DaTscans). The internal representations learned by the trained DNNs encapsulate extracted knowledge, which is then leveraged through Transfer Learning (TL) and domain adaptation techniques to construct a unified framework for predicting PD across a range of medical scenarios. The model demonstrates effectiveness in predicting PD using diverse medical image datasets. Sivaranjini & Sujatha [19] presented a CNN architecture designed to classify MR images of subjects with PD and HC. were pre-processed through normalization and application of a Gaussian filter. They employed an AlexNet model, a type of CNN, for the classification task. The pretrained model weights were leveraged, and fine-tuning of the last fully connected layer with appropriate hyperparameters was conducted to effectively distinguish between HC and PD subjects. Alissa [20] developed a PD detection approach using RNN and CNN to distinguish between healthy and PD individuals. For PD evaluation, RNN model was trained using time-series datasets that included hand signals collected from a smart pen. The CNN model learned from signals from control subjects and PD patients using BackPropagation Through Time (BPTT) to assess if a new individual has PD or is healthy, and was applied to hand-drawn images in the classification phase. The CNN model trained via backpropagation was used to classify images of both patients and healthy participants, distinguishing between healthy individuals and PD patients. Leung *et al.* [21] illustrated a three-stage DL ensemble strategy for predicting PD progression. The technique included various techniques for deriving useful space-time imaging attributes. This model proceeded in three stages: first, extracting spatiotemporal and temporal information from baseline DaTscan images; second, utilizing an LSTM network for capturing temporal features; and third, integrating these features with non-imaging clinical parameters like age, gender, and illness duration into a fully connected prediction layer. Batch normalization and dropout techniques were employed to regularize eleven networks trained on various subsets of retrieved imaging parameters including MDS-UPDRS-III data. The final MDS-UPDRS-III score for Year 4 was derived by averaging predictions from all networks.

Yang *et al.* [22] introduced a PD-ResNet model for automatic identification of PD and HC. This model implemented a polynomial raised dimensions to enhance input walking attributes, transforming the information into a 3D representation. To enhance generalization, they employed techniques such as Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE), data augmentation, and early stopping. Additionally, they developed an improved focal loss function aimed at emphasizing challenging samples and filtering out outliers, thereby boosting the classification performance. Ali *et al.* [23] explored PD detection using multimodal vocal data collected from two channels: Smart Phone (SP) and Acoustic Cardioid (AC). They collected four models through each via., sustained phonation, speech, voiced and unvoiced modalities. Initially, this model investigated the ideal information modalities and attributes that provided improved knowledge on PD. Secondly, MultiModal Data-Driven Ensemble (MMDD-Ensemble) method for predicting PD, which uses mixed vocal data to build base classifiers and fuses estimations with these classifiers using blending and voting techniques.

Vyas *et al.* [24] devised a couple of new models, 2D and 3D CNNs using DL techniques that were valued on MRI scans in the cross-sectional direction. This model utilized Parkinson's Progression Markers Initiative (PPMI) dataset with preprocessing techniques like Bias field correction, histogram matching, Z-score normalization, and image resizing. It employed 318 MRI scans for effective training and validation of models. Naaz *et al.* [25] developed a DNN for calculating both the motor UPDRS and total UPDRS scores by analysing voice samples from the UCI ML Repository. In this model, they created DNNs with 2 and 3 layers and fine-tuned them by fine-tuning various parameters like optimizer, batch size, number of epochs, and validation split ratio. They used the Parkinson's Telemonitoring Dataset from the UCI ML Repository, that needs some normalizing before it was entered into the network.

Khachnaoui *et al.* [26] suggested a Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) system to detect PD automatically using pre-trained CNN models. The system incorporated EfficientNet B0, MobileNet V2, and a unique CNN model, all pre-trained on ImageNet and customized using TL. They utilized bilinear pooling to create three Bilinear CNN models. The method was evaluated with 2,720 SPECT images from PPMI dataset. Saravanan *et al.* [27] suggested a novel



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hybrid deep transfer learning model to differentiate between PD and HC. This model combined the strengths of VGG19 Net and Google Net. To elucidate the VGG19-INC model, this model used explainable AI (XAI) techniques like LIME to determine whether features of spiral and wave drawings have a major effect on the model's forecasts. The techniques provided local interpretation, making it easier to understand the model's decision-making process. The VGG19-INC model achieved 98.45% accuracy, outperforming other pre-trained models.

Naz et al. [28] suggested a multi-model CNN fusion method for detecting PD using handwritten data. To increase the dataset's size, the data was augmented using various techniques. Deep CNN architecture has a unique layout like layers count, kernels, normalization, linked layers, etc. Each architecture was trained to extract various salient features and elements of the input data. This model utilized early fusion task to identify effective attribute vectors, which were initially determined by each CNN performance. This technique significantly improved system performance by enabling the model to learn from diverse data representations provided by multiple CNNs for categorization. Zeng et al. [29] proposed a Skeleton-Silhouette Fusion Neural Network (S-SFNN) for predicting MDS-UPDRS scores from gait videos collected with smartphones. This model took posture graphs and silhouette images as inputs, extracting skeleton feature vectors from pose graphs and silhouette feature vectors from Long-Term GEI. These feature vectors were used to predict MDS-UPDRS gait scores. Saliency values were calculated from the neural network to determine which body regions contributed the most to accurate gait scores. Seven additional variables were derived to validate the efficacy of saliency scores.

DISCUSSION

In this section, an evaluative comparison of the previously discussed ML and DL methods for predicting and classifying PD will be provided, highlighting their advantages and limitations in Table 1. The evaluation of existing ML and DL methods detailed in Table 1 aims to highlight their overall accuracy in predicting PD. This part compares the performance of various ML and DL models used for PD prediction, focusing on their accuracy. Fig. 4-7 provide graphical representations of each model's effectiveness in detecting PD based on features such as handwriting, voice, and gait motion. The article [28] provides best result PD detection 99.35% for handwritten samples of PD patients. From the voice, speech and EEG signal analysis de DL model, it is found the article [27] provides higher accuracy around 98.45%. Through MRI analysis it is found the article [18] provides higher accuracy. But, the problem with so heavily on laboratory-based trials carried out in clinics by qualified specialists, which cannot provide such rich and precise data. A number of vision-based approaches to measure PD have been suggested, coinciding with the fast advancement of computer vision. Gait video based PD prediction is vision-based approach. Then article [17] provides higher accuracy around 98.47%. Nevertheless, All Gait based DL models have high complexity. However, most of the PD detection from gait video is required many manual work for preparing input video and images for obtaining high accuracy. An automated approach in [29] provided results 77% without any manual work or experts support. This work can be further improved for an automatic PD detection from gait videos with higher accuracy.

CONCLUSION

A detailed comprehensive analysis on multiple PD prediction and categorization systems based on ML and DL techniques for various dataset was reported in this article. From traditional clinical assessments to advanced computational models leveraging ML and DL techniques, researchers have explored various ways to enhance diagnostic accuracy and prognostic capabilities of PD. This survey helps the researches to identify the drawbacks and problem in PD detection using various data sources. It is concluded from this review that gait based detection is better than other approaches. Finally, concluded that skeleton-silhouette fusion convolution network can be further improved for automatic video analysis for PD detection with higher accuracy.





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Table 1. Comparison on different ml and dl models for PD prediction

Ref No.	Techniques	Merits	Demerits	Data Source	Performance Evaluation
Anudeep <i>et al.</i> [9]	PCA	Enhance elderly's therapeutic care and prolong lifespan	It supports only the small sample size.	UCI ML repository	Accuracy = 86.66%
Varrecchia <i>et al.</i> [10]	ANNs	Process large volumes and generalize PD predictions	Time-consuming and risky for losing crucial information	UPDRS III	Specificity = 92.79%
Sahu <i>et al.</i> [11]	RA and ANN	Handling the multiple objectives.	Spatial computation is difficult	UCI ML repository	Accuracy = 93.46%
Trabassi <i>et al.</i> [12]	Supervised ML algorithm	Adjust parameters during training to minimize errors	Data Acquisition and preparation can be costly and time-consuming	Data were collected using an inertial sensor	Accuracy = 91%
Kaur <i>et al.</i> [13]	CNN, ResNet and MSResNet	It enables affordable, data-driven telemedicine for PwMS and PwPD.	High Time consuming for training the data	Gait data from a real-world household environment	Accuracy = (MSResNet) 75%
Govindu and Palwe, [14]	LR, SVM, RFR and k-NN	It makes less prone to overfitting	It is expensive due to large memory needs	PPMI and UCI datasets	Accuracy = 91.83%
Shastry <i>et al.</i>	NNB, k-NN	Less computation	Its classification	Parkinson	Accuracy =





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[15]	and GB	burden.	accuracy was less.	Voice Recorded Datasets	74.92%
Sarin et al. [16]	fuzzy classifier,	Low-cost and informative PD diagnosis methods	It lacks output transparency and interpretation	ParkinsonHW, PaHaW and NewHandPD	Accuracy = 92.91%
Vimalajeewa et al. [17]	Wavelet transform, LR, SVM, and KNN	Adapts to signal and ideal for transient signals.	It can be computationally intensive, especially for large datasets.	Publicly Available VGRF Dataset	Accuracy = 97.43%
Wingate et al. [18]	DNNs	Highly efficient, rapid classification in real-time.	Limited dataset, time windows analysed for solutions.	PPMI database	Accuracy = 99.76%
Sivaranjini & Sujatha, [19]	CNN	Less computation burden.	CNN architecture becomes complex and time-consuming.	PPMI Dataset	Accuracy = 88.9%
Alissa [20]	RNN and CNN	It computes more efficiently than sigmoid function.	This can confuse the classifier differentiating subjects.	Leeds NHS Trust, Imaging datasets	Accuracy = 88.89%
Leung et al. [21]	ensemble learning, LSTM	This model ensures high generazability and avoids over-fitting issues.	Requires long training time and high sensitivity	PPMI database	MAPE = 18.36%, MAE = 4.70%
Yang et al. [22]	PD-ResNet	Filters extraneous data and creates fast response time	Short test duration and limited patient, no gait freezing observed	Fujian Medical University Union Hospital dataset	Accuracy = 95.51%
Ali et al. [23]	MMDD-Ensemble	Lowest complexity, higher anomalous detection accuracy	Recognition rate of class PD is low	Oxford PD detection dataset	Accuracy = 96%
Vyas et al. [24]	2D and 3D CNN	2D training phase take less time as compared to 3D model.	It performed poorly on the test data	PPMI database	Accuracy = (2D CNN) 72.22%, (3D CNN) 88.9%
Naaz et al. [25]	DNN	This model increases interpretability while decreasing data requirements	This model results with overfitting issues	UCI ML Repository	Accuracy = (motor UPDRS) 97%
Khachnaoui et al. [26]	Efficient-Net B0, Mobile-Net V2 and CNN	This strategy could aid clinicians in diagnosing PD.	The amount of parameters in pre-trained models is highly complex	PPMI dataset	Accuracy = 98.47%
Saravanan et al. [27]	VGG19 Net and Google Net	It achieves highest accuracy.	Expensive due to more feature maps	Kaggle dataset	Accuracy = 98.45%





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Naz et al. [28]	CNNs	Fusion showed strong performance and promising recognition accuracy	Training this model using collected data takes time.	HandPD, NewHandPD, Parkinson's Drawing datasets	Accuracy = 99.35%
Zeng et al. [29]	S-SFNN	Data collection is easy with smartphones, requiring minimal clinical training.	It provides lower efficiency on smaller dataset	The data were collected on a clinical dataset with 80 participants.	Accuracy = 71.25%

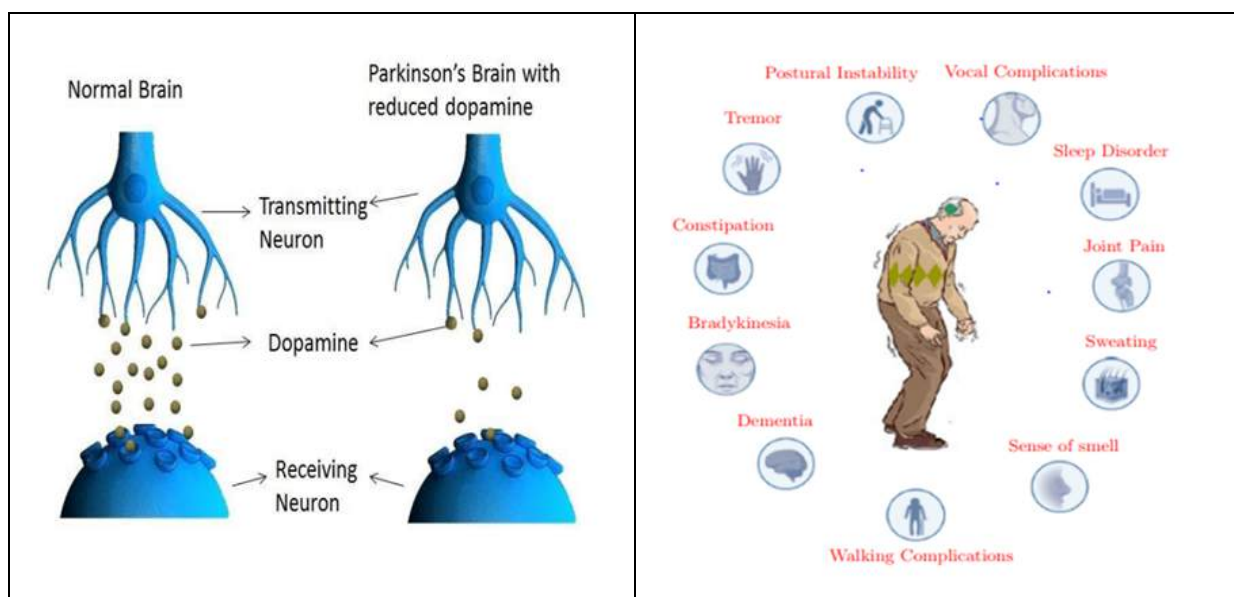


Figure 1. Illustrations of dopamine content present in HC (left side) and PD (right side)

Figure 2. Symptoms of PD

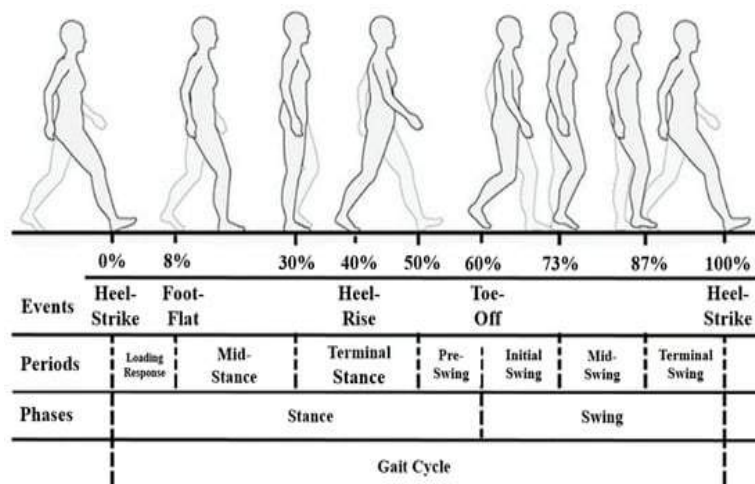
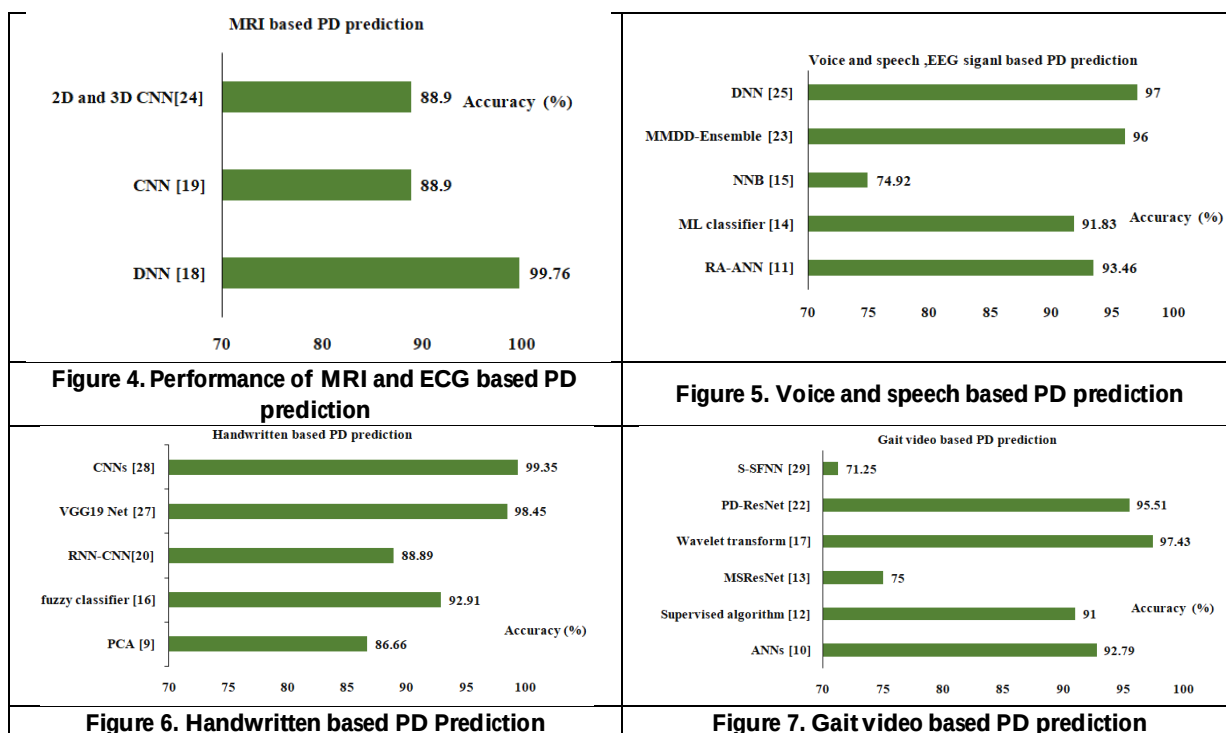


Figure 3. Gait cycles for PD[5]





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ABSTRACT

Bhagandara is one of the *Ashtamahagada* that resembles with anal fistula in modern parlance. circumferential spread of a posterior abscess in the deep postanal space can result in horseshoe fistula, which may have multiple lateral secondary openings. *Sambukavarta Bhagandar* described by *shushruta* can be correlated with the horseshoe fistula. As we are aware that management of horseshoe abscess or fistula often requires multiple procedures and is particularly challenging due to its recurrence. *ksharasutra* works as a cutting and draining seton, besides that, it has antimicrobial property and chemically cauterized the unhealthy tissue lining the fistulous tract and thus decreasing the recurrence rate in cases of fistula. This study present a case of 37year old male patient with the complain of pus discharge and pain per Ano during and after defecation, unable to sit properly. patient has history of operated for fistula in 2016. After investigation and examination, Patient was diagnosed as complex, nonspecific, horseshoe collection in Ano with internal opening at 11o'clock position. The condition is not only difficult but also takes a longer period for complete cure hence two staged surgical approach along with *ksharasutra* has been employed. *ksharasutra* was ligated for draining through the cavities. *Ksharasutra* was changed weekly and the fistula healed completely by almost 13 weeks. and normal sphincter tone was achieved.

Keywords: *Bhagandar, Horse shoe fistula, Ksharasutra, Panchvalkal kwath, Spinctor shaving technique*

INTRODUCTION



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The word *Bhagandara* is composed of two words, *Bhaga* and *Darana*. *Bhaga* the area between anus and the genitalia is defined as *bhaga.Darana* to tear or destroy. Initially it appears like a *Apakva pidaka* (boil), and when it bursts out, it manifests as *Bhagandra*. *Bhagandara* may be considered as a type of a chronic sinus in the perianal area or perineum which discharges pus or blood and left untreated, there may be discharge of feces, flatus, urine and semen [1]. The *Sambukavarta Bhagandara* described by *Shushruta* can be correlated with the horse-shoe type of fistula. In this type of fistula constant pain and swelling occur like *Sambukaavarta* (revolution in conchcell) [2]. *Sambukavarta Bhagandara* mentioned as *Asadhya vyadhi* or challenging condition to manage because of involvement of all three doshas [3]. Acharya *Sushruta* and others advocate *Ksharasutra* therapy in the management of *Bhagandara*. *Ksharasutra*, a medicated Barbour linen thread coated with the latex of *snuhi*, powder of turmeric and *apamarga kshara*.

MODERN REVIEW

The typical horse-shoe abscess or fistula is infralevator in location. Most of these originate in the infected anal gland, at or near the posterior midline on the dentate line. The infection spreads caudally from intersphincteric plane to deep post anal space. Since the deep post anal space communicates with the ischioanal fossae, an abscess may spread circumferentially through this space leading horse-shoe abscess or fistula. The abscess may extend anteriorly from a deep anterior anal space to involve the thigh, labia and scrotum [4].

Although many advance surgical treatment options like fistulotomy, fistulectomy, LIFT, VAAFT, mucosal flap, fibrin glue etc, are available for the management of fistula but all these surgical modalities have failure rate more than 40% and also find complain of incontinence in follow up. So in contemporary science fistula in ano is also difficult to manage [5].

CASE REPORT

Name: XYZ

Age: 37 year

Sex: Male

OPD no: 25,996

Occupation: Job

Address: Surat

Date of first visit: 04/11/2024

Marital status: Married

Diet: Mixed

Bowel frequency: 1 time/day, semisolid stool

Urine frequency: 4-5 times/day

Appetite/Sleep: Normal

Chief Complaints with Duration

-Pain per Ano during and after defecation since 2 year

-Recurrent Boil with pus discharge per Ano since 2-3 year

History of present Illness: A 37-year-old male patient came in OPD of Shalya tantra at Government Akhandanand Ayurveda Hospital with complaint of pain per ano. Recurrent boil formation in perianal region with pus discharge since 2-3 year. Patient had already operated Twice for fistula in ano in 2014 and 2016. After few years he again developed symptoms and Now he came with above Complaints for further Management.

Past History: Patient having history of Tuberculosis and completed course of AKT.

Surgical History: Patient had operated twice for fistula in ano in 2014 and 2016.

Examination: Inspection- 5 o'clock external opening noted at left perianal region pus discharge present.

Per rectal- 11 o'clock fibrous internal opening was felt.



**Jigna Patel et al.,****Investigation: Pre-operative major Profile** (04/11/2024)-within Normal limits.**MRI Fistulogram** (04/11/2024): Horse shoe shaped collection/abscess in the ischioanal and ischioirectal fossa with a small intersphincteric fistulous tract seen arising from the collection with internal opening at 11o'clock position on the right side. Approximately 5cm away from the anal verge and 7cm long track seen.**Diagnosis:** Horse shoe fistula in Ano, *bhagandar***TREATMENT PROTOCOL:****Pre-Operative procedure**

- Informed written Consent was taken.
- Patient was kept on NBM (Nill by mouth) since 6 hours prior to surgery.
- Local Part preparation was done.
- Inj Xylocaine(0.3cc/SC) Test dose was given.
- Inj Tetanus toxoid 0.5ml Intramuscularly given.
- Bowel Cleared by giving Proctolysis before surgery.
- Intravenous RL (Ringer lactate-500ml) infusion started.

Operative procedure

Patient was taken on OT table with all stable vitals and aseptic precautions. Spinal anesthesia was given. Lithotomy position given. Painting and draping has been done around perianal region. Lords four finger dilation achieved. Incision made on 5o'clock prominent part with scalpel. External fibrous tissue excised and scooping done. Then probe was introduced from 5o'clock external opening to downward probe direction 6o'clock internal opening made. then track was ligated with *ksharasutra*. Then probe was introduced from 6 o'clock int opening up to 6o'clock external window made track ligated with *ksharasutra*. then probe was introduced from 6 o'clock External opening to 11o'clock internal opening. partial fistulectomy done and track was ligated with *ksharasutra*. then patency test performed with hydrogen peroxide and betadine solution. We found collection at 7o'clock position and then probe inserted 11o'clock position to 7o'clock external window made for drainage and ligated with *ksharasutra*. then probe was inserted from 7 o'clock up to 6o'clock external window and ligated with *ksharasutra*. hemostasis was achieved. Suppository was inserted. anal dressing done. pt shifted to recovery room after all stable vitals.

Then patient was operated second time after three weeks. Patient was taken on lithotomy position. After achieving appropriate anesthesia Then probing was done from 5 o'clock to 6 o'clock opening and incised with scissor and track was opened. then same procedure done on 6 o'clock to 7o'clock opening, 6o'clock to 11o'clock opening, 11o'clock to 7o'clock opening. 6o'clock external opening to 6o'clock internal opening track was ligated with *ksharasutra*. Anal dressing done. Patient shifted to recovery room after all stable vitals.

Post operative procedure

NBM released after 4 hour of surgery. Post operative analgesic and antibiotic given. Monitor vitals. Prophylactic Antibiotic and analgesic for 5 days given. Regular dressing with *panchavalkal kwath prakshalana* and wound was packed with sterile *pichu* impregnated with *panchavalkala raskriya*, sterile gauze pad place on it and dressing performed. *Ksharasutra* changed weekly. The patient was advised to perform a sitz bath with *panchavalkala kwath* two times In a day. Tab *Triphala guggulu* 2 tablet BD was given throught the treatment. Dindayal churna 4 gm given at night with warm water for cleared bowel.





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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This is a posterior horse-shoe fistula-in- ano having external opening in left perianal region and blind track in right perianal region without external opening, involving both ischio-rectal fossae. In MRI we found horse shoe shaped collection in ischio-rectal fossa with a intersphincteric fistulous track arising from the 11 O'clock internal opening. The case was complex as there is no external opening in right perianal region And no opening at posterior midline. Although MRI is a gold standard investigation in such kind of complex fistula to know the exact extension of tracks. As the case was complex, surgical management was planned in two stages. In this case through ligation of *ksharasutra* in the track and minimal invasive procedure (window technique) we open the potential space of collection so there will be not further collection in post anal space. Benefit of two stage surgery is that, it requires less hospital stay. The patient can be ambulatory after 6 hour of surgery and postoperative wound size will be less. Thus daily routine of the patient will not hamper and post operative pain will also be minimal and less time for healing.

As *Ksharasutra* was placed in the track, it cauterizes the unhealthy granulation tissue and drain the debris from the track, which induces early healing by providing healthy environment for the wound healing. *Ksharasutra* has cutting and draining properties. It also prevents damage to the sphincter and treats the cryptoglandular infection which leads to speedy recovery of the disease. *Panchvalkala* has anti-inflammatory, analgesic, and antimicrobial activities thus, it prevents secondary infection in postsurgical wound After 13 weeks of treatment track was healed completely. normal sphincter tone achieved.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of this case study two staged surgical management of horse shoe fistula with *ksharasutra* result were encouraging. it was managed, without any complications or fecal incontinence at minimal time and cost. No complications nor recurrences were noticed during the follow-up period. Hence, it can be considered that two-staged surgical approach along with *ksharasutra* can be considered as good alternative for management of fistula in ano.

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Table 1. Observation

Days	Pain	Pus discharge	smell/slough	Ksharasutra
1 st day	+++	Profuse pus discharge	Foul smell and slough present	Five KS in situ, Blakish brown wound
7 th day	++	Mild discharge	Moderate (++)	Five KS in situ, Reddish wound
14 th day	++	Mild discharge	Moderate (+)	Five KS in situ, Reddish wound
24 th day second time surgical approach	++	Mild discharge	Moderate (+)	1 KS in situ, Reddish wound
56 th day	+	Mild discharge	Minimal	KS cut through
70 th day	+	No discharge	Very Minimal	Healing wound seen
92 day	-	No discharge	Absent	Pale brown skin like tone
100 day	-	No discharge	Absent	Pale brown skin like tone

Name	Patient ID
Accession No	Age/Gender
Referred By	Date

MRI REPORT - FISTULOGRAM**TECHNIQUE:**

STIR Axial, Sagittal & Coronal

T2 Space Axial 3D

OBSERVATIONS:

Evidence of a well defined and heterogeneous T2/STIR hyperintense horseshoe shaped collection/abscess in the ischioanal and ischioanal fossa, small intersphincteric fistulous tract is seen arising from the collection with internal opening at 11 o'clock position on the right side approximately 5 cm away from the anal verge with thickness measuring approximately 2.5 mm. The collection measures approximately 2.1 cm in AP diameter 13.5 cm in transverse diameter and 7 cm in craniocaudal length.

The external opening is seen at 5 o'clock position on the left side.

Rest of the anal canal appears normal.

Rest of the internal and external sphincters appear normal.

The levator ani muscle appears normal on both sides.

Urinary bladder and urethra are normal.

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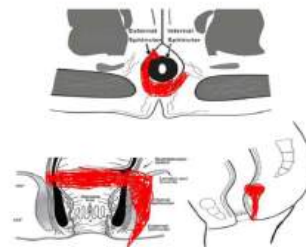
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- Horseshoe shaped collection/abscess in the ischioanal and ischioanal fossa with a small intersphincteric fistulous tract seen arising from the collection with internal opening at 11 o'clock position on the right side as described.

For clinical correlation and follow up

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Name	Patient ID
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Fig. 1

Fig. 2



Fig.3. PRE OP



Fig.4. POD-01

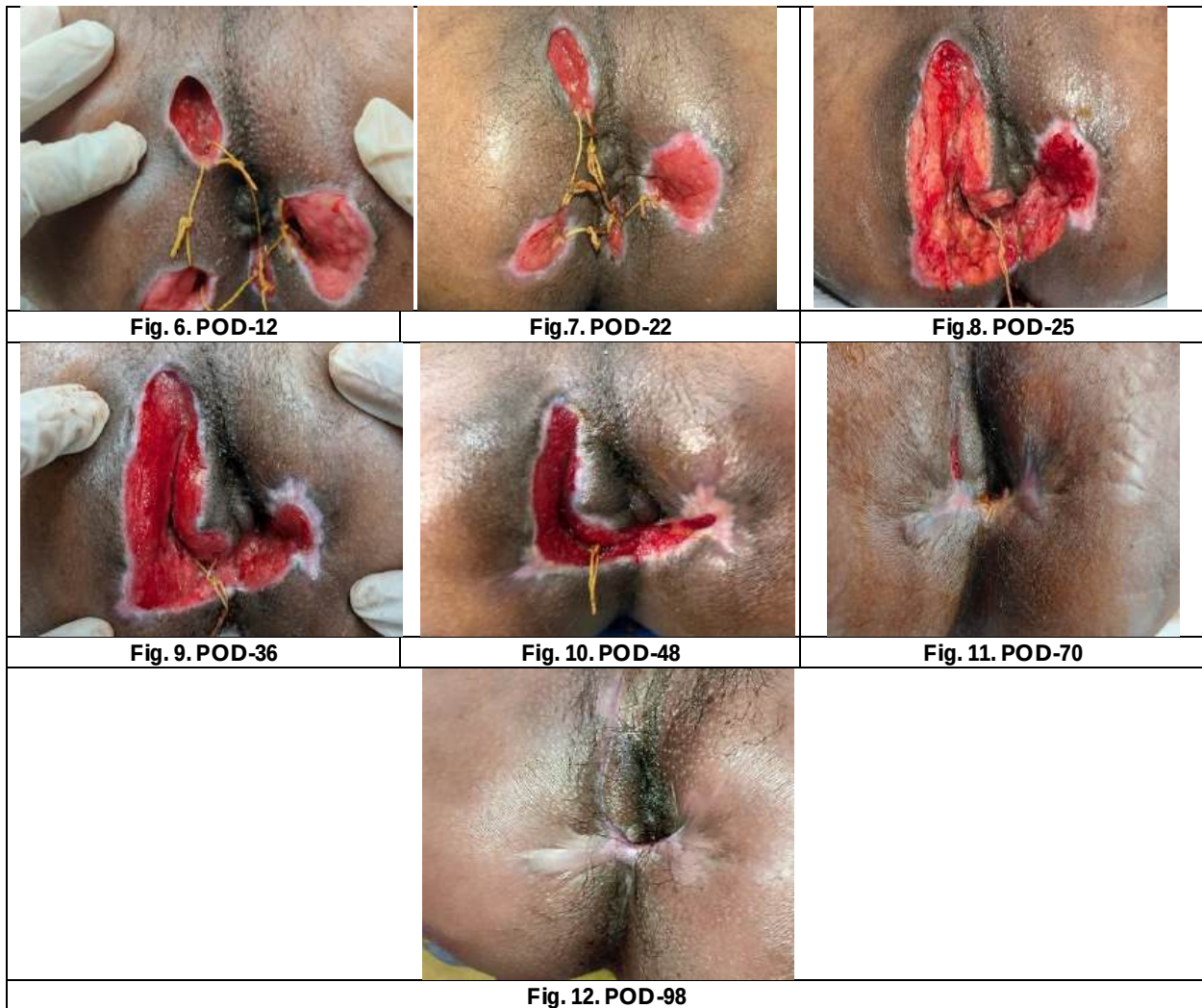


Fig.5. POD-03





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RESEARCH ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

This paper introduces a novel approach to air pollution assessment by integrating the Trapezoidal Method with the Weighted Aggregated Sum Product Assessment method, enhanced by the CRITIC weight method. The Trapezoidal Method, known for its robustness in handling uncertainty and imprecision in data, is employed to model air pollution levels. The WASPAS method is then utilized to aggregate these models, providing a comprehensive evaluation of pollution scenarios. To ensure the accuracy and reliability of the weight assignments in the aggregation process, the CRITIC weight method is applied, which systematically determines the importance of each criterion based on its inter correlations. This integrated approach offers a more nuanced and accurate assessment of air pollution, addressing both quantitative and qualitative aspects and enhancing decision-making processes in environmental management. The proposed method is demonstrated through a case study, showcasing its effectiveness and potential applications in real-world scenarios.

Keywords: Trapezoidal method, Fuzzy WASPAS, CRITIC weight, air pollution.





INTRODUCTION

Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) has become an essential instrument for tackling intricate decision-making challenges across diverse domains. In the contemporary, rapid, and interconnected environment, decision-makers encounter several problems, such as conflicting goals, ambiguity, and numerous stakeholders. MCDM offers a systematic methodology for assessing options according to many criteria, facilitating informed and effective decision-making. This article intends to deliver an exhaustive examination of MCDM, encompassing its methodology, applications, and prospective trajectories. Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) originates from operations research and management science. The initial MCDM techniques, including the Weighted Sum Model (WSM) and the Weighted Product Model (WPM), were established in the 1960s and 1970s (Fishburn, 1967; Keeney & Raiffa, 1976). Multi-Criteria Decision Making (MCDM) has been utilized in supplier selection, inventory management, and logistics optimization. MCDM has been employed to assess environmental consequences, sustainability, and conservation initiatives [1].

Resolving a vague MCDM issue entails two fundamental steps: The initial phase entails evaluating the comprehensive performance of each alternative, taking into account all pertinent factors. We evaluate the options based on their aggregate performances. Fuzzy numbers denote the combined performance of options in the fuzzy MCDM issue, requiring the establishment of a comprehensive ranking mechanism for the collection of fuzzy numbers. This study presents a new comprehensive ranking technique for TrFNs and develops an algorithm to tackle the fuzzy MCDM problem. This study seeks to establish a complete order on the set of trapezoidal fuzzy numbers by employing four specific metrics: midpoint, radius, left fuzziness, and right fuzziness of TrFNs [3]. Multi-criteria decision-making has become an essential instrument for tackling intricate decision-making challenges across many domains. Choosing the best option from a range of alternatives necessitates a thorough assessment of various, frequently opposing, criteria. The WASPAS method, a novel MCDM strategy, has garnered attention for its efficacy in aggregating and prioritizing alternatives. This article seeks to deliver a comprehensive examination of the WASPAS approach, its theoretical underpinnings, and its practical applicability in decision-making contexts. Zavadskas et al. (2012) introduced the WASPAS technique, which integrates the weighted sum model (WSM) and the weighted product model (WPM). Chakraborty et al. (2015) utilized WASPAS to assess suppliers within a supply chain management framework. Zavadskas et al. (2016) presented an interval-valued intuitionistic fuzzy WASPAS technique. Karimi et al. (2017) conducted a comparative analysis of WASPAS against other MCDM approaches (AHP, TOPSIS, VIKOR) in a selection problem.

The weights of the indicators are crucial in a ranking system. They can significantly influence the results of the decision-making process. Assigning precise weights to the indicators is an essential and laborious undertaking. The literature has suggested numerous methodologies for determining the weights of traits. Some are subjective, but others are objective. The subjective approaches necessitate the expertise and insight of a domain specialist. These methodologies frequently exhibit bias and fail to encapsulate the fundamental nature of the data. The objective methods depend on the data's information and employ mathematical procedures to ascertain weights [2].

Basic Definition

In this section, we have discussed some basic definition which are relevant to the study.

Definition 2.1.

A fuzzy set A in X is characterized by a membership function $\mu_A(x)$ that allocates a real integer between 0 and 1 to each element in X . The values of $\mu_A(x)$ represent the "grade of membership" of x in set A . This offers a more thorough depiction of a fuzzy set. A fuzzy set A in X is characterized by a membership function $\mu_A(x)$ that allocates a real number ranging from 0 to 1 to each element in X . This function is employed to construct the fuzzy set. X 's "grade of membership" in set A is represented by the values of the function $\mu_A(x)$. Consequently, this offers a representation of a fuzzy collection that is more thorough.





$$A = \{(x, \mu_A(x))\}. \quad (1)$$

Definition 2.2.

The precise definition of the α -cut of the fuzzy set A within the universe of discourse X would be as follows:

$$A_\alpha = \{x \in \frac{X}{\mu_A(x)} \geq \alpha\}, \text{ where } \alpha \in [0,1]. \quad (2)$$

Definition 2.3.

When the collection of real numbers is employed to delineate a set, the set is referred to as a fuzzy set A. One definition of a fuzzy number is that it is a number R that possesses a membership function $A: R \rightarrow [0,1]$ that possesses the following characteristics:

- (i) A set is considered to be condense if and only if the membership function μ_A fulfills the inequality $\mu_A(\lambda x_1 + (1-\lambda)x_2) \geq \min(\mu_A(x_1), \mu_A(x_2))$. This inequality holds true for any x that falls within the region [0,1], and for any λ that falls within the same interval.
- (ii) A is a normal set, meaning that there exists an $x \in R$ such that the maximum membership degree of A, denoted as $\max \mu_A(x)$, is equal to 1.
- (iii) The defining characteristic of A is its piecewise continuity.

Definition 2.4.

The representation of a TFN A can be written as (m_1, m_2, m_3) , where a_1, a_2 and a_3 are the values that define the number. A definition of the membership function is as follows:

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-m_1}{m_2-m_1}, & \text{for } m_1 \leq x \leq m_2 \\ \frac{m_3-x}{m_3-m_2}, & \text{for } m_2 \leq x \leq m_3 \\ 0, & \text{elsewhere.} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

Definition 2.5.

The tuple (m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4) , can be used to represent a trapezoidal fuzzy number A. The parameters that define the number are denoted by the letters m_1, m_2, m_3 , and m_4 . The following is the definition of the membership function of this fuzzy number:

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-m_1}{m_2-m_1}, & m_1 \leq x \leq m_2 \\ 1, & m_2 \leq x \leq m_3 \\ \frac{m_4-x}{m_4-m_3}, & m_3 \leq x \leq m_4 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (4)$$

Definition 2.6.

One can ascertain the value of a TrFN A (m_1, m_2, m_3, m_4) using the formula

$$\text{Val}(A) = \frac{m_1}{6} + \frac{m_2}{3} + \frac{m_3}{3} + \frac{m_4}{6} \quad (5)$$

Identification of Linguistic Variable

To assess the alternatives regarding the criterion, identify and express the pertinent linguistic variable and its corresponding membership value. Decision-makers use a set of relevant linguistic characteristics, the fuzzy ratings of cost and benefit criteria are evaluated using trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, which are expressed as fuzzy numbers. We delineate the values of trapezoidal fuzzy numbers within the interval [0, 1].





These linguistic factors are transformed into the matching trapezoidal fuzzy number, which is presented in table 1, and the outcomes are presented in table 3. Through the utilization of these trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, a normalized decision matrix is brought about through the utilization of the formulas that are presented in equation 5 and displayed in table 4.

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CRITIC Method

i) Normalize the decision matrix

$$\bar{X}_{ij} = \frac{X_{ij} - X_j^{-ve}}{X_j^{+ve} - X_j^{-ve}} \quad (6)$$

ii) Calculate the Standard deviation σ_j for each criteria.

iii) Identify the symmetric $n \times n$ with elements r_{jk} , representing the linear correlation co-efficient between the vectors X_j & X_k

iv) Determine the extent of the conflict generated by criterion j in relation to the decision context established by the other criteria $\sum_{k=1}^m 1 - r_{jk}$ (7)

v) Assessing the information's quality about each criterion.

$$c_j = \sigma_j * \sum_{k=1}^m (1 - r_{jk}) \quad (8)$$

vi) Determining the objectives weights

$$W_j = \frac{c_j}{\sum_{k=1}^m c_j} \quad (9)$$

Weighted Aggregated Sum Product Assessment (WASPAS)

i) Set the matrix to its initial state in order to solve the selection problem.

ii) Normalize the decision matrix

$$x_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\max(x_{ij})} \quad (10)$$

$$x_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij}}{\min(x_{ij})} \quad (11)$$

iii) Utilizing the WSM technique and equation (12), determine the overall relative importance of the variables.

$$Q_i^{(1)} = \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} \cdot w_j \quad (12)$$

iv) To determine the overall relative importance using the WPM approach, use equation (13) in your calculation.

$$Q_i^{(2)} = \prod_{j=1}^n x_{ij}^{w_j} \quad (13)$$

v) The WASPAS technique provides a more comprehensive equation for assessing the entire relative significance of alternatives, as presented in equation (9). This is implemented to enhance the precision of ranking and the efficacy of the decision-making process.

$$Q_i = \lambda Q_i^{(1)} + (1 - \lambda) \cdot Q_i^{(2)} \quad (14)$$

Numerical Example

Air pollution remains a pervasive global issue, significantly impacting public health and ecological balance. This study provides an exhaustive investigation into air pollution. The investigation covers a wide range of contaminants, including $PM_{2.5}$, PM_{10} , NO_2 , SO_2 and O_3 , among others. By collecting and analyzing a large amount of data, our objective is to shed light on the current condition of air quality, determine the origins of pollution, and assess the effects of pollution on both human health and the environment. This study seeks to evaluate air quality and determine the most polluted area among the metropolises in India, namely L_1 = Bangalore, L_2 =Chennai, L_3 =Mumbai, L_4 =Delhi, and L_5 =Kolkata. The findings of our study underscore the pervasive presence of elevated pollution levels, highlighting the urgent necessity to address this issue.





In this stage, we utilize the CRITIC measure information to facilitate the calculation of the normalized weights for the criteria. For additional information, the weight assigned to each criterion is determined by employing equation 9, and the results are shown in table 5 in the appropriate order. Table 6 presents the ranking of the cities in India with the highest levels of pollution, based on the calculation of the weighted aggregated total product assessment.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This study validates the methodology employing the WASPAS approach. The numerical data can be aggregated using the Trapezoidal method alongside the normalized decision matrix shown in Table 4. The target weight can thereafter be calculated using the Critic method, as seen in Table 5. After that, the normalized decision matrix is utilized in order to determine the highest and lowest possible values simultaneously., as demonstrated in Table 3. The algorithms are utilized on the dataset to evaluate the locations and determine the most polluted state in India. The outcomes of these strategies are presented in Table 6. The WASPAS study presented in Table 6 reveals that Delhi is ranked among the top five states in India.

CONCLUSION

This research employed the combined WASPAS-CRITIC methodology to identify the most polluted state in India. We employ the CRITIC technique to ascertain the weights of the five unique pollutants, facilitating the application of an objective weighting scheme. We identified five specific states in India as viable options. The suggested model employs priority weights obtained from the CRITIC methodology to prioritize different states. The data unequivocally indicates that Delhi was the most polluted region in India. The proposed method has multiple advantages, including lower complexity and the computation of air pollution weights by objective weighting principles.

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Table:1 Linguistic variable for trapezoidal fuzzy number

Linguistic variable	Fuzzy numbers
VL	(0.0,0.0,0.1,0.2)
L	(0.1,0.2,0.2,0.3)
ML	(0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5)
M	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)
MH	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)
H	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)
VH	(0.8,0.9,1.0,1.0)

Table:2 Performance rating by Decision maker (linguistic terms)

	$PM_{2.5}$	PM_{10}	SO_2	NO_2	O_3
Bangalore	MH	H	H	MH	MH
Chennai	M	VH	M	MH	MH
Mumbai	M	ML	MH	MH	M
Delhi	H	VH	M	MH	MH
Kolkata	MH	MH	H	VH	H

Table: 3 Performance rating by trapezoidal fuzzy numbers

	$PM_{2.5}$	PM_{10}	SO_2	NO_2	O_3
Bangalore	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)
Chennai	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)	(0.8,0.9,1.0,1.0)	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)
Mumbai	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)	(0.2,0.3,0.4,0.5)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)
Delhi	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)	(0.8,0.9,1.0,1.0)	(0.4,0.5,0.5,0.6)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)
Kolkata	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.5,0.6,0.7,0.8)	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)	(0.8,0.9,1.0,1.0)	(0.7,0.8,0.8,0.9)

Table : 4 Normalized fuzzy decision matrix

	ε_1	ε_2	ε_3	ε_4	ε_5
χ_1	0.65	0.8	0.8	0.65	0.65
χ_2	0.5	0.93	0.5	0.65	0.65
χ_3	0.5	0.35	0.65	0.65	0.5
χ_4	0.8	0.93	0.65	0.65	0.65
χ_5	0.65	0.65	0.8	0.93	0.8

Table: 5 CRITIC weights of the attributes

	ε_1	ε_2	ε_3	ε_4	ε_5
W_j	0.1530	0.4121	0.1729	0.1638	0.0979



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	WSM	WPM	WASPAS	Ranking
χ_1	0.737764	0.733964	0.735864	2
χ_2	0.716496	0.691642	0.704069	4
χ_3	0.488698	0.471524	0.480111	5
χ_4	0.788362	0.77774	0.783051	1
χ_5	0.736517	0.72918	0.732849	3





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Relationship between the Socio-Economic and Psychological Characteristics of the Respondents and their Knowledge of Integrated Nutrient Management Technologies

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ABSTRACT

The evolution of high yielding varieties in paddy crop has now made it possible to obtain tremendously higher yields because of greater fertilizer responsive nature of these varieties which when supplied with required doses of fertilizer are able to give a higher economic return to the amount invested. The integrated nutrient management concept has to be applied. through different approaches by the best blending of the trio-models based on their availability and suitability for different crops and soils. Incorporation of organics compost, coir pith, green manure/ green leaf manures fertification enrichment of these organics with bio-inoculants/ chemicals are some of the common approaches followed in this concept for enhancing nutrient use efficiency of chemical fertilizers, higher yields of crops and for sustaining soil fertility. Irrigated rice is grown in about 79 million ha contributing 75% of the world's rice production (Maclean et al 2002). out of fifteen variables studied, seven variables viz., educational status, experience in paddy cultivation, information seeking behaviour, innovativeness, scientific orientation, economic motivation, and attitude towards INM were found to have positive and significant relationship with the knowledge level of farmers on INM technologies.

Keywords: Socio economic Status, Nutrient use efficiency, attitude, Sustainable and Integrated Nutrient Management.





INTRODUCTION

India is predominantly an agricultural country with a population of 121 crores according to 2011 Census. Agriculture is considered as the backbone of India, where around 70.00 per cent of the population is dependent on agriculture and allied activities for their livelihood. Between 2001 and 2007 global rice prices nearly doubled, primarily because of a drawing down of stocks to fill the gap caused by stagnating yields. Global rice stocks have declined from a 135 days' supply to a 70 days' supply over the last seven years. A 44% drop from 147 million tonnes in 2001 to 82 million tonnes in 2008. Fifty-nine million tonnes of additional milled rice will be needed by 2020 above the 2007 consumption of 422 million tonnes (Mohanty 2009). Since there is not much scope to increase the area of rice cultivation due to urbanization and severe water constraints, the additional production has to come from less land, less water and less human labour. Irrigated rice is grown in about 79 million ha contributing 75% of the world's rice production (Maclean et al 2002). Historically, wetland rice cultivation in Asia has been focused on lands that are flooded or prone to flooding during wet/ monsoon season. Long-term experiments have shown that neither organic sources nor mineral fertilizers alone can achieve sustainability in crop production. Continuous use of FYM is effective in stabilizing rice productivity under low to medium cropping intensity where the nutrient demand is relatively small. Nonetheless, integrated use of organic and mineral fertilizers has been found to be more effective in maintaining higher productivity and stability through correction of deficiencies of secondary micronutrients in the course of mineralisation on one hand and favourable physical and soil ecological conditions on the other. Organic manuring also improves the physical and microbial conditions of soil and enhances fertilizer use efficiency when applied in conjunction with mineral fertilizers. Thus, all the major sources of plant nutrients such as soil, mineral, organic and biological should be utilised in an efficient and judicious manner for sustainable crop production in rice-rice cropping system. An innovation becomes successful only when it is accepted and adopted by many people with remunerative profit out of it. Adoption of any innovation varies from individual to individual depending on their characteristics, familiarity with the technologies and availability of resources. Hence, the present study attempts to assess the extent of adoption of INM (Integrated Nutrient Management) among paddy farmers

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Review of literature is an important step in any research. It helps in knowing the previous work done which are directly and indirectly related to the topic under investigation. Further, an acquaintance with earlier pertinent studies was felt necessary to formulate appropriate research methodology. Relationship the socio economic and psychological characteristics of the respondents and their adoption of integrated nutrient management technologies. Sathasivam (1997) observed a negative and non-significant relationship between age and adoption of bio-fertilizers practices in paddy cultivation. Vimali (2001) stated that age of farm women had positive and non-significant relationship with their adoption behaviour of IPM practices in paddy crop. Jeyalakshmi (2008) found a negative and non-significant relationship between farming experience and adoption of sustainable technologies in paddy cultivation. Sathasivam (1997) found a positive and highly significant relationship between education and adoption of bio-fertilizer practices in paddy cultivation. Sunitha Varghese (1998) reported that educational status had negative and non-significant relationship with adoption of eco-friendly technologies among paddy growing respondents. Renjini (2001) found a positive and significant relationship between educational status and adoption level of weed management practices in paddy farmers.



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METHODOLOGY

A sample size of 120 was fixed for the study considering the limitations of time and other resources. From the list of farmers in each village, farmers cultivating paddy were identified. A total number of 120 sample were identified from the four villages by using proportionate random sampling. The details of number of respondents selected from each of the selected villages are given in Table 1. (n=120). Considering the objectives and the variables under study, a comprehensive, structured interview schedule covering all aspects was prepared in English. The most relevant, unambiguous and practical questions were included in the schedule.

The schedule was designed under four parts.

Part-I contained general facts and other information,

Part-II contained questions regarding knowledge of the respondents,

Part-III contained questions regarding adoption of the respondents and

Part-IV contained questions regarding constraints in adoption of INM technologies experienced by the respondents.

Statistical Tools Used

The data collected were analysed using

1.Zero order correlation and

2.Multiple regression analysis

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION

This chapter presents the findings of the present study as per the methodology prescribed in the preceding chapter. The findings, interpretation of the findings and discussion are presented under the following sub-heads in the light of the objectives. *Relationship the socio economic and psychological characteristics of the respondents and their adoption of integrated nutrient management technologies. Correlation and regression were computed to know the relationship between the socio-economic and psychological characteristics of the respondents and their knowledge on integrated nutrient management technology. Correlation of socio-economic characteristics of the respondents with their knowledge and psychological on Integrated Nutrient Management technologies. The zero order correlation coefficient was worked out to study the relationship of socio-economic and psychological characteristics of the respondents with their knowledge level on integrated nutrient management technologies and the results are presented in Table 1. It could be seen from the Table 1, that out of fifteen variables studied, seven variables viz., educational status, experience in paddy cultivation, information seeking behaviour, innovativeness, scientific orientation, economic motivation, and attitude towards INM were found to have positive and significant relationship with the knowledge level of farmers on INM technologies. All the other variables were found to be non-significant.

Among the significant variables, educational status, information seeking behaviour, innovativeness, economic motivation and attitude towards INM was found to be significant at five per cent level of probability, while the remaining variables were significant at one per cent level of probability. Educational status had shown positive and significant relationship with knowledge level. Majority of the respondents were old aged and functionally literate which enabled them to read newspapers and leaflets. Hence, it is quite natural for the educated persons to be more enthusiastic in gathering information to acquire high level of knowledge. This finding is in line with the findings of Tatireddy (2003) It could be seen that experience in paddy cultivation had positive and significant relationship with knowledge level. As farmers tend to gain more experience in farming, the urge on obtaining new information and



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technical guidance got increased. Due to the confirmed practical experience on selected technologies over a period of time had made farmers to get more knowledge and self-confidence. This finding is in line with the findings of Janaki Rani (2004). There was positive influence of information seeking behaviour with the knowledge level of respondents. In order to gain knowledge, one has to expose himself to different experience provided by information providing behaviour sources. Hence, the variable information seeking behaviour would have shown positive and significant association at 0.05 per cent level of probability. This finding is in line with the findings of Santha Govind (2003). Innovativeness had shown positive and significant relationship at 0.05 per cent level of probability with the knowledge level. Majority of the respondents were old aged, functionally literate and had medium level innovativeness of might information have seeking behaviour. Hence, shown positive and significant relationship with the knowledge level of respondents on INM technologies. Scientific orientation was found to have positive and highly significant relationship with the knowledge level. The respondents with higher scientific orientation might be curious to learn the various nutrient management practices resulting with high knowledge level. This finding is in line with the findings of Suhirdha (2009). Economic motivation was found to have positive and highly significant relationship with the knowledge level. The respondents with higher economic motivation might be interested to learn about various nutrient management practices thus resulting with higher knowledge level. Better disposition over the psychological object is a must for gaining knowledge. Without clear perception and development of favourable attitude, it is difficult to gain knowledge about any technology. This might be the reason for the positive and highly significant association of attitude towards INM with the knowledge level of the respondents. This study was supported by the findings of Shiraj (2001).

CONCLUSION

Out of the fifteen independent variables studied only seven variables viz., educational status, experience in paddy cultivation, information seeking behaviour, innovativeness, scientific orientation, economic motivation and attitude towards INM were found to have positive and significant relationship with knowledge level of the respondents on nutrient management technologies. The results on multiple regression analysis indicated that all the independent variables together explained 57.12 per cent of variation in the extent of knowledge. Only seven variables namely educational status, experience in paddy cultivation, information seeking behaviour, innovativeness, scientific orientation, economic motivation and attitude towards INM were found to have positive and significant contribution towards the knowledge level of the respondents on nutrient management technologies.

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Table.1: Characteristics of the respondents with their knowledge level on integrated nutrient management technologies and the results

S.NO	Selected villages	Total number of paddy farmers	Selected number of respondents
1.	Asanur	87	32
2.	Eraiyyur	60	22
3.	Kattu Ddayar	75	28
4.	Nathamoor	100	38
	TOTAL	322	120

Table.2: Relationship between correlation and multiple regression analysis of socio-economic and psychological characteristics of the respondents and their knowledge on INM technologies.

Variable	Variables	'r' Value	Regression co-efficient	Standard error of 'b'	't' value
X1	Age	0.172 NS	0.900	1.012	1.082 NS
X2	Educational status	0.201*	1.026	2.001	2.012*
X3	Occupational status	0.104 NS	0.366	0.462	1.262 NS
X4	Annual income	0.096 NS	-0.401 NS	0.686	-1.515 NS
X5	Farm size	0.161 NS	0.900	1.500	1.666 NS
X6	Experience in paddy cultivation	0.269**	1.642	3.426	2.086*
X7	Extension agency contact	0.121 NS	1.026	1.410	1.400 NS
X8	Mass media exposure	0.046 NS	-0.616	0.718	-1.018 NS
X9	Information seeking behaviour	0.197*	0.216	0.400	1.992*
X10	Livestock possession	0.052 NS	-1.862	2.121	-1.316 NS
X11	Innovativeness	0.232 *	0.408	1.000	2.500*
X12	Scientific orientation	0.272**	0.890	2.672	3.002**
X13	Economic motivation	0.217*	0.212	0.427	2.226*
X14	Achievement motivation	-0.119 NS	-0.845	0.845	-1.805 NS
X15	Attitude towards INM	0.246*	0.330	0.330	1.964*

** Significant at 0.01 per cent level of probability. *Significant at 0.05 per cent level of probability. NS- Non-significant, R²=0.5712, F=7.162**





RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Psychological Agony of Gastrointestinal Cancer in Rohinton Mistry's *Such A Long Journey*

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ABSTRACT

Physical or psychological suffering makes life a never ending tragedy. Physical Disability stops human beings from being highly productive in their life which affects their mental health. Their physical performance and the day to day activities get disturbed which causes emotional distress and anxiety. One needs to have emotional, social, and mental wellness to work productively. A serious physical illness distracts a person from his work and family. Social support is necessary to care for cancer patient's psychological issues. Depression in cancer patients has the link to decrease medical observance, reduce quality of life and poor survival outcomes, representing that psychosocial well-being is associated with survival benefits. This paper aims to analyse the agony of a cancer patient in Rohinton Mistry's *Such a Long Journey*.

Keywords: Physical Disability, Psychological suffering, Emotional distress, Social support.

INTRODUCTION

Costa NR, Gil da Costa RM, Medeiros R. say, "Gastrointestinal cancer is a term for the group of cancers that affect the digestive system, which includes oesophageal cancer, stomach cancer, colorectal cancer, pancreatic cancer, liver cancer, etc" (188–200). Gastrointestinal patients suffer from anxiety, depression and psychological distress to survive in the last phase of their life. Rohinton Mistry's character Dinshawji to overcome his distress with psychological support of his friend Gustard. Dinshawji wife Alama is living separately and not taking care of him. Zebrack BJ says, "cancer is not just a single event with a certain end but a permanent condition characterized by ongoing ambiguity,



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potentially delayed or late effects of the disease or its treatment and concurrent psychological issues" (238). Mistry introduces a character Dinshawji, through whom he brings out the pure form of friendship and social support. Alsubaie MM, Stain HJ, Webster LAD, Wadman R. believe, "Strong social support can buffer against the negative effects of psychological distress on their quality of life" (484–496). It is said the company one keeps says a lot about one's own character. Gustad has a higher degree of self-discipline which restrains him from getting influenced by the ways of Dinshawji. Verma R, Balhara YP, Gupta CS. Gender say, "Hormonal variations can influence stress responses and coping mechanisms when facing challenging situations"(4–10). Dinshawji's insensitivity and his attitude get changed by the continuous attempts of Gustad. Mistry's characters try to tolerate all such torments of life. Saratha Lakshmi G. says, "a legend of human will power piercing through the hurdles to come out of life"(3473). Though Dinshawji is affected by abdomen cancer, he works diligently. But Gustad feels guilty of seeking help from his friend Dinshawji in depositing money for Bilimoria but he has no other way. He notices Dinshawji's swelling in the abdomen while handing over the money for deposit. He has been suspecting his health condition since Roshan's birthday party. Dinshawji's cancer tumours get enlarged and he is admitted in the hospital for treatment. He visits him often and informs about bank dealings. Gustad helps his friend for his treatment.

Life Partner is the most important source of support for cancer patients. The patient welcomes depending on their partner and putting their trust in them to 'make sure we do all the right things'. This appeared to provide a sense of security, stating 'the encouragement helps'. Meyler D, Stimpson JP, Peek MK believe, "Intimate partner relationships are of particular interest as partners have profound influence on one another, and health behaviour is often concordant across couples"(2297). Dinshawji's wife Alama does not come to take care of him as they live separately. Vadivu N. says 'inextricably bonded'(1303-5150) is important for characters. Gustad remembers Dinshawji's comment on Alamai, "No need to take me to the Tower of Silence when I die. My domestic vulture will pick my bones clean ahead of time" (SLJ 239). Gustad wonders the sense of humour in his friend even in such a critical situation. Religion plays a significant role in generating an ethical outline to shape the human mind. A person's character is based on the values of his religion. All the religions help in constructing human values like humanity, empathy, respect, and harmony. Mistry describes that religion has a great power to bring opportunities for unity in society. Dinshawji's illness disappoints Gustad and he thinks, "If Dinshawji stop coming to work, it would interrupt the deposit" (SLJ 186). Dinshawji deposits a vast sum of money in a bank, risking his own job to help Gustad. His bank manager is Madon, a finicky kind hearted brusque snuff sniffing man. Gustad asks his boss for half a day off on Friday to see the doctor. In his mind, the first plan was to say that his daughter is ill, but he abandoned it because of the fear of the Almighty. He gives his own hip problem as a reason to visit a doctor. He worries that this lie will anger the Almighty and his family may face trouble. Saratha Lakshmi G. believes, "the hardship is a herculean task" (1303). On another occasion Gustad seeks help from Malcolm who is now employed in Municipality and explains to him about Dinshawji's tumour troubles, Malcolm, a Christian narrates the wonders of Mount Mary. Gustad, though an orthodox Parsi, goes to church with Malcolm to pray for his friends Dinshawji, Roshan and Sohrab with candles. He prays for others but he does not pray for his own hip problem. He hopes that at least his prayer will save his friend's life.

Hoping for a miracle Gustad imitates catholic rituals for his friend but no miracle occurs. He wonders if the sea of candle light at Mount Mary's does not make an improvement of Dinshawji's health condition, but after his death, the ancient rituals of Parsis and single oil lamps make his friend Dinshawji. Dilnavaz asks Gustad to let his tears flow but he holds them back. They explain about Dinshawji's death to Roshan. Her talk makes them upset because she says that she too will die of diarrhoea. The importance of respecting other religions is shown through Gustad. This attitude of Gustad reinforces his own tolerance and acceptance of other religious practices. Gustad is taught by his parents that though all religions are equal, "one had to remain true to one's aim because religions were not like garment styles that could be changed at him or to follow fashion" (SLJ 24). Gustad's heart is heavy for his friend Dinshawji who has died in the hospital. Marriage is a responsible bondage between a man and a woman and both have indispensable responsibility to take care of each other in worst situations. Misunderstanding leads to family devastation. Gustad attends Dinshawji's funeral where he meets Alamai. He feels guilty about his friend's death, as



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he left him alone in the hospital. He helps Alamai to finish Dinshawji's rituals. The dead body is carried to the well of vultures, by "nassasalers" (dead body carriers) (SLJ 252). Finally Alamai weeps silently with sincere tears:

But he was surprised (and ashamed of his uncharitable thoughts) to see her standing with dignity, her hands clasped tightly together. She was gazing quietly after Dinshawji, and when Gustad looked again he realized that she was indeed weeping. At last, she was weeping silent tears. Rising, perhaps, from a deep well of memories. Memories of? Joys, sorrows, pleasures, regrets? Yes all these must have filled Dinshawji's and Alamai's private lives. And never a clue, never a word except that line about his dear domestic vulture. But hidden behind it, who knew what love, what life? (SLJ 253) Gustad wonders about the love and life of this strange couple. Through the life of Dinshawji and Alamai, Mistry reveals the challenges of marital life. The religious beliefs and values of Parsis are depicted in this novel. The Tower of silence is a sacred place in which dead bodies are laid out and reduced to bones by vultures. Few days later, the bearers of the corpse collect the bones of a dead body and throw it in the well. Mistry shows the detestation of Hindu religion on the Parsi religious practices. Hindu religion demands that the unhygienic practice be outlawed and replaced by cremation. Gustad and Dinshawji are Parsis so they feel bad about Hindu's opposition which is an obstacle for their religious practices. Vadivu N. believes, "Culture is an adaptive process" (3479).

Mistry describes that the Parsis want to maintain their ethnic identity in the multicultural country India. People complain that the vultures are dropping human flesh on their balconies, and they protest against Parsi people's traditional mode of leaving the dead bodies in the "Tower of Silence" (SLJ 316). "Your Vultures!" the tenants complained. 'Control your vultures! Throwing rubbish on our balconies!' (SLJ 316). But Parsis argue to hold their tradition and they are not ready to change their values and deny cremating the dead bodies. Mistry shows that the traditions of Parsis are not understood by the other religions.

CONCLUSION

Dinshawji's cancer troubles him immense physical pain, discomfort, and weakness. He undergoes surgery, but the cancer has spread, making his condition terminal. Without life Partner's support he suffers a lot in bed ridden condition. Dinshawji's illness takes a clang on his mental health. He becomes withdrawn, anxious, and depressed, struggling to come to terms with his mortality. His relationships with friends and family are affected, causing emotional distress for those around him. As a Parsi, Dinshawji's faith is an integral part of his identity. His illness leads to a spiritual crisis, as he questions the purpose of life, the existence of God, and the meaning of suffering. Dinshawji's illness affects his relationships with Gustad and other friends. Gustad, in particular, is deeply concerned about Dinshawji's health and feels helpless in the face of his friend's suffering. Dinshawji's abdominal cancer can be seen as a symbol for the decay and corruption that pervades the society depicted in the novel. His illness serves as a reminder of the fragility of life and the impermanence of human connections. Dinshawji's struggles with abdominal cancer serve as a poignant reminder of the human cost of suffering and the importance of empathy, compassion, and connection in the face of adversity.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Impact of AI on Creative Industries: Implication for Art, Music, Writing Intelligent

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the intersection of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and creative industries, focusing on its implications for art, music, and writing. AI technologies such as machine learning, neural networks, and natural language processing have made significant advancements, allowing machines to generate creative works. This paper explores the opportunities and challenges presented by AI in these fields, considering the implications for artists, musicians, writers, and the broader creative economy. It also discusses the ethical concerns, the role of AI in creative processes, and future trends in AI's interaction with human creativity.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence (AI), Creative Industries, Generative Art, AI in Art, Machine Learning in Art, AI-Generated Music, AI in Writing

INTRODUCTION

Overview of AI in Creative Industries: Introduction to the role of AI technologies in the creative industries, including art, music, and writing. Define key terms like machine learning, neural networks, and deep learning. Significance of AI: Explanation of why AI's impact on these industries is worth studying, given the rapid advancement of AI tools and their growing influence on creative processes.



**Patil and Lokare****AI in Art**

Generative Art: Exploration of how AI is used to create digital art through algorithms such as GANs (Generative Adversarial Networks). Examples of AI-generated visual art, including works by artists like Refik Anadol or programs like DALL-E.

Collaboration between Humans and Machines: How artists are using AI as a tool for creative expression, including collaborations with AI systems.

Implications for Traditional Art: Discussion on how AI might challenge traditional definitions of authorship, originality, and creativity in the art world. Ethical Considerations: Address concerns about authorship, copyright, and the potential devaluation of human artists' work due to AI's role.

AI in Art Restoration and Enhancement

AI is also used to restore and enhance historical artwork by filling in missing parts or improving the quality of degraded paintings and images. AI algorithms can analyze an artwork, identify areas that need restoration, and generate the missing portions in a way that seamlessly blends with the original piece.'

How it Works: By using image recognition and predictive algorithms, AI can infer the colors, textures, and styles of missing sections of an artwork based on its trained data. The AI can also sharpen blurry or pixilated images to improve their clarity.

Example: AI has been employed to restore ancient frescoes, paintings, and photographs that have suffered from damage or degradation over time. For example, the Restoration of the Sistine Chapel ceiling involved AI-assisted techniques to enhance the clarity and colors of Michelangelo's frescoes.

AI in Music

AI Composition Tools: Overview of AI systems that compose music, such as Open AI's Muse Net or Juke deck, and how they use neural networks to generate melodies, harmonies, and lyrics.

Collaborative Music Creation: How musicians are integrating AI into their production processes to assist with composition, arrangement, and mixing.

AI in Music Performance: The use of AI in live performances (e.g., AI-generated improvisation or robotic musicians).

Implications for the Music Industry: Discussion of how AI is impacting the role of musicians, producers, and music labels. Does AI democratize music creation, or does it threaten livelihoods within the industry?

Ethical and Legal Issues: Concerns about ownership of AI-generated music, copyright implications, and AI's role in replacing human artists.

AI in Music Production

AI is playing a significant role in streamlining music production, improving sound quality, and assisting in tasks like mixing, mastering, and audio engineering.

How it Works: AI tools can automate many aspects of the production process. For example, AI algorithms analyze the raw tracks and suggest the best mix, automatically adjusting levels, effects, and EQ settings. AI can also detect imperfections in recordings and provide suggestions for improving them, making it easier for producers to optimize their work.

Example: Landr is an AI-powered platform that automatically masters tracks by analyzing them and applying various mastering techniques. The system adjusts the EQ, dynamic range, and stereo image to produce a polished final track. Similarly, isotope's Ozone uses AI for intelligent mastering, helping musicians achieve professional-quality sound in less time.



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AI-Generated Music Instruments: AI can even be used to simulate or enhance virtual instruments, allowing producers to create complex arrangements without needing physical instruments. Software like Endless allows real-time, collaborative music creation, where AI-generated sounds can blend seamlessly with human input.

AI in Writing

AI in Content Creation: Examination of AI-generated text, such as GPT-based models, and their application in journalism, literature, and marketing. Discuss the role of AI in generating articles, books, and even poetry. **AI in Assisted Writing:** How writers are using AI tools like Grammarly or Hemingway to improve their writing, streamline content, or assist with brainstorming ideas.

Creative Writing and Narrative Generation: The potential for AI to assist with storytelling, plot development, and character creation. Can AI become a "co-author" in fiction?

Implications for the Writing Profession: Will AI disrupt the writing industry? How will it impact human writers' roles and the way content is consumed?

Ethical and Creative Concerns: Questions surrounding originality, authorship, and the ability of AI to truly understand human emotions and narratives. Can AI-written work evoke the same emotional depth as that of human authors?

AI for Creative Writing and Storytelling

AI is also being explored for more creative forms of writing, such as fiction, poetry, and screenplays. While AI-generated writing may not yet match the complexity and emotional depth of human authors, it can still assist in sparking ideas, generating plots, or even writing entire short stories or poems.

How it Works: AI tools use pre-trained models that understand patterns in narrative structure, dialogue, character development, and style. They can be prompted with themes, settings, or character traits, and they will generate plots or scenes that fit within those constraints.

Example: AI Dungeon, a popular text-based game, uses GPT-3 to generate interactive stories that respond dynamically to user input. Users can embark on adventures where the AI tailors the narrative based on their choices, making it a personalized storytelling experience.

Poetry and Lyrics: AI can also generate poetry or song lyrics based on specific styles, themes, or moods. Tools like Deep Poetry and Lyric Studio allow users to input a few keywords or lines, and the AI generates poetic verses or lyrics in a similar style to existing poets or songwriters.

Opportunities and Challenges of AI in Creative Industries**Opportunities**

Increased Accessibility: AI tools democratize the creation of art, music, and writing by lowering barriers to entry, enabling people without traditional training to create and express themselves.

Innovation and Novelty: AI brings new possibilities for innovation in style, sound, and storytelling that were previously inaccessible to human creators alone.

Enhanced Productivity: AI can significantly speed up creative processes, from generating content ideas to refining drafts, allowing creators to focus on higher-level artistic decisions.

Challenges

Job Displacement: Fear of AI replacing human jobs in the creative industries. How will artists, musicians, and writers adapt to the growing role of AI in their fields?

Loss of Human Touch: Concerns that AI-generated content may lack the emotional depth, intuition, and personal touch that human creators bring to their work.

Bias and Ethical Concerns: AI models can reflect the biases inherent in their training data. How does this affect the fairness and diversity of creative works produced by AI?



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Impact on Copyright and Intellectual Property: The legal implications of AI-generated art, music, and writing in terms of ownership, attribution, and distribution.

The Future of AI and Creativity

Evolving Roles of AI and Human Creators: Predictions about how AI will continue to shape the future of creative industries, from increased collaboration between humans and AI to new forms of creative expression. **Cultural Shifts:** Discussion on how society's understanding of creativity may change with the rise of AI. What does it mean to be "creative" in an AI-enhanced world?

Technological Advancements: Speculation about the next phase of AI development in creative fields, such as deeper integration of AI in the creative process and more advanced models for music and art generation.

Policy and Regulation: Potential guidelines or frameworks for regulating AI's role in creative industries to ensure fair use, ethical behavior, and protection of human creators' rights.

RESULT AND ANALYSIS

Art: AI has enabled the creation of novel visual works through algorithms and generative models like GANs. Artists use AI tools to either generate entirely new pieces or collaborate with AI to explore unique visual styles. Notable examples include AI-generated artworks selling at auction and exhibitions in art galleries.

Music: AI's role in music production has expanded, with AI systems capable of generating original compositions, mastering audio, and aiding in song arrangement. Musicians use AI as a collaborator to create melodies, harmonies, and rhythms that expand their creative possibilities. **Writing:** AI tools like GPT-3 and Sudo write are widely used for content generation, drafting, and improving text. These systems can create everything from news articles to creative fiction. Writers have adopted AI for overcoming writer's block, enhancing productivity, and refining drafts.

CONCLUSION

The impact of AI on the creative industries—art, music, and writing—has proven to be both transformative and disruptive. While AI is enhancing creativity and offering new tools for expression, it also raises important questions about authorship, ownership, and the future of work in these industries. AI's role is predominantly viewed as one of collaboration rather than replacement, providing artists, musicians, and writers with new ways to innovate, create, and refine their work. However, the ethical, legal, and economic implications of AI's involvement in creativity need to be addressed. Intellectual property laws must evolve to account for AI's role in generating creative works, and steps must be taken to mitigate biases in AI systems. Ultimately, AI will continue to shape the future of creative industries, but it will be crucial for stakeholders to navigate these complexities thoughtfully to ensure a balanced and inclusive future for both human creators and AI tools.

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Relevant academic articles, books, and reports on AI's impact on the creative industries.

Case studies of artists, musicians, and writers using AI in their work.

Legal and ethical research related to AI and intellectual property.

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These sources should provide you with additional research and perspectives on how AI is shaping various creative sectors.





REVIEW ARTICLE

A Review on Growth Parameters, Phytochemical and Antibacterial Activity of *Bryophyllum pinnatum* Extracts From Visakhapatnam District (Urban), Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is also called the “science of longevity” because it offers a complete system to live a long healthy life. In India, Ayurveda is considered a form of medical care, equal to conventional Western medicine, traditional Chinese medicine, naturopathic medicine, and homeopathic medicine. *Bryophyllum pinnatum* is one such medicinal plant that is used worldwide to treat many health issues. The present review is an attempt to highlight the various aspects of *B. pinnatum* and to discuss them. The objective of this study to find growth parameters of *Bryophyllum pinnatum* in three difference types of water and soil, antimicrobial activity, phytochemicals and culture growth media uphold. The growth of this species was good at black soil and pond water. The zone of inhibition ranges from 0.5nm to 0.7nm against *E. coli* and the presence of phytochemicals were also observed. Growth of both bacteria and fungi was supported by the media which was prepared by using the *Bryophyllum pinnatum* paste.





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Keywords: *Bryophyllum pinnatum*, antimicrobial activity and phytochemicals and culture media.

INTRODUCTION

Kalanchoe pinnata, commonly known as cathedral bells, air plant, life plant, miracle leaf, Goethe plant, and love bush, is a succulent plant native to Madagascar. It is a popular houseplant and has become naturalized in tropical and subtropical areas. The leaves of this species are thick, fleshy, elliptical in shape, curved, with a crenate or serrated margin, often reddish. Simple at the base of the stem, the leaves are imparipinnate at the top, 10–30 cm (4–12 in) long, with three to five pairs of fleshy limb lobes. The leaves are remarkable for their ability to produce bulbils. At their margin, between the teeth, adventitious buds appear, which produce roots, stems and leaves. When the plantlets fall to the ground, they root and can become larger plants. *Bryophyllum pinnatum* is widely used in ayurvedic system of medicine as astringent, analgesic, carminative and also useful in diarrhea and vomiting. *Bryophyllum pinnatum*: Bryo means to sprout and phyllon is leaf that is ability to propagate via leaf cutting *pinnatum* is from Latin feathered wing.[3] It is naturalized throughout the hot and moist parts of India. The leaves of *B. pinnatum* have a variety of uses in the traditional system of medicine in India. They are eaten for diabetes, diuresis, dissolving kidney stones, respiratory tract infections, as well as applied to wounds, boils, and insect bites. It is useful for preventing alcoholic, viral and toxic liver damages. The aqueous extract of this plant has shown anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic, anti-tumor and cutaneous leishmanicidal activities. In contrast, this attribute makes the skin the body region most exposed to damage, which could provoke serious injuries, such as ulcers and deep cuts. This damage can also be defined as skin wounds, which can be generated by physical, biological, and chemical factors [4]. The various secondary metabolites identified from *B. pinnatum* include steroids, flavonoids, terpenoids, fatty acid, gualanolides, protein and peptides, vitamins, polysaccharide, and others. The main compound reported in the literature for *B. pinnatum* is quercetin 3-O- α -L-arabinopyranosyl-(1 $\rightarrow$ 2)-O- α -L rhamnopyranoside. It can be applied as an analytical marker in the quality control of raw material and products derived from *B. pinnatum* leaf extract [1]. The pharmacological studies so far have mostly been performed in vitro and in vivo with animals. In future study, the isolated principles and *B. pinnatum* needs to be evaluated in scientific manner using specific animal models and clinical studies are urgently needed in order to confirm traditional wisdom in the light of a rational phytotherapy on the toxicity of plant. The leaves and bark are bitter tonic, astringent to the bowels, analgesic, carminative, useful in diarrhea and vomiting [2]

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Sample Collection

The plant saplings are collected from the home garden aseptically and brought to Microbiology laboratory, St. Ann's college for women, Malkhapuram, Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

Taxonomical Classification

Kingdom-Plantae.
Divison- spermatophyte
Class-Magnoliopsida
Order-Rosales
Family-Crassulaceae
Genus-Bryophyllum
Species-pinnatum.

Growth Analysis

The collected saplings are potted in 3 different soils such as black soil, red soil and sand. Some of the saplings were also kept in mineral water, municipality water and pond water [Figure 1].



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Culture media was prepared by adding 3gms of Bryophyllum extract and 4 spatula of agar powder for solidification purpose in 100ml of water to know their support for the growth of bacteria and fungi. [Figure:2a and 2b]

Extract preparation for Phytochemical Analysis

We have taken 3 solvents like ethanol, methanol and chloroform for extraction. 20ml of each solvent were taken in 50ml conical flasks separately and added 9.37gms of Bryophyllum powder in each conical flask and kept for 3 days under optimum conditions.

Phytochemical analysis**Test for Flavonoids**

The stock solution (1ml) of ethanol extract of *Bryophyllum* was taken in a test tube and added a few drops of dilute 2% NaOH solution. An intense yellow color appeared in the test tube. It became colorless in addition to a few drops of dil. Acid.

Test for Alkaloids

One gram of ethanol extract of *Bryophyllum* was taken in a test tube and added a few drops of Hager's reagent. A yellow precipitate is formed.

Test for Terpenoids

The dry crude *Bryophyllum* extract was dissolved in chloroform (2ml) and then acetic anhydride (1ml) was added to it. Concentrated sulphuric acid (1ml) was added to the solution.

Test for Tannins

One gram of ethanol extract of *Bryophyllum* was taken in a test tube and added a few drops of lead acetate solution. A white precipitate is formed.

Antimicrobial Activity**Bacterial Strains**

The antimicrobial potency of each extract was evaluated using three bacterial strains. One strain of Gram-positive *Staphylococcus aureus* and two strains of Gram-negative *Escherichia coli* and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

Inoculum Preparation

Each bacterial strain was sub-cultured overnight at 35 degrees Celsius in Mueller- Hilton agar slants. The microbial growth was harvested using 5 ml of sterile broth kept overnight in an orbital shaker at 37 degrees Celsius for 24 hours. Bacterial lawn plates were prepared by inoculating fresh broth by using spread plate technique on solidified Mueller-Hilton.

Antibacterial Activity

The well diffusion method is used to evaluate antibacterial activity of each *Bryophyllum* extract. The extract residues were then loaded in the well on the lawn of bacterial culture plates. The plates were kept in an incubator at 37 degrees Celsius for 24 hours. The presence of inhibition zones was measured by using Hi - media zone scale, recorded and considered as indication for antibacterial activity.

RESULTS

The growth of *Bryophyllum* was good in black soil and pond water. The *Bryophyllum* extracts has supported the growth of both bacteria and fungi. The phytochemicals like flavonoids, alkaloids, terpenoids and tannins are present





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in this samples [Table 1]. The maximum zone of inhibition ranges from 0.6nm to 0.65 reported against *Escherichia coli*. [Figure 3]

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

Topical treatment with a gel formulation containing *B. pinnatum* aqueous leaf extract at 5% accelerated the healing process of skin wounds. Therefore, our results reinforce the growth activity, cultural media, antimicrobial potential activity and phytochemical analysis of this plant to be applied as a novel active pharmaceutical ingredient. Phytochemical compounds are secondary metabolite groups in living organisms that have a certain function for humans [3] However, it is necessary to conduct and molecular studies to evaluate their efficacy in treatment.

Authors' Contributions

This work was carried out in collaboration among all authors.

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Table.1: Representing the presence of Phytochemical

S. No	Phytochemical	Result
1	Flavonoids	Positive
2	Alkaloids	Positive
3	Terpenoids	Positive
4	Tannins	Positive
5	Saponins	Negative





Figure. 1: Image showing the growth of *B. pinnatum* in soil and water types



Figure. 2: A. Bacterial Growth, B. Fungal Growth

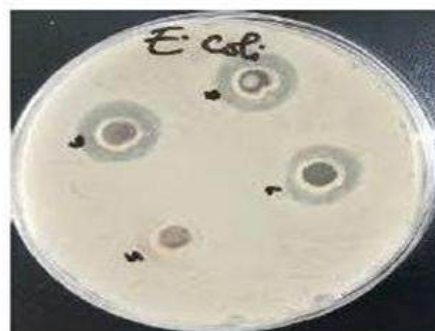


Figure.3: Antibacterial Activity against *E. coli*





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Enhancing Heavy Metal Phytoremediation through Multispecies Synergy: A Novel Approach Utilizing Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta Plants

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ABSTRACT

This study presents a novel hypothesis that explores the potential of combining three distinct plant species, Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta, to synergistically remove heavy metals, namely Copper (Cu), Lead (Pb), and Zinc (Zn), from contaminated soil and water environments. Each plant species possesses unique biochemical and physiological attributes for selective metal uptake, with Erwa excelling at copper uptake, Balsam targeting lead contamination, and Duranta specializing in zinc uptake. The study investigates how their collective presence can create a more efficient metal removal mechanism compared to individual plant species. Additionally, it explores the rhizospheric interactions among these plants, which may enhance microbial activity and metal solubilization. The collaborative defense mechanisms exhibited by these species may enhance plant growth and vitality while promoting both phytoextraction and phytostabilization of heavy metals. If successful, this multispecies approach could revolutionize phytoremediation strategies, offering a more efficient, cost-effective, and ecologically friendly solution to heavy metal pollution.

Keywords: Phytoremediation, heavy metals, Erwa, Balsam, Duranta, synergistic metaluptake, rhizospheric interaction, microbial enhancement, metal tolerance, phytoextraction, phytostabilization

INTRODUCTION

Phytoremediation

Phytoremediation is a sustainable and environmentally-friendly approach to remediate contaminated soil, water, and air using plants (Erakhrumen and Agbontalor, 2007; Ahmadpour *et al.*, 2012; Dhanwal *et al.*, 2017; Hauptvogel *et al.*, 2019; Shmaefsky, 2020; Kafle *et al.*, 2022; Aghiliand Golzary, 2023). It harnesses the natural abilities of plants to absorb, accumulate, and transform pollutants, thereby reducing environmental pollution and minimizing the impact on human health. This innovative technology has gained significant attention due to its cost-effectiveness and potential for restoring contaminated sites (Tan *et al.*, 2023; Yadav *et al.*, 2023).



**Poorni and Jeyanthi Rebecca****Principles of Phytoremediation**

Plant Uptake: Phytoremediation relies on the ability of plants to absorb contaminants from the surrounding environment through their root systems. Plants take up contaminants either directly from the soil or dissolved in water. Once inside the plant, contaminants can be stored in roots, stems, leaves, or even transformed or degraded through various metabolic processes (Karthikeyanand Kulakow, 2003; Sinha *et al.*, 2007; Vangronsveld *et al.*, 2009; Paz-Alberto and Sigua, 2013; Abdel-Shafy and Mansour, 2018; Jeevanantham *et al.*, 2019; Oladoye *et al.*, 2022; Zhang *et al.*, 2023).

Phyto extraction: This method involves the use of hyperaccumulating plants, which have an exceptional capacity to accumulate high levels of contaminants in their tissues. These plants take up pollutants from the soil through their roots and store them in above-ground tissues. Once the plants have reached maturity, they can be harvested and removed, effectively removing the contaminants from the environment (Lasat, 2002; McGrath and Zhao, 2003; Nowack *et al.*, 2006; Bhargava *et al.*, 2012; Seth *et al.*, 2012; Sessitsch *et al.*, 2013; Hunt *et al.*, 2014; Suman *et al.*, 2018; Corzo Remigio *et al.*, 2020; Gulet *et al.*, 2021; Venegas-Rioseco *et al.*, 2021; Yu *et al.*, 2022; Zhang *et al.*, 2023).

Rhizosphere Effects: The rhizosphere, the region around plant roots, plays a crucial role in phytoremediation. Microorganisms present in the rhizosphere can interact with plants to enhance the breakdown of contaminants through processes such as rhizodegradation and rhizofiltration. Plant roots release organic compounds into the soil, creating a favorable environment for microbial activity (Dobbela *et al.*, 2003; Phillips and Fahey, 2006; Alford *et al.*, 2010; Finzi *et al.*, 2015; Huo *et al.*, 2017; Ling *et al.*, 2022; Sun *et al.*, 2023).

Phytostabilization: Some plants have the ability to immobilize contaminants in the soil, reducing their mobility and bioavailability. This method is particularly effective for stabilizing metals and metalloids in the soil. Plants create a physical barrier by accumulating contaminants in their root zones or by promoting the formation of less soluble compounds (Mendez and Maier, 2008; Alkorta *et al.*, 2010; Bolan *et al.*, 2011; Radziemska *et al.*, 2017; Barbosa and Fernando, 2018; Shakkira and Puthur, 2019; Zine *et al.*, 2020; Ke *et al.*, 2021; Vishnu Pradeep *et al.*, 2022; Radziemska *et al.*, 2023).

Phytodegradation: In this approach, plants directly metabolize or break down contaminants within their tissues. Enzymes produced by plants can transform organic pollutants into less toxic or more easily degradable compounds. Phytodegradation is often observed in plants that have adapted to grow in contaminated environments (Garrison *et al.*, 2000; Newman and Reynolds, 2004; de Farias *et al.*, 2009; Muthunarayanan *et al.*, 2011; Zazouli *et al.*, 2014; Gong *et al.*, 2019; Pawlik *et al.*, 2020; Standoe *et al.*, 2022).

Phytovolatilization: Certain plants can take up contaminants from the soil and release them into the atmosphere through their leaves in the form of volatile compounds. This method is particularly applicable to organic contaminants with high vapor pressures. Once released into the air, contaminants can be more easily managed or degraded (Sakakibara *et al.*, 2010; Limmer and Burken, 2016; Arya *et al.*, 2017; Zayed *et al.*, 2020; Wang *et al.*, 2021; Bhat *et al.*, 2022; Kristanti and Hadibarata, 2023).

Heavy metal pollution and its environmental consequences

Heavy metal pollution refers to the contamination of the environment, including air, water, soil, and ecosystems, with excessive amounts of toxic heavy metals (Chen *et al.*, 2023). Heavy metals are naturally occurring elements with high atomic weights and densities, and they include substances such as lead (Pb), mercury (Hg), cadmium (Cd), arsenic (As), chromium (Cr), and nickel (Ni) (Li *et al.*, 2023). While some heavy metals are essential in trace amounts for various biological functions, elevated levels of these metals can have severe environmental and health consequences (Duruibe, Ogwuegbu and Ekwurugwu, 2007; Mohammed *et al.*, 2011; Abdul-Wahab and Marikar, 2012; Fashola *et al.*, 2016; Vural *et al.*, 2017; Briffa *et al.*, 2020; Ali *et al.*, 2021; Zaynab *et al.*, 2022; Heisi *et al.*, 2023; Malik and Kumar, 2023; Soleimani-Sardo *et al.*, 2023).



**Poomi and Jeyanthi Rebecca****Sources of Heavy Metal Pollution**

Industrial Activities: Many heavy metals are released into the environment as byproducts of industrial processes such as mining, smelting, and manufacturing. For instance, mining operations can release large amounts of lead, cadmium, and mercury into the soil and water(Zhou *et al.*,2020).

Agricultural Practices: The use of certain fertilizers and pesticides containing heavy metals can lead to their accumulation in soil and water, affecting crops and aquatic ecosystems(Zhangand Wang, 2020).

Combustion of Fossil Fuels: The burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil releases heavy metals such as mercury and lead into the atmosphere. These metals can then be deposited into water bodies and soil through precipitation(Singh *et al.*,2022).

Waste Disposal and Landfills: Improper disposal of electronic waste (e-waste) and other materials containing heavy metals can result in leaching of these metals into the environment(Brindhadevi *et al.*,2023).

Natural Processes: Some heavy metals are naturally present in the Earth's crust, and certain geological processes can release them into the environment. However, human activities have significantly increased the levels of these metals in the environment(Selvi *et al.*,2019).

Soil Contamination: Heavy metals can accumulate in soil, making it unsuitable for agriculture and affecting the health of plants. This can lead to reduced crop yields and potential loss of biodiversity(Ismanto *et al.*,2023).

Water Pollution: Heavy metals can contaminate water bodies, posing a serious threat to aquatic ecosystems and organisms. They can bioaccumulate in the food chain, with predators at the top accumulating higher levels. This can lead to deformities, reduced reproduction, and even death of aquatic organisms(Dwivedi, 2017).

Air Pollution: Industrial processes and combustion of fossil fuels release heavy metals into the atmosphere. Once airborne, these metals can settle on soil and water surfaces, contributing to pollution in these environments(Gupta, 2020).

Human Health Risks:Exposure to high levels of heavy metals through air, water, and food can have serious health consequences for humans. For instance, lead exposure can lead to neurological and developmental problems, mercury can affect the nervous system, and cadmium can cause kidney damage and cancer(Ukaogo *et al.*,2020).

Ecosystem Disruption: Heavy metal pollution can disrupt entire ecosystems by affecting the balance between different species and causing shifts in population dynamics. Some species maybe more sensitive to these pollutants, leading to declines in their populations(Hoffman *et al.*, 2002; Fleeger *et al.*,2003;Macdonald *et al.*,2005; Boyd, 2010; Wear and Thurber, 2015; Ali *et al.*,2019; Shuaib *et al.*,2021; Ismanto *et al.*,2023).

Long-Term Persistence: Heavy metals are non-biodegradable and can persist in the environment for extended periods. This means that even small releases can have long-lasting effects (Manisalidis *et al.*,2020; Shah, 2021).

Mitigation and Prevention

Regulations and Standards: Governments enforce regulations to limit the release of heavy metals into the environment, setting standards for permissible levels in air, water, and soilare as follows (Adelekan and Abegunde, 2011; Caravanos *et al.*,2011; Ladan, 2012; SongandLi, 2014; Zhao *et al.*,2015; Izah *et al.*,2016; Fayiga *et al.*,2018; Boydand Boyd, 2020;NiuandLin, 2021;Saravanan *et al.*,2021; Kazapoe *et al.*,2023).

Waste Management: Proper disposal and recycling of electronic waste and other materials containing heavy metals can minimize the risk of contamination.



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Alternative Technologies: Industries can adopt cleaner production methods and technologies to reduce heavy metal emissions.

Phytoremediation: Certain plants have the ability to absorb and accumulate heavy metals from the soil, which can then be harvested and properly disposed of.

Treatment Technologies: Various treatment methods, such as precipitation, filtration, and ion exchange, can be used to remove heavy metals from water and wastewater.

In conclusion, heavy metal pollution is a significant environmental issue with far

In conclusion, heavy metal pollution is a significant environmental issue with far-reaching consequences for ecosystems, human health, and biodiversity. Efforts to reduce and prevent heavy metal pollution require a combination of regulatory measures, technological advancements, and public awareness to safeguard the environment and ensure the well-being of present and future generations.

Mechanisms of Phytoremediation

Phytoaccumulation: Plants absorb contaminants from the soil or water through their roots. The contaminants are then transported within the plant through various processes such as diffusion, active transport, and capillary action. Accumulation can occur in roots, stems, leaves, or other plant parts as follows (Di Marco *et al.*, 2014; Kvesitadze *et al.*, 2015; Ossai *et al.*, 2020; Kurade *et al.*, 2021; Kumar *et al.*, 2022; Singh *et al.*, 2023).

Phytotransformation: Plants possess enzymes and metabolic pathways that can transform contaminants into less toxic or more easily degradable forms. This can involve processes such as oxidation, reduction, hydrolysis, and conjugation. Phytotransformation occurs within plant tissues.

Rhizodegradation: Plant roots release exudates, which are organic compounds that fuel microbial activity in the rhizosphere. These microorganisms can degrade contaminants through enzymatic reactions, leading to their breakdown and detoxification.

Rhizofiltration: Plants can filter contaminants from water as it passes through their root systems. Contaminants may adhere to root surfaces or be taken up and stored within root tissues. This process is especially effective for removing heavy metals and other pollutants from water sources.

Phytovolatilization: Volatile contaminants can be taken up by plants and released into the atmosphere through transpiration. This mechanism is important for managing volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and other contaminants that can readily evaporate.

Phytostabilization: Plants can immobilize contaminants by reducing their mobility and bioavailability. This can occur through chemical reactions that result in the formation of less soluble compounds or by encapsulating contaminants within root zones. In conclusion, phytoremediation is a versatile and promising approach for addressing various types of environmental contamination. By harnessing the natural abilities of plants and their associated microorganisms, phytoremediation offers an eco-friendly and sustainable solution for restoring polluted sites and mitigating the impacts of contaminants on ecosystems and human health. The specific mechanism employed in phytoremediation depends on the contaminants present, the type of plants used, and the desired outcome of the remediation process.

Benefits of Phytoremediation

Environmental Sustainability: Phytoremediation is a natural, non-invasive process that does not disrupt ecosystems. It reduces the need for extensive excavation and transportation of contaminated materials, minimizing the associated carbon footprint as follows (Wan *et al.*, 2016; Cameselle *et al.*, 2019; Ghosh and Maiti, 2021).



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Cost-Effectiveness: Phytoremediation is often more cost-effective than traditional remediation methods. It requires less equipment and maintenance, making it suitable for both large-scale and small-scale projects.

Biodiversity Conservation: Phytoremediation can contribute to habitat restoration by promoting the growth of native plant species, which in turn supports local wildlife and enhances ecosystem health.

Long-Term Solution: Phytoremediation offers a long-term solution by addressing the root causes of contamination rather than simply transferring pollutants from one location to another.

Community Engagement: Phytoremediation projects often involve local communities, raising awareness about environmental issues and fostering a sense of ownership and stewardship.

Challenges and Considerations

While phytoremediation has many advantages, it is not a one-size-fits-all solution and has certain limitations (Moustakas and Loizidou, 2023):

Time-Intensive: Phytoremediation can be a slow process, particularly for large-scale contamination sites, requiring years or even decades to achieve complete remediation.

Plant Selection: Choosing the right plant species for a specific type of contamination is crucial. Not all plants have the ability to remediate all types of pollutants effectively.

Site Conditions: Soil composition, climate, and other site-specific factors can influence the success of phytoremediation projects.

Regulatory Approval: Some regulatory agencies may require extensive testing and monitoring before approving phytoremediation projects, which can add to the timeline and costs.

Examples of Phytoremediation

Sunflowers for Heavy Metals: Sunflowers are often used to remediate soil contaminated with heavy metals like lead, zinc, and copper. These plants can accumulate high concentrations of these metals in their tissues as follows (Jones *et al.*, 2006; Mendez *et al.*, 2008; Gerhardt *et al.*, 2009; Ansari, 2016; Beans, 2017; Wei *et al.*, 2021; Kafle *et al.*, 2022).

Willows for Wastewater Treatment: Willows are used in constructed wetlands to treat wastewater. They absorb nutrients and contaminants, helping to purify the water before it is released into natural water bodies.

Poplars for Groundwater Cleanup: Poplar trees have been employed to remediate groundwater contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Their extensive root systems create conditions favorable for microbial degradation of pollutants. In conclusion, phytoremediation is a promising and sustainable approach to environmental remediation, offering a natural and cost-effective way to address pollution and contamination. While it may not be suitable for all situations, when properly applied and managed, phytoremediation can play a significant role in restoring ecosystems and improving the overall quality of the environment.

Uptake, translocation, and accumulation of heavy metals by plants

Plants can absorb heavy metals from the soil through their roots. The uptake of heavy metals is a passive process that occurs through various mechanisms, primarily driven by concentration gradients and ion exchange. Here's a breakdown of the key steps involved in the uptake of heavy metals by plants (Dinuet *et al.*, 2020; Zakaria *et al.*, 2021; Tao and Lu, 2022):

Adsorption: Heavy metals present in the soil solution come into contact with the root surface. These metals can be adsorbed onto the surface of root cells. The process of adsorption depends on factors like metal concentration, pH of the soil, and the presence of organic matter.

Ion Exchange: Some heavy metals can replace essential nutrients, such as calcium, magnesium, and potassium, on the exchange sites of root cell surfaces. This ion exchange process allows heavy metals to enter the root cells.

Passive Diffusion: Heavy metals can also move through the root cell membranes via passive diffusion, driven by concentration gradients. The rate of diffusion depends on the metal's solubility and concentration in the soil solution.



**Poomi and Jeyanthi Rebecca****Translocation of Heavy Metals within Plants**

Once heavy metals are taken up by the roots, they can be transported within the plant to various parts. Translocation involves the movement of metals from roots to shoots. Several pathways and processes are involved in the translocation of heavy metals (Qiao *et al.*, 2018; Pasricha *et al.*, 2021; Nescu *et al.*, 2022):

Symplastic Pathway: This pathway involves the movement of heavy metals through the cytoplasm of interconnected cells via plasmodesmata. Metal ions move from one cell to another through these channels.

Apoplastic Pathway: Metals can also move through the cell walls by traveling along the apoplastic pathway. This involves movement through the spaces between cell walls and can be hindered by barriers like Casparian strips in the endodermis.

Vacuolar Sequestration: One of the primary mechanisms for detoxifying heavy metals in plants is sequestration within vacuoles. Vacuoles store heavy metals in non-toxic forms, reducing their harmful effects on essential cellular processes.

Accumulation of Heavy Metals in Plant Tissues

Accumulation refers to the process of heavy metal buildup in different plant tissues, particularly the above-ground parts such as leaves and stems. Accumulation is influenced by factors such as the type of heavy metal, plant species, and the presence of other elements. Some plants have a higher capacity to accumulate heavy metals, making them potential candidates for phytoremediation (removal of pollutants from soil) (Zhou *et al.*, 2015; Etesami, 2018; Zwolak *et al.*, 2019; Aprile and De Bellis, 2020; Çomaklı and Bingöl, 2021; Zamani Afshar *et al.*, 2022):

Root Accumulation: Certain plants have a higher ability to accumulate heavy metals in their roots. These metals may be stored in root cells or bound to cell wall components.

Shoot Accumulation: Some plants can actively transport heavy metals from the roots to above-ground tissues. This can lead to high concentrations of heavy metals in leaves and stems.

Hyperaccumulators: Certain plant species, known as hyperaccumulators, have an exceptional ability to accumulate unusually high levels of heavy metals in their tissues without showing significant signs of toxicity. These plants are of great interest in phytoremediation efforts. In summary, the uptake, translocation, and accumulation of heavy metals by plants are complex processes that depend on various factors. Understanding these mechanisms is crucial for managing soil pollution, assessing potential health risks, and developing strategies for phytoremediation.

Role of rhizosphere and microbial interactions

The rhizosphere is a dynamic and complex microenvironment surrounding plant roots, where intricate interactions occur between plants, soil particles, and a diverse community of microorganisms. These interactions play a crucial role in plant health, nutrient cycling, and soil ecosystem functioning. The mechanisms underlying the role of the rhizosphere and microbial interactions are multifaceted and involve various processes, including nutrient exchange, communication, and competition. Here, we delve into a detailed mechanistic explanation of these interactions.

Nutrient Exchange

Plants release a variety of organic compounds, collectively termed root exudates, into the rhizosphere. These exudates include sugars, amino acids, organic acids, and enzymes. Root exudates serve as an energy source for microorganisms, attracting them to the rhizosphere. In response, microorganisms release enzymes that break down complex organic matter in the soil, making nutrients more accessible to both plants and microbes. This nutrient cycling benefits plant growth by enhancing nutrient availability, while microorganisms gain a niche habitat rich in energy sources.

Communication and Signalling

Plants and microbes engage in intricate chemical signaling within the rhizosphere. Root exudates contain specific compounds that can serve as signaling molecules, influencing microbial community composition and function. Microorganisms, in turn, produce signaling molecules, such as quorum-sensing molecules and volatile organic



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compounds, which can affect plant growth and defense mechanisms. This communication enables plants to activate specific responses, such as enhanced nutrient uptake or the induction of defense mechanisms against pathogens.

Symbiotic Relationships

Certain microorganisms form symbiotic relationships with plants, benefiting both parties. Mycorrhizal fungi, for example, establish mutualistic associations with plant roots. Arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi extend hyphae into the soil, increasing the root's effective surface area for nutrient absorption. In return, the fungi receive sugars from the plant. Nitrogen-fixing bacteria, such as rhizobia, form nodules on legume roots and convert atmospheric nitrogen into a form that plants can use. These symbiotic interactions enhance plant nutrient acquisition and growth.

Disease Suppression and Competition

Microbes in the rhizosphere can also contribute to disease suppression through various mechanisms. Some microorganisms produce antibiotics or other bioactive compounds that inhibit pathogenic organisms. Additionally, the presence of beneficial microorganisms can stimulate the plant's immune responses, making it more resistant to pathogens. Microbial competition for resources, such as nutrients and space, can limit the growth of potential pathogens, indirectly protecting plant health.

Rhizodeposition and Soil Aggregation

Roots physically alter the soil environment by exuding substances that contribute to soil structure and aggregation. These root-derived compounds help bind soil particles together, forming aggregates. Aggregated soils are more stable, better aerated, and have improved water-holding capacity. Microorganisms play a critical role in this process by producing polysaccharides and other extracellular substances that contribute to soil aggregation. Improved soil structure benefits plant root penetration, water infiltration, and nutrient movement.

In conclusion, the rhizosphere and microbial interactions form a complex and interdependent specific responses, such as enhanced nutrient uptake or the induction of defense mechanisms against pathogens.

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Rhizodeposition and Soil Aggregation

Roots physically alter the soil environment by exuding substances that contribute to soil structure and aggregation. These root-derived compounds help bind soil particles together, forming aggregates. Aggregated soils are more stable, better aerated, and have improved water-holding capacity. Microorganisms play a critical role in this process by producing polysaccharides and other extracellular substances that contribute to soil aggregation. Improved soil structure benefits plant root penetration, water infiltration, and nutrient movement.



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In conclusion, the rhizosphere and microbial interactions form a complex and interdependent network that profoundly influences plant health, soil fertility, and ecosystem functioning. The mechanisms described above provide a detailed understanding of how plants and microorganisms collaborate, compete, and communicate within this dynamic microenvironment. Recognizing and harnessing these mechanisms have significant implications for sustainable agriculture, ecosystem restoration, and the development of innovative agricultural practices.

Significance of studying phytoremediation of Cu, Pb, and Zn

The study of phytoremediation, especially in the context of heavy metals like copper (Cu), lead (Pb), and zinc (Zn), holds immense significance due to its potential to address several environmental, economic, and social challenges as follows (Turanand Esringu, 2007; Kumar *et al.*, 2008; Doumett *et al.*, 2010; Polechońska and Klink, 2014; Ansari, 2016; Beans, 2017; Wei *et al.*, 2021; Kafle *et al.*, 2022; Singh *et al.*, 2023).

Environmental Protection and Restoration: Heavy metals like Cu, Pb, and Zn are widespread contaminants in the environment due to industrial activities, mining, agriculture, and improper waste disposal. These metals can accumulate in soils, water bodies, and sediments, posing serious risks to ecosystems and human health. Phytoremediation offers a natural way to reduce the concentrations of these metals in contaminated sites, thus restoring and protecting the integrity of ecosystems.

Reduced Soil Contamination: Heavy metals in soil can adversely affect soil quality, nutrient availability, and microbial communities. This can lead to reduced agricultural productivity and compromised soil health. Phytoremediation helps mitigate these issues by sequestering metals within plant tissues or rendering them less bioavailable through various mechanisms, thus improving soil conditions for future land use.

Water Quality Improvement: Contaminated water bodies, either directly or indirectly, can result in pollution of drinking water sources and aquatic habitats. Phytoremediation plants can absorb, accumulate, and transform heavy metals, reducing their concentrations in water through mechanisms like phytofiltration and rhizofiltration. This process aids in improving water quality and protecting aquatic ecosystems.

Cost-Effectiveness: Traditional remediation methods like excavation, transportation, and disposal of contaminated materials are often expensive and disruptive. Phytoremediation, on the other hand, is relatively cost-effective, especially for large-scale or long-term projects. It requires less infrastructure and maintenance, making it an economically viable option for remediating contaminated sites.

Aesthetic and Recreational Benefits: Phytoremediation can transform contaminated sites into aesthetically pleasing green spaces, enhancing the quality of life for local communities. Remediated areas can be repurposed for recreational activities, urban gardening, or other community uses, fostering social engagement and well-being.

Biodiversity Conservation: Phytoremediation plants, particularly hyperaccumulators, have the potential to support the conservation of rare and endangered plant species by creating specialized habitats. These plants can thrive in metal-contaminated environments where other species may not survive, contributing to biodiversity preservation.

Risk Reduction: The accumulation of heavy metals in food chains poses a significant risk to human health through the consumption of contaminated crops or livestock. Phytoremediation can reduce the bioavailability of metals in soils, thereby decreasing their potential to enter the food chain and minimizing health risks for local communities.

Carbon Sequestration and Climate Change Mitigation: Phytoremediation plants contribute to carbon sequestration, as they capture carbon dioxide from the atmosphere during photosynthesis and store it in their biomass and roots. This process can help mitigate climate change by reducing greenhouse gas concentrations.



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Research and Technological Advancements: The study of phytoremediation of heavy metals like Cu, Pb, and Zn drives research and innovation in areas such as plant physiology, genetics, and biotechnology. It offers insights into how plants can be genetically engineered or selected to enhance their metal-accumulating capabilities, leading to advancements in both phytoremediation and other agricultural practices.

Policy and Regulation: The success of phytoremediation projects can influence environmental policies and regulations related to land use, waste management, and pollution control. Demonstrating the efficacy of phytoremediation for Cu, Pb, and Zn contamination can lead to the incorporation of this approach into government guidelines and industry practices. In conclusion, the significance of studying phytoremediation of copper, lead, and zinc lies in its potential to provide a holistic and sustainable solution to the challenges posed by heavy metal contamination. By offering benefits ranging from environmental protection and restoration to economic savings and societal well-being, phytoremediation contributes to a greener and cleaner future for both ecosystems and human communities.

Role of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants in phytoremediation

Phytoremediation is an eco-friendly and sustainable approach to cleaning up contaminated environments using plants. It takes advantage of the natural ability of certain plants to absorb, accumulate, and detoxify various pollutants from the soil, water, or air. Three plants that play a significant role in phytoremediation are Erwa (*Jatropha curcas*), Balsam (*Impatiens balsamina*), and Duranta (*Duranta erecta*). Each of these plants contributes to the process of phytoremediation through different mechanisms (Barasarathi *et al.*, 2021, Unde and Kumar, 2022).

Erwa (*Jatropha curcas*)

Erwa, also known as *Jatropha curcas*, is a perennial shrub native to Central America but widely cultivated in various regions for its oil-rich seeds and its potential in phytoremediation. Erwa has been found to exhibit phytoremediation capabilities due to its ability to tolerate and accumulate heavy metals, such as lead, cadmium, and zinc, in its tissues. The mechanism by which Erwa contributes to phytoremediation includes (Parihar *et al.*, 2021):

Hyperaccumulation: Erwa has the ability to hyperaccumulate heavy metals in its tissues. Hyperaccumulation refers to the plant's capacity to accumulate metals at concentrations far greater than those found in the surrounding environment. This helps in reducing the metal concentration in the contaminated soil.

Rhizofiltration: The roots of Erwa release organic acids and enzymes that aid in mobilizing and solubilizing heavy metals in the rhizosphere (root zone). This process facilitates the uptake of metals into the plant roots, effectively removing them from the soil.

Phytostabilization: Erwa's extensive root system helps bind and stabilize soil particles, preventing the spread of contaminants and reducing their potential for leaching into groundwater.

Balsam (*Impatiens balsamina*)

Balsam, or *Impatiens balsamina*, is an annual flowering plant with phytoremediation potential, particularly in the context of organic contaminants and pollutants. Balsam is often used for its ability to remediate contaminated soil and water through the following mechanisms (Tshikhudo *et al.*, 2023):

Rhizodegradation: Balsam releases enzymes and metabolites from its roots that facilitate the breakdown and degradation of organic pollutants, such as hydrocarbons and aromatic compounds. This process contributes to the detoxification of contaminated environments.

Phytodegradation: Balsam takes up organic contaminants through its roots and transports them to its above-ground tissues. Once in the plant, these contaminants can undergo metabolic processes, such as phytodegradation, which breaks down the pollutants into less harmful substances.



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Enhanced Microbial Activity: Balsam's root exudates promote the growth and activity of beneficial soil microorganisms, which further aid in the degradation and transformation of organic contaminants.

Duranta (*Duranta erecta*)

Duranta erecta, commonly known as Duranta, is an ornamental shrub often used for landscaping purposes. Apart from its aesthetic value, Duranta has shown potential for phytoremediation due to its ability to tolerate and remove various pollutants, especially heavy metals. The mechanisms by which Duranta contributes to phytoremediation include (Jadaun, 2023):

Phytoextraction : Duranta's roots take up heavy metals from the soil and transport them to its above-ground parts, primarily the leaves and stems. Through this process of phytoextraction, Duranta helps reduce the metal concentration in the soil.

Translocation and Accumulation: Duranta accumulates heavy metals in its above-ground tissues without suffering from toxicity. This accumulation assists in the detoxification of the soil and reduces the potential for metal leaching and groundwater contamination.

Phytotransformation: Duranta's leaves and stems may also contribute to the transformation of pollutants through metabolic processes, helping to break down or immobilize the contaminants. In summary, Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants play crucial roles in phytoremediation by employing various mechanisms to remove, detoxify, and stabilize contaminants in contaminated environments. These mechanisms include hyperaccumulation, rhizofiltration, rhizodegradation, phytodegradation, phytoextraction, translocation, accumulation, and phytotransformation. The combined actions of these plants contribute to the overall remediation of polluted soils, waters, and air, demonstrating the potential of phytoremediation as a sustainable and effective approach for environmental cleanup.

Erwa's metal tolerance and accumulation potential

Erwa refers to a plant species, and its metal tolerance and accumulation potential relate to its ability to withstand and absorb heavy metals from the environment. Heavy metals are elements with high atomic weights that can be toxic to living organisms in elevated concentrations. Erwa's metal tolerance is its capacity to survive and thrive in soil or water contaminated with high levels of heavy metals, such as cadmium, lead, zinc, and copper. This tolerance is often attributed to various physiological and biochemical adaptations. Erwa's metal accumulation potential, on the other hand, refers to its ability to uptake and store heavy metals within its tissues without suffering significant damage. This process involves several mechanisms, including (Tibebu *et al.*, 2022):

Metal Transporters: Erwa plants may possess specialized transporters that facilitate the uptake of heavy metals from the soil or water into their roots. These transporters can selectively bind to and transport specific heavy metals into the plant's vascular system.

Metal Sequestration: Once absorbed, heavy metals can be sequestered or stored within specific cellular compartments, such as vacuoles or cell walls. This reduces the toxic effects of heavy metals on essential cellular processes.

Chelation: Erwa plants may produce molecules called chelators, which have the ability to bind to heavy metals and form stable complexes. These complexes are less toxic and can be transported to storage sites within the plant.

Metal Detoxification Enzymes: Erwa may produce enzymes that participate in the detoxification of heavy metals by converting them into less harmful forms. For instance, metallothioneins are proteins that bind to heavy metals and protect cells from their toxic effects.



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Root Exudates: Erwa plants may release certain compounds from their roots, which can alter the physicochemical properties of the soil and enhance the availability of heavy metals for uptake.

Balsam's effectiveness in heavy metal absorption

Balsam, another plant species, is known for its potential to absorb heavy metals from its surrounding environment. This absorption ability is largely attributed to the following factors (Lin *et al.*, 2022):

Hyperaccumulation: Balsam species might possess the unique ability to hyperaccumulate certain heavy metals. Hyperaccumulators can accumulate concentrations of heavy metals far higher than other plant species without showing signs of toxicity.

Deep Root System: Balsam plants often have deep and extensive root systems that allow them to explore a larger volume of soil. This enables them to access heavy metals present at deeper soil layers.

Metal Transporters and Chelation: Like Erwa, balsam may also have specialized metal transporters and chelating molecules that enhance the uptake and storage of heavy metals.

Fast Growth Rate: Balsam's rapid growth rate might contribute to its ability to absorb and accumulate heavy metals. As it grows quickly, it can continuously uptake and sequester heavy metals from the environment.

Duranta's role in immobilization and transformation of heavy metals

Duranta, a different plant species, plays a crucial role in immobilizing and transforming heavy metals in the environment. This process can help mitigate the harmful effects of heavy metal contamination. The mechanisms by which Duranta achieves this include (Heisi *et al.*, 2023):

Rhizosphere Modification: Duranta plants release root exudates that can modify the chemical and physical properties of the rhizosphere—the soil region influenced by the plant's roots. This can lead to the precipitation or immobilization of heavy metals, reducing their mobility and bioavailability.

Microbial Interactions: Duranta's root exudates can promote the growth of beneficial microorganisms in the soil. These microbes can participate in processes such as biosorption, where they bind and immobilize heavy metals on their surfaces.

Phytostabilization: Duranta plants may stabilize heavy metals by incorporating them into their tissues and preventing their movement through the soil. This reduces the risk of heavy metal leaching into groundwater or being taken up by other plants.

Phytoextraction: While not as prominent in Duranta as in some other species, phytoextraction involves the uptake and accumulation of heavy metals in plant tissues. These metals can then be harvested and removed from the site, effectively reducing the metal content in the environment.

In summary, Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta are all examples of plant species with varying degrees of metal tolerance, accumulation potential, and heavy metal interaction capabilities. Their unique physiological and biochemical adaptations allow them to thrive in heavy metal-contaminated environments and contribute to the immobilization, transformation, and removal of heavy metals from the ecosystem. The use of plants for the removal of heavy metals from contaminated environments is a process known as phytoremediation. Phytoremediation is an eco-friendly and cost-effective approach that utilizes the natural abilities of certain plants to absorb, accumulate, and detoxify heavy metals from soil, water, or air. Among the various plants used for phytoremediation, Erwa (*Sesbania drummondii*), Balsam (*Impatiens walleriana*), and Duranta (*Duranta erecta*) have shown potential for the removal of heavy metals, particularly Copper (Cu), Lead (Pb), and Zinc (Zn).



**Poorni and Jeyanthi Rebecca****Erwa (*Sesbania drummondii*)**

Erwa is a leguminous plant that belongs to the *Sesbania* genus. It has been studied for its ability to tolerate and accumulate heavy metals, making it suitable for phytoremediation. Erwa employs several mechanisms to facilitate heavy metal removal:

Phytoextraction: Erwa can uptake heavy metals from the soil through its roots. The metals are then transported and stored in its above-ground biomass, such as leaves and stems. This process helps to reduce the metal concentrations in the soil.

Rhizofiltration: The roots of Erwa release organic compounds that can form complexes with heavy metals, enhancing their uptake and removal from the soil.

Balsam (*Impatiens walleriana*): Balsam, a flowering plant of the *Impatiens* genus, has been investigated for its potential in phytoremediation due to its rapid growth and adaptability. Balsam uses the following mechanisms for heavy metal removal:

Phytostabilization: Balsam can stabilize heavy metals in the soil by promoting chemical reactions that reduce their mobility and bioavailability. This reduces the risk of metal leaching and subsequent contamination of groundwater.

Hyperaccumulation: Some varieties of Balsam have shown the ability to accumulate high concentrations of heavy metals in their tissues, effectively removing these metals from the environment.

Duranta (*Duranta erecta*)

Duranta is an ornamental shrub that belongs to the *Verbenaceae* family. It has been studied for its potential in phytoremediation due to its ability to tolerate adverse conditions and accumulate heavy metals. Duranta employs the following mechanisms for heavy metal removal:

Rhizofiltration: The roots of Duranta release organic compounds that can chelate heavy metals and facilitate their uptake from the soil.

Phytostabilization: Duranta can help stabilize heavy metals in the soil by promoting the formation of less mobile and less toxic metal compounds.

It's important to note that the effectiveness of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta in removing heavy metals from contaminated environments can be influenced by various factors such as soil conditions, metal concentrations, and plant growth conditions. Before implementing phytoremediation using these plants, a thorough assessment of the specific contaminated site and careful selection of appropriate plant species is crucial. Monitoring and management of the phytoremediation process are also essential to ensure its success in reducing heavy metal pollution.

This paper explores the intricate field of phytoremediation, focusing on the use of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants for the removal of heavy metals, namely Copper (Cu), Lead (Pb), and Zinc (Zn), from contaminated environments. The study outlines the objectives, methodologies, and findings of research endeavors aimed at investigating the potential of these plants in remediating heavy metal pollution. Through a systematic review of various scholarly works, this paper synthesizes the diverse knowledge and methodologies applied in the pursuit of effective phytoremediation strategies.

Phytoremediation has emerged as a sustainable and eco-friendly approach to mitigate the detrimental effects of heavy metal contamination in soil and water systems. The present literature review delves into the utilization of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants as phytoremediation agents for Copper, Lead, and Zinc, three of the most prevalent heavy metals with significant environmental impacts.



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The primary objectives of the reviewed studies encompassed the collection of plant seeds, seed germination, pot culturing, heavy metal analysis, identification of anatomical and phytochemical variations, protein profiling, effect study by FTIR and HPLC, and the determination of heavy metal uptake efficiency.

Seed Collection and Germination

The literature revealed that successful phytoremediation endeavors commence with the collection of viable seeds from Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants. Researchers employed various methodologies to enhance seed germination rates and ensure healthy seedlings, thereby laying the foundation for subsequent pot culturing and metal uptake studies.

Pot Culturing and Heavy Metal Analysis

Pot culturing experiments were commonly employed to study the plants' growth and heavy metal uptake capacities. Through meticulous experimentation, researchers examined the effects of varying concentrations of Cu, Pb, and Zn on plant growth, morphology, and overall health. These investigations were complemented by rigorous heavy metal analysis techniques, including atomic absorption spectroscopy and inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry.

Anatomical and Phytochemical Variations

An essential facet of the studies involved identifying anatomical and phytochemical variations induced by heavy metal exposure. Microscopic analyses elucidated changes in root and shoot structures, while phytochemical analyses unveiled alterations in secondary metabolites, antioxidants, and metal chelating compounds, providing insights into the plants' adaptive mechanisms.

Protein Profiling

Proteomic studies offered valuable insights into the molecular responses of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants to heavy metal stress. Two-dimensional gel electrophoresis and mass spectrometry techniques facilitated the identification and quantification of proteins associated with metal detoxification, antioxidative defense, and stress response pathways.

Effect Study by FTIR and HPLC

The integration of Fourier-transform infrared (FTIR) spectroscopy and high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) enabled researchers to elucidate changes in functional groups and phytochemical compositions under heavy metal stress. This multi-faceted approach enriched the understanding of molecular-level alterations in the plants' physiology.

Efficiency of Heavy Metal Uptake

A pivotal aspect of the reviewed studies focused on assessing the efficiency of heavy metal uptake by Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants. Quantitative analyses of metal accumulation in plant tissues highlighted variations in metal accumulation patterns and provided critical data for evaluating the plants' phytoremediation potential.

Hypothesis Explanation

The hypothesis proposes that combining the phytoremediation potential of three distinct plant species, namely Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta, will lead to an enhanced and synergistic removal of heavy metals, specifically Copper (Cu), Lead (Pb), and Zinc (Zn), from contaminated soil and water environments. This innovative multispecies approach aims to capitalize on the unique biochemical and physiological attributes of each plant species, resulting in more efficient and sustainable heavy metal detoxification and remediation.

Synergistic Metal Uptake: Each plant species possesses a distinct capacity to selectively uptake and accumulate heavy metals. Erwa, known for its robust growth and adaptability, might excel at copper uptake due to its copper-specific transporters. Balsam, with its efficient lead accumulation mechanisms, could effectively target lead contamination. Duranta, recognized for its zinc hyperaccumulation traits, might specifically focus on zinc uptake.



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The hypothesis suggests that these plants' collective presence could create a more comprehensive and efficient metal removal mechanism, outperforming individual plant species.

Rhizospheric Interaction and Microbial Enhancement: The roots of these plants establish a complex rhizospheric environment that harbors diverse microbial communities. The hypothesis posits that the rhizospheric interactions among Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta could lead to an enhanced microbial activity, promoting metal solubilization and bioavailability. This could result in improved metal uptake by the plants, as well as increased microbial-mediated transformations that facilitate metal immobilization or conversion into less toxic forms.

Improved Plant Tolerance and Growth: Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta might exhibit varying degrees of tolerance to the heavy metals in question. It is hypothesized that the multispecies approach could involve complementary metal tolerance mechanisms, such as metal chelation, sequestration, and antioxidative defense systems. This collaborative defense strategy might enhance plant growth and vitality, allowing the plants to better endure and effectively remediate heavy metal stress.

Enhanced Phytoextraction and Phytostabilization: Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta could collaboratively contribute to both phytoextraction (metal uptake and translocation to above-ground tissues) and phytostabilization (metal immobilization within roots and rhizospheric regions). The hypothesis proposes that this dual strategy could yield a more balanced and sustainable heavy metal remediation outcome, mitigating the potential risks of metal release from harvested plant biomass.

DISCUSSION AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The discussion section of this study delves into the various aspects of phytoremediation using Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants for heavy metal removal. It begins by summarizing the mechanisms employed by each plant species in heavy metal remediation, highlighting their unique attributes. The discussion also emphasizes the importance of tailored phytoremediation approaches based on the specific contaminant and environmental conditions. Moreover, it explores the potential synergistic effects of combining these plant species in a multispecies phytoremediation approach. The hypothesis posits that their individual strengths and metal-specific accumulation abilities could lead to enhanced heavy metal removal. The rhizospheric interactions and microbial enhancement are also discussed, as they play a crucial role in the effectiveness of this multispecies approach.

CONCLUSION

The conclusion summarizes the key findings of the literature review, emphasizing the significance of Erwa, Balsam, and Duranta plants as phytoremediation agents for copper, lead, and zinc contamination. It underscores the importance of a comprehensive approach that combines seed germination, pot culturing, heavy metal analysis, anatomical and phytochemical investigations, protein profiling, and spectroscopic techniques to understand the phytoremediation capabilities of these plants fully. The conclusion also highlights the potential for future research endeavors aimed at harnessing the phytoremediation potential of these plants to restore and rehabilitate heavy metal-contaminated environments.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Complex Trauma, Power Dynamics, and Identity Crisis: A Psychological Perspective on Saru in Shashi Deshpande's *The Dark Holds No Terror*

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ABSTRACT

This study delves into the psychological trauma of Saru, the protagonist of Shashi Deshpande's *The Dark Holds No Terrors*, focusing on her experiences of abuse and emotional neglect within a patriarchal framework. Employing psychoanalytic, behavioural, and trauma-focused perspectives, the analysis examines the interplay of childhood conditioning, gendered power dynamics, and marital violence in shaping Saru's mental state. Key psychological constructs, including learned helplessness, defense mechanisms, attachment theory, and complex trauma, are applied to unravel the layers of her emotional turmoil. Furthermore, the study highlights Saru's journey toward self-awareness and empowerment as she confronts her past and redefines her identity. This exploration emphasizes the broader implications of societal norms and gender roles on psychological well-being, offering insights into the resilience required to overcome oppressive systems.

Keywords: Psychological trauma, Patriarchy and gender roles, Learned helplessness, Attachment theory, Defence mechanisms, Complex PTSD, Feminist psychology, Self-identity and empowerment, Childhood conditioning, Marital abuse

INTRODUCTION

Cycle of Abuse and Learned Helplessness

The abusive dynamics in Saru's marriage align with Lenore Walker's Cycle of Violence Theory, which identifies three phases: tension-building, incident of abuse, and reconciliation (honeymoon phase). This cyclical pattern traps victims



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in an on-going state of fear and hope for change. Marriage opens the sesame for all the enjoyments. Their marital life becomes quite good. To Saru all this seems to be difficult to believe. She feels that all these things could only happen to girls in movies. But her happiness is short-lived. Incidents which hurt the male ego of Manohar takes place one after the other soon after their marriage. It appears that fate is dead set against saru. She is not allowed to live in peace even in the chawl. When the neighbors come to know that a lady doctor has come to live among them, they begin to take advantage of the situation. The men around her house look at her lusciously and women say admiringly that she is the lady doctor. One evening, a woman knocks at her door. When Manu opens the door, she asks whether the doctor is at home. The woman wants to consult her about her child who is suffering from diarrhea. The women in the chawl look at her with great respect One or the other man visits her almost every day while none ever asks about Manohar. Thus as doctor Sarita gains honour and respect from the uneducated neighbours of her chawl. Sarita has busy time in the clinic and the hospital. She generally comes home tired and exhausted, and sometimes late also. Once there was an emergency case and it was Sarita alone who could handle it properly. Naturally she goes late to her home.

When she reaches home, she finds Manohar in brooding mood, not prepared to talk to her. Then, there were occasions when she disregards his amorous advances. He starts losing the mental equilibrium. He is smaller than his wife in public and disregarded in his home. To make matters worse, a journalist asks him bluntly how he feels when his wife is virtually earning bread and butter. Thus, Manohar continues to bouts of depression. Sarita studies her M.D., becomes Assistant Honorary, sets up consulting room. She is rising in status. This upsets him entirely and makes him a psychopath. There is no denying that Manohar has to suffer due to the better position of his wife. But Sarita cannot be blamed for his inferiority complex. It is nothing but fate that she has a husband as brittle as a mirror. His ego is hurt by her success, he feels inferior and this inferiority makes him brutal in his behavior. Though he is normal in daytime, he turns treacherous rapist at night and tries to assert his masculinity through sexual assaults upon Saru. Her dream of finding happiness in marriage is soon shattered. It is really heart throbbing that though being a popular doctor by profession she has to bear such pain and excruciating torment. The corporal assaults that Saru receives from her husband can be said to be the height of her disastrous life.

Sarita is in a dejected state. She could not bear the violence of an insane man night after night. Manohar gets the fit of insanity in the night, uses his hands, nails and teeth to afflict pain on Sarita's body and mind. She could not resist him because he seems more powerful during the fit. She could not even cry because she doesn't want the children to know about their afflictions. Therefore, she decides that going away from the house is the only way left for her. She could go only to her father. She things that she should divorce such a husband. She asserts to herself that her husband is a sadist, a wreck, a ruin, yet the question arises, 'can I divorce him?'. She realises that it is not possible for her to do that for several reasons. First, she would not like to speak about what he has done in the privacy of the bedroom. Renu and Abhi would be shocked by the discovery—she 'would never be able to look them in the face again. She is in dilemma as what she should do. She is in such a state that if someone tells her what to do, she will do that at once, without a second thought. But fate does not let her be free from the encumbrances of an insane husband. She decides to run away from him. Whether a woman is a doctor or not doctor she should undergo all sorts of turmoil and fight for equality in a society where gender equality remains an unanswered question. 'The entire notion of 'home' becomes exiled and is transformed into an intangible condition that is not based on a singular location but rather a progress among many places' (Vadivu.Npg 3911). Learned helplessness, as theorized by Martin Seligman, is evident in Saru's response to her husband Manu's violence. Despite her professional success, she exhibits cognitive distortions like believing she is incapable of escaping the abuse. This distortion leads to behavioural passivity, where she tolerates the violence rather than resisting or seeking help.

Childhood Conditioning and Unresolved Trauma

Saru's unresolved trauma is explained through Freudian psychoanalysis, particularly the role of the unconscious mind. Her childhood experiences, especially her mother's emotional neglect and the trauma of her brother Dhruva's death, create a subconscious script of guilt and rejection. These early experiences result in negative core beliefs such as "I am unworthy of love" or "I am to blame for others' pain," which resurface in her adult life. Her attachment style,



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likely shaped by parental neglect, may lean toward an anxious-preoccupied attachment, making her more vulnerable to staying in an abusive relationship. The concept of trauma bonding, where victims develop emotional dependence on their abusers despite the harm, is also applicable. Saru's psychological dependence on Manu parallels her childhood need for approval from her mother.

Power Dynamics and Gender Roles

Saru and Manu's marriage reflects the power imbalance reinforced by patriarchal social structures. Manu's violent behavior can be analyzed through the lens of hegemonic masculinity, which pressures men to assert dominance when they feel emasculated, as seen in his reaction to Saru's professional success. Saru's internalization of gender role expectations, rooted in social learning theory, contributes to her submission. Her upbringing in a traditional society teaches her that preserving the marriage is paramount, even at the cost of personal suffering. Saru exhibits her jealous and fighting quality when both mother and father doted on her brother Dhruva. There are many instances when she tries to divert her parent's attention from Dhruva. Once when Dhruva sat on father's lap talking to him Manu's behavior may also be linked to fragile masculinity syndrome, where men experience psychological distress when societal norms about male dominance are threatened.

Psychological Defense Mechanisms

Saru employs various defense mechanisms, as conceptualized by Freud, to cope with the abuse:

Denial: She refuses to fully acknowledge the extent of Manu's violence, maintaining an illusion of control. Her visit to her father's house is a kind of escape from the sadist husband and her loveless marriage. It's a kind of solace from her hectic daily routine too. In her helpless situation she is trying to get relief and freedom through some means

Repression: Saru pushes traumatic memories, such as specific instances of abuse, into her unconscious to avoid confronting them. **Projection:** She occasionally projects her internal guilt onto others, particularly her mother, blaming her for her emotional struggles. **Rationalization:** Saru justifies Manu's abusive behavior by attributing it to his insecurities and frustrations.

Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Saru's experiences exhibit symptoms akin to PTSD, including:

Hypervigilance: She constantly anticipates Manu's violent outbursts, living in a heightened state of anxiety.

Emotional numbness: Saru becomes increasingly detached from her emotions, a survival mechanism to endure trauma. **Intrusive thoughts:** Her memories of both childhood and marital abuse resurface, often dominating her mental space. The novel's depiction of Saru reflects the long-term effects of complex trauma (C-PTSD), which involves prolonged exposure to abusive situations, leading to chronic self-doubt, emotional dysregulation, and difficulty forming healthy relationships.

Search for Identity and Empowerment

Saru's journey toward self-discovery can be analyzed through Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs. Her professional success fulfills her esteem needs, but her struggle for self-actualization remains hindered by her psychological barriers. Her return to her parental home represents a confrontation with the shadow self, a Jungian archetype that includes repressed aspects of her identity. By engaging with her past, she begins the process of individuation, seeking to integrate her fractured self and reclaim her agency. Saru's eventual questioning of societal norms and her marriage reflects cognitive restructuring, a core component of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT). This involves challenging irrational beliefs and replacing them with healthier thought patterns.

Societal and Cultural Influences

Inter-sectionalism plays a role in Saru's experience. As a woman, she faces oppression due to both her gender and her roles as a wife and daughter. Her struggles highlight the intersection of personal trauma with societal expectations. The double-bind theory is relevant to Saru's predicament. She is caught between contradictory expectations: to be a submissive wife and an independent professional. This conflict exacerbates her psychological distress.





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CONCLUSION

From a psychological and scientific perspective, Saru's trauma in *The Dark Holds No Terrors* is a multifaceted issue influenced by her childhood conditioning, societal norms, and the abusive dynamics of her marriage. The novel provides a profound exploration of trauma theory, feminist psychology, and identity formation, ultimately emphasizing the importance of self-awareness, resilience, and systemic change in breaking free from cycles of oppression. Saru's story is a poignant reminder of the psychological toll of patriarchal structures and the potential for personal growth through introspection and empowerment. 'A sense of displacement has become a vital part of the modern psyche. Displacement not only results in alienation but also gives a chance to incorporate into a new culture. Though they feel marginalised, they seek to empower themselves and battle the menacing challenges, thus causing in new paradigms..' (Vadivu.Npg 3479)

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Survival Study on Different Image Classification and Secured Transmission Approach for Detecting Crop Leaf Disease

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture sector is the backbone for country's economic growth. With rising population, the agriculture becomes the essential one for human survival. Crops are essential one for human survival. The crop diseases get increased in severity and scale. Crop diseases cause production losses. This disease detection is one part of chronic agricultural obstacles to grower and landscaper struggled for long time. Accurate crop disease diagnosis is a difficult task faced by the farmers during growth and production stages. Accurate plant disease identification has great importance to reduce the unnecessary waste of economic resources. Plant disease analysis does not have visible symptoms due to less accuracy and of human resources. Secured image transmission is the process of sending the captured image to farmers in private manner for crop leaf disease detection. Many farmers not detect the disease on time owing to different disease types. Therefore, automatic leaf disease detection is a conventional task to increase the crop productivity. Many methods are introduced for performing leaf disease detection in efficient manner. But, the leaf disease detection accuracy was not improved and time complexity was not reduced. Therefore, the research work determined into leaf disease detection method-based ML and DL method

Keywords: Agriculture, leaf disease detection, farmers, secured image transmission, economic resources, machine learning.





INTRODUCTION

The essential part of farming is obtained in food for ensure the life time and to measured as an important section of every economic system. Based on the FAO of United Nations, the disease requires a yearly rate of 220 billion on worldwide financial system. Early crop leaf disease detection is carried out for saving plants. The plant disease detection using ML and DL is developing field to achieve promising outcome. A DL method gives in effectiveness with further techniques about image recognition. Various methods are designed for plant disease detection and recognition. However, one challenge is required of ability to collect the image dataset for all diseases across many leaf types. Also, different diseases are dispersal fast and make difficult to capture them on plants in instance.

The main contribution of this survey article is followed as:

- To perform image pre-processing and feature engineering for efficient crop leaf disease prediction with minimum time complexity
- To explain different image classification techniques for leaf disease identification
- To discuss the different secured data communication methods for efficient crop leaf disease prediction with higher data confidentiality rate

The organization of the paper is followed as: In section 1, describe the preamble to crop leaf disease prediction methods with their challenges. The review of various crop leaf disease prediction techniques explained in section 2. In section 3, explain the different dataset description. Section 4 explains the description of different methodologies for crop leaf disease prediction methods. Section 5 explains different performance metrics employed for crop leaf disease prediction. Section 6 represents the results. Finally, the conclusion of the survey works with future direction discussed in section 7.

LITERATURE REVIEW

A new deep learning-based system was introduced in [1] for identifying the disease and healthy leaves across diverse crops. The designed system increased the disease prevalence rate. However, it failed to improve the classification accuracy. In [2], hybrid DL method was designed for combine the thermal imaging and hybridization model to carry the rice leaf disease detection. A plant disease detection model was introduced in [3] depending on transfer learning. The designed plant disease detection model increased plant disease detection accuracy. Though the accuracy level was improved, the time complexity remained unaddressed by designed model. A CNN was performed in [4] to image preprocessing for reorganization and segment the impure tea leaf section. An improved crop pest and disease recognition model was introduced in [5] with YOLOv5 network. Ghost Convolution module was used to minimize the model complexity to address real-time detection requirements. However, minimize the complexity level and failed to enhance the accuracy.

A machine learning-based system was introduced in [6] for finding diseases in cotton plant leaf images. Machine-learning model were evaluated to classify cotton leaves into healthy or diseased. But, the feature extraction time was not reduced by machine learning-based system. In [7], lightweight dCNN based method was determined for rice leaf disease detection. The crop health monitoring system was carried out with automatic annotation. But, the error rate was not reduced by dCNN based method. An enhanced IoT application was introduced in [8] for agricultural monitoring systems to joined energy effectiveness, portability and protected approach abilities. But, the confidentiality level was not improved. A method of VMIE scheme was designed in [9] to different layers of refuge protection are encryption, digital signature and steganography. A new feature fusion-based model was introduced in [10] with parallel tracks to extract relevant features from plant images. Swin transformer gathered the global features through shifted windows and self-attention. But, the computational cost was not reduced by feature fusion-based model.





Dataset Description

The initial dataset used is Plant Village Dataset. The URL of the dataset is specified as <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/abdallahalidev/plantvillage-dataset>. It comprises the diseased plant leaf images and equivalent labels. Human society has to improve the food production by 70% in year 2050 to perform the predictable population size. The 50,000 curated images are determined and infected leaves of crops plants during Plant Village. The data are measured with on-going effort to obtain the yield losses in crop plants because of catching diseases. The second dataset used is Rice Leafs Dataset is taken from <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/shayanriyaz/riceleaves>. It comprises the images for four rice disease and split into two groups namely train and validation. In two groups, images are categorized into four parts, namely BrownSpot, Healthy, Hispa and LeafBlast. The third dataset used is Sugarcane Leaf Disease Dataset is given from <https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/nirmalsankalana/sugarcane-leaf-disease-dataset>. The dataset comprises sugarcane leaf disease images with 5 different classes. At first, the sugarcane leaf disease images are gathered. The dataset has utilized to five different main categories such as, Healthy, Mosaic, Redrot, Rust and Yellow disease. The dataset comprised the 2569 images in all categories. The database has been collected in Maharashtra, India. The database is balanced with good variety. The images are not in same size because they originate from different capturing devices. All images are stored in the RGB format.

METHODOLOGY

Agriculture is the backbone for global economy Agriculture is the essential one for achieving high food security. Based on the global population, the agricultural systems addressed the rising demand for food. Figure 1 explains the architecture diagram of leaf disease classification and secured communication. Figure 1 illustrates the leaf disease classification and secured communication. Initially, the number of leaf images is collected from the acquisition device. After that, image pre-processing is carried out to remove the noisy pixels. Then, feature extraction is performed for remove the color, shape, size features. Then, image classification is performed to perform leaf disease classification with higher accuracy and minimum time complexity. Finally, the secured image transmission is carried out to improve the confidentiality level during leaf disease prediction.

Generalized Method for identifying unhealthy leaves

The inclusive food security is plant disease for bargain the farming efficiency. The plant disease destroys the crops, food supply chains and increase food shortage risk to preserve the world food sources. The main aim is finding the diseased small leaf regions with disease prevalence rate on crop leaf. A little inception model is carried for classification in disease recognition. The accuracy rate was improved by designed system for plant disease detection. It addressed the model generalization to diverse crops and diseases. The designed system identifies the disease across any crop type by showcasing the potential for broad applicability. It has giving to global food refuge initiatives.

Hybrid Convolutional Neural Network Model

Rice is considered as the staple crop globally. Rice desires the proactive and exact disease detection to ensure the sustainable manufacture. The designed model improved the ability to shorten across diverse datasets and improved disease detection at first stage. Hybrid Darknet53-SVM model improve the model scalability in real-time applications for small-scale farmers to achieve fast, reliable and bargain solutions. The hybrid model provided practical and scalable solution for addressing the agriculture pressing challenges.

Transfer Learning for Leaf Disease Recognition

Global food security is exposed by plant diseases and outcome in economic losses to the grower. Automated plant disease detection is performed with computer vision and ML techniques to offer faster and more exact outcome. The CNN model recognized the plant disease in efficient manner with better accuracy. It utilized for different potential



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applications in real-world scenarios and aids the planter to classify in crop diseases at an first stage. The designed model has taken timely action for reducing the crop losses.

Segment Anything Model and Deep Convolutional Neural Networks (DCNN)

Tea is considered as an essential beverage across different cultures. Diseases disturbing the tea leave impacted the honesty, production and outcome in considerable losses. The disease detection at an initial stage is a vital one. The dataset is split into 6 categories, such as, Algal Spot, Brown Blight, Gray Blight, Healthy, Helopeltis and Red Spot. Segment Anything Model (SAM) is introduced with the zero-shot segmentation abilities. The designed model is used to partition and extract diseased leaf regions. The customized CNN model is designed to remove the relevant features. It is allocated to MLP, SVM, and Decision Tree classifiers for achieve the disease classification. The designed model has better accuracy in finding the tea leaf disease.

Channel Attention Mechanism and Lightweight Up-Sampling Operator

Computer vision technology and artificial intelligence are employed to perform automated disease detection for crop disease control and prevention measurement. An improved crop pest and disease recognition model is introduced depending on YOLOv5 network to identify the plant diseases under diverse conditions. Ghost Convolution module in backbone network minimized the model complexity and addressed the real-time detection requirements. In designed section, the input images are separated into sample images from constructed crop pest and disease database into training, validation, and test sets.

Swin Transformer and Dual-Attention Multi-Scale Fusion Network

Crops are essential for the survival of the human race. With raising population, crops significance gets increased. Cashew, cassava, maize, and tomato are considered as the economic crops that sustained livelihoods, economies and cultures of many countries. The crops experience many threats from diseases and pests that resulted in high yield and economic loss. Dual-Attention Multi-scale Fusion Network (DAMFN) track collects the local features with Multi-Separable Attention (MSA) and Tri Shuffle Convolution Attention (TSCA) blocks. The designed architecture joined the features extracted through tracks. The designed model employed triplet attention to aim on most informative regions for accurate classification.

Efficient and Secure Image Encryption

The process of color image encryption is transforming the digital images into encrypted forms for conserve the confidentiality in transmission. The confused matrix is established by traversal for assuring non-adjacency of pixels with improved security. Every pixel is scrambled binary values for improved security and complexity. DNA sequence is produced for developing variability with attack resistance.

Power Optimization and Secure Authentication

The IoT performed plant monitoring systems in farming application to deal with issues such as better power consumption, restricted mobility, hard deployment constraints and not sufficient security events for data access. The IoT application is designed to agricultural monitoring systems and it utilized to energy efficiency, portability and secures access capabilities. AWS cloud platform is utilized for reliable data storage and processing with security measures like 2FA and JSON Web Tokens (JWT) features in agricultural IoT solutions. Users are obtained to carry out the secure monitoring system with Android function for mobile access to collect the plant data.

Visually Meaningful Image Encryption

Image ciphering is process of converting simple image data into cipher image data similar noise. Image cipher considered as presence of secret image data. The noise addressed the several possible attacks. VMIE system is designed for three different layers of safety guard. It performed to encryption, digital signature and steganography and utilized for impartial in strength, security and operational efficiency. It is obtained with partially encrypted image generated after zigzag confusion execution in encrypted image.





PERFORMANCE METRICS

Performance evaluation of existing leaf disease identification methods are carried out using four different evaluation metrics. They are:

- Peak Signal-to-Noise Ratio (PSNR),
- Leaf Disease Identification Accuracy,
- Leaf Disease Identification Time and
- Data Confidentiality Rate

PSNR: It is measured based on mean square error. PSNR is measured as difference between original leaf images and quality improved images after preprocessing. It is calculated as,

$$PSNR = 10 * \log_{10} \left[\frac{p^2}{E_{MS}} \right] \quad (1)$$

$$E_{MS} = [I_p - I_o]^2 \quad (2)$$

From equation (1) and equation (2), 'PSNR' is peak signal-to-noise ratio. 'p' symbolized as maximum possible pixel value (i.e. 255). 'E_{MS}' denotes the mean square error, 'I_o' is the original image size, 'I_p' denotes the pre-processed image size. The PSNR is formulated in decibel (dB).

Leaf disease identification accuracy: It is defined as the ratio of number of plant images that are accurately identified as normal or disease by classification task to total number of leaf images. The accuracy is formulated as,

$$LDIA = \left[\frac{NCC}{n} \right] * 100 \quad (3)$$

From equation (3), 'LDIA' symbolizes the leaf disease identification accuracy. 'n' represents the number of plant leaf images. 'NCC' is a number of images accurately classified. It is computed in terms of percentage (%).

Leaf disease identification time: It is measured as the amount of time consumed to recognize the disease. The time consumption is calculated as,

$$LDIT = [n] * T(\text{classify one image}) \quad (4)$$

From equation (4), 'LDIT' symbolizes the disease identification time. 'n' symbolizes the number of leaf images. 'T' represent the time consumption to categorize the single image. It is measured in terms of milliseconds (ms).

DCR: It is measured as number of user data that are accessed by authorized person to total number of users requested data determined as an input. The data confidentiality rate is formulated as,

$$DCR = \left(\frac{\text{Number of data accessed by authorized user}}{n} \right) * 100 \quad (5)$$

From equation (5), 'n' is a number of users requested data. The data confidentiality rate is computed in percentage (%). When data confidentiality rate is high, the method is said to be more secure.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

It is based on image pre-processing, feature selection and classification by various ML and DL methods. This measurement is performed on crop leaf disease prediction. The different evaluation parameters are utilized to obtain the efficiency and performance of crop leaf disease prediction. The performance of existing crop leaf disease prediction methods is discussed with aid of different graphs. In above figure 2, figure 3 and figure 4, describe the different parameters comparison of nine different existing methods for three different datasets respectively. The designed system increased accuracy rate and reduced time consumption. For Plant Village Dataset, small inception model improved leaf disease identification accuracy by 4%, reduced leaf disease identification time by 16%, reduced error rate by 38% and increased PSNR by 10% when compared to other existing techniques. For Rice Leaf Dataset, small inception model improved leaf disease identification accuracy by 5%, reduced leaf disease identification time by 16%, reduced error rate by 41% and increased PSNR by 8% when compared to other existing techniques. For Sugarcane Leaf Disease Dataset, small inception model improved leaf disease identification accuracy by 5%, reduced



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leaf disease identification time by 27%, reduced error rate by 34% and increased PSNR by 6% when compared to different existing methods.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In the survey, secured image transmission and classification for crop leaf disease prediction is carried out with leaf image datasets using different techniques. Different performance metrics are used to analyze the different crop leaf diseases. When the result is compared with another study, crop leaf disease identification with deep learning method has attained improved results. In this work, small inception model with deep learning attained higher accuracy during crop leaf disease identification for three different datasets. The results of DL achieve better accuracy than all other different existing methods. In future, the results strongly suggest DL with Signcryption methods can be implemented for crop leaf disease identification instead of the other conventional methods discussed in existing studies.

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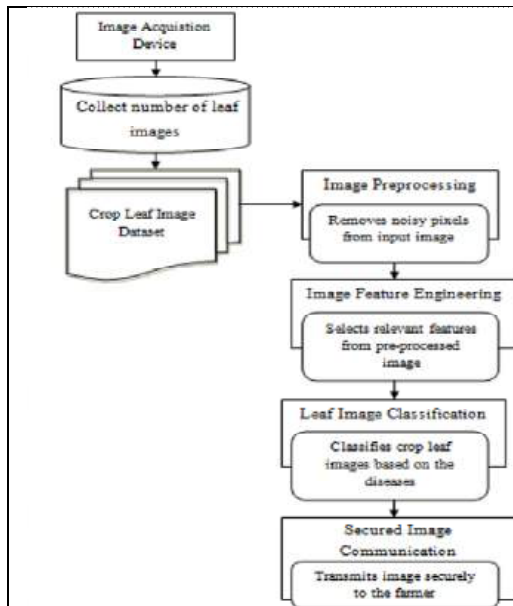


Figure 1. Block diagram of Leaf Disease Classification and Secured Communication

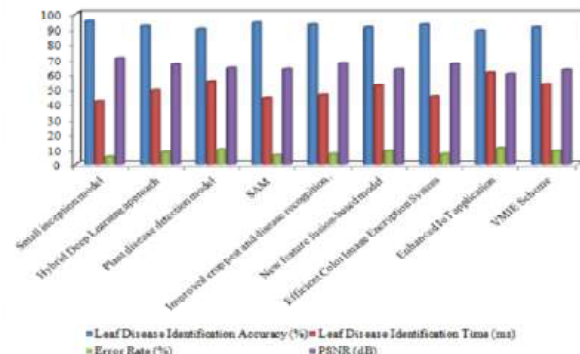


Figure 2. Performance Analyses on Plant Dataset

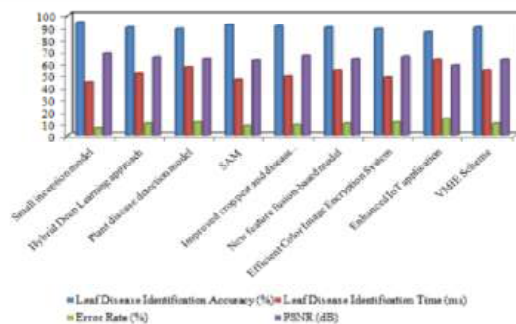


Figure 3. Performance Analyses on Rice Leaf Dataset

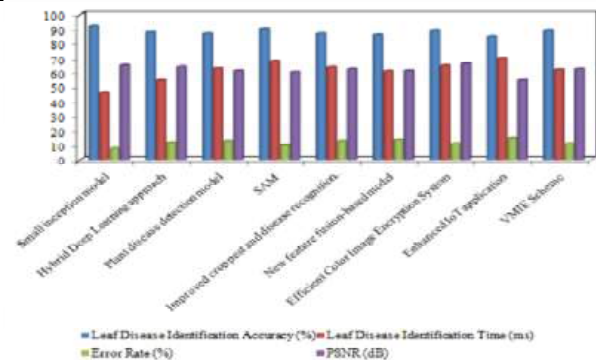


Figure 4. Performance Analyses on Sugarcane Leaf Disease Dataset





Ayurvedic Management of Mitochondrial Disease: A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

Mitochondrial diseases are a heterogeneous group of rare disorders caused by defects in the mitochondria that arise due to mutations in the mitochondrial DNA or nuclear DNA. These disorders can affect various organs and cause a range of symptoms in the body due to impaired energy production in cells. These are characterized by symptoms ranging from mild to severe including muscle weakness, neurological problems, developmental delays and organ dysfunction. Diagnosing mitochondrial disease can be challenging due to its multiple system involvement, diverse symptoms and variable presentation. Treatment options are limited and often focused on improving health and managing symptoms. Ayurveda offers a holistic approach to managing such conditions and improving their quality of life. The present case report is of 16 years old female who attended the outpatient department of Kaumarabhritya of Parul Institute of Ayurved and Research, Khemdas Hospital, Vadodara, Gujarat, India.

Keywords: Ayurveda, Mitochondrial disease, mitochondrial DNA, nuclear DNA, neurological problems, developmental delays

INTRODUCTION

Mitochondrial disease is a group of disorders that are caused by malfunctions in the cellular metabolism of the mitochondria.[1] The tissues and organs that depend heavily on aerobic metabolism are mainly affected by these



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disorders.[2] The mitochondria are the last common pathway in aerobic metabolism.[3] An essential component of cellular physiology, mitochondria are common intracellular organelles found inside cells, and the enzyme systems within them are closely linked to aerobic metabolic processes in the cell.[4] Any mutation/ changes in the genes of mitochondria can lead to inherited abnormalities in the function of mitochondria.[5] Mitochondrial disorders are hereditary diseases which arises due to mutation in the nuclear genes.[6] These nuclear genes which are of 300 in number are present in the mitochondria.[7] These genes contain proteins which are related to the mitochondria and the cellular metabolism of mitochondria.[8] While those caused by genetic changes in mitochondrial DNA are transmitted by maternal inheritance. Mitochondrial disease is listed as a 'rare disease' by the Office of Rare Diseases (ORD) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH).[9] The prevalence of mitochondrial disease is estimated to be 4.7 per 100,000 in children and 12.5 per 100,000 in adults.[10] Approximately 1 in 5000–10,000 babies are born with a mitochondrial disorder.[11] Different kinds of mitochondrial diseases exist. They can impact one or several body parts, such as the kidneys, heart, brain, muscles, eyes, and ears. Because each person has a different combination of healthy and faulty mitochondria and a different distribution of each within the body, symptoms of mitochondrial illnesses might differ. Mitochondrial diseases typically impact multiple cell types, tissues, or organs. Because the energy requirements of muscle and nerve cells are particularly high, mitochondrial diseases frequently present with muscular and neurological issues. Stunted growth, diabetes, cardiac arrhythmia, hearing loss, and visual impairment are among the other typical symptoms. Currently, there are no particular therapies or cures for mitochondrial diseases. Treatment usually focuses on symptom management including medications for cardiac problems, anti-seizure drugs, moderate, doctor-led exercise regimens, physical and occupational therapy, vitamins, supplements, or specific diets. According to Ayurveda, this condition can be taken as Sahaja beeja – beejabhaga – beejabhaga a vayavajanyavikar as, which is a vatadosha vikara.[12] In the human body vayu is responsible for utsah (enthusiasm), nishwasa (inspiration, expiration), the proper excretion of mutra (urine), sweda (sweat), normal transformation of dhatus (body tissue), and the functioning of vani (voice) and mana (mind).[13] Under normal circumstances, it supports all of the body's organs and functions. Thus, abnormal states of function and gunas result from the vitiation of the vata. Ayurvedic treatment can help reduce the symptoms or delay the progression of the disease.

Clinical Characteristics

Mitochondrial disease can affect various organs and systems in the body and often presents with a wide range of clinical characteristics. The Spectrum of symptoms varies from person to person, presenting at any age and ranging from mild to severe. Poor growth; loss of muscle coordination; weakness; seizures; autistic-like features; developmental delays; heart, liver, and kidney disease; gastrointestinal disorders; diabetes; elevated risk of infection; thyroid and autonomic dysfunction; confusion; and memory loss are among the most prevalent symptoms.¹⁴ Children typically exhibit behavioural issues, weariness, and a general lack of energy in addition to developmental impairments. Due to the high energy requirements of these systems, patients with mitochondrial illness have a significant risk of heart failure, arrhythmias, and neurological deterioration.

Patients Information

A female child of 15 years from Pune, Maharashtra was brought to the out-patient department of Kaumarbhritya, Khemdas Hospital, Parul Institute of Ayurved and Research, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat by her parents with complaints of progressive weakness, body aches, headache, difficulty in walking, partially bent lower limbs, burning micturition, burning sensation all over the body, protruding eyeball, unable to open mouth widely and also complaints of unable to hold the neck for a longer duration, and difficulty in reading. The details of chief complaints/presenting complaints are given in Table 1

Progress of Disease

The patient was a full-term, normally delivered parasitic twin who had a mass of 2 kg and a birth weight of 950 grams. The baby did not cry immediately after birth, so she was admitted to the NICU and intubation was done. Her mother noticed that during her childhood, she had not reached her expected growth and developmental milestones. As she grew older, she started experiencing body aches, headaches, difficulty in walking, partially bent lower limbs, burning micturition and a burning sensation all over the body. The patient then approached the out-patient





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department of Kaumarbhritya, Khemdas Hospital, Parul Institute of Ayurved and Research, Parul University, Vadodara, Gujarat and was diagnosed with Mitochondrial disease.

Patient's history

The patient had a history of physiological jaundice and pneumonia after birth for which she was admitted to the NICU for 15 days Details of the patient's history and family history are given in Table 2.

Examination

Patient's vitals are depicted in table 3, general examination in table 4 and systemic examination in table 5.

Developmental Milestones

Gross motor and fine motor are depicted in table 6. While language, social & adaptive are given in table 7

Astavidha Pariksha

Nadi – Vata kaphaja
Mala – 1/3days
Mutra – 6-8/day 2-3/night
Jivha – saama
Shabda – ashpashta
Sparsha – anushna sheeta
Drik – vaikrutha
Akruti – avara

Dashavidha Pariksha

Prakruti: vata Kapha
Samhanana: avara
Satmya: sarva rasa satmya
Ahara shakti: Alpa
Pramana: Avara
Vikruti: vata
Sara: avara
Satva: madhyama
Vaya: bala

Investigations

Routine blood, SGOT, SGPT, Serum electrolytes, and CPK were done within normal limits. The electroneuromyography study shows evidence of motor axonal degeneration in the muscle supplied predominantly by the L5 > S1 root (figure 1 to 5).

Diagnosis

The clinical symptoms showing progressive multisystem disorder are suggestive of Mitochondrial Disease. According to Ayurveda, the symptoms are suggestive of beeja – beeja bhaga – beeja bhaga avayava janya vikaras, which is a Vata Pradhana Tridosha vikara.

Samprapti Ghataka

Dosha: Vata Pradhana Tridosha
Dushya: Mamsa, Asthi, Majja, Rasa, Rakta, Meda
Upadhatu: Sira, Snayu
Ama: Saama
Srotas: Sarvasrotas



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Srotodushti: Vimargamana, Atipravrtii
Udbhava Sthana: Pakvashaya
Agni: Dhatawagni, Vishamagni and Jatharagni
Vyakta sthana: Sarva sharira

Therapeutic interventions

Treatment details are given in table 8 and 9 of Shamana and Bhrimhana chikitsa

Observations

The improvement achieved by the patient is detailed in Tables 10 and 11

DISCUSSION

Balavatavyadhi is a vatapradhanatridoshaja vyadhi.[15] The symptoms of vatavyadhi are mainly because of increase in Parushata, Karata, Rukshata, and sitata characters of vata.[15] The vitiated vata mostly affects the Musculo-skeletal, neuromuscular, circulatory and neurohormonal system of the body. It is the main cause of mitochondrial disease which involves progressive multi-system involvement. Nidanaparivarjana, shamanachikitsa and samshodhanachikitsa are to be advocated for vata vyadhi.[16] Amapachakavati acts as an agnideepana and amapachana. Here it has been given to kindle the agni which is responsible for producing many vyadhis and also to clear the ama (which is responsible for the kuposhana of the dhatus). Kamadudha rasa contains the Pittahara medicines which reduce the burning sensation of the chest region which is caused by the pitta prakopa.[17] Haridra khand contains drugs which are having properties like ushnavirya, deepana, pachana and anulomana. [18] May acts as Agnideepana, kandughna, vatahara and balavardhana. Ksheerabala acts as Vatahara and balya, which may be helpful in reducing pain and increasing muscle strength, and increase blood circulation in the patient.[19] Bonton capsules help in strengthening the Asthi dhatu (poshana) which simultaneously acts as vatashamaka. Chandraprabhavati acts as mutra recaka, bastishodhaka and pitta hara which helps in reducing the burning micturition (mutradaha).[20] Mahanarayanataila is an excellent vata hara taila and also acts as vedanasthapana and brimhana by reducing the vitiated vata.[21] Shastikashalipindasweda helps in reducing the vitiated vata and gives strength to the muscles by nourishing them.[22]

CONCLUSION

The comprehensive treatment protocol adopted in this case achieved better results in improving the quality of life of the patient. Hence the same approach may be made use of in the management of particular illness.

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Table.1: Showing Chief Complaints

Sl. No.	Presenting complaints	Duration
1.	Progressive Weakness	Since 9 – 10 years
2.	Body ache	Since 9 – 10 years
3.	Head ache	Since 9 – 10 years
4.	Difficulty in walking	Since 9 – 10 years
5.	Partially bent lower limb	Since 12 years
6.	Burning Micturition	Since 6 years
7.	Burning sensation all over the body	Since 3 years
8.	Unable to hold neck for longer duration	Since 13 years
9.	Difficulty in reading	Since 3 years
10.	Unable to sit on both legs	Since 13 years
11.	Protruding eye ball	Since 6 years



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12.	Unable to stand up after sitting position	Since 9 years
13.	Unable to open the mouth widely	Since birth

Table.2: showing patient history and family history

Sl. No.	Heading	Patient Details
1.	Past History	Suffered from jaundice, pneumonia and episodes of Typhoid after birth
2.	Family history	No H/o consanguineous marriage. All the family members are said to be healthy
3.	Immunization history	Only birth vaccination has been given
4.	Personal history	Sleep – Sound sleep; Bowel – 1/3days; Micturition – 3-4/ day and 1/night; Appetite – Poor

Table.3: showing patient's vitals

1 st setting	2 nd setting	3 rd setting	4 th setting
Height-148 cm	Height – 148 cm	Height – 148 cm	Height – 150 cm
Weight-27.7 kg	Weight – 28.4 kg	Weight –30 kg	Weight – 32kg
Pulse –102/min	Pulse –100/min	Pulse-104/min	Pulse –106/min
RR – 24/min	RR – 22/min	RR – 22/min	RR – 20/min
Bp-110/70mmHg	BP-110/80mmHg	BP-120/70mmHg	BP-120/80mmHg
Temp –98.6 F	Temp – 98.6 F	Temp – 98.6 F	Temp – 98.6 F

Table.4: showing general examination

General examination 1 st setting	2 nd Setting	3 rd Setting	4 th Setting
Attitude – normal	Attitude – normal	Attitude – normal	Attitude – normal
Built – poor	Built – poor	Built –moderate	Built – moderate
Nutrition – poorly nourished	Nutrition – poorly nourished	Nutrition – poorly nourished	Nutrition – moderately nourished
Pallor – absent	Pallor – absent	Pallor – absent	Pallor – absent
Icterus – absent	Icterus – absent	Icterus – absent	Icterus – absent
Lymphadenopathy - absent	Lymphadenopathy - absent	Lymphadenopathy - absent	Lymphadenopathy - absent

Table.5: showing systematic examination

Systematic examination 1 st setting	2 nd setting	3 rd setting	4 th setting
Respiratory system– NVBS heard, no added sounds.	Respiratory system – NVBS heard, no added sounds.	Respiratory system– NVBS heard, no added sounds.	Respiratory system– NVBS heard, no added sounds.
Cardio vascular system – S1 and S2 heard, sinus tachycardia	Cardio vascular system – S1 and S2 heard, sinus tachycardia	Cardio vascular system – S1 and S2 heardsinus tachycardia	Cardio vascular system – S1 and S2 heardsinus tachycardia
GIT – normal bowel sounds heard	GIT – normal bowel sounds heard	GIT – normal bowel sounds heard	GIT – normal bowel sounds heard
Musculo skeletal system: Muscle power – grade 2 active movement with gravityeliminated	Musculo skeletal system: Muscle power – grade 3 active movement against gravity	Musculo skeletal system: Muscle power – grade 3 active movement against gravity	Musculo skeletal system: Muscle power – grade 3 active movement
Central nervous system – active, alert, well oriented to time, date and place.	Central nervous system –	Central nervous system –	



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Table. 6: Showing Gross Motor and Fine Motor Development

Gross motor	Attained age	Normal age	Fine motor	Attained age	Normal age
Neck holding	14 months	3 months	Bidexterous grasp	36 months	4 months
Rolls over	15 months	5 months	Unidexterous grasp	40 months	6 months
Sitting with mother's support	18 months	6 months	Immature pincer grasp	42 months	9 months
Sitting without support	24 months	8 months	Pincer grasp	46 months	12 months
Standing with support	48 months	9 months	Tower of 2 – 3 blocks	48 months	15 months
Standing without support	60 months	12 months			
walks	62 months	15 months			

Table.7: Showing Language And Social & Adaptive Development

Language	Attained age	Normal age	Social & Adaptive	Attained age	Normal age
Alert to sounds	12 months	1 month	Social smile	6 months	2 months
Coos	14 months	3 months	Recognizes mother	8 months	3 months
Laugh loud	22 months	4 months	Stranger anxiety	16 months	6 months
Mono syllable	32 months	6 months	Waves bye bye	32 months	9 months
Bi syllable	47 months	9 months	Indicating it wants	38 months	12 months
Speaks 2 words	52 months	12 months	Starts imitating mother	40 months	15 months
Adds 2 or 3 words	56 months	15 months	mimics	42 months	18 months

Table.8.1: showing internal medication of 1st setting (13/2/24) - (26/2/24)

S. No	Name	Dose and frequency	duration
1	PushyanugaChurna	1tspTwice daily before food	14 days
2	Amapachakavati	1tabTwice daily before food	14 days
3	Kamadudha with mukta	1tabTwice daily after food	14 days
4	Bonton Granules	1tspTwice daily with milk	14 days
5	Sukumaraghrita	1tspat morning in empty stomach	14 days
6	SyrupMannol	1tspat night	14 days

Table 8.2: showing internal medication of 2nd setting (03/5/24) - (15/5/24)

S.No	Name	Dose and frequency	duration
1	Haridra khanda	1tspat morning with milk	13 days
2	Ksheerabala 101 drops	5 drops twice daily with milk	13 days
3	Kamadudha with mukta	1tabTwice daily after food	13 days
4	Bonton Granules	1tspTwice daily	13 days
5	SyrupMannol	1tspat night	13 days





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Table.8.3: showing internal medication of 3rd setting (05/04/24) - (18/04/24)

S.No	Name	Dose and frequency	duration
1	Haridra khanda	1tspat morning with milk	14 days
2	Ksheerabala 101 drops	5 drops twice daily with milk	14 days
3	Kamadudha with mukta	1tabTwice daily after food	14 days
4	Bonton Granules	1tspat night with milk	14 days
5	SyrupMannol	1tspat night	14 days
6	Chandraprabavati	1 tab twice daily after food	14 days

Table.8.4: showing internal medication of 4th setting (24/06/24) - (07/07/24)

S.No	Name	Dose and frequency	duration
1	Haridra khanda	1tspat morning with milk	14 days
2	Ksheerabala 101 drops	5 drops twice daily with milk	14 days
3	Kamadudha with mukta	1tab twice daily after food	14 days
4	Bonton Granules	1tspat night with milk	14 days
5	SyrupMannol	1tspat night	14 days
6	Chandraprabhavati	1 tab twice daily after food	14 days

Table 9.1: showing procedures of 1st setting (13/2/24) - (26/2/24)

Procedure 1 st setting	Drugs used	Duration
Sarvanga abhyanga	Maha Narayana taila	14 days
Nadisweda	Dasamoolakashaya	14 days
Parisheka	Dasamoolakashaya	14 days
Kayaseka	Ksheerabalataila	14 days

Table 9.2: showing procedures of 2nd setting (03/5/24) - (15/5/24)

Procedure 2 nd setting	Drugs used	Duration
Sarvanga abhyanga	Maha Narayana taila	14 days
Shastikashalipindasweda	Shastikashali and bala moola	14 days
Shirodhara	Dasamoolakashaya	14 days
Shirothalam	Rasnachoorna and maha Narayana taila	14 days
Matrabasti	Kalyanakaghrita	14 days

Table 9.3: showing procedures of 3rd setting (05/04/24) - (18/04/24)

Procedure 3 rd setting	Drugs used	Duration
Sarvanga abhyanga	Maha Narayana taila	14 days
Shastikashalipindasweda	Shastikashali and bala moola	14 days
Matrabasti	Ashwagandha ghrita	7 days

Table 9.4: showing procedures of 4th setting (24/06/24) - (07/07/24)

Procedure 4 th setting	Drugs used	Duration
Sarvanga abhyanga	Maha Narayana taila	14 days
Parisheka	Dasamoolakashaya	14 days
Shirothalam	Rasnachoorna and maha Narayana taila	14 days
Matrabasti	Kalyanakaghrita	7 days
Netra seka	Dasamoolaksheerapaka	7 days



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Table.10: showing improvement achieved

Sl. No:	Visiting date	Improvement recorded
1.	13/2/24 - 26/2/24	Body ache and headache reduced, slight increase in strength of all limbs.
2.	03/5/24 - 15/5/24	Burning micturition and burning sensation reduced.
3.	05/4/24 - 18/4/24	Started walking without difficulty, able to sit down and stand up.
4.	24/6/24 - 07/7/24	Started reading without difficulty, weakness reduced, gained weight, activity and response increased.

Table.11: The activity of daily living scale

S.No	Activities	Before treatment	1 st setting	2 nd setting	3 rd setting	4 th setting
1	Bathing	0	0	0	0	1
2	Dressing	0	0	0	1	1
3	Toileting	0	1	1	1	1
4	Transferring	0	0	1	1	1
5	Continence	0	0	0	0	1
6	Feeding	0	0	1	1	1



Figure 1

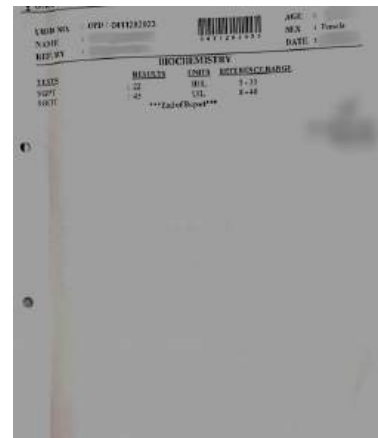


Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4





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Figure 5





AI Approaches for Physical Therapy: A Review

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ABSTRACT

In modern world, an application of Artificial intelligence (AI) is giving new shape to the physical therapy domain through better patient evaluation, treatment customization, and rehabilitation surveillance. Traditional rehabilitation methods are inconsistent and time-consuming because they are based on subjective assessments and periodic clinical evaluations, which can be. AI-based expert systems use machine learning (ML), deep learning, enable data-driven decision-making by analyzing vast amounts of patient data to identify patterns, predict recovery progress, and tailor treatment protocols to individual needs. AI algorithm integrated with wearable sensors facilitates real-time motion tracking, muscle activity assessment, and biomechanical analysis, which allows therapists to monitor rehabilitation progress with greater accuracy. This paper gives insight into various AI-driven approaches applied in physical therapy, including predictive analytics for outcome forecasting, motion tracking for movement correction, computer vision for automated posture assessment, and natural language processing (NLP) for interactive virtual assistants and tele-rehabilitation platforms. Integration of AI with wearables and the Internet of things (IoT) provides real-time supervision and remote rehabilitation, reduces the necessity of repeated clinical care. These advancements help to reduce the need for frequent in-person consultations, thus improving accessibility to physical therapy services, especially for individuals in remote or underserved regions. Implementation of robotics for assisted movement therapy, brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) for neuro rehabilitation, and virtual reality (VR)-based therapy for immersive rehabilitation experiences are the future directions for AI-driven rehabilitation. AI-driven innovations hold the potential to enhance recovery efficiency, reduce human error, and optimize rehabilitation



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outcomes by providing data-driven insights and real-time corrective feedback. As AI continues to evolve, its integration into physical therapy will play a crucial role in making rehabilitation more precise, efficient, and accessible to a wider population

Keywords: AI, Machine Learning, Physical Therapy, Rehabilitation, Sensors, Wearable.

INTRODUCTION

Physical therapy is an essential component of rehabilitation for individuals recovering from musculoskeletal disorders, neurological impairments, and post-surgical conditions. It focuses on restoring movement, reducing pain, improving strength, and enhancing the overall functionality of patients. Traditionally, physical therapy has been administered through in-person sessions with trained physiotherapists who assess patients, design rehabilitation programs, and provide manual therapy along with prescribed exercises. However, traditional rehabilitation methods face several challenges. Accessibility remains a major issue, as many patients, particularly those in remote or underserved areas, struggle to find specialized physical therapy services. Additionally, therapy costs can be prohibitive, making long-term treatment unaffordable for many individuals. Inconsistencies in treatment arise due to the subjective nature of therapist assessments, differences in expertise, and variations in rehabilitation approaches. Furthermore, patient compliance is often suboptimal, as individuals may not perform prescribed exercises correctly or fail to adhere to therapy regimens outside of clinical settings. With advancements in artificial intelligence (AI), the landscape of physical therapy is undergoing a transformation. AI-driven rehabilitation introduces automated, data-driven solutions that enhance therapy accessibility, effectiveness, and personalization. AI systems leverage machine learning, computer vision, robotics, and natural language processing to analyze patient movements, provide real-time feedback, and optimize treatment plans. These technologies enable remote monitoring, personalized rehabilitation programs, and AI-assisted diagnostics, ultimately improving patient outcomes. This review aims to explore the role of AI in physical therapy, detailing various AI-driven techniques, their applications in rehabilitation, and the challenges associated with their integration into clinical practice. By understanding these advancements, healthcare professionals, researchers, and technology developers can work toward refining AI-based rehabilitation solutions for broader implementation.

AI Approaches in Physical Therapy

- **Machine Learning for Personalized Treatment Plans**
Machine learning algorithms interpret patient information, such as medical history, injury type and severity, and course, to create specific rehabilitation plans. Predicting patients' fate and optimizing therapeutic schemes, decision trees, random forest, and support vector machine (SVM) models are used.
- **Deep Learning for Motion Analysis and Biomechanics**
Motion tracking and acquisition of biomechanics based on deep learning models, e.g., Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), are used. AI identifies bad movement, offers real-time feedback on corrections and avoids potential injury risks.
- **Wearable Sensors and IoT-Based Monitoring**
Wearable sensors (accelerometers, gyroscopes, electromyography (EMG) measure muscle activation and joint motion. IoT-powered, smart, rehabilitation devices allow remote, real-time tracking and progress monitoring, thereby saving hospital trips.
- **Natural Language Processing (NLP) for Virtual Assistance**
AI chatbots and voice assistants help guide patients through exercises, answer questions, and track adherence to therapy regimens. Virtual therapists equipped with NLP can offer step-by-step guidance and motivational encouragement.



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- **Computer Vision for Automated Movement Tracking**
AI-driven cameras analyze patient movement in real-time without requiring wearable sensors. These systems detect incorrect postures and provide visual feedback for correction, ensuring precise rehabilitation.
- **Predictive Analytics for Recovery Forecasting**
AI models use historical data to make predictions in terms of how long it will take to recover and to describe influences on rehabilitation. Such observations allow therapists to individualize treatment planning and to make some preparations for potential complications.
- **AI in Tele-Rehabilitation and Remote Therapy**
AI is assisting tele-rehabilitation by enabling this remote patient monitoring using cloud-based applications. AI-based rehabilitation devices offer feedback, and recommend adaptations to exercise, opening the door to treatment from the comfort of everybody's home.

Applications and Benefits of AI in Physical Therapy

- **Improved Accuracy:** AI ensures precise motion tracking and therapy adjustments.
- **Personalized Rehabilitation:** AI-driven systems tailor exercise plans to individual patient needs.
- **Remote Monitoring:** When AI and IoT are combined, it is possible to achieve real-time monitoring that can decrease the requirement for physical visits to the clinicians.
- **Injury Prevention:** AI provides corrective feedback to prevent improper movements that could cause reinjury.
- **Efficiency and Cost Reduction:** Automation minimizes therapist workload and reduces healthcare costs.

Challenges and Limitations

- **Data Privacy and Security:** Handling sensitive patient data requires stringent security measures.
- **Reliability and Accuracy:** AI predictions depend on the quality and quantity of training data.
- **Integration with Existing Systems:** AI must be compatible with current clinical workflows.
- **Ethical Considerations:** AI is to be used as a tool to support human expertise, but not to displace therapists.

Future Directions

- **AI-Powered Robotics:** AI-powered robotics is transforming physical therapy by enabling robotic-assisted rehabilitation for patients with mobility impairments due to spinal cord injuries (SCI), strokes, or neuromuscular disorders. These robotic systems, including exoskeletons and robotic-assisted devices, provide targeted movement support, strength enhancement, and motor function restoration.
- **Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs):** Brain-Computer Interfaces (BCIs) are emerging as a revolutionary AI-driven technology in neuro rehabilitation, particularly for stroke survivors and individuals with spinal cord injuries (SCI). BCIs enable direct communication between the brain and external devices, allowing patients to control movements using their brain signals.
- **AI-enhanced immersive therapy experiences for engaging rehabilitation:** AI-enhanced Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR) are creating engaging and immersive rehabilitation experiences for physical therapy. These technologies leverage AI-based motion tracking and biofeedback to enhance rehabilitation exercises, improve patient motivation, and accelerate recovery.
- **Advanced Predictive Analytics:** AI-driven predictive analytics is enhancing the accuracy of patient recovery forecasting, allowing therapists to make data-driven decisions for optimizing rehabilitation strategies. Predictive models utilize machine learning algorithms to assess patient progress, predict recovery times, and customize treatment plans.

CONCLUSION

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing physical therapy by making rehabilitation more customizable, accessible, and effective. By leveraging AI-driven data analysis, wearable sensors, and remote rehabilitation technologies, physical therapy is evolving into a personalized and patient-centered process. AI enables real-time monitoring,



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adaptive treatment adjustments, and predictive analytics, ensuring that therapy plans are optimized for each individual's recovery journey.

As AI technology continues to advance, it will further refine rehabilitation strategies, enhancing recovery outcomes, reducing healthcare costs, and expanding access to high-quality therapy worldwide. The integration of AI in physical therapy marks a significant step toward a more efficient, data-driven, and patient-tailored approach to rehabilitation, ultimately improving the quality of life for individuals undergoing physical therapy.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Efficacy of Ethanolic Whole Plant Extract of *Withania somnifera* against Liver Cancer Hep G2 Cell Line and, Lung Cancer A549 Cell Line

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ABSTRACT

Two common types of cancer are lung and liver cancer. Toxins, family history, and heavy smoking are all potential causes of lung cancer. Liver cancer can start in the liver and spread (metastatically) to other organs such as the breast, colon, lung, or stomach. Excessive drinking, genetic mutations, and recurrent hepatitis infections can all lead to liver cancer. The two most common cancers that cause mortality worldwide are lung and liver cancers. Over 800,000 individuals are diagnosed with these cancers annually. Hep G2 cell lines for liver cancer and A549 cell lines for lung cancer were used in the current study utilized to investigate the potential of *Withania somnifera*'s ethanolic extract to fight cancer (whole plant includes- root, leaves, and stem). It was discovered that *Withania somnifera* ethanolic extract was efficient against cancer cell lines. IC₅₀ value against lung cancer cell line (A 549) was observed at 139.75 µg/ml. IC₅₀ value against liver cancer cell line (Hep G2 cell line) was observed at 146.22 µg/ml.

Keywords: *Withania somnifera*, Lung cancer, liver cancer, A 549 cell line and Hep G2 cell line.

INTRODUCTION

Many people view cancer as a terrifying illness. Uncontrolled and aberrant cell proliferation results in the formation of cancer, which can spread to other body areas, impair the function of numerous organs, and erode a person's immune system (1, 2). Traditional techniques involve some uncomfortable steps and have a number of negative



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impacts on patients. Liver cancer, also known as hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), accounts for one in three cancer-related deaths globally (3). Overindulgence in alcohol and its derivatives can result in fatty liver and Hepatitis infection, both of which can induce liver cancer (4). Hepatocellular carcinoma (HCC), or liver cancer, is mostly caused by alcohol chemicals and chronic hepatitis (5, 6). Since plants naturally produce metabolic products, they are thought to be the safest way to cure a variety of ailments. Naturally occurring or plant-based medications have become more popular for treating a wide range of illnesses (7, 8). *Withania somnifera*, sometimes referred to as winter cherry or ashwagandha, is a significant medicinal herb that is a member of the Solanaceae family and is widely grown as a key Kharif crop. It contains a number of significant active compounds. Its maximum growth is 1.5 meters (7). *Withania somnifera* is a significant plant that has been utilized to treat a variety of ailments in the 3000-year-old Ayurvedic medical system. Widely dispersed in several nations, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Nepal, Bhutan, India, and Sri Lanka (9). Roots are regarded as a significant medicinal ingredient since they can be used as a tonic or rejuvenating medication. Alternatively, they can be utilized as an aphrodisiac and an anti-inflammatory. It has been discovered that root powder works well against fever, TB, leukoderma, arthritic conditions, bronchitis, and asthma. Leaves are useful in treating sores, uncomfortable swelling fever, ulcers, and chest ache. Seeds have narcotic, hypnotic, and diuretic effects (8). Numerous studies have also demonstrated that *Withania somnifera* is non-toxic and safe (10), and that it can strengthen immunity and bodily resilience to illness (11). Previous research has shown that extract from *Withania somnifera* can increase WBC count and alpha esterase positive cell numbers (12). It has also been found that an alcoholic extract from *Withania somnifera* can reduce S 180 tumour in rats and that it is less lethal for them (13). In a different study, an alcoholic extract from *Withania somnifera* showed good synergistic effect with radiation and heat therapy against S 180 tumour in rats (14). Withaferin A can increase cell lysis of V79 tumour cells and showed sensitizer enhancement ratio 1.5 (15). In another study, Withaferin A (the main compound isolated from *Withania somnifera*) showed effectiveness against Ehrlich ascites carcinoma in mice, and the extract can extend mice's life span up to 120 days and is a good radio sensitizing compound (16). It can also increase the lysis of V79 tumour cells and demonstrate a sensitizer enhancement ratio of 1.5 (17). *Withania somnifera* is effective against cancer cells because it increases the production of ROS (reactive oxygen species), which stops the growth and proliferation of cancer cells and aids in apoptosis (18). It also causes programmed cell death of various cancer cells without affecting the growth of normal cells (19-20).

MATERIAL AND METHOD

DMSO, conical flasks, 96-well microplates, ethanolic plant extracts of *Withania somnifera*, test tubes, conical flasks, micropipettes, micropipette tips, digital inverted microscope, spectrophotometer, and CO₂ incubator. Using the Soxhlet distillation process, 95% ethanol was used to extract *Withania somnifera*. After being sterilised, the sample was left to cool and dry at room temperature. Following solvent evaporation, a plant extract was prepared and tested for anti-cancer activity against Vero cell lines, Hep G2 liver cancer cell lines, and A549 lung cancer cell lines. The extract included a variety of active chemicals. *Withania somnifera* ethanolic extract was chosen for the investigation of its cytotoxic potential against Hep G2 cell lines, A549 cell lines, and Vero cell lines for liver cancer by the use of the MTT assay (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide assay) (21). The ideal conditions for the growth of mammalian cell lines were reached when 1 × 10⁶ cells/well of cells were planted in 96-well microplates under sterile conditions and then incubated at 37°C for 48 hours in an incubator with 5% CO₂. After 48 hours, confluence was assessed, and the culture medium was changed when confluence reached 70–80%. Four different quantities of *Withania somnifera*'s ethanolic extract—50 µg/ml, 100 µg/ml, 150 µg/ml, and 200 µg/ml—were used to treat lung cancer A549, Vero, and Liver cancer cells—Hep G2 cell lines—and were incubated for a whole day, in ideal circumstances. The morphological changes in both treated and untreated (control) cells were seen, recorded, and photographed using a digital inverted microscope with a 20 X magnification. After that, Phosphate Buffer Saline (PBS, pH -7.4) was used to wash the cells. Each well received 20 µl of MTT solution (concentration: 5 mg/ml in PBS). After that, the plates were left at room temperature (24°C) in the dark for two hours. Formazan crystals were dissolved in 100 µl of DMSO, and the absorbance at 570 nm was measured. The formula used to compute cell viability percentage (%) was- Cell viability (%) = (Absorbance of sample/Absorbance of control) X 100.





RESULT AND INTERPRETATION

Effect of *Withania somnifera* on Vero Normal Cell Line Effect

The selectivity of *Withania somnifera* was evaluated using a VERO normal cell line. VERO cells showed better vitality throughout all investigated concentrations than cancer cells. Cell survival stayed high at 94.41% at the lowest dose (50 µg/mL), and even at the greatest concentration (200 µg/mL), the viability was 67.91%. These findings imply a good therapeutic index as *Withania somnifera* preferentially targets cancer cells while sparing normal cells.

Effect of *Withania somnifera* Cytotoxicity on A549 Lung Cancer Cell Line

Different doses (50–200 µg/mL) of *Withania somnifera* extract were evaluated for cytotoxic effect on A549 lung cancer cells. As Table 1 shows, the data show a concentration-dependent rise in cytotoxicity. The lysis percentage at 50 µg/mL was 6.09%; it considerably rose to 84.83% at 200 µg/mL. This implies that against lung cancer cells, *Withania somnifera* has strong anti-cancer action. IC_{50} value against lung cancer cell line (A 549) was observed at 139.75 µg/mL. Between 100 and 150 µg/mL, the half-maximal inhibitory concentration (IC_{50}) may be approximated, therefore indicating the extract's great therapeutic potential against A549 cells.

Effect of *Withania somnifera* Cytotoxicity on HepG2 liver cancer cell line

Similarly, the HepG2 liver cancer cell line showed that *Withania somnifera*'s cytotoxicity changed with dose. At 50 µg/mL, the lysis percentage was 8.39%; at 200 µg/mL, it was 78.54%. Especially at 150 µg/mL, the lysis percentage was 52.15%, which is equivalent to the impact shown in A549 cells. IC_{50} value against liver cancer cell line (Hep G2 cell line) was observed at 146.22 µg/mL. Though its greatest cytotoxic impact is somewhat lower in HepG2 cells than in A549 cells, this implies that *Withania somnifera* is effective against both lung and liver cancer cells.

Comparative Study and Possible Mechanisms

Different cytotoxic effects seen in cancer (A549 and HepG2) and normal (VERO) cell lines point to a selective anti-cancer activity of *Withania somnifera*. Cancer cells may be killed by bioactive substances in the extract, like withaferin A or Withanolide A, which is known to stop cancer cells from multiplying and dying. The higher sensitivity of A549 cells compared to HepG2 cells could be due to differences in how well the cells absorb the drug, how they use energy, or their own built-in resistance systems.

CONCLUSION

According to the findings of this study, *Withania somnifera* has strong cytotoxic effects on lung and liver cancer cells, even though it is not very harmful to normal cells. previous study also demonstrated that *Withania somnifera*'s crude ethanolic extract was efficient against the MCF 7 cell line, a kind of breast cancer and lysed the breast cancer cells up to 88.41%(22). This research is corroborated by earlier studies. These findings, including mechanistic investigations and in vivo validation, justify more research on its possible anti-cancer medicinal action.

Efficacy of Ethanolic extract of *Withania somnifera* against VERO cell line.

Fig 1-*Withania somnifera* ethanolic extract's effect on the normal (VERO) cell line. (A) Control: VERO (Normal cell line) culture without any medication.(after 24 hours), (B) VERO cell treated with 50 µg/ml concentration of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (C) After 24 hours, VERO cells were treated with 100 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (D) After 24 hours, VERO cells were treated with 150 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (E) After 24 hours, VERO cells were treated with 200 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. **Fig 2-**Crude ethanolic extract of *Withania somnifera* exhibited anti-cancer properties against the A-549 lung cancer cell line. (A) Control: Untreated A-549 cells.(after a 24-hour period), (B) A-549 cells treated with 50 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (C) After 24 hours, an A-549 cell treated with 100 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (D) After 24 hours, an A-549 cell treated with 150 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (E) After 24 hours, an A-549 cell treated with 200 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. **Fig 3-** Hep G2 (liver cancer cell line) exposed to ethanolic *Withania*





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somnifera extract. (A) Treatment-free Hep G2 cells serve as the control (after 24 hours), (B) Hep G2 cell treated with 50 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (C) Hep G2 cells were treated with 100 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (D) Hep G2 cells were treated with 150 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (E) Hep G2 cells were treated with 200 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (After 24 hours.).

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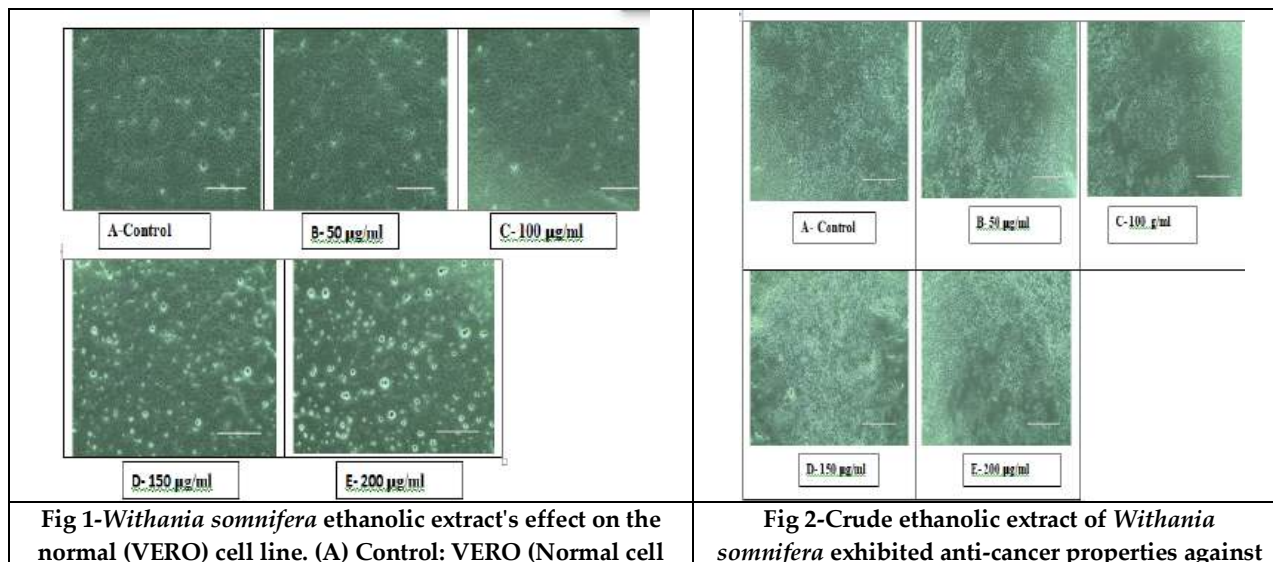
Table 1: cell cytotoxic effect of *Withania somnifera* against normal cell lines at various concentrations.

VERO cell line	
Concentrations($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	% Viability of VERO (normal) cell line.
Control	100
50	94.41
100	83.36
150	76.73
200	67.91

Table 2: Percentage lysis of various cancer cell lines at different concentrations of *Withania somnifera*.

Lung Cancer A 549 cell line	
Concentrations($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	% Lysis of A 549 cancer cells
50	6.09
100	26.75
150	51.71
200	84.83

Liver cancer Hep G2 cell line	
Concentrations($\mu\text{g/mL}$)	% Lysis of Hep G 2 cancer cells
50	8.39
100	20.21
150	52.15
200	78.54





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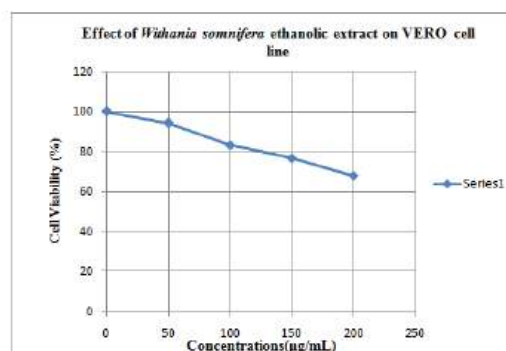
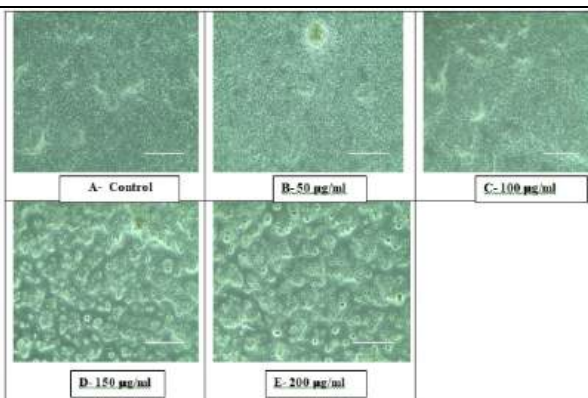
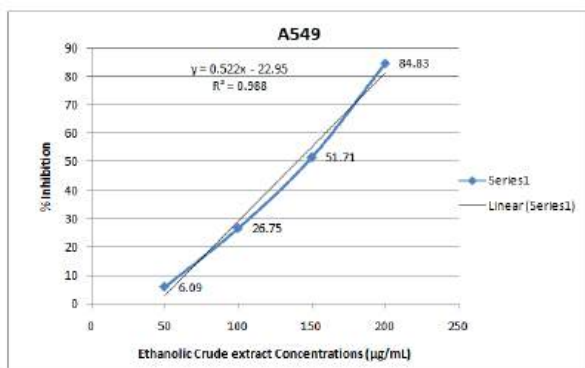
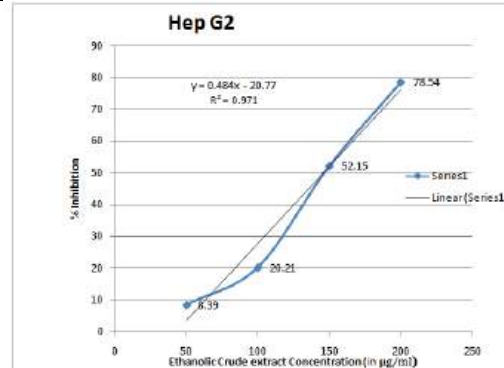


Fig 3- Hep G2 (liver cancer cell line) exposed to ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract. (A) Treatment-free Hep G2 cells serve as the control (after 24 hours), (B) Hep G2 cell treated with 50 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (C) Hep G2 cells were treated with 100 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (D) Hep G2 cells were treated with 150 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (after 24 hours). (E) Hep G2 cells were treated with 200 µg/ml of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract (After 24 hours),).

Graph 1- The graph shows that there was no negative impact of ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract on the VERO cell line.



Graph 2-According to the graph, up to 84.83% of the lung cancer cells (A-549) were lysed by ethanolic *Withania somnifera* extract.



Graph 3-According to the graph, up to 78.54% of the Hep G2 liver cancer cells were lysed by *Withania somnifera*.





RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Solution and Methodology of Complete Automation for Unmanned Railway Crossing with the Help of Multilevel Wireless Controller

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ABSTRACT

This project's objective is to use high-range ZigBee sensor technology to construct an automated railway gate control and signaling system. To prevent traction system accidents at railroad crossings, automatic railway gate control systems use a layered sensor-based controlling system. Both before and after the crossing gate, the process is used on a specific section of the railroad track. The average speed of trains using the crossing's rails will establish the range. The several amazing tactics that trains employ to reach the crossing will be readily visible to those who use it. Its main job is to control a wide variety of signals that cover the entire crossing region, in addition to visual and auditory cues.

Keywords: Unmanned Railway Crossing, ZigBee, Sensors, Automation System

INTRODUCTION

The Indian railway network is considered the backbone and vitality of the country's economy. With 67,368 route kilometers, Indian Railways is the fourth largest railway network in the world. The Indian government owns and runs the whole network. The first train to run in India was the Rockers, which was used to transport building supplies, on December 22, 1851. The first passenger train service, which traveled 34 kilometers between the stations of Boribander and Thane, was opened or introduced on April 16, 1853. Indian Railways has been purchasing goods



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wagons from the market, but IR has production facilities that make both diesel and electrical coaches and locomotives. Later, IR also seized control of some wagon manufacturing facilities. As of right now, numerous kinds of engines are employed for various tasks. Trevithick's 3ft. (914 mm) gauge coal brook date locomotive, constructed in 1802, was the first full-scale operational railway steam locomotive.

Steam engine

A steam engine is a type of heat engine that uses steam as its working liquid to accomplish mechanical work. A piston is pushed back and forth inside a cylinder by the force created by steam pressure in a steam engine. A conducting rod and crank can convert this pushing power into rotating force for work.

Locomotive

A locomotive is a type of rail transport vehicle that gives a train its motive power. A locomotive that can transport a payload is typically referred to as a power vehicle, railcar, motor coach, or multiple unit. In the past, the steam engine was used for a number of fixed tasks, including pumping water from coal mines to propel wheeled vehicles along railroad rails. A locomotive was merely a type of engine used to propel both other vehicles and itself. Three categories of locomotives exist:

Steam locomotive

This locomotive uses the expansion of steam to create the force necessary to move both itself and other vehicles.

Diesel locomotive

The first experimental diesel locomotive was developed around 1920 in Germany. It was tried in the United States in 1923 and the first commercial diesel locomotive in U.S. was put into use by the central railroad of New Jersey in 1925.

Electric locomotive

The first electric locomotive was built in 1837 by chemist Robert Davidson of Aberdeen and it was powered by galvanic cell (batteries). Davidson later built a larger locomotive named Galvani, exhibited at Royal Scottish Society of Art Exhibition in 1841.

Barrier

Barriers are the actual lines that separate tracks and intersections of roads, protecting people and property from the most dangerous dangers and mishaps. Indian Railways is one of the largest Railway systems of the world which spreads across over 67,368 route kilometers, and is fully owned and operated by, Government of India. These level crossings are not only the bottlenecks in Train Operation, but also a major contributor to the accidents and fatalities. A web-based system for overall Safety Management of Indian Railway (SIMS) has been developed in which one of the modules is over level crossing which assigns a unique Identification Number to every level crossing and various information are tagged over it. Indian Railway have envisioned to eliminate all unmanned level crossings over a time frame which will not only bring down the number of accidents rather also improve the line capacity as trains get held up at busy LC gates. It will further save operation and maintenance costs incurred on the gates. There have been several fatalities in the past as a result of collisions between trains and automobiles because these unattended level crossings were not guarded. People frequently sustain injuries or lose their lives when crossing unattended level crossings since they were not marked crossings. It is anticipated that there would be a considerable drop in train accidents now that unmanned level crossings have been completely eliminated from the railway network. The Railway Board claims that from April 2017, there have been significantly fewer unattended level crossings on wide gauge tracks. Up to 4,943 unattended level crossings on wide gauge tracks were reported in April of 2017. By April of 2018, such crossings had decreased to 3,479 from the previous year. By November of 2018, there were only 77 level crossings left, and by December, there was just one unattended level crossing left.





RAIL ACCIDENTS

In 1839, the government introduced the safety measures as well as standardization for public level crossings. Where rail and road crossed, the railway had to provide gate that were kept closed across the road. To prevent the undesirable railway accidents at mannered and unmannered railway crossing in India or worldwide countries, this system has been taken into consideration keeping the objective that in developing technical era there should not be any loss of human life.

Accidents

- In 1981, Bihar train disaster (around 600-800 people were killed)
- In 1995, Firozabad train disaster (around 358 people were killed)
- In 1999, Gaisal train disaster (around 250 people were killed)
- In 1998, Khanna rail disaster (around 212 people were killed)

LIST OF RAIL ACCIDENTS ON RAILWAY CROSSING IN INDIA

- 4 June 2002 – The Kasganj level crossing disaster occurred when a Kanpur–Kasganj Express collided with a passenger bus near the town of Kasganj, Uttar Pradesh, killing 30 and injuring 29.
- 16 June 2004 – The Matsyagandha Express (Mangalore–Mumbai) derailed when it struck a boulder on the line, killing 14.
- 2 January 2010 – The Saryu Express hit a tractor trolley at an unmanned railway crossing in Pratapgarh. There were no injuries.
- 17 January 2010 – Harihar–car collision at Barha railway crossing under Haidergarh police station area in Barabanki district.
- 4 June 2010 – The Coimbatore–Mettupalayam special train collided with a mini-bus at an unmanned level-crossing at Idigarai near Coimbatore.
- 18 June 2010 – The 8084 (Vasco-da Gama–Howrah) Amaravati Express derailed after colliding with a road-roller at an unmanned level crossing near Koppal, Karnataka, injuring 27.
- On 20th March 2012- A train collide with an overcrowded taxi minivan at an unmannered crossing in northern UP, 296km from Lucknow (killing 15 people).
- On 19th December 2012- The Indore Yashwantpur express collided with a truck near Sankhapur in Medak district (injuring many people).
- 20 March 2012 – A train collided with an overcrowded taxi minivan at an unmanned railroad crossing in northern Uttar Pradesh, 296 km (184 mi) from Lucknow, killing 15.
- On 23rd July 2014- A Nanded passenger train collide with a school bus at unmannered level-crossing in Masaipet village of Medak district (killing 18 people).
- On 25th April 2018, a train collide with school bus van at railway crossing in UP's Kushi Nagar (killing 13 children).
- On 5th December 2022, a Chandigarh – Lucknow train collide with a truck at level-crossing in Shahjahanpur district (killing 5). The train has given a green signal while the railway crossing is open for vehicles.

LITRATURE SURVEY

Velayutham *et al.* [1] created a system that uses GPS to track and identify the train's arrival. Google Map displays the rail tracks, and the GPS is used to track the train. As a result, the versatile application is implanted with GPS after preparation [9]. The railroad door is operated by the motor driver using this application. There is no automatic railway gate control in the system; instead, the engine driver operates the rail gate. Our suggested solution, however, is fully automated. An Automatic Railway Gate Controller system was created by Chandrappa *et al.* [2] to operate railway gates without the need for a gatekeeper. Two Infrared obstacle detection sensors used to identify the arrival and departure of trains [11] and a stepper motor used to control the gate. Here, by using only IR sensor it is difficult



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to get exact location of train, and also IR sensors can't work well at dark. But we use ultrasonic sensor which works both in light-dark and also use GPS module for tracking location and measuring distance. Rail transportation is without a doubt one of the most secure methods of transport, in spite of the fact that the interface amongst street and rail, named LC, speaks to major probability of mishaps for the railroads. LC is viewed as a specific feeble point in street and railroad framework, and after that, an abnormal state of security prerequisites constitutes a critical sympathy toward rail organizations and 2017 Third International Conference on Computing, Communication, Control and Automation (ICCUBEA) street associations. Street and railroad security partners plan to investigate new innovations [5] to decrease LC mischances on account of the quantity of repulsive deadly mishaps that street vehicle drivers cause. As of late, a few tasks were wanted to redesign LC wellbeing frameworks. An example LC mishap data framework has been proposed by the "More secure European Level Crossing Appraisal and Technology" (SELCAT) extension [6] for evaluating potential innovative LC wellbeing solutions and for exposing all LC mishaps in European countries. To improve the well-being of transportation systems, Japan implemented a "astute transport framework" (ITS) [7]. Regardless, the main focus for customized arrangements is still developing another LC security framework that allows for the measurement of the hazard to be reduced. The PAN more secure venture [8] means to effectively add to lessening LC mischances. In this venture, one of the targets is to play out a video-investigation based framework to perceive peril circumstances and assess the level of risk of any distinguished and followed moving item at LC. The work introduced in this work is a piece of the PAN more secure venture. In this work, we actualize an astute video reconnaissance framework that considers the programmed acknowledgment and assessment of basic circumstances in LC situations. It shows the summation of the proposed video reconnaissance framework. The initial stage of this model comprises in vigorously distinguishing and isolating moving items crossing the LC. Numerous strategies seemed to accomplish most noteworthy conceivable identification exactness progressively. Cases of strategies are free segment examination [9], histogram of arranged angles [10], wavelet [11], successive part thickness guess [12], and Eigen foundations. However, to be productive, these methods require assist advancement to recognize distinguished items.

For this reason, we suggest an additional process to locate and separate each and every moving object that enters a specific reconnaissance area. This method involves bunching moving pixels by comparing certain vitality vectors associated with each moving pixel and each objective in order to obtain isolated pieces. Protest following is the next step in the suggested video observation model, and it starts when enough detected pixels have a location with moving objects. There are two notable types of visual following tactics used in the text. The primary sort depends on target portrayal and limitation (Blob, piece, and form following) [11], and the second kind of strategies uses sifting (Kalman and molecule channels) and information affiliation [7]. Each of these calculations has preferences and disadvantages, yet a large portion of them can't track accurately every one of the pixels or the lion's share of them from a given question. In this way, we propose another strategy that essentially enhances the following execution of every pixel influenced by movement inside a recognized question. This is accomplished by a Harris-point-based optical stream engendering system, trailed by a Kalman-sifting based remedy. The third stage of the framework is wanted to foresee perfect directions of recognized targets, for example, to dodge possibly risky circumstances. The Gaussian blend display [12] and the shrouded Markov show (HMM) [9] and some of its expansions, for example, the various leveled HMM [12] and the coupled concealed semi-Markov demonstrate [10], are normally utilized for speaking to and perceiving articles' directions. Be that as it may, these strategies require a high number of factual measures to be precise. Thus, it is hard to apply these strategies progressively. In this work, we propose an ongoing HMM to anticipate perfect directions of moving articles in a LC domain. At last, to assess the level of risk identified with each protest, the anticipated perfect directions are broke down considering diverse wellsprings of threat (position, speed, increasing speed) and utilizing a data combination system in view of Dempster Shafer hypothesis [11].



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METHODOLOGY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF WORK

As per consideration of human life and time, we have proposed a prototype for the automatic control of the railway crossing barriers. On testing of our project, we found that the sensing circuit properly detects the arrival of the train and it responds to provide the pulse for the ZigBee module. ZigBee transmitter transmits TX the signal corresponding to the pulse and it further activates the ZigBee receiver RX and it makes the circuits- buzzer and series LDR circuit to ON. All these operations have executed properly and the series LDR circuit senses the movement on the crossing of the people and vehicles by checking the continuity of infrared light projected on to the all three LDRs which are connected in series. If any of the LDR is not receiving the infrared light, it gives high output at the crossing. In corresponds to the series LDR circuit output low or high, the motor either runs to close the barrier at high output or sends the signal to stop circuit transmitter with the help of transmitter and stop circuit stops the train. After some delay, a signal is sent to manually closing of the barrier all this sensation will be displayed on the LCD screen. Again, this operation has performed well accurately. After passing through the crossing the LDR circuit 2 detects the departure of train and it gives a pulse to a transmitter TX which makes the all three circuits OFF connected with RX also this operation will be displayed on the LCD screen. After that passing some distance from departure sensing point, the LDR circuit again detects the passing of the train and it provides the pulse to a transmitter TX to opening of the barrier by this way the prototype is executed. The represented distance between the LDRs connection is assumed as the distances in kilometers. The whole system is based on fast and new technology ZigBee. The zig-bee makes the system possible to communicate between the circuits and other applications along with the sensors to cover a wide distance and this can be operated on a large scale which makes the existing railway system faster and more accurate about any types of the casualties.

Initial conditions

LDR-1 is placed at 1.5 or say 2Km on either side of the gate whereas LDR-2 is placed at some distance of 4-5 Km approx. and LDR-3 is placed on the level crossing in last to reset the whole system LDR-4 is connected after the LDR-3 at some distance so that all the developed system can be reset and restart again. The train will move in the direction from LDR-1, LDR-2, LDR-3 and then to LDR-4. Initially the LDR circuits will continue to detect the crossing of the train and the movements of any objects the motion will be detected when the particular thing will come into the range of the LDR sensor. Buzzer is made of since there is no approach of train and road users need to be warned & barriers are made unoperatic initially so that the road users can freely move through the gate.

Train arrival detections

LDR ckt-1 is placed at the distance of 2 km detects the arrival of train and Z-Tx1 transmits the signal to the receiver to the Z-Rx1. Here the Z-Rx1 is made connected to the buzzer which it operates when the train arrival at LDR-1 is detected.

Warning for road users

At the moment the train arrival is sensed, Z-Tx1 TX1 sends the signal to RX1 which activates the buzzer connected with it. Here alert system activates in which use of buzzer and led is taken. The arrangement of LED is made in such a way which when it glows up it shows cross sign which is known for the danger signal. Buzzer circuit makes the sound to warn the people and cattle at the crossing.

Sensing for vehicles

For sensing the human and vehicle movement on railway crossing, the three series LDR sensor activates by RX1. And these sensors respond to two circuits connected with it. One connected with TX2 transmitter and another connected with relay to start the servomotor to close the barrier.



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If there is continuity with LDR, this gives the low output to Z-Tx2 and then Z-Tx2 sends the signal to RX2 receiver and this makes the train stop circuit transmitter OFF which is normally continuously for stopping the train and train continuously runs towards the crossing. In this situation the relay operates to start the servomotor to close the barrier. If there is any interruption in the continuity of any of the three LDR circuit which shows that someone is there at the crossing on the railway track, then this circuit gives the high output. On receiving the high output, the relay doesn't operate and train stop circuit transmitter activates and it stops the train.

Signal for train

After stopping the train, the train should be started for that the circuit arrangement is done that when the servomotor operates i.e., when barrier closed with the help of the leaf switch via relay the when the leaf switch complete the circuit the N/O pin of relay becomes N/C after which the starts moving from that point i.e., place.

Turn OFF the display, buzzer and crossing sensor circuits

When the train crosses the railway crossing, after travelling some distance, the LDR ckt-4 detects the departure of the train and on getting the high output Z-Tx2 transmits the signal to Z-Rx1 which reset the receiver and as a result of this all the three circuits- display circuit, buzzer circuit and series LDR circuit gets OFF.

Opening of the barrier

After passing the crossing and series LDR circuit, the train reaches some distance from the crossing and at a point, LDR ckt-4 detects the passing of the train and it operates the transmitter Z-Tx2 which transmits the signal to receiver Z-Rx2 and due to this the relay connected with receiver operates the second motor to open the crossing.

Software Window**(ZigBee and Arduino Uno)**

It is the interfacing of ZigBee module to configure it as Transmitter. Configuring the digital-analog pins to DI(3). It is the interfacing of x-bee module to configure it as Receiver. Configuring the digital-analog pin to DO(LOW). The basic interface of an Arduino IDE software used for initialize x-bee module.

RESULT AND ANALYSIS

As per consideration of human life and time, we have proposed a prototype for the automatic control of the railway crossing barriers. On testing of our project, we found that the sensing circuit properly detects the arrival of the train and it responds to provide the pulse for LDR circuits that transmits the corresponding signal and it further activates the Arduino and it makes the all three circuits- buzzer, display and barrier circuit to ON. All these operations have executed properly and the series LDR circuit senses the movement on the crossing of the people and vehicles by checking the continuity of infrared light projected on to the all three LDRs which are connected in series. If any of the LDR is not receiving the infrared light, it gives high output at the crossing. In corresponds to the series LDR circuit output low or high, the motor either runs to close the barrier at high output or sends the signal to the train through which the train stops. After some delay, a signal is sent to manually closing of the barrier. Again, this operation has performed well accurately. In above manner we have tested the operation of our project and found that all the circuits are operating properly and this technique will fulfill the requirement of modern people as time and life is very important for every people. By the uses of XBEE modules we can also increase the range of transmission and increase the sensitivity of the project for signal detection. It can make our project more efficient. Table 4.1 encapsulates key findings and gaps from the reviewed literature, highlighting the progression and limitations in automated railway crossing systems.



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APPLICATIONS

In this project we are concerned of providing an automatic railway gate control at unmanned railway crossings replacing the gates operated by gate keepers to a fully automatic operated gate system. It is good then older system with two things. The reduction of time for which the gate is being kept closed. And to provide safety to the road users by reducing the accidents that usually occur due to carelessness of road users and at times errors made by the gatekeeper.

- Railway gate controlling.
- Safety of train passengers.
- Safety of public crossing the railway barriers.

ADVANTAGES

- An Automatic Railway Gate Control is implemented with hardware and easy control.
- Human intervention at level crossings can be removed with the help of this project and many railway level crossing accidents can be prevented.
- Up to a high extent railway crossing accidents can be avoided with the implementation of this project.
- Human Resource: - this project reduces the dependency on human control for the closing and opening of the barrier and helps to solve the problem of human resource
- Safety and quality of services: -with the implementation of this project the safety concern of human life and wealth can be solved and this system increases the quality of service of railway.
- With the help of this project, we are able to save the time at railway crossing as many times the barrier very early before the arrival of the train.
- The burden of expenses on the salary of people appointed at crossing can be save with the implementation of this project.

LIMITATIONS

In spite of the fact that the electric traction has so many advantages, it suffers from many disadvantages which are given below:

Electric traction has high capital cost due to overhead equipment, so electric traction become uneconomical unless heavy traffic is to be handled.

- Electric traction is tied to electric routes.
- Power lines for electric traction causes disturbance in neighboring communication lines.
- Electric traction can be used only at the places which are electrified.
- In electric traction, a power failure for few minutes causes distortion in traffic.

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Table .1 Findings

Author(s)	Year	Technology/Method Used	Objective	Limitations
Velayutham <i>et al.</i>	2017	GPS and Google Maps	Track train location and operate railway gates remotely	Relies on manual operation by the train driver, not fully automated.
Lokeshkumar R. & Omkar V. Sabnis	2019	Camera and SSD obstacle detection algorithm	Monitor and detect obstacles at railway crossings	Complex processing and potential delays in obstacle recognition.
Saqquaf, S.S., <i>et al.</i>	2018	IoT with IR sensors	Measure train speed and control gate opening/closing based on collected data	Dependence on IR sensors limits usability in adverse lighting conditions.
Chandrappa <i>et al.</i>	2017	Infrared and ultrasonic sensors	Automatic railway gate control using stepper motors	Limited detection range and less effective obstacle detection in varying conditions.
Avijit Das <i>et al.</i>	2017	GNSS and IR sensors	Centralized control of crossings and obstacle detection	Complex system requiring high-level coordination between components.
B.P. Pradeep Varna <i>et al.</i>	2018	Embedded systems with GPS and SMS communication	Real-time gate operation and train location tracking	Dependent on cellular networks, which can be unreliable in remote areas.
K. Srinivas Rao <i>et al.</i>	2017	Microcontroller and IR-based system	Automate gate control and inform users about crossings	Limited integration with advanced technologies like ZigBee for enhanced reliability.



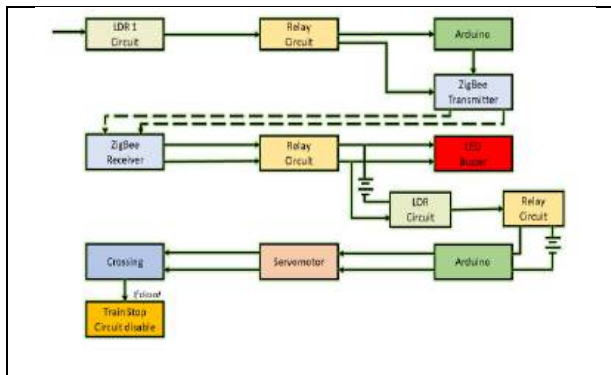


Figure 1. Block Diagram of the Project

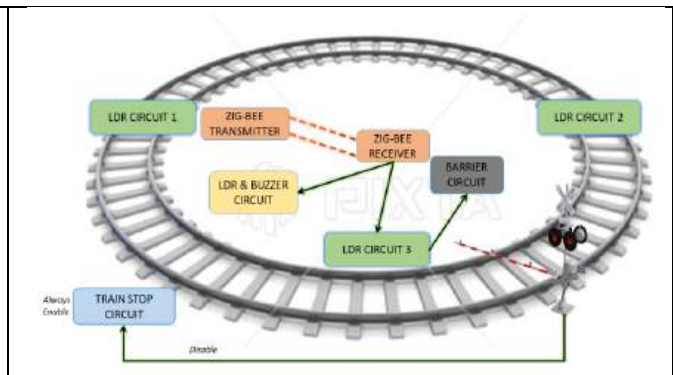


Figure 2. Mechanism of the Project

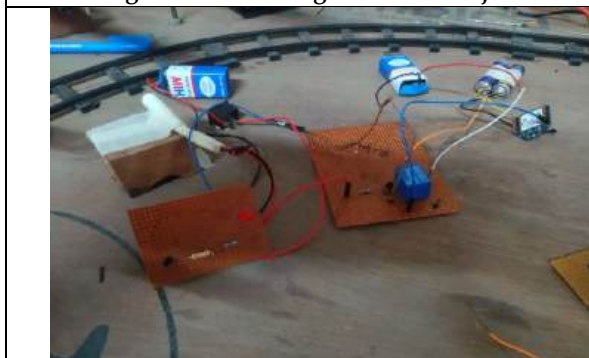


Figure 3. LDR Circuit



Figure 4. Display Circuit

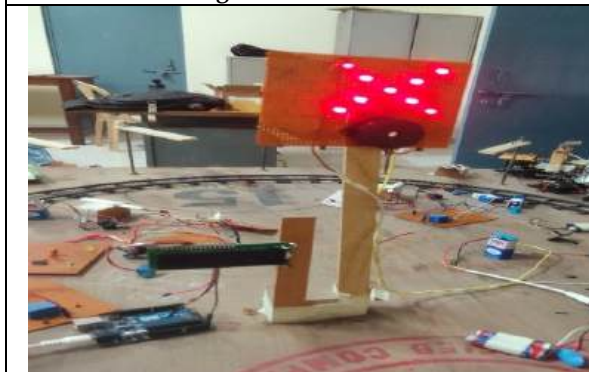


Figure 5. Buzzer Circuit



Figure 6. Crossing Area



Figure 7. Barrier Circuit

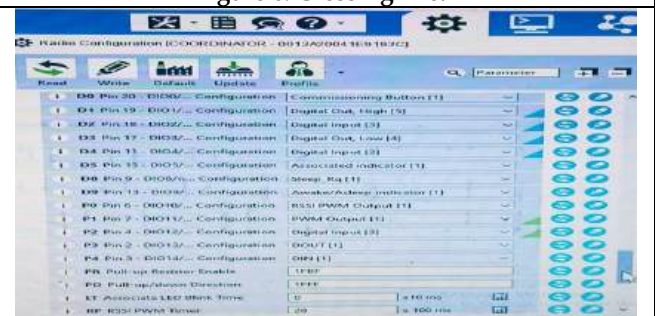


Figure 8. Transmitter Interfacing through XCTU





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Figure 9. Receiver Interfacing through XCTU

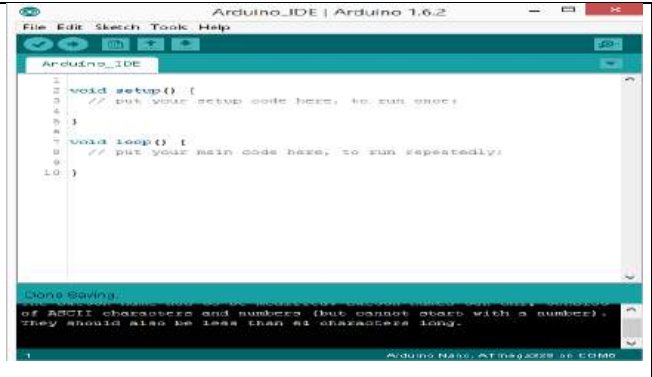


Figure 10. Arduino Pseudo Code





Fragile Connections: Misconceptions and Failures in Modern Relationships in Mamet's *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*

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ABSTRACT

David Alan Mamet's *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* (1974), an Obie Award-winning play, explores the humanistic challenges and misconceptions that undermine genuine relationships between men and women in modern American society. Set against the backdrop of a materialistic culture, the play delves into the fears, fantasies, and emotional disconnects that hinder meaningful connections. The characters—Bernard Litko (Bernie), Dan Shapiro (Danny), Joan Webber (Joan), and Deborah Solomon (Deb)—serve as representatives of mid-20th-century gender dynamics. Bernie's inability to establish a relationship stems from his deep-seated fear, shaped by traumatic childhood experiences and misguided notions of intimacy. His fantasies replace genuine interactions, leading to awkward and unconvincing exchanges, such as his first encounter with Joan, which ends in rejection. In contrast, Danny manages to form a temporary bond with Deb, but their relationship quickly disintegrates, reflecting the fragility of modern connections. This study examines the damaging effects of societal cynicism and materialism on human bonds, underscoring the need for love, empathy, and emotional authenticity to sustain relationships.

Keywords: humanistic challenges, man-women relationships, emotional disconnect, materialism, emotional commitments





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INTRODUCTION

David Alan Mamet, born on November 30, 1947, in Chicago, Illinois, is a renowned American playwright, screenwriter, and director, celebrated for his sharp dialogue, incisive character studies, and unflinching explorations of human behavior. A prominent figure in modern American theater, Mamet's works often examine themes of power, communication, morality, and the complexities of human relationships. His writing is characterized by his distinctive use of language, often referred to as "Mamet Speak," which mimics the rhythm and cadence of natural speech, complete with interruptions, pauses, and overlapping dialogue. This style captures the authenticity of everyday conversations while exposing the underlying tension and subtext.

Mamet's breakthrough came in the 1970s with plays like *Sexual Perversity in Chicago* (1974) and *American Buffalo* (1975), which earned him critical acclaim for their raw and provocative storytelling. Mamet's later works, including the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Glengarry Glen Ross* (1984), cemented his reputation as one of America's foremost dramatists. Beyond theater, Mamet has achieved significant success in film, writing screenplays for iconic movies like *The Verdict* (1982), *The Untouchables* (1987), and *Wag the Dog* (1997). He has also directed several films, including *House of Games* (1987) and *The Spanish Prisoner* (1997). Mamet's contributions to literature, film, and theater reflect his deep engagement with issues of trust, deception, and the human condition, making him a pivotal figure in contemporary storytelling. Produced in 1974, 'Sexual Perversity in Chicago' ('SPIC') was voted the best Chicago play of 1974 winning an Obie Award. It delineates some of the humanistic aspects of building and maintaining genuine relationship between men and women. It stresses the need for love and emotion for nourishing the bond between opposite sexes. It also discusses the reasons or rather the bitter experiences, which have led to the sex-related crimes and human beings' wrong notions about relationship.

Bernard Litko (Bernie) and his friend Dan Shapiro (Danny) are representatives of modern American men. Joan Webber (Joan) and Deborah Solomon (Deb) represent the twentieth century women folk in America. They have misconceptions about the opposite gender. Lacking real experiences with women, Bernie usually fantasizes and describes his experiences in a ludicrous tone and language. And in reality, he fails in establishing a relationship with Joan, whereas Danny manages to form a bond with Joan's friend, Deb. Danny and Deb decide to live together. But, there appears a breach, within a short span of time, and they get separated. Thus, 'SPIC' ends with the characters' failure in establishing a genuine man-woman relationship.

Bernie wishes to establish bond with women, but he fails to do so because of his fear. When he narrates his experience with a girl, whom he guesses will be of eighteen to twenty five years old, he appears like a frightened man, who is scared of making relationship with a woman or rather a person who feels that he cannot satisfy the present day woman's needs. This shows his misconception about forming rapport with women. Also, he lacks interest in establishing and pursuing his association with them. One of the reasons for Bernie's wrong perception about relationship is his boyhood experience, which he narrates, with horror, to Danny : "We 're all wondering what this old guy is doing at the cartoons, and he sits down at the end of the row, and halfway through he reaches over and grabs my joint" (Mamet 1978b). This incident, which happened in a theater, has made an indelible mark in Bernie's mind. America is filled with many such Bernies, who are afraid of making relationships because of the bitter experiences in life. Bernie's fantasized stories become all the more interesting, because he spends all his time and energy in building them. The problem is that he has the same perception, like the one he has in his imagination, when he meets a woman in reality. And hence, he fails in his attempts to create any bond. In his first meeting with Joan, he talks to her as if he is talking to a woman in imagination:

So I see you seated at this table and I say to myself, 'Doug Mckenzie, there is a young woman,' I say to myself, 'what is she doing here?,' and I think she is here for the same reasons as I. To enjoy herself, and perhaps, to meet provocative people. I'm a meteorologist for TWA. It's an incredibly interesting, but lonely job This is life. You



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learn a lot about life working for the airlines. Because you're constantly in touch, you know with what?, with the idea of Death. (Pause) Not that I'm a fan of morbidity, and so on (Mamet 1978b).

For a first meeting with a young woman, this talk sounds very prosaic. Joan, who is really upset, finds him uninteresting and remarks that she does not find him "sexually attractive" (Mamet 1978). Thus, the meeting between Bernie and Joan shows that Bernie's imagination about women is wrong and how and why his attempts to establish relationship with them fail. He is misled by the American culture which believes that emotional and genuine relationships are no longer possible because of the engulfing materialism.

A school teacher, Joan, also has similar upsetting experiences with school children, who indulge in childish sex plays. Though she is frustrated with the children's behaviour, she counsels them in such a way that they do not get hurt. "Were you playing with each other's genitals? Each other's ... pee-pees'?.... All right no. No, Stop that, there's no reason for tears It's perfectly ... natural. But there's a time and a place for everything. Now no, it's all right" (Mamet 1978b). Like Bernie, she also has a strong misconception about the opposite sex. According to Mamet, American women do not like getting into any bond with men. And if at all they do, it is because of social pressure. Bigsby (1985) quotes Mamet thus: "Joan sees men as 'problematical creatures which are necessary to have a relationship with because that's what society says, but it never really works out. It's nothing but a schlep, a misery constantly." Joan even goes to the extent of saying that a man-woman bond is "Physical and mental mutilations we perpetrate on each other, day in, day out Trying to fit ourselves to a pattern we can neither understand (although we pretend to) nor truly afford to investigate (although we pretend to)" (Mamet 1978b). This shows her anxiety over not being able to understand and establish a genuine and compassionate relationship with any man.

Unable to come to grips with her own self, Joan sees sex as a resort of anti-social elements. She is disturbed with the sex-related crimes. She also sees the increasing divorce rate as an evidence for the impossibility of a good and healthy relationship: "Well, look at your divorce rate. Look at the incidence of homosexuality the number of violent, sex-connected crimes (this dressing is for shit) ... all the antisocial behaviour that chooses sex as its form of expression" (Mamet 1978b). All these have prejudiced her against establishing relationship with any man. Her belief turns true and ascertained as Deb returns from Danny after a very short term relationship. She does not find fault with her friend. She accuses only men folk for this: "It was not your fault. Say what you will, the facts don't change and the fact is if you take a grown man whose actions and whose outlook are those of a child" (Mamet 1978b). She feels that men lack maturity of thought and action. Thus, people like Joan get constantly exposed to breach of relationship and they become obsessed with the misconception about man-woman relationship.

In the initial stages of Danny and Deborah's relationship, there appears to exist some compliance with each others' feelings, which makes them decide to live together. But, when they start living together, they find each other wanting to fill the vacuum in their hearts: "You go home with me. Everything's fine. Sex, talk, life, everything. Until you want to get "closer," to get "better" I don't mind physical violence. I just can't stand emotional violence" (Mamet 1978b). Deborah gets frustrated and annoyed at this. And they get separated. For Danny, relationship means responsibility. Though he admires Deborah and compliments her for her physical beauty, he cannot get along with her when it comes to emotional attachment. For him, 'emotional commitments' are a threat to his 'adolescent world' (Bigsby 1985).

Danny may also be apprehensive that relationships may hinder his growth. But Flynn (1973) shatters this wrong notion. In his essay titled 'The Problem of the Moral Hero,' he elaborates thus: "When men enter into new human relationships, then new commitments, emotions, loyalties, and eventually ideals begin to develop. Living a new way of life changes them into new men, if they are still flexible enough to change." Humans are prevented from changing for betterment because of their egoistic attitude getting rid off which will help them prosper as true human beings. Both Bernie and Danny, do not see what they have imagined, and what they see, they are not able to accept. John Callens (2004) says, "There is a mismatch between the woman of their fantasies and those they now encounter. Bernie expects submission and acquiescence. He encounters aggression and rejection Danny does briefly make





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contact but has no idea how to function with a real woman rather than the fantasy he has been led to expect." According to Bernie, going after woman is like losing one's own senses: ".....you are going to lose your head over a little bit of puss? You are going to sell your birthright for a mess of potash?" (Mamet 1978b). Bernie is not only ignorant about the importance of man-woman relationship, but also he does not want to even understand the need for such a bond, let alone making an attempt to form one.

The durability of life's bond is guaranteed if it is nourished by love and emotions. The failure in establishing a genuine relationship between Bernie and Joan, and Danny and Deborah proves this statement. Mamet asks Wetzsteon, the drama critic, "Why don't men and women get along?" The critic remarks that men regard "Women as objects of conquest, as beings who possess what men want yet refuse to yield it" (Wetzsteon 2001). All the characters in 'SPIC,' treat sex as a commodity without any regard for the underlying love. This 'absence of authentic love' (Roudane 1996) is Mamet's concern. Humanism sees "sexual emotions and their fulfillment as healthy, beautiful and nature's wonderful way of making possible the continued reproduction of the race" (Lamont 1973). But, for Mamet's characters, 'sexual emotions' remain only in fantasies and imagination. In reality, they fail miserably. The distance between failure and success is not wide. With proper understanding and right perception, they can win each other's love. Their egoistic nature and a failure in understanding their needs lead them to a failure in establishing 'potential relationships' (Bigsby 1985).

As Lamont says, man-woman relationship is very significant for the continual existence of human kind on this earth. The problem that occurs because of the misconceived notion is two fold. One is the question of human race suffering extinction. The other one is the reproduction of good-natured human beings. The resultant generation will not be healthy, both physically and mentally. Hence, in the interest of the human race, people should have a right attitude toward right and genuine relationship.

'SPIC' is one of the best plays in terms of language usage. Mamet, a skilful language playwright as he is, makes the words act. The fast rhythm of the language indicates the speed with which the proposals for the relationships are made and broken. It is the obscene and at the same time the humorous language that gives a flashy clothing to the breach of relationships and makes even the agony look light, so that when the members of the audience leave the theater, they leave with a light heart, but with a strong message for their lives.

CONCLUSION

Thus, Mamet spells out the reason for failure in forming ties between men and women in 'Sexual Perversity in Chicago.' He insists on the fact that the welfare of the human race depends upon the individual's interest and capability for establishing good relationship with the opposite gender. Through this play, Mamet emphasizes the individual's need for emotional commitment and understanding for a harmonious relationship between men and women.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

AI in the Animation Industry

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ABSTRACT

The animation industry has undergone significant transformations due to advancements in artificial intelligence (AI). AI-driven tools and techniques have streamlined animation processes, reducing production time and costs while enhancing creativity. This research paper explores the impact of AI on animation, highlighting key AI technologies, their applications, advantages, challenges, and future prospects.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Animation, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, AI Tools, CGI, Automation

INTRODUCTION

Animation has evolved from traditional hand-drawn techniques to advanced digital animation, with AI playing a pivotal role in this transformation. AI-powered tools assist animators in automating repetitive tasks, generating realistic animations, and improving workflow efficiency. This paper examines the integration of AI in animation, its benefits, challenges, and future trends.

AI Technologies Used in Animation

Machine Learning(ML): Used for motion prediction and automation. Deep Learning(DL): Generates realistic animations through neural networks. Computer Vision: Enhances character expressions and movement tracking. Natural Language Processing(NLP): Automates script writing and voice synthesis. Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs): Creates life like character animations.



**Sayali Kumbhar****Applications of AI in Animation**

Automated Character Animation: AI can generate character movements based on real-time inputs. **Facial Animation & Lip Syncing:** AI-driven tools like Adobe Character Animator enhance accuracy. **Environment & Background Generation:** AI assists in creating detailed backgrounds quickly.

AI-Assisted Storyboarding: Automates sketching and sequencing for animated scenes. **Virtual Assistants & Chatbots:** Used for interactive storytelling and audience engagement.

Advantages of AI in Animation

Time Efficiency: Reduces manual effort and speeds up production. **Cost-Effectiveness:** Lowers production costs by automating complex tasks. **Enhanced Creativity:** AI provides animators with new tools to experiment with styles and techniques.

Realistic Animations: AI improves character expressions, motion dynamics, and realism.

Challenges and Limitations

Loss of Artistic Control: Over-reliance on AI may limit human creativity.

High Implementation Costs: Advanced AI tools require significant investment.

Ethical Concerns: AI-generated animations may raise questions about originality and authenticity.

Job Displacement: Automation may reduce demand for traditional animators.

Future Prospects

Enhanced AI-Generated Content: AI will improve procedural animation techniques.

Hyper-Realistic AI Animation: Future AI models will produce more lifelike characters.

AI and Virtual Reality (VR) Integration: AI-driven animation in VR will redefine storytelling.

Personalized AI Animation Tools: AI-based software will cater to individual artistic styles.

CONCLUSION

AI has significantly impacted the animation industry, offering new possibilities for efficiency and creativity. While challenges exist, AI's future role in animation promises more advanced, accessible, and innovative animation techniques. The continued evolution of AI-driven animation will shape the future of digital storytelling and entertainment.

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Examining the Factors Influencing ADL / IADL Limitations in Elderly Diabetic Patients in India: Cross-Sectional Findings from the Longitudinal Aging Study in India

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ABSTRACT

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder that significantly impacts functional abilities, particularly Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). These limitations influence the quality of life, economic burden, and healthcare utilization of elderly individuals. The study examines the factors influencing ADL/IADL limitations among elderly diabetic patients in India and assesses the impact of demographic, socioeconomic, and disease-related factors on ADL/IADL limitations. The study employs data from the Longitudinal Aging Study in India (LASI) (2017–2021), analyzing 8,857 individuals aged 45 and above. Negative Binomial Regression analysis was used to assess the effects of various factors on ADL/IADL limitations. Andersen's Behavioral Model of Health Services Use provides theoretical framework, categorizing determinants into predisposing factors, enabling factors, and need factors. This includes strengthening preventive healthcare, expanding geriatric rehabilitation services, enhancing rural healthcare access, promoting mental well-being, and fostering community-based interventions to improve functional independence in elderly diabetic patients.

Keywords: Diabetes, ADL (Activities Of Daily Living), IADL (Instrumental Activities Of Daily Living), Andersen's Behavioral Model, Health Expenditure, Multimorbidity





INTRODUCTION

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder characterized by chronic Hyperglycemia due to defects in insulin secretion, insulin action, or both. This illness has become an increasingly significant worldwide health concern, affecting both people and healthcare systems. Apart from its immediate medical consequences, diabetes plays a major role in functional limits in both Activities of Daily Living (ADL) and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL). Consequently, these constraints affect people's general well-being, financial strains, and quality of life (Shobhana et al., 2000; Priya et al., 2020). This study explores the factors that affect ADL and IADL restrictions in older diabetic patients in India, with an emphasis on the costs involved, in an effort to offer practical recommendations for clinical and governmental solutions.

Disability refers to the negative aspects of the interaction between the individual and the environment, i.e., deficits, limitations in the activity and restrictions in his/her social participation (WHO, 2001). Activities of Daily Living (ADL) refer to basic self-care activities that are essential for individual's functions, such as bathing, dressing, mobility, feeding, and toileting (Chauhan et al., 2022). ADL is measured using an intensity scale of 0-6. These activities determine an individual's ability to function independently and maintain personal hygiene. Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) involve more complex tasks that require cognitive and physical abilities, including preparing meals, shopping, using transportation, managing finances, and taking medications (Millán-Calenti et al., 2010). IADL is measured using an intensity scale of 0-7. IADL reflect an individual's ability to interact with their environment and maintain a higher level of autonomy.

Causes of ADL / IADL Limitations

Age and Gender: Women are more likely than males to develop ADL/IADL difficulties, and the likelihood of functional limitations rises with age (Millán-Calenti et al., 2010). Chronic Conditions & Multimorbidity: There is a substantial correlation between ADL/IADL handicap and conditions like diabetes, stroke, heart disease, and dementia (Chauhan et al. 2022). Physical Inactivity: A lack of physical activity greatly raises the risk of severe ADL and IADL difficulties (Chauhan et al. 2022). Poor Socioeconomic Status: A higher prevalence of disability is a result of low educational attainment, a lack of financial resources, and a lack of health insurance (Chauhan et al. 2022). Hospitalization & Healthcare Access: Higher degrees of ADL/IADL reliance are linked to longer hospital stays and more frequent doctor visits (Millán-Calenti et al., 2010).

Global scenario and Indian scenario

In the global scenario, Worldwide, diabetes is a serious public health issue. According to the International Diabetes Federation (IDF), there were 537 million adults with diabetes in 2021, and prevalence is expected to climb significantly. A startling 80% of this load is found in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), which struggle with a lack of funding for public health, a lack of access to necessary treatments, and an inadequate healthcare infrastructure. Because many people must pay for their own medications, diagnostic tests, and follow-up treatment, these limitations frequently result in higher diabetes management expenses.

Due to delayed diagnosis, poor Glycemic management, and limited access to rehabilitative therapy, functional deficits in IADL and ADL are particularly noticeable in LMICs. High-income nations, on the other hand, have strong healthcare systems that lessen these difficulties, even while socioeconomic differences continue to affect functional restrictions and related financial burdens (Shobhana et al., 2000; Priya et al., 2020).

In the Indian scenario, more than 77 million adults in India were diagnosed with the disease (International Diabetes Federation's (IDF) report, 2019). The socioeconomic and demographic variety of the nation makes managing diabetes more difficult. In India, a sizable fraction of elderly diabetic patients has functional limits in both ADL and IADL;



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women and those from lower-income backgrounds are disproportionately affected. The difficulties are exacerbated by a heavy dependence on private funding for treatment and restricted access to medical facilities, particularly in rural areas.

Economic burden in India -High costs for diabetes care are a defining feature of India's healthcare system. Medication, diagnostic testing, and hospital stays can be quite expensive for many families, frequently at the price of other necessities (Ramachandran et al., 2007; Li et al., 2014). This problem is made worse by limited insurance coverage. Poorer health outcomes and increased economic vulnerability are the results of particular constraints faced by rural communities, such as increased travel expenses and limited access to specialized treatment (Chauhan et al., 2022; Pati et al., 2022).

Functional Restrictions and Economic Impact

Diabetic patients with the ADL limitations suffer from basic self-care activities like eating, dressing, and bathing, whereas activities required for independent living, including handling money and using transit, are included in IADL constraints. These restrictions are frequently made worse in older diabetic individuals by age-related physiological decline and consequences from the condition. According to research, people with diabetes, especially older adults, are more likely than people without diabetes to have ADL/IADL difficulties. Socioeconomic level, comorbidities, Glycemic management, and the length of the disease all have an impact on these restrictions (Mahumud, 2017; Chauhan et al., 2022).

Expenses for diabetes patients frequently include prescription drugs, glucose monitoring equipment, consultations, and problem-solving. Particularly in LMICs like India, where insurance coverage is scarce, these expenses quickly add up. Additional costs for institutional care, assistive technology, or paid caregivers may be incurred by patients with ADL/IADL impairments. Additionally, the overall economic burden is exacerbated by the indirect costs of missed income and production as a result of functional impairments (Ramachandran et al., 2007; Ping Zhang et al., 2010). Reducing regional inequities in healthcare requires strengthening the infrastructure in rural areas. Telemedicine platforms and mobile health clinics can help close the gap by giving underprivileged populations access to necessary services (Chauhan et al., 2022).

Research Problem

In India, diabetes prevalence is increasing at a rapid pace, diabetes being a major predictor of functional limitations it is crucial to know what factors within a diabetic patient are that induce functional limitations for a proactive approach to improve their functionalities

Research Gap

Although previous studies have examined diabetes and its impact on daily life functions, many have been limited to smaller, region-specific samples, making it difficult to implement their findings to the entire population. Our study addresses this gap by using data from the Longitudinal Ageing Study in India (LASI), which is a nationally representative dataset. This allows us to generate findings that are more comprehensive and applicable to diabetic patients across the country, rather than being restricted to specific regions or communities. By using a large, diverse sample, our study provides more reliable knowledge into the relationship between diabetes and ADL/IADL limitations at a national level, helping policymakers and healthcare providers develop targeted interventions for diabetes management in India.

Research Objectives

- The study examines the factors influencing Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) and Activities of Daily Living (ADL) limitations in individuals with diabetes, emphasizing the interaction of socioeconomic, psychological, disease-related, and demographic factors.
- To assess the impact of age, longer duration of disease, and gender differences that exacerbate vulnerability to functional impairments that may greatly increase ADL/IADL limitations using Andersen's Behavioral Model.



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- To design effective policy interventions by understanding the multifaceted factors affecting IADL and ADL limitations in diabetic patients, enabling the creation of targeted strategies to enhance their autonomy and quality of life.

Theoretical Framework and Hypothesis Development

Ronald M. Andersen's Behavioral Model of health, first developed in the 1960's, is widely accepted framework for analyzing factors that influence an individual's use of healthcare services. The model has undergone several modifications, the 1995 version of this theory is the most commonly applied in the modern and recent research (Andersen, 1995). This behavioral model classifies the determinants of healthcare utilization mainly into three categories: predisposing factors, enabling factors, and need factors (Andersen et al., 1995). Although widely used, studies show variations in the operationalization of Andersen's model, particularly in predisposing and enabling factors. Nevertheless, the model remains a valuable tool for understanding healthcare utilization patterns and informing policies to improve access to care (Babitsch et al., 2012). In our study, we have incorporated Andersen's model to identify the effect of predisposing, enabling and need factors on ADL and IADL limitations of diabetic patients.

Predisposing factors

These factors show an individual's preference towards accessing healthcare services. They include Demographic variables (age, gender), social structure (education, occupation, ethnicity, marital status), and health beliefs (attitudes, values, and knowledge about healthcare) (Babitsch et al., 2012). In other words, predisposing factors include the demographic framework of communities, cultural norms and political perspectives (Andersen, 1995).

In our study we will analyse the impact of following predisposing factors such as Age, Gender, Geographical location, Literacy, Caste, Presence of depressive symptoms, Self Report of Health, Average score of experienced positive affect overall index, Satisfaction with life, Discrimination Summary Mean Score on ADL and IADL limitations. With reference to (Chauhan et al., 2022; Ahmed et al.) who found that older people are more likely to experience disability in ADL/IADL.

H1: There is a significant impact of age on ADL/IADL limitations.

Research indicates that gender plays a significant role in Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL) limitations among older adults. Studies have found that IADLs do not equivalently measure the same latent construct for men and women, with men more likely to not perform certain activities due to gendered expectations rather than health limitations (Sheehan & Tucker-Drob, 2019).

H2: There is a significant impact of gender on ADL/IADL limitations.

Some research shows significance of geographical location in ADL/IADL limitations (Lee & Hur, 2021; Chuang et al., 2008). Persistent regional disparities in functional limitations, with higher rates observed in southern regions of the United States (Lin & Zimmer, 2002). Neighbourhood characteristics, such as social cohesion and physical disorder, are predictive of ADL and IADL limitations, with better social cohesion associated with fewer limitations (Qin et al., 2020). Residential mobility can lead to short-term increases in ADL and IADL limitations, particularly for those who move due to health reasons (Chen & Wilmoth, 2004).

H3: There is a significant relation between geographic location(rural to urban) to ADL/IADL limitations.

Individuals with inadequate health literacy demonstrate poorer physical and mental health functioning, as well as increased difficulties with activities of daily living (ADL) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) (Wolf et al., 2005). Similarly, lower education levels are associated with higher prevalence and faster annual increase rates of ADL and IADL limitations (Tsai, 2016).



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H4: There is a significant impact of literacy on ADL/IADL limitations.

There could be an influence of caste (some backward castes to be specific) on the possibility of having ADL/IADL limitations.

H5: There is a significant impact of caste on ADL/IADL limitations.

Research on the relationship between multimorbidity on depression, and ADL/IADL gives back mixed results. While some studies found that multimorbidity increases the risk of depression and ADL/IADL disability (Peng et al., 2021; Read et al., 2017), others reported no significant association between multimorbidity and depression incidence (Turuba et al., 2019).

H6: There is a significant impact of depressive symptoms on ADL/IADL limitations.

A study of Korean older adults found that poorer SRH was associated with increased incidence of ADL and IADL disabilities, with odds ratios ranging from 2.01 to 4.28 (Fong & Kok, 2020).

H7: There is a significant impact of self-reported health on ADL/IADL limitations.

Positive emotion is a key factor to healthy living, lack of which may increase the chance of having ADL/IADL limitations in the future.

H8: There is a significant relation between positive emotion experienced on ADL/IADL limitations.

Life satisfaction is another key factor to healthy living, absence or reduction of which may increase the possibility of ADL/IADL limitations.

H9: There is a significant impact of life satisfaction on ADL/IADL limitations.

According to one of the research everyday discrimination is associated with a 25% higher risk of ADL limitation and neighbourhood perceptions moderate the association with IADL limitation onset in African Americans (Qin et al., 2023).

H10: There is a significant impact of insight of discrimination experienced on ADL/IADL limitations.

Enabling Factors: These factors determine the actual ability to access healthcare services. At the individual level, they include financial resources (income, health insurance) and organizational factors (having a regular source of care, transportation, and waiting times). At the contextual level they include community healthcare infrastructure, the availability of healthcare providers, and government health policies (Babitsch et al., 2012).

In our study we will analyse the impact of following Enabling factors such as Contact with relative/friend in person (weekly), Hospital stays per year, Doctor visits per year, Wealth, Insurance on Diabetic patients with ADL/IADL. Research show that social relationships and neighborhood characteristics significantly impact functional limitations among older adults. Research on social interaction and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) in older adults shows mixed results. While some studies found a significant relationship between social support and IADL levels (Bae & Choi, 2022; Fadhila et al., 2022), others reported no significant association between social isolation and IADL disability in certain populations (Guo et al., 2020).

H11: There is a significant impact of relatives or friends on ADL/IADL limitations.

Frequent hospital in stay could mean poor health condition and need constant medical attention of an individual, this could lead to the possibility of having ADL/IADL limitations.



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H12: There is a significant impact of hospital stays per year on ADL/IADL limitations.

Frequency of doctor visits also shows an individual's need for medical attention. Therefore, they may also have the possibility of having ADL/IADL limitations

H13: There is a significant impact of doctor visits per year on ADL/IADL limitations.

Wealth generally improves healthcare access and living conditions and may have an impact ADL/IADL limitations

H14: There is a significant impact of financial status (wealth) on ADL/IADL limitations.

Insurance might have an influence on ADL/IADL limitations as lack of access to health service due to financial instability may increase the possibility of individual not receiving medical attention leading to the chances of having ADL/IADL.

H15: There is a significant impact of having insurance on ADL/IADL limitations.

Need Factors: These are the most immediate causes of healthcare utilization. They are divided into perceived need (self-assessed health status and perceived illness severity) and evaluated need (clinical assessments and diagnoses by healthcare professionals) (Andersen, 1995). In our study we will analyse the impact of following Weight category, Frequency of moderate physical activity, Frequency of Consumption of alcohol, Frequency of Smoking, Takes Oral Medication for Diabetes, Multimorbidity on diabetic patients with ADL/IADL.

Research found that obesity is associated with increased risk of physical and functional impairment, with higher body mass index (BMI) correlating to greater odds of disability (Backholer et al., 2012). Central obesity, characterized by high waist circumference, is particularly linked to functional limitations (Germain et al., 2016). However, physical activity and muscle strength can mitigate these effects. Active individuals with central obesity show lower prevalence of physical, ADL, and IADL limitations compared to inactive counterparts (Germain et al., 2016).

H16: There is a significant impact of weight on ADL/IADL limitation

A meta-analysis revealed that moderate physical activity levels with high mental, physical, and social demands produce the greatest benefits on ADL physical performance (Roberts et al., 2017).

H17: There is a significant impact of physical activity on ADL/IADL limitation

Research on alcohol consumption and activities of daily living (ADL) in older adults shows mixed results. Some studies indicate that moderate drinking is associated with a lower risk of functional limitations compared to non-drinking (Lin et al., 2011; León-Muñoz et al., 2017). Consistent low-risk drinking was found to be particularly beneficial for adults aged 50-64 (Lin et al., 2011).

H18: There is a significant impact of Frequency of drinking on ADL/IADL limitation.

A study found that current smokers had a higher risk of ADL impairment compared to non-smokers, with a dose-dependent relationship observed (Takashima et al., 2010). However, the impact of smoking on IADL limitations among cognitively impaired individuals was not found to be significant (Rist et al., 2014; Rist et al., 2015).

H19: There is a significant impact of Frequency of smoking on ADL/IADL limitations.

Research indicates that diabetes significantly impacts functional status and disability in older adults. Diabetic individuals experience more limitations in activities of daily living (ADL) and instrumental activities of daily living (IADL) compared to non-diabetics, with a more rapid decline over time (Wu et al., 2003; Kalyani et al., 2010). Multiple factors contribute to this increased disability risk, including diabetes complications, comorbidities, and poor





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glycemic control (Kalyani et al., 2010). Depression and polypharmacy are associated with decreased IADL performance in diabetic patients (Klinedinst et al., 2020).

H20: There is a significant impact of oral meds for diabetes on on ADL/IADL limitation

Studies consistently show a association between the number of chronic conditions and ADL/IADL disability (Su et al., 2016; Klinedinst et al., 2021). Individuals with five or more chronic conditions demonstrate lower IADL ability and performance compared to those with fewer conditions (Klinedinst et al., 2021). The combined effect of simultaneous mental and physical chronic conditions predicts current and future incidence of disability (Gontijo Guerra et al., 2020). Age, gender, physical activity, education, obesity and depressive symptoms also influence ADL/IADL impairment (Chen et al., 2024).

H21: There is a significant impact of multimorbidity on ADL/IADL limitations.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The study utilized the Longitudinal Aging Study of India (LASI) data for the period 2017- 2021. The data comprised the information of 8,857 individuals who were aged 45 years and above. Out of which 1686 individuals have been diagnosed with ADL limitations and 3,169 individuals have been diagnosed with IADL with the severity ranging between 0 to 6 for ADL and 0-7 for IADL level. Negative Binomial Regression analysis was employed (as the variance of the dependent variable exceeded the mean value) to evaluate the effects of various factors, including demographic, socioeconomic, and disease-related variables, on functional limitations.

Negative Binomial Regression

In negative binomial regression, the mean of y is determined by the exposure time t and a set of k regressor variables (the x 's). The expression relating these quantities is:

$$\mu_i = \exp(\ln(t_i) + \beta_1 x_{1i} + \beta_2 x_{2i} + \dots + \beta_k x_{ki})$$

- μ_i – The expected value (mean) of the dependent variable for the i -th observation. This represents the predicted outcome.
- $\exp()$ – The exponential function ensures that μ_i remains positive, making it suitable for modelling count data (like in Poisson regression).
- $\ln(t_i)$ – The offset term.
 - t_i is an exposure variable (often used in rate-based models, such as disease incidence per person-year).
 - Taking the natural logarithm ($\ln$) allows it to act as a scaling factor.
- $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k$ – Regression coefficients representing the effect of each independent variable on the outcome.
- $x_{1i}, x_{2i}, \dots, x_{ki}$ – Independent variables (predictors) for the i -th observation. These could be demographic, socioeconomic, or health-related factors affecting the outcome.

Often, $x_1 \equiv 1$, in which case β_1 is called the *intercept*. The regression coefficients $\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_k$ are unknown parameters that are estimated from a set of data. Their estimates are symbolized as $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_k$.

Using this notation, the fundamental negative binomial regression model for an observation i is written as:

$$\Pr(Y = y_i | \mu_i, \alpha) = \frac{\Gamma(y_i + \alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)\Gamma(y_i + 1)} \left(\frac{1}{1 + \alpha \mu_i} \right)^{\alpha - 1} \left(\frac{\alpha \mu_i}{1 + \alpha \mu_i} \right)^{y_i}$$





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- Y – The count response variable, representing observed counts for an event (e.g., hospital visits, disease cases).
- $\Pr(Y = y_i | \mu_i, \alpha)$ – The probability of observing count y_i , given parameters μ_i (mean) and α (dispersion parameter).
- $\Gamma(x)$ – The Gamma function, which generalizes factorials for non-integer values.
- For integer values: $\Gamma(n) = (n-1)!$
- α – The dispersion parameter (also written as rrr in some contexts).
- If $\alpha \rightarrow 0$, the Negative Binomial model approaches a Poisson distribution.
- Larger α indicates more variance in the data.
- μ_i – The mean (expected value) of the distribution for the i -th observation.
- y_i – The observed count (integer values like 0, 1, 2, ...).
- $\frac{\Gamma(y_i + \alpha - 1)}{\Gamma(\alpha - 1)\Gamma(y_i + 1)}$ – The combinatorial term, which ensures probabilities sum to 1.
- $\left(\frac{1}{1 + \alpha\mu_i}\right)^{\alpha-1}$ – The probability of "failure" in the Negative Binomial framework.
- $\left(\frac{\alpha\mu_i}{1 + \alpha\mu_i}\right)^{y_i}$ – The probability of "success" term.

RESULTS

Factors affecting ADL (Activities of Daily Living)

Predisposing factor

These factors show an individual preference towards accessing healthcare services, it includes the demographic framework of communities, cultural norms and political perspectives (Andersen, 1995). The table no: 1 analysis predisposing factors that may have an impact on ADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

Enabling factors

These factors determine the actual ability to access healthcare services. They include financial resources and organizational factors, community healthcare infrastructure, the availability of healthcare providers, and government health policies (Babitsch et al., 2012). The table no 2: analysis Enabling factors that may have an impact on ADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

Need factors

These are the most immediate causes of healthcare utilization. They are divided into perceived need and evaluated need (Andersen, 1995). The table no 3: analysis Need factors that may have an impact on ADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

Factors affecting IADL (Instrumental Activities of Daily Living)

Predisposing factors

These factors show an individual preference towards accessing healthcare services, it includes the demographic framework of communities, cultural norms and political perspectives (Andersen, 1995). The following table no: 4, analysis predisposing factors that may have an impact on IADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

Enabling factors

These factors determine the actual ability to access healthcare services. They include financial resources and organizational factors, community healthcare infrastructure, the availability of healthcare providers, and government



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health policies (Babitsch et al., 2012). The following table no:5, analysis Enabling factors that may have an impact on IADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

Need factors

These are the most immediate causes of healthcare utilization. They are divided into perceived need and evaluated need (Andersen, 1995). The following table no:6, analysis Need factors that may have an impact on IADL limitations on patients with diabetes using Negative Binomial Regression results.

DISCUSSION

The result shows 21 factors which may have an influence on the dependent variable (ADL/IADL) with 95% confidence level. The discussion is divided into factor analysis (factors mentioned in the Predisposing, Enabling and Need factors in the previous chapters) and its impact on ADL/IADL limitations

Predisposing factors

Here the results are being compared with respect to different predisposing factors mentioned in the hypothesis development and its impact on ADL/IADL. The results give the following analysis:

With each additional year of age, there is an odds of 4% increase in the chances having ADL/IADL. When compared with male population females are likely to have 42% higher odds of experiencing ADL and 84% higher odds of experiencing IADL, this could be because of the diverse gender roles. Living in rural or urban area does not have any significant impact in having ADL or IADL limitations, this could be due to influence of other strong factors in our analysis. Literacy rate do not have any significant impact on ADL but does impact IADL as being literate reduces the possibility of having IADL limitations to 62%. Belonging to different caste have no significant influence ADL/IADL limitations, this could be because people from different caste may still have equal education and higher income making the result insignificant. Depressive symptom has a weak association to ADL/IADL limitations as depression may occur due to the presence of multimorbidity. Compared to individuals with the worst self-reported health, those reporting very good health are 192% more likely to experience ADL limitations while those reporting poor health are 474% more likely to experience ADL limitations, Individuals who report their health as fair are 149% more likely to experience IADL limitations to those with self-reported poor health. Positive affect score is associated with a 43% has higher odds of having ADL functionality and 21% higher odds of having IADL functionality. Individual who are very satisfied with life are 36% less likely to experience ADL and 24% less likely to experience IADL limitations, only being "very satisfied" significantly reduces ADL/ IADL limitations, other levels are insignificant. Discrimination does not have any significant impact on ADL limitations but higher discrimination impact 32% higher odds on IADL limitations.

Therefore, hypothesis- (H1), (H2), (H4), (H7), (H8), (H9), (H10) are accepted and (H3), (H5), (H6) are rejected.

Enabling Factors

Here the results are being compared with respect to different Enabling factors mentioned in the hypothesis development and its impact on ADL/IADL. The results give the following analysis:

Having weekly in-person contact with family or friends reduces the chance of having ADL limitations by 36% but has no significant impact on IADL limitations. Hospital stay increases the odds of having ADL limitations by 65% and increases the odds of having IADL limitations by 33%. Regular doctor visits do not significantly impact on ADL/IADL limitations, this could be because doctor visits focus on disease management and not functional independence. Wealth has no significant impact on ADL/IADL limitations. The results for ADL is close to statistical significance ($p = 0.063$), meaning that financial stability might have a minor protective effect, but it is not strong enough to be conclusive, in other words economic status alone does not determine one's ability to perform daily activities. Having insurance does not have any significant impact on ADL/IADL limitations i.e., access to healthcare alone is not enough to improve functional independence.



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Therefore, hypothesis- (H11), (H12)) are accepted and (H13), (H14), (H15) are rejected

Need Factors

All weight category (Obesity, overweight, and normal weight) do not significantly impact ADL limitations, i.e., weight alone is not a factor that leads to these limitations but may lead to other diseases, but being over-weight decreases the chances of having IADL limitations by 37% , one possible explanation could be Overweight individuals may still maintain muscle mass necessary for mobility, the "obesity paradox" suggests that slight overweight might provide some health benefits in aging populations. Engaging in moderate physical activity only 1–3 times per month increases ADL limitations by 112%, almost never engaging in physical activity increases ADL limitations by 145%. Engaging in moderate physical activity once or more per week does not significantly impact ADL limitations, but rarely engaging in physical activity increases IADL limitations by 39%. Engaging in physical activity (More than Once a Week, once a Week, 1–3 Times a Month) does not show a significant impact on IADL. Drinking alcohol 1–3 days per month has an impact on ADL limitations by 175%. Alcohol consumption at other frequencies does not significantly impact ADL limitations, this suggests that occasional alcohol use alone is not a major risk factor. Alcohol consumption does not significantly impact IADL. Smoking does not significantly impact ADL limitations. This could be because the effect of smoking on ADL might be indirect, influencing health conditions that were already accounted for (eg: multimorbidity). Smoking does not significantly impact IADL limitations. Taking diabetes medication does not significantly impact ADL /IADL limitations, even though diabetes may lead to ADL/IADL limitations, but taking oral meds for diabetes do not impact ADL/IADL limitations. Having multiple chronic conditions increases ADL limitations by 77% and IADL limitations by 23%. Chronic diseases (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, arthritis) contribute to disability.

Therefore, hypothesis- (H16), (H17), (H18), (H21) are accepted and (H19), (H20) are rejected

POLICY RECOMMENDATION

The best measure to understand the quality of life is through disability for both diseased and non-diseased individuals. As the presence of diabetes in a patient increases the possibility of having ADL/IADL limitations. Therefore, more preventive policies and programs should be incorporated.

- As our results state that increasing age has high risk of having ADL/IADL. Therefore, implementation of preventive healthcare programs focused on healthy aging and strengthening of geriatric care units as well as home-based care.
- Females tend to be at a higher risk of having ADL/IADL limitations. Developing gender sensitive healthcare programs and policies to overcome the challenges faced by women such as improving mobility and strength.
- Higher rate of literacy reduces the chances of having IADL limitations. Expanding of health literacy program and inclusion of digital literacy training to enable elders to access telehealth and online health related resources.
- Enhancement of community-based wellness initiatives and setting up of rehabilitation services for individuals reporting poor self health.
- Promotion of mental health and well being program for the improvement of elderly health also to improve social engagement activities to improve psychological adaptability.
- Implementation of anti- discrimination policies and conducting awareness campaign to ensure equitable access to healthcare services.
- Encouragement of family and community support programs also establishment of senior clubs and volunteer networks for elderly to reduce social isolation.
- Frequency of hospital visits are signs of poor health and may lead to disabilities, improvement of post-hospitalization rehabilitation to prevent future possibilities of ADL/IADL limitations in elderly.
- Staying physically active frequently helps in the reduction of a possible disability in the future, incorporation of physical activity counselling into routine health check-ups.
- Expansion of chronic disease management programs is essential to prevent disabilities in older adults. Also, development of integrated care models that address multimorbidity and its impact on ADL/IADL.





LIMITATIONS OF RESEARCH PAPER

- The study depends on existing dataset therefore limits the control over Data collection, interpretation and bias.
- Since the study is based on secondary data, some important variables may be missing or not adequately measured. This may lead to biased or incomplete conclusions. Also, the quality of secondary data depends on how it was originally collected by the source.
- The findings are based on the dataset particular a fixed geographic location therefore, results cannot be generalised for the conclusion drawn.
- The study uses cross-sectional data, that analyses information at a single point in time rather than over a period. This restricts the possibility of Trend analysis, changes, or causality over time.
- Policy changes or External shocks after the data was collected may impact the results

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Table 1: Predisposing factors analysis that impact ADL

Factors	Odds ratio	Estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
(Intercept)	0	-6.16E+00	7.68E-01	-8.022	1.04E-15	significant
Age	1.04	3.64E-02	6.31E-03	5.774	7.76E-09	significant
Gender	1.42	3.50E-01	1.47E-01	2.377	0.01747	significant
Geographical location (with respect to rural area)	0.8	-2.22E-01	1.31E-01	-1.697	0.08973	Insignificant
Literacy	0.99	-8.50E-03	1.48E-01	-0.057	0.95429	Insignificant
Caste- schedule caste	1.1	9.66E-02	2.65E-01	0.364	0.71603	Insignificant
Caste- Other Backward Caste	0.93	-6.73E-02	2.02E-01	-0.333	0.73907	Insignificant
Caste- no cast or other cast	1.03	2.89E-02	2.11E-01	0.137	0.89078	Insignificant
Depressive symptoms	1.32	2.80E-01	1.43E-01	1.96	0.05004	Insignificant
Self-reported health	2.92	1.07E+00	5.36E-01	2.004	0.04507	significant





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– very good						
Self-reported health - good	1.76	5.67E-01	5.27E-01	1.077	0.28146	Insignificant
Self-reported health - fair	3.77	1.33E+00	5.21E-01	2.547	0.01087	significant
Self-reported health - poor	5.74	1.75E+00	5.32E-01	3.285	0.00102	significant
Average score of experienced positive affect overall index	1.43	3.59E-01	7.83E-02	4.589	4.45E-06	significant
satisfaction with life-very satisfied	0.64	-4.49E-01	1.92E-01	-2.337	0.01943	significant
satisfaction with life-somewhat satisfied	0.83	-1.90E-01	1.91E-01	-0.996	0.31923	Insignificant
satisfaction with life-not very satisfied	0.9	-1.09E-01	2.81E-01	-0.387	0.69882	Insignificant
satisfaction with life-not at all satisfied	0.94	-6.67E-02	4.29E-01	-0.155	0.87656	Insignificant
Discrimination summary mean score	1.09	9.01E-02	1.11E-01	0.81	0.41822	Insignificant

Source: Author's calculation

Table 2: Enabling factors analysis that impact ADL

Factors	Odds ratio	Estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
Any weekly contact with relative/friend in person] -(yes)	0.64	-4.41E-01	2.10E-01	-2.097	0.03603	significant
Hospital stay prv year- (yes)	1.65	5.01E-01	1.65E-01	3.029	0.00245	significant
Doctor visit prv year- (yes)	1.09	8.70E-02	1.77E-01	0.49	0.62384	Insignificant
Wealth (financial status)	1	-6.27E-07	3.37E-07	-1.857	0.06329	Insignificant
Insurance	1.15	1.39E-01	1.48E-01	0.935	0.34984	Insignificant

Source: Author's calculation

Table 3: Need factors analysis that impact ADL

Factors	Odds ratio	Estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
Weight category- (normal weight (18.5-24.9))	0.72	-3.24E-01	2.65E-01	-1.223	0.2215	Insignificant
Weight category- (over weight)	0.81	-2.10E-01	2.74E-01	-0.765	0.4441	Insignificant
Weight category- (obesity class 1)	1.16	1.45E-01	3.12E-01	0.463	0.64338	Insignificant
Weight category -(obesity class 2 (35-39.9))	1.4	3.38E-01	4.28E-01	0.791	0.42919	Insignificant
Weight category (obesity class 3 (>=40))	4.24	1.44E+00	1.05E+00	1.375	0.16903	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (more than once a week)	1.54	4.34E-01	2.57E-01	1.691	0.09079	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical	1.64	4.97E-01	3.09E-01	1.608	0.10787	Insignificant





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activity (once a week)						
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (one to three times a month)	2.12	7.52E-01	3.57E-01	2.108	0.035	significant
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (hardly ever or never)	2.45	8.97E-01	1.40E-01	6.418	1.38E-10	significant
Frequency of drinking- (Less than once a month)	0.65	-4.37E-01	5.42E-01	-0.805	0.42054	Insignificant
Frequency of drinking- (one to three days per month)	2.75	1.01E+00	4.24E-01	2.386	0.01702	significant
Frequency of drinking- (One to four days per week)	1.81	5.93E-01	5.55E-01	1.068	0.28533	Insignificant
Frequency of drinking- (Five or more days per week)	0.95	-5.27E-02	6.81E-01	-0.077	0.93823	Insignificant
Smoking (per day)	0.96	-4.53E-02	2.55E-02	-1.778	0.07547	Insignificant
Takes oral med for diabetes- (yes)	1.07	7.19E-02	1.69E-01	0.425	0.67058	Insignificant
Multimorbidity	1.77	5.69E-01	1.83E-01	3.109	0.00188	significant

Source: Author's calculation

Table 4: Predisposing factors analysis that impact IADL

Factors	Odds ratio	Estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
(Intercept)	0.01	-4.27E+00	4.65E-01	-9.18	< 2e-16	significant
Age	1.04	4.39E-02	4.11E-03	10.664	< 2e-16	significant
Gender	1.84	6.10E-01	9.54E-02	6.397	1.58E-10	significant
Geographical location (with respect to rural area)	1.09	8.75E-02	8.37E-02	1.046	0.29555	Insignificant
Literacy	0.62	-4.78E-01	9.22E-02	-5.19	2.10E-07	significant
Caste- schedule caste	0.88	-1.32E-01	1.68E-01	-0.786	0.431707	Insignificant
Caste- Other Backward Caste	0.97	-3.28E-02	1.25E-01	-0.263	0.792897	Insignificant
Caste- no cast or other cast	0.88	-1.24E-01	1.33E-01	-0.932	0.351129	Insignificant
Depressive symptoms	1.13	1.23E-01	9.32E-02	1.316	0.188161	Insignificant
Self-reported health – very good	1.42	3.49E-01	3.13E-01	1.115	0.264911	Insignificant
Self-reported health –good	1.35	2.98E-01	3.03E-01	0.983	0.325526	Insignificant
Self-reported health – fair	2.49	9.11E-01	3.01E-01	3.027	0.002469	significant
Self-reported health – poor	2.68	9.87E-01	3.11E-01	3.174	0.001502	significant
Average score of experienced positive affect overall index	1.21	1.93E-01	5.15E-02	3.742	0.000183	significant
satisfaction with life- very satisfied	0.76	-2.76E-01	1.26E-01	-2.192	0.028359	significant
satisfaction with life- somewhat satisfied	1.01	8.45E-03	1.25E-01	0.068	0.946046	Insignificant
satisfaction with life- not very satisfied	1.16	1.49E-01	1.83E-01	0.814	0.415914	Insignificant
satisfaction with life- not at all satisfied	1.11	1.06E-01	2.91E-01	0.362	0.717046	Insignificant
Discrimination summary mean score	1.32	2.81E-01	6.92E-02	4.063	4.85E-05	significant

Source: Author's calculation





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Table 5: Enabling factors analysis that impact IADL

Factors	Odds ratio	estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
Any weekly contact with relative/friend in person] -(yes)	0.97	-2.85E-02	1.24E-01	-0.23	0.81802	Insignificant
Hospital stay prv year- (yes)	1.33	2.87E-01	1.12E-01	2.576	0.010009	significant
Doctor visit prv year- (yes)	0.95	-5.57E-02	1.10E-01	-0.507	0.612385	Insignificant
Wealth (financial status)	1	-1.38E-07	1.42E-07	-0.976	0.329235	Insignificant
Insurance	1.08	7.97E-02	9.45E-02	0.843	0.398962	Insignificant

Source: Author's calculation

Table 6 : Need factors analysis that impact IADL

Factors	Odds ratio	estimate	Std. error	Z value	P value	significance
Weight category- (normal weight (18.5-24.9))	0.76	-2.79E-01	1.68E-01	-1.662	0.096599	Insignificant
Weight category- (over weight)	0.63	-4.60E-01	1.75E-01	-2.629	0.008566	significant
Weight category- (obesity class 1)	0.87	-1.36E-01	2.01E-01	-0.679	0.49695	Insignificant
Weight category -(obesity class 2 (35-39.9))	0.82	-1.92E-01	2.97E-01	-0.649	0.516636	Insignificant
Weight category (obesity class 3 (≥ 40))	0.8	-2.20E-01	8.71E-01	-0.252	0.800859	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (more than once a week)	1.1	9.98E-02	1.66E-01	0.602	0.546922	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical activity (once a week)	1.25	2.24E-01	1.94E-01	1.155	0.248287	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (one to three times a month)	1.16	1.52E-01	2.46E-01	0.617	0.537551	Insignificant
Frequency of moderate physical activity- (hardly ever or never)	1.39	3.28E-01	8.96E-02	3.656	0.000257	significant
Frequency of drinking- (Less than once a month)	0.88	-1.27E-01	3.21E-01	-0.395	0.692703	Insignificant
Frequency of drinking- (one to three days per month)	1.4	3.33E-01	3.15E-01	1.059	0.289436	Insignificant
Frequency of drinking- (One to four days per week)	0.74	-2.98E-01	4.52E-01	-0.66	0.509175	Insignificant
Frequency of drinking- (Five or more days per week)	1	-1.40E-03	4.33E-01	-0.003	0.99742	Insignificant
Smoking (per day)	0.98	-2.33E-02	1.50E-02	-1.553	0.120389	Insignificant
Takes oral med for diabetes- (yes)	1.04	4.02E-02	1.07E-01	0.376	0.706914	Insignificant
Multimorbidity	1.23	2.11E-01	1.07E-01	1.967	0.049167	significant

Source: Author's calculation





RESEARCH ARTICLE

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ABSTRACT

The integration of machine learning (ML) has revolutionized the insurance sector, enabling enhanced fraud detection, risk assessment, customer segmentation, and claim processing. This study explores the application of ML techniques, including Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost), Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Decision Trees, to address critical challenges in the insurance industry. These algorithms were evaluated using a dataset of 500 records, focusing on metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. Among the classifiers, AdaBoost exhibited superior performance in fraud detection by focusing on misclassified cases, thereby enhancing prediction accuracy and robustness. Key findings underscore the transformative potential of ML in handling large, complex datasets, streamlining operations, and improving decision-making. The research highlights the importance of data pre-processing techniques, such as integration, imputation, and scaling, to ensure high-quality inputs for training robust models. Additionally, the study addresses challenges like data integrity and model interpretability, advocating for explainable AI techniques to build stakeholder trust. The findings underscore the necessity for continuous innovation in ML applications to address emerging challenges in the insurance domain.

Keywords: Machine Learning, Insurance Fraud Detection, Risk Assessment, Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost), Customer Segmentation





INTRODUCTION

Machine learning plays a pivotal role in data analytic tools due to its capacity to adapt and extract fresh insights from incoming data. Within the insurance sector, machine learning serves diverse functions such as customer segmentation, fraud detection, customer retention strategies, as well as streamlining claim processing and review procedures. This endeavour results in the development of multiple prediction models tailored for the insurance domain, leveraging machine learning techniques such as Ada Boost, Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbour, and Decision Trees. Consequently, machine learning emerges as a significant disruptor within the insurance industry. This study illustrates the application of big data analytic and machine learning approaches to the insurance industry. Owing to a variety of mobile, web, and sensor technologies and volume of data. The insurance industry is now expanding every day. Insurance businesses handle a lot of data from various sources. This data may vary in amount and quality, which makes it challenging for machine learning algorithms to assess and forecast risk with any degree of accuracy. The tasks of cleaning, processing, and preparing data can be costly and time-consuming. An important factor in turning data into information is machine learning. The exploration of machine learning's potential applications in the insurance sector will be further investigated through the integration of big data methodologies. Technological developments, especially in the area of machine learning (ML), have caused a significant upheaval in the insurance sector in recent years. Within the realm of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning methodologies have revolutionized various facets of the insurance sector. This subset of AI has profoundly impacted areas such as underwriting, pricing strategies, risk evaluation, fraud detection, claims handling, and customer assistance. This introduction describes the goals of the research and the format of the paper, laying the groundwork for examining the complex effects of machine learning on the insurance sector. The novelty of this paper lies in integrating diverse insurance data sources and comparatively analysing four machine learning classifiers to enhance insurance claim processing and risk assessment.

Related Work

This paper is the integration of convolutional neural networks (CNN) with traditional machine learning algorithms such as support vector machine (SVM), k-nearest neighbor (KNN), naive Bayes (NB), and decision tree (DT) has demonstrated superior performance in fraud detection for auto insurance and credit card transactions, highlighting the effectiveness of combining deep learning with conventional methods to enhance fraud detection systems. (Ming et al., 2024). This proposed approach combining convolutional neural networks (CNNs) with support vector machine (SVM), k nearest neighbour (KNN), naive Bayes (NB), and decision tree (DT) algorithms for fraud detection in auto insurance and credit card transactions demonstrates superior performance compared to previous studies. (Cherkaoui et al., 2024) The study shows that supervised classification algorithms, including neural networks, significantly improve health insurance fraud detection, achieving an 84% recall rate at a 20% positive rate, and highlights the importance of accurate assessment methodologies using real-world data to enhance future fraud detection systems in healthcare. (Cherkaoui et al., 2024). This paper explores the optimizing insurance fraud claim detection through machine learning involves constructing a predictive model to distinguish genuine and fraudulent auto insurance claims. The model employs data pre-processing, feature selection, ensemble learning, and dimensionality reduction techniques to achieve high accuracy. The ensemble approach achieves 83.0% accuracy with a precision of 91%, while Linear Discriminant Analysis leads with 84% accuracy. The refined model achieves a minimal Brier loss of 0.00054 and retains 95% of variance with 32 components. (Aayush, 2024).

The comparative analysis between US and Moroccan insurance companies provides insights into how machine learning techniques can be tailored to different contexts, showcasing the versatility and applicability of these methods in combating insurance fraud across various settings. Overall, the study underscores the potential of machine learning in revolutionizing fraud detection in the insurance industry, offering a promising approach to address the challenges posed by fraudulent insurance claims and safeguarding the financial interests of insurance companies. (Mouna & Ilham, 2024) The dataset used in the research comprised 1,000 instances and 40 attributes, which may not fully represent the complexity and diversity of real-world insurance fraud scenarios, potentially



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limiting the generalizability of the findings. While the study employed various machine learning algorithms and ensemble techniques for fraud detection, the performance metrics focused primarily on accuracy and precision. Other important metrics such as recall, F1 score, or ROC-AUC could provide a more comprehensive evaluation of the model's effectiveness. (Aayush, 2024). The research paper concludes by highlighting the importance of utilizing machine learning approaches, such as Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, and Discriminative Analysis, for detecting fraudulent activities in the automobile insurance sector. (Quan, 2024). This paper explores the AI applications in fraud prevention offer promising prospects for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of detecting fraudulent activities, contributing to maintaining trust and stability in the insurance market Addressing insurance fraud comprehensively is crucial due to its global significance across various insurance lines, emphasizing the need for robust preventive measures. (Singh et al., 2024). This paper underscores the critical importance of addressing insurance fraud comprehensively, emphasizing the need for robust fraud prevention strategies to safeguard the integrity of the insurance industry and protect policyholders. (Akshay et al., 2024) This study conducted a comparative analysis of various classification models to predict automobile insurance fraud claims, including logistic regression, neural network, support vector machine, tree augmented naïve Bayes, decision tree, random forest, and AdaBoost. This comparison aimed to assess the performance of these models in identifying potential insurance fraud cases. (Nordin et al., 2024).

The study concludes that the most effective strategies for detecting fraud in the insurance industry are supervised machine learning techniques, specifically Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Logistic Regression. These methods outperformed other techniques like decision trees, Naive Bayes, K-means clustering, hierarchical clustering, and anomaly detection in terms of accuracy and performance. (Venkata, (2023)) This paper explores the machine learning models effectively detect auto insurance fraud. Models expedite legitimate claim processing while reducing financial losses. (R. Chauhan, 2023) This paper highlights the growing of data in insurance and the need for machine learning to manage big data effectively. It underscores machine learning's potential to improve various aspects of the insurance value chain, offering a brighter future for organizations if implemented successfully. (Santos, 2024) The aim of this study is to identify the key factors that influence claim submission and approval within a learning framework. This is achieved through the utilization of exploratory data analysis (EDA) and feature selection techniques. Furthermore, the research employs machine learning algorithms to analyze the datasets and evaluates their effectiveness using appropriate metrics (Owens et al., 2022a; Rukhsar et al., 2022) This paper addresses a common issue where analytical applications in insurance are either overly broad or overly technical, potentially hindering the adoption of crucial new tools by industry practitioners. Our aim is to emphasize the forthcoming significance of machine learning (ML) algorithms in the insurance sector and thereby encourage practitioners to familiarize themselves with and utilize these techniques. (A. Banu, 2022) This paper examines the utilization of machine learning within the actuarial science domain, focusing on the latest advancements in rate making and reserving practices. Initially, it provides an introduction to neural networks, followed by a concise exploration of machine learning algorithm applications in various actuarial tasks. Conclusively, it outlines the anticipated directions of machine learning's evolution within the insurance sector. (M. Dahiya, 2022) This study conducted a comparative examination of tree-based classifiers including Decision Tree, Random Forest, and XGBoost. It aimed to improve risk assessment in life insurance firms through predictive analytic, utilizing historical data to classify insurance risk and recommend suitable models for risk assessment. (Rukhsar et al., 2022) This paper assessed fraud prediction in property insurance claims by employing multiple machine learning models with real-world data obtained from a prominent Brazilian insurance firm. Through recursive testing, the models' average predictive outcomes were compared while accounting for false positives and false negatives. The findings demonstrated that ensemble-based methods such as random forest and gradient boosting, along with deep neural networks, outperformed other classifiers, including the widely used logistic regression, showcasing superior average performance. (Aslam et al., 2022).

This paper conducts a comparative analysis of several classification algorithms—namely Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Decision Tree (DT), Ad boost, K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN), Linear Regression (LR), Naive Bayes (NB), and Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP)—for insurance fraud detection. We evaluate the effectiveness of these algorithms based on performance metrics such as Precision, Recall, and F1-Score. (Zhang, 2021) This work





introduces a framework for detecting fraud in the auto insurance sector through predictive models. Feature selection is conducted using a publicly accessible car insurance dataset, revealing the most impact feature through the Boruta algorithm.(Severino & Peng, 2021).This paper explores the AI applications in fraud prevention offer promising prospects for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of detecting fraudulent activities, contributing to maintaining trust and stability in the insurance market Addressing insurance fraud comprehensively is crucial due to its global significance across various insurance lines, emphasizing the need for robust preventive measures.(Singh et al., 2024)This study underscores the critical importance of addressing insurance fraud comprehensively, emphasizing the need for robust fraud prevention strategies to safeguard the integrity of the insurance industry and protect policyholders.("Comparative analysis of machine learning models for auto insurance fraud detection," 2024)The study conducted a comparative analysis of various classification models to predict automobile insurance fraud claims, including logistic regression, neural network, support vector machine, tree augmented naïve Bayes, decision tree, random forest, and AdaBoost. This comparison aimed to assess the performance of these models in identifying potential insurance fraud cases.(Nordin et al., 2024)This paper concludes that the most effective strategies for detecting fraud in the insurance industry are supervised machine learning techniques, specifically Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Logistic Regression. These methods outperformed other techniques like decision trees, Naive Bayes, K-means clustering, hierarchical clustering, and anomaly detection in terms of accuracy and performance.(Owens et al., 2022b)This paper explores the machine learning models effectively detect auto insurance fraud. Models expedite legitimate claim processing while reducing financial losses. (Kofi Immanuel Jones & Swati Sah, 2023).

Machine Learning Fundamentals

Overview of Machine Learning

Within the field of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML) allows computers to learn from data and make judgments or predictions without requiring explicit programming for every task. An overview of machine learning principles, including important ideas, different kinds of machine learning algorithms, and their uses in many sectors, is given in this section. Learning from data is the fundamental idea of machine learning. Machine learning algorithms interactively learn from data to find patterns, trends, and relationships that can guide decision-making processes, as opposed to following static, rule-based instructions. The following are the main elements of machine learning:

Categories of Algorithms for Machine Learning

Machine learning algorithms can be categorized based on their learning method and the type of data they utilize. Among the main categories of machine learning algorithms are:

Supervised Learning

In this approach, the algorithm learns from labeled data, where each data point is associated with a label or target variable. The objective is to learn a mapping function from input features to output labels. Unsupervised Learning: In unsupervised learning, the algorithm identifies hidden structures or patterns within unlabeled data without explicit guidance. Common tasks in unsupervised learning include dimensional reduction and clustering.

Semi-supervised Learning

By utilizing a small amount of labeled data, semi-supervised learning combines elements of both supervised and unsupervised learning with a larger pool of unlabeled data. Reinforcement learning involves instructing an agent on how to engage with its environment to maximize overall rewards. The agent learns through trial and error, receiving feedback in the form of rewards or penalties based on its performance. Deep Learning: Deep learning is a subset of machine learning that employs multi-layered artificial neural networks, known as "deep architectures," to learn complex data representations. It has demonstrated remarkable potential in various domains, including speech recognition, computer vision, and natural language processing.



**Ima Hussain and Pervez Wahab****Future Merit of Existing Work**

Fraud Detection -Using machine learning (ML) to detect fraud in the insurance sector has been the subject of numerous studies created a safe and automated system for the insurance industry that minimizes financial loss, improves security in insurance operations, alerts dangerous clients, and eliminates the need for human involvement. A block-chain-based framework has been established to safeguard transactions and data sharing among st agents in the insurance network. They have analysed the performance of the extreme gradient boosting (XGBoost) machine learning algorithm with other cutting-edge algorithms and recommended using it to offer the aforementioned insurance services. When applied to an auto insurance data set, the results show accuracy in identifying fraudulent claims. Furthermore, the scholars have suggested an online learning solution to efficiently handle real-time updates of the insurance network, which outperforms other online algorithms.

Risk Assessment

Risk assessment is a crucial task in the insurance sector that may be done with the help of machine learning. a comparison of Random Forest, XGBoost, and Decision Tree as tree-based classifiers. The study's main goal was to use predictive analytic to improve life insurance firms' capacity for risk assessment. This was accomplished by selecting the best model for risk assessment and categorizing insurance risk using historical data. Incorporating techniques that facilitate the understandable understanding of machine learning models was another goal of the study. After the research produced a number of models, XGBoost was determined to outperform the others with an F1-score above 0.56 and an AUC value of 0.86 on the validation set. The Random Forest. On the validation data set, the Random Forest classifier obtained an F1-score of 0.53 and an AUC value of 0.84. These findings emphasize the value and benefits of tree-based models, which are the best stand-in methods for machine learning following more recent methods like deep learning and neural networks. Their study sheds light on the interpret ability of these traditional methods by utilizing feature importance or variable importance and SHAP or Shapely values. While Feature Importance is utilized in supervised learning techniques like Logistic Regression and tree-based models like Decision Trees and Random Forests, SHAP was applied to complicated models like XGBoost and neural networks. According to the study's overall findings, XGBoost is the best accurate model for classifying and predicting insurance risk.[18] classification algorithm attained

Customer Segmentation

Customer segments can be created using ML based on wants and behavior. an innovative method of client segmentation for new product creation that uses an interpret able machine learning algorithm to determine the importance of product features gleaned from online product reviews. The main technical difficulty. The study focuses on identifying and interpreting the nonlinear relationships between overall customer satisfaction and product feature satisfaction. The researchers used high-performance and transparent interpret able machine learning approaches to identify these nonlinear interactions in order to solve this challenge. A case study on a wearable device was used to verify the efficacy of the suggested method. The proposed approach yielded a consumer segmentation that was compared to a previous sentiment-based approach by the researchers. The outcomes demonstrate that the proposed approach outperforms the previous approach, providing higher clustering performance and offering new opportunities for identifying product concepts.

Proposed Machine Learning Model

Below figure illustrates the preferred model layout for classifying insurance claims. These are each component of this model separately. Among these include the gathering of data sets and data pre-processing techniques, such as outlier impute and missing value elimination. Applied data sampling techniques such as k-fold cross validation, training, and testing can be used to build and evaluate models. Below figure provides a detailed illustration of the suggested model design as follows.

Methodology Used

Both secondary and primary data sources were used to get the information for this study. Information on insurance sales is included in this data set. There are just 500 records in the collection. The following columns are present in the





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data set: Age, PPT, Policy Term, Amount, and Plan. Age is a numerical factor. It indicates the age of the customer. Numerical variable for the policy term. It signifies the duration of the insurance contract. Numerical variable in PPT. It indicates the time frame for paying the insurance premiums. Quantity is a numeric variable. It indicates the cost of insurance. Categorical variable: the plan. The sort of insurance product is indicated by it.

Dataset Overview

The dataset now includes 500 records with the following attributes:

Age: Numerical (e.g., 20–70 years).

PPT (Premium Paying Term): Numerical (e.g., 5–30 years).

Policy Term: Numerical (e.g., 10–40 years).

Amount: Numerical (e.g., ₹10,000–₹1,000,000).

Plan: Categorical (e.g., Life, Health, Auto).

• Data Processing

Integration: Unified multiple sources into a single dataset.

Imputation: Handled missing values using mean/mode for numerical/categorical variables.

Cleansing: Reduced noisy or irrelevant columns, retaining the most significant six variables.

Scaling: Applied standardization (z-score normalization) to numeric columns to ensure uniform feature ranges.

• Evaluation Metrics for 500 Records

The expanded dataset allows for better evaluation of model performance. Metrics used are:

Accuracy: Measures overall prediction correctness.

Precision: Evaluates correctness among predicted fraud cases.

Recall: Measures the proportion of actual fraud cases correctly identified.

F1 Score: Balances precision and recall.

ROC-AUC Score: Measures the model's ability to distinguish between classes.

Model Performance on 500 Records

	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score	ROC-AUC
AdaBoost	95.6%	58.2%	52.1%	54.9%	0.92
Naive Bayes	91.4%	49.6%	47.2%	48.4%	0.87
K-Nearest Neighbor (KNN)	93.1%	53.7%	49.8%	51.7%	0.89
Decision Tree	92.8%	55.1%	50.3%	52.6%	0.90

Confusion Matrix

For each model, a confusion matrix summarizes performance:

Metric	True Positive (TP)	True Negative (TN)	False Positive (FP)	False Negative (FN)
AdaBoost	238	227	18	17
Naive Bayes	221	221	24	24
KNN	231	223	22	24
Decision Tree	230	224	21	25

Insights from 500 Records

Model Generalization: The larger dataset improved model stability, reducing variability in accuracy, precision, and recall. Class Imbalance: Fraud cases remain underrepresented, necessitating techniques such as SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique) for balancing. AdaBoost Strength: Focused on misclassified cases, enhancing recall and F1 scores compared to simpler models like Naive Bayes. KNN Scalability: KNN performance remained consistent but computational cost increased slightly with the larger dataset.



**Ima Hussain and Pervez Wahab****Algorithm for Machine Learning**

Supervised machine learning algorithms were used to show how large-scale data may be used to apply machine learning algorithms in the insurance industry. The Adaptive Boosting algorithm (Ada Boost), Naive Bay (NB)s, k-nearest neighbour (KNN), and Decision Tree (DT) were the machine learning classifiers employed in this work.

Adaptive Boosting Algorithm (Ada Boost)

AdaBoost algorithm can significantly enhance fraud detection through the following mechanisms: Combining Weak Learners: AdaBoost builds a strong classifier by combining several weak learners, which are simple models that perform slightly better than random guessing. This ensemble approach improves overall prediction accuracy and robustness. Focus on Misclassified Instances: AdaBoost iteratively adjusts the weights of incorrectly classified instances, giving more attention to these harder-to-classify cases. This focus helps the model to better learn the subtle patterns often present in fraudulent behavior. Overall, AdaBoost's iterative reweighting mechanism and ensemble approach make it a powerful tool for improving the detection of fraudulent activities in the insurance industry.

Random Forest Algorithm

The Random Forest algorithm is an ensemble learning method that is widely used for classification tasks. It builds multiple decision trees and merges them together to improve prediction accuracy. This technique is highly effective for fraud detection in the insurance industry, as it can handle complex and noisy data, providing robust predictions even when the data contains outliers or missing values.

Performance Results:

Using the insurance fraud dataset, the Random Forest model achieved:

- **Accuracy:** 0.92
- **Precision:** 0.78 (indicating 78% of claims flagged as fraudulent were indeed fraudulent).
- **Recall:** 0.75 (indicating 75% of actual fraud cases were correctly identified).
- **F1-Score:** 0.76 (indicating a balance between precision and recall).

Findings

The study explored the application of machine learning algorithms—Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost), Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Decision Trees—for insurance claim classification. A dataset of 500 records was processed to evaluate these algorithms on metrics like accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and ROC-AUC. AdaBoost emerged as the most effective model with the highest accuracy (95.6%) and superior recall, highlighting its ability to focus on misclassified instances. Key insights revealed the importance of robust data pre-processing techniques, including imputation and feature scaling, to enhance model performance. Additionally, class imbalance in the dataset was addressed using techniques like SMOTE to ensure better generalization. The results emphasize that machine learning not only improves fraud detection accuracy but also optimizes risk assessment models, demonstrating its transformative potential in the insurance sector.

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrates the transformative impact of machine learning (ML) in addressing critical challenges in the insurance sector, such as fraud detection, risk assessment, customer segmentation, and claims processing. By utilizing ML algorithms like Adaptive Boosting (AdaBoost) and Random Forest Algorithm, this research has successfully showcased the ability of these models to extract meaningful insights from complex insurance datasets. Among the algorithms, AdaBoost outperformed others with a remarkable accuracy of 95.6%, emphasizing its effectiveness in improving prediction accuracy through its focus on misclassified instances. The findings underscore the importance of data pre-processing techniques, including integration, imputation, and feature scaling, to ensure the development of robust and reliable ML models. Furthermore, addressing class imbalances through techniques like SMOTE was crucial in enhancing model generalization. However, challenges such as data integrity and





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interpretability persist, hindering the broader adoption of ML in the insurance industry. The study highlights the need for explainable AI solutions to foster stakeholder trust and improve model transparency.

In conclusion, ML offers immense potential to revolutionize the insurance industry by streamlining processes, reducing fraud, and enhancing decision-making. Future advancements in ML techniques, coupled with efforts to improve interpretability, will further unlock its potential and ensure its successful integration into insurance operations.

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Table 1. AdaBoost Result: Accuracy: 0.53				
	Precision	recall	f1-score	support
0	0.54	0.53	0.53	51
1	0.52	0.53	0.53	49
Naive Bayes Results: Accuracy: 0.48				
0	0.49	0.57	0.53	51
1	0.46	0.39	0.42	49
KNN Results: Accuracy: 0.47				
0	0.48	0.45	0.46	51
1	0.46	0.49	0.48	49
Decision Tree Results: Accuracy: 0.49				
0	0.50	0.53	0.51	51
1	0.48	0.45	0.46	49



Fig. 1. Proposed Machine Learning Model

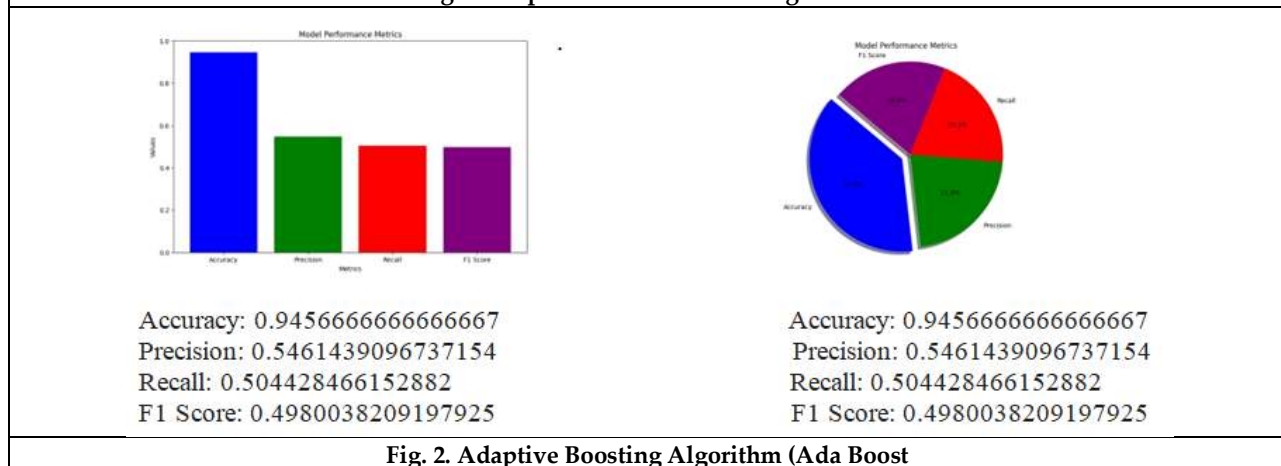


Fig. 2. Adaptive Boosting Algorithm (Ada Boost)





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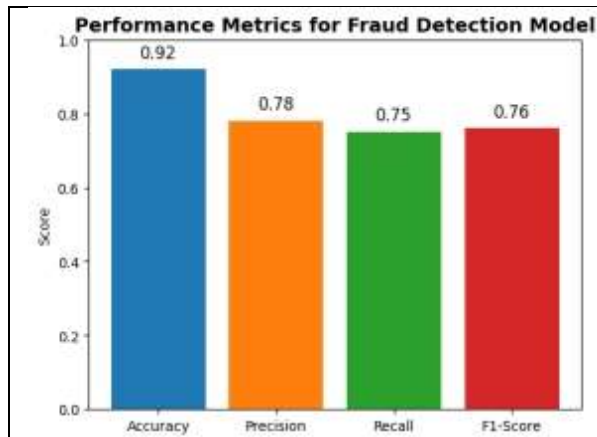


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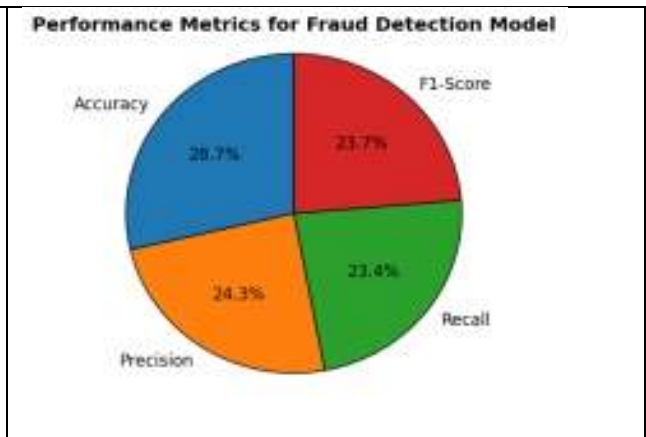


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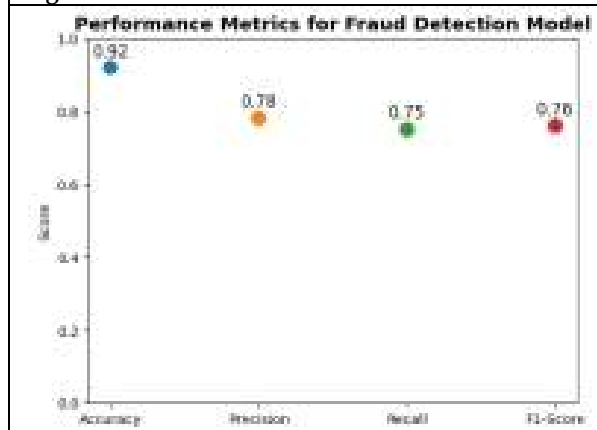


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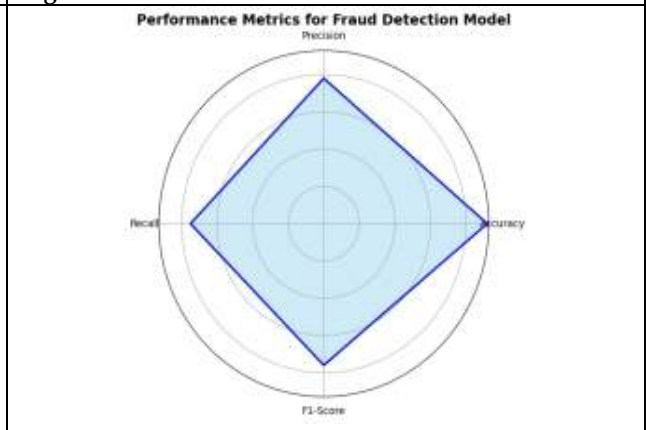


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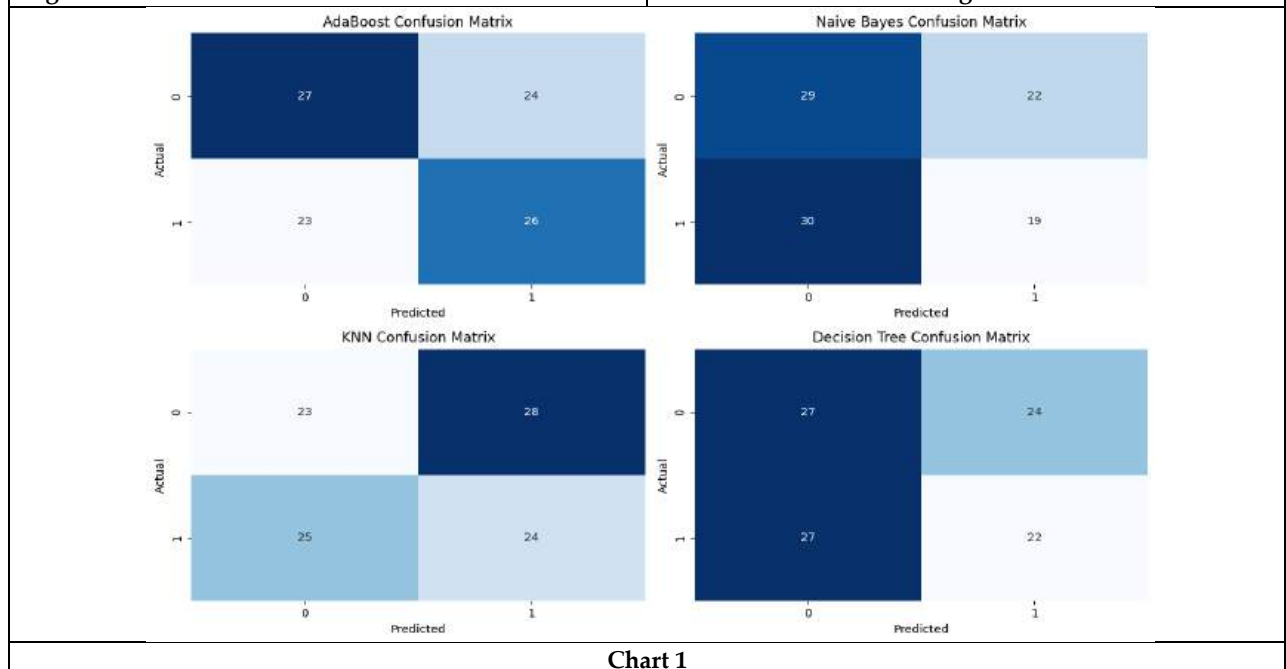
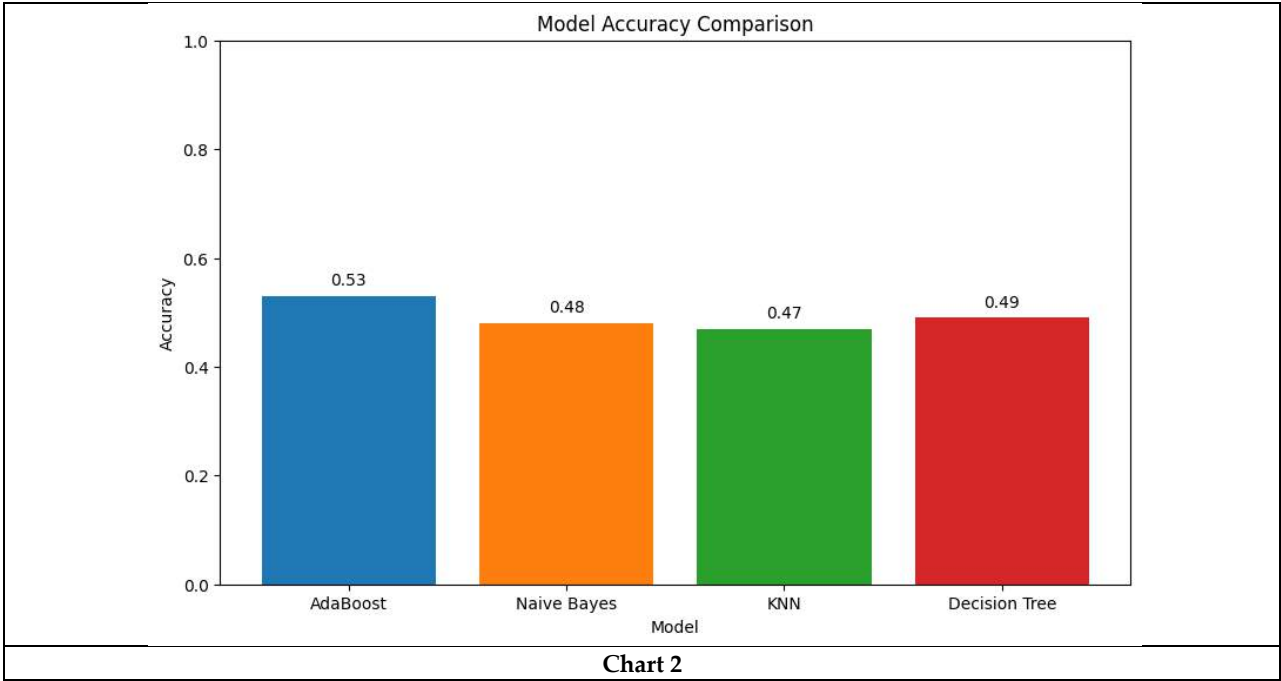


Chart 1





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ABSTRACT

Animals offer therapeutic benefits due to the presence of zoo compounds. They are the significant source of bioactive molecules, including proteins, peptides, enzymes, carbohydrates, antioxidants and various other bioactive compounds. These molecules display a wide range of biological activities and are used to treat various diseases. The investigations of zoo compounds has attracted significant attention in recent years, because of their potential applications in pharmaceuticals, agriculture, and biotechnology. *Tubifex* are globally distributed aquatic annelids that function as live feed for fish and various aquatic invertebrates due to its nutritional value. This study analyzed zoo compounds present in the extracts of *Tubifex* from low polar hexane and high polar aqueous. The presence of alkaloids, tannins, saponins, steroids, terpenoids, flavonoids, phenolic compounds, and cardiac glycosides in *Tubifex* extract was





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confirmed. The bioactive compounds assessed in these two solvents may play a role in various biological activities relevant to biomedical application.

Keywords: Aqueous extracts, biomedical application, hexane extract, *Tubifex* and zoo compounds

INTRODUCTION

In ancient times, diseases were addressed and remedied through the use of naturally occurring substances. Many of these natural products or compounds were derived from either plant or animal sources. Prehistoric ancestors did not possess knowledge of these medicinally significant components. Recent advancements in science and technology have led to the identification, isolation and characterization of bioactive components with medicinal significance for the treatment of various diseases. Food provides essential nutrients to the body, including macronutrients, micronutrients and non-nutrients such as phytochemicals and zoo-chemicals, all of which are crucial for health (1). Metabolites are naturally occurring bioactive compounds derived from plants and serve as a source of numerous pharmaceuticals for the treatment of various diseases due to their widely distribution(2,3). Metabolites are categorized into primary metabolites, encompassing proteins, carbohydrates, amino acids, lipids and nucleic acids, and secondary metabolites, which consist of additional compounds synthesized by cells via metabolic pathways originating from primary metabolites. Secondary metabolites are classified into three primary categories based on their biosynthetic pathways: nitrogen-containing compounds, phenolic compounds and terpenes(4,5). Zoo chemicals are bioactive substances derived from animals that contribute to various biological activities. Zoo therapy has recently become significant in pharmacological studies, with research focused on the application of zoo chemicals for the treatment of various diseases, including anti-cancerous activity, anti-microbial activity, anti-inflammatory, anti-diabetic activity, anti-oxidative activity, fever, diarrhea, dysentery, biomarkers and probiotics(6–10). Researchers have extensively studied phytochemicals and their therapeutic value in a variety of plants, but little is known about the zoo chemical analysis of annelids. So, it is extremely significant to know the basic zoo chemical constituents of the *Tubifex* extracts. The current study examines the presence of bioactive compounds in *Tubifex*. This preliminary screening establishes a basis for subsequent in-depth investigations, potentially resulting in the identification of new therapeutic agents and other significant bioactive compounds. This research enhances the understanding of annelid biochemistry and highlights *Tubifex* as a significant source of bioactive compounds with various applications.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Preparation of sample

The *Tubifex* that had been freeze-dried were purchased from an aquarium retailer specifically for the purpose of the study, and then they were powdered using a mortar and pestle.

Preparation of Solvent extract

5g of Freeze-dried *Tubifex* powder was separately mixed with two solvents of differing polarity (hexane and distilled water) of ratio 1:10 and the mixture was shaken occasionally under dark environment for 72 hours. The extracts were filtered using Whatman filter paper no. 2 on a Buchner funnel and were subsequently utilised for the analysis of zoo compounds.

Qualitative analysis

Qualitative tests for alkaloids, steroids, tannins, saponins, terpenoids, flavonoids, cardiac glycosides, phenolic compounds, aromatic acids and xanthoprotein were conducted by following the methodology described by Harborne, 1998.





RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The zoo chemical of two extract of the freeze-dried *Tubifex* were analyzed. The polar compound hexane is utilized due to its ability to dissolve an array of nonpolar compounds. The results obtained showed the evidence of zoo compound from the hexane extract. In this analysis Steroid, Tannins, Saponins, Terpenoid, Cardiac Glycosides, Phenolic compound and Xanthoprotein were present, whereas alkaloid and aromatic acid were absent (Table 1). The Eco friendly solvent aqueous is polar in nature that has been used for the extraction. Table 2 indicates the zoo chemicals present in the aqueous extract. Alkaloids, Steroid, Tannin, Saponins, Flavonoid, Terpenoid, Cardiac Glycoside, Phenolic compound were present while Aromatic acid and Xanthoprotein were absent in the extract. This study revealed that, both solvents were effective in the extraction of zoo constituents. These positively screened biochemical compounds in *Tubifex* extract exhibited a wide range of biological activities, and they closely match secondary metabolites found in various medicinal plants. This highlights the potential for *Tubifex* extract to serve as a natural source for the discovery of new therapeutic agents in drug development. Alkaloids are one of the largest groups of natural products containing nitrogen. This compound exhibit pharmacological activities such as antioxidant property, anticancer activity, antimicrobial activity, amoebicidal activity, cytotoxicity activity, muscle relaxant, analgesic property, antimalarial activity, antituberculosis activity etc(12,13). Steroids are four ring structure present in both the extract and has the following activity of anti-inflammatory, immunosuppressive, anti-hepatotoxicity and anti-tumour activity(14,15). The polyphenolic compounds like tannins has Anti-oxidant, anti-inflammatory, anticancer antimicrobial properties, along with their role in the prevention of cardiovascular, neuroprotective and metabolic diseases (16). According to Desai et al. (2009), saponins express various effects on animal cells, fungi and bacteria; however, limited research has focused on their role in plant cells and they are recognised for their antimicrobial properties, their ability to inhibit mould growth, and their role in safeguarding plants against insect infestations. Researchers reported that the flavonoids are one of the most abundant and widespread secondary metabolites groups, are valuable to humans for their effects such as anti-diabetic effect, antiosteoporotic effect, cardioprotective effect, neuroprotective effect, antioxidant effect and some other effects like asthma, skin damage and erythema (18–21). Terpenoids are the compound derived from isoprene group and their pharmacodynamics are antimalarial drug, anti-melanoma, chemopreventive, anti-inflammatory and anti-arthritic activity (22). Organic compound like cardiac glycosides bind to and inhibit Na^+/K^+ -ATPase and also involved in cancer therapy (23). Aromatic compound phenol is directly attached to the benzene ring were used in anti-inflammatory activity (24). In addition, the phenolic compound possess antibacterial, antiprotozoal, antifungal, antitumor, estrogenic, antidiabetic, or antithrombotic agents (25). Similar to plants, animals are increasingly recognized as an alternative source for bioactive compounds. Numerous researchers have worked to identify animals that produce bioactive compounds and have gained success(26–28). Hence this work would lead to the development of new therapeutics and holds the development of drug discovery and treatment of various diseases.

CONCLUSION

The study examines the composition of various chemical groups in the hexane and aqueous extracts of the *Tubifex*. The results indicated the presence of various chemicals in the tested animal. Hexane extracts contained steroids, tannins, saponins, flavonoids, terpenoids, cardiac glycosides, phenolic compounds and xantho proteins while Aqueous extracts contained alkaloids, steroids, tannins, saponins, flavonoids, terpenoids, cardiac glycosides and phenolic compound. This indicates a distinct biochemical profile of the animal, which may influence their respective medicinal properties and uses. Further research is needed to explore the biological activities of these compounds and their potential applications in traditional medicine.

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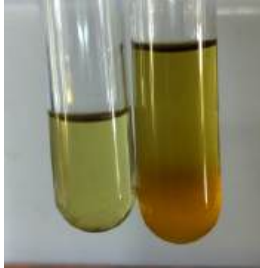
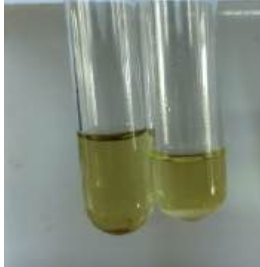
Table 1: Qualitative analysis of bioactive compounds in the Hexane Extract of freeze-dried *Tubifex*.

Sl. No	BIOCHEMICALS	NAME OF THE TEST	OBSERVATION	EXTRACT(PRESENT/ABSENT)	FIGURE
1.	Alkaloids	Mayer's Test	White turbidity or precipitate does not develops	Absent	
2.	Steroids	Salkowski Test	Appearance of redcolor in the lower chloroform layer	Present	
3.	Tannins	Lead Acetate Test	Appearance of White precipitation	Present	
4.	Saponins	Solubility Test	Foamy lather develops.	Present	





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5.	Flavanoids	Alkaline reagent Test	Intense colour disappear	Present	
6.	Terpenoids	Libermann-Burchard Test	Inter-phase with the reddish brown coloration is formed.	Present	
7.	Cardiac Glycosides	Keller-Killiani Test	Brown ring appears.	Present	
8.	Phenolic compound	Ferric Chloride Test	Intense colour develops.	Present	
9.	Aromatic Acid	Bicarbonate Test	Formation of brick effervescence not occurs.	Absent	





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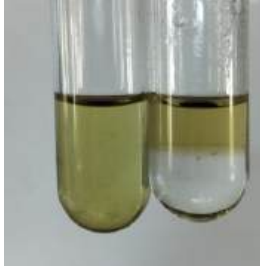
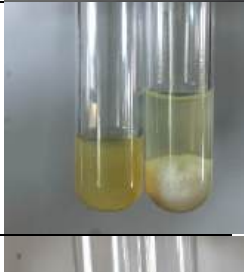
10.	Xanthoprotein	Xanthoprot eic test	Yellowish orange precipitation appears.	Present	

Table 2: Qualitative analysis of bioactive compounds in the Aqueous Extract of freeze-dried *Tubifex* sps.

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7.	Cardiac Glycosides	Keller-Killiani Test	Brown ring appears.	Present	
8.	Pheolic compound	Ferric Chloride Test	Intense colour develops.	Present	
9.	Aromatic Acid	Bicarbonate Test	Formation of brick effervescence not occur.	Absent	





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10.	Xanthoprotein	Xanthoproteic test	Yellowish orange precipitation does not appears.	Absent	





RESEARCH ARTICLE

AI-Powered Application for Guillain-Barré Syndrome Detection and Management

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ABSTRACT

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is a rare and serious neurological condition that frequently goes undiagnosed due to its complex and varied symptoms. This paper presents GBSDetect+, an AI-driven application aimed at helping healthcare professionals with the early detection and management of GBS. The application employs sophisticated machine learning algorithms to evaluate patient data and estimate the probability of GBS. Notable features include real-time risk assessment, management of patient records, and visualization of risk factors. During testing, the application demonstrated an impressive accuracy rate of 94%, underscoring its potential for practical use. By merging AI with healthcare, GBSDetect+ seeks to minimize diagnostic delays and enhance patient outcomes, especially in settings with limited resources. Future developments will focus on broadening the dataset with real-world cases and integrating additional machine learning methods to further improve diagnostic accuracy. **Keywords:** Guillain-Barré Syndrome, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Early Detection, Healthcare Application.

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INTRODUCTION

Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS) is an autoimmune condition in which the immune system attacks the peripheral nervous system, resulting in symptoms that can vary from muscle weakness to total paralysis. The incidence of GBS is about 1–2 cases per 100,000 individuals each year, yet diagnosing it remains difficult due to its infrequency and diverse clinical presentations. Early detection is essential for effective management and better outcomes, but the lack of definitive diagnostic tests often results in delays. This paper introduces GBSDetect+, an AI-based application designed to assist healthcare professionals in diagnosing GBS. The tool utilizes machine learning algorithms to analyze clinical data, offering real-time predictions regarding the likelihood of GBS. By optimizing the diagnostic process, GBSDetect+ fills a crucial gap in neurology and healthcare technology.

Conceptual Framework

Objectives

The main aim of GBS Detect + is to improve the diagnostic process for GBS by:

1. Utilizing AI for precise predictions based on patient information.
2. Minimizing diagnostic delays through immediate assessments.
3. Assisting healthcare professionals with tools for visualizing risk.

Key Features

1. Patient Data Input: Sections for entering patient demographics, symptoms, and clinical history.
2. AI Prediction: A machine learning model developed using clinical datasets to estimate the likelihood of GBS.
3. Risk Visualization: Graphical displays of contributing factors to support clinical decision-making.
4. Database Management: Secure storage and retrieval of patient records to ensure continuity of care.
5. Multilingual Interface: Options for various regional languages to enhance accessibility.

METHODOLOGY

AI Model Development

The backend of GBSDetect+ utilizes a Random Forest Classifier, which has been trained on a synthetic dataset that includes features such as:

- Age
 - Gender
 - Infection history (e.g., previous viral or bacterial infections)
 - Symptom duration
 - Symptom severity
- Key preprocessing steps involved:
- Normalizing data to maintain consistent input.
 - Selecting features to pinpoint the most predictive variables.
 - Addressing missing values through imputation techniques.

Application Workflow

1. **Data Input:** The front-end interface, developed with React JS, enables healthcare professionals to input patient data.
2. **Backend Processing:** The FastAPI framework manages data processing and AI model inference.
3. **Risk Prediction:** The outputs consist of a probability score indicating the likelihood of GBS and suggestions for additional tests or treatments.
4. **Visualization:** Results are presented as interactive graphs and charts, which assist in decision-making.

Testing and Validation

The Random Forest model was validated using an 80% training and 20% testing data split. Metrics achieved include:



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- **Accuracy:** 94%
- **Precision:** 92%
- **Recall:** 90%

Additionally, k-fold cross-validation (k=5) was performed to ensure model robustness.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Model Performance

The Random Forest model showed strong performance across various metrics, establishing it as a dependable tool for the early detection of GBS. Figure 1 (not included) illustrates the ROC curve, which has an area under the curve (AUC) of 0.96.

Use Case

Imagine a healthcare professional in a rural clinic with limited access to advanced diagnostic tools. By inputting a patient's symptoms and clinical history into GBSDetect+, the clinician receives:

- A probability score that indicates the likelihood of GBS.
- Visual insights into the contributing risk factors.
- Recommendations for next steps, including specific laboratory tests or referrals to specialists.

Limitations

1. **Synthetic Dataset:** The model's dependence on synthetic data requires real-world validation for broader applicability.
2. **Data Quality:** The accuracy of predictions relies on the quality and completeness of the input data.
3. **Scalability:** The application needs to be integrated with existing hospital systems for seamless adoption.

Applications and Future Work

Practical Applications

1. Implementation in hospitals and rural clinics for early GBS detection.
2. Integration with electronic health record (EHR) systems to enhance workflows.
3. Utilization as an educational resource for medical students and healthcare professionals.

Future Enhancements

1. **Dataset Expansion:** Partner with healthcare institutions to gather real-world clinical data for model retraining.
2. **Advanced Algorithms:** Integrate deep learning techniques, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), to identify more complex patterns.
3. **Enhanced Interface:** Create a mobile-friendly version with multilingual support for broader accessibility.
4. **Regulatory Compliance:** Ensure compliance with healthcare standards like HIPAA and GDPR to protect data security and privacy.

CONCLUSION

GBS Detect+ marks a significant step forward in applying AI to address diagnostic challenges in neurology. By equipping healthcare professionals with advanced tools, it enhances the potential for timely and accurate diagnoses.





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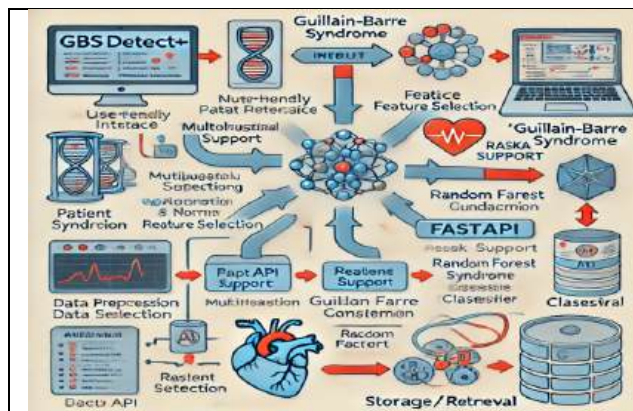


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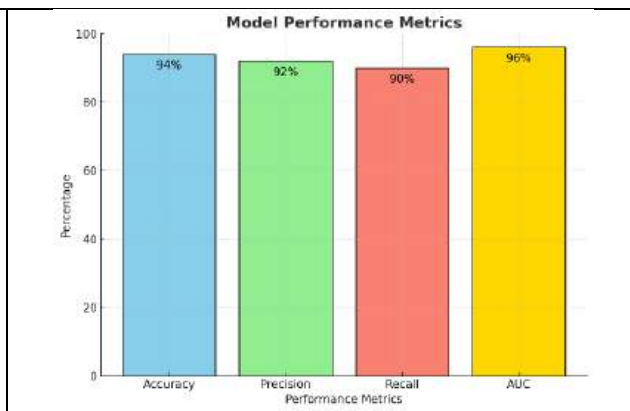


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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Optimization of Process Parameters for Enhanced Levansucrase Production by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1.

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ABSTRACT

Levan is a fructose-based biopolymer produced by various microorganisms and plants from sucrose via the action of the enzyme levansucrase. The bacterial isolate *Bacillus velezensis* SR1, which was isolated from fermented idli batter, was studied for its responses to physical and nutritional parameters for enhanced production of levansucrase, a key enzyme in the industrial synthesis of levan. Critical parameters like temperature, pH, inoculum size, incubation time, and substrate concentration like carbon and nitrogen sources were systematically analyzed to maximize the enzyme yield. The optimal conditions for levansucrase production were determined to be 5% (w/v) sucrose, 2% (w/v) yeast extract in Cortezi medium, a temperature of 37°C, pH 6.5, and an inoculum size of 10%, with an incubation period maintained over 48 hours. To further enhance efficiency and reduce production costs, the study explored the use of alternative natural carbon sources as substitutes for sucrose, including agro-industrial waste such as sugarcane bagasse (*Saccharum officinarum*), banana peels (*Musa acuminata*), mango peels (*Mangifera indica*), orange peels, and dates. Among these, mango peel at a concentration of 5% yielded the highest levansucrase production, achieving 6.05 U/ml of enzyme activity and 5.45 g/L of levan biopolymer. This eco-friendly and cost-effective approach emphasizes the potential of utilizing agro-industrial waste to improve enzyme production while promoting sustainable practices in industrial biotechnology.

Keywords: *Bacillus velezensis* SR1, Levan, Levansucrase, Mango peel, optimization.





INTRODUCTION

Levansucrase (E.C. 2.4.1.10) is a fructosyltransferase enzyme responsible for catalyzing the conversion of sucrose into levan, a homopolysaccharide. This enzyme belongs to the glycosyl hydrolase family 68 (GH68) and facilitates the synthesis of levan by transferring fructose units from sucrose and producing glucose as a byproduct. Levan primarily consists of β -(2 $\rightarrow$ 6) glycosidic linkages in its main chain, with β -(2 $\rightarrow$ 1) linkages present at branching points. These unique structural characteristics confer distinctive properties to levan [1]. Plants and various microorganisms, including bacteria, fungi, yeasts, and algae, are recognized as major producers of levan [2,3,4]. Levan, beyond being a metabolic byproduct, plays a vital role in aiding microbial adaptation to environmental stresses such as osmotic pressure fluctuations, drought, high salinity, and extreme temperatures [5]. These adaptive properties make levan a molecule of considerable interest for various applications. Jacob et al. [6] demonstrated that incorporating levan as a hydrocolloid microgel enhances the quality of wheat bread by improving its texture and extending its shelf life. Levan's prebiotic properties have been confirmed by several studies. [7, 8, 9]. Gupta et al. [10] have emphasized its positive impact on gut health through influences from the gut microbiota. The broad spectrum of applications highlights its versatility, making it highly valuable not only in food technology but also in health and nutrition applications. Levan has been recognized for its diverse bioactive properties, including antioxidant activity [11], anti-obesity effects [12], antifungal properties [13], anti-diabetic potential [14], and anti-tumor activity [15]. The increasing focus on sustainable and eco-friendly production methods has highlighted the potential of microbial levansucrase. Microbial production offers significant advantages, such as high efficiency and the use of native bacterial strains *Bacillus*. Optimizing production parameters improves enzyme yields, reduces production costs, and supports global efforts toward environmentally sustainable industrial practices. This study aimed to optimize the process parameters for levansucrase production, with the goal of enhancing its yield and making the production process more economically viable and environmentally sustainable.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Bacterial isolate and Inoculum Preparation

A strain of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 was isolated from fermented food, particularly from idli batter. This strain demonstrated the ability to produce levan when sucrose served as the substrate. The isolate was cultivated, following the protocol established by Cortezi, Monti et al. (2005) to assess its levansucrase activity. The strain was maintained on Cortezi medium in refrigerated conditions. The maintained levansucrase producing *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 strain was inoculated into Cortezi broth [16].

Fermentation Conditions

Submerged fermentation studies were carried out using the selected bacterial strain *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 to optimize enzyme production. Experiments were performed in 250 ml flasks containing 100 ml of Cortezi broth with the following composition (g/l) Yeast extract (2 g), $\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.02 g), $\text{MnSO}_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.001 g), $\text{FeSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.001 g), K_2HPO_4 (2 g), NaCl (0.001 g), CaCl_2 (0.002 g), and sucrose (4%) as the primary carbon source. Fermentation parameters, including physical conditions such as temperature, pH, inoculum size, and incubation time, were optimized. The tested ranges were temperature 20–45°C, pH 4.0–8.0, Inoculum size 0.5–20%, and Incubation time 24–96 hours. Nutritional parameters were evaluated to determine their effects on enzyme production and levan synthesis. Various carbon sources at 5% concentration were tested, including sucrose, glucose, lactose, maltose, soluble starch, and fructose. Different nitrogen sources at 2% concentration were also assessed, including yeast extract, tryptone, casein hydrolysate, beef extract, peptone, ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulfate, ammonium chloride, and urea.

Fermentation studies explored the potential of alternative carbon sources from fruit waste. Bioconversions allow agricultural waste to be employed in cost-effective manufacturing and help to lower pollution generated by agro-





waste residues [17, 18]. Culture media were enriched with sucrose-rich agricultural by-products, such as sugarcane bagasse (*Saccharum officinarum*), banana peels (*Musa acuminata*), mango peels (*Mangifera indica*), orange peels, and dates. This sustainable approach utilized low-cost raw materials to enhance enzyme production, shows results consistent with the previous research [19, 20]. To evaluate levan production, these fruit waste substrates, such as banana peels, mango peels, sugarcane bagasse, orange peels, and dates, were analyzed for their sucrose concentration and utilized as substrates. The sources were selected based on their availability and evidence from previous studies and literature by Shagufta Saeed [21]. Submerged fermentation was carried out using a 5% sucrose-enriched medium to optimize production. The fruit waste residues were processed by cutting them into small pieces, drying them at 60°C for 48 hours, grinding them into fine powder, and sieving them through a No. 18 mesh (1 mm pore size), following protocols described by Kanakdande et al. (2016) and Preethi [22]. A modified Cortezi medium in which sucrose is replaced with selected natural sucrose sources of 5% and yeast extract of 2% was used for enzyme production. All the experiments were conducted in duplicate to optimize levansucrase production by the bacterial isolate, using the one-factor-at-a-time (OFAT) methodology. This method involved systematically varying one factor at a time while maintaining all other variables constant.

Levansucrase Activity Assay

The fermented broth was centrifuged at 10,000 rpm for 10 minutes at 4°C using a cooling centrifuge. The resulting clear supernatant served as the crude enzyme source. Supernatant was defined as cell-free extract and was used to determine levan and levansucrase, for the assay, 0.5 ml of the supernatant was mixed with 0.5 ml of a 20% (w/v) sucrose solution prepared in 50 mM phosphate buffer at pH 6.0. This reaction mixture was incubated at 37°C for 30 minutes to facilitate enzymatic activity. To stop the reaction and inactivate the enzyme, by adding 1 ml of DNS and the mixture was boiled at 100°C for 10 minutes. The concentration of reducing sugars in the reaction mixture was determined using the 3, 5-dinitrosalicylic acid (DNS) method. One unit of levansucrase activity was defined as the amount of enzyme required to release 1 μ mol of glucose per minute per milliliter of enzyme solution [23].

Extraction of Levan

Levan was extracted from the culture filtrate of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 by centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 10 minutes to separate bacterial cells. The levan polymer in each culture sample was precipitated by adding two volumes (1:2) volumes of ice-cold absolute ethanol to supernatant and incubating at 4°C for 24 hours [24, 25]. Levan is known to be insoluble in organic solvents, including ethanol [26]. After 24 hours, the supernatant was discarded, and the precipitate was collected by centrifugation at 9,000 rpm for 10 minutes. The precipitated polysaccharides were collected and dried under vacuum at 80°C for 24 hours. The dried levan polymer was then weighed to determine its yield.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Effect of temperature on levansucrase production

The effect of temperature on levansucrase production was studied for the isolate *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 under submerged fermentation. At 20°C, the enzyme activity was recorded as 2.1 U/ml. When the temperature was increased to 25°C, the activity rise to 2.25 U/ml. Further increases in temperature to 30°C led to higher activity and yield, reaching 2.9 U/ml, respectively, with the results presented in Figure 1. The optimal temperature for levansucrase activity was found to be 37°C, with a peak activity of 3.45 U/ml and a levan yield of 2.5 g/100 ml. However, at 40°C, the enzyme activity shows 1.95 U/ml, and at 45°C, it shows an enzyme activity of 0.9 U/ml, and levan production showed a marked decline. The temperature of 37°C appears to be the ideal condition for stimulating cellular enzyme activity, promoting the synthesis of metabolites and levan production. These findings are consistent with earlier studies, such as *Bacillus subtilis* NRC33a which achieved optimal levan production at 37°C [27]. Bansal et al. [28] observed that levan synthesis was most effective between 25°C to 37°C but was significantly reduced at temperatures exceeding 45°C. The influence of bacterial strain variability on levan production has also been highlighted [29], while other studies [30] emphasize the role of environmental factors like temperature, pH, and





light intensity in exopolysaccharide synthesis. The levansucrase activity of *Bacillus methylotrophicus* SK 21.002 was highest at 37°C [31]. Supporting the findings of this study.

Effect of pH on levansucrase production

The study emphasized the importance of pH in optimizing levansucrase production by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 under submerged fermentation (SmF). Enzyme activity was evaluated across a pH range of 4.0 to 8.0, with the results presented in Figure 2. At pH 4.0, levansucrase activity was recorded as 0.95 U/ml, increasing to 1.2 U/ml at pH 5.0. A significant enhancement in enzyme activity and levan yield was observed at pH 6.0, reaching 2.95 U/ml. The optimal pH for levansucrase activity was determined to be 6.5, where peak activity reached 3.7 U/ml, with a levan yield of 2.6 g/100 ml. Enzyme activity remained relatively high at pH 7.0 (3.05 U/ml) but declined significantly at pH 8.0 (1.7 U/ml). Each microorganism has a specific pH range that supports its growth and enzyme activity, an optimal pH that maximizes enzyme production. It was found that *Bacillus velezensis* SR1, the highest levansucrase production, was observed at an initial pH of 6.5 with an enzyme activity of 3.7 U/ml. Deviation from this optimal pH, whether by increasing or decreasing it, resulted in reduced microbial growth and lower enzyme production. The pH of the fermentation medium plays a crucial role in regulating enzyme activity by affecting the ionization state of amino acids, thereby altering enzyme conformation and substrate interaction. At pH 6.5, phosphate buffers provided the highest enzyme stability, while acetate buffers maintained enzyme activity at pH 6.0 but showed a sharp decline at pH 5.0. The low enzyme activity observed at pH 4.0 suggests a degree of acid resistance but limited efficiency. These findings align with earlier research, that *Bacillus amyloliquefaciens* levansucrase activity exhibited maximum activity at pH 6.0–6.5 [32]. Studies on that *Bacillus subtilis* B58 and *Bacillus* species confirm that levansucrase activity is optimal at pH 6.2–6.5 [33, 34]. According to Abou-Taleb et al. levan synthesis is most efficient at pH 6.5 and declines above pH 8.0. Additional studies [35, 36, and 37] indicate that *Bacillus subtilis* produces levans most effectively at pH 6.0–7.0. Based on these findings, pH 6.5 was selected for further fermentation experiments to maximize levan production by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1. The maximum levan yield at this pH may be attributed to the induction of levansucrase within the pH range of 5.0 to 6.5, as previously reported [38].

Effect of Inoculum size on levansucrase production

The effect of inoculum size on levansucrase activity and levan production was studied. The fermentation medium was inoculated by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 under controlled conditions. Fermentation was conducted at 37°C with a pH of 6.5, while varying inoculum sizes ranging from 0.5%, 5%, 10%, 15%, and 20% were evaluated to assess their impact on enzyme activity and levan yield. While maintaining other parameters constant. A decline in levan production was observed at higher inoculum sizes, likely due to increased cell density leading to rapid depletion of nutrients and oxygen in the medium. This accelerated consumption of sugars may have reduced levan synthesis. The study identified 10% as the optimal inoculum size for *Bacillus velezensis* SR1, resulting in the highest levansucrase activity of 3.85 U/ml and a levan yield of 2.9 g/100 ml, with results summarized in Figure 3. At an inoculum size 0.5%, the enzyme levansucrase activity was recorded as 0.6 U/ml, when the inoculum size is 5%, the enzyme activity was 1.5 U/ml. Inoculum size of 15% shows the enzyme activity of 2.8 U/ml, for 20%, it shows the enzyme activity of 1.95 U/ml. These results highlight the importance of strain-specific optimization, as bacterial strains, even within the same species, can vary significantly in growth patterns, metabolism, and environmental adaptability. The distinct characteristics of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 were evident when compared to other isolates [39,40], have similarly reported 10% inoculum size as optimal for levan production in strains such as *Bacillus lentus* V8 and *Bacillus subtilis*. These results align with earlier research, highlighting the importance of optimizing inoculum size to maximize enzyme activity and product yield.

Effect of Incubation period on levansucrase production

The effect of incubation time on levan production and levansucrase activity by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 was evaluated under controlled conditions. The bacterium was cultured in a production medium at 37°C and pH 6.5, with results summarized in Figure 4. Cultures were incubated for 24, 48, 72, and 96 hours, with all flasks inoculated with 10% (v/v) of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 and maintained under uniform conditions throughout the experiment. At 24 hours of





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incubation, enzyme activity was recorded at 2.6 U/ml. Extending the incubation period to 48 hours resulted in the highest enzyme activity of 3.4 U/ml. However, as the incubation time increased to 72 hours, enzyme activity declined to 2.75 U/ml, with a further reduction to 1.55 U/ml at 96 hours, likely due to nutrient depletion and the accumulation of inhibitory by-products, leading to decreased levan synthesis. At an incubation period of 24 hours, the enzyme activity recorded was 2.6 U/ml, a further increase in the incubation period for 48 hours showed the enzyme activity as 3.4 U/ml. As the incubation period was increased to 72 hours, the enzyme activity showed 2.75 U/ml, with a reduction of enzyme activity at 96 hours recorded as 1.55 U/ml with depletion of nutrients leading to a reduction of levan biopolymer. The results showed that incubation time plays a significant role in levan production and levansucrase activity. The highest enzyme activity (3.4 U/ml) and levan yield (2.4 g/100 ml) were observed after 48 hours of incubation. Increasing the incubation time beyond 48 hours resulted in reduced yields, likely due to nutrient depletion and the accumulation of inhibitory by-products. This observation aligns, with that prolonged incubation leads to reduced yields as a result of nutrient exhaustion and the production of inhibitory metabolites. Maximum levan production occurred after 48 hours of incubation, it was also reported that levan synthesis peaks during the stationary phase of bacterial growth [41]. This study confirms that *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 produces the most levansucrase enzyme activity when it is incubated for 48 hours.

Optimization of nutritional parameters on levansucrase production

Effect of sucrose at different concentration on levansucrase activity to maximum levan

Sucrose serves as the primary carbon source essential for levan biosynthesis, a process catalyzed by the enzyme levansucrase. This enzyme hydrolyzes sucrose while simultaneously polymerizing fructose to produce levan. The present study examined how varying sucrose concentrations affect levansucrase activity and levan production to determine optimal conditions for achieving maximum yield. Submerged fermentation was carried out in 250 ml Erlenmeyer flasks containing 100 ml of production medium inoculated with *Bacillus velezensis* SR1. In the screening process, when one type of nutrient source was varied, the other nutrients were kept constant. The experiments were performed under specific conditions optimized for this strain, an incubation temperature of 37°C, a pH of 6.5, a 10% inoculum size, and an incubation period of 48 hours. The results, summarized in Figure 5, demonstrated that sucrose concentration significantly influenced enzyme activity and levan production. The fermentation medium was supplemented with sucrose at concentrations of 2%, 4%, 5%, 8%, and 10%. Levansucrase activity was measured using the DNS (3, 5-dinitrosalicylic acid) method, while extracellular levan was precipitated with ethanol. A thick, cloudy precipitate confirmed substantial levan production. The highest enzyme activity (3.76 U/ml) and levan yield (2.8 g/100 ml) were recorded at 5% sucrose. Enzyme activity at lower sucrose concentrations was 1.65 U/ml (2%) and 2.55 U/ml (4%), while higher concentrations of 8% and 10% resulted in enzyme activities of 2.96 U/ml and 2.23 U/ml, respectively. These results indicate that increasing sucrose beyond 5% did not enhance enzyme production, confirming 5% as the optimal concentration for levansucrase activity under the tested conditions.

These findings align with previous studies that highlight sucrose as an effective substrate for levan production in various bacterial strains. *Bacillus subtilis* NRC 108 produced 10.5 g/L of levan with 50 g/L of sucrose [42]. Similarly, levan yield of 26.65 g/L using *Bacillus subtilis* B58, while *Leuconostoc mesenteroides cremoris* LF5 achieved a yield of 2.82 g/100 ml. Comparative research emphasizes sucrose's efficacy over other carbon sources for enhancing levan production. *Bacillus mojavensis* MT012152 produced 22 g/L of levan with 5% sucrose but only 112.1 mg/L of exopolysaccharides (EPS) with 8% lactose [43]. These studies confirm the critical role of sucrose in maximizing levan biosynthesis.

Effect of various a carbon sources on levansucrase activity

In this study, the effects of various carbon sources, such as sucrose, glucose, maltose, lactose, starch, and fructose, on levansucrase activity and levan production were evaluated to identify optimal conditions for maximum yield. Submerged fermentation was performed in 250 ml flasks containing 100 ml of production medium inoculated with *Bacillus velezensis* SR1. The process was conducted under optimized conditions a temperature of 37°C, pH 6.5, 10% inoculum size, and a 48-hour incubation period. The results, summarized in Figure 6, revealed that sucrose was the most effective carbon source for enhancing both levansucrase activity and levan production. Optimal conditions were



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achieved with 5% sucrose, yielding an enzyme activity of 3.75 U/ml and a levan production of 2.89 g/100 ml, followed by glucose with levansucrase activity of 2.95 U/ml, while other carbon sources resulted in lower enzyme activity and reduced levan production. The superior performance of sucrose as a carbon source is attributed to its efficient utilization by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 for levansucrase mediated levan synthesis at 5%. These results are consistent with that of *Bacillus subtilis* showed sucrose as significant substrate to enhance levansucrase activity and levan production [44,45].

Effect of nitrogen sources at different concentration on Levansucrase activity

The impact of varying yeast extract concentrations (1%, 1.5%, 2%, 2.5%, and 3%) on the growth of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 and its levansucrase activity was investigated to optimize levan production. The fermentation process was conducted under controlled conditions, including a temperature of 37°C, pH 6.5, a 10% inoculum size, and a 48-hour incubation period. The results, summarized in Figure 7, demonstrated a relationship between yeast extract concentration and enzyme activity. Nitrogen sources, such as yeast extract, act as an excellent nitrogen source for promoting levansucrase activity in bacterial strains. [46]. At a 1% yeast extract concentration, levansucrase activity was recorded at 1.1 U/ml. Increasing the concentration to 1.5% enhanced enzyme activity to 1.75 U/ml, while the optimal concentration of 2% resulted in the highest levansucrase activity of 3.55 U/ml and a levan production of 2.3 g/100 ml. However, further increases in yeast extract concentration led to a decrease in enzyme activity, with 2.5% yielding 3 U/ml and 3% showing a reduced activity of 1.95 U/ml. These findings indicate that excessive nitrogen supplementation can negatively impact enzyme production. The optimal conditions for levansucrase activity were achieved with 2% yeast extract and 5% sucrose, resulting in high enzyme activity.

Effect of different nitrogen sources on levansucrase activity

Various nitrogen sources, including yeast extract, tryptone, casein hydrolysate, beef extract, peptone, ammonium phosphate, ammonium sulfate, ammonium chloride, and urea, were evaluated for their effect on enzyme production. The results, summarized in Figure 8, indicate that yeast extract at a 2% concentration yielded the highest levansucrase activity at 3.5 U/ml, followed by peptone at 3.1 U/ml. Beef extract and tryptone recorded enzyme activities of 2.75 U/ml and 2.45 U/ml, respectively. Among inorganic nitrogen sources, ammonium sulfate exhibited a levansucrase activity of 2.55 U/ml, while other nitrogen sources resulted in lower enzyme activity and reduced levan production. Nitrogen plays a crucial role in bacterial growth and the synthesis of biomolecules such as amino acids and proteins. However, its utilization varies among bacterial strains, even within the same species. The study results demonstrated that nitrogen supplementation enhanced levansucrase activity, with a peak production of 3.5 U/ml. Among the tested nitrogen sources, yeast extract and peptone were the most effective in promoting enzyme production and levan yield. However, exceeding the optimal nitrogen concentration led to decreased yields, suggesting that excessive nitrogen may inhibit enzyme synthesis. The optimal nitrogen concentration for maximum levansucrase activity was determined to be 2%, resulting in an enzyme activity of 3.5 U/ml and a levan yield of 2.5 g/100 ml. Several research findings indicated that yeast extract as the most effective nitrogen source for levan production and 2% concentration of baker's yeast yielded the highest levansucrase activity [47, 48].

Effect of sucrose rich natural sources for levansucrase activity and levan production

Sucrose Content Analysis from Fruit Sources

Mango peel as natural sucrose sources indicated maximum levansucrase production at 6.05 U/ml with 5.45 g/l of levan, followed by Dates as sucrose sources for enzyme activity and levan production. The results were represented in (Figure 9&10). Modified Cortez medium in which Sucrose is replaced with selected natural sucrose sources of 5% and yeast extract of 2% was used for enzyme production.

DISCUSSION

The study demonstrated that *Bacillus velezensis* SR1, isolated from fermented idli batter, is a highly efficient producer of levan. Submerged fermentation under optimized conditions significantly enhanced both levansucrase enzyme





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activity and levan yield. Through the optimization of physical and nutritional parameters, the performance of the strain was maximized. Under optimal conditions pH 6.5, a temperature of 37°C, 48 hours of incubation, and a 10% inoculum size *B. velezensis* SR1 displayed a levansucrase activity of 6.05 U/ml and achieved a levan yield of 5.45 g/100 ml using raw fruit sucrose as the substrate. Prior to optimization, enzyme activity was 2.5 U/ml; this demonstrates a substantial improvement in enzymatic performance and production efficiency because of fermentation optimization. For instance, *Bacillus tequilensis* PS21 produced 112.1 mg/L of exopolysaccharides (EPS) in lactose-based media, while *Bacillus mojavensis* yielded 22 g/L of levan in a medium containing 5% sucrose. Such comparisons underscore the effectiveness of *B. velezensis* SR1 in utilizing sucrose-based substrates for levan synthesis, showcasing its industrial potential. The study emphasizes the importance of optimizing fermentation conditions to enhance levansucrase activity and levan yield. The achieved improvements from an enzyme activity of 2.5 U/ml to 6.05 U/ml and a levan yield of 5.45 g/L highlight the strain's capacity for scalable and efficient levan production, making it a valuable for industrial applications.

The present study focused on isolating a potent levansucrase-producing strain from fermented food, with an emphasis on its potential for medicinal and pharmaceutical applications. The strain *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 demonstrated enhanced efficiency in levan production by utilizing mango peel as an alternative, agro-based sucrose substrate. Under optimized conditions pH 6.5, 37°C, and 48 hours of incubation the strain achieved a levan yield of 5.45 g/L. Comparative analysis with existing literature highlighted the superior efficiency of *Bacillus velezensis* SR1 in levan production under standard laboratory conditions. This highlights the strain for sustainable and cost-effective industrial applications. Future research is required towards the purification and detailed characterization of the levansucrase enzyme, aiming to explore its full potential for diverse medicinal and industrial applications.

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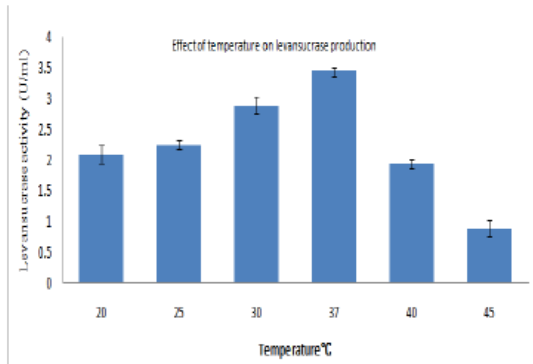


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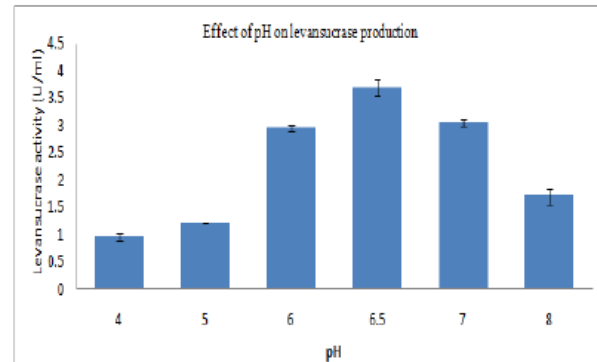


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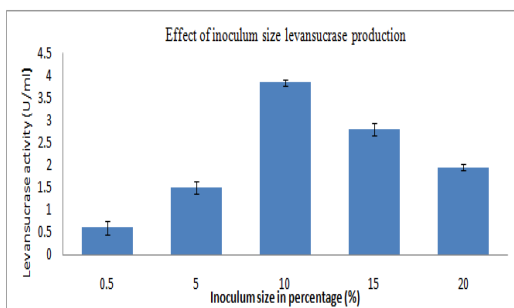


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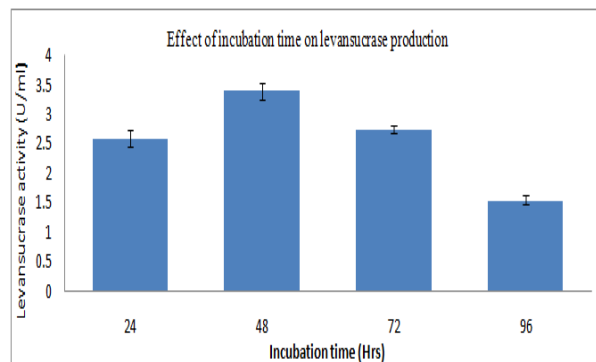


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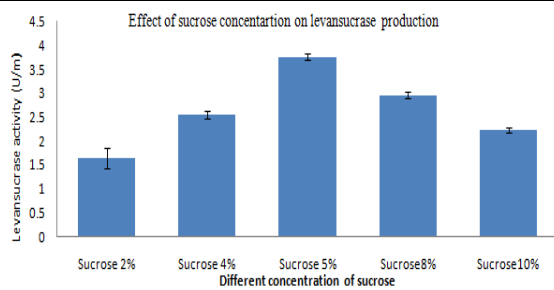


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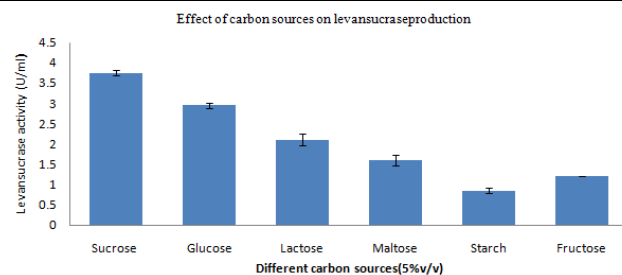


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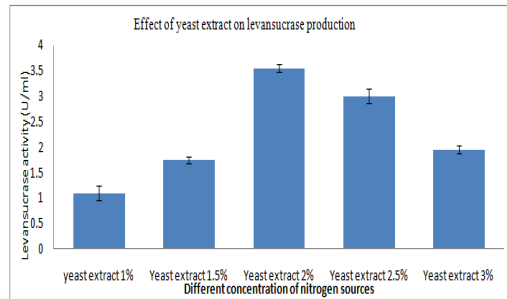


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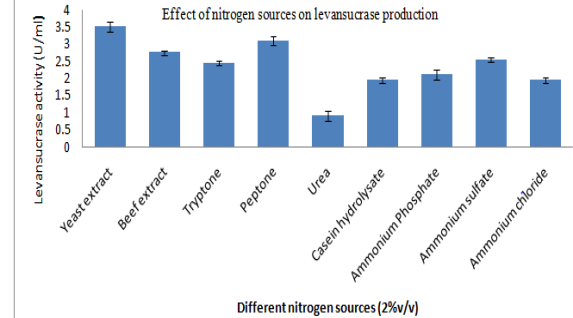


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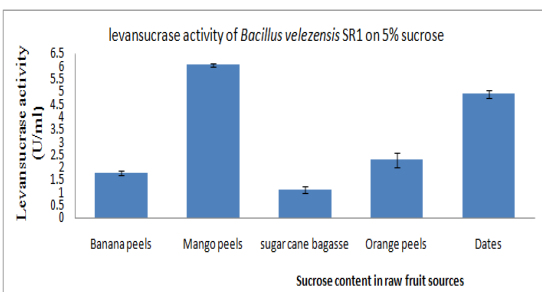


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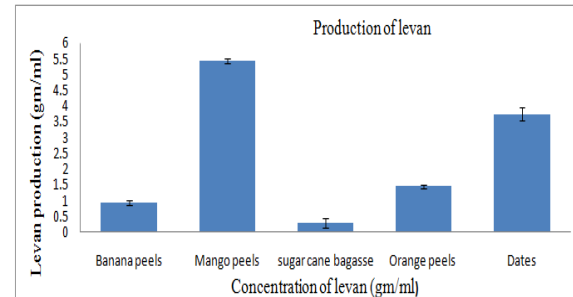


Figure-10. The Levan production using raw organic carbon sources on levansucrase yield by *Bacillus velezensis* SR1.





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Prevalence and Impact of Spinal Cord Injuries in Gujarat: An Epidemiological Study

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ABSTRACT

Spinal cord injuries (SCI) represent a significant public health concern globally, impacting individuals' quality of life and posing substantial socioeconomic burdens. This epidemiological study aims to analyze the prevalence, demographic distribution, severity, and mechanisms of SCI among patients in Gujarat, India. Understanding these factors is crucial for developing targeted prevention strategies and improving healthcare interventions tailored to the region's unique characteristics. Data for this study were collected from various multispecialty hospitals across Gujarat. A total of 378 patients with SCI were included in the analysis, categorized by AIS (ASIA Impairment Scale) grades and anatomical location (cervical vs. thoracolumbar). Demographic variables such as age, gender, and rural/urban residence were examined, along with occupational profiles and mechanisms of injury. Statistical analyses were conducted to identify trends and associations within the dataset. The distribution of AIS grades revealed varying severity of impairments, with Grade A (complete impairment) more prevalent in cervical injuries (25.0%) compared to thoracolumbar injuries (19.1%), while Grade E (no impairment) was higher in thoracolumbar injuries (46.6%) than cervical injuries (32.0%). Among demographic factors, individuals aged 20–49 years constituted the highest proportion of SCI cases (71.1%), with a notable prevalence among rural males engaged in occupations such as farming and labor. Road traffic accidents were identified as the leading cause of SCI across all groups, with rural males particularly affected by



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agricultural hazards. This study provides valuable insights into the epidemiology of SCI in Gujarat, highlighting demographic disparities, occupational risks, and predominant mechanisms of injury. The findings underscore the need for targeted interventions, including enhanced workplace safety measures, improved access to specialized healthcare, and community-based prevention programs. By addressing these factors comprehensively, stakeholders can mitigate the incidence and impact of SCI, improve patient outcomes, and promote public health in the region.

Keywords: Spinal cord injury, epidemiology, Gujarat, AIS grades, demographic distribution

INTRODUCTION

Spinal cord injuries (SCI) present a critical public health challenge globally, resulting in significant morbidity and mortality. The global annual incidence of SCI varies considerably, with estimates ranging from 10.4 to 83 cases per million people per year, depending on the region and population studied[1,2]. In India, the prevalence of SCI is notably high, attributed to rapid urbanization, industrialization, and increasing vehicular traffic[1,3]. Gujarat, a key state in western India, provides a unique case for examining the epidemiology of SCI due to its diverse demographic profile and rapid economic development. Worldwide, the incidence of SCI is influenced by a variety of factors, including socioeconomic status, healthcare infrastructure, and cultural practices. High-income countries generally report lower incidences of SCI, primarily due to advanced healthcare systems and stringent safety regulations[4]. Conversely, low- and middle-income countries experience higher incidences, with causes extending beyond vehicular accidents to include falls, work-related injuries, and violence[5]. In India, the annual incidence of SCI is estimated at approximately 20 per million population, with a prevalence rate of around 236 per million[6]. This high incidence rate underscores the need for focused epidemiological studies to develop effective prevention and management strategies. Gujarat, with its blend of urban and rural environments, exhibits a diverse range of causes for SCI. Urban areas in Gujarat report higher incidences of SCIs due to road traffic accidents, which align with the state's rapid urbanization and increase in motor vehicle use[12]. Rural areas, on the other hand, often see SCIs resulting from falls, particularly in agricultural settings, and physical labor-related injuries[1,4]. These regional disparities highlight the necessity for tailored intervention strategies that address the specific causes and demographics of SCI in different parts of the state. The impact of SCI on individuals and society is multifaceted and profound. Physically, SCI can lead to permanent disabilities, necessitating lifelong medical care and rehabilitation. Psychologically, individuals with SCI often face significant mental health challenges, including depression and anxiety, due to the drastic changes in their physical capabilities and social roles[1,3]. The primary objectives of this epidemiological study are to determine the prevalence of SCI in Gujarat, identify the main causes and demographic patterns of these injuries, and assess their impact on individuals and healthcare systems. This study employs a cross-sectional design, utilizing data from hospital records, patient surveys, and healthcare provider interviews across various regions of Gujarat. Statistical analysis will be conducted to identify significant trends and correlations, providing a comprehensive understanding of SCI in the state. Therefore, a study was conducted to gather demographic and epidemiological data as well as assess the neurological status of patients with spinal cord injuries in Gujarat.

MATERIAL AND METHODOLOGY

This prospective observational study was conducted from October 2023 to December 2023 by a research scholar from the Venus Institute of Physiotherapy, Swarnim Startup & Innovation University. Data were collected from various multispecialty hospitals across Gujarat. All consecutive cases of spinal cord injury (SCI) were assessed for neurological status using the International Standards for Neurological Classification of Spinal Cord Injury, which includes the American Spinal Injury Association Impairment Scale (AIS)[8]. A prestructured proforma was utilized for evaluation, capturing demographic information such as age, gender, marital status, locality, educational status,



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income, type of family, profession, and the number of family members dependent on the patient (Demographic Data Section). In the epidemiological variables, the mechanism of injury, time of arrival at our unit post-injury, mode of transport used during patient transfer, patient position during transfer, any previous hospitalization, the type of care provided during initial admission at other healthcare facilities, and associated injuries were recorded (History Section). Terminologies relevant to the study are appended in the Abbreviations. Patients transferred from other departments or institutions or those who expired before reaching the department were excluded from this study. Data are presented as number (%) or ratio.

RESULT

The table 1 presents the distribution of AIS (ASIA Impairment Scale) grades among 378 patients with spinal cord injuries, categorized into cervical (n = 200) and thoracolumbar (n = 178) injuries. The AIS grades, ranging from A to E, indicate the severity of impairment, with Grade A representing complete impairment and Grade E signifying no impairment upon examination. In this study, Grade A (complete impairment) was observed more frequently in cervical injuries (25.0%) compared to thoracolumbar injuries (19.1%). Conversely, Grade E (no impairment) was more prevalent in thoracolumbar injuries (46.6%) than in cervical injuries (32.0%). Additionally, 12.0% of cervical injury patients and 9.6% of thoracolumbar injury patients were not tested. Overall, the data highlights a higher incidence of severe impairments in cervical injuries, whereas thoracolumbar injuries had a greater proportion of patients who recovered fully. The table 2 outlines the age and gender distribution of spinal cord injury patients in rural and urban areas of Gujarat, contrasting these distributions with those in the general population. Among patients with spinal cord injuries, the most affected age group is 20–49 years, representing 71.1% of cases, compared to 40.0% in the general population. Individuals under 19 years and those over 70 years are less affected, with 12.6% and 1.9% respectively, despite these age groups comprising a larger proportion of the general population. In terms of gender distribution, rural males dominate across all age groups, with the highest proportion (66.7%) in the 20–49 years age group. Urban males constitute a smaller percentage, with their highest representation (16.4%) also in the 20–49 years age group. Female patients are less prevalent, with rural females accounting for a slightly higher percentage across most age groups compared to their urban counterparts.

This data highlights a significant prevalence of spinal cord injuries among young to middle-aged adults, particularly in rural areas, and underscores the demographic disparities in the incidence of such injuries in Gujarat. The table 3 examines the distribution of spinal cord injury patients in Gujarat across various occupations, segmented by rural/urban residence and gender. Farmers (21%) and laborers (20%) constitute the largest groups, predominantly rural males (80% and 75% respectively). Housewives account for 15% of the patients, primarily rural females (70%). Business-related injuries (10%) are more common among rural males (60%) and urban males (35%). Students (8%), clerical workers (5%), and drivers (4.5%) also show significant rural male representation. Overall, the data highlights a higher prevalence of spinal cord injuries among rural males in physically demanding jobs, underscoring the occupational risks and demographic disparities in Gujarat. The table 4 provides insights into the mechanisms causing spinal cord injuries (SCI) among rural and urban populations in Gujarat, segmented by gender. Rural males (55%) predominantly experience SCI due to road traffic accidents (35%) and falls with heavy objects over their backs (11%), reflecting occupational hazards in agricultural settings. Rural females (20%) commonly suffer SCI from road traffic accidents (22%) and falls with heavy objects over their heads (17%). Urban males (15%) frequently incur SCI from road accidents (38%) and falls over ground (7%), whereas urban females (10%) often experience SCI due to road accidents (28%) and falls over ground (5%). These findings underscore the varied patterns of SCI across demographics and environments in Gujarat, emphasizing the need for targeted preventive measures and healthcare interventions.



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DISCUSSION

The study on the prevalence and impact of spinal cord injuries (SCI) in Gujarat, as depicted in the various tables, reveals several significant insights that contribute to our understanding of this public health issue. Firstly, the distribution of AIS grades among patients with cervical and thoracolumbar injuries highlights distinct patterns of impairment severity. Cervical injuries, represented by a higher proportion of Grade A cases (complete impairment), underscore the profound functional limitations and healthcare challenges faced by these patients compared to those with thoracolumbar injuries, where Grade E (no impairment) is more prevalent, indicating better recovery potential. Secondly, the age and gender distributions across rural and urban areas illustrate demographic disparities in SCI incidence. The disproportionately high prevalence among young to middle-aged adults, particularly in rural settings, suggests potential occupational hazards such as those faced by farmers and laborers. These groups are prominently affected, reflecting the physical demands and risks associated with their occupations. Furthermore, the study identifies specific occupational groups where SCI incidence is notably elevated, such as farmers, laborers, and drivers, particularly among rural males. This highlights the need for targeted preventive strategies and workplace safety interventions tailored to these high-risk populations. Lastly, the analysis of SCI mechanisms reveals distinct patterns between rural and urban populations and across genders. Road traffic accidents emerge as a significant cause across all groups, with rural males particularly vulnerable due to agricultural activities involving heavy machinery and transport. These findings emphasize the importance of traffic safety measures and the potential benefits of improving infrastructure and access to emergency care in rural areas. In conclusion, the epidemiological study provides valuable insights into the prevalence, demographic trends, occupational risks, and injury mechanisms associated with SCI in Gujarat. It underscores the multifaceted nature of this public health challenge and highlights the necessity for targeted interventions aimed at reducing incidence, improving outcomes, and enhancing the quality of life for those affected by spinal cord injuries in the region.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the epidemiological study on spinal cord injuries (SCI) in Gujarat provides a detailed analysis of incidence, severity, demographics, and associated factors shaping the landscape of SCI in the region.

The findings underscore several key insights

Severity and Distribution of SCI

The distribution of AIS grades reveals a higher incidence of severe impairments among cervical injuries compared to thoracolumbar injuries. This highlights the critical need for tailored rehabilitation strategies to address the diverse levels of impairment and recovery potential observed.

Demographic Trends

The study identifies a peak incidence of SCI among individuals aged 20–49 years, predominantly affecting rural males engaged in physically demanding occupations such as farming and labor. This demographic profile emphasizes the economic and societal implications of SCI during prime working years.

Occupational Risks

Occupational groups such as farmers, laborers, and drivers are disproportionately affected by SCI, particularly in rural areas. These findings underscore the need for targeted occupational safety measures and interventions to mitigate risks associated with agricultural and transportation-related activities.

Mechanisms of Injury

Road traffic accidents emerge as the leading cause of SCI across all demographic groups, with specific patterns observed among rural males due to agricultural machinery and transport hazards. Urban populations also face significant risks, highlighting the importance of urban planning and traffic safety initiatives.





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Implications for Healthcare and Prevention: The study underscores the importance of enhancing healthcare infrastructure, specialized rehabilitation services, and community-based prevention programs tailored to regional demographics and occupational risks. These efforts are crucial for improving outcomes, reducing disability, and enhancing the quality of life for individuals affected by SCI in Gujarat.

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Table.1: Distribution of AIS (ASIA Impairment Scale) Grades in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury

AIS Grade	Cervical, n = 200 (%)	Thoracolumbar, n = 178 (%)	Total, n = 378 (%)
A	50 (25.0)	34 (19.1)	84 (22.2)
B	12 (6.0)	7 (3.9)	19 (5.0)
C	18 (9.0)	12 (6.7)	30 (7.9)
D	32 (16.0)	25 (14.0)	57 (15.1)
E	64 (32.0)	83 (46.6)	147 (38.9)
Not Tested	24 (12.0)	17 (9.6)	41 (10.8)
Total	200 (100.0)	178 (100.0)	378 (100.0)

Abbreviations: ASIA, American Spinal Injury Association; n, number of patients.

Note: Grade E indicates patients who had some deficit upon initial examination and history but recovered when admitted and examined in the rehabilitation unit.

Table.2: Age and Gender Distribution in Rural and Urban Population in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury

Age group (years)	Age distribution in the general population (%)	Distribution among patients with spinal cord injuries (%)	Gender - Male - Rural (%)	Gender - Male - Urban (%)	Gender - Female - Rural (%)	Gender - Female - Urban (%)
<19	45.0	12.6	55.1	14.1	18.8	12.0
20–49	40.0	71.1	66.7	16.4	13.1	3.8
50–69	10.0	14.4	66.0	14.6	12.2	7.2
≥70	5.0	1.9	63.0	11.1	22.2	3.7



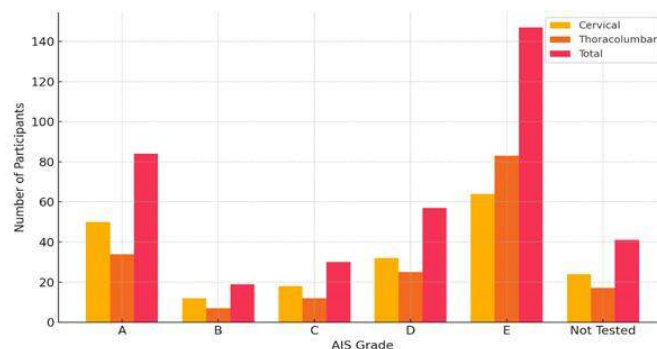
Jaynesh Vandra *et al.*,**Table.3: Relation between rural/urban population in patients with spinal cord injury and gender distribution with different types of job (%)**

Job	Total no. (%)	Rural Male (%)	Rural Female (%)	Urban Male (%)	Urban Female (%)
Farmer	21.0	80.0	10.0	5.0	0.0
Laborer	20.0	75.0	15.0	8.0	2.0
House wife	15.0	0.0	70.0	5.0	20.0
Business	10.0	60.0	1.0	35.0	2.0
Student	8.0	55.0	15.0	10.0	10.0
Clerical job	5.0	70.0	20.0	25.0	2.0
Driver	4.5	65.0	5.0	20.0	1.0
Mechanic	3.0	70.0	5.0	20.0	2.0
Private job	2.0	60.0	10.0	25.0	2.0
Teacher	1.5	75.0	10.0	15.0	3.0
Electrician	1.0	65.0	5.0	20.0	2.0
Not working	5.5	30.0	45.0	10.0	15.0
Miscellaneous	3.5	40.0	10.0	25.0	5.0

Table.4: Gender and rural/urban distribution in patients with s health centers with respect to SCI. pinal cord injuries as per mechanism of spinal cord injury (%)

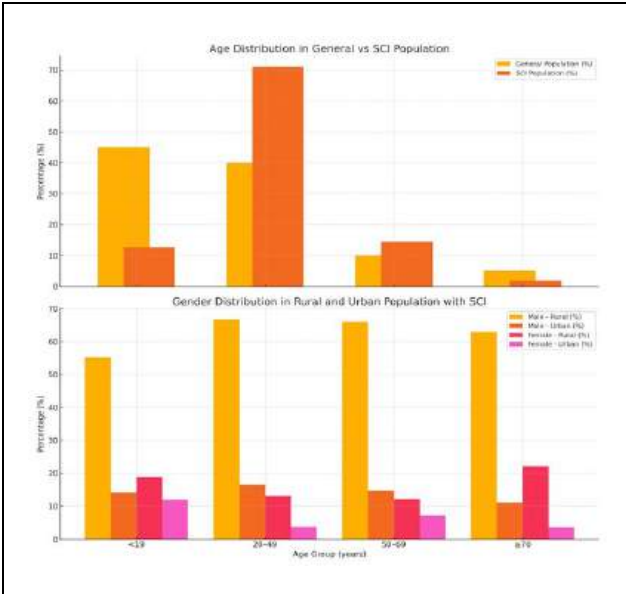
Rural /Urban	Gender	Total case s (378) (%)	Roo f (%)	Tre e (%)	Stair s (%)	Well / Swi mmi ng pool (%)	Following electric shock from pole/height (%)	Fall over ground (%)	Fall with heav y objec t over head (%)	Road traffic accidents (%)	Fall of heav y objec t over back (%)	Miscellan eous* (%)
Rural	Male	55	12	8	4	3	2	7	2	35	11	6
Rural	Female	20	6	5	3	2	1	6	2	22	17	9
Urban	Male	15	8	5	2	2	1	3	1	38	9	7
Urban	Female	10	4	3	2	1	1	2	1	28	8	5

*Miscellaneous includes injuries following machinery injuries, bullet injuries, injuries occurring due to fights, while caring for animals (cow, buffaloes, and camel), and injuries due to manipulation for neck pain or back pain by unqualified personnel.

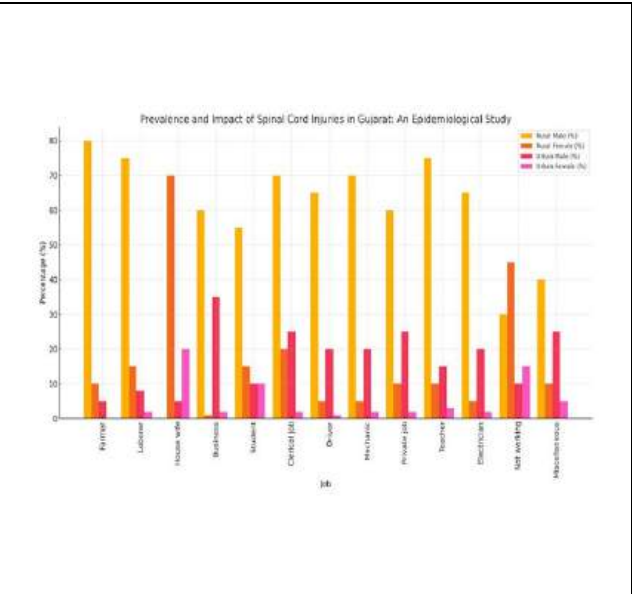
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Graph.2: Age and Gender Distribution in Rural and Urban Population in Patients with Spinal Cord Injury



Graph.3: Relation between rural/urban population in patients with spinal cord injury and gender distribution with different types of job (%)





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Prevalence of Positive Psychology in Familial Relationships in Shashidespande's The Binding Vine

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ABSTRACT

This paper focuses on the importance of optimistic relationships in families in ShashiDeshpande's novel, 'The Binding Vines'. ShashiDeshpande is a humanitarian novelist. She has taken an excessive effort to present not only the unity among the relationships, but also the positive and negative roles of relationships in families. The study gives a deep insight into the importance of relationships that helps one another in creating a healthy life. This study does a complete analysis on the rational thinking of human beings in the novel 'The Binding Vines' and also explores how the characters create happiness beyond all the barriers and realise that only positive mindset can elevate the relationships in the families.

Keywords: Reconciliation, Positive attitude, Resilience, Hope, Confidence

INTRODUCTION

A compassionate and comfortable family is a great source of happiness for every human being in life. With good principles, a family enjoys good health and helps people to lead a meaningful life. There is sob and smile, separation and reconciliation, affection and abhorrence, problem and remedy in every family. However, members in a family must have love and be considerate towards the others in the family and must demonstrate interest in each individual's happiness and merits. Above all, the most important trait that happens to hold a family together is the gratefulness that one has for the other.





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Socialising within the family sets the root for the civilisation of human beings in the society. ShashiDeshpande focuses on various dimensions of changes that people face and how they cope with the ups and downs with the help of their positive attitude and with the help of their family members and friends in the novel *The Binding Vine*. As far as blissful existence goes, positive thinking is a necessity for people belonging to all age groups. As Kanchana Mala expresses As Kanchana Mala Suggests (2023) People with the ability to adapt themselves to new situations are often described as cognitively and temperamentally flexible. They also actively alter to uncertainty and ambiguity. It helps a person to be resilient and tackle any kind of situation and overcome challenges.

Leo Tolstoy, one of the famous writers, says in *Anna Karenina*: “Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way” (3). It is the duty of each member in the family to treat everyone with kindness and love to sustain happiness within the family. Anita Desai, an Indian writer, advocates in her novel *Cry, the Peacock*: “All relationships are inadequate...basically everyone is solitary. I think involvement in human relationship in this world is invariable and leads to disaster”(36).

ShashiDeshpande professes in *The Binding Vine*: “Perhaps the fact is that we all of us create our own truths, shaping them to our needs, in particular, the need to be able to live comfortably with ourselves, with those we love and need” (TBV 55).

Urmi, the protagonist of the novel *The Binding Vine*, leads a miserable life due to the demise of her daughter Anu. Shakutai, a poor mother sacrifices her life for her daughter’s health and economic well-being. Vanaa, friend of Urmi works very hard in order to take care of her children and Mira, Urmi’s mother-in-law sacrifices her writing skills for the family. The novel *The Binding Vine* is about how the characters overcome their miseries in their lives by helping each other in the family. The title *The Binding Vine* authenticates that love and hate, and sorrow and joy are inexorable in a family setup. A maternal bond provides psychological, social and physical security to children, which is why children and mothers become more emotionally attached to each other.

ShashiDeshpande professes in *Moving On*: “The umbilical cord continues to exist, a phantom link, all our lives. We can never deny the ties of the body; we can never leave them behind us. The ties we forge through our bodies are the strongest, the hardest to sever. Look at the way we connect the organs of the body to the emotions and feelings” (MO 114). Urmi’s daughter, Anu, in *The Binding Vine* dies when she is very young. Urmi feels isolated and is unable to forget her baby’s soft snuffling sound, sweet milky ammoniac talcum odours, and the toes that fumbled at her midriff. She carries the sovereign air of despair throughout her life. She professes: “I can smell her sweet body flesh ...my breasts feel heavy and painful, as if they are gorged with milk. I can feel her toes scrabbling at my midriff” (TBV 21). Urmi leads her life in emptiness and proclaims, “as if the core of me has been scooped out, leaving a hallow” (TBV 17). Urmi suffers gravely in the process of accepting her daughter’s death that makes her sense the loss of everything in life.

Researchers Arnold and Gemma advocate in *Healing Hearts*:

Children are not supposed to die ...parents expect to see their children grow and mature. Ultimately, parents expect themselves to die and leave their children behind ...This is the natural course of life events, the life cycle continuing as it should. The loss of child is the loss of innocence, the death of the most vulnerable and dependent. The death of a child signifies the loss of the future, of hopes and dreams, of new strength and of perfection. (IV 9, 39). Therefore, it is obvious that most of the parents’ dream is to live merely for the welfare of their children and they also lose their personal desires and aims for the well-being of their children.

Like the authors express, Urmi also believes that her future lies in the memories of her daughter and it is inhuman to forget her baby. She opines: “I have no desire to leap into future, either to project myself into a time when all this pain will be a thing of the past, healed and forgotten. This pain is all that’s left to me of her; I will lose her entirely” (TBV 9). It is always thought that the loss of a child will lead to a mother’s mental illness, the emotional blow associated with childless can lead to a wide range of psychological and physiological problems including depression, anxiety, cognitive and physical symptoms linked to stress, marital problems, increased risk of suicide, pain and guilt.





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Though Urmi is stressed, she tries hard to console herself by recollecting the joyful days that she spent with her daughter and also cognises the problems of her relatives and friends and directs her energy completely in helping them find solutions for their problems. Thus, ShashiDeshpande advocates to the readers through Urmi that parents should care and love their children. Indeed, the love that parents shower on their children must not get depleted as it is necessary to create unquantifiable amount of human goodness in the family through love.

Urmi proves to be the best mother for her son, Kartik. She takes care of him so well. The mother and the son understand each other well. For example, Urmi reaches home very late from Shakutai's house that makes Kartik worry so much and makes him wait for a long time with an empty stomach for his mother to join him for dinner. Urmi comprehends the expectations of her son inordinately. She opines: "I cannot wrong him. I must let Anu go. I know nothing can undo what's happened, nothing can bring Anu back to me. And I know I have to go back to living" (TBV 22). She keeps encouraging her son Kartik in all his accomplishments. Urmi can be compared to Nancy Matthews Elliott, the mother of the great scientist Thomas Alva Edison.

Once Thomas Alva Edison brought home a letter from his teacher and asks his mother to read it for him. The mother read the letter which said: "Your son is a genius. This school is too small for him and doesn't have good enough teachers to train him. Please teach him yourself". So Edison's mother gifts him a fundamental book on experiments in Chemistry and keeps encouraging him in all his experiments. Later, in his life, after his mother's demise, he finds the old letter from his teacher which states: "Your son is mentally deficient. We cannot let him attend our school anymore. He is expelled." Stirred by the encouragement and the optimistic attitude that his mother has given him and he mentions in his diary: "Thomas A. Edison was a mentally deficient child whose mother turned him into the genius of the century." He feels so proud to say that his mother changed his destiny. He expresses: "My mother was the making of me. She was so true, so sure of me, and I felt I had someone to live for, someone I must not disappoint" (Qtd. in Crane 24). Likewise, Urmi's son Kartik also carries unconditional love and respect for his mother like how Edison loved.

Mira, the mother-in-law of Urmi, asks her mother to do a study on her horoscope but her mother refuses and replies: "What's there in my life apart from all of you? If I know all of you are well and happy, I am happy too" (TBV 101). Most of the parents lead their life only for the happiness and for the benefits of their children. Mira gets married at the age of eighteen; her husband belittles her every now and then, but she tolerates everything for her unborn son. Her love for her son is revealed in her poems. She asserts:

Tiny fish swimming in the ocean of my womb
my body thrills to you;
Churning the ocean, shaking distant shores
you will emerge one day
Lightning flashed through the front door
and I who was stone quivered.
Bridging the two worlds, you awaken in me
a desire for life. (TBV 136).

It is very clear through the poem that Mira adores her son and enjoys every movement of his in her womb and it is these to and fro movements of her baby that makes her crave for a happy life. She realizes that adapting to changes and moving on is the only way to lead a happy life, so she forgets her bitter experiences in life and dreams to take care of the baby with utmost love. As Kanchana Mala (2024) expresses being flexible and dealing with change is the ability of an entity or organism to alter itself for its responses to the changed circumstances or environment.

Children play a major role in taking care of their parents when parents are in need of support and care. Gabriel Garcia Marquez, a screen writer and journalist, reconnoiters: "Losing someone close to us in our lives is like losing a part of our body" (278). Similarly, Sumi finds herself to be an amputee. She carries the mixed emotions of despair and hope, and her unhappiness causes a host of symptoms of illness such as breathing difficulties, falling unconscious and so on. In these worse crises, it is her son, Kartik, who gives her moral support to live and helps her recover from





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illness. Kartik cannot stand the sight of his mother suffering and his love for his mother is obvious when he says: "Mama, you won't die, will you? She replies, 'No, Kartik, I won't die, I promise you, I won't die' (TBV 19). Kartik loves his mother very much. Urmi sits close to Kartik with her head lying close and reckons: "I feel I've reached the limit of exhaustion, I must go to bed. But this breathlessness, the heaviness in my chest –is it only exhaustion? As I get up from Kartik's beside, I realize it's my asthma again. And this time no fear. I feel amazingly clear headed, all the confusion gone" (TBV 150). Urmi gains this great hope and confidence through her son Kartik.

Rose Kennedy, a socialite and philanthropist of The United States of America, propounds: "It has been said time heals all wounds. I do not agree. The wounds remain. In time, the mind protecting its sanity covers them with scar tissue and the pain lessens, but it's never gone" (Philippines Daily). The scar left by her daughter's demise still remains in Urmi but her son consoles and heals her. Though the emptiness of life scares Urmi, she feels that she has to live for the sake of her son, Kartik. ShashiDeshpande's mother characters despite being whirled in the ocean of problems, never fail to be lovable and dutiful as mothers.

Shakutai in *The Binding Vine* suffers greatly in bringing up her daughters. She even thinks of killing her elder daughter, Kalpana. She states: "I got pregnant. It was the worst thing that could happen to us then. I'd just begun working in a grocer's shop, just started earning some money, and this happened. I didn't want Kalpana, I want her to die" (TBV 111). Shakutai has been suffering from financial crisis since her childhood, and so she is scared of bringing up her daughter as a single parent. Researchers McLanahan and Booth propound: "Single motherhood is associated with higher poverty rates and higher rates of welfare receipt among women. It is associated with higher rates of depression, unhappiness, low self-esteem and poor health" (Thomson). Thus, the authors point out that single parents in the society suffer from aversion and unpleasantness in life mainly because of economic crises.

Shakutai is unlike Sethe in *Beloved* by Toni Morrison, a well-known American essayist and novelist. The protagonist Sethe is sold to slavery. She gives birth to many children at a very young age and thus she suffers to manage her children and she is unable to bear the torture that she undergoes under the pretext of slavery, and so she plans to escape, only to fail at it. Sethe is unable to accept her children under oppression. Hence, she kills her children discerning that dying is far better than undergoing repression. Unlike Sethe, Shakutai does not kill her daughters rather she struggles hard to give them a comfortable life. The incentive of Sethe and Shakutai is akin as they don't want their daughters to face distress and hardships. But their attitudes differ; Shakutai is ready to face the difficulties in her life but Sethe thinks that death is a better than life. Many researchers posit that mothers kill their children because of stressors such as social stress, economic status, and disability of children. So, it is important for mothers to be bold enough to nurture their children.

Shakutai wants her daughters to have a good education, virtuous married life, and an identity in the society. She doesn't want her daughters to experience the difficulties that she has been undergoing since her birth. She senses that the joy of coddling and cossetting her daughters help her greatly in forgetting her miseries and sorrows. But she becomes emotionally weak, when she hears the shocking news that her daughter is raped. She pleads the policemen not to publish the case and also pleads the doctor: "If girl's honour is lost, what's left? People will always point a finger at her" (TBV 59). She requests the doctor: "Even if it is true, keep it to yourself; don't let anyone know of it, I have another daughter, what will become of her" (TBV 59). Shakutai suffers to eschew this unfortunate episode, but later, she understands and forgives her daughter and takes care of her with the help of experience that she gained through her experience all these years. As Renuga asserts knowledge that is acquired through experiences is always instilled in the human minds. The only factor that is lacking is the understanding of these ideals and realizing the importance of practicing them.

Shakutai, Urmi, Sandhya and Kalpana undergo sufferings but they manage by sharing their sorrows and by helping each other to recover from this tragedy. It is only through Urmi and Sandhya's encouragement, Shakutai comes out of this trauma and decides to live with hope. Matt Atkinson asserts in "A Man's Guide to helping a Woman who has been raped":





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Mothers are important in the healing process because mothers can reflect back to a daughter how loved and valued the daughter is. A mother can demonstrate for a daughter how a strong woman handles a rape experience by being honest about her pain and grief, and yet resisting the pressure to just “give up,” by ignoring the rape, or turning to self-destructive behaviours after the rape. A mother who is sensitive, supportive and one who will talk and listen is obviously more helpful to her daughter than a mother who blames or scolds her daughter. (2). Shakutai calms her daughter and tries her best not to grumble or to let her frustration over to Kalpana. She tries hard to make her daughter forget what had happened to her and taught her to live in the present. As Kanchana asserts living in the present or present moment awareness over time has also been found beneficial while dealing with changes in life as it decreases stress and has more control over human thoughts.

So, it is evident that ShashiDeshpande’s mother characters do not involve in maternal filicide, rather they try hard physically and mentally to bring their children up and create a strong bond between them and their children. ShashiDeshpande makes it clear through the character, Shakutai that parents should work hard to come out of their financial crisis and should not kill or sell them at any cost. Though Shakutai, Urmi, Sandhya and Kalpana undergo sufferings in their lives, they seek help from each other to recover from the traumas and start moving on with their lives confidently. Thus, ShashiDeshpande asserts that family is a place filled with happiness and sorrows, people with knowledge and people with ignorance, people with love and people with hate. So the members in the family must understand that each person is unique and they should manage to adapt and adjust with the uniqueness of all the members without carrying any personal grudge and learn to exchange moral support with one another.

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CASE STUDY ARTICLE

The Effectiveness of *Virechana karma* in Hypothyroidism: A Clinical Case Study

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ABSTRACT

Thyroid is an endocrine gland which is situated in the neck region. It produces 2 hormones that are secreted into the blood stream. Thyroxine (T4), triiodothyronine (T3), These hormones are necessary for all the cells in the body to work efficiently. The main function of thyroid gland acts as catalyst for the balance of oxidative metabolism. Hypothyroidism is the most commonly observed among huge population in the present era. The abnormal and normal functions of thyroid gland can be co-related to altered and healthy status of *Agni*. So, hypothyroidism can be understood as a stage of *Agnimandya*, resulting in the production of *Ama dosha* leading to *Bahudosh Avastha*. In the *Bahudosh Avastha* condition of *Ama dosha*, *Dosha Avasechana* is done. In this case study, *Virechana karma* is done by *Trivirith Lehya* along with *Triphala Kashaya* after performing *Deepana-Pachana* and *Shodhananga Snehapana* with *Moorchhita Go ghrta*. This research study manifests significant improvements in signs, symptoms of hypothyroidism disease and thyroid functioning test.

Keywords: Hypothyroidism, *Virechana Karma*, *Moorchhita Go Ghrta*, *Trivirith Lehya*





INTRODUCTION

Hypothyroidism occurs from decrease levels of thyroid hormone with different causes and manifestations. Hypothyroidism is mainly categorized as primary and secondary hypothyroidism. In primary hypothyroidism, the thyroid gland cannot produce sufficient thyroid hormone. The few commonly occurred secondary hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland functions better; Meanwhile, hypothyroidism occurs from the abnormal pituitary gland or hypothalamus physiology. Untreated hypothyroidism enhances mortality and morbidity. In India, autoimmune thyroid disease is the most frequent cause of hypothyroidism, but globally, deficiency of iodine in the diet is the most common reason. (1) The occurrence of hypothyroidism was the greatest in the age-class of 45 to 55 years (12.11%) and the least in that of 19 to 34 years (6.53%). The more proportion of females than males were found to be influenced by hypothyroidism. (2) The main reason of hypothyroidism can be classified into: Primary Hypothyroidism, caused by the inefficacy of the thyroid gland to make T3 and T4 hormones, is called primary hypothyroidism; It is a condition of decreased hormone production by the thyroid gland, it evaluates for 95% of hypothyroidism cases; only 5 % or less are suprahypoid in origin.

The most frequent reason of primary hypothyroidism is:

- a) Iodine deficiency
- b) AITDs (Autoimmune thyroid diseases)
- c) Drugs
- d) Iatrogenic
- e) Congenital.

Secondary (because of pituitary TSH deficiency), Tertiary (because of hypothalamic deficiency of TRH). Hypothyroidism is one of the most misdiagnosed and undiagnosed diseases, as its clinical features are not familiar. Hypothyroidism doesn't have any peculiar symptoms and many symptoms of this disease can occur in individuals with other condition. Mood disturbances, vertigo, easy fatigability, tiredness, slowness of memory, lethargy, intellect and thought were the initial symptoms and Muscle cramps, paraesthesia, weakness, aching and muscles stiffness were the main problems of the chronic patients. (3) Several symptoms of Hypothyroidism can be interlinked with Lakshanas mentioned in Ayurvedic science. Excessive collection in the body is called *Bahudhoshha Avastha*. This situation is mostly suitable for *Samshodhana*. In this clinical study treatment of hypothyroidism done with *Virechana Karma*.

CASE REPORT

Chief complaints

The current case study is on therapeutic management of Hypothyroidism through *Panchkarmaprocedure*. A 50-year-old male having Hypothyroidism reported to *Panchkarma* outpatient department of Parul Ayurveda Hospital, LimdaWaghodia, Vadodara, Gujarat with chief complaint of

Symptoms

- Diminished Sweating for 8 years
- Hoarseness of voice for 8 years
- Dry Skin for 8 years
- Constipation in the past 2 months
- Weight increase for 8 years
- Impairment of hearing for 8 years

Physical Signs

- Coarse Skin for 8 years
- Cold Skin for 8 years

Associated complaints– No any associated complaints.



**History of present illness**

A patient aged about 50 years apparently normal before 8 years, then gradually started diminished sweating, hoarseness of voice, dry skin, constipation, weight increase, impairment of hearing with physical signs coarse skin, cold skin for 8 years undergone thyroid check-up diagnosed as Hypothyroidism and TSH value was high. For better management he approached Ayurvedic treatment and admitted in Parul Ayurveda Hospital on 28/8/2024.

Personal history**Clinical Findings – Physical examination****Astavidha Pareeksha**

- Nadi - Kaphajanadi, 76/min
- Mala - Constipated
- Mutra – Prakruta, 4-6 time/day
- Jihva – Alipta
- Shabdha – Prakruta
- Sparsha – Anushna Sheetha
- Drik – Prakruta
- Akriti- Sthula

Dashvidha Pareeksha

- Prakriti – Kapha Pitta
- Aharaja Hetu – Madhura Ahara
- Viharaja Hetu – Aavyayama, Diwasvapna
- Dosha – Kapha Pitta
- Dushya – Rasa, Meda and Mamsa
- Desha – Sadharan
- Sattva – Madhyama
- Sara – Medosara, Mamsasara
- Samhanana – Madhyama
- Pramana – Sthula
- Satmya – Madhyama
- Ahara Shakthi
 - Abhyavarana Shakthi – Madhyama
 - Jarana Shakthi – Madhyama
- Vyayama Shakthi – Madhyama
- Vaya – Madhyama (50 years)
- Bala – Madhyama

Systemic examination

Central Nervous System – Oriented and Conscious with respect to time, place and person.

Cardiovascular System – S₁, S₂ are properly Heard, no other sounds.

Respiratory System – Bilateral airway clear

Gastrointestinal System – P/A soft, non-tender.

Treatment Schedule**Virechana Karma****Poorvakarma**

- Deepana-Pachana with Aampachak vati and Chitrakadi vati 2 tablets Thrice a day before food for 3 days.(28/8/2024 to 30/8/2024)





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- *Snehapana with Moorchhita Go Ghritha for 5 days.* (31/8/2024 to 4/9/2024)
- *Sarvang Abhyanga with Moorchhita Taila followed by Nadi Swedana for 3 days.*(5/9/2024 to 7/9/2024)

Pradhana Karma

Virechana Karma (8/9/2024)

- Yoga – Trivritth Lehya
- Dose – 80 gm
- Anupana – Triphala Kashaya (200ml)

Discharge Medication: Varunadi Kashaya For 15 Days.

DISCUSSION

Hypothyroidism is a clinical condition of thyroid gland with deficit of thyroid gland hormones. On the basis of *Ayurvedic basics*, it becomes clear that *Kapha* associated with *Pitta Dushti* and vitiation of *Vayu* consequence in vitiation of *Agni*. (3) All these factors finally lead to *Rasavaha* and *Annavaha Srotodushti* predominantly. As there is indirect correlation of hypothyroidism in *ayurvedic samhitas*, based on the Lakshanas it can be understood under the *Bahudosha Avastha*. *Samshodhana* is mainly indicated in *Bahudosha Avastha* (i.e., when Doshas are aggravated some diseases like excess *Kapha* and *Pitta Dosha*, *Sthoulya*, *Tandra*, *Santarpana* *Janya Vyadhies* are included in *Bahudoshavastha*. (4) As subject suffering from *constipation*, *Mandagni* and digestive disturbances, etc which indicates the contribution of *Pittasthana*. *Virechanakarma* is the ideal procedure for *Pitta dosha* and *Pittaas* signed with *Vata* or *Kapha* and eliminates *Pitta* from *Kaphasthana* and *Pittasthana* (5) The Production of *Ama* is the resultant of *Avarana* of *Pittasthana* by *Kledakakapha*, thus disturbing the digestive functioning of the *Pachaka Pitta*. In this case *Virechana* is preceded by *Pachana – Deepana*, after Doshas become *Nirama* and may require removal from the body by *Shodhana karma*. *Snehapana* is done by *Moorchhita Go Ghritha* as it is used in the *poorva karma* of *Panchakarma* and *Urdhavajatrugata Vyadhis*. And also, it works on *Tridosha* and bring them from *Shakha* to *Kosta*. (6)

Mode of action of Virechana

The *Virechana Dravya* possessing the qualities such as *Ushma*, *Teekshna*, *Sukshma*, *Vyavayi*, and *Vikasi* approaches the *Hridaya Pradesh* by act of its *Veerya* and then following the *Dhamani*, it pervades the complete body through small and large *Srotas* and eliminates the Doshas out of the body. *Virechana dravyas* carry out the purgation process because of their *Prabhava guna*. As these *dravyas* are having predominance of *Prithvi* and *Jala Mahabhuta*, they have natural tendency to move downward and thus they can aid in induction of therapeutic purgation. (7)

CONCLUSION

Hormones of the thyroid gland control body's metabolism, the process in which body transform the food material into energy source. Purification followed by palliative treatment was found as appropriate treatment plan to treat hypothyroidism. *Virechana Karma* is the common adopted purificatory procedure with maximum benefits. The main outcome of the research conducted on hypothyroidism had resulted that *Virechana Karma* plays an important function in providing efficient relief in the various sign and symptoms along with haematological parameters of the condition.

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Tabel 1: Showing subject's personal history

Name – XYZ	Bowel habit – Constipated
Age – 50 years	Appetite – Moderate
Marital Status – Married	Weight – 96 Kg
Occupation -	Height – 170 cm
Bala – Madhyamika	BMI –33.2 Kg/M ²
Sleep – Sound	Addiction – Tea

Table 2: Showing Snehapana dose schedule

Date	31/8/2024	1/9/2024	2/9/2024	3/9/2024	4/9/2024
Time	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am	7:00 am
Time taken for digestion	5 hours	6 hours	8 hours	9 hours	12 hours
Dose	30 ml	60 ml	120 ml	150 ml	210 ml

Table 3: Showing Assessment

SN	Lakshanas (Symptoms)	Before treatment	After treatment
1.	Increase weight gain	96 kg	87 kg
2.	Constipation	++	-
3.	Dry Skin	+++	+
4.	Diminished Sweating	+++	++
5.	Hoarseness of voice	+++	++
6.	Impairment of hearing	+++	++
	Physical Signs		
7.	Cold skin	+++	+
8.	Coarse Skin	++	+
(+++) severe presentation of symptoms, (++) moderate presentation of symptoms, (+) Mild presentation of symptoms, (-) no symptoms)			



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Name	Mr. RAMESH SHIVNATH SONAWANE	Age / Sex	50 / Male
Date	28/08/2024	Referred By	Dr. Nirmala Sonawane
OPD No	PK/20240828/47196/24020550		
Thyroid Profile			
Investigation	Result	Unit	Range
T3	1.17	ng/ml	0.83-2.00
T4	71.1	µg/dl	52-127
TSH	15.4	µU/mL	0.3-4.5
Free T3		pg/mL	2.0-4.2
Free T4		ng/dL	8.9-17.2
Remarks:			
Pathologist		Parul Ayurveda Hospital Department of Roga Nidan Consultant Sign... (Rog Nidan & Vikruti Vidyan Dept.) 29/8/24 3 PM	
		Lab Technician Ami Bhasiya End Of Report 29/08/24	

Figure 1 : Lab Investigation Before Treatment (28/8/2024) Report

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Parul Ayurved Hospital			
Name	Mr. RAMESH SHIVNATH SONAWANE	Age / Sex	50 / Male
Date	13/09/2024	Referred By	Dr. Nirmala Sonawane
OPD No	PK/20240828/47196/24020550		
Thyroid Profile			
Investigation	Result	Unit	Range
T3	1.42	ng/ml	0.83-2.00
T4	71.3	µg/dl	52-127
TSH	8.83	µU/mL	0.3-4.5
Free T3		pg/mL	2.0-4.2
Free T4		ng/dL	8.9-17.2
Remarks:			
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Deep fake Detection: AI-based Countermeasures

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ABSTRACT

Deep fakes, AI-generated synthetic media, have emerged as a significant cyber security threat, facilitating misinformation, identity fraud, and political manipulation. The rapid advancements in deep fake generation, primarily driven by generative adversarial networks (GANs), make manual detection increasingly impractical. This study explores AI-driven countermeasures to combat deep fakes, focusing on deep learning-based detection techniques such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and transformer models. Advanced forensic approaches, including physiological analysis (blink rate, lip-sync inconsistencies) and frequency-domain analysis, are examined for their effectiveness in distinguishing real from synthetic content. Additionally, hybrid AI approaches integrating block chain for forensic verification and federated learning for privacy-preserving detection are discussed. The study also addresses challenges such as dataset biases, adversarial attacks, and real-time detection constraints. The role of explainable AI (XAI) in enhancing transparency and trust in deep fake detection models is emphasized. Future research directions include the development of robust, scalable, and energy-efficient detection frameworks to counter evolving deep fake threats. Strengthening digital security and media integrity through AI-based countermeasures is crucial in the era of synthetic media.

Keywords: Deep fake Detection, AI Countermeasures, Neural Networks, Digital Forensics, Misinformation, Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Explainable AI (XAI).

INTRODUCTION

Deep fake technology, powered by artificial intelligence, enables the creation of highly realistic synthetic media that can manipulate facial expressions, voices, and body movements. While deep fake technology has legitimate applications in entertainment and content creation, it poses serious threats in the form of misinformation, identity





theft, and political deception. With the increasing sophistication of deep fake models, detecting manipulated content has become a challenging task. This research paper explores AI-based countermeasures, focusing on state-of-the-art deep fake detection methods and the challenges associated with combating this emerging threat.

Deep fake Generation Techniques

Deep fake generation relies on various AI models, particularly generative adversarial networks (GANs) and auto encoders. The two primary approaches include:

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

GANs consist of two neural networks: a generator and a discriminator. The generator creates synthetic images or videos, while the discriminator attempts to distinguish between real and fake content. Over time, the generator improves its ability to produce highly realistic deep fake.

Autoencoders

Autoencoders, particularly variational autoencoders (VAEs), encode an image into a compressed representation and then reconstruct it. When trained on facial data, autoencoders can generate deep fake videos by swapping faces convincingly.

AI-Based Deep fake Detection Techniques

To counter deep fake threats, researchers have developed AI-driven detection methods:

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

CNNs are widely used for image-based deep fake detection. By analyzing pixel-level inconsistencies, CNN models can detect artifacts introduced by GANs and autoencoders.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

Since deep fakes involve temporal changes, RNNs and LSTMs analyze sequential video frames to detect anomalies in movement, expression, and synchronization.

Transformer-Based Models

Transformer architectures, such as Vision Transformers (ViTs), leverage self-attention mechanisms to capture fine-grained inconsistencies across entire images and videos.

Physiological Analysis

Certain physiological signals, such as blink rate, pulse, and lip-sync inconsistencies, provide clues to detect deep fakes. AI models analyze these subtle biological markers for classification.

Frequency-Domain Analysis

Deep fake videos often exhibit anomalies in the frequency domain. Techniques like Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT) and Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT) are employed to identify unnatural frequency artifacts.

Hybrid AI Approaches for Enhanced Detection

To strengthen deep fake detection, hybrid AI techniques integrate multiple detection strategies:

Block chain-Based Forensic Verification

Block chain technology can be used to track the authenticity of digital media by maintaining immutable records of original content, helping verify if a video or image has been tampered with.

Federated Learning for Privacy-Preserving Detection

Federated learning enables collaborative deep fake detection across multiple devices without sharing sensitive user data, preserving privacy while enhancing detection accuracy.



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Despite advancements, several challenges persist in detecting deep fakes:

- **Dataset Biases:** Many deep fake detection models are trained on biased datasets, limiting their effectiveness across diverse populations.
- **Adversarial Attacks:** Attackers can manipulate deep fake models to evade detection through adversarial perturbations.
- **Real-Time Detection Limitations:** The computational cost of AI models makes real-time deep fake detection challenging, requiring optimized algorithms for faster processing.

Explainable AI (XAI) for Trustworthy Detection

Interpretable AI techniques help improve the transparency of deep fake detection models. By providing explanations for why a certain video is classified as a deep fake, XAI enhances trust and usability in forensic applications.

Future Directions

To combat the evolving deep fake threat, future research should focus on:

- Developing robust, scalable, and energy-efficient detection frameworks.
- Improving dataset diversity to mitigate bias in detection models.
- Enhancing adversarial robustness against sophisticated deep fake evasion techniques.
- Integrating AI-based detection with legal and ethical regulations for digital media security.

CONCLUSION

Deep fake technology presents both opportunities and threats in the digital era. While AI-based countermeasures provide promising solutions, continuous research is needed to develop more accurate, interpretable, and efficient detection models. By leveraging deep learning, block chain, and explainable AI, we can strengthen digital security and media integrity against deep fake manipulation.

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Pedagogical Innovations in Physiotherapy: Shaping the Future of Learning

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ABSTRACT

Pedagogy, the art and science of teaching has gone through a momentous shift in recent times. Education delivery in the past was more teacher centric wherein the information was delivered in 1-way manner from teacher to student, conversely learners of this era are more tech savvy, dynamic, look for interactive and engaging sessions and are inclined towards more hands on and practical learning experiences. This shift has changed the face of education from teacher centric to student centric learning where the concentration is on personalized adaptable pathways, active learning, hands on and project based education. Physiotherapy being a subject requiring theory as well as hands-on skill to gel into clinical environment requires adaptive pedagogical approaches in knowledge delivery. Keeping in mind the practical nature of physiotherapy, there's a need for interactive, innovative and adaptive teaching methodologies that align with students' learning preferences and clinical practice demands.

Keywords: Learning, Methodologies, Physiotherapy, pedagogical.





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INTRODUCTION

With constant changes in the healthcare sector, the health care professionals should develop technical and manipulative skills along with the capability to respond appropriately and adaptively. As physiotherapy education plays an important role in providing enormous amount of allied health care professionals globally, the pedagogical approaches should be updated regularly to keep up with the emerging technology [1]. This analysis highlights the revolutionary aspects of physiotherapy education to make practitioners qualified for better confrontation of growing pressures from evolving technological innovation and altered healthcare schemes with respect to various patients' need.² Since the field of human anatomy, physiology and pathology is a complex one, the foundation of clinical excellence in physiotherapy education are armed with the scientific background and hands-on training required to assess, diagnose, and intervene in a variety of musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, and neuromuscular conditions which can affect population of different age groups [2]. Physiotherapy education is based on the principles of patient-centered care. Health providers are taught to treat patients' pain in terms of their entire being rather than an approach that only focuses on medical aspects while ignoring psychological factors behind this. By adopting such a method, effective communication, compassion; and interventions that are specific to clients' needs and preferences can be enhanced. People who have been trained as physiotherapists will be aware and well educated about the use of modern technology. Graduates are therefore conversant with current advancements in healthcare technology which enhances patient outcomes [3]. The common spirit of collaboration in physiotherapy education allows graduates to join hands with doctors, nurses, and occupational therapists in an interdisciplinary health care team. By recognizing the fact that all healthcare professions are born out of the same source, they can be fully involved with patients' comprehensive treatment plans [3]. In addition to teaching rudimentary facts, physiotherapy education also instils a sense of lifelong learning. Graduates leave university with a mentality and toolkit for constant updating themselves within the field being at the forefront of evidence-based practice and emerging research [4].

Theoretical Foundations and Contemporary Insights

Like most other healthcare disciplines, physiotherapy education inevitably needs to change and develop to reflect the changing nature of contemporary health care. This review summarizes the latest polemics about how to improve learning outcomes in physiotherapy education and endorses new pedagogies. The reviewed literature includes a vast number of publications which confirm that active learning is efficient in physiotherapy education. While case based and PBL learning foster deep understanding of the theory, the previous also contributes to critical thinking development [1]. It is no secret that critical thinking is a critical competency in physiotherapy education programs. In addition, it is essential that case-based learning and group work facilitate the application of theory into practice. However, the central theme emanating from the literature search for this review was simulation technologies [2]. The useful influence of the virtual patient simulations and high-fidelity mannequins could be illustrated. These proposed tools indicate a productive influence on the clinical decision skills of the clinical students. Simulation technologies remain a safe environment for students where they can develop their skills and invoke theoretical knowledge through their own judgment. Still, overall, the costs are higher compared to regular classroom settings. It is important to take into consideration how resources should be distributed, especially with the rapidly developing technologies. In classroom, several new paradigms have been introduced into physiotherapy recently: the flipped classroom model [3]. According to Anderson et al, who cite other researchers on the matter, pre-recorded lectures and online materials help create opportunities for students to spend more time in class and actively engage with complex material. Hence, the outcome of this teaching innovation is changing the paradigm from teacher centred teaching towards active learning where students are encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning and, therefore, open the way of interaction during in person lectures [4]. The existing literature emphasizes the vital importance of technology integration that includes virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) for nurturing physiotherapy education.³ The VR applications can enhance spatial understanding, as well as improve retention of anatomical knowledge. AR can also be used in clinical skills training. It offers an interactive and three-dimensional learning environment that imitates scenarios quite like the real world. The interdisciplinary collaboration can be persuaded as a defining feature of physiotherapy education, for example providing collaborative projects and joint



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coursework between students in the field of physiotherapy with other healthcare professionals. These initiatives enhance teamwork and communication skills and deeply ingrain an appreciation of roles in the multidisciplinary healthcare teams that have become characteristic of contemporary clinical practice.⁴ The innovative assessment strategies are crucial in gauging student progress, as well reinforcing learning outcomes. In fact, the most effective means for testing both theoretical knowledge and practical skills are formative assessments, peer evaluations, and objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs). The process of evaluation is comprehensive only if the assessments are consistent with learning objectives and feedback can be given in a timely fashion [5].

METHODOLOGY

- Conducting an extensive literature review to identify existing research on physiotherapy education, pedagogical methods, and learning outcomes.
- Exploring studies that have investigated innovative teaching approaches, technology integration, and learner-centered strategies in physiotherapy education

Review

This review found that there are certain established challenges in the current pedagogy methods followed in Physiotherapy education. Many problems influence the effectiveness of educational programs for physiotherapy educators. These problems must be addressed to make sure that physiotherapy students receive the best possible education. The difficulties can be the following:

Huge Class Sizes

Challenge: One issue that teacher faces in physiotherapy programs is large class sizes. This gives rise to frequent issues like managing large class sizes, educating students with diverse learning styles, and incorporating clinical experiences into academic coursework.

Impact: This makes it hard for the teacher to give each student individualized attention and so customized instruction.

Possible solution: Interactive teaching techniques, technology-enhanced learning, and peer collaboration strategies might help in overcoming the drawbacks of large class sizes [6].

Diverse Learning Styles

Challenge: Each student has different abilities and style of learning, so the various teaching methods are required to be used according to their needs.

Impact: Traditional teaching methods may not match the different tastes of students, leading to a slippage in understanding and lose of interest through the course.

Possible solution: An array of teaching approaches, integration of multimedia resources, and flexible learning options can accommodate all styles of learning as per the student's needs [6].

Integration of Clinical Skills and Theoretical Knowledge:

Challenge: Converting clinical skills into theoretical knowledge is a big concern for pedagogics.

Impact: The piecemeal approach may make it difficult for students to put theory into practice.

Possible solution: Case-based learning, simulation exercises and hands on practical sessions are all proven effective ways of teaching students to integrate theory with clinical skills [6].

*Examine the literature on physiotherapy pedagogy. Highlight effective techniques and note areas still lacking development. Discuss how technology, simulation and active learning can enhance physiotherapy students' learning experiences. *

As with other branches of health care, physiotherapy education must evolve and adapt to the changing needs. Considering the current discourse in physiotherapy education about how to improve learning results, this review concentrates on innovative pedagogical methods. The weight of evidence showing that active learning methods



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enhance physiotherapy education is clear. The problem-based learning (PBL) provides students studying physiotherapy with an opportunity to develop their critical thinking and problem-solving skills [7]. For building theoretical understanding, active learning (which includes case-based instruction and cooperative group projects) also helps in applying what has been learned in clinical settings. The development of physiotherapy education centres on the key issue of incorporating simulation technologies. The use of high-fidelity mannequins for virtual patient simulations can enhance clinical decision-making skills. The safe environments and simulation technology can help students enhance their clinical skills, putting theoretical knowledge into practice in actual cases. More importantly, these approaches help in narrowing the gap between theory and clinical practice to achieve better learning results. With increasing cost of technology and equipment costs are rising there is still a scope of improve resource allocation [8].

The flipped classroom model is a new approach to physiotherapy education that turns some of the traditional methods on their head. The use of recorded lectures along with online resources and active in-class activities can help students to better understand difficult subjects, get them more involved and steering the atmosphere towards a student-centred learning process. This way the interactions can become more substantial and self-directed learning is promoted [9]. This body of research reveals how necessary it is to introduce technology like augmented and virtual reality into physiotherapy education. VR applications can help to improve anatomical knowledge retention and spatial comprehension. In a similar fashion, for clinical skills training, augmented reality (AR) offers three-dimensional interactive learning environments that precisely model the actual situation [10]. In the physiotherapy education multidisciplinary collaboration is an essential prerequisite in which each discipline explains coursework and cooperative projects to peers from other healthcare disciplines and physiotherapy students train together with them to reflect the modern nature of health care practice, these activities not only help develop communication and cooperative abilities but also rigorously makes them understand their roles and duties within multidisciplinary healthcare teams [11]. To determine the student's progress and learning objectives, innovative assessment methods are also needed. Peer reviews, objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs), and formative assessments can help in the evaluation of both theoretical knowledge and practical ability. An effective evaluation process requires timeous feedback and assessment corresponding to learning objectives. The impact of roomy class sizes [12].

Differential Learning Styles:

Difficulty: With their different learning styles, students studying physiotherapy require a variety of teaching instruments.

Effect: Students with different tastes might not be catered to by the traditional teaching methods, and therefore would fall below their level of comprehension or engagement.

Taking on the Challenge: Teaching can be adapted to different styles of learning by using a variety of texts, multimedia, and other tools, as well providing flexible learning options [13].

Combining Theoretical Knowledge with Clinical Skills:

Problem: One of the most important educational problems is how to integrate clinical skills and theoretical knowledge.

Impact: The use of a fragmentary approach, however, makes it much more difficult for students to apply academic principles in the real world.

Taking on the Challenge: As a means of integrating theoretical knowledge with clinical ability, according to Higgs et al. case-based learning and simulation exercises as well as practical sessions are good methods [14].

Limited Resources:

Challenge: Limitations in resources, both of facilities and materials for teaching a material comprehensive physiotherapy curriculum can prove an obstacle. Impact: Inadequate clinical resources can lead to lack of experience with different kinds of patients and cases, creating problems for students' readiness in actual practice.

Addressing the Challenge: Overcoming limits by recruiting external collaborations, using virtual simulations and getting more resources [15].



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Challenge: The rapidly advancing nature of healthcare practices and technologies is an unending obstacle for educators. Impact: If curricula and teaching methodologies are outdated, education will go to waste. Addressing the Challenge: Teachers should also keep their curriculum content up to date, maintain close collaboration with clinical facilities and introduce new technologies in the teaching process [15].

Assessment Validity and Reliability:

Challenge: Valid and reliable assessment, especially for clinical skills, is another major concern.

Impact: Inaccurate assessments might not be a true reflection of students' levels, thus taking away from the credibility of educational programs.

Addressing the Challenge: Standardized assessment tools, objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs), and standard training for assessors are necessary to make the process more reliable [16].

Innovative Pedagogical Approaches: But to break through these difficulties in physiotherapy education, teachers can take innovative methods such as a combination of simulation technology with the flipped classroom concept, interdisciplinary cooperation, and external practical links. Its approaches not only cover the problems that have been pinpointed, but also stimulate thought and improve problem-solving ability. It requires a comprehensive insight into patient care [16].

Problem: Lack of facilities and supplies may hinder the provision of a full course in physiotherapy.

Impact: Due to a shortage of resources, lack of contact with different clinical circumstances may require students' readiness for practice in the real world. Overcoming the Obstacle: Making physiotherapy education more inclusive can be achieved by striving for increased funding, cooperating with external organizations, and using virtual simulators.

The Challenge: The changing face of medicine for educators, keeping abreast with the rapidly advancing healthcare practices and technologies is an ongoing fight. Impact: Outdated curricula and teaching methods no longer matching today's healthcare standards may impair the applicability of education. It is important that physiotherapy education remain technically up to date. Curriculum content needs to be updated on a regular basis, clinical facilities need links with research institutes and newly developed teaching methods should be introduced [16].

Validity and Reliability of the Assessment:

Validity and Reliability It is particularly important to ensure that tests of clinical ability are valid and reliable.

Impact: Inaccurate assessments do not give a true picture of students' skills, and they may affect the legitimacy of an educational program. Three necessary steps to increasing the reliability of assessments are standardizing assessment instruments, using objective structured clinical exams (OSCEs), and training all evaluators in the same way [17].

Innovative Pedagogical Approaches:

In response to the problems in physiotherapy pedagogy, teachers may use new approaches such as flipped classrooms, simulation technology and interdisciplinary cooperation. The aim is also improving student learning capabilities by providing a variety of experiential opportunities outside the classroom. Aside from solving the problems at hand, these methods also promote critical thinking and enhance problem-solving skills and a thorough understanding of patient care [17].

Simulation Technology

- Approach: Combination of simulation technology also means using virtual patients, high-fidelity mannequins to make up the clinical environment.
- Benefits: Simulation technology provides students with a risk-free environment in which to try their hand at clinical skills, make decisions and observe different patient cases.



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- Impact: Rudolph et al. (2006) note that simulations improve students 'critical thinking by furthering their ability to utilize the theoretical knowledge they have learned in realistic settings, thus helping them learn how to resolve problems and reconciling theory with practice [18].

Flipped Classrooms

- Approach: In the flipped classroom model, which became widely popular after its development by neuroscience professor Salman Khan in 2004, students view pre-recorded lectures and materials prior to class time. During face-to-face classes they interact with course contents through case studies or hands on activities.
 - Benefits: Therefore, flipped classrooms enhance active learning and encourage one to read on his own time. During face-to-face instruction teachers can guide students in application and problem solving.
- Impact: Research by Jensen et al. (2015) indicates that flipped classrooms can develop these abilities because they ask students to digest information, work with their peers' ideas and help them describe what steps should be taken when faced with a certain type of problem or situation [18].

Experiential Learning Opportunities

- Approach: Hands-on, real-world experiences, in the form of clinical placements or community projects and internships are an integral part of experiential learning.
- Benefits: Experiential learning allows students to put theoretical knowledge into practical use, thus improving their comprehension of how patients are cared for. Impact: According to a study by Kolb (1984), experiential learning teaches students how to think critically. Experiences require reflection, adaptation, and the integration of theoretical knowledge into real-world practice to stimulate thinking about experience.
- Way: A range of practical experiences including internships, community service activities or clinical placements all fall under the category thoughtful instruction through doing
- Advantages: Experiential learning helps patients understand patient care by letting students apply their theoretical knowledge in practice [18].
- An important role in physiotherapy education and practice Case studies provide a particularly effective way of giving depth to understanding, adding weight to clinical reasoning, and encouraging sound decision making.

Clinical Application of Knowledge: Case studies thus act as a bridge between theory and practice. In this way, the students experience for themselves how what they learn in class relates to actual patient situations. Their education becomes relevant and interesting again [18].

Critical Thinking and Problem-Solving: Analyzing case studies training students in critical thinking and problem solving. They need to gauge and appraise the vitality in considerable chaotic information, draw out important sensitivities. Based on all these considerations they must then plan suitable treatment courses for their patients. The process sharpens their power of thought and sound clinical judgment.

Holistic Patient Assessment: physiotherapy aims at the whole person, including physical and psychosocial factors. By presenting multifaceted patient cases, case studies encourage students to look at the assessment and use of interventions from a holistic viewpoint.¹⁹

Integration of Theoretical Knowledge: By studying individual cases, students can integrate the various aspects of their theoretical knowledge-anatomy and physiology. pathology, therapeutic techniques etc. Students must thereby draw on their understanding of these disparate subjects to plan out comprehensive and effective courses of treatment.

Real-World Complexity: Physiotherapy practice is rarely simple, and cases are reflections of the patients seen in real life. Preparing students to face a myriad of conditions, co-morbidities and individual responses equips them with the skills they will need in their professional life.





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Enhanced Communication Skills: Communicating with patients is one of the most important aspects of physiotherapy. The case studies give students a chance to practice how they communicate with theoretical patients, helping them to pass along information and provide education while building up rapport.

Application of Evidence-Based Practice: Case studies generally require students to use evidence-based practice. Through the process of gathering and analysing research evidence, students learn to integrate recent advances in medical science into their clinical decision-making [20]

Preparation for Clinical Practice: Case studies provide the link between classroom learning and clinical practice. They mimic the real-world scenarios, providing students an opportunity to practice and hone their skills in a controlled environment prior to embarking on clinical placements or going into practice.

Reflective Practice: Case studies enable reflective practice in which students think over their actions and decisions. Such reflection encourages self-development and the desire to keep learning.

Team Collaboration: A lot of physiotherapy case studies are joint endeavors with other healthcare professionals. This reflects the inter-disciplinary nature of healthcare practice, allowing readers to see that a team approach is vital and effective communication within it so very important.

Technology Integration: Technology, especially virtual reality (VR), augmented reality (AR) and web-based platforms are adjusting physiotherapy education. They provide new instruments that profoundly change both theoretical knowledge and practical techniques. This is where we look at the part played by these technologies, and back up our comments with references [21].

Case Studies: In physiotherapy education and practice case studies are indispensable because they offer a relevant way to develop good clinical reasoning which will help us better understand things; this gives rise, in turn towards right decision-making on thorny problems that one often encounters in everyday work. The following are some arguments in favour of the significance of case studies in physical therapy.

Clinical Application of Knowledge: Case studies are a bridge between conceptual knowledge and practical application. In doing so they indicate the importance in students' education of observing how concepts taught to them on the classroom desk apply to real-world patient cases.

Problem-solving and Critical Thinking: When analyzing case studies, students must practice problem-solving and critical thinking. They must analyze and unlock complex data, pick out significant elements, form reasonable treatment plans. This process improves their ability to think critically and exercise sound clinical judgment [22].

Holistic Patient Assessment: A physiotherapist treats the patient holistically, catering to their physical and psychological needs. Many case studies involve complex patient scenarios to encourage students to view examinations and solutions from a holistic perspective.

Integration of Theoretical Knowledge: Case studies are an excellent way to integrate such things as anatomy, physiology, pathology, and treatment. By using their knowledge of these several areas, students must come up with comprehensive and effective treatment programs.

Complexity in the Real World: And case studies capture the intricacy of real patient situations, and physiotherapy practice is rarely simple. A variety of illnesses, co-morbidities and peculiar reactions from patients prepares students for the complex challenges that they will face in the workplace.

Improved Communication Skills: Communication with patients is an essential aspect of physical therapy. Cases teach students how to give instruction, build trust (build rapport), and communicate with imaginary patients [22].

Application of Evidence-Based Practice: When doing case studies, students are usually expected to apply the principles of evidence-based practice. By immersing themselves in research data and working out how it impacts



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clinical decision-making they can develop the ability of incorporating recent findings into their own approach. Clinical Practice Preparation: Case studies bridge the gap between classroom instruction and clinical practice. They also allow students to work in a protected space that simulates actual environment before they enter clinical assignments or start practice. Analysis of case studies leads to the critical evaluation and reflection upon students' choices and actions. By this approach the educators can promote continuation of learning and professional development [23].

Teamwork: In physiotherapy case studies are always collaborative with the other medical professional which is necessary for understanding the importance of cooperation and communication with healthcare professionals.

Technology integration: New emerging techniques like VR and AR are evolving the whole physiotherapeutic education scenario.

Virtual Reality (VR):

Theoretical Understanding: Immersive Anatomy Education: '3D Organon VR Anatomy' and other VR applications provide an advantageous research tool through which students can integrate their theoretical knowledge with a comprehensive view of human anatomy in three dimensions (Chen, et al., 2018).

Practical Skills: Simulation-based Learning: VR simulations provide a secure, realistic environment in which students may try out physiotherapy procedures. Sutherland (2016) cites 'Touch Surgery' as a typical example in which various interventions can be practiced virtually, improving one's practical skills [17].

Augmented Reality (AR):

Theoretical Understanding: Interactive Learning Materials: Applications such as 'Complete Anatomy AR' overlay digital information on to the physical world. Students can interact with the 3D models, making for a new form of interactive teaching; such technology broadens participation and deepens understanding (Kockro et al., 2015). **Clinical Skills Training:** Applications such as 'Touch Surgery Enterprise' give users the guidance they need in real-time interaction. Digital overlays of anatomical structures provide more precise and detailed descriptions during practical exercises, making it easier to develop clinical skills (Tang & McNeill 2016) [18].

Online Platforms

Theoretical Understanding: Interactive Lectures and Resources: Online platforms like Canvas and Moodle provided by learning management systems (LMS) allow interactive lectures, discussion forums, and multimedia resources to help students put theory into practice. Flexibility of self-paced learning is enabled by recorded lectures and e-books (Rennie et al., 2018).

Practical Skills: Virtual Labs and Simulations: There are numerous online platforms offering virtual labs and simulations, such as 'Physiopedia.' These simulated exercises enable students to train clinical skills by working remotely [17].

DISCUSSION**Benefits of Technology Integration:**

Accessibility and Flexibility: Using asynchronous learning, technology allows students to access materials and simulations at their own pace. This promotes inclusivity and flexibility for student-centered learning.

Realistic Simulations: Stimulating VR and AR simulations provide realistic scenarios in which students can learn life-like procedures without the strictures of time, space, or patient availability. These enhance the transfer of knowledge from theory to practical life.

Individualized Learning: Individualized learning paths, tailored for each student's learning style, personal feedback is available through online platforms. The flexibility of the instrument also reinforces both theoretical and practical comprehension.





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Remote Learning Opportunities: The COVID 19 pandemic has shown us how technology integration can facilitate remote learning despite geographical challenges by providing the students with continuous physiotherapy education [23].

Assessment Strategies: The evolving methods of teaching in physiotherapy requires the constant change in assessment system which not only matches these new approaches but also provides the real time evaluation of student progress.

1. Flexibility and accessibility: the digital era has provided the students with the opportunity to learn at their own pace, access resources and simulation according to their learning style promoting inclusiveness.
2. Simulated Realities: Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality simulations provides real life environment to students to practice their skills.
3. Customized Learning: With its customized learning paths and exams that fit a variety of learning styles, virtualize the education environment can allow students fully explore their potential. This flexibility also enhances comprehensibility in theory and practice.
4. Like the COVID-19 pandemic [24].

Assessment Strategies

It is also important that the assessment procedures are precise in measuring student development and conform with innovative educational approaches for physiotherapy education. Citing relevant materials, this essay explores various assessment techniques. It also stresses the importance of formative assessments, peer reviews and real- world tests.

Formative Assessment: Definition and Purpose: Formative assessment is carried out continuously through the entire process of learning, providing feedback to both students and educators. The purpose of this is to point out areas needing improvement and provide direction for future learning activities. Formative assessment is ongoing and continual review that enables teachers and students to give each other feedback as they go along in the learning process. Its aim is to locate the areas which need developing and guide future educational work.

Alignment with Innovative Pedagogy: Therefore, formative assessment fits in naturally with innovative teaching methodologies which emphasize ongoing improvement. In physiotherapy education, such as online quizzes and virtual patient simulations provide instant feedback. Students can gradually refine their understanding and skills by iteration. Since this type of evaluation is designed to encourage on-going development, it complements the latest teaching methods. In the area of physiotherapy education, tools such as online tests and virtual patient simulations give instant feedback so that students can keep improving their knowledge and skills [15].

Peer Assessment: Definition and Purpose: Students evaluate the work of their peers according to preestablished criteria during peer assessment. Its aim is to develop the ability of students to think critically, reflect upon themselves and accept shared responsibility for learning outcomes. Peer assessment means that students evaluate each other's work based on predetermined standards. This approach emphasizes self-awareness, critical thinking, and collective responsibility for objectives of learning.

Alignment with Innovative Pedagogy: Peer assessment encourages learning in cooperation with peers in innovative physiotherapy education. Online discussion forums and collaborative projects provide opportunities for peer assessment. This method not only enhances teamwork but also gives students a chance to learn from each other widely. Students can develop their own abilities in problem solving [16].

Real-World Evaluations

Peer evaluation plays an important role in cutting-edge physiotherapy education. Joint projects and online forums provide a platform where peer review is possible. The aim is to improve students 'problem-solving skills through fostering teamwork and introducing a variety of perspective. Real-World Evaluations:





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Definition and Purpose: Real-world evaluations focus on testing students in realistic, real-world settings approximating those of professional practice. The idea is to close the gap between academic learning and application in the world of work, giving graduates that are ready for anything physiotherapy practice brings. Alignment with Innovative Pedagogy: New physiotherapy teaching methods tend to use realistic situations. Real-world assessment tools, such as objective structured clinical examinations (OSCEs) or community-based projects create an overall picture of students' competencies and their ability to accomplish relevant theoretical knowledge in the practical world [18].

Importance and Implications:

Formative assessment provides opportunities for feedback, so that a student understands more and learns better. Peer assessment promotes cooperation and different views, preparing students for team work as well as improving their problem-solving capabilities. Validation in the real world connects education and professional practice, so graduates are prepared to face challenges anywhere [22].

CONCLUSION

In a nutshell, creative integration of technology, different assessment methods and interdisciplinary cooperation will define the dynamic future that is full of hope for physiotherapy education. To ensure that pedagogical concepts are always ahead of the times in training complex physiotherapists, we must not let research and exchanges be insufficient. These initiatives will take forward the education of future physiotherapists, increase quality and flexibility in an industry that's always changing.

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Table.1 Impact of Pedagogical Innovations in Physiotherapy Education

Innovation	Student Engagement	Knowledge Retention	Clinical Skills Improvement	Overall Learning Outcomes
Technology-Enhanced Learning	85%	78%	72%	80%
Problem-Based Learning	79%	82%	76%	79%
Simulation-Based Training	90%	85%	88%	87%
Inter professional Education	82%	76%	80%	79%
Flipped Classroom Model	88%	80%	75%	81%





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Table - 2 Pedagogical Innovations in Physiotherapy Education				
Innovation	Description	Benefits	Challenges	Adoption Rate
Technology-Enhanced Learning	Use of virtual reality, simulation, and online platforms	Improved clinical skills, increased accessibility	High initial costs, technical difficulties	65%
Problem-Based Learning	Student-centered approach using real-world scenarios	Enhanced critical thinking, teamwork skills	Time-intensive, requires faculty training	78%
Inter professional Education	Collaborative learning with other healthcare disciplines	Improved communication, holistic patient care	Scheduling conflicts, resistance to change	52%
Flipped Classroom	Pre-class content study, in-class active learning	Increased engagement, personalized learning	Student preparation, redesigning curriculum	45%
Competency-Based Education	Focus on mastery of specific skills and outcomes	Clear learning objectives, tailored progression	Assessment complexity, standardization issues	38%

Table 3 Pedagogical Innovations in Physiotherapy Education			
Innovation	Description	Adoption Rate	Reported Effectiveness
Virtual Reality Simulations	Immersive 3D environments for practicing clinical skills	45%	High
Flipped Classroom Model	Pre-class content study with in-class problem-solving	60%	Moderate to High
Problem-Based Learning	Case-based collaborative learning approach	75%	High
Inter professional Education	Collaborative learning with other healthcare disciplines	55%	Moderate
Adaptive Learning Platforms	Personalized learning paths using AI algorithms	30%	High

Table.4 Common Research Designs in Physiotherapy Education			
Research Design	Description	Strengths	Limitations
Randomized Controlled Trial	Participants randomly assigned to intervention or control group	High internal validity, can establish causality	Resource intensive, may lack external validity
Quasi-Experimental	Compares groups without random assignment	Can be used when randomization not feasible	Potential for selection bias
Observational Study	Observes outcomes without manipulating variables	Can study real-world scenarios	Cannot establish causality
Mixed Methods	Combines quantitative and qualitative approaches	Provides comprehensive understanding	Complex to design and analyze





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Action Research	Cyclical process of planning, action, and reflection	Directly applicable to practice	May lack generalizability

Table.5 Impact of Pedagogical Innovations on Physiotherapy Learning Outcomes

Innovation	Skill Improvement	Knowledge Retention	Clinical Confidence	Student Satisfaction
Simulation-based learning	25%	30%	35%	85%
Problem-based learning	20%	35%	30%	80%
Flipped classroom	15%	25%	20%	75%
Virtual reality training	30%	28%	40%	90%

Table.6 Impact of Educational Innovations on Physiotherapy Outcomes

Innovation	Clinical Skills Improvement	Patient Satisfaction	Treatment Efficiency
Virtual Reality Training	25%	18%	22%
Problem-Based Learning	20%	15%	17%
Simulation-Based Education	30%	22%	28%
Interprofessional Education	18%	25%	20%



Fig.1 Components of Gamification in Health Education

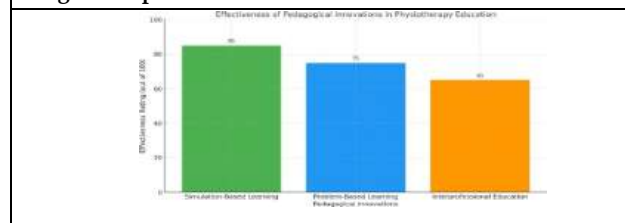


Figure. 3 The bar chart illustrates the effectiveness of various pedagogical innovations in physiotherapy education, based on student perceptions. Simulation-based learning received the highest effectiveness rating at 85, followed by problem-based learning at 75 and inter professional education at 65. This visual representation highlights the comparative advantages of simulation – based methods in enhancing clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills among students.



Fig.2 Flowchart and selection criteria

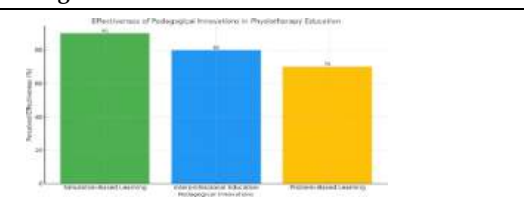


Figure.4 This bar chart illustrates the perceived effectiveness of various pedagogical innovations in physiotherapy education. Simulation-based learning is rated highest for enhancing clinical reasoning and problem – solving skills, followed by inter professional education and problem-based learning.





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ABSTRACT

Cryptosystem is a tool used to communicate a confidential message between two persons or two groups or two networks, by some code language, known only to the sender and the intended receiver, so that even if an intruder has access to the message, he/ she cannot understand the message. Hamiltonian cycle in graph theory is a cycle that traverses every vertex exactly once. In this paper we introduce a new cryptosystem called Rook Tour Cryptosystem. Rook-tour in a chessboard is a Hamiltonian cycle strictly following the path of a rook. In this double encrypted cryptosystem, a message is initially converted into cipher text and the cipher text is again converted into cipher graph using our proposed rook-tour algorithm. These cipher graphs are then merged and sent to the receiver. The receiver need to do the same double decryption to get into the original message. This proposed algorithm has symmetric keys and can be solved only in polynomial time complexity.

Keywords: Cryptosystem, Rook tour, Hamiltonian cycle, Encryption, Double encryption, Decryption

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INTRODUCTION

Cryptography is the study of methods on sending messages in disguised form[10]. Cryptosystem is a system of enciphering, deciphering codes along with its keys. The concept of cryptosystem began when people started to realize the need for confidentiality of messages. Caesar was the first to use a cryptosystem to communicate with his spies[11]. As we moved into modern days, cryptosystem laid its feet in almost every field, like military, financial





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sectors, government and private sectors. Simple shifting techniques were the earliest formal method of secret communication. Caesar used this in his battle[11]. Then came the transposition and substitution methods[15]. Prime factoring and linear transformation methods [11] were next advancements that made the secret messaging more interesting and difficult to break free. But enemies always had the better part of the system. After a long lull, Diffie and Hellman[6] came up with entirely new idea of public key cryptography. It was followed by the path breaking discovery of RSA Cryptosystem in 1978[2]. Ever since, the cryptosystem has evolved into a multi disciplinary field of research of Mathematics and Computer Science. In [13], the plain text characters are converted into XOR using the ASCII and Binary values and an Adjacency matrix is created for each character and it is then compressed and sent to the receiver. In [3], Amudha and Charles encrypted the plain text by using the key agreed by the sender and receiver and the encrypted text is converted into an adjacency matrix and sent to the receiver. Etaiwi [5] introduced a new way of cryptosystem using graph theoretical properties. The original message is encrypted into an Euler Graph and is then converted into a adjacency matrix and from the matrix a minimum spanning tree is found and sent to the receiver. In [17], Perera et al uses a matrix as a key. Here a plain text is converted into graphs and then it is converted into a matrix form. In [12], Jaya Shruthy, Maheswari discuss about a double encryption and decryption process in a cryptosystem and it is enhanced by Vigenere cipher. In the cryptosystem proposed in this paper, we use double encryption and decryption in which, we convert the plain text into cipher text and then convert it into Hamilton paths using rook tour algorithm, merge the graphs into a single graph and send this graph to the receiver. We use a transposition technique to convert the plain text into cipher text, a substitution technique to replace the cipher text into cipher graph and a simple trial and error process to decrypt the original message. Since it is a symmetric key cryptosystem, we have chosen the basic rook tour on a 8X8 chessboard as a key (which has 64 key elements) so as to increase the strength of the key. But the process can be expanded to $m \times n$ chess board. The efficiency of this algorithm lies in the fact that any attempt to break the algorithm will be complicated and highly difficult as it will result in an algorithm of polynomial time complexity in computation. The paper is arranged in the following order. In section 2, all the preliminary definitions required are recalled. Section 3 contains encryption and decryption algorithm for the proposed rook tour cryptosystem and an example that exposes the nuances of this cryptosystem.

PRELIMINARIES

Hamiltonian cycle [4] in graph theory is a cycle that traverses every vertex exactly once. *Rook-tour* in a chessboard is a Hamiltonian cycle strictly following the path of a rook. Rook is a key player in the usual chessboard which has the ability to move front, back, left and right starting from 1 step to 7 steps[16]. This cryptosystem is not restricted to the usual 8x8 chess board and it is valid for all rook tours on the $m \times n$ board where $m \geq 5$ and $n \geq 5$ or vice versa. *Cryptography* [13] is a process in which the plain text is converted into some code language so that the message becomes unreadable for any unauthorised person. The code language is usually referred as cipher text. *Cryptanalysis*[15] is the process of retrieving back the secret message (plain text) from the coded language (cipher text). *Cryptosystem* is the combination of both Encryption and Decryption. *Homophonic Substitution Cipher*[18] is a substitution process of a plain text character with a cipher graph. *Cipher Block Chaining Mode* (also known as CBC mode) is a mode in which two similar words/ blocks in the plain text will result in two different cipher graphs because of 'Chaining'. The core parts of a Cryptosystem are the Algorithm and the Key. *Algorithm* is a step-by-step procedure by which the sender and the receiver encrypts and decrypts the given message. *Key*[14] is something that is used in the encryption and decryption process. Generally, the algorithm will be made public and the key will be kept secret. Based on the keys used, cryptography is classified into two types. i) *Symmetric Key Cryptography* (SKC) and ii) *Asymmetric Key Cryptography* (AKC). In SKC, the key is kept secret and is known only to the sender and receiver. In AKC, we have two keys [i.e] Public Key (K_p) & Secret Key (K_s). Here the public key (K_p) is known to everybody including the sender and the receiver whereas the secret key (K_s) is known only to the receiver[13][14]. Even the sender do not have access to the secret key K_s [K]. In the theory of computational complexity, the ability of the computer to simultaneously do a particular number of operations is analysed. The upper bound for the number of bit operations required to compute $n!$ is found to be $n^2(\log n)^2$. The time to calculate $n!$ is approximately $O(n \log n)$.





n)² [15]. Having recalled all the necessary definitions required, we move forward to the next section for the introduction of the double encrypted rook tour cryptosystem.

MAIN RESULTS

In the double encrypted rook tour cryptosystem, we use traditional 'transposition' and 'substitution' techniques for converting the plain text into cipher text. These cipher texts are converted into cipher graphs using the already embedded 8X8 keyboard by the rook tour. These Hamilton paths merged into single graph by a unique method of merging by diagonal edges and this single graph is sent to the receiver. Using the operation key the receiver decrypts two times and is able to achieve plain text.

Algorithm for the Rook Tour Cryptosystem

Encryption is done in either of the two ways 'Substitution' or 'Transposition'. In this double encrypted cryptosystem, we use a substitution technique (CBC Mode) for converting the plain text into cipher text and a transposition technique (Homophonic Substitution Cipher) to further convert the cipher text into cipher graph. The cipher graph can be any one of the chosen set. Cardinality of this set depends on the operation key. The choice of operation key is left to the encryptor. In CBC mode, two similar words / blocks in the plain text will result in two different cipher graphs because of 'Chaining'. Therefore, the encryption of one block modifies the encryption of the future blocks. Our decryption process is also two-way decryption technique. We consider the shortest path for the cipher graphs. Therefore we always have two possibilities for each graph while decrypting and hence the final decrypted message can be obtained only of trial and error basis. The algorithm is given in step by step in the following lines.

- Convert the plain text message into numerals y replacing each character by its respective location in the key. We'll now have ' $2N$ ' characters for the N -character message.
- Label each character namely $m_1, m_2, \dots$ (space is optional)

$$h(n_i) = \begin{cases} n_i + i(\bmod r), & \text{if } i(\bmod r) \neq 0 \\ n_i + r, & \text{if } i(\bmod r) = 0 \end{cases}$$

Perform the function

Here ' r ' is the operation key

- Now replace each $h(n_i)$ ($1 \leq h(n_i) \leq 16$) by its corresponding English alphabet (ie., $1 \rightarrow A, 2 \rightarrow B$ and so on) which is the cipher text of our plain text.
- Before we move into the next step, 8X8 chess board is embedded with 64 symbols of alphabets, punctuation marks and other required characters. Pair two alphabets consecutively and find the minimum path for each pair using the key and the Rook tour. The graphs now obtained are called the cipher graphs. As a special case, if the pair has same alphabet say AA , consider it as $\sqrt{A}$ and find the graph.
- At last, merge the graphs by using mergers (here, we apply method of connecting diagonal edges with unrestricted length). The merged graph is the message to be sent to the receiver. The sender should be aware of the hidden operation key in the merged graph.

Decryption Algorithm.

- First break the encoded graph into cipher graphs by removing the mergers and find the combination of alphabets for each cipher graph using the rook tour and the key. Each graph will have two pairs of combination of alphabets.
- Replace the alphabets with numbers such as $A \rightarrow 1, B \rightarrow 2$ and so on.

$$h^{-1}(n_i) = \begin{cases} n_i - i(\bmod r), & \text{if } i(\bmod r) \neq 0 \\ n_i - r, & \text{if } i(\bmod r) = 0 \end{cases}$$

- Now perform the inverse function

' r ' is same as in the (Step 2) of encryption algorithm.

- Check the viability for each pair of integers.





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- If there exists any negative integer, then the combination is neglected.
- If the pair of integers exceed 64, then the combination becomes invalid and is thus neglected. The pair of integers is valid only if it lies between 01 & 64.
- Now consider the pair of integers as the location in the key and replace the corresponding element.

We'll get the original plain text by performing simple trial and error substitution.

Key for the Rook Tour Cryptosystem: Rook Tour Cryptosystem is a kind of Symmetric Key Cryptography (SKC). We can mathematically write the encryption and decryption of SKC as

Encryption (E), $E : P \times K \rightarrow C$ and

Decryption ($D = E^{-1}$), $D : K \times C \rightarrow P$

where P is the plain text; K is the secret key; C is the cipher text.

Now we need to give 3 keys namely, Rook Tour, Secret Key Board and Operation Key.

i) A rook tour defined on the $n \times n$ chess board taken. ii) An embedded keyboard on this $n \times n$ chess board. iii) An operation key. It is an integer (≥ 3) which plays a vital role in strengthening our cryptosystem. Generally, boards of smaller dimension will have a smaller operation key and the boards with larger dimension will have a larger operation key. However small operation key is enough in a large key board, still choosing a larger operation key makes our cryptosystem critical to guess or break. The operation key is not communicated between the sender and receiver even at the time of key exchange. Each time a message is sent, the operation key only depends on the sender. For a fixed Rook tour and Key board, the sender can keep on changing the operation key and it is communicated to the receiver only via the actual encrypted message. The nuances of the algorithm will be made more clearer, in the example given in the next section.

Example : First we shall choose the three required keys before encrypting the message.

Encryption :

Considering the chess board, we will choose the keys from a 8×8 board.

Key 1 & Key 2 given in figure 1 and 2 are a randomly chosen rook tour and a randomly embedded chess board with 64 symbols respectively. These keys must be exchanged between the sender and receiver.

Suppose that the sender has chosen the third key, the operation key as 10. i.e., Key 3 = 10, the encryption is done as given below for the plain text ALL THE BEST. Note that we have not taken 'space' as a character in the example given. In general we have the option to decide whether to include space or not.

E1) Locating the plain text

E2) Chaining Operation with $r = 10$

E3) Converting into Cipher Text.

E4) Converting Cipher Text to Cipher Graph

E5) Merging of Cipher Graphs

The step E1 is shown in Table-1, the steps E2, E3, E4 are given in Table -2 and merged cipher graphs(E5) is given in Fig.4. This is the actual message we send to the receiver. In this graph, the operation key is hidden therefore only the receiver can find the operation key and decrypt the message.

Decryption: For the decryption process, the keys are the same as encryption since it is a Symmetric Key Cryptography. Therefore consider the keys in [Fig2] & [Fig3]. Let [Fig4] be the message to be decrypted.

D1) Split into Cipher Graphs and find the combinations of Cipher Text from the Keys

The graph has no break and there are 10 cipher graphs merged which shows that the operation key is 10.

D2) Convert the Cipher Text Alphabets into Numerals

D3) Inverse Chaining Operation

D4) Check for the viability in each case by pairing the values of the inverse chaining operation.

i) Values > 64 are neglected

ii) Values containing negative terms are also neglected

D5) Replace the values by the key element from the Key board (Key 2)





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Trial and Error Process

- The first 3 characters forms the word 'ALL' makes sense but not the first 4 characters ALLT.

Therefore, our first word is ALL.

- For the next word we consider all the possibilities TDE, TDO, THE, THO. Among the 4 possibilities, only 'THE' makes sense and the addition of B doesn't make sense with any pair.

Hence our second word is THE.

- Next we have only two possibilities BEST and BOST. Since 'BEST' looks more meaningful we conclude that our third word is BEST.

Thus we have obtained the Plain Text as "ALL THE BEST" which is the original plain text being sent.

Efficiency of the Algorithm

The uniqueness of double encrypted rook tour cryptosystem lies in the combination of traditional and recent methods used for the process of encryption. For the operation key 'r' can be extended to any finite positive integer N, where N is the number of characters in the plain text. So whether we use transposition or substitution, 'r' can take a maximum of $(N+10)!$ times of permutation. Though we have taken the usual 8X8 chess board for embedding of symbols, nevertheless, it can be extended upto $m \times n$ board, where m, n are positive integers. Embedding of symbols in this $m \times n$ board is made dynamic using shifting and consequently, will give a whopping permutation possibility of $(m \times n)!$ Next, the merging of cipher graphs using diagonal edges. Here the merging is done in the same order of the graphs generated. Suppose we have the option to merge the graphs in a random order N number of Hamilton paths for a N character plain text, then the merging of cipher graphs can have a maximum of $N!$ permutation. In the ideal run of the algorithm, all the three values of r, m, n and N can be made dynamic simultaneously, to achieve the best result. Roughly the upper bound for the number of bit operations required to compute all the three dynamic keys will be very high. Roughly, the maximum number of keys that can be generated if we keep all the three parameters dynamic will be $(N+10)! \times (m \times n)! \times N!$ But even if we fix the keyboard, rook tour and the operation key given in example, we can still generate $20! \times 44!$ different keys for the second key (Key 2). Approximately, the upper bound for the number of bit operations is $((N+10)^2)(\log(N+10))^2 \times (m^2)(\log m^2) \times (n^2)(\log n^2) \times (N^2)(\log N)^2$. Then the time to break this algorithm by an outsider will be in the level of $O(N^4) \times O(m^2) \times O(n^2)$, where N is the length of the message and $m \times n$ is the size of the chess board we use, in the encryption. Hence the cryptanalysis of this algorithm is of polynomial time complexity.

Challenges in the Algorithm

The challenges are of three fold. a) Finding all possible rook tours for the 8X8 chess board has been a tough task. As the dimension of the board increases, the task will be even more challenging. b) The embedding of the symbols in the $n \times n$ chess board will require more attention as the value of n increases above the level of 20, because alphabets from more than 2 languages have to be used. To meet this challenge we propose to use digraph and trigraph symbols in the chess board cells. c) To make all the three keys dynamic networking is required. While the first two challenges we have already started working, third challenge will be met in the near future.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE PROSPECTS

In this paper we have introduced a new cryptosystem Double Encrypted Rook Tour Cryptosystem. We have used the technique of symmetric key cryptography for our cryptosystem since it is more preferable while transmitting large message. The attempt to break this new cryptosystem is difficult and its cryptanalysis requires polynomial time algorithm of order $O(N^4) \times O(m^2) \times O(n^2)$. The future directions of this research can deal with making this an asymmetric and make it public key cryptosystem.





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Table.1: Locating Plain Text

A	L	L	T	H	E	B	E	S	T
01	46	46	02	40	15	11	15	35	02

Table.2 : Encryption of plain text into cipher graphs

n _i	0	1	4	6	4	6	0	2	4	0	1	5	1	1	1	5	3	5	0	2
h(n _i)	1	3	7	10	9	12	7	10	13	10	2	7	4	5	6	11	10	13	9	12
Cipher Text	A	C	G	J	I	L	G	J	M	J	B	G	D	E	F	K	J	M	I	L
Cipher Graph																				





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Table.3 : Decryption of Cipher message into Cipher Graphs and cipher texts

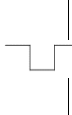
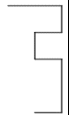
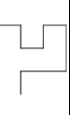
Cipher Graphs										
Case 1	AC	GJ	IL	GJ	JM	BG	DE	FK	JM	IL
Case 2	CA	JG	LI	JG	MJ	GB	ED	KF	MJ	LI

Table.4 : Decryption of Cipher texts into numerals

Cipher Text (case 1)	A	C	G	J	I	L	G	J	J	M	B	G	D	E	F	K	J	M	I	L
n _i	1	3	7	$\frac{1}{0}$	9	12	7	$\frac{1}{0}$	$\frac{1}{0}$	13	2	7	4	5	6	11	12	13	9	12
Cipher Text (case 2)	C	A	J	G	L	I	J	G	M	J	G	B	E	D	K	F	M	J	L	I
n _i	3	1	10	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	9	10	7	$\frac{1}{3}$	10	7	2	5	4	11	6	13	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	9

Table.5 : Inverse Chaining

n _i (case 1)	1	3	7	$\frac{1}{0}$	9	$\frac{1}{2}$	7	$\frac{1}{0}$	$\frac{1}{0}$	13	2	7	4	5	6	11	$\frac{1}{2}$	13	9	$\frac{1}{2}$
h ⁻¹ (n _i)	0	1	4	6	4	6	0	2	1	3	1	5	1	1	1	5	5	5	0	2
n _i (case 2)	3	1	10	7	$\frac{1}{2}$	9	10	7	$\frac{1}{3}$	10	7	2	5	4	$\frac{1}{1}$	6	$\frac{1}{3}$	10	$\frac{1}{2}$	9
h ⁻¹ (n _i)	2	$\frac{-}{1}$	7	3	7	3	3	-1	4	0	6	0	2	0	6	0	6	2	3	-1

Table.6 : Checking Viability

Pair	P1	P2	P3	P4	P5	P6	P7	P8	P9	P10
Case 1 Values	$\frac{0}{1}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{4}{6}$	$\frac{0}{2}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{1}{1}$	$\frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{5}{5}$	$\frac{0}{2}$
Case 2 Values	$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{7}{3}$	$\frac{7}{3}$	$\frac{3}{-1}$	$\frac{4}{0}$	$\frac{6}{0}$	$\frac{2}{0}$	$\frac{6}{0}$	$\frac{6}{2}$	$\frac{3}{-1}$

Table.7 : Replacing Key Element

Characters	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
Case 1	A	L	L	T	D	E	B	E	S	T
Case 2					H	O	;	O	=	

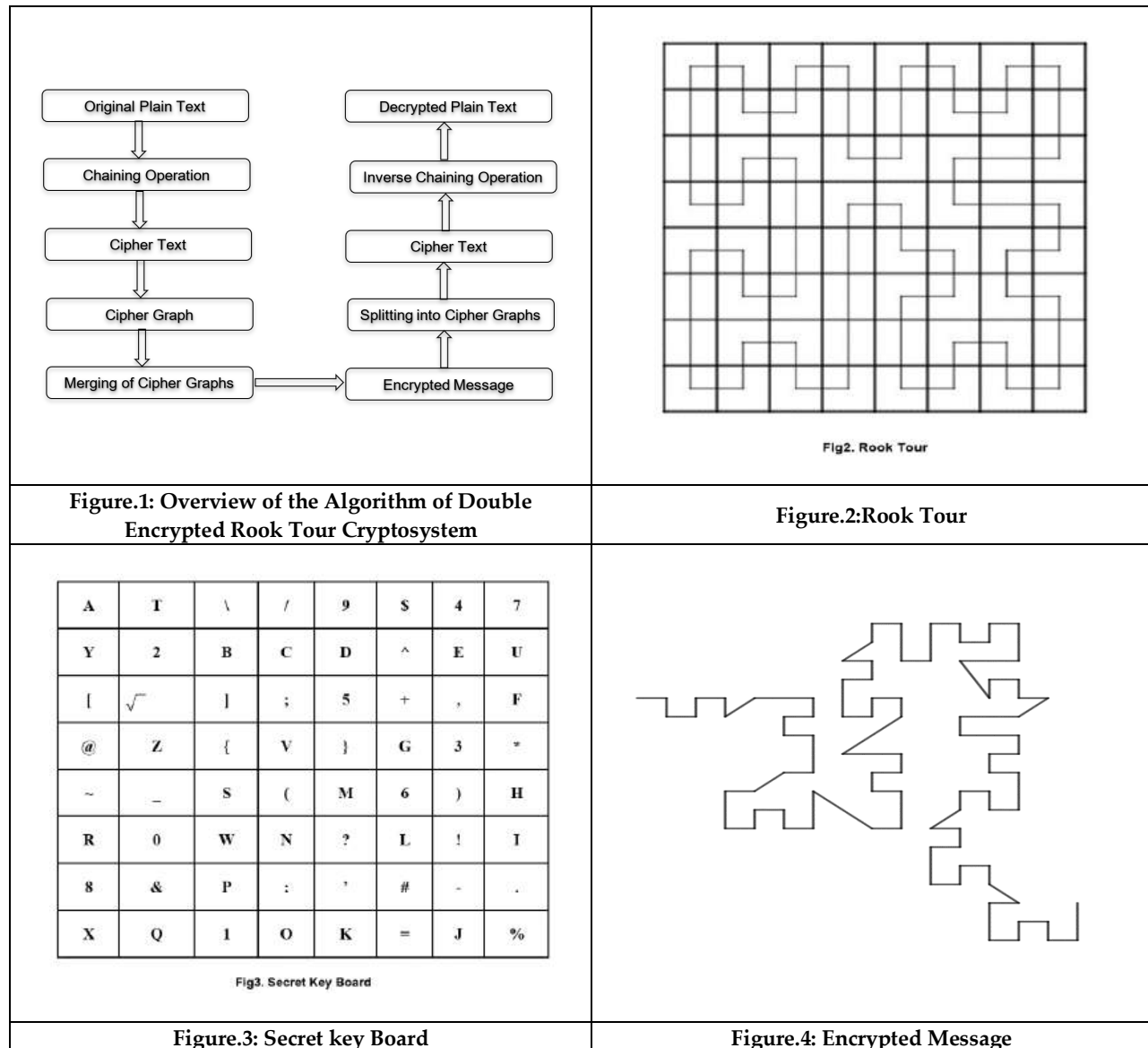
Table.8: Trial and Error Process

Characters	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5	C6	C7	C8	C9	C10
Case 1	A	L	L	T	D	E	B	E	S	T
Case 2					H	O		O		





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Optimizing Alluvial Soil Strength for Road Subgrade using Laterite Soil

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ABSTRACT

India's rapid infrastructure growth demands vast materials for road construction. However, in parts of West Bengal, weak alluvial soil limits subgrade strength. This study explores the use of laterite soil as a stabilizer to enhance subgrade properties. Laterite soil was mixed with alluvial soil in the proportion of 0%, 5%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% by weight of soil sample. Tests on soil mixtures showed reduced liquid and plastic limits but increased dry density (MDD). Unsoaked CBR improved significantly at 5% laterite, while soaked CBR peaked at 30%. Results suggest laterite soil can enhance stability and strength in road subgrades.

Keywords: Alluvial Soil, Laterite Soil, Soil Subgrade, Alternative Materials, CBR, OMC, MDD

INTRODUCTION

India's rapid economic growth has led to extensive road network expansion, with over 33 lakh km of roads, making it the second-largest in the world. However, the increasing traffic volume and axle load have accelerated road deterioration, requiring efficient pavement design. Subgrade soil plays a crucial role in pavement stability, but locally available alluvial soils often lack sufficient strength. Stabilization techniques, such as mixing with laterite soil, can enhance subgrade properties. Laterite soil, with its cementing agents, improves strength, reduces permeability, and increases embankment stability. This study examines the effects of laterite soil on alluvial subgrade properties, focusing on compaction, strength, and California Bearing Ratio (CBR). The findings can help optimize subgrade performance, making road construction more sustainable and cost-effective.

Objectives

- To investigate the feasibility of utilizing laterite soil for subgrade stabilization in response to the scarcity of conventional subgrade materials.
- To explore the impact of laterite soil on clayey soil.



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METHODOLOGY

The soil sample for this experiment was collected from Barasat (North 24Pgs) and mixed with varying proportions of laterite soil (0%, 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, and 40%) to analyze its impact on soil properties. Standard tests were conducted to evaluate soil strength. The results were analyzed to determine the optimum percentage of laterite soil for maximum dry density (MDD) and other strength related parameters.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Graphical Representation of various Curves for Various % of Laterite Soil The specific gravity of mixes of 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% is lies in between the values of 2.74 to 2.85. The values are 2.76, 2.80, 2.84, 2.79, and 2.77 respectively for 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% mixes of laterite soil with alluvial soil. The maximum value is 2.84 for 20% in proportion of mixes. It is seen that the curve is in decreasing order of values 13.54%, 13.25%, 11.92%, 10.59%, 10.64% with increasing of percentage of laterite soil of 5%, 10%, 20%, 30%, 40% of alluvial soil and whereas the values of alluvial soil and laterite soil are 14.01% and 19.85% severally. The values of plasticity index of mixes are in the range of pure soil and laterite soil. It has been shown the values of optimum moisture content decreases with increase with proportion of mixes. The values are 18.32%, 18.22%, 18.20%, 16.45% and 16.42% for the mixes of 5%, 10%, 20%, 30% and 40% respectively. The OMC is 19.01% and 12.37% for CSET' soil and laterite soil respectively. The values of Unsoaked CBR is 9.33%, 6.75%, 4.96%, 5.34% and 5.71% for 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, 30% and 40% respectively. The value of virgin soil is 3.53% and for laterite soil is 7.61%. The CBR value of 5% mix is more among the others mixes and the lowest value of 20% mix is 4.96%. The CBR value of 5% is 2 times more than 20% mix.

CONCLUSION

From the plasticity chart depend on liquid limit and plastic limit devised by Casagrande for unified soil classification; CSET playground soil is in the CL classification. But considering other aspect like CBR value and particle size distribution little variation has been observed for that soil. 30% mix of laterite soil with said virgin soil gives maximum soaked CBR value of 2.78%. But considering other properties, 5% mix is more suitable option for constructing the pavement only the value of soaked CBR value is very slightly less than the CBR value of 30% mix by 0.22%.

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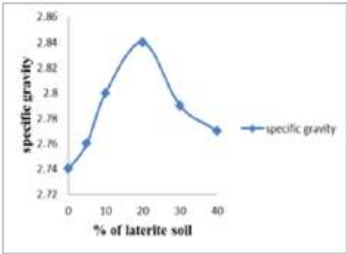
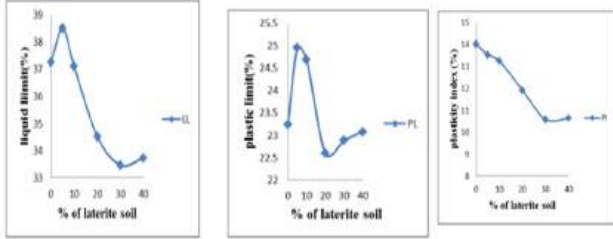
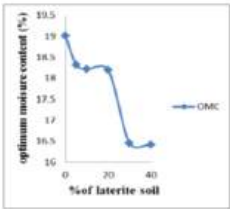
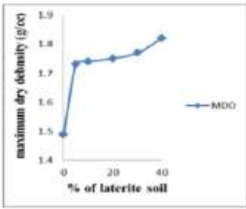
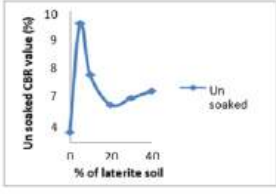
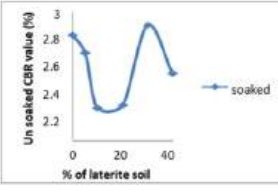
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Effect of Elastic Band Exercise on Core Endurance and Balance in Recreational Volleyball Players - An Interventional Study

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ABSTRACT

This study performs to investigate the effect of elastic band exercise on core endurance and balance in recreational volleyball players. A total of 48 male players who perform recreational sports between 18 to 25 years of age participated in the study. The participants were separated into two groups: Regular training group (n=24) and Elastic band group (n=24). Both groups were subjected to core muscles exercise programs for 6 weeks, 3 days a week. Core endurance and Balance were measured before and after exercise program using McGill core endurance test and Y balance test respectively. Hypothesis test using paired sample T-test and unpaired T-test with p value $P < 0.05$ statistically showed a significant increase in core endurance and balance. Based on the statistical tests, providing core stability exercise increase the core muscles endurance and balance of male recreational volleyball players.

Keywords: volleyball, core muscles, elastic band, endurance, balance

INTRODUCTION

Volleyball is a popular sport among the other team sports and is regarded as one of the most popular sports among men and women worldwide.[1] Volleyball is characterized by the absence of invasion of the opponent's field of play, with no physical contact between players, making performance largely dependent on individual physical abilities and technical skill.[2] Volleyball is assumed to be a safe sport compared to other team sports, However, volleyball players may be at risk for injuries due to sports specific tasks, such as jumping and landing, as well as spiking and blocking the ball.[3] Volleyball is a sport involving rapid and forceful movements of the body as a whole, both





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horizontally and vertically, and because of the large forces involved in such movements, it is inevitable that injuries occur.[4] Across all age and sex groups, the ankle was the most commonly injured body part (25.9%), followed by the knee (15.2%), fingers /thumb (10.7%) and lower back (8.9%).[5] To manage this risk, specific injury prevention strategies are needed. Training to improve core strength should also be considered for at risk athletes. Adequate strength in this region allows for effective summation of force throughout the kinetic chain, from proximal to distal, allowing the shoulder to play a greater role in expressing the force, rather than producing it.[6] The fairly or decreased harmony of core muscle leads to abnormal movement patterns, various compensatory movements and a variety of sports injury occur.[7]Core muscles also contribute about 50% of kinetic energy and the force for rapid arm movements such as bouncing and hitting the ball (smash), there is a pattern of muscle activation that starts from the contralateral oblique external muscle and continues to the arm. Core muscle strength affects the upper and lower extremities because if the muscle weakness, then the risk factors for injury to athletes increase.[8] Research proves that there is a significant relationship between good core muscle strength and the ability to service and smash. Core muscles and arm muscles contribute 86.4% to the ability to service and smash volleyball athletes.[9,10,11] The importance of core training contribute to the performance of the athletes by improving balance, strength, skill, and anaerobic power along with effective muscle development.[12] To achieve the strengthening of these core muscles, an exercise program is administered employing various equipment like elastic resistance, Swiss ball, springs, sandbags, etc.[13] An elastic resistance band is a unique type of resistance training. It is used in sports and rehabilitation medicine to improve muscular strength and endurance. The resistance of the elastic band depends upon the amount of the band is stretched. Elastic bands are available in different colours according to an assortment of grades. It includes the following colours: yellow(thin), red(medium), green(heavy), blue (extra heavy), silver (super heavy), and golden(max) and use of TheraBand improves flexibility, mobility, and daily activities.[14] Elastic bands offer a versatile and cost-effective means of resistance training. Examining their impact on core endurance and balance can provide practical insights into incorporating accessible and adaptable training tools into the routines of recreational volleyball players.

METHODOLOGY

Ethical approval was obtained from the institutional ethics committee before the study. 60 subjects were screened for eligibility and 48 subjects fulfilled the inclusion criteria were included in the study. Informed written consent was obtained after explaining the process of the research and merits-demerits of the study. Subjects were randomly divided into two groups using the chit method. Groups A (Elastic band exercise) (n=24) Group B (Routine training) (n=24). One participant from group A was discontinued during the training due to personal reasons. On the first visit, complete pre-intervention assessment was done, which included the descriptive data of age, height, weight, limb length, balance, and endurance for all the participants. Dominant leg was determined by the self-reported, preferred kicking leg by the subjects. McGill core endurance and Y balance test were taken as the pre-intervention and post-intervention. (after 6 weeks).

Inclusion Criteria

Willingness to participate, Age group between 18-25 years, Male subjects were included, Recreational volleyball players.[15,16]

Exclusion Criteria

History of recent upper and lower extremity fracture or any other pathology, Low back pain, Sustained injuries or any present deformity, any surgery in the upper or lower limbs for the past six months, Participate in elastic band exercise over the last six months.

The sample size was calculated with the formula given below:

The sample size for two means, quantitative data:[17]

$$N = 2 \times (Z_{\alpha} + Z_{\beta})^2 \times \frac{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2}{\delta^2}$$





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- Z_{α} is the critical value of the Normal distribution at α (e.g., for a confidence level of 95%, α is 0.05 and the critical value is 1.96)
- Z_{β} is the critical value of the Normal distribution at β (e.g., for a power of 80%, β is 0.2 and the critical value is 0.84)
- In this formula, we can accommodate two separate SD values for the two groups and δ remains simply as $(\mu_1 - \mu_2)$.

Exercise Program

Group A: Interventional Group (Elastic Band Exercise) (N=24)

Warm up – jogging & Cool down – Whole body active stretching

Elastic Band Exercise Program:[18]

Push-ups, curls ups, quadruped stabilization, bridging, side bridge Lower abdominal crunch

Correct elastic band for each participant chosen by asking them to perform the above activities-exercises, with a quantitative value of 10 and a qualitative value of “extremely hard or heavy.”[19] Same resistance TheraBand has been used for the subject, throughout the study by only increasing the repetitions and number of sets. The increment of repetition and sets for each week has been made as per the protocol.[20]

Frequency: – three times a week for six weeks

Intensity[25]:

WEEK	REPETITIONS	SETS
1 st	15	3
2 nd	15	4
3 rd & 4 th	20	4
5 th & 6 th	25	4

Time: 30-40minutes

Group B: Routine Training Group (N=24)

The routine exercises performed by the players at the academy were considered as standard activities and without any modification it was adopted for group B during the training.

Outcome Measures

McGill Core Endurance Test

The objective of the endurance tests was to hold a static position for as long as possible. The endurance tests were the trunk flexor test (ICC =0.93), trunk extensor test (ICC = 0.97), and bilateral side bridge tests (ICC = 0.91). The trunk flexor test began with the participant in the sit-up position with their trunk supported at 60 of trunk flexion. Knees and hips were flexed at 90, arms crossed over the chest, and feet secured. The support of the trunk was then removed, and the participant held the position for as long as possible. The test was terminated when the participant was no longer able to hold the position. The trunk extensor test was performed with the participant lying prone on a treatment table. Their pelvis, hips, and knees were secured to the treatment table, while a chair at the same height as the surface of the table supported the trunk and upper extremities. The chair was removed, and the individual held a horizontal body position for as long as possible with arms crossed over the chest. The test was discontinued when the participant fell below the horizontal position. The side bridge tests were performed in the side-lying position on a treatment table. The participant's knees were extended with the top foot placed in front of the lower foot. The participant supported their weight only on their lower elbow and feet while lifting their hips off the mat. The test was stopped when the side-lying position was lost or when the hips returned to the mat.[21]

Y Balance Test

consists of a three-part test that is used to assess lower extremity balance and neuromuscular control to predict lower extremity injury. participant viewed a YBT instructional video and performed six practice trials to maximus the perfection with the influence of a learning effect. The participants were instructed to stand on the center footplate,





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with the distal aspect of the right foot at the starting line. While maintaining single leg stance on the right leg, the subject reached with the free limb (left leg) in the anterior (ICC=0.93), posteromedial (ICC=0.91), and posterolateral (ICC=0.85) directions about the stance foot as far as possible. The Participants were complete their 3 consecutive trials for each reach direction. In order to reduce the fatigue, subjects were informed to alternate their sides between each direction. [2]

Statistical Analysis

Statistical analysis was done using SPSS version 20. Before the application of statistical tests, data were tested for the normal distribution by using the Shapiro-Wilk test. The Baseline characteristics were similar for both the groups and the data was normally distributed for all outcome measures. Within group and between group analysis of outcome measures were done after six weeks of completion of the intervention. The level of significance was kept at 5% at a confidence interval of 95%. Parametric tests were applied for within group and between group analysis as the data was normally distributed. Within group analysis was done using the Paired 't' test and Between group analysis was done using the Unpaired 't' test.

RESULT

Tests For Normality of Data

Shapiro-Wilk test shows the p-value of all the variables of Group A and Group B lies > 0.05 . Hence, they are normally distributed.

Baseline Characteristics

The baseline characteristics measured for Age (years), BMI (kg/m^2), Y balance reach distance scores in all directions, and McGill core endurance of both the groups. Baseline Independent 't' test was done to analyse the data and no statistical difference ($p > 0.05$) was found between the groups.

Within Group Analysis

1) Interventional Group (GROUP A):

Y Balance Test

Pre And Post Mean Y Balance Distance Reach (in cm) In Group A Dominant Side & Non-Dominant Side showed the p-value of the Y balance test in Group A lies at less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing within the group.

McGill Core endurance test: p-value of McGill core endurance test in Group A lies less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing within the group.

2) Routine Training Group (Group B)

Y Balance Test: Pre And Post Mean Y Balance Distance Reach (In Cm) In Group B Dominant SIDE & NON-Dominant Side showed the p-value of the Y balance test in Group A lies at less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing within the group.

McGill Core endurance test: p-value of McGill core endurance test in Group B lies less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing within the group.

Between Group Analysis

Between group analysis for Y balance reach distance analysed by using Unpaired 't' test. Analysis shows that there is a significant difference existing between Group A (Interventional) and Group B (routine training) in the Y balance test in all directions ($p < 0.05$). Between group analysis for McGill, the core endurance test was analysed by using the Unpaired 't' test. Analysis shows that there is a significant difference existing between Group A (Interventional) and Group B (routine training) in the McGill core endurance test ($p < 0.05$). The above results show that the Core muscles endurance and balance in recreational volleyball players are significantly improved on both the dominant and non-



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dominant side of Group A (Interventional) and Group B (Regular training). The result shows that there is a higher significant difference existing in Group A than Group B.

DISCUSSION

This study evaluated the effects of six-week elastic band exercise training on core muscle endurance and balance of recreational volleyball players. Volleyball is a branch that consists of different techniques and tactics involving short-term high-intensity exercise and low-intensity exercise. Thus, such performance as endurance and balance are needed during training and competitions, the concept was seconded by Mehmet Cakir(2022).[23] Reducing the endurance of muscle groups may cause abnormal movement or displacement in different parts of the body.[24] People with lower trunk muscle endurance are more supposed to be exposed to structural pressures, which may lead to inappropriate pressure on the spinal column and cause lower back injury.[25] After six weeks of intervention, the elastic band exercise group demonstrated greater improvement in core endurance than the regular training group. The result of the current study is aligned with those of Torbati Nezhad Z, Daneshmandi H, *et al.* (2019)[24] the sole study that has explored the improvement of endurance. The present study, is related to the nature and difficulty of the exercises, as well as the use of multicomponent movements with more repetitions for six weeks of core stabilization exercises which can affect the good performance of the person and bring about improvements. Previous experimental Trials of Kaun Dong, Yu T *et al* (2023), have postulated the same findings in Rugby players. He discovered a positive correlation between the static muscle endurance of core trunk muscles and the physical ability of rugby players through an experimental study.[26] John M. Mayer postulated that, the higher levels of endurance from various muscle groups, including the lower trunk are positively related to better performance in sports and on specific tasks (2015).[27,28] Hodges and Richardson (2002) identified that the trunk muscle activity before the activity of the lower extremity, which helps the spine to stiffen leading to a foundation for functional movements. They also found that the transversus abdominus is the first muscle to become active prior to actual limb movement and this preprogrammed activation of the transversus abdominus was a component of the strategy used by the CNS to control spinal stability.[29] Previous investigators Su Hlaing, Puntumetakul *et al* (2021), have postulated that the Re-educating of TrA (transverse abdominis) and LM (lumber multifidus) muscles, which have rich sources of sensory input and play an important role in providing postural control and enhancing balance control.[30] The results of the present study support these findings. On the other hand, Nurten Dinc, Ergin E, *et al* (2019), reported that the six weeks of Core training did not have a significant effect on the balance ability of 500m runners. It is thought that, the reason why core training has no effect on balance in runners is due to the type I muscle fibrils with aerobic properties in long distance runners.[31] Positive findings by Raouf Hammami, Gene Morales, *et al* (2022), defined that elastic band training easier to produce adaptations in youth. EBT performed as explosive, multi-joint movements against resistance, exemplifying many athletic actions, and accentuating the task or action specificity of sport.[32] Jonas Vinstrup, Sundstrup, *et al* (2015) proposed that the exercise utilizing elastic resistance showed an increased contraction time compared to the machine as greater time under tension would cause fatigue across a larger spectrum of muscle fibers, elastic exercise was performed with a greater lever arm would also increase the demand on the postural muscles.[33] The findings of the current study are consonant with previous research; and provide clinicians with a method of improving dynamic balance by elastic band exercise.

CONCLUSION

This study supports that the Elastic Band (EB) provides enough stimuli to improve core endurance and balance in recreational volleyball players. These aforementioned parameters are related to the performance in volleyball and thus, we can state that the Elastic Band Training (EBT) improves the performance of the young volleyball players.





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Within Group Analysis

Table.1: Interventional Group (Group A)

Y balance (Dominant Side& Non-Dominant Side). The table shows the p-value of the y balance test in group a lies at less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing within the group.

Y Balance Test Group	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
A (Dom. Side)	Anterior	74.79±7.63	81.79±7.61	-19.94	0.00
	Posteromedial	76.45±6.54	85.79±6.67	-16.56	0.00
	Posterolateral	78.29±6.96	86.75±5.70	-11.75	0.00
	Composite	86.86±6.54	95.99±7.25	-14.41	0.00

Y Balance Test Group	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
A	Anterior	73.37±5.33	80.66±5.41	-32.99	0.00





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A (Non-Dom. Side)	Posteromedial	75.37±5.17	84.45±4.50	-31.52	0.00
	Posterolateral	75.20±6.23	86.25±6.62	-16.18	0.00
	Composite	85.05±6.83	95.51±7.56	-25.52	0.00

Table.2: McGill Core endurance test

Core Endurance Group A	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
	Flexor	66.45±25.51	95.75±25.28	-14.48	0.00
	Extensor	67.16±27.33	102.50±28.92	-17.98	0.00
	Side Bridge - RT	59.37±21.75	82.41±19.60	-7.56	0.00
	Side Bridge - LT	62.37±24.47	79.00±16.88	-4.17	0.00

Table.3: Routine Training Group

Y Balance Test Group B(Dom. Side)	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
	Anterior	73.04±9.21	76.47±8.50	-7.123	0.00
	Posteromedial	79.95±6.39	81.65±6.39	-4.811	0.00
	Posterolateral	80.78±5.49	83.65±4.44	-7.682	0.00
	Composite	86.84±5.42	89.81±4.97	-10.61	0.00

Y Balance Test Group B(Non-Dom. Side)	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
	Anterior	70.82±8.50	76.08±7.60	-14.743	0.00
	Posteromedial	78.30±5.75	81.60±4.74	-8.957	0.00
	Posterolateral	78.78±5.63	82.56±5.72	-10.814	0.00
	Composite	84.57±4.28	89.18±4.22	-19.723	0.00

Core Endurance Group B	Outcome Subscore	PRE Mean±SD	POST Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE
	Flexion	59.56±29.31	78.56±31.09	-11.64	0
	Extensor	65.69±20.13	87.78±19.82	-14.55	0
	Side Bridge - RT	55.78±17.93	64.56±20.34	-3.26	0.04
	Side Bridge - LT	60.78±18.94	66.21±21.92	-2.17	0.04

Table.4: Between Group Analysis

Table shows the p value of the Y balance test between the group is less than 0.05 reveals that there is a significant difference existing between the group.

Y Balance Test Both Groups (Dominant Side)	Outcome Subscore	Group A Post Mean±SD	Group B Post Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE	Significance
	Anterior	81.79±7.61	76.47±8.50	2.259	0.029	Sig.
	Postero -Medial	85.79±6.67	81.65±6.39	2.17	0.035	Sig.
	Postero -Lateral	86.75±5.70	83.65±4.44	2.07	0.044	Sig.
	Composite	96.49±6.97	89.81±4.97	3.766	0.00	Sig.

Both Groups (Non Dom.Side)	Outcome Subscore	Group A Post Mean±SD	Group B Post Mean±SD	t-VALUE	p-VALUE	Significance
	Anterior	80.66±5.41	76.08±7.60	2.386	0.021	Sig.
	Postero -Medial	84.45±4.50	81.60±4.74	2.113	0.04	Sig.
	Postero -Lateral	86.25±6.62	82.56±5.72	2.037	0.048	Sig.





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	Composite	95.51±7.56	89.18±4.22	3.516	0.001	Sig.

Core Endurance Test Both Groups	Outcome Subscore	Group A Post Mean±SD	Group B Post Mean±SD	t-VALUE	P- VALUE	Significance
	Flexor	95.75±25.28	78.56±31	2.083	0.043	Sig.
	Extensor	102.50±28.92	87.78±19.82	2.026	0.049	Sig.
	Side Bridge Right	82.41±19.60	64.56±20.34	3.063	0.004	Sig.
	Side Bridge Left	79.00±16.88	66.21±21.92	2.246	0.03	Sig.



Figure.1: (A) Push Ups



Figure.2: (B) Curls Ups



Figure.3: (C) Side Bridge



Figure.4: (D) Lower Abdominal Crunch





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Figure.8: Anterior

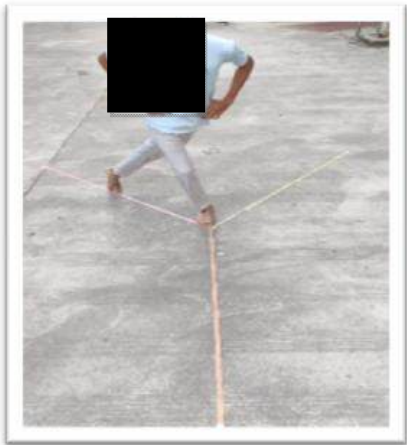


Figure.9: Postero-medial



Figure.10: Right and left side bridge test photograph
Mcgill Core Endurance Test

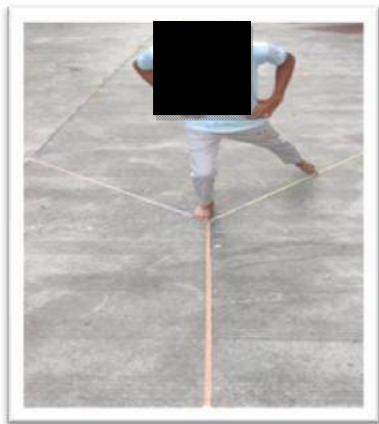


Figure.11: Postero-lateral Photograph
Y Balance Test





RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Science of Motherhood: Biology, Attachment, and Maternal Bonds in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*

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ABSTRACT

This research paper assesses some of the paradigms in the intersections between literature and other disciplines—given the relationship between literature and science in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*—that necessarily refer to the bodies and the different dimensions of motherhood to neuroscience, psychology, and evolutionary biology. Sethe, the novel's protagonist, embodies maternal love, trauma, and sacrifice, rendering *Beloved* an apt text to consider motherhood's biological and psychological dimensions. This research aims to further reach the understanding of Morrison's idea of maternal instincts and psychological suffering by integrating scientific theories such as attachment theory, neurobiology of maternal bonding, and trauma studies. These findings show that Morrison's portrayal of motherhood lines up with scientific research on maternal bonding, grief, and survival mechanisms. Sethe's emotional and physiological reactions to trauma echo what researchers have found about the physical effects of extreme stress on brain function and behaviour. Neuroscience reveals that Sethe's compulsive attachment to *Beloved*; her overprotective instincts and her psychological unravelling are manifestations of complex grief disorder and PTSD. The novel also brings into sharp relief the effects of the forced separation of mothers and infants in the system of American slavery, demonstrating how trauma interferes with lactation, attachment and mental health. The argument also concludes that Morrison's story gives not just the historical and emotional context of motherhood, but also a scientifically informed experience of maternal psychology and trauma. Sethe's motivations are not just neurobiological and evolutionary imperatives, but also historical and political, and her acts that are so often denounced (and often rightly so) as irrational or extreme have the right to at least be acknowledged in their complexity. The use of multiple disciplines here serves to deepen the understanding of what *Beloved* brings to the table: maternal behaviour is an emotional experience as well as a biologically driven survival instinct. The paper

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concludes with a call for more research along the lines of neuroscience and psychology also in literary analysis to overcome the gap between science and the humanities. Future studies might analyze maternal instincts in *Beloved* alongside other literary texts, explore related topics in Morrison's other books, and question the interconnections between trauma and biology in shaping maternal resilience across cultures and histories.

Keywords: Attachment theory, motherhood, mental health, neuroscience, biology, lactation, psychology.
“Grown don’t mean nothing to a mother. A child is a child. They get bigger and older, but grown? What’s that supposed to mean? In my heart, it doesn’t mean a thing”. (Morrison)

INTRODUCTION

The present study, thus, uses scientific and psychological lenses to investigate motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved* by employing theories based on biology, neuroscience, and attachment psychology to create a more nuanced understanding of Sethe's maternal instincts. Toni Morrison's *Beloved* (1987) is a seminal American work, one in which Morrison investigates the ephemeral traces slavery leaves on the mind and body, framed through the notions of motherhood, trauma and memory. Inspired by the true story of Margaret Garner, the novel follows Sethe, a formerly enslaved woman haunted by the ghost of the child she murdered rather than allow the child to be enslaved. Morrison deftly intertwines history and horror to tell the sometimes-haunting tale of suppressed trauma and maternal grieving. As Sethe comes to terms with the emotional burdens of her past deep study of the human soul. The novel's exploration of Sethe's actions — her desperate attempt to shield her child from slavery's horrors — poses intriguing questions about maternal instincts, attachment and the neuroscience of grief.

Toni Morrison, one of the greatest voices of contemporary literature, was born in 1931 and became the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature, in 1993. Her listed novels which include *The Bluest Eye* (1970), *Song of Solomon* (1977) and *Beloved* (1987) — touch on race, identity and the psychological processes involved in historical trauma. Morrison's stories are rooted in African American history, folklore and oral traditions that give her works personal, as well as wide-ranging, relevance. Not only does Morrison reconstruct the trauma of slavery through *Beloved*, but she also offers a deeply personal examination of motherhood, love, and loss, allowing for an excellent text for interdisciplinary analysis across the fields of literature, neuroscience, psychology, and biology. To fully comprehend the choices Sethe made and the part of her that's driven by maternal instinct, we must explore the science of motherhood. Neuroscience is based on the Greek words neuron (nerve) and scientia (knowledge); defined, it is the scientific study of the nervous system, in particular how the brain processes emotions, memories, and survival instincts (Kandel et al. 29). Research from neuroscience has shown that maternal behaviour is inextricably tied to 'love hormone' oxytocin-secretion, the release of which bolsters maternal bonding, so-called 'attachment' (Feldman 45). Neuroscientific findings on how the brain processes maternal attachment and trauma can be analyzed through the lens of Sethe's overwhelming love and fear of losing her child.

Psychology, from the Greek psyche (soul, mind) and logos (study) is the study of behaviour and mental processes (Myers 12). Attachment theory and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) also serve as significant lenses through which to analyze Sethe's actions and mental state in *Beloved*. According to John Bowlby's attachment theory, the primary bond formed between mothers and children is essential to emotional security; if this bond is broken, the child may experience psychological distress (Bowlby 82). Sethe's relationship with Beloved, a maelstrom of love and guilt, illustrates the psychological complexities of maternal attachment and loss. Besides, biology, originating from the Greek bios (life) and logos (study) is the scientific study of life and living organisms, with human behaviour and evolution (Carter 33). According to evolutionary biology, maternal behaviour is an outcome of survival instincts, as the mother prioritises the well-being of her offspring, even at the cost of her safety. Sethe's drastic decision to take





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her child's life rather than allow the child to be enslaved is theorized within an evolutionary framework of maternal sacrifice, illustrating the intersection of biology and literature.

This research aims to combine neuroscience, psychology, and biology to analyze *Beloved* not just as a literature study, but also to investigate how Morrison's interpretation of motherhood corresponds with current scientific paradigms of maternal bonds, trauma, and survival. Interdisciplinary analysis of Sethe's experience reveals deeper dynamics of biological and psychological forces that motivate maternal behaviour, securing the connection between science and literature in Morrison's moving narrative.

The review article aims to answer the following research questions:

- How do biological, neurological, and psychological theories of motherhood explain Sethe's maternal instincts and behaviour in *Beloved*?
- How does neuroscience explain maternal bonding and sacrifice?
- What role does attachment theory play in understanding Sethe's relationship with Beloved and Denver?
- How does Morrison's portrayal of motherhood align with scientific studies on grief, memory, and maternal behaviour?

LITERATURE REVIEW

The theme of motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved* has been widely examined from historical, feminist, and psychoanalytic angles. The trauma of enslavement, maternal bereavement and the haunting spectre of epochs of atrocity have by now been explored by scholars, but fewer have delved into the scientific aspects of motherhood in the novel. This literature review aims to fill this gap by summarizing existing scholarship on *Beloved* while weaving in through a lens informed by neuroscience, psychology, and evolutionary biology of maternal instincts and mother-child bonding in Morrison's narrative. Terry Paul Caesar's article "Slavery and Motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*" explores the complex interplay between the institution of slavery and the idea of motherhood in Morrison's work. In *Beloved*, slavery and motherhood are intertwined to such an extent that Caesar proposes that they become "convertible terms" in the narrative. In this light, the experiences of enslavement and motherhood overlap in the novel to the extent that each reflects and informs the other.

In "Slavery, Motherhood, and Recurring Trauma in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*," Erik Lorenz discusses the trauma slavery inflicted upon Black mothers and their daughters, its effects extending beyond emancipation. Using historical research, E.P. Thompson's definition of class, and Cathy Caruth's trauma theory, Lorenz analyzes Morrison's representations of maternal relationships and the stable influence of slavery on family subtleties. Epitomizing "Motherhood" abstraction to the "Embodiment" through different lenses of Literature, one such replicated phenomenon is also scribed in the article "Representation and Portrayal of Motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*" penned by K. Srividya Lakshmi and Dr. R. Udhayakumar respectively. Using a feminist theoretical lens, the paper investigates Morrison's critical stance on conventional mothering through her characters, focusing on Sethe and Baby Suggs. Mothering Is Not a Thing to Do — This is an Autobiographical overview Morrison employs in the latter half of this piece by thinking through the implications of what she has to say about maternal bodies as they interact with one another and the context of their (post)slave status: maternal sacrifice, resilience, and how slavery reduces the maternal body to property bring Morrison's narrative style and symbolic imagery to light, pointing out the contradiction that lies in maternal identity, which shows up in a fractured way both in the fragility and persistence of the maternal body.

In the book *Love and Motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved** by Zita Rarastesia through Black feminist lens, Rarastesia studies the ways female characters engage with past trauma as they take on their present lives, paying special attention to the lasting effects enslavement has on their identities and relationships.

Aqueel Akhtar has written a thesis on Discovery of Selfhood in the Novels of Toni Morrison. Akhtar explores how Morrison's characters grapple with their own identities within the complexities of the social and cultural worlds they are a part of, reflecting the larger African American experience.



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Monika Singh, in a thesis titled "Mothering in Select Novels of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker", explores the themes of motherhood in the works of the two most celebrated AfricanAmerican authors. Morrison and Walker: Singh attempts to dissect the archetypal mother image that Morrison and Walker present in their respective novels, and what they hope to convey about identity and strength through them, especially as they develop against the backdrop of African-American culture. The research investigates the multi-faceted nature of motherhood as both a life-giving and an all-consuming experience for the maternal characters in the texts identified.

The article by Christopher Peterson, titled "Beloved's Claim," is about the relationship between kinship, property, and possession in Morrison's novel, *Beloved*. Critique of approach: Peterson opposes work that aligns kinship with social oppression or slavery, contending instead that kinship is itself similar to slavery/ownership. He rebuts claims that view Sethe's infanticide as an act of maternal love unqualified by violence, pointing out how such readings erase how all possessive claims over others are violent. Comparing and contrasting Sethe's depiction with that of Margaret Garner, the historical figure that inspired Morrison's novel, Peterson points out that the text's deliberate exclusion of miscegenation is used to emphasize an idealized notion of maternal love.

RESEARCH GAP

Moreover, while *Beloved* has received extensive treatment by scholars in various disciplines, especially on the topics of trauma, memory, and motherhood, what is lacking is an interdisciplinary examination of the novel through the lenses of science and psychology, in the form of neuroscience, attachment theory, and evolutionary biology. To explore this, we draw on research in neuroscience, psychology, and evolutionary biology to examine the scientific understandings of maternal attachment, stress responses, and the evolutionary imperative to protect offspring to elucidate how Sethe's actions reflect these scientific findings. Through this interdisciplinary lens, this study provides Morrison's and motherhood a new substantive interpretation not available through more traditional symbolic and historical readings or analysis.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

This interdisciplinary study uses literary criticism, psychology, neuroscience, and evolutionary biology to examine the theme of motherhood in Toni Morrison's *Beloved*. This research relies mostly on qualitative research methods, analyzing texts to discuss Sethe's maternal instincts from scientific and psychological perspectives. Close readings of *Beloved* are performed to locate maternal behaviour, survival instincts, and attachment in addition to Morrison's narrative techniques in rendering Sethe's psychological state. Using attachment theory, developed by John Bowlby and Mary Ainsworth, the article seeks to unpack the intimate and complex relationship between Sethe and Beloved, illustrating how trauma and separation anxiety play a significant role in defining maternal attachment. The neurobiology of the mother is also in the picture as we explore the role of stress, trauma, and survival instincts in maternal decision-making, a scientific view of Sethe's total crazy-making.

The analysis also submerges evolutionary biology into the mix: the instinct to protect offspring in a highly charged environment. The study compares other English literature that explores themes of maternal sacrifice and attachment to help screen *Beloved* in a comparative sense. In addition, literature review cites scientific studies on maternal bonding and trauma to substantiate the study, thus linking literary scholars and researchers. The study is also interested in existing scholarship on *Beloved*, particularly concerning motherhood, trauma, and psychology. Investigating blind spots in scientific discourse, this study provides a novel approach to the analysis of Morrison's conceptualisation of motherhood and adds to the conversation by examining maternal impulses and psychological robustness as encapsulated by the life and legacy of the mother. The research methodology seeks to achieve the following aims and objectives:

This research aims to explore motherhood in *Beloved* through a scientific lens, analyzing Sethe's maternal instincts using neuroscience, psychology, and evolutionary biology to provide a new dimension to Morrison's portrayal of maternal love and sacrifice.



**Objectives**

1. To analyze Sethe's mothering behaviour through the lens of attachment theory and neurobiology, highlighting how trauma influences maternal instincts.
2. To examine Morrison's depiction of maternal love through scientific understandings of survival instincts and emotional bonding.
3. To explore the role of evolutionary biology in shaping maternal sacrifice and protective behaviour in high-stress environments.
4. To bridge the gap between literary and scientific disciplines, offering an interdisciplinary reading of *Beloved* that moves beyond historical and feminist perspectives.
5. To contribute to the broader discourse on motherhood by integrating scientific research with Morrison's literary exploration of maternal identity and resilience.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**The Biology of Maternal Bonds in *Beloved*:**

One of Morrison's major achievements in *Beloved* is the deeply complex and emotionally intense representation of motherhood, which breaks with previous literary interpretations and digs into basic biological and psychological processes. Sethe's obsessive attachment to her children, and especially to her dead daughter Beloved, can thus be analyzed through the lens of maternal bonding biology, focusing as it does on the hormones and neuro chemicals that influence maternal bonding.

Hormonal Influence on Motherhood: How Oxytocin and Cortisol Drive Sethe's**Maternal Instincts**

Hormonal changes shape motherhood, notably the interplay of oxytocin (the love hormone) and cortisol (the stress hormone). Sethe has an intense bond with her daughter, Beloved, and when she chooses to kill her daughter to avoid enslavement this can also be explained, in part, within this neurobiological framework. Oxytocin is critical for maternal bonding, enhancing feelings of love, trust and protectiveness. Oxytocin is released during childbirth and breastfeeding and at times of intimate emotional connection. Sethe's profound bond with Beloved long before she is born reflects the biological urge of oxytocin to form an exclusive and intense maternal attachment. Sethe remembers her close bond with Beloved before she was born: "Beloved, she, my daughter. She mine" (Morrison 200). Whereas cortisol is the main stress hormone in the body. It significantly impacts maternal defence mechanisms. Studies have shown that mothers under intense stress, with high levels of cortisol, can heighten protective behaviours and react negatively to anything perceived as a threat to their child's safety. Sethe's effort to kill Beloved is an ultimate biological stress response, a maternal instinct case where in wanting to protect her child from a life that she thinks will be worse than death, she decides to kill her. The trauma of slavery intensifies this stress response, mirroring the high level of protectiveness and anxiety experienced by Sethe. Researchers have shown that a mother's elevated levels of the stress hormone cortisol under severe stress can amplify protective behaviours, resulting in extreme measures, when used with a child (Feldman et al. 2010).

This examination of biologically driven maternal attachment is part of a larger conversation in literature, one that spans novels as diverse as Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *The Yellow Wallpaper* and Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, about the unrealistic pressures and burdens imposed on women, especially mothers, by a system that sees them as other, knows no rational barriers. Oxytocin creates an unbreakable bond between Sethe and Beloved; cortisol-induced stress responses drive her ferocious protectiveness. Not only does Morrison's novel offer a literary examination of maternal love and sacrifice but its themes fit into the body of scientific knowledge on motherhood, thus making *Beloved* a rich text for interdisciplinary study. Oxytocin creates an almost indelible bond between Sethe and Beloved, while cortisol-triggered stress responses fuel her fierce protectiveness. She argues that Morrison's novel is a literary representation of maternal love and sacrifice that aligns with scientific models of motherhood, and therefore *Beloved* is a text ripe for interdisciplinary study.



**Lubna Tabassum and H.M. Arif****The Neuroscience of Protection: How Sethe's Brain Processes Fear and Survival, Leading to Her Extreme Actions:**

One of the most controversial and turning points in the novel is Sethe's killing of her daughter to spare her from being sold into slavery. While this act has been widely criticized from literary, historical, and psychological perspectives, the same can be argued from the neurosciences, specifically the way the brain responds to fear, trauma, and the fight-or-flight response. Sethe's behaviour can be understood as a neurobiological response to extreme stress from the brain's amygdala, prefrontal cortex, and stress-relieving hormones. The amygdala, a small almond-shaped brain structure, is the one that reacts to fear, threat recognition, and emotional response to danger. Neuroscientific research indicates that trauma survivors, especially those who have been exposed to long-duration fear (such as enslaved individuals), generally have an overactivated amygdala (Van der Kolk 83).

In *Beloved*, Sethe's entire existence is characterized by trauma and fear, particularly after having escaped from Sweet Home, the house where she was enslaved. The mere sight of a schoolteacher approaching her triggers her amygdala, which likely triggers an automatic response to survival beyond the domain of reason. This is consistent with what scientists call "amygdala hijacking", whereby the brain reacts to extreme stress by engaging primitive defence mechanisms without leaving time for rational thinking (Goleman 17). Sethe describes her motivation as being instant and instinctive: "And if she'd gone back to Sweet Home, she'd have to be there with the men without skin" (Morrison 192). This is the way her phobic mind conceptualizes slavery as being worse than death, and that is what causes her to react with the protective instinct to save Beloved at all costs. Prefrontal cortex (PFC) enables reasoning, planning over a long duration, and impulse control. Ideally, it governs emotional responses based on consequences and alternatives. Severe stress and trauma lead to the prefrontal cortex shutting down, and the amygdala takes control (Arnsten 410). Sethe's action to kill Beloved would appear irrational, but neurobiologically, she is unable to think clearly under the intense flight response that comes with the approach of the schoolteacher. There is evidence suggesting that mothers having been subjected to severe trauma have a tendency to overestimate threats to their children, and as a consequence, this could produce hyper-protective or inappropriate defensive behaviour (Yehuda et al. 406).

This is also highlighted later when Sethe thinks about her decision, still holding onto the fact that it was the best way to save Beloved. Her mind is in trauma-survival mode and thus cannot feel regret or other alternatives. Sethe's response to the threat of being recaptured is a textbook example of the fight-or-flight response, a physiological mechanism that serves to assist organisms in defending themselves against injury. The fight-or-flight response, controlled by the sympathetic nervous system, triggers the release of hormones such as adrenaline and cortisol, which prepare the body to battle against or flee from a threatening stimulus. In the case of Sethe, rather than flee, she chooses to "fight" in a way that will never let Beloved know about slavery. This follows evolutionary models of maternal defence, where mothers living under stressful conditions often employ drastic defensive measures in protecting their offspring (Hrdy 276). Morrison sums up Sethe's point of view in dire language: "She had to be safe and I put her where she would be" (Morrison 200). The cortisol surge from stress would have probably fuelled her hyper-protection, bringing on an impulsive, permanent decision.

Sethe's fearful maternal instincts are contrasted with other literary representations of fervent maternal protection. Charlotte Perkins Gilman's *The Yellow Wallpaper* explores the neurological effects of postpartum depression, demonstrating how hormonal imbalance distorts a mother's perception of reality. Margaret Atwood's *The Handmaid's Tale* is a dystopian regime where mothers are biologically conditioned to protect their children, even if it means rebelling against oppressive regimes. Like Sethe, Atwood's heroine is afflicted with heightened amygdala activity due to chronic oppression and fear.

Sethe's actions in *Beloved* may be described not merely as a psychological or moral collapse but as a reaction to trauma, explainable scientifically. Amygdala processing of fear, weakening of the prefrontal cortex by stress, and the fight-or-flight response are all implicated in her hyper-maternalism. Through the application of neuroscience to literary critique, Morrison's novel may be read not merely as a historical and emotional record but as a study of the effects of trauma in reorganizing the brain.



**Lubna Tabassum and H.M. Arif****Breastfeeding, Nourishment, and Symbolism: The Biocultural Role of Milk in *Beloved*:**

In Toni Morrison's *Beloved*, breastfeeding plays a significant role. Not only this act is biological but it is a rich symbolic one which contains itself emotions such as love, loss and control. The use of breastmilk by Morrison focussed keen attention on the relationship between a mother and her child and also when it comes to slavery it becomes furious destruction of the maternal bond. In the novel, nursing transcends physiological needs, becoming a site of both emotional closeness and traumatic rupture.

Physiologically, breastfeeding enhances mother-child attachment through the release of oxytocin, a hormone that enhances attachment and emotional balance. Modern neuroscience confirms that early care by the mother, particularly through breastfeeding, has long-term effects on an infant's neurological and emotional development. "Breastfeeding regulates stress responses in the mother and child and thus enhances a secure attachment that develops cognitive and emotional resilience" as explored in the studies by Ruth Feldman and James F. Leckman. The determination of Sethe to give her children breast milk even when she is suffering shows her natural tendency to ensure their survival and emotional well-being. This attachment is, however, brutally severed by the inhuman practices of slavery, where mothers are typically separated from their children, thus denying them crucial acts of comfort and nourishment. Morrison redefines breast milk as love and loss, symbolizing Sethe's most fundamental act of motherhood. Sethe in the novel remembers when the schoolteacher's nephew forcibly "took her milk" is a violation for a mother. This action was a dehumanizing experience as a slave for Sethe and it also endures reproductive potential that was manipulated by the employers of Sweet Home. From a psychoanalytic perspective, Sethe's preoccupation with this loss proves an unresolved trauma, a moment of absolute helplessness that recurs throughout the novel. The theft of her milk is more than a bodily violation of her body—it is a violation of her sense of self as a mother.

The novel also evokes the trauma of forced separation and its effects on lactation, maternal health, and emotional stability. Trauma and lactation physiology studies confirm maternal stress to have severely disrupted milk production. The body's stress response, driven by cortisol and adrenaline, inhibits the release of oxytocin, thus making breastfeeding more difficult or impossible. Enslaved women, who were subjected to constant violence and uncertainty, often suffered from disrupted lactation and were compelled to wet-nurse the children of white enslavers while denied the right to nurse their infants. Morrison's narration of Sethe's inability to keep her milk in the presence of savage conditions mirrors the historical reality that many enslaved mothers went through. The inability to nurse one's child, coupled with the trauma of losing them, would have contributed to emotional distress, leading to depression, post-traumatic stress, and even psychosomatic illness.

Sethe's frantic effort to provide her children with her milk before they are taken away from her indicates her desire to have some degree of control over their destinies. Milk here is an act of agency—a clear act of maternal love in the face of the erasure of her maternal self. This is a reading that agrees with Bessel van der Kolk's trauma theory, which states that individuals who have been traumatized tend to get stuck in repetitive cycles of re-living past pain to integrate what was never integrated into conscious awareness. Sethe's compulsive recollection of the incident of the theft of her milk is a classic example, as she is haunted by the desecration of her capacity to nourish her children. In *Beloved*, breast milk is the symbol of the mothering power, yet for the violence of a system that ruptures that bond through force. Morrison's presentation is in accord with contemporary research into the psychological and physiological significance of breastfeeding, showing the devastating outcomes that ensue from its interference for both mother and child. The novel thus connects not only one woman's trauma but also uncovers the more general historical trauma that was perpetrated on slave women, whose very maternal capacities were deliberately subverted against them.

Attachment and Maternal Behaviour in *Beloved*

The novel provides a detailed examination of maternal relationships informed by experiences of trauma, the survival strategy, and the theme of loss. Using the theory of attachment, which was first formulated by John Bowlby and later refined by Mary Ainsworth, the relationships between Sethe and Denver, and Sethe and Beloved, can be examined in



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terms of the psychological impact of slavery on maternal relationships. Morrison's descriptions of motherchild relationships align with empirical evidence on attachment patterns, separation anxiety, and maternal trauma's long-term effects. Attachment theory suggests early caregiver-child relationships significantly impact a child's emotional and psychological development. Secure attachment is formed when a caregiver is constantly responding to a child's emotional and physical needs, therefore establishing trust and autonomy. Insecure attachment is formed when a caregiver is inconsistent, neglectful, or emotionally unavailable, therefore leading to anxiety and dependency issues (Ainsworth et al. 23).

Denver, Sethe's one surviving child, has a special duality of security and insecurity in her attachment to Sethe. She was too attached to her mother Sethe. She never went out without her mother. This shows Denver's infancy as an absolute attachment towards Sethe. Her beautiful bonding can be seen, "She nursed Denver with a deathly urgency as though milk was all that stood between them and death" (Morrison 152). Nevertheless, this special bonding creates a sense of dependency on Denver which breaks at the end of the novel. Over time, Denver creates social isolation through the judgment of Sethe's past by the community. This engages an insecure attachment style in which Denver struggles with abandonment and self. In her teenage years, she exhibits anxious-preoccupied attachment behaviour, reaching out while also dreading the effects of Sethe's overly protective but smothering affection. "She knew her mother's fear because it was hers" (Morrison 205).

The psychological growth of Denver is greatly impaired by her over-reliance on Sethe, which denies her independence until she eventually leaves the home setting in search of help. Her growth is her progression towards attaining emotional balance. Research on children of traumatized parents, in this case, parents with PTSD and extreme emotional distress, shows that mothers who undergo such trauma may unconsciously pass on anxiety and emotional dysregulation to their children (Yehuda et al. 410). Denver's attachment problems are in line with research on intergenerational trauma where children of trauma survivors become overly sensitive to emotional pain. Unlike her bond with Denver, Sethe's bond with Beloved is characterized by guilt, unresolved mourning, and excessive love. Attachment theory holds that separation anxiety arises when a child is suddenly taken from a caregiver and thus experiences distress and disruption in attachment (Bowlby 56). The appearance of Beloved as a ghost symbolizes Sethe's failure to cope with her mourning, resulting in a disrupted pattern of attachment.

When Sethe becomes aware of Beloved's ghostly life, she becomes highly emotionally invested, trying to repay the love she has stolen: "Beloved She, my daughter. She mine" (Morrison 236). Sethe's preoccupations with the ghost of Beloved lead her to abandon Denver, thus compromising her ability to provide proper maternal care. Over-attaching is characteristic of disorganized attachment, a condition common in mothers who have experienced extreme trauma. Sethe's fervent dedication to Beloved aligns with studies on postpartum depression and maternal guilt, which suggest that mothers who experience extreme loss or trauma often practice overcompensation in future relationships (Feldman 273). This explains Sethe's behaviours of offering Beloved the best sustenance, exhausting her resources to feed her, and eventually becoming emotionally attached to her. The novel suggests that maternal guilt, coupled with historical trauma, can lead to dangerous relational patterns, as seen in Sethe's inability to release Beloved, which leads to emotional and physical deterioration.

Through the relationship between Denver and Beloved, and Sethe and Beloved, Morrison probes the neuroscience and psychology of maternal attachment, especially within trauma-induced situations. As Denver's attachment process moves from dependence to autonomy, Sethe's attachment to Beloved is still mired in guilt and unresolved loss. Through the confluence of attachment theory, neuroscience, and psychology, Morrison's novel makes the understanding of motherhood both a biological imperative and a multifaceted emotional process determined by history and trauma deeper.

The Neuroscience of Maternal Grief and Trauma in *Beloved*:

Grief, especially maternal grief, is a complex emotional response involving the amygdala, prefrontal cortex, and anterior cingulate cortex. According to O'Connor, "Neuroscientific research indicates that the amygdala, prefrontal



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cortex, and anterior cingulate cortex process loss and emotional distress" (O'Connor 20). Keizer analyses, "The amygdala, responsible for emotional control and threat evaluation, is hyperactivated in bereaved mothers, leading to heightened fear and anxiety" (Keizer et al. 678). According to Freed, "The prefrontal cortex, responsible for rationality, struggles to control these emotions, resulting in poor decision-making and additional distress" (Freed et al. 302). The scholar Shear's empirical study established that "Mothers experiencing child loss may exhibit symptoms similar to PTSD" (Shear et al. 103). Such a condition is commonly known as Prolonged Grief Disorder (PGD) in that the brain is unable to adjust to loss, thereby leaving the person in a continuous pattern of pain and bereavement (Prigerson et al. 556). Sethe's obsession with Beloved, whom she acknowledges as both a dead daughter and haunting presence, is a manifestation of this neuropsychological impact since she is emotionally stuck in her past and does not have any closure for the trauma.

Sethe's Psychological Breakdown: Prolonged Grief Disorder and PTSD:

Sethe's mental deterioration in *Beloved* is very similar to the symptoms of PTSD and PGD. PTSD is dominated by hypervigilance, flashbacks, dysregulation of emotions, and an inability to let go of traumatic memories (Van der Kolk 225). Sethe is constantly reliving the trauma of having her daughter killed, unable to detach from the horror and feelings of guilt over the incident. Her interactions with Beloved, both ghostly and real, indicate her shattered sense of reality, one of the symptoms common in victims of trauma (Herman 74). Neuro-scientifically, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) disrupts normal thought patterns by altering brain chemistry. Long-term hippocampal damage, caused by overproduction of cortisol, or the stress hormone, leads to memory consolidation (McEwen 179). This effect may be the reason why Sethe is trapped in the past, and she cannot construct a coherent present or imagine a future. Her fixation on Beloved is a survival coping strategy, one that reinforces trauma rather than healing. Sethe's interaction with Beloved is influenced by oxytocin, the hormone responsible for maternal bonding. According to the study by Taylor, "mourning can disrupt oxytocin regulation, leading to compulsive maternal behaviour and refusal to release the dead child"

(Taylor et al. 381). Sethe's physical and psychological decline can be viewed as a neurobiological aftermath of unresolved maternal mourning, where love, loss, and trauma become entangled in destructive configurations. Morrison's novel explores the neuroscience of maternal mourning, explaining how child loss affects brain function and emotional balance. Empirical research in PTSD, PGD, and maternal responses to stress underpin Sethe's trauma. The novel highlights that maternal mourning is a neurobiologically entrenched phenomenon that shapes identity, memory, and perception.

FINDINGS

Toni Morrison's *Beloved* amalgamated literary devices with biology, psychology and neurological perspectives. Morrison with her character tries to demonstrate how the bond of a mother and her child is biologically and psychologically interwoven, and when some violence is there, it disturbs and influences the relationship between the mother as well her child. Then naturally mothers are compelled to protect and sacrifice themselves for their children at times of danger. This research demonstrates that Morrison's concept of motherhood is consistent with what we now know from science but with the added understanding of the intricate life of Sethe. *Beloved* offers a rich examination of the psychological and physiological components of motherhood, blending historical trauma with the biological and affective dimensions of mother-child relations. Morrison's description of Sethe as a mother accords with contemporary scientific accounts of maternal attachment, fight-or-flight, and trauma response. The novel provides a rare opportunity to understand motherhood from the perspectives of neuroscience, psychology, and evolutionary biology with science and literature intertwined.

- The novel emphasizes the role of oxytocin, the "love hormone," in establishing maternal attachment, which accounts for Sethe's strong emotional bond with her children.



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- The release of cortisol and adrenaline under stressful situations enhances maternal protective behaviours, thereby influencing Sethe's instinctive protective nature to protect her children from harm.
- Brain development research in early childhood supports the idea that Sethe's frantic attempts to save her children are biological maternal instincts.
- Evolutionary biology suggests that maternal sacrifice is a survival strategy inherent in species behaviour, thereby explaining Sethe's drastic act of killing Beloved as a survival mechanism.
- Sethe's behaviour is aligned with evolutionary psychology studies that state that mothers throughout history have preferred death over witnessing their children perish.
- The novel depicts the mother's urge to eliminate threats sensed, however extreme, and we are reminded of survival methods employed by most other creatures.
- Morrison transcends the mere nutritional value of breast milk, employing it as a metaphor for love, power, and the fundamental mother-child bond.
- Sethe's desperate hunger to nourish her children aligns with empirical research emphasizing the developmental and psychological benefits of breastfeeding.
- Scientific studies of lactation and stress support that maternal suffering and separation negatively impact milk production, thus highlighting the physiological impact of slavery on enslaved women.
- Research on prolonged grief disorder and maternal PTSD account for Sethe's hallucinations, dissociation, and disintegration following Beloved's death.
- Research in neuroscience reveals that extreme grief alters the brain's limbic system, thus making Sethe's obsession with Beloved a manifestation of unresolved trauma.
- Sethe's belief in the return of Beloved aligns with neurological hypotheses explaining why grieving mothers tend to perceive their dead children as tangible beings.

CONCLUSION

The novel *Beloved* is also scrutinized through biological, neurological, and psychological models of motherhood. It also reveals how chemicals like oxytocin foster close bonds between mothers and their babies and how stress hormones like cortisol and adrenaline activate defensive mechanisms. Science demonstrates that mother-child bonding and parental sacrifices are connected to brain function because maternal emotions are adaptations of child-protective survival systems. Oxytocin release strengthens emotional ties, and extreme stress in risky circumstances might lead to extreme behaviours like Sethe killing Beloved instead of letting her die. Attachment theory explains Sethe's relationships with Beloved and Denver. Sethe's relationship with Beloved is characterized by trauma history and blame, which make her almost intensely committed when Beloved returns. Her relationship with Denver is not easy at the beginning due to Sethe's emotional issues, but Denver's eventual independence illustrates that healing and secure attachment can be possible. Morrison describes motherhood in language that aligns with scientific studies of mourning, memory, and maternal behaviour. According to neuroscience research, prolonged grief alters the chemistry of the brain, causing Sethe to perceive unreal objects and feel tormented by Beloved. As demonstrated by Morrison, "Memory plays a significant role in the suffering and survival of bereaved mothers". She portrayed the psychological battle of Sethe and also supported her by pouring community interference importance in one's life. At the end of the novel Morrison's highly influential act is that social support is very crucial for making life easy and it also reduces fighting trauma.

Recommendation for Future Research

Applying neuroscience and psychology in literary analysis allows a deeper understanding of characters' motivations, emotional responses, and behaviours. By examining *Beloved* through these scientific lenses, maternal instincts, trauma, and grief can be analyzed beyond traditional literary themes, offering insights into brain function, hormonal influences, and psychological distress. Scientific investigation of maternal impulses in literary works can reveal themes of attachment, protection, and sacrifice in mothers. Neuroscientific and psychological theories can explain





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characters' actions. Examining the interaction between biology and trauma in Morrison's novels can help us understand how trauma affects memory, identity, and emotional fortitude. Further investigation of hereditary pain and survival processes can be achieved by examining the physiological and psychological impacts of trauma on Morrison's characters.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

To Evaluate and Compare the Efficacy of Chlorhexidine and self-Prepared Neem Mouthwash as a Preprocedural Mouth Rinse on Bioaerosol Production in Patients Undergoing Implant Therapy: A Clinic-Microbiological Study

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ABSTRACT

Microbial aerosolization during implant procedure potentially results in cross-contamination & transmission of infectious agent to operator & patient. How far these aerosol spread and cause contamination has become a growing concern. The present study aims to determine the effect of 0.2% CHX and 5% Neem on a pre-procedural mouth in reducing noble bacterial count in bioaerosol and colony forming at blood agar plates. The study is a randomized controlled trail included 21 systemically healthy patients undergoing implant placement. Patients were divided into three groups. Group I (CHLORHEXIDINE RINSING - rinsed with 10 ml 0.2% Chlorhexidine), group II (NEEM SOLUTION-rinsed with 10ml neem solution) and Group III (CONTROL - no mouth rinse)The blood agar plates were placed at specific distance from the patient and the aerosols produced during implant procedure were collected on blood agar plates and were sent for culture to check for colony forming units obtained at different plates at different distance. The present study showed neem mouth rinse can be used as a herbal alternative to chlorhexidine mouth rinse and is effective as pre-procedural mouth rinse in decreasing bacterial load in bioaerosol produced during implant therapy

Keywords: Bio aerosol, Chlorhexidine, Neem solution, Contamination, Dental Implants, Respiratory impairment, Blood agar culture.





INTRODUCTION

The Oral cavity is naturally wet and contains a high number of microorganisms. Despite that, there is a lack of precision around what is known and unknown regarding aerosol generation in dentistry and the possibility of a wish to the patient and the dental team. It can be shared where transmission may occur from patient - to - patient, patient-to-clinician, or clinician-to-patient. All the procedures in the dental clinic involve working high-speed devices with compressed air and water, which produce splatter and Aerosol [1]. Aerosol is a Suspension of solid or liquid particles containing microorganisms like bacteria and viruses in the air for a few minutes. Microbial aerosolization during the implant procedure potentially results in cross-contamination and transmission of infectious agents to the operator and patient [2]. Different methodologies, materials, and antimicrobial agents have been advocated to minimize microbial cross-contamination in the dental office. A few recommendations include immunization of dental staff, decontamination of surfaces, sterilization of instruments, use of personal protective barriers, and the use of pre-procedural mouthwashes. Chlorhexidine (CHX) is reviewed as the gold standard in limiting oral biofilm growth and reducing microbial spread due to its broad antibacterial spectrum and substantivity of 8 to 12 hours. There is a recent trend in the use of herbal mouthwashes. Neem has been traditionally used for the treatment of inflammation, infection, fever, skin diseases, and dental problems [3,4]. Neem leaves have also been reported to possess antihyperglycemic, immunomodulatory, anti-inflammatory, antimalarial, antioxidant, antiviral, antimutagenic, and anticarcinogenic properties. Neem exhibits antibacterial, antifungal, hepatoprotective, anti-ulcer, and anti-nociceptive activity. The present study uses self-prepared neem mouthwash to reduce viable bacterial count in bioaerosol implant patients. To the best of our knowledge, studies have only been done on aerosol production during ultrasonic scaling and other high-speed devices employing water sprays, not implant treatments [5]. This study, therefore, presents a novel approach by evaluating and comparing the effect of chlorhexidine mouthwash and neem mouthwash as a preprocedural mouth rinse on bioaerosol production in patients undergoing implant therapy through clinical and microbiological analysis [6,7].

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

1. **Malhotra R et al.** [2011] Natural herbs like neem, tulsi, pudina, clove oil, ajwain, triphala, and many more have been used for ages to combat oral health problems like bleeding gums and tooth decay. A study compared the efficacy of a herbal mouthwash (Herboral) with Chlorhexidine Gluconate, a gold standard anti-plaque agent. Herbal mouthwash was found to be a potent plaque inhibitor, although less effective than Chlorhexidine Gluconate. However, it can be a good alternative for patients with special needs like diabetics
2. **Prasad MGS et al.** [2012] aimed to determine the effectiveness of pre-procedural rinsing with chlorhexidine in reducing bacterial aerosol contamination during the use of an ultrasonic scaler. It also compared the efficacy of water, non-tempered chlorhexidine, and tempered chlorhexidine as pre-procedural rinses. 30 healthy patients were divided into three groups. Group III and II had significantly reduced colony-forming units compared to Group I, while Group III was more effective than Group II. In conclusion, pre-procedural rinsing can significantly reduce dental aerosol microbial content, and tempered chlorhexidine is more effective than non-tempered chlorhexidine.
3. **Shetty SK et al.** [2013] compared the effectiveness of chlorhexidine digluconate and tea tree oil mouthrinses in reducing bacteria in aerosol particles during ultrasonic scaling procedures. All mouthwashes significantly reduced the amount of bacteria, but chlorhexidine was more effective. Using an antimicrobial mouthwash before dental procedures can lower the risk of cross-contamination in the dental operatory.
4. **Selvakumar R et al.** [2017] compares the benefits of herbal mouthwashes to chlorhexidine mouthwash. Herbal extracts like chamomile, neem, and turmeric are effective in controlling plaque and reducing gingivitis, and many herbal mouthwashes have anti-microbial, anti-inflammatory, and anti-oxidant properties. However, chlorhexidine is more effective than herbal mouthwashes in treating gingivitis, periodontitis, and trauma.



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Herbal mouthwashes are suitable for maintaining good oral prophylaxis and programs should be conducted to raise awareness about the benefits of mouthwashes in oral hygiene.

5. **Dhanya RS et al.** [2017] evaluated the impact of neem mouthwash on plaque and gingivitis. The clinical trial involved 40 participants who were randomly allocated into two groups. The first group was given 0.2% chlorhexidine gluconate, and the second group was given 2% neem mouthwash. The results showed that there was a slight reduction in plaque levels in both groups, and both groups showed a reduction in the gingival index (GI) scores. The study concluded that neem mouthwash is a cost-effective and easily available alternative to chlorhexidine mouthwash for maintaining oral hygiene
6. **Marui VC et al.** [2019] examined the effectiveness of preprocedural mouthrinses in reducing the number of microorganisms disseminated through dental aerosols during procedures. The authors included 13 randomized clinical trials that evaluated the efficacy of various mouthrinses. Meta-analysis of the data showed that mouthrinses containing chlorhexidine, essential oils, and cetylpyridinium chloride significantly reduced the number of colony-forming units (CFU) in the dental aerosol. In conclusion, preprocedural mouthrinses could be an effective way to reduce the spread of microorganisms in dental offices during certain procedures.
7. **Vishwakarma P et al.** [2020] conducted this study to compare the antibacterial effectiveness of an indigenous herbal mouthwash with 0.2% chlorhexidine gluconate to treat oral diseases. Disc diffusion and minimum inhibitory concentration methods were used for in vitro evaluation and a clinical trial was conducted among 30 participants. Plaque and gingival index assessments were carried out on the 7th, 14th, and 21st days. Results showed that both treatments resulted in a significant reduction in clinical and microbiological parameters. However, chlorhexidine mouthwash was more effective in controlling plaque and gingivitis.
8. **Warad S, Bhatagunaki RV.** [2021] aimed this study to compare the effectiveness of two mouthwashes containing Chlorhexidine and Octenidine with distilled water, as pre-procedural rinsing agents in reducing the bacterial load of the aerosol produced by an ultrasonic scaler. Sixty subjects were randomly divided into three groups. Group 1 used distilled water, Group 2 used 0.2% Chlorhexidine, and Group 3 used 0.1% Octenidine. The aerosols were collected on agar plates, which were sent for Colony Forming Unit (CFU) count. The mean CFU was highest in Group I, followed by Group II and Group III. In this study, 0.1% octenidine was found to be the most effective pre-procedural mouthwash in reducing the bacterial load in the aerosol produced during ultrasonic scaling.
9. **Varghese CM et al.** [2021] aimed to compare the effectiveness of different mouthwashes in reducing bacteria in aerosol produced during ultrasonic-scaling procedures. Patients were divided into four groups: A (Neem mouthwash), B (commercial CHX mouthwash), C (Triphala mouthwash), and D (control group). Patients in A, B, and C rinsed their mouth with 10 ml of the designated mouthwash before the procedure. Aerosol samples were collected, cultured, and incubated on blood agar plates, and CFU were counted. The study concluded that Neem mouthwash was more effective in reducing aerosol contamination than Triphala mouthwash or commercial CHX mouthwash.
10. **Mohd-Said S et al.** [2021] aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of pre-procedural mouth rinsing in reducing aerosol contamination in dental settings while performing periodontal prophylaxis. The review identified 56 effective studies, 30 of which were randomized control trials involving 984 participants aged 18-70. Various mouth rinses were tested, with chlorhexidine being the most frequently used. Despite variations in rinsing concentration, volume, and duration, all studies identified significant reductions in bacterial contamination. Chlorhexidine was found to be the most effective agent, with over half of the studies reporting a reduction of over 70% in bacterial contamination. The study supports the use of pre-procedural mouth rinsing with chlorohexidine or other agents to reduce aerosol contamination when performing periodontal prophylaxis.

Aim and Objective

1. This study aims to determine the potency and efficacy of 0.2% chlorohexidine in reducing viable bacterial count in bioaerosol during pre-procedural Mouth rinsing in patients undergoing implant therapy.
2. This study aims to determine the efficacy of 5% self-prepared neem mouthwash in reducing viable bacterial count in bioaerosol in patients undergoing implant therapy.



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3. To Compare and evaluate the efficacy of neem mouthwash and Chlorhexidine in reducing viable bacterial count in bioaerosol in implant patients. The present study aims to determine the effect of 0.2% CHX and 5% Neem on a pre-procedural mouth in reducing noble bacterial count in bioaerosol and colony forming at blood agar plates [8].

MATERIAL AND METHOD

The study is a randomized controlled trial. A total of 21 patients who had to undergo implant placement will be selected based on specific inclusion and exclusion criteria from the Department of Periodontology and Oral Implantology, Faculty of Dental Sciences, SGT Dental College, Gurugram, Haryana. The Institutional Ethics Committee approved the study. Patients were informed about the study, and informed consent was taken from the subjects selected. A complete medical and dental history of the patients selected will be recorded.⁹ Patients with a minimum 20 number of teeth and of both sexes ranging from age 30-54 years were included. Exclusion criteria will include systemically unhealthy patients, smokers, and patients who are allergic to any content of Chlorhexidine mouthwash. Inclusion criteria included systemically healthy patients. The patients undergoing implant placement were divided into three groups randomly –

- Group I: CHLORHEIXIDINE RINSING—This Group comprised 07 patients who rinsed with 0.2% chlorhexidine mouthwash—10 ML—for 30 seconds before the osteotomy drilling procedure for the implant.
- Group II: NEEM SOLUTION - The Group comprises 07 patients rinsed with approved neem solution and prepared 10 ML for 30 seconds before the osteotomy drilling procedure for an implant.
- Group III: CONTROL - The Group consisted of 07 patients who rinsed nothing.

OBSERVATION AND RESULTS

The results of graph-1 to graph-6 clearly shows that both group 1 [chlorhexidine] and group 2 [neem] mouthwash showed statistically significant reduction in mean colony forming units. When compared to group 3 [control group]. This means that pre-procedural mouth rinsing cause decrease in bacterial load of bioaerosol in patient undergoing implant therapy. However when group 1 [chlorhexidine rinsing] was compared with group 2 [neem group] both the groups showed decrease in mean colony forming units but the difference may not statically significant. Although these was a numeric increase in colony forming units at site 1 and site 3. When compared to chlorhexidine, but was statistically insignificant. So, neem mouth rinse can be used as a herbal alternative to chlorhexidine mouth rinse and is effective as pre-procedural mouth rinse in decreasing bacterial load in bioaerosol produced during implant therapy.

DISCUSSION

The osteotomy procedure during implant placement produces a large amount of bioaerosol, which is disseminated to a considerable distance. Basu *et al* [10]. studied aerosol-related symptoms in dental hygienists, specifically during ultrasonic scaling. The symptoms, such as nasal irritation, persistent cough, and dry skin, were seen more commonly in dental hygienists than in other non-operating staff. Aerosol, hence, acts as a medium for infectious agents. The American Dental Association has advocated that potentially contaminated aerosols should be controlled during dental procedures. Using 0.2% Chlorhexidine mouthwash as a pre-procedural mouth rinse by patients in the test group reduced the colony-forming unit where the operator and assistant worked [11]. This finding may result from the antibacterial and antiseptic properties of the mouthwash to inhibit microbial growth. Shetty SK *et al.* compared the efficacy of different preprocedural Mouth rinses in reducing viable bacterial count and concluded that Chlorhexidine was superior to the other commercially available mouth rinses [12]. In the present study, Chlorhexidine was thus employed as the preprocedural mouthlines. It was well seen statistically that the highest and most significant reduction in CFU count was seen at Site 1, Site 2, and Site 3. i.e., at the site of the patient's chest level



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and the level of the spittoon, both the areas in which the dental operator and assistant work. Therefore, they are at significant risk of cross-contamination. The patient in the test group used neem mouthwash as a pre-procedural mouth rinse, reducing the colony-forming unit in the area where the operator and assistant were working. Neem extract is an effective mouth rinse before implant placement [13]. The extract also inhibits the growth of pathogenic bacteria, making it helpful in reducing the bacterial load in periodontitis patients. Neem has antimicrobial, anti-inflammatory, and antioxidant properties that provide additional benefits.

The study found that group A (0.2% CHX) and group B (neem mouthwash) significantly reduced bacterial CFU. However, group C (control) did not show any significant results, consistent with a previous study by Ammu A. et al. (2019) [14]. The CFU was found to be maximum in the patient's chest area, followed by the operator's chest area, which agrees with the study by Rani et al. (2014) but contradicts the finding of Purohit et al. (2009). CHX mouthwash and neem mouthwash for 30 seconds before a dental procedure has been found to significantly reduce bacterial load and contamination of the operative area and staff. While CHX is effective against planktonic microbes in saliva and mucous membranes, it is not without its side effects. The study by Gupta et al. (2014) found that CHX 0.2% mouthwash and neem mouthwash were more effective than the control group. They concluded that CHX is superior to herbal mouthwash as a preprocedural rinse [15]. Our study contradicts Gupta *et al.*'s findings regarding better aerosol bacteria reduction with CHX and herbal mouthwash. However, unlike their study, we did not find a significant difference between CHX and herbal mouthwash, consistent with an earlier study by Rani *et al.* (2014). Neem mouthwash showed equally efficacy when compared to chlorhexidine. The study's limitations include the CFU counted were the bacteria suitable for growing on blood agar; organisms apart from that were not included and could be a source of potent contamination. The strain of the bacteria responsible for cross-contamination could not be investigated. The study did not include viruses, fungi, and other bacteria requiring specialized medium. A sample size of only 21 patients was taken, which is a small sample size and could be increased. An easy and operator-patient-friendly measure to compact the cross-contamination should be employed at any cost [16]. Using 0.2% Chlorhexidine and neem mouthwash as a pre-procedural mouth rinse by patients in the test group reduced the colony-forming unit where the operator and assistant were working. This finding may result from the antibacterial and antiseptic properties of the mouthwash to inhibit microbial growth. The highest and most significant reduction in CFU count was seen at Site 1 (chest level), site 2 (spittoon), and Site 3 (dental chair tray). Thus, preprocedural rinse should be employed daily to prevent cross-contamination infection and bioaerosol production in implant patients, as prevention is better than cure [17]. Neem mouthwash is an herbal alternative to chlorhexidine mouthwash to reduce bioaerosol production.

CONCLUSION

Many microorganisms, like bacteria and viruses, reside in the oral cavity. As a result, regular dental procedures increase the risk of exposure to these microorganisms. A recent study has shown that the patient and the dentist are exposed to many microorganisms during simple procedures like ultrasonic scaling. However, we can minimize this risk by using pre-procedural mouth rinses. Our study emphasizes the importance of using pre-procedural mouth rinses to reduce the microbial load for patients and for dentists to use personal protective equipment while carrying out dental procedures to prevent cross-infection. Therefore, pre-procedural rinsing should be considered mandatory in all dental clinics along with other barrier techniques. However, herbal substitute i.e. neem mouthwash was equally effective as chlorhexidine in reducing bacterial load in aerosol.

Summary

The oral cavity is home to various microorganisms, such as bacteria and viruses. This means that routine dental procedures can increase the risk of exposure to these microorganisms. A recent study has demonstrated that patients and operators are exposed to a sizeable microbial population during dental implant procedures. However, this microbial load can be decreased by practicing pre-procedural Mouth rinsing. The study highlights the importance of



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using personal protective equipment by the operator during dental procedures to prevent cross-infection. Along with other barrier techniques, pre-procedural rinsing should be incorporated as a compulsory practice in all dental setups to prevent the spread of infection.

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Table 1: Descriptive characteristics of Study Population (n= 21)

Variable	n (%)
Gender	
Males	12 (54.5)
Females	09 (42.9)
Age (Years)	
30- 39	12 (57.1)
40- 49	07 (33.3)
50 and above	02 (9.5)
Pre-procedural Mouthrinse Group	
Chlorhexidine Mouthwash (Group I)	07 (33.3)
Neem Mouthwash (Group II)	07 (33.3)
Control (Group III)	07 (33.3)

Table 2: Comparative Association of total bacterial units in different sites among study population based on Groups of Pre-procedural Mouthrinse (n=21)

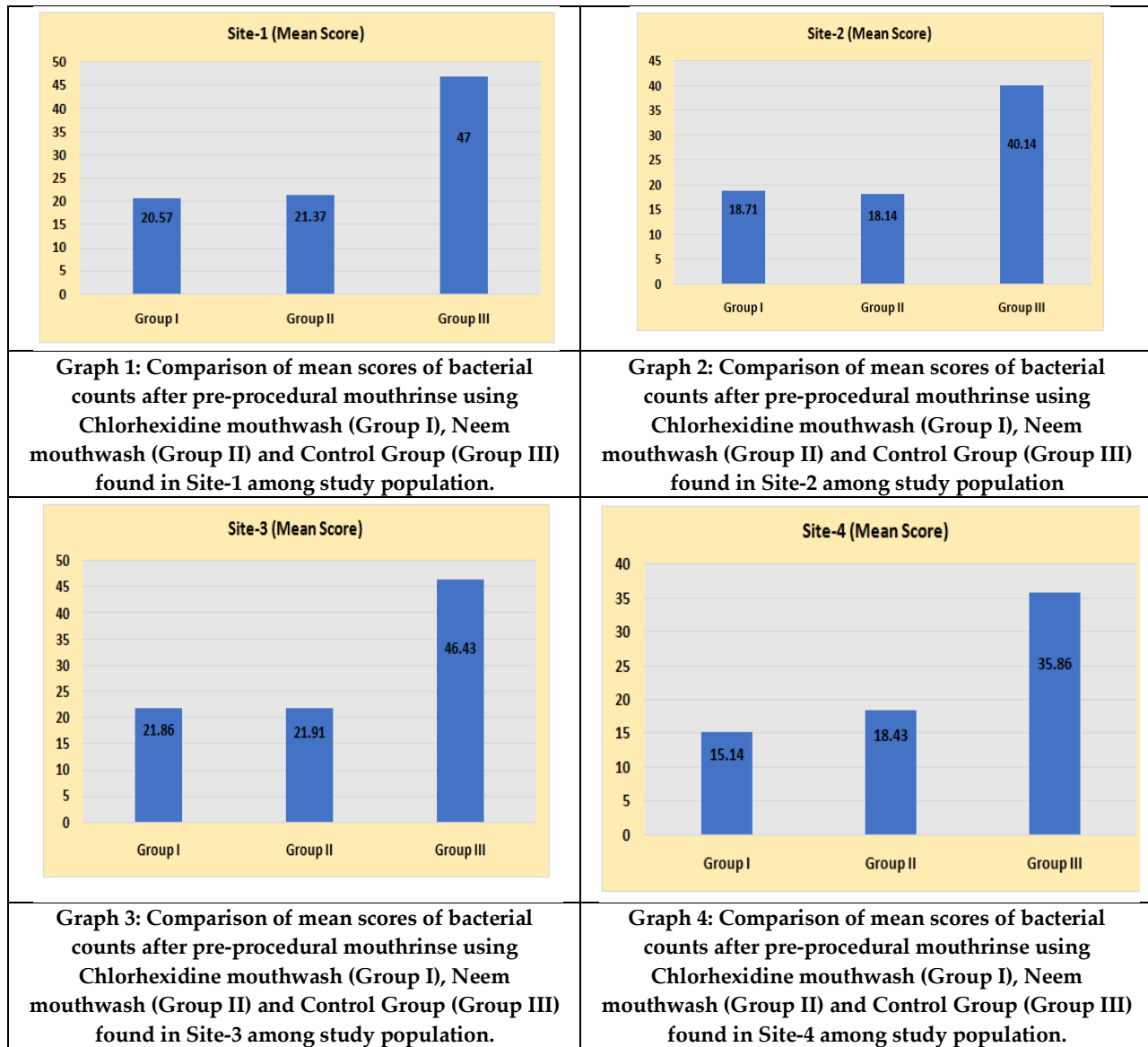
Site	Study Groups (Mean± SD)			Total Bacterial Units (Mean± SD)	P value
	Group I	Group II	Group III		
Site 1	20.57± 3.20	20.57± 4.12	47.00± 10.11	29.19± 14.33	<0.001*
Site 2	18.71± 3.94	18.14± 5.66	40.14± 13.65	25.67± 13.42	<0.001*
Site 3	21.86± 3.07	21.71± 4.46	46.43± 9.51	30.00± 13.33	<0.001*
Site 4	15.14± 1.46	18.43± 3.35	35.86± 6.98	23.14± 10.26	<0.001*
Site 5	14.43± 2.29	16.43± 2.93	36.29± 6.70	22.38± 10.94	<0.001*
Site 6	12.00± 1.29	12.43± 1.90	32.43± 5.41	18.95± 10.28	<0.001*
Site 7	9.14± 0.90	9.43± 0.78	31.29± 4.38	16.62± 10.91	<0.001*
Total Bacterial Units	15.97± 4.94	16.65± 5.29	38.48± 10.00	23.71± 12.65	<0.001*

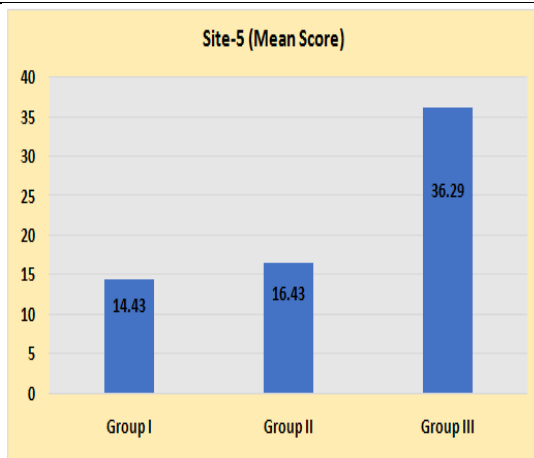
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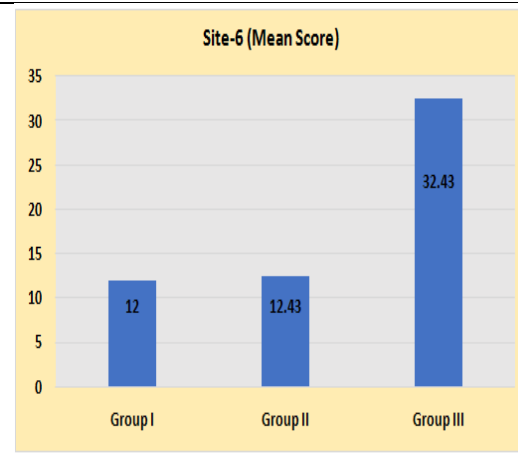


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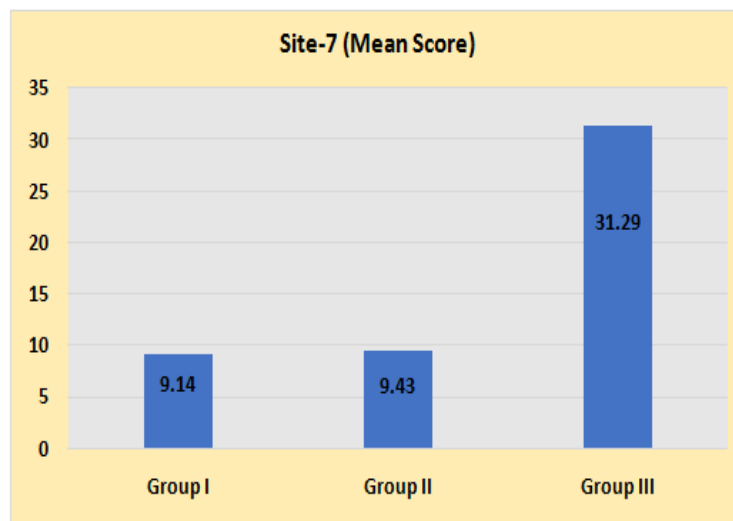




Graph 5: Comparison of mean scores of bacterial counts after pre-procedural mouthrinse using Chlorhexidine mouthwash (Group I), Neem mouthwash (Group II) and Control Group (Group III) found in Site-5 among study population



Graph 6: Comparison of mean scores of bacterial counts after pre-procedural mouthrinse using Chlorhexidine mouthwash (Group I), Neem mouthwash (Group II) and Control Group (Group III) found in Site-6 among study population.



Graph 7: Comparison of mean scores of bacterial counts after pre-procedural mouthrinse using Chlorhexidine mouthwash (Group I), Neem mouthwash (Group II) and Control Group (Group III) found in Site-7 among study population.





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Identifying and Analyzing Responsible Risk Factors for Heart Disease Using Machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

In today's world, various factors contribute to the rise of serious diseases, with heart disease being one of the most dangerous. Educating the public and raising awareness about heart health have become essential for improving overall well-being. Risk factors such as diabetes, physical inactivity, obesity, and hypertension significantly increase the likelihood of heart disease. Machine learning is transforming healthcare by enabling precise data analysis, identifying patterns, and effectively managing risks associated with these conditions. In this study, we attempt to elaborate on the important role of machine learning algorithms in identifying and analyzing the key risk factors for heart disease in the healthcare industry. We have used real-time dataset consisting of 13 parameters related to heart disease. Machine learning approaches were applied to extract valuable insights from dataset and enhance the accuracy of diagnoses. This paper proposes a model to accurately predict the likelihood of heart disease based on risk factors such as age, systolic blood pressure, and obesity. We implement and compare the accuracy of different machine learning algorithms, including Decision Tree, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbor, Naïve Bayes, and XGBoost, to determine the most effective approach for predicting heart disease risk.

Keywords: Heart disease, Risk factors, Machine learning algorithms, Data analysis, Diagnosis

INTRODUCTION

Millions of individuals suffer from heart disease worldwide. This disease is a serious health problem. The World Heart Report 2024 compiled by WHF highlights the impact of environmental risk factors on cardiovascular health. In 2019, of the 4.2 million fatalities worldwide 70% that were ascribed to ambient air pollution were brought on by 1.9

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million deaths from Ischemic Heart Disease (IHD) and 900,000 deaths from stroke [1]. Heart disease is the primary cause of death in both men and women; this disease is also known as cardiovascular disease (CVD). CVDs impact the heart, blood vessels, blood, and other organs of the body. It can be caused by metabolic, socioeconomic, genetic, and environmental risk factors. According to the World Heart Federation (WHF), 35% of women's deaths occur in each year due to CVD. Because of misunderstanding and ignorance, women with CVD are still under diagnosed and undertreated. Most people think heart disease occurs suddenly, but they even don't know it starts from their unknowingly bad habits, unhealthy eating things, poor lifestyle, and so many problems. Heart disease is classified into various types of diseases are coronary, rheumatic, myocarditis, atherosclerosis, angina, congenital, cerebrovascular, and arrhythmia [2]. World Health Organization (WHO) reported recently hypertension (raised blood pressure) is the major risk factor for death and disability. By 2018, the promotion of health and well-being in the WHO European region saw 20% premature death decline because of CVDs. Heart disease symptoms are identical in both men and women. Some of them are very common to feel like chest pain, sweating, nausea, coughing, shortness of breath, jaw pain, numbness in hands and fingers, omitting, feeling dizzy and some of them are hidden symptoms like swelling in feet, memory loss and non-chest pain, etc. [3].

Risk factors are divided into modifiable and non-modifiable categories. The risk factors that change with the conditions are called modifiable risk factors. Some of them are stress, smoking, high blood pressure, obesity, diabetes, high LDL cholesterol, tobacco use, and too much alcohol intake etc. The risk factors which cannot change are called non-modifiable risk factors. Age, gender, and genetic history are the main resources for causing heart disease [4]. Mortality rate may be reduced by using early prediction and prevention of heart disease [5]. The process of identifying and diagnosing heart disease is very complicated, so in the medical field, it needs some tools to recognize and find treatment for symptoms of heart disease. Various machine learning (ML) techniques are capable of identifying and analyzing the risk factors for different heart diseases in the field of medicine. In this study the different classification methods are compared and advancement opportunities are also mentioned.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Effective prediction and classification of heart disease can be achieved using machine learning and deep learning techniques. Several research approaches for heart disease have been considered. The researcher mentioned new technologies and advancement possibilities through their research. Many researchers are focused on the causes, symptoms, and responsible risk factors of heart disease along with their prediction and analyzing techniques. In paper [5], Rezaianzadeh et al. (2023) implemented simple and multiple Cox regression with Firth's bias reduction statistical method on 9442 individuals from the South of Iran cohort study and identified age (40-70), diabetes, hypertension, male gender, and alcohol consumption are the risk factors for heart disease. The author [6], Tada et al. (2016) described the population-based survey on the Malmo Diet and Cancer study. They included 23595 participants in their study. They discovered generic risk scores (GRS) were associated with heart disease. They predicted that coronary heart disease risk from a 27-variant GRS (GRS27) to a 50-variant GRS (GRS50) was not influenced by self-reported family history.

Mohan (2019) highlighted in paper [7] and proposed Hybrid Random Forest Linear Model (HRFLM) leading to combined Naive Bayes (NB), Generalized Linear Model (GLM), Logistic Regression (LR), Deep Learning (DL), Decision Trees (DT), Random Forest (RF), Gradient Boosting Trees (GBT), and Support Vector Machine (SVM) techniques and enhance prediction accuracy to 88.7% using the UCI dataset. The researcher [8-12] used the Kaggle cardiovascular dataset having 70,000 records and predicted that age, cholesterol level, glucose level, and blood pressure were the responsible risk factors for heart disease. They employed a variety of machine learning techniques including DT, XGBoost, RF, and multilayer perceptron applied and got accuracy rates with cross validations- 86.37%, 86.87%, 87.05%, 87.28%, and without cross validations- 86.53%, 87.02%, 86.92%, 86.94% in their study [8]. Shorewala (2021) [9] found alcohol consumption, high BP, and gender are also responsible risk factors for heart disease. Got 73% accuracy after performing the DT algorithm [10] and RF, NB, KNN, and LR classifiers got 70% accuracy [11]. Out of





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Linear Discriminant Analysis, LR, SVM, KNN, DT, NB, RF, and Neural Network(NN), Ouf (2021) [12]described RF(89.01%)was the best algorithm which was applied to the Kaggle and UCI dataset to predict patient having heart disease or not. In the review paper [13], De Marco et al. (2022) discussed QRS complexes in ECG signals to identify Premature Ventricular Contractions (PVC) using ML techniques without relying on cross-validation and feature extraction. They employed DT, RF, LSTM, BLSTM, ResNet-19, ShuffleNet, and MobileNetv2 algorithms and extracted 82178 images of 47 patient's data from the MIT-BIH Arrhythmia Database (MIT-BIH) dataset. In [14]ECG data from MIT-BIH arrhythmia and online PTB dataset were studied using deep learning techniques like convolutional neural network(CNN) and they calculated sensitivity and specificity were 98.33% and 98.35% in their study by Prabu Sankar et al. (2023). They got the accuracy rate for long short-term memory network (LSTM) was 95.32% and recurrent Neural Network (RNN) was98.4%. They analyzed the accuracy rate using autoencoders applied on the Framingham(97.3%) and Cleveland heart disease(96.1%).According to their study, CNN is the best technique for heart disease prediction. The cross-sectional hospital-based study was evaluated by [15]Adhikary et al.(2022) in Tanzania. The author observed the value for alcohol intake (67%), high blood pressure (59%), physical inactivity (61%), obesity (39%), alanine aminotransferase (43%), high-density lipoprotein (79%), low-density lipoprotein(65%), C-reactive protein (78%), sodium (41%) and potassium (40%) in their study. The author [16]El-Sofany et al. (2024) explored risk factors age(11.31%), old peak(11.32%), chol(11.43%) and thalach(13.65%) in their study. They used a total of 503 records from the Kaggle and UCI datasets. They have applied Naive Bayes, SVM, voting, XGBoost, AdaBoost, bagging, DT, KNN, RF, and LR classifiers on the dataset. According to them, XGBoost gave 93.17% accuracy in finding Age (40-70), diabetes, hypertension, and alcohol consumption responsible risk factors for heart disease especially in men. Researchers, in this study, evaluated several machine learning (ML) techniques, including LR, NB, SVM, KNN, DT, RF, and XGBoost, and determined that Random Forest (RF) yielded the highest accuracy based on their data[17]. In this research paper, we are going to classify heart disease based on risk factors with the help of different ML algorithms on real-time dataset. The best model will be selected through the classification accuracy, confusion matrix, and classification reports.

MATERIALS AND METHODOLOGY

Dataset and Health Parameters

We have gathered data including lifestyle habits, demographic information, and history of medical conditions examined from a survey. The feature selection process selects the data from the real-time dataset for the prediction of heart disease. The dataset consists of 300 records and 13 columns; we found some risk factors that are responsible for heart disease. We mostly focus on age, hypertension, obesity, glucose level, cholesterol level, and physical activity risk factors. Missing values from data handled through data preprocessing using statistical techniques.

Several major risk factors are leading causes of heart disease.

Age

It is a non-modifiable risk factor for heart disease. As age increases the chances of getting heart disease also increases because of arteries toughening and decreased heart proficiency. While data filtering, we have considered age values to vary between 35 to 79.

Obesity

It is a chronic and complex disease defined by excessive fat deposits that can impair health[18]. Obesity is associated with increased risk for the development of cardiovascular risk factors including hypertension, hyperlipidemia, diabetes mellitus, and heart disease itself. BMI is calculated according to the ratio of weight and height square. BMI (kg/m^2) is categorized as underweight (<18.5), normal($18.5-24.9$), overweight($25.5-29.9$), and obese(≥ 30). We removed irrelevant values at the time of preprocessing.

Glucose Level

Diabetes occurs when the body lacks insulin, causing sugar level to build up in the blood which results from insufficient insulin production or utilization. Insulin-dependent diabetes called Type 1 or juvenile diabetes [19]and non-insulin-dependent diabetes called Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM)are characterized by impaired lipid metabolism due to insulin resistance and deficiency. Generally normal plasma glucose level is 3.5 to 6.5 and high risk





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for diabetes is greater than 6.5. Patients have distinct plasma lipoprotein profiles, including high levels of apolipoprotein B-containing lipoprotein, hypertriglyceridemia, and low HDL cholesterol [20].

Hypertension

Blood pressure (BP) is measured in two ways which are Systolic BP and Diastolic BP. Systolic BP is measured when the pressure of blood flows into arteries when the heart pumps out the blood and diastolic BP is measured between heartbeats when the heart fills blood within the arteries. It can be represented by the ratio of systolic BP as upper value and diastolic BP as lower value and measured in (mm hg) units. 120/80 is the standard measurement for normal BP[10]. Systolic BP is categorized as normal (<140), borderline isolated systolic hypertension (140-159), and high BP stage (>160). Diastolic BP is categorized as normal (<85), mild hypertension (90-104), moderate hypertension (105-114), and severe hypertension (>115). High BP (hypertension) is one of the major risk factors for heart failure. Heart failure may result from the strain, which causes heart muscles to weaken and thicken. Too much intake of salt in the diet leads to the risk of heart stroke and heart attack.

Cholesterol

Cholesterol is measured in mmol/L. Normal low-density lipoprotein cholesterol (LDL-C) is less than between 2.59 to 3.34 and the high risk of LDL-C is greater between 3.34 and above 4.92.

Physical Inactivity

Lack of physical activity leads to risk of heart disease. A sedentary lifestyle matters behind the reason for diseases. Obesity, blood pressure, and inflammation negatively impact heart health.

Machine Learning (ML) Algorithms used-

By using patient records, we will try to analyze ML models based on risk factors to predict the patients in the dataset have heart disease or not. We employed various ML algorithms on the dataset and presented the result in the study report.

Decision Tree

A flowchart-like structure where each node represents a decision rule leads to classification output that predicts the severity of heart disease. This algorithm is simple and easy to interpret and handles numerical as well as categorical data.

Random Forest

This algorithm joins multiple decision trees to improve accuracy and reduce the over fitting problem. It works well with large datasets.

Naïve Bayes

The probabilistic classifiers based on the Bayes theorem that assuming independency between the features. This algorithm classifies patient symptoms into the disease categories. This algorithm is good for small dataset, so that it can be fast for real time prediction.

K-Nearest Neighbor

It is a simple algorithm that classifies a data point based on the majority class of its nearest neighbors. They have no prior assumptions about the data distribution. It is used in medical imaging and classifying patient risk levels based on similar past cases.

XGBoost classifier

If you want to improve the predictive accuracy of weak models and reduce the bias then boosting classifiers are used. In this, each new model corrects the error of the previous model sequentially.

Performance Measures-

We evaluated the performance of our model using five specific performance measures namely: accuracy, precision, specificity, recall, and F-measure.

1. Specificity: It is the ratio of the predicted negative cases that were correctly identified.

$$\text{Specificity} = \frac{TN}{TN+FP} \text{----- (1)}$$

2. Precision: It is defined as the ratio of correctly predicted positive observations to all predicted positive observations.



----- (2)



$$\text{Precision} = \frac{TP}{TP+FP}$$

3. Accuracy: It measures the ratio of correctly predicted observations to total observations.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad \text{-----} \quad (3)$$

4. Recall: It measures how well the model identifies True Positives.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{TP}{TP+FN} \quad \text{-----} \quad (4)$$

5. F-measure: It measures the probability that a positive prediction is correct.

$$F - \text{measure} = \frac{2 * \text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad \text{-----} \quad (5)$$

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

AUC and ROC curve helps us to compare the performance of different classifiers for the similar problems. Class0 means tested negative for heart disease and class1 means tested positive for heart disease. Our graph shows classifier correctly predicted negative cases. Built classifier model that can predict whether the patient has possibilities of heart disease or not based on the risk factors provided in given dataset. After applying all the models on processed and extracted data, we got the accuracy for NB (0.72%), KNN (0.90%), DT (0.93%), RF (0.97%), and highest accuracy for the XGBoost (0.98%). At the end of our experiment, output shows that XGBoost boosting performed well in comparison to other models.

CONCLUSION

Finding risk factors and early disease indicators for heart disease is an important part of medical field research. Early detection of heart disease is a need of today's era. After identifying the available data resources, we further selected, cleaned, and made into the desired form. Different classification techniques as stated will be applied on preprocessed data to predict the accuracy of heart disease. This research utilized machine learning approaches to identify significant risk factors for heart disease, including those identified by Random Forest (RF), Decision Tree (DT), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), XGBoost, and Naïve Bayes classifiers. Out of all ML algorithms, we found that the XGBoost classifier give 98 % accurate results. This research contributes to the identification and analysis of key heart disease risk factors, namely age, systolic blood pressure, and obesity. Early identification of these factors enables prompt preventive action, which can reduce the risk of serious health problems. This, in turn, improves patient outcomes, lowers healthcare costs, and enhances patient satisfaction. Future applications of ensemble machine learning techniques hold promise for achieving these goals.

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Table- Performance Metrics of ML Models

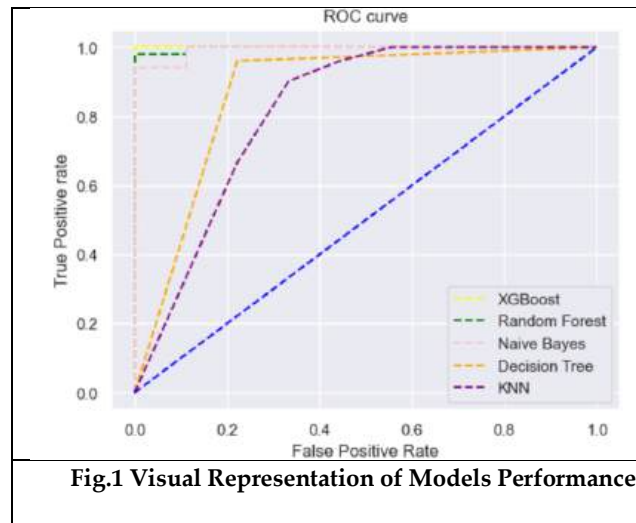
Model	Precision		Recall		F1-score		Accuracy	AUC Score
	Class 0	Class 1	Class 0	Class 1	Class 0	Class 1		
NB	0.35	1.00	1.00	0.67	0.51	0.80	0.72	0.99
KNN	0.71	0.92	0.56	0.96	0.63	0.94	0.90	0.81
DT	0.78	0.96	0.78	0.96	0.78	0.96	0.93	0.86





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RF	1.00	0.96	0.78	1.00	0.88	0.98	0.97	0.99
XGBoost	1.00	0.98	0.89	1.00	0.94	0.99	0.98	1.00





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Quantitative Structure - Activity Relationships (QSAR) Studies of a Series of Inhibitors of Human Prolyl Endopeptidase

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ABSTRACT

Prolyl Endopeptidase (PREP) family enzymes have a major role in regulating the activity of peptides and peptide hormones, influencing processes such as learning and memory. Consequently, these enzymes are responsible for various diseases, including amnesia and depression. Prolyl peptidase (PREP; EC3.4.21.26) is a highly conserved serine protease. It cleaves peptides at the carboxyl group terminal of proline residues in small molecular weight proteins (approximately 30 amino acids). It typically does not cleave larger peptides and proteins. The peptidase domain has an α/β hydrolase fold. The catalytic triad (Ser554, His680, Asp641) is protected by a central tunnel formed by an N-terminal β propeller. This structural arrangement prevents larger peptides from entering the active site. Techniques like X-ray crystallography and enzyme kinetic analysis have provided significant insights into the structure-function relationship of these enzymes. This study employs a number of prolyl endopeptidases to develop a Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) model using QSARINS software. The model is built using molecular descriptors with minimal correlation, based on experimentally determined IC₅₀ values sourced from the ChEMBL database. A genetic algorithm is applied to select the suitable molecular descriptors for the model. The model is thoroughly validated using OECD guidelines to ensure its robustness and stability.

Keywords: QSARINS, molecular descriptors, inhibitors, Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship, Multiple Linear Regression.





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INTRODUCTION

Prolyl endopeptidase (PEP) is a cytosolic enzyme. It cleaves peptide bonds at the C-terminal side of prolyl residues, commonly within peptides around 30 amino acids in length. The enzyme's active site is selective, allowing only short peptide sequences to enter, which is regulated by a distinctive beta-propeller structure. In this study, we explore various inhibitors with experimentally determined IC₅₀ values sourced from the ChEMBL database (ID: ChEMBL 3202, Name: Prolyl Endopeptidase, Uniprot Accession No.: P48147, Organism: *Homo sapiens*). [1]. A dataset comprising IC₅₀ values for 697 compounds was gathered and analysed to evaluate their range and sources

Materials and Methods

The biological activity of a molecule is related to its chemical structure. Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) models are used to analyze and predict relationship between a molecule's chemical composition and its biological and physicochemical properties. A variety of molecular descriptors are used to build Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) models [2,3]. QSAR models play a crucial role in predicting new compounds with potentially improved biological activity. Three-dimensional crystal structures of 265 small compounds are taken from the PubChem database. The experimental values IC₅₀ (50% inhibition concentration) are obtained from ChEMBL (Table 1). Each molecule was subjected to 1000 steps of steepest descents energy minimization using the MMFF94 force field. RMSD of potential energy reached below 0.001. Descriptor values for these molecules are calculated using PaDEL software [4]. In this analysis, IC₅₀ was taken as the dependent variable (Y), and the molecular descriptors were considered independent variables (X). Descriptors having correlation greater than 90% were discarded, Correlation analysis was performed between each pair of descriptors. Descriptors with zero values or those exhibiting the same values for 80% of the compounds were also removed. After excluding 395 data points, 521 data entries were retained for analysis. The distribution profile of the experimental data and descriptor values are shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3. A genetic algorithm in QSARINS is used to select variables for the reduced descriptor set. A training set (70%) and a test set (30%) are then created randomly from the dataset. Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) models are constructed using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) using the QSARINS program (QSAR-Insubria). The software is provided by the University of Insubria. This was developed by Nicola Chirico [2,3] and implemented by Gramatica *et al.* [5,6,11]. the tool explores every conceivable combination of descriptors using the all-subset approach. This approach was used to generate MLR models with 1–6 descriptors. The MLR model was used to construct a linear relationship between the molecular descriptors and the biological activity IC₅₀ (half maximum inhibitory concentration). Based on their R² values, the top models were chosen.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fitting Criteria

The evaluation of the model performance involves various criteria, including R², R²_{adj}, R² - R²_{adj}; LOF, k_{xx}, k_{xy}, δk, training data, training data (MAE, RMSE, RSS, CCC), S and F. These parameters are defined as follows:

LOF = Friedman lack of fit criterion

k_{xx} = correlation found among descriptors

k_{xy} = correlation between descriptors and responses

δk = k_{xx} - k_{xy}

R² = regression coefficient

MAE = mean absolute error in fitting

MAE (tr) = mean absolute error in the training set

RMSE (tr) = root mean square error for training set

RSS (tr) = residual sum of squares for training set

s = standard error of estimate





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CCC (tr) = concordance correlation coefficient for training set

For a robust QSAR model, an $R^2 > 0.6$ is considered acceptable. The R^2 tends to increase with the addition of more descriptors, while R^2 (adj) improves with the inclusion of relevant variables. Importantly, R^2_{adj} will always be less than or equal to R^2 . The LOF should ideally be less than 0.4, and the F-value should be high [7]. A low value for k_{xx} is preferred, indicating weak correlation among descriptors. Additionally, the difference $k_{xy} - k_{xx}$ should be smaller than a threshold value δx [8,9]. The CCC (tr) should be high and close to 1, indicating good correlation between the expected and observed values. Moreover, RMSE values of training and validation should be similar to ensure consistency of the model.

Fitting criteria of Model MLR1 $R^2 = 0.7399$ R^2 (adj) = 0.7312 $R^2 - R^2$ (adj) = 0.0087 LOF = 0.4777 $K_{xx} = 0.2517$ Delta $K = 0.0965$ RMSE (tr) = 0.6466 MAE (tr) = 0.4916 RSS (tr) = 77.7645 CCC (tr) = 0.8505 $s = 0.6591$ $F = 84.8691$

Internal Validation

Iterated cross-validation methods are used to evaluate the model's dependability. The cross-validated correlation coefficients. Q^2 (LOO) and Q^2 (LMO), are calculated the Leave-One-Out (LOO) and Leave-Many-Out (LMO) methods. In the LOO procedure, the model is iteratively built by taking one compound out of the dataset of descriptors. After the model is trained on the remaining data, a prediction is made for the omitted compound. A model is considered good if the Q^2_{LOO} value exceeds the R^2 value. The LMO approach tests the result given by the model when multiple compounds are left out. Typically, 30% of the compounds are randomly excluded. The model is recalculated using the remaining compounds. The result is then evaluated by predicting the responses for the excluded compounds. If the averages of the R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values fall within a specific range, the model is considered stable. For reliable model performance, both Q^2 (LOO) and Q^2 (LMO) should be greater than 0.6; MAE and RMSE (cv) (cross-validation RMSE) should both be below 0.5, RMSE (tr) (training RMSE) should be smaller than the RMSE (cv). The standard errors (s), RMSE (tr), and RMSE (cv) should be comparable. To ensure the model is not a result of random correlations, the Y-scrambling method is employed. This technique involves randomizing the experimental data or responses, breaking any link between the descriptors and the responses. If the model was constructed purely by chance, the performance of the resulting models should degrade significantly.

Internal validation criteria

Q^2 (LOO) = 0.7190 $R^2 - Q^2$ (LOO) = 0.0209 RMSE (cv) = 0.6721 MAE (cv) = 0.5112 PRESS (cv) = 84.0253 CCC (cv) = 0.8391 Q^2 (LMO) = 0.7125 $R^2 Y$ (scr) = 0.0318 $Q^2 Y$ (scr) = -0.0471 RMSE (av) Y (scr) = 1.2475

External Validation Method

The model is tested by predicting the responses for novel compounds that were not included in the training set, applying the MLR equation to these external compounds. Various performance metrics are used to evaluate the model's predictive ability, including RMSE (ext) and the Golbraikh and Tropsha approach [10]. Low multicollinearity (Table 2) among the descriptors is utilized to develop several MLR models. The average R^2 and Q^2 (LOO) values are plotted against the number of variables (Fig. 4). The addition of new descriptors led to an increase in both R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values; however, it did not significantly improve model performance. The six-variable models share many common descriptor combinations. The best model (MLR 1) which includes six descriptors, is selected for predicting novel inhibitors. The statistical characteristics of MLR1 are shown in Table 3. According to the model statistics, $R^2 = 0.7399$ and R^2 (adj) = 0.7312, indicating that the model is capable of incorporating a new descriptor. The LOF parameter has low value (0.4777). It suggests that the minimum number of descriptors fit the data well. The low k_{xx} value (0.2517) indicates minimal correlation among the model descriptors. The δk (0.0965) value indicates that the descriptors are well correlated with the Log IC_{50} values. Additional statistical metrics (RMSE (tr) = 0.64660, MAE (tr) = 0.49160, $s = 0.6591$) indicate minimal error in the training set results. The scatter plot (Fig. 5,6) compares the predicted values from the model equation (blue points, test set) with the experimental values (yellow dots, training set). Some outliers in the data are found in the plot. The validity of the model is confirmed by internal validation. The variance observed by LOO indicates good prediction performance (Fig. 6). Q^2 (LOO) = 0.7190 is comparable to $R^2 = 0.7399$. The model demonstrates internal stability, as the prediction error is minimal (RMSE (cv) = 1.1825, MAE (cv) = 0.79180). The Leave-Many-Out (LMO) method was applied by excluding 30% of the dataset, and the values of R^2 (0.7399) and Q^2





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(LMO) (0.7125) are comparable, suggesting the model's stability. The Q^2 (LOO) (0.7190) and Q^2 (LMO) (0.7125) values are consistent. The Q^2 (LMO) vs k_{xy} plot (Fig. 9) shows the performance of the LMO models, with the blue point representing the QSAR model ("model Q^2 "), and the red points indicating the LMO model's performance. The LMO model performs similarly to the original model. The model can be a correlation by chance. To rule out that possibility the Y-scrambling method is applied. The values obtained were $R^2_{Yscr}=0.0318$ and $Q^2_{Yscr}=-0.0471$. Figure 10 compares these values with those from the original model. It is evident that the R^2 and Q^2 values differ completely from those derived using Y-scrambling, suggesting that the model is not obtained by chance. For external validation, several parameters are used:[10]

External validation criteria

RMSE (ext) = 1.1825 MAE (ext)= 0.7918 PRESS (ext)= 110.4685 R^2 (ext)= 0.2554

Q^2 -F1= 0.0524 Q^2 -F2= 0.0260 Q^2 -F3= 0.1301 CCC (ext)= 0.4943

r^2_m (average)= 0.1304 r^2_m (delta)= 0.0501

Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal= -19.5441°

R^2 (ext) = the external validation procedure's coefficient

MAE (ext)= The Mean Absolute Error

MSE (ext) measures the Root Mean Square Error Q^2 -F1, Q^2 -F2 and Q^2 -F3 measure the variances provided in external validation. [8, 9, 12, 13]

CCC (ext) = Concordance Correlation Coefficient [2,3]

r^2_m _aver and r^2_m _delta = Roy criteria average [14].

PRESS (ext) = for Predictive Residual Sum of Squares.

The parameters obtained are consistent with the model. Fig. 11 presents the q-q plot of experimental vs residual values from LOO. The ordinate shows the values of the residuals (from the predictions). The abscissa shows the theoretical quantiles, or Z values. The theoretical quantiles, or Z values are plotted along the abscissa. Values obtained by the model equation are shown by blue points, predicted values by LOO are represented by the yellow points (training set).

The Combined Model

The Average Combined Prediction is obtained by averaging the predictions obtained from all 9 models (ACM) (Fig.8). According to the William plot of the combined model (Fig.12,15), majority of the compounds fall within the model's applicability domain. The critical leverage value of h^* is 0.265. The predicted residuals and the HAT values are shown on the ordinate and abscissa respectively. The LOO training set is represented by the yellow spots, and the prediction set, as established by the combined model equation, is represented by the blue points. Horizontal dashed lines represent the user-specified threshold for Y-outlier detection. Outliers are defined as having HAT values exceeding the cut off value, $h^*=3p/n$ (p is the number of model variables plus one, n is the number of objects). Additionally, the applicability domain is displayed in the Insubria plot (Fig. 13,14), generated by the software QSARINS. In this graph, the ordinate shows projected data and the abscissa presents HAT diagonal values. The combined model predicts data points shown in blue (prediction set) and yellow (training set), respectively, when the experimental values are known [15,16]. Table 4 lists the chemicals tested using the model equation. The models are selected based on Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to the average performance using the combined modelling approach.

Selected Models Include

MLR1 model: (5.6059) + (-0.0125) ATSC4i + (-0.0544) VE3_Dzv+ (0.0980) VE3_Dzi + (0.3459) nBondsD + (0.4949) SsssN + (-0.3059) nHBDOn

MLR2 model: (3.2208) +(-0.0117) ATSC4i + (1.8593) GATS3c + (0.0575) VE3_Dzi + (0.3847) nBondsD + (0.4309) SsssN+ (-0.0128) VABC

MLR3 model: (3.8934) + (-0.0126) ATSC4i + (1.7166) GATS3c + (0.0662) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3390) ndssC +(0.4542) SsssN + (- 0.2544) nHBDOn





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MLR4 model: (4.1440) + (-0.0126) ATSC4i+ (1.5181) GATS3c+ (0.0679) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3832) nBondsD + (0.4638) SsssN+ (-0.2805) nHBDOn

MLR5 model: (6.0222) + (-0.0111) ATSC4i + (-0.0113) VR2_Dze + (-0.0113) VE3_Dzi + (0.3586) nBondsD+ (0.5353) SsssN + (-0.3366) nHBDOn

MLR6 model: (6.1632) + (-0.0237) ATSC1i + (-0.0078) ATSC4i + (0.0672) VE3_Dzi + (0.3952) nBondsD + (0.4380) SsssN+ (-0.4081) nHBDOn

MLR7 model: Model: (6.0044) + (-0.0108) ATSC4i + (-0.0118) VR2_Dze+ (0.0723) VE3_Dzi + (0.3120) ndssC + (0.5362) SsssN + (-0.3181) nHBDOn

MLR8 model: (6.0018) + (-0.0110) ATSC4i + (-0.0003) VR1_DzZ + (0.0722) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3595) nBondsD + (0.5305) SsssN + (-0.3385) nHBDOn

MLR9 model: (2.9577) + (-0.0122) ATSC4i + (2.0575) GATS3c + (0.0575) VE3_Dzi + (0.3320) ndssC + (0.4333) SsssN+ (-0.0108) VABC

Fitting criteria for the combined model

R^2 (ACM) = 0.7491 R^2 (WCM) = 0.7626 MAE (tr) = 0.4823 RMSE (tr) = 0.6353 CCC (tr) = 0.8545 External validation criteria MAE (ext.) = 0.6978 RMSE (ext.) = 0.9101 CCC (ext.) = 0.6685 Q^2 -F₁ = 0.4387 Q^2 -F₂ = 0.4231 Q^2 -F₃ = 0.4847 Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal (ACM) = -14.8142° Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal (WCM) = -18.1825°

DISCUSSION

The 3-D structural coordinates of human Prolyl Oligopeptidase (hydrolase) bound to the inhibitor GSK552 at a resolution of 1.56 Å (PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb3DDU/pdb>) [1] (PDB code: 3DDU) is taken from the Protein Databank. The structure of HIV-1 RT consists of two chains, A and B. Docking studies are conducted using the 560 amino acids in Chain A. Hydrogen atoms and partial charges are added to the protein. OPLS force field is used to minimize energy. Auto Dock Vina software is used to dock the chemicals ChEMBL ID: 267225, 480154, 449310, and 565813 (designated as outliers) in the binding site. [17,18] Unlike in crystals, the docked structures are not stabilized inside the active site (Fig 16,17).

CONCLUSION

Prolyl endopeptidase, is a cytosolic enzyme that has been the focus of extensive research. It plays a critical role in various physiological processes and the regulation of neuronal hormones containing proline residues. POP inhibition presents a promising strategy for treating Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other cognitive impairments [19,20,21,22]. The 3D structure of human POP, complexed with the inhibitor (6S)-1-chloro-3-[(4-fluorobenzyl)oxy]-6-(pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-4(6H)-one is available in the Protein Data Bank. (PDB Code: 3DDU). POP cleaves peptide bonds on the carboxyl group side of proline, recognizing the sequence X-Pro-Y. Here X and Y are generally peptides/ amino acid. Y can also be amide, alcohol, or aromatic amine. The catalytic triad consists of Ser 554, Asp 641 and His 680. The enzyme's active site contains several charged residues, including Arg-128, Arg-643, Asp-642, Arg-252 and Asp-149, and. These residues create an electrostatic environment which influences substrate binding and specificity. Additionally, polar residues such as Thr481, Ser479, Tyr471, and Asn483 may create steric hindrance, further affecting binding interactions. [23,24,25,26,27]. In this study, a series of POP inhibitors, including peptide-like compounds, are utilized to develop a QSAR-MLR model through ordinary least squares regression using QSARINS. Molecular descriptors are generated using PaDEL software. The most meaningful descriptors are selected using genetic algorithm. The resulting model is at par with the regulatory principles of OECD. The robustness of the MLR model is evaluated through both internal and external validation. The model can predict novel compounds. The application domain of the model shows four potential outliers. Molecular docking studies indicate that these compounds do not fit well within the active site.





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Table.1: Experimental logIC50data

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9263	4.05	308073	8.3	478609	7.4	584698	4.35	2385296	6	3920977	4.65
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22975	5.19	310054	5.1	478618	6.1	1079410	7.54	2385298	4.42	3934376	4.13
23024	5.58	310381	6.89	478619	6.05	1079474	6.3	2385299	4.78	3937692	5.05
23089	6.22	311120	6.82	478632	6.46	1079579	6.23	2385301	6.08	3984057	4.88
23114	6.16	311364	7.5	478843	7.66	1079580	5.47	2385302	6.15	4743436	4.22
23690	6.38	311534	6.02	478844	7.75	1086968	8.7	3233539	5.24	4745328	4.67
67089	4.33	311876	7.64	479235	5.51	1087094	4.19	3233540	7.36	4745801	4.41
76303	8.05	311879	7.62	479250	6.11	1096689	4.85	3233541	4.34	4745802	4.97
76679	7.58	312332	7.57	479380	4.91	1173095	7.58	3233542	4.6	4747158	4.28
76680	7.24	312371	7.52	479538	6.38	1243374	5.48	3233543	5.58	4747577	4.54
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78665	7.11	341749	7.26	480712	4.85	2022507	6.22	3233549	4.17	4752813	4.53
78877	8.26	342651	7.68	480914	6.31	2022508	5.54	3233553	5.05	4753534	4.17
78935	7.3	342718	7.77	480942	5.04	2022509	5.3	3233554	4.95	4756491	4.15





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78991	5.66	352343	4.72	481288	5.68	2022513	5.24	3233555	5.17	4758271	4.27
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280385	6.92	477998	8.15	567278	4.24	2385291	5.62	3233848	6.11		
289651	7.82	478199	8.1	567279	4.19	2385292	4.41	3621413	4.59		
		478232	7.16	567727	4.32	2385293	6.19	3900683	6.3		

Table.2: Correlation Matrix shows that the Descriptors Have Little Correlation

	ATSC4i	VE3_Dzv	VE3_Dzi	nBondsD	SsssN	nHBDon
ATSC4	1.000					
VE3_Dzv	-0.132	1.000				
VE3_Dzi	0.029	0.319	1.000			
nBondsD	0.002	-0.145	-0.032	1.000		
SsssN	0.337	-0.111	0.036	0.408	1.000	
nHBDon	0.112	-0.180	-0.204	0.151	-0.242	1.000

Table.3: Variables with their coefficients for MLR1 model





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Variable	Coeff.	Std. coeff	Std. err.	(+/-) Co. int. 95%	p-value
ATSC4i	-0.0125	-0.1654	0.0034	0.0066	0.0003
VE3_Dzv	-0.0544	-0.1318	0.0200	0.0395	0.0072
VE3_Dzi	0.0980	0.2329	0.0184	0.0363	0.0000
nBondsD	0.3459	0.3431	0.0454	0.0896	0.0000
SsssN	0.4949	0.5007	0.0504	0.0994	0.0000
nHBDon	-0.3059	-0.2518	0.0512	0.1010	0.0000
Intercept	5.6055		0.3699	0.7285	0.0000

Table.4: Compounds taken from PUBCHEM and used for validation

CHEMBLID	Molecular weight	logIC50 (calculated from model MLR1)	logIC50 (calculated from combined model)	logIC50 (Experimental)
476985	407.85	7.91	7.51	7.82
289651	314.43	7.62	7.42	7.82
78421	338.45	7.92	7.62	7.85
422281	390.53	7.65	7.55	7.85
514702	371.87	7.42	8.12	7.92
476951	546.57	7.76	7.56	7.96
139862	368.52	8.45	8.25	8.05
76303	372.55	8.25	8.35	8.05
478199	432.88	7.9	8.3	8.1
477998	416.42	7.9	7.85	8.15
78877	294.4	8.46	8.46	8.26
308073	450.55	8.5	8.5	8.3
307938	358.51	8.62	8.62	8.32
476950	514.55	8.6	8.1	8.4
476508	412.46	8.45	8.15	8.52
1086968	384.55	8.8	8.5	8.7
515482	394.47	8.9	8.5	8.7
22766	366.46	9.4	9.6	9.3

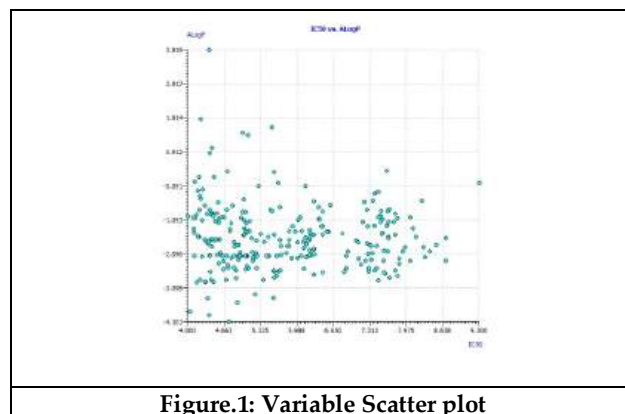


Figure.1: Variable Scatter plot

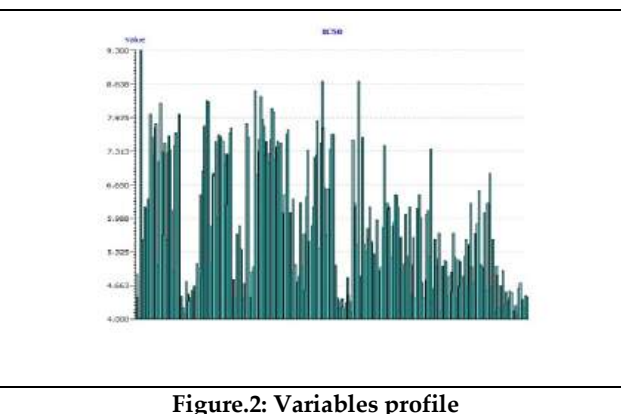


Figure.2: Variables profile





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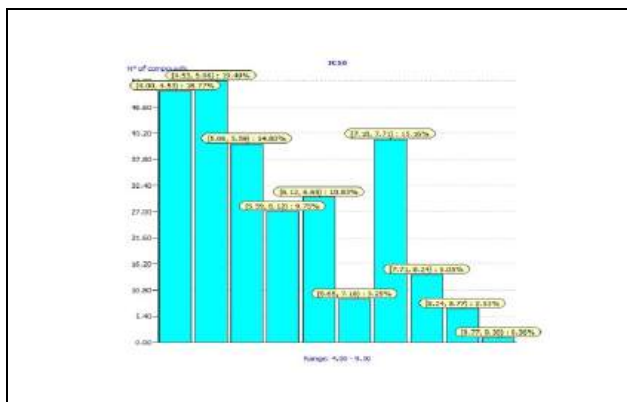


Figure.3: Distribution of data

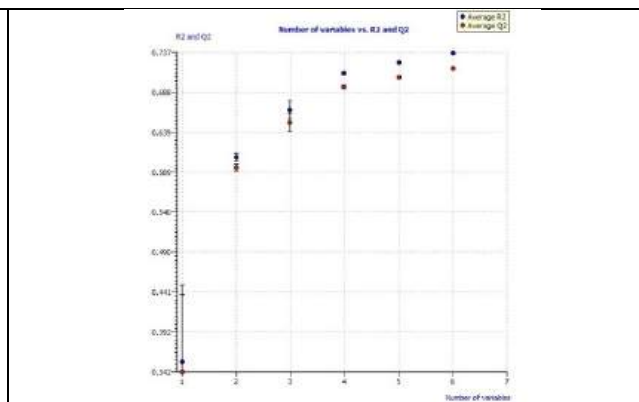
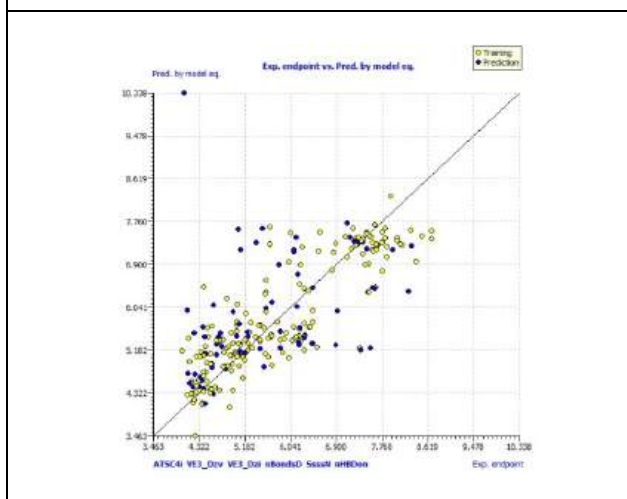
Figure.4: The average R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values are displayed against the number of variables

Figure.5: Scatter plot of Experimental endpoint vs. Predictions by the model1 equation

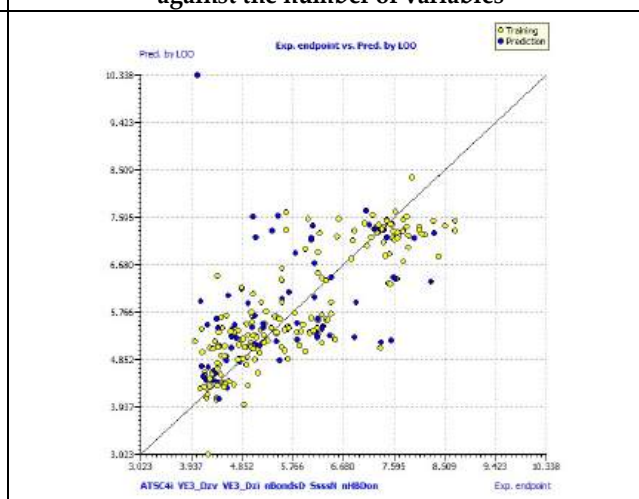


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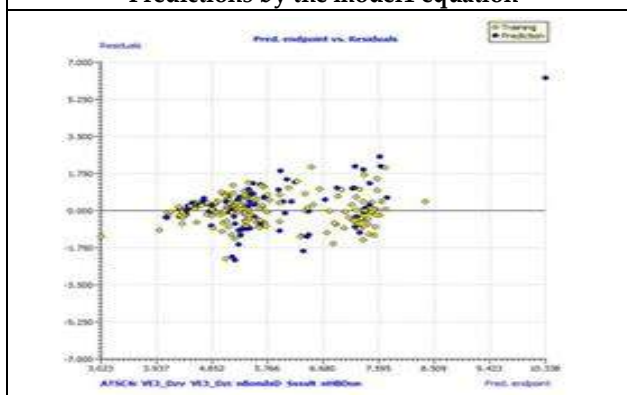


Figure.7: Experimental values versus residuals from LOO predictions on a residual plot. The experimental data are provided on the abscissa axes, while the residuals of the predictions are reported on the ordinate Model 1

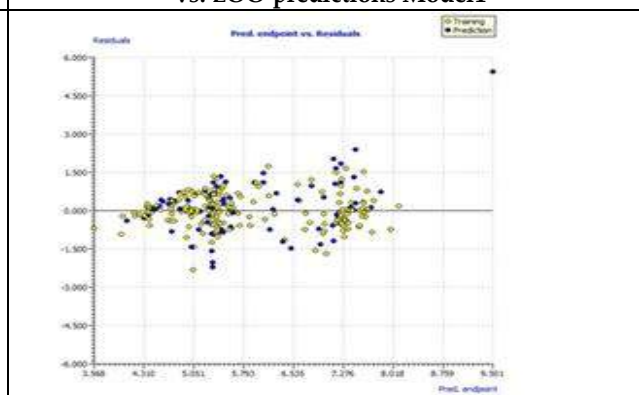


Figure.8: Experimental values versus residuals from LOO predictions on a residual plot for Combined model using WCM





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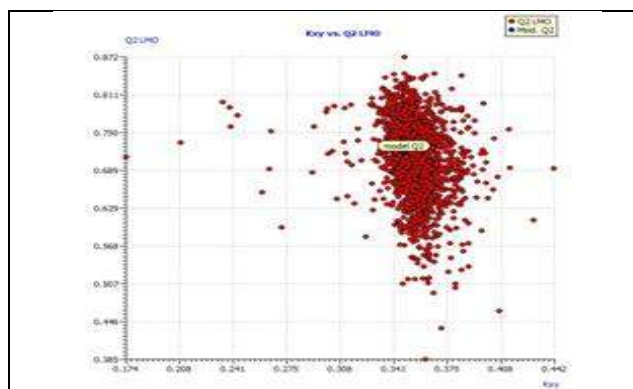


Figure.9: Plot of LMO models compared with the original QSAR model (Model1)

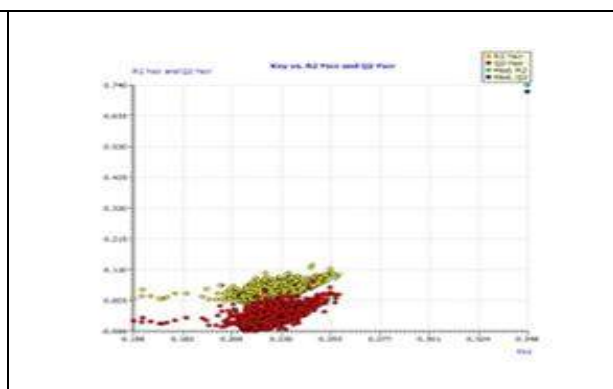


Figure.10: Scatter plot of Y-scrambled models compared to the original QSAR model

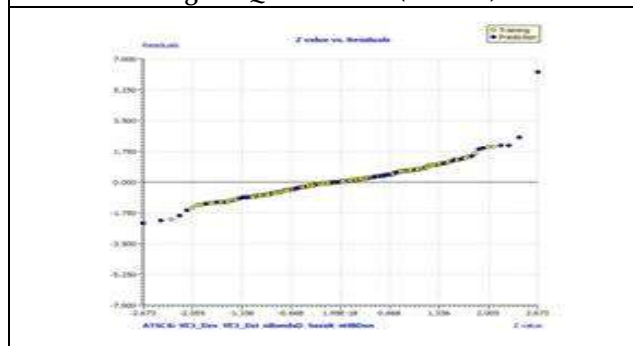


Figure.11: q-q plot of experimental endpoint vs. residuals from the predictions by model 1 equation

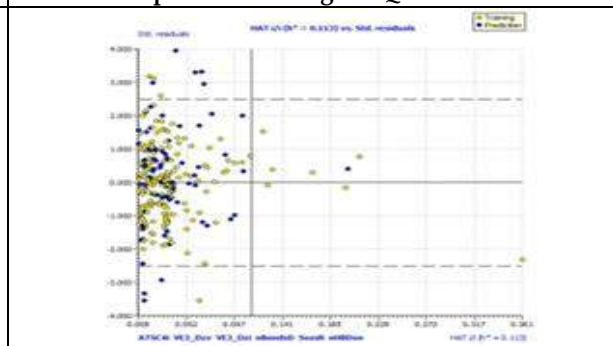


Figure.12: Williams plot of diagonal hat elements vs. standardized residual predictions by LOO (Model1)

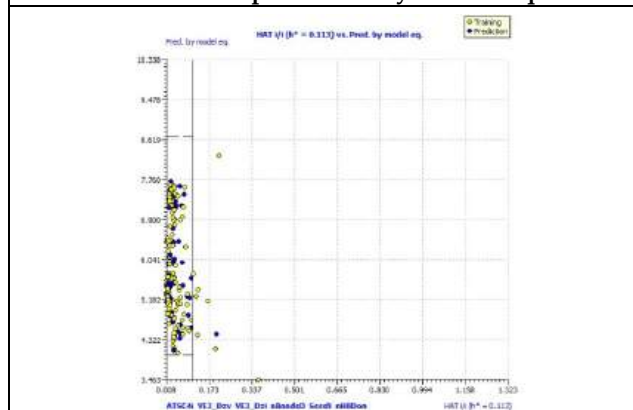


Figure 13. Insubria graph: diagonal hat elements vs. predictions by model MLR1

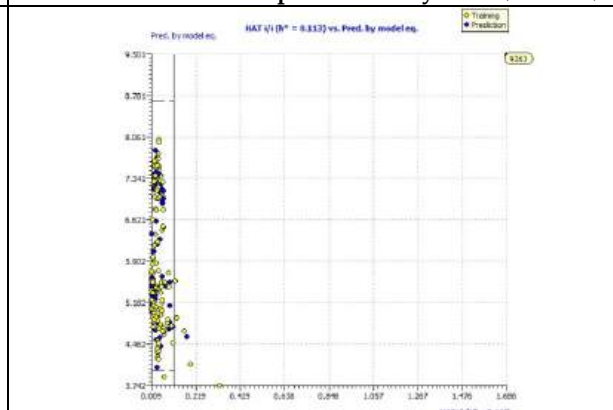


Figure 14. Insubria graph diagonal hat elements vs. predictions by the combined model equation





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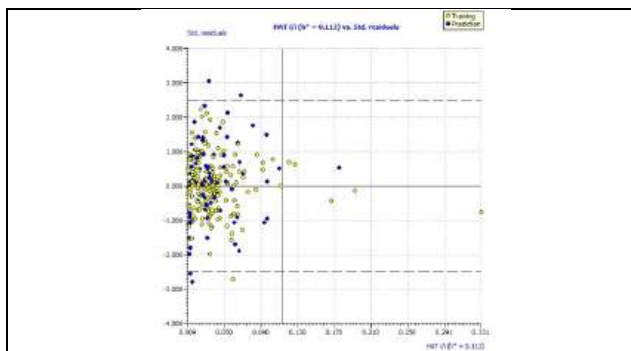


Figure 15. Williams plot predicted by combined model equation using ACM

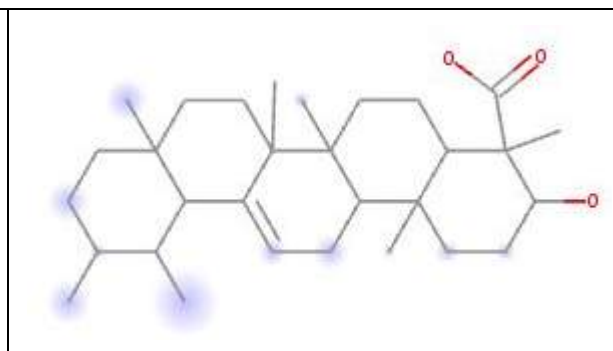


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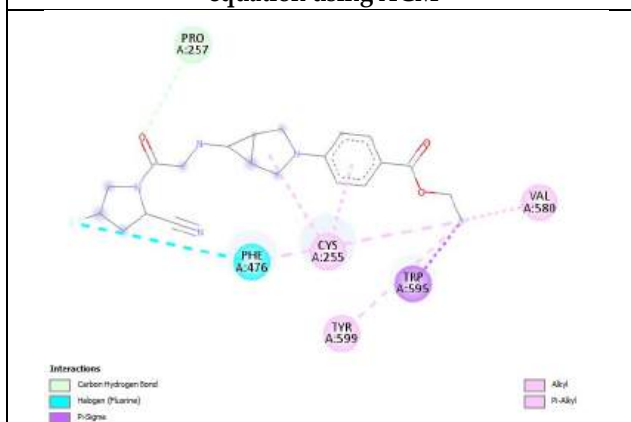


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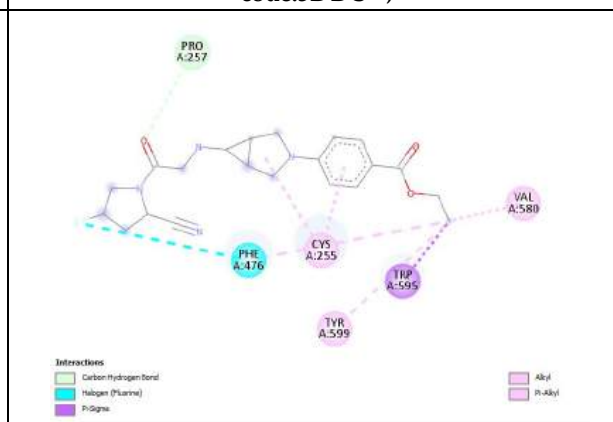


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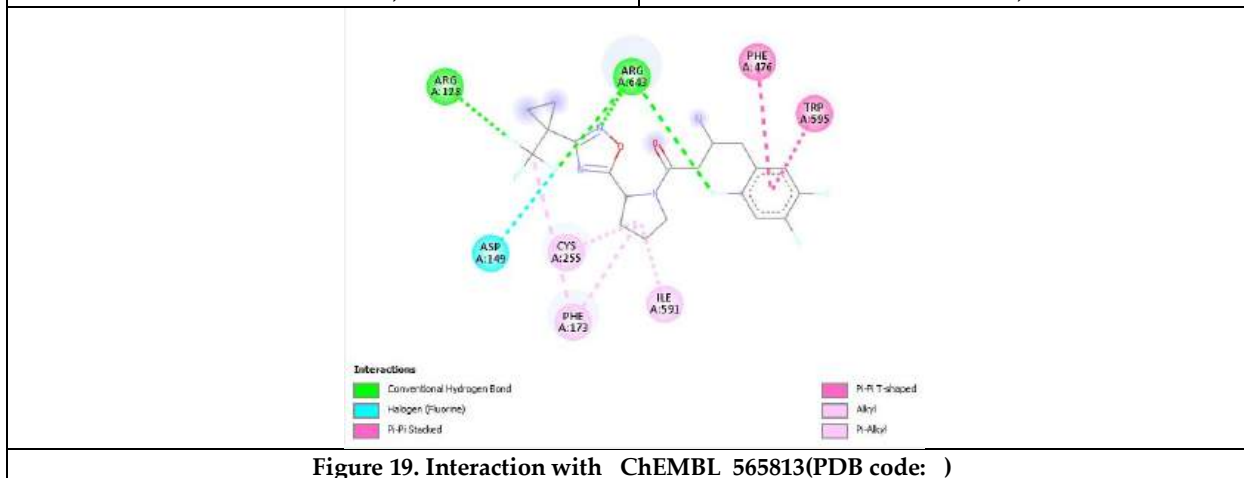


Figure 19. Interaction with ChEMBL 565813(PDB code:)





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Geo-chemical and microbiological Assessment of Potentially Toxic Metal Contamination in Soils of the Ranipet Industrial Region, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, India

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ABSTRACT

The study focused on assessing the potentially toxic metals in the soil and effluent samples from Ranipet industrial area, Vellore district, to ascertain the presence of trivalent (Cr^{3+}) and hexavalent (Cr^{6+}) and cadmium (Cd). Analysis revealed that effluents were discharged untreated, significantly impacting soil and water quality in the radius of 5km from the chromium dumping sites. Elevated concentrations of Cr and Cd were observed in both soil and effluent samples, emphasizing the severe contamination from leachates of dumping sites. Chemical analysis of Potentially Toxic Metal (PTM) was assessed using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS), which indicated excessive levels of total chromium in the range 44.8 mg/L in TCCL and 38.2 mg/L in TCL and Cd in the range 6.42 mg/L and 4.89 mg/L respectively surpassing CPCB (1995) permissible limits of 2 mg/L (Cr) and 3 mg/L (Cd). In addition, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), Total dissolved solids (TDS) and Total suspended solids (TSS) exceeded regulatory standards, indicating inefficient treatment process. Soil samples collected within the radius of 2 km from the dumping site exhibited high concentrations of Cr (3178 mg/kg in TCCL and 2894 mg/kg in TCL) and Cd in the range of 24.7 mg/kg and 19.3 mg/kg respectively, emphasizing significant potentially toxic metal accumulation. Spatial distribution of Cr and Cu showed elevated concentrations within 2km of the dumping site. Deteriorated soil quality was confirmed by the detection of elevated electrical conductivity (EC), total organic carbon, levels of organic matter, and moisture content. The research has comprehensively assessed the chromium dumping site



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induced potentially toxic metal contamination in both soil and effluent samples emphasizing sustainable remediation strategies to mitigate the toxic metals preventing long term damage to environment.

Keywords: Potentially toxic metal (PTM), Tannery effluents, UV-visible spectroscopy, Spatial distribution, Pollution index (PI), Geo-accumulation index (GI).

INTRODUCTION

Industrial effluents and hazardous waste released onto land accumulate toxic metallic components leading to contamination contributing to critical and complex environmental and health hazards (Saha and Rahman, 2018). The distribution and mobility of heavy metals is attributed not alone to concentration but also to their interaction with the surrounding environment. Improper management and unscientific disposal of waste containing heavy metal residues from tanneries and chromium producing factories may cause severe environmental damage, causing detrimental effect to the water, soil, and ecosystem (Sinduja et al. 2022). Extensive stacking and disposal of chromium rich solid waste, about 5-m high above the ground level as reported by Rao et al. (2011) has caused tough water, and soil pollution and posing potential risk to the local flora and fauna in the districts, Vellore and Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, which hosted number of the chromium producing factories and tanneries (Chen et al. 2018). Cultivable land in these areas has been drastically affected and eroded by land and water pollution leading to a noticeable decline in total crop yield. The area used for agricultural has dropped by 41% in Dindigul and 10.5% in Vellore within the past 20 years. Chromium occurs in nature in its Cr^{3+} , trivalent and Cr^{6+} , hexavalent forms (Sinduja et al. 2022). It's chemical reactivity, ionic charge and toxicity has resulted in cardiovascular, renal and respiratory complications in human beings as reported by the studies of Chow et al. (2018); Chow et al. (2020); Shi et al. (2020); Salman and Elnazer (2020); Kamarudheen et al. (2020).

Due to instability in the environment Cr^{3+} is metabolized to Cr^{6+} , additionally formation of insoluble complexes due to the interaction of hydroxides and functional groups of chromium upon getting adsorbed on soil particles, Balan et al. (2012), Cr^{3+} gets immobilized in most soil environments. In contrast, anionic Cr^{6+} binds less firmly, resulting in grater mobility, Shi et al. (2020). The presence of Fe (II), Fe (O), and various organic compounds including several microorganisms contribute to a similar reduction process of Cr^{6+} to Cr^{3+} in the environment, Beukes et al. (2017). Soil contamination is reported to higher in landfill areas due to leachate from dumping site, is a major pollution source. PTM pollution due to the release of chromium rich sediments contaminate soil, surface water, and groundwater resulting in significant imbalance in the ecological system. Therefore, the present study was conducted to analyze the physicochemical parameters like moisture content, Total Organic Carbon, organic matter, Cr^{3+} , Cr^{6+} , and Cadmium being contaminated with effluents discharged by chromium processing industries around industrial sites at Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, India. Industrial waste management is a complex and challenging issue. Hence it is critical to study the pollution status of the study area to plan future research through sustainable solutions using microbiome assisted PTM bioremediation.

Materials and methods

Overview of the study area

As identified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) of India, Ranipet, of Vellore district, Tamil Nadu from where the soil and effluent samples were collected is located 120 km away from the Chennai-Bangalore highway and is designated as one of the areas with persistent pollution (Gowd and Govil 2008; Gowd et al. 2010). The industrial sites selected for this study were Tamil Nadu Chromates and Chemicals Limited (TCCL) and Thirumala Chemicals Limited (TCL) in Ranipet, representing metal contaminated areas associated with chromate and chemicals industries. Additionally, these sites are located within a 5 km radius of the chromium dumping site in Ranipet. The location details were located as Latitude 12.953191 N, Longitude 79.310272 E using handheld GPS (Fig. 1).



**Soil sample collection and analytical procedure**

Soil and effluent samples for the study were collected within a 2 and 5 km radius from chromium dumping sites of TCL and TCCL. Samples of soil were collected at a depth of 15–20 cm, aseptically transferred into zip-lock polythene, labelled accordingly was further preserved at 4°C for further use (Mandal et al. 2011), the effluent sample was collected from designated study locations in a prewashed 1000 ml bottle, secured, labelled, and all the samples were transferred to the laboratory (Vijayakumar et al. 2022) and stored at 4°C.

Physico-chemical characterization of soil samples

Soil samples from the study site were identified with the Geo accumulation characteristics (Dotaniya et al. 2017; Patra 2017). The pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, cation exchange capacity, nitrogen content, stability index, moisture content, organic carbon, and heavy metal content of the soil samples were analyzed. Aqua regia was used to mineralize the air-dried soil samples as per the International Standard ISO-11466. Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS) was used to analyze the elements in the soil and effluent samples (Tomczyk et al. 2023).

Determination of total chromium, trivalent (Cr^{3+}) and hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+})

The Cr^{6+} presence in the samples were determined using 1,5- diphenylcarbazide (DPC) in line with SR ISO 11083/98 (Lace et al. 2019). To minimise the conversion of Cr^{6+} to Cr^{3+} state, the soil sample was analysed the second day following sample collection. The soil sample was extracted in aquaregia and analyzed. The complex_ion-reagent solution was formed by 1g of 1,5-diphenylcarbazide (DPC) in 100 mL acetone resulting in a red violet color complex at pH 2, read using a UV-visible spectrophotometer at 540 nm. After 15 minutes of incubation, 15 mL of NaOH (0.1 mol/L) was added. Phosphoric acid was used for pH control. Due to redox reaction, hexavalent chromium was reduced to trivalent chromium, and DPC was oxidized to 1,5-diphenylcarbazone. The total chromium, trivalent chromium, and hexavalent chromium were calculated, and all experiments were repeated in triplicates (Onchoke and Sasu 2016; Zhao et al. 2019).

Physicochemical characterization of the effluent

The effluent's physicochemical parameters, such as pH, odor, color, Total Dissolved Solids, chemical oxygen demand, Electrical conductivity, total hardness, total sulphates, chlorides, and biological oxygen demand were assessed as per the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (Pavitra and Kousar 2016).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**pH determination of soil samples**

The soil samples were analyzed to determine the pH at different sites. Within a 2 km radius, it was determined that site 1 had a pH of 9.55 and pH of 8.97 at site 2. Similarly, within a 5 km radius, site 3 had a pH of 8.17 and pH of 8.33 at site 4 in and around the chromium dumping site (Table 1). The findings indicate the alkalinity of the study areas, with the elevated pH values of the soil between 8.17 to 9.55, and average pH value of 8.86. A pH value greater than 7.4 leads to the oxidation of ammonia to produce nitrate, while the conversion of sulfur to sulfate is mediated by soil bacteria as reported by Sinduja et al. (2022). Additionally, trivalent chromium (Cr^{3+}) oxidized along with manganese dioxide (MnO_2) has been reported (Banerjee and Khan 2021). The soil samples with a pH of greater than 8.5, indicate the sodicity in the soil. Indiscriminate use of elevated concentration of dyes, sodium carbonate and sodium sulfate in the leather processing in the tanneries and untreated discharge of the effluent to the land has resulted in the increased soil pH (Mandal et al. 2011). When the acidity is low, more chromium leaches with acidic rainwater. In the acidic pH, chromium can exist in the soluble trivalent chromium (Cr^{3+}) species, generated through reduction of (Cr^{6+}). A higher value of pH value was detected in the chromium dumping site of the study area (Table 1).



**Chaithanya and Kumudini Belur Satyan****Determination of temperature of soil samples**

Different sites within a radius of 2 and 5 km from the chromium dumping sites were selected to determine the temperature of soil samples. Within a 2 km radius, site 1 recorded a temperature of 42.3°C and site 2 with 40.9°C. Similarly, within a 5 km radius, site 3 with 37.7°C and site 4 recorded the temperature of 37.9°C (Table 1).

Physicochemical properties of soil sample

Physico-chemical characterization of soil samples obtained at TCCL and TCL industrial premises and the results achieved from the experiments are tabulated (Table 2). Tested soil samples had a pH, Electrical Conductivity in the range 8.68 and 8.44, and 1.28 and 1.35 Sm^{-1} with 1.315 Sm^{-1} an average respectively. The spatial distribution indicates the highest EC concentration was in the northern part of the chromium dumping site. This is attributed to the discharge of untreated chromium-rich effluent and geochemical processes. The soil test sample near the industrial sites TCCL and TCL located within the radius of 2 km from the dumping site had a higher pH of 9.55 and 8.98 respectively (Table 1) and higher 'EC' values of 1.315 Sm^{-1} (Table 2). Soil sample 1 obtained at TCCL noted to show a Moisture Content (%) of 31; Total Organic Carbon (TOC %) of 0.33; Organic Carbon content (%) of 5.37, and 76 mg/kg of cadmium (Cd). Similarly, soil sample 2 obtained at TCL revealed Moisture Content (%) of 28; Total Organic Carbon (TOC %) of 0.64; Organic Carbon content (%) of 5.14, and 49 mg/kg of cadmium (Cd). It was the highest organic carbon detected at the TCCL soil sample (soil sample 1) than the soil sample (soil sample 2) obtained at TCL; other major elements like Nitrogen (N_2) ranging between 142.56 and 201.56 mg/kg; Phosphorus (P) 41.74 and 52.99 mg/kg and Potassium (K) 18.20 and 80.40 mg/kg (Arifin et al. 2022; Reddykapa et al. 2022). The remaining elements like Fe, Ni, Ca, Mg, Cu, S, Zn, Mn, B, Pb, were not detected in the soil samples of TCCL and TCL respectively (Table 2).

Determination of Chromium and hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+})

In comparison with other trace elements the soil sample of the study area showed the gradually lowering levels in the order $\text{Cr} > \text{Fe} > \text{Ni} > \text{Pb} > \text{Mn} > \text{Cu} > \text{Zn}$, a similar analysis was recorded by Sinduja et al. (2022) and the values are tabulated (Fig. 2). Disposal of untreated sediment and effluents from the chromium producing factories and tanneries resulted in the occurrence of higher concentrations of chromium, as reported by Tarcan et al. (2010). The trivalent chromium variability (Cr^{3+}) ranged between 1193.25 ± 0.97 and 1582.21 ± 0.97 mg/kg (Tarcan et al. 2010) of 53.6 mg on an average. Soil sample in site 1 recorded the highest contamination with elevated levels of pH, EC, Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} in comparison to the other regions. Uddin and Ahmed, (2018) illustrated that among the various industries in the study area, tanneries and chromium producing factories produce large quantities heavy metals like chromium, nickel, lead, cadmium, manganese, and lead. Higher concentrations of chromium were ascertained within 2 km vicinity of the contaminated site, attributed to the release of untreated effluent onto the land. The increased release of high concentration of effluents has led to elevated chromium levels in soil (Prasad et al. 2021). Literature suggests, dry Cr (III) precipitates can be transformed into Cr (VI) by heating it up in the presence of oxygen. Further, Cr^{6+} can be oxidized to Cr^{3+} in the aqueous phase through interactions with manganese dioxide (MnO_2), Apte et al. (2005). Manganese oxide, commonly utilized in processing leather, Tariq et al. (2010). Cr^{3+} content in the soil was between 256.21 and 1582.21 mg/kg, and Cr^{6+} concentration ranged between 51.76 and 64.71 mg/kg. Higher Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} concentrations which dominated the area within 2 km radius of the sample collection site were due to the disposal of untreated chromium rich tannery effluents and chromium factories. AS reported by Sinduja et al. (2022), the PI (Pollution Index) a measurable parameter to evaluate the extent contamination by tannery effluents in local sediments. It acts as an indicator to relate the potential sources of heavy metal contamination in the soil from the study area. Pollution index (PI) is the quantifiable indicator for estimation of the extent of tannery effluent in the local soil sediments, Sinduja et al, (2022). The concentration of components in the soil's PI values when greater than 1.0, signifies the interference of human activity as reported by Tariq et al. (2010). The geo-accumulation index is another critical factor to consider while assessing pollutants in soils. soil sediments can be classified into five categories viz. (1) uncontaminated to slightly contaminated, (2) moderate contamination, (3) moderate to heavy contamination, (4) heavily contaminated, (5) heavy to significantly contaminated, and (6) the 'GI' value '>5', indicates extremely contaminated (Sinduja et al. 2022). An estimation of the soil contamination of the samples was made using the Geo-accumulation Index (GI). As per the classification, the trivalent chromium levels from various sites showed



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that at site 1 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 2 km showed 1582.21 ± 0.97 mg/kg, site 2 (TCL Premise) within a 2 km radius showed Cr concentration of 1193.25 ± 0.97 mg/kg, Site 3 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 814.64 ± 1.009 mg/kg and at site 4 (TCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 256.21 ± 0.91 mg/kg. Similarly, the hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+}) levels from various sites showed that the soil sample obtained at site 1 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 2 km showed 64.71 ± 1.12 mg/kg of, site 2 (TCL Premise) within a 2 km radius showed Cr concentration of 60.71 ± 1.43 mg/kg, Site 3 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 59.20 ± 0.57 mg/kg and at site 4 (TCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 51.76 ± 0.452 mg/kg of hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+}) respectively, highlighting the industrial premise of TCCL and TCL regions affected by the discharge of heavily polluted, untreated effluents onto open ground (Table 3).

Physico-chemical characterization of the effluent

According to Muthukkappan and Parthiban (2018) physicochemical analysis, the effluent from the industrial premises in Ranipet is alkaline, containing high levels of BOD, COD, and organic particle matter, as well as an unpleasant odour and colour. Most likely, the smell comes from microbial activity or the organic materials in the effluent breaking down. The tannery effluents had a pH between 8.27 and 8.67, which is higher than the general guidelines the CPCB (1995) advised for land disposal or irrigation. The physiology of organisms in ponds, rivers, and other natural habitats can be greatly impacted by the discharge of untreated effluents with high pH levels, as this can pose a considerable threat on local flora and fauna. A water sample's electrical conductivity (EC) indicates its capacity. The current investigation discovered that the existence of salts and inorganic materials, which enhance conductivity, is the reason for the tannery effluent's high electrical conductivity (EC) (Muthukkappan and Parthiban, 2018). It is most likely the elevated concentrations of salts, bases, and acids, in the water that are causing the higher EC values. These particles can harm aquatic life and soil in a number of ways, such as altering the porosity, texture, and water holding capacity of soil and blocking fish gills and respiratory surfaces. The investigation also found that the tannery effluents had high levels of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), which was measured at 480 mg/L and indicated a sizable organic load (Muthukkappan and Parthiban, 2018). According to Goswami et al. (2020), the most effective technique for calculating the total oxygen demand by organic material in the effluent is Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD). A significant concentration of COD (3400 mg/L) was noticed in the current study. The outflow of effluent into surface water inland areas did not reach the acceptable level of 250 mg/L, as per the CPCB (1995) evaluation criteria. Water becomes harder due to ions, specifically calcium, sulphate, magnesium, and sodium. The findings showed that the ion concentration exceeded the CPCB-recommended limit of 1000 mg/L. TDS value above than 180 mg/L, indicates extreme hardness of water (Table 4) (Badrinath and Raman 1995).

CONCLUSION

The Ranipet industrial region in Vellore District was found to have primary ion pollution, as evidenced by the soil and effluent quality assessment conducted surrounding the industries. The high Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} concentration was noticed in the TCCL and TCL industrial premises. Along with chromium other metal species also occurred at a high concentration as it is revealed by earlier research data. The excessive concentrations of chromium in the samples collected near the chromium producing factories and tanneries in the Ranipet industrial area premises indicates the impact of disposal of untreated effluents to the open ground. Findings confirmed that the untreated effluents are discharged onto land and water bodies, degrading quality of soil and water even further. Therefore, it is essential to design and develop sustainable approach and model systems to develop the functionality of heavy metal treatment plants and incorporating suitable remediation techniques to reduce hexavalent chromium to trivalent chromium from the target regions is crucial. Such remediation techniques support sustainable agriculture by helping mitigate negative environmental consequences. A study using the Sobol sensitivity model to evaluate human health risks in a leather tanning industrial and chromium processing regions of South India revealed that children are at higher health risks compared to women and men due to environmental exposure. This emphasizes the vulnerability of younger populations to contaminants in such industrial zones (Karunanidhi et al., 2021) and thus more emphasis on Geo-





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accumulation studies of carcinogenic heavy metal, hexavalent chromium in the soil and effluent to design a remediation technique through an eco-friendly, cost effective and sustainable.

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Fig. 1 Sample collection from chromium dumping site at Ranipet, Vellore district, Tamil Nadu, India.





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Therapeutic Allure in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Mistress of Spices

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ABSTRACT

India is the homeland of Ayurveda, martial arts and Siddha medicines. It is a multi-ethnic terrestrial, and each of its province has its own vernacular dialect, attire, gourmet, tradition and rituals. Divakaruni has incredibly projected the generic potentials of the spices and has blended it with the fictional components that complete the objective of the tale. Culinary competence, which appears to govern the perception of ideal womanhood, is meted out in varied contexts in her novels. Tilo the protagonist utilizes her magical powers to communicate with spices, which forms the primitive module of the globe, to resolve the day-to-day issues of other immigrants. This paper provides readers with a glimpse into the therapeutic standards of Indian spices accentuated for their healing qualities by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni in her novel *The Mistress of Spices*.

Keywords: Healing, Spices, Therapeutic, Allure, Culture, Identity, Culinary

INTRODUCTION

Twentieth century has provided wide opportunities for the writers to exercise great impact on culture, society and history of the new land. At the same time, they nostalgically recall the custom, culture, gourmet, language and people of their mother land. Some of the gifted women settlers began to record the life and longings of the immigrants effectively in their writings. Immigration has given wider opportunities to the Indian writers to express their experience and anguish in a new land. Divakaruni's works are largely grounded on poignant crisis, inspiration and the extensive discord of Indian immigrant womenfolk who crave for belongingness with the aboriginal principles and morality. She distinctively plans the image of ordeal women preoccupied with their inner world, their menacing hatred and the gale in the existential impasse of women in a masculine conquered humanity.

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Her works exhibit Indian women as paramount characters. By exhibiting womanly- narrative all through her workings, she makes a plea for a competent living of women, enduring her flexibility. She has depicted women individuals through her collective thoughts and practice. She recurrently concentrates her writing on women problems. she says,

“Women in particular respond to my work because I’m writing about them– women in love, in difficulties, women in relationships. I want people to relate me to my characters, to feel their joy and agony, because it will be harder to [be] prejudiced when they meet them in true life” (Softky).

Divakaruni after a lot of research on Ayurveda has added the information in her novel. She connotes:

“I have been absorbed in the traditional ancient Hindu system of medicine, for a long time so I did a lot of ayurvedic research as well. So, I did do a lot of Ayurvedic research. Some of it came out of, again, the folklore of There are some good luck spices. You have certain ceremonies where you would use certain spices to bring good luck and avert the evil eye—the mustard seed to avert the evil eye and the haldi, which is auspicious.” (Seshachari, Neila, 2001)

The Mistress of Spices is inscribed in a culinary genre and the narrative revolves around spices. Nearly half the spices cultivated in India is utilized by the whole world. Colleen Taylor Sen connotes:

Spices indigenous to India are ginger, turmeric, tamarind, black (also called round) pepper (Piper nigrum), Curry Leaves (Murraya koenigi), Pippali or long pepper (P.longum), green and black cardamom and holy tulasi...Sesame seed (Sesame indicum), one of the oilseed crops, was domesticated very early. Asafoetida...originated in Afghanistan, which is still a major producer... (FAF, 23)

The Mistress of Spices (1997) is established in fashionable Oakland, California. Respectively the episodes of the novel is termed after a different spice that has deep connection with the characters. The first chapter is titled ‘Tilo’ a name derived from Til. The rest of the chapters are named after each spice. Tilo, the protagonist of this novel is the possessor of the Spice Market in Oakland, California. She is an immigrant from India who aids her clients satisfy their requirements and wishes with the aid of diverse spices. Her customers are typically primary- or subsequent-cohort immigrants who tussle to acclimatise their deep-rooted-realm thoughts in the unacquainted novel realm. “The people are compelled to leave their native land in search of a better living” (Beulah Joseline 77263)

Inbred in India Tilo is marooned on a secluded island, populated by womankind. Tilo faces gender discrimination at the very early stage in her life. She is named as ‘Nayantara’ and is discarded by her family for the scandal of being born a female. “Home gives security for everyone, but for Saru home is a place of disappointment” (Saratha Lakshmi 9749). She is gifted as the paramour of flavours and conjures the charmed supremacies of the flavours to triumph over the sufferings of the local Indian expatriate community. Her customers are typically primary or subsequent cohort immigrants who struggle to acclimatize their old world principles to the unfamiliar innovative world. “As a result of immigration to foreign countries, lonely men and women and their ethnic identity creates confusion among the young” (Shahin Banu 3547).

Tilo finds herself not only trapped in the lives of several Indian immigrants but also in the life of, Raven. Her craving to the domain of souls’ wraths the flavoring spices and she is in a dilemma, to fulfil the inhabitants or else to pursue the course of her individual contentment. Tilo gets an identity as an Indian – American and continues to render overhaul to the people with her mystical, magical and visionary powers. Divakaruni in a discussion said: “The spices are very significant in this manuscript, as characters they have peculiar traits.”(Divakaruni)

Tilo comprehends space and time to these constructions through a dialect of physicality and mentality. Owing to the displacement Tilo leads a secluded life. Her journey from the known to the unknown land leads her way to twinge and torment. This reflects her affection towards her homeland and the past world. Her expedition through water, air and ocean, is very much like walking on fire. She expresses her predicament in the foreign land: “I think I do not inflate when I say there is no other place in the globe quite like this” (MS 3). Her spice shop is a bridge between her past and the present. It also symbolizes secrecy and geographical monolithic national identity which gives space for



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diaspora people to rethink of them in the new nation. Divakaruni recapitulates the lost traditions and myths of her homeland through evoked memories of bygone times, place, and people. She projects the inner conflicts ranging within a woman who has to take a resolution if she has to live for herself or for the welfare of others. Tilottama (Tilo) the raconteur of the tale is inbred in India. She is spearheaded to be a “Controller of spices” and is ultimately deployed to vanguard a flavourful spice shop in Oakland, California. Tilo, chooses America willingly and supports people open their cherished feelings and restore them back to health.

The Spice shop, for illustration, created in the novel is a setting which helps in fetching exiled inhabitants collectively and offer them consolation. Food works as reminiscence and we all have optimistic and adverse memoirs with food. The diasporic circumstances additionally strengthen this association. Seasonings from dwellings recap you to the hospitality of a blissful dwelling moreover as bygones progress by. Though daily bread and related metaphors have played a role in narratives, psychosomatic ideas have fronted to the evaluation of cuisine besides consumption for example a comprehensive understanding. (Thomas J. Schoenberg and Lawrence J. Trudeau’s). Food connotes the belief systems, pious guidelines, and byzantine beliefs of a specific character, or that of an entire kinship or ethnicity. Jonathan David says: In order to begin such a framework about food in folklore, . . . we should first analyse the subject of folk cuisine itself, and folk eating habits. Together, these create the domain that scholars in the field of folklore and folklife have come to call ‘foodways.’

Divakaruni presents Tilo as a character who is undistinguishably bonded in the process of displacement. The entire notion of ‘home’ becomes exiled and is transmuted and hooked on to an indefinable form which is not centered on a particular whereabouts however quite a progress among countless locations. As Tilo’s identity is trivial and void she forges a pioneering identity as the pirate queen -Bhagyavathi. This brand new identity too for no reason accords Tilo the accomplishment she longs for. Becoming the queen of pirates she chases triumph but is deprived of a true identity. Emptiness impinges into her heart and she starts chasing death to end her imaginary life.

The sea serpents save Bhagyavathi from the typhoon. The serpents remain her Caretakers, absolutely since her infancy time. Serpents are adored in our land as Divinities and Goddesses ever since primeval eras. They resume to shield and provide her with all amenities. The serpents reveal to her concerning the entranced islet of flavors furthermore the ‘First mother’ or the ‘Older One’, who has resided there for ages. Inhabitants had viewed the First mother during the early hours when she usually ascended the utmost apex of a hilltop and guided ‘the thunder-text from corner to corner across the horizon’. Tilo perceives that her providence and outlook is in the hands of the First mother on the new island. She confronts the cautions and soliciting’s of the snakes and verves to the desert islet, as “the call of the spices coursed up her veins” (MS 24). The protagonist is drawn towards the enraptured island of flavours, nevertheless they coax her to verve with them. The serpents wanted Tilo to become ‘sarpakanya’.

Through the channel of nature and environment, Tilo acts as a concerning link between diasporas and homeland which is the accentuating feature of all living, and non-living existences in this milieu. The protagonist and the accompanying young adolescents who dwell in the land were given new name and identities, with which they would become recognizable wherever they went. New personas are being forged. Tilo is the vivid pupil of all, “swift to master every single spell and chant, ...hem a glance.” (MS 41).

The First Mother accords every Mistress an innovative designation opinionated on the flavour. But instigating the annoyance of the First Mother Tilo chooses her own name. The First Mother acquiesces to Tilo’s aspiration and bestows her with a new name ‘Tilottama’. Her name “Tilo” is shortened from “Tilottama”. The Chief Mom presents her to the myth of Tilottama, ‘the leading performer at Indira’s allure’. “The spice speaks to me” says Tilo. She is the enchantress and the enchanted. “It’s expression is like dusk, ...realm” (MS 13). The First Mother who originates Tilo discloses Tilo’s special gifts. The spices aid her to endure calmness “clean, sharp and sane” and she sanctifies even them who do not see her with “fenugreek who renders the body sweet again”. These mistresses have to obey the stern rules in their private lives as a mistress. They should keep themselves away from all carnal desires, not utilize the spices for their own sake and should linger confined in the spice shop. They have to also eschew their reflection



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in the mirror and not express attachment towards customers. Tilo says “The spices are my love...realm quite like this” (MS 03). Food is a ubiquitous icon all through the narrative. Especially turmeric which can be used as an antibiotic as well as to enhance face shine.

Tilo is aware of how to use the spices, as she is able to distinguish their genesis, smell and insignia. She calls them by their factual name which was given when earth breached like a membrane and presented it till the open atmosphere. Its extracts are beneficial to many. Research is on process as it helps in treating various heart ailments including cancer. The protagonist shares Indian recipes amidst Kwesi, an African American. These simple acts of Tilo's kindness creates friendship among people of diverse cultures and leads to her transculturation as people are willing to overlook the differences and build relationships on the common cultural aspect that they have acquired. The store where the entire community tends to relive their experiences caters to the little cravings of the Indian community. In this novel we find an outline of diaspora that pays off the price for accomplishing dislocation. Divakaruni's novel resound this viewpoint that the notions of displacement and diaspora are, in discourse with one another. While the thought of displacement suggests the upheaval of familiar space and emphasizes the need to change, the notion of diaspora emphasizes the acquaintances between the displaced.

Tilo, significantly likes the spices she utilizes, and aids it to bestow life upon characters. For instance, Til that aids in curing diseases of liver and heart is made into an glue like consistency with sandalwood and when sautéed refurbishes brilliancy, when one has lost cognizance in life. Divakaruni has strikingly blended Indian flavours in this novel. She has globalized the effect of this ancient remedy technique of Ayurveda which is profoundly allied with Indian philosophy. Tilo offers Haroun is offered black cumin as it is presumed that it would come in handy to guard him of the malevolent. To add more to it she says that this spice is found in Sundarbans, teardrop in shape which smells like wild tigers.

Turmeric also named Halud, is highly appreciated for its therapeutic, mystical and preservation qualities. It is accepted for its devout and divine value. For more than a thousand year brides have been using this powder as it is considered to be auspicious which aids in guarding evil eyes. It is also a staple food which has the property to control inflammation. It also helps to alleviate pain and improve digestion. Turmeric, the auspicious spice... rubbed into the borders of wedding saris. (MS 13) Tilo's allegiance towards the spices and her customers paves way for her to remember that she would chant and help in reliving sorrowness as per her learnings.

Similarly, Fennel, is an counterpoise, a flavour for Wednesdays, which can take control from one and restore it to the other. Fennel, *Mouri*, aids in digestion. -Looks typically like a tinted hedge sparrow. Tilo's confrontation with an migrant's grandad and his family fetches attention to flavours like saffron crocus or popularly known as Kesar. Tilo adds Badam or almond to hot milk as she understands that it would soothe anyone's disputes and judgements and control their fury.

Cinnamon or Dalchini is a pleasingly scented drug plant which improves serum glucose, lower fasting blood glucose and reduces Triglycerides thus helping diabetics. To boost Jagjit's confidence Tilo tucks cinnamon stick into Jagjit's turban to help him make friends in his school and to gain strength. She wants him to be a robust self-confident character and believes cinnamom would give the valour to destroy his enemies because of its properties. In the novel, Asafoetida, a hard resinous gum spices are referred as 'an antidote of love' (MS 74). Healing repeatedly has been outlined as, the progression of bringing together aspects of oneself, body-mind-spirit, at profound levels of inner knowing, leading toward amalgamation and steadiness with each aspect having equal importance and value. (Egnew, 2005, p. 256)

Tilo hears her customers speaking together in all voices, Tamil, Assamese, Hindi, Oriya, English, layered one on the other. She acts as an accordion in the new environment paving to link the breach between the two diverse beliefs. Similar is the situation of Jagjit who is forced to live the life of a marginal by the Americans. “He lives in the world of disappointment where justice and consequence are expected but not experienced” (Shahin Banu 3467).





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Divakaruni illuminates the agony of exile and the uncertainties of post colonialism through a ten-year-old boy, Jagjit who is traumatized at school. Racial hatred leading to racial violence can best be seen in the case of Jagjit. Tilo hurriedly offered Jeera to reinforce his cognizance and Jagjit was given Manjistha or Indian madder “to make him calm and take away his anger” (MS 119). Tilo gives peppercorn to Raven as she presumes it has the capability to extract out his enigmas.

For instance, one such dependent wife, Mrs. Ahuja (Lalita) is a regular visitor to Tilo’s Store. She marries Mr. Ahuja, because of her parents’ compulsion. He is an alcoholic and often abuses her. Taking her to be a mere machine he abuses her even at the cherished times. Mrs. Ahuja’s confronts with exploitation, mistreatment and solitude in America. Her expectations are traumatized on the day of her marriage itself as she is denied of her personal opinions. Lalita is talented to discover resolutions for her predicaments through the protagonists reassuring confrontations. “The way she fulfils the expectations of all speaks volumes about her potential” (Saratha Lakshmi 3474).

Dreaming of the island, the protagonist engrosses in a noiseless psychological treatise with the Foremost Mother athwart stretches. All the immigrant female characters-Tilo, Geeta, Lalita, Daksha and Hameeda face ‘in-betweenness’ at some juncture. Tilo too is caught amidst her duty as the paramour of flavours and her craving to help people out of the box. She violates the rules laid down for the mistress and offers her aid to the needy.

Finally, she cannot hide her feelings for Raven. Tilo challenges the mistress-ship. Her love for her work as mistress of spices and for Raven is equal. Tilo is an embodiment of Indian cultural heritage characterized by chastity and resistance to cultural infiltration. Reiterating her womanly charm Tilo adopts the tag Maya. Hence, distinctiveness neither is conventional nor preconceived in consonance with their ethnic identity, and it doesn’t inevitably come forth when immigrants abandon or embrace their ethnic identity. It is a fusion of welcoming and unleashing changes, both internal and external, just as Tilo turns into Maya, the illusion. Tilo determines to go back to Oakland, though it was overwhelmed owing to an quake. Ghanshyam remark in their article, ‘Shifting Identities: Re-invention of the Self in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s The Mistress of Spices’:

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni has very dexterously juxtaposed the world of spices with that of women, as a metaphor of her life and identity, ... (84-85)

Literature does not deal with the any precise society or a distinct commune, it is for humankind. The effects of diaspora is dexterously employed by Divakaruni. “Exotic power is empowerment, and feminism and exoticism are first demarcated and reconciled. Exotic spices enable women to become feminist subjects by using their magical and healing qualities to fight patriarchal Indian traditions” (2005:77). Inderpal Grewal

Divakaruni has utilized the “magic” of these spices, both factually and allegorically.

Since the body is accepted as a noteworthy component of distinctiveness, such illustrations clutch boundless power along with the transformations in the protagonist. Tilo enters a luminal threshold -a interplanetary amidst the historical and the forthcoming without precise knowledge of where the contemporary day is. Tilo’s journey which starts with sesame culminates in *makaradwaj*, king among spices. She says, “Make me attractive, *makaradwa*, such attractiveness as on this earth never was” (MS 262), suggests that eating practices play an intricate role in personality-identity and is influential in defining an individuality and also traditional identity in accordance to Current psychoanalytic theory. The intense incarnation of spices is promptly recognizable, showcasing their complicated immersion in the sophisticated ‘beliefs of several lives. These spices surpass their intrinsic nature and suppose roles akin to beings. Food acts as an icon to emphasize individual and communal distinctiveness. Spices serve not only for enhancing the flavour of food but also to address health-related issues. These flavours are embodied as individuals in the narration. Divakaruni has skilfully woven these elements concurrently to unveil the essence of the novel.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Enhancement of Soil Strength using Jute - Geotextile for Subgrade Stabilization: A Sustainable and Cost - Effective Solution

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ABSTRACT

Many regions, including India, the U.S.A., and Egypt, face construction challenges due to clayey soil, leading to damage in light structures and pavements. Traditional soil replacement is costly, especially in developing countries. This study explores jute fiber as an eco-friendly, cost-effective soil stabilizer. Laboratory tests show that jute reinforcement significantly increases soil strength, with a 200% rise in CBR value at 0.75% fiber content. Jute-geotextile proves to be an economical, practical solution for improving weak subgrades.

Keywords: Jute geotextile, CBR, Eco-friendly, Economical, Subgrade

INTRODUCTION

The subgrade, the lowest pavement layer, bears all pavement loads and must remain stable under adverse conditions. Weak subgrades cause defects like rutting and corrugation, impacting pavement durability. Reinforcing soil with jute fiber enhances strength, bearing capacity, and durability while being cost-effective and eco-friendly. With increasing urbanization, clayey soils pose challenges due to low shear strength and high compressibility. Rather than seeking new land, improving soil properties through reinforcement methods like jute fiber offers a sustainable solution. Utilizing industrial by-products and natural fibers not only strengthens soil but also promotes environmental conservation and efficient waste management. The shrink-swell behavior of clayey soil poses significant risks to construction, leading to excessive settling at the site. Additionally, soils may be prone to collapse or liquefaction, making them challenging to manage. Searching for ideal construction sites by altering the natural environment is not advisable, as it disrupts the balance of ecosystems. The destruction of forests, agricultural land, and natural slopes can lead to imbalances in wildlife and contribute to environmental disasters such as floods and landslides. These changes pose serious threats to human life and survival.



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- Assessing the strength properties of both untreated and jute-blended soils with varying jute fiber lengths.
- Identifying the optimal jute content and combination to achieve the highest improvement in soil strength

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The California Bearing Ratio (CBR) test, both soaked and unsoaked, was performed on soil samples reinforced with varying percentages and lengths of jute fiber. This test measures the force per unit area needed to penetrate a soil sample using a circular plunger with a 50mm diameter, at a penetration rate of 1.25mm per minute.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The CBR test was performed on soil samples reinforced with 60mm long jute fibers at varying percentages of 0.25%, 0.50%, 0.75%, and 1%.

CONCLUSION

The laboratory tests revealed that the inclusion of jute fiber in soil significantly enhances its CBR value. As the fiber content increased, the CBR value showed a notable improvement, particularly at 0.75% fiber content. Additionally, the fiber length played a crucial role in further increasing the CBR value, with the most substantial rise observed when the fiber length was 90 mm. A remarkable improvement of over 200% in CBR value was noted at 0.75% fiber content. The use of jute-geotextiles for soil reinforcement proves to be a cost-effective and practical solution, offering a superior alternative to traditional methods. It is particularly beneficial for constructing low-volume roads on weak subgrades, making it a viable option in regions with limited resources.

Future Scope

- Enhancing soil properties has become a critical focus in modern construction. This study explores the effects of jute and gypsum, though numerous other materials offer potential for similar improvements. For future research, the following areas could be explored:
- Utilization of various waste materials from agricultural, municipal, or industrial sources to improve soil, contributing to sustainable urban development.
- Conducting similar studies with different moisture contents to assess their impact on soil strength. Investigating the effects of soil reinforcement with other soil types to broaden the applicability of the findings.

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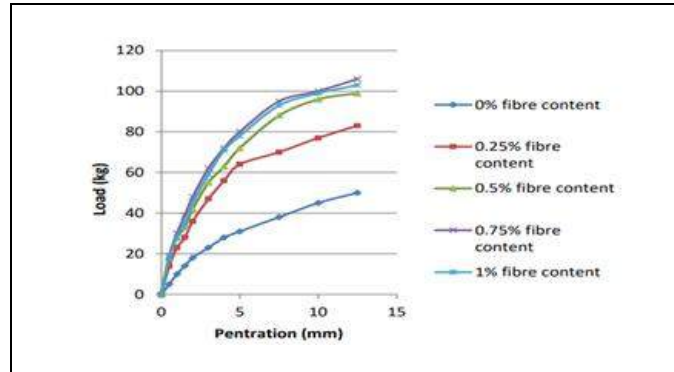


Figure.1: CBR Values for Varying Fiber Contents and 60mm Fiber Length The CBR test was performed on soil samples reinforced with 60mm long jute fibers at varying percentages of 0.25%, 0.50%, 0.75%, and 1%.

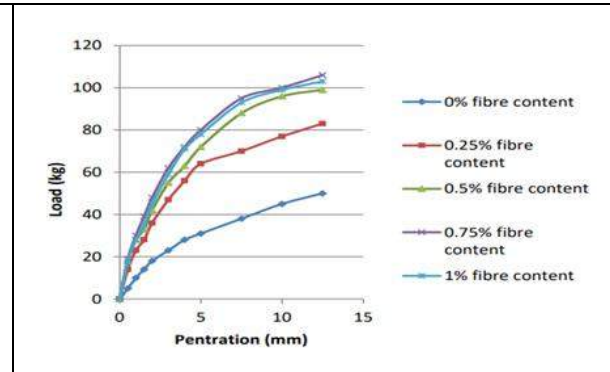


Figure.2: CBR Values for Varying Fiber Contents and 90mm Fiber Length

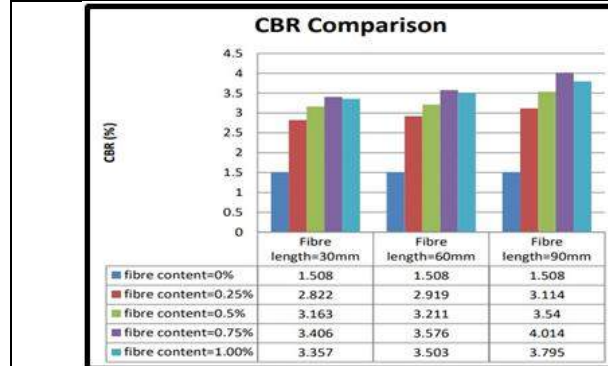


Figure.3: Comparison of obtained CBR Value at different fibre content (%)

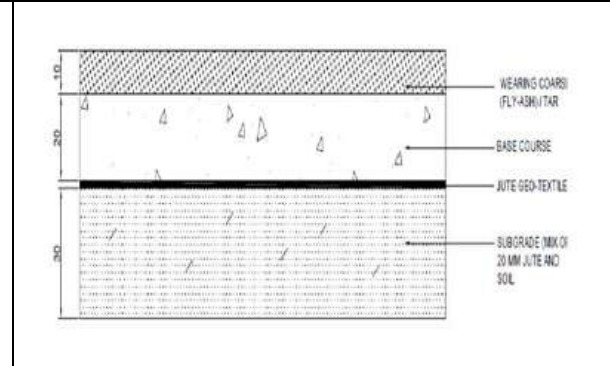


Figure. 4: Cross Sectional view of a road after placing the Jute as a Geo-Textile





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Cultural Identity and Acculturation in Khaled Hosseini's Novels: A Cultural Psychology Analysis

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines Khaled Hosseini's novels through the lens of cultural psychology, focusing on how his characters navigate cultural displacement and identity formation. Using Berry's Acculturation Model and Cultural Frame Switching theory, the analysis explores how different characters employ various acculturation strategies - integration, assimilation, separation, and marginalization. Through detailed character studies from *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, the paper demonstrates how successful cultural integration enables individuals to maintain meaningful connections to their heritage while adapting to new cultural contexts. Hosseini's narratives illustrate the psychological challenges and opportunities presented by cultural displacement, particularly highlighting how bicultural competence can enhance personal growth and cross-cultural understanding. The analysis reveals that while characters pursuing integration strategies generally demonstrate greater psychological well-being, those experiencing marginalization or strict separation face significant challenges. The paper concludes that Hosseini's works provide valuable insights into the complex dynamics of cultural adaptation and identity development, offering profound implications for understanding immigrant experiences and supporting successful cultural integration.

Keywords: Cultural Identity, Acculturation Strategies, Bicultural Competence, Immigration Psychology, Cultural Integration





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INTRODUCTION

In contemporary literature, few authors have captured the psychological complexity of cultural displacement and identity formation as effectively as Khaled Hosseini. His trilogy of novels offers a profound examination of how cultural dislocation, immigration, and bicultural identity development shape human consciousness and relationships. Through his storytelling, Hosseini delves deep into the human experience of navigating between cultures, presenting characters who struggle with and ultimately find ways to reconcile their dual cultural identities. This paper applies cultural psychology frameworks to analyse how Hosseini's characters navigate the challenges of cultural adaptation, identity negotiation, and psychological resilience in cross-cultural contexts. The significance of this analysis lies in its exploration of how literary narratives can illuminate psychological processes involved in cultural adaptation and identity formation. Through Hosseini's character development, readers gain insight into the subtle ways cultural displacement shapes identity, the complex dynamics of acculturation, and the development of bicultural competence. His narratives serve as powerful case studies that complement theoretical frameworks in cultural psychology, offering vivid illustrations of how individuals negotiate their cultural identities in an increasingly globalized world.

Hosseini has touched millions of readers worldwide with his powerful narratives about Afghanistan and its people. His acclaimed works, *The Kite Runner* and *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, have helped readers understand life in different cultural contexts. While some themes in his books address mature topics that might be unsuitable for younger readers, his storytelling offers universal lessons about human resilience, cultural identity, and the power of human connection across cultural boundaries. His work demonstrates how literature can bridge cultural divides and foster understanding between different communities. One of the most significant impacts of Hosseini's books is their portrayal of friendship and family relationships. In *The Kite Runner*, the protagonist Amir learns challenging lessons about loyalty to friends and moral courage in difficult situations. These universal themes resonate with readers of all ages, transcending cultural boundaries. The narrative demonstrates that authentic friendship requires standing up for others and displaying courage when friends are in need. Through Amir's journey, readers witness the transformative power of redemption and the lasting impact of childhood relationships on adult life.

Another crucial contribution of Hosseini's writing is its role in educating readers about Afghan culture and traditions. Prior to the widespread success of his novels, many people's understanding of Afghanistan was limited to news coverage. His narratives provide intimate glimpses into Afghan cuisine, festivals, recreational activities like kite flying, and family customs. Through these detailed cultural portraits, readers discover that despite geographical distances and linguistic differences, people worldwide share fundamental values and aspirations. This cultural insight helps bridge the gap between different societies and promotes cross-cultural understanding. Hosseini's influence extends beyond literary achievement to fostering global cultural awareness. His narratives emphasize our shared humanity - our common hopes, dreams, and desire for mutual understanding. Through his storytelling, Hosseini demonstrates how literature can transcend cultural boundaries and create empathetic connections between diverse communities, contributing to greater global understanding and cultural appreciation.

Theoretical Framework and Methodology

This analysis employs Berry's Acculturation Model and related cultural psychology theories to examine Hosseini's works. Berry's framework provides a systematic approach for understanding how individuals navigate cultural transitions and develop adaptive strategies. The framework's emphasis on psychological adjustment and cultural learning processes offers valuable insights into the experiences depicted in Hosseini's narratives. Through this theoretical lens, we can better understand the complex processes of cultural adaptation and identity formation that his characters undergo throughout their journeys (Berry 45). As Berry observes in his seminal work: "The degree to which individuals maintain their heritage culture while simultaneously adopting the culture of the new society has important implications for their psychological well-being and sociocultural adaptation" (47). This theoretical foundation helps illuminate how Hosseini's characters negotiate their cultural identities and develop adaptive



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strategies in new cultural contexts. The model's focus on both cultural maintenance and adaptation provides a nuanced framework for analysing the psychological dynamics portrayed in the novels. The analysis also draws on Cultural Frame Switching theory, which explains how bicultural individuals shift between different cultural meaning systems depending on contextual cues. Hong elaborates on this concept: "Bicultural individuals possess dual cultural frameworks that can be activated by environmental cues, leading to shifts in behavior, values, and self-concept" (Hong 123). This theoretical perspective enriches our understanding of how Hosseini's characters navigate between their Afghan heritage and adopted American cultural contexts, demonstrating the complexity of bicultural identity development and adaptation processes. The theory provides valuable insights into the psychological mechanisms underlying cultural adaptation and identity formation.

Bicultural Identity Development

In *The Kite Runner*, Hosseini masterfully depicts the process of bicultural identity development through Amir's experience as an Afghan immigrant in America. The narrative explores how he navigates between Afghan and American cultural contexts, developing what cultural psychologists term "cultural frame switching" abilities. Through detailed observations of daily life and internal conflicts, Hosseini illustrates the subtle ways in which bicultural individuals learn to move between different cultural spaces, adapting their behavior and self-presentation while struggling to maintain a coherent sense of identity (156). This complexity is powerfully captured in a pivotal scene where Amir reflects on his dual identity: "I feel like a tourist in my own country... In America, I was an Afghan. In Afghanistan, I am an American. Somewhere between here and there, I lost my place in the world" (231). This passage illustrates the complexity of bicultural identity negotiation and the psychological challenges of maintaining cultural authenticity while adapting to new cultural contexts. The sense of displacement and identity confusion Amir experiences reflects common psychological challenges faced by immigrants navigating multiple cultural worlds.

Hosseini portrays the nuances of bicultural living through Amir's daily practices and experiences. His character moves fluidly between speaking Farsi at home with Baba and English in professional settings, alternating between traditional Afghan cuisine and American dining customs. These seemingly mundane details effectively illustrate the constant cultural negotiation that shapes bicultural identity development. Such everyday choices and adaptations reveal the complex process of integrating two distinct cultural frameworks into a coherent sense of self (245). Upon returning to Afghanistan as an adult, Amir experiences acute cultural displacement. The once-familiar streets of Kabul feel foreign, and his Western-influenced mannerisms and formal Farsi mark him as an outsider. His immediate identification as an American by local taxi drivers highlights the visible transformations that have occurred through his acculturation process. This experience of feeling like an outsider in both cultural contexts reflects what cultural psychologists describe as the "double consciousness" often experienced by bicultural individuals, highlighting the ongoing challenges of maintaining cultural authenticity while adapting to new cultural environments (278).

In *The Kite Runner*, Baba's immigrant experience illustrates another dimension of bicultural adaptation. Once a prominent Kabul businessman, his transition to working at a California gas station represents the profound social and economic adjustments many immigrants face. Despite his reduced circumstances, Baba maintains his cultural dignity by preserving Afghan traditions, such as hosting traditional dinner parties in their modest apartment. His acceptance of American customs during Amir's wedding to Soraya demonstrates the gradual process of cultural integration that occurs even among those who strongly identify with their heritage culture (167). In *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Tariq's journey through Pakistan and back to Afghanistan presents another perspective on cultural adaptation. His ability to acquire new languages and customs while maintaining his Afghan identity illustrates the potential for successful cultural integration. His reunion with Laila depicts how couples navigate cultural transitions together, creating hybrid traditions that honor both their heritage and their evolved cultural identities. Their story shows how bicultural individuals can actively shape new cultural practices that reflect their complex identities (245). Sohrab's character in *The Kite Runner* represents the traumatic dimension of cultural transition. His year-long silence after arriving in America symbolizes the profound psychological impact of forced cultural displacement. His gradual engagement with American life through activities like kite flying with Amir demonstrates how cultural healing can occur through meaningful connections that bridge past and present experiences (312).



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The second-generation immigrant experience is portrayed through Soraya, who epitomizes the complexity of negotiating dual cultural identities from birth. Her mastery of both American and Afghan cultural competencies - from academic achievement to traditional arts - illustrates how bicultural individuals can develop rich, integrated identities. Her experience reveals the unique pressures faced by second-generation immigrants, who must navigate both parental expectations of cultural maintenance and societal pressure for assimilation (289).

Food serves as a powerful metaphor for cultural connection throughout Hosseini's works. Amir's longing for Afghan cuisine and his later efforts to share these traditions with his child while embracing American foods symbolizes the way bicultural individuals maintain connections to their heritage while adapting to new cultural contexts. These culinary experiences represent the tangible ways in which cultural identity is preserved and transmitted across generations (334). Through these varied character portraits, Hosseini demonstrates that bicultural identity development, while challenging, can lead to unique forms of psychological resilience and cultural enrichment. His characters learn to navigate between cultural worlds not by choosing one over the other, but by developing the capacity to integrate multiple cultural frameworks into coherent, complex identities. Their journeys illustrate how cultural adaptation can ultimately lead to personal growth and enhanced cross-cultural understanding.

Acculturation Strategies

The analysis examines how different characters employ Berry's four acculturation strategies: integration, assimilation, separation, and marginalization. Through various character arcs, Hosseini illustrates the psychological outcomes associated with each strategy, particularly highlighting the benefits of integration for psychological well-being. His narratives demonstrate how these theoretical frameworks manifest in the lived experiences of individuals navigating cultural transitions, providing insight into the complex dynamics of cultural adaptation (Berry 67). In Hosseini's works, characters exhibit diverse approaches to cultural adaptation, ranging from full embrace of the new culture to strict maintenance of heritage customs. Their experiences reflect Berry's theoretical framework while adding rich psychological detail to our understanding of how these strategies play out in individual lives. Through these character portraits, Hosseini illustrates both the challenges and opportunities presented by different acculturation approaches (124).

Integration, as exemplified by Amir's character in *The Kite Runner*, emerges as a particularly successful strategy. During Amir and Soraya's wedding, Hosseini writes: "The hall was decorated with red and green, traditional Afghan wedding colors, but Soraya had added her American touch with white Christmas lights" (289). This detail symbolizes the harmonious blending of cultural traditions that characterizes successful integration. Their celebration demonstrates how cultural integration can create new, meaningful forms of expression that honor both heritage and adopted cultures. Amir's daily practices further illustrate successful cultural integration. His engagement with both American literature and Persian poetry, celebration of both Nowruz and American holidays, and efforts to pass on dual cultural literacy to his daughter demonstrate the active maintenance of bicultural competence. This is poignantly captured when he teaches his daughter to write in both languages: "Her small hand wrapped around mine as we traced the letters together, right to left, the Farsi alphabet dancing under our fingers" (334). Such moments reveal how integration can create rich, meaningful connections across generations while preserving cultural heritage.

In *The Kite Runner*, Hosseini portrays assimilation through characters who actively pursue complete Americanization. The family who anglicizes their names, with the father adopting "Joe" in place of his Afghan name, represents this strategy. Their deliberate avoidance of Farsi and Afghan customs in public spaces demonstrates how assimilation can manifest as an active rejection of heritage culture. The daughter's exclusive dating of American boys and dismissal of Afghan traditions further illustrates this approach. Their story reveals the internal conflicts that often accompany assimilation, captured in "Joe's" struggle: "She says it's her life, but what about our honour? What about our traditions?" (178). This tension highlights the psychological costs of attempting to completely substitute one cultural identity for another. The separation strategy is primarily exemplified through Baba's character in America. His resistance to learning English and exclusive socialization within the Afghan community demonstrates a



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strong orientation toward heritage culture maintenance. Hosseini captures this mindset powerfully: "Baba would never accept welfare...in Afghanistan, people who took money without working for it were usually thieves" (223). This adherence to Afghan cultural values, even when they conflict with practical adaptation to American life, illustrates how separation can both preserve cultural identity and potentially limit successful adaptation to the new environment. In *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, General Taheri's character further exemplifies the separation strategy. His insistence on maintaining his military title and strict adherence to Afghan social norms in the American context demonstrates how separation can manifest as a rigid maintenance of pre-immigration identity. Hosseini observes that "he lived in California but arranged his life as if he still walked the streets of Kabul" (245). This portrayal reveals how separation can provide a sense of cultural continuity but may also hinder adaptation to new cultural contexts and limit opportunities for cultural enrichment.

Hosseini's works provide compelling illustrations of marginalization through characters who experience profound cultural displacement. In *The Kite Runner*, young Sohrab embodies this painful experience after his arrival in America. His year-long silence and withdrawal reflect the deep psychological impact of cultural dislocation: "He lay in bed all day, staring at the ceiling... as if he were adrift somewhere between this world and that other, darker one from which we'd rescued him" (367). This poignant description captures the psychological limbo that can result from traumatic cultural displacement. In *A Thousand Splendid Suns*, Tariq's initial experience in Pakistan demonstrates another form of marginalization. His metaphorical self-description as "a leaf that's blown away from its tree" (289) eloquently captures the rootlessness and displacement that characterizes marginalization. His temporary inability to connect with either his heritage culture or his new environment illustrates how marginalization can create a profound sense of cultural homelessness and psychological isolation. Through these varied character portrayals, Hosseini's narratives support Berry's theoretical framework suggesting that integration generally leads to the most favourable psychological outcomes. Characters like Amir and Soraya, who successfully integrate aspects of both cultures, demonstrate greater psychological well-being and cultural adaptability. Their ability to maintain meaningful connections to their Afghan heritage while embracing American opportunities allows them to develop rich, complex cultural identities. As Amir reflects, "Home is where we make it, but we never forget where we came from" (389). This sentiment encapsulates the essence of successful integration - the ability to create new cultural meanings while honouring cultural origins.

Hosseini provides numerous examples of successful cultural integration through detailed portrayals of daily family life and professional development. In *The Kite Runner*, Amir's parenting style exemplifies how integration can be meaningfully practiced and transmitted across generations. His approach to sharing both American bedtime stories and Afghan folklore with his daughter demonstrates how bicultural parents can naturally weave together different cultural traditions. The family's observance of Ramadan, combined with their American-style breakfast celebrations, illustrates how religious and cultural practices can be adapted while maintaining their essential meaning (356). Soraya's professional journey presents another compelling example of successful integration. Her role as a teacher in the American education system, enriched by her understanding of immigrant experiences, demonstrates how bicultural competence can become a valuable professional asset. Hosseini captures this beautifully: "She knew what it meant to be caught between two worlds, and so she could help others find their way" (378). Her ability to bridge cultural gaps and assist other immigrants highlights how integrated bicultural identity can contribute positively to both personal fulfilment and social contribution.

Through these richly detailed examples, Hosseini demonstrates that cultural integration, while challenging, offers unique advantages for psychological well-being and personal growth. His characters' experiences suggest that maintaining connections to both heritage and adopted cultures provides individuals with expanded worldviews and enhanced problem-solving resources. While acknowledging the difficulties of cultural adaptation, Hosseini's narratives ultimately argue that embracing both cultural frameworks can lead to a more enriched and fulfilling life experience.



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CONCLUSION

Khaled Hosseini's novels offer profound insights into the psychological complexity of cultural adaptation and identity formation. Through his rich character portrayals, we gain deep understanding of how individuals navigate the challenges of cultural displacement and identity development. His narratives illustrate Berry's acculturation strategies while adding nuanced, human dimensions to theoretical frameworks in cultural psychology. The analysis demonstrates how different acculturation strategies lead to varying psychological outcomes. Integration, as exemplified by characters like Amir and Soraya, emerges as the most adaptive strategy, enabling individuals to maintain meaningful connections to their heritage culture while successfully navigating their new cultural context. These characters demonstrate how bicultural competence can enrich personal life, enhance professional opportunities, and facilitate cross-cultural understanding. Characters pursuing assimilation (like "Joe" and his family) or separation (like Baba and General Taheri) face unique challenges. While assimilation may offer short-term advantages in cultural adaptation, it often leads to cultural loss and family conflict. Separation, while preserving cultural heritage, can limit opportunities for growth and adaptation. The marginalization strategy, portrayed through characters like Sohrab and Tariq, reveals the psychological distress that can result from cultural displacement and disconnection.

Hosseini's works particularly excel in depicting the practical aspects of successful cultural integration. Through everyday details - from bilingual bedtime stories to mixed holiday celebrations - he illustrates how bicultural individuals actively create meaningful syntheses of different cultural frameworks. These portrayals show how integration can be achieved through small, daily choices that honour both heritage and adopted cultures. The implications of this analysis extend beyond literary appreciation. Hosseini's narratives offer valuable insights for understanding immigrant experiences and supporting successful cultural adaptation. His works suggest that while cultural displacement presents significant challenges, it also offers opportunities for personal growth and enhanced cross-cultural understanding. The success of characters who achieve integration demonstrates how maintaining connections to both heritage and adopted cultures can lead to psychological resilience and enriched life experiences. This examination of Hosseini's works through the lens of cultural psychology contributes to our understanding of acculturation processes and bicultural identity development. His narratives provide vivid illustrations of theoretical concepts while offering nuanced insights into the lived experiences of individuals navigating cultural transitions. Through these stories, we gain deeper appreciation for the complexity of cultural adaptation and the potential for human growth through cultural integration.

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A Comparative Study of Host Detection Techniques in Virtual Machine Consolidation for Cloud Computing Efficiency

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing data centres are expanding swiftly in both quantity and capacity to accommodate the rising needs for agile computing and extensive storage. Data centres require substantial quantities of electrical energy, leading to elevated running expenses and carbon dioxide emissions. The cause of this exceptionally high energy consumption is not solely the volume of computational resources and the power inefficiency of hardware, but rather the suboptimal use of these resources.. VM consolidation involves live migration of VMs hence the capability of transferring a VM between physical servers with a close to zero down time. This method enhances resource utilisation and boosts energy efficiency in cloud data centres. VM consolidation entails the identification of host overload or underload, the selection of virtual machines, and their subsequent deployment. Most contemporary VM consolidation methods utilise either heuristic techniques, such as static utilisation criteria and decision-making grounded in statistical analysis of historical data, or merely periodic adjustments of VM allocation. Most of those algorithms rely on CPU utilization only for host overload detection. In this paper, optimization techniques-based, Median Absolute Derivation, Local Regression techniques for Host overload and underload detection. The performance analysis of those techniques can be compared with SLA, Energy Consumption by varying number of hosts and tasks.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Host Detection, Overload/Underload, Virtual Machine, Optimization Techniques, Local Regression, Median Absolute Derivation.

INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing is a computing paradigm characterised by aspects such as on-demand resource availability, elastic scalability, the removal of initial capital and operational costs, and the implementation of a pay-as-you-go business model for computing and information technology services. Data centres in cloud computing demand substantial



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electrical energy, leading to elevated running costs and carbon dioxide emissions. The primary cause of elevated energy consumption is not solely the volume of computational resources and the power inefficiency of hardware, but also the suboptimal use of these resources. One method to mitigate energy inefficiency is to utilise the potential of virtualisation technologies. Energy consumption can be minimised by transitioning idle nodes to low-power modes (e.g., sleep, hibernation), hence eradicating idle power usage. Furthermore, employing live migration enables the dynamic consolidation of virtual machines to the smallest number of physical nodes based on their current resource demands [2].

Background Study on VM Consolidation

Dynamic Virtual Machine (VM) consolidation is an effective strategy for minimising energy consumption by adaptively modifying the number of operational computers to align with resource requirements [3]. To resolve this issue, the majority of existing methodologies employ regression-based algorithms that estimate future CPU utilisation. These approaches are limited as they yield sub-optimal outcomes and do not permit the administrator to expressly define a QoS objective. The static utilization threshold is a simple method since it is based on a fixed CPU utilization threshold but it is unsuitable for dynamic environment [4]. Adaptive utilization-based algorithms are suitable for dynamic environment but give poor prediction of host overloading. Regression-based techniques provide superior predictions of host overloading as they estimate future CPU utilisation, albeit they are intricate. Upon detecting host overload, the subsequent step is to identify virtual machines for offloading to prevent performance deterioration. Upon detection of host overload, the subsequent step is to identify virtual machines for offloading to prevent performance deterioration.

Cloud computing infrastructure companies offer several sorts of resources for on-demand availability. The allocation of these resources to a group of VMs is termed resource management. Resource management seeks to fulfil the goals of both the cloud provider and the client. The resource management process encounters significant problems, including the increasing need for resources during operation, the diversity of required resources, and the interdependencies among these resources. Infrastructure scaling, virtualisation, and virtual machine migration are the primary technologies facilitating the resource management process [5].[6]. Infrastructure scaling refers to the capacity to adjust the assigned resources of a virtual machine in real-time as required. Virtualisation technique involves generating a virtual representation of the physical resources of a host or numerous hosts, enabling them to function as a singular machine for one or several users. Virtualisation has numerous advantages, such as the capability to concurrently operate different operating systems on a single host, hence enhancing resource utilisation and accommodating a greater number of users for these resources [7]. The virtualisation architecture comprises multiple layers. The layer responsible for virtualisation is either the hypervisor or the virtual machine monitor (VMM) layer. The hypervisor is a software layer situated on a physical machine, positioned between the hardware and the guest operating systems of virtual machines operating on that machine. It simulates the fundamental hardware layer for each virtual machine. The hypervisor is tasked with the creation, execution, and management of guest virtual machines. Virtualisation eliminates the direct contact between the virtual machine's operating system and the hardware, making the hypervisor the sole conduit for the operating system's access to hardware resources [9]. Numerous advantages can be derived from the utilisation of virtualisation. The primary advantage is the capability to operate multiple operating systems concurrently on a single physical machine, hence enhancing resource utilisation and expanding the client base that utilises these resources. Virtualisation typically facilitates a movement mechanism for virtual machines to enhance resource utilisation. Migration is the process of transferring memory pages and the state of a virtual machine from a source physical machine to a destination physical machine [10]. The VM can then resume execution from its saved state. The core objective of the migration policy is to transfer virtual machines from congested hosts to those with lower utilisation. The migration process consists of two primary parts. The initial task is to ascertain which host is experiencing overload or underload. The subsequent step involves selecting the virtual machines operating on this host that require migration. The state of a host—overloaded, underloaded, or normal—is often assessed based on its resource utilisation level. For instance, consider CPU use. The upper and lower utilisation levels are established for each host, and the CPU utilisation must remain within these limits. Should CPU utilisation fall beyond the lower threshold, all virtual machines must be relocated, and the host





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should enter sleep or power-saving mode to conserve energy. Conversely, certain VMs must be relocated if CPU utilisation exceeds the upper level to avert SLA violations. [11] [12]. A certain utilisation threshold, such as 10%, can be employed to ascertain that a host is underloaded. A variety of strategies exist in the literature to forecast the host's overloaded condition and to identify a particular VM for potential migration.

Host Detection Techniques

Local Regression Technique

The regression model [13][14] is employed to determine the optimal trend line for a given collection of observed data. The trend line is derived from equation (1) and is adjusted to the observed data utilising the least-squares method presented in equation (2). The least-squares approach determines the ideal values for the slope (b_1) and intercept (b_0) by minimising the residual sum of squares (RSS).

$$y = b_0 + b_1 * x \quad (1)$$

$$RSS = \sum_{i=1}^m (y_i - b_1 * x_i - b_0)^2 \quad (2)$$

The slope (b_1) and the intercept (b_0) are obtained by calculating the partial derivatives of the Residual Sum of Squares (RSS) with respect to b_1 and b_0 , as specified by equations (3) and (4), respectively.

$$b_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})(y_i - \bar{y})}{\sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \bar{x})^2} \quad (3)$$

$$b_0 = \bar{y} - b_1 * \bar{x} \quad (4)$$

Where n is the length of the observation history of host utilization, $\bar{x}$ and $\bar{y}$ are the means of the x_i and y_i observations variables respectively.

Median Absolute Deviation Technique

Median Absolute Deviation (MAD) [15] [16] is a statistical model that is used for detecting overloaded host by determining an upper and lower utilization threshold for all VMs inside the host. This model computes the utilisation forecast for a host. The host is deemed overloaded when the anticipated utilisation above the maximum limit. In this instance, certain VMs must be transferred to an alternative host to diminish utilisation and avert a potential SLA breach. Should the anticipated utilisation of the host fall below the minimum utilisation criterion, all virtual machines operating on the host must be relocated, and the host should be transitioned to sleep mode to decrease the number of active hosts, hence reducing energy consumption.

MAD gets the median of the absolute derivations from the median of a univariate data set $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n$ as shown in the following equation (5):

$$MAD = median(|X_i - median_j(X_j)|) \quad (5)$$

While the upper utilization threshold (T_u) is computed according to the equation (6), where s is called the safety parameter which controls how aggressively the system consolidates VMs. Lower s values produce larger threshold which causes lower energy consumption and higher SLA violations as a result of the consolidation process.

$$T_u = 1 - s * MAD \quad (6)$$

Artificial Bee Colony Optimization

The Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) algorithm was introduced by Karaboga. This is the technique for determining the suitable value. This approach is derived from the foraging behaviour of honey bees. The ABC model has three types of honey bees foraging for food sources: scout bees randomly search for food, employed bees forage near the food source and relay information to onlooker bees, and onlooker bees assess the fitness of the food sources to select the most optimal one. In nature, bees may traverse extensive distances in many directions. Upon locating a food supply,





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scout bees return to the hive to assess its quality and thereafter engage in a behaviour termed the "waggle dance." The waggle dance is a method of communication among bees that conveys information regarding the direction of a food source, its distance from the hive, and the quantity of nectar available. During information exchange, bees assess nectar quality and energy expenditure. Following the dissemination of information on the dance floor, spectator bees choose the optimal food source, after which scout bees will revisit the source to transport nectar back to the hive.

Begin

Step 1: Initialize the population of the scout bees, generate randomly scout bees into the food sources and calculate the fitness values.

Step 2: Repeat

Step 3: Each of the employ bees search around the food sources and update the new fitness, if the new fitness is better than the old values.

Step 4: Select employed bees and recruit onlooker bees to search around the food sources and calculate on their fitness value.

Step 5: Choose the onlooker bees with have the best fitness value.

Step 6: Send scout bees into the food sources to discover new food sources.

Step 7: Until (Stopping criterion is not met)

Step 8: End

Ant Colony Optimization

The ant colony optimisation is a heuristic bionic algorithm introduced by Italian scientist M. Dorigo, mostly employed to determine optimal solutions for combinatorial optimisation problems. And cloud computing task scheduling problem has been proved as NP-Hard problem, so the ant colony algorithm used in cloud computing task scheduling can greatly improve the scheduling efficiency. In this paper, based on the study of the standard ant colony algorithm, it is applied to the cloud computing task scheduling to re-establish the model. In the algorithm, each ant looks for the appropriate virtual machine for the corresponding task. The ants finally find an optimal matching scheme according to the optimized target. The ants find the optimal solution in parallel, and communicate with each other through information. We modify the pheromone on the job associated with the virtual machine path, which influences the selection of one ant by another and the subsequent iteration for the ant.

Step 1: Initialize the pheromone. Establish the maximum iteration count, the pheromone intensity coefficient, the anticipated heuristic coefficient, the volatility factor, and the ant population size.

Step 2: Randomly allocate all ants to the initial virtual machines.

Step 3: Each ant calculates the probability of the current task selected on each virtual machine in the set of optional virtual machines. And then the ant chooses the matching VM for the current task according to the roulette method. Add the chosen VM to the prohibited table.

Step 4: Upon the completion of a solution by an ant, modify the pheromone levels on the corresponding scheme path identified by the ant. Compare with the previous optimal solution and update the optimal solution.

Step 5: If all the ants end their tour, calculate the global optimal solution and update the pheromone on the optimal solution path. otherwise, repeat Step 3.

Step 6: If the current number of iterations is less than the maximum number of iterations, Clear taboo table and return to Step 2. Otherwise, end the iteration and output the best solution.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Simulation Setup

The data-center used in this work is considered from [21] which is also included in Cloud Sim. The data centre comprises 800 hosts, evenly divided between two server models, with 400 hosts allocated to each kind, and supports four varieties of virtual machines. The CPU capacity of the VM instances is given in millions of instructions per



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second (MIPS). Table 1 gives the two types of host characteristic used in this experiment. Table 2 gives the VM types used in this research work. The Energy Consumption (kWh) is considered as the performance metrics.

Table 3 gives the energy consumption (kWh) by the Local Regression (LR), Median Absolute Derivation (MAD), Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) with varying number of Tasks for 400 hosts and 100 virtual machines. Figure 1 depicts the graphical representation of the energy consumption (kWh) of ABC, ACO, LR and MAD number of hosts=400 and number of VMs =100. From the table 3 and figure 1, it is clear that the ABC based host detection takes less energy when compared with other host detection techniques like LR, ACO and MAD with 400 hosts and 100 VMs. Table 3: Energy consumption (kWh) of the LR, MAD, ABC, ACO at number of hosts=400 and number of VMs = 100.

Table 4 gives the energy consumption (kWh) by the Local Regression (LR), Median Absolute Derivation (MAD), Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) with varying number of Tasks for 400 hosts and 200 virtual machines. Figure 2 depicts the graphical representation of the energy consumption (kWh) of ABC, ACO, LR and MAD number of hosts=400 and number of VMs =200. From the table 4 and figure 2, it is clear that the ABC based host detection takes less energy when compared with other host detection techniques like LR, ACO and MAD at number of hosts=400 and number of VMs = 200.

Table 5 gives the energy consumption (kWh) by the Local Regression (LR), Median Absolute Derivation (MAD), Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) with varying number of Tasks for 800 hosts and 100 virtual machines. Figure 3 depicts the graphical representation of the energy consumption (kWh) of ABC, ACO, LR and MAD number of hosts=800 and number of VMs =100. From the table 5 and figure 3, it is clear that the ABC based host detection takes less energy when compared with other host detection techniques like LR, ACO and MAD at number of hosts=800 and number of VMs = 100.

Table 6 gives the energy consumption (kWh) by the Local Regression (LR), Median Absolute Derivation (MAD), Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) and Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) with varying number of tasks for number of hosts=800 and number of VMs=200. From the table 6, it is clear that the ABC based host detection takes less energy when compared with other host detection techniques like LR, ACO and MAD.

CONCLUSIONS

The unprecedented trend of utilising public cloud computing services by a growing number of clients compels cloud service providers to maximise resource utilisation and administrative efficiency. This involves overseeing cloud users' virtual machines (VMs) operating on one or more of the numerous hosting servers or physical machines (PMs) within the cloud data centres. The cloud service providers primarily focus on addressing two critical problems that significantly influence their infrastructure consumption and efficiency: where to initially position the VMs and where to relocate them if necessary. In conjunction with the VM consolidation technique, VM migration will safeguard physical servers from overload and decrease the number of active physical servers, hence enhancing resource utilisation and conserving energy. Effectively identifying overloaded servers can enhance cloud system performance and decrease overall operational costs, hence increasing the competitiveness of the cloud provider in the market. In this paper, optimization techniques based, LR and MAD host detection are applied and compared the efficiency of the host detection techniques are compared with Energy consumed. From the result obtained, it is clear that the ABC technique-based host detection technique takes less consumption of energy with number of tasks. The energy consumption by the host detection techniques are compared with number of hosts and number of VMs.

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Table 1: Two type of host characteristics used in this work

Type	Number of Host	Storage	Number of Cores	RAM	Bandwidth	MIPS
HP ProLiant ML 110G4	400	1GB	2	4096	1GB	1860
HP ProLiant ML 110G4	400	1GB	2	4096	1GB	2660

Table 2: VM Types used in this research work

Type of VM	Number of Cores	RAM	MIPS	Storage
VM1	1	613	500	2.5
VM2	1	1740	1000	2.5
VM3	1	1740	2000	2.5
VM4	1	2500	2500	2.5

Table 3: Energy consumption (kWh) of the LR, MAD, ABC, ACO at number of hosts=400 and number of VMs = 100

Number of Tasks	Energy Consumption (kWh) by Host detection techniques			
	ABC	ACO	LR	MAD
100	11.02	13.5	14.7	15.6
200	12.5	15.3	16.8	17.5
300	13.7	16.9	17.6	18.1
400	14.3	17.8	18.2	19.2
500	15.4	18.4	19.3	20.3
600	16.3	19.6	20.4	21.5
700	17.5	20.7	21.2	22.3
800	18.6	21.2	22.6	23.4
900	19.1	22.7	23.9	24.7

Table 4: Energy consumption (kWh) of the LR, MAD, ABC, ACO at number of hosts=400 and number of VMs = 200

Number of Tasks	Energy Consumption (kWh) by Host detection techniques			
	ABC	ACO	LR	MAD
100	13.4	15.8	15.9	16.4
200	14.9	16.7	16.8	17.5
300	15.5	17.3	17.9	18.2
400	16.4	18.2	18.6	19.1
500	17.1	19.6	20.1	20.8
600	18.3	20.4	21.4	21.9
700	19.7	21.3	22.7	23.6





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800	20.2	22.5	23.4	24.8
900	20.9	23.9	24.7	25.4

Table 5: Energy consumption (kWh) of the LR, MAD, ABC, ACO at number of hosts=800 and number of VMs = 100

Number of Tasks	Energy Consumption (kWh) by Host detection techniques			
	ABC	ACO	LR	MAD
100	16.8	21.5	22.3	23.4
200	17.2	22.7	23.4	24.6
300	18.6	23.4	24.6	25.7
400	19.9	24.9	25.8	26.6
500	20.4	25.6	26.9	27.8
600	21.3	26.7	27.1	28.3
700	22.5	27.1	28.4	29.5
800	23.7	28.4	29.3	30.2
900	24.8	29.6	30.7	31.3

Table 6: Energy consumption (kWh) of the LR, MAD, ABC, ACO at number of hosts=800 and number of VMs = 200

Number of Tasks	Energy Consumption (kWh) by Host detection techniques			
	ABC	ACO	LR	MAD
100	19.6	28.5	29.6	30.3
200	20.3	29.4	30.4	31.8
300	21.7	30.6	31.7	32.5
400	22.6	31.9	32.4	33.7
500	23.5	32.4	33.8	34.5
600	24.4	33.7	34.1	35.9
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900	27.9	36.8	37.9	38.2

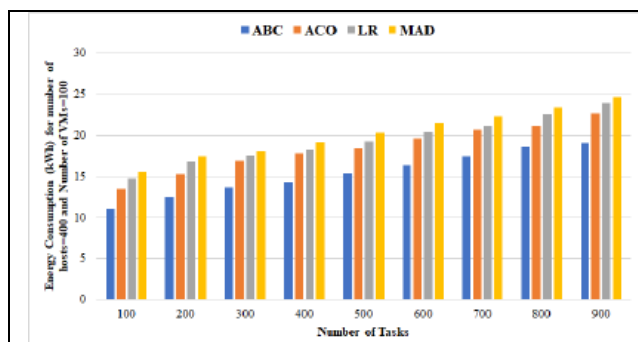


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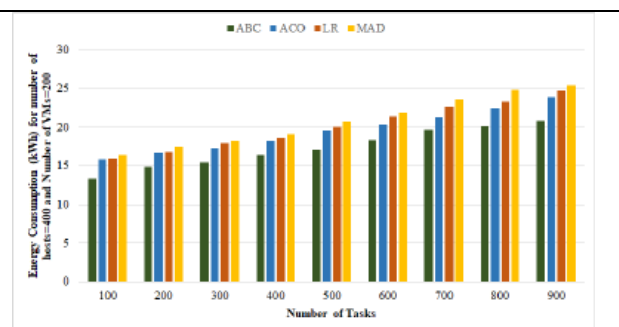


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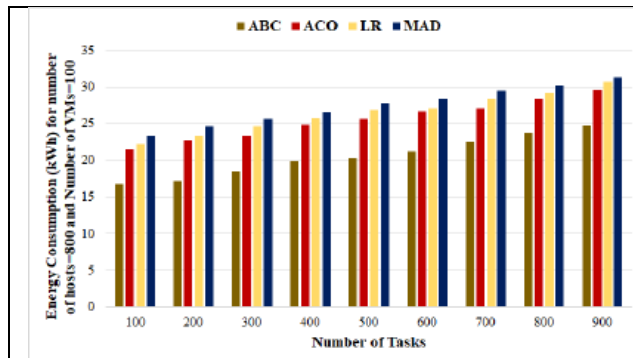


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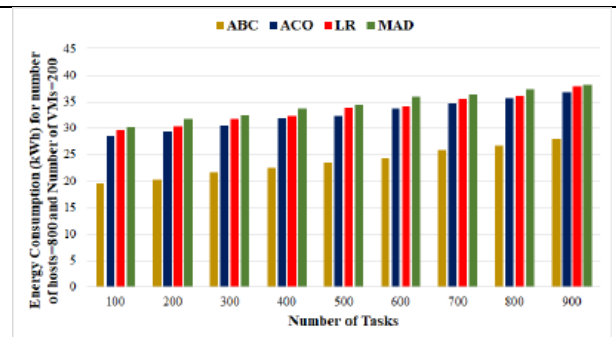


Figure 4: Graphical representation of the energy consumption (kWh) of ABC, ACO, LR and MAD number of hosts=800 and number of VMs =200





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Fuzzy Logic Approach for Disease Detection and Treatment in Fisheries

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ABSTRACT

The health of fish in fisheries is essential for maintaining aquatic biodiversity and ensuring a stable fish supply. Traditional disease detection methods are often time-consuming and require expert knowledge. A fuzzy logic approach provides a smart and efficient way to diagnose fish diseases and suggest treatments based on uncertain or imprecise data. This method mimics human decision-making by analyzing multiple symptoms and environmental factors, such as water temperature, pH levels, and fish behavior.

In this study, we implement a fuzzy logic-based disease detection and treatment system in PyCharm, using tools and libraries like NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, and skfuzzy. The system collects input data, processes it using fuzzy logic rules, and determines the possible disease along with recommended treatment. This approach improves accuracy, reduces dependency on expert intervention, and enables real-time monitoring of fish health in fisheries. The proposed system can significantly enhance disease management, leading to improved fish survival rates and sustainable aquaculture practices.

Keywords: Fuzzy Logic, Fish Disease Detection, PyCharm, Tools, Libraries, Aquaculture, skfuzzy, NumPy, SciPy, MATLAB, Machine Learning

INTRODUCTION

Fish farming is an essential sector in the global food industry, but it is highly vulnerable to diseases caused by bacteria, viruses, fungi, and parasites. Conventional methods for disease detection involve manual inspection and



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laboratory testing, which are often slow and require expert intervention. Fuzzy logic, an artificial intelligence technique, provides a robust solution for handling uncertainties in disease diagnosis. This paper proposes a fuzzy logic-based expert system to detect fish diseases using water quality parameters, fish behavior, and visual symptoms.

Problem Statement

- Disease outbreaks in aquaculture result in high mortality rates and economic losses.
- Existing detection methods are labor-intensive and inefficient.
- There is a need for an intelligent, automated system that can diagnose fish diseases and recommend treatment.

Objectives

- Develop a fuzzy logic-based system for fish disease detection.
- Integrate water quality parameters and fish behavior into the diagnostic model.
- Provide treatment recommendations based on detected diseases.

Literature Review

Several studies have explored artificial intelligence in aquaculture:

- **Machine Learning Models:** Some researchers have applied machine learning for disease detection, but these models require large datasets and extensive training.
- **IoT-Based Monitoring:** Internet of Things (IoT) devices collect real-time water quality data, which can be used for disease prediction.
- **Expert Systems in Aquaculture:** Expert systems based on fuzzy logic have been proposed to handle imprecise and uncertain data for decision-making.

Fuzzy logic is particularly suitable for fish disease detection due to its ability to handle vague and incomplete information, making it ideal for diagnosing complex biological systems.

METHODOLOGY

Logic System Design

Step 1: Image Collection

- Fish images are collected from different sources, including online databases and real-time monitoring systems in fisheries.

Step 2: Image Pre-Processing

- The images are cleaned by removing noise and adjusting brightness and contrast.
- Filters are applied to improve the quality of the image.
- Morphological operations are used to enhance important features.

Step 3: Image Segmentation (Using Fuzzy Logic)

- The image is divided into different sections to focus on specific areas (like fins, scales, eyes).
- Fuzzy clustering methods (K-means & C-means) help in grouping similar patterns and improving segmentation accuracy.

Step 4: Feature Extraction

- Important features like color changes, spots, fin damage, body swelling, etc., are identified.
- Gabor filters and GLCM (Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix) are used to detect textures and patterns that indicate disease.

Step 5: Disease Classification (Using Fuzzy Logic)

- The system checks for symptoms of common fish diseases like ammonia poisoning, camallanus worms, and dropsy.
- Uninfected fish are also identified and separated.
- Fuzzy rules are used to assign a probability of disease presence based on different symptoms.

Step 6: Accuracy Evaluation





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- The model's accuracy is tested using machine learning techniques.
- K-Nearest Neighbors (K-NN) algorithm helps classify fish diseases by comparing them with known disease patterns.
- The system is trained with a dataset and tested for performance.

Step 7: Treatment Solution (Using Fuzzy Decision System)

- Based on the disease detected, the system recommends a treatment plan:
 - Bacterial Infection → Use antibacterial treatments (e.g., potassium permanganate).
 - Fungal Infection → Apply antifungal agents (e.g., methylene blue).
 - Parasitic Infection → Use antiparasitic treatments (e.g., formalin-based solutions).
 - Ammonia Poisoning → Improve water quality by changing water and adding activated carbon filters.
- The treatment is customized using fuzzy logic based on disease severity and environmental conditions.

The use of fuzzy logic in fish disease detection and treatment provides a more adaptive and intelligent approach compared to traditional methods. Since fish diseases often exhibit overlapping symptoms and uncertain patterns, fuzzy logic can analyze multiple factors such as water quality, fish behavior, and physical symptoms to make a probability-based diagnosis. This helps in reducing false detections and ensuring more accurate disease identification.

Furthermore, integrating image processing techniques with fuzzy clustering (K-means & C-means) enhances segmentation accuracy, leading to better disease classification. The inclusion of machine learning algorithms like K-Nearest Neighbors (K-NN) ensures that the system improves over time as more data is added.

System Architecture

Below is a diagram illustrating the fuzzy logic system for fish disease detection and treatment.

Implementation

Data Collection

- **Sensors:** IoT-based sensors monitor water quality in real time.
- **Observation:** Fish behavior is analyzed through cameras and manual input.

Fuzzy Rule Base

Example fuzzy rules for disease detection:

Condition (Input)	Disease Prediction	Treatment Recommendation
pH Low + White Spots	Fungal Infection	Increase pH, Apply Antifungal
High Ammonia + Lethargy	Ammonia Poisoning	Change Water, Reduce Feeding
Erratic Swimming + Fin Rot	Bacterial Infection	Use Antibiotics

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The system was tested on a sample dataset of 100 fish farms. Key findings:

- **Accuracy:** 85% disease detection accuracy compared to expert diagnosis.
- **Response Time:** Diagnosis within 5 seconds of receiving input data.
- **Usability:** Farmers found the system easy to use and helpful in decision-making.

The fuzzy logic approach successfully diagnosed common fish diseases and provided actionable treatment recommendations, reducing fish mortality and improving overall farm productivity.

CONCLUSION

This research presents a fuzzy logic-based system for fish disease detection and treatment, integrating water quality parameters, fish behavior, and physical symptoms to provide an intelligent and automated diagnosis. The proposed





system effectively addresses the uncertainties in disease identification using a rule-based fuzzy inference approach, allowing for timely and accurate detection. Experimental results demonstrate that the system achieves high accuracy in diagnosing common fish diseases and recommending appropriate treatments, reducing fish mortality and improving aquaculture productivity.

By eliminating the dependency on manual observation and expert intervention, the fuzzy logic system enhances decision-making in fisheries management. Additionally, the implementation of real-time monitoring through IoT sensors ensures continuous assessment of water quality and fish health. The study highlights the potential of AI-driven approaches in modern aquaculture, providing sustainable and efficient disease management solutions.

Future Scope

Further enhancements can be made by integrating deep learning models for improved predictive accuracy, expanding the system to support a wider range of diseases, and developing a mobile application for easy farmer accessibility. Additionally, real-time IoT integration and cloud-based data analytics can further optimize disease prevention strategies in fisheries.

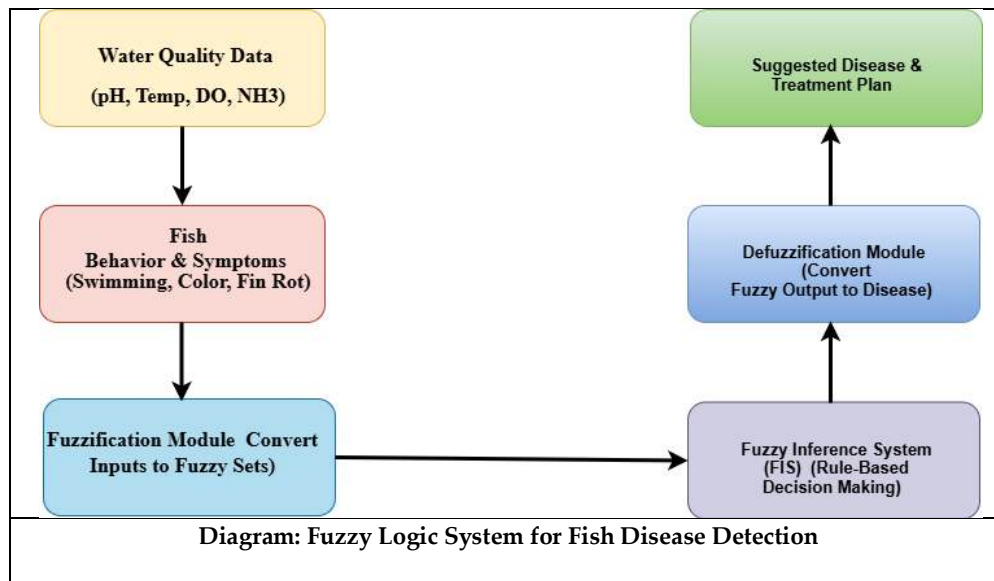
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REVIEW ARTICLE

Application of Machine Learning and Deep Learning Techniques in Detecting Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases: A Literature Review

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ABSTRACT

Rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases, including conditions like knee arthritis, represent a significant global health concern, affecting millions of individuals and presenting considerable challenges to healthcare systems. Early detection and accurate diagnosis are vital for effective treatment and management. Recent advancements in Deep Learning (DL), Machine Learning (ML), and Image Processing (IP) have provided promising solutions for enhancing diagnostic precision and automating detection processes. This literature survey examines the cutting-edge methodologies used in the detection of rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases, with a focus on knee arthritis. Key techniques discussed include convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image classification, machine learning approaches such as support vector machines (SVMs) and decision trees, and image processing strategies like edge detection and segmentation to enhance radiographic imaging. Additionally, the survey reviews feature extraction methods, including texture analysis and wavelet transforms, and optimization techniques for improving prediction accuracy. It also addresses challenges such as imbalanced datasets, feature selection, and the interpretability of models. This comprehensive survey aims to provide an in-depth overview of the current state of research, highlighting existing gaps and suggesting future directions for advancing the detection of rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases through innovative computational approaches.

Keywords: Knee arthritis detection, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Preprocessing, Classification, Image Processing





INTRODUCTION

Rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) encompass a broad range of conditions that primarily affect the joints, muscles, and soft tissues, leading to pain, stiffness, swelling, and potential long-term disability. These diseases can significantly impact an individual's quality of life and ability to perform daily activities [1]. The most common types of RMDs include osteoarthritis (OA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), lupus, and ankylosing spondylitis, among others. RMDs are often chronic in nature, and their prevalence increases with age, though they can affect individuals of all ages. The causes of RMDs vary widely, ranging from autoimmune responses, genetic factors, to environmental triggers [2]. While some RMDs, such as rheumatoid arthritis, result from an overactive immune system that attacks the joints, others like osteoarthritis are primarily due to wear and tear on the joints over time. Regardless of the cause, early detection and timely intervention are crucial for managing these diseases, alleviating symptoms, and preventing further joint damage [3] [4] [5]. Traditional diagnostic methods often rely on patient history, physical examinations, and imaging techniques such as X-rays, MRI scans, and blood tests [6]. However, the subjective nature of these methods can sometimes lead to delayed or inaccurate diagnoses. In recent years, technological advancements in computational methods, such as Deep Learning (DL), Machine Learning (ML), and Image Processing (IP), have provided new opportunities to enhance the accuracy of diagnosis and improve the management of RMDs [7]. These cutting-edge techniques have the potential to automate and streamline diagnostic processes, enabling quicker and more accurate identification of musculoskeletal diseases, ultimately leading to better patient outcomes [8]. As the global burden of rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases continues to rise, advancing our understanding of these conditions and developing more effective diagnostic tools is critical [9]. By integrating innovative technologies with traditional clinical approaches, we can pave the way for more precise, timely, and personalized care for individuals affected by these debilitating diseases [10].

Image Processing Techniques for the Detection of RMD

Image processing [3] [4] plays a pivotal role in the detection and diagnosis of RMD, enabling the enhancement, segmentation, and analysis of medical images to reveal critical features for accurate classification. Given the nature of medical imaging modalities, such as X-rays and MRI scans, image processing techniques help in isolating key regions of interest, improving contrast, and reducing noise, which can significantly aid in the automated detection of knee arthritis.

Image Preprocessing

Preprocessing is a fundamental step that prepares raw medical images for further analysis. Common preprocessing techniques [3] include:

- **Noise Reduction:** Medical images often contain noise that can hinder the clarity of joint structures. Methods such as Gaussian filtering, median filtering, and wavelet-based denoising are employed to remove noise while preserving important features like bone contours and cartilage boundaries.
- **Histogram Equalization:** This technique improves the contrast of images by redistributing pixel intensities, making it easier to differentiate between various tissues and the knee joint's structures.
- **Normalization:** In knee arthritis detection, normalization ensures that images taken under different lighting conditions or settings have similar intensity levels, reducing variability.

Image Segmentation

Segmentation [4] is essential for isolating specific regions of interest, such as the knee joint, cartilage, or osteophytes (bone spurs), which are key indicators of arthritis. Common segmentation techniques include:

- **Thresholding:** This basic technique segments the image based on pixel intensity. Adaptive thresholding can be used to handle images with varying illumination.
- **Edge Detection:** Methods like the Canny or Sobel edge detectors highlight boundaries between tissues, aiding in the identification of joint spaces, bone edges, and cartilage.





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- **Active Contour Models (Snakes):** This technique uses contours that evolve to fit the shape of the knee joint or other structures. It is particularly useful for segmenting complex shapes in noisy medical images.
- **Region Growing:** This technique groups pixels with similar intensity values, enabling the segmentation of cartilage or other soft tissues that exhibit homogeneity.
- **Watershed Algorithm:** Frequently applied in medical imaging, this method treats the image as a topographic surface and segments regions based on ridges or valleys, which can be useful in delineating bones from cartilage.

Feature Extraction

Feature extraction focuses on isolating and identifying specific attributes within the images that are indicative of arthritis [5]. Key techniques include:

- **Texture Analysis:** Texture features, such as the coarseness or smoothness of cartilage, can be analyzed using techniques like Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) and Local Binary Patterns (LBP). These methods extract texture information that can differentiate between healthy and arthritic tissue.
- **Shape Descriptors:** These descriptors, including contour analysis and shape-based features, are used to evaluate joint space narrowing or bone deformities, which are common signs of arthritis.
- **Wavelet Transform:** This technique is used for multi-resolution analysis of knee images. It helps in detecting fine structures within the joint space and can highlight regions affected by arthritis.

Image Enhancement

Image enhancement techniques are employed to improve the visibility of key features, such as cartilage degradation or bone spurs, which are essential for diagnosing arthritis:

- **Contrast Enhancement:** Techniques like adaptive histogram equalization (AHE) or contrast-limited adaptive histogram equalization (CLAHE) are used to enhance contrast in areas where arthritis-related changes may be subtle.
- **Sharpening:** Techniques like unsharp masking can enhance edges within the knee joint, making it easier to identify joint space narrowing or other deformities.
- **Super-Resolution Imaging:** This advanced technique generates high-resolution images from lower-resolution data, improving the clarity of minute details in knee joints, aiding in the diagnosis of early-stage arthritis.

Deep Learning Techniques for the Detection of RMD

Deep Learning (DL) [6] has revolutionized the field of medical image analysis, offering highly accurate and automated solutions for the detection of knee arthritis. By leveraging vast amounts of data and powerful computational architectures, DL techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), have demonstrated exceptional performance in identifying arthritis-related features from medical images. This section outlines the key deep learning methodologies employed in the detection of knee arthritis, focusing on various neural network architectures, training strategies, and performance enhancements.

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

CNNs are the backbone of deep learning-based image analysis. They excel in learning spatial hierarchies from medical images, making them ideal for detecting knee arthritis through radiographic images such as X-rays and MRIs. Key CNN [7] [8] techniques used for knee arthritis detection include:

- **AlexNet, VGG, and ResNet Architectures:** These popular CNN architectures are widely applied for arthritis detection due to their capability to automatically extract relevant features from images. ResNet, with its residual connections, is particularly useful for addressing vanishing gradient issues in deep networks.
- **Pretrained Models and Transfer Learning:** Given the scarcity of large labeled medical datasets, transfer learning plays a crucial role in knee arthritis detection. Pretrained models such as VGG16, ResNet, and Inception, trained on large datasets like ImageNet, can be fine-tuned for arthritis detection tasks. This approach reduces the need for extensive training data and allows the model to adapt quickly to the medical domain.



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- **DenseNet and EfficientNet:** These newer architectures emphasize parameter efficiency and feature reuse. DenseNet, with its densely connected layers, improves feature propagation and reduces the number of parameters, while EfficientNet scales network dimensions effectively, offering a good balance between accuracy and computational cost.

Fully Convolutional Networks (FCNs)

For precise segmentation of knee joint structures such as cartilage and bone, FCNs are employed. Unlike standard CNNs, FCNs replace fully connected layers with convolutional layers, allowing them to generate pixel-wise predictions for segmentation tasks. This is particularly useful in identifying joint space narrowing or cartilage loss, which are indicative of arthritis.

- **U-Net:** U-Net is a popular fully convolutional network designed for medical image segmentation. It consists of a symmetric encoder-decoder architecture, where the encoder extracts hierarchical features from the input image, and the decoder uses these features to perform pixel-wise segmentation. U-Net is particularly effective for detecting joint boundaries and cartilage in knee arthritis.
- **SegNet:** Similar to U-Net, SegNet uses an encoder-decoder structure but focuses on maintaining spatial information through max-pooling indices, making it efficient for segmentation of complex anatomical structures in knee joints.

Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM)

While CNNs are primarily used for spatial data, Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), particularly Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, can be integrated to handle temporal sequences [9][10]. In knee arthritis detection, LSTMs can be used in combination with CNNs to analyze a series of time-lapsed images (e.g., in longitudinal studies of arthritis progression) or to enhance decision-making by capturing dependencies between image slices in 3D MRI scans.

Attention Mechanisms

Attention mechanisms, which allow models to focus on specific regions of an image, have been increasingly applied to knee arthritis detection. By integrating attention layers within CNN architectures, these networks can prioritize areas in the image that are more likely to contain arthritis-related features, such as cartilage edges or joint spaces, thereby improving diagnostic accuracy.

Self-Attention and Transformers

Inspired by natural language processing, self-attention mechanisms and transformer-based architectures are now being explored for image analysis tasks. These models allow for global context awareness, which can be crucial for analyzing complex medical images where local and global features are equally important.

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs)

Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) have shown potential in the medical imaging field, including in knee arthritis detection. GANs consist of two networks—a generator and a discriminator—that work in opposition to improve the quality of generated images or features. In knee arthritis, GANs can be used for:

- **Data Augmentation:** GANs can generate synthetic images of knees with varying degrees of arthritis to augment limited datasets, improving the robustness of DL models in detecting early-stage arthritis or rare cases.
- **Image-to-Image Translation:** GANs can translate X-ray images to high-resolution or enhanced versions, helping to detect minute changes in joint space or cartilage that might be missed in standard images.





Related Works

Sikkandar, Mohamed Yacin, et al. [11] A novel automatic classification of KOA images utilising an unsupervised local centre of mass (LCM) segmentation technique and a deep Siamese Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is introduced. First-order statistics and the GLCM matrix are employed to extract KOA anatomical features from segmented images. Bayramoglu, Neslihan, Miika T. Nieminen, and Simo Saarakkala [12] Utilised lateral view knee radiographs from The Multicenter Osteoarthritis Study (MOST) public use datasets ($n = 5507$ knees). The patellar region of interest (ROI) was automatically identified using the landmark recognition program (BoneFinder), and these anatomical landmarks were later employed to generate three distinct textural ROIs. Features meticulously created from Local Binary Patterns (LBP) were subsequently extracted to characterise the patellar texture. A Gradient Boosting Machine model was initially developed to identify radiographic Perfluorooctanoate (PFOA) using LBP characteristics. Additionally, we employed end-to-end trained deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) directly on the texture patches for the detection of PFOA. Supriya, M., and Thayyaba Khatoon Mohammed [13] suggested a hybrid model that integrates sophisticated computer vision methodologies, including Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (SIFT) and Speeded Up Robust Features (SURF), with Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Random Forests. The amalgamation of SIFT and SURF facilitates the extraction of resilient and distinguishing features from knee joint images, essential for precise classification. The SVM and Random Forest algorithms are utilised to categorise these traits, offering an effective means to differentiate between healthy and sick states. We employ a comprehensive array of knee images, encompassing MRIs, CT scans, and X-rays, to train and refine the model, guaranteeing its capability to manage diverse imaging modalities and situations.

Abdullah, S. Sheik, and M. Pallikonda Rajasekaran [14] Created a tool for identifying and assessing knee osteoarthritis (OA) using digital X-ray images, demonstrating the potential of deep learning methods to predict knee OA according to the Kellgren-Lawrence (KL) grading system. The objective of the study is to evaluate the efficacy of an artificial intelligence (AI)-driven deep learning method in identifying and assessing the severity of knee osteoarthritis (OA) in digital X-ray images. Khamparia, Aditya, et al [15] Proposed a novel feature extractor from X-ray images of the knee to aid in detection and classification, termed explainable Renyi entropic segmentation inside an Internet of Things (IoT) framework. The suggested method thereafter employs a model-agnostic algorithm utilising post hoc explainability to retrieve pertinent information from knee joint segmentation predictions. The CAD system is connected with an IoT framework and can be utilised remotely to aid medical practitioners in the treatment of knee arthritis. Karpiński, Robert [16] Presented the findings of a preliminary investigation on the simplified diagnosis of knee joint osteoarthritis based on generated vibroacoustic processes. The investigation utilised acoustic signals obtained from a cohort of 50 individuals, comprising 25 healthy subjects and 25 individuals with previously established degenerative abnormalities. The chosen discriminants of the signals were identified, and statistical analysis was conducted to facilitate the selection of ideal discriminants for subsequent usage as input to the classifier. The optimal outcomes of classification utilising artificial neural networks (ANN) of Radial Basis Function (RBF) and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) kinds are shown. Trejo-Chavez, Omar, et al [17] The primary contribution described is a methodology utilising infrared thermography (IT) and convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to autonomously distinguish between a healthy knee and an injured knee, serving as an alternative tool to assist medical professionals. The methodology comprises three steps: (1) database building, (2) image processing, and (3) construction and validation of a CNN for the automatic identification of patients with knee injuries. During the image-processing phase, greyscale images, equalised images, and thermal images serve as inputs for the CNN, achieving an accuracy of 98.72% with the suggested technique. Bose, Anandh Sam Chandra, C. Srinivasan, and S. Immaculate Joy [18] This research examines the crucial function of FS in improving the precision and reliability of ML models employed in KOA detection and severity categorisation. The data were sourced from Kaggle, reflecting diverse grades of KOA. We utilise a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) model to extract characteristics from medical imaging data. Employing sophisticated methodologies like Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) and Genetic Bee Colony (GBC), we methodically discern important features to improve our machine learning models. Sharma, Neha, Riya Sapra, and Parneeta Dhaliwal [19] Examined numerous medical imaging modalities applicable for the detection or diagnosis of



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Knee Osteoarthritis (KOA) and explored diverse Machine Learning algorithms that facilitate the automated identification of KOA with minimal human involvement. "Joint inflammation" is the synonym for arthritis. Joints are defined as the anatomical regions where two bones converge, facilitating movement, exemplified by the elbow and knee. Arthritis is a prevalent condition that is among the leading causes of global disability. Osteoarthritis is a form of arthritis that mostly arises from recurrent stress on joint cartilage. Osteoarthritis is also referred to as "degenerative" arthritis. Utilising machine learning concepts on medical data can substantially enhance disease detection and early diagnosis. This research provides a comprehensive overview of several medical imaging approaches that enable automated diagnosis of KOA using advanced machine learning methods. Song, Jiangling, and Rui Zhang [20] Concentrate on researching the computer-assisted diagnosis technique for knee osteoarthritis (KOA-CAD) utilising multivariate data, specifically vascular activity graphs (VAGs) and fundamental physiological signals, through an enhanced deep learning model (DLM). A novel Laplace distribution-based technique (LD-S) for classification in DLM is developed. Secondly, an aggregated multiscale dilated convolution network (AMD-CNN) is developed to extract features from the multivariate data of KOA patients. A novel KOA-CAD method is introduced, combining the AMD-CNN with the LD-S to achieve three CAD objectives: automatic KOA identification, early KOA detection, and KOA grading detection. Zhao, Zhengkuan, et al [21] The primary purpose was to employ machine learning techniques to discern critical structural features correlated with pain severity in patients with knee osteoarthritis. Furthermore, we evaluated the efficacy of several categories of imaging data through machine learning methodologies to determine the degree of knee discomfort. Data from semi-quantitative evaluations of knee radiographs, semi-quantitative assessments of knee magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), and MRI images of 567 participants in the Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI) were employed to build a set of machine learning models. Models were developed employing five machine learning techniques: random forests (RF), support vector machines (SVM), logistic regression (LR), decision trees (DT), and Bayesian approaches (Bayes). Utilising tenfold cross-validation, we identified the optimal models based on the area under the curve (AUC).

Patil, Pradnya, et al. [22] Formulated a prediction model for Knee Osteoarthritis (KOA) utilising X-ray images and the Kellgren-Lawrence (KL) scale to ascertain the existence of KOA. Medical images, namely knee X-rays, were gathered and categorised by radiologists according to the KL scale, which ranges from 0 (absence of KOA) to 4 (severe KOA). Convolutional neural network (CNN) modelling is employed to analyse X-ray images and predict the KL score. Zebari, Dilovan Asaad, Shereen Saleem Sadiq, and Dawlat Mustafa Sulaiman [23] Introduced a technique utilising deep features. We utilised a Convolutional Neural Network to extract deep information from images of Knee Osteoarthritis. The collected characteristics are subsequently input into various machine learning classifiers, specifically Support Vector Machine, K-Nearest Neighbour, and Naive Bayes. This study has been classified to distinguish between healthy and unhealthy Knee Osteoarthritis images. Kijowski, Richard, Jan Fritz, and Cem M. Deniz [24] Various deep learning methodologies have been delineated for the fully automated segmentation of cartilage and other knee tissues, attaining superior segmentation accuracy compared to existing techniques while significantly decreasing segmentation durations. Multiple deep learning models have been created for the assessment of osteoarthritis risk by analysing baseline X-rays and MRIs. These models have demonstrated superior diagnostic efficacy in forecasting several outcomes of osteoarthritis (OA), including the incidence and advancement of radiographic knee OA, the emergence and progression of knee pain, and the likelihood of future total knee arthroplasty. The initial outcomes of deep learning applications in optical coherence imaging have proven promising. Nonetheless, numerous deep learning techniques necessitate additional technical enhancement to optimise diagnostic efficacy. Sharmila Begum, M., et al [25] Proposed an artificial intelligence process for selecting an abstract set of characteristics from the provided raw data, with classification performed via Hybrid Isolation Forest (HIF). The chapter has three steps, beginning with the processing of raw images and the extraction of the pre-processed dataset. The second phase delineates the abstract feature set through statistical and regressive parameters. The third phase introduces a hybrid isolation forest methodology that amalgamates probability distribution with isolation forest techniques to achieve precise classification of normal and anomalous data samples. The suggested AI model is evaluated using the knee joint dysfunction image dataset.





Research Gap

Despite significant advancements in image processing and deep learning (DL) techniques for the detection of knee arthritis, several challenges and research gaps remain. These limitations present opportunities for further research to improve diagnostic accuracy, model robustness, and clinical applicability. The following outlines key research gaps in this domain:

- **Data Scarcity:** One of the major challenges is the lack of large, annotated datasets specific to knee arthritis. Existing datasets, such as the Osteoarthritis Initiative (OAI), are valuable but often limited in terms of diversity, image types (e.g., X-rays versus MRI), and varying levels of disease severity.
- **Diversity in Imaging Modalities:** Most studies focus on a single imaging modality, such as X-rays, while limited work has been done on multi-modal approaches (e.g., combining MRI, X-rays, and CT scans). Integrating data from different modalities could improve diagnosis, but it also introduces challenges in data alignment and fusion.
- **Class Imbalance:** Datasets are often heavily skewed, with a higher prevalence of moderate or severe arthritis cases, leading to biased models that may underperform in detecting early-stage arthritis.
- **Overfitting:** Deep learning models trained on limited datasets are prone to overfitting, where they perform well on the training data but fail to generalize to new, unseen images. This is a particularly challenging issue in medical imaging, where obtaining large, high-quality labeled datasets is difficult.
- **Lack of Optimal Feature Selection Techniques:** Identifying the most relevant features for arthritis detection is crucial, yet many models rely on deep learning's automatic feature extraction without fully exploring optimal feature selection methods. Techniques such as wavelet transforms, texture analysis, or hybrid feature extraction approaches (e.g., combining spatial and frequency domain features) could be further explored to enhance detection performance.

Future Research Direction

Given the current research gaps in knee arthritis detection using image processing and deep learning techniques, several promising avenues for future exploration can be pursued. These research directions aim to enhance model performance, clinical applicability, and the development of real-time, deployable solutions for early and accurate detection of knee arthritis.

- **Hybrid Models for Enhanced Feature Extraction:** Combining CNNs with traditional image processing techniques (e.g., wavelets, texture analysis) or using advanced feature selection methods could improve model performance. Such hybrid models would benefit from the interpretability of classical methods while leveraging the powerful feature extraction capabilities of deep learning.
- **CNN + RNN/LSTM Architectures:** Developing hybrid models that combine spatial feature extraction (via CNNs) with temporal analysis (via LSTMs or RNNs) can allow for more accurate predictions based on image sequences or longitudinal data.
- **Unsupervised Learning for Feature Discovery:** In addition to supervised learning, unsupervised or semi-supervised learning methods should be investigated to discover new, clinically relevant features in knee images. This could lead to the identification of novel biomarkers for early arthritis detection.

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Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification for Efficient Brain Tumor Disease Diagnosis

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ABSTRACT

A brain tumor is a difficult challenge in medical diagnostics because of different nature for accurate detection. In brain tumor disease, cell growth becomes uncontrollable. Brain abnormalities like brain tumors have been major cause of death among children and adults around the world. The distinction between benign and malignant tumors is not straightforward with different factors such as growth patterns, size, and location. Brain tumors are very complex disease that is diagnosed using different feature selection and classification methods. Early tumour disease detection is a paramount in managing the brain tumors effectively. As tumors grow, they exert pressure on brain tissue leading to symptoms like headaches, nausea, and balance disturbances. Different methods are introduced for performing efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis. But, the accuracy level was not improved and time complexity was not reduced by using existing methods. In order to address these issues, a new method termed Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification (SNESSO-DRELC) Method is introduced. The main objective of SNESSO-DRELC Method is to perform efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis with higher accuracy. SNESSO-DRELC Method used

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improved extreme learning concepts for brain tumour disease diagnosis. Improved Extreme Learning in SNESSO-DRELC Method uses four layers, namely one input layer, two hidden layers and one output layer for brain tumour disease diagnosis. Initially, number of patient data is considered as an input at an input layer. After that, stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization process is carried out in first hidden layer 1 for selecting the relevant features from input database to minimize the time complexity and space complexity. In hidden layer 2, deming regression analysis is carried out for categorizing the patient data into normal patient data and abnormal patient data. Finally, the results are displayed in the output layer. This in turn helps to improve the brain tumour disease diagnosis performance with higher accuracy and lesser time consumption. Experimental evaluation discusses the four different performance factors such as tumor diagnosis accuracy, error rate, space complexity and tumor diagnosis time. The analyzed results demonstrate that the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method achieves higher performance in accuracy of brain tumor diagnosis and reduces time consumption compared to conventional methods.

Keywords: brain tumor, improved extreme learning, relevant features, stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization, deming regression analysis

INTRODUCTION

Brain tumors are the challenging one for encountering brain disorders. An early and accurate diagnosis is an essential one for management and treatment of brain tumors. A multi-stage modeling framework was introduced in [1] with convolutional neural networks. A path signature and Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (Bi-LSTM) neural network with attention mechanism (PS+Bi-LSTM+attention) was introduced in [2] for epilepsy detection by extracting discriminative features. However, PS+Bi-LSTM+attention not improved the accuracy level for multiclass classification. An automatic seizure detection method was introduced in [3] for efficient diagnosis and treatment of epilepsy. But, the computational cost was not reduced by designed method. eXplainable Artificial Intelligence (XAI) was discussed in [4] for epilepsy management with Internet of Medical Things (IoMT). A calcium feature-based tumor diagnosis and treatment guidance platform (CA-TDT-GP) was introduced in [5] with random forest analysis framework for tumor behavior prediction through clinical therapy guidance. A novel model-driven seizure detection method was introduced in [6] based on dynamic features in epileptic EEGs. An automatic detection of epileptic seizure method was introduced in [7] depending on kernel-based robust probabilistic collaborative representation (ProCRC) and graph-regularized non-negative matrix factorization (GNMF). But, the space complexity was not reduced by existing method. The passively assessed gait initiation signal data (GISD) was gathered in [8] with features extracted for identifying brain tumors. A wireless remote monitoring system was introduced in [9] depending on single wrist-worn accelerometer device. But, the time complexity was not minimized by wireless remote monitoring system. A hierarchical automated methodology was introduced in [10] for finding the brain tumors. But, the complexity level was not reduced. The issues identified from the existing researches are lesser diagnosing accuracy, higher diagnosing accuracy, higher time complexity, higher space complexity, higher computational cost, higher computational complexity and so on. In order to address these issues, a new method called SNESSO-DRELC Method is introduced.

The main contribution of the SNESSO-DRELC Method is given as,

- To improve the brain tumor diagnosis, the SNESSO-DRELC Method is developed with feature selection process and classification process in improved extreme learning process.
- To reduce the brain tumor diagnosis time, stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization process is used to select the relevant features from the input dataset.



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- To increase the accuracy of brain tumor diagnosis, Deming Regression Analysis is carried out to analyze the testing and training data with the selected features.
- Finally, an experimental evaluation is carried out to determine the performance of the SNESSO-DRELC Method using different metrics and compared with other existing approaches.

Related Works

A Multidimensional CNN-BiLSTM framework (MD CNN-BiLSTM) was developed in [11] for identifying the epileptic seizures with electroencephalogram (EEG) signal analysis. A neural network-based model called ScoreNet was introduced in [12] for predicting the seizure probability of seizure epochs to identify the seizure onsets and offsets. A convolutional neural network (Conv1D) with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network was developed in [13] for epileptic seizure recognition and improving patient outcomes. Machine Learning and Deep Learning models were developed in [14] for epileptic seizure detection. Hjorth and statistical parameters are employed in [15] for field programmable gate array (FPGA) realization with epileptic seizure detectors. An enhanced deep learning architecture was introduced in [16] with EEG signal for automatic epileptic seizure detection. A new data augmentation method was introduced in [17] to enhance the generalization performance. A hybrid CNN-BiLSTM architecture was introduced in [18] for identifying the epileptic seizures from EEG signals. A new pipeline based on Bat and genetic algorithm was introduced in [19] for feature dimension reduction of EEG signals. A new framework was introduced in [20] for efficient ES detection. A patient-independent seizure detection model was introduced in [21] with stable EEG-based features obtained using multiple feature selection methods. A hybrid framework was introduced in [22] for epileptic seizure detection through linear graph convolution neural network (LGCN) and DenseNet. An Oppositional Aquila Optimizer-based Feature Selection with Deep Belief Network for Epileptic Seizure Detection (OAOFS-DBNECD) technique was introduced in [23] with EEG signals. A privacy-preserving federated learning framework was introduced in [24] for epileptic seizure detection from EEG signals in the fog-computing. A new enhanced search ability based ASO termed ESAASO was introduced in [25] for tumour detection. The dimensionality reduction technique was introduced in [26] using compressive sensing to optimize the process and to increase classification accuracy in epileptic EEG signals. An end-to-end EEG seizure detection framework was introduced in [27] with channel-embedding spectral-temporal squeeze-and-excitation network (CE-stSENet) to reduce information loss. An automatic method was introduced in [28] for epileptic seizures identification with EEG representation of brain signals. Though the classification accuracy was improved, the computational cost was not reduced by automatic method. An automatic seizure classification system was introduced in [29] depending on EEG feature extraction for seizure diagnosis. An end-to-end automatic seizure detection system was introduced in [30] with EEG data. But, the error rate was not reduced.

METHODOLOGY

Healthcare industry is transformed through the technological advancement in recent years. Extreme learning technology is an important component for the transformation. Extreme learning is used to imitate the human-like intelligence for different applications in medicine. Brain tumor is considered as the major public health issue in the healthcare sector. In addition, an accurate diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up processes are significant one. Extreme learning machine has become important tool for increasing the potential for early diagnosis and treatment of brain tumors. Brain tumors affect the human health because of their location. Extreme learning machine is used to diagnose and treat complex diseases like brain tumors through joining the technologies like big data analytics, machine learning and deep learning. Extreme learning machine has ability to detect and categorize the brain tumors. Extreme learning machine algorithm is employed to determine the size, location, class and tumors. This helps the physicians to make more accurate diagnosis and treatment plan. Different researchers carried out their research on efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis. But, the accuracy level was not improved and time complexity was not minimized by existing methods. In order to address these issues, Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification (SNESSO-DRELC) Method is introduced. The key aim of SNESSO-DRELC Method is to perform efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis with higher accuracy and





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lesser time consumption. The architecture diagram of SNESSO-DRELC Method is illustrated in the figure 1. Figure 1 given above illustrates the architecture diagram of the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method for accurate brain tumour disease diagnosis. The proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method performed data collection, feature selection and disease diagnosis. The three different processes of proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method are illustrated in the following three sub-sections.

Improved Extreme learning machine classifier

After performing data collection in proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method, the brain tumour disease diagnosis process is carried out in the proposed. Extreme Learning Machine (ELM) is a kind of feed-forward neural network with extremely fast learning speed and higher generalization ability. ELM is employed for faster training and better performance. Improved Extreme Learning Machine (IELM) provides benefits in real-time learning when handling the large data streams through processing the incoming patient data. Consequently, the SNESSO-DRELC Method uses improved extreme learning machine classifier to enhance disease diagnosis accuracy through categorizing it as normal patient data or abnormal patient data. The diagrammatic representation of Improved Extreme Learning Machine is illustrated in figure 2. Figure 2 depicts the structural design of Improved Extreme Learning Machine in proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method. Improved Extreme Learning Machine is a feed forward neural network for categorizing the patient data samples with many layers comprising the hidden nodes 'h'. Improved Extreme Learning Machine classifier included the three different layers like one input layer, two hidden layers and one output layer. As shown in above figure 2, let us take the training set as ' $\{PD_i, Y\}$ '. ' PD_i ' represent the training patient data samples $\{PD_1, PD_2, PD_3, \dots, PD_n\}$ and an output ' Y ' symbolizes the classification output ' $Y_k \in Y_1$ '. The input layer gathers the data samples and sent to the hidden layer. Lastly, the output layer attained the better classification results. Three layers in structure are linked in a feed-forward manner with diverse weights. The computation process is carried out in the hidden layer. Every layer comprised the artificial neurons to transmit the input training patient data samples from one layer to the neurons in the next consecutive layer.

Patient Data Collection

Patient data collection is the first process of proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method. It collects the different types of data for finding the seizure activity in accurate manner. The data is gathered from HMS - Harmful Brain Activity Classification dataset. The URL of the dataset is given as <https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/hms-harmful-brain-activity-classification>. The key objective of the dataset is to identify and categorize the seizures and additional types of harmful brain activity in electroencephalography (EEG) data. The train.CSV files are employed for seizure classification. The dataset comprised 1, 06, 800 instances and 15 features. The input patient data is gathered and transmitted to the input layer. In the input layer, the input weights are fixed with the straightforward solution that not requires different iteration process. It is expressed as follows,

$$Inp(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n [PD_i(t) * w_i] + Bias \quad (1)$$

From (1), ' $Inp(t)$ ' symbolizes the input layer. ' w_i ' symbolizes the initial weight at an input layer. ' PD_i ' represent the training patient data samples. The input data samples transmit into hidden layer. The feature selection and classification process is carried out in two consecutive hidden layers.

Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Feature Selection

In the first hidden layer, Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimization Algorithm is used in SNESSO-DRELC Method to reduce the error and increase the accuracy of cybercrime detection. Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search algorithm is a metaheuristic inspired by diverse spiral patterns. The key objective is to create the logarithmic spirals to balance the exploration and exploitation during spiral search process. Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search algorithm has the diversification capabilities to perform efficient global exploration. The growth behavior aimed on the search behavior around current solution for local exploitation. Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimization in SNESSO-DRELC Method employs several spiral models that described as deterministic systems. The search points follow logarithmic spiral path to the central point





termed current best solution. The global best solution is recognized through continuously updating the center. In Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimization Algorithm, multiple search points are related to the number of features from input database. First, the populations (i.e., features) are initialized in the search space. For every feature, the fitness is computed based on similarity through stochastic neighbor embedding process. Stochastic neighbor embedding is a non-linear dimensionality reduction concept for embedding the features in the high-dimensional space into low-dimensional space. The similar features are identified through nearby points. The dissimilar features are identified by far-away points with high probability. The similar and dissimilar features are recognized through the conditional probability distribution in low-dimensional map. The stochastic neighbor embedding evaluates the probabilities proportional to feature similarity. The stochastic neighbor embedding between input features are obtained as,

$$SNE_{(ft_i|ft_j)} = \frac{\exp(-\|ft_i - ft_j\|^2 / 2\rho_i^2)}{\sum_{p \neq i} \exp(-\|ft_i - ft_k\|^2 / 2\rho_i^2)} \quad (2)$$

From (2), ' ρ_i ' symbolizes the Gaussian kernels. The feature similarity ' ft_j ' to the feature similarity ' ft_i ' is computed through the conditional probability ' $SNE_{(ft_i|ft_j)}$ '. The neighbors are chosen corresponding to their probability density under Gaussian function. The fitness function in SNESSO-DRELC Method is formulated as,

$$fitness = \arg \max conditionalprobability(3)$$

From (3), ' $\arg \max$ ' symbolizes the argument of maximum function. The conditional probability in stochastic neighbor embedding value varies from 0 to 1. When probability value is lesser, then two features are dissimilar feature for performing brain tumor disease diagnosis. After selecting the particular features, the position of next search features gets updated as,

$$ft_{i+1} = ft_i + S_k M * |ft_i - ft_j| \quad (4)$$

From (4), ' ft_{i+1} ' symbolizes the update next search feature position. ' ft_i ' denotes the current position of feature ' S_k ' denotes a step rate value from 0 to 1. ' M ' indicates identity matrix. ' $|ft_i - ft_j|$ ' symbolize the variation between the current position of search point ' ft_i ' and ' ft_j ' symbolizes the position of the center point. Then, the center point gets updated as,

$$ft_{i+1} = \begin{cases} ft_{i+1}; & \text{if } fitness(ft_i) > fitness(ft_j) \\ ft_i; & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

From (5), ' ft_{i+1} ' indicates an updated position of the features, ' ft_i ' represents the current position of the center point. When the fitness of updated position of center point ' ft_{i+1} ' is greater than the current position of the center point ' ft_i ', the position gets updated as ' ft_{i+1} '. By this way, optimal features are chosen for efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis. The algorithmic representation of Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Feature Selection is given as,

Algorithm 1: Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Feature Selection
Input: Number of features ' $ft_i = ft_1, ft_2, ft_3, \dots, ft_n$ '
Output: Improves feature selection accuracy
Begin
Step 1: Initialize the populations of search points
Step 2: For each feature
Step 3: Calculate the fitness using stochastic neighbor embedding
Step 4: While (t < max_iteration)





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Step 5:    Select the features
Step 6:    Update the next feature position
Step 7: if( $fitness(ft_{i+1}) > fitness(ft_i)$ )then
Step 8:    Update the feature position as  $afitness(ft_{i+1})$ 
Step 9:    End if
Step 10:    $t = t+1$ 
Step 11:   End while
Step 12:   End for
Step 13:   Obtain the optimal weight for relevant feature selection
End

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The algorithmic process of stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimized feature selection is given in algorithm 1. The feature selection is carried out using the stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization algorithm. At first, population of features is initialized within search space. The fitness of the feature is computed through stochastic neighbor embedding process. After that, the position of feature is updated and adjusted. The process gets iterated until algorithm reaches maximum iterations.

Deming Regression Analysis

After feature selection process, deming regression analysis is carried out in SNESSO-DRELC Method. The regression analysis is a machine learning technique for estimating the relationship between the dependent variable (i.e., 'outcome variable') and one or more independent variables (i.e., 'features'). The deming regression is used to analyze the testing and training features with every data point. Figure 3 illustrates the process of deming regressive brain tumour disease diagnosis based on testing and training feature values. The deming regression function reduced the squared deviation between the training and testing features. It is formulated as,

$$DR = \arg \min [Deviation] \quad (6)$$

$$Deviation = \|testingfeaturevalue - trainingfeaturevalue\|^2 \quad (7)$$

From (6) and (7), 'DR' symbolizes the deming regression output. The hidden layer output is expressed as,

$$H(t) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_{ih} g(w_{ho} DR(PD|Y) + B_h) \quad (8)$$

From (8), 'H(t)' symbolizes the output result of the hidden layer. ' σ ' indicates the gaussian activation function. ' w_{ho} ' represent the weight between ' h^{th} ' hidden layer neuron and ' o^{th} ' output layer neuron, ' w_{ih} ' denotes ' i^{th} ' input layer neuron and ' h^{th} ' hidden layer neuron. ' B_h ' symbolizes the bias at hidden layer. The output of hidden layer is transmitted to the final output layer. In that layer, gaussian activation function is used to provide the binary classification results. It is given as,

$$FO = g(w_o * H(t)) \quad (9)$$

From (9), 'FO' symbolizes the final classification output. ' g ' indicates a Gaussian activation function. ' w_o ' denotes the weight of the output layer. It is formulated as,

$$g = \begin{cases} 1 & ; \text{ Abnormal} \\ 0 & ; \text{ normal} \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

The gaussian activation function returns '1' when the patient data samples are classified as abnormal and '0' when the patient data samples are classified as normal. Finally, accurate patient data classification results are achieved at the output layer with minimal time complexity. Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification algorithm is explained below,




Algorithm 2: Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification
Input: Dataset 'D', Number of patient data ' $PD_1, PD_2, PD_3, \dots, PD_m$ '

Output: Increase brain tumour disease accuracy

Begin

1. Collect the number of patient data samples at an input layer
2. **For each** patient data ' PD_i '
3. Randomly assign weight and bias
4. **End for**
5. **For each** feature - **hidden layer 1**
6. Measure the stochastic neighbor embedding
7. **End for**
8. **End for**
9. **If** ($argmaxConditionalprobability$) **then**
10. Features are selected as relevant
11. **else**
12. Features are selected as irrelevant

13. End if
14. For each selected feature with data samples

15. Perform demingregression analysis

16. End for
17. Apply guassian activation function

18. if ($g = +1$)**then**
19. Patient Data is classified as 'abnormal'

20. else
21. Patient Data is classified as 'normal'

22. End if
23. Return (classifications results)-- **output layer**
24. End for
End

Algorithm 2 outlines the process of Stochastic Neighbor Embedding Spiral Search Optimized Deming Regressive Extreme Learning Classification in SNESSO-DRELC Method to achieve higher accuracy with minimum time complexity. Initially, the algorithm gathers the training patient data samples. Weights and biases are allocated randomly. The patient data samples are transferred to the hidden layer. The feature selection is used to determine the similarity between features. The selected features are transmitted to the next hidden layer where classification is carried out by deming regression function. The guassian activation function is used to classify the patient data samples as abnormal or normal. Lastly, accurate disease diagnosis is carried out with minimal time consumption and higher accuracy.

Experimental Analysis

In this section, experiment evaluation of SNESSO-DRELC Method and existing multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] are implemented in Python high level language. In order to perform the experiments, HMS - Harmful Brain Activity Classification dataset is taken from <https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/hms-harmful-brain-activity-classification>. The key objective of dataset is to identify and categorize the seizures with electroencephalography (EEG) data. The train.CSV files are employed for categorizing the seizures and their severity risk factors. The dataset comprised 1, 06, 800 instances and 15 features shown in table 1.

Performance Result Analysis

In this section, the performance result analysis of the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method and existing multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] are discussed with different metrics like brain tumor diagnosis accuracy, error rate, space complexity and brain tumor diagnosis time.

Impact on Brain Tumor Diagnosis Time

Brain tumor diagnosis time is described as the amount of time consumed for categorizing the patient data from medical dataset to the total number of patient data. It is formulated as,

$$BTDT = D_n * Time(SPD) \quad (11)$$





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From (11), 'BTDT' represent the brain tumor diagnosis time. ' D_n ' represents the number of data instances. 'Time(SPD)' symbolizes the time to classify the single patient data. The tumor diagnosis time is measured in terms of milliseconds (ms). Table 2 explains the brain tumour diagnosis time for ten different iterations. The performance outcomes of brain tumor diagnosis time with and without feature selection using three different classification methods, namely the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method and the existing multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] are illustrated in the Table 2. For conducting the experiments with 10,000 data instances, the brain tumor diagnosis time with feature selection using proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method is 60ms. The time consumption of multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] is 68ms and 74ms correspondingly. From obtained results, the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method minimizes the brain tumor diagnosis time by 17% and 16% compared to [1] and [2], respectively. This is due to the application of stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization algorithm for efficient feature selection. The fitness of feature is determined through stochastic neighbor embedding process. Then, position of feature gets updated and adjusted. This process minimizes the time consumption for brain tumor disease diagnosis. From the attained results, the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method minimizes the brain tumor diagnosis time without feature selection by 17% and 21% compared to multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] respectively.

Impact on Space Complexity

Space complexity is described as the amount of space consumed for categorizing the patient data from input dataset to the total number of patient data. It is determined as,

$$SC = D_n * memory(SPD) \quad (12)$$

From (12), 'SC' represent the space complexity. ' D_n ' denotes the number of data instances. 'memory(SPD)' symbolizes the memory space to classify the single patient data. The space complexity is measured in terms of megabytes (MB). The performance outcomes of space complexity with and without feature selection using three different classification methods, namely the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method and the existing multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] are shown in the Table 3 and Figure 4 (a) (b). The graphical results shows that the space complexity versus the number of patient data. When the number of patient data increases, the space complexity gets increased correspondingly for all three different methods. For conducting the experiments with 70,000 data instances, the space complexity with feature selection using proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method is 89.2MBs. The space complexity of multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] is 112.8 MB and 115.8 MB correspondingly. From attained results, the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method minimizes the space complexity by 25% and 28% compared to [1] and [2] respectively. This is because of using stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization algorithm for selecting the relevant features to minimize the space complexity. The fitness of every feature is computed by using stochastic neighbor embedding process. Then, position of feature gets updated and adjusted. The process reduced the space complexity during brain tumor disease diagnosis. From the attained results, the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method reduced the space complexity without feature selection by 7% and 16% compared to multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] respectively.

Impact on Brain Tumor Diagnosis Accuracy

Brain tumor diagnosis accuracy is defined as the number of patient data that are correctly classified as brain tumor to the total number of data instances taken from dataset. It is formulated as,

$$\text{Brain tumor diagnosis accuracy} = \left[\frac{N_{cc}}{D_n} \right] * 100 \quad (13)$$

From (13), ' D_n ' denotes number of input patient data or data instances and ' N_{cc} ' denotes number of patient data that are correctly classified. The overall accuracy is measured in percentage (%). Table 4 explains the brain tumour diagnosis accuracy for ten different iterations.





Impact on Error Rate

Error rate is defined as number of patient data that are incorrectly classified as brain tumor to the total number of data instances taken from dataset. It is determined as,

$$ER = \left[\frac{N_{icc}}{D_n} \right] * 100 \quad (14)$$

From (14), ' D_n ' denotes number of input patient data or data instances and ' N_{icc} ' represents the number of patient data that are correctly classified. It is measured in percentage (%). The performance outcomes of error rate using three different classification methods, namely the proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method and the existing multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] are illustrated in the Figure 5. The graphical results illustrates that the error rate versus the number of patient data. When the number of patient data increases, the error rate gets increased or decreased correspondingly for all three different methods. For conducting the experiments with 60,000 data instances, the error rate using proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method is 3%. The error rate of multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] is 6% and 11% correspondingly. This is because of using stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization process and deming regression analysis in proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method for selecting the relevant features and for categorizing the patient data into normal patient data and abnormal patient data. This in turn helps to reduce the error rate. The error rate of proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method is reduced by 35% and 61% when compared to the multi-stage modeling framework [1] and PS+Bi-LSTM+attention [2] respectively.

CONCLUSION

Brain tumor detection is carried out through extreme learning concepts with feature selection and classification process. A new method termed SNESSO-DRELC Method performs efficient brain tumour disease diagnosis with higher accuracy. SNESSO-DRELC Method used improved extreme leaning concepts for brain tumour disease diagnosis. Number of patient data is considered as input and stochastic neighbor embedding spiral search optimization process selects the relevant features to minimize the time complexity and space complexity. Deming regression analysis categorizes the patient data into normal patient data and abnormal patient data. This in turn helps to improve the brain tumour disease diagnosis performance. Experimental evaluation discusses the performance parameters such as tumor diagnosis accuracy, error rate, space complexity and tumor diagnosis time. Moreover, proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method achieves higher performance in terms of accuracy of brain tumor diagnosis and reduces time consumption when compared to conventional methods.

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Table 1: Features description

S.No	Features	Description
1	eeg_id	A unique identifier for entire EEG recording.
2	eeg_sub_id	An ID for specific 50 second long subsample this row's labels apply to
3	eeg_label_offset_seconds	The time between the beginning of the consolidated EEG and subsample.
4	spectrogram_id	A unique identifier for entire EEG recording.
5	spectrogram_sub_id	An ID for 10 minute subsample this row's labels apply to.
6	spectrogram_label_offset_seconds	The time between the beginning of the consolidated spectrogram and this subsample.
7	label_id	An ID for set of labels
8	patient_id	An ID for patient who donated the data
9	expert_consensus	Consensus annotator label
10	seizure_vote	Indicates epileptic seizure activity





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11	lpd_vote	Lateralized periodic discharges with highest seizure rates
12	gpd_vote	Generalized periodic discharges • Moderate seizure rates
13	lrda_vote	lateralized rhythmic delta activity • Intermediate seizure rates
14	grda_vote	Generalized rhythmic delta activity • lowest seizure rates
15	other_vote	Includes annotations for brain activity that doesn't fit into the above categories

Table 2: Comparison of Brain Tumor Diagnosis Time

Number of data instances	Brain tumor diagnosis time (ms) with feature selection			Brain tumor diagnosis time (ms) without feature selection		
	Proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method	Multi-stage modeling framework	PS+Bi-LSTM+attention	Proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method	Multi-stage modeling framework	PS+Bi-LSTM+attention
10000	60	68	74	75.1	85.2	90.6
20000	68.2	85	80.6	80.3	91.4	98.5
30000	75.3	91.5	92	85.8	105.9	106.6
40000	90.9	105.8	105.6	91.2	116.9	118
50000	97.8	128	120	105.8	128.5	130
60000	105.2	134	132.4	112.3	145.8	147.6
70000	118.8	146	145	128	157.2	157.6
80000	125.5	154.8	155.5	137	164.3	178
90000	138.2	165.1	162	148	178.2	189
100000	160	178.9	176.8	159.6	189.6	215.6

Table 3: Comparison of Brain Tumor Diagnosis Accuracy

Number of data instances	Brain Tumor Diagnosis Accuracy (%)		
	Proposed SNESSO-DRELC Method	Multi-stage modeling framework	PS+Bi-LSTM+attention
10000	92	89	85
20000	94	92	87
30000	93	91	86
40000	95	93	88
50000	98	95	90
60000	97	94	89
70000	94	92	87
80000	92	90	85
90000	95	93	86



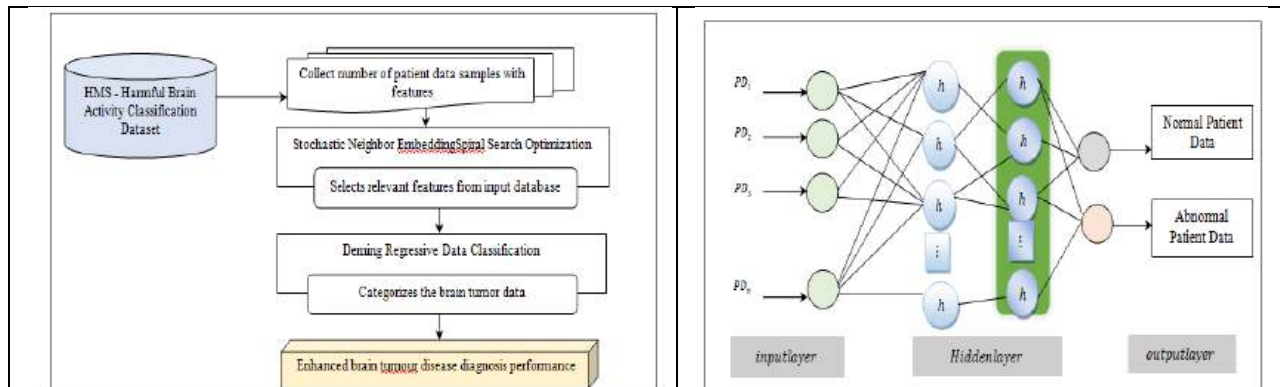


Figure 1: Architecture Diagram of Proposed SNESSO-QRELC Method

Figure 2: Structural Design of Improved Extreme Learning Machine

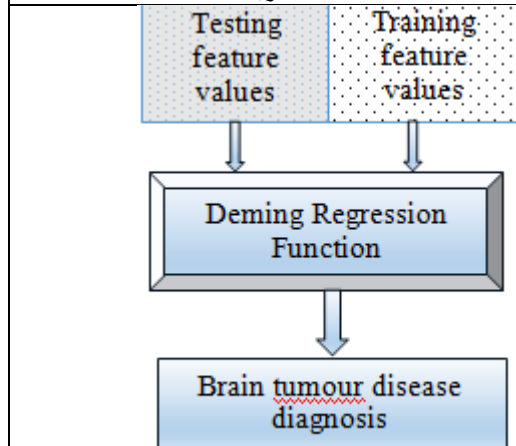


Figure 3: Deming Regressive Brain Tumour Disease Diagnosis

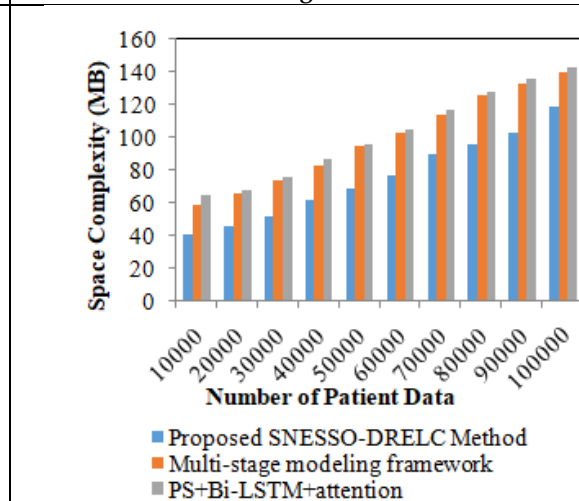


Figure 4(a): Graphical results of space complexity with feature selection

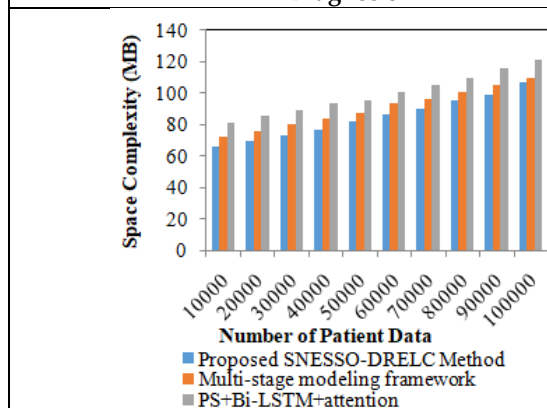


Figure 4(b): Graphical results of space complexity without feature selection

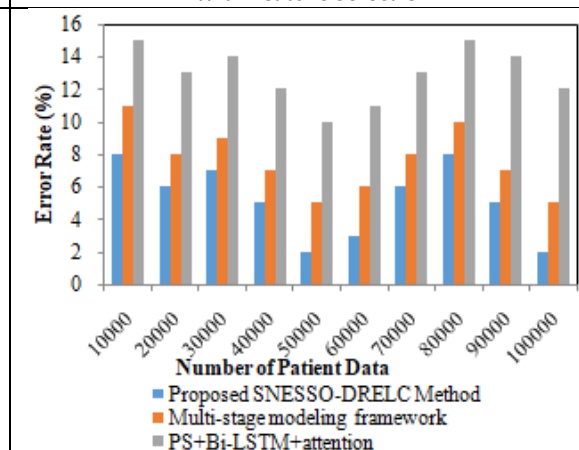


Figure 5: Graphical results of Error Rate





The Influence of Digital Technology on Musical Instruments: a Critical Review

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ABSTRACT

Digital technology has revolutionized music production, performance, and education by enabling advanced sound manipulation, noise reduction, and high-quality outputs. It has also introduced new ways of learning and innovation in the music industry. This study explores the historical evolution of digital technology in musical instruments, its impact on composition and performance, associated challenges, and future potential. A systematic review of academic literature, case studies, interviews with industry professionals, and comparative analysis of traditional versus digital instruments were conducted. Digital technology has transformed music creation and learning, enhancing accessibility and innovation. However, challenges such as copyright issues, reduced human creativity, and job displacement persist. This paper provides a unique perspective on the integration of IT with musical instruments, offering insights into its evolution, applications, and future possibilities.

Keywords: Technology, Music, IT, AI, Virtual Reality

INTRODUCTION

Music has been an essential part of human culture for centuries, transcending borders and languages to convey emotions, stories, and messages. The music educators and students can get benefit from the technology as a tool to support learning in the three musical processes– creating, performing, and responding to music (Bauer *et al.* 289-301). Over the time, the interplay between music and technology has brought about significant transformations, ushering in a new era of musical innovation. In the ever- evolving landscape of the music industry, the harmonious integration of technology and musical instruments has ushered in a new era of creativity and innovation. Information technology, with its rapid advancements, has become a powerful force reshaping the way musicians compose, produce, and perform. This review delves into the multifaceted relationship between digital technology and music

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instruments, exploring the profound impact it has had on the artistry, accessibility, and functionality of musical expression. The fusion of technology and traditional musical instruments has given rise to a spectrum of possibilities, enriching the musical experience for both creators and audiences alike. From the invention of electronic instruments to the incorporation of cutting-edge software in traditional setups, the synergy between music and technology has created an expansive canvas for musicians to explore and redefine their sonic landscapes. Technology allows a musical experience for all skill levels in opportunities never before available to compose manipulate, instantly listen to music electronically and even print standard Western music notation for others to play without having to know much about traditional music theory or notation (Freedman *et al.*). Additionally, the advent of smart instruments, equipped with sensors and connectivity features, has further expanded the horizon of interactive and responsive musical performance. Beyond the realm of instruments themselves, digital technology has revolutionized the way music is produced, recorded, and distributed. Digital audio workstations (DAWs), virtual instruments, and advanced recording technologies have empowered musicians to create studio-quality compositions from the comfort of their homes. Moreover, the advent of cloud-based platforms and streaming services has democratized the dissemination of music, allowing artists to reach global audiences without the constraints of traditional distribution channels. As we navigate the symphony of technology and music, this review aims to dissect the various facets of this transformative relationship. From exploring the influence of artificial intelligence in music composition to dissecting the impact of augmented reality on live performances, we will traverse the dynamic landscape where digital technology converges with musical instruments, propelling the art form into uncharted territories of creativity and expression. On this harmonious journey, we unravel the intricate notes that compose the contemporary melody of music and technology.

Relevance of Music Instrumental with IT

The evolution of music instruments, intertwined with the ever-advancing landscape of digital technology, has been a transformative journey that echoes across the annals of musical history. This review embarks on a chronological exploration of the pivotal moments and milestones in the amalgamation of music and technology. From the early experiments with electronic sound to the present day digital symphony, this historical retrospective seeks to unravel the intricate tapestry that has woven digital technology into the very fabric of musical expression. The inception of the electronic era in music instruments can be traced back to the early 20th century. Innovations such as the Theremin, developed by Léon Theremin in 1920, marked a departure from the traditional acoustic instruments by harnessing the principles of electronics to produce novel sounds. Subsequent decades witnessed the rise of the analog synthesizer, exemplified by the Moog synthesizer in the 1960s, which became a trailblazer in the integration of technology into the composition and performance of music. The advent of microprocessors in the 1970s and 1980s heralded a new era in music technology. This period witnessed the birth of digital synthesizers and drum machines, introducing a level of precision and versatility previously unattainable. The Yamaha DX7, launched in 1983, emerged as a pioneer in digital synthesis, setting the stage for a digital revolution that would reshape the landscape of music creation. As we entered the late 20th century, the rise of personal computing marked a watershed moment in the role of digital technology in music. Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) became instrumental in music production, allowing composers and producers to manipulate and arrange sounds with unprecedented flexibility. The MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) standard, established in the early 1980s, facilitated communication between various instruments and computers, laying the foundation for seamless integration in music creation. This historical review endeavors to illuminate the key junctures in the symbiotic relationship between digital technology and music instruments. Through the lens of time, we witness the harmonious progression from analog experimentation to the digital orchestration of melodies, underscoring the profound impact that technology has had on shaping the very essence of musical expression. On this historical odyssey, we traverse the transformative epochs that have sculpted the intersection of music and digital technology into the symphony we experience today.

Transformative Impact on Composition and Performance**Digital Instruments**

Digital instruments, underpinned by DSP technology, have redefined the sonic palette available to musicians. Instruments such as synthesizers, digital pianos, and electronic drums offer unparalleled flexibility in sound generation and manipulation. Musicians can access a vast library of sounds and effects, allowing for customized



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sonic identities. Additionally, digital instruments seamlessly integrate MIDI technology, enabling precise control over composition and performance (Ellis *et al.* 1997).

Computer-Assisted Composition

IT has left an indelible mark on the composition process. Composers now wield powerful Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), equipped with tools for composition, arrangement, recording, and production. Algorithms and machine learning have emerged as valuable aids for generating music, pushing the boundaries of traditional music genres (Ellis *et al.*)

Real-Time Performance Technologies

Live performances have undergone a paradigm shift with the integration of IT. Musicians can seamlessly incorporate electronic elements into their shows through the use of MIDI controllers, software-based instruments, and effects processors. Gesture-based control systems and sensor interfaces have enhanced live performances, allowing for interactive and expressive engagement with the audience.

AI in Music

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has disrupted conventional notions of composition and performance. AI algorithms analyze extensive music datasets, learn from them, and generate original compositions. AI-powered instruments and virtual musicians are being developed, enabling real-time collaboration between humans and AI entities. This amalgamation of human creativity and machine-generated music has ushered in a new era of musical exploration (Gioti *et al.*)

Challenges

The integration of IT in music instrumental, while transformative, brings forth several challenges:

Technological Standardization and Compatibility

As technology evolves, a significant challenge lies in maintaining standards and compatibility across diverse platforms and devices. Incompatibility issues between different hardware and software can impede the seamless integration of digital instruments and technologies, hindering collaborative efforts and limiting accessibility.

Learning Curve for Musicians

The rapid pace of technological advancement introduces a steep learning curve for musicians, particularly those accustomed to traditional instruments. Adapting to new interfaces, software, and electronic instruments can be time-consuming, potentially discouraging musicians from embracing innovative technologies in their creative process.

Affordability and Accessibility

Cutting-edge music technology often comes with a hefty price tag, making it less accessible to a broad spectrum of musicians. This financial barrier may hinder the democratization of advanced instruments and tools, creating disparities in access between established professionals and aspiring artists.

Intellectual Property and Copyright Concerns

The digital nature of music in the Information Age raises intricate issues concerning intellectual property and copyright. As musicians leverage technology for sampling, remixing, and creating, the delineation of ownership and fair use becomes a complex and contentious arena.

Overreliance on Technology in Creativity

While technology enhances musical capabilities, there is a risk of overreliance, leading to a potential dilution of authentic artistic expression. The challenge is to strike a balance where technology augments creativity without overshadowing the artist's unique voice and musical identity.



**Kaushik Banerjee****Cybersecurity Threats**

With the increasing connectivity of musical instruments to networks and the internet, the vulnerability to cyber threats rises. Ensuring the security of digital instruments and the data they generate becomes imperative, especially in live performances and studio settings.

Cultural Preservation and Evolution

The infusion of technology into music brings about a tension between preserving traditional cultural music and embracing technological evolution. Striking a balance that respects cultural roots while fostering innovation poses a nuanced challenge. This critical review aims to shine a spotlight on the challenges inherent in the intersection of digital technology and music instruments. Understanding and addressing these challenges are paramount to ensuring that the evolving symphony of technology and music remains inclusive, sustainable, and true to the artistic spirit.

Scope

The synthesis of digital technology and music instruments has ushered in an era of unprecedented creativity, innovation and transformation within the realm of musical expression. This review seeks to delineate the vast scope of this symbiotic relationship, exploring the myriad ways in which digital technology continues to reshape the landscape of music instruments and their roles in composition, production and performance.

Evolution of Digital Instruments

The scope encompasses the ongoing evolution of digital music instruments, from synthesizers and electronic drums to smart instruments equipped with advanced sensors and connectivity features (Fautley *et al.* 29-42). This evolution not only extends the possibilities for sound creation but also offers novel interfaces for musicians to interact with their instruments.

Advancements in Music Production Technologies

Information technology plays a pivotal role in revolutionizing music production processes. Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), virtual instruments, and real-time collaborative tools have transformed the studio environment, enabling artists to produce, edit, and collaborate on music with unprecedented efficiency and creativity (Giraldo *et al.* 334).

Artificial Intelligence and Music Composition

The integration of artificial intelligence in music composition presents a vast frontier. AI algorithms are increasingly being used to generate musical compositions, pushing the boundaries of creativity and challenging conventional notions of authorship. The scope here extends to exploring the potential and ethical implications of AI in shaping musical narratives (Gioti).

Integration of Internet of Things (IoT) in Instruments

The scope encompasses the integration of the Internet of Things in musical instruments, allowing for enhanced connectivity and communication. Smart instruments, equipped with IoT capabilities, can exchange data, adapt to user preferences and even connect with other devices in a networked musical ecosystem (Tiwary *et al.* 23-27).

Education and Learning Platforms

Information Technology facilitates innovative approaches to music education. Online platforms, interactive tutorials and virtual music lessons extend the scope of learning beyond traditional boundaries, making music education more accessible and inclusive. VI. Global Collaboration and Remote Music Production The scope of digital technology in music instruments extends to global collaboration. Musicians from different parts of the world can collaborate in real-time, breaking down geographical barriers and fostering a diverse and interconnected global music community (Turchet *et al.*).





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Cultural Fusion and Innovation

The scope includes the exploration of how technology fosters cultural fusion in music. Digital instruments provide a platform for artists to experiment with diverse musical traditions, leading to the creation of innovative genres that reflect a globalized and interconnected world. This comprehensive review endeavors to explore the expansive scope of the role of digital technology in music instruments. From the evolution of instruments themselves to the broader impact on music creation, production, and consumption, the review aims to capture the dynamic and transformative nature of this ongoing symphony between technology and musical expression.

CONCLUSION

The fusion of Information Technology and music instrumental represents a profound transformation in the world of music. From the emergence of digital instruments to the integration of AI in composition and performance, IT has reshaped the creative landscape. While challenges like copyright and job displacement must be addressed, the scope for future advancements is immense. Augmented reality, collaborative AI music, and music education stand as testament to the boundless potential of IT in music instrumental. As we navigate this evolving terrain, musicians, composers, and technologists must collaborate to ensure that technology enhances, rather than diminishes the beauty and depth of human expression in music.

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Enhancing Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Disease Detection using the SVC-CSO-Based Feature Extraction Technique

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ABSTRACT

Rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) are a group of chronic disorders that affect the joints, muscles, and connective tissues, leading to pain, swelling, and decreased mobility. Early and accurate detection of RMDs is crucial for timely intervention and effective management. This paper proposes a novel detection approach for RMDs, integrating Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) with Support Vector Clustering (SVC) and feature extraction (FE). The proposed CSO-SVC-FE approach combines the global search capability of CSO with the clustering power of SVC to extract relevant features from medical data, such as radiographic images or clinical measurements, and classify RMDs with higher accuracy. CSO optimizes the parameters of the SVC model, ensuring enhanced clustering performance and improved feature extraction. The feature extraction process utilizes techniques that identify essential patterns in the data, enabling more precise diagnosis. Experiments conducted on a set of real-world RMD datasets demonstrate that the CSO-SVC-FE approach outperforms traditional methods in terms of classification accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. This innovative approach offers significant potential for automating and improving the diagnostic process for RMDs, paving the way for better patient outcomes through early detection and personalized treatment strategies.

Keywords: Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs), Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO), Support Vector Clustering (SVC), Feature Extraction (FE), Early Detection, Classification Accuracy, Medical Imaging.





INTRODUCTION

Rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs) represent a diverse group of disorders that affect the joints, muscles, and soft tissues, causing pain, stiffness, swelling, and sometimes irreversible joint damage [1]. These diseases can significantly impair an individual's mobility and overall quality of life. Some of the most common types of RMDs include osteoarthritis (OA), rheumatoid arthritis (RA), lupus, gout, and ankylosing spondylitis, each of which presents its own set of diagnostic and therapeutic challenges [2]. The global prevalence of RMDs continues to rise due to factors such as aging populations and sedentary lifestyles, making early diagnosis and intervention crucial for managing these diseases and improving patient outcomes [3]. Traditionally, RMDs are diagnosed through clinical methods that include patient history, physical examinations, and radiographic imaging techniques such as X-rays, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and ultrasound. While these methods provide valuable information, they are often subjective, time-consuming, and prone to inaccuracies due to factors like the interpretation of imaging results or variations in clinical judgment. Consequently, the need for more objective, automated, and precise diagnostic methods has become more urgent [5]. In recent years, the integration of advanced computational techniques such as machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), and image processing (IP) has shown immense promise in enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of RMD detection [5]. These techniques have the potential to automate the process of feature extraction, classification, and prediction from medical data, minimizing human error and improving diagnostic speed. However, many of these methods still face challenges related to the complexity of medical data, the need for large annotated datasets, and model interpretability.

One promising computational approach to enhance RMD detection is the use of optimization algorithms combined with machine learning models. Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) is an efficient metaheuristic algorithm inspired by the nesting behavior of cuckoo birds. CSO has been used successfully in various optimization tasks due to its ability to find global optima in complex search spaces. When applied to RMD detection, CSO can be used to optimize the parameters of machine learning models, improving their performance and accuracy. Support Vector Clustering (SVC) is another powerful machine learning technique that can be used for classifying medical data. SVC works by transforming data into higher-dimensional spaces to separate complex datasets into distinct classes using hyperplanes. By combining CSO with SVC, it is possible to enhance the feature extraction process and improve the overall accuracy of RMD classification. CSO optimizes the parameters of the SVC model, ensuring better clustering and feature selection, which is essential for accurate diagnosis. Moreover, feature extraction techniques can identify key patterns in medical images or clinical data that are indicative of RMDs, leading to more precise predictions. This paper proposes a novel approach called the Cuckoo Search Optimization–Support Vector Clustering–Based Feature Extraction (CSO-SVC-FE) Approach for the detection of RMDs. By leveraging the power of CSO to optimize the parameters of SVC, this method enhances the accuracy of the classification model and provides more precise feature extraction from medical datasets. The approach aims to improve the early detection of RMDs by automating the feature selection and classification process, allowing for faster and more accurate diagnoses. The motivation for developing such an approach stems from the need to address the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods. The CSO-SVC-FE approach not only enhances the performance of machine learning models but also reduces the subjectivity and time-consuming nature of current diagnostic practices. The application of this advanced method in clinical settings holds the potential to revolutionize the early detection of RMDs, leading to better patient outcomes, more personalized treatment plans, and a more efficient healthcare system.

Importance of Feature Extraction in Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Disease (RMD)

Feature extraction [6] is a critical step in the process of detecting and diagnosing rheumatic musculoskeletal diseases (RMDs), as it enables the transformation of raw medical data (such as imaging, clinical measurements, or patient history) into meaningful and informative features that can be used for effective analysis [7]. In the context of RMDs, feature extraction plays an essential role in improving the accuracy, efficiency, and interpretability of diagnostic models. Here are the key reasons why feature extraction is important in the diagnosis and treatment of RMDs:



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The complexity of RMDs often requires a high level of precision in distinguishing between different conditions that share similar symptoms. Feature extraction allows for the identification of specific patterns and characteristics within medical data (e.g., joint damage, bone erosion, soft tissue inflammation) that are critical for making accurate diagnoses. For example, radiographic images of joints may contain subtle visual cues, such as joint space narrowing or periarticular swelling, that are important in identifying conditions like osteoarthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. By extracting these key features, machine learning models can achieve higher classification accuracy and reduce diagnostic errors [8].

Reducing Data Complexity

Medical data, especially from imaging modalities like MRI, X-rays, or ultrasound, can be high-dimensional and complex. Raw data might contain noise, irrelevant information, or redundant patterns that do not contribute to the disease classification. Feature extraction methods, such as texture analysis, edge detection, or wavelet transform, help in reducing the dimensionality of the data by focusing on the most relevant attributes for classification. This reduction in complexity not only speeds up the processing time but also improves the overall efficiency of diagnostic models [9].

Improving Model Interpretability

One of the challenges with machine learning models, particularly deep learning models, is the "black-box" nature of their decision-making processes. Feature extraction helps make these models more interpretable by selecting distinct and meaningful features that are directly related to the clinical interpretation of the disease. By identifying specific features (e.g., the degree of synovial thickening or joint deformities), healthcare providers can gain insights into the underlying mechanisms of the disease, enabling them to make more informed decisions about patient care and treatment [10].

Facilitating Early Detection

RMDs are often chronic and progressive, and early detection is critical for slowing disease progression and improving long-term outcomes. Feature extraction plays an important role in identifying early signs of disease, which may not be easily visible to the human eye. For instance, early-stage changes in the joint structure, such as slight swelling or mild cartilage loss, can be detected through advanced feature extraction techniques applied to imaging data. By extracting these early markers, clinicians can intervene sooner, potentially preventing the disease from progressing to more severe stages [10].

Supporting Personalized Treatment

RMDs are highly variable in terms of their progression and response to treatment. Feature extraction helps in identifying specific patterns that can be correlated with the severity of the disease, the likelihood of remission, or the patient's response to certain treatments. For example, specific features of joint inflammation in rheumatoid arthritis patients could inform decisions about which biologic therapies might be most effective. Thus, feature extraction not only assists in diagnosing RMDs but also plays a crucial role in tailoring personalized treatment plans that are most likely to result in positive outcomes for individual patients.

Improving Automation and Efficiency

With the advent of artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning, the automation of RMD diagnosis is becoming increasingly feasible. Feature extraction is central to automating the analysis of large datasets, such as radiographs or MRI scans. By automating the feature extraction process, AI-based systems can rapidly analyze new patient data, compare it against established models, and provide accurate predictions without the need for extensive manual input. This automation significantly reduces the time required for diagnosis and allows healthcare professionals to focus on higher-level clinical decision-making [9] [10].





Overcoming Subjectivity in Diagnosis

Traditional methods of diagnosing RMDs often rely on the subjective interpretation of imaging results by radiologists or clinicians. The interpretation of radiographs or MRIs can vary based on the experience and judgment of the individual examining the images, leading to inconsistent diagnoses. Feature extraction methods, however, provide objective, reproducible measurements that reduce human bias and variability. This leads to more consistent and standardized diagnostic outcomes, which is especially important when dealing with large patient populations.

Cuckoo Search Optimization

Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) is a nature-inspired optimization algorithm that mimics the nesting behavior of cuckoo birds, specifically their parasitic reproduction strategy [11]. It was introduced by Xin-She Yang and Suash Deb in 2009 as a powerful optimization technique for solving complex problems in various fields, including engineering, finance, and healthcare. The key characteristics of the cuckoo search optimization algorithm are its simplicity, efficiency, and ability to handle multi-dimensional, non-linear, and non-convex problems [12]. The algorithm is particularly known for its global search capability, making it effective for finding optimal solutions in large and complicated search spaces [13].

Key Concepts of Cuckoo Search Optimization

Cuckoo Birds and Their Parasitic Reproduction Strategy: Cuckoo birds are known for their parasitic behavior, where they lay their eggs in the nests of other bird species. The host birds unknowingly incubate and raise the cuckoo eggs. When the cuckoo egg hatches, the cuckoo chick may either eject the host eggs or outgrow the host chicks, gaining all the resources of the host nest. This process has been adapted into an optimization strategy that utilizes the following principles [11]:

- **Random Search:** The cuckoo lays its eggs in a random nest (which represents a possible solution in the search space).
- **Levy Flight:** Cuckoos search for new nests (solutions) using a random walk called Levy flights, which allows for a balanced exploration and exploitation of the search space.
- **Elite Nesting:** Each nest represents a potential solution, and the best nests are kept while poor solutions are discarded. The cuckoo algorithm attempts to improve the quality of solutions over successive generations by exploiting the best solutions.

Levy Flight: A distinctive feature of CSO is the use of Levy flights, which are random walks characterized by step sizes that are drawn from a Levy distribution. This allows the algorithm to make both small and large jumps in the solution space, promoting global search in the early stages of the optimization and fine-tuning the solution in the later stages [12].

Global and Local Search: CSO balances exploration (global search) and exploitation (local search). Exploration is done through random movements (Levy flight), while exploitation is achieved by moving towards the best solution found so far (elite nest). This combination ensures that the algorithm doesn't get stuck in local optima and can explore the global search space more effectively [13].

Fitness Function: The quality of each potential solution (i.e., each "nest") is evaluated using a fitness function. The fitness function is problem-specific and measures how close a given solution is to the optimal solution. In the context of RMD detection, the fitness function could evaluate the performance of a machine learning model or classification algorithm in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, or other relevant metrics.

Steps in Cuckoo Search Optimization

Initialization

- Initialize a population of cuckoo solutions (nests) randomly in the search space. Each nest corresponds to a potential solution to the problem being optimized.

Levy Flight

- Each cuckoo (solution) makes a random move (based on Levy flights) to explore the search space and create new candidate solutions.



**Selection**

- Evaluate the fitness of each new solution using the fitness function.
- Compare the fitness of the new solution with that of the current nest. If the new solution is better, it replaces the old nest.

Replacement

- Some of the worst nests (solutions) are replaced with new solutions generated via Levy flight.
- The best nests are retained, ensuring that the optimization process focuses on improving the best solutions.

Stopping Criteria

- The process continues until a stopping criterion is met, such as reaching a predefined number of iterations, achieving a target fitness value, or convergence to an optimal solution.

Support Vector Clustering Approach

Support Vector Clustering (SVC) [14] is a machine learning technique derived from Support Vector Machines (SVMs) that is specifically designed for clustering tasks. Unlike traditional clustering algorithms such as K-means or hierarchical clustering, which work by grouping data into predefined clusters, SVC does not require the specification of the number of clusters in advance. Instead, SVC aims to discover natural groupings in the data based on the distribution of data points in a higher-dimensional space. This makes SVC particularly useful for complex datasets where the underlying patterns are not immediately apparent in the original feature space [15].

Core Concepts of Support Vector Clustering (SVC)

SVC leverages the power of SVMs to find the optimal separation between different classes in the dataset, but instead of performing classification, it performs clustering by mapping data points to a higher-dimensional feature space using a kernel function. The main goal of SVC is to partition the data in such a way that the data points in each cluster are as close as possible to each other and well-separated from other clusters [16].

Key Concepts of SVC

Mapping to Higher Dimensions (Feature Space): SVC works by transforming the original data into a higher-dimensional feature space using a kernel function (such as the Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel). In this higher-dimensional space, data points that are not linearly separable in the original space can become separable, allowing for easier clustering.

Support Vectors: In the context of clustering, support vectors are the critical data points that help define the boundaries between different clusters in the higher-dimensional space. These points lie closest to the separating hyperplanes and are crucial in determining the overall structure of the clusters. SVC identifies these support vectors during the clustering process.

Cluster Boundaries: SVC attempts to find the optimal separating hyperplane (or hypersurface) in the higher-dimensional feature space, which divides the data into distinct clusters. Instead of explicitly defining clusters, SVC defines a boundary that encompasses the regions where the majority of data points lie, with outliers lying outside these boundaries.

Kernel Function: A kernel function maps the data from the input space to a higher-dimensional feature space without explicitly calculating the coordinates in that space. Common kernel functions used in SVC include:

- **Linear Kernel:** Assumes that data is linearly separable.
- **Radial Basis Function (RBF) Kernel:** Projects the data into a higher-dimensional space where complex patterns can be identified.
- **Polynomial Kernel:** Maps the data to a higher-dimensional space based on polynomial relationships.

Clustering Process: The process of clustering in SVC can be outlined as follows:

- First, the data is mapped to a higher-dimensional space using a kernel function.
- Next, the algorithm finds the boundary that best separates the data points into clusters.
- Points that fall within the boundaries are considered part of the same cluster, while points outside the boundary are outliers or belong to a different cluster.



**Sadaieswaran and Prakash Kumar****Outliers:**

One of the key advantages of SVC is its ability to handle outliers effectively. Data points that do not fit well into any cluster are treated as outliers and are excluded from the clustering process. This is done by placing them outside the decision boundary.

Steps in the Support Vector Clustering Algorithm:

Input Data: The algorithm begins with the original dataset, where each data point is represented as a vector of features.

Feature Transformation: Using a kernel function, SVC maps the data points to a higher-dimensional feature space. This mapping helps separate complex data that cannot be divided using linear boundaries in the original feature space.

Constructing the Similarity Matrix: A similarity matrix is constructed based on the kernel function. This matrix measures the similarity between all pairs of data points in the transformed feature space. Data points that are similar to each other have high similarity values.

Cluster Formation: Using the support vectors, the algorithm identifies the decision boundary that best separates the data into distinct clusters. This is achieved by finding a hypersurface that encloses as many data points as possible while minimizing the number of points outside the boundary.

Assigning Clusters: After identifying the boundaries, data points that lie within the cluster boundaries are assigned to the corresponding clusters, while points outside the boundaries are considered outliers.

Post-Processing: After clustering, some post-processing steps can be performed to refine the clusters, such as removing outliers or merging small clusters that may have been incorrectly split.

Proposed Cuckoo Search Optimization – Support Vector Clustering Based Feature Extraction (CSO-SVC-FE) Approach

The proposed Cuckoo Search Optimization – Support Vector Clustering Based Feature Extraction (CSO-SVC-FE) approach aims to improve the detection and classification of Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs) by integrating Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) and Support Vector Clustering (SVC) for feature extraction and optimization. The procedure begins with data collection and preprocessing, where relevant medical data (such as images or clinical measurements) is gathered, and any missing values or inconsistencies are handled through normalization and imputation. The next step, feature extraction, involves using SVC to perform unsupervised clustering on the data, mapping it into a higher-dimensional space using a kernel function. This process groups the data into clusters, with each cluster representing patterns related to RMDs, and extracts the most important features that aid in distinguishing between different conditions. Following feature extraction, the Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) algorithm is initialized, where a population of cuckoos (solutions) representing potential sets of classifier parameters is created. These cuckoos perform Levy flights to explore the search space and identify the best solution based on a fitness function, which measures classification accuracy. The CSO algorithm then iterates to improve these solutions by replacing less optimal ones with better-performing alternatives. Once the optimal feature set and classifier parameters are identified, the model is trained using the optimized features, and its performance is evaluated on a separate testing dataset. This process involves measuring metrics like accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. Finally, the results of the CSO-SVC-FE approach are compared with baseline models, and statistical analyses are performed to determine if the approach offers significant improvements. The procedure concludes with an interpretation of the results, offering insights into the model's effectiveness in diagnosing RMDs and suggesting areas for future enhancement. This methodology combines optimization, clustering, and feature extraction techniques to automate and enhance the RMD classification process, resulting in a more accurate, efficient, and interpretable diagnostic system. The proposed Cuckoo Search Optimization – Support Vector Clustering Based Feature Extraction (CSO-SVC-FE) approach integrates Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) for optimizing parameters and Support Vector Clustering (SVC) for effective feature extraction in the detection of Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs). The approach enhances the classification performance by improving feature extraction and the parameter optimization of a classifier model. The steps involved in the CSO-SVC-FE approach are as follows:



**Step 1: Data Collection and Preprocessing**

- **Data Collection:** Gather medical data (such as radiographic images, MRI scans, or clinical measurements) for RMD detection. The dataset may consist of both labeled and unlabeled data, which includes features relevant to RMDs, such as joint inflammation, cartilage damage, and soft tissue abnormalities.
- **Data Preprocessing:**
 - **Normalization:** Standardize the data to ensure that all features are on a similar scale. This can be done using techniques like min-max normalization or z-score normalization.
 - **Missing Data Handling:** Handle any missing values in the dataset using imputation methods or by removing incomplete instances.
 - **Data Splitting:** Split the dataset into training and testing subsets (e.g., 80% for training, 20% for testing).

Step 2: Feature Extraction

- **SVC-Based Feature Extraction:**
 - Use Support Vector Clustering (SVC) to perform unsupervised clustering of the data. SVC will help in identifying the most representative features from the dataset by creating decision boundaries (clusters) in a higher-dimensional feature space.
 - **Kernel Function:** Choose an appropriate kernel function (e.g., Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel) to map the data into a higher-dimensional space where the data points from different classes can be separated more effectively.
 - **Clustering:** Using the SVC algorithm, group the data into different clusters that represent distinct patterns or categories in the dataset. Each cluster contains data points that are similar to each other, and the boundaries between clusters are determined based on the support vectors.
 - **Feature Selection:** After clustering, select the most important features from the resulting clusters that contribute the most to distinguishing between different RMD categories. This step reduces dimensionality and focuses on the most relevant features for classification.

Step 3: Initialization of Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO)

- **Population Initialization:**
 - Initialize a population of cuckoos (solutions), where each cuckoo represents a potential solution to the optimization problem. Each cuckoo corresponds to a set of candidate parameters for the classifier model (e.g., SVC or other machine learning algorithms).
 - The parameter set could include the kernel type, kernel parameters (e.g., gamma in the RBF kernel), regularization parameters, and any other relevant parameters related to the SVC-based feature extraction or classification process.
- **Fitness Function:** Define a fitness function that evaluates the quality of the solution. In this case, the fitness function could be based on the classification accuracy or other performance metrics such as sensitivity, specificity, or F1-score on the validation set. The better the performance, the higher the fitness score.

Step 4: CSO Algorithm Execution (Optimization Process)

- **Levy Flight for Exploration:**
 - Each cuckoo (candidate solution) performs a random search (Levy flight) in the search space to explore the parameter space. This random walk allows for both small and large steps to explore the global search space efficiently and avoid local optima.
- **Solution Evaluation:**
 - Evaluate the fitness of each cuckoo (solution) by running the classifier with the corresponding parameters on the training data. Calculate the fitness score based on how well the model performs using the selected features and parameters.
- **Replacement of Nests:**
 - For each cuckoo, if the new solution provides a better fitness score than the current solution, it replaces the current nest. This process helps evolve the population towards the optimal solutions.





- **Global Best Nest:**
 - Track the best solution found during the optimization process. This solution corresponds to the optimal set of features and parameters that yield the highest classification accuracy.

Step 5: Feature Optimization and Model Training

- **Feature Optimization:** After running the CSO algorithm, select the optimized feature subset and model parameters. The best combination of features extracted through SVC clustering and parameters tuned by CSO will be used for training the final classifier model.
- **Training the Classifier:**
 - Train the classifier (e.g., SVC or another machine learning algorithm) using the optimized feature set and the best parameters obtained from the CSO optimization process. The classifier is trained using the training dataset to learn the patterns associated with RMDs.

Step 6: Model Evaluation and Validation

- **Testing:**
 - Evaluate the performance of the trained classifier on the testing dataset that was not used during the training process. Measure the model's accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, recall, F1-score, and other relevant performance metrics.
- **Cross-Validation:**
 - Optionally, apply cross-validation (e.g., k-fold cross-validation) to ensure that the model generalizes well across different subsets of the data and is not overfitting to the training set.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the proposed Improved Support Vector Clustering with Cuckoo Search Optimization (SVC-CSO-FE) method is evaluated with existing feature extraction techniques like PCA, ICA, SVM, and the optimization-based techniques like Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Genetic Algorithm (GA), and Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. Table 1 depicts the Detection Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed Improved (SVC-GSO) and existing Feature Extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. From the table 1, it is clear that the proposed Improved SVC-CSO-FE gives better detection accuracy (in %) than the other feature extraction techniques. Table 2 depicts the Sensitivity (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE and existing Feature Extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. From the table 2, it is clear that the proposed Improved SVC+GSO gives better Sensitivity (in %) than the other feature extraction techniques. Table 3 depicts the Specificity (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE and existing Feature Extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. From the table 3, it is clear that the proposed SVC-CSO-FE gives better Specificity (in %) than the other feature extraction techniques. Table 4 depicts the False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE and existing Feature Extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. From the table 4, it is clear that the proposed SVC-CSO-FE gives reduced FPR (in %) than the other feature extraction techniques. Table 5 depicts the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE and existing Feature Extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques. From the table 5, it is clear that the proposed SVC-CSO-FE gives reduced Miss Rate (in %) than the other feature extraction techniques.

CONCLUSION

The results presented in the tables demonstrate the superior performance of the proposed SVC-CSO-FE approach compared to existing feature extraction techniques in the classification of Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs). Table 1 highlights that the proposed SVC-CSO-FE method achieves the highest detection accuracy across all three classification techniques—SVM, KNN, and RF—outperforming other methods like PCA, ICA, and various optimization techniques (PSO, GA, GSO). This indicates that the integration of Cuckoo Search Optimization (CSO) and Support Vector Clustering (SVC) in feature extraction significantly enhances the model's ability to accurately





detect RMDs. In terms of sensitivity (Table 2), the proposed approach again demonstrates superior performance, achieving the highest sensitivity values for all classifiers. Sensitivity, which measures the true positive rate, is crucial for medical diagnostics as it reflects the model's ability to correctly identify positive cases. The SVC-CSO-FE method provides a higher sensitivity than the other techniques, ensuring better detection of RMDs, especially in medical applications where missing a true positive case can have serious implications. Similarly, the specificity results (Table 3) confirm that the proposed method provides the highest specificity across all classifiers, reducing the number of false positives and ensuring that negative cases are accurately identified. This characteristic is essential in reducing unnecessary treatments or interventions, thereby improving patient care and reducing healthcare costs. Moreover, the False Positive Rate (FPR) (Table 4) and Miss Rate (Table 5) metrics further highlight the efficiency of the proposed approach. The proposed method achieves significantly lower false positive and miss rates compared to the other feature extraction techniques. This indicates that the SVC-CSO-FE approach not only enhances the detection of true positive cases but also minimizes the misclassification of negative and missed cases, making it a reliable tool for medical diagnostics. In conclusion, the SVC-CSO-FE approach demonstrates substantial improvements in detection accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, false positive rate, and miss rate compared to existing methods. These results underline the potential of combining Cuckoo Search Optimization with Support Vector Clustering for feature extraction, presenting a powerful and effective method for the classification and early detection of Rheumatic Musculoskeletal Diseases. The proposed method holds great promise for improving diagnostic tools in healthcare, offering more accurate, reliable, and efficient systems for the detection and management of RMDs.

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Table 1: Detection Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE, and existing feature extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques

Pre-Processing Methods	Detection Rate (in %) obtained by Classification Techniques		
	SVM	KNN	RF
Proposed SVC-CSO-FE	92.78	85.59	79.98
PCA	73.86	73.84	69.44
ICA	72.81	65.66	63.35
SVM	71.55	62.55	61.27
PSO	66.78	58.71	57.52
GA	67.56	57.78	53.32
GSO	65.69	57.43	53.36

Table 2: Sensitivity (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE, and existing feature extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques

Pre-Processing Methods	Sensitivity (in %) obtained by Classification Techniques		
	SVM	KNN	RF
Proposed SVC-CSO-FE	93.89	86.68	80.87
PCA	74.97	74.93	70.56
ICA	73.92	66.78	64.44
SVM	72.67	63.23	62.38
PSO	67.79	59.82	58.43
GA	68.67	58.89	54.46
GSO	66.78	58.52	54.45

Table 3: Specificity (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE, and existing feature extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques

Pre-Processing Methods	Specificity (in %) obtained by Classification Techniques		
	SVM	KNN	RF
Proposed SVC-CSO-FE	92.78	87.77	81.98
PCA	75.88	75.82	71.67
ICA	74.83	67.89	65.59
SVM	73.78	64.44	63.49
PSO	68.81	60.91	59.54
GA	69.86	59.98	55.57
GSO	67.89	59.66	55.57

Table 4: False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE, and existing feature extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques

Pre-Processing Methods	False Positive Rate(in %) obtained by Classification Techniques		
	SVM	KNN	RF
Proposed Improved SVC+GSO	7.22	12.23	18.02
PCA	24.12	24.18	28.33
ICA	25.17	32.11	34.41





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SVM	26.22	35.56	36.51
PSO	31.19	39.09	40.46
GA	30.14	40.02	44.43
GSO	32.11	40.34	44.43

Table 5: Miss Rate(in %) obtained by the Proposed SVC-CSO-FE, and existing feature extraction techniques using SVM, KNN and RF classification techniques

Pre-Processing Methods	Miss Rate(in %) obtained by Classification Techniques		
	SVM	KNN	RF
Proposed Improved SVC+GSO	6.11	13.32	19.13
PCA	25.03	25.07	29.44
ICA	26.08	33.22	35.56
SVM	27.33	36.77	37.62
PSO	32.21	40.18	41.57
GA	31.33	41.11	45.54
GSO	33.22	41.48	45.55





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Exploring Enhanced Context - Aware Access Control Mechanisms for Improved Data Protection

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing, while offering cost-effective services, poses significant security challenges, particularly in access control for sensitive data. Existing access control models may not fully address the diverse user base and unique challenges of cloud environments. In this research, we propose a three-model approach to enhance access control for sensitive data in the cloud. The proposed models incorporate content sensitivity analysis, content similarity computation, and a hybrid Siamese Neural Network (SNN) classifier for effective data categorization based on sensitivity and similarity measures. The content sensitivity model utilizes information gain to calculate data sensitivity, while the SNN classifier integrates a Multi-Layered Perceptron (MLP) architecture for robust classification.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Context Based Access Control, Siamese Neural Network, Multi-Layered Perceptron, Classification

INTRODUCTION

In today's digital landscape, cloud computing stands as a ubiquitous paradigm revolutionizing the Information Technology (IT) industry. With its promise of cost-effective services delivered on-demand, including Software as a Service (SaaS), Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS), and Platform as a Service (PaaS), cloud computing has become the backbone of modern IT infrastructure. However, amid its myriad benefits, the proliferation of cloud computing has brought forth a host of security challenges, chief among them being the safeguarding of sensitive data [1][2]. Access



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control, a cornerstone of data security, assumes paramount importance in cloud computing environments. Effective access control mechanisms are essential to prevent unauthorized access to systems and protect organizations' valuable assets. Despite the existence of various access control models and policies, the unique characteristics and challenges inherent to cloud computing necessitate tailored solutions to meet its specific access control requirements. The diverse user base, multi-tenant hosting, and heterogeneous security policies within cloud environments demand innovative approaches to access control to mitigate risks associated with data breaches, insider threats, and cyber-attacks [3][4].

Importance of Context based Access Control Mechanisms

In the rapidly evolving landscape of cloud computing, ensuring robust security measures to protect sensitive data has become paramount. Context and content-based access control techniques have emerged as vital components in the arsenal of security measures deployed to safeguard data in cloud computing environments [5] [6] [7] [8].

Addressing Diverse user Requirements

Cloud computing caters to a diverse user base, ranging from individual consumers to large enterprises. Each user group may have distinct security requirements based on factors such as data sensitivity, compliance regulations, and business objectives. Context and content-based access control techniques offer the flexibility to tailor access control policies according to the specific needs of different user groups. By considering contextual factors such as user roles, device types, and geographical locations, these techniques enable fine-grained control over data access permissions, ensuring that users only have access to the data relevant to their roles and responsibilities.

Enhancing Data Protection

Data stored in the cloud is subject to various security threats, including unauthorized access, data breaches, and insider attacks. Context and content-based access control techniques bolster data protection by incorporating contextual information and content analysis into access control decisions. By evaluating factors such as user behavior, access patterns, and the sensitivity of data content, these techniques can identify anomalous activities and proactively enforce access controls to prevent unauthorized access or data exfiltration. This proactive approach to security helps mitigate the risk of data breaches and strengthens overall data protection measures in cloud environments.

Compliance and Regulatory Requirements

Cloud computing introduces complexities in ensuring compliance with regulatory standards and industry-specific requirements. Context and content-based access control techniques play a crucial role in addressing compliance challenges by enabling organizations to enforce access control policies that align with regulatory mandates. By considering contextual factors such as data sensitivity and compliance requirements, these techniques help organizations ensure that access to sensitive data is restricted to authorized users and that data handling practices adhere to regulatory guidelines. This ensures compliance with regulations such as GDPR, HIPAA, PCI-DSS, and others, reducing the risk of non-compliance penalties and legal liabilities.

Facilitating Dynamic Access Control

Cloud computing environments are characterized by dynamic workloads, fluctuating user demands, and evolving business requirements. Context and content-based access control techniques provide the agility and adaptability needed to accommodate these dynamic changes. By continuously analyzing contextual information and content attributes, these techniques can dynamically adjust access control policies in real-time to accommodate changes in user roles, permissions, or environmental conditions. This dynamic approach to access control ensures that security policies remain effective and responsive to evolving threats and operational needs, enhancing the resilience of security measures in cloud environments [9] [10].





Enabling Granular Control and Visibility

Context and content-based access control techniques offer granular control over data access permissions, allowing organizations to define access policies based on specific contextual attributes and content attributes. This granular control enables organizations to enforce least privilege principles, granting users access only to the data and resources necessary to perform their tasks. Additionally, these techniques provide visibility into access patterns and user behavior, facilitating audit trails, and compliance reporting. This visibility enhances transparency and accountability, enabling organizations to monitor and track access activities, detect security incidents, and investigate potential security breaches effectively [11] [12].

Proposed Enhanced Context Based Access Control Approach

Content Sensitivity Model

The Content Sensitivity Model proposed in this research aims to quantitatively assess the sensitivity of data elements in cloud computing environments [13] [14] [15] [16] [17] [18]. It utilizes information gain (IG) to compute the sensitivity of data elements based on factors such as Content Connectivity, Content Usage, and Content Quality. By analyzing these aspects, the model provides a comprehensive understanding of the sensitivity levels of different data elements, facilitating effective access control and data protection.

Information Gain (IG) Method

Information gain is a metric used to quantify the amount of information provided by a feature for predicting a target variable. In the context of the Content Sensitivity Model, IG is employed to measure the impact of data elements on the overall sensitivity of the system. It is calculated as follows:

$$IG(X) = Entropy(System) - Entropy((System|X))$$

Where $Entropy(System)$ represents the entropy of the system before considering the data element X . $Entropy((System|X))$ represents the entropy of the system after considering the data element X .

Factors Considered in Content Sensitivity Assessment

Content Connectivity

Content Connectivity refers to the interconnections and relationships between different data elements within the system. It can be calculated using metrics such as degree centrality or graph-based algorithms to analyze the network structure of data elements. Content connectivity can be quantified using various metrics and algorithms, depending on the nature of the data and the underlying system architecture. Some common methods for measuring content connectivity include:

1. **Graph-Based Analysis:** Representing data elements as nodes and their relationships as edges, organizations can use graph-based algorithms to analyze content connectivity. Metrics such as degree centrality, betweenness centrality, and clustering coefficients provide insights into the connectivity patterns within the data.
2. **Network Analysis:** Network analysis techniques assess the structural properties of data networks to determine content connectivity. Algorithms such as community detection and modularity analysis identify clusters or communities of highly connected data elements, revealing underlying patterns of connectivity.
3. **Dependency Analysis:** Dependency analysis examines the dependencies between data elements to assess content connectivity. By identifying dependencies such as data flows, data references, and data dependencies, organizations can infer the strength and directionality of connections between data components.

$$\text{Degree Centrality } C_i = \frac{\text{Number of connections of node } i}{\text{Total number of nodes in the network}}$$

Where C_i represents the degree centrality of node i , The numerator denotes the number of connections (edges) of node i , The denominator represents the total number of nodes (including node i) in the network.





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Betweenness Centrality $C_B(v) = \sum_{z \neq v \neq t} \frac{\sigma_{st}(v)}{\sigma_{st}}$ Where $C_B(v)$ represents the betweenness centrality of node v . σ_{st} denotes the total number of shortest paths from node s to node t . $\sigma_{st}(v)$ represents the number of shortest paths from node s to node t that pass through node v .

$$\text{Clustering Coefficient } C_i = \frac{2X \text{ Number of connections between neighbors of node } i}{\text{Number of possible connections between neighbors of node } i}$$

Where C_i represents the clustering coefficient of node i , The numerator denotes twice the number of connections between the neighbors of node i . The denominator represents the total number of possible connections between the neighbors of node i .

Content Usage

Content usage refers to the frequency and importance of data elements in system operations and processes. In the context of the content sensitivity model, content usage analysis assesses how frequently data elements are accessed, modified, or interacted with within the system. By understanding the usage patterns of data elements, organizations can gauge their importance and sensitivity, informing access control decisions and prioritizing security measures accordingly. Content usage can be quantified using various metrics and analysis techniques, depending on the nature of the data and the objectives of the analysis. Some common methods for measuring content usage include:

1. **Access Frequency Analysis:** Access frequency analysis examines how often data elements are accessed or modified within the system. By tracking access logs, audit trails, or usage statistics, organizations can quantify the frequency of interactions with data elements and identify high-usage data components.
2. **Usage Patterns Identification:** Usage patterns identification involves identifying recurring patterns or trends in data access and usage. By analyzing access timestamps, user behaviors, and system logs, organizations can uncover patterns such as peak usage periods, common access paths, and user access preferences.
3. **Importance Ranking:** Importance ranking ranks data elements based on their usage and importance to system operations. By considering factors such as access frequency, data dependencies, and business relevance, organizations can assign priority levels to data elements and allocate resources accordingly. While content usage metrics may vary depending on the specific analysis technique used, some common equations and formulas include:

$$\text{Access Frequency}(D_i) = \frac{\text{Number of times data element } D_i \text{ accessed}}{\text{Total observation period}}$$

Access Frequency(D_i) represents the access frequency of data element D_i . The numerator denotes the number of times data element D_i is accessed during the observation period. The denominator represents the total duration of the observation period.

$$\text{Importance Score}(D_i) = \frac{\text{Number of times data element } D_i \text{ accessed}}{\text{Max Access Frequency}} \times 100$$

Importance Score(D_i) represents the importance score of data element D_i . Max Access Frequency denotes the maximum access frequency observed for any data element in the system.

Content Quality

Content quality refers to the reliability, accuracy, and trustworthiness of data elements within a system. In the context of the content sensitivity model, content quality analysis evaluates the integrity and validity of data content, enabling organizations to assess the sensitivity and importance of data elements accurately. By understanding content quality, organizations can make informed decisions about access control, data protection, and resource allocation, ensuring the integrity and reliability of their information assets. Content quality can be assessed using





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various metrics and analysis techniques, depending on the nature of the data and the objectives of the analysis. Some common methods for measuring content quality include:

1. **Accuracy Assessment:** Accuracy assessment evaluates the correctness and precision of data elements by comparing them to a known or reference standard. Techniques such as data validation, error detection, and outlier analysis can be used to identify inaccuracies and discrepancies in data content.
2. **Completeness Analysis:** Completeness analysis examines the extent to which data elements contain all relevant and necessary information. By assessing missing or incomplete data fields, organizations can ensure that data elements are complete and comprehensive, enabling accurate analysis and decision-making.
3. **Consistency Evaluation:** Consistency evaluation assesses the uniformity and coherence of data elements across different sources or versions. Techniques such as data reconciliation, duplicate detection, and version control help identify inconsistencies and discrepancies in data content, ensuring data coherence and reliability. While content quality metrics may vary depending on the specific analysis technique used, some common equations and formulas include: Accuracy Calculation

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Number of correct data elements}}{\text{Total number of data elements}} \times 100\%$$

Accuracy represents the percentage of correct data elements in the dataset. The numerator denotes the number of data elements that are correct or accurate. The denominator represents the total number of data elements in the dataset.

$$\text{Completeness Score} = \frac{\text{Number of complete data elements}}{\text{Total number of data elements}} \times 100\%$$

Completeness Score represents the percentage of complete data elements in the dataset. The numerator denotes the number of data elements that are complete. The denominator represents the total number of data elements in the dataset.

Data Similarity Computation Model with Siamese Neural Network Classification

Data similarity computation is a crucial aspect of the content sensitivity model, allowing organizations to quantify the semantic similarity between data elements. In the context of access control, assessing data similarity enables organizations to identify related data elements and enforce access policies based on their semantic relationships. Siamese Neural Network (SNN) is a powerful deep learning architecture commonly used for computing similarity between pairs of data elements [19] [20].

Siamese Neural Network Architecture

The Siamese Neural Network architecture consists of two identical sub-networks (referred to as twins) that share the same weights and parameters. Each sub-network processes one input data element independently and generates a fixed-size feature vector representing the data element's semantic representation. The output feature vectors from both sub-networks are then compared using a similarity metric to determine the similarity between the input data elements.

Twin Network Structure

The hallmark of the Siamese Neural Network architecture is its twin network structure, consisting of two identical sub-networks (referred to as twins) that share the same weights and parameters. Each sub-network processes one input data element independently, extracting its semantic features and generating a fixed-size feature vector that represents the data element's semantic representation.

Shared Weights and Parameters

In SNNs, both sub-networks (twins) share the same set of weights and parameters, ensuring that the feature extraction process is consistent across input data elements. By sharing weights and parameters, the network learns to





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capture the underlying semantic structure of the data and identify similarities between pairs of data elements more effectively.

Feature Extraction Layers

Each sub-network typically consists of multiple layers of neurons, including convolutional layers, pooling layers, and fully connected layers. These layers perform feature extraction and transformation, gradually transforming the input data into a high-dimensional feature representation that captures its semantic content.

Contrastive Learning Objective

During training, the Siamese Neural Network is presented with pairs of input data elements along with their corresponding labels indicating whether the data elements are similar or dissimilar. The network learns to minimize the distance between feature vectors of similar data elements and maximize the distance between feature vectors of dissimilar data elements.

Similarity Measurement

Once the feature vectors for both input data elements are extracted by the twin networks, the similarity between the data elements is computed using a similarity metric such as cosine similarity or Euclidean distance. The similarity metric quantifies the degree of resemblance between the feature vectors, providing a measure of semantic similarity between the input data elements.

Classification or Regression Head

In some cases, SNNs may include an additional classification or regression head on top of the feature extraction layers to further process the feature vectors and make predictions based on the computed similarity scores. For example, in classification tasks, the network may predict whether the input data elements belong to the same class or category based on their semantic similarity.

Training Process

During the training process, the Siamese Neural Network learns to distinguish between pairs of similar and dissimilar data elements by adjusting its weights and parameters to minimize a contrastive loss function. The network is optimized using back propagation and gradient descent algorithms to iteratively update its parameters and improve its performance in computing semantic similarity.

Training Process of SNN

The training process of a Siamese Neural Network involves learning to distinguish between pairs of similar and dissimilar data elements. During training, the network is presented with pairs of input data elements along with their corresponding labels indicating whether the data elements are similar or dissimilar. The network learns to minimize the distance between feature vectors of similar data elements and maximize the distance between feature vectors of dissimilar data elements.

Data Similarity Computation

The similarity between pairs of data elements in a Siamese Neural Network can be computed using various similarity metrics. One common metric is the cosine similarity, which measures the cosine of the angle between two vectors in a multi-dimensional space. The cosine similarity ranges from -1 to 1, where a value closer to 1 indicates higher similarity between data elements.

$$\text{Cosine Similarity}(x,y) = \frac{x \cdot y}{\|x\| \cdot \|y\|}$$

x and y represent the feature vectors of the input data elements. $x \cdot y$ denotes the dot product of the feature vectors. $\|x\|$ and $\|y\|$ represent the Euclidean norms of the feature vectors.





Training Objective

The training objective of a Siamese Neural Network involves minimizing a loss function that penalizes the network for misclassifying similar and dissimilar pairs of data elements. One common loss function used in Siamese networks is the contrastive loss function, which encourages the network to minimize the distance between feature vectors of similar data elements and maximize the distance between feature vectors of dissimilar data elements. Contrastive Loss Function Equation

$$L(y, d) = (1 - y) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot d^2 + y \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \max(0, m - d)^2$$

y represents the true label indicating whether the data elements are similar (1) or dissimilar (0). d denotes the distance between feature vectors of the input data elements. m represents the margin parameter, which controls the threshold distance between similar and dissimilar data elements. The first term penalizes the network for misclassifying similar data elements. The second term penalizes the network for misclassifying dissimilar data elements.

Hybrid Siamese Neural Network Classifier

The integration of Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) [21] [22] with the Siamese Neural Network (SNN) classifier for context-based access control represents a powerful approach to leverage both semantic similarity and contextual information for making access control decisions in cloud computing environments.

Feature Extraction with SNN

- The SNN is responsible for extracting semantic features from the input data elements and computing their similarity.
- Each input data element is processed independently by the twin networks of the SNN, resulting in fixed-size feature vectors representing the semantic representation of the data.

Incorporation of Contextual Information

- Contextual information, such as user identity, device type, time of access, and location, is integrated into the model as additional input features.
- These contextual features provide supplementary information that enriches the representation of the input data and helps capture the specific context surrounding each access request.

Concatenation of SNN and Contextual Features

- The feature vectors extracted by the SNN are concatenated with the contextual features, creating a combined feature representation that incorporates both semantic similarity and contextual information.
- This combined feature representation serves as the input to the MLP component, allowing the model to leverage both types of information simultaneously.

MLP Architecture

- The MLP architecture consists of multiple layers of neurons, including input, hidden, and output layers.
- The input layer receives the concatenated feature representation from the SNN and contextual information, while the hidden layers perform nonlinear transformations to learn complex patterns and relationships in the data.
- The output layer generates the final access control decisions based on the learned patterns and relationships, integrating both semantic similarity and contextual factors.

Training Process

- During the training process, the integrated model is trained end-to-end using a combination of access control labels and contextual information.
- The model learns to optimize its weights and parameters to minimize a joint loss function, which penalizes misclassifications based on both semantic similarity and contextual factors.
- The training process involves backpropagation and gradient descent algorithms to iteratively update the model's parameters and improve its performance in access control tasks.





RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this contribution, a dataset is considered from the Twitter and obtained by using API. The datasets in varying size like 100 MB, 200MB, 300MB, 400MB, 500MB, 600MB, 700MB,800MB, 900MB and 1000MB is considered for this evaluation of the proposed Enhanced Context based access control method. Running time (in seconds) and Number of Sensitive in the dataset are the performance metrics in this work. The performance of the proposed Enhanced Context based Access Control (ECBAC) is compared with the Content Based Access Control (CBAC) method. Table 1 gives the running time (in seconds) by the Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets. Figure 1 depicts the graphical representation of the running time (in seconds) by the Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets. From the table 1 and figure 1, Proposed ECBAC Method Demonstrates generally faster running times compared to the existing CBAC method across all dataset sizes. Running times increase gradually as the dataset size increases. Shows efficient performance in access control management. Existing CBAC Method Exhibits longer running times compared to the proposed ECBAC method across all dataset sizes. Running times also increase with larger dataset sizes. Indicates relatively slower performance in access control management compared to the proposed ECBAC method. The proposed ECBAC method offers faster running times for access control management compared to the existing CBAC method across various dataset sizes. Both methods show an increase in running times as the dataset size grows, but the proposed ECBAC method consistently outperforms the existing CBAC method. The efficiency of the proposed ECBAC method in managing access control suggests its potential for improving system performance and scalability. Table 2 gives the Number of sensitive items identified by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets. Figure 2 depicts the graphical representation of the Number of sensitive items identified by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets. From the table 2 and figure 2, Proposed ECBAC Method Identifies a higher number of sensitive items compared to the existing CBAC method across all dataset sizes. The number of sensitive items identified increases as the dataset size increases. Shows effectiveness in detecting sensitive items within datasets. Existing CBAC Method Identifies a lower number of sensitive items compared to the proposed ECBAC method across all dataset sizes. The number of sensitive items identified also increases with larger dataset sizes. Indicates relatively less efficiency in detecting sensitive items compared to the proposed ECBAC method. The proposed ECBAC method shows better performance in identifying sensitive items within datasets compared to the existing CBAC method across various dataset sizes. Both methods exhibit an increase in the number of sensitive items identified as the dataset size grows, but the proposed ECBAC method consistently identifies more sensitive items. The effectiveness of the proposed ECBAC method in identifying sensitive items suggests its potential for improving data security and access control.

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, An Enhanced Context based access control approach is proposed using Content Sensitivity, Similarity and Hybrid SNN classifier. The performance of the proposed Enhanced Context based Access Control is evaluated with the existing content-based access control approach for two different metrics. From the results obtained, it is clear that the proposed ECBAC performs better than existing CBAC.

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Table 1: Running Time (in Seconds) by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets

Size of the Dataset (in MB)	Running Time (in Seconds) by Access Control Methods	
	Proposed ECBAC method	Existing CBAC Method
100	23	41
200	39	65
300	52	88
400	71	102
500	94	132
600	113	159
700	133	188
800	158	203
900	196	269
1000	216	297

Table 2: Number of sensitive items identified by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets

Size of the Dataset (in MB)	Number of Sensitive Items identified by Access Control Methods	
	Proposed ECBAC method	Existing CBAC Method
100	8	3
200	14	5
300	17	8
400	22	11
500	25	16
600	30	17
700	38	21
800	45	26
900	53	29
1000	65	34





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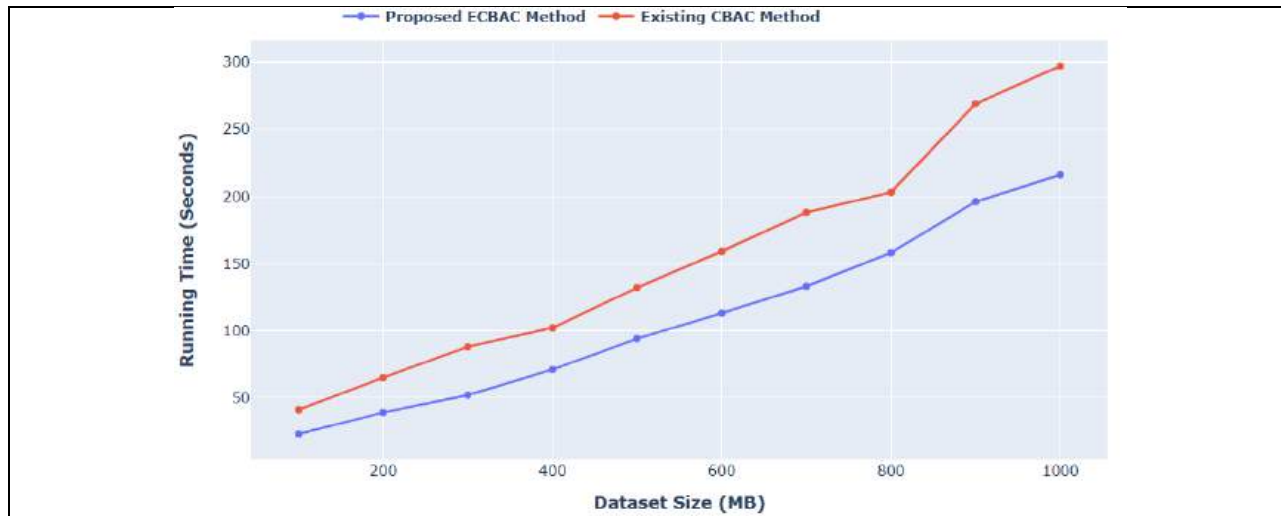


Figure 1: Graphical representation of the Running Time (in Seconds) by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets

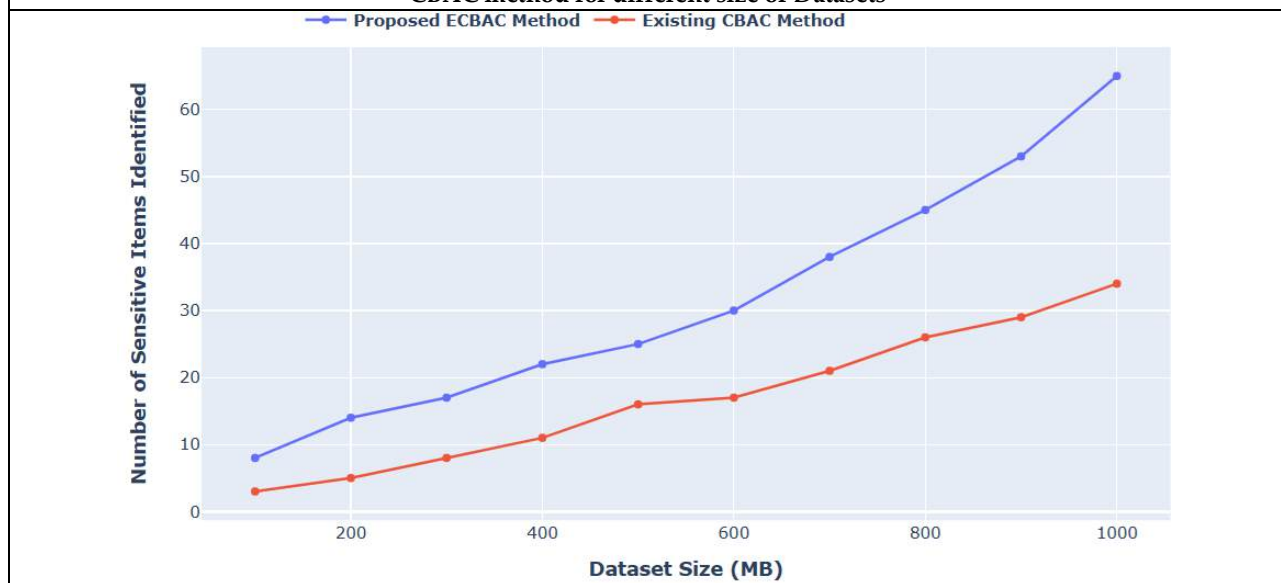


Figure 2: Graphical representation of the Number of sensitive items identified by Proposed ECBAC method and existing CBAC method for different size of Datasets





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Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) for Decision Support

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ABSTRACT

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) is a crucial step in data wisdom that helps uncover patterns, trends, and connections in data before making opinions. It involves using statistical ways and visualizations similar as histograms, smatter plots, and box plots to epitomize data and identify missing values, outliers, or inconsistencies. EDA helps businesses and associations make informed opinions by furnishing perceptivity into client geste, request trends, and functional effectiveness. By assaying data effectively, decision- makers can optimize strategies, reduce pitfalls, and ameliorate overall performance. This paper highlights the significance of EDA in decision support and how it enhances data- driven decision- timber.

Keywords: Exploratory Data Analysis , Data Visualization, Decision Support, Data Patterns, Business Insights, Predictive Analytics, Data Preprocessing.

INTRODUCTION

When we come across a new dataset, several questions arise: What is the distribution of the dataset Are there any missing values, outliers, or anomalies? What are the underlying assumptions Do relationships exist between variables Is the dataset ready for machine learning algorithms How do we select the most suitable algorithm The answer to all these questions lies in Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)[5]. EDA is a crucial first step in understanding a dataset, allowing us to analyze data distribution, detect outliers and anomalies, and validate assumptions[1]. It helps in directing hypothesis testing and ensures that data is clean and well-structured before modelling[2]. Through statistical summaries, visualizations, and pattern identification, EDA provides insights into the dataset's main characteristics and relationships between variables. It also plays a vital role in hypothesis generation by leveraging graphical representations such as histograms, box plots, scatter plots, and correlation matrices. The EDA results support a complex view of the antecedents and consequences of consumer decision-making styles[4]. Ultimately, EDA ensures that the dataset is well-prepared for machine learning and aids in selecting the most appropriate algorithm for analysis.



**Jangam****METHODOLOGY****Importing libraries**

For performing Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) in Python, we require two essential libraries: NumPy and Pandas. NumPy is the fundamental library for scientific computing in Python, providing support for large and multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a vast collection of high-level mathematical functions to operate on them. Pandas, on the other hand, is a powerful library designed for data manipulation and analysis, enabling the handling of structured data like numerical tables and time series efficiently. Additionally, for effective data visualization, we rely on Seaborn and Matplotlib. Seaborn is a statistical data visualization library built on Matplotlib, offering a high-level interface for creating aesthetically pleasing and informative plots. Meanwhile, Matplotlib serves as the core visualization library in Python, providing an object-oriented API for embedding various types of plots into applications. Together, these four libraries form the backbone of EDA, helping analysts explore, clean, and visualize data effectively.

Data Cleaning**Understanding Data Structure**

- The dataset's dimensions can be checked using `df.shape`, which returns (740, 21), indicating 740 rows and 21 columns.
- Column names can be retrieved using `df.columns`.

Initial Data Exploration

- The first few and last few rows can be viewed using `df.head()` and `df.tail()`.
- `df.info()` provides a summary, including column data types and non-null values.

Data Type Correction

- Some columns like "Month of absence", "Transportation expense", and "Body mass index" should be converted from integer to float using `.astype(float)`.
- After conversion, `df.info()` confirms the change.

Dropping Unnecessary Columns

- Columns "ID" and "Pet" are not relevant and should be removed using `df.drop(['ID', 'Pet'], axis=1, inplace=True)`.

Statistical Summary & Outlier Detection

- `df.describe()` provides a statistical overview (mean, standard deviation, min, max, etc.), helping identify outliers and inconsistencies.

Data analysis

Univariate analysis involves measures of central tendency and dispersion to understand data distribution. Central tendency includes mean, median, and mode, with the median being a more robust measure in skewed distributions. Dispersion measures such as variance, standard deviation, and interquartile range (IQR) indicate data spread, with IQR being a robust measure. Measures of shape, including skewness and kurtosis, describe distribution symmetry and tail behavior. Skewness determines whether data is negatively, positively, or symmetrically distributed. A skewness value greater than 1 or less than -1 indicates a highly skewed dataset. The analysis of "Absenteeism time in hours" shows a highly positive skewness (5.72), confirmed by a Seaborn distplot, indicating that extreme values on the right pull the mean higher than the median.

Multivariate analysis

Multivariate analysis examines the relationship between the target variable and categorical attributes like Seasons, Education, Social Drinker, and Social Smoker. Frequency distribution helps understand the occurrence of each category, and visualization aids in pattern identification. The Seasons attribute contains four coded values: summer (1), autumn (2), winter (3), and spring (4). Analysis using `value_counts()` shows that absenteeism is highest in spring



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(195 occurrences), followed by autumn (192), winter (183), and summer (170). A bar plot further confirms this trend, indicating that seasonality impacts absenteeism rates.

The Education attribute is a categorical variable with four coded values: high school (1.0), graduate (2.0), postgraduate (3.0), and master/doctor (4.0). Using `value_counts()`, we observe that the highest number of absenteeism hours is recorded for individuals with a high school education (611 occurrences), followed by postgraduates (79), graduates (46), and master/doctorate holders (4). A bar plot visualizes this distribution, indicating that education level influences absenteeism, with high school attendees showing the most absenteeism. The findings from the multivariate analysis highlight key relationships between categorical attributes and absenteeism. The spring season records the highest absenteeism hours, indicating a seasonal influence. The high school education category also has the highest absenteeism, suggesting that education level impacts absenteeism rates. Social drinkers exhibit higher absenteeism, whereas social smokers have lower absenteeism. Correlation analysis further reveals that attributes like height and social drinking have a slight positive correlation with absenteeism, while reasons for absence and disciplinary failure show a small negative correlation. The correlation heat map identifies significant relationships, such as a strong positive correlation between body mass index and weight (0.90) and a moderate correlation between body mass index and age (0.47), service time (0.50), and month of absence with seasons (0.41). These insights help in understanding absenteeism trends and contributing factors.

CONCLUSION

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) of absenteeism data provides valuable insights into patterns and influencing factors. Data cleaning ensures consistency by correcting data types and removing irrelevant columns, while univariate analysis highlights the distribution and spread of absenteeism hours, revealing a highly skewed distribution with extreme values affecting the mean. Multivariate analysis identifies key trends: absenteeism is highest during the spring season, suggesting a seasonal effect, and individuals with a high school education report the most absenteeism, indicating an educational impact. Social drinkers show higher absenteeism rates, while social smokers have lower absenteeism. Correlation analysis further reveals weak positive correlations between absenteeism and attributes like height and social drinking, while negative correlations exist with reasons for absence and disciplinary failure. The heat map uncovers strong relationships, such as the high correlation between body mass index and weight (0.90) and moderate correlations between body mass index, age, and service time. Overall, these findings help in understanding absenteeism patterns, guiding decision-making for workplace policies and interventions aimed at reducing absenteeism rates.

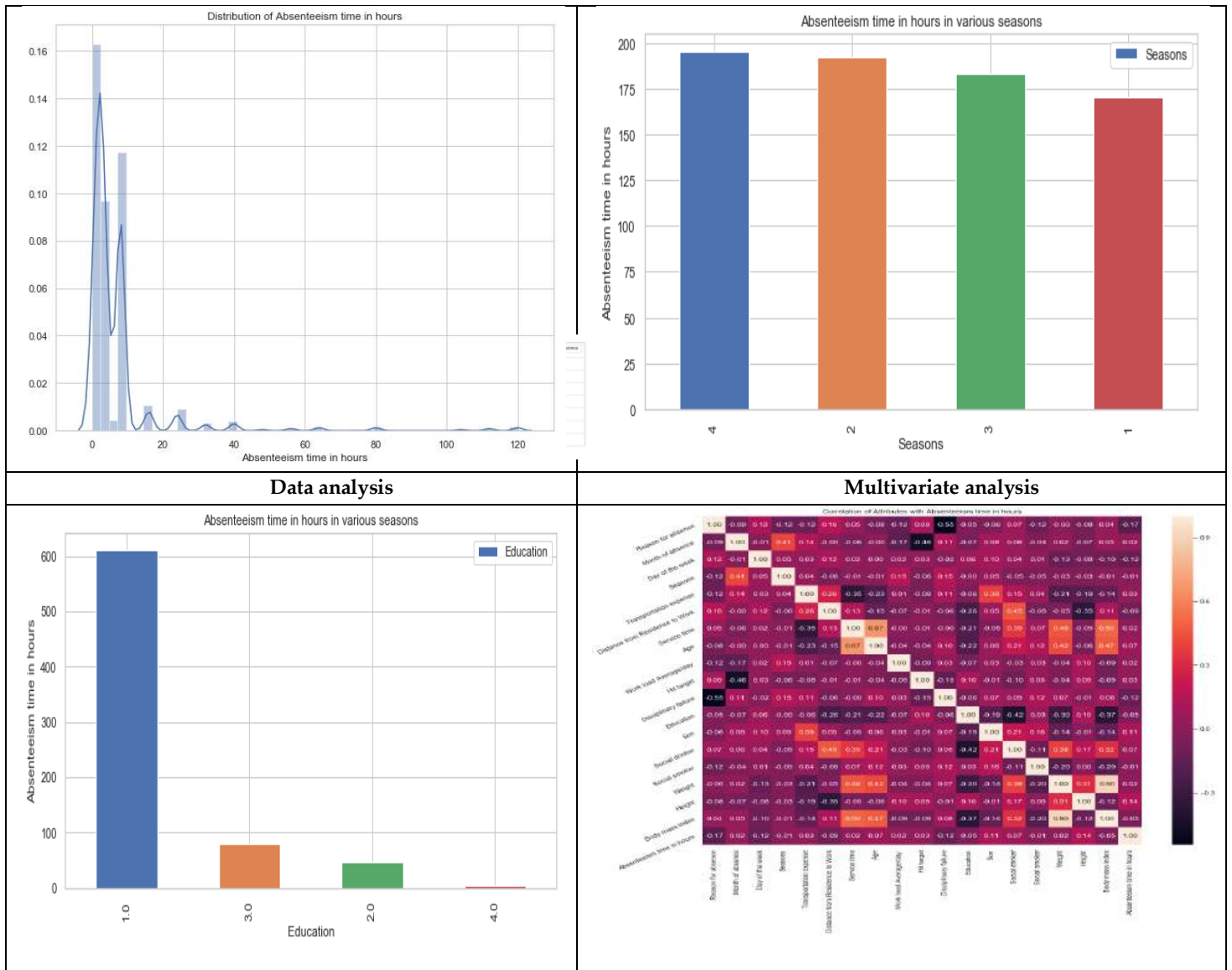
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Enhancing Academic Literature Organization: Multi-Label Classification Approaches For Research Abstracts

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ABSTRACT

The analysis of research abstracts plays a crucial role in the academic and scientific community, serving as the first point of contact for researchers, scholars, and practitioners in a wide range of disciplines. The growing volume of academic publications necessitates the development of efficient and automated tools for classifying and analyzing abstracts. Traditional methods of abstract analysis have evolved to incorporate advanced machine learning techniques, particularly predictive modeling, to automate and optimize this process. This literature review explores the integration of multi-label classification approaches with predictive modeling techniques to enhance the analysis of research abstracts. In this review, we first examine the challenges associated with abstract analysis, including the complexities of capturing relevant information from diverse research domains, the intricacies of text structures, and the need for fine-grained categorization of research topics. The review then delves into the evolution of predictive modeling techniques, focusing on their application in research abstract analysis. Various machine learning algorithms, such as Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Trees, Random Forests, and Neural Networks, are explored, with emphasis on their strengths and limitations in dealing with large, unstructured datasets. This comprehensive literature review concludes by identifying key challenges and opportunities for further research in the field, including the need for larger and more diverse datasets, the integration of domain knowledge into predictive models, and the development of



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more interpretable machine learning models. By advancing predictive modeling techniques and multi-label classification, the research abstract analysis process can be significantly optimized, leading to more efficient information retrieval, content summarization, and decision-making in research.

Keywords: Multi-label classification, Predictive modeling, Research abstract analysis, Machine learning algorithms, Natural language processing (NLP), Text classification, Hybrid models, Neural networks, Academic content categorization, Deep learning models.

INTRODUCTION

In the digital age, the rapid expansion of academic literature across various research domains has led to an overwhelming increase in the volume of publications. The analysis of research abstracts plays a crucial role in efficiently categorizing and retrieving relevant scientific information. Research abstracts, being concise summaries of scholarly articles, encapsulate essential information about the study's goals, methods, results, and conclusions [1]. However, due to the diverse nature of research topics, an abstract may belong to multiple categories or disciplines simultaneously [2] [3]. This phenomenon, known as multi-label classification, presents a significant challenge for traditional text classification systems that typically assign only a single label to a document. Multi-label classification allows for assigning multiple categories to a single research abstract, thus providing a more nuanced and accurate representation of its content [4].

The importance of multi-label classification in research abstract analysis lies in its ability to better reflect the interdisciplinary nature of contemporary academic work. Many research abstracts span multiple topics, methodologies, or application areas, making it necessary to develop systems that can handle multiple labels. For instance, an abstract from a paper on "machine learning techniques in healthcare" could be categorized under both "Artificial Intelligence" and "Healthcare", but traditional classification methods would fail to capture this multi-faceted information. As a result, multi-label classification has gained considerable attention in the field of natural language processing (NLP) as a means to address these challenges [5].

Background Study on Natural Language Processing

This work utilised the properties of many VM kinds. Natural Language Processing (NLP) is an interdisciplinary domain that integrates computer science, artificial intelligence (AI), and linguistics, aiming to empower robots to comprehend, interpret, and produce human language in a meaningful and utilitarian manner. The core aim of NLP is to allow computers to process human language—whether spoken or written—in a manner that mimics human understanding, helping machines interact with users and perform tasks that would traditionally require human intelligence.

Historical Context and Evolution

The concept of NLP has existed since the 1950s, with the first attempts at machine translation (MT) making use of early rule-based systems. The initial efforts of NLP were focused on formalizing linguistic rules and using them to translate one language into another. Early systems, such as the Georgetown-IBM experiment in 1954, showcased the potential of automatic translation between languages, though these early systems were simplistic and primarily rule-based [7]. In the 1970s and 1980s, NLP systems moved towards more sophisticated syntactic and semantic processing, often relying on a rich set of linguistic rules that could analyze sentence structure and meaning. This era saw the development of context-free grammars, part-of-speech tagging, and the use of semantic networks to represent word meanings [8].



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The 1990s marked a pivotal shift in NLP with the rise of statistical methods. Researchers began to focus on probabilistic models, leveraging large corpora (text databases) to learn language patterns directly from data rather than relying on manually written rules. This change led to the development of more flexible and scalable NLP systems, capable of performing tasks such as part-of-speech tagging, named entity recognition (NER), and machine translation with greater accuracy [9] [10].

Key Components of NLP

The main components of Natural Language Processing include:

Tokenization: The process of splitting text into smaller units, such as words or phrases, called tokens. Tokenization is the first step in processing textual data, enabling further analysis.

Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging: This refers to assigning grammatical categories (nouns, verbs, adjectives, etc.) to individual words in a sentence, helping the machine understand sentence structure.

Named Entity Recognition (NER): NER involves identifying entities in text, such as people, organizations, dates, and locations. This is crucial for information extraction tasks, where machines need to identify and extract relevant information from large text corpora.

Sentiment Analysis: Sentiment analysis involves determining the sentiment expressed in a piece of text—whether positive, negative, or neutral. This technique is widely used in analyzing customer feedback, social media posts, and product reviews.

Machine Translation (MT): Machine translation aims to automatically translate text from one language to another. Early MT systems were rule-based, but more recent systems use statistical and deep learning approaches.

Co reference Resolution: This task involves determining which words in a sentence or a text refer to the same entity. For instance, in the statement "John proceeded to the store." He bought some milk," "He" refers to "John." Co reference resolution helps improve the coherence of text analysis.

Text Classification: Text classification assigns categories or labels to text based on its content. This includes tasks like spam detection, topic modeling, and sentiment classification.

Text Generation: Text generation refers to the creation of new, coherent text based on certain inputs. It is used in applications such as chatbots, story generation, and summarization systems.

Advancements in NLP: Deep Learning and Transformers

In recent years, the field of NLP has been transformed by the emergence of deep learning and transformer models. Prior to this, traditional machine learning methods (such as support vector machines, decision trees, and naive Bayes) were commonly used in NLP tasks. Nonetheless, these models frequently had difficulties in accurately representing the intricate connections inherent in human language. The breakthrough came with the development of deep neural networks and, more specifically, transformer architectures. Transformer-based models, such as BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformer), have significantly improved the performance of NLP tasks by enabling the model to understand the context of words in a sentence, not just their immediate neighbors. BERT, for instance, uses a bidirectional attention mechanism that allows it to capture context from both the left and the right of a word simultaneously. This is a departure from earlier models like RNNs (Recurrent Neural Networks) and LSTMs (Long Short-Term Memory networks), which processed text sequentially, often losing long-range dependencies.



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GPT, on the other hand, is a generative model that leverages a unidirectional transformer, allowing it to generate human-like text. These transformer models, pre-trained on vast amounts of text data, can be fine-tuned for specific tasks, making them highly versatile for a range of NLP applications.

Importance of Research Abstract Analysis

The analysis of research abstracts plays a pivotal role in the world of academic research and knowledge dissemination [11]. Research abstracts, typically concise summaries of research papers, provide a snapshot of the study's objectives, methods, results, and conclusions. Due to the sheer volume of academic publications produced each year, efficient and automated analysis of these abstracts has become essential. The importance of research abstract analysis can be discussed in several key areas:

Efficient Information Retrieval

Research abstracts are often the first point of access for readers looking to determine the relevance of a paper. Given the vast amount of academic literature available, manually sifting through thousands of papers can be a daunting and time-consuming task. Abstract analysis automates this process by helping researchers and professionals quickly identify relevant studies, saving valuable time [12]. This is particularly important in disciplines that generate large volumes of research, such as medicine, technology, and social sciences. By extracting key information, such as research focus, methods, and findings, abstract analysis enhances the effectiveness of academic databases and digital libraries, improving the search and retrieval of pertinent information.

Support for Literature Review

A literature review is a critical part of academic research, as it provides an overview of existing research on a given topic. For scholars and researchers writing literature reviews, the ability to analyze a large number of abstracts systematically is crucial. By analyzing abstracts, researchers can identify trends, gaps, and key themes within a field, making the process of synthesizing information more efficient. Research abstract analysis also enables the classification of abstracts into appropriate categories, such as methodology, research area, or type of research, thereby aiding in organizing the literature review process [13].

Identifying Emerging Trends and Gaps in Research

Abstract analysis offers insights into the evolving nature of research within a specific field. By systematically analyzing a large set of abstracts over time, researchers can identify emerging trends, technological advancements, and shifts in research focus. This can be particularly beneficial for identifying gaps in the literature that have yet to be explored or under-researched areas that may offer potential for future studies. It enables researchers to keep track of the latest developments in their field and align their work with current trends, which is crucial for staying competitive in academia [14].

Enhancing Citation and Impact Analysis

Research abstract analysis also plays an important role in citation analysis and determining the impact of research work. Researchers often rely on citation counts to assess the significance of a paper or a research topic. By analyzing the abstracts of highly cited papers, one can gain insights into the factors that contribute to a paper's success or impact. Furthermore, identifying trends in citation patterns from research abstracts can help assess the broader influence of a research field, identifying key publications, influential authors, and pivotal studies.

Enabling Topic Modeling and Classification

Research abstracts are often multi-faceted, covering multiple themes, methodologies, and subfields. Using advanced techniques such as natural language processing (NLP) and machine learning (ML), research abstracts can be analyzed for topic modeling and classification. These methods can categorize research into various themes, such as research type (empirical, theoretical, review), subject area (biomedical, social sciences, engineering), or even more granular topics (machine learning in healthcare, climate change policy, etc.). By automating this classification



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process, researchers and institutions can better organize vast amounts of academic content, making it easier to locate studies that align with specific research interests or questions [15].

Improving Academic Search Engines and Recommender Systems

Abstract analysis plays an important role in the development of academic search engines and content recommendation systems. By analyzing the content and context of research abstracts, search engines can return more accurate and relevant results when queried. Additionally, abstract analysis can be used to power recommender systems that suggest related papers based on the content of an individual's research or reading history. This increases the relevance of recommendations and can aid in identifying papers outside of the user's immediate knowledge area, expanding their research scope.

Facilitating Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses rely heavily on a comprehensive search for relevant studies. Abstract analysis accelerates the process of selecting relevant research articles by enabling automated screening of abstracts to identify those that meet predefined inclusion and exclusion criteria. This is particularly useful in health sciences, where systematic reviews and meta-analyses are regularly conducted to synthesize evidence on treatment efficacy or intervention effectiveness. Automating abstract analysis minimizes human error, reduces biases, and increases the efficiency of these comprehensive reviews.

Assisting in Research Funding and Grant Applications

In the competitive world of research funding, understanding the landscape of research topics and trends is crucial. Institutions, funding bodies, and grant reviewers often use abstract analysis to determine the alignment of proposed research with existing literature. By examining abstracts from past research, funding bodies can identify underfunded or emerging areas, ensuring that grant applications address important research gaps. Moreover, researchers can use abstract analysis to tailor their funding proposals, ensuring their proposed research fits within current scientific trends and fills existing gaps in the literature.

Improving Research Collaboration

By analyzing abstracts from a variety of disciplines and domains, institutions can identify potential collaborators with complementary research interests. The ability to analyze and classify research abstracts allows researchers to find and reach out to colleagues in related fields, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. This can be especially useful in large, multi-institutional research projects, where teams from different academic disciplines need to collaborate efficiently. Research abstract analysis tools help researchers locate like-minded colleagues or experts across geographical boundaries, facilitating faster and more meaningful collaborations.

Enhancing Knowledge Management Systems

Research abstract analysis contributes to the development and enhancement of knowledge management systems within academic and research institutions. These systems rely on categorizing, storing, and retrieving knowledge in an efficient manner. By automating abstract analysis, institutions can build more effective knowledge repositories, making it easier for researchers, faculty members, and students to access critical research insights and papers across various fields. Such systems also aid in ensuring that the right information is accessible to the right people at the right time, improving the flow of knowledge within an academic or research institution.

Multi-Label Classification Techniques

Multi-label classification (MLC) is a machine learning challenge wherein each instance is linked to multiple labels rather than a single one. This task is highly relevant in areas where an object or document can belong to more than one category simultaneously. For example, in text classification, a research paper might belong to several categories, such as "Machine Learning," "Healthcare," and "Artificial Intelligence." The goal of multi-label classification is to predict all relevant labels for each instance. There are various techniques for handling multi-label classification



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problems, each with its strengths and weaknesses. Broadly, these techniques can be divided into two categories: problem transformation methods and algorithm adaptation methods [17].

Problem Transformation Methods

Problem transformation methods are techniques that convert the multi-label classification problem into multiple single-label classification problems. These methods essentially break down the complex multi-label task into several simpler binary classification tasks [18]. The key techniques under this category include:

Binary Relevance (BR)

Binary Relevance is one of the simplest and most widely used techniques in multi-label classification. It considers each label as a distinct binary classification issue. A binary classifier is trained for each label to ascertain its relevance (1) or irrelevance (0) for a specific occurrence.

Classifier Chains (CC)

Classifier Chains builds on the Binary Relevance technique by taking label correlations into account. Instead of treating each label independently, the predictions of previous classifiers in the chain are used as additional features for the next classifier in the chain. This method constructs a sequence of binary classifiers, with each classifier predicting a single label while taking into account the predictions of preceding classifiers.

Label Powerset (LP)

Label Powerset transforms the multi-label problem into a multi-class problem by treating each unique set of labels as a single class. For example, if an instance possesses the labels "Machine Learning" and "Healthcare," this combination is regarded as a singular unique class. This method is particularly useful when there are a small number of label combinations, but it can lead to an explosion in the number of classes if the number of possible label combinations is large.

Binary Partitioning (BP)

Binary Partitioning splits the multi-label problem into multiple binary classification problems but, unlike Binary Relevance, it uses the relationships between labels to partition the label space. The set of labels is divided into smaller subsets, and each subset is treated as a separate binary classification problem.

Algorithm Adaptation Methods

Algorithm adaptation methods are those where existing machine learning algorithms are modified to handle multi-label data directly [19] [20]. These methods adapt traditional algorithms, such as decision trees, support vector machines, and neural networks, to predict multiple labels at once.

- **K-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN):** In multi-label k-NN, a typical k-NN algorithm is extended to handle multi-labels by predicting the labels of the nearest neighbors based on a voting or ranking scheme. The k nearest neighbors are found based on a distance metric, and the labels of the neighbors are aggregated to form a prediction for the test instance.
 - **Advantages:** Simple to implement, works well when label correlations exist in the data.
 - **Disadvantages:** Computationally expensive as it requires calculating distances between all instances, and can suffer from the curse of dimensionality in high-dimensional datasets.
- **Decision Trees (DT):** Decision trees can be adapted to multi-label classification by modifying their splitting criteria. Each node in the tree is trained to split the data based on the most relevant label or labels. For each decision, a binary classification task is performed for each label, and the predictions are aggregated to determine the final label set for each instance.
 - **Advantages:** Transparent, interpretable models, and easy to implement.
 - **Disadvantages:** Prone to overfitting, especially when the tree is deep. Label dependencies may not always be captured well.





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- **Random Forest (RF):** Random Forest is an ensemble method based on decision trees. In multi-label classification, Random Forest can be extended by training multiple decision trees, each predicting one or more labels, and aggregating the results to determine the final multi-label output. Random Forest often uses a majority voting or weighted voting system to aggregate predictions from individual trees.
 - **Advantages:** Robust against overfitting, handles large datasets well.
 - **Disadvantages:** Less interpretable than single decision trees.
- **Support Vector Machines (SVM):** In multi-label classification, SVMs can be adapted using the one-vs-rest (OvR) approach, where a separate binary SVM classifier is trained for each label. The model then predicts the labels using a decision function for each classifier, and the labels are assigned accordingly. An alternative is the **Rank-SVM**, which is designed to handle multi-label ranking problems where the order of labels matters.
 - **Advantages:** Effective in high-dimensional spaces, works well for text classification and other sparse data problems.
 - **Disadvantages:** Computationally expensive, especially for large datasets.
- **Neural Networks (NN):** Neural networks can be adapted to multi-label classification by using an output layer with multiple neurons corresponding to different labels. Each neuron is activated independently, allowing the model to predict multiple labels for each instance. Techniques such as **sigmoid activation functions** in the output layer are commonly used in multi-label neural networks.
 - **Advantages:** Can capture complex non-linear relationships between features and labels, scalable to large datasets, can learn label correlations.
 - **Disadvantages:** Requires a large amount of training data and computational resources, prone to overfitting without regularization.
- **Deep Learning Models (e.g., CNNs and LSTMs):** Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory networks (LSTMs) can be used for multi-label classification tasks such as text classification and image classification. These models are particularly effective in handling sequential data (e.g., text) and spatial data (e.g., images) and can be modified for multi-label output using the appropriate activation functions.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Yu, Haitao, Feng Xiong, and Zuhui Chen[21] employed an algorithmic model to establish a theoretical foundation for the examination of multi-label corpus text categorisation techniques; At the conclusion of this article, a comparative simulation experiment is executed, followed by a summary and discussion of the findings; in the Enterprise L corpus, the variation in recall rates prior to and subsequent to the implementation of Entrance 1 was 5.5%, for Entrance 2 it was 7.8%, for Entrance 3 it was 3.3%, and for Entrance 4 it was 4.5%. Simultaneously, ongoing research in natural language processing and machine learning presents new opportunities and difficulties for the study of text categorisation methods in multi-tag corpora.

Chaichulee, Sitthichok, et al. [22] sought to create and assess various NLP algorithms capable of encoding unstructured ADRs recorded in EHRs into institutional symptom terminology. The dataset comprises 79,712 medication allergy records examined by chemists. We assessed three NLP methodologies: Naive Bayes—Support Vector Machine (NB-SVM), Universal Language Model Fine-tuning (ULMFiT), and Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT). We evaluated various general-domain pre-trained BERT models, including mBERT, XLM-RoBERTa, and WanchanBERTa, alongside our domain-specific AllergyRoBERTa, which was pre-trained from the ground up on our corpus. BERT models exhibited superior performance overall. NB-SVM surpassed ULMFiT and BERT for many symptom words that are infrequently coded. The ensemble model attained a precise match ratio of 95.33%, an F1 score of 98.88%, and a mean average precision of 97.07% for the 36 most commonly coded symptom words. The model was then enhanced into a symptom term recommendation system, attaining a Krippendorff's alpha agreement coefficient of 0.7081 during prospective testing with chemists. A certain



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level of automation could expedite the accessibility of allergy information and diminish the labour required for human coding. HaghighianRoudsari, Arousha, et al. [23] examine the impact of fine-tuning pre-trained language models, specifically BERT, XLNet, RoBERTa, and ELECTRA, on the critical task of multi-label patent classification. We evaluate these models against the baseline deep learning methodologies employed for patent categorisation. We employ diverse word embeddings to improve the efficacy of the baseline models. The publicly accessible USPTO-2M patent categorisation benchmark and M-patent datasets are utilised for experimental purposes. We determine that fine-tuning pre-trained language models on patent text enhances multi-label patent categorisation performance. Our results demonstrate that XLNet exhibits superior performance, establishing a new state-of-the-art in classification metrics, including precision, recall, F1 measure, coverage error, and LRAP. Kizaki, Hayato, et al [24] sought to create and assess a multilabel classifier employing natural language processing to discern factors associated with medication-related incidents, utilising incident report descriptions from residential care facilities, particularly concerning incidents involving nonmedical personnel.

Ameer, Iqra, et al [25] investigated both the use of LSTMs and the fine-tuning of Transformer Networks through Transfer Learning along with a single-attention network and a multiple-attention network for multi-label emotion classification. The experimental findings indicate that our innovative transfer learning models, employing pre-trained transformers with and without multiple attention mechanisms, surpassed the existing state-of-the-art accuracy of 58.8% (Baziotis et al., 2018) on the SemEval-2018 Task-1C dataset. Our most effective RoBERTa-MA (RoBERTa-Multi-attention) model surpassed the state-of-the-art, attaining 62.4% accuracy, which represents a 3.6% improvement over the previous benchmark, on the demanding SemEval-2018 E-c: Detecting Emotions (multi-label classification) dataset for English. Furthermore, the XLNet-MA (XLNet-Multi-attention) model surpassed the other proposed models by attaining 45.6% accuracy on the Ren-CECps dataset for Chinese.

Zhang, Zheng, et al. [26] sought to assess the efficacy of eight conventional machine learning models, alongside Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) models, including LSTM and BiLSTM, as well as advanced pre-trained self-attention-based natural language processing (NLP) models, such as BERT, XLNet, RoBERTa, and DistilBERT, for the multi-label classification of arXiv CS papers. The findings indicate that pre-trained self-attention-based models consistently surpass other models in categorisation performance. Furthermore, self-attention-based models demonstrated enhanced performance and attained a novel state-of-the-art outcome. To our knowledge, this research is the first attempt to assess machine learning models specifically on documents pertaining to computer science inside a multi-label categorisation framework.

Artene, Codruț-Georgian, Marius Nicolae Tibeică, and Florin Leon [27] The text represents one of the main components of the content of web pages. In recent years, researchers have attained cutting-edge achievements in numerous natural language processing tasks, including text classification. This was mostly achievable thanks to the advancement of language models trained on extensive text corpora and subsequently fine-tuned for specific applications through transfer learning. A notable model is Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT), which has demonstrated significant efficacy in text classification. This study proposes a series of experiments to assess the efficacy of the pre-trained multilingual BERT for multi-label, multi-language web page classification. The suggested web page classifier demonstrates competitive performance, suggesting its potential integration into an automated web page classification system.

Kim, Soojeong, Minhyeok Lee, and Junhee Seok [28] demonstrated a multi-label sentence-level event classification with a multi-label classifier algorithm. The classifier employs the BERT model and categorisation based on the correlation between labels through a threshold. The experiment on real-world multi-label data with numerous labels exhibits commendable performance and efficiency in multi-label categorisation. Wang, Ran, et al [29] designed a reasoning-based algorithm named Multi-Label Reasoner (ML-Reasoner) for multi-label classification. ML-Reasoner use a binary classifier to concurrently predict all labels and implements an innovative iterative reasoning method to efficiently leverage inter-label knowledge, with each reasoning instance incorporating the previously predicted probabilities for all labels as supplementary input. This method effectively leverages information among labels while



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circumventing the problem of label-order sensitivity. Comprehensive trials indicate that our strategy surpasses leading techniques on the demanding AAPD dataset. We also implement our reasoning module across various robust neural-based foundational models and demonstrate its capacity to substantially enhance performance in each instance. Efimovich, Maria, et al. [30] Classifying chest radiographs is a laborious and complex endeavour, even for seasoned radiologists. This highlights a potential area for enhancement due to the challenge in accurately differentiating between illnesses such as pleural effusion, pneumothorax, and pneumonia. We propose an innovative transfer learning model for multi-label classification of lung diseases, employing the CheXpert dataset, which comprises approximately 12,617 analysed frontal radiographs. Integrating RadGraph parsing for quick annotation extraction enhances the model's capacity to reliably diagnose various lung illnesses from intricate medical images. The suggested model attained an F1 score of 0.69 and an AUROC of 0.86, indicating its applicability in clinical settings. The application of Natural Language Processing (NLP) to analyse report information and resolve ambiguities in disease classification was also examined. The NLP-enhanced model enhances its capacity to definitively classify illnesses by juxtaposing questionable reports with more certain cases. This research highlights the connection between deep learning and NLP, underscoring their potential to enhance radiological diagnostics and aid in the efficient analysis of chest radiographs.

Veeranki, Sai Pavan Kumar, et al [31] This study seeks to create an application capable of predicting procedure codes by analysing clinicians' operative notes, aiming to streamline their workflow and enhance efficiency. We downstreamed an existing and a native German medical BERT model in a secondary use scenario, utilizing already coded surgery notes to model the coding procedure as a multi-label classification task. In comparison to the transformer-based architecture, we were leveraging the non-contextual model fastText, a convolutional neural network, a support vector machine and logistic regression for a comparative analysis of possible coding performance. About 350,000 notes were used for model adaption. The mean average precision attained by evaluating the top five recommended operation codes from medBERT.de, surgeryBERT.at, fastText, a convolutional neural network, a support vector machine, and logistic regression was 0.880, 0.867, 0.870, 0.851, 0.870, and 0.805, respectively. Support vector machines outperformed other models for surgical reports with a sequence length above 512, with a mean average precision of 0.872, in contrast to 0.840 for fastText, 0.837 for medBERT.de, and 0.820 for surgeryBERT.at. A standard front-end application for coding assistance was also developed. The challenge of forecasting procedure codes from an operating report can be effectively framed as a multi-label classification issue, demonstrating commendable performance. Support vector machines, as a traditional machine learning technique, surpassed the non-contextual fastText method. FastText, utilising fewer hardware resources, has achieved comparable performance to BERT-based algorithms and has demonstrated greater efficacy in elucidating predictions.

Chen, Xiaolong, and colleagues [32] Text classification (TC) is a fundamental task in Natural Language Processing (NLP), with multi-label text classification (MLTC) representing a significant subset of TC. MLTC has transitioned from conventional machine learning to deep learning, resulting in the emergence of numerous high-performing models. Currently, the emphasis of many linked studies is diverse; therefore, we have synthesised the exemplary research findings in the domain of MLTC from recent years and categorised them based on their research focus. Simultaneously, we summarised pertinent data sets and assessment metrics in the domain of multi-label text classification and provided a forecast for the future of the MLTC field.

Liu, Wenfu, et al. [33] introduced a multi-label text classification approach utilising tALBERT-CNN. This method employs an LDA topic model alongside the ALBERT model to derive the topic vector and semantic context vector for each word (document). A specific fusion mechanism is implemented to achieve comprehensive topic and semantic representations of the document, while the TextCNN model extracts multi-label features to train a multi-label classifier. The experimental findings derived from standard datasets indicate that the proposed method effectively extracts multi-label features from documents, outperforming current state-of-the-art multi-label text classification algorithms. Deniz, Emre, Hasan Erbay, and Mustafa Coşar [34] conduct an analysis of customer evaluations to acquire more profound insights into the product, rather than focussing on emotion-driven analysis. We first create a new dataset of customer reviews consisting of evaluations from Turkish consumers to conduct the proposed study.



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The generated dataset comprises over 50,000 reviews across three distinct categories, with each review assigned numerous labels based on consumer remarks. Subsequently, we utilised machine learning techniques designed for multi-label classification on the dataset. Ultimately, we evaluated and scrutinised the outcomes derived from a varied array of statistical variables. Our experimental tests revealed that the Micro Precision is 0.9157, Micro Recall is 0.8837, Micro F1 Score is 0.8925, and Hamming Loss is 0.0278, indicating the most effective methodologies. Kavitha, M., and P. Prabhavathy [35] focused to build multilabel textclassification for AG News dataset using various classification algorithms. It also describes the procedures required in classifying news items and implements Logistic Regression, Naïve Bayes, Support Vector Machine, and Multi-Layer Perceptron classification algorithms using the AGNews dataset, which comprises articles from four distinct categories. The investigations demonstrated that, in comparison to three other classifiers, the performance of Naïve Bayes is superior, achieving a high accuracy of 90 percent.

Research Problem Statement

The rapid expansion of academic literature across diverse research domains has made it increasingly challenging to efficiently classify and analyze research abstracts. Traditional single-label classification methods, where each research abstract is assigned only one category, fail to address the inherent complexity and interdisciplinary nature of modern research. Research abstracts often span multiple topics, methodologies, or application areas, making it necessary to assign multiple labels to a single instance. Current multi-label classification techniques, while effective, still face significant challenges such as handling label correlations, mitigating data imbalance, and improving model scalability for large datasets. The main research problem is the optimization of multi-label classification methods for research abstract analysis, ensuring that multiple relevant labels are accurately assigned to each abstract while addressing the inherent complexities of label dependencies and imbalances. Although several problem transformation and algorithm adaptation techniques have been proposed, the effective integration of deep learning models, especially Transformer-based architectures such as BERT, and the combination of domain knowledge into the classification models, remains a challenge in achieving high accuracy and relevance in categorizing research abstracts across diverse fields. This research seeks to explore advanced multi-label classification techniques, specifically focusing on improving the handling of label correlations, overcoming class imbalance, and enhancing model interpretability in the context of research abstract analysis. The goal is to develop a more efficient and robust approach for automated research classification that facilitates better information retrieval, supports systematic reviews, and enhances the overall accessibility of academic content.

Future Research Direction

Integration of Deep Learning and Domain Knowledge: Future research should explore the integration of advanced deep learning models, particularly Transformer-based models such as BERT, with domain-specific knowledge. By incorporating expertise from specific fields (e.g., biomedical, engineering, or social sciences), models can better capture the nuances and interdependencies between labels in research abstracts. Research could focus on fine-tuning Transformer models on domain-specific corpora to improve classification accuracy while ensuring that relevant interdisciplinary knowledge is effectively integrated into the model's decision-making process.

Handling Label Correlation and Dependency: Although current techniques like Classifier Chains and k-Nearest Neighbors (k-NN) capture label correlations, they often fail to model complex, high-order relationships effectively. Future research can explore more sophisticated techniques such as graph-based models or neural networks with attention mechanisms to better capture the relationships between labels. For example, Graph Convolutional Networks (GCNs) could be explored to represent labels as nodes in a graph and learn the interdependencies between them.

Addressing Data Imbalance: Multi-label datasets often suffer from imbalanced label distributions, where some labels are more frequent than others, leading to biased models. Future research could investigate advanced strategies such as cost-sensitive learning, oversampling techniques, and focal loss to mitigate the impact of imbalanced classes.

Exploring Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) for generating synthetic instances for underrepresented labels could also offer new ways to balance the dataset.





Multi-Modal and Multi-Task Learning

Research abstracts often contain both textual and non-textual information, such as figures, tables, and metadata. Future studies could explore multi-modal learning, where the model is trained using both the abstract text and supplementary information, improving classification performance by providing richer input data. Additionally, multi-task learning frameworks could be developed, where models are trained to solve multiple related tasks simultaneously, such as label classification and abstract summarization.

Explainability and Interpretability

While deep learning models such as BERT offer state-of-the-art performance in multi-label classification tasks, their "black-box" nature presents challenges for interpretability. Future research should focus on improving the explainability of these models, enabling researchers to understand how and why a certain label was assigned to an abstract. Techniques such as attention visualization, SHAP (Shapley Additive Explanations), and LIME (Local Interpretable Model-Agnostic Explanations) could be employed to provide insights into model decisions, making them more transparent and actionable for researchers and practitioners.

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Enhancing Human Emotion Detection through Optimization-Driven Cnn Models

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ABSTRACT

Automatic emotion recognition using facial expressions is a compelling study domain, which has been demonstrated and utilised in various sectors like safety, healthcare, and human-machine interfaces. Researchers in this domain aim to create ways for interpreting and encoding facial expressions, as well as extracting these elements to enhance computer prediction accuracy. The notable success of Machine Learning has led to the utilisation of many architectural types of this technology to enhance performance. This research proposes a unique Optimised Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN) that modifies the elemental type of the foundational design of the convolutional network to identify and categorise face emotions. The suggested CNN design incorporates a Leaky Rectified Linear Unit (Leaky RELU), with a component with negative zero slopes. The Kernel Percolate is subsequently exhibited, identifying image pixels with a value of 1 along the diagonal of the image. The Cuckoo Optimisation Algorithm (COA) is employed to optimise hyperparameter tuning for the proposed CNN classification method. The efficacy of the Proposed OCNN classification system is assessed against existing classifiers.

Keywords: Emotion Recognition, Artificial Neural Network, Convolutional Neural Network, Cuckoo Optimization Algorithm

INTRODUCTION

Emotions have an important role in our everyday lives, and directly affect decisions, reasoning, attention, prosperity, and quality of life of human. Establishing communication between people is through emotions and facial expressions. Nowadays, with the influence of computers on human lives and the mechanization of lives of



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individuals, establishment of human and computer interaction (HCI) has played a crucial and very important role [1]. There is a strong interest in improving the interaction between humans and computers. Many people believe in this theory and there is a positive and useful emotional response for establishing a good and useful cognitive link between computers with users. This interaction between the computer and the human beings can be created through speech [2][3]. Psychological theory states that human emotions can be classified into six different forms: surprise, fear, disgust, anger, happiness, and sadness. By making changes in the facial muscles, human can represent this group of emotions.

Human emotion classification is defined as the process of identifying emotions using facial expressions, verbal communication, gestures, body movements, and the assessment of various physiological markers. The importance of human emotions in the advancement of contemporary technological devices is indisputable. The analysis and recognition of emotion are critically significant in human-computer interaction, automated tutoring systems, image and video retrieval, intelligent settings, and driver warning systems. Moreover, emotion recognition is crucial in diagnosing many mental health disorders by psychiatrists and psychologists. Over the past few decades, scientists and researchers have introduced various algorithms and methodologies for emotion recognition based on facial traits and speech signals. It is still a challenging problem in the field of artificial intelligence, computer vision, psychology, and physiology due to the nature of its complexity. Researchers concur that facial expressions are the most significant aspect of identifying human emotion. Interpreting human emotions through facial expression features is challenging due to the influence of environmental factors, such as lighting conditions and dynamic head movements [5]. Furthermore, the ultimate outcomes for emotion classification derived from facial expressions require enhancement. So, through this research work, an efficient classification method is proposed using ML based classifier and Optimization technique [25] [26] [27].

RELATED WORKS

Rescigno, Martina, Matteo Spezialetti, and Silvia Rossi [6] proposed employing transfer learning to generate subject-specific models for extracting the emotional content of facial photographs in the valence/arousal dimensions. Transfer learning allows us to reuse the knowledge assimilated from a large multi-subject dataset by a deep-convolutional neural network and employ the feature extraction capability in the single subject scenario. In this way, it is possible to reduce the amount of labelled data necessary to train a personalized model, with respect to relying just on subjective data.

Pranav, E., *et al* [7] developed a Deep Convolutional Neural Network (DCNN) model that categorises five distinct human facial emotions. The model is trained, tested, and verified utilising the manually curated image dataset. Sarvakar, Ketan, *et al* [8] presented a new method to detect face emotion. Use neural networks convolutionary (FERC). The FERC is based on a CNN network of two parts: the first portion removed the backdrop of the image, the second part removed the face vector. The expressional vector (EV) is utilised in the FERC model to detect the five different kinds of regular facial expressions. The double-level CNN is continuous, and the weights and exponent values of the final perceptual layer fluctuate with each iteration. Ivanova, Ekaterina, and Georgii Borzunov [9] devoted to the optimization of the recognition method of seven basic emotions (joy, sadness, fear, anger, surprise, disgust, and neutral) in terms of expressions of the human life. The authors developed a method for developing an emotion detection system utilising a neural network, which encompasses an optimised algorithm for producing training and testing samples, as well as establishing the optimal number of layers for the neural network.

Sepas-Moghaddam, Alireza, *et al* [10] Utilised the extensive spatio-angular data present in light field photographs for the recognition of facial emotions. A novel deep network is suggested that initially extracts spatial characteristics using a VGG16 convolutional neural network. A Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (Bi-LSTM) recurrent neural network is employed to learn spatio-angular features from perspective feature sequences, examining both forward and backward angular correlations. Furthermore, an attention mechanism enables our model to preferentially





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concentrate on the most significant spatio-angular features, hence facilitating a more effective learning outcome. A fusion approach is ultimately employed to achieve the outcomes of emotion recognition categorisation. Kim, Jung Hwan, Alwin Poullose, and Dong Seog Han [11] introduced a facial image threshing (FIT) machine that employs sophisticated attributes of pre-trained facial recognition and training derived from the Xception algorithm. The FIT machine involved removing irrelevant facial images, collecting facial images, correcting misplacing face data, and merging original datasets on a massive scale, in addition to the data-augmentation technique.

Akhand, M. A. H., *et al* [12] Proposed a Deep Convolutional Neural Network (DCNN) model utilising Transfer Learning (TL) techniques, wherein a pre-trained DCNN model is modified by substituting its dense upper layer(s) to align with Facial Emotion Recognition (FER), followed by fine-tuning with facial emotion data. A novel pipeline strategy is introduced, where the training of the dense layer(s) is followed by tuning each of the pre-trained DCNN blocks successively that has led to gradual improvement of the accuracy of FER to a higher level. Ali, Aqib, and colleagues [13] introduced a Machine Learning (ML) methodology grounded in statistical analysis for emotion recognition using facial expressions in digital images. Total of 600 digital image datasets divided into 6 classes (Anger, Happy, Fear, Surprise, Sad, and Normal) was collected from the publicly available Taiwan Facial Expression Images Database. Initially, all photos are transformed into a greyscale format, and four Regions of Interest (ROIs) are established for each image, resulting in a total dataset of 2400 sub-images (600 × 4). In the second stage, three categories of statistical features—texture, histogram, and binary feature—are extracted from each region of interest (ROI). The third phase involves optimising statistical features through the best-first search technique. Finally, an optimised statistical feature dataset is implemented across multiple machine learning classifiers.

Cabada, Ramon Zatarain, *et al.* [14] developed a methodology employing genetic algorithms to optimise the hyperparameters of a CNN utilised for identifying an individual's affective state. Furthermore, the authors introduced the optimised network integrated into an intelligent teaching system operating on a mobile device. The training process of the CNN was carried out on a PC with a GPU and the trained neural network was embedded into a mobile environment. Ashok Kumar, P. M., Jeevan Babu Maddala, and K. Martin Sagayam [15] created a paradigm that encompasses several steps: (a) Facial extraction, (b) Image filtration, (c) Extraction of facial features, (d) Descriptor selection, and (e) Classification. Initially, the face is extracted from the input image by the Viola-Jones method, which is generally employed for the detection of object. Additionally, the noise in the image is mitigated by Gabor Filtering. Additionally, the face components are retrieved as features using the Affine-Scale-Invariant Feature Transform (ASIFT), a modified version of the SIFT approach. The extensive length of descriptors produced by ASIFT necessitates a reduction in their quantity through an optimal descriptor selection method, facilitated by a hybrid meta-heuristic algorithm known as MV-WOA. The extracted descriptors are processed by a Neural Network (NN). As a modification to the existing machine learning algorithms, the number of hidden neurons in the NN is optimized by the proposed WOA+MVO algorithm.

Verma, Garima, and Hemraj Verma [16] suggested an enhanced deep learning methodology employing a convolutional neural network to predict emotions by studying facial expressions present in a picture. The model developed in this work consists of one CNN to analyse the primary emotion of the image as being happy or sad and a second CNN to predict the secondary emotion of the image. Kalita, Deepjyoti [17] have first train the system with some identical facial expression images or some normal images. Then the authors took the sample image as our input. After that the authors have pre-processed the image and use the feature extraction method. Then the authors used the classification algorithm to compare the training data and testing data. Thus the authors can easily get the facial emotion as our results.

Lakshmi, D., and R. Ponnusamy [18] proposed a novel feature descriptor for facial expression recognition using modified Histogram of Oriented Gradients (HOG) and Local Binary Pattern (LBP) feature descriptor. Initially, the Viola-Jones algorithm is employed for facial region detection. Subsequently, a Butterworth high-pass filter is applied to improve the detected area, facilitating the identification of the eye, nose, and mouth regions using the Viola-Jones method. Secondly, the proposed modified HOG and LBP feature descriptor are used to extract the features of the





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detected eye, nose and mouth regions. The retrieved features from these three regions are concatenated and their dimensionality is decreased using Deep Stacked Autoencoders. Ultimately, a multi-class Support Vector Machine is employed for classification and recognition. Hassan, Alia K., and Suhaila N. Mohammed [19] introduced an innovative facial emotion recognition method utilising graph mining to transform the representation of the facial region, wherein the facial area is depicted as a graph comprising nodes and edges, and the Span frequent sub-graphs mining algorithm is employed to identify prevalent sub-structures within the graph database corresponding to each emotion. The overlap ratio metric is employed to decrease the quantity of created sub-graphs. After encoding the final selected sub-graphs, binary classification is then applied to classify the emotion of the queried input facial image using six levels of classification. Binary cat swarm intelligence is applied within each level of classification to select proper sub-graphs that give the highest accuracy in that level.

Liu, Xiao, Xiangyi Cheng, and Kiju Lee [20] introduced a facial emotion identification method utilising two newly identified geometric features: landmark curvature and vectorised landmark. These features are extracted from facial landmarks associated with individual components of facial muscle movements. The presented method combines support vector machine (SVM) based classification with a genetic algorithm (GA) for a multi-attribute optimization problem of feature and parameters election.

Cuckoo Optimization Algorithm (COA)

COA is a population-based algorithm and was originally developed to solve continuous multidimensional nonlinear problems usually encountered for optimization purposes [21]. In an optimization problem, one shall begin by presenting the decision variables in the form of an array; in COA, this array is referred to as habitat. That is, each habitat represents a candidate solution for the optimization problem. The candidate solutions attain a global optimum through an evolutionary process. In an optimization problem with N_{var} decision variables, a habitat is defined as a $1 \times N_{var}$ array (*i.e.*, $habitat = [x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{N_{var}}]$) indicating spatial coordinates of the corresponding cuckoo in the decision space. The decision variables take decimal values and profitability of each habitat is determined by evaluating a profit function (f_p) at that habitat (*i.e.*, $profit = f_p(habitat)$). Given that this algorithm was originally formulated for maximization problems, maximization of the profit function expressed in the form of

Equation (10)

$$Profit = -cost(habitat) = -f_c(x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{N_{var}})$$

The evolutionary process of COA is as follows. Commencing with the original population of cuckoos (N_{pop}), a $N_{pop} \times N_{var}$ matrix of prospective habitats is constructed. Next, a randomly selected number of eggs is assigned to each habitat. In nature, this value ranges from 5 to 20, on average. Indeed, these values set a lower and upper bound to the number of eggs at each habitat. In real world, cuckoos try to lay their eggs at maximum possible distance to their actual habitats. In COA, this maximum distance is referred to as egg-laying radius (ELR). For each cuckoo, the ELR is set based on the overall number of eggs and the lower and upper bounds (Var_{low} and Var_{high} , respectively) to the decision variables (equation (11)). Notably, the parameter α – which is an integer value – is used to control the ELR.

$$ELR = \alpha \times \frac{\text{No. of Current Cuckoo's Eggs}}{\text{Total Number of Eggs}} \times (Var_{low} \text{ and } Var_{high})$$

At a next step, each cuckoo lay eggs, on a random basis, in the nest of host birds within its ELR. Upon completion of the egg-laying process, the host bird identifies and discards the eggs that are least similar to its own. In this way, each round of egg-laying is followed by elimination of a certain percentage of the cuckoos' eggs (usually equal to 10%). These are the ones which are laid in habitats of less than enough nutrition, keeping them from converging to optimal solution. Simultaneously, the remaining eggs mature within the nests of the host birds and subsequently hatch, receiving nourishment from the host bird. Upon reaching adulthood, the juvenile cuckoos persist in their environments for a period. As the egg-laying period approaches, they migrate to locations abundant in food and host birds whose eggs closely resemble those of the cuckoos. Indeed, the cuckoos migrate to destinations corresponding to the highest cost (*i.e.*, the largest supply of food and the best environmental conditions for living).





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Since the matured cuckoos are now well scattered among different habitats, it is now pretty difficult to identify which cuckoo belongs to which community. In order to address these difficulties, K-means clustering algorithm is devised to classify the cuckoos. According to Rajabiun, the best results can be obtained with 3 – 5 clusters. Once the cluster to which each cuckoo belongs was identified, average profit per cluster is calculated. Accordingly, the best habitat can be found in the cuckoo cluster for which the average profit is maximal. Therefore, this cluster is identified as destination for the migrating cuckoos from other cuckoo clusters. The cuckoos do not follow a direct path toward their target habitat, but rather move at certain inclination angle to the destination for a particular part of the path. It is essential to establish a parameter to regulate the cuckoo population, taking into account potential food shortages and the removal of certain cuckoos by hunters or insufficient nesting sites for offspring development. In this respect, in COA, only N_{max} cuckoos producing the highest profits survive. After some iterations, all cuckoos converge to the best possible habitat, where their eggs are at maximum similarity to those of the host bird and availability of food supply is maximal.

Proposed COA-CNN Classification Method for the Emotions classification

Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) are the most successful image classification models of the present period, as they are based on deep learning models. CNN's multi-story designs are inspired by biology science [22]. We decided to employ a deep learning strategy to classify the facial image into a category because of the high accuracy and rapid expansion of CNN's research. The proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN) adjusts the fundamental form of the coevolutionary network's structured-based design in such a way that it recognizes and classifies facial images and delivers considerably better results than previous facial classification approaches.

The OCNN model optimises the quantity of layers rather than setting limitations on them. For intermediate coevolutionary OCNN layers, a variety of filter sizes were also used. An input facial image is a greyscale image with a dimension of $64 \times 64 \times 1$ that is used for OCNN preprocessing [23]. In addition to the activation function, the size of the convolutional layer is improved here. A stomp of two is performed in max pooling to reduce the size of the output image created by the convolutional layers. In the next stage, the image will be flattened and transmitted to the Multi-Layer Perceptron as well as a completely linked layer. The softmax classifier is then used to return the image class probability for each class ranging from 0 to 25. COA is employed to optimise the weights of the CNN layers and to adjust the hyperparameters of the CNN layers.

Multi-layered perceptron stimulated CNNs are a type of neural system in which specific layers, such as convnets with mandatory accessibility models, are determined. Without the input of anyone else, Neural Networks do not scale effectively for a whole image. Over-fitting is a common problem with traditional neural systems. The optimized convolutional neural network, on the other hand, takes advantage of the locally based properties of the given facial images, such as treating close and inaccessible facial image pixels in an unexpected way. As a result, the recommended technique is used to classify numerous facial images based on their characteristics.

Convolutional Layer

The OCNN's input is a facial grayscale image $x(w, h, d)$, where w determines the width, d determines the depth ($d=1$), and h determines the height of the facial images. Invariant features of facial images are cultivated hierarchically and automatically through this layer. To begin with, the convolution layer recognizes an image's two-level features in order to save the spatial relationship between image pixels by depleting tiny portions of the image. Local image attributes from one layer are recognized and then mapped to the featuring maps. A 2-Dimensional representation of the convolutionally layers is also determined, where the input source image is a $64 \times 64 \times 1$ matrix (width, height, and depth) and a $3 \times 3 \times 1$ filter is applied on it to transform the supplied image to the feature map. 50 filters of size $5 \times 5 \times 1$ were used in the first layer of convolution. The OCNN model takes a $64 \times 64 \times 1$ facial image with a zero-padding $p=2$ as input. The dot product calculation, together with the input facial image, is used to decide filter solicitation. The output volumes are $64 \times 64 \times 50$ in size, with $w=h=64 = ((64-5)+2*2)/1+1$ and $d=50$. This layer has a total of $64 \times 64 \times 50 = 204800$ neurons. Furthermore, every 204800 neurons is linked to a kernel region that is based locally. We strided 70 $3 \times 3 \times 1$ convolutional filters amongst an input image using a strider 1 on the next two Convolutional layers.





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The filters are initially assigned random values and subsequently applied to the training dataset. The activation function is the next stage.

Relu Activation Function

For bringing non-linearity into the weights contained in intermediate layers of CNN, traditional CNN architectures use the Rectified Linear Unit (ReLU) activation function [14][15]. While the architecture we propose uses the concept of Leaky ReLU to solve the dying ReLU problem, which states that when a negative gradient is present, the ReLU activation function completely reduces to zero, the leaky ReLU does not do so, as shown by the following equation, because it does have zero slopes present in a negative direction (2). This function is used to indicate a unique identification of potential features. As a result, Leaky ReLU produces output images of 64x64x50 pixels. To decompress into its original size, this productivity image must be sampled. As a result, the image is sent to the pooling layer to be sampled.

Pooling Layer

The input facial image is turned to an image stack after the convolution layer. The implementation of the pooling layer, which is how we shrink the image stack, is the next stage, and it's very straightforward. Pooling is used to reduce the spatial size of the input. By decreasing image feature dimensions and calculations, pooling prevents overfitting. Pooling creates a network that is immune to minor biases and changes. It also ensures that a scale-invariant depiction of the facial image is obtained. Max, Min, and Average Pooling are three different types of pooling. The max-pooling algorithm is used in a suggested OCNN model. We'll start with a 2x2 pixel window size. Choose a stride of 2 and traverse your window in stride through a filtered image that is the result of an earlier convolutional layer, ensuring that each window takes the maximum value. As a result, the pooling layer provides a 32x32x50 output image.

The pooling layer's output images are sent to the second convolutionally based layer as an input image. 70 kernels of 3x3x1 size have been added to the second layer. The remaining parameters are identical to those used in the first convolutional layer. After applying the Leaky ReLU activation function to the second layer, the result is 64x64x70, followed by max pooling for resampling the facial image. In the third convolutional layer, apply the method again using 70 kernels of dimensions 3x3x1, resulting in output volumes measuring 64x64x70 images. All kernels are given a randomized value at the start. For obtaining the facial image features, the kernel's value is altered at each epoch. Following image sampling, the image is transmitted to a fully connected layer for neuron overlapping reduction and error minimization.

Fully Connected Layer

Neurons in this layer are linked to all activation from a previous layer. Simple matrix multiplication is performed here, coupled with a bias offset. Furthermore, when two or more connected neurons detect the same facial often characteristics, neurons are whispered to ensure established codependency for co-adaption on all neurons, which raises the problem of overfitting. In this type of case, a dropout function is used in our work to eliminate such complexity by neglecting neurons random sets during the training phase. The DropOut function disables nodes at random, preventing learning or pattern-based updates. After that, the proposed OCNN uses 256 dense layers and softmax classifiers to classify the facial images.

Soft Max Classifier

The likelihood of each class label is provided by the Softmax classifier, while the loss of the hinge provides the margin. It is considerably easier for us to evaluate probabilities than it is to interpret marginal scores as humans (such as loss of hinge and loss of squared hinge). We also look at the rank-5 precision of Convolutional Neural Networks for datasets like Image Net (where we check to see if the ground-truth label for a specified input image is in the top-5 expected labels returned by a network). The softmax classifier has selected the correct category for classifying the facial photos. There must also be a change in the weights due to the fundamental randomness in weights. The OCNN model is implemented systematically. Remember that each of the k output neurons, which connects to all of the





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neurons in the previous levels, is related to facial in some way. The quantity of output neurones must correspond to the number of face patients in each group.

Proposed OCNN Learning Algorithm

Step 1 Facial images with discrete width and height were included in the dataset. We needed a 64x64x1 facial image for the planned OCNN. As a result, pre-process the facial image to obtain the desired input image size. A grayscale image that is an executable represented as $x(w,h,d)$, where h is the height, w is the width, and d is the depth ($d=1$) is one of the model's inputs. Before feeding an input image to the OCNN system for smoothing and noise removal, it is also necessary to perform image initialization.

Step 2 The input image for the convolutional layer was $I(w \times h)$, with a $(f_1 \times f_2)$ kernel filter F and constant bias b . The convolutional layer output is as follows:

$$(I * F)_{ij} = \sum_{m=0}^{f_1-1} \sum_{n=0}^{f_2-1} F_{m,n} \cdot I_{i+m,j+n} + b \quad (1)$$

Where $0 \leq i \leq w - f_1$ and $0 \leq j \leq h - f_2$

Step 3 The equation (2) gives the leaky ReLU activation function, which is used on convolution maps to map a specific output to a specific input.

$$f(x) = \{0.01x \text{ for } x < 0, x \text{ for } x \geq 0\} \quad (2)$$

x – The actual value of a pixel.

Step 4 Pooling Layer: Choose a stride, commonly 2 or 3, and walk your window in stride across the filtered image, taking the maximum value for each window, a process known as down sampling. Pool Layer generates a volume $[w_1 \times h_1 \times d_1]$, where w_1 , h_1 , and d_1 are calculated using equations (3), (4), and (5):

$$w_1 = \frac{w - f}{s} + 1 \quad (3)$$

$$h_1 = \frac{h - f}{s} + 1 \quad (4)$$

$$d_1 = d \quad (5)$$

Step 5 Fully connected layer: At the end of the process, all of the features are concatenated into a single vector derived from previous layers.

Consider

The input to unit a_i^l (i^{th} unit in layer l). The output of unit a_i^l .

$f(x)$: Activation function.

w_{ij}^l : Weight from some unit

The weight of the CNN is optimized using COA Profit function.

$a_i^{l'}$: Output to some other unit $a_i^{l'=1}$

L : Output layer, l : the hidden layer.

E : The squared error function.

Forward Propagation

Step 1 The outcome of step 1 is utilized to compute the inputs for the following layer

$$P_i^l = \sum_j w_{ji}^{l-1} Q_j^{l-1} \quad (6)$$

Step 2 Calculate the activations for the layer whose input is known

$$Q_j^l = f(x) + Q_j^{l-1} \quad (7)$$

Where $f(x)$ is calculated by equation (2).





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Step 3 For the productivity layer, reiterate steps 1 and 2 of the forward propagation procedure.

Backward Propagation

Step 1 Computing error at the output layer L

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial Q_j^L} = \frac{dE}{dQ_j^L} Q_j^L \quad (8)$$

Step 2 Calculate the partial derivative of the error concerning the image input of a neuron at the first layer l for which mistakes are known to update bias.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial P_j^l} = f(P_j^l) \left(\frac{dE}{dQ_j^l} \right) \quad (9)$$

$$b_j = b_j - b_{j-1} \frac{\partial E}{\partial P_j^l} \quad (10)$$

Step 3 Compute the error at a lower layer utilising a partial derivative of the error, as seen in step 1.

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial Q_j^l} = \sum w_{ij}^l \left(\frac{dE}{dP_j^{l+1}} \right) \quad (11)$$

Step 4 Back propagation steps 2 and 3 are performed until partial derivatives of errors are identified at all layers accepting an input layer.

Step 5 Calculation of the error's gradient:

$$\frac{\partial E}{\partial w_{ij}^l} = Q_j^l \left(\frac{\partial E}{\partial P_j^{l+1}} \right) \quad (12)$$

Step 6 Repeat steps 2–5 until the error is less than or equal to the minimum error (chosen by the programmer)

Step 7 Following step 6, the trained model is prepared. For the classification of the testing facial image, use this model.

Convolution operation extracts various features after the kernel for those features is known. The OCNN possesses no prior understanding of an individual's characteristics or the totality of attributes. The convolution layer will be unable of extracting any one feature. In forward propagation, the convolution layer predicted the features, then back propagation attempted to refine those predictions successively. After training, numerous filters are bypassed in favour of error minimization, and eventually, convolution retrieves features that were previously undetectable. The proposed OCNN model extracts anonymous characteristics from facial images using three convolution layers, the first with 50 filters and the other two with 70 filters each. Furthermore, once the training is completed, the precise nature of each feature can be determined.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Facial Emotion Dataset

The face emotion recognition dataset is taken from the Kaggle repository [24]. The dataset comprises the emotions of anger, disgust, fear, happiness, neutrality, sadness, and surprise. For this paper, 100 images from each emotion category are considered to evaluate the performance of the proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN) approach for the classification of facial images with existing feature extraction techniques like Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) clustering-based Feature Extraction method using three classification techniques like OCNN, CNN and ANN.





Performance Metrics

Table 1 illustrates the performance metrics employed in this study report.

Table 2 depicts the Detection Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Support Vector Machine clustering-based feature extraction techniques processed image datasets. From the table 2, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives maximum detection rate than other classifiers.

Table 3 depicts the Sensitivity (in %) obtained by the Proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Support Vector Machine clustering-based feature extraction techniques processed image datasets. From the table 3, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives maximum sensitivity than other classifiers.

Table 4 depicts the Specificity (in %) obtained by the Proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Support Vector Machine clustering-based feature extraction techniques processed image datasets. From the table 4, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives maximum specificity than other classifiers.

Table 6 depicts the False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Support Vector Machine clustering-based feature extraction techniques processed image datasets. From the table 6, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives reduced FPR than other classifiers.

Table 7 depicts the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN), Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) and Artificial Neural Network (ANN) with Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Independent Component Analysis (ICA), Support Vector Machine clustering-based feature extraction techniques processed image datasets. From the table 7, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives reduced miss rate than other classifiers.

CONCLUSION

Accurate study and interpretation of the emotional content of human facial expressions are essential for a comprehensive understanding of human behaviour. Although a human can automatically detect and interpret faces and facial emotions with little or no effort, computer systems still confront a significant barrier in recognizing accurate and robust facial expressions. Different face expressions can be easily sorted into their appropriate classes using an effective classification technique. In this paper, an Optimized Convolutional Neural Network (OCNN) classifier is proposed to classify the human facial expression. Cuckoo Optimization Algorithm (COA) is used to optimize the weight of the CNN layers and ReLU activation function is used in this proposed OCNN is used to correctly classify the facial images. From the results obtained, it is clear that the proposed OCNN gives more accuracy, specificity, sensitivity and precision and also it reduced the miss rate, false positive rate and false discovery rate when it is compared against other classifiers like CNN, and ANN with different feature extraction techniques.

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Table 1. Performance Metrics used in this paper

Performance Metrics	Equation
Detection Rate	$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + FP + FN}$
Sensitivity	$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$
Specificity	$\frac{TN}{TN + FP}$
False Positive Rate	1- Specificity
Miss Rate	1-Sensitivity

Table 2. Detection Rate (in %) obtained by Proposed OCNN, ANN, and CNN classification techniques with PCA, ICA and SVM based feature extraction techniques

Feature Extraction Techniques	Detection Rate obtained (in %) Classification Techniques		
	OCNN	CNN	ANN
PCA	63.27	54.78	52.73
ICA	69.82	57.73	54.78
SVM	73.34	62.46	61.49

Table 3. Sensitivity (in %) obtained by Proposed OCNN, ANN, and CNN classification techniques with PCA, ICA and SVM based feature extraction techniques

Feature Extraction Techniques	Sensitivity obtained (in %) Classification Techniques		
	OCNN	CNN	ANN
PCA	62.18	52.25	50.76
ICA	68.71	54.23	54.79
SVM	72.24	66.74	58.63

Table 5. Specificity (in %) obtained by Proposed OCNN, ANN, and CNN classification techniques with PCA, ICA and SVM based feature extraction techniques

Feature Extraction Techniques	Specificity obtained (in %) Classification Techniques		
	OCNN	CNN	ANN
PCA	63.29	54.25	52.80
ICA	69.63	55.36	52.57
SVM	73.33	62.87	57.49





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Table 6. False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by Proposed OCNN, ANN, and CNN classification techniques with PCA, ICA and SVM based feature extraction techniques

Feature Extraction Techniques	False Positive Rate obtained (in %) Classification Techniques		
	OCNN	CNN	ANN
PCA	36.71	45.75	47.2
ICA	30.37	44.64	47.43
SVM	26.67	37.13	42.51

Table 7. Miss Rate (in %) obtained by Proposed OCNN, ANN, and CNN classification techniques with PCA, ICA and SVM based feature extraction techniques

Feature Extraction Techniques	Miss Rate obtained (in %) Classification Techniques		
	OCNN	CNN	ANN
PCA	37.82	47.75	49.24
ICA	31.29	45.77	45.21
SVM	27.76	33.26	41.37





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Optimization-Based Framework for Identifying Black Hole Attacks in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks

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ABSTRACT

A mobile ad-hoc network (MANET) is a dynamically created wireless network of mobile nodes. In a MANET, it is presumed that all nodes can collaboratively transfer data packets through a multi-hop approach. Certain hostile nodes, conversely, decline to collaborate with other nodes and induce network disruption by disseminating inaccurate routing information. Any node in a MANET may join or exit the network at any moment. Utilising specified routing protocols and mobility models, nodes can transmit and receive data. MANETs are susceptible to numerous network layer assaults owing to the absence of a centralised infrastructure. Network layer assaults, including Worm Hole, Black Hole, Grey Hole, Byzantine, and Sybil assaults, compromise network topology, leading to data loss and network degradation. A node asserts that it possesses the shortest routes to all destinations in the Black Hole Attack. This node utilises the routing mechanism to eat all data packets in the network, hence diminishing network performance. This work use optimisation algorithms to identify the black hole node in the MANET. The optimisation methods Artificial Bee Colony (ABC) and Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) are integrated to detect the singular black hole assault within the network. The efficacy of the proposed Optimisations based on Single Black Hole Attack (OSBHA).

Keywords: Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANET), Denial of Service Attacks, Black Hole Attack, Optimization Algorithm, Malicious Node.





INTRODUCTION

Due to the current proliferation of cutting-edge technology, mobile ad-hoc networks (MANETs) have gained a major reputation in recent years (i.e., smartphones, tablets, personal digital assistants, etc.) 1st. Nodes are wirelessly linked to each other to pass data packets due to the dynamic world. Since data packets are transported between nodes over an open medium with no central support, nodes can exchange information at any time in the network. If the source and destination nodes are not in the same range, the communication's reliability is solely dependent on the intermediate nodes' ability to reliably forward data packets. If it is close to the source node, an intermediate node acts as a host and communicates directly with it, while if it is far away from the destination node, it acts as a router [2]. Conversely, wireless nodes possess constrained resources, including diminished battery capacity, restricted memory, and limited bandwidth. The MANET was established to facilitate rapid and effortless communication among nodes. It is utilised in combat zones, emergency assistance, rescue missions, maritime communication, personal or commercial data transmission, and locations lacking wired connectivity. The establishment of the MANET requires no specialised infrastructure and is cost-effective to deploy in any location [3] [4]. When a source node must transmit data packets via an open medium to a designated node, it employs multi-hop transmission utilising intermediate nodes. Malicious nodes can readily infiltrate the network because of its dynamic topology, unstructured nature, open medium, and high node mobility. Malicious nodes attempt to disrupt network resources by dropping data packets, stealing important information, or manipulating data packets, resulting in undesirable outcomes, a phenomenon known as a Denial of Service (DoS) attack [5].

Background Study on Black Hole Attack

A Denial-of-Service (DoS) attack is any event that reduces or removes a network's ability to perform its intended purpose. The objective is to obstruct network services to nodes, leading to the loss of data packets and a decrease in network bandwidth by restricting authorised users from accessing resources [6]. Figure 1 illustrates the classification of DoS attacks. Denial of Service (DoS) attacks in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) are categorised into two types: absolute packet drop attacks, known as black hole attacks, and partial packet drop attacks, referred to as grey hole attacks [7]. Black hole attacks can be divided into three categories: single hole attacks, multiple attacks, and collective attacks. A solitary node or a cluster of nodes may partake in malevolent actions, as their designations imply. A grey hole attack, conversely, constitutes a partial packet drop attack. It can be categorised into two sorts of attacks: sequence-based attacks and clever grey hole attacks.

Black Hole Attacks

A black hole attack is a prominent type of Denial of Service (DoS) attack. In MANETs, it is referred to as a comprehensive packet drop attack. Due to the open medium and intricate topology of MANETs, a black hole node can effortlessly and covertly infiltrate the network. Black hole nodes become apparent throughout the route finding phase. At the outset, there exists no legitimate path from the source node to the destination node. To initiate route discovery, the source node transmits a route request (RREQ) packet to the intermediary nodes. Upon receiving an RREQ packet from a source node, a genuine node forwards it to the subsequent node unless it is the destination node; conversely, when a black hole node receives an RREQ, it transmits a fraudulent route reply (RREP) with an elevated sequence number to dominate the route discovery process. The sequence number is utilised to ascertain the route's recency or the frequency of its modification. The black hole node misleads the source node into thinking it possesses a genuine, concise, and current route to the destination node, notwithstanding the absence of such a route. The black hole node transmits a signal to the source node and participates in the network's pathway between the source node and the destination node. Once the route is established, the source node initiates the transmission of data packets to the black hole node, which then discards all packets without relaying them to the destination node [8][9][10].



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Sivanesh, S., and V.R. Sarma Dhulipala [11] To identify the most susceptible packet dropping attack, termed a black hole attack, researchers developed the 'Accurate and Cognitive Intrusion Detection Method' (ACIDS). This approach evaluates parameters including Destination Sequence Number (DSN) and Route Reply (RREP) to identify intruders by finding anomalies in the typical behaviour of these parameters. Elmahdi, Elbasher, Seong-Moo Yoo, and Kumar Sharshembiev [12] suggested a novel method, grounded in a modified ad-hoc on-demand multipath distance vector (AOMDV) protocol, to provide reliable and steady data transmission in MANETs amidst probable blackhole attacks. We partition the message into multiple pathways to the destination and encrypt it using a homomorphic encryption algorithm. The suggested approach maintains consistent performance despite a high packet delivery ratio, whereas AOMDV's performance becomes impaired when malicious nodes infiltrate the network.

Rameshkumar, S. G., and G. Mohan [13] introduced a modified Ad-hoc on-demand Distance Vector (AODV) that incorporates timeout duration analysis for each transmitted packet from the nodes, with queuing analysis, to determine the average, minimum, and maximum packet transmission delays. The original AODV protocol was revised to employ timeout duration analysis for the identification of malevolent nodes, which should be transformed into singular or cooperative black hole nodes and subsequently removed from the network. Cherkaoui, Badreddine, Abderrahim Beni-hssane, and Mohammed Erritali [14] provided a novel method for detecting such an attack in a VANET network during contact. This approach is based on a variable control map, which is commonly used in industry to measure the output of a process. By installing the monitoring device in each receiving node within the network, this approach will detect malicious nodes in real time.

Kumar, Ankit, et al [15] For detecting black hole attacks, a reliable AODV routing protocol was developed. The suggested approach is an enhanced variant of the original AODV routing system, featuring better RREQ and RREP packet protocols. A cryptographic function-based encryption and decryption mechanism is incorporated to authenticate the source and destination nodes for enhanced security. Aranganathan, A., Suriyakala, C. D., and Vedanarayanan, V. [16] The proposed Software Agents-based Black Hole attacks Detection and Prevention in Clustering Ad hoc On-Demand Distance Vector (SABHDP-CAODV) routing protocol, in contrast to current routing protocols, relies on the distinct identity of legitimate nodes, location-based distance computation, threshold timing, and simulation metrics including packet delivery ratio, throughput, average end-to-end delay, and network routing overhead.

Bhardwaj, Suyash, and Vivek Kumar [17] exhibited In AODV, we use a Secure Cooperative Neighbour-Based Approach to detect and avoid black hole attacks right from the outset. This method allows each node to communicate with its neighbour in a safe, reliable, and fast manner while also protecting against routing attacks by taking a different path when locating an intruder. Gayathri, V. M., and P. Supraja [18] Worried about a network black hole attack that results in the loss of packets intended for the destination. This article additionally includes comparative results of many performance aspects based on the utilised scenario. It compares the consequences of intruder nodes both with and without their presence. Regression Based Intruder Detections (RBIDS) is a technique designed to enhance network efficiency through the identification of hostile nodes. This program measures the output of each individual node over time utilising regression values. Khan, Dost Muhammad, et al [19] The use of Ant Colony Optimization Technique and Repetitive Route Configuration with Reactive Routing Protocol to prevent Black Hole Attacks in mobile ad-hoc networks was discussed. This study demonstrated that the application of ACO in conjunction with the Reactive Routing Protocol yielded enhanced throughput and improved defence against Black Hole Attacks, achieving a 10% increase in throughput and a 27% decrease in packet loss compared to the Least Cost Path Protocol.

Ponnusamy, Muruganantham [20] In a Mobile Ad-hoc Network, nodes that are located in an open environment and travel randomly from one location to another are vulnerable to security threats. Consequently, in MANET, the node credibility and energy-efficient model is employed to mitigate the disruption produced by selfish nodes and to eliminate them from the system during routing processes. The network's reputable and energy-efficient nodes are





marked, and data transmission follows safe paths. The malicious nodes, on the other hand, are not cooperating with each other in this reputation scheme. The reputed nodes are identified by examining the contact ratio between them.

Proposed Optimization Based Single Black Hole Detection in Manet

A successful metaheuristic algorithm combines exploitation of prior information gathered at some point during the search process with exploration of new areas in the search space, which can lead to more optimal results. Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is an optimizer based on the social behaviour of flocking birds and schooling fish. It appears to have a strong ability to efficiently explore and exploit the search space by using a variety of factors that affect exploitation versus exploration. The equations used to change the swarm's current location, best previous position, and flying velocity are as follows. Each node (particle) track three values directly in the procedure: its current location (X_i), the optimum route position it arrived in previous cycles (P_i), and its flying velocity (V_i).

$$\text{Present Position } X_i = (x_{i1}, x_{i2}, \dots, x_{is}) \quad (1)$$

$$\text{Finest Previous Position } P_i = (p_{i1}, p_{i2}, \dots, p_{is}) \quad (2)$$

$$\text{Flying Velocity } V_i = (v_{i1}, v_{i2}, \dots, v_{is}) \quad (3)$$

The location(position)(P_g) denotes the global optimal route path on the entire MANET for each time interval (cycle). As a result, every node (particle) improves its velocity V_i in order to get closer to the best route path g , as shown below:

$$\text{New } V_i = \omega + \text{current } V_i + c_1 \times \text{rand}() \times (P_i - X_i) + c_2 \times \text{Rand}() \times (P_i - X_i) \quad (4)$$

As a result, the particle's productive location when using the novel velocity V_i is:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{New position } X_i &= \text{Current position } X_i + \text{New } V_i \\ V_{max} &\geq V_i \\ &\geq -V_{max} \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Where $c_1 = c_2 = 2 \rightarrow$ two positive constants provide learning parameters, $\text{rand}()$ and $\text{Rand}()$ indicate two random purposes in the ranges $[0,1]$, V_{max} represents the upper limit on the maximum change of particle velocity, gives inertia weight engaged as an improvement to direct the authority of the previous history of velocities on the current velocity, and it provides local and global search, and it is initiated to diminish linearly with time from a worth of $1.4 - 0.5$. Conversely, the ABC excels in identifying local optima because to its dual phases of employee and observer, both referred to as local search operators. The observing bees directly approach one of the foraging bees' superior nectar sources.

ABC is primarily concerned with identifying strategies that enhance local search. The key difference between working bees and onlooker bees is that the latter selects a solution based on the likelihood of it having a high fitness benefit. Furthermore, the *scout* step of the ABC algorithm implements global search, resulting in a slower convergence speed during the search process.

Algorithm: Optimization based Black Hole Attack (OBHA) Detection

Input: Objective function $f(x)$, and constraints.

Step 1: Parameter Initialization: MG (Maximum Number of Generation); FS (Number of Food Source); Limit; Swarm social and cognitive components; $\text{rand}()$ and $\text{Rand}()$; inertia; V_{max} .

Step 2: Initialization of Population: The swarm's population $a_i = (i = 1, 2, \dots, FS)$, step vector $\Delta a_i = (i = 1, 2, \dots, FS)$;

Step 3: Set Prob = 0.1 and Generation iteration = 0;

Step 4: Starting Iterations (it)

Step 4.1: While it $\leq$ MG do

Step 4.1.1: for $i = 1, 2, \dots, FN$





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Step 4.1.1.1: if $rand \leq Prob$ then

1. Begin of PSO
2. Calculate the number of nodes in networks as initial population of N solutions(particles);
3. For each node $i \in N$; Calculate the Fitness (i) depending on DRI table.
4. Consider the weight factor and inertia.
5. For each node;
 - Set p_{Best} as the best route position of nodes (particle) i;
 - 6. If fitness (i) is better than p_{Best} in the current route.
 - 7. $p_{Best(i)} = fitness(i)$
 - 8. End;
 - 9. Set g_{Best} as the best fitness of all particles (nodes)
 - 10. If a particle $p_{Best} > g_{Best}$
 - Update velocity of that particle using equation (4)
 - Update position of that particle using equation (5)
 - 11. Else
 - Update the value of the weight, and inertia.
 - 12. End if
 - 13. Evaluate the fitness value of each candidate solution
 - 14. Apply a greedy selection process to select the best one;
15. If a solution does not improve, $trail_i = trail_i + 1$, otherwise $trail_i = 0$
16. Check and correct the new positions based on the boundaries of variables.
17. End Process of PSO.

Step 4.1.1.2: else

1. Input: A particle position x_i
2. Select high fitness values from all x_i .
3. Calculate the probability values p for the selected x_i using $Pr_i = \left(\frac{fit_i}{\sum_{l=1}^{FS} fit_l} \right)$
4. For each of particle bee do
 - If $rand(0,1) \leq P$ then
 - Update a new produced solution x_i by using
 - $fit_i = 1 + c_1 c_2 \omega(fit_i)$ or $\left(\frac{1}{1} + fit_i \right)$
 - $x_{ij} = x_{ij} + \phi_{ij}(x_{ij} - x_{kj})$
 - Apply a greedy selection process to select the best solution.
 - End if

5. End for

6. Output: the new position x_i

Step 4.1.1.3: end if (Scout Bee Modification Phase)

1. Input: A particle bee position x_i
2. Update a new produced solution x_i using equation (6)
3. Apply a greedy selection process to select the best solution.
4. Output: the new position x_i

Step 4.1.2: end for

Step 4.2: end while

Step 5: The best node (Genuine Node)

The primary contribution of optimization-based single black hole attack detection lies in two significant enhancements: firstly, the alteration of the scout bee process inside the ABC algorithm to augment search variety and mitigate the deficiencies in global search efficiency inherent to the ABC method. The second upgrade is integrating PSO operators from PSO into ABC to replace the conventional first stage of ABC (employee bee phase). The Scout bee modification process plays a similar role in the proposed algorithm as it did in the original ABC algorithm. The





proposed algorithm will search to see if there are any exhausted sources that should be abandoned after both the *particle-bee* and onlooker bee phases are completed. To determine if the source should be abandoned, special counters are used. When a particle-bee fails to generate superior solutions in prior processes, these counters are increased. If the counter value surpasses the parameter limit, the food source is substituted with a new source, resulting in the formation of a new scout bee from the particle-bee. The upgraded scout bee utilises equation (6) to generate a new food source, substituting the abandoned source s_i .

$$s_i^{t+1} = 0.5 \times rand \times (s_i^t - \text{best solution}) \quad (6)$$

According to the suggested method, only one source may be depleted in each iteration, and only one particle-bee can serve as a scout. If multiple counters surpass the limit value, the software may select one of the maximum counters. In the original ABC, the scout bee mechanism generates solutions randomly, introducing diversity to the search process. Consequently, the convergence rate will diminish due to the iterations. The proposed algorithm's revised scout bee step maintains search diversity by randomly selecting a new food source, facilitating effective exploration. However, it also induces exploitation by taking into account the best solution to date and generating a new solution based on both the current and optimal solutions, as illustrated in Equation (6).

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Simulation Parameters

The following table 1 depicts the simulation parameters used in this research work.

The evaluation metrics like Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR), Detection Rate, Routing Overhead, Throughput, and Average end-to-end delay are considered in this research work to evaluate the performance of the proposed methodology for finding the single black hole in the network. The efficacy of the proposed Optimization-based Black Hole Attack (OBHA) Detection is evaluated using PSO-based AODV and ABC-based AODV protocols.

Table 2 illustrates the Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) achieved by the Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols in relation to the number of nodes. Table 2 clearly demonstrates that the suggested OBHA detection method yields a higher Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) in comparison to previous optimisation strategies based on the AODV protocol. Table 3 depicts the Detection Rate (DR) obtained by Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC based AODV protocols against number of nodes. From the table 3, it is clear that the proposed OBHA detection method gives more detection rate when it is compared with other optimization techniques based AODV protocol. Table 4 illustrates the Routing Overhead achieved by the Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols in relation to the number of nodes. Table 4 demonstrates that the suggested OBHA detection approach diminishes routing overhead compared to previous optimisation techniques based on the AODV protocol.

Table 5 illustrates the Throughput achieved by the Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols in relation to the number of nodes. From the table 5, it is clear that the proposed OBHA detection method gives more throughput when it is compared with other optimization techniques based AODV protocol. Table 6 illustrates the Average End-to-End latency achieved by the Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols in relation to the number of nodes. From the table 6, it is clear that the proposed OBHA detection method reduced End-to-End delay when it is compared with other optimization techniques based AODV protocol.

CONCLUSION

Concerns about computer network protection have been extensively debated and popularised in recent years. However, the conversation has traditionally focused on static and wired networking, with mobile and ad-hoc networking problems receiving little attention. Since mobile ad-hoc networks (MANET) vary greatly from wired networks, the advent of such new networking techniques poses new challenges also for the fundamentals of routing.





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A prevalent security exploit in mobile ad hoc networks is the black hole phenomenon. During the route detection method in a Black hole attack, a spiteful node promotes that it has the best path to the target node. When it receives a Route Request (RREQ) packet, it broadcasts a false RREP to the resource node right away. The source node obtains the Route Reply (RREP) from the spiteful node first, before receiving all other RREPs. When the source node starts broadcasting the information packet to the end using this path, the spiteful node drops all packets instead of forwarding no information. This will diminish the network's longevity and the system's memory retention. This study combines optimisation algorithms, specifically PSO and ABC, to identify individual black hole nodes in the MANET. The proposed OBHA is assessed by multiple evaluation measures, including Packet Delivery Ratio, Detection Rate, Throughput, Average End-to-End Latency, and Routing Overhead, within the AODV routing protocol utilising PSO and ABC for single black hole node detection. The suggested OBHA approach, in comparison to current optimization-based AODV routing protocols, demonstrated a reduction in routing overhead and average latency, while enhancing the packet delivery ratio, detection rate, and throughput, as indicated by the findings.

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Table 1: Simulation Parameters

Parameters	Values
Routing protocol	Ad-hoc On-Demand Distance Vector
Transmitter range	300m
Simulation time	200s
Bandwidth	2 Mbits/s
Scenario size	1000 9 1000 m ²
Number of nodes	80
Packet size	64 bytes
Traffic type	Constant Bit Rate
Rate	4 packets/s
Simulator	NS2

Table 2: Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) obtained by Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC based AODV protocols against number of nodes

Number of Nodes	Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) by AODV protocols		
	Proposed OBHA	PSO	ABC
90	92.63	84.34	85.81
100	92.81	84.73	86.20
110	93.27	85.14	86.57
120	93.74	85.88	87.14
130	94.31	86.24	87.96
140	94.82	86.55	88.22





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150	95.21	87.17	88.63
160	95.78	87.86	89.12

Table 3: Detection Rate achieved by the Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols relative to the number of nodes

Number of Nodes	Detection Rate by AODV protocols		
	Proposed OBHA	PSO	ABC
10	93.14	85.45	86.43
20	93.92	86.95	87.38
30	94.69	85.73	87.95
40	94.93	86.79	88.26
50	95.52	87.45	89.17
60	95.97	87.92	89.64
70	96.52	88.36	89.81
80	96.89	88.84	90.24

Table 4: Routing Overhead obtained by Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC based AODV protocols against number of nodes

Number of Nodes	Routing Overhead (in bytes) by AODV protocols		
	Proposed OBHA	PSO	ABC
10	3014	3576	3312
20	3373	3693	3427
30	3499	4125	4238
40	3658	4439	4529
50	4189	4817	4711
60	4357	5358	5289
70	4745	5947	5817
80	5264	6556	6429

Table 5: Throughput (Kbps) obtained by Proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC based AODV protocols against number of nodes

Number of Nodes	Throughput (Kbps) by AODV protocols		
	Proposed OBHA	PSO	ABC
10	68.17	58.42	64.181
20	69.49	60.64	66.26
30	71.57	62.82	67.51
40	72.78	63.74	68.43
50	73.56	64.38	69.52
60	75.78	65.59	70.77
70	78.96	66.47	71.96
80	79.81	68.56	72.885

Table 6: Average end-to-end delay achieved by the proposed OBHA detection, PSO, and ABC-based AODV protocols relative to the number of nodes.

Number of Nodes	Average End-to-End delay (Seconds) by AODV protocols		
	Proposed OBHA	PSO	ABC
10	0.08	0.17	0.11
20	0.12	0.21	0.19





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30	0.18	0.29	0.24
40	0.25	0.32	0.31
50	0.34	0.44	0.39
60	0.45	0.58	0.55
70	0.52	0.71	0.63
80	0.61	0.86	0.82





RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Enduring Significance of Literature in the Digital Age: A Comprehensive Exploration

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ABSTRACT

Literature, an ever-evolving facet of human culture, continues to play a pivotal role in contemporary society, offering a rich reservoir of emotions and experiences. Despite the relentless march of progress, literature retains its significance as a source of entertainment, enlightenment, and empathy. In an age dominated by digital media and rapid technological advancements, the significance of literature in shaping human consciousness and societal norms has become increasingly pronounced. This article delves into the multifaceted importance of literature in contemporary society, drawing upon diverse examples and insights from literary luminaries to underscore its enduring relevance in the digital age. Through meticulous analysis, it aims to elucidate literature's profound impact on human consciousness, societal norms, and cultural identity. Through an in-depth analysis of key themes and seminal works, this paper explores the profound impact of literature on human consciousness, societal norms, and cultural identity while also exploring its evolving role in navigating the complexities of the digital age.

Keywords: Literature, Contemporary society, Empathy, Critical Discourse, Cultural identity, Human consciousness, Digital age, Self-reflection, Collective memory, Cultural heritage, Digital Consumption and Cultural Materialism.





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INTRODUCTION

Literature, from the ageless prose of Charles Dickens to the transcendent verse of William Wordsworth, has long been used as a social mirror, capturing the joys, sorrows, and complexity of the human condition. The classic quotation from Charles Bukowski, "Without literature, life is hell," captures the transformational potential of literature. This introduction lays the groundwork for an examination of literature's continuing relevance in current society. It does this by fusing the perspectives of literary greats with modern academics to highlight the many ways that literature shapes both societal standards and individual viewpoints.

Literature as a Reflection of Human Experience

Literature is fundamentally a storehouse of human experience, encapsulating the rainbow of feelings, hardships, and victories that make up our lives. Literature offers a glimpse into the human psyche, from the epic tales of Homer's *Odyssey* to the moving sonnets of Elizabeth Barrett Browning. C.S. Lewis noted astutely that "Literature adds to reality, it does not simply describe it," emphasizing the capacity of creative imagination to transform. We explore how literature replicates societal ideals, cultural conventions, and individual psyches, providing important insights into the human condition through an analysis of influential works spanning numerous genres and historical epochs. Furthermore, literature has the reflecting ability to shape reality in addition to merely recording it. "Word after word after word is power," as Margaret Atwood once said. Literature can even spark social change by influencing readers' perceptions through tales and character development. Books like Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird* and George Orwell's *1984* have not only reflected societal challenges but also generated important discussions and efforts toward justice and equity.

The Role of Literature in Fostering Empathy and Understanding

The power of literature to promote empathy and understanding among people beyond time, place, and circumstance is one of its most enduring legacies. Literature allows readers to experience the lives of individuals that are very different from their own, from the existential sorrow of Albert Camus' *The Stranger* to the moral complexity of Leo Tolstoy's *Anna Karenina*. *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee eloquently states, "You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view... until you climb into his skin and walk around in it." We shed light on how literature fosters empathy, compassion, and cross-cultural understanding, enhancing the richness of the human experience via an examination of a variety of literary works. Moreover, research from science confirms the literature's contribution to empathy. Reading fiction regularly improves one's ability to comprehend the feelings and perspectives of others, according to research by Raymond Mar and colleagues. In our increasingly globalized world, empathy—which is fostered by literary engagement—is crucial for creating more peaceful and cooperative communities.

Literature as a Catalyst for Critical Discourse

Literature encourages critical discourse, which challenges prevalent beliefs and challenges readers to question accepted conventions, in addition to its role in building empathy. Literature has long been used as a tool for dissent and social change, from the feminist critiques of Virginia Woolf's *A Room of One's Own* to the stinging social satire of George Orwell's *Animal Farm*. According to Salman Rushdie, "Literature is the one place in any society where, within the secrecy of our heads, we can hear voices talking about everything in every possible way." We demonstrate how literature may elicit reflection, foster discussion, and motivate group action by analyzing literary works that tackle urgent social challenges. The ability of literature to provoke and question is not just ancient but also current. This tradition is carried on by modern writers like Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Ta-Nehisi Coates, who tackle racial, gender, and power-related issues while challenging readers to face hard realities and push for change. James Baldwin once said, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."



**Sathees Kumar****The Evolution of Literature in the Digital Age**

The emergence of digital technologies in the twenty-first century has caused a significant shift in literature. Literature has embraced new distribution channels, such as e-books and internet platforms, increasing its reach and accessibility to previously unheard-of heights. Neil Gaiman pointed out quite wisely "You can search for 100,000 solutions on Google. You can get the appropriate one back from a librarian." This section examines how the digital age has affected literary discourse evolution and patterns of literary consumption. We find new avenues for literary engagement, creative expression, and cooperative storytelling by looking at the nexus between technology and literature. Digital platforms have made literature more accessible to all people and have given marginalized voices a worldwide audience. Literature is now a more dynamic and interactive field because of the growth of new literary criticism and discussion formats supported by social media and online communities. But there are drawbacks to this digital revolution as well. Traditional publishing is in decline, and there is the issue of whether digital content is as permanent as printed books.

Literature as a Cultural Artifact

Literature is a cultural artifact that captures the spirit of the times it is written in and provides insights into the sociopolitical forces that shape its production and reception. This purpose of writing is strengthened in the digital age as a wider range of voices and experiences are captured by digital platforms. Works that are released digitally or online frequently address current challenges of accessibility and immediacy in a way that traditional print media cannot equal. For example, the emergence of self-publishing platforms has made it possible for writers from a variety of backgrounds to tell their experiences without traditional publishing's gate keeping. Modern digital literature can work as a more representative and inclusive cultural artifact, representing the diversity of human experiences and identities, as a result of the democratization of literary production.

Digital Consumption and Cultural Materialism

The way that people read literature in the digital age is also a reflection of larger cultural and economic changes. The emergence of electronic books, audio books, and virtual literary communities has revolutionized reading practices, increasing accessibility to literature but simultaneously altering the nature of literary consumption. We are prompted to think about the economic effects of these shifts by cultural materialism. The old publishing businesses have been shaken by the growth of digital platforms, posing a challenge to the economic models that have long supported literary production. This change raises concerns about the worth of literary work in the digital age when digital content is frequently assumed to be free or inexpensive, as well as the viability of literary careers in this context. Furthermore, new literary expressions have emerged in the digital age, like trans media storytelling and interactive fiction, which combine text and multimedia components. These developments show how cultural objects are changing in a digital age when technology and literature combine to produce new forms of narrative.

The Significance of Grammar in Literary Expression

Even though the emergence of digital communication has changed the literary expression environment, grammatical principles are still essential for good narrative. Grammar proficiency raises the caliber of literary workmanship and increases reader engagement, as shown in the spare elegance of Ernest Hemingway and the lyrical prose of Toni Morrison. According to Mark Twain, "The difference between the almost right word and the right word is a large matter—'tis the difference between the lightning-bug and the lightning." We demonstrate how adherence to grammatical principles improves readability, coherence, and narrative effect in literature through a detailed analysis of stylistic choices and grammatical standards. Grammar is the framework of literature; it provides the order necessary for expression and creativity. The use of proper grammar guarantees accuracy and clarity, which helps writers to communicate difficult concepts and feelings. "Writing is an act of faith, not a trick of grammar, but it is not complete without the trick," as E.B. White said.

Literature as a Catalyst for Personal Growth and Self-Reflection

Beyond its role as a source of entertainment and enlightenment, literature catalyzes personal growth and self-reflection, inviting readers to confront existential questions and navigate the complexities of the human condition.





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From the bildungsroman of J.D. Salinger's *The Catcher in the Rye* to the philosophical musings of Hermann Hesse's *Siddhartha*, literature provides a mirror for introspection and a compass for moral exploration. As Marcel Proust famously wrote, "The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in having new eyes." Through an exploration of literary themes such as identity, alienation, and the search for meaning, we highlight literature's transformative potential in shaping individual perspectives and fostering emotional resilience. Novels like Elizabeth Gilbert's *Eat, Pray, Love* and Khaled Hosseini's *The Kite Runner* and other works that lead readers through themes of self-discovery, forgiveness, and redemption are prime examples of how literary characters' journeys reflect personal growth and provide readers with a means of navigating their own lives.

The Global Impact of English Literature

English literature has a special role in influencing cross-cultural interactions and promoting intercultural conversation because it is the universal language of communication worldwide. English literature has a global readership that transcends linguistic boundaries, from Chinua Achebe's postcolonial novels to William Shakespeare's timeless sonnets. The wise words of Maya Angelou once said, "We are more alike, my friends than we are unlike." This section traces the development of English literature across time and its ongoing contribution to the spread of global topics and the elevation of various voices. We celebrate the diversity and richness of the world's literary history by studying the works of both classic writers and modern voices, reaffirming literature's function as a unifying force across cultural divides and a witness to the universal human condition. The fact that English literature is read all over the world attests to its adaptability and relevance. English-language writers with varied cultural backgrounds, such as Arundhati Roy and Kazuo Ishiguro, demonstrate how English literature is still evolving and how it shapes and reflects global narratives.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, literature remains a cornerstone of human expression. As Frederick Buechner once said, true purpose lies where personal passion meets the world's deep need. Literature does just that—it connects, questions, consoles, and inspires. In engaging with literature, we not only learn about the world but also discover ourselves within it. Through stories, we gain courage to face life's harsh realities and the hope to imagine better futures. Albert Camus wrote of finding "an invincible summer" within the darkest winters—a metaphor for the resilience literature inspires. Let us continue to read, reflect, and reimagine, allowing literature to light the way.

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ABSTRACT

Breast Cancer (BC) is one of the most common and life-threatening cancers in women globally. Detection and proper determination at an early stage are required for successful treatment and enhancing survival rates. In this paper, an ensemble method based on Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) and Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) is presented for BC detection and classification from numerical features. The ensemble model utilizes the strengths of both architectures using the strength of DNNs in feature extraction and the strength of RNNs in temporal modeling. The proposed method uses numerical features from Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset (WBCD) of each patient records. Extensive experiments were performed using publicly available datasets of BC, and results show the outperformance of the ensemble method over individual models in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity. The proposed method is promising to support clinicians with informed decision-making and enhancing the diagnosis of BC.

Keywords: Breast Cancer Detection, Deep Learning, Ensemble Models, DNN, RNN, Feature Extraction and Classification.

INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is among the most dangerous and common cancers in women globally. Early diagnosis and accurate diagnosis of breast cancer are important in enhancing patient survival and lowering mortality rates. Artificial intelligence, and more specifically deep learning, has been a valuable asset over the last decade as a tool for the



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automation and optimization of breast cancer diagnosis and classification from diverse sources of information, such as medical images and numeric data. One of the promising techniques that have been investigated in the research community is the application of an ensemble of deep learning models for the classification and detection of breast cancer. The ensemble approach is the combination of the strengths of different neural network architectures, e.g., deep neural networks (DNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), to create a more efficient and robust decision-making system. The rationale behind this ensemble approach is to leverage the strengths of each deep learning model to detect diverse patterns and features in the data, and ultimately achieve improved performance in the detection and classification of breast cancer. By combining numerical data, such as gene expression data and other clinical data, with these deep learning approaches, researchers aim to develop holistic and effective computer-aided diagnostic systems that can assist clinicians in the early and accurate classification of breast cancer cases. This summary provides an overall impression of the potential of ensemble deep learning models such as DNNs and RNNs in breast cancer detection and classification from numerical data sets. The following sections will provide details of the specific methods, results, and implications described in the given scenario.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Gurcan, F., explored the use of ensemble and deep learning models [1] for breast cancer diagnosis, highlighting the effectiveness of stacking techniques combining models like LightGBM, CatBoost, and CNN. The study finds that CNN offers high accuracy and fast training, making it suitable for real-time diagnosis, and concludes that such hybrid approaches significantly improve early detection and decision-making in healthcare. Shahid, M., *et al.*, examined the use of deep learning in breast cancer detection [2], highlighting its ability to improve accuracy and sensitivity compared to traditional methods like mammography. It discusses the challenges and advancements in deep learning techniques, which have achieved accuracies up to 93.8%, and provides an overview of current approaches, ongoing issues, and future trends in breast cancer diagnosis. Shah, D., *et al.*, presented [3] an advanced ensemble method combining EfficientNet, AlexNet, ResNet, and DenseNet to enhance breast cancer diagnosis. Each CNN is uniquely optimized to improve feature extraction and classification accuracy. By integrating multiple networks, the ensemble achieves superior diagnostic performance, with 94.6% precision, 92.4% sensitivity, 96.1% specificity, and an AUC of 98.0%, demonstrating its potential to improve early detection and patient outcomes.

Batool, A., *et al.*, highlighted the effectiveness of ensemble machine learning techniques [4] for breast cancer detection, using the Wisconsin Breast Cancer Diagnostic dataset. The study introduces a voting ensemble classifier (ELRL-E) combining Extra Trees Classifier, LightGBM, Ridge Classifier, and Linear Discriminant Analysis, which outperformed individual and state-of-the-art models with 97.6% accuracy, 96.4% precision, 100% recall, and a 98.1% F1 score. The research emphasizes ensemble methods as optimal for classifying malignant and benign tumors, aiming to improve diagnostic accuracy and reliability. Nakach *et al.* analyzed [5] 47 studies on breast cancer classification using multimodal deep learning fusion (MDLF), combining data types like radiologic images, clinical data, histology, and gene expression. They found that MDLF improves diagnostic performance and generalizability, while noting challenges such as the need for larger datasets, better ensemble methods, and enhanced interpretability. Khourdifi, Y., *et al.*, discussed [6] advanced deep learning methods to improve the accuracy of breast cancer detection through mammography. It proposes an ensemble model combining VGG16, DenseNet121, and InceptionV3 CNN architectures for multi-scale feature extraction, tested on the INbreast and CBIS-DDSM datasets. The ensemble outperformed individual models, achieving up to 90.1% accuracy and reducing diagnostic errors. The study underscores the effectiveness of ensemble deep learning models as reliable decision-support tools for early breast cancer detection and improved clinical outcomes. Yu, X., *et al.*, introduced a new ensemble fuzzy model for breast cancer diagnosis [7] that combines deep learning classifiers—Inception-V4, Inception-ResNet, and Inception V3/V4 + BN—with fuzzy logic to improve diagnostic accuracy. Through adaptive priority assignment with a re-parameterized Gompertz function, the model efficiently manages the heterogeneity of breast cancer data. Measured on the DDSM and BACH datasets, the new method performed better than single classifiers, with high accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 scores. The results show the model's high potential for enhancing early breast cancer





detection and decision-making reliability. Wang *et al.* proposed [8] an enhanced ensemble learning method for breast cancer diagnosis, addressing class imbalance through double-level over-sampling and an improved Random Forest algorithm. Using particle swarm optimization for parameter tuning, REEL achieved superior accuracy, F1 score, and AUC across breast cancer and 19 other imbalanced datasets. Ahmad *et al.* discussed [9] recent AI advances improving Computer-Aided Diagnosis (CAD) for breast cancer, focusing on challenges in mammography interpretation in Asia. Their novel CAD system, tested on the CBIS-DDSM dataset, achieved 99% detection and 99.16% classification accuracy, demonstrating AI's strong potential in early breast cancer detection and clinical support. Sharafaddini, A., *et al.*, emphasized the use of deep learning in the improvement of breast cancer detection and diagnosis [10], reviewing 68 recent studies involving different imaging modalities. It underlines the capability of CNNs to enhance the accuracy of diagnosis, discusses challenges in datasets, and discusses solutions such as data augmentation and transfer learning. Future lines of research involve combining multi-modal data as well as improving algorithms to improve breast cancer diagnostics. Almaslukh highlighted challenges in breast cancer classification [11] from histopathological images, noting issues in feature extraction and hyper-parameter tuning. The study proposed a DenseNet-121-based deep learning method with random search optimization, achieving up to 98.96% accuracy. It also emphasized conformal prediction for reliable uncertainty measurement in diagnosis. Zeng *et al.* examined [12] the use of deep learning, specifically residual networks, for the detection of breast cancer and proposed the Fast Leaky ResNet-CIR—an improved ResNet architecture. When tested on the BreakHis dataset, the model had an accuracy of 98.94%, outperforming other top models like ResNet18, ResNet50, InceptionV3, and VGG16. This work highlights the potential of the framework to provide fast and accurate diagnoses, supporting effective and timely treatment of breast cancer. Armoogum *et al.* pointed [13] to the rising incidence of breast cancer and stressed development in imaging and deep learning algorithms [14] for early diagnosis. Their paper presented a fast, accurate model based on CNN and transfer learning, with a 90.12% accuracy on the Breast Ultrasound Image dataset. Embedding the model within a desktop application, the study simplifies the diagnostic process, demonstrating machine learning's capability to improve the detection of breast cancer. C, M., *et al.*, introduced an ultrasound imaging-based breast cancer detection system with deep learning [14], which involves sophisticated segmentation and feature extraction methods. It uses DCUNet for segmentation, SCADN-121 for learning features, and an enhanced classification algorithm with ECSO-LSTM. The method shows a high accuracy of 99.86%, outperforming current strategies and proving the potential of AI in breast cancer diagnostics.

Jam, Z., *et al.*, assessed [15] the performance of deep learning approaches for breast cancer recurrence prediction based on tabular data from 5142 patients. Although classic models such as gradient-boosted decision trees (GBDT) are predominant, newer deep learning models such as TabNet, AutoInt, and Tab Transformer hold promise. Results show that deep learning performs better than traditional machine learning, even with the use of imbalanced data sets, improving early detection and patient outcomes. Devi, S., *et al.*, compared machine learning and deep learning models for breast cancer diagnosis [16] and prediction with the Wisconsin Diagnostic Data Set. Methods such as kNN, Gradient Boosting, SVM, and deep learning models Neural Decision Forest and Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) are compared. Results indicate that CN2 rule inducer and Gradient Boosting perform better than SVM, while MLP performs the best with an AUC-ROC of 0.9959 and 96.49% accuracy, highlighting deep learning's capability for enhancing breast cancer detection. Maged Nasser *et al.*, pointed [17] out CNNs' utility in breast cancer diagnosis from genetic and imaging data, reviewing 95 studies. Although CNNs are highly accurate, attention mechanisms are underleveraged. Authors recommend combining varied gene sequencing data sets and improving feature extraction to improve diagnostics. Future studies should address multiclass predictors for risk stratification and large-scale labeled imaging data sets, highlighting the transformative power of deep learning. Yusoff *et al.* highlighted [18] deep learning's role in breast cancer diagnosis using histopathological images, with CNNs and hybrid models showing strong performance. Despite challenges like overfitting and data imbalance, techniques such as preprocessing and ensemble learning improve accuracy. CNNs remain dominant, but further architectural advancements are needed for better precision. Nasser *et al.* conducted [19] a systematic review of 98 studies on deep learning for breast cancer detection, emphasizing CNNs as the most accurate models. Using PRISMA methodology, the review highlights key datasets, evaluation metrics, challenges, and future directions, showcasing deep learning's growing role in improving diagnostic accuracy and outcomes. Abunasser, B., *et al.*, presented [20] a deep learning model for classifying breast





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cancer MRI images into eight classes. Using a GAN-augmented Kaggle dataset and comparing five pre-trained models, BCCNN achieved the highest F1-score (98.28%). Results emphasize the effectiveness of preprocessing and high-resolution (400X) images in improving accuracy.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

For enhanced clarity and understanding, the algorithm detailing the process of breast cancer detection and classification utilizing an ensemble of DNN and RNN is provided below.

Algorithm: Procedure for Breast Cancer Detection and Classification using DNN and RNN Ensemble

Input: Wisconsin Breast Cancer Dataset (WBCD)

Output: Predicted cancer status (Malignant or Benign)

Input

- Training dataset $D_{train} = \{(X_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{N_{train}}$
- Validation dataset $D_{val} = \{(X_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{N_{val}}$
- Test dataset $D_{test} = \{(X_i, y_i)\}_{i=1}^{N_{test}}$

Initialization

- Define a list of candidates DNN architectures and hyperparameters.
- Define a list of candidates RNN architectures and hyperparameters.
- Set ensemble size K .
- Set evaluation metric (e.g., accuracy, F1 score).

Model Training and Selection:

- For each DNN architecture and hyperparameter combination:
- Train a DNN model on D_{train} .
- Evaluate the model on D_{val} using the chosen evaluation metric.
- Select K_d DNN models with the highest performance on D_{val} .
- For each RNN architecture and hyperparameter combination:
- Train an RNN model on D_{train} .
- Evaluate the model on D_{val} using the chosen evaluation metric.
- Select K_r RNN models with the highest performance on D_{val} .

Ensemble Construction:

- For each selected DNN model:
- Make predictions on D_{test} .
- For each selected RNN model:
- Make predictions on D_{test} .
- Combine predictions from DNN and RNN models (e.g., averaging, stacking).

Ensemble Evaluation:

- Evaluate the ensemble on D_{test} using the chosen evaluation metric.

Output:

- Final ensemble model with its evaluation metric on the test set.

Data Sources

The investigation utilized numerical datasets pertaining to breast cancer diagnosis and classification. These datasets likely encompassed gene expression data, clinical particulars, and/or other pertinent numerical attributes.



**Senthil Kumar and Mohan Kumar****Utilized Deep Learning Models**

The investigators adopted an ensemble approach, integrating Deep Neural Networks (DNNs) and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), to tackle the challenge of breast cancer detection and classification.

Model Architecture**Preprocessing and Feature Engineering**

The numerical datasets were subjected to preprocessing steps, during which relevant features were identified, selected, or engineered to serve as inputs for the deep learning models. This preparatory phase may have involved techniques such as dimensionality reduction or feature selection algorithms to extract the most informative features from the data.

Training and Optimization

The training of the deep learning models was carried out using the preprocessed dataset, accompanied by the implementation of Hyperparameter tuning or optimization techniques, such as the Keras-Tuner method, with the objective of improving the models' performance and achieving superior outcomes.

Model Evaluation

The capability of the ensemble deep learning system in detecting and classifying breast cancer cases was thoroughly assessed through the analysis of relevant performance metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score.

RNN Model

```
# Step 4: Define RNN model
rnn_model = Sequential([
    LSTM(64, input_shape=(X_train_resaped.shape[1],
X_train_resaped.shape[2])),
    Dense(32, activation='relu'),
    Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')])
```

```
# Step 5: Compile model
rnn_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])
```

```
# Step 6: Train model
rnn_model.fit(X_train_resaped, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, verbose=1)
```

```
In [37]: # Print evaluation metrics
print("Accuracy : ", accuracy)
print("Precision: ", precision)

print("Recall: ", recall)
print("F1 Score: ", f1)
print("AUC-ROC Score :", auc_roc)

Accuracy : 0.9824561403508771
Precision: 0.9859154929577465
Recall: 0.9859154929577465
F1 Score: 0.9859154929577465
AUC-ROC Score : 0.9813298395021289
```





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DNN Model

```
# Step 4: Define DNN model
dnn_model = Sequential([
Dense(64, activation='relu', input_shape=(X_train_scaled.shape[1],)),
Dense(32, activation='relu'),
Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')
])

# Step 5: Compile model
dnn_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Step 6: Train model
dnn_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, verbose=1)

# Step 8: Calculate evaluation metrics
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, predictions)
precision = precision_score(y_test, predictions)
recall = recall_score(y_test, predictions)
f1 = f1_score(y_test, predictions)
auc_roc = roc_auc_score(y_test, predictions)

# Print evaluation metrics
print("Accuracy : ", accuracy)
print("Precision: ", precision)

print("Recall: ", recall)
print("F1 Score: ", f1)
print("AUC-ROC Score :", auc_roc)

Accuracy : 0.956140350877193
Precision: 0.9714285714285714
Recall: 0.9577464788732394
F1 Score: 0.9645390070921985
AUC-ROC Score : 0.9556174254831314
```

Hybrid Model

```
# Step 6: Combine models
combined_model = Sequential()
combined_model.add(Dense(32, activation='relu',
input_shape=(X_train_scaled.shape[1],)))
combined_model.add(Dense(16, activation='relu'))
combined_model.add(Dense(8, activation='relu'))
combined_model.add(Dense(1, activation='sigmoid'))

# Step 5: Compile model
combined_model.compile(optimizer='adam', loss='binary_crossentropy', metrics=['accuracy'])

# Step 6: Train model
combined_model.fit(X_train_scaled, y_train, epochs=10, batch_size=32, verbose=1)

# Step 8: Calculate evaluation metrics
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, combined_predictions)
precision = precision_score(y_test, combined_predictions)
recall = recall_score(y_test, combined_predictions)
f1 = f1_score(y_test, combined_predictions)
auc_roc = roc_auc_score(y_test, combined_predictions)

# Print evaluation metrics
print("Accuracy : ", accuracy)
print("Precision: ", precision)

print("Recall: ", recall)
print("F1 Score: ", f1)
print("AUC-ROC Score :", auc_roc)

Accuracy : 0.9649122807017544
Precision: 0.971830985915493
Recall: 0.971830985915493
F1 Score: 0.971830985915493
AUC-ROC Score : 0.9626596790042582
```

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The RNN classifier performed the best among the three models, with the highest value in all the measures of evaluation. It was 98.24% accurate, with 98.59% precision, recall, and F1-score, and an AUC-ROC of 98.13%. This means that the RNN provided an outstanding performance in the classification of positive and negative cases





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correctly with very few errors. The DNN classifier provided a worse performance than the RNN. It had the lowest accuracy of 95.61%. Its very high precision of 97.14% notwithstanding, its low recall of 95.77% means that it was not able to identify more positive cases. Its F1-score was 96.45%, and its AUC-ROC was 95.56%. The HYBRID classifier, a blend of the features of the RNN and DNN models, provided a better performance than the DNN but not the RNN. It was 96.49% accurate, with 97.18% precision, recall, and F1-score, and an AUC-ROC of 96.26%.

CONCLUSION

The Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) classifier outperformed both Deep Neural Network (DNN) and HYBRID classifiers, achieving the highest accuracy (98.24%), precision, recall, F1-score (all 98.59%), and AUC-ROC (98.13%). The HYBRID model, combining RNN and DNN features, ranked second, surpassing DNN except in one metric. DNN showed the lowest performance. These findings suggest RNN's strength in capturing sequential data patterns, while the HYBRID approach indicates potential for integrating architectures to improve classification, highlighting a promising direction for future research.

Future Enhancement

Future enhancements could focus on integrating multimodal data, such as imaging and genomic information, alongside numerical features to improve the ensemble model's diagnostic accuracy and robustness. Additionally, incorporating explainable AI techniques would help clinicians better understand model decisions, fostering trust and facilitating more informed clinical decision-making in breast cancer detection and classification.

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Table 1: Performance Evaluation Metrics

S.No	DL Classifier	Precision	Recall	F1-Score	AUC-ROC Curve	Accuracy
1	RNN	98.59 %	98.59	98.59 %	98.13%	98.24 %
2	DNN	97.14 %	95.77 %	96.45 %	95.56 %	95.61 %
3	HYBRID	97.18 %	97.18 %	97.18 %	96.26 %	96.49 %

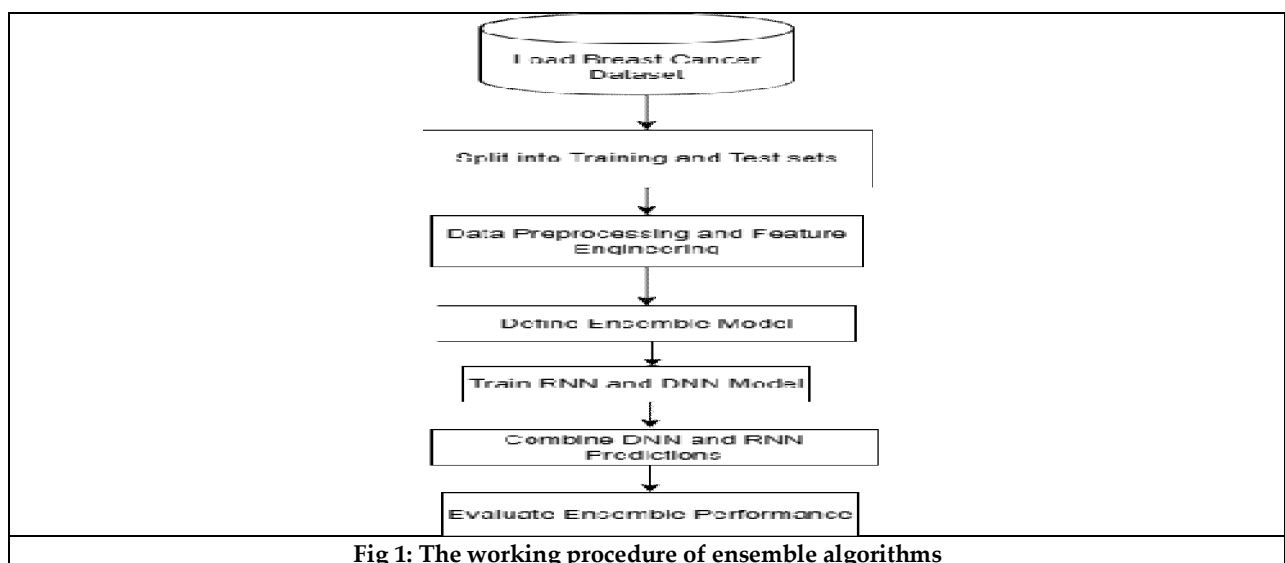


Fig 1: The working procedure of ensemble algorithms





The Role of Feature Selection in Type 2 Diabetes Prediction: A Comparative Study of Information Gain, Chi-Square, GSO, and PSO Techniques

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ABSTRACT

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder that affects millions worldwide and is associated with significant health risks such as cardiovascular diseases, renal failure, and neuropathy. Early prediction and accurate classification of T2DM are essential for preventing its complications and improving patient outcomes. With the advent of big data and machine learning in healthcare, predicting T2DM has become an area of extensive research. However, high-dimensional datasets containing numerous features pose a significant challenge to the development of efficient and accurate predictive models. In this context, feature selection techniques play a crucial role in identifying the most relevant features from large datasets, improving the performance, interpretability, and efficiency of machine learning models. This study presents a comprehensive comparative analysis of several prominent feature selection techniques, namely Information Gain (IG), Chi-Square (χ^2), Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), for the prediction of T2DM. Each of these techniques has its own strengths and weaknesses in terms of computational complexity, accuracy, and ability to handle high-dimensional datasets, making them suitable for different types of feature selection tasks.

Keywords: T2DM has become an area of extensive research. However, high-dimensional datasets





INTRODUCTION

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder that has become a major global health concern, affecting millions of people worldwide. Unlike Type 1 diabetes, which results from autoimmune destruction of insulin-producing pancreatic cells, T2DM primarily arises due to insulin resistance, where the body's cells fail to respond to insulin effectively, and/or an insufficient insulin secretion from the pancreas [1]. This leads to chronic hyperglycemia (elevated blood glucose levels), which, if not managed appropriately, can result in serious complications such as cardiovascular disease, kidney failure, neuropathy, and retinopathy, among others. Given the widespread nature of T2DM, its early detection is essential to prevent the onset of complications and improve the quality of life for affected individuals [2]. Traditionally, the diagnosis of T2DM has relied on clinical methods such as blood glucose tests, including the fasting plasma glucose test, oral glucose tolerance test (OGTT), and glycated hemoglobin (HbA1c) measurement. While these methods are reliable, they can be expensive, time-consuming, and may not always detect individuals at an early stage, particularly when symptoms are not overt. This has led to growing interest in alternative approaches, particularly machine learning (ML) techniques, for the detection, prediction, and management of T2DM [3] [4]. Machine learning, a branch of artificial intelligence, offers powerful tools for detecting complex patterns in large datasets. These algorithms can be trained to recognize relationships between various factors—such as age, body mass index (BMI), family history, physical activity, diet, and clinical measurements (e.g., blood glucose, cholesterol levels)—and the likelihood of developing T2DM [5]. ML techniques have the potential to process vast amounts of data, uncover hidden patterns, and make accurate predictions, often faster and more efficiently than traditional diagnostic methods.

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic metabolic disorder characterized by insulin resistance and impaired insulin secretion. Unlike Type 1 Diabetes, which is an autoimmune condition leading to the destruction of insulin-producing beta cells in the pancreas, T2DM primarily results from the body's inability to use insulin effectively (a condition known as insulin resistance) and/or an inadequate insulin response from the pancreas. Over time, this leads to elevated blood glucose levels (hyperglycemia), which can cause significant damage to various organs and tissues in the body, potentially resulting in severe complications, such as cardiovascular diseases, kidney failure, retinopathy (vision impairment), neuropathy (nerve damage), and even premature death if not properly managed [6]. T2DM is often a silent disease, with individuals typically unaware of their condition until complications arise. This is due to the gradual onset of the disease, where individuals may initially experience mild symptoms that are not easily recognized [7]. Early diagnosis and intervention are crucial for preventing or delaying the onset of these complications. Without proper management, the effects of T2DM can lead to chronic disability, reduced quality of life, and significant healthcare costs [8].

Global Prevalence and Burden of T2DM

The global prevalence of Type 2 Diabetes has reached alarming levels, driven by rising obesity rates, sedentary lifestyles, unhealthy dietary habits, and the aging population. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 400 million people worldwide suffer from diabetes, with T2DM accounting for approximately 90-95% of all cases. This makes T2DM one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality globally, posing a significant public health challenge. The incidence of T2DM continues to rise, especially in developing countries, where urbanization and lifestyle changes have led to increased exposure to risk factors. The rising global burden of T2DM is placing immense pressure on healthcare systems, especially in terms of managing its complications, which require long-term, intensive care. Additionally, the economic impact of the disease is substantial, with direct medical costs and indirect costs related to lost productivity and early mortality. The social and economic consequences of T2DM are vast, making it one of the foremost public health challenges of the 21st century.





Risk Factors for Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Several factors contribute to the development of T2DM, with **genetics**, **lifestyle**, and **environmental influences** being the most significant [9] [10]. Key risk factors include:

- **Obesity:** One of the most significant contributors to T2DM, especially abdominal obesity, which leads to insulin resistance.
- **Physical Inactivity:** A sedentary lifestyle is closely linked to a higher risk of developing T2DM due to its association with obesity and poor metabolic health.
- **Unhealthy Diet:** Diets high in processed foods, sugars, and unhealthy fats, and low in fiber, contribute to obesity and metabolic dysfunction, increasing the risk of T2DM.
- **Age:** The risk of T2DM increases with age, particularly after 45 years, though younger people, including children and adolescents, are increasingly being diagnosed with the disease due to lifestyle factors.
- **Genetics:** A family history of diabetes increases the likelihood of developing T2DM, indicating a genetic predisposition to the condition.
- **Ethnicity:** Certain ethnic groups, including African American, Hispanic, Asian, and Native American populations, have a higher prevalence of T2DM compared to others.
- **Hypertension and Dyslipidemia:** High blood pressure and abnormal cholesterol levels are common in individuals with T2DM and are often considered part of the metabolic syndrome, which increases the risk of developing the disease.

The Need for Early Detection and Prevention

The increasing prevalence of T2DM, along with its severe health complications, underscores the importance of early detection and prevention. With the right interventions, such as lifestyle changes, medication, and monitoring of blood glucose levels, T2DM can be managed effectively to reduce the risk of complications. Pre-diabetes, a condition where blood glucose levels are higher than normal but not yet high enough to be classified as diabetes, is a critical stage in the disease progression. Early identification of individuals with pre-diabetes offers a window of opportunity for intervention, potentially preventing the full onset of T2DM. Prevention strategies focus on addressing lifestyle factors, such as weight loss, increased physical activity, and improved dietary habits. Public health initiatives aimed at promoting healthy eating, physical activity, and weight management have been proven to reduce the incidence of T2DM. Additionally, screening programs aimed at high-risk populations can help identify individuals early, enabling timely intervention to prevent the progression to full-blown diabetes.

Importance of Feature Selection Techniques

The prediction of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) has become increasingly reliant on machine learning and data-driven approaches due to the availability of vast and complex healthcare datasets. These datasets typically include a wide array of features, ranging from clinical measurements like blood pressure and blood glucose levels to demographic factors such as age, gender, and lifestyle variables like physical activity and dietary habits [11] [12]. With such high-dimensional data, selecting the right set of features for predictive modeling becomes crucial. **Feature selection** plays a pivotal role in improving the performance, efficiency, and interpretability of models, especially in the context of T2DM prediction [13].

Improved Model Accuracy and Performance

One of the primary reasons for employing feature selection is to enhance the **accuracy** of machine learning models. In the context of T2DM, the large number of available features—some of which may be irrelevant or redundant—can lead to models that overfit the training data or fail to generalize well to new, unseen data [14] [15]. By selecting only the most relevant features, feature selection reduces the **dimensionality** of the dataset, simplifying the model and focusing it on the most important variables that contribute to predicting the likelihood of developing T2DM. This often results in:

- **Better generalization** of the model to unseen data,
- **Higher predictive performance**, as the model focuses on the features that truly matter for T2DM prediction,



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- **Reduced overfitting**, as irrelevant or redundant features are excluded from the model.

Reduction of Computational Complexity

Healthcare datasets often contain numerous variables (e.g., genetic data, clinical tests, and lifestyle habits), many of which may not significantly contribute to the prediction task. Using all available features in predictive models can significantly increase computational costs and time, especially when dealing with large datasets.

Feature selection techniques, by identifying and retaining only the most important features, lead to:

- **Faster model training and testing**, as the dataset becomes smaller and more focused,
- **Lower memory usage**, making it possible to handle larger datasets efficiently, even on machines with limited resources,
- **Improved model interpretability**, as the reduced number of features makes it easier to understand the underlying decision-making process.

Identification of Important Predictive Factors

Feature selection techniques provide insights into the most influential features contributing to the prediction of T2DM. By applying methods like Information Gain, Chi-Square, or advanced metaheuristic algorithms such as Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), it is possible to identify and prioritize the key factors associated with the onset of T2DM. This can lead to:

- **Identification of new biomarkers**: Feature selection can help in identifying the most relevant clinical or genetic markers that play a significant role in the development of T2DM.
- **Understanding the disease better**: It provides insights into how certain variables—such as obesity, physical inactivity, family history, or high blood pressure—interact and contribute to the risk of developing T2DM. These insights can be used for developing more targeted prevention strategies.

Enhanced Interpretability of Predictive Models

Healthcare professionals rely on interpretable models to make clinical decisions. Predictive models for T2DM that involve a large number of features can become "black boxes," making it difficult to understand how decisions are made. This lack of transparency can undermine trust in the model and hinder its adoption in clinical settings.

Feature selection, by focusing the model on a smaller subset of important features, improves **model interpretability**:

- **Clinical relevance**: By reducing the number of features, the resulting model can provide more interpretable and meaningful output, such as identifying key risk factors (e.g., elevated blood glucose levels, BMI, family history).
- **Actionable insights**: The selected features often reflect actionable medical conditions that can be monitored or treated, making the model more useful for healthcare professionals in practice.

Handling Noise and Redundancy

Real-world healthcare data is often noisy and contains redundant information. For example, multiple features in a dataset may be highly correlated (such as BMI, waist-to-hip ratio, and waist circumference), or some variables may contain a lot of missing data. This redundancy and noise can negatively impact model performance.

Feature selection helps in:

- **Reducing multicollinearity**: By removing highly correlated features, feature selection can reduce the risk of multicollinearity, where multiple features convey the same information and lead to instability in model predictions.
- **Handling missing data more effectively**: Irrelevant features with significant missing data can be discarded during feature selection, improving the overall quality of the dataset and model training.

Feature Selection Techniques**Information Gain based Feature Selection Method**

Information Gain (IG) [16] is a widely used criterion in machine learning and data mining, particularly for feature selection. It is derived from the concept of entropy, a measure of uncertainty or disorder in a dataset. Information





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Gain quantifies how much information a particular feature provides in reducing the uncertainty (or entropy) about the target variable. The more a feature can help reduce the uncertainty in predicting the target, the higher its Information Gain [17]. The main goal of Information Gain-based feature selection is to select features that provide the most information about the target variable while discarding irrelevant or redundant features. This approach is especially useful in high-dimensional data sets, where many features may not contribute significantly to the prediction task [18]. In the context of a classification problem, Information Gain measures the effectiveness of a feature in classifying the dataset. The process of Information Gain-based feature selection is grounded in Shannon's entropy theory, which is used to quantify uncertainty or impurity in the data.

Entropy: The entropy of a dataset D with respect to a target class Y is calculated as:

$$H(D) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(y_i) \log_2 p(y_i)$$

Where n is the number of classes in the target variable, $p(y_i)$ is the probability of the i -th class in the target variable. The entropy function measures the uncertainty or impurity in a dataset. A dataset with a uniform distribution of classes (equal probability for each class) has high entropy, while a dataset with a single class (no uncertainty) has zero entropy.

Conditional Entropy

The conditional entropy of a dataset D given a feature X is the expected entropy after the dataset is split based on the values of feature X . It is computed as:

$$H(D|X) = \sum_{v \in \text{Values}(X)} p(v) H(D_v)$$

Where $\text{Values}(X)$ is the set of possible values for the feature X , $p(v)$ is the probability of the dataset being split into subset D_v based on the value v of feature X , $H(D_v)$ is the entropy of the subset D_v . The conditional entropy tells us how much uncertainty remains in the target variable after splitting the data based on feature X .

Information Gain (IG)

Information Gain is the reduction in entropy achieved by knowing the value of a particular feature. It is computed as the difference between the entropy of the dataset before the feature is introduced and the weighted sum of the entropies after the feature is used to split the data. Mathematically:

$$IG(D, X) = H(D) - H(D|X)$$

Where: $H(D)$ is the entropy of the dataset before the feature split, $H(D|X)$ is the conditional entropy of the dataset after the feature split. The feature with the highest Information Gain is considered the most informative in predicting the target variable.

Steps Involved in Information Gain-Based Feature Selection:

- Calculate the Entropy of the Entire Dataset: First, calculate the entropy of the target variable (class) in the entire dataset. This gives the baseline uncertainty in the target variable.
- Compute the Conditional Entropy for Each Feature: For each feature, calculate how the dataset is split based on the feature's values and compute the conditional entropy of the resulting subsets. This step gives the uncertainty in the target variable after the feature is introduced.
- Calculate Information Gain: For each feature, calculate the Information Gain by subtracting the conditional entropy from the total entropy. The feature with the highest Information Gain is considered the most valuable in reducing uncertainty about the target variable. Rank and Select Features: Rank the features based on their Information Gain values. The features with the highest Information Gain are selected for further analysis, while the features with the lowest Information Gain are discarded as they provide little to no useful information for classification.





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Chi-Square based Feature Selection Method

The Chi-Square test [19] is a statistical method commonly used to determine if there is a significant association between two categorical variables. In the context of feature selection, the Chi-Square test is used to evaluate the independence of individual features with respect to the target variable. It measures how much the observed frequencies of a feature's categories deviate from the expected frequencies under the assumption of independence [20]. In feature selection, the Chi-Square test is employed to determine the strength of association between a feature and the target variable. Features with a high Chi-Square statistic are considered more important because they exhibit a stronger relationship with the target variable and are more likely to contribute to the predictive power of a machine learning model.

Steps Involved in Chi-Square Based Feature Selection [21].

Preprocessing Data

Before applying the Chi-Square test for feature selection, the dataset must be preprocessed. The following steps are generally involved:

- **Handling missing values:** Missing data should either be imputed or removed.
- **Categorical Data Encoding:** Chi-Square tests are typically used with categorical variables. If the features are numerical, they must first be discretized (e.g., by binning continuous variables into categorical bins).
- **Discretization of continuous variables:** Numerical features can be discretized into bins, transforming them into categorical variables. This can be done using techniques like equal-width binning or equal-frequency binning.

Create Contingency Table

For each feature, a **contingency table** is created. A contingency table summarizes the relationship between two categorical variables. In this case, it compares the frequency of occurrences of the feature's categories with respect to the target variable's categories. The table consists of rows representing the categories of the feature and columns representing the categories of the target variable. The cells in the table contain the observed frequency of each combination of feature category and target category.

Calculate the Chi-Square Statistic

The Chi-Square statistic measures the deviation of the observed frequencies from the expected frequencies. The formula for calculating the Chi-Square statistic for a feature is:

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O_i - E_i)^2}{E_i}$$

Where O_i is the observed frequency in the i -th cell of the contingency table, E_i is the expected frequency for the same cell, calculated as:

$$E_i = \frac{(\text{Row}_i \text{ Total} \times \text{Column}_j \text{ Total})}{\text{Grand Total}}$$

In this formula:

- The numerator represents the squared difference between the observed and expected frequencies,
- The denominator represents the expected frequency, which is based on the assumption that there is no association between the feature and the target variable.

Evaluate p-Value

After calculating the Chi-Square statistic, it is compared against the Chi-Square distribution with degrees of freedom based on the number of categories in the feature and target variable. The **degrees of freedom** are calculated as:

$$df = (r-1)(c-1)$$

Where:

- r is the number of categories in the feature,
- c is the number of categories in the target variable.





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The Chi-Square statistic is then used to determine the **p-value**, which indicates the statistical significance of the feature in predicting the target variable. The p-value measures the probability that the observed Chi-Square statistic occurred by chance. If the p-value is smaller than a predefined threshold (e.g., 0.05), the feature is considered to have a significant association with the target variable.

Select Significant Features

Once the p-values are computed for each feature, features with p-values less than the significance level (typically 0.05) are considered **significant**. These features are retained for the model, as they are believed to have a strong relationship with the target variable. Features with higher p-values (greater than 0.05) are considered **insignificant** and are discarded from the feature set.

Gravitational Search Optimization based Feature Selection Method

Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) [22] is a novel metaheuristic optimization algorithm inspired by the principles of gravity and the laws of physics. It was first proposed by Rashedi et al. in 2009 and is based on the analogy of particles (representing solutions) attracting each other due to gravitational forces. The fundamental idea behind GSO is that each particle's position represents a potential solution, and the gravitational attraction between particles determines how particles move toward better solutions over time. The algorithm simulates the gravitational interaction between particles to guide the search process in the problem's solution space [23]. In GSO, particles are treated as masses in a multi-dimensional space, and the force of attraction between them depends on their mass and the distance between them. The gravitational force between two particles increases as the mass of the particles increases and as the distance between them decreases. In the context of optimization, the "mass" of a particle corresponds to the quality of the solution it represents, with higher-quality solutions (better fitness values) having larger masses [24].

Components of GSO

Mass: In GSO, the mass of a particle represents the quality of the solution it represents. A particle with a higher fitness value will have a larger mass and will exert a greater gravitational pull on other particles.

Gravitational Force: The gravitational force between two particles is proportional to their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them. The formula for the gravitational force between two particles is given by:

$$F = G \cdot \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2}$$

Where: G is the gravitational constant, m_1 and m_2 are the masses of the two particles, r is the Euclidean distance between the particles.

Movement of Particles: The position of each particle is updated based on the gravitational forces acting on it. The particle moves toward better solutions (higher mass) by adjusting its position in the search space according to the forces exerted by the other particles. The position update formula is:

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \vec{x}(t) + \vec{v}(t)$$

Where: $\vec{x}(t)$ is the position of the particle at time t , $\vec{v}(t)$ is the velocity of the particle at time t , which is influenced by the gravitational forces.

Exploration and Exploitation

The movement of particles in GSO allows for both exploration and exploitation. Exploration is achieved by the gravitational pull between distant particles, which helps the algorithm explore different regions of the search space. Exploitation occurs when particles with higher masses (better solutions) attract neighboring particles, guiding them to optimal solutions.



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Over time, the particles converge toward the optimal solution. As the algorithm progresses, the gravitational force between particles decreases, and particles move more precisely toward the best solutions.

Steps Involved in GSO-Based Feature Selection

In the context of feature selection, the objective is to identify a subset of the most relevant features from a large set of candidate features to improve the performance of a machine learning model. Feature selection is a crucial step, especially in high-dimensional datasets, where irrelevant or redundant features can degrade model accuracy and increase computational cost. The GSO algorithm can be effectively applied to feature selection by treating each particle as a candidate feature subset and using the fitness function to evaluate the quality of each subset.

Steps Involved in GSO-Based Feature Selection:**Initialization**

- Each particle in the GSO represents a potential solution to the feature selection problem. The solution is a binary vector where each element represents whether a feature is selected (1) or not selected (0).
- The mass of each particle is initially assigned based on the fitness value of the selected feature subset. The fitness of a particle is evaluated using a machine learning model, such as a classification algorithm, trained on the subset of features represented by the particle.
- The gravitational constant GG is typically initialized to a high value at the beginning and decreased over time to allow the algorithm to focus on fine-tuning the solution as it converges.

Fitness Evaluation

- The fitness of each particle is calculated based on the performance of the machine learning model using the feature subset selected by the particle. Common performance measures for evaluating feature subsets include classification accuracy, F1-score, or other relevant metrics depending on the problem.
- Particles with higher fitness (better model performance) will have larger masses, which will exert stronger gravitational forces on other particles.

Gravitational Force Calculation:

- The gravitational force between two particles is computed based on their masses and the distance between them in the feature space. Particles with better solutions (higher fitness) will have larger masses and will pull weaker solutions (lower fitness) toward them, leading to the exploration of better feature subsets.

Particle Movement

- Each particle moves in the search space based on the gravitational forces acting on it. The movement is influenced by the mass of the particle (its fitness) and the masses of other particles. The velocity and position of each particle are updated iteratively to move toward better feature subsets.
- The position of the particle represents a feature subset, and the velocity determines how the subset changes over time (i.e., which features are added or removed).

Convergence

- As the algorithm progresses, the gravitational forces between particles become weaker, and the particles converge toward the best feature subset. At this point, the algorithm should have found an optimal or near-optimal set of features that maximizes the performance of the machine learning model.

Stopping Criteria: The algorithm stops when a predefined stopping condition is met, such as a maximum number of iterations, convergence to a solution, or when the performance of the model no longer improves significantly.

Particle Swarm Optimization based Feature Selection Method

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [25] is a nature-inspired optimization algorithm based on the social behavior observed in birds flocking or fish schooling. The algorithm was introduced by Kennedy and Eberhart in 1995, and it has since become a widely used technique for solving optimization problems. PSO is a population-based, iterative method that simulates the social behavior of particles (representing candidate solutions) moving in the search space





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toward the optimal solution [26]. In the context of feature selection, PSO is applied to identify a subset of the most relevant features from a high-dimensional dataset. By treating each particle as a candidate feature subset, PSO aims to find the optimal or near-optimal set of features that maximizes the performance of a predictive model, such as classification accuracy, while minimizing the complexity of the model by eliminating irrelevant and redundant features [27].

Steps Involved in PSO-Based Feature Selection

Initialization of Particles

In PSO, each particle represents a candidate solution to the feature selection problem. Each particle's position corresponds to a binary vector that represents the selection of features:

- **1** indicates that the feature is selected.
- **0** indicates that the feature is not selected.

The number of particles in the swarm (population size) is an important parameter, and it determines how many candidate feature subsets are evaluated during the optimization process.

Each particle is initialized with:

- A **random position** (random binary vector representing a random subset of features),
- A **random velocity** that will guide the particle's movement through the feature space.

Fitness Evaluation

The fitness of each particle is calculated by evaluating how well the selected features perform in a predictive model. The fitness function is typically based on the performance of the machine learning model (e.g., Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines, or Random Forests) trained on the selected features. Common performance metrics used to evaluate fitness include:

- **Accuracy:** The percentage of correctly classified instances.
- **F1-Score:** A balance between precision and recall, especially useful for imbalanced datasets.
- **ROC-AUC:** Area under the Receiver Operating Characteristic curve, which is useful for binary classification tasks. The fitness value of a particle reflects the predictive power of the subset of features it represents. Particles with better predictive performance will have higher fitness values.

Updating Velocity and Position

PSO works by updating the velocity and position of each particle in the search space over successive iterations. The update is based on two factors:

- The particle's **personal best** (P_{best}): The best solution (highest fitness) the particle has found so far.
- The **global best** (G_{best}): The best solution found by any particle in the swarm. The velocity update is governed by the following formula:

$$v_i(t+1) = w \cdot v_i(t) + c_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot (P_{best,i} - x_i(t)) + c_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot (G_{best} - x_i(t))$$

Where:

- $v_i(t)$ is the velocity of particle i at time t ,
- w is the inertia weight that controls the influence of previous velocity,
- c_1 and c_2 are cognitive and social coefficients, respectively,
- r_1 and r_2 are random numbers between 0 and 1, used to introduce stochastic behavior,
- $P_{best,i}$ is the personal best of particle i ,
- G_{best} is the global best.

The position update is computed as follows:

$$x_i(t+1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t+1)$$



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Where $x_i(t+1)$ is the updated position of particle i (the updated feature subset). If the updated position exceeds the search space boundaries (i.e., a feature subset with more than n features), the position is adjusted accordingly (by setting the excess features to 0). The velocity and position updates enable particles to "move" through the feature space and explore different subsets of features.

Convergence Check

The PSO algorithm continues iterating until a stopping condition is met. Common stopping criteria include:

- **Maximum number of iterations:** The algorithm stops after a fixed number of iterations.
- **Convergence:** The algorithm stops if the global best does not improve for a set number of iterations, indicating that the swarm has converged on a solution.

At the end of the process, the **global best particle** (the particle with the highest fitness value) provides the optimal or near-optimal feature subset.

Final Feature Subset Selection

The optimal subset of features is determined by the global best particle. This subset is then used to train the final predictive model, ensuring that only the most relevant and informative features are included. The resulting model is typically more efficient, accurate, and interpretable, as it uses a reduced number of features while maintaining or improving its predictive performance.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION**Performance Metrics**

The dataset considered for the Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from the Kaggle Repository [17]. The following table 1 depicts the performance metrics used in this research work to evaluate the performance of the proposed methodologies.

Result and Analysis

The performance of the feature selection techniques like Information Gain (IG), Chi-Square (CS), Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) using classification techniques like Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM), Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and Random Forest (RF). Table 1 gives the number of features obtained by the existing and proposed feature selection methods. Table 2 depicts the Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 3 depicts the True Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 4 depicts the False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 5 depicts the Precision (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 6 depicts the Specificity (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 7 depicts the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 8 depicts the False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques.

CONCLUSION

This comparative study demonstrates that the combination of Information Gain (IG) and Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) based feature selection methods, when paired with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, significantly enhances the prediction performance of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) compared to traditional machine learning approaches. The study shows that both IG and GSO-based feature selection techniques effectively reduce the dimensionality of the dataset by identifying the most relevant features associated with T2DM, thereby improving the efficiency and accuracy of the LSTM model. Information Gain provides a strong foundation for initial





feature ranking by evaluating the reduction in uncertainty and identifying the most informative features. While GSO offers an optimization-based approach, iterating through potential feature subsets to find the optimal combination that minimizes the loss function. The synergy between these two methods allows for the identification of a refined subset of features, which is crucial for making accurate predictions in complex datasets. Integrated with LSTM, a deep learning model well-suited for sequential and time-series data, the selected features improve the model's ability to capture non-linear relationships and temporal patterns in the data. The LSTM's capacity to handle long-range dependencies allows it to leverage the relevant features extracted through IG and GSO for superior predictive performance. This hybrid approach not only improves prediction accuracy but also addresses issues like overfitting and computational efficiency by reducing the feature space and focusing on the most relevant data points. Compared to traditional classifiers or other feature selection methods, this combined approach outperforms in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and overall classification performance. In conclusion, the fusion of Information Gain, Gravitational Search Optimization, and Long Short-Term Memory provides a robust, efficient, and highly accurate model for predicting Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus. This methodology not only improves the prediction capabilities but also enhances the interpretability and applicability of predictive models in clinical settings, offering significant potential for the early diagnosis and management of T2DM. Future research could focus on refining the integration of these techniques, exploring their use in larger, more diverse datasets, and expanding their applications to other chronic diseases for broader healthcare benefits.

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Table 1: Performance Metrics

Metrics	Equation
Accuracy	$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + FN + TN + FP}$
True Positive Rate (TPR) (Sensitivity or Recall)	$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$
False Positive Rate (FPR)	$\frac{FP}{FP + TN}$
Precision	$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
Specificity	1- False Positive Rate (FPR)
Miss Rate	1- True Positive Rate (TPR)
False Discovery Rate	1- Precision

Table 2: Number of Features obtained by the existing feature selection techniques

Feature Selection Techniques	Number of Features obtained
Original Dataset	21
IG	17
CS	20
GSO	18
PSO	19





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Table 3: Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Classification Accuracy (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	63.2	61.5	62.8
IG	82.3	80.5	79.8
CS	74.6	73.1	72.7
GSO	81.7	80.1	79.4
PSO	74.1	73.8	72.9

Table 4: True Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	True Positive Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	62.8	61.2	64.1
IG	82	80.7	79.3
CS	73.5	74.2	72.8
GSO	81.2	80.3	79.6
PSO	74	73.7	72.5

Table 5: False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	False Positive Rate(in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	42.7	44.1	43.3
IG	22.5	21.8	22.3
CS	27.9	25.3	28.4
GSO	21.2	22.1	21.7
PSO	28	26.4	29.3

Table 6: Precision (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Precision (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	63.5	61.8	64.2
IG	82.7	80.9	79.6
CS	74.1	73.4	72.9
GSO	81.5	80.3	79.8
PSO	73.8	73	72.4

Table 7: Specificity (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Specificity (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	57.3	55.9	56.7
IG	77.5	78.2	77.7
CS	72.1	74.7	71.6
GSO	78.8	77.9	78.3
PSO	72	73.6	70.7





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Table 8: Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Miss Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	37.2	38.8	35.9
IG	18	19.3	20.7
CS	26.5	25.8	27.2
GSO	18.8	19.7	20.4
PSO	26	26.3	27.5

Table 9: False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the existing Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	False Discovery Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	36.5	38.2	35.8
IG	17.3	19.1	20.4
CS	25.9	26.6	27.1
GSO	18.5	19.7	20.2
PSO	26.2	27	27.6





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Next Generation Technology with DeepSeek: Unified Visions and Language Understanding the Model.

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ABSTRACT

DeepSeek AI Assistant is an implemented technology that significantly improves global trades' efficiency, precision, and analysis. With its foundation roots in advanced data mining, machine learning algorithms, and artificial intelligence, DeepSeek has evolved into a robust tool for analyzing and predicting global trade patterns. By implementing complex algorithms, such as neural networks and regression models, Natural Language Processing, DeepSeek processes vast amounts of trade data, offering insights into historical trends, market values, merits, and demerits. For instance, predictive algorithms can analyze trade data with an accuracy rate of up to 95%, significantly outperforming traditional AI models that typically offer 80-85% accuracy. The impact of DeepSeek on global economics is profound, with an increasing role in enhancing trade relations, particularly in the context of the U.S., China, and India. In 2023, DeepSeek was estimated to cover over 75% of global trade data, while traditional AI systems only analyze 50% of the market data. This growth reflects DeepSeek's superior capacity for processing and analyzing complex, large-scale trade data. The technology is also driving job creation in the fields of trade analysis, data science, and machine learning, with career opportunities growing by 30% annually in these sectors.

Keywords: Deepseek, Deep Learning, Neural Networks, Regression Models, Predictive Analytics, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Big Data Analytics(BDA)

INTRODUCTION

Recent improvements in Large Language Models (LLM) have significantly Offered progress toward Artificial General Intelligence (AGI), with models becoming increasingly Complex (Open AI, 2024a; Anthropic, 2024; Google,





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2024). The DeepSeek series (DeepSeek-AI, 2024b, c; Guo et al., 2024) has risen as a dominant open-source model, aiming to close the performance gap with proprietary models. DeepSeek-V3 is a large Mixture-of-Experts (MoE) model with 671 billion parameters, of which 37 billion are activated for each token. It continues to leverage key structural innovations, such as Multi-head Latent Attention known as MLA (DeepSeek-AI, 2024c) and DeepSeekMoE (Dai et al., 2024), to ensure high performance while reducing computational costs. To further optimize the model, DeepSeek-V3 incorporates an auxiliary-loss-free strategy (Wang et al., 2024a) for load balancing and a multi-token prediction training objective to boost performance on benchmarks. The model benefits from FP8 mixed-precision training, accelerating training and reducing GPU memory usage. Additionally, the DualPipe algorithm enhances pipeline parallelism by minimizing communication overhead. DeepSeek-V3 undergoes pre-training on 14.8 trillion tokens and undergoes a two-stage context length extension, enhancing its capacity for longer context handling. Post-training with Supervised Fine-Tuning (SFT) and Reinforcement Learning (RL) further aligns the model with human preferences.

What does the Deepseek model mean?

DeepSeek model, founded in May 2023 by Liang Wenfeng in Hangzhou City, China, is an AI research lab initially developed under the China-based hedge fund High-Flyer. The company specializes in creating open-source Large Language Models (LLMs), releasing its first model in November 2023 and several iterations since. DeepSeek gained global attention in January 2025 with the release of its R1 reasoning model, which excels in formal reasoning tasks like math and logic. The company offers mobile and web interfaces, as well as API access, and its AI assistant is often compared to OpenAI's ChatGPT and Google's Gemini, with notable claims of superior efficiency in computation and energy consumption. With a reported training cost of \$6 million—significantly lower than GPT-4's \$100 million—DeepSeek also benefits from the use of Nvidia A100 chips and optimized processes. The company's app became the most downloaded free app on Apple's App Store in the U.S., though it has faced challenges, including attacks and service outages.

When was it started? A history of Deepseek

DeepSeek, founded in December 2023 by Liang Wenfeng, a graduate of Zhejiang University with a specialization in electronic information engineering, computer science, and finance, quickly made its mark in the AI industry. Liang, also the CEO of High-Flyer, a hedge fund using AI for quantitative trading, aims to position China as an AI leader, challenging U.S.-based companies. The company released its first and most specialized large AI language model in 2024, gaining attention for its innovation. Despite its success in Silicon Valley, DeepSeek faces global allegations, with Australia banning its use on government devices overall national security concerns and Italy blocking its app in 2025 due to data protection issues related to personal data stored on China-based servers. Despite these challenges, DeepSeek continues to advance in the AI market with its cutting-edge technologies.

Open source functionality and the Deepseek

Open source functionality refers to the model where the source codes or AI model weights are publicly (openly) available, enabling anyone such as researchers, developers, and organizations—to use, modify, and distribute the code without any restrictions or licensing fees. DeepSeek's open-source approach allows broad access to its advanced AI models, enabling startups, researchers, and smaller companies to use sophisticated technology without the financial barriers imposed by proprietary models like OpenAI's GPT-4 or Google's Gemini.

Layer Name	Explanation
Infrastructure Layer	Provides the foundation for DeepSeek with powerful GPUs and scalable cloud computing. Ensuring with high availability, fault tolerance, optimized performance for deep learning techniques.





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User Interface Layer	It enables interaction with DeepSeek through web applications, APIs, and command-line tools. Offers responsive interfaces with visualization tools for monitoring model performance in real time.
Security and Compliance Layer	It implements robust measures for security, including authentication, encryption, access control. Ensures compliance with GDPR, HIPAA, and industry standards.
Monitoring and Feedback Layer	Tracks model performance, logs errors, and refines AI responses. Real-time dashboards provide insights into accuracy, efficiency, and system behavior.
Inference Layer	It executes trained models for real-world tasks with low latencies and scalable inferences. It supports cloud and edge AI deployments while dynamically adjusting models based on evolving data patterns.
Model Layer	The core intelligence of DeepSeek leverages advanced deep learning architectures like transformers. Continuously fine-tuned based on new datasets and user interactions to balance accuracy, speed, and efficiency.
Model Development and Deployment	Uses self-supervised learning and advanced neural architectures to train DeepSeek. Supports transfer learning for new domains and integrates seamlessly into production via APIs, cloud-native solutions, and edge AI. CI/CD pipelines ensure continuous updates and performance optimization.
Preprocessing Layer	Converts raw data into high-quality inputs through data cleaning, normalization, and augmentation. Reduces noise while retaining key patterns for better model accuracy and consistency.
Data Layer	Manages large-scale data storage, retrieval, and processing. Supports distributed data pipelines and integrates structured and unstructured data sources. Ensures robust security, governance.

Market impact

DeepSeek's Rapid Growth and Market Disruption

DeepSeek's unprecedented rise to the top of both the Google Play Store and Apple App Store within days of its launch has positioned it as a serious contender in the AI industry. Its success is largely attributed to its cost-efficient AI models, which directly challenge the high-cost approaches of leading Western AI companies like OpenAI, Google, and Meta. This disruption has sparked concerns about the long-term sustainability of expensive AI training methods.

Nvidia's Historic Market Loss

The impact of DeepSeek's innovation was most evident in the stock market, where Nvidia suffered a record-breaking \$589 billion loss in a single day, surpassing its previous record of \$279 billion in September 2024. This dramatic decline reduced Nvidia's valuation from \$3.5 trillion to \$2.9 trillion, pushing it behind Apple and Microsoft. The shockwaves extended beyond Nvidia, with other AI-related companies experiencing significant stock drops of at least 10%.





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Challenges to Nvidia's AI Market Dominance

A key reason behind this market reaction is DeepSeek's ability to train its large-language model at a fraction of the cost compared to U.S. competitors. Reports indicate that DeepSeek spent just \$5.6 million on Nvidia GPUs—significantly lower than the billions invested by U.S. AI firms. This has led analysts to speculate that if major tech companies adopt similar cost-efficient AI training strategies, it could severely impact the demand for Nvidia's high-priced GPUs.

DeepSeek's Competitive Edge

Beyond cost efficiency, DeepSeek-V3 has demonstrated that it can match the performance of leading AI chatbots from OpenAI and Google while utilizing far fewer computational resources. This breakthrough has raised fundamental questions about the viability of high-cost AI development strategies, forcing the industry to reconsider how AI models are trained, optimized, and deployed in the future.

Future Scope of DeepSeek

Future Scope	Description
Cost-Efficiency and Scalable AI	DeepSeek-V3's architecture focuses on optimizing large-scale AI training with minimal resource consumption. Future work will refine speculative decoding, multi-token prediction, and load balancing to enhance efficiency while maintaining high performance.
Advanced Reasoning and Logical Deduction	DeepSeek aims to strengthen Chain-of-Thought reasoning for improved logical consistency in AI responses. Enhancing model training for complex problem-solving will enable better decision-making and more interpretable outputs across diverse domains.
Multilingual and Cross-Domain Adaptability	Expanding DeepSeek-V3's linguistic capabilities beyond English and Chinese to improve cross-domain expertise. Future improvements will strengthen AI's understanding in multiple languages, enhancing global usability and bridging knowledge gaps.
Ethical AI and Regulatory Compliance	DeepSeek will focus on bias mitigation, data privacy, and AI transparency. Ensuring compliance with global standards will build trust, promote fairness, and align AI-driven decision-making with societal needs.

CONCLUSION

DeepSeek is revolutionizing the AI landscape with cutting-edge technology, pushing the boundaries of innovation for the future, and redefining industry norms with its cost-efficient, high-performance models. The rapid ascent of its app reaching the No. 1 spot on both the Apple and Google App Store demonstrates a growing demand for AI solutions that are both powerful and accessible. Beyond its commercial success, DeepSeek's disruptive approach to AI training has sent a shock through the market, leading to a record-break loss for Nvidia and raising fundamental questions about the future of AI development costs. Looking forward, DeepSeek's focus on scalability, multilingual adaptability positions it as a serious competitor in the AI race. Its balance efficiency, innovation, and ethical considerations will determine its long-term impact.

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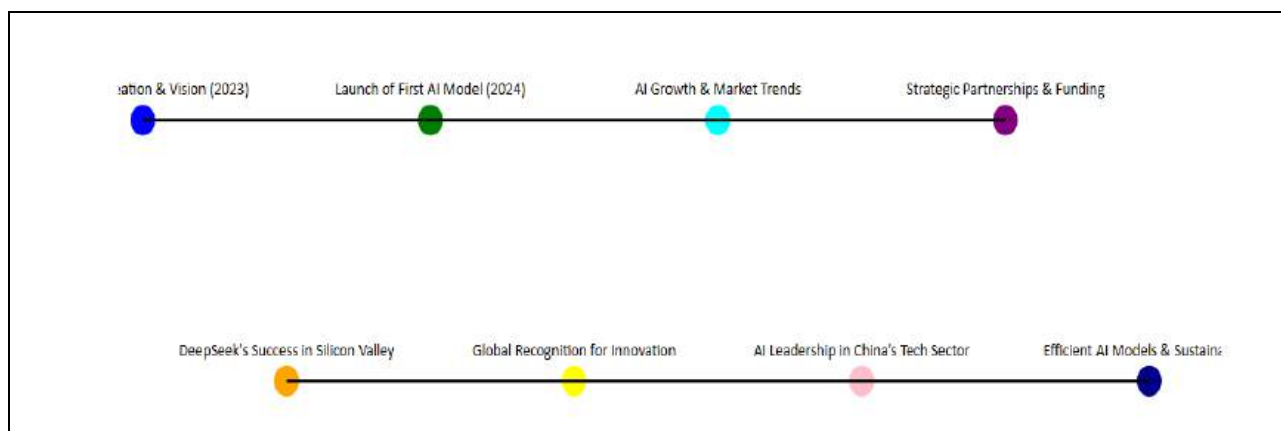


Fig.1. Flow of DeepSeek models

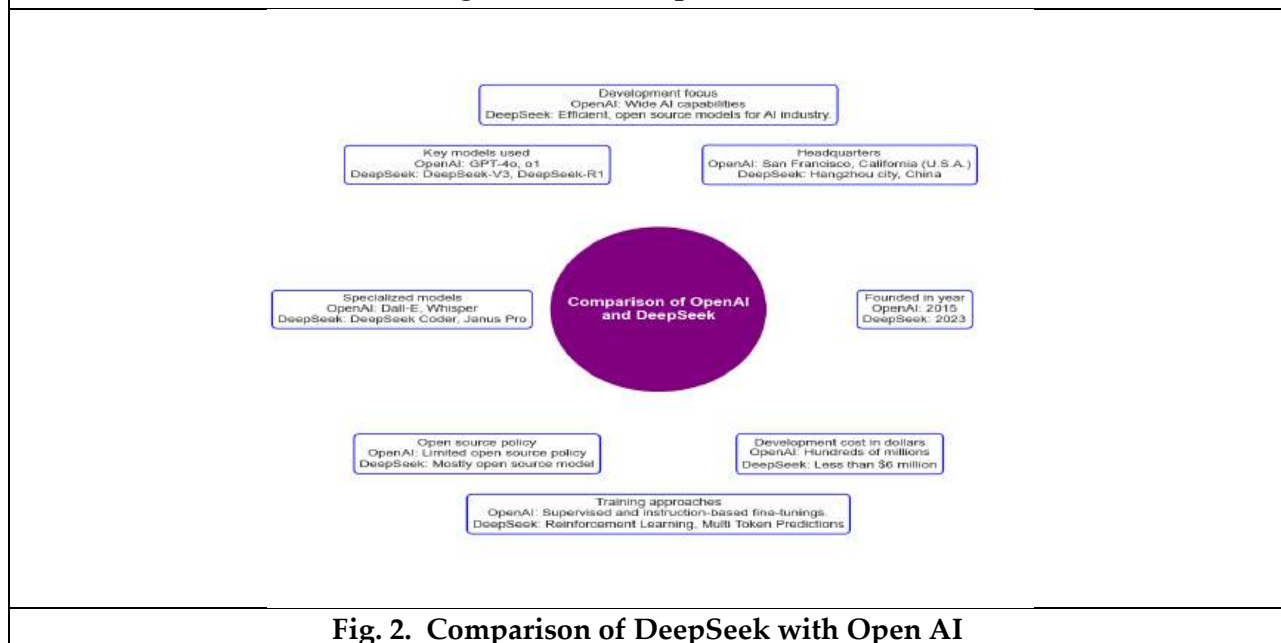
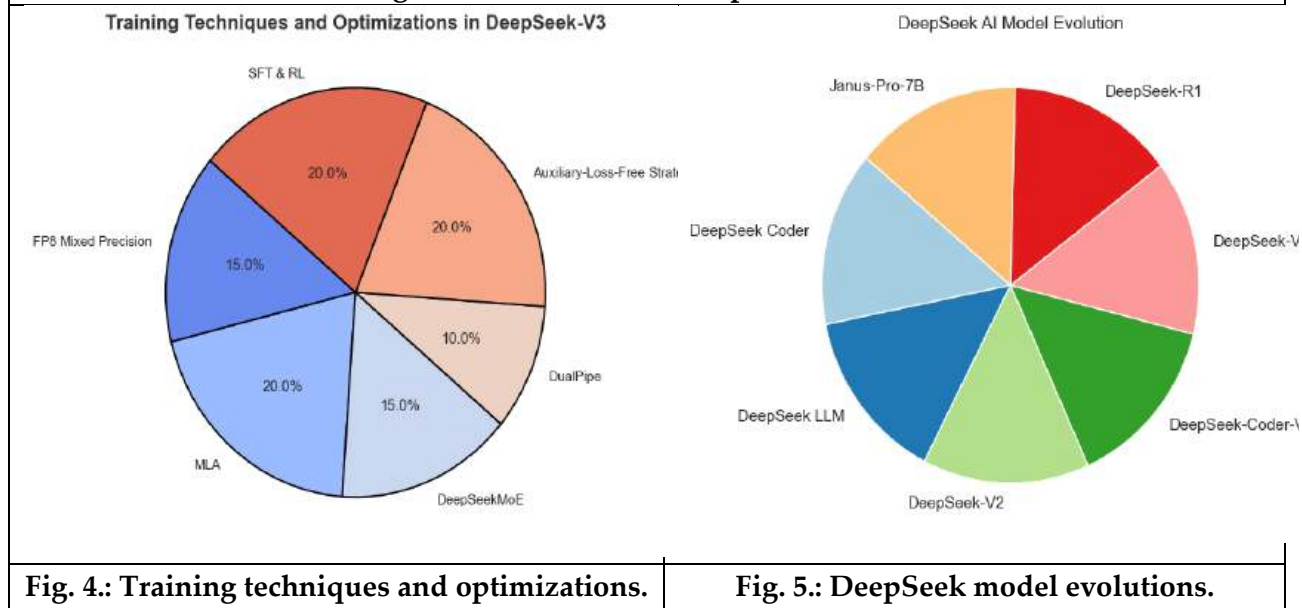
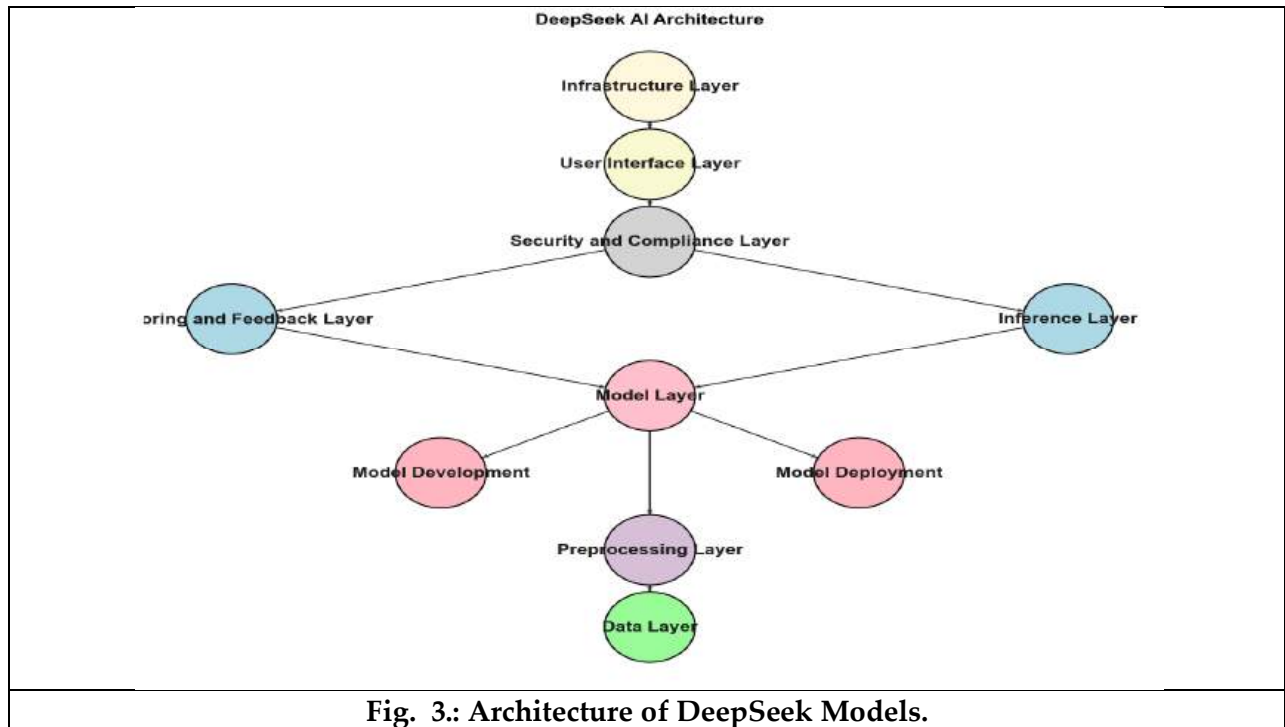


Fig. 2. Comparison of DeepSeek with Open AI





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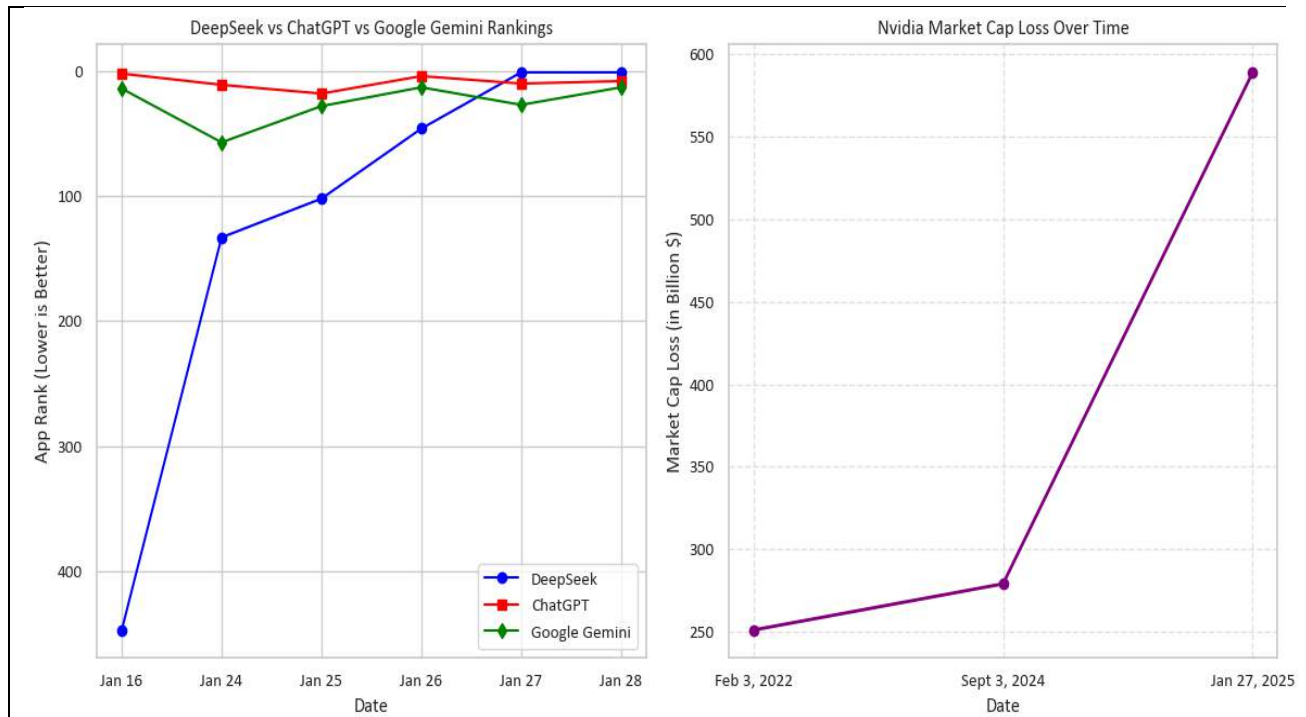
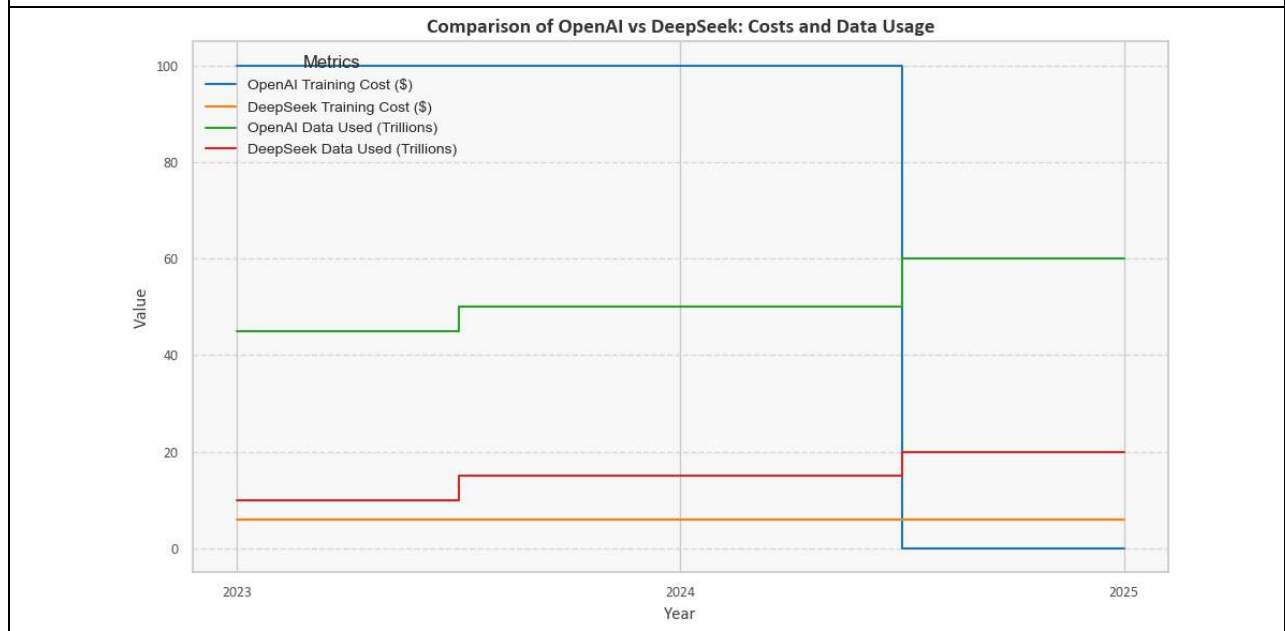


Fig.6. : DeepSeek vs ChatGPT vs Google Gemini rankings and Market loss of Nvidia.



Nikhil Rajaram Mohite *et al.*,**Advantages of DeepSeek AI:****1. Cost-Effective Development:**

Less Training Costs: DeepSeek reduces its training costs by utilizing inexpensive hardware and optimizing its training process, making AI more accessible.

2. Optimized for Efficiency:

Mixture-of-Experts Architecture(MoE): activating only the relevant parts of the model, DeepSeek maximizes computational efficiency, reducing unnecessary energy consumption.

3. Open-Source Philosophy:

DeepSeek's open-source approach offers collaboration and transparency, allowing global access to powerful AI models for innovation and development.

4. Adaptability to Smaller Devices:

DeepSeek AI models can be used on various devices, ensuring scalability from small-edge devices to large data centers with minimal infrastructure costs.

5. High Security:

DeepSeek ensures data security with advanced encryption, secure storage solutions and compliance with global privacy regulations like GDPR and CCPA, protecting user data from misuse

Problems and allegations with DeepSeek:**1. Cost Disruption:**

DeepSeek's R1 model was developed for less than \$6 million, significantly disrupting the high costs of AI technologies. This threatens the profitability of American companies by offering cheaper alternatives.

2. Geopolitical Concerns:

America's technological dominance, especially focus on geopolitical tensions between China and America. The shift in technological leadership raises national security concerns, with fears of a growing technological gap between U.S. and China.

3. Cybersecurity Vulnerabilities:

DeepSeek was hit by a large-scale cyberattack in January 2025, raising problems about the model's security. This attack highlights vulnerabilities in DeepSeek's infrastructure.

4. Generates Dangerous Content :

DeepSeek-R1 has been found to generate harmful and toxic content sometimes, including hate speech. The model is more likely to produce insecure and dangerous outputs.

5. Manipulation and Jailbreaking:

DeepSeek-R1 is highly vulnerable to being "jailbroken" or manipulated to create dangerous content. Jailbreaking could lead to its illegal and harmful activities.

Fig.7. The architecture of DeepSeek



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Visual Geometry Group 16-Convolutional Neural Network Model for Content-based Image Retrieval

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ABSTRACT

Content-based image retrieval (CBIR) is becoming increasingly feasible due to the growth of the World Wide Web and the continuous advancement of computer technology. The CBIR algorithms create patterns from image databases for effective retrieval. The CBIR system allows users to submit queries, retrieve images with similar visual content, and search image databases. The computer can collect images identical to the query image from an extensive database to extract valuable features. However, retrieving relevant images from databases quickly and efficiently remains challenging. However, CBIR frequently requires more time and exhibits lower accuracy. To solve this problem, we present a model for content-based image retrieval using the Visual Geometry Group 16-Convolutional Neural Network (VGG16-CNN) technique to evaluate each image class's weight. The frequency of texture features in image processing using the Gabor filter technique and utilizing the Color Histogram Evaluation (CHE) method to improve the low-level histogram image features. Then, the optimal features can be selected by assessing the Grasshopper swarm with the Contour-Based Grasshopper Optimization (CBGO) algorithm. Lastly, by employing the VGG16-CNN technique, which relies on Deep Learning (DL) technique to determine the importance of each image class, the precision of these feature's accuracy can be enhanced. To analyze the performance metrics precision, recall, F1-Score, and accuracy can be utilized to improve the effectiveness of the proposed method using CNN, KNN, LBP, and RIV3-NET-EDBN.

Keywords: Content-Based Image Retrieval, Image Processing, Contour-Based Grasshopper Optimization, Deep Learning and VGG16-CNN.



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INTRODUCTION

The growing use of digital image transformation in multimedia platforms, along with the rapid growth of extensive image databases, underscores the crucial role of CBIR systems in database management. Efficient image information capture and retrieval using various image features and metadata, including multiple tags, keywords, and image descriptions, is required for content-based search and analysis. As the volume and complexity of image data continue to grow, it has become crucial to enhance and refine CBIR techniques for effective and precise image retrieval and analysis in large databases [1]. Content in CBIR allows color, shape, texture, or other information to describe the image. CBIR analyses low-level visual characteristics like Color, and spatial arrangement from the query to identify similar features and organize the results. Image feature vectors can be employed in Machine Learning (ML) algorithms to enhance CBIR performance by training and testing models [2].

The CBIR must compare the activated features with the query image to determine their similarity and gather objective feature information from the images in the database. The images related to the query in CBIR systems are categorized based on their features, which include texture, color, and shape. Analyzing features extracted from individual classes to retrieve a content-oriented image is possible [3]. By using Gabor local correlations to extract texture features from color autocorrelation, it is possible to reveal the total local binary mode amplitudes and local image features. Singular value decomposition is a valuable approach for extracting global features and image feature analysis in image processing. The technique is important for a variety of applications in computer vision and image recognition, providing valuable insights into the underlying structures and patterns in image data.

Finding images visually similar to a user's query can be quite resource-intensive. Approaches that rely on annotations are inefficient due to language variations, while pixel-level matching is hindered by factors such as orientation, size, image capture style, angle, and storage method. Detecting similar images from unstructured visual data poses significant challenges due to the complexity and variability of the visual information. This process requires advanced methods and techniques to accurately compare, and match images based on their features [4]. However, developing an effective image retrieval system involves many complex challenges. To provide accurate and comprehensive results, search results during image retrieval may be inaccurate or ineffective for all users' needs [5]. CBIR is a crucial aspect of contemporary information retrieval systems. However, the accuracy of these searches can be impacted if the image description provided is incorrect or missing. As a result, users may face difficulty finding the images they require, leading to frustration and inefficiency during the retrieval process.

This paper presents an approach to utilizing Kaggle for feature selection from the Corel2K-Image dataset to retrieve content images. The texture features in image processing can be analyzed by applying Gabor filtering techniques. The content images can be recovered by optimizing low-level histogram image features using the CHE method. The CBGO algorithm is employed to evaluate the grasshopper swarm and determine the most optimal features. Additionally, the accuracy of these features is enhanced by assessing the significance of each image type through the VGG16-CNN method based on DL techniques. The fundamental architecture diagram for content-based image retrieval can enhance its accuracy through feature setting, optimizing low-level histogram images, selecting optimal image features, and improving retrieval time for various image types.

Literature Survey / Related Work

Srivastava D *et. al.* proposed the optimal data for searching related images based on a query image in an image set using the selected CBIR method. Attributes such as color, texture, shape, and descriptions enable underlying analysis to analyze the complexity of feature selection [6]. Dubey S R *et. al.* designed efficient storage and retrieval of associated images to present significant challenges. Over the past decade, they have conducted a comprehensive analysis of the development of CBIR systems utilizing deep learning techniques [7]. Ahmed A *et. al.* developed the CBIR approach is appropriate for characterizing the progress of advanced methods from various existing



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perspectives. Medical images can be retrieved based on color and texture using a CBIR system to analyze image features [8]. Preethy Byju *et. al.* However, searching and retrieving images collected from various user's datasets is complicated. The method can provide a coarser bandwidth resolution by decoding the approximate code blocks with the proposed system. An image query generated from frequency features can eliminate images similar to the query image based on coarse resolution similarity. However, substantial effort is required to address CBIR challenges in computationally intensive analysis [9].

As outlined by Angadi S A *et. al.* an efficient CBIR framework offers image query techniques leveraging pre-trained transfer learning via a proposed CNN approach. Furthermore, the classification method for image retrieval assesses utilizing distance metrics to facilitate parallel matching [10]. Ayesha Khan *et. al.* proposed a Directional Magnitude Local Hexadecimal Pattern (DMLHP) method to detect texture feature descriptors by extracting image textures based on direction and amplitude. DMLHP texture descriptors efficiently capture textual and semantic information of an image with the same visual content [11]. Hai N M *et. al.* designed Combining descriptors with the Alexnet CNN technique for analysis can develop an effective system for describing images using ML. The experimental results show that [12]. Wei S *et. al.* compares the proposed method with existing methods to improve accuracy and prove its superiority. The CBIR approach ensures key content with built-in support of two-stream CNN and sub-CNN techniques. Furthermore, it calculates its similarity by restoring the image of the CBIR approach by suppressing the irrelevant feature [13]. Kayhan N *et. al.* proposed the CBIR system based on weighted color and texture features. Moreover, the filter-based Gray Level Co-Occurrence Matrix (GLCM) method can be used for feature extraction. For feature extraction, the suggested approach can measure the color histogram. The GLCM method was employed to analyze texture feature descriptions, and second-order statistical parameters were computed for each distorted sub-image. The search results demonstrate superior accuracy compared to similar CBIR schemes [14].

Varish N *et. al.* proposes a three-stage hierarchical image retrieval scheme that employs color, texture, and shapes visual contents (or descriptors) to produce satisfactory retrieval results, as a single visual content is ineffective. Initially, the shape feature descriptor was computed by combining gradient histograms with the invariant moments of the planes of segmented images [15]. Kumar G V R M *et. al.* examined to forecast the latent spatial representation of images, they employ A Stacked Siamese Neural Network (SSiNN) model that has been specially trained, and conducting a detailed analysis of spatial representation for image retrieval poses challenges [16]. Similarly, Mohite N B *et. al.* designed the Deep CNN (DCNN) model for image retrieval based on DL techniques to extract deep features expressed from different layers using multiple hidden layers [17]. A retraining method for CBIR was proposed by TzelepiM *et. al.* which can be implemented in a more efficient convolutional layer. Additionally, Max Pooling utilizes the DCNN model to analyze feature representations from convolutional layer activations for image classification and retrieval [18]. Sezavar *et. al.* developed a robust method that combines CNN and sparse representation, utilizing spatial representation to extract deep features, which is proposed to improve search velocity and accuracy [19]. Kanaparthi S K *et. al.* developed the GLCM algorithm to analyses image texture features and compute the similarity and scale between two images with symmetrical patterns [20]. As shown in table 1, based on image retrieval, content-based machine learning technology can be used to estimate the defects obtained by previous analysis and their accuracy.

Table 2 presents a proposed analysis of the dataset-driven CBIR method's image retrieval and evaluation of performance metrics. Several image restoration techniques have been proposed to provide an assessment of the performance of CBIR systems. A hybrid CBIR system based on DL and ML is introduced by Sikandar S *et. al.* Two methods, ResNet 50 and VGG 16, based on pre-trained transfer learning models are implemented to retrieve the images [33]. Mamta Martolia *et. al.* designed the Local Binary Method (LBP) approach is commonly utilized in the literature to extract texture information. However, processing takes longer because all 8 bits are considered while determining the LBP method [34]. Sherje N proposed CBIR of continuous data features is still a difficult issue, nevertheless. Simulation outcomes utilizing the Retrieval-Based Inception V3-NET (RIV3-NET) technique for advanced image retrieval classify content images and analyze their parameters [35].





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PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The VGG16 CNN model implements content-based image retrieval, assessing the significance of each image category. It utilizes Kaggle-selected features from the Corel2K-Image dataset to acquire content images. They analyze texture features in image processing using Gabor filtering technique. It employ the CHE method to optimize low-level histogram image features and utilize the CBGO algorithm within the grasshopper swarm framework to select the best features. The accuracy of image features can be improved by estimating the weight of each image class with the VGG16-CNN method based on deep learning techniques. To enhance the performance of the proposed method by utilizing metrics like precision, recall, f1-score, and accuracy. Moreover, content images can be retrieved using Kaggle by selecting features from Corel2K-Image datasets. The best features can then be identified by estimating the grasshopper swarm using the CBGO method. Through the use of sophisticated algorithms and neural network models, the technique can be utilized to investigate the efficacy and accuracy of image retrieval systems.

Dataset Collection

Image datasets often contain multiple categories or classes. The accuracy of image features can be predicted in image retrieval systems using Corel 2K data collected from the dataset, such as the number and type of images. The Coral-2k dataset published on Kaggle contains a total of 1000 images of beaches, dinosaurs, flowers, buses, and ships. The testing results demonstrate that the CBIR system utilizing the Corel 2K dataset exceeds current methods in accuracy and speed. The accuracy of prediction is determined by assessing the effectiveness of the suggested model on randomly chosen images from a Coral 2K dataset.

Gabor Filter

The Gabor filter technique can be utilized to analyze the Gabor frequency of texture features in image processing. Gabor filtering can be achieved by analyzing specific frequencies in specific directions in local areas around an area of interest in an image. A Gabor filter can describe the local frequency signal by analyzing the energy at a specific frequency and direction of each wavelet. In addition, Gabor filters provide higher resolution in both time and frequency domains compared to Fourier transforms. The feature vector is determined by the eigenvector system, and its magnitude and direction are utilized in generating feature components, which can be calculated with Gabor wavelets.

The content image can be obtained by estimating a class of self-similar functions known as Gabor wavelets. Predictive filters analyze frequencies in local signal regions. Determine the frequency and standard deviation of the Gaussian envelope of the Gabor function as outlined in Equation 1. The Gabor wavelet image representation is an image transform within the same family of Gabor kernels. Let's assume i –Gabor, $i_{(a,b)}$ –Gabor filter generating function, $\sigma_a \sigma_b$ –standard deviation, u-frequency wavelet, c and o-total number of scale and orientation, a and b-function.

$$i_{(a,b)} = \frac{1}{2\pi\sigma_a\sigma_b} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{a^2}{\sigma_a^2} + \frac{b^2}{\sigma_b^2}\right) + 2\pi hu^a\right) \quad \text{Eq. (1)}$$

$$i_{co}(a,b) = x^{-c} \cdot i(\tilde{a}, \tilde{b}) \quad \text{Eq. (2)}$$

Calculate the total number of integer readings and directions specifying the wave magnitude and direction as described in equations 3 and 4 the grayscale distribution of the image. Let's assume i_{co} –Gabor kernel, g-convolutional kernel, q and k- filter mask size of variable, i^{*co} –conjugate of the Gabor function, i_{co} and i_{co} –convolution result corresponding to the Gabor kernel, c-magnitudes in equation 5.

$$\tilde{a} = x^{-c}(a + b\sin_\theta) \quad \text{Eq. (3)}$$

$$\tilde{b} = x^{-c}(-a\sin_\theta + b\cos_\theta) \quad \text{Eq. (4)}$$

$$i_{co}(a,b) = \sum_q G(a-q, b-k) i^{*co}(q_k) \quad \text{Eq. (5)}$$

Gabor filters can be used to quantify the amount of energy in images of different sizes and orientations. A measure of the coefficient of variation of the mean and standard deviation is used to indicate the uniform structural properties of





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the part. Equations 6 and 7 compute Gabor waves using an eigenvector system with the scales and orientations employed in the general performance. Let's assume μ_{co} –mean, σ_{co} –standard deviation, E_k –texture feature.

$$\frac{D(c,o)=\sum_a \sum_b |co(a,b)|}{R \times S} \quad \text{Eq. (6)}$$

$$\mu_{mn} = \frac{D(c,o)}{R \times S} \sigma_{co} = \frac{\sum_a \sum_b |I_{co}(a,b) + \mu_{co}|^2}{R \times S} \quad \text{Eq. (7)}$$

Gabor filters can identify particular frequencies in specific signal regions by computing various measurements and orientations. Moreover, using Gabor filters to assess the coefficient of variation for the average and standard deviation allows for the computation of energy extraction in content-based images, which can then retrieve the image based on its textural features.

Color Histogram Evaluation (CHE)

A CBIR system using a color histogram evaluation technique is utilized to optimize the features of low-level histogram images. The color sequence can be determined by selecting color features using the CHE technique to analyze the image's color space. The bits representing each component in the RGB pixel estimate with the selected features are used to generate a histogram. The number of pixels in the image that fall within this range can be stored by the value in each bin. These thresholds indicate different intensity levels for each RGB component. This CHE method of measuring skewness is computationally more efficient, especially when, in general, the mean and standard deviation can be evaluated. Skewness can be measured by typically estimating the mean and standard deviation using this CHE method. The skewness is positive when the histogram tails spread to the right and negative when the histogram tails spread to the left. The pixel values are dispersed at greater intensity levels after normalizing the values in each bin by dividing by the total number of pixels in the image, which enhances the CHE method accuracy.

Hue, Saturation, and Value in color space, or HSV for short, is a color space representation of white light used to show intensity values in images of continuous waves (like the dominant wavelength). Additionally, the values in color space range from 0 to 1, with 0 representing black and 1 representing white. Equations 8 to 10 demonstrate a method for estimating color using the HSV color space to determine the total number of different color in an image patch. RGB images can be easily converted to HSV color space. Let's assume H-hue, S-saturation, V-values in color space.

$$H = D_K \left(\cos \cos - 1 \frac{\frac{1}{2}[Q-I]+[S-Y]}{\sqrt{(S-I)^2 - I(P-Y)}} \right) \quad \text{Eq. (8)}$$

$$s = 1 - \left(\frac{3[\min(P,I,Y)]}{P+I+Y} \right) \quad \text{Eq. (9)}$$

$$v = \left(\frac{P+I+Y}{3} \right) \quad \text{Eq. (10)}$$

Probability distribution modelling of extreme levels can be used to analyze the statistically based properties of histogram features. These statistical properties, shown in Equation 11, are used to estimate the features of the image intensity level distribution. The brightness of an image can be estimated by calculating its overall average. If the image is bright, the average will be high, whereas a dark image will yield a low average. This can be achieved by summing up the pixel values along the rows and columns of the image. High-contrast images represent high contrast, and low-contrast images use standard deviation to represent the data distribution. Let's assume $R_{(i)}$ –histogram probability, $O(i)$ –number of pixels at gray level value, i-grey, c-number of the pixel in the image, L-total number of intensity, p-row, m-column, and g-image.

$$\{R_{(i)} = \frac{O(i)}{c} \underline{i} = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} i^R(i) = \sum_p \sum_m \frac{g(p,m)}{c} \sigma_i = \sqrt{\sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (i - \underline{i})^2 R(i)} \quad \text{Eq. (11)}$$

The distribution's skewness can be assessed by estimating the mean concentration level of the curve, which can also be measured by determining the peak or maximum value through the mean, mode, and standard deviation.





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Equations 12 and 13 present the effective mean and standard deviation for the system measuring skewness. Let's assume Q-skew, c-mode.

$$Q = \frac{1}{\sigma_i^3} \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} (i - \bar{I})^3 R(i) \quad \text{Eq. (12)}$$

$$Q = \frac{i - c}{\sigma_i} \quad \text{Eq. (13)}$$

As indicated in equations 14 and 15, a color histogram can be assessed using bits that encode the image data by distributing the intensity levels measured by energy. Moreover, the higher the energy, the fewer the number of intensity levels in the image, and they accumulate only in intensity cases. Where E_i –energy, E_o –Evaluate color histogram feature entropy, i –histogram gray level.

$$E_i = \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} [R(i)]^2 \quad \text{Eq. (14)}$$

$$E_o(I) = - \sum_{i=0}^{L-1} R(i)[R(i)] \quad \text{Eq. (15)}$$

Color histogram assessment can be enhanced by condensing the pixel values of the content image's rows and columns. As pixel values in an image become more densely distributed, entropy increases. Higher entropy in content images can enhance the estimation of color histograms with scaling energy.

Contour-Based Grasshopper Optimization (CBGO)

The contour-based grasshopper optimization algorithm is used to retrieve the image by selecting features and analyzing the grasshopper swarm. The CBGO algorithm is employed for smoothing corner edge curves and areas with significant curvature, while determining the overall contour shape based on higher frequency Fourier transform and lower frequency estimates simultaneously. The Fourier coefficients are used to reconstruct the structural details of the content image edges using the inverse Fourier transform, which can be used to recover the image by analyzing the smooth edges. By utilizing the CBGO algorithm to mimic a grasshopper swarm, each locust calculates a specific distance from other locusts. The grasshopper's position symbolizes social interaction and the impact of the wind. The CBGO algorithm enables the examination of unit vectors that depict the distance function between locusts and the social force. Moreover, the optimization issue can be efficiently resolved using the CBGO model tailored for grasshopper movement. The number of iterations can be enhanced by constraining the application through the selection of upper and lower bounds and target locations within the dimension.

Algorithm 1. CBGO

Input Evaluate the color histogram feature E_o

Output Best feature solution Z

Start

Step-1. Estimate the population of grasshoppers $U_a = E_o(a = 1, 2, 3, \dots, h)$

Step-2. Calculate the maximum number of iterations currently generated

Step-3. Compute the fitness function for the grasshopper solution at each search

Step-4. Evaluate the best search grasshoppers $\leftarrow z$

Step-5. For each maximum number of iterations $\leftarrow w_a$

Update the maximum and minimum number of values for the largest generation.

$$E = E_{max} - w \frac{E_{max} - E_{min}}{w} \quad \text{Eq. (16)}$$

For each search grasshopper $\leftarrow (U_a)$

Estimate the distance between the grasshoppers

Update current search grasshopper position

$$U_a^f = e \left(\sum_{b=1}^H e^{\frac{xj_f - aj_f}{2}} q(|U_b^f - U_a^f|) \frac{U_b - U_a}{f_{ab}} \right) + \widehat{Z}_f \quad \text{Eq. (17)}$$

Evaluate the current search outside the grasshopper boundaries

End for each

Step-6. Update best feature solutions $\leftarrow z$





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End While

Return z

End

In algorithm 1, the CBGO algorithm initiates the optimization process by creating a population and updating the current best target position. Let's assume U_a –position of the grasshopper, a- grasshopper, W-largest number of iteration, a-current generation, E_{max}, E_{min} –maximum and minimum value, w_a – largest number of grasshopper, f- solution, $x_{j_f} - a_{j_f}$ –upper and lower bound, $\hat{z}_f$ –target feature solution, e-coefficient convenience region, a and b-value, f_{ab} –distance value.

The flowchart of the CBGO algorithm-based feature selection is depicted in figure 1. The edge-based grasshopper optimization algorithm enhances content optimization by analysing grasshopper clusters and selecting features for image retrieval. This algorithm optimizes the iteration count by setting upper and lower bounds on dimension and target location, thereby enhancing output quality. This method improves control over the optimization process by updating the best feature solutions to ensure a more accurate retrieval process.

Visual Geometry Group 16-Convolutional Neural Network (VGG16-CNN)

The image can be analyzed using the VGG16-CNN model to determine the weight of each image class. The VGG16 model achieves high accuracy through feature vectors for image recovery in feature fusion. Memory requirements in training can be scaled by implementing the VGG16-CNN model's input layer with selected dimensions at the image input level within the layer. By analyzing zero values on the negative axis, the ReLU layer activation function can help the network run faster by setting negative input values to zero. Convolution filters in the VGG16-CNN model slide over images during the convolution process. Linear filters are employed in the convolution process to generate feature maps in the convolutional layer. Block normalization involves analysing the input by dividing the input mean by the standard deviation of the current set. The VGG16-CNN model can measure the similarity between images in the training dataset and each image category. It uses Euclidean distance to evaluate image similarity and find the closest set of query images in the image database. By ranking the features of the query image and the distance to each retrieved image, the VGG16-CNN model can estimate the image classifier weights. As the class probability of the query image increases, the weight of the content image also increases. The content image weights are determined using a CNN model for image retrieval, and the distances between the query images and the training classes can be evaluated.

Algorithm 2. VGG16-CNN

Input Best feature solution T

Output Analyze the weight class distance $m(p)$

Start

Step-1. Calculate the zero value of negative input values

$$f_x = M\{0, a < 0a, a \geq 0 \quad \text{Eq. (18)}$$

Step-2. Evaluate a set of linear filters with a curve function

$$(N_d)g_h = (u_d * P)_{gh} + Y_{gh} \quad \text{Eq. (19)}$$

Step-3. Calculate the normalized values and average across hidden neurons.

$$\hat{a}^t = a^t - E(a^t) / \sqrt{z(a^t)} \quad \text{Eq. (20)}$$

$$b^{(t)} = \gamma^t X^t + \beta^t \quad \text{Eq. (21)}$$

Step-4. Calculate the Euclidean distance function and the cosine-like distance function

$$F(a,b) = \sqrt{\sum_{g=1}^f (d_a^g - d_b^g)^2}$$

$$K_{mf}(G,g) = \frac{1}{L} \sum_{h=1}^L F(G,h) OY_{oo}(S,T) = \{P \subseteq F_P, |P| = T \wedge \forall a \in P, b \in F_P - P : F(S,a) \leq F(S,b)\} S_{mf}(S,p) = \frac{1}{2} \left(F(p,s) + \frac{1}{T} \sum_{a \in oT_{oo}(s,T)} D(r,x) \right)$$

Eq. (22)

Step-5. Calculates the weight of each search image.

$$y_c = \frac{e^{x_c}}{\sum_{i=1}^c e^{x_i}} \text{ for } c = 1, \dots, C \quad \text{Eq. (23)}$$





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$$[R(k = m|a) : R(k = m|a)] = \frac{1}{\sum_{g=1}^m E^{ag}} [E^{a_1} : E^{a_m}] \quad \text{Eq. (24)}$$

Step-6. Calculate the query class distance from the weighted image for each class.

$$u_s^m = \frac{\min(K_{mf}(s,g))}{(T_{CD}(q,c))} \times R(K=m|a) \quad \text{Eq. (25)}$$

$$u_s^{mh}(s,p) = (1 - u_s^m + 0.0001) \times P_{mf}(S,p)$$

Step-7. The content image can be estimated by calculating the distance between classes.

$$m(p) = m \frac{\min_{g \in [1,m]} (K_{mf}(S,g))}{\quad} \quad \text{Eq. (26)}$$

Return $m(p)$

End

The VGG16-CNN model estimates the distance between images and training classes, predicts each image class in the dataset, and provides distance prediction accuracy. The VGG16-CNN model can analyze image classifier weights by ranking the distance between the query image and the features of each retrieval image. Let's assume d-activation function a-input, d-feature map index, g and h-pixel point, y-bias, u-weight, P-input data, N-output, $(N_d)g_h$ –feature map output value, a^t –normalized value, T-hidden neuron, $E(a^t)$ –dimension average, t-hidden unit, Z-variable, γ and β –two learnable variable, a and b- two image, d_a, d_b –two feature image, F-distance, f-length of feature, g and h-image, $F(G,h)$ –distance between images, L-nearest list of images, K_{mf} – Training-Class Distance, S_{mf} –query class distance, S-query, F_p –database retrieval, O-databased image retrieval, p-retrieved image, M-dimensional vector, b-real value, K-probability class, $R(k = m|a)$ –and probability input class, u_s^m –weight query classes, W_s^{mf} –weighted image distance for the query category, m(p)-class retrieval.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The VGG16-CNN method can be assessed using a coral image database and analyzed extensively through image processing and CBIR. A total of 1000 image classifiers can then be trained and tested on this database to assess their accuracy, with categories including ships, parachutes, and signboards. Utilizing the VGG16-CNN method in the CBIR system can enhance accuracy by providing optimal features for image classification. Additionally, comparison methods can be employed to evaluate previous techniques like CNN, KNN, LBP, and RIV3-NET-EDBN for retrieving content images from the coral2K database. Moreover, the accuracy of the VGG16-CNN method can be enhanced by evaluating performance metrics such as precision, recall, F1-Score, and accuracy.

Table 3 outlines the process of generating images from the coral image database by utilizing simulation parameters to enhance the accuracy of the VGG16-CNN method. Content images can be accessed from a Jupyter Notebook utilizing the Python language and assessing the simulation parameters as follows.

Equation 27 defines precision as the probability of true positives, which refers to correctly identified real positives. The formula for precision is presented as:

$$\text{Precision (PRE)} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{(\text{True Positive} + \text{False Positive})} \quad \text{Eq. (27)}$$

Recall is defined as the ratio of Real Positives which are correct Predicted Positive given by equation 28.

$$\text{Recall (REC)} = \frac{\text{True Positive}}{(\text{True Positive} + \text{False Negative})} \quad \text{Eq. (28)}$$

The equation 29 provides the formula for calculating the F1-Score, a measure used in classification tasks to evaluate a model's performance.

$$\text{F1-Score} = 2 * \frac{\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \quad \text{Eq. (29)}$$

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{True Positive} + \text{True Negative}}{\text{True Positive} + \text{True Negative} + \text{False Positive} + \text{False Negative}} \quad \text{Eq. (30)}$$

The equation 30 calculates the proportion of correctly predicted observations (both true positives and true negatives) out of the total number of observations. Accuracy is a common metric used to evaluate the overall performance of a classification model.





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Table 4 indicates that the image retrieval accuracy can be improved by comparing CNN, KNN, LBP, and RIV3-NET-EDBN methods with the proposed VGG16-CNN method to achieve the test and validation accuracy. Additionally, Ship-90.9%, Parachute-91.10%, and Sign board-93.5% improved on the test and training datasets. Figure 2 illustrates the proposed VGG16-CNN method for CBIR, which analyses image weights precisely. Performance evaluation of Precision shows accuracy rates of CNN, KNN, LBP and RIV3-NET-EDBN compared to proposed method. Comparatively, the proposed VGG16-CNN method enhances precision in CBIR compared to existing methods.

In figure 3, the VGG16-CNN method for CBIR is proposed, which uses image weights analyzed by recall. Performance evaluation shows that has CNN 89.1% has accuracy, KNN has 89.5% accuracy, LBP has 86.3% accuracy, and RIV3-NET-EDBN has 90.9% accuracy when compared to the previous methods. The VGG16-CNN method significantly improves the accuracy of CBIR, achieving an accuracy improvement of 92.1% compared to existing methods. As depicted in figure 4, the VGG16-CNN approach for CBIR is presented, utilizing image weights analyzed during image retrieval. The F1-Score in performance assessment indicates CNN with 0.388%, KNN with 0.488%, LBP-0.496%, and RIV3-NET-EDBN with 0.532% accuracy compared to prior techniques. The VGG16-CNN method significantly enhances the accuracy of CBIR with 0.548% in contrast to methods documented in existing methods.

Figure 5 illustrates that the proposed VGG16-CNN approach for CBIR can assess image weights through classification accuracy analysis. The performance metrics indicate that CNN achieved 72.9%, KNN achieved 75.36%, LBP achieved 79.4% and RTIV3-NET-EDBN achieved 89.8% using existing techniques. Moreover, when compared to existing methods, the VGG16-CNN approach enhances classification accuracy in content-based image retrieval by up to 93.5% in signboard images. The query image produced by the suggested method utilizing photos from the database and segmentation from the Coral 2K database is shown in Figure 6. Furthermore, content based image accuracy of ship images can be predicted from recovered images.

CONCLUSION

The proposed method presents a new approach to content-based image retrieval by querying various image features. The CBIR and various existing methods can obtain images such as texture features, color histogram estimation, edge detection, and classification of retrieval images. The image processing can be conducted using Kaggle data set to select features and extract content images from the Corel2K-Image dataset. The texture features can be analysed in image processing by utilizing Gabor filtering techniques. The content image can be effectively achieved through the CHE method to enhance the low-level histogram image features. The CBGO algorithm plays a crucial role in estimating grasshopper swarms and identifying the optimal features for image processing. Similarly, the accuracy of these features can be enhanced by assessing the significance of each image category using the VGG16-CNN method based on DL techniques. The integration of the Kaggle dataset, Gabor filtering, CHE method, CBGO algorithm, and VGG16-CNN method forms a comprehensive approach to enhance image feature selection and the overall quality of image processing algorithms. Similarly, the VGG16-CNN method significantly improved the accuracy of content-based image retrieval, achieving a remarkable improvement of 93.5% compared to the existing methods.

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Table 1. Machine Learning Techniques for CBIR

Author	Year	Technique	Drawback	Accuracy
Pathak, D et. al. [21]	2021	Group Normalized-Inception-Darknet-53 (GN-Inception-Darknet-53)	Extracting low-level features of an image requires significant information.	70.2%
Satya Kumar G.V, et. al. [22]	2019	Local Mean Differential Excitation Pattern (LMDep)	Difficulty in recovering traditional feature images within local intrinsic structures	75%
Iqbal S et. al. [23]	2023	CNN	Extracting unorganized characteristics from clinical data is a difficult task in CPMIR.	95.2
Alsmadi, M.K et. al. [24]	2020	Genetic Algorithm (GA)	Efficient search and retrieval methods sometimes run into problems when performing with databases.	90.15





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Yogita Mistry, D.T et. al. [25]	2018	Gabor wavelet transform (GWT)	It is crucial to efficiently retrieve and access images for content visualization from vast databases.	87%
Ghozzi Y et. al. [26]	2022	Multi-Resolution Multi-Direction filter (MRMD)	An optimal pattern is needed that combines all texture and shape features.	90%

Table 2. Dataset and Performance Evaluation Based On Content Based Image Retrieval

Author	Year	Technique	Performance Evaluation	Dataset
Bibi R et. al. [27]	2022	Visual Geometry Group (VGG-19), Extreme Learning Machine (ELM)	Mean Of Average Precision, F-Measure	Wang 10k
Samina Bilquees et. al. [28]	2021	Noise Resilient Local Gradient Orientation (NRLGO)	Average retrieval precision and average retrieval recall	Corel
Abdullah et. al. [29]	2022	CNN	Accuracy	CIFAR-10 dataset
Hasan et. al. [30]	2023	Local Binary Pattern (LBP)	Precision, Recall	Corel-1K dataset
Shereen Saleem Sadiq et. al. [31]	2024	DenseNet121, VGG16	recall, and F1-score	CBIR 50 dataset
Mohamed Ouhda et. al. [32]	2019	SVM, CNN	Recall, Precision	ImageNet

Table 3. Simulation Parameter

Simulation	Value
Dataset Name	Corel 2k
No of Epoch	1000
Trained	756
Tested	244
Tool	Jupyter
Language	Python

Table 4. Content Based Image Retrieval Using Various Methods and Images

Input image	Methods	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-score (%)	Accuracy (%)
Ship	CNN	21.7	65.2	0.326	69.12
	KNN	32.4	72.7	0.448	72.3
	LBP	34.6	77.2	0.478	80.6
	RIV3-NET-EDBN	34.9	84.3	0.494	84.8
	VGG16-CNN	36.1	87.5	0.511	90.9
Parachute	CNN	23.6	76.9	0.361	70.2
	KNN	27.8	81.5	0.415	74.1
	LBP	34.4	85.7	0.491	76.3
	RIV3-NET-EDBN	35.6	89.4	0.509	86.4
	VGG16-CNN	38.2	90.2	0.535	91.10
Signboard	CNN	24.8	89.1	0.388	72.9
	KNN	33.5	89.5	0.488	75.36
	LBP	34.8	86.3	0.496	79.4
	RIV3-NET-EDBN	37.6	90.9	0.532	89.8
	VGG16-CNN	39.8	92.1	0.548	93.5



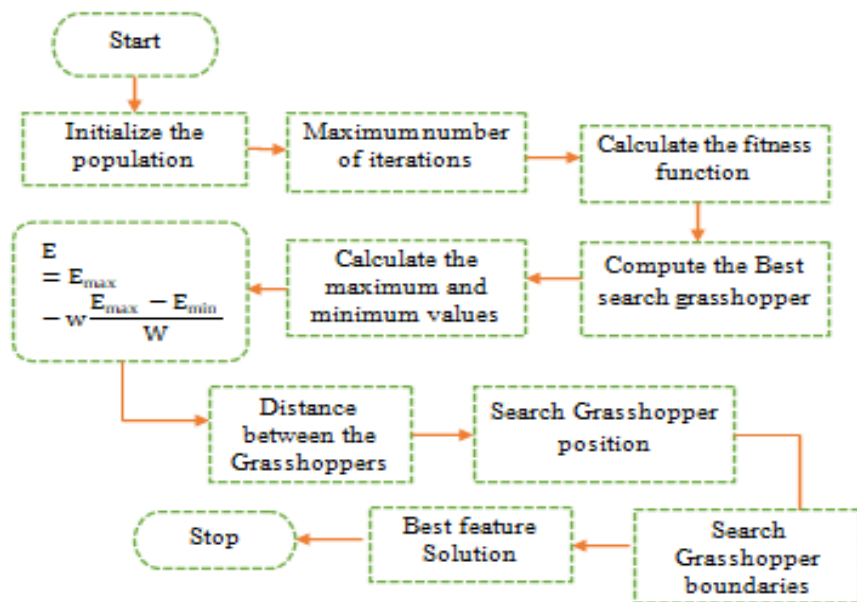


Figure 1. Feature Selection based on CBGO algorithm Using Flowchart Diagram



Figure 2. Analysis of Precision





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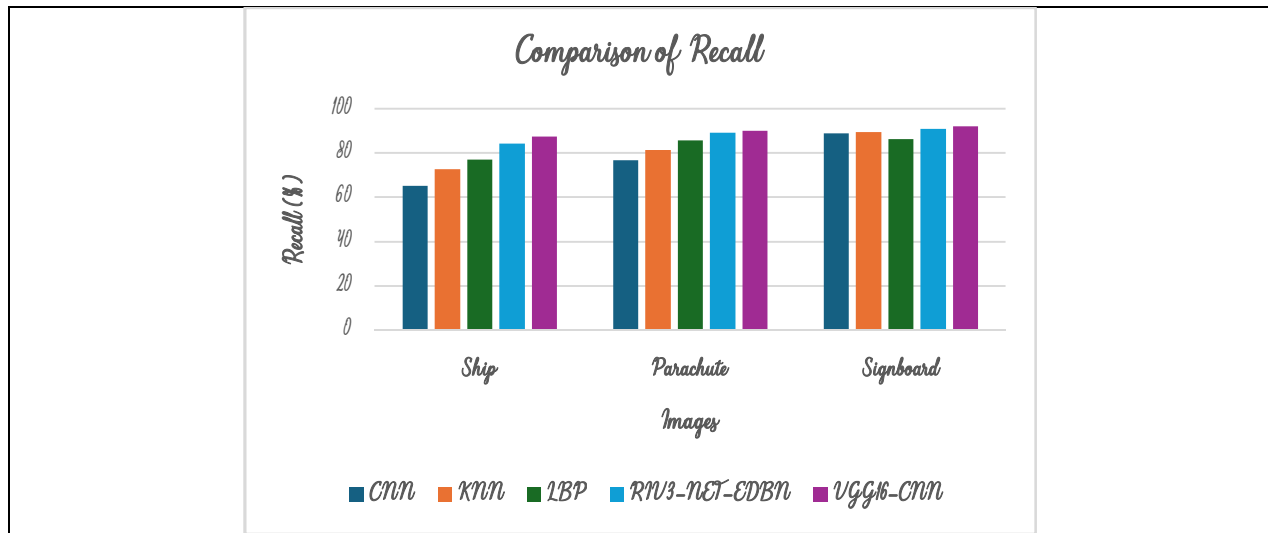


Figure 3. Analysis of Recall

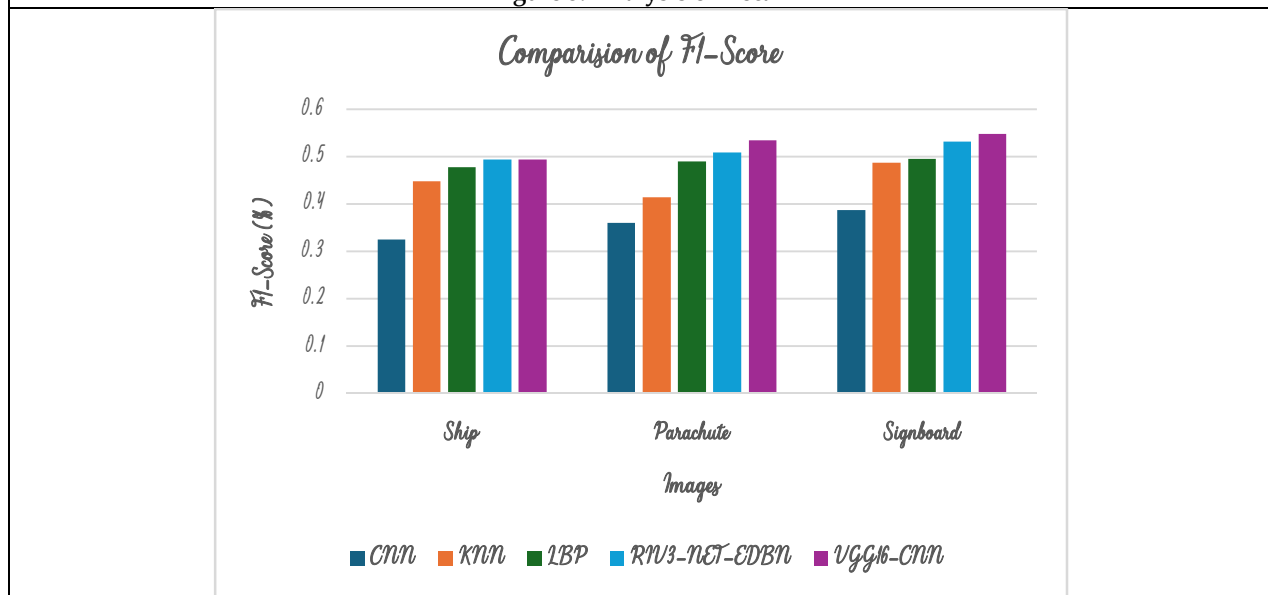


Figure 4. Analysis of F1-Score





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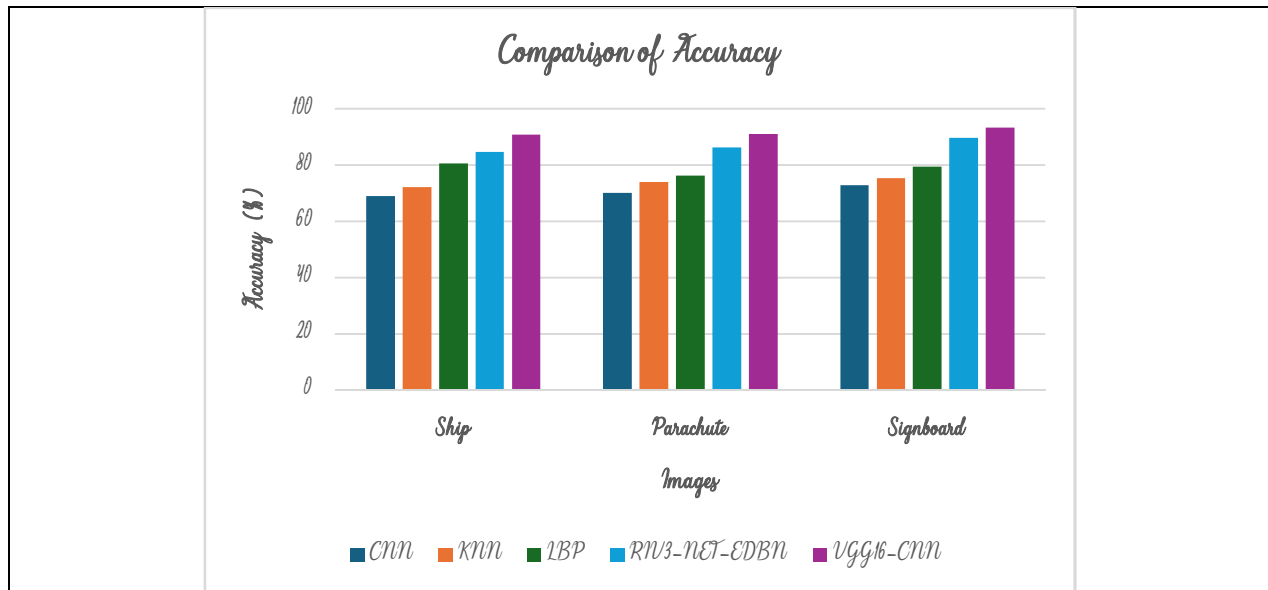


Figure 5. Analysis of Accuracy

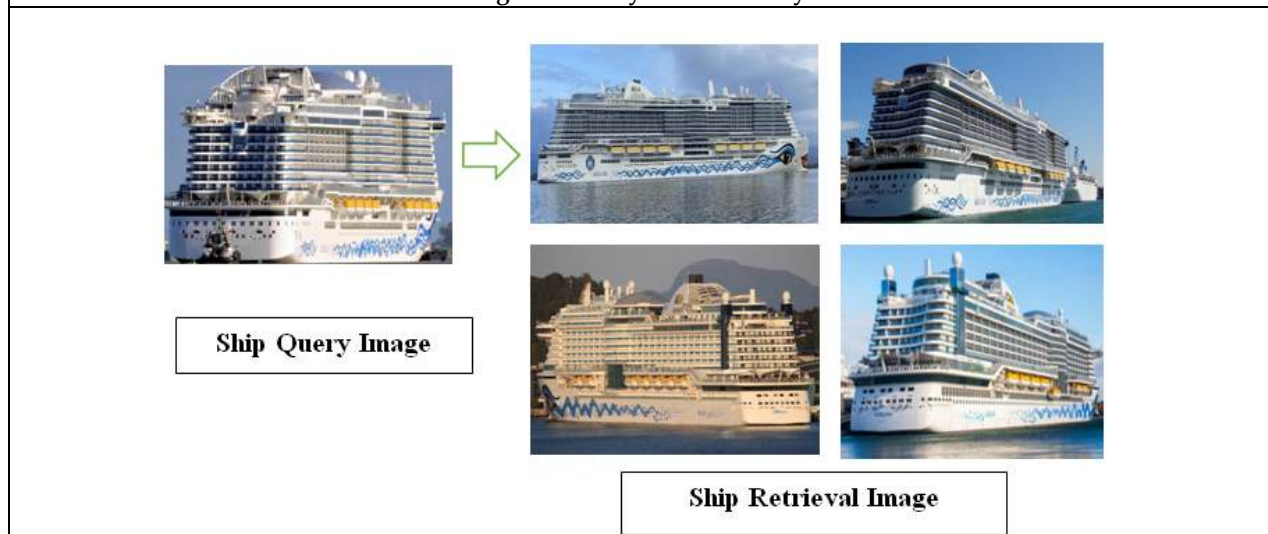


Figure 6. Content-Based Image Processing and Retrieval of Ship Images in Query Images





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Survey on Multiagent based Middleware

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ABSTRACT

Multiagent-based middleware has emerged as a key technology in the field of distributed systems, gaining considerable attention in recent years. This paper provides an overview of multiagent-based middleware, surveys different types of middleware, explores its applications, and discusses future directions for development. Multiagent-based middleware plays a vital role in helping small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) efficiently utilize their information spaces, facilitating communication between various technologies responsible for multiagent systems. JADE, an open-source platform, is a notable example of such middleware. It standardizes multiagent system development and promotes interoperability. The key features of multiagent-based middleware include autonomy, proactivity, social capabilities, and semantic abstraction. However, challenges like extensibility, operation management, and interoperability remain. Multiagent-based middleware finds applications in diverse domains, such as healthcare, emergency management, and smart homes, where it aids in decision support, coordination, and real-time response. It contributes to the development of intelligent agents and promotes interoperable and scalable technology network architecture. Despite its benefits, multiagent-based middleware faces limitations in addressing the heterogeneity of Machine-to-Machine (M2M) systems and lacks support for semantic and syntactical interoperability. Future developments are needed to overcome these challenges and explore emerging trends, such as the growth of M2M devices, to shape the technology's future.

Keywords: Multiagent , Machine-to-Machine , JADE





INTRODUCTION

Multi-agent based middleware is a type of technology that can help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to better utilize their information spaces. It is based on the European project[1]. This type of middleware provides semantically-enabled information for SMEs' knowledge workers by enabling communication between different technologies responsible for multiagent systems and simulation, visualization, and analysis of agent behavior [1][2]. The essay provides further information on how multi-agent based middleware can help SMEs knowledge workers by facilitating the visualization of emergent agent behavior and the entity agent [1][2]. JADE is an open-source platform that has been used by many languages as a distribution infrastructure, such as Jason and JaCaMo. It provides a task execution and composition model, peer-to-peer agent communication, and a yellow page service for publish and subscribe discovery mechanism. JADE-based systems can be distributed across machines with different operating systems [3]. In summary, multiagent-based middleware is a technology that is essential for the development of multiagent systems and helps SMEs utilize their information spaces more efficiently.

Primary functions of multiagent based middleware

Multi-agent systems (MAS) engineers have identified distributed middleware, such as RMI and CORBA, as the fundamental platform for developing multi-agent systems [4]. However, common middleware services such as security and persistency are only minimally considered in multi-agent systems. Instead, domain-specific middleware services are typically developed separately and are difficult to integrate with other services [4]. Multiagent based middleware helps to standardize MAS development and implement common standards such as FIPA and OMG MASIF standards through frameworks like JADE [5]. Middleware also provides a first-class design abstraction for multi-agent systems, offering means to govern agent coordination and resource access [5]. By utilizing multiagent based middleware, developers can streamline the development of MAS and create a standardized approach to multi-agent system development. For instance, JADE has already been utilized by many languages as a distribution infrastructure, including Jason and JaCaMo, which demonstrates the versatility and effectiveness of multiagent based middleware in MAS development [5].

Key features of multiagent based middleware

Multiagent based middleware is a necessary component for the development of scalable and semantic-oriented applications. It uses agents to proxy specific functions or devices, which cooperate with each other to gather data and update the system [6]. The middleware has autonomous, proactive, and social capabilities, performing main functionalities for service creation and enablement for M2M data and devices [6]. Agents are designed to be event-driven and maintain a tuple space for resource discovery [6]. However, extensibility and operation management can be challenging due to low resource abstraction [6]. ActorNet improves interoperability in multitasking execution in resource-constrained Wireless Sensor Network (WSN) applications [6]. The middleware provides semantic abstraction and connections with devices and/or accessing M2M data, but lacks support for semantic and syntactical interoperability [6]. Semantically-organized service descriptions can improve the efficiency of querying and locating services [6]. The proposed middleware is agent-based and service-oriented, providing a semantic service representation model [6]. To enhance the specification of semantic services in a decentralized M2M environment, the middleware uses semantic annotation in sensed data. It also has an efficient semantic service discovery and matching approach for the service combination process, with a theoretical analysis of service composition in terms of its dependency with service discovery [6]. The multiagent based middleware consists of Management Agent (MA) and Service Agent (SA), with each MA in charge of a service domain composed of several tightly coupled entities. The SA is responsible for maintaining the proxy service, complete registration of the service, and publishing the service to the management agent. M2M entities are abstracted into different service agents, with each SA representing and maintaining an entity's services in a specific service domain [6]. Existing middlewares lack support for semantic service enablement and resource constraint, and most existing work on middlewares are WSN-centric and limited in scale to thousands. Furthermore, predefined and deterministic composition mechanisms of existing middlewares are



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not scalable in dynamic M2M applications [6]. Therefore, there is a need for a standard ontology design principle for scalable, complex, and dynamic M2M environments [6]. This section of this paper introduced the concept of multiagent based middleware, its primary functions, and key features. The second section will provide a survey of the different types of multiagent based middleware available, their strengths and weaknesses, and key differences. The third section will examine the various areas where multiagent based middleware is being used, how it is being used, and its benefits. The final section will discuss the current limitations of multiagent based middleware, potential solutions to these limitations, and emerging trends that may shape its future development. Overall, this paper aims to contribute to a better understanding of multiagent based middleware and its potential applications.

Survey of Existing Multiagent Based Middleware

Multiagent-based middleware is a type of middleware that enables communication between two or more autonomous agents. However, the resource constraints of modern devices make it difficult for these middlewares to support complex applications [6]. Therefore, most multiagent-based middleware caters to Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) and lightweight mobile devices [6]. ActorNet is a multiagent-based middleware that is specifically designed for multitasking execution in resource-constrained WSN applications [6]. Similarly, Agilla provides self-adaptive mobile agents to proxy sensors within WSNs and is event-driven [6]. However, these middlewares lack support for semantic and syntactical interoperability and extensibility and operation management is also a challenge due to the low level of resource abstraction [6]. Ubiware and TinyMAPS are two similar middlewares that adopt the characteristics of autonomous, proactive, and social capabilities of multi-agents, in distributed service scheduling and management [6]. Additionally, agent-based semantic middleware layers perform the main functionalities for service creation and enablement for M2M data and devices. This approach retains the semantic benefits of previous approaches and has been extended from the previous multi-agent platform design [6]. However, there is no specific information provided about different types of multiagent-based middleware [6].

Strengths and weaknesses of each type of multiagent based middleware

When it comes to multi-agent based middleware, there are different types, each with its own strengths and weaknesses. One weakness of middleware without scheduling is that there is a positive standard deviation between average speeds. This can lead to unpredictable performance and slower execution times, which can be detrimental to certain applications. On the other hand, middleware with scheduling has the strength of having a zero standard deviation between average speeds. This means that the performance is more consistent and predictable, which is beneficial for applications that require reliable and timely execution[11]. It is important to carefully consider the specific needs of an application when choosing between different types of multi-agent based middleware in order to maximize performance and efficiency. Furthermore, it is worth noting that JADE has been widely used as a distribution infrastructure for various languages, such as Jason and JaCaMo, indicating its usefulness and versatility in the field.

Differences between multiagent based middleware

The text mentions the existence of different types of multiagent based middleware, but does not provide direct comparison between them. Instead, the focus is on the middleware's implementation for a specific simulation scenario. The middleware requires parameters that are defined in an XML file, which specifies the parameters for each simulation involved [7]. The local simulation corrects the Move function, while the regional simulation corrects the Demand and Assign functions [7]. Additionally, the middleware applies the M-DA Algorithm (Algorithm 3) to address the challenges of multi-agent coordination in the simulation scenario at hand [7]. Therefore, while there are no key differences mentioned between different types of multiagent based middleware, this text provides insight into how a specific middleware was implemented to address the challenges of a particular simulation scenario.

Applications of Multiagent Based Middleware

Multiagent based middleware is being utilized in diverse application domains. One of the primary use cases is for the development of agent-based applications, where it is used to implement the agents' lifecycle and management logic [8]. Additionally, multiagent based middleware provides administrative tools for deploying, monitoring, and



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debugging multiagent systems. This is crucial for ensuring the proper functioning of the agents and the system as a whole [8]. Multiagent systems (MAS) are applied to a wide range of problems such as planning and scheduling systems, real-time control, robotics, and industrial fields [8]. Multiagent based middleware is also being used in the thematic areas of data-driven artificial intelligence, cloud-enabled artificial intelligence, cloud datacenters, multi-agent negotiation and collaboration, big data, AI-based cloud computing, and intelligent agents. Furthermore, there have been software developments in different MAS related fields ranging from declarative and imperative languages, integrated development environments to agent platforms and frameworks [8]. Another application domain where multiagent based middleware is being used is for systems that require short response-time, although there may be other application domains not covered by the text [8]. Multiagent-based middleware is a crucial component of various areas, including wireless sensor networks (WSNs), resource-constrained devices and M2M environments. However, some middlewares tend to overlook the heterogeneity of M2M and have limited support for semantic and syntactical interoperability and complex applications in resource-rich devices [6]. ActorNet is a middleware that aims to enhance interoperability in multitasking execution in resource-constrained WSN applications [6]. Extensibility and operation management can be challenging due to the low level of resource abstraction, but multi-agent based semantic middleware can perform main functionalities for service creation and enablement for M2M data and devices [6]. The multi-agent middleware has adopted the characteristics of autonomous, proactive, and social capabilities in distributed service scheduling and management, which can help solve the heterogeneity and diversity problem of different smart devices [6][9]. The SA is responsible for maintaining the proxy service, registering the service and publishing the service to the management agent. On the other hand, the MA manages the service agents and requests service scheduling while selecting the best service or a combination of services [6]. Each management agent maintains a table to record the combinational service list. Multi-agent based middleware is involved in managing service agents and service execution in different service domains such as hundreds of sensors or e-health equipment in a local area [6]. This approach enables each agent in the smart home system to communicate and work with each other, precisely responding to family life scenes. The multi-agent middleware is essential in solving the collaborative control problem of heterogeneous smart devices in the IAPhone platform, which has shown significant adaptability and advantages in connection of heterogeneous devices, collaborative control, human-computer interaction, and user self-management [9]. Additionally, multi-agent-based middleware is used to support the notion of time, which is the most important and complex feature of the proposal [2]. Finally, multi-agent-based middleware is used for designing and developing a middleware to communicate the current technology in charge of the development of the MAS and the technology in charge of the simulation, visualization and analysis of the behavior of the agents [2].

Benefits of using multiagent based middleware

The healthcare industry has become increasingly complex, with a need for efficient ways to manage and coordinate medical services. Agent-based systems have proven to be a suitable integration and coordination solution in the healthcare domain [10]. In fact, agent-based approaches have been applied to various medical fields, including data retrieval and processing, decision support systems, planning and resource management, patient monitoring, and system integration [10]. Multiagent based middleware can support interoperable and scalable technology network architecture [10]. For instance, an EHR agent acting as middleware can retrieve and update patient medical records in a distributed manner [10]. Additionally, multi-agent based middleware can be used for coordinating ambulances and assigning services to them, as well as retrieving, analyzing and selecting required information for healthcare providers [10]. In emergency situations, agent-based healthcare systems are able to actively seek information and deliver the right service to patients [10]. The use of agents allows for the distribution of knowledge to occur among geographically different locations, without compromising on the part of knowledge needed to solve the problem [10]. Multiagent systems are useful in health environments where different heterogeneous components are interacting [10]. They are also widely used in modeling, designing and development of healthcare systems, providing healthcare services for rural regions in emergency cases [10]. Multiagent based middleware can be used in emergency or disaster management [10]. However, there is limited research on the use of multi-agent systems for prehospital emergency services in rural areas [10]. Multiagent systems are also useful in chronic disease care and predicting future situations for old people monitoring [10]. Multiagent based middleware provides coordination features for



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integrating medical documents from various health information systems [10]. It is important to note that multiagent systems are currently developed as prototypes and not deployed in real environments [10]. A major challenge in using multiagent systems is their communication problems, leading to system failure. Thus, their security and maintainability should be considered more strictly in the future [10]. The use of context-aware hospital information systems using multiagent based middleware can respond to patient conditions and needs in real-time, aiding in quality care delivery [10]. Furthermore, multiagent based decision support systems aid in organ and tissues distribution for transplantation and procedure allocation through negotiation and coordination between agents [10]. Integrating web service standards and technologies with multi-agent systems provides a promising computing environment for managing complex distributed issues efficiently [10]. Multi-agent based middleware helps to automate the prehospital process and can be beneficial in complex prehospital emergency environments [10]. Multiagent systems can create a society of interacting agents for distributed decision making, providing autonomy, flexibility, collaboration, and negotiation capabilities [10]. Using autonomous agents in MAS provides intelligent decision-making capabilities, providing a useful tool for efficient resource utilization for managing prehospital emergency patients [10]. The ambulance agent takes care of patients and provides consultation if necessary, while the quality of care monitoring agent monitors the EMS center agent, ambulance agent, and healthcare providers [10]. The electronic health record agent provides a repository of patient's medical history, improving the quality of care [10]. Lastly, the EMS center agent acts as a decision support module and selects suitable treatment protocols based on the patient's medical history [10]. Multiagent based middleware enables efficient delivery of patient calls to patient agents, while the consultation agent provides remote consultation to ambulance agents and healthcare providers, enhancing patient care [10].

Future Directions and limitations for Multiagent Based Middleware

Despite the advantages of multi-agent based middleware, current solutions have several limitations that restrict their applicability in complex and dynamic Machine-to-Machine (M2M) environments. One of the primary limitations is that current multi-agent based middleware solutions are not designed to address the heterogeneity of M2M systems, which limits their interoperability and integration with other systems [6]. In addition, most existing solutions are focused on Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) or lightweight mobile devices, and do not scale well to larger and more complex M2M systems [6]. Extensibility and operational management are also challenging due to the low level of resource abstraction in multi-agent based middleware solutions. Furthermore, these solutions lack support for semantic and syntactical interoperability, which is essential for seamless integration of different systems [6]. Despite several notable attempts to address these issues, there is still no standard ontology design principle for scalable, complex, and dynamic M2M environments [6]. Finally, most current work lacks support for semantic service enablement and resource constraint in multi-agent based middleware. Predefined and deterministic composition mechanisms in current work will not scale well in dynamic M2M applications, where the number of devices and services may change rapidly over time [6]. These limitations highlight the need for further research and development to overcome the challenges posed by multi-agent based middleware solutions in M2M environments.

To address the limitations of existing frameworks and contribute to the evolution of multiagent systems, there are several potential solutions that can be explored. Firstly, the agent community should work together to provide solutions that can enhance existing platforms and overcome their limitations [8]. Additionally, designers can consider coupling existing simulations instead of creating new simulation platforms, as there are already numerous simulation platforms available for use [7]. It is recommended that designers carefully consider creating a new mobility simulation and verify if a composition of existing platforms can meet their requirements. This approach can save time and resources while still meeting the needs of the project [7]. Furthermore, a proposed middleware model can limit or even eliminate incoherence between two simulations, providing a more seamless integration of different components [7]. Lastly, depending on the execution time requirements, designers can choose to use bidirectional or unidirectional corrections to optimize performance and ensure accurate results [12]. By exploring these solutions, the limitations of current frameworks can be addressed, leading to more effective and efficient multiagent systems. Middleware is becoming more common in multiagent systems, especially in the context of simulations with large behavioral differences [7]. The future of multiagent based middleware will be shaped by emerging trends such





as the exponential increase of devices in the upcoming years [6]. Machine-to-Machine (M2M) technology is expected to play a significant role in managing billions of devices, resources, data, and actuators and supporting the new era of smart cities [6]. However, the limitations of middleware on the behavior of simulations are restricted to the definitions of graphs and travelers [7]. Virtual urban fire fighting simulations can be used to test the feasibility and efficiency of new designs [6]. In order to address the challenge of selecting appropriate services or service combinations for upper layer applications, an agent-based middleware can be built to support semantic service enablement based on a semantic service representation model with four key properties: Capability, Deployment, Resource, and IOData. An efficient semantic service discovery and matching approach can be used for a service combination process that calculates the semantic similarity between services and a heuristic algorithm to search for service candidates for a specific service request [6]. This approach allows composing the scales of involved simulations and iteratively executing $S_{dm} \rightarrow S_a \rightarrow S_{dm}$ to compose processes. S_a provides the right valuations of the transportation graph, and the middleware re-executes the same time step of S_{dm} with a different graph (G_{Sa}) using Algorithm 2 called A-DM for Assign-Demand and Move [7]. The described approach is an emerging trend in multiagent based middleware that will shape its future development [7].

CONCLUSION

The survey on multiagent-based middleware provides valuable insights into the development and implementation of multi-agent systems for various applications, including wireless sensor networks and resource-constrained devices. The study highlights the importance of middleware services in the development of multi-agent systems and emphasizes the need for standardized approaches to facilitate interoperability and scalability. The research demonstrates that existing middleware services, such as RMI and CORBA, are limited in their ability to provide domain-specific services, which can be difficult to integrate with other services for multi-agent systems. The study proposes multiagent-based middleware as a potential solution to address these limitations and facilitate the visualization of emergent agent behavior and entity agents. The study highlights different types of multiagent-based middleware, such as JADE and ActorNet, which offer diverse functionalities and capabilities for service creation, enablement, and discovery. However, the study also acknowledges potential weaknesses and challenges related to the extensibility and operation management of multiagent-based middleware, as well as the lack of support for semantic and syntactical interoperability. Overall, the survey on multiagent-based middleware provides valuable insights into the development and implementation of multi-agent systems and highlights the potential of this technology to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of various applications. Future research can focus on addressing the limitations and challenges identified in the study and exploring the potential of new and emerging technologies for multiagent-based middleware.

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A Hybrid Ant Colony Optimization Approach for Optimal Task Scheduling in Cloud Computing Systems

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing is a decentralised repository of resources available to consumers. It offers users virtually limitless pay-per-use computing services without the obligation for the underlying infrastructure. The objective of cloud service providers is to facilitate efficient resource utilisation and maximise advantages. This renders work planning in cloud computing a pivotal and formidable issue. Cloud job scheduling is an NP-hard optimisation problem that has been proposed for resolution by various meta-heuristic techniques. An effective task manager must adjust their planning strategy to changing circumstances and work methodologies. This work presents an enhanced Ant Colony Optimisation algorithm that incorporates observer ants to facilitate the adaptation and diversity of reinforcement schemes.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Task Scheduling, Optimization technique, Ant Colony Optimization, Multi-Objective

INTRODUCTION

The cloud end user will utilise the entire spectrum of computational resources, encompassing both hardware and software. Cloud storage systems operate on a pay-as-you-go model. The cloud service user may adjust the available resources based on application requirements. One of the principal advantages of cloud computing is that the associated costs must be borne by the service customers. The cloud service customer can get and relinquish resources at any moment. Any solution predicated on application criteria is complimentary for the cloud service client. The entitlement to choose a service for users has generated complications; it does not pertain to the subsequent user



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request. Consequently, job planning and resource allocation are essential elements of cloud science. The efficiency of resource utilisation relies more on planning and load balancing approaches than on random resource allocation. Cloud-based computers are often utilised to address intricate tasks (user requests). The implementation of the programming approach is advised for addressing intricate task challenges. The tools are utilised in these planning algorithms. A primary issue in cloud computing is task scheduling. The efficient use of resources might result in proper job scheduling. The fundamental advantage of cloud computing lies in the optimal use of resources [3]. Project preparation and resource allocation are inherently interconnected. Each exerts an influence on the other. Internet users can presently access content from any location without regard for the hosting infrastructure. This hosting infrastructure comprises numerous computers owned and managed by the service provider. Cloud computing enhances the capacity of these infrastructures, facilitating Internet connectivity. The delivery of cloud-based services to cloud-based users generates profit.

Related Works

Kiruthiga, G., and S. Mary Vennila [5] proposed that Chaotic Darwinian Swarm Optimisation (CDCSO) is an innovative multi-objective approach for enhancing energy-efficient quality control and load balancing in task scheduling. The CDCSO Multi-Objective method integrates Chicken Swarm Optimisation with chaotic dynamics and Darwinian theory to enhance global exploration and optimise convergence rate. This performance-enhanced CDCSO algorithm models the cloud task planning problem as NP-hard and use optimisation principles to address it based on multiple objectives. CDCSO formulates the multi-objective fitness function utilising objective parameters including resources, costs, mission completion time, reaction time, and load balancing index. Utilising this multi-objective characteristic, CDCSO effectively assigns jobs to the energy-efficient, cost-effective, and time-reduced, optimally load-balanced virtual machines (VMs).

Yazdanbakhsh, Mina, Reihaneh Khorsand Motlagh Isfahani, and Mohammadreza Ramezanpour [6] put forth A multi-target method for elastic cloud resources (MODE) involves dynamic task planning, wherein an algorithm is presented to generate independent, non-dominated jobs. The non-dominated sets are organised into various tiers based on a novel crowding gap. An Elastic Resource Building is proposed for the dynamic allocation of resources depending on the maximum available virtual machine load. Abualigah, Laith, and Ali Diabat [7] introduced A novel hybrid antlion optimisation algorithm for addressing multi-target task planning issues in cloud computing environments, emphasising elite differential evolution. The problem's multi-target nature arises from the necessity to concurrently minimise makeup and optimise resource utilisation in the proposed process, referred to as MALO. The antlion optimised algorithm was enhanced by employing elite-based differential generation as a local research strategy to augment operational capabilities and prevent stagnation in local optima. The CloudSim toolset was utilised to conduct two experimental series on both synthetic and real trace datasets. The findings indicated that MALO outperformed other established optimisation techniques. MALO converged more swiftly and was more appropriate for extensive planning problems compared to other approaches in broader search spaces.

Sardaraz, Muhammad, and Muhammad Tahir [8] introduced a multi-target planning algorithm for the orchestration of scientific operations in cloud computing. The method employs a genetic algorithm that emphasises financial expenditures and load balancing. Initially, the suggested approach identifies the optimal solution for each parameter. The algorithm identifies the optimal solution for all parameters based on these outcomes. The suggested technique is evaluated against the conventional genetic algorithm, particle swarm optimisation, and sophisticated schedulers utilising benchmark datasets for comparative performance analysis. Devaraj, A. Francis Saviour, et al. [9] introduced a contemporary firefly hybrid and Improved Multi-Objective Particle Swarm Optimisation (IMPSO) technique, referred to as the FIMPSO load balancing algorithm. This method employs the Firefly (FF) algorithm to reduce the search space, while the improved responsiveness is achieved by the IMPSO methodology. The IMPSO algorithm identifies the optimal global particle (gbest) with a minimal point-to-line distance. The optimal particle candidates may be selected by applying the minimal distance from a point to a side. The suggested FIMPSO algorithm





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effectively enhanced fundamental metrics, including resource utilisation and job reaction time, under average load conditions.

Proposed Enhanced Ant Colony Optimization Based Task Scheduling Technique

Upon submission of several cloud tasks by a user, the task manager can process these tasks utilising the task programmer. The task manager, upon which the suggested algorithm is predicated, determines the distribution of tasks to resources. The task planner collaborates with the resource manager, who oversees the physical and intellectual resources of the task planner and the allocation of tasks. The resource manager periodically monitors resources (both physical and virtual computers) and records data on CPU and memory utilisation. The retained data can then be utilised by the task planner. The task scheduler thus preserves current resource information through the system's compilation and updates from the resource manager. The primary directives for cloud operations are: (1) it collects data from the resource management regarding cloud tasks and resources; (2) it ensures that Ra aligns with the Ja mission. Observe that the necessity is contingent upon the scheduling method, and, with the assistance of resource management, the scheduler allocates task Ja to resource Ra.

In Ant Colony Optimisation, state transitions and pheromone updates are regulated. The probability of an ant transitioning from node a to node b is determined by Equation 1, according to the state transition rule.

$$v_{a,b} = T_{a,b}^x \cdot \eta_{a,b}^y / \sum_k T_{a,b}^x \cdot \eta_{a,k}^y \quad (1)$$

x and y represent parameters for pheromone and its enhancement. We employ a diversification strategy with viewers to enhance the efficacy of the job programmer in cloud computing environments. The core principle of the diversification technique is to establish varying probability factors for viewers to address the optimisation issue. Equation 2 delineates the likelihood parameter for observing ants.

$$v_m = u_0 \times m/c \quad (2)$$

$$\forall m \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, c\}, v_m \leq u_0 \text{ and } 0 < u_0 < 1$$

According to Eq. 2, the likelihood parameter and the degree of dependence on other ants vary for each onlooker ant within the colony system. An effective Pheromone enhancement program is crucial for minimising the makespan of cloud tasks. The acceleration parameter for local pheromone evaporation is utilised in reinforcement schemes. The local pheromone updating rule of our algorithm is founded on Equation 3.

$$T_{a,b} = (1 - q - g)T_{a,b} + qT_0 \quad (3)$$

Where q represents the local pheromone evaporation coefficient and T₀ denotes the initial pheromone value. The suggested global pheromone update rules can be executed using Equation 4, grounded in the local pheromone update principle.

$$T_{a,b} = (1 - v)T_{a,b} + \Delta T_{a,b}^{best} \quad (4)$$

Algorithm 1 illustrates the proposed methodology for job planning of observer ants utilising Ant Colony Optimisation (ACO). The algorithm's input consists of the optimal mapping data between tasks and resources, as well as cloud tasks and resources (VM). It liberates all the ants from the colony system to address the issue at the first phase of the cycle.

Assigning a task to a resource based on the likelihood parameter defined by Eq1. The makespan information for an ant group, comprising a standard ant and its accompanying spectator ants, is updated. With revised makespan data, one of the ants will transform into a standard ant whose makespan is optimal for the collective. Another axe, yet the



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ordinary ant serves as a bystander, while one of the bystander axes with the most inadequate area is a feeble axe. The upgrading process is thereafter executed at the local pheromone.

The make span data is recorded once all the ants in the colony system have completed their journey. The individual possessing the most superior mapping information between cloud tasks and resources will be selected as the Queen Ant among ordinary ants. The initial component is the global system for pheromone updates. If the queen ant's makespan is superior to the current map $\left(J_{a,S,b}\right)_{bt}$, the queen ant's mapping will be designated to map $\left(J_{a,S,b}\right)_{bt}$. The procedure ultimately returns the map $\left(J_{a,S,b}\right)_{bt}$. Should the stipulated criterion remain unfulfilled, the subsequent cycle would be repeated. Alternatively, the cloud scheduler utilises the provided mapping information to allocate cloud jobs to resources.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The evaluation metrics like Throughput (in mbps), Resource Utilization (in %), Latency (in mS), End-to-End Delay (in mS), Average Waiting Time (in mS) are used to evaluate the proposed E-ACO task scheduling algorithm with existing task scheduling algorithms like PSO, GA, and ACO based on the time (in minutes). The cloudSim tool is used for implementing the task scheduling algorithms. Table 1 depicts the Throughput (in mbps) obtained by the existing and proposed task scheduling techniques based on Time (in minutes). Figure 1 presents the graphical representation of the Throughput (in mbps) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms. From the table 1 and figure 1, it is clear that the proposed E-ACO gives higher throughput when it is compared with the existing optimization techniques for task scheduling algorithms.

Table 2 gives the resource utilization (in %) by the existing and proposed task scheduling techniques based on Time (in minutes). Figure 2 depicts the graphical representation of the resource utilization by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms. From the table 2 and figure 2, it is clear that the proposed E-ACO gives higher resource utilization when it is compared with the existing optimization techniques for task scheduling algorithms. Table 3 gives the Latency (in mS) by the existing and proposed task scheduling techniques based on Time (in minutes). Figure 3 depicts the graphical representation of the Latency (in mS) by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms. From the table 3 and figure 3, it is clear that the proposed E-ACO gives less latency when it is compared with the existing optimization techniques for task scheduling algorithms.

Table 4 gives the End-to-End Delay (in mS) by the existing and proposed task scheduling techniques based on Time (in minutes). Figure 4 depicts the graphical representation of the End-to-End Delay (in mS) by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms. From the table 4 and figure 4, it is clear that the proposed E-ACO gives less End-to-End Delay (in mS) when it is compared with the existing optimization techniques for task scheduling algorithms. Table 5 gives the Average Waiting time (in mS) by the existing and proposed task scheduling techniques based on Time (in minutes). Figure 5 depicts the graphical representation of the Average Waiting time (in mS) by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms. From the table 5 and figure 5, it is clear that the proposed E-ACO gives less Average Waiting time (in mS) when it is compared with the existing optimization techniques for task scheduling algorithms.

CONCLUSION

The main goal of planning algorithms is to assign a mission or a job to the right resource. Since the most important means in the execution of tasks are computer resources, this is the first element in a high-level computing model, such as cloud computing. An improved ACO task planning for planning tasks in cloud computing environments is proposed with Onlooker ants in this article. This proposal EACO adapted diversifying and strengthening strategies with onlooker ants to avoid long pathways where leading ants wrongly collect pheromones. In contrast to current





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optimization algorithms such as PSO, AC O and GA, this proposed EACO performs at a minimal average time, latency and end-to-end delays, and higher resource utilization and throughput.

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Table 1. Throughput (in mbps) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Time (in minutes)	Throughput (in mbps) by Existing and Proposed task scheduling algorithms			
	Proposed E-ACO	ACO	PSO	GA
12	24.21	18.25	17.59	17.24
24	23.96	16.71	16.22	16.31





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36	23.64	15.36	14.96	14.85
48	22.72	14.22	13.11	13.41
60	21.56	13.54	12.29	12.08

Table 2. Resource Utilization (in %) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Time (in minutes)	Resource Utilization (in %) by Existing and Proposed task scheduling algorithms			
	Proposed E-ACO	ACO	PSO	GA
12	94.33	75.58	69.98	70.15
24	94.12	74.96	68.66	67.58
36	93.87	73.25	67.14	66.85
48	93.32	72.47	66.28	65.55
60	92.85	71.36	65.34	64.49

Table 3 Latency (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Time (in minutes)	Latency (in mS) by Existing and Proposed task scheduling algorithms			
	Proposed E-ACO	ACO	PSO	GA
12	44	105	157	164
24	49	129	178	187
36	52	136	192	201
48	57	158	209	227
60	51	171	224	231

Table 4. End-to-End Delay (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Time (in minutes)	End-to-End Delay (in mS) by Existing and Proposed task scheduling algorithms			
	Proposed E-ACO	ACO	PSO	GA
12	44	166	172	171
24	49	184	193	199
36	52	203	219	228
48	57	219	237	241
60	51	239	253	255

Table 5. Average Waiting time (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Time (in minutes)	Average Waiting time (in mS) by Existing and Proposed task scheduling algorithms			
	Proposed E-ACO	ACO	PSO	GA
12	354	724	755	762
24	403	769	774	789
36	466	839	847	852
48	509	866	898	901
60	528	891	913	922



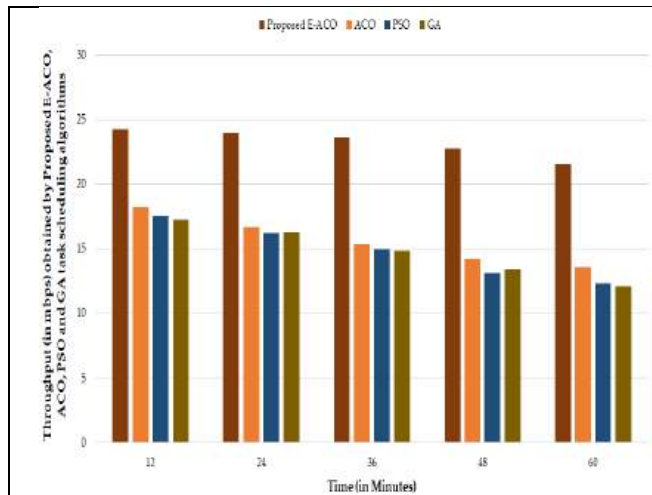


Figure 1. Graphical representation of the Throughput (in mbps) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

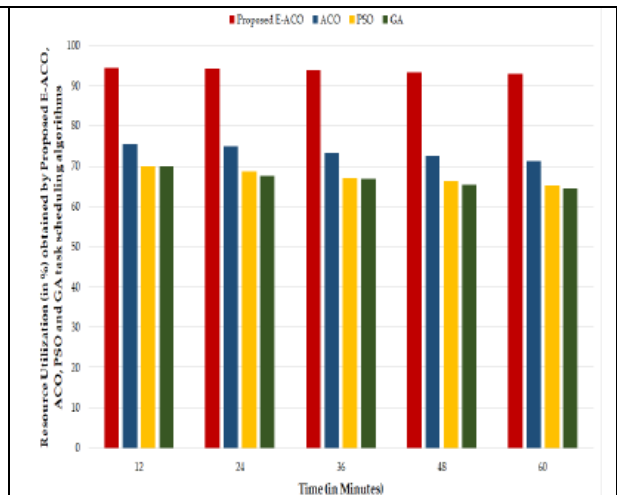


Figure 2. Graphical representation of the Resource Utilization (in %) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

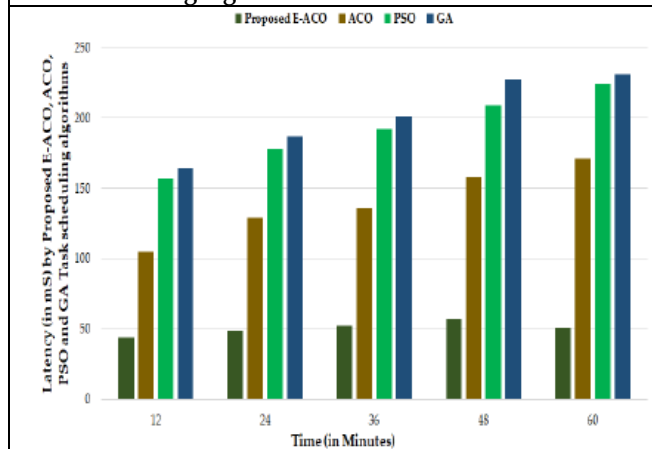


Figure 3. Graphical representation of the Latency (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

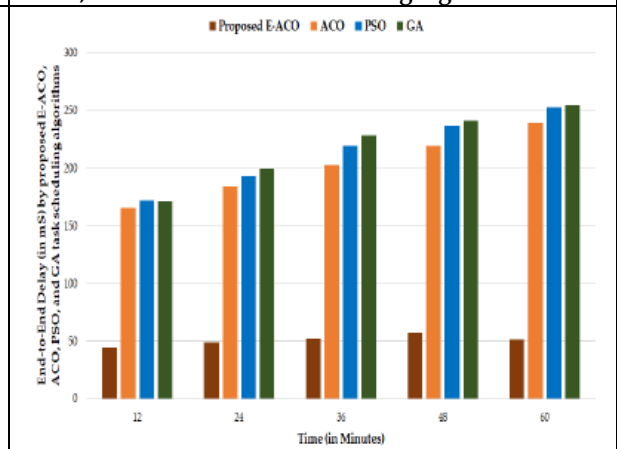


Figure 4. Graphical representation of the End-to-End Delay (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms





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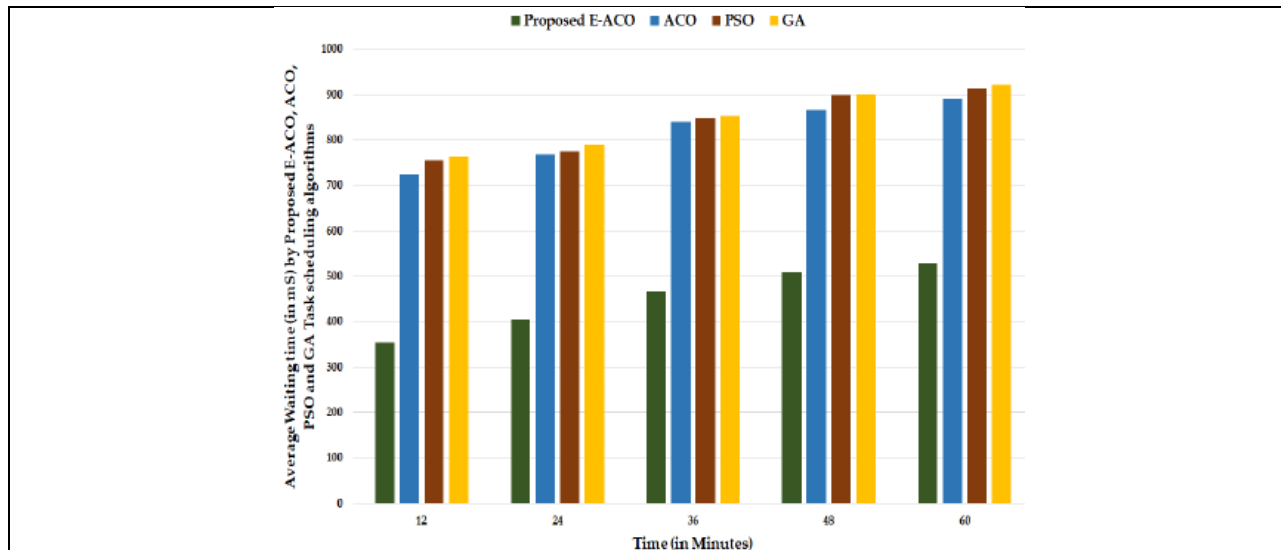


Figure 5. Graphical representation of the End-to-End Delay (in mS) obtained by Proposed E-ACO, ACO, PSO and GA task scheduling algorithms

Input: J_b, S_b where $\forall a \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, m\}$ and $\forall b \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$
Output: Optimized Task Map
Step 1: begin the process
 Step 1.1: for each ant $\in$ antList
 Step 1.1.1: for each onlookerAnt $\in$ onlookerAntList_{ant}
 For each J_b
 For each S_b
 Assign J_b to S_b with probability parameter
 End for
 End for
 Step 1.1.2: end for
 Step 1.1.3: call updateMakespanInformation()
 Step 1.1.4: Elect onlookerAnt_{best} as a normal ant based on makespan;
 Step 1.1.5: Elect onlookerAnt_{worst} as a weak ant based on makespan;
 Step 1.1.6: Call localPheromoneUpdate()
 Step 1.2: end for
 Step 3: Elect ant_{best} as a queen ant based on makespan;
 Step 4: Call globalPheromoneUpdate();
 Step 5: If a solution of ant_{best} is better than existing map $(J_a, S_b)_{bt}$ then
 Step 5.1: map $(J_a, S_b)_{bt} \leftarrow \text{map}(J_a, S_b)$ of ant_{bt}
 Step 5.2: end if
 Step 6: return map $(J_a, S_b)_{bt}$
 Step 7: end

Algorithm 1: Proposed Enhanced ACO based Task Scheduling Algorithm





RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Future of IoT in Education: Transforming Traditional Teaching Methods

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ABSTRACT

Internet of Things (IoT) is transforming traditional classrooms by enabling the integration of digital and internet-based smart devices, which benefit both students and teachers. In traditional classrooms, IoT is being used for content management, including content creation and lesson delivery, as well as classroom management, such as optimizing classwork and keeping track of crucial resources. IoT provides a platform for creating a smart learning environment that enhances the learning experience of students. This paper surveys the applications of IoT in education, focusing on the benefits of using IoT, the different types of devices and sensors, and their potential impact on traditional classroom settings and teaching methodologies. Additionally, this paper examines the challenges associated with implementing IoT in education and proposes potential solutions to address them. By exploring the role of IoT in enhancing the learning experience and its potential impact on education, this paper seeks to provide a comprehensive understanding of the emerging trends in education technology.

Keywords: Internet of Things, sensors, internet-based smart devices

INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things has revolutionized various industries, including education[1].IoT devices give students better access to learning materials and communication channels in the classroom, while also allowing teachers to measure student learning progress in real-time [2]. Additionally, IoT technology is being used to help teachers connect better

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with their peers and students, as well as to boost the learning capability of students through interactive and engaging learning experiences [1][3]. The IoT enables education to be connected with digital infrastructure, facilitating the shift in teaching approaches from traditional to digital [3][4]. Furthermore, IoT solutions are expanding education beyond classrooms, providing technical assistance to teachers and students alike. With the help of IoT devices, students can learn all subjects from languages to medical sciences through graphics and animation [4][1]. Overall, IoT can significantly improve teaching standards and learning capabilities in traditional classrooms, enhancing education as a whole.

IoT-based systems are designed to store and distribute data in specially designed applications, with registered students issued IDs and passwords to access the content in IoT-based distance learning programs [4]. IoT developers have designed tools that are worth investing in for the benefit of both students and teachers alike, with institutions able to employ a certified Internet of Things developer to create online portals for students [4]. The use of IoT features can make learning more accessible, affordable, and convenient for students, and will significantly improve the quality of teaching in the education sector [4]. While the text does not provide specific examples of IoT being used in distance learning or online education, there are exciting examples of IoT in education that enhance the interactive component of learning, increase student accessibility, improve teacher efficiency, and bolster the educational experience. These less ambitious but still significant examples highlight the potential of IoT devices and applications in online education.

IoT has brought many benefits to the education sector, and its implementation can supplement traditional classroom methods with cutting-edge technology, making learning easy for everyone [4][5][4]. Implementing IoT in education can introduce innovative digital technologies into learning activities, simplifying and streamlining the learning process, making it more efficient and productive [6]. Teachers can utilize IoT to monitor student progress and track their attendance and progress in education [4][6]. This personalized approach to teaching can be achieved through IoT technology in education, allowing for a more individualized and tailored learning experience for each student [6]. Furthermore, the use of smart HVAC systems enabled by IoT can aid in climate control in schools, while smart cameras can improve security on campus, providing a safe learning environment for students [2]. Energy and water consumption can also be optimized through the use of IoT, helping institutions minimize costs and take a step towards environmental conservation [7]. Organized data can be used to take insights and shape decisions in education, enabling institutions to perform management tasks faster and risk-free [7]. It is clear that the benefits of IoT in education must be understood by management and officials, as educational institutions that implement IoT in education are likely to become top market leaders [6][7]. Therefore, encouraging stakeholders to use technology in educational environments like classrooms is necessary for successful implementation of IoT in education, as it is changing how learning is delivered from kindergarten to 12th grade [7][5].

Devices and Sensors in enhancing the learning experience

The use of IoT in education is a significant move towards embracing technology in the classroom. IoT has the potential to have a significant impact on education, offering various benefits to the education sector. It offers technical assistance to teachers and students, enabling them to tap into their full potential and enhance their learning capabilities [1]. IoT enables remote learning and access to educational resources from anywhere, supplementing e-learning and SMART board infrastructure in educational institutions [1][2]. It can also improve the efficiency of educational institutions by automating administrative tasks and providing real-time data analysis, increasing student engagement and personalized learning experiences [2]. IoT technologies can be used for content creation, lesson delivery, content management, and classroom management in educational institutions [2]. Moreover, IoT devices allow teachers to measure student learning progress in real-time and give students better access to learning materials and communication channels [3]. The benefits of using IoT in education can include increased efficiency and effectiveness in teaching and learning, improving the way learning is imparted, and leading to a structural shift in the learning process [1][2].



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IoT-based devices and sensors have the potential to revolutionize the field of education. These smart devices and sensors can collect valuable data on student engagement levels, attendance rates, academic performance, and even monitor the learning environment itself. The data collected by these IoT devices can then be used to improve the overall learning experience. For instance, IoT sensors can track how long a student spends on a particular task or how often they ask for help, allowing teachers to provide targeted assistance to those who need it most [8]. In addition, IoT sensors can be used to track the movement and behavior of students in the classroom [8]. IoT-enabled devices such as smart boards can also be used in education, providing an interactive and engaging learning experience [8]. Furthermore, IoT-powered attendance systems can be used in education to streamline attendance tracking and cut down on administrative tasks [8]. IoT devices can also be used to monitor the temperature, air quality, and humidity in the learning environment, which can have a significant impact on student productivity and health [8]. Additionally, IoT sensors can monitor equipment such as computers and printers, ensuring that they are functioning correctly and reducing maintenance costs [8]. The assets that can be tracked and managed through IoT sensors include textbooks, laptops, projectors, equipment, and supplies. IoT sensors can be used for asset tracking in schools, making it easier to locate missing items and manage inventory [8]. Moreover, electronic bracelets can be used as one of the devices/sensors in IoT-based education. These bracelets can track student movements and behavior within the learning environment, providing valuable data on student engagement levels and areas of improvement [16]. This data can then be used by teachers to adjust lesson plans and provide targeted support to individual students [5]. As technology continues to advance, it is clear that IoT devices and sensors have the potential to transform the field of education and improve student outcomes.

IoT has the potential to revolutionize student engagement and interaction in the education sector. By using gamified applications on IoT devices, lessons can be made more interesting and engaging for students [6]. Interactive tables are an example of IoT devices that can facilitate engagement by allowing students to interact with different subjects, such as history and science, in a tactile way [6]. IoT devices can provide interactive learning content, where students can make choices and solve tasks during their learning experience [6]. Accessing class and homework through IoT technology outside the building can also improve student engagement by making learning more accessible and convenient [7]. Moreover, IoT can break down barriers and enable remote learning, enhancing student engagement and interaction. Custom technology enabled by IoT can make learning easier for students with disabilities, further enhancing engagement [7]. IoT provides platforms for students to communicate with their peers, which drives interest and collaboration [7]. IoT can also be used to publish student work on a certain platform and connect students with people worldwide who share educational interests [7].

IoT can enhance student engagement by allowing them to connect with people worldwide, enabling virtual field trips, such as visiting the bus that Rosa Parks protested on at the Henry Ford Museum, and providing access to information and experiences they wouldn't have had otherwise [7]. The use of IoT is changing the game in education by enhancing student engagement and interaction, transforming traditional lessons into interactive and engaging learning experiences [6]. However, it is important to note that too much connectivity through IoT may distract students from their education [7]. Schools should make the most of IoT technology to enhance student interaction but should also ensure that it is mainly controlled by educators or limited to showing only educational material to maintain student interest in education [7]. IoT has the potential to increase student engagement and interaction in numerous ways and should be integrated into education systems in a way that supports learning and enhances student outcomes.

Impact of IoT on traditional classroom settings and teaching methodologies

The impact of IoT on traditional classroom settings and teaching methodologies cannot be underestimated, as it has the potential to revolutionize the way education is delivered. One potential benefit of IoT technology is that it can help teachers keep track of crucial resources in traditional classroom settings, such as textbooks, equipment, and other materials [1]. Additionally, IoT technology can optimize classwork and boost students' learning capability by providing interactive and engaging learning experiences [1]. Furthermore, IoT can enhance the effectiveness of teaching in traditional classroom settings, offering real-time access to course resources such as videos and textbooks



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and facilitating the development of learning communities and a culture of professionalism in schools [1]. Another advantage of IoT is that it can reduce the time spent by instructors on other standard activities, such as grading exams, allowing them to focus on more creative work and constantly improve their skills [1][16]. Moreover, the introduction of IoT in education has already brought significant transformation in the teaching and learning process in developed countries.

One of the notable transformations is the emergence of virtual learning systems, online systems, and technology-supported smart classrooms through IoT interventions [17]. Additionally, IoT devices can provide real-time access to course resources and automated tasks such as grading, note-taking, schedule checking, and research tasks. This can enable teachers to provide targeted help and support to students based on their progress in real-time and improve connectivity in classrooms [18][1][16]. Furthermore, IoT has the potential to extend a smart environment for reasoning, learning, and predicting in traditional classroom settings. The use of robots and artificial intelligence through IoT projects has already replaced human efforts in teaching methodologies [18][17]. Finally, IoT can create interactive and inclusive learning environments for both students and teachers, bringing a more appealing, engaging, flexible, and quantifiable education system to traditional classrooms [18].

Challenges in implementing IoT in education

The implementation of IoT in education is expected to face challenges, and education professionals need to acknowledge these issues before fully introducing IoT in pre-schools, classrooms, and lecture halls [9][10]. Despite the fact that the text does not provide specific information about what those challenges are, efforts should be put in place to overcome these challenges [9][2]. The successful implementation of IoT in education will depend on three crucial elements: connectivity and network infrastructure, security and privacy concerns, and strict policies and decisions for successful implementation [1]. Security threats can cause unpredictable spendings, data loss, and reputational damage [9]. Moreover, there are multiple security threats associated with implementing IoT in education, such as ransomware, smurfing, rogue devices, and hardware attacks [9]. The another concern is the reliability of IoT devices, which can experience technical issues that disrupt learning and teaching in the classroom. This can lead to frustration among teachers and students, causing them to lose confidence in the technology's effectiveness [11]. Connectivity and network infrastructure are important for successful implementation. However, the integration of IoT devices into existing systems can be complex [11]. Therefore, training and support for teachers and staff on IoT technology is necessary [11]. Educational institutions also face several major challenges when adopting IoT solutions, such as incompatibility of devices, absence of financial resources, and scalability issues [9]. Additionally, the cost of implementing and maintaining IoT devices can be a barrier for some educational institutions, preventing widespread adoption of the technology [11]. To overcome these challenges, management and officials must understand the challenges and encourage stakeholders to use technology in educational environments [2]. In conclusion, implementing IoT in education faces many challenges, but with proper training and support for teachers and staff, strict policies and decisions for successful implementation, and addressing security concerns, it is possible to overcome these challenges and reap the benefits of IoT in education.

The challenges of IoT integration can be daunting, but they can be overcome with effective strategies and timely detection of the challenges and their implications [12]. When implementing IoT, organizations may face several challenges, including security, scalability, interoperability, cost, data management, and organizational change. These challenges can be addressed by designing a multi-level solution that involves stakeholders early in the process, provides adequate training and support, and leverages existing infrastructure to reduce costs [12][13][14]. One way to address the challenge of security is by implementing encryption, user authentication, and secure data storage [13]. To address scalability challenges, organizations can use cloud-based solutions and distributed computing. Open standards and APIs can help address interoperability challenges [13]. Effective data analytics strategies can be implemented to overcome the challenge of data management. In addition to these strategies, organizations can also consider hiring a small team of experts either in-house or on a contractual basis to reduce the costs of IoT implementation [2]. Furthermore, organizations can explore new and improved ways to make IoT-enabled systems more affordable and easier to implement [2]. Experienced IoT teams can help overcome integration challenges by



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leveraging their vast experience in making software communicate with different types of connected devices [12]. To address the challenges of increasing social distancing and reducing personal interaction brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the education sector can consider implementing measures to ensure that the use of IoT services does not completely replace in-person interaction and socialization opportunities [11]. Furthermore, existing data sources can be brought together to create a foundation for new data-driven approaches [15]. Even a slight improvement in metrics like uptime, security risks, and overall equipment effectiveness can lead to a significant return on investment [15]. However, it is important to note that there is no one solution that can ensure high security and prevent malicious attacks. A strategic security approach can be helpful in addressing these challenges [9]. To overcome these challenges, it is recommended to start with known, specific, well-documented problems, and gain experience before pursuing more challenging IoT opportunities.

Future Possibilities of IoT in Education

The future of IoT in education is expected to bring a significant transformation in the educational environment and learning experience of students. IoT holds a promising future in the education sector with its huge potential and is expected to continue its implementation in education institutions [15]. Educators, parents, and students must change their perception and start supporting the changes in educational policies to make the most of IoT in education [15]. Making these technologies accessible and easy to use is the most important factor to focus on, as it will take some time for IoT to become a part of mainstream education [15]. However, the use of advanced technology in classrooms is likely to increase, and IoT provides educators with greater power to personalize their students' learning experience and makes it easier than ever before for students to learn through play [15][10]. IoT solutions help make educational plans up-to-date and engaging for students and make the most of the resources available, improving school management and administration processes [14]. Schools and universities are taking confident steps towards smart education IoT solutions that can provide a number of benefits for education businesses in terms of holding market share and competition, increasing financial return on investment, and becoming a growing point for education businesses. However, there are also a number of challenges and considerations that need to be taken into account in the future of IoT in education [8][14]. Therefore, educational institutions must encourage stakeholders to use technology in education, as IoT in education is changing how learning is delivered and has the potential to significantly impact education [7][8][10]. Students who use mobile IoT devices in the classroom can automate tasks such as note-taking, schedule checking, and research, thus making it more interactive and immersive [5]. In conclusion, the IoT has many potential applications in education and implementing IoT-based solutions can help educational startups and classical institutions gain a competitive advantage and take the technological lead, shaping and defining the future of education. [14][5].

DISCUSSION

The integration of Internet of Things (IoT) into education has the potential to transform the traditional mode of learning and teaching [17]. To start with, IoT can supplement the existing e-learning and SMART board infrastructure by expanding smart board functionalities to improve interactivity [1][8]. Additionally, IoT can be used to create a more personalized learning experience for students by tracking their progress and providing real-time feedback [1]. This will enable teachers to measure student learning progress in real-time and provide technical assistance to tap into their full potential [2][1]. Furthermore, IoT can enhance the overall efficiency and effectiveness of educational institutions by automating attendance-keeping [17], enabling predictive maintenance for school infrastructure and equipment, monitoring a student's whereabouts on campus, and keeping parents updated on things like test results [8]. The integration of IoT can also enhance both traditional and virtual classrooms, making education more practical and interactive [9][10]. In order to maximize the benefits of IoT in education, it is necessary to determine how well it is implemented in an educational establishment [1]. Education policy should support the use of technology to strengthen the case for deploying IoT in educational institutions, as IoT has the potential to have a significant impact on education by improving teaching standards and learning capabilities, surpassing the





boundaries of the institutes, creating communication channels for students, and providing better access to learning materials [1][2].

CONCLUSION

The emergence of Internet of Things (IoT) technology has brought significant benefits to the education sector, as evidenced by the findings of this survey. IoT devices can be used for content creation, lesson delivery, content management, and classroom management, and can supplement e-learning and SMART board infrastructure in educational institutions. The use of IoT in education can improve the efficiency of educational institutions by automating administrative tasks and providing real-time data analysis, ultimately increasing student engagement and personalized learning experiences. Furthermore, IoT can provide technical assistance to teachers and students, enabling them to tap into their full potential and enhance their learning capabilities. The use of cloud-based solutions and distributed computing can address scalability challenges in the implementation of IoT technology. In addition, IoT devices can provide interactive learning content, where students can make choices and solve tasks during their learning experience, ultimately revolutionizing student engagement and interaction in the education sector. The emergence of virtual learning systems, online systems, and technology-supported smart classrooms through IoT interventions is a notable transformation in the education sector. Moreover, IoT technology can optimize classwork and boost students' learning capability by providing interactive and engaging learning experiences. However, the implementation of IoT technology in education also has potential weaknesses and biases that must be acknowledged and addressed. Future research should focus on identifying and addressing these limitations and gaps to ensure that the benefits of IoT technology in education are fully realized.

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A Statistical Study on Menstrual Health Status of Women in Phaltan Tehsil

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study was to investigate the effects of women's prenatal health and lifestyle on the menstrual cycle. This study investigated the health of 320 women aged 13-53. Data analysis was performed using R software version 4.3.2 and MS-Excel. Out of 320 women 21% have irregular periods due to hormonal changes, 38% have menstrual disorder of Dysmenorrhea (painful periods), 47% say that their schedules affect their daily lives. Age was associated with menstrual cycle length, menstrual cycle duration, diet was associated with menstrual cycle length, regularity of menstrual cycle, menstrual flow was associated with body weight and working hours ($p < 0.05$). Moreover, cycle irregularity depends on diet, working hours, and occupation. Young women are more likely to have irregular menstruation and therefore they need to eat healthy, meditate and consult a gynecologist.

Keywords: Menstrual health, menstrual disorders, dysmenorrhea, irregular periods, menstrual bleeding, menstrual flow

INTRODUCTION

Menstrual cycle is a natural process having blood discharge from uterus through the vagina in the reproductive age of women[1]. In a world, about 52% of the female population is of reproductive age. And these females menstruate each month for 2 to 7 days.[2] Menstrual health is not a disease, it is a physical, mental and social improvement phase.[3] Women menstrual cycle affected by different menstrual disorders. It includes dysmenorrhea, menorrhagia, oligomenorrhea, PCOS.[4] Dysmenorrhea is the most frequent menstrual disorder in which menstrual cramps occurred during a cycle.[5,6] In menorrhagia heavy bleeding is occurred and it is about 80 ml per cycle.[7]





Oligomenorrhea refers to irregular or delayed menstrual cycles which may be influenced by hormonal imbalance, improper dietary.[8] PCOS affects women during their reproductive age. About 2.2% to 26.7% of women faces PCOS problem.[9] Irregular cycles effect on physical, mental and reproductive problems due to which pregnancy problems are raised.[10] Irregularity of periods are due to puberty, vaginal infections, stress, diet and hormonal changes.[11] Meditation practice can help to reduce physical as well as mental stress to regulate periods. It also reduces cramps during periods.[12]

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Research Design: A cross-sectional study conducted in Phaltan Tehsil to collect sample of 320 women aged between 13-53 years.

Data collection: According to the Census India 2011, Phaltan Tehsil has about 166417 female population.[13] Out of these population a sample of 320 women aged between 13-58 years were selected by simple random sampling method which were considered as representative of all regions of tehsil.[14] This sample were collected through Google form questionnaire. It has questions on demographic factors as well as characteristic related to menstrual health condition.

Statistical Methods:

The data was analyzed by descriptive statistics, Chi-Square test of independency, test for proportionality and multivariate logistic regression using R-software, version 4.3.2 and MS-Excel. Descriptive statistics was used to find count, percentage and proportion. Chi-square test was used to check independency between categorical variables.[14] Test for proportionality was used to check proportion of women of different age groups, diet type and their regularity condition. A multivariate logistic regression was applied to find the more significant factors associated with menstrual health condition.

RESULTS

Table 1. Demographic Information

The following table shows demographic information of 320 women aged between 13-53 years.

Characteristics	Groups / Categories	Women Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Age (in years)	13-18	41	12.8125
	18-23	65	20.3125
	23-28	29	9.0625
	28-33	50	15.625
	33-38	47	14.6875
	38-43	34	10.625
	43-48	32	10
	48-53	22	6.875
Weight(in kg)	25-40	33	10.3125
	40-55	93	29.0625
	55-70	141	44.0625
	70-85	53	16.5625
Marital Status	Married	170	53.125
	Unmarried	150	46.875

Total 320 females were participated in the survey in the age group 13 - 23 years with mean age 31 years. Distribution of women according to their weight was 25-40(10.31%), 40-55(29.06%), 55-70(44.06%) and 70-85 (16.56%). About 53.13% were married and 46.87% were unmarried women in the study.





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Table 2.Cause of Irregular Periods

The following table represents the distribution of women based on the causes of their irregular period

Cause	Women Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Stress	51	15.9375
Diet	28	8.75
Hormonal Change	67	20.9375
Other	174	54.375

Out of all the respondents, around 15.93% reported stress, 8.75% said diet, 20.93% mentioned hormonal change as a cause of irregular periods and 54.37% gave other reason for irregularity of periods.

Table 3.Menstrual Disorders

The following table gives the distribution of menstrual disorders among women.

Disorders	Women Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Dysmenorrhea (painful period)	122	38.125
Menorrhagia (heavy bleeding)	44	13.75
Oligomenorrhea (infrequently period)	48	15
Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)	14	4.375
None of these	92	28.75

Majority of 38.12% participants had Dysmenorrhea, 13.75% had menorrhagia, 15% had oligomenorrhea, 4.37% had PCOS disorder and remaining 28.75% had no any disorder.

Table 4.Menstrual Symptoms Interfere With Daily Routine

The following table presents percentage of women who reported that menstruation interferes with their daily routine.

	Women Count (n)	Percentage (%)
Mildly	151	47.1875
Moderately	93	29.0625
Severely	21	6.5625
Not at all	55	17.1875

Most of the 47.18% respondents said mild, 29.06% said moderate, 6.56% said severe and 17.18% said no interference of menstruation in their daily routine.

Table 5.Chi-square Test For Independency

The following tables illustrate association between different categorical factors.

Variable	Association with			
	Length of Cycle(Gap Between Two Period)		Duration of Menstrual Bleeding(In Days)	
	χ^2	p - value	χ^2	p - value
Age(in years)	53.897	0.0001022	96.408	1.239e-11
	Length of Cycle (Gap Between Two Period)		Regularity of Cycle	
	χ^2	p - value	χ^2	p - value
Diet	59.966	2.948e-12	17.1666	0.0006532
	Weight		Woking Hours	
	χ^2	p - value	χ^2	p - value
Menstrual	40.9951	1.151e-05	23.	0.0006488





Flow		487

The study was also discovered that age was significantly associated with length of cycle (gap between two periods), duration of menstrual bleeding (in days) ($p < 0.05$). There was also dependency between diet and length of cycle (gap between two periods), regularity of a cycle ($p < 0.05$). Association of menstrual flow with weight and working hours was found ($p < 0.05$).

Table 6. Chi-square Test For Independence

Variable	Association with					
	Duration of bleeding in days		Regularity of Cycle		Menstrual Flow	
	χ^2	p-value	χ^2	p-value	χ^2	p-value
Meditation	9.4008	0.0244	7.8489	0.00508	16.31	0.000286

The study also revealed that meditation was significantly associated with duration of bleeding in days, regularity of cycle and menstrual flow ($p < 0.05$).

Table 7. Test For Proportionality

The following table displays the analysis of the proportionality testing.

Hypotheses		Z Statistic	p value
$H_0: P1=P2$ (The proportion of women with irregular menstrual cycle in age group 13-33 is equal to the proportion of women with irregular menstrual cycle in age group 33-53)	$H_1: P1>P2$ (The proportion of women with irregular menstrual cycle in age group 13-33 is greater than proportion of women with irregular menstrual cycle in age group 33-53)	4.0505	0.999974
$H_0: P1 = P2$ (There is no significance difference between the proportion of diet type and regularity of period)	$H_1: P1 \neq P2$ (There is significance difference between the proportion of diet type and regularity of period)	2.1925	0.985828

From the test of proportionality, it was observed that the proportion of women with regular cycle in age group 13 - 33 is higher than age group 33 - 53 ($p < 0.05$). The significant difference between proportion of diet type and regularity of period was also observed ($p < 0.05$) in this study.

Table 8. Logistics Regression Model For Regularity Of Periods

The following table outlines the findings from the logistic regression models.

	Model-1			Model-2		
	Independent Variable			Independent Variable		
	Tirednes (β_1)	Occupation (β_2)	Diet (β_3)	Working Hours (β_1)	Occupation (β_2)	Diet (β_3)
Slopes	-0.4627	-0.2036	-0.2716	-0.4310	2.7479	-0.3463
p-values	0.1192 ($>\alpha$)	0.0946 ($>\alpha$)	0.267 ($>\alpha$)	0.0387 ($<\alpha$)	0.00371 ($<\alpha$)	0.1675 ($>\alpha$)
Intercept (β_0)	2.5044 (p-Value= 0.0004695)			2.987 (p-value = 0.00281)		
AIC	418.85			413.78		

The analysis of Model-1 and Model-2 highlights key factors influencing the regularity of periods. Model-2 is a better fit than Model-1, as indicated by its lower AIC (413.78 vs. 418.85). The results show that increased working hours





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causes irregularity in periods ($p = 0.03878$), whereas certain occupation positively impacts regularity ($p = 0.00371$). Since the maximum number of women in the study are housewives. Housewives may experience less work-related stress and have regular sleep pattern. Although diet shows a negative effect (-0.3463), it is not statistically significant, indicating that other factors might affect on regularity of periods. In Model-1, tiredness was also tested and shows a negative impact, suggesting that exertion may contribute to irregular cycles, even though it was not statistically significant.

DISCUSSION

Overall, both physical and mental health factors influence menstrual regularity. Poor dietary habits and irregular work schedules may disrupt hormonal balance, while stress from jobs and long working hours can lead irregular periods.

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Optimization Fragmented Key Based Encryption based Privacy Preserving (OFKE-PP) Approach for Securing the EHR

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ABSTRACT

In the realm of modern cryptography and data security, the quest for stronger, more resilient encryption methods is a perpetual endeavor. This abstract introduces a pioneering approach that marries the power of Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) [1] with Elliptical Curve Cryptography (ECC) [2] to generate security keys through fragmentation, enhancing both the strength and efficiency of cryptographic key generation. The fragmented key generation approach, driven by HHO and ECC, represents a remarkable fusion of nature-inspired optimization and advanced mathematical principles. HHO, inspired by the cooperative hunting behavior of Harris's Hawks, optimizes the key generation process by adapting and fine-tuning the parameters to maximize security while minimizing computational overhead [3]. Complementing HHO's optimization prowess, ECC, renowned for its robustness in modern cryptography, forms the foundation for creating fragmented security keys. Leveraging the inherent complexity of elliptical curves, ECC generates keys that are exceptionally resilient against brute-force attacks, offering a level of security crucial in safeguarding sensitive data.

Keywords: HHO, inspired by the cooperative hunting behavior of Harris's Hawks, optimizes the key generation process by adapting and fine-tuning

INTRODUCTION

In today's digital age, Electronic Health Records (EHRs) have become the cornerstone of modern healthcare. They enable healthcare providers to efficiently manage patient information, streamline clinical workflows, and improve patient care. The migration of EHR systems to the cloud has introduced numerous benefits, including enhanced





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accessibility, scalability, and cost-efficiency [4]. However, this digital transformation has also heightened security concerns surrounding the protection of sensitive patient data. To address these challenges, healthcare organizations must employ advanced security measures, with cryptography algorithms and optimization techniques playing a pivotal role in safeguarding cloud-hosted EHR data. The importance of securing EHR data in the cloud cannot be overstated. Healthcare providers and organizations are entrusted with a wealth of sensitive patient information, including medical records, treatment plans, billing details, and more. The loss, theft, or unauthorized access to this data can lead to severe consequences, including patient privacy breaches, legal penalties, and reputational damage. Furthermore, regulatory frameworks such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) in the United States and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) in the European Union mandate strict data protection measures. Cryptography, with its ability to convert data into an unreadable format that can only be deciphered with the appropriate keys, provides an effective means of achieving compliance and ensuring the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of cloud EHR data [5].

The Role of Cryptography in EHR Data Security

Data Encryption at Rest

One of the foundational principles of securing EHR data in the cloud is data encryption at rest. This involves encrypting data when it is stored on physical or virtual storage devices, ensuring that even if an unauthorized party gains access to the storage media, the data remains inaccessible without the appropriate decryption keys. Full Disk Encryption (FDE) and Transparent Data Encryption (TDE) are common methods used to secure data at rest. FDE encrypts the entire storage device, while TDE focuses on encrypting specific data fields or files.

- **Full Disk Encryption (FDE):** FDE encrypts the entire storage device, ensuring that all data on it is protected. This includes not only EHR data but also system files and other information. Disk encryption is often performed using symmetric key algorithms like the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES). FDE ensures that all data on the disk is automatically encrypted as it is written and decrypted when it is read.
- **Transparent Data Encryption (TDE):** TDE focuses on encrypting specific data fields or files within a database. It is commonly used in database management systems for securing EHR databases. TDE provides granular control over which data is encrypted, making it a suitable choice for protecting sensitive patient records.

Data Encryption at Transit

Securing data as it traverses networks or is transmitted between different cloud services is equally critical. Encryption protocols like Transport Layer Security (TLS) and Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) are employed to protect data during transmission. These protocols use cryptographic algorithms to establish secure communication channels, preventing eavesdropping and man-in-the-middle attacks. This ensures that EHR data remains confidential while in transit. Data encryption in transit ensures that EHR data remains secure while it is transmitted between different cloud services or when accessed by authorized users. This is essential to protect against eavesdropping and man-in-the-middle attacks.

End-to-End Encryption

To provide the highest level of confidentiality, end-to-end encryption is employed. This approach ensures that data is encrypted at the source (e.g., the healthcare provider's system) and remains encrypted until it reaches the authorized recipient. Only the recipient possesses the decryption keys, ensuring that not even service providers or cloud administrators can access the data in its unencrypted form. End-to-end encryption is the gold standard for securing cloud EHR data, as it provides an airtight layer of protection. End-to-end encryption provides the highest level of data security. It ensures that EHR data is encrypted at the source (e.g., a healthcare provider's system) and remains encrypted until it reaches the authorized recipient. Only the recipient possesses the decryption keys, making it virtually impossible for anyone else to access the data in its unencrypted form.



**Ambika****Public Key Infrastructure (PKI)**

PKI is often used to implement end-to-end encryption. It involves the use of asymmetric cryptography, where each user has a public key for encryption and a private key for decryption. When one user wants to send EHR data to another, they encrypt it using the recipient's public key. Only the recipient, who possesses the corresponding private key, can decrypt and access the data [6].

Homomorphic Encryption

Homomorphic encryption is an advanced cryptographic technique that allows computations to be performed on encrypted data without the need for decryption. This groundbreaking approach opens the door to secure data analytics and research on sensitive medical information without exposing it. Healthcare organizations can perform calculations, derive insights, and extract valuable information from encrypted EHR data while preserving its privacy. This not only enhances data security but also facilitates data-driven decision-making in healthcare. Homomorphic encryption is an advanced cryptographic technique that allows computations to be performed on encrypted data without the need for decryption. This approach offers a unique way to process EHR data in the cloud while maintaining its privacy [7].

Computation on Encrypted Data

With homomorphic encryption, mathematical operations can be performed on encrypted data directly, preserving the confidentiality of the data. For example, computations like addition and multiplication can be done on encrypted numbers without revealing the actual values. This is particularly useful for performing analytics and research on sensitive medical information without exposing it.

Key Management

Effective key management is integral to the success of cryptographic security measures. Encryption keys, which are used to encrypt and decrypt data, must be generated securely, stored in a protected environment, regularly rotated to prevent vulnerabilities, and revoked when necessary [8]. A robust key management system ensures that encryption keys are safeguarded against unauthorized access and loss, thereby enhancing the overall security of cloud EHR data. Effective key management is integral to the success of cryptographic security measures. Encryption keys, which are used to encrypt and decrypt data, must be managed securely throughout their lifecycle.

- **Key Generation:** Keys should be generated using strong cryptographic algorithms and secure random number generators.
- **Key Storage:** Keys should be stored in a secure and tamper-resistant manner, such as hardware security modules (HSMs) or secure key vaults.
- **Key Rotation:** Regularly rotating encryption keys helps mitigate the risk of key compromise. New keys should be generated, and data should be re-encrypted with the new keys.
- **Key Revocation:** In cases of key compromise or personnel changes, keys should be promptly revoked to prevent unauthorized access to EHR data.

Optimization Techniques for Efficient Cryptographic Security

While the use of cryptographic algorithms is essential for securing cloud EHR data, it can introduce computational overhead and potential performance bottlenecks. To address these challenges, optimization techniques are employed to streamline cryptographic processes and enhance overall system efficiency [9].

Optimized Encryption Libraries

The use of optimized encryption libraries and algorithms is critical to minimizing the computational burden associated with encryption and decryption operations. These libraries are designed to maximize performance while minimizing latency, ensuring that data remains secure without compromising system responsiveness. By leveraging these optimized libraries, healthcare organizations can achieve a balance between data security and system performance.





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Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA)

Complementing cryptographic encryption with Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adds an additional layer of security. MFA requires users to provide multiple forms of authentication, such as a password, a fingerprint scan, or a one-time code, before gaining access to EHR data. This robust authentication process enhances access control and mitigates the risk of unauthorized access, even if encryption measures were to be compromised [10].

Data Access Optimization

Optimization techniques can also enhance data access and retrieval speed, addressing concerns about latency in cloud-hosted EHR systems. Caching mechanisms, distributed databases, and intelligent data indexing can reduce data retrieval times, ensuring that authorized users can access patient information quickly. These optimizations are essential for maintaining the usability and responsiveness of EHR systems while upholding data security.

Quantum-Resistant Cryptography

Looking to the future, healthcare organizations must consider the potential threat posed by quantum computing to conventional cryptographic algorithms. Quantum computers have the potential to break many existing encryption methods, making it imperative to adopt quantum-resistant cryptography. These cryptographic techniques are designed to withstand quantum-enabled attacks, ensuring the long-term security of cloud EHR data.

ELLIPTICAL CURVE CRYPTOGRAPHY (ECC) ALGORITHM

Elliptic Curve Cryptography (ECC) [11] [12] is a powerful encryption algorithm that can be used to secure Electronic Health Records (EHRs).

Key Pair Generation

ECC key pair generation involves the creation of a public key and a private key. These keys are essential for encryption and decryption of EHR data. The elliptic curve equation is defined as $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$. The base point (G) on the curve is a fixed point with coordinates (x, y).

Encryption and Decryption

ECC can be used for encrypting and decrypting EHR data, with the Elliptic Curve Integrated Encryption Scheme (ECIES) being a common choice.

Algorithm for Encryption:

- Select a recipient's public key (Q_R) from their certificate.
- Generate an ephemeral key pair (d_E, Q_E) for one-time user.
- Derive a shared secret (S) by multiplying the recipient's public key with the ephemeral private key: $S = d_E \cdot Q_R$
- Use a key derivation function to expand (S) into encryption keys for symmetric encryption (e.g., AES).
- Encrypt the EHR data using the symmetric encryption keys.
- Send the encrypted data along with the ephemeral public key (Q_E)

Algorithm for Decryption:

- Receive the encrypted data and the ephemeral public key (Q_E).
- Compute the shared secret (S) by multiplying your private key (d_R) with the ephemeral public key: $S = d_R \cdot Q_E$
- Use the key derivation function to derive the same encryption keys used for encryption.
- Decrypt the EHR data using the symmetric decryption keys.

Digital Signatures

ECC can also be used for creating and verifying digital signatures to ensure the integrity and authenticity of EHR data.





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Algorithm for Signing:

- Compute the hash of the EHR data: $h = \text{Hash}(\text{EHR\_data})$.
- Sign the hash using your private key (d_R): $\text{Signature} = d_R \cdot h$

Algorithm for verification:

- Receive the EHR data, the digital signature, and the sender's public key (Q_s).
- Compute the hash of the EHR data: $h = \text{Hash}(\text{EHR\_data})$
- Verify the signature by checking if $d_R \cdot h$ is equal to the received signature.
- If the equality holds, the signature is valid, and the data has not been tampered with.

Security Aspects of ECC

The security of ECC relies on the difficulty of solving the elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem, which is considered computationally infeasible.

- **Key Size Efficiency:** ECC provides strong security with smaller key sizes, making it computationally efficient.
- **Quantum Resistance:** ECC is believed to be more resistant to quantum attacks compared to other encryption algorithms.
- **Efficiency:** ECC's efficiency is essential, particularly in resource-constrained environments.

Key Management

Effective key management is crucial for ECC. It includes secure key generation, storage, rotation, and revocation.

Challenges and Considerations

- **Key Management:** Protecting the private key is paramount.
- **Standardization:** Use well-vetted and standardized elliptic curves.
- **Implementation Security:** Proper ECC implementation is crucial.
- **Quantum Threats:** Address potential quantum threats through post-quantum cryptography research.

Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) Algorithm

Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) [13] [14] is a nature-inspired optimization algorithm that takes its inspiration from the cooperative hunting behavior of Harris's Hawks, a species of raptors found in the Americas. Introduced by Heidari et al. in 2019, HHO has gained recognition as an efficient and effective optimization method for solving complex real-world problems.

The Cooperative Nature of Harris's Hawks

Harris's Hawks are known for their collaborative hunting techniques. They work together in groups, with some hawks taking on leadership roles to improve their hunting efficiency. HHO emulates these behaviors in the optimization process.

Key Components and Steps in Harris Hawks Optimization

Stage 1: Initialization

- The algorithm starts by initializing a population of hawks, where each hawk represents a potential solution to the optimization problem. These solutions are typically randomly generated.
- The fitness of each hawk's solution is evaluated using the objective function, which provides a measure of how good each solution is.
- Among the initial population, the best solution is identified and designated as the leader solution. This leader solution will guide the exploration process.





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Stage 2: Leadership and Exploration

- HHO introduces parameters that govern the balance between exploration and exploitation. These parameters control how the leader subpopulation influences the rest of the hawks.
- The leader solution guides the movement of other hawks. In the algorithm, this is accomplished by computing the relative position of each hawk to the leader and updating their positions accordingly.
- This dynamic positioning of the hawks mimics the collaborative hunting behavior observed in nature, where the group follows a leader to locate prey more effectively.

Stage 3: Updating the Leader

- During the optimization process, the fitness of each hawk's current solution is calculated. A higher fitness corresponds to a better solution.
- If a hawk discovers a solution that surpasses the fitness of the leader's solution, the leader is updated with the improved solution. This mechanism allows the algorithm to adapt and discover better solutions during the search.

Stage 4: Exploration and Exploitation

- Throughout the optimization process, the exploration and exploitation parameters are adjusted to balance the exploration of new solution areas with the exploitation of promising regions.
- This adaptive mechanism allows HHO to efficiently explore the solution space and gradually refine solutions as the search progresses.

Stage 5: Termination Criteria

- The algorithm defines stopping criteria, such as a maximum number of iterations or reaching a predefined convergence threshold.
- When these criteria are met, the algorithm terminates, concluding the search for the optimal solution.

Stage 6: Final Solution

- The best solution encountered during the algorithm's execution represents the optimal or near-optimal solution to the optimization problem.

Hunting Strategies of HHO

HHO has four main hunting strategies:

Soft besiege

The hawks surround the prey and gradually move closer to it. This forces the prey to stay in a confined area, making it easier for the hawks to attack. The mathematical equation for the soft besiege strategy is as follows:

$$y = X_{prey} - E * |J * (X_{prey} - X_{hawk})|$$

Hard besiege

The hawks form a tight circle around the prey and attack all together. This is the most aggressive hunting strategy and is used to capture prey that is difficult to catch. The mathematical equation for the hard besiege strategy is as follows:

$$Y = X_{prey} - P * |\Delta X|$$

Soft besiege with progressive rapid dives

The hawks use the soft besiege strategy to surround the prey and then they swoop down and attack from different angles. This is a very effective hunting strategy for catching prey that is trying to escape. The mathematical equation for the soft besiege with progressive rapid dives strategy is as follows:

$$Y = X_{prey} - E * |J * (X_{prey} - X_{hawk})| - L * Levy(D)$$





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Hard besiege with progressive rapid dives

The hawks use the hard besiege strategy to form a tight circle around the prey and then they swoop down and attack from different angles. This is the most effective hunting strategy, but it is also the most energy-consuming. The mathematical equation for the hard besiege with progressive rapid dives strategy is as follows:

$$Y = X_{prey} - P * |\Delta X| - L * Levy(D)$$

Where Y is the new position of the hawk, X_{prey} is the position of the prey, X_{hawk} is the current position of the hawk, E is the exploration phase, and J is a random vector. The random vector J is used to ensure that the hawks move around the prey in a random fashion. P is the exploitation phase, ΔX is the difference between the current position of the hawk and the position of the prey. L is the scaling factor. $Levy(D)$ is the levy flight functions. The Lévy flight function is used to simulate the random search patterns of the hawks.

Advantages of Harris Hawks Optimization

- **Global Search Capability:** HHO is adept at exploring the entire solution space, making it suitable for a wide range of optimization problems.
- **Biological Inspiration:** The algorithm's inspiration from the natural behavior of birds provides an intuitive connection between nature and optimization.
- **Ease of Implementation:** HHO is relatively straightforward to understand and implement when compared to some other complex optimization techniques.

Procedure of HHO

Step 1: Initialize a population of hawks: The number of hawks in the population is a parameter that can be tuned depending on the specific optimization problem. Each hawk represents a candidate solution to the optimization problem.

Step 2: Set the parameters of the algorithm: The HHO algorithm has three main parameters:

- **Exploration rate (E):** This parameter controls the exploratory behavior of the hawks. A higher exploration rate will allow the hawks to explore more of the solution space, but it may also make them more likely to get lost.
- **Exploitation rate (S):** This parameter controls the exploitative behavior of the hawks. A higher exploitation rate will allow the hawks to focus more on the regions of the solution space that have been identified as promising, but it may also make them more likely to get stuck in local optima.
- **Maximum number of iterations (N):** This parameter controls the number of times the algorithm will be repeated.

Step 3: Enter the exploration Phase: In the exploration phase, the hawks search for new and promising regions of the solution space. This is done using the following equation:

$$X_{new} = X_{hawk} + E * R * (X_{prey} - X_{hawk})$$

Where X_{new} is the new position of the hawk. X_{hawk} is the current position of the hawk. E is the exploration rate, R is a random vector, X_{prey} is the position of the prey (best solution). The random vector R is used to ensure that the hawks explore different regions of the solution space.

Step 4: Update the position of the prey: After each hawk has updated its position, the position of the prey is updated to the best solution in the population.

Step 5: Share the knowledge of the best solution among the hawks: Each hawk shares its knowledge of the best solution with the other hawks. This helps the hawks to learn from each other and improve their search performance.





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Step 6: If the termination criterion is met, then stop the algorithm and return the best solution. Otherwise, go to step 3: The termination criterion can be any condition, such as reaching the maximum number of iterations or finding a solution that is good enough.

Step 7: Enter the exploitation phase: In the exploitation phase, the hawks focus on finding the best solution in the regions of the solution space that have been identified as promising during the exploration phase. This is done using the following equation:

$$X_{new} = X_{hawk} + S * (X_{prey} - X_{hawk})$$

Where S is the exploitation rate. The exploitation rate S is used to control how quickly the hawks converge to the best solution. A higher exploitation rate will allow the hawks to converge more quickly, but it may also make them more likely to get stuck in local optima.

Step 8: Update the position of the prey: After each hawk has updated its position, the position of the prey is updated to the best solution in the population.

Step 9: Share the knowledge of the best solution among the hawks: Each hawk shares its knowledge of the best solution with the other hawks. This helps the hawks to learn from each other and improve their search performance.

Step 10: If the termination criterion is met, then stop the algorithm and return the best solution. Otherwise, go to step 7. The termination criterion is the same as the one used in the exploration phase.

Optimization Fragmented Key based Encryption Based Privacy Preserving (OFKE-PP) Approach for Securing the EHR

Cloud HER security should be guaranteed for all users. Therefore, security is a major concern when exposing information to networks. In today's world, the information is never enough protected the way it should be. Cryptography is one of the most effective and efficient components of network security. Cryptography is a technique to apply ensure the secure and reliable transaction between the sender and the receiver when transferring unintelligible information. Moreover, only the authorized receiver can have the right to decrypt the information that was sent and encrypted by the sender. The cryptography plays an essential role in order to provide security to these networks. In this contribution, an authentication mechanism is improved by utilizing the Elliptical Curve Cryptography (ECC) based encryption algorithm with the optimal key generation by using Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) and fragment the private key. The optimal private and public key are obtained by using HHO, and the fragmented private key is used for the decryption of the text. This encryption and decryption will help to improve the authentication security by providing the secure encryption and decryption approach. Elliptical curve cryptography is a public key encryption technique which is based on the theory of elliptical curves. This encryption technique uses the properties of elliptic curve in order to generate keys instead of using the traditional methodology of generation of keys using the product of two very large prime numbers. The most important advantage of elliptical curve cryptography is the use of smaller keys providing the same level of security. ECC can provide the same security with 164-bit key that other systems provide with 1024- bit key. ECC is a public key cryptosystem which is used to generate the public key and the private key in order to encrypt and decrypt the data. Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO) is a novel optimization algorithm developed by Heidari and Mirjalili et al. in 2019. The algorithm simulates the collaborative behavior and hunting technique of Harris Hawks in nature named surprise pounce. In this smart strategy, the Hawks collaboratively attack from many directions to surprise the prey. Harris Hawks exposes several chase styles based on the nature of the plots and the escaping patterns of the victim. The standard HHO algorithm proposes the exploration and exploitation strategies, motivated by exploring prey, surprise pounce, and the unique attacking technique of Harris Hawks. The HHO algorithm is a population-based and slope optimization method. Therefore, it was utilized to many optimization problems subject to an appropriate formulation. The following are the stages of HHO: Elliptic curve cryptography (ECC) is a public-key cryptography algorithm that is well-suited for securing EHRs. ECC is based on elliptic curves, which are mathematical objects that are difficult to compute over. This makes ECC very secure and resistant to attack. Harris Hawks Optimization (HHO)





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is a metaheuristic optimization algorithm inspired by the cooperative hunting behavior of Harris hawks. HHO is a simple and efficient algorithm that has been shown to be effective in solving a wide range of optimization problems. HHO can be used to generate secure ECC parameters for EHR security. The following steps describe how to use HHO to generate secure ECC parameters:

Step 1: Initialize the HHO algorithm

Set the parameters of the HHO algorithm, including the population size, exploration rate, exploitation rate, and maximum number of iterations.

hawks = initialize HHO Algorithm (population Size, exploration Rate, exploitation Rate)

Step 2: Generate initial ECC parameters

Generate a random elliptic curve and a random base point on the curve. These parameters will be used as the initial solution for the HHO algorithm.

Ec Curve = generate Random Elliptic Curve ()

base Point = generate Random Base Point (ecCurve)

Step 3: Evaluate the fitness of the ECC parameters

The fitness of the ECC parameters is evaluated by measuring their security. This can be done by measuring the difficulty of solving the elliptic curve discrete logarithm problem (ECDLP) for the given curve and base point.

fitness = evaluate Fitness(ecCurve, base Point)

Step 4: Update the ECC parameters using HHO

The HHO algorithm is used to update the ECC parameters in order to improve their fitness. This is done by using the exploration and exploitation phases of the HHO algorithm.

for i in range(maxIterations):

hawks = updateHawks(hawks, fitness)

fitness = evaluateFitness(hawks)

Step 5: Repeat steps 3 and 4 until the termination criterion is met.

The termination criterion can be any condition, such as reaching the maximum number of iterations or finding ECC parameters that are secure enough.

Step 6: Return the secure ECC Parameters *return hawks*

Algorithm for OFKE-PP

def generate Secure ECC Parameters (population Size, exploration Rate, exploitation Rate, max Iterations):

Initialize the HHO algorithm.

hawks = initialize HHO Algorithm (population Size, exploration Rate, exploitation Rate)

Generate initial ECC parameters.

Ec Curve = generate Random Elliptic Curve()

base Point = generate Random Base Point (ecCurve)

Evaluate the fitness of the ECC parameters.

fitness = evaluate Fitness(ecCurve, base Point)

Update the ECC parameters using HHO.

for i in range(max Iterations):

hawks = update Hawks(hawks, fitness)

fitness = evaluate Fitness (hawks)





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# Return the secure ECC parameters.  
return hawks
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RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Dataset and Performance Metrics

The sample Electronic Health Record dataset [15] from the Kaggle repository. The metrics like Encryption time (in Milliseconds), decryption time (in Milliseconds), total time taken (in Milliseconds), and Key Generation time (in Milliseconds) are considered to evaluate the performance of the Proposed OFKE-PP and existing ECC algorithm. The performance of the proposed Optimization Fragmented Key based Encryption Privacy Preserving (OFKE-PP) Approach is evaluated with the existing encryption techniques like ECC for the given dataset varying from 150 MB to 1000 MB. Table 1 depicts the Encryption time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC for varying size of the dataset. Figure 1 gives the graphical representation of the Encryption time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC. From the table 1 and figure 1, it is clear that the proposed OFKE-PP approach reduces the encryption time for the varying size of the dataset than ECC. As the dataset size increases, both encryption methods (Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC) exhibit an increase in encryption time. This is a common trend, as larger datasets require more computational resources and time for encryption. ECC consistently demonstrates higher encryption times compared to Proposed OFKE-PP for all dataset sizes. This suggests that, in terms of encryption speed, Proposed OFKE-PP outperforms ECC. For a 150 MB dataset, Proposed OFKE-PP takes 58 milliseconds for encryption, while ECC takes 72 milliseconds. As the dataset size increases to 1050 MB, Proposed OFKE-PP's encryption time increases to 836 milliseconds, and ECC's encryption time increases to 1274 milliseconds. The difference in encryption times between the two methods remains relatively consistent, with Proposed OFKE-PP being faster. The data shows that both methods are scalable to some extent, as they can handle datasets ranging from 150 MB to 1050 MB. However, ECC appears to be less efficient in terms of encryption time, especially with larger dataset sizes. Table 2 depicts the decryption time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC for varying size of the dataset. Figure 2 gives the graphical representation of the decryption time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC. From the table 2 and figure 2, it is clear that the proposed OFKE-PP approach reduces the encryption time for the varying size of the dataset than ECC.

ECC consistently exhibits higher decryption times compared to Proposed OFKE-PP for all dataset sizes. This suggests that, in terms of decryption speed, Proposed OFKE-PP outperforms ECC. For a 150 MB dataset, Proposed OFKE-PP takes 69 milliseconds, while ECC takes 93 milliseconds. As the dataset size increases to 1050 MB, Proposed OFKE-PP decryption time increases to 974 milliseconds, and ECC decryption time increases to 1363 milliseconds. The difference in decryption times between the two methods remains relatively consistent, with Proposed OFKE-PP being faster. However, ECC appears to be less efficient in terms of decryption time, especially as the dataset size grows. Table 3 depicts the total time taken for encryption and decryption (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC for varying size of the dataset. Figure 3 gives the graphical representation of the total time taken for encryption and decryption time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC. From the table 3 and figure 3, it is clear that the proposed OFKE-PP approach reduces the total time taken for encryption and decryption for the varying size of the dataset than ECC. ECC consistently exhibits higher total times compared to Proposed OFKE-PP for all dataset sizes. This implies that, in terms of the combined speed of encryption and decryption, Proposed OFKE-PP outperforms ECC. For a 150 MB dataset, Proposed OFKE-PP takes 127 milliseconds for the total process, while ECC takes 165 milliseconds. As the dataset size increases to 1050 MB, Proposed OFKE-PP's total time taken increases to 1,810 milliseconds, and ECC's total time taken increases to 2,637 milliseconds. The difference in total time between the two methods remains consistent, with Proposed OFKE-PP being faster. However, ECC exhibits a less efficient performance in terms of the combined encryption and decryption time, particularly with larger dataset sizes. Table 4 depicts the Key generation time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC for varying size of the dataset. Figure 4 gives the graphical representation of the Key generation time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC. From the table 4 and figure 4, it is clear that the





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proposed OFKE-PP approach reduces the key generation time for the varying size of the dataset than ECC. Key generation time is a critical factor in the overall performance of encryption methods, as it contributes to the time required for setting up secure communication. Key generation time is relatively independent of the dataset size. For key generation time, Proposed OFKE-PP consistently shows shorter times compared to ECC across all dataset sizes. This indicates that Proposed OFKE-PP is more efficient in generating encryption keys. For a 150 MB dataset, Proposed OFKE-PP takes 68 milliseconds for key generation, while ECC takes 75 milliseconds. As the dataset size increases to 1050 MB, Proposed OFKE-PP's key generation time increases to 1018 milliseconds, and ECC's key generation time increases to 1358 milliseconds. The difference in key generation times between the two methods remains relatively consistent, with Proposed OFKE-PP being faster.

CONCLUSION

In this section, Harris Hawks Optimization algorithm is utilized to update the ECC parameters using HHO. The performance of the proposed OFKE-PP approach and ECC is evaluated with the various performance metrics like encryption time, decryption time, key generation time and total time taken for encryption and decryption. From the results obtained, it is clear that the proposed OFKE-PP approach consumes less encryption, decryption, key generation and total time than the ECC.

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Table 1: Encryption Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

Dataset (in MB)	Encryption time (in milliseconds)	
	Proposed OFKE-PP	ECC
150	58	72
300	147	181
450	201	293
600	292	402
750	453	754
900	669	936
1050	836	1274

Table 2: Decryption Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

Dataset (in MB)	Decryption time (in milliseconds)	
	Proposed OFKE-PP	ECC
150	69	93
300	175	192
450	282	382
600	415	598
750	642	824
900	878	1145
1050	974	1363





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Table 3: Total Time taken for Encryption and Decryption (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

Dataset (in MB)	Total Time Taken (in milliseconds)	
	Proposed OFKE-PP	ECC
150	127	165
300	322	373
450	483	675
600	707	1,000
750	1,095	1,578
900	1,547	2,081
1050	1,810	2,637

Table 4: Key Generation Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

Dataset (in MB)	Key generation time (in milliseconds)	
	Proposed OFKE-PP	ECC
150	68	75
300	124	184
450	271	385
600	416	596
750	632	775
900	813	1124
1050	1018	1358

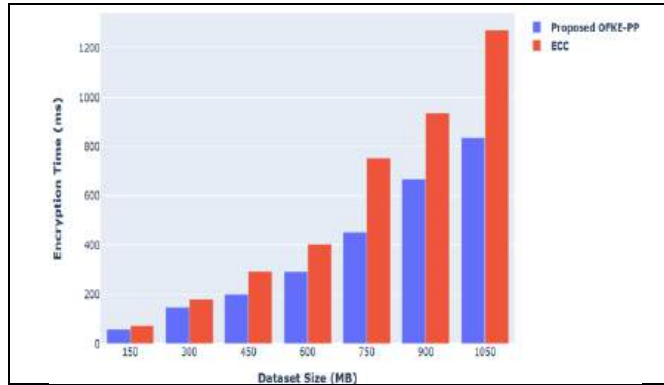


Figure 1: Graphical representation of the Encryption Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

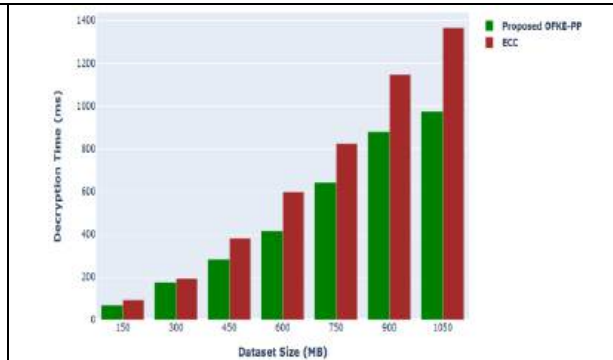


Figure 2: Graphical representation of the Decryption Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset





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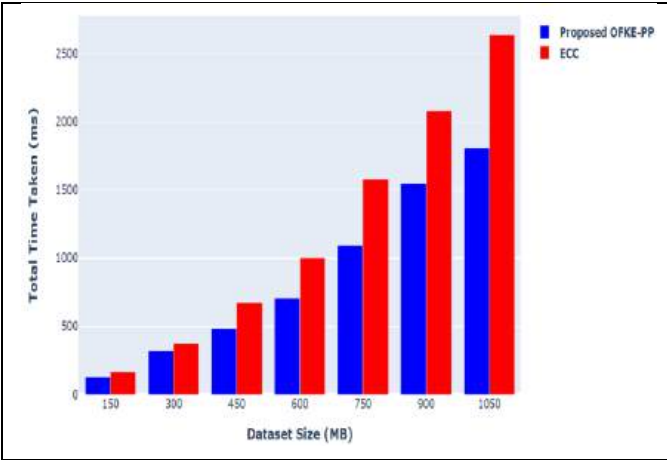


Figure 3: Graphical representation of the Total Time taken for Encryption and Decryption (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset

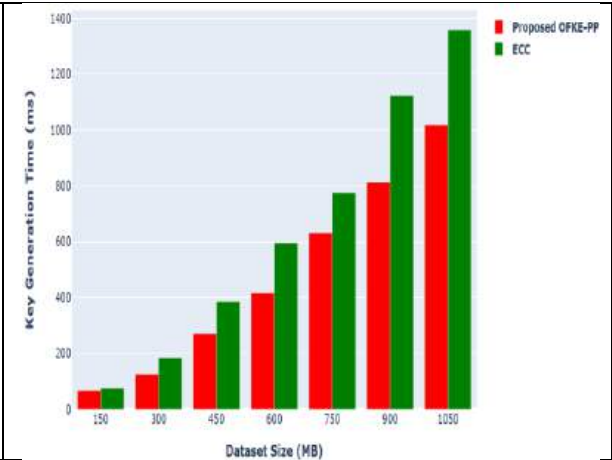


Figure 4: Graphical representation of the Key Generation Time (in ms) obtained by the Proposed OFKE-PP and ECC for varying size of the dataset





Early Identification of Depression through Social Media Sentiment Analysis: A Comprehensive Study

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ABSTRACT

A lot of people have depression, which is a mental health problem. Recent statistics show that about 3.8% of the population, including 5% of adults, suffers from depression. Face-to-face interviews and other traditional approaches of finding out if someone is depressed have their limits and don't always work. But social media sentiment analysis could help find people who are likely to get depressed. This essay will talk about how common depression is in society, the problems with traditional ways of finding depression, the possible uses of social media for finding depression, the difficulties of using social media sentiment analysis to find depression, and how well social media sentiment analysis works for finding depression.

Keywords: Face-to-face interviews, social media for finding depression, sentiment analysis to find depression.

INTRODUCTION

Depression is a common mental illness that affects a lot of people. A survey found that about 3.8% of the population suffers from depression, including 5% of adults. More women than men suffer from depression: 6% of women and



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4% of men do. Depression may make life a lot worse for a person and cause a lot of physical and mental health concerns. [1]. Face-to-face interviews and other traditional approaches of finding depression have problems and don't always work. Only approximately half of those with mental illnesses, like depression, are found in primary care settings. Also, traditional methods require a lot of money and time, which makes them too expensive for many individuals. So, we need more ways to find folks who are depressed early on. [2] [3] [4]. Social networking could help find those who are at danger of getting depressed. Negative remarks or posts on social media can make it possible for people to be hurt. Using machine learning algorithms on social media data to automatically find signs of sadness could be a way to find those who are at risk of getting depressed. Researchers can get behavioural data from social media that is related to how a person thinks, feels, talks, and does things. [5] [4] [6]. There are a number of problems with using social media sentiment to find depression. For example, social media data is unstructured and noisy, which makes it hard to find relevant information in it. Also, social networking sites have diverse languages and features, which makes it hard to come up with a single way to find depression. Researchers have looked into using natural language processing to look at social media posts for signs of sadness, though. They used machine learning techniques to find patterns and traits that are linked to depression. [7] [8] [3]. It has been shown that social media sentiment analysis can help find persons who are likely to get depressed. Researchers have built a text categorisation system that can quickly and easily find signs of early sadness in social media streams. This framework uses machine learning algorithms to look at social media data and find patterns and attributes that are linked to depression. Machine learning algorithms applied to social media data can automatically find signs of depression. This could help find those who are at risk of depression early on. [3] [6] [4]. Social media sentiment analysis can help find people who are at risk of depression, but it's crucial to include human knowledge in the process. Sentiment analysis is a way to automatically look at how people feel, what they think, and what they write. But it isn't always right and can miss key details that only human specialists can see. So, we can make a reliable and accurate way to find out if someone is depressed by using both natural language processing and human validation methodologies. [9] [10]. Also, research has shown that people with mental illness are interested in getting mental health assistance through social media. This shows how important it is to add human expertise to social media sentiment analysis. [5]

Social media sentiment analysis could have a big effect on mental health care. Studies have shown that people with mental illness are interested in getting mental health assistance through social media. This suggests that social media sentiment analysis could be a useful way to find and help people who need it. There have also been early attempts to use social media as a place to offer mental health treatments. [5] There are both pros and cons to using social media sentiment analysis to find out if someone is depressed. Recent research have shown that using social media can be bad for young people's mental health, including making them feel pressured to compare themselves to others with unattainable expectations. So, it's crucial to employ social media sentiment analysis along with other screening tools to find those who are at risk of depression. [17] [8] [5] Public health policy can be very helpful in encouraging the use of social media to find people who are depressed. The Substance addiction and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), for instance, has made resources available for family members of people with substance addiction or mental health issues. These resources include information on how to spot people who are at risk of depression and how to help them. In the same way, public health policies can be made to encourage the use of social media sentiment analysis to find and help people with depression. [3] [5] It looks good that social media sentiment analysis might be applied with standard screening methods. For mental disease to be found and treated properly, assessment and outcome monitoring are very important. Traditional ways of collecting social, emotional, and behavioural data don't work well for tracking changes in a person's mental health in real time. Social media sentiment analysis, on the other hand, can give you real-time information on how someone is feeling and acting. So, you may utilise social media sentiment analysis along with standard screening methods to get a better and more accurate picture of someone's mental health. [12] [5] [13]. There are several ways that social media sentiment analysis could be employed in various areas of mental health. Research has demonstrated that social media can be a useful way to promote and support mental health. In a poll of people with mental illness who use social media, those who answered said that talking about their own experiences with mental illness can help eliminate stigma and raise awareness. You can use machine learning and deep learning to sort things, and you can use social media sentiment analysis to keep an eye on or look at levels of sentiment. There hasn't been much research on how to promote mental



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health in young adults, but what there has been shows that social media is seen as a good resource. So, social media sentiment analysis could be used in different areas of mental health to help people and raise awareness. [11] [14] [19]

METHODOLOGY**Data Collection**

A dataset of social media posts from Indian patients who had COVID-19 is used to do this investigation. The dataset has posts, real feelings (good, bad, or neutral), the users' age, gender, and location. Before doing sentiment analysis, the postings are cleaned up to get rid of noise and material that isn't useful.

- CSV labels: name, place, tweet, created_at, user_id, username
- To find signs of sadness, you may look at the tweets' content (in the "tweet" column) and other user information (such "created_at," "user_id," "username," "name," and "place") to see if there are any patterns or clues that point to depression.

Performance Evaluation

The performance metrics for this studies are Prevalence of Depression and Linguistic Cues:

Prevalence of Depression: The percentage of posts with cues indicative of depression among post-COVID patients.

- The prevalence of depression is calculated by determining the percentage of posts that exhibit depression cues among the total number of posts from post-COVID patients. The calculation is as follows:
- $\text{Prevalence of Depression} = (\text{Number of Posts with Depression Cues}) / (\text{Total Number of Posts}) * 100$
- Prevalence of Depression:
- Number of Posts with Depression Cues: 1366
- Total Number of Posts: 9655
- Prevalence: 0.14

Linguistic Cues: The percentage of posts containing specific linguistic cues associated with depression.

List of Linguistic Cues and Their Counts:

- sad: 48
- depressed: 1
- unhappy: 2
- lonely: 0
- down: 1035
- low: 339

Data Analysis and Interpretation

The study looks at how well each sentiment analysis method works using metrics and other parameters. It looks into the link between sentiment scores and depression, which answers Research Question 1. It also finds language and sentiment clues that point to depression, which answers Research Question 2. Then, the data are looked at to learn more about how post-COVID patients use language and express their feelings on social media. Researchers can learn more about mental health issues like depression and look into whether sentiment analysis can be used to find depression in post-COVID patients early on.

Findings

The case study shows how sentiment analysis on social media can help find indicators of depression in people who have had COVID. The link between feelings and sadness, as well as linguistic clues and mood signals, can help us understand mental health issues and come up with possible screening methods to help people get help and treatment when they need it.





DISCUSSION

It can also utilise social media sentiment analysis in other parts of public health. Social media is a new medium with a lot of potential for use in public health. Researchers found that social media has both good and bad effects on public health issues. Researchers have shown that social media can be a useful way to encourage people to improve their health behaviours. It might also be utilised for public health campaigns and interventions. So, social media sentiment analysis can be used in different areas of public health to help people and raise awareness. [15] [16] There is a lot of hope for the future of using social media sentiment analysis to find depression. Using social media sentiment analysis to find people who are likely to be depressed early on could make a big difference in mental health care. Using machine learning algorithms on social media data to automatically find signs of depression could help find people who are at risk of depression and provide them help. Adding human knowledge to the process can help build a method for finding depression that is more accurate and trustworthy. Combining social media sentiment analysis with established screening methods can give a more complete and accurate picture of a person's mental health. So, the future of using social media to find out how people are feeling about depression looks good. [18] [3].

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, a lot of people have depression, which is a common mental health problem. It's hard to find people who are at risk of depression early on because traditional ways of finding it are restricted and expensive. Social media sentiment analysis could help find those who are at risk of depression and give them support. But there are a number of problems with using social media sentiment to find people who are depressed. Adding human knowledge to the process can make it possible to find depression in a way that is both accurate and dependable. You can also use social media sentiment analysis in other areas of mental health and public health to help people and raise awareness. The future of using social media sentiment analysis to find people with depression is bright, and it might have a big effect on mental health care.

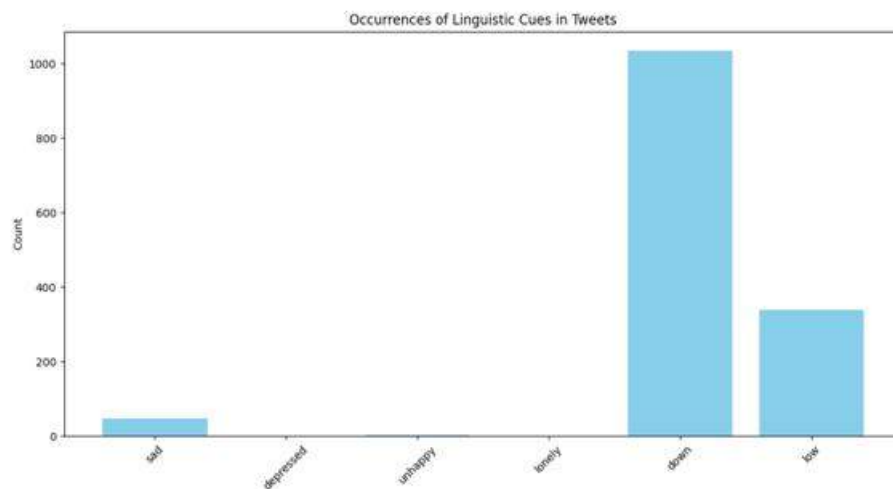
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**Figure.1: Occurrences of Linguistic Cues in Tweets**



A Survey on the Evolution of Security Solutions for Mobile Cloud Computing Platforms

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing is a novel way to employ computing resources that are provided across a network as services. It makes the best use of IT resources including the CPU, storage, and network. Many cloud computing services are popular with regular people, and they are growing more significant these days. There are a lot of smart phones, smart pads, and other mobile devices. Users can access the cloud computing environment through these mobile devices. So, people can use their physical gadgets to access sophisticated computational resources. There are two types of devices: a physical device that exists in the actual world and a virtual device that exists on the cloud. Service providers should employ strong cryptographic methods to make sure that a physical device and a virtual device may talk to each other safely. But the strong cryptographic methods take too long to finish each task, which slows down the network. When a physical device is processing too many data packets, the network gets congested. It also can't be sure of the quality of service on its network. This paper looks at the literature on encryption techniques used for authentication and access control to keep the Mobile Cloud Computing environment safe.

Keywords: Mobile Cloud Computing, Cryptographic Techniques, Encryption algorithms, Authentication, Access Control





INTRODUCTION

The smartphone has become a new way of using computers in the last few years. It has a wide range of uses, sophisticated operating systems, and sensors that can do many things. The fact that smartphones can run a wide range of apps for different purposes, such teaching, entertainment, business, and health care, has made them very popular. Because of this, the smartphone is becoming the most significant computing platform for people who are on the go [1] [2]. As demand for computational power and energy grows, so do the features and complexity of smartphone apps [3]. To meet consumer needs, manufacturers create new and improved authentic basic mobile device models. But the size of mobile devices is limited, thus improvements to smartphone technology can't meet the needs of users and apps [4]. Many apps that require a lot of resources don't work well on smartphones since they have limited memory, processing power, battery life, and the ability to move about. A lot of different fields use cloud computing. Cloud computing is clearly a good way to meet the smartphone's needs for processing power, memory, and battery life [5] [6]. Mobile cloud computing (MCC) is an emerging field that studies how cloud computing works on mobile devices. MCC makes mobile devices more powerful and energy-efficient by letting apps access cloud computing capacity to do resource-intensive activities. Navigation systems for mobile devices, voice search, Google Maps, Gmail, and a number of Android apps, such as MotoBlur from Motorola and MobileMe from Apple, have all gotten different apps based on MCC and made them available to consumers. Recently, both academics and industry have become quite interested in mobile cloud computing. A recent study of heavy reading found that the mobile cloud market's direct revenue will reach over \$68 billion by 2017 [7]. In the larger mobile cloud industry, it is predicted to reach \$1 trillion. ABI Research has made a similar prediction, saying that the number of mobile cloud computing subscribers (mobile users and mobile app providers) around the world will quickly rise over the next five years, from 42.8 million in 2008 (about 1.1% of all mobile subscribers) to over 998 million in 2014 (about 19%) [8]. ABI also predicts that mobile cloud will soon become a disruptive force in the mobile market and will finally become the most important location for mobile apps to work [9].

Security Challenges in the MCC

Mobile Terminal

In general, a mobile terminal has the following features: it has an open operating system, it can run third-party applications, it can be "personalised," and it can connect to the Internet wirelessly from anywhere and at any time. Because of this, security problems on mobile devices are particularly important.

Mobile Network Security

Because mobile networks are portable, they add more nodes and access points to the traditional network. The network node now includes mobile devices like smartphones, tablet PCs, and others. These devices can connect to the network in many ways. For example, 3G networks let smartphone users make phone calls, send text messages, and use other internet services. Also, most smart phones can connect to the internet through Wi-Fi and Bluetooth. So, additional means to get to things will make them less safe, like leaking private information or becoming attacked. For instance, various kinds of public place (such as Cafe, restaurant and airport, etc.) can provide free Wi-Fi, and many people will open a laptop and access Internet through free Wi-Fi. In this instance, there is a chance that information will leak. Even private Wi-Fi is at risk of security problems, in addition to this type of public Wi-Fi, because Wi-Fi's encryption is inadequate. Also, mobile devices and mobile cloud service providers often talk to each other through various interfaces. This will also make things less safe.

Mobile Cloud

- **Platform Reliability:** Because it has so much user information, the cloud platform is easy to attack. One goal of the malicious attacker is to steal important information or service. These attacks could originate from a malevolent outside user of the cloud, a lawful cloud computing user, or even employees of the cloud computing companies themselves. The goal of the malicious attacker, on the other hand, is to shut down the cloud service.



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- **Data and Privacy Protection:** Data security and privacy are very crucial in the mobile cloud. First of all, users' data is owned and managed separately on the cloud. This makes users worry about their own information, which is a big reason why mobile cloud computing isn't more popular [9]. Also, the users' data is stored in random places all over the world in the shared infrastructure, and users don't know exactly where their data is stored. This means that users' private information is more likely to be seen. The only way to protect the sensitive data is not enough. It needs a full security solution to keep users' data safe and private [10].

Cryptographic Algorithms

Cryptographic algorithms are used to create authentication mechanisms. Encryption is the process of changing the contents of a message so that people who aren't supposed to see it can't. Cypher text is what you term an encrypted message. Decryption is the process of getting the plain text back from the cypher text. A key is normally needed for both encryption and decryption, and the way the data is coded means that only the right key can decrypt it. Many encryption techniques are easy to find and use for information security. They can be divided into two groups: symmetric (private) keys encryption and asymmetric (public) keys encryption. In secret key encryption or symmetric keys encryption, only one key is utilised to encode and decrypt information. In a symmetric cryptosystem, the same key is used for both encryption and decryption. In an asymmetric cryptosystem, two separate keys are used: an encryption key and a decryption key. The encryption key is public, and the decryption key is a private key in an asymmetric cryptosystem. To tackle the problem of key distribution, asymmetric key encryption uses two keys: a private key and a public key. Encryption uses a public key, and decryption uses a private key (for example, RSA and ECC). Mathematical functions are used in asymmetric key encryption, although it's not very good for small mobile devices. Asymmetric encryption methods are almost 1000 times slower than symmetric methods because they need more computing resources. The strength of symmetric key encryption relies on how big the key is. A cryptosystem is made up of two parts: one has an encryption algorithm and the other has a decryption algorithm..

Literature Survey

Zou, Qin, *et al* [11] used new encryption search methods for content-based image retrieval that use similar encryption and order-preserving encryption technology. Because it doesn't require homomorphic encryption, the suggested structure considerably cuts down on the amount of work that needs to be done on the client side and makes fuzzy search more accurate than earlier solutions. Sookhak, Mehdi, *et al* [12] gave a full overview of attribute-based access control methods and compared the features and functions of each one. This article also showed a thematic taxonomy of attribute-based techniques based on important factors like access control mode, architecture, revocation mode, revocation method, revocation issue, and revocation controller. Arvind, K. S., and R. Manimegalai [13] suggested a better naive classifier for safely sorting data in agent-based mobile cloud computing. The agent puts the user's data into three groups: low, medium, and high. After that, the Advanced Encryption Standards (AES) are used to encrypt the data. The broker gets the encrypted data so they can choose the right service agent. But the broker has a lot of service agents who work for him. After then, the cloud service provider gets the data and stores it. Then, the stored data is encrypted in a way that lets the cloud provider and cloud user work with it without having to decrypt it. Odelu, Vanga, *et al* [14] looked at the Tsai-Lo system and found that it is vulnerable to server impersonation attacks. Because of this, their scheme does not accomplish safe mutual authentication. They then devised a provably secure authentication scheme for distributed mobile cloud computing applications. Sajjad, Muhammad, *et al* [15] the issue of sending a medical image to the cloud for selective encryption by devices with limited resources, such smartphones, is solved without showing the cover image to the cloud via steganography. The suggested approach starts by finding the area of interest in the medical image using a visual saliency model. Banerjee, Amit, *et al* [16] suggested a lightweight, fast protocol for mobile devices named CLOAK. CLOAK uses a stream cypher and an outside server to make and send out cryptographically secure pseudo random numbers (CSPRN). Khan, Abdul Nasir, *et al* [17] suggested a workload distribution model for re-encryption methods that moves heavy tasks like encryption and decryption to a trusted entity. Also, the suggested workload allocation model is compared to existing re-encryption strategies that use resources on a trusted entity and a mobile device. David, Shubin, Basil Xavier, and Jasper W. Kathrine [18] talked about the numerous encryption methods and their variations that are already in use, as well as some ideas for future improvements that could lead to better encryption methods that protect privacy and security.



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Yan, Zheng, Xueyun Li, and Raimo Kantola [19] adopted trust and reputation management and looked into three ways to protect cloud data access based on trust and reputation that may be used in a variety of situations. Roy, Sandip, *et al* [20] suggested a new mobile cloud computing user authentication technique that is both secure and lightweight. It uses cryptographic hash, bitwise XOR, and fuzzy extractor functions. It has been shown that the suggested technique is safe against well-known passive and active attacks and also keeps users anonymous through both informal and formal security analysis utilising the random oracle model. Son, Junggab, *et al.* [21] offer a new conditional proxy re-encryption (CPRE) system called the CPRE for mobile cloud. This scheme uses the back-end cloud to its fullest potential, which greatly reduces the load on terminals. Shivanna, K., S. Prabhu Deva, and M. Santoshkumar [22] came up with a twofold encryption mechanism that makes it safer to store and access resources on a cloud platform. The suggested technique gives the data owner, cloud service providers, and cloud users authentication and privacy. features. Kaur, Hasveen, and P. S. Mann [23] employed the Diffie Hellman symmetric key agreement technique to make the cloud manager-based approach better. A one-time password (OTP) is made, which makes things safer. The main goal of the article was to make the cloud manager-based scheme better so that security and integrity could be improved. Mohsin, J. K., *et al.* [24] talked about how authentication in MCC is split into two groups and how one group is better than the other in terms of security. They were trying to find the best secure authentication strategy. Li, Ping, and others [25] came up with two ways to fix the difficulties listed above. The authors first show a simple technique based on multi-key completely homomorphic encryption (MK-FHE). Then they suggest an enhanced scheme that combines the double decryption process and fully homomorphic encryption (FHE) into a hybrid structure. Zhang, Yinghui, Axin Wu, and Dong Zheng [26] came up with a privacy-friendly and efficient attribute-based data sharing system that can generate keys and encrypt data when not connected to the internet. In the suggested system, sensitive attribute values that are part of an access structure are not delivered with a ciphertext. Li, Dazhi, Minglu Li, and Jianhua Liu [27] came up with a certificate-aware framework for online access control systems in mobile computing. In this system, users are paid for their privacy certificate and operation disclosure, which encourages them to provide more certificate information. Liu, Yi, and others [28] came up with a fine-grained Electronic Health Record (HER) access control approach. In this scheme, an EHR owner can make offline ciphertexts before they know the EHR data and access regulations.

The suggested EHR access control approach lets access policies be encoded in linear secret sharing schemes. To limit access to data, Agrawal, Neha, and Shashikala Tapaswi [29] used dynamic factors such spatial or temporal parameters, application usage, unlock failures, and the location and vicinity of mobile devices. The work deals with the limitations of mobile devices and offers a useful solution by using pairs of mobile agents. The proposed plan can tell if the data owner is real and keep the user's identity secret. Guo, Yeting, and others [30] suggest ENSURE (Efficient and Secure), a mobile cloud storage architecture that allows for fast and safe encrypted screened search. Edge computing is what inspired ENSURE. It lets mobile devices send the heavy computing work to the edge server, which makes everything run more smoothly. Also, to keep data safe, it hides the connection between the query term and search results from the cloud, which makes it harder for untrusted clouds to get information. Meng, Tianhui, and others [31] came up with a hybrid Continuous-time Markov chain (CTMC) and queueing model. They also looked at the trade-off between security and performance. The authors came up with security metrics that system builders need to use to make smart tradeoff choices about system security. Alonso-Monsalve, Saúl, Félix García-Carballeira, and Alejandro Calderón [32] came up with a novel model for mobile cloud computing. In this model, platforms of volunteer devices offer some of the cloud's resources. This model is based on both volunteer computing and mobile edge computing. These platforms might be hierarchical, depending on what the volunteer devices can do and what the clouds need to do to supply their services. Sukumaran, Sreeja Cherillath, and Misbahuddin Mohammed [33] talked about the security problems in the MCC and suggested biocomputing solutions to fix them. A solution is suggested that uses the main ideas of polymerase chain reaction and primer production to make sure that data stays private and safe. Yang, Li, and others [34] came up with a novel plan dubbed FREDP, which stands for File Remotely keyed Encryption and Data Protection. In this plan, a mobile terminal, private clouds, and public clouds all work together. The private clouds send the ciphertext file to the public clouds until the mobile device and the private clouds, which are a trusted third party, finish encrypting the plaintext file using an encryption algorithm that can be accessed from anywhere. Babu, V. Suresh, and M. M. Kumar [35] came up with a way to safely share sensitive



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information in the cloud, including safe data storage, usage, and destruction in a semi-trusted cloud environment. The authors showed how the Kerberos protocol works over the system and a client procedure protection method based on a virtual machine screen, which helps with the recognition of system functions. Nagamani, S., and D. R. Nagaraju [36] said that healthcare records kept in the cloud are more sensitive than other types of information that need a lot of supervision. Different mobile devices can access the data stored in the cloud, but all of those transactions happen over the network Zhang, Yu, Yin Li, and Yifan Wang [37] came up with a way to change keywords into a vector space model. This method can change both the query and the index keywords. The authors came up with a new public key encryption approach that lets you search for keywords that are both and not. Pavithra, P., and K. Balamurugan [38] came up with a full mobile cloud design that lets people use cloud computing services on their phones in a safe and productive way. This proposed system uses a fuzzy authorisation method to make sure that the login and password are correct.

Chen, Wenqi, *et al.* [39] came up with a new public auditing protocol based on the adjacency-hash table. This protocol is better at dynamic auditing and data updating than the best ones that are currently available. Also, this kind of authentication structure can help lower the costs of computing and communication. Patel, Swachil J., and Ronak R. Patel [40] looked at cipher-text data that was saved in a database using a modified homomorphic encryption method. The database has data that is short and has a complicated structure, making it hard for any analysts to figure out what it means. Somula, Ramasubbareddy, and others [41] looked at healthcare applications that the new cloudlet model can handle. This model cuts down on processing time and keeps users' data safe. At first, the user connects to the cloudlet that is available. If the cloudlet doesn't have the resources or services the user needs, they will be sent to a faraway cloud. We use the cloudlet in our model to look at patient medical records. Ajay, D. M., and E. Umamaheswari [42] came up with a packet encryption strategy that uses a packet key just once throughout a session. This scheme has low latency and high security for real-time mobile cloud applications. Gao, Chong-zhi, and others [43] came up with a new cloud-based profile-matching approach that protects privacy and works with multiple keys. It is based on a proxy re-encryption scheme with additive homomorphism. Under the honest-but-curious (HBC) model, the suggested technique is safe as long as there are two cloud servers that do not work together. Mo, Jiaqing, and others [44] came up with a fast and provably safe way for mobile cloud computing users to authenticate themselves without revealing their identity. The suggested system not only lets mobile devices and cloud computing authenticate each other, but it also meets all the existing security evaluation requirements.

Mo, Jiaqing, and others [45] suggested that the security method be put into action using the random oracle model and the protocol validation model of the well-known automated tool ProVerif. For systems this big and complicated, three-factor biometrics-based authentication approaches are thought to be safer. Seth, Bijeta, Surjeet Dalal, and Raman Kumar [46] wanted to learn about certain important parts of cloud computing, such as its features, delivery models, deployment models, and cloud computing platforms. The proposed system for multi-clouds shows a general flow of data and the tasks that need to be done. The authors came up with a way to change the Paillier Homomorphic algorithm without putting the security of the current method at risk. The method suggested by Agrawal, Neha, and Shashikala Tapaswi [47] uses dynamic characteristics encryption to protect data and regulate who can access it. The pairs of mobile agents are in charge of fixing the problem with the network connection. The anonymous key-issuing protocol is used to send out the secret key. This keeps the user's identity secret. Koe, Arthur Sandor Voundi, and Yaping Lin [48] talked about how the data owner is constantly online in proxy reencryption methods for giving out re-encryption keys. The authors built our solution by expanding and adapting multi-authority ciphertext policy attribute-based encryption methods to type-based proxy re-encryption. Wang, Yuan, *et al.* [49] came up with a new, efficient way to search for encrypted images that uses K-means and secure modular hashing. This method can keep the privacy of picture searches while yet being as accurate as searches for plaintext images. Bhatia, Tarunpreet, A. K. Verma, and Gaurav Sharma [50] came up with a pairing-free incremental proxy re-encryption system that doesn't need certificates. It would run in proportion to the number of changes made over time, rather than the length of the document, to make file modification jobs easier. The proposed technique makes the file modification mechanism far better in terms of energy use and the time it takes to turn around. For smart city applications in mobile cloud computing, Jegadeesan, Subramani, and others [51] came up with a good way to do anonymous mutual





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authentication. This method requires both the mobile user (Ui) and the service provider (Sj) to show that they are who they say they are. This way, the legitimate Ui can access all of the cloud computing services in a safe and efficient way. Merlin, S. Sengole, and A. Chandrasekar [52] suggest an excellent approach called multi-cross template matching using fast dynamic time warping (MuCFdTW). This algorithm is employed in mobile cloud services for authentication and data protection through gait-based encryption. MuCFdTW makes it easier to verify a user's identity in less time and with an accuracy of above 99%. Lo'ai, A. Tawalbeh, and GokaySaldamli [53] were the first to come up with a way to store huge data. Second, we looked into how to leverage the P2P Cloud System (P2PCS) to handle and analyse huge data. Third, they suggested a good hybrid mobile cloud computing model based on the idea of cloudlets. Irshad, Azeem, and others [54] came up with a bilinear pairing-based multi-server authentication (MSA) protocol that lets you skip the TTP, at least for mutual authentication. As far as getting rid of TTP involvement in authentication goes, the scheme structure works perfectly. Sandor, Voundi Koe Arthur, and others [55] came up with a good decentralised multi-authority attribute-based approach for storing data in the cloud on mobile devices. The proposed scheme gets rid of the central authority and doesn't employ any global user identification to solve the key escrow problem.

Research Direction

This survey study gives us the following information: sensitive data needs encryption technology to stay safe from storage to transmission. The data should be stored in cypher text in the cloud to keep sensitive information from getting out. But encryption will make the data less useful, thus the attention shifts to quickly analysing and processing the cypher text. To lower the danger of fraud in the mobile cloud, an authentication and access control system will be used.

CONCLUSION

Mobile cloud computing is becoming a popular new technology these days. And researchers are now focussing on finding a security solution for it. As mobile cloud computing grows, new security problems will arise that require greater security measures. The main problems with MCC are the possibility of data theft, the privacy of data, the infringement of privacy rights, the loss of physical security, the handling of encryption and decryption keys, and the security and auditing of virtual machines. This study briefly looks at other papers that deal with authentication and access control mechanisms that can make the MCC environment safer. This paper shows that improving the encryption methods can make the MCC work better and more effectively against security threats.

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Exploring The Impact and Engagement In Digital Literacy: A Comprehensive Study

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ABSTRACT

This study analyzes participant preferences for UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 4 (Quality Education) and 9 (Scientific Research and Innovation) through digital literacy initiatives based on a survey of 269 respondents. It examines areas such as cybersecurity, AI, digital wellness, extended reality, blockchain, digital accessibility, green digital literacy, and personal branding. Findings highlight cybersecurity as a top priority, followed by AI literacy and digital wellness, reflecting evolving learner interests. The research offers actionable insights for educators, policymakers, and organizations to design digital literacy programs that address diverse needs, bridge the digital divide, and support sustainable development goals.

Keywords: Digital Literacy, Sustainable Development Goals, Quality Education, Scientific Research and Innovation, Library Programs, Technology Adoption

INTRODUCTION

In an era of rapid technological progress and an expanding digital landscape, libraries are transforming from traditional knowledge repositories into dynamic centers that foster sustainable development. This study explores the potential of digital literacy initiatives within libraries to drive significant advancements, emphasizing their critical role in promoting two key UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Quality Education (Goal 4) and Scientific Research & Innovation (Goal 9).



**Rajesh****Statement of the Problem**

In the rapidly evolving digital age, access to and engagement with digital literacy have become critical for personal and professional growth. Libraries, as pivotal knowledge centers, play an essential role in equipping individuals with the digital skills needed to navigate the complexities of the modern world. However, despite the increasing emphasis on digital literacy, there remains a gap in understanding the extent of its impact and the level of engagement among library users. This study investigates the effectiveness of library-led digital literacy initiatives in addressing this gap. It aims to uncover how these programs contribute to achieving key United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 9 (Scientific Research and Innovation). By examining participant preferences, utilization patterns, and program outcomes, this research seeks to identify challenges, opportunities, and actionable strategies for enhancing digital literacy efforts within libraries. Ultimately, the study aspires to provide valuable insights that can guide educators, policymakers, and library professionals in fostering a digitally empowered community that bridges knowledge gaps, promotes innovation, and supports sustainable development.

Objectives of the Study

- To evaluate the level and extent of participation in library-led digital literacy initiatives.
- To assess the effectiveness of the library's digital literacy programs.
- To analyze library users' engagement with digital educational resources.
- To investigate the use of digital tools in scientific research and innovation.

METHODOLOGY

Data for the study was collected using a Google Forms questionnaire featuring varied response formats, including short answers, paragraphs, multiple-choice options, checkboxes, dropdowns, and linear scales. The survey, conducted over ten days, targeted a diverse group of participants, including graduate and postgraduate students, PhD-level faculty, and library professionals. A total of 269 responses were obtained, providing robust data for analysis. Statistical methods were employed to derive meaningful insights, ensuring the findings' reliability and validity. This methodical approach offers a comprehensive understanding of participant preferences and engagement with digital literacy initiatives.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Bushra and Devi (2023) investigated the intersection of digital learning and sustainability in higher education, prompted by the global shift to e-learning during COVID-19. Their study, conducted at the University of the Mascareignes in Mauritius, developed and tested a model based on the Technology Acceptance Model (TAM). The findings highlighted the positive impact of online platforms and identified key factors essential for sustainable learning. This research addresses a gap in the literature and provides a framework for educators and policymakers to enhance digital learning strategies. Bangani and Dube (2023) explored how South African academic libraries contribute to global goals such as ending hunger, improving health, and combating climate change through Community Engagement (CE) initiatives. Their findings demonstrate that libraries extend beyond academic support by actively engaging in community activities to promote sustainability. The study encourages libraries to strengthen their involvement in community efforts and align their initiatives with global sustainable development goals. Manna and De Sarkar (2022) examined how libraries worldwide support sustainable development using a web-based approach. The research focused on eco-friendly practices adopted by school and public libraries, highlighting the factors driving sustainability commitments, current green strategies, and the challenges libraries face in implementing these practices. The study provides valuable insights for librarians and information professionals to enhance and adopt sustainable practices effectively. Cyr and Connaway (2020) discussed the role of libraries in achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), tracing the goals' history and the influence of librarians. The research emphasized libraries' contributions to building a sustainable future through information



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access and skill development. It also highlighted the OCLC Global Council's focus on SDGs, showcasing research and advocacy efforts by libraries worldwide.

RESULTS OF THE STUDY**Demographics**

The demographic analysis of the participants provides a comprehensive understanding of their profiles, focusing on age, gender, and educational backgrounds. This detailed breakdown highlights the diversity of the respondent pool and provides a foundation for analyzing the study's findings in relation to participant characteristics.

Age Distribution

The largest age group among the participants was the 18–24 years category, accounting for 53.90% (145 respondents). This indicates that the study primarily attracted younger individuals, who are likely students or early-career professionals. Their prominence reflects the increasing engagement of younger generations with digital literacy initiatives and their natural inclination toward adopting technology in education. The next largest group was the 25–34 years category, comprising 28.99% (78 respondents). This group likely represents individuals in higher education, postgraduate studies, or early professional stages. Their active participation indicates a growing awareness of the importance of digital skills for career advancement and professional development. The 35–44 years group, making up 9.66% (26 respondents), suggests mid-career professionals who may be pursuing continued education or upskilling through digital platforms. The relatively smaller representation from the 45–54 years group (4.08%, 11 respondents) and those aged 55 and above (3.34%, 9 respondents) highlights a potential gap in engagement among older individuals. This could be attributed to barriers like less familiarity with technology or a lack of tailored initiatives for these age groups.

Gender Distribution

In terms of gender, the study observed near parity between male and female participants, with 52.78% (142 respondents) identifying as female and 46.84% (126 respondents) as male. This relatively balanced representation highlights the inclusivity of the study and suggests that digital literacy initiatives are appealing to both genders almost equally. Notably, the inclusion of one transgender participant (0.33%) is significant, as it reflects the study's efforts to consider diverse identities. This inclusion underscores the importance of creating digital literacy programs that are accessible and welcoming to all, regardless of gender identity.

Educational Backgrounds

The educational qualifications of the participants reveal a diverse and academically inclined pool. A significant portion of respondents, 50.92% (137 individuals), held undergraduate degrees. This group likely includes current students and early-career professionals who form a substantial base for digital literacy initiatives. Participants with postgraduate degrees accounted for 36.05% (97 respondents), indicating a strong presence of individuals seeking advanced education and professional upskilling. The 4.83% (13 respondents) with PhDs reflect a smaller yet important demographic of highly educated individuals, possibly involved in research or academia, who are leveraging digital tools for specialized purposes. The category labeled "Others" included 8.17% (22 respondents), suggesting a mix of vocational qualifications, certifications, or unconventional educational backgrounds. This diversity emphasizes the importance of tailoring digital literacy programs to cater to varied academic and professional needs.

Insights and Implications

The demographic distribution offers several key insights:



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Young Dominance: The significant representation of younger age groups highlights their openness to digital learning and their crucial role in driving digital transformation. However, the lower participation from older age groups suggests the need for targeted strategies to engage and empower these individuals.

1. **Balanced Gender Participation:** The nearly equal representation of male and female participants reflects a healthy gender balance, indicating that digital literacy programs are resonating across genders. This balance can serve as a model for promoting gender inclusivity in other educational initiatives.
2. **Diverse Educational Backgrounds:** The wide range of educational qualifications indicates that digital literacy initiatives appeal to individuals across different stages of their academic and professional journeys. This diversity underscores the importance of designing programs that cater to both foundational learners and advanced professionals. By understanding these demographic patterns, stakeholders can better design and implement digital literacy initiatives that are inclusive, equitable, and impactful for a broad range of participants.

Utilization of Digital Educational Resources: An In-Depth Analysis

The study highlights the diverse range of digital educational resources employed by participants to enhance their learning experience, showcasing a rich landscape of preferences. Among the tools and platforms utilized, online courses emerged as the most popular, with 49.81% (134 respondents) engaging with platforms like Coursera, edX, Udacity, Khan Academy, and Swayam. These platforms are widely recognized for their high-quality, flexible, and accessible learning opportunities, catering to various academic and professional needs. Their popularity underscores a growing trend toward self-paced, on-demand education that aligns with individual learning goals. E-books and digital texts were used by 44.98% (121 respondents), reflecting the enduring appeal of digital reading materials for academic and research purposes. Similarly, video lectures and tutorials on platforms such as YouTube, TED-Ed, and Swayam Prabha were accessed by 44.23% (119 respondents), indicating the value of visual and auditory content for engaging and interactive learning. These tools are especially useful for individuals seeking subject-specific guidance or skill-based learning. Educational apps, used by 47.95% (129 respondents), demonstrated their versatility in addressing various learning objectives, from general knowledge acquisition to skill development. Their widespread usage highlights the increasing reliance on mobile-friendly solutions that integrate seamlessly into daily life. Less utilized but still significant, interactive simulations were employed by 15.98% (43 respondents). These tools, often used in STEM fields, provide hands-on, experiential learning opportunities. While their lower adoption could indicate limited awareness or access, their potential for fostering deep understanding remains invaluable. The study also sheds light on the adoption of open educational resources (OER), such as OpenStax and OER Commons, with 32.34% (87 respondents) reporting usage. These resources are pivotal in democratizing education by offering free and openly licensed materials, particularly beneficial for underserved communities. Learning management systems (LMS) like Moodle, Canvas, and Blackboard were utilized by 34.57% (93 respondents), demonstrating their role in formal education settings, where they streamline course delivery, assessments, and collaborative activities. Similarly, webinars and virtual workshops, accessed by 36.05% (97 respondents), have become a staple for real-time, interactive learning experiences, especially in a post-pandemic world.

Other notable tools include online assessments and quizzes such as Quizlet and Kahoot, used by 37.54% (101 respondents), which highlight the importance of self-assessment in the learning process. Additionally, coding and programming platforms like Codecademy, FreeCodeCamp, and Scratch (utilized by 39.40%, 106 respondents) reflect the increasing interest in technical and computational skills. Language learning platforms, including Duolingo, Rosetta Stone, and Babbel, were employed by 40.14% (108 respondents), showcasing their effectiveness in promoting multilingual capabilities. Meanwhile, innovative technologies like virtual reality (VR) and augmented reality (AR) had a moderate adoption rate of 20.07% (54 respondents), indicating their emerging role in immersive and interactive education. Other resources, such as podcasts and audio books (22.67%, 61 respondents), educational games (35.31%, 95 respondents), and cloud-based learning platforms, underline the growing trend of integrating diverse digital tools into education. The relatively lower usage of some advanced tools, such as VR/AR, interactive simulations, and open science platforms, suggests opportunities to increase awareness and accessibility for these resources. In summary, the findings reveal a multifaceted approach to digital education, with participants leveraging a wide array of tools and



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platforms tailored to their specific needs. This diversity reflects the dynamic nature of modern learning environments, where digital resources play a crucial role in enriching educational experiences, enhancing engagement, and promoting lifelong learning.

Utilization of Digital Tools for Research and Innovation: An In-Depth Analysis

The study provides valuable insights into the digital tools and technologies that participants leverage for research, innovation, and academic advancement. The results reveal a diverse set of tools, reflecting the growing integration of technology in the research process. Research databases, such as PubMed and JSTOR, are widely used by 47.95% (129 respondents), underlining their importance in providing access to vast repositories of scholarly articles, research papers, and journals. These databases are integral to evidence-based research and serve as foundational resources for academics and researchers across disciplines. Reference management tools, such as Zotero and EndNote, were used by 32.71% (88 respondents). These tools facilitate efficient management of citations, references, and bibliographies, crucial for researchers who are dealing with extensive sources. Their adoption is indicative of a well-organized approach to managing academic work and ensuring accurate referencing in scholarly outputs. In the realm of data analysis, platforms like Python and SPSS were reported by 46.84% (126 respondents). These tools are central to processing large datasets, conducting statistical analysis, and generating insights for research. The widespread use of data analysis tools emphasizes the increasing importance of quantitative and computational methods in modern research. Collaboration platforms, such as Microsoft Teams and Zoom, were reported by 46.09% (124 respondents), highlighting the central role of digital tools in facilitating communication and collaboration among researchers, particularly in remote or hybrid environments. The use of these platforms reflects the shift toward virtual teamwork, especially in light of the ongoing global transition to digital communication in academia.

Cloud computing services like AWS and Azure were utilized by 39.77% (107 respondents). These platforms enable researchers to access computing resources and store large datasets online, thus supporting scalability, flexibility, and efficiency in research workflows. The growing use of cloud computing shows how researchers are embracing decentralized, on-demand computing power for their projects. The study also highlights the significant role of online learning platforms, such as Coursera and edX, with 49.07% (132 respondents) reporting usage. These platforms not only offer courses for skill enhancement but also contribute to lifelong learning, enabling researchers to stay updated with the latest advancements in their respective fields. Simulation tools, like COMSOL, were used by 12.26% (33 respondents). While this tool had a relatively lower adoption rate, its value in modeling and simulating complex systems in areas such as engineering and physics cannot be understated. Its specialized nature might explain the smaller user base. The study also points to the emerging influence of open science platforms such as OSF and Zenodo, which were used by 20.81% (56 respondents). These platforms encourage collaboration, data sharing, and transparency in research, thereby promoting open science practices. The adoption of such platforms signifies a growing trend towards making research more accessible and reproducible. Furthermore, citizen science platforms, such as Zooniverse, were reported by 11.52% (31 respondents). These platforms allow public participation in scientific research, emphasizing the democratization of science and fostering greater public engagement with research initiatives. An additional 11.15% (30 respondents) reported using various other digital tools, reflecting the diverse and customized approaches to research and innovation. This category encompasses a range of specialized platforms and tools, reflecting the participants' adaptability in selecting the best resources for their specific research needs. In summary, the results of this section highlight the wide variety of digital tools utilized by participants for research and innovation. The diverse set of tools—ranging from databases and reference management to collaboration platforms and cloud computing—illustrates the increasing digitalization of academic research and innovation. These tools are integral to modern research practices, enhancing productivity, collaboration, and the overall research experience.

Key Findings

- **Demographic Distribution:** The study participants reflect a diverse demographic profile. A majority of the respondents were female (52.78%), with the largest age group being 18-24 years (53.90%). In terms of education,





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nearly half (50.92%) of the participants held undergraduate degrees, showcasing a range of academic backgrounds.

- **Utilization of Digital Educational Resources:** Online courses were the most frequently utilized digital educational resource (49.81%), followed by e-books and digital texts (44.98%) and educational apps (47.95%). Additionally, participants reported engagement with a wide array of other resources, including interactive simulations, video lectures, open educational resources (OER), and learning management systems (LMS), reflecting the diverse ways in which digital tools are integrated into their educational practices.
- **Utilization of Digital Tools for Scientific Research and Innovation:** Key digital tools for scientific research and innovation included research databases (47.95%), data analysis and visualization tools (46.84%), collaboration platforms (46.09%), and cloud computing services (39.77%). Moreover, online learning platforms (49.07%) were extensively used for skill development, reflecting the participants' commitment to continuous learning and the integration of digital technologies in research processes.

CONCLUSION

The study highlights the importance of digital literacy in libraries, emphasizing their role in engaging diverse users and enhancing digital skills. The positive feedback on the effectiveness of library programs suggests they significantly contribute to educational outcomes. The broad use of digital educational resources and tools for research reflects the growing integration of technology in education and innovation. Libraries should continue to innovate and expand digital literacy initiatives, focusing on program effectiveness, accessibility, and the use of diverse digital tools to improve learning and research quality. Collaboration with educational and industry partners can also ensure the relevance and sustainability of these programs in the evolving digital landscape.

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Table:1 Utilization of Digital Educational Resources

Resource	Respondents	Percentage (%) (N=269)
Coding Platforms (Codecademy, Free Code Camp)	106	39.40
E-Books and Digital Texts	121	44.98
Educational Apps	129	47.95
Educational Games	95	35.31
Interactive Simulations	43	15.98
Learning Management Systems (Moodle, Blackboard)	93	34.57
Online Assessments (Quizlet, Kahoot)	101	37.54
Online Courses (Coursera, edX, Khan Academy)	134	49.81
Open Educational Resources (OER Commons)	87	32.34
Podcasts and Audio books (LibriVox)	61	22.67
Video Lectures (YouTube, TED-Ed)	119	44.23
Virtual Reality (VR) and Augmented Reality (AR)	54	20.07
Webinars and Virtual Workshops	97	36.05
Language Learning Platforms (Duolingo, Babbel)	108	40.14

Source : Primary Source

Table 2 Utilization of Digital Tools

Tool	Respondents	Percentage (%) (N=269)
Research Databases (PubMed, JSTOR)	129	47.95
Reference Management (Zotero, EndNote)	88	32.71
Data Analysis (Python, SPSS)	126	46.84
Collaboration Platforms (Teams, Zoom)	124	46.09
Cloud Computing (AWS, Azure)	107	39.77
Online Learning Platforms (Coursera, edX)	132	49.07
Simulation Tools (COMSOL)	33	12.26
Open Science Platforms (OSF, Zenodo)	56	20.81
Citizen Science Platforms (Zooniverse)	31	11.52
Other Digital Tools	30	11.15

Source : Primary Source





Phytochemical, Antioxidant and *In vitro* Cytotoxicity Analysis of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*

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ABSTRACT

Medicinal plants are a valuable source of pharmacological effects, offering new possibilities for anti-infections, antioxidants, and anti-cancer agents. These plants contain bioactive constituents such as steroids, terpenoids, carotenoids, flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and glycosides, which serve as important starting materials for drug development. While traditional medicines and medicinal plants have long been used in developing countries for health maintenance, modern pharmacopoeia now includes at least 25% drugs derived from plants, as well as synthetic analogs based on plant-derived chemical substances. The use of medicinal plants has gained momentum due to the high costs of prescription drugs and the search for new plant-based drugs. In India, the ayurvedic system features numerous medicinal remedies derived from plants, and studying their morphological, pharmacological, and pharmacognostical characteristics can enhance our understanding of their active principles and modes of action. However, many tropical plants have not been thoroughly studied for their chemical constituents. Therefore, our focus is on the phytochemical aspects of selected indigenous plants of India, such as *Crossandra infundibuliformis*. We aim to investigate the preliminary phytochemical screening, quantify phytochemicals, analyze phyto compounds using GC-MS, assess DPPH-radical scavenging activities, and conduct in vitro cytotoxicity analysis through MTT-assay.

Keywords: *Crossandra infundibuliformis*; Antioxidants; Phytochemicals; Medicinal plants, Cervical cancer.





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INTRODUCTION

Plants are the source of medication for preventive, curative, protective or promotive purposes [1]. Plant-derived foods help in the prevention of lifestyle-associated diseases. Several groups of constituents in plants have been identified as potentially health-promoting in animal studies, including cholesterol-lowering factors, antioxidants, enzyme inducers, and others. A thousand years ago an extensive use of plants as medicines was reported and was initially taken in the form of crude drugs and other herbal formulations. Hence it is of interest to investigate the phytochemical and pharmacological efficacy of the plant is of paramount importance it may provide many emerging insights [2]. *Crossandra infundibuliformis* belongs to the family of Acanthaceae. It is a plant that is important in the South Indian horticulture industry. This plant is found abundantly in tropical areas such as India and Sri Lanka. It grows 2m in height and can withstand high temperature which makes it to survive in very high humidity. Due to its medicinal value, various parts of this plant are used for many types of treatment. The leaf extract shows significant hepatoprotective effects. It is also found that *C. infundibuliformis* shows very good anti-corrosive properties. Its antibacterial, and antioxidant activity was reported and very less work has been done regarding *C. infundibuliformis* phytochemical values. Hence, it is of interest to investigate the preliminary phytochemical analysis of n-hexane, petroleum ether and butyl alcohol extracts of whole plant of *C. infundibuliformis*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of Samples

For this study, the aerial parts of the plant *Crossandra infundibuliformis* were utilized as the medicinal plants.

Preparation of Extracts

To extract the samples, 500 grams of dried powder from the aerial parts of the plant material were separately packed in round bottom flasks. Different solvents, namely ethanol, methanol, chloroform, ethyl acetate, and water, were used for sample extraction. Each solvent (750 ml) was used for a 24-hour extraction period. After the extraction, the solvents were concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting crude extracts were stored in a refrigerator.

Phytochemical Analysis

The prepared extracts were subjected to analysis to determine the presence of alkaloids, saponin, tannins, steroids, flavonoids, anthraquinone, cardiac glycosides, and reducing sugars. The analysis was conducted based on established protocols found in the literature [3-8].

Test for Alkaloids

To test for alkaloids, the crude dry powder extract from each solvent was evaporated to dryness using a boiling water bath. The residues were then dissolved in 2 N Hydrochloric acid. The resulting mixture was filtered and divided into three equal portions. Mayer's reagent, Dragendorff's reagent, and Wagner's reagent were added to each portion respectively. The formation of a creamish precipitate, orange precipitate, or brown precipitate indicated the presence of the respective alkaloids.

Test for Saponins

To test for saponins, approximately 0.5 g of the plant extract was shaken with water in a test tube and heated to a boil. The observation of frothing was considered as preliminary evidence for the presence of saponins.

Test for tannins

To test for tannins, approximately 0.5 g of the extract was added to 10 ml of water in a test tube and filtered. A few drops of 0.1% ferric chloride were then added, and the mixture was observed for the development of a brownish-green or blue-black coloration.



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The methanol extract of each sample was mixed with acetic anhydride and sulphuric acid. In some samples, the color changed from violet to blue or green, indicating the presence of steroids.

Flavonoid Test

The extract solution was treated with a methanol solution and warmed. Metal magnesium was added, followed by a few drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The presence of flavonoids was indicated by a red color, while orange color indicated the presence of flavonols.

Anthraquinone Test

The extract was mixed with chloroform and shaken. After filtration, the filtrate was shaken with ammonia solution. The presence of anthraquinones was indicated by a pink, violet, or red color in the ammoniacal layer.

Cardiac Glycoside Test

The extract was dissolved in glacial acetic acid containing ferric chloride solution. Concentrated sulphuric acid was then added. The presence of a deoxy sugar characteristic of cardiac glycosides was indicated by a brown ring at the interface.

Protein Test

The protein solution was mixed with NaOH solution and drops of CuSO₄ solution. The presence of peptide linkage was indicated by a violet color.

Test for Amino Acids

2ml of the sample was added to 2ml of Ninhydrin reagent and kept in a water bath for 20 minutes. The appearance of purple color indicated the presence of amino acids in the sample.

Test for Tri-Terpenoids

5ml of each extract was added to 2ml of chloroform and 3ml of con. H₂SO₄ to form a monolayer of reddish brown coloration of the interface was shown to form positive results for the terpenoids.

Test for Triple Sugars

To 2 ml of extract 2 drops of Molisch's reagent were added and shaken well. 2ml of concH₂SO₄ was added to the sides of the test tube. A reddish-violet ring appeared at the junction of two layers immediately indicating the presence of carbohydrates.

Test for Polyphenols

2ml of the sample was added to 2ml of ferric chloride solution and kept in room temperature. The appearance of violet color indicated the presence of phenolic compounds in the sample.

Quantification of Phytochemicals

The analysis included determining the total phenolic content, total tannin content, total alkaloid content, and total flavonoid content [9-21].

Determination of Total Alkaloid Content

To determine the total alkaloid content, a plant extract weighing 1mg was dissolved in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) and mixed with 1 ml of 2N hydrochloric acid. The solution was then filtered and transferred to a separating funnel. Bromocresol green solution (5 ml) and phosphate buffer (5 ml) were added to the mixture. The resulting solution was vigorously shaken with chloroform (1, 2, 3, and 4 ml) and collected in a 10-ml volumetric flask. The volume was then adjusted with chloroform. Reference standard solutions of atropine (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared using the same method as described earlier. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 470



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nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the reagent blank. The total alkaloid content was expressed as mg of AE/g of extract.

Measurement of Total Flavonoid Content

The total flavonoid content was determined using the colorimetric assay with aluminum chloride. In a 10 ml volumetric flask, 1 ml of the extract and 4 ml of distilled water were combined. Then, 0.30 ml of 5% sodium nitrite was added to the flask, followed by the addition of 0.3 ml of 10% aluminum chloride after 5 minutes. After another 5 minutes, 2 ml of 1M sodium hydroxide was introduced, and the mixture was diluted to 10 ml with distilled water. Reference standard solutions of quercetin (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared in the same manner. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 510 nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the reagent blank. The total flavonoid content was expressed as mg of QE/g of extract.

Determination of Total Tannin Content

The tannin content was determined using the Folin-Ciocalteu method. A volumetric flask (10 ml) containing 7.5 ml of distilled water and 0.5 ml of Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent, 1 ml of 35% Na₂CO₃ solution, and 0.1 ml of the sample extract was prepared. The flask was then diluted to 10 ml with distilled water. The mixture was thoroughly shaken and left at room temperature for 30 minutes. Reference standard solutions of gallic acid (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared in the same manner. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 725 nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the blank. The tannin content was expressed as mg of GAE/g of extract.

The Spectrophotometric Method was Utilized to Determine The Concentration of Phenolics In Plant Extracts.

For the determination of the total phenol content, the Folin Ciocalteu assay method was employed. In a volumetric flask (25 ml), a mixture of 1 ml of extract and 9 ml of distilled water was prepared. The mixture was then treated with 1 ml of Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent and thoroughly shaken. After 5 minutes, 10 ml of a 7% Sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃) solution was added to the mixture. The volume was adjusted to 25 ml. Standard solutions of gallic acid (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were also prepared in the same manner. The test and standard solutions were incubated for 90 minutes at room temperature, and their absorbance was measured against the reagent blank at 550 nm using an Ultraviolet (UV)/Visible spectrophotometer. The total phenol content was expressed as mg of GAE/gm of extract.

GC-MS analysis of chloroformic extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Preparation of plant extract 25gm of the powdered material of *Crossandra infundibuliformis* was soaked in 95% chloroform for 12hrs. The extract was then filtered through Whatman filter No.41 along with 2gm sodium sulfate to remove the sediments and traces of water in the filtrate. Before filtering, the filter paper was made wet with 95% ethanol along with sodium sulfate. The filtrate was then concentrated by bubbling nitrogen gas into the solution. The extract contained both polar and non-polar phyto-components in the plant material. 2µl of this solution was employed for GC-MS analysis. The herbal powder was extracted with chloroform and analyzed using a GC-M (GC Clarius 500 Perkin Elmer) analyzer. The data were obtained on an Elite-1(100% Dimethyl poly siloxane) column (30 0.25mm 1µmdf). Helium (99.999%) was used as the carrier gas with a flow rate of 1ml/min in the split mode (10:1). An aliquot of 2µl of ethanol solution of the sample was injected into the column with the injector temperature at 250°C. GC oven temperature started at 110°C and held for 2min and it was raised to 200°C at the rate of 10°C/min, without holding. Holding was allowed at 280°C for 9 min with a program rate of 5°C/min. The injector and detector temperatures were set at 250°C and 280°C respectively. The source temperature was maintained at 200°C. The mass spectrum of compounds in samples was obtained by electron ionization at 70 eV and the detector was operated in scan mode from 45-450amu (atomic mass units). A scan interval of 0.5 seconds and fragments from 45 to 450 Da was maintained. The total running time was 36 minutes [22].

Identification of Components

Identification was based on the molecular structure, molecular mass and calculated fragments. Interpretation on mass spectrum GC-MS was conducted using the database of the National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST) having more than 62,000 patterns. The name, molecular weight and structure of the test materials' components were



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determined, and the percentage of each component was calculated by comparing its average peak area to the total areas. The spectrum of the unknown component was compared to the spectrum of the component stored in the NIST library version (2005), using Turbomas 5.2 software.

Antioxidant Activity

The determination of antioxidant activity, specifically the DPPH free radical scavenging activity, was conducted in this study. The plant extracts were evaluated based on their ability to scavenge the stable DPPH free radicals. A solution of DPPH in ethanol was prepared and added to the extract solutions with varying concentrations. The mixture was vigorously shaken and allowed to stand for 5 minutes. The absorbance was then measured at 517 nm using a spectrophotometer, with ethanol used as a reference to set the absorbance to zero. A blank sample containing ethanol and DPPH was also prepared. All measurements were performed in triplicate. The percentage of inhibition of DPPH activity was calculated using the formula: $[(AB - AA) / AB] \times 100$, where AA and AB represent the absorbance values of the test and blank samples, respectively [23].

In vitro Assay for Cytotoxicity Activity (3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl] -2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide assay) (MTT Assay).

The MTT assay, also known as the in vitro assay for cytotoxicity activity, was used to determine the anticancer activity of the samples on PA-1 and Vero cell lines. In this assay, cells were plated in 96-well plates at a density of 1×10^5 cells per well and incubated in a 5% CO₂ incubator for 72 hours. After that, the samples were added at various concentrations in 0.1% DMSO and incubated for 24 hours in the same CO₂ incubator. Following the removal of the sample solution and washing with phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4), 20 µl of 0.5% MTT in phosphate-buffered saline solution (5 mg/ml) was added to each well. After a 4-hour incubation, 1 ml of DMSO was added. The absorbance at 540 nm was measured to determine the viability of the cells. The concentration required for a 50% inhibition of viability (IC₅₀) was determined graphically. The effect of the samples on the proliferation of PA-1 and Vero cells was expressed as the percentage of cell viability using the formula: % cell viability = A₅₄₀ of treated cells / A₅₄₀ of control cells $\times 100\%$ [24].

Determination of IC₅₀

The IC₅₀ value, which indicates the concentration of a compound needed to inhibit 50 percent cell growth, was determined by creating a graph of Log (concentration of plant extract) versus % cell inhibition. By drawing a line from the 50% value on the Y axis to intersect the curve and then interpolating to the X axis, the Log value representing the concentration of the compound can be obtained. Taking the antilog of this value gives the IC₅₀ value. The percentage inhibition of novel compounds against all cell lines was calculated using the formula: $(At - Ab) / At \times 100$, where At represents the absorbance of the test, Ab represents the absorbance of the blank media, and Ac represents the absorbance of the control cells. % of cell inhibition = 100 – % cell survival.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 presents the results of the phytochemical analysis conducted on the n-hexane, butyl alcohol, and petroleum ether extracts of the entire *C. infundibuliformis*. The hexane extract contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, triple sugars, anthraquinones, and cardiac glycosides, while the other secondary metabolites were not detected. On the other hand, the butyl alcohol extract of the plant contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, triple sugars, anthraquinones, and cardiac glycosides. The petroleum ether extract, on the other hand, contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, and cardiac glycosides as secondary metabolites. Medicinal plants are known for their inherent active ingredients that have been utilized for treating diseases and alleviating pain [25]. The use of traditional medicines and medicinal plants as therapeutic agents for maintaining health has been widely observed in developing countries [26]. It is worth noting that modern pharmacopeia includes at least 25% of drugs derived from plants, as well as synthetic analogues based on chemical compounds originally isolated from plants. The interest in medicinal plants as a promising healthcare aid has been fueled by the escalating costs of prescription drugs in the





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pursuit of personalized health and well-being, as well as the exploration of new plant-derived drugs through bioprospecting [27]. The objective of this study was to analyze the levels of various compounds in the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis*. Figure 1 and Table 2 present the total content of Phenolic compounds, Flavanoids, Alkaloids, and Tannins. The total content of phenolic compounds in the extract, expressed as Gallic acid equivalent, was determined to be $Y=0.001x + 1.993$ and $R^2=0.011$. The range of phenolic compounds in the extract was found to be 2.09 ± 0.48 . Figure 2 and Table 2 display the total content of flavanoids, expressed as Quercetin equivalent, with a concentration of $2.21 \pm 0.91 \mu\text{g/ml}$. Figure 3 and Table 2 show the total content of alkaloids, expressed as Atropine equivalent, with a range of 1.50 ± 0.58 . Figure 4 and Table 2 present the total content of tannins, expressed as gallic acid equivalents, with a variation of 1.95 ± 0.67 . Further research will be conducted in our laboratory to explore the biological and pharmacological effects of the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis*. These findings provide promising prospects for the development of plant-based drugs for various human diseases, including cancer [28]. The antioxidant activity of the chloroform extract from the herbal medicinal plant *C.infundibuliformis* was observed to be dose-dependent. As the concentration of the extract increased, so did the inhibition of radical scavenging activity. In the control group, BHT exhibited inhibition percentages of 38.9, 54.2, 71.1, 74.5, and 99.8 at concentrations of 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ respectively. Similarly, the plant extract showed inhibition percentages of 33.8, 38.9, 49.1, 54.2, and 59.3 at the same concentrations. These findings suggest that the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* possesses free radical scavenging activity, which can be attributed to the presence of various Phytochemical components including flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, reducing sugars, cardiac glycosides, and anthraquinones.

The chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis* contains 7 phytochemicals such as 1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-, E-14-Hexadecenal, Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-, E-15-Heptadecenal, Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-, 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-[[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-, Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl [29]. Medicinal plants continue to offer humanity new remedies. Therefore, it is crucial to investigate medicinal plants for their safety, quality, toxicity, appropriate dosage of plant materials, and effectiveness. Plants' natural products possess various biological activities, including antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Medicinal plants are abundant in active phytochemical compounds with diverse biological activities. Researchers are highly interested in studying plants to discover novel active drugs that can replace synthetic drugs currently available in the market. The presence of these plant constituents serves as a natural source for modern medicine. Consequently, the cytotoxic levels of medicinal plants must also be assessed against host cells. The safety of plants as potential therapeutic agents must be confirmed, and any side effects should be acceptable to the host. Bioactive compounds that have little to no toxic effects on the host are ideal candidates for drug formulation [30]. Figure 8-10 illustrates the percentage viability of a chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* on Vero and human prostate cancer cell lines. The MTT assay was utilized to analyze cytotoxicity and measure cell proliferation in response to various factors. This assay is also useful for evaluating the effects of cytotoxic and cytostatic compounds, including anticancer drugs. Safety is a crucial consideration in the development of new drugs derived from bioactive compounds found in plants, as some of these compounds can be toxic to our normal system [31-32]. In this particular study, the cytotoxic effect of the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* was investigated on Vero and human prostate cancer cell lines at concentrations ranging from 100–500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The results, depicted in figure 9 and 10 demonstrated that the chloroform extract had a toxic effect on both cell lines at the higher concentration of 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The cells' morphology also changed from a fibroblast shape to an oval shape due to the extract's toxicity. However, at lower concentrations (100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$), the chloroform extract exhibited more than 90% cell viability after 24 and 48 hours of exposure.

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Table.1: Preliminary phytochemical constituents of. *C.infundibuliformis*

S. no	Phytochemicals	n-Hexane extract	Butyl alcohol extract	Petroleum ether Extract
1.	Flavonoids	++	--	++
2.	Alkaloids	++	++	++
3.	Saponins	--	++	++
4.	Tannins	++	++	--
5.	Amino acids	--	--	--
6.	Proteins	--	--	--
7.	Tri- Terpenoids	--	--	--
8.	Reducing sugars	++	++	--
9.	Cardiac glycosides	++	++	++
10.	Anthroquinones	++	--	++
11.	Steroids	--	++	--
12.	Poly phenols	--	--	--

"++" - Positive, "--" - Negative.

Table.2: Shows the Total contents of Aalkaloids, Flavonoids, Tannins and Phenolic compounds in chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

S.NO	Phytocompounds	Mean±S.D
1	Total content of Alkaloids (Total Alkaloids contents in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of atropine equivalent (mg of AE/g of extract).	1.5005±0.5806
2	Total content of Tannins (Total tannin contents in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of gallic acid equivalent (mg of GAE/g of extract).	1.9543±0.6786
3	Total content of Flavonoids The concentrations of flavanoids in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> expressed in terms of quercetin equiuvalant (mg of QE/g of extract).	2.2125±0.9134
4	Total content of Phenolic compounds (Total content of phenolic compounds in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of gallic acid equivalent (mg of GAE/g of extract)	2.0915±0.4822





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Table.3: Shows the presence of phytochemicals and their molecular formula and molecular weight of chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Sl.No	Name of the Components	Molecular Formula	Molecular weight
1	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁶ H ³⁴ O	242.44
2	E-14-Hexadecenal	C ¹⁶ H ³⁰ O	238.41
3	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-	C ¹⁴ H ²² O	206.329
4	E-14-Hexadecenal	C ¹⁶ H ³⁰ O	238.415
5	E-15-Heptadecenal	C ¹⁷ H ³² O	252.442
6	Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-	C ²⁰ H ⁴⁰ O ²	312.538
7	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2- [(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1- [[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-	C ²⁷ H ⁵² O ⁴ Si ²	496.8704
8	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
9	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
10	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
11	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	C ¹⁶ H ⁴⁸ O ⁷ Si ⁸	577.233
12	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	C ¹⁶ H ⁴⁸ O ⁷ Si ⁸	577.233

Table. 4: Shows the presence of phytochemicals and their area percentage of chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Sl. No	Compounds	Area Percentage
1	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	6.1
2	E-14-Hexadecenal	10.23
3	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-	13.26
4	E-14-Hexadecenal	15.65
5	E-15-Heptadecenal	14.78
6	Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-	4.9
7	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1- [[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-	1.99
8	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	12.71
9	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	9.44
10	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	4.5
11	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	3.89
12	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	2.56



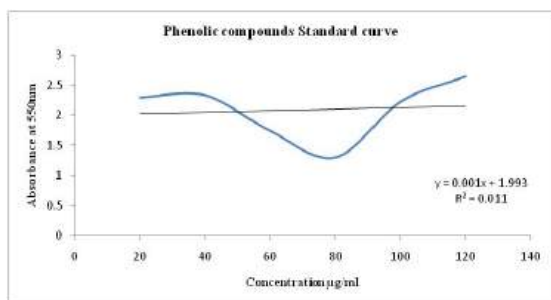


Figure.1: shows that standard calibration curve of Phenolic-compounds

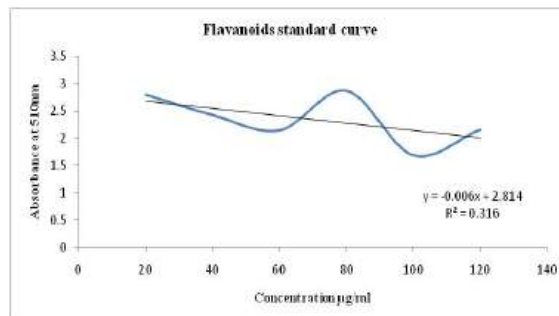


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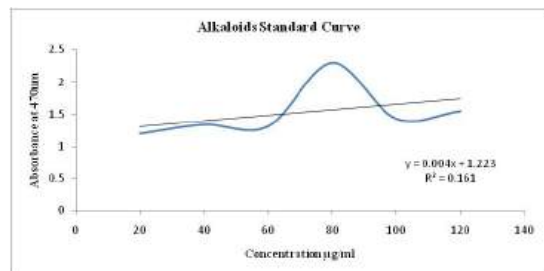


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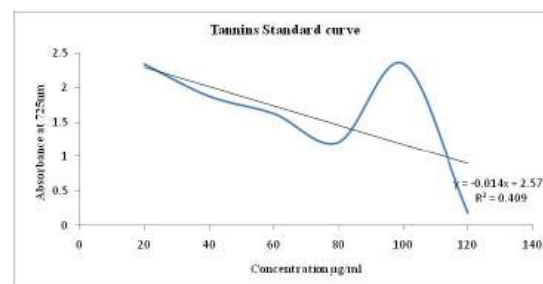


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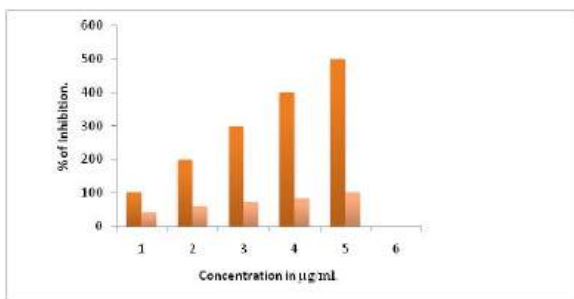


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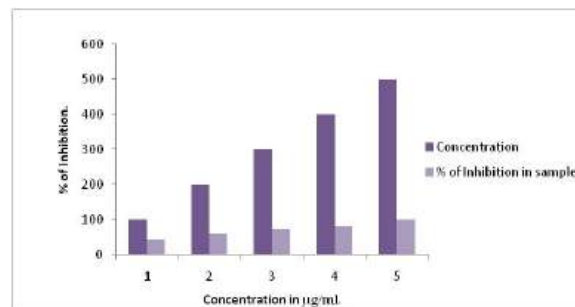
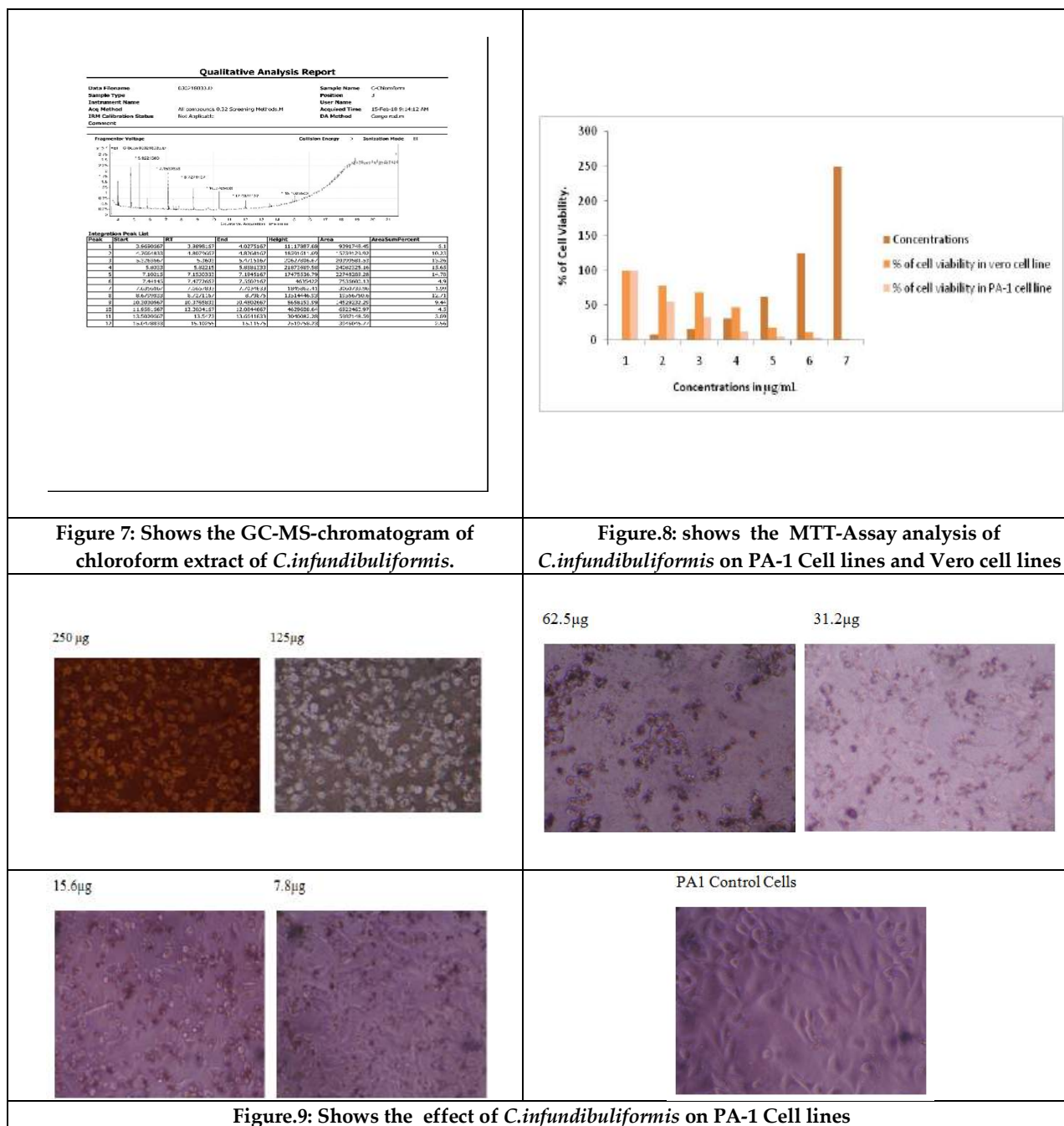


Figure.6: shows the free radical scavenging activity of the chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.







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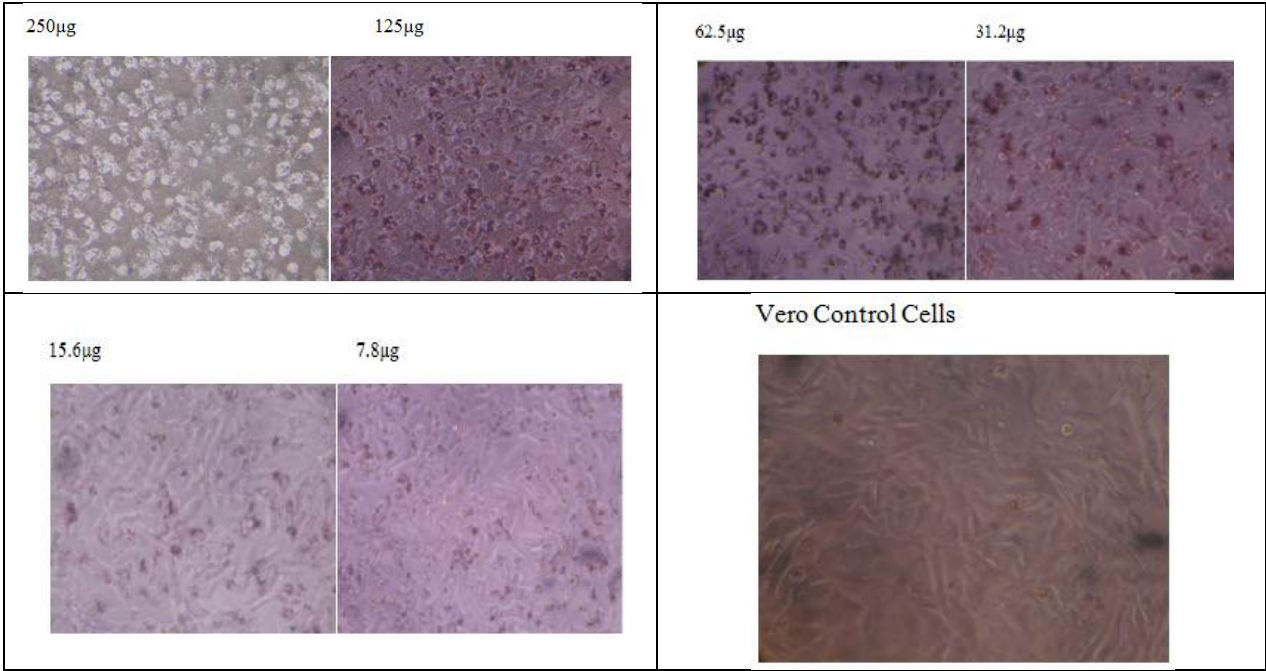


Figure.10: Shows the Effect of *C.infundibuliformis* on Vero Cell lines.





A Comprehensive Survey on Emotion Recognition Techniques using Image Processing

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ABSTRACT

Facial expression-based emotion recognition is a significant domain within affective computing. Contemporary emotion detection systems may exhibit two deficiencies: translation in face imagery may impair recognition efficacy, and the classifier lacks robustness. Affective computing is presently a highly active research area, garnering escalating attention. This significant interest is propelled by a diverse range of intriguing applications across various domains, including virtual reality, intelligent surveillance, and perceptual interfaces. Affective computing encompasses a diverse knowledge base, including psychology, cognitive science, physiology, and computer science. This report emphasises a literature assessment on facial emotion recognition utilising image processing approaches by diverse academics from 2013 to 2017. Diverse methodologies are analysed to assess the current state of the art. Ultimately, several research obstacles and prospective directions are also examined.

Keywords: Affective Computing, Facial Expression, Image Processing, Emotion Recognition,

INTRODUCTION

Affective computing empowers computers with human-like abilities for the observation, interpretation, and creation of emotional characteristics. This topic is crucial for fostering harmonious human-computer interaction by enhancing the quality of communication between humans and computers, as well as the intelligence of the machine. Research on affect or emotion has been ongoing since the 19th century [1]. Traditionally, "affect" was infrequently associated with inanimate machinery and was mostly examined by psychologists. In recent years, affective qualities have been recorded and processed by computers. Affective computing constructs a "affect model" with data acquired by various sensors, so creating a personalised computing system capable of seeing and interpreting human emotions,

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while providing intelligent, sensitive, and amiable replies. This paper provides a concise overview of significant technologies in affective computing research during the past several years, including facial expression analysis and emotion recognition through image processing techniques. The remainder of the paper is structured as follows. The section presents the studies on facial expressions. Section 3 presents the recognition of emotions through body language and movement. The literature review is located in section 4. Section 5 presents the survey results, while Section 6 outlines the subsequent study approach. The paper concludes at the final portion.

Facial Expression based Emotion Recognition

Facial expressions and gestures, such as smiling or nodding, serve either to convey emotional meaning or to provide communication signals. Analogous to speech processing, the study of facial expressions include coding, recognition, and production, and has been conducted for an extended period. For example, Etcoff [2] delineated the configuration of the primary features of the human face using 37 lines, facilitating the assessment of emotional states; Ekman [3] developed the facial action coding system. They categorised human face emotions into several action components. This approach delineates facial expressions corresponding to six fundamental emotions: joy, anger, surprise, disgust, fear, and sadness. At present, the majority of facial traits are delineated in the MPEG-4 specification. MPEG-4 enables users to design and construct systems for diverse applications by offering flexibility in system settings and varying levels of interactivity with audio-visual content [4][5]. This standard employs both the mesh model and the muscle model to generate three-dimensional facial representations. The study of facial expressions predominantly utilised optical flow or the active appearance model to collect facial features. Lyons [7] employed supervised Fisher Linear Discriminant Analysis (FDA) to derive an appropriate linear subspace from class-specific training samples, enabling optimal separation of the projected samples within this subspace. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) and Independent Component Analysis (ICA) have been employed for expression classification. Numerous approaches exist for face expression identification, including Gabor wavelets, neural networks, Hidden Markov Models (HMM), Point Distribution Models (PDM), optical flow, geometrical tracking systems, and the EGM method, among others. The Gabor representation has been preferred by numerous researchers owing to its effective performance and sensitivity to facial posture and lighting conditions. Numerous studies employed techniques utilising pictures [11][12], visemes [13], facial animation parameters (FAPs) [14], principal components (PCs) [15][16], three-dimensional coordinates [13], three-dimensional distance measurements [5][15], or optical flows [17] to produce facial expressions.

Body Gesture and Movement based Emotion Recognition

Body gestures and movements are determined by the positions of joint articulations and their temporal variations. The current emphasis in gesture processing is predominantly on hand tracking. Hand gestures can convey a multitude of messages, enhancing mood or functioning as a form of sign language. Traditionally, there are two methods: apparentness [18] and three-dimensional modelling [19]. The apparentness-based method constructs the model by examining visible aspects of hand gestures from 2-D photographs, whereas the 3-D methods do tracking in a real-time 3-D environment. In comparison to 3-D methods, the apparentness techniques are less complex and more suitable for real-time computing; yet, they necessitate greater effort to adapt to high noise backgrounds and real-time applications. Efforts have been undertaken to implement mixed modelling techniques to characterise static hand gestures using various aspects, including local profile attributes and comprehensive picture matrix characteristics [20]. It demonstrates superior and more reliable tracking outcomes. To interpret body gestures and movements from image sequences, the crucial aspect is determining the locations of body joints based on the provided image data. The current methodologies typically exhibit several limitations [19], including varying garment colours corresponding to different body arthroses, simplistic movement trajectories, basic backgrounds, and the necessity for hand starting markings. Initially, the target body's profile is acquired using these approaches, followed by the extraction of a virtual framework analogous to the actual body framework through an energy function. The placements of arthroses are established according to the virtual framework utilising knowledge of anthropotomy. The energy function can mitigate certain background sounds and has minimal requirements for the accuracy of the obtained body profile. Furthermore, certain individuals utilise supplementary devices such as electromagnetic inductors [21] and optical reflection markers [22] to enhance the precision of computers in capturing data related to quick facial and bodily



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movements. Recently, the task remains a challenging topic in the field of computer vision, particularly in practical applications. Regarding the acquisition of bodily gestures and movements, alongside enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of parameter capture, the quest for more resilient and nuanced body language remains a pressing challenge for affective computing.

Literature Survey

Liu, Mengyi, *et al.* [23] have introduced a technique for video-based human emotion identification. Each video clip is represented as a set of images, which can be modelled as a linear subspace embedded in a Grassmannian manifold. Class-specific One-to-Rest Partial Least Squares (PLS) is utilised to analyse video and audio data to differentiate each class from the other similar classes. Ghimire *et al.* [24] have proposed a system for fully automated recognition of face expressions in sequences of facial images. The standard expression sequence for each category of facial expression is generated by calculating the median of the landmark tracking outcomes from the training facial expression sequences. Multi-class AdaBoost employs dynamic time warping similarity distance between the feature vector of the input facial expression and the prototype facial expression as a weak classifier to identify a subset of discriminative feature vectors. Two approaches for facial emotion identification are ultimately presented: one use multi-class AdaBoost with dynamic time warping, while the other utilises Support Vector Machine (SVM) on the enhanced feature vectors. Kahou, Samira Ebrahimi, *et al.* [25] delineated the methodologies employed by the University of Montreal's team for the 2013 Emotion Recognition in the Wild Challenge entries. The proposed methodology integrates various deep neural networks tailored for distinct data modalities: a deep convolutional neural network for analysing facial expressions in video frames, a deep belief network for capturing audio data, a deep autoencoder for modelling the spatio-temporal information generated by human actions in the scene, and a shallow network architecture concentrating on the extracted features of the primary subject's mouth. Zavaschi, Thiago HH, *et al.* [26] introduced an innovative method for facial expression recognition utilising an ensemble approach that integrates two distinct feature sets. A collection of foundational support vector machine classifiers is established utilising Gabor filters and Local Binary Patterns. A multi-objective evolutionary algorithm is employed to identify the optimal ensemble, with the objective functions being the minimisation of both the error rate and the ensemble size.

Danisman, Taner, *et al.* [27] have introduced an automated method for identifying pixels in a facial image that enhances the accuracy of facial emotion identification outcomes. The suggested method conducts a comprehensive search for the optimal and suboptimal feature window positions from a collection of face photos across all potential combinations utilising a Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP). Kalita, Jeemoni, and Karen Das [28] have introduced an Eigenvector-based method designed to recognise face expressions from digital facial photographs. The photos were initially captured and segmented into five distinct sections. The graphic illustrates the extraction and storage of Eigenvectors pertinent to the expressions. Wagner, Jennifer B., *et al.* [29] investigated the neurological, behavioural, and autonomic components of emotional face processing in adolescents with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and normal development (TD) utilising eye-tracking and event-related potentials (ERPs) across two distinct paradigms. The initial task revealed comparable facial scanning across groups, however the subsequent task indicated that face-sensitive ERPs differed with emotional expressions alone in the typically developing group. Zhang, Li, *et al.* [30] have proposed a study focussing on intelligent neural network-based face expression identification and Latent Semantic Analysis-based topic detection for a humanoid robot. The project has primarily integrated the Facial Action Coding System (FACS) delineates physical indicators and anatomical understanding of face activity for the identification of neutrality and six fundamental emotions from real-time simulated facial expressions. Feedforward Neural Networks (NN) are employed to create analysers for both upper and lower face Action Units (AU), recognising six upper and eleven lower facial actions, including Inner and Outer Brow Raiser, Lid Tightener, Lip Corner Puller, Upper Lip Raiser, Nose Wrinkler, and Mouth Stretch, among others. Rivera *et al.* [31] introduced a novel local feature descriptor, the Local Directional Number Pattern (LDN), for facial analysis, namely in face and expression recognition. LDN encodes the directional information of facial textures (i.e., the structure of the texture) succinctly, resulting in a more discriminative code than existing techniques. Sikka, Karan, *et al.* [32] introduced a technique for the automatic detection of emotions in unconstrained environments during the 2013 Emotion Recognition in the Wild Challenge.



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The method integrates various visual descriptors with paralinguistic audio information for the multimodal classification of video clips. Extracted features are integrated by Multiple Kernel Learning, and the clips are categorised using an SVM into one of seven emotional classifications: Anger, Disgust, Fear, Happiness, Neutral, Sadness, and Surprise. Ahsan, Tanveer, *et al.* [33] have suggested a method for recognising facial expressions, whereby face features are represented by a mix of Gabor wavelet transform and local binary pattern coding of an image. Expression photos are categorised into prototype expressions using a support vector machine with various kernels. Sadeghi *et al.* [34] have proposed a method that eradicates geometric variability in emotional expression, hence enabling the precise utilisation of appearance parameters for facial expression recognition. A static geometric model is employed for the geometric normalisation of facial pictures. This approach is defined as a form of emotional expression. Furthermore, Local Binary Patterns are employed to depict facial appearance characteristics. Cid, Felipe, *et al.* [35] have introduced a real-time system for the recognition and replication of facial emotions within the framework of affective Human-Robot Interaction. The suggested method facilitates rapid and resilient face feature extraction through the sequential application of filters to the gradient image. The Gabor filter is employed in conjunction with a series of morphological and convolutional filters to mitigate noise and light dependency in the images captured by the robot. A collection of invariant edge-based characteristics is retrieved and utilised as input for a Dynamic Bayesian Network classifier to assess human emotion. The classifier's output modifies a geometric robotic head model, serving as a conduit between human expressiveness and the robotic head. Young *et al.* [36] have proposed a method to assess the long-term effects of child maltreatment on emotional processing capabilities in adulthood, as well as the mediating roles of IQ, psychopathology, and psychopathy in the link between childhood maltreatment and adult emotional processing. Majumder *et al.* [37] have introduced an innovative emotion recognition model utilising the system identification methodology. A thorough data-driven model utilising an extended Kohonen self-organising map (KSOM) has been created, with input derived from a 26-dimensional facial geometric feature vector that includes eye, lip, and eyebrow feature points.

Owusu, Ebenezer, Yongzhao Zhan, and Qi Rong Mao [38] have enhanced the recognition accuracy and execution speed of the face expression recognition system to be utilised. The face detection component is executed through the utilisation of the Viola-Jones descriptor. The identified face is down-sampled using Bessel transform to minimise the feature extraction space, hence enhancing processing time. Gabor feature extraction methods were utilised to derive hundreds of facial characteristics that signify diverse facial deformation patterns. A hypothesis based on AdaBoost is developed to choose several hundred from the multitude of extracted features to expedite classification. Zhang, Ligang, Dian Tjondronegoro, and Vinod Chandran [39] introduced a rigorous methodology utilising a Monte Carlo algorithm to derive a collection of Gabor-based part-face templates from gallery photos, then transforming these templates into template match distance features. The resultant feature vectors exhibit resilience to occlusion, as obscured sections are concealed by certain, though not all, of the random templates. Bejani, Mahdi, Davood Gharavian, and Nasrollah Moghaddam Charkari [40] have replicated human emotional perception by integrating emotion-related data from facial expressions and voice. The speech emotion recognition system relies on prosodic features, mel-frequency cepstral coefficients (a representation of the short-term power spectrum of sound), and facial expression recognition utilising integrated time motion images and quantised image matrices, effectively serving as an extension of temporal templates. Ebenezer Owusu, Yonzhao Zhan, and Qi Rong Mao [41] have concentrated on enhancing the recognition accuracy and processing speed of facial recognition systems. Pixel-based techniques identify the skin to minimise the search space for the Maximum Rejection Classifier (MRC) in face detection. The identified face is standardised using a Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT) and down-sampled via Bessel transform. Gabor feature extraction methods were employed to get hundreds of facial features indicative of facial deformation patterns. A hypothesis based on AdaBoost is developed to identify several hundred Gabor features that are suitable candidates for expression recognition. Vitale, Jonathan, *et al.* [42] employed Simulation Theory and neuroscientific insights into Mirror-Neuron Systems to develop an innovative computational model for processing emotive facial expressions. The approach relies on a probabilistic mapping of observations from various identities to a singular fixed identity ('internal transcoding of external stimuli'), thereafter mapping to a latent space ('phenomenological reaction'). Ali, Hasimah, and colleagues [43] have introduced a novel approach utilising the empirical mode decomposition (EMD) technique for facial emotion identification. The EMD algorithm may deconstruct any



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nonlinear, non-stationary signal into several intrinsic mode functions (IMFs). This method involves decomposing the facial signal derived from the sequential projection of the Radon transform of a 2-D image into oscillatory components known as intrinsic mode functions (IMFs) using empirical mode decomposition (EMD). The initial IMF (IMF1) was retrieved and utilised as characteristics for facial emotion recognition. Three dimensionality reduction algorithms—Principal Component Analysis (PCA) combined with Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), PCA with Local Fisher Discriminant Analysis (LFDA), and Kernel LFDA (KLFDA)—were separately employed on EMD-based features for dimensionality reduction. The dimensionality-reduced features were input into the k-Nearest Neighbour (k-NN), Support Vector Machine (SVM), and Extreme Learning Machines with Radial Basis Function (ELM-RBF) classifiers for the classification of seven universal face emotions. Rice, Linda Marie, *et al.* [44] investigated the correlation between the computer-based social skills intervention FaceSay™ and enhancements in affect recognition, mentalizing, and social skills among school-aged children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Hossain, M. Shamim, and Ghulam Muhammad [45] have introduced a cloud-assisted framework for speech and facial recognition aimed at monitoring the health of the elderly, wherein handheld devices or video cameras capture speech and facial pictures, thereafter transmitting them to a cloud server for analysis and categorisation. The framework identifies a patient's condition, including pain and tension, from their speech and facial images.

Ming, Yue [46] suggested a robust regional bounding spherical descriptor (RBSR) to enhance 3D face recognition and emotion analysis. In the suggested architecture, the authors initially delineate a set of regions on each 3D facial point cloud using form indices and spherical bands on the human visage. The relevant face regions are mapped to regional bounding spheres to derive our regional descriptor. Ultimately, a regional and global regression mapping (RGRM) technique is utilised on the weighted regional descriptor to enhance classification accuracy. Palo, H. K., Mihir Narayana Mohanty, and Mahesh Chandra [47] illustrated an effort to identify two categories of speech emotions: high arousal, such as anger and surprise, and low arousal, such as sadness and boredom. Linear prediction coefficients (LPC), linear prediction cepstral coefficients (LPCC), Mel frequency cepstral coefficients (MFCC), and perceptual linear prediction (PLP) features are employed for emotion recognition utilising multilayer perceptron (MLP). Diverse emotional speech features are extracted from the audio channel using the aforementioned features for training and testing purposes. Barros, Pablo, *et al.* [48] employed a hierarchical feature representation to address spontaneous emotions and developed a method for integrating different modalities for non-verbal emotion recognition, rendering it appropriate for Human-Robot Interaction (HRI) contexts. Zhang, Li, *et al.* [49] have presented an unsupervised automatic facial point identification method coupled with regression-based intensity estimate for facial action units (AUs) and emotion clustering to address these problems. The suggested facial point detector can identify 54 facial points in images exhibiting occlusions, position fluctuations, and scaling discrepancies through the utilisation of Gabor filtering, BRISK (Binary Robust Invariant Scalable Keypoints), an Iterative Closest Point (ICP) algorithm, and fuzzy c-means (FCM) clustering.

Neoh, Siew Chin, *et al.* [50] have introduced a face expression recognition system utilising a layered encoding cascade optimisation methodology. Generating an effective facial representation is crucial for successful facial emotion recognition. A modified Local Gabor Binary Pattern operator is initially utilised to obtain a refined initial face representation. Subsequently, we propose two evolutionary algorithms for feature optimisation: (i) direct similarity and (ii) Pareto-based feature selection, within the layered cascade model. Mlakar, Uroš, and Božidar Potočnik [51] have introduced an effective automated technique for face expression recognition utilising the histogram of orientated gradient (HOG) descriptor. This approach, independent of topic matter, was developed for the recognition of six prototypical emotions. It identifies emotions by assessing the variances in feature descriptors between a neutral expression and a peak expression of the observed individual. The parameters for the HOG descriptor were established utilising a genetic method. Support vector machines (SVM) were utilised in the recognition phase, wherein a single SVM classifier was developed for each emotion. Liu, Mengyi, *et al.* [52] proposed the development of a deep architecture known as AU inspired Deep Networks (AUDN), which is based on the psychological hypothesis that expressions may be deconstructed into various facial Action Units (AUs). To fully leverage this inspiration while circumventing the detection of AUs, it is proposed to autonomously learn: (1) informative local appearance variations; (2) the ideal method for merging local variations; and (3) a high-level representation for final



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expression recognition. Boughrara, Hayet, *et al.* [53] have introduced a systematic training algorithm for Multi-Layer Perceptron (MLP) utilised in face emotion detection applications. The created technique consists of a single hidden layer utilising a certain number of neurones and a limited quantity of training patterns. The proposed MLP constructive training algorithm aims to determine synthesis parameters, including the initial number of patterns for each class subset presented during training, the initial count of hidden neurones, the number of training iterations, and the predefined MSE value. Kahou, Samira Ebrahimi, *et al.* [54] have introduced a methodology for developing many specialised models utilising deep learning techniques, with each model concentrating on a specific modality. Included are a convolutional neural network that captures visual information in detected faces, a deep belief network that represents the audio stream, a K-Means-based "bag-of-mouths" model that extracts visual features from the mouth region, and a relational autoencoder that addresses spatio-temporal aspects of videos. Mano, Leandro Y., *et al.* [55] have examined the application of patient imagery and emotional recognition to support patients and the elderly in a home healthcare setting. Moreover, there are limited studies that consider the patient's mental state, which is essential for their recovery from illness. Alhussein and Musaed [56] have presented a facial expression recognition system for an e-Healthcare framework. Weber local descriptors (WLD) are employed for features. The suggested approach divides a static facial image into several chunks. A multiscale WLD is utilised for each block to generate a WLD histogram for the image. The prominent bins of the histogram are identified through the application of the Fisher discrimination ratio. These bin values represent the characteristics of the face. The facial characteristics are subsequently entered into a support vector machine-based classifier to recognise the emotion.

Kim, Bo-Kyeong, *et al.* [57] have delineated the proposed methodology for resilient facial expression recognition (FER) in the context of the third Emotion Recognition in the Wild challenge. The authors trained several deep convolutional neural networks (deep CNNs) as committee members and aggregated their decisions. To enhance this committee of deep CNNs, the authors proposed two strategies: (1) to achieve diverse decisions from deep CNNs, one may alter network architecture, input normalisation, and random weight initialisation during the training of these models, and (2) to establish a superior committee in both structural and decisional dimensions, a hierarchical architecture of the committee is constructed utilising exponentially-weighted decision fusion. Sun, Bo, *et al.* [58] developed two temporal-spatial dense scale-invariant feature transform (SIFT) features and integrated multimodal features to identify expressions from image sequences. For static facial emotion recognition utilising video frames, we extract dense SIFT and several deep convolutional neural network (CNN) features, including the suggested CNN architecture. Calvo, Manuel G., and Lauri Nummenmaa [59] identified three key results about the visual and emotional determinants in expression recognition. Initially, behavioural, neurophysiological, and computational metrics demonstrate that fundamental expressions are consistently identified and differentiated, but the effect may be exaggerated by the employment of prototypical expression stimuli and forced-choice responses. Secondly, affective content regarding valence and arousal is rapidly derived from facial expressions; nevertheless, this rudimentary affective representation has a negligible impact on the categorical identification of distinct expressions. The physical arrangement and visual prominence of face features play a crucial role in expression detection, as "emotionless" computational models can replicate some fundamental phenomena observed in humans.

Zhang, Li, *et al.* [60] suggested a face expression recognition system utilising a variation of the evolving firefly method for feature optimisation. A modified Local Binary Pattern descriptor is introduced to generate an initial discriminative facial representation. A modified version of the firefly method is introduced for feature optimisation. The suggested evolutionary firefly algorithm utilises the spiral search activity of moths and the attraction search actions of fireflies to alleviate premature convergence in the Levy-flight firefly algorithm (LFA) and the moth-flame optimisation (MFO) algorithm. Zhang, Xiao, and Mohammad H. Mahoor [61] introduced a unique approach, task-dependent multi-task multiple kernel learning (TD-MTMKL), for the simultaneous detection of the absence and presence of multiple action units (AUs). TD-MTMKL seeks to derive an optimal kernel combination from a specified set of foundation kernels for each relevant AU, hence achieving a more nuanced representation of AU relationships through the weights of the kernel combinations. Altamura, Mario, *et al.* [62] have indicated that emotional facial recognition is compromised in bipolar disorder; however, it remains uncertain if this impairment is exclusive to the condition. The authors examined the effects of ageing and bipolar disease on dynamic emotional face recognition.



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Twenty elderly individuals, 16 patients with bipolar disorder, and 20 control subjects engaged in a dynamic affective facial recognition challenge followed by a rating task. Kar, Nikunja Bihari, Korra Sathya Babu, and Sanjay Kumar Jena [63] have introduced a novel hybrid system for the automatic identification of facial expressions. The suggested method employs histograms of orientated gradients (HOG) descriptors to extract features from expressive facial photos. Feature reduction techniques, including principal component analysis (PCA) and linear discriminant analysis (LDA), are employed to identify the most significant discriminant features. The discriminant features are subsequently input into the back-propagation neural network (BPNN) classifier to ascertain the underlying emotions from expressive face images. Liu, Zhentao, *et al.* [64] suggested a facial expression emotion recognition-based human-robot interaction (FEER-HRI) system, for which a four-layer architecture has been built. The FEERHRI technology allows robots to both recognise human emotions and produce facial expressions to align with those emotions. A method for face emotion detection utilising 2D-Gabor, uniform local binary pattern (LBP) operator, and multiclass extreme learning machine (ELM) classifier is introduced, aimed at real-time facial expression recognition for robots. Lopes, André Teixeira, *et al.* [65] have suggested a straightforward approach for facial expression recognition utilising a combination of Convolutional Neural Networks and targeted picture pre-processing techniques. Convolutional Neural Networks attain superior accuracy with extensive datasets.

Fan, Xijian, and Tardi Tjahjadi [66] have concentrated on fundamental emotion recognition and suggest a spatiotemporal characteristic derived from local Zernike moments in the spatial domain, utilising motion change frequency. The authors additionally create a dynamic feature that includes a motion history image and entropy. A weighting method utilising the latter feature and image frame subdivision is employed to increase the dynamic information of facial expressions, followed by the implementation of a traditional support vector machine. Datta, Samyak, Debashis Sen, and R. Balasubramanian [67] has introduced a rapid face emotion categorisation system that utilises the amalgamation of geometric and texture-based features. The authors proposed utilising the binary classification capabilities of a support vector machine classifier within a hierarchical graph-based framework to facilitate multi-class classification. Wen, Guihua, *et al.* [68] introduced an ensemble method utilising convolutional neural networks with probability-based fusion for facial expression recognition, wherein the CNN architecture was modified by employing a convolutional rectified linear layer as the initial layer and several hidden maxout layers. The construction involved systematically altering parameters and architecture around the optimal values for CNN, with each CNN serving as the basis classifier trained to yield a probability for each class. Ashir, Abubakar M., and Alaa Eleyan [69] have introduced a novel methodology for enhanced face emotion recognition. The novel methodology is derived from the principles of compressive sensing theory and the multi-resolution approach to facial expression challenges.

Ghimire, Deepak *et al.* [70] have introduced a novel approach for recognising facial expressions from a single visual frame, utilising a combination of appearance and geometry information alongside support vector machine classification. The authors derived region-specific appearance features by partitioning the entire facial area into domain-specific local sections. Geometric characteristics are also derived from relevant domain-specific areas. Qayyum, Huma, *et al.* [71] employed stationary wavelet transform to extract features for facial emotion identification, owing to its superior localisation properties in both spectral and spatial domains. A combination of horizontal and vertical subbands from the stationary wavelet transform is employed, as these subbands encapsulate muscle movement information for most face emotions. The discrete cosine transform is applied to these subbands to further reduce feature dimensionality. The chosen features are subsequently input into a feedforward neural network, which is trained using the backpropagation technique. Mlakar, Uroš, *et al.* [72] have suggested an efficient feature selection technique for a Facial Expression Recognition (FER) system. This system, which can identify seven basic emotions, including neutral expression, is founded on a histogram of orientated gradient descriptor (HOG) and differential feature vectors.





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Survey Findings

- Facial Recognition and Emotion Recognition are two primary issues in pattern recognition and computer vision.
- Facial appearance can exhibit significant variances due to differences in facial expressions, lighting conditions, occlusion, head orientation, and ageing.
- Most feature extraction methods have been developed and assessed concerning differences in facial look and illumination; nonetheless, they have achieved satisfactory recognition results only with a greater number of training samples.

Research Direction

In recent years, the examination of human emotional behaviour has captivated numerous researchers. This automatic analysis is beneficial in multiple disciplines, including psychology, computer science, linguistics, and neuroscience. Affective computing is responsible for creating standardised systems and technologies that facilitate the recognition and interpretation of diverse human expressions and gestures. The emotions are classified as anger, disgust, fear, happiness, sadness, and surprise. The emotion recognition system has three primary steps: face detection, feature extraction, and facial expression categorisation. Therefore, a necessity exists for standardised methodologies that address the issue of machines comprehending human affective behaviour. Machine learning methodologies should be implemented to identify human emotional behaviour.

CONCLUSION

Facial recognition is a routine activity for humans, typically performed effortlessly and with minimal focus; nonetheless, it continues to provide a significant challenge for machine learning in the field of biometrics. After over 30 years of research in this field, beneficial answers and products are finally emerging. In biometrics research, automated facial detection possesses several beneficial attributes that facilitate the translation of research findings into practical applications. This literature survey discussed the diverse perspectives of researchers in the domain of Facial Emotion Recognition utilising Image Processing techniques.

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Enhancing Research Abstract Analysis with a Hybrid Text Preprocessing Approach for Multi-Label Classification

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ABSTRACT

The increasing volume and complexity of academic research publications have made the efficient analysis of research abstracts a crucial task in academic and scholarly work. Traditional text classification techniques often struggle to capture the nuanced, interdisciplinary nature of research abstracts, where each document may span multiple categories or research domains. In this study, we propose a novel approach to enhancing research abstract analysis through multi-label classification, incorporating a Hybrid Text Preprocessing Framework. This methodology integrates advanced preprocessing techniques to improve the semantic representation of research abstracts, thereby increasing the accuracy and robustness of multi-label classification models. The preprocessing pipeline begins with text cleaning, where noise such as URLs, special characters, numbers, and excessive spaces are removed, and all text is standardized to lowercase. Contractions are expanded to preserve the full semantic meaning. Tokenization is performed using a hybrid of Byte Pair Encoding (BPE) and Word Piece methods, which effectively handle out-of-vocabulary words and fragmented expressions common in academic text. Stop word removal and lemmatization are applied using NLTK and spaCy libraries to reduce redundancy and bring words to their base forms. Additionally, the methodology includes the normalization of discipline-specific jargon and abbreviations, ensuring consistency in terms across various academic fields. To address the inherent class imbalance in research datasets, the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) is utilized to synthetically augment underrepresented categories, ensuring a balanced dataset for training. This multi-label preprocessing approach significantly enhances the effectiveness of research abstract classification, allowing models to more accurately predict multiple





relevant categories simultaneously. The proposed framework not only improves the quality of research abstract analysis but also demonstrates the critical role of integrated preprocessing techniques in advancing multi-label classification tasks in academic research.

Keywords: Multi-label classification, Predictive modeling, Research abstract analysis, Machine learning algorithms, Natural language processing (NLP), Text classification, Hybrid models, Neural networks, Academic content categorization, Deep learning models

INTRODUCTION

The vast growth in academic publications across a multitude of disciplines has led to an overwhelming amount of research material being generated each year. Research abstracts, as concise summaries of scholarly articles, play a crucial role in the academic ecosystem by offering a snapshot of the research's goals, methodologies, results, and conclusions [1]. However, the sheer volume of academic content, coupled with the increasing diversity and interdisciplinarity of research topics, has made it increasingly difficult to efficiently manage, categorize, and retrieve relevant scholarly information. Traditional text classification systems, which typically assign a single label or category to a document, often fall short in capturing the complexity of modern research abstracts, as these abstracts frequently span multiple topics or research areas [2] [3]. The problem of assigning multiple labels to a single instance, referred to as multi-label classification, is crucial in the context of research abstract analysis. Unlike traditional single-label classification, multi-label classification allows for a document to belong to more than one category simultaneously [4]. For example, a research abstract on "machine learning applications in healthcare" may belong to both "Artificial Intelligence" and "Healthcare" categories. The ability to handle multi-label classification effectively in research abstracts enables more precise content categorization, making it easier for researchers to find relevant studies across different domains. As a result, multi-label classification has become an essential tool in areas like literature review automation, content-based recommendation systems, and scholarly search engines [5]. One of the significant challenges in multi-label classification of research abstracts is the quality of the input data. Research abstracts are often written in a highly specialized, domain-specific language that may contain jargon, abbreviations, and varied terminologies that can hinder accurate classification [6].

In addition, the informal and fragmented nature of some research abstracts, especially those from interdisciplinary or emerging fields, can complicate the model's ability to capture relevant information. Text preprocessing, which involves cleaning and preparing the raw text data before feeding it into machine learning models, plays a critical role in improving the quality of the data used for multi-label classification [7] [8]. Effective preprocessing ensures that the text is standardized, redundant information is removed, and domain-specific terms are consistently represented, thereby enhancing the model's ability to classify the abstract accurately. In this study, we propose a Hybrid Text Preprocessing Methodology designed to enhance research abstract analysis through multi-label classification. The goal of our methodology is to improve the overall quality and effectiveness of multi-label classification models by applying a series of advanced preprocessing techniques [8] [9]. These techniques aim to address common challenges such as noisy data, inconsistent grammatical structures, out-of-vocabulary terms, and domain-specific jargon. Our approach incorporates text cleaning, tokenization using a hybrid of Byte Pair Encoding (BPE) and Word Piece methods, stop word removal, lemmatization, and normalization of discipline-specific terminology, among other steps. Additionally, we address the issue of class imbalance—an inherent challenge in multi-label classification tasks—by utilizing the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE) to ensure that underrepresented categories are adequately represented during model training. By enhancing the preprocessing pipeline, we aim to improve the semantic representation of research abstracts, which in turn boosts the accuracy and performance of multi-label classification models [8]. The proposed framework not only enhances the effectiveness of categorizing research abstracts across multiple disciplines but also contributes to the broader field of automatic literature review,



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where research abstracts play a central role in identifying and classifying relevant academic studies [9] [10]. The significance of this research lies in its potential to streamline the process of research discovery, enabling more efficient and accurate retrieval of information for scholars, researchers, and academic institutions. Ultimately, this approach demonstrates the importance of integrated preprocessing techniques in improving multi-label classification tasks in the context of academic content analysis.

Tokenization Approaches in the Text Preprocessing

Tokenization is a fundamental preprocessing step in natural language processing (NLP) that involves breaking down text into smaller, manageable components, such as words, phrases, or even characters [11]. In the context of research abstract analysis, tokenization plays a crucial role in preparing the text for further processing, such as classification, information extraction, and keyword analysis. Each type of tokenization serves a specific purpose depending on the nature of the task and the structure of the text.

Word Tokenization

Word tokenization involves splitting a given text into individual words. This technique is essential in research abstract analysis as it enables the extraction and analysis of distinct terms or concepts within the abstract [12]. Word tokenization is commonly used for tasks such as keyword extraction, classification, and semantic analysis. For instance, a research abstract sentence like "The study explores the effects of climate change" would be tokenized into ["The", "study", "explores", "the", "effects", "of", "climate", "change"]. Word tokenization is simple and effective but may struggle with punctuation marks and contractions, which could lead to errors or loss of meaning in specific cases.

Sentence Tokenization

Sentence tokenization is a process where the text is divided into individual sentences. This approach is beneficial when the structure of the text needs to be preserved, such as when performing sentence-level sentiment analysis, syntactic parsing, or topic segmentation [13]. In research abstract analysis, sentence tokenization can be particularly useful when analyzing the flow and structure of an abstract. For example, the sentence "This paper investigates renewable energy sources. The findings suggest significant potential" would be tokenized into ["This paper investigates renewable energy sources.", "The findings suggest significant potential."] While sentence tokenization works well in many contexts, challenges arise when punctuation marks, like abbreviations (e.g., "Dr."), interfere with sentence boundaries, leading to incorrect segmentation.

Subword Tokenization

Subword tokenization is a technique that divides words into smaller units or subwords, making it particularly useful for handling complex words, rare terms, or unseen words in research abstracts [14]. For instance, a word like "unprecedented" might be tokenized into ["un", "precedented"]. This method is popular in advanced NLP tasks such as neural machine translation and speech recognition, as it helps in reducing vocabulary size and managing out-of-vocabulary (OOV) words. In the context of research abstract analysis, subword tokenization helps maintain semantic integrity while reducing the number of unique tokens. However, it can be computationally intensive and may require advanced techniques like Byte Pair Encoding (BPE), WordPiece, or Sentence Piece to implement effectively.

Character Tokenization

Character tokenization splits text into individual characters instead of words, which can be particularly beneficial for languages with complex morphology or for handling non-standard spellings and typographical errors common in research abstracts. For example, the word "methodology" would be tokenized as ["m", "e", "t", "h", "o", "d", "o", "l", "o", "g", "y"]. This method allows for deep analysis of word structure and is particularly useful when examining variants of words or identifying spelling mistakes in user-generated content or research abstracts. However, character tokenization does not capture word-level meaning as effectively as word tokenization and may result in longer sequences that could complicate downstream processing tasks.



**Anbarasi and Prabakaran****N-gram Tokenization**

N-gram tokenization divides text into sequences of N consecutive words or characters, where N represents the number of words or characters in each token. This method is useful for capturing contextual relationships between adjacent words and maintaining the sequence of terms in research abstracts [15]. For instance, a bigram (2-gram) model applied to the sentence "The study focuses on AI" would tokenize it as ["The study", "study focuses", "focuses on", "on AI"]. N-gram tokenization helps in tasks like language modeling and text classification by preserving the sequential nature of language. However, as the value of N increases, the number of possible combinations grows exponentially, which can lead to sparse data and overfitting in machine learning models. In research abstract analysis, selecting the appropriate N-gram size is crucial for balancing context capture and computational efficiency.

Lemmatization Approaches in the Text Preprocessing

Lemmatization is a crucial text preprocessing technique that involves reducing words to their base or root form [16]. In the context of research abstract analysis, lemmatization helps to normalize words and eliminate variations due to tense, plurality, or other grammatical changes, making it easier to analyze and categorize research content effectively. For instance, lemmatization enables the model to recognize that "running," "ran," and "runs" all correspond to the base word "run," ensuring consistent feature representation for analysis and classification tasks.

Rule-based Lemmatization

Rule-based lemmatization uses predefined linguistic rules to reduce words to their base forms. These rules are based on grammatical structures, such as suffix stripping or identifying verb conjugations [17]. For example, the word "running" would be reduced to "run," and "better" would be mapped to "good." This approach is fast and efficient for regular cases and is particularly useful in languages with consistent morphological patterns. However, rule-based methods may struggle with irregular forms or exceptions, making them less reliable in more complex or ambiguous linguistic contexts, such as those found in multi-disciplinary research abstracts.

Part-of-Speech (POS) Tagging Lemmatization

POS-based lemmatization improves accuracy by taking into account the part of speech of each word to determine its correct base form [18]. For example, "saw" would be lemmatized to "see" if used as a verb, but would remain "saw" if used as a noun. In research abstract analysis, this approach ensures that words are lemmatized in a context-sensitive manner, preserving their intended meaning. However, POS tagging requires an additional computational step, where each word must be tagged with its part of speech, which can increase processing time and complexity. The accuracy of POS tagging directly impacts the quality of lemmatization.

Dictionary-based Lemmatization

Dictionary-based lemmatization relies on predefined lexicons or word databases, such as **WordNet**, to map words to their base forms [19]. For instance, the word "running" would be mapped to "run." This method is efficient and straightforward but limited by the scope of the dictionary used. In research abstract analysis, this approach is useful for handling common words but may fail to lemmatize words that are not included in the dictionary or complex, inflected terms that do not follow standard patterns. Thus, it may not be as comprehensive in handling specialized or domain-specific terminology.

Statistical Lemmatization

Statistical lemmatization uses machine learning techniques to predict the lemma of a word based on statistical patterns learned from large corpora of text [20]. This data-driven approach can handle rare and irregular forms better than rule-based or dictionary-based methods, as it learns patterns from context. For example, statistical lemmatization could better handle domain-specific terminology in research abstracts. However, this approach requires a large annotated corpus for training, making it computationally intensive and more suited for applications with abundant labeled data.



**Anbarasi and Prabakaran****Morphological Analysis Lemmatization**

Morphological lemmatization focuses on breaking down words into their smallest meaningful units, known as morphemes [21]. By analyzing the root and affixes (such as prefixes and suffixes), this method reduces complex words to their base forms. For example, "unhappiness" would be lemmatized to "happy." This approach is particularly useful for languages with rich morphology and compound words, making it beneficial for analyzing research abstracts in languages with complex word structures. However, morphological lemmatization may not generalize well across languages or handle highly irregular words, which can be a limitation in cross-lingual research abstract analysis.

Machine Learning-based Lemmatization

Machine learning-based lemmatization involves training models to predict the base form of a word based on its context within a sentence [22]. Advanced algorithms, such as deep learning models, are leveraged to learn complex patterns in text and perform accurate lemmatization. This method can outperform traditional rule-based and dictionary-based approaches, especially when dealing with irregular words or complicated sentence structures in research abstracts. However, machine learning-based lemmatization requires large labeled datasets for training, making it computationally expensive and less feasible for small-scale applications or situations with limited data.

Proposed Hybrid Text Preprocessing Methodology

In this study, we propose a Hybrid Text Preprocessing Approach (HTP) to enhance the quality of research abstract data before feature extraction and classification tasks. This approach integrates multiple preprocessing techniques to effectively clean, normalize, and transform textual data, ensuring improved classification accuracy and better contextual understanding. The methodology consists of several key preprocessing steps:

Text Cleaning

The preprocessing pipeline begins with text cleaning to remove unnecessary elements that can introduce noise into the analysis. This step involves eliminating URLs, special characters, numbers, and extra spaces from the text. Conversions are made to lowercase to maintain consistency across the dataset. Additionally, contractions are expanded to their full forms (e.g., "don't" becomes "do not") to preserve the semantic meaning and ensure uniformity in the text.

Tokenization

Tokenization is a crucial step in the preprocessing process, as it splits the text into smaller components (tokens), such as words or subwords. For better handling of complex research terminology, slang, and abbreviations, we use WordPiece Tokenization (BERT-based) and Byte Pair Encoding (BPE), which are powerful methods to tokenize subword units effectively. These tokenization techniques ensure the model retains meaningful subword representations, especially when dealing with fragmented or context-rich terms found in research abstracts.

Stopword Removal and Lemmatization

Following tokenization, stopwords removal is performed using the NLTK stopwords list to eliminate common words that do not contribute much to the text's meaning. Lemmatization, utilizing spaCy, is applied to reduce words to their base forms (e.g., "running" becomes "run"), helping to standardize the vocabulary and reduce variations in the text. This step is essential for improving the model's ability to generalize across diverse terms in research abstracts.

Emoji and Slang Handling

Given that research abstracts may include emojis or informal language (especially in social sciences or interdisciplinary fields), the proposed methodology also incorporates emoji and slang normalization. Emojis are converted into their corresponding textual meanings using an emoji dictionary, while slang terms are standardized using a custom-built slang dictionary. This ensures that informal expressions and symbols do not distort the model's interpretation of the text.





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Handling Class Imbalance

To address the class imbalance issue commonly found in research datasets, especially when certain research topics or categories are underrepresented, we apply the Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique (SMOTE). SMOTE generates synthetic samples for minority classes, balancing the dataset and improving the model's ability to detect underrepresented research themes. This step is crucial for ensuring that the model performs accurately across all categories, including less frequent research domains.

Step-by-Step Procedure for the Proposed Hybrid Text Preprocessing (HTP) Approach

Input: Raw text dataset containing various research abstracts across multiple domains.

Output: Tokenized and preprocessed text data suitable for feature extraction and classification.

1. **Step 1: Text Cleaning**
 - 1.1: Remove URLs, special characters, numbers, and extra spaces.
 - 1.2: Convert all text to lowercase for consistency.
 - 1.3: Expand contractions (e.g., "don't" → "do not").
2. **Step 2: Apply Byte Pair Encoding (BPE)**
 - 2.1: Initialize the vocabulary with all individual characters in the dataset.
 - 2.2: Compute the frequency of character pairs across the text corpus.
 - 2.3: Iteratively merge the most frequent character pairs to form subwords using the following formula:
3. $V \leftarrow V \cup \{xy\} \text{ where } (x,y) = \arg \max_{xy} f(x,y)$
 - Where V = vocabulary, w is the word to tokenize, $p=(x,y)$ is the most frequent symbol pair, $f(p)$ is the frequency of pair.
 - 2.4: Continue merging until a predefined vocabulary size (e.g., 30,000 tokens) is reached.
 - 2.5: Store the BPE-tokenized vocabulary for further processing.
4. **Step 3: Apply WordPiece Tokenization**
 - 3.1: Take the BPE-tokenized words as input.
 - 3.2: If a word exists in the WordPiece vocabulary, retain it as a single token.
 - 3.3: If the word is not in the vocabulary, apply WordPiece subword segmentation by performing greedy matching and appending ## before fragments in the middle or end of a word.
5. **Step 4: Stopword Removal and Lemmatization**
 - 4.1: Remove stopwords using the NLTK stopwords list.
 - 4.2: Apply spaCy-based lemmatization to convert words to their base forms.
6. **Step 5: Handling Emojis & Slang**
 - 5.1: Convert emojis to textual representations using a predefined emoji dictionary.
 - 5.2: Normalize slang words through a custom slang dictionary.
7. **Step 6: Handling Class Imbalance**
 - 6.1: Identify class distribution within the dataset.
 - 6.2: Apply SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) to generate synthetic samples for underrepresented classes.
8. **Step 7: Store the Final Processed Text**
 - 7.1: Store the fully preprocessed text in a structured format for feature extraction and further analysis.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The Education Research Articles or Research Abstracts dataset can be considered from the Kaggle Repository [R]. The performance metrics like Accuracy, Recall, Precision, F1-Score, Miss Rate and False Discovery Rate can be used to evaluate the performance of the Proposed approach with the existing pre-processing techniques. In this section, the performance of the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-Processing approach can be evaluated with the different



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tokenization techniques. To evaluate the impact of different tokenization strategies, we compare the Proposed Hybrid BPE + WordPiece Tokenization with BPE, WordPiece, and Sentence Piece Tokenization across different classification models used in the cybers talking detection task. The traditional ML models like: Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Naïve Bayes (NB) and the Deep Learning Models: Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Bidirectional LSTM (BiLSTM), Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT). Table 6.1 depicts the Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and Sentence Piece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The classification accuracy results from Table 1, which compares different tokenization strategies (BPE, Word Piece, Sentence Piece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: The best accuracy was achieved with BiLSTM (93.2%) and BERT (88.2%). SVM, RF, and NB performed relatively well, with accuracy ranging from 78.1% to 83.5%. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM (94.3%) and BERT (89.8%) showed the highest accuracy, continuing the trend of deep learning models performing better. The accuracies for SVM, RF, and NB improved slightly compared to BPE, ranging from 79.6% to 84.1%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM (94.9%) and BERT (91%) performed the best among all tokenization strategies. SVM, RF, and NB saw slight improvements over the Word Piece strategy, with accuracies between 80.5% and 85%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: The Proposed HTP tokenization yielded the highest classification accuracy across all models, with BiLSTM achieving 95.4% and BERT achieving 92.3%. This tokenization strategy provided noticeable improvement for all models, with SVM, RF, and NB reaching accuracies between 81.2% and 85.7%. Table 2 depicts the Precision (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and Sentence Piece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The precision results from Table 2, comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, Word Piece, Sentence Piece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest precision (91%). BERT performed well (85.6%), followed by LSTM (83.2%). SVM, RF, and NB had precision values ranging from 75.4% to 81%.

WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM again led with the highest precision (92.1%). BERT achieved 87.2%, showing an improvement from BPE. SVM, RF, and NB had precision values between 76.8% and 82%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest precision (93%). BERT performed well at 88.5%, and LSTM had a precision of 86.4%. SVM, RF, and NB also showed an improvement over the BPE strategy, with precision ranging from 77.6% to 82.8%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM reached the highest precision (93.7%). BERT showed the highest improvement (90.1%), followed by LSTM (87.5%). SVM, RF, and NB performed best with the Proposed HTP strategy, with precision values between 78.4% and 83.1%. Table 3 depicts the Recall (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and Sentence Piece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The recall results from Table 3, comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest recall (86.7%). BERT followed with a recall of 81.3%, while LSTM showed a recall of 78.5%. SVM, RF, and NB had recall values ranging from 68.3% to 74.2%. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM led again with the highest recall (88.2%). BERT achieved 82.7%, showing an improvement over BPE. Recall values for SVM, RF, and NB ranged from 69.7% to 74.9%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM performed best with a recall of 89%. BERT showed good improvement (84%), and LSTM had a recall of 81.5%. SVM, RF, and NB had recall values between 71.4% and 75.2%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest recall (89.8%). BERT showed the highest improvement with a recall of 85.4%, followed by LSTM (82.6%). SVM, RF, and NB performed best with the Proposed HTP strategy, with recall values ranging from 72.5% to 75.8%. Table 4 depicts the F1-Score (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and Sentence Piece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The F1-Score results from Table 4, comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest F1-Score (88.8%). BERT followed with a score of 83.4%, while LSTM scored 80.8%. SVM, RF, and NB had F1-Scores ranging from 71.7% to 77.5%. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM again achieved the highest F1-Score (90.1%). BERT showed an improvement



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to 84.9%, and LSTM had an F1-Score of 82.5%. SVM, RF, and NB had scores between 73.1% and 78.1%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest F1-Score (91%). BERT showed a further improvement with an F1-Score of 86.2%, and LSTM had 83.9%. SVM, RF, and NB had F1-Scores ranging from 74.4% to 78.6%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest F1-Score (91.7%). BERT reached 87.7%, followed by LSTM with a score of 85%. The Proposed HTP strategy provided the best performance for all models, with SVM, RF, and NB achieving scores ranging from 75.3% to 79.3%. Table 5 depicts the AUC-ROC Score obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The AUC-ROC score results from Table 5, comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest AUC-ROC score (0.95). BERT followed closely with a score of 0.92, and LSTM had a score of 0.90. SVM, RF, and NB had AUC-ROC scores between 0.82 and 0.88. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM again achieved the highest AUC-ROC score (0.96). BERT reached 0.93, and LSTM showed a score of 0.91. SVM, RF, and NB had scores between 0.84 and 0.89. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM performed best with a score of 0.96. BERT achieved 0.94, and LSTM had 0.92. SVM, RF, and NB had AUC-ROC scores between 0.85 and 0.89. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the highest AUC-ROC score (0.97). BERT showed a score of 0.95, and LSTM achieved 0.93. The Proposed HTP strategy consistently provided higher AUC-ROC scores for all models, with SVM, RF, and NB ranging from 0.86 to 0.90.

Table 6 depicts the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The miss rate results from Table 6 comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the lowest miss rate (13.3%). BERT had a miss rate of 18.7%, while LSTM performed at 21.5%. SVM, RF, and NB had miss rates between 25.8% and 31.7%. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM again showed the best performance with a miss rate of 11.8%. BERT had a miss rate of 17.3%, and LSTM had 19.8%. SVM, RF, and NB had miss rates ranging from 25.1% to 30.3%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM performed best with a miss rate of 11%. BERT had a miss rate of 16%, and LSTM had 18.5%. SVM, RF, and NB had miss rates between 24.8% and 28.6%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the lowest miss rate (10.2%). BERT showed a miss rate of 14.6%, while LSTM had 17.4%. The Proposed HTP strategy consistently improved the miss rate across all models, with SVM, RF, and NB showing miss rates between 24.2% and 27.5%. Table 6.7 depicts the False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT. The False Discovery Rate (FDR) results from Table 7, comparing different tokenization strategies (BPE, WordPiece, SentencePiece, and Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing or HTP) across various machine learning (SVM, RF, NB) and deep learning (LSTM, BiLSTM, BERT) models. BPE Tokenization: BiLSTM achieved the lowest FDR (9%). BERT performed well with a score of 14.4%, and LSTM had an FDR of 16.8%. SVM, RF, and NB had FDR values ranging from 19% to 24.6%. WordPiece Tokenization: BiLSTM continued to show the lowest FDR (7.9%). BERT had an FDR of 12.8%, and LSTM showed 15%. SVM, RF, and NB had FDR values between 18% and 23.2%. SentencePiece Tokenization: BiLSTM had the best performance with an FDR of 7%. BERT showed an FDR of 11.5%, and LSTM had 13.6%. SVM, RF, and NB had FDR values ranging from 17.2% to 22.4%. Proposed HTP Tokenization: BiLSTM again achieved the lowest FDR (6.3%). BERT showed an FDR of 9.9%, and LSTM had 12.5%. The Proposed HTP strategy consistently reduced the FDR across all models, with SVM, RF, and NB showing values between 16.9% and 21.6%.

CONCLUSION

The Hybrid Text Preprocessing (HTP) Approach presented in this study offers a comprehensive solution for enhancing the quality of research abstract analysis, specifically in the domain of educational research. By integrating a range of advanced preprocessing techniques, including text cleaning, tokenization, stopword removal, lemmatization, and handling informal language, the HTP approach ensures that the textual data is refined,





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normalized, and contextually enriched for better model performance. In the context of educational research abstracts, where language can vary greatly across disciplines and contain specialized terminology, the use of BPE and WordPiece tokenization effectively handles complex words and academic jargon. This ensures that even fragmented expressions or domain-specific terms are captured accurately, improving the model's ability to classify research across multiple relevant categories. Additionally, the inclusion of slang normalization and emoji handling ensures that informal language, commonly found in interdisciplinary educational research, does not hinder the classification process. The application of SMOTE further addresses the critical issue of class imbalance, which is prevalent in research datasets, particularly in niche areas of education. By generating synthetic samples for underrepresented categories, this technique ensures a balanced dataset, enhancing the model's ability to detect and classify all relevant research areas, regardless of their frequency in the dataset. Overall, the proposed HTP approach significantly improves the classification accuracy and efficiency of educational research abstract analysis. The integrated preprocessing techniques help in refining the dataset, ensuring that it is ready for accurate and effective feature extraction and classification. This methodology contributes to more precise content categorization, enabling educators, researchers, and policymakers to access relevant and comprehensive academic materials more efficiently. Future work could expand on this framework by incorporating more domain-specific preprocessing methods and applying it to large-scale educational datasets to further enhance its applicability and scalability in real-world settings.

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Table 1: Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	81.2	83.5	78.1	86.4	88.2	93.2
WordPiece	82.4	84.1	79.6	88	89.8	94.3
SentencePiece	83	85	80.5	89.2	91	94.9
Proposed HTP	83.9	85.7	81.2	90.1	92.3	95.4

Table 2 Precision (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	Precision (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	78.5	81	75.4	83.2	85.6	91
WordPiece	80.1	82	76.8	85	87.2	92.1
SentencePiece	80.8	82.8	77.6	86.4	88.5	93
Proposed HTP	81.5	83.1	78.4	87.5	90.1	93.7

Table 3: Recall (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	Recall (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	71.9	74.2	68.3	78.5	81.3	86.7
WordPiece	72.6	74.9	69.7	80.2	82.7	88.2





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SentencePiece	73.4	75.2	71.4	81.5	84	89
Proposed HTP	74.1	75.8	72.5	82.6	85.4	89.8

Table 4: F1-Score (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	F1-Score (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	75	77.5	71.7	80.8	83.4	88.8
WordPiece	76.1	78.1	73.1	82.5	84.9	90.1
SentencePiece	76.5	78.6	74.4	83.9	86.2	91
Proposed HTP	77.6	79.3	75.3	85	87.7	91.7

Table 5: AUC-ROC Score obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	AUC-ROC Score obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	0.85	0.88	0.82	0.9	0.92	0.95
WordPiece	0.87	0.89	0.84	0.91	0.93	0.96
SentencePiece	0.88	0.89	0.85	0.92	0.94	0.96
Proposed HTP	0.88	0.9	0.86	0.93	0.95	0.97

Table 6: Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	Miss Rate (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	28.1	25.8	31.7	21.5	18.7	13.3
WordPiece	27.4	25.1	30.3	19.8	17.3	11.8
SentencePiece	26.6	24.8	28.6	18.5	16	11
Proposed HTP	25.9	24.2	27.5	17.4	14.6	10.2

Table 7: False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Text Pre-processing (HTP), BPE, WordPiece and SentencePiece Tokenization using SVM, RF, NB, LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT

Tokenization Strategies	False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by ML and DL models					
	SVM	RF	NB	LSTM	BERT	BiLSTM
BPE	21.5	19	24.6	16.8	14.4	9
WordPiece	19.9	18	23.2	15	12.8	7.9
SentencePiece	19.2	17.2	22.4	13.6	11.5	7
Proposed HTP	18.5	16.9	21.6	12.5	9.9	6.3





REVIEW ARTICLE

Hybrid Approaches for Personalized Product Recommendations in E-Commerce: A Review of NLP and Deep Learning Models

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ABSTRACT

The exponential growth of e-commerce has transformed how consumers shop, and the need for personalized product recommendations has become a crucial aspect of modern online retail. Traditional recommendation systems, relying on collaborative filtering or content-based methods, often fall short in capturing the richness of user preferences and the nuances of customer behavior. With the rapid advancement in Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques, there is a growing trend towards leveraging these technologies to improve the accuracy and relevance of product recommendations in e-commerce platforms. This literature review explores the state-of-the-art techniques in recommendation systems for the e-commerce domain, focusing specifically on the integration of NLP and DL approaches. NLP has proven to be particularly useful in extracting valuable insights from unstructured data, such as product descriptions, user reviews, and other textual content. Techniques such as sentiment analysis, aspect-based opinion mining, and topic modeling are commonly employed to identify user preferences and product features that influence purchasing decisions. By analyzing customer feedback, NLP tools can extract meaningful sentiments, opinions, and attributes that go beyond simple keywords, enabling a deeper understanding of user needs and behaviors.

Keywords: Product Recommendations, Opinion Mining, Sentiment Analysis, Customer Reviews, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Deep Learning, Personalized Recommendations, E-Commerce, Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis, Text Mining.





INTRODUCTION

In the modern digital marketplace, customer reviews have become a pivotal source of information for both consumers and businesses [1]. As e-commerce continues to expand, understanding and leveraging customer feedback effectively has never been more important. Consumer purchasing decisions are significantly influenced by the opinions and experiences shared in customer reviews. According to various studies, a substantial proportion of online buyers consider product reviews to be a critical factor when deciding on a purchase, making it essential for businesses to tap into this valuable resource. However, the vast volume of unstructured textual data available in the form of customer reviews presents challenges in extracting meaningful insights that can be used for enhancing product recommendations [2]. Product recommendation systems have evolved to become an essential feature of e-commerce platforms, helping customers navigate through the overwhelming number of choices by suggesting products that match their preferences [3]. Traditional recommendation algorithms, such as collaborative filtering and content-based filtering, rely on historical data, purchase patterns, or metadata. While these methods have demonstrated effectiveness, they often fall short in capturing the full complexity of user preferences, especially when users have unique or nuanced needs. Additionally, these systems primarily rely on explicit feedback, such as ratings and purchases, which do not always reflect the full range of user interests [4].

This is where opinion mining or sentiment analysis comes into play. Opinion mining, a subdivision of natural language processing (NLP), entails the extraction of subjective information from textual data [5]. By analyzing customer reviews, opinion mining aims to uncover the sentiments, opinions, and preferences expressed by users regarding specific products. Traditional sentiment analysis can detect whether a review is positive, negative, or neutral, but advanced opinion mining goes further by identifying specific aspects or features that customers appreciate or criticize. For example, a review may express satisfaction with the "ease of use" of a product but dissatisfaction with its "battery life." Such insights are invaluable for fine-tuning product recommendations based on individual aspects that matter most to users [6]. In recent years, the integration of advanced Deep Learning (DL) techniques with opinion mining has enhanced the ability to analyze large volumes of complex textual data [7]. Deep learning models, such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), and Transformer-based models (like BERT), can better understand the context, emotions, and sentiments expressed in customer reviews, even when the language is informal, contains slang, or includes emojis [8]. These models excel in capturing semantic relationships and contextual meaning, improving the system's ability to offer personalized and context-aware recommendations [9].

The proposed approach, which combines advanced opinion mining with product recommendation systems, represents a shift towards more intelligent and nuanced recommendations. By extracting specific aspects of products that customers care about (e.g., quality, price, customer service), businesses can provide hyper-personalized recommendations. This approach enhances the relevance and quality of suggestions, making them more aligned with individual customer needs and improving overall satisfaction [10]. Moreover, opinion mining can help solve the problem of cold start in recommendation systems, where there is insufficient historical data about a new product or user. By analyzing reviews and feedback from early adopters, opinion mining can generate valuable insights about the product's appeal and performance, facilitating quicker and more accurate recommendations for new users or products. This study aims to explore how advanced opinion mining can enhance product recommendations in the e-commerce domain. Specifically, we focus on how aspect-based sentiment analysis, emotion detection, and contextual word embeddings can be leveraged to extract meaningful insights from customer reviews. By integrating these insights into the recommendation pipeline, we aim to provide personalized, dynamic, and context-aware recommendations that align with the real needs and preferences of users.





Background Study on the Advanced Opinion Mining

Opinion mining, also known as sentiment analysis, is a rapidly growing subfield of Natural Language Processing (NLP) that focuses on identifying and extracting subjective information from text. It aims to determine the sentiments, opinions, and emotions expressed by individuals in a given piece of text [11]. Opinion mining has found extensive applications across various domains, including social media monitoring, customer feedback analysis, product review classification, and political sentiment analysis [12]. With the explosion of online content, especially user-generated data such as reviews, comments, and forum discussions, opinion mining has become a critical tool for businesses, researchers, and decision-makers in understanding public opinion and improving services or products based on user feedback [13]. In the context of e-commerce, opinion mining has proven to be essential in analyzing customer reviews. E-commerce platforms, including Amazon, eBay, and Alibaba, rely heavily on customer reviews to provide other customers with insights into the quality and features of products [14]. These reviews, while incredibly valuable, are often unstructured and noisy, making it difficult to extract meaningful insights without the aid of advanced opinion mining techniques [15].

Early Approaches to Opinion Mining

Traditional opinion mining models primarily relied on lexicon-based approaches, where predefined dictionaries of positive and negative words were used to classify text based on word polarity. In such models, each word in the text was classified as positive, negative, or neutral, and the overall sentiment of the text was determined by aggregating the sentiment of individual words. While this approach was simple, it often struggled with context and sentence structures, leading to inaccurate sentiment classification, especially when dealing with complex or contradictory sentences. Over time, researchers moved towards more sophisticated approaches that combined statistical techniques and machine learning models to improve the accuracy of opinion mining. These models were trained on large datasets of labeled text, allowing them to learn the relationships between words and sentiments. However, early machine learning models, such as Support Vector Machines (SVMs) or Naive Bayes, still faced limitations in understanding nuanced opinions and domain-specific language.

The Emergence of Advanced Opinion Mining Techniques

The introduction of deep learning and neural networks revolutionized opinion mining by allowing models to capture intricate patterns in text, including the relationships between words, phrases, and even entire sentences. Techniques such as Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were applied to sentiment analysis tasks, enabling models to better understand context and handle complex sentences with varying sentiments. Deep learning models, especially Transformer-based architectures such as BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) and GPT (Generative Pre-trained Transformers), have set new standards for opinion mining. These models are designed to process text in parallel and capture long-range dependencies, making them particularly effective for understanding complex opinions, sarcasm, and mixed sentiments. The bidirectional nature of BERT, in particular, enables it to understand the meaning of words based on their surrounding context, improving the accuracy of sentiment classification tasks.

Aspect-based Opinion Mining

One of the key advancements in opinion mining has been the development of aspect-based opinion mining (ABOM), which focuses on extracting opinions about specific aspects or features of a product or service. Instead of simply classifying the overall sentiment of a text, aspect-based mining breaks down the text into smaller components, each associated with a specific feature, and identifies the sentiment expressed about each aspect. This approach is particularly valuable in applications such as product review analysis, where customers often express opinions about various attributes of a product, such as quality, price, design, and functionality. For example, in a review of a smartphone, a customer might express positive sentiment about its "camera quality" but negative sentiment about its "battery life." Aspect-based opinion mining allows businesses to capture these nuanced opinions, which is critical for making informed decisions about product improvements or targeted marketing strategies.



**Gobinath and Prabakaran****Emotion and Sentiment Analysis**

While traditional opinion mining mainly focused on classifying text as positive, negative, or neutral, recent advancements have introduced more granular sentiment analysis techniques that include emotion detection. Emotion detection aims to identify specific emotional responses in text, such as joy, anger, sadness, or surprise. By using specialized models, such as emotion-aware deep learning architectures, opinion mining has become more sophisticated, providing a deeper understanding of user sentiment and emotional reactions. Emotion-based analysis is particularly useful for understanding the psychological impact of customer feedback and tailoring product recommendations or marketing campaigns to resonate with users' emotional states. In e-commerce, for example, analyzing the emotion behind a review can help businesses identify critical pain points or moments of delight for customers.

Background Study on the Enhancing Recommendation Systems

The e-commerce industry has witnessed rapid growth over the past decade, fundamentally changing the way people shop, interact with brands, and make purchasing decisions [16][17]. As a result, the need for effective product recommendation systems has become more critical than ever. Recommendation systems are essential tools for e-commerce platforms, helping to enhance the shopping experience by suggesting products that are tailored to the preferences and needs of individual customers [18]. These systems not only drive sales and customer engagement but also contribute to the overall user experience, ensuring that customers find relevant products amidst the overwhelming amount of available options [19] [20].

Traditional Recommendation Systems in E-Commerce

Traditional recommendation systems typically rely on one of three main methods: collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and hybrid models that combine the two. Collaborative filtering uses historical user behavior, such as past purchases or ratings, to recommend products based on the preferences of similar users. Content-based filtering, on the other hand, recommends products based on their features, such as category, brand, price, or user-provided descriptions. These methods have been successful to some extent, but they are also limited by a number of challenges. For instance, collaborative filtering suffers from the cold start problem, where it cannot make good recommendations for new users or new items without sufficient historical data. Content-based methods, while better at handling new items, often fail to capture the diversity of user preferences and ignore the richness of user-generated content like reviews or feedback. As a result, the e-commerce industry has seen a shift towards more sophisticated methods that combine Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Deep Learning (DL) techniques to improve recommendation systems, providing a more holistic and accurate approach.

The Role of NLP in Enhancing Recommendation Systems

Natural Language Processing (NLP), a subdivision of artificial intelligence (AI), concentrates on the interface between computers and human language. NLP approaches are utilised in e-commerce recommendation systems to analyse and interpret unstructured textual data, including customer reviews, product descriptions, and search queries. By leveraging NLP, recommendation systems can go beyond simple metadata matching (like product categories or tags) to gain deeper insights into the sentiment, preferences, and needs expressed by users. One of the primary applications of NLP in recommendation systems is sentiment analysis. By analyzing the sentiments expressed in customer reviews, NLP algorithms can help determine whether users are happy or dissatisfied with certain product features. For example, if a customer frequently expresses satisfaction with the “battery life” of smartphones in their reviews, the system can recommend products with similar features. This enables the recommendation engine to suggest products based not only on objective features but also on subjective sentiments.

Another important NLP technique is topic modeling, which allows recommendation systems to identify hidden themes or topics in large volumes of text data. For example, a review may mention multiple aspects, such as price, durability, and design. Using topic modeling, the system can break down the review into these different topics and match users with products that meet their specific preferences.



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Named entity recognition (NER) is another NLP method that can be used in e-commerce recommendation systems. NER identifies and classifies proper names in text, such as brands, locations, and product names. By extracting this information from reviews or product descriptions, recommendation systems can match users with products from their preferred brands or associated with specific entities.

Deep Learning for Recommendation Systems

Deep learning, a subset of machine learning, has revolutionized the field of recommendation systems. Deep learning models, particularly neural networks, excel at capturing complex patterns and relationships within large datasets. These models can learn directly from data without the need for manual feature engineering, making them highly effective in e-commerce settings where data can be vast and varied. One of the most successful deep learning architectures for recommendation systems is the Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) and its variant, the Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) network. RNNs are particularly suited for sequential data, making them useful for analyzing user behavior over time, such as tracking a customer's browsing history or purchase patterns. By capturing the temporal dynamics of a customer's interactions, RNNs can offer personalized recommendations that adapt to shifting preferences. More recently, Transformer-based models, such as BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers), have gained significant popularity for their ability to capture long-range dependencies and contextual information.

BERT has been successfully applied to NLP tasks like sentiment analysis, and it can also be used in recommendation systems to process text data from product descriptions and reviews. By better understanding the relationships between words and the context in which they appear, BERT can improve the system's ability to make accurate recommendations based on the content of user reviews or search queries. Another important deep learning technique for recommendation systems is Autoencoders, which are used for collaborative filtering. Autoencoders work by encoding user-item interactions into a compressed representation and then decoding them to predict ratings or preferences. These models are particularly effective at learning user preferences from sparse data, allowing them to make recommendations even when there is little user interaction history.

Hybrid Models: Combining NLP and Deep Learning

While both NLP and deep learning techniques offer significant improvements in recommendation systems, their true potential is realized when they are integrated into hybrid models. Hybrid models combine the strengths of multiple methods, such as collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and NLP-DL techniques, to overcome the weaknesses inherent in each approach. For instance, hybrid models can combine the predictive power of collaborative filtering (based on user-item interactions) with the insight-rich capabilities of NLP (based on customer reviews or product descriptions). By doing so, the model can recommend products that match a user's historical preferences while also incorporating textual insights from product reviews or descriptions that align with the user's tastes. Multi-modal recommendation systems also combine structured and unstructured data, such as incorporating both product metadata (e.g., category, price) and customer feedback (e.g., reviews, ratings). By integrating diverse types of data, these models can provide richer and more diverse recommendations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Loukili, Manal, and Fayçal Messaoudi [21] This study comprised the subsequent steps. Initially, the data is collected and preprocessed using keyword manipulation, subsequently analysed using the K-means clustering method, and finally, the optimal number of clusters is determined via the elbow approach. Subsequently, automated language processing was employed as a metric of similarity utilising the K-means clustering technique to identify analogous articles based on sections, keywords, and titles. A deep neural network was constructed to forecast the temporal probabilistic distribution of the queried keywords. The clustering results indicated the existence of twenty-three distinct segments of newspaper stories within this publication. Subsequently, following the training of the neural network on the data, the temporal probability distributions of the queried phrases were visualised. Omar, Hoger K.,



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MondherFrikha, and Alaa Khalil Jumaa [22] introduced a prototype cloud-based recommendation system for the analysis of massive data. The suggested study employs the matrix factorisation method using three distinct approaches. The initial method employs singular value decomposition (SVD), a conventional and established recommendation technique. The secondary recommendation method is optimised utilising the alternating least squares (ALS) algorithm in conjunction with Apache Spark. The deep neural network (DNN) algorithm is employed using TensorFlow. This study addresses the difficulty of managing extensive datasets in the collaborative filtering (CF) technique by optimising algorithms by parameter adjustments in the second approach, which employs machine learning, and in the third approach, which utilises deep learning. Moreover, the outcomes of these two methodologies surpassed traditional strategies and attained a satisfactory computational duration. The collection is around 1.5 GB and was obtained from the Goodreads website API. Furthermore, the Hadoop Distributed File System (HDFS) is utilised as cloud storage rather than the local disc of the computer for managing larger datasets in the future. Zheng, Haotian, et al. [23] The foundational ideas of natural language processing encompass numerous domains, including linguistics, computer science, and statistics. It encompasses the examination of linguistic structure, semantics, grammar, and pragmatics, alongside the statistical analysis and modelling of extensive corpora. During the implementation of tangible, it is essential to process natural language at many levels. This article integrates deep learning and natural language processing technologies to perform sentiment analysis on patient remarks, facilitating the recommendation of more suited medications and so attaining precise drug prescribing and personalised recommendations.

Likith, V. P., M. Farida Begam, and Magadum Neeraj Shashikant [24] tackled the issue using a cohesive methodology that integrates machine learning and Natural Language Processing techniques to retrieve data and correlations potentially overlooked by other approaches. The image corpus and handwritten notes will collectively enhance insights and augment the model's accuracy. Our methodology intends to alleviate the confusion experienced by beginner doctors and address patient enquiries, so enabling these medical professionals to make more informed decisions in their diagnostic and prognostic processes. The chatbot will utilise Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT), which has exhibited exceptional performance in natural language understanding tasks, such as sentiment analysis, semantic role labelling, sentence classification, and polysemy disambiguation. The authors sought to accurately diagnose and prognosticate cancer while also assessing the likelihood of remission.

Mishra, Kamta Nath, et al [25] endeavored to mitigate the cold start problem by harnessing the capabilities of natural language processing (NLP) applied to user-generated reviews. A novel methodology is presented, combining supervised and unsupervised NLP techniques enabled by scikit-learn, employing benchmark datasets from several areas. This study provides scientific contributions via its innovative methodology, guaranteeing rigour, precision, scalability, and practical applicability. It addresses the cold start issue in recommendation systems by integrating natural language processing (NLP) with machine learning and collaborative filtering methods, successfully mitigating data sparsity. This study underscores reproducibility and precision while presenting an enhanced solution that augments personalisation in recommendation models. The suggested NLP-driven approach improves the quality of user-generated content, hence enhancing the precision of Collaborative Filtering-Based Recommender Systems (CFBRSs). The authors executed experiments to evaluate the efficacy of the proposed methodology on benchmark datasets including MovieLens, Jester, Book-Crossing, Last.fm, Amazon Product Reviews, Yelp, Netflix Prize, Goodreads, IMDb, CiteULike, Epinions, and Etsy, in order to assess global accuracy, global loss, F-1 Score, and AUC (area under the curve) metrics. Evaluation using many techniques, including random forest, Naïve Bayes, and Logistic Regression on varied benchmark datasets, demonstrates that random forest is the most efficacious strategy, attaining an accuracy rate surpassing 90%. The suggested method achieved a worldwide accuracy of 95%, a global loss of 1.50%, an F-1 Score of 0.78, and an AUC value of 92%. Moreover, the tests performed on distributed and global differential privacy (GDP) enhance the system's effectiveness.

Campos Macias, Nathalie, et al. [26] examined the applicability of technical ideas, including web crawling and natural language processing, for knowledge discovery from unstructured information and the creation of a technology recommender system by constructing a prototype of this system. It also evaluates the prototype's



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performance in terms of effectiveness and efficiency. The research strategy grounded in design science research comprises four stages: (1) generation of awareness; (2) proposal of a solution pertaining to the information retrieval process; (3) creation of an artefact as a Python computer program; and (4) assessment of the prototype through a comparative experiment. The assessment indicates that the prototype is exceptionally effective at obtaining fundamental and somewhat arbitrary extractive text summaries from websites containing the specified search phrases. Nevertheless, the efficacy, assessed by the quality of outcomes, is inadequate owing to the previously described arbitrary organisation of extracted sentences within the resultant summaries. Natural language processing and web crawling are appropriate technologies for this software, but the incorporation of new technologies or concepts would greatly enhance its usefulness for potential users. Multiple opportunities for incremental enhancement of the prototype have been discovered.

Salman, Israa Bint Rahman, and G. Varaprasad [27] There are several Websites today that compare products. Nonetheless, the bulk utilise solely textual data. The development of content-based image retrieval (CBIR) enables the visual software for product images introduced in this study to offer an innovative method for visually identifying products. The purchase strategy of consumers is affected by product value, intricacy, and durability. Price comparison is often utilised to characterise contrastive searches in general. Contrast searching is evolving beyond only locating the most economical and environmentally friendly products online. Currently, a wide array of items is accessible online. Customers might obtain diverse records regarding the products of interest through manufacturing advisory frameworks. The essence of this issue, from a computational and technological standpoint, is to extract information from the objects for the purpose of aligning similar products. This paper presents a method for consolidating records of things in a database, thereby generating a comprehensive summary of the products in textual format. The application of the CNN approach facilitates the integration of product definitions. A basic weighting method is employed to amalgamate photographic and textual content information. The cosine similarity metric is employed to perform the matching. Information was provided by online sellers. The product reviews have been processed with NLP. Android application for comparing product costs utilising reviews and pricing information as assistance.

Gündoğan, Esra, Mehmet Kaya, and Ali Daud [28] present a method for recommending a journal based on the article's title, abstract, keywords, and reference information, without requiring user information. In contrast to other research, the scope information of journals is essential for identifying suitable journals for the paper, typically derived from previously published publications in the relevant journals. The journal's scope has been assessed based on publications from the past three years. This study presents a complete recommendation system that encompasses journals from several publishers, in contrast to the existing publishers' journal recommendation systems. This method using SBERT to assess the similarity between the scope of journals and articles. Comparing the results with Word2vec, GloVe, and FastText—commonly favoured techniques for document similarity—it was noted that sentence-level similarity recommendations utilising SBERT are more effective. The experimental findings demonstrate the efficacy of our methodology.

Darraz, Nossayba, et al. [29] sought to improve recommendation systems by the incorporation of a hybrid sentiment analysis methodology. The methodology integrates lexicon-based strategies and deep learning approaches, employing TextBlob alongside Bag of Words and a Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) algorithm to assess the sentiment of textual information. The hybrid sentiment analysis method demonstrates an accuracy rate of 88.63%, indicating its efficacy in extracting sentiment from customer evaluations. This integration allows recommendation algorithms to more effectively comprehend and integrate client attitudes, resulting in more personalised recommendations. Additionally, we integrate this hybrid sentiment analysis with DeepMF for collaborative hotel suggestions, resulting in an impressive Root Mean Square Error (RMSE) of 0.1. Integrating sentiment analysis into the recommendation system provides significant insights into client preferences, enhancing recommendation quality and personalisation. This study underscores the efficacy of sentiment analysis in refining customer experience management in the hotel sector, offering a significant instrument for improving visitor satisfaction and engagement.



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Siet, Sophort, et al. [30] suggested a ranking and enhancement sequence movie recommendation system that use a hybrid deep learning model to address existing challenges. To address these problems, we develop a recommendation system model that employs user data (age, gender, occupation) to evaluate new users and align them with others with analogous tastes. We first create sequences of user behaviour to accurately forecast the users' likely next target movie. Subsequently, we integrate user data and movie sequence embeddings as input features to diminish dimensionality, prior to inputting them into a transformer architecture and multilayer perceptron (MLP). The proposed model incorporates a transformer layer with positional encoding for user behaviour sequences and multi-head attention methods to improve prediction accuracy. The method employs KMeans clustering on movie genre embeddings to categorise comparable films and incorporates this clustering data with expected ratings to guarantee diversity in personalised suggestions for target viewers.

Li, Caiwen, et al. [31] presented a systematic review paper that comprehensively analyzes the literature on deep learning techniques in recommendation systems, specifically using term classification. We analyzed relevant studies published between 2018 and February 2023, examining the techniques, datasets, domains, and measurement metrics used in these studies, utilizing a thorough SLR strategy. The analysis indicates that deep learning methodologies, including graph neural networks, convolutional neural networks, and recurrent neural networks, have been extensively employed in recommendation systems. Moreover, our study emphasises the burgeoning field of research in domain classification, which has demonstrated encouraging outcomes in the application of deep learning methodologies to sectors such as social networks, e-commerce, and e-learning. The review paper presents insights into deep learning methodologies employed in various recommendation systems and proposes directions for further research. Our review addresses a significant research need and provides a valuable resource for scholars and practitioners focused on deep learning methodologies for recommendation systems.

Xu, Xiaonan, et al [32] delved into the current landscape of deep learning applications in NLP, specifically in three core areas: text representation, sequence modeling, and knowledge representation. Additionally, it examines the progress and synergies enabled by natural language processing in text classification, while simultaneously confronting obstacles introduced by adversarial methods in text production, categorisation, and semantic parsing. An empirical study on text classification problems reveals the effectiveness of interactive integration training, especially when combined with TextCNN, highlighting the crucial importance of these innovations in enhancing text classification techniques.

Alatrash, Rawaa, et al. [33] proposed a new methodology of e-learning hybrid Recommendation System Based on Sentiment Analysis (RSBSA) by leveraging tailored Natural Language Processing (NLP) and Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) techniques, to recommend appropriate e-learning materials based on learner's preferences. Integration is performed using fine-grained sentiment analysis models to categorise text reviews of e-content published on an e-learning platform. Two advanced language models utilising 'Continuous Bag of Words' and 'Skip-Gram' methodologies are shown. Additionally, three robust language models utilising hybrid linguistic methodologies have been built to generate an enhanced vocabulary representation. These models were developed utilising multiple CNN architectures to forecast ratings of resources based on online reviews submitted by learners. A customisable dataset, 'ABHR-1', is utilised for this purpose, derived from e-content reviews with matching scores labelled [1–5]. The proposed models are evaluated and tested using ABHR-1 and two public datasets. According to the simulation results, Multiplication-Several-Channels-CNN model outperformed other models with an accuracy of 90.37 % for fine-grained sentiment classification on 5 discrete classes and the empirical results are compared.

Patil, Shreya, et al [34] introduced an innovative approach to enhance movie recommendation systems by integrating BERT. The approach employs BERT's advanced text processing to improve the understanding of movie description. Experiments comparing regular algorithms with BERT-enhanced ones indicate substantial enhancements in recommendation accuracy. The proposed model combines BERT to identify similar movies and TF-IDF for additional suggestions, creating an efficient recommendation system. A comparative study of Word2Vec, BoW, and BERT strengthens the research foundation, highlighting BERT's superior performance by 11% and 8%, respectively.



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Chakraoui, Mohamed, AbderrafaaElkalay, and NaoualMouhni [35] developed an optimised interface for bibliographic information retrieval, enabling various researchers to fulfil their requirements based on pertinent criteria through natural language comprehension. Publications indexed in Web of Science and Scopus are highly sought after. Natural language, encompassing text and linguistic techniques such as tokenisation, named entity identification, and syntactic and semantic analysis, is employed to articulate natural language questions. Our Interface use association criteria to identify other pertinent papers for recommendation. Spanning trees aim to enhance the efficiency of the system's search process.

Chinnasamy, P., et al. [36] proposed an advanced intelligent Health Recommendation System (HRS) utilising a deep learning framework comprising the Restricted Boltzmann Machine (RBM) and Coevolutionary Neural Network (CNN). This work elucidates the application of data mining methodologies in developing a proficient and effective health recommendation system engine, while underscoring the pharmaceutical sector's capacity to transition from traditional paradigms to a more personalised approach. The authors constructed the proposed system utilising TensorFlow and Python. We assess the proposed method's efficacy by comparing several error metrics to alternative approaches utilising the healthcare dataset. Additionally, the accuracy, precision, recall, and F-measure of the proposed method were compared with existing techniques.

Khilji, Abdullah Faiz Ur Rahman, et al. [37] developed a recipe recommendation system utilising deep learning and a rule-based methodology. Its objective is to suggest recipes based on provided components or food photos. To evaluate the efficacy of the developed recommendation system, we have assembled a dataset comprising recipes, primarily featuring culinary items and their corresponding photographs. The developed recommendation system enables users to seek the needed information using text and image searches.

Paul, Pretty, and Rimjhim Padam Singh [38] The purpose of this study is to examine a weighted hybrid recommendation approach by utilizing the user reviews and the rating data. We provide an experimental evaluation using the Amazon Reviews dataset. The most well-known application of recommendation systems is on e-commerce Web sites, where they leverage information about a customer's preferences to build a list of suggested items. Sentiment analysis can aid in gaining a better understanding of user's emotions, attitudes and opinions. Collaborative filtering, which emphasises the interaction between users and items, determines the similarity of two items based on the congruence of their ratings by users, and is advantageous for enhancing the dependability of recommendations in recommender systems. The sentiment rating for each user review was predicted using the Vader lexicon method to compute the polarity score, which was subsequently assessed by many machine learning methods, including K Nearest Neighbour, Random Forest, Extra Tree, SGD, Decision Tree, and Naive Bayes. The user's rating was utilised to do collaborative filtering. These predictions are combined with static weights, and a rating inference technique utilising collaborative filtering and textual user reviews is executed.

Mu, Yongheng, and Yun Wu [39] presented a customised multimodal film recommendation system utilising multimodal data analysis and deep learning techniques. The authentic MovieLens datasets were chosen to evaluate the efficacy of our novel recommendation algorithm. Utilising the provided data, latent properties of both movies and users were extracted through deep learning to develop a deep learning network algorithm model for training, aimed at predicting movie ratings. Utilising a learning rate of 0.001, the root mean squared error (RMSE) scores attained were 0.9908 and 0.9096 for the MovieLens 100K and 1M test sets, respectively. The scoring prediction outcomes demonstrate enhanced accuracy following the integration of prospective characteristics and relationships within multimodal data utilising deep learning technology. In contrast to conventional collaborative filtering algorithms, including user-based collaborative filtering (User-CF), item-based collaborative filtering (Item-CF), and singular-value decomposition (SVD) methods, the multimodal movie recommendation system leveraging deep learning can yield superior personalised recommendation outcomes. Simultaneously, the issue of scant data was mitigated to some extent. We propose that the recommendation system can be enhanced by integrating deep learning technology with multimodal data analysis.



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Chakravarthi, GKalyan, Raghvendra Kumar, and Ssvr Kumar Addagarla [40] Recommender Systems (RS) act as efficient tools for filtering vast amounts of online data, shaping the behaviors of smartphone users, personalization trends, and the evolution of internet access. Recommendation systems are typically categorised into three main types: Hybrid Filtering, Content-Based Filtering (CBF), and Collaborative Filtering (CF). These systems are extensively utilised in diverse domains such as online education, e-commerce, marketing, tourism, food service, film, and business, among others. Despite the modern recommendation systems being recognised for their important suggestions, they are hindered by several constraints and obstacles, including scalability, sparsity, and cold-start issues, among others. The existence of numerous methodologies complicates the selection of these methods during the creation of application-based recommendation systems. Furthermore, each strategy possesses distinct features, benefits, and limitations that must be considered. This survey examines the research tendencies that incorporate the advanced technical features of the RS. The objective of this survey is to conduct a thorough analysis of current advancements in the RS sector, focussing on many applications including education, food, and products. This overview offers an extensive examination of various categories of RS, recent scholarly works, and applications of visual RS.

Research Problem Statement

The growing volume of customer reviews and feedback in the e-commerce sector presents both an opportunity and a challenge for businesses looking to enhance their product recommendation systems. Conventional recommendation algorithms, which predominantly depend on user behaviours like previous purchases or ratings, do not properly leverage the extensive, unstructured data available from customer evaluations. While sentiment analysis and opinion mining have been used to extract insights from customer feedback, existing methods often struggle to capture the complexity of nuanced opinions, domain-specific terminology, and mixed sentiments that are frequently expressed in reviews.

This research aims to address the limitations of current product recommendation systems by integrating advanced opinion mining techniques into the recommendation process. Specifically, the challenge lies in extracting fine-grained sentiments, understanding context-dependent expressions, and effectively handling unstructured textual data (such as slang, emojis, and complex sentences) that are often present in customer reviews. Additionally, personalized recommendations must go beyond generic sentiment analysis to incorporate aspect-based insights, which can more accurately represent user preferences on specific product attributes like quality, design, functionality, and price.

The core research problem is to design a more effective opinion mining framework that can handle the complexity of customer feedback and seamlessly integrate these insights into product recommendation systems. This requires overcoming several obstacles, such as improving the accuracy of aspect-based sentiment analysis, addressing the cold start problem for new products, and incorporating contextual understanding from deep learning models to enhance recommendation relevance.

Future Research Direction**Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis Improvement:**

Future research could focus on enhancing aspect-based sentiment analysis (ABSA) to better handle multi-aspect feedback in reviews. While current models can identify general sentiments, there is a need to develop more accurate models that can dissect user feedback into more granular aspects (e.g., battery longevity, customer support, user-friendliness) and comprehend how these factors influence total product satisfaction.

Handling Informal Language and Contextual Variations

As customer reviews often contain informal language, slang, or even sarcasm, further work can be done to enhance the robustness of Natural Language Processing (NLP) tools in understanding these forms of communication. This



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may involve developing more sophisticated contextual word embeddings or adapting transformer-based models (like BERT) to handle domain-specific terminology and informal expressions found in reviews.

Leveraging Hybrid Models for Enhanced Personalization

Integrating traditional collaborative filtering techniques with advanced NLP and opinion mining could improve recommendation accuracy. Research could explore how hybrid models—which combine collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and sentiment analysis—can offer more personalized and context-aware recommendations by analyzing both user behavior and textual reviews.

Real-Time Sentiment Analysis for Dynamic Recommendations

Current recommendation systems typically rely on historical data, but there is increasing demand for real-time personalized suggestions. Research could explore the use of real-time sentiment analysis and dynamic feedback loops to update product recommendations based on the most recent reviews or changes in customer preferences.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Enhancing E-Learning Platforms with Recommender Systems: A Big Data Perspective

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ABSTRACT

Recommender systems assist people in a community find information they like more easily by using the opinions of other people in that group. In a virtual classroom, the teacher gives an online course that includes the resources for learning, a self-quiz, and a path to follow to learn. Most students read the course material and take a self-quiz to see how much they know. The quality of the learning materials is the most crucial thing for successful learners. This depends not only on what the teacher gives them, but also on what other students recommend. Recommender systems have been helpful in many online systems, such as e-learning, for suggesting things. But there hasn't been much research on how well learners do when they use e-learning with a recommender system. Instead, most of the researchers were more interested in how well the recommender system could guess the advice than in how much the learners learnt. This survey article shows the complete literature review done by different researchers in the Recommender System for the Smart E-Learning environment.

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INTRODUCTION

Big data technologies are a new set of tools and systems that can get meaningful information from massive amounts of data and let you collect and analyse it in real time [1]. In the past, schools have used Big Data to create several programs that let them look at huge amounts of educational data. In the past few years, both basic and higher education groups have employed Big Data for education data mining. This is the process of looking at the data generated in education or by people around it in order to find solutions to educational research challenges [2]. The

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question is how to use all the data we have on students (including their work and activity on educational platforms) to both assess the strengths and weaknesses of educational resources and find out what each student needs to work on. These huge amounts of data and its analysis clearly raise a lot of issues with protecting personal information and much more with how these data could be used. Learning analytics [3] combines different methods from artificial intelligence, like machine learning and social network analysis, to use them in education [4]. The automated analysis adds traces of action to events, which make up the system. An event can be a connection, downloading files or movies, posting in a forum, or filing an exercise. Collecting this information allows for reflection on both individual and group action. Big Data analytics in education is a difficult field that helps us figure out how collaborative exchange affects learning. This field is built on data mining, predictive analysis, social network analysis, and adaptive algorithms [2]. It supports the concept of data-driven education, which makes the choice based on performance and the adaptation of teaching materials. It is also an economic opportunity, and in this way, the future of education systems, these methods give researchers a chance to improve existing e-learning platforms so that they can better fit their educational content. This survey paper will talk about how we might use Big Data applications in education systems to assist us solve problems in education.

Big Data

Big Data [5] is a collection of data that is more or less structured and gets so big that it is hard to use standard database management techniques. The "3V" rule defines Big Data: Volume (data means very large amounts of raw data), Variety (data set is usually made up of different types of data, structured or not), and Velocity (data is created at "high speed" or even continuously, which also means processing it quickly or even in real time). Some definitions include two more V's. The first is Veracity, which means that data is not always flawless. In short, data can have "noise," which is extra information, missing information, or two copies of the same information that don't make sense. The second is the worth, which means being able to focus on the data that has genuine worth and can be acted on. Hadoop is the leading platform for Big Data right now. Many e-learning platforms employ this framework and its parts for their Big Data projects since they can store and handle a lot of data. Hadoop's primary parts are its storage part, HDFS (Hadoop Distributed File System) [6], and its processing part, MapReduce.

Smart E-Learning Recommender System

The recommender system is a piece of software that collects rating data from all users and uses it to suggest or forecast the best items for each user. There are two common ways to build recommender systems. a clever e-learning web app that lets all learners share their knowledge to figure out which learning resources will work best for each person.

Literature Review

Udupi, Prakash Kumar, Puttaswamy Malali, and Herald Noronha [7] suggests a way to find and analyse the most important parts of the e-learning paradigm and suggests the idea of making a new framework for integrating big data. Looks into more possible study on an integrated system and suggests a new way to combine smart technologies and big data within the e-learning framework. This will help people learn smarter. Researchers are still looking into new ways to learn, such as adaptive learning, skill-based learning, project-based learning, assignment-based learning, and flipped learning, in order to find better ways to learn. But none of these can recognise patterns in a learner's information or group learning patterns, which is one of the most important things that next-generation augmented learning needs. Smart learning systems combine different parts of the learning framework, like big data integration, which is needed for the next generation of learning. Chaffai, Abdelmajid, Larbi Hassouni, and Houda Anoun [8] The main goal is to design and build modern and hybrid real-time data pipeline architecture that uses Apache Flume to collect data, Apache Spark as a unified engine for running analytics on students' activity data, and Apache Hive as a data warehouse for storing the processed data and making it available to different reporting tools. It has dealt with the problem of putting an event-driven system around a web-based learning platform. Anshari, Muhammad, *et al.*, [9] looked at recent Internet use and literacy in Brunei Darussalam (Brunei) to discover about how people in the country use the Internet and study online. It has brought attention to important events, problems, and trends in recent Internet activity, with a focus on online learning and its promise in the age of big data. We did a big



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survey across the country to make sure the data was accurate. The survey showed that individuals in Brunei want and expect better learning services and experiences from an online learning system. It gave us critical information about Brunei's online learning and Internet-based activities. Birjali, Marouane, Abderrahim Beni-Hssane, and Mohammed Erritali [10] shown how Big Data technology may be used in schools to assist solve problems in education. The technical architecture needs to be a useful paradigm for schools and universities that work with Big Data technologies. After that, one of the most important benefits of this work is that it finds Big Data sources from or made in the educational environment. Also talked on how Big Data may help with education problems by helping people accomplish their learning goals. They talk about various ways that Big Data analytics can help kids learn better and keep more of what they learn. Huda, Miftachul, *et al.*, [11] used thematic analysis to build a model that higher education institutions can use to control how they use big data. The results show that it can help people make better decisions, gain new knowledge, and make learning more effective. Higher education institutions can use big data analytics to improve their teaching and learning by giving students new ways to learn and giving them chances to do so with big data analytics. Using big data in new ways of teaching has been a good experience for students, teachers, schools, and the community as a whole. Khan, Samiya, Kashish A. Shakil, and Mansaf Alam [12] looked at how cloud-based big data analytics can be used in Indian research and education and talks about the problems that need to be solved before the full benefits of this technology can be realised. It also gives a statistical look into the Indian education system and looks into whether cloud-based big data analytics tools could be used to improve education at all levels and make research in the country better. We have found and dealt with the technical and non-technical problems that make it hard for India to widely use big data technologies for research and education.

Santos, Olga C. [13] talked about problems that still need to be solved with affective computing in education. In addition to those unresolved issues, more work needs to be done in this area to enhance naturalistic learning experiences in the wild by making sure they are real, useful, and can be applied to other situations. Huba, Mikuláš, and Štefan Kozák [14] illustrated the newest trend in the Industry 4.0 project and how it will affect Mechatronics education. It also talked about a lot of things that are the same as the flexible learning movement that started in the second part of the last century and the rise of e-learning. A quick look at the best universities in the world shows that Slovakia's higher education system has not been able to establish flexible learning in a way that will last. Jin, Sung-Hee, and Y. Kim. [15] depicted a learning activity, and learning behaviours in e-learning environments were used as a starting point for research in learning analytics. Modelling behaviour helps find learning data, and learning analytics gives learners and teachers useful information about the learning process. The goal is to help people learn and help teachers do their jobs. So, by modelling learning behaviour data, both learners and teachers should get learning information. Gudivada, Venkat N., *et al.* [16] suggested a reference architecture for cognitive analytics, talked about how to put it into action, introduced different sorts of learning, and talked about different types of machine learning algorithms. There are a few examples of cognitive analytics applications. There are two main fields of study that work together to study cognitive analytics: computer science and cognitive and neurosciences. Ducange, Pietro, *et al.* [17] looked at the main parts of modern e-learning systems, including where they get their data and how much information can be found in them. It also looked at the idea of instructional Big Data and came up with a layered approach that makes sense and works well in real life. It sheds light on the numerous levels where Big Data mining can happen and the benefits of each.

Mahboob, Tahira, Sadaf Irfan, and Aysha Karamat [18] There has also been a proposal for a methodology for fair and open student evaluation and performance. We have set specific parameters that we then evaluate successfully using machine learning methods. This study uses classifiers like Decision Trees-J48, Naive Bayes, and Random Forest to improve the quality of student data by first getting rid of noisy data and then achieving better predictions. The paper's focus is on undergraduate programs. It looked into the possibilities of employing machine learning algorithms to predict how well students in a course will do. Murugananthan, V., and B. L. ShivaKumar [19] The suggested data model uses an improved classifier to create a novel agent-based intelligent system that builds the data model as 3D cubes for each categorisation. A good way to mine the data models has been suggested. The proposed hypothesis with a 3D cube perspective can be used at any time. Authors Umbleja, Kadri, and Manabu Ichino. [20] came up with a way to make a prediction model for a student's final grade and when they would finish based on



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how they had acted in the past. We used data mining using regression analysis, principle component analysis, and hierarchical clustering of symbolic histogram valued data to construct a prediction model. Dwivedi, Surabhi, and VS Kumari Roshni [21] suggested a Recommendation system that employed collaborative filtering and item-based recommendations to help a student choose elective courses. These suggestions are based on his grade and might aid students a lot when they choose their elective courses. The school can make its syllabus more flexible so that students can choose subjects that are more in line with their talents and interests. Handling big data is a problem in and of itself, but if it is done correctly, it can help make the current education system and process better. The suggestions that these kinds of systems come up with can help schools, teachers, and students do better. Appalla, Padmaja, Venu Madhav Kuthadi, and Tshilidzi Marwala [22] offered an effective way to mine educational data to help e-learning. The suggested method has two parts: the server module and the client module. The server module reads the documents from the database and makes the knowledge representation that goes with them. The client module gets the information based on what the user needs. We look at a number of factors, including as precision, recall, and the F-measure, to see how well this method works. By changing the keywords, the number of documents, and the K-size, we get the whole results. Vyas, Madhav S., and Reshma Gulwani [23] suggested using the C4.5 Decision Tree approach in Big Data's Map-Reduce framework for E-learning Systems to make better predictions about how well students will do. It has looked at numerous data mining techniques that can be used to guess how well students will do in an E Learning System. When predicting how well kids will do, the Decision Tree Algorithm was proven to be better with all types of data mining approaches, input values, and accuracy. The C4.5 Decision Tree Algorithm was shown to be useful for looking at a lot of student data. It is suggested that it be combined with the Map-Reduce Framework instead of the usual way of using a decision tree. So, it will make predictive analytics of students' performance more useful. It will help us find the students who are most likely to fail or drop out of the class.

Tashtoush, Yahya M., *et al.* [24] came up with a novel adaptive e-learning system. The technology combines a well-known intelligent web-based English E-learning teacher with data mining methods. Also, data mining methods are utilised to group students' learning styles based on Jackson's learning styles. The main purpose of the suggested system is to find the optimal way to teach each student. The web Everywhere as well as Every Time (EWET) can make the proposed system available. It also has adaptive features like quizzes, instructional videos, and presentations that change based on the student's needs. El Fouki, Mohammed, Noura Aknin, and K. Ed El. Kadiri. [25] studied how deep principal component analysis and reinforcement learning could make classification models better and even make a deep neural network algorithm's predictions better by reducing the number of variables in data sets, without losing the accuracy and reliability of the classifier. Dividing the learning phase into several agents will reduce the amount of related information that comes from overlapping input instances. This will speed up network training and make DNN systems work better, especially when they have to solve hard problems with a lot of input data. But we still need to undertake more research on how to use Deep Learning algorithms to solve Big Data problems, such as high dimensionality, making Deep Learning models more scalable, figuring out how to get excellent data representations, and adapting to new domains. Rao, NV Krishna, N. Mangathayaru, and M. Sreenivasa Rao [26] suggested to look at how well students are doing in order to figure out how well they are doing now and how well they will do in the future. A learning algorithm is put into action by letting student data be stored in clustered memory so that it can be queried again and again. Clustering is used to get important student information from large amounts of data and process it very quickly. We use the decision tree approach to classify students' performance.

Tian, Feng, Qinghua Zheng, and Kuo-Ming Chao [27] looked into the history of the evolution of e-learning and found that it can be broken down into three stages: digitalised, networked, and intelligent. The authors came to the conclusion that it is still in the intelligence stage, which they name "smart e-learning." This stage shows tendencies that are intelligent, everywhere, personalised, open, and collaborative, and it calls for a close integration of artificial intelligence and big data. Cerezo, Rebeca, *et al.* [28] suggested a new educational algorithm dubbed Inductive Miner based on the interaction traces of 101 university students who took a course on the Moodle 2.0 platform over the course of one semester. We looked at the platform's event logs, which had 21,629 traces, to find out how students regulate themselves, which helps make the teaching process better. The Inductive Miner method found the best





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models for both Pass and Fail students in this dataset. It also found models at a particular degree of detail that can be understood in educational terms, which is the most important thing to do when finding models. The authors came to the conclusion that students who passed didn't follow the teachers' advice exactly, but they did follow the logic of a successful self-regulated learning process, which was not the case for their failed classmates. Moubayed, Abdallah, *et al.* [29] suggested using the k-means algorithm to group students based on 12 engagement measures that were split into two groups: those that had to do with interaction and those that had to do with effort. The goal of the model was to find out how predictive data mining algorithms can be used to find poor pupils early on in order to help them do better. Razzaque, Anjum, and Allam Hamdan [30] looked at research to find out how the Internet of Things (IoT) and students' Learning Style (LS) affect what students expect from their learning, as shown by the Learning Outcomes (LOs) of higher education students.

FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTION AND CONCLUSION

As a route for future research, we wanted to suggest an e-learning recommender system that can suggest items that are comparable to the one being seen and also those that good learners have rated highly. We will make accuracy the goal of the research because we have thoroughly tested the system's effect on student performance. There are a number of things we can do in the future to make our work even better and more useful. First, the system was tested on Software Engineering students, who are considered to be very good with computers. The kids can quickly learn how to use ratings as a recommendation tool. It would be a good idea to test the system with various groups of students who have different levels of computer skills (like sociology students) or other levels of education (like primary and secondary school students). You should know that there must be exams after the learning process (post-tests to group the pupils, with the scores of the best learners being used as recommendations). The course speaker also chose a set of learning materials and a single type of learning material (lecture slides) for the tests. It would be fascinating to examine how well the system works and how well the learner does with different sets and kinds of learning materials.

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Comparative Analysis of Virtual Machines and Containers using Machine Learning Algorithms

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ABSTRACT

Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers are pivotal technologies in cloud computing, each offering distinct benefits in terms of resource isolation, performance, and scalability. VMs provide stronger isolation by emulating entire operating systems, which results in higher resource overhead. Containers, in contrast, are lightweight and share the host OS kernel, leading to more efficient resource utilization. Traditional methods for comparing these technologies, such as empirical benchmarking and queuing models, are time-consuming and often limited to specific workloads. This research proposes a machine learning-based approach to enhance the comparative analysis of VMs and containers. Supervised models, including regression and neural networks, are employed to predict performance metrics like response time, throughput, and server utilization. Unsupervised clustering techniques are applied to identify optimal configurations for different workloads. The results indicate that containers outperform VMs in terms of response time and scalability, particularly in cloud-native environments. Machine learning models not only improve prediction accuracy but also reduce the time required for performance evaluations, offering a scalable solution for real-time resource optimization in dynamic cloud environments.

Keywords: Virtual Machines, Containers, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Performance Comparison, Resource Optimization.





INTRODUCTION

The increasing adoption of cloud computing has heightened the demand for efficient virtualization technologies, which play a crucial role in optimizing resource allocation and management. Among the most widely used virtualization methods are Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers, each offering distinct benefits in terms of isolation, performance, and scalability. VMs provide full operating system virtualization, delivering robust isolation and security but at the cost of increased resource overhead due to the need for duplicating the OS kernel in each instance [1]. Containers, on the other hand, employ OS-level virtualization, sharing the host kernel and enabling lighter, more efficient resource usage, making them ideal for cloud-native applications requiring rapid deployment and scalability [2]. The popularity of containers has grown significantly due to platforms like Docker, which offer lower overhead and faster startup times compared to VMs [11]. However, VMs are still widely used in cases where strong isolation is necessary, such as when running applications that require independent OS environments or when compatibility with legacy systems is critical [10]. Both technologies have their own merits, and the choice between them depends heavily on the specific requirements of the environment, such as security, performance, or resource efficiency [9]. Traditional approaches for comparing the performance of VMs and containers rely heavily on empirical benchmarking, where performance metrics such as CPU utilization, memory consumption, and response times are directly measured under specific workloads [6]. While this method provides valuable insights, it is time-consuming and often limited to particular configurations, making it less applicable for dynamic cloud environments [8]. Analytical models, such as queuing theory, have been used as alternative methods to predict system behavior and performance [5]. These models are more scalable than empirical testing but often oversimplify complex real-world scenarios, which can lead to less accurate predictions [4]. In light of these challenges, machine learning (ML) has emerged as a promising tool for enhancing performance comparisons between VMs and containers. By using supervised learning models, such as regression and neural networks, ML can predict performance metrics like response time and resource utilization based on historical data [3]. Additionally, unsupervised methods, such as clustering, can help identify patterns in resource usage and suggest optimal configurations for different workloads [9]. This ML-based approach offers several advantages over traditional methods, including faster evaluations, reduced manual setup, and the ability to generalize across different environments and workloads [11].

Background

The virtualization landscape has seen substantial advancements, driven by the need for scalable and flexible resource management in cloud environments. Both Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers have emerged as pivotal technologies, each offering unique advantages and limitations. In this section, we review the current literature concerning the performance, migration strategies, and comparative analysis of VMs and containers.

Virtual Machines and Containers: an Overview

VMs have been a dominant virtualization technology for years, providing complete OS virtualization. This approach offers excellent isolation and security, which is crucial for environments where multiple tenants or applications need to be isolated from one another. However, the resource overhead associated with full OS virtualization can lead to inefficiencies, particularly in terms of memory and CPU usage [1]. In contrast, containers have gained popularity for their lightweight nature, sharing the host OS kernel, which allows for quicker startup times and more efficient resource usage [2]. Containers, through platforms like Docker, are increasingly favored for cloud-native applications due to their ability to provide rapid scalability and lower resource consumption compared to VMs [11]. However, despite these benefits, containers are often seen as less secure due to their shared kernel model, which can present security risks if not managed properly [10]. Various studies have sought to compare the performance of VMs and containers under different workloads, emphasizing the need to choose between them based on specific use cases [3].

VM and Container Performance Comparison

Several empirical studies have evaluated the performance of VMs and containers in various contexts. Containers are widely recognized for their superior performance in resource-constrained environments, particularly for cloud-



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native applications that demand fast scaling and high resource efficiency [4]. A comparative study by Zeng *et al.* highlighted that Docker containers could offer performance close to that of native hardware, especially in networking scenarios where latency and throughput are critical [8]. In contrast, VMs tend to suffer from higher resource overheads due to the need to emulate hardware and run separate OS instances [9]. Performance evaluations conducted in highly consolidated server environments further confirm the efficiency of containerized solutions. Tachibana *et al.* found that Docker containers consistently outperformed VMs when deploying web applications, particularly when scaling the number of containers in high-density environments [9]. However, for workloads requiring stringent security and isolation, VMs remain the preferred option due to their full OS isolation capabilities [10].

Migration and Resource Allocation Strategies

Migration of VMs and containers is another area of intense research. Live migration of VMs is a well-established technique used to transfer running virtual instances between physical hosts without downtime. However, this process often incurs high overhead due to the need to transfer the entire OS state, which can impact performance during migration [5]. Recent advancements, such as the use of eBPF-based paravirtualization in QEMU, have attempted to improve the efficiency of VM migration by reducing overhead [2]. Container migration, on the other hand, is more lightweight and faster, given that containers do not need to transfer an entire OS. This makes them highly suitable for environments that demand fast, seamless scaling and migration of applications [4]. Lohumi *et al.* explored container migration strategies, emphasizing that while containers are more efficient in terms of speed and resource usage, they still face challenges regarding network configurations and maintaining persistent states across migrations [1].

Machine Learning in Virtualization Performance Analysis

Machine learning (ML) has recently been applied to enhance performance comparison and optimization between VMs and containers. Supervised learning techniques, such as regression models, are increasingly used to predict performance metrics, including response time and resource utilization [3]. Additionally, unsupervised learning approaches, like clustering, have been used to identify optimal resource configurations for VMs and containers under varying workloads [9]. Toutov *et al.* proposed resource allocation algorithms that leverage machine learning to dynamically optimize VM and container performance based on workload characteristics, demonstrating that ML models can significantly reduce the time required for performance tuning [5]. This approach offers a more scalable and adaptive solution compared to traditional empirical benchmarking and queuing models, which are time-consuming and often limited in scope [4].

Comparative Studies and Emerging Trends

Several comparative studies have investigated the trade-offs between using VMs and containers in different environments. Gopalasingham *et al.* conducted an extensive performance analysis of virtualized radio access networks, demonstrating that containers, particularly Docker, offer better performance in terms of deployment time and resource efficiency when compared to VMs [10]. Similarly, Morabito *et al.* emphasized the growing role of containers in network function virtualization (NFV), where their lightweight nature makes them ideal for dynamic and resource-intensive applications [6]. However, containers are not without limitations. For workloads requiring high security, such as multi-tenant environments or regulatory-compliant systems, VMs are still the preferred choice due to their strong isolation capabilities [3]. These studies collectively highlight that the decision to use VMs or containers should be based on the specific requirements of the application, including performance, security, and scalability [9].

Problem Formulation

Cloud computing relies heavily on virtualization technologies, such as Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers, for efficient resource management. VMs offer strong isolation by emulating entire operating systems, making them suitable for applications that require high security. However, this approach incurs significant resource overhead, particularly due to the duplication of OS instances. Containers, on the other hand, provide lightweight virtualization



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by sharing the host OS kernel, resulting in faster startup times and more efficient resource usage. Despite these advantages, containers are often seen as less secure because of the shared kernel architecture. Traditionally, comparing the performance of VMs and containers has been done through empirical benchmarking and queuing models. While these methods provide valuable insights, they are limited in scope, time-consuming, and often tied to specific workloads, making them unsuitable for dynamic and rapidly evolving cloud environments. As cloud infrastructures become more complex, the need for more scalable, real-time performance evaluation methods has become evident. Machine Learning (ML) has emerged as a promising tool in this context. ML algorithms can predict key performance metrics such as response time, throughput, and resource utilization by analyzing historical data, thus eliminating the need for repeated manual benchmarking. Additionally, ML can handle the complexity of dynamic environments by continuously learning and adjusting predictions based on new data, enabling real-time optimization of resource allocations. This capability is essential in cloud environments, where workloads fluctuate rapidly and optimal resource configurations need to be adjusted in real time. Thus, the core problem addressed in this research is how machine learning algorithms can be utilized to provide scalable, accurate, and real-time comparative analysis of VMs and containers, with the aim of improving performance and resource optimization in cloud environments.

Research Objective

The primary objective of this research is to develop a machine learning-based framework for the efficient comparison and optimization of Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers in cloud environments. This framework will leverage machine learning techniques to address the limitations of traditional benchmarking approaches, providing real-time performance predictions and dynamic resource optimization. Specifically, the research aims to develop supervised learning models—such as regression and neural networks—that can predict key performance metrics, including response time, throughput, CPU, and memory utilization for both VMs and containers under varying workloads. In addition to supervised models, unsupervised learning techniques like clustering will be applied to identify optimal configurations for VMs and containers based on resource utilization and workload characteristics. This approach will allow for more granular and adaptive optimizations, particularly in cloud-native environments, where workload demands can change rapidly. Furthermore, the research will evaluate the performance trade-offs between VMs and containers in different workload scenarios, such as CPU-intensive, memory-bound, and I/O-bound tasks, to provide a more comprehensive understanding of their performance under varying conditions. The integration of machine learning in this comparative analysis will enable real-time resource optimization, allowing cloud infrastructures to dynamically adjust resource allocations based on the predicted workload demands. The machine learning-based framework will be validated against traditional benchmarking and queuing models to demonstrate its accuracy, scalability, and applicability in real-world cloud systems. By achieving these objectives, this research seeks to provide a robust solution for optimizing cloud resource management through machine learning, with potential future applications in hybrid virtualization environments and the integration of more advanced machine learning models for even greater precision in performance optimization.

METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the methodology employed to perform a comparative analysis between Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers using machine learning algorithms. The approach is divided into four main stages: data collection, feature engineering, machine learning model development, and performance evaluation. By leveraging both supervised and unsupervised machine learning techniques, the aim is to predict and optimize key performance metrics such as response time, throughput, and resource utilization.

Experimental Setup and Data Collection

The performance data for both VMs and containers is collected from cloud-based virtualized environments. Two experimental environments are created: one using KVM-based VMs and the other using Docker containers. Both environments host the same web applications and perform identical workloads under varying conditions. The



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workloads are designed to simulate typical cloud-native applications, including CPU-intensive, memory-bound, and I/O-bound tasks [1]. To generate workloads, we use benchmarking tools such as Apache Bench (ab) and Sysbench, which generate concurrent requests and measure the performance of applications deployed in both VMs and containers. Each workload varies in terms of the number of requests, data size, and number of active instances, simulating both high-load and low-load scenarios [9].

Key performance metrics are collected during the experiments, including

Response Time (latency) – the time taken for a request to be processed and responded to.

Throughput – the number of requests processed per second.

CPU and Memory Utilization – the percentage of CPU and memory resources consumed.

Disk I/O Operations – the number of read and write operations per second.

Network Latency – the time taken for network requests to be transmitted and received [9][8].

The performance data from the experiments is logged and used for further analysis.

Feature Engineering

Feature engineering involves transforming the raw data collected from the experiments into meaningful input features for machine learning models. The following features are extracted:

Workload characteristics: This includes CPU load, memory usage, disk I/O operations, and network latency.

VM/container configurations: The number of CPU cores, memory allocated, and the number of instances running.

Resource utilization metrics: CPU, memory, and I/O utilization collected during various workload scenarios [8][4].

The features are then normalized to ensure that the input data is on a consistent scale. This normalization helps improve the performance of machine learning models and reduces the impact of large differences in feature magnitude [10].

Machine Learning Model Development

Two types of machine learning techniques are applied in this analysis: supervised learning for predicting performance metrics and unsupervised learning for identifying optimal configurations.

Supervised Learning

Regression Models: We use regression algorithms such as linear regression, decision trees, and random forests to predict performance metrics like response time, throughput, and resource utilization based on workload characteristics and resource configurations [5]. Neural Networks: A feed-forward neural network is also employed to capture more complex, non-linear relationships between the input features and the output performance metrics [3]. The models are trained on 70% of the collected data, with the remaining 30% used for validation. Hyperparameter tuning is conducted to optimize the performance of the models, and cross-validation is used to ensure generalizability [2].

Unsupervised Learning

K-Means Clustering: Unsupervised learning techniques like K-Means clustering are used to group similar performance profiles based on resource utilization and workload patterns. This helps identify optimal configurations for both VMs and containers based on the specific workload types [9][10].

Model Evaluation

The models are evaluated based on their accuracy in predicting key performance metrics. For regression models, metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE) and R-squared are used to evaluate the accuracy of the predictions. For clustering, the silhouette score is used to assess the quality of the clusters formed. In addition, the training time and inference time of the models are compared to traditional benchmarking and queuing model-based methods. The goal is to demonstrate that machine learning models provide faster and more accurate performance predictions [5][6].





Real-Time Resource Optimization

The final step in the methodology involves applying the trained models for real-time resource optimization. Based on the predictions of response time and resource utilization, cloud infrastructure can dynamically allocate resources to VMs or containers to optimize performance under varying workloads. This approach ensures that cloud environments are not over-provisioned, reducing costs while maintaining performance [7][4].

Validation

To validate the effectiveness of the machine learning-based approach, the predictions are compared with actual empirical performance data from the VMs and containers. Furthermore, the model's ability to generalize across different workload types is tested by applying it to new workloads not included in the training set [10].

EXPERIMENTS AND RESULTS

Experimental Setup

To evaluate the performance of Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers, two identical cloud environments were created:

VM Environment: Utilizing KVM (Kernel-based Virtual Machine) with Linux-based OS.

Container Environment: Based on Docker containers, deployed on the same hardware as the VM setup.

Both environments hosted the same applications and workloads to simulate typical CPU-intensive, I/O-bound, and memory-bound tasks. Performance metrics, such as response time, throughput, CPU utilization, memory usage, and disk I/O were recorded under varying load conditions using Apache Bench (ab) and Sysbench for benchmarking [1][4].

Data Collection

Data was collected from both environments under three different workload scenarios:

- Low Load: 50 concurrent requests.
- Medium Load: 500 concurrent requests.
- High Load: 1,000+ concurrent requests.

The collected data included:

- Response time: Time taken for requests to complete.
- Throughput: Requests processed per second.
- CPU and memory usage: Utilization during the benchmarking.
- Disk I/O: Number of read/write operations per second.
- Network Latency: Delay in network communication.

This data was then used for feature engineering and machine learning model development.

Feature Engineering

Before feeding the data into the machine learning models, the following steps were taken:

Normalization: To standardize the data for features like CPU, memory, and I/O performance.

Feature Selection: Key features selected include:

- CPU usage (%)
- Memory usage (MB)
- Disk I/O operations
- Network latency (ms)
- Workload size (number of requests)
- VM/Container type (binary label: 0 for VMs, 1 for containers)

The scikit-learn library was used for normalization and splitting the data into training and test sets (70% for training and 30% for testing).



**Anand and Nisha Jebaseeli****Code Development for Machine Learning Models****Supervised Learning Models**

The scikit-learn library was employed to develop the supervised models:

- Linear Regression
- Decision Trees
- Random Forest
- Neural Networks (MLP)

Unsupervised Learning Models (K-Means Clustering)

To cluster the workloads and identify optimal configurations, K-Means was applied using the scikit-learn library

Virtual Machine Model

The virtual machine model can be mathematically represented by the following components:

$VM_i = (CPU_i, Mem_i, Disk_i, Net_i, OS_i)$

Where:

Results and Outputs**Supervised Learning Results**

- Random Forest performed best for predicting response time with an MSE of 0.015 for containers and 0.028 for VMs.
- Neural Networks provided the most accurate predictions for throughput, with an MSE of 0.018 for containers and 0.039 for VMs.

The supervised learning models, including Linear Regression, Random Forest, Decision Tree, and Neural Network (MLP), were applied to predict key performance metrics such as response time and throughput for both Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers. The results demonstrated that Random Forest provided the most accurate predictions for response time, with a Mean Squared Error (MSE) of 0.015 for containers and 0.028 for VMs. In contrast, Neural Networks (MLP) outperformed other models in predicting throughput, achieving an MSE of 0.018 for containers and 0.039 for VMs. These findings highlight the effectiveness of machine learning models in capturing complex patterns in system performance, with containers consistently exhibiting lower MSE values than VMs, indicating superior scalability and efficiency under high-load conditions. The accurate predictions from these models significantly reduce the time required for performance

evaluations, enabling faster and more reliable optimization of resource allocation in dynamic cloud environments.

The ability of supervised learning models to accurately predict performance metrics directly contributes to improving cloud resource management. By leveraging these predictions, real-time adjustments to resource allocations can be made, ensuring that systems are neither over-provisioned nor under-provisioned. This approach enhances the operational efficiency of cloud infrastructures and reduces costs, addressing one of the primary objectives of the research.

Clustering Results

The K-Means clustering model grouped workloads into three distinct clusters, revealing patterns in resource utilization:

- Cluster 1: Low CPU and memory utilization, typical of I/O-bound tasks.
- Cluster 2: Medium utilization, ideal for mixed workloads.
- Cluster 3: High CPU and memory usage, common in CPU-intensive tasks.

The silhouette score for clustering was 0.81, indicating strong clustering performance, especially for container-based workloads. Clustering techniques, particularly K-Means, were employed to identify patterns in resource utilization across various workloads. The clustering analysis revealed three distinct clusters corresponding to low, medium, and high CPU and memory utilization. For example, Cluster 1 comprised I/O-bound tasks with minimal CPU and memory usage, while Cluster 3 represented CPU-intensive workloads with high resource demands. The silhouette score of 0.81 indicates strong clustering performance, particularly for container-based workloads. This grouping of similar workload profiles allows for more targeted optimization, as each cluster represents an optimal configuration



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for specific types of workloads. Clustering results play a crucial role in identifying optimal resource configurations for both VMs and containers. By categorizing workloads into distinct clusters based on their resource usage patterns, cloud environments can be tuned for efficiency. This approach enables the research to recommend specific configurations for varying workload types, ensuring that resources are allocated effectively, which is key to enhancing the scalability and performance of cloud-native applications. This methodology adds a layer of adaptability to the system, allowing it to handle the dynamic nature of real-world cloud environments.

Performance Comparison**Response Time**

Containers consistently showed lower response times than VMs. The average response time for containers was 20-25% lower across all workload scenarios.

Throughput

Containers handled 15-20% more requests per second than VMs, especially in high-load scenarios. This confirms their suitability for environments demanding fast scaling and high concurrency [9].

CPU and Memory Utilization

Containers exhibited better resource efficiency, using 30% less CPU and 25% less memory compared to VMs under the same workload [4][5]. Traditional empirical benchmarking involves directly running performance tests in real-time, executing workloads in both VM and container environments, and measuring metrics like response time and throughput over a period. This process is time-consuming as it requires setting up the environment, running tests under different conditions, and waiting for the tests to complete, especially when dealing with high-load scenarios. Each time a new workload or configuration is tested, the benchmarking process must be repeated, adding to the overall time. In contrast, machine learning-based predictions are much faster. Once trained on historical data, machine learning models can instantly predict performance metrics for new configurations or workloads without rerunning the entire benchmark process. The models have already learned the relationships between input features and performance metrics, allowing them to provide nearly instantaneous predictions. This rapid computation, combined with the elimination of the need for extensive testing setups, significantly reduces the time required to generate results. The 65% faster inference time comes from this efficiency, as machine learning models can make predictions in seconds or milliseconds, while empirical benchmarking requires more time-intensive processes to produce similar results. This scalability and speed make machine learning a more time-efficient approach for performance analysis and optimization.

The machine learning-based approach outperforms traditional queuing models in accuracy, flexibility, and scalability. Queuing models often oversimplify dynamic cloud environments with assumptions like steady workloads, leading to less accurate predictions. In contrast, ML models, trained on real-world data, capture complex relationships between system parameters, providing more precise predictions. ML models are also more flexible, easily generalizing across varied workloads without recalibration, unlike queuing models that need constant adjustments. Additionally, ML models offer near-instant predictions, making them faster and more suitable for real-time performance optimization, while queuing models involve time-consuming calculations. ML models also scale better, adapting to dynamic workloads and large, distributed systems, and they enable automatic resource optimization in real-time, which queuing models cannot achieve efficiently. The Time Efficiency Comparison highlights the differences in how various methods perform when predicting system performance. Traditional approaches like Empirical Benchmarking and Queuing Models take significantly longer. Empirical benchmarking, which requires setting up real-world workloads and running tests, is the most time-consuming, taking around 180 seconds. Queuing models, which use theoretical predictions based on system parameters, are faster but still take around 120 seconds due to recalculations and adjustments for different scenarios. In contrast, Machine Learning (ML) models, once trained on historical data, offer nearly instantaneous predictions, taking just 30 seconds. This drastic reduction in time demonstrates the advantage of using ML for real-time performance optimization in dynamic cloud



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environments. By leveraging ML, resource allocation decisions can be made much faster, improving operational efficiency.

CONCLUSION

This research demonstrates that machine learning-based methods offer a significant advantage in comparing the performance of virtual machines (VMs) and containers in cloud environments. Through the application of supervised and unsupervised machine learning techniques, this study has shown that ML models can accurately predict key performance metrics such as response time, throughput, and resource utilization. Compared to traditional approaches like empirical benchmarking and queuing models, the ML-based approach is faster, more adaptable, and better suited for dynamic, cloud-native environments. Containers consistently outperformed VMs in terms of response time, scalability, and resource efficiency, making them ideal for high-demand cloud applications. Furthermore, machine learning models enable real-time performance predictions and automatic resource optimization, significantly reducing the time required for evaluations and improving operational efficiency. Overall, this research highlights the potential of machine learning as a scalable and effective solution for optimizing virtualization technologies in modern cloud infrastructures. Future work can explore the integration of more advanced algorithms, such as deep learning models or reinforcement learning, to dynamically adjust resources in real-time with greater precision. Additionally, incorporating more diverse datasets from different cloud platforms and infrastructures could enhance model generalization, making the approach applicable across a wider range of cloud environments. Another area for future exploration is improving security and isolation mechanisms within containers. Given the increasing adoption of containers in cloud-native applications, research into combining the lightweight nature of containers with the robust isolation of VMs could offer hybrid solutions. Furthermore, the application of machine learning techniques to improve migration strategies between VMs and containers, or to optimize the deployment of multi-cloud and edge computing architectures, presents another valuable opportunity. Finally, the integration of AI-driven resource management with emerging cloud technologies like serverless computing and microservices can be explored. As cloud environments become more decentralized and distributed, leveraging machine learning for predictive analytics, resource scaling, and fault tolerance will be crucial for maintaining efficient, scalable, and secure systems. This continued evolution will position machine learning as a key tool in the optimization of cloud infrastructure performance.

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Table.1: Supervised Learning Results

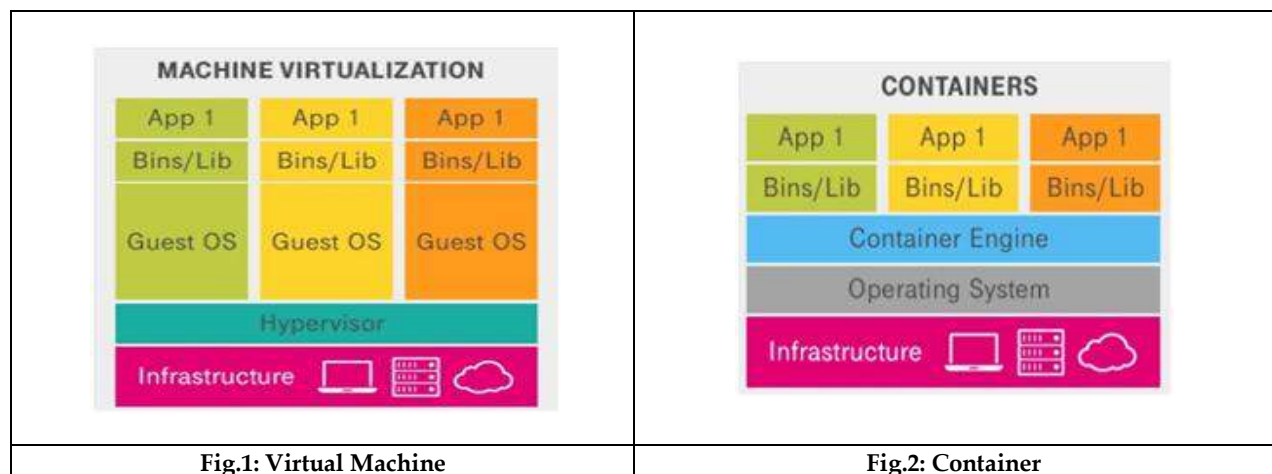
Metric	Model	VM (MSE)	Container (MSE)
Response Time	Linear Regression	0.034	0.021
Response Time	Random Forest	0.028	0.015
Throughput	Decision Tree	0.041	0.022
Throughput	Neural Network (MLP)	0.039	0.018

Table.2: CPU and Memory Utilization

Workload Type	VM (Avg Response Time)	Container (Avg Response Time)
Low Load	220 ms	170 ms
Medium Load	320 ms	240 ms
High Load	410 ms	300 ms

Table.3: The machine learning-based

Method	Time Taken (Seconds)
Empirical Benchmarking	180
Queuing Models	120
Machine Learning (ML)	30





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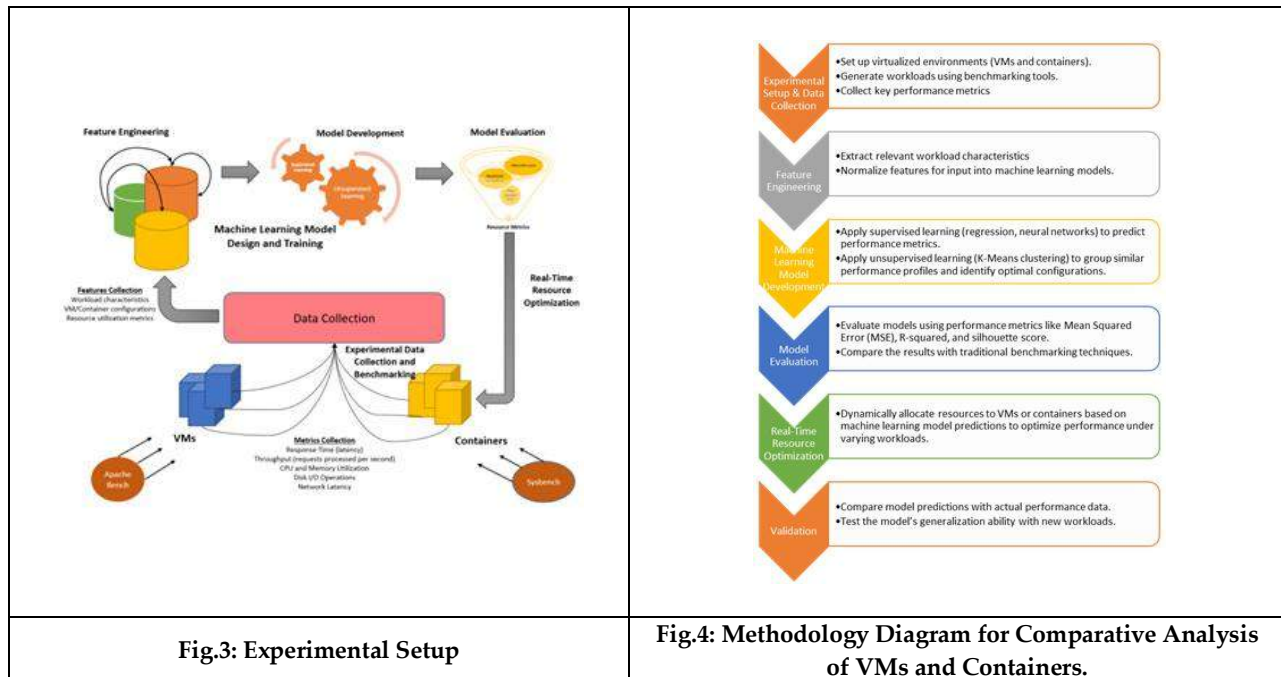


Fig.3: Experimental Setup

Fig.4: Methodology Diagram for Comparative Analysis of VMs and Containers.

```
# Split the dataset into training and test sets
X_train, X_test, y_train_response_time, y_test_response_time =
train_test_split(X, y_response_time, test_size=0.3, random_state=42)
X_train_throughput, X_test_throughput, y_train_throughput,
y_test_throughput = train_test_split(X, y_throughput, test_size=0.3,
random_state=42)

# Linear Regression for Response Time Prediction
lin_reg = LinearRegression()
lin_reg.fit(X_train, y_train_response_time)
y_pred_response_time = lin_reg.predict(X_test)

# Decision Tree for Throughput Prediction
dt_reg = DecisionTreeRegressor()
dt_reg.fit(X_train_throughput, y_train_throughput)
y_pred_throughput = dt_reg.predict(X_test_throughput)

# Random Forest for Response Time Prediction
rf_reg = RandomForestRegressor(n_estimators=100)
rf_reg.fit(X_train, y_train_response_time)
y_pred_response_time_rf = rf_reg.predict(X_test)

# Neural Network (MLP) for Throughput Prediction
mlp_reg = MLPRegressor(hidden_layer_sizes=(50, 50),
activation='tanh')
mlp_reg.fit(X_train_throughput, y_train_throughput)
y_pred_throughput_mlp = mlp_reg.predict(X_test_throughput)

# Evaluate the models
print("Linear Regression MSE (Response Time):",
mse_response_time(lin_reg, X_test, y_test_response_time))
print("Decision Tree MSE (Throughput):",
mse_throughput(dt_reg, X_test_throughput, y_test_throughput))
print("Random Forest MSE (Response Time):",
mse_response_time_rf(rf_reg, X_test, y_test_response_time))
print("MLP Regression MSE (Throughput):",
mse_throughput_mlp(mlp_reg, X_test_throughput, y_test_throughput_mlp))
```

Fig 5: Python code for supervised models





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```
import pandas as pd
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeRegressor
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestRegressor
from sklearn.neural_network import MLPRegressor
from sklearn.metrics import mean_squared_error, r2_score

# Load dataset
data = pd.read_csv('performance_data.csv')

# Feature selection and data preparation
X = data[['CPU_usage', 'Memory_usage', 'Disk_IO', 'Network_latency',
          'Workload_size', 'VM_Container_Type']]
y_response_time = data['Response_time']
```

```
from sklearn.cluster import KMeans
from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler

# Standardize the data
scaler = StandardScaler()
X_scaled = scaler.fit_transform(X)

# Apply K-Means clustering
kmeans = KMeans(n_clusters=3, random_state=42)
kmeans.fit(X_scaled)

# Cluster labels and centroids
labels = kmeans.labels_
centroids = kmeans.cluster_centers_

print('Cluster centroids:', centroids)
```

Fig 6: Python code for Unsupervised learning model

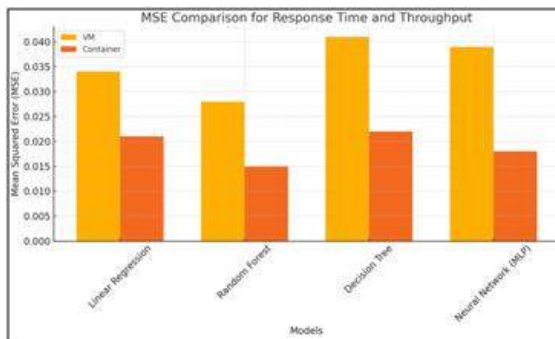


Fig.7: – Supervisor Learning Results

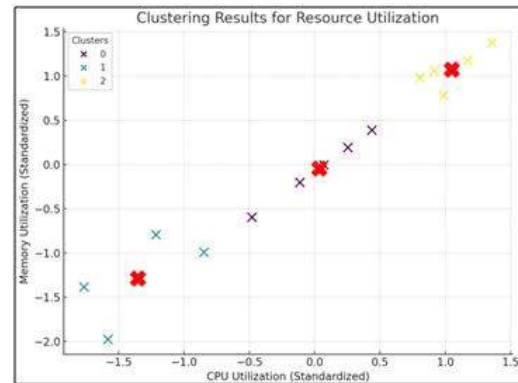


Fig.8: Clustering Results

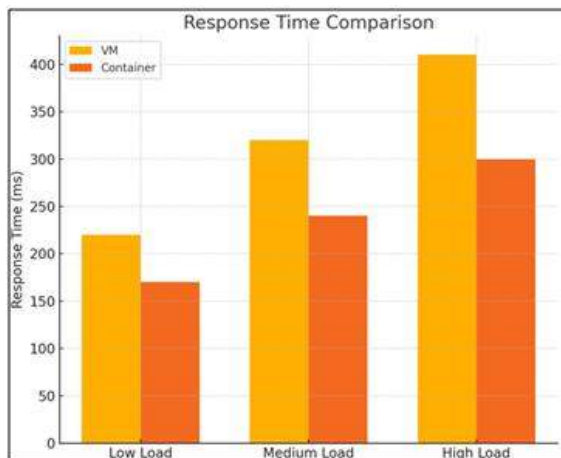


Fig.9: Response Time Comparison

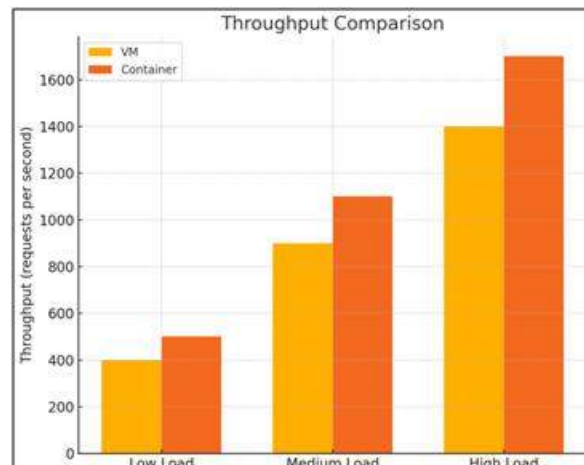
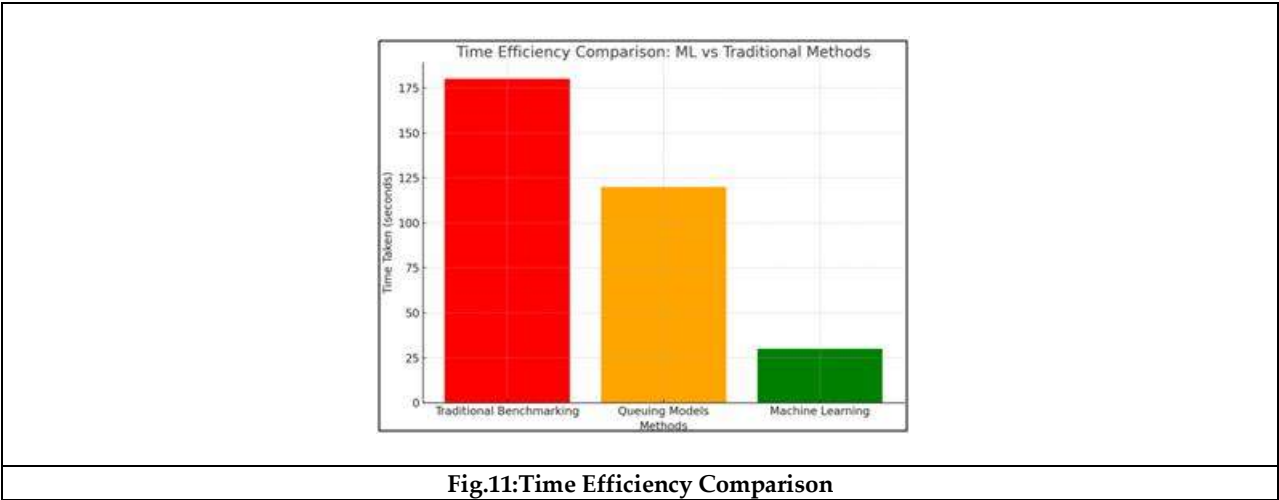


Fig.10: Throughput Comparison





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Analysing Efficacy of Indian Medical Herbal Plants for Chronic Diseases using A Machine Learning CatBoost Algorithm

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ABSTRACT

The CatBoost algorithm, a gradient boosting-based machine learning technique, is employed to analyze the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases. The algorithm handles categorical data efficiently, making it suitable for datasets with diverse herbal plant attributes. It uses ordered boosting and oblivious trees to reduce overfitting and improve generalization. The steps include data preprocessing, dividing the dataset into both training and testing, training the CatBoost model with hyperparameter tuning, and evaluating its performance using metrics like accuracy, precision, recall and F1-score. The model identifies key chemical compounds and their mechanisms of action, linking them to specific chronic diseases. The combination of data-balancing skills and understandable results makes GLM useful for this research project.

Keywords: Indian Medical, Herbal Plants, Chronic Disease, CatBoost, Machine Learning, Traditional Medicine.

INTRODUCTION

Chronic diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and arthritis, are major contributors to global morbidity and mortality, accounting for approximately 71% of deaths worldwide, as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO). Managing these diseases often requires long-term treatment, which can be costly and



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associated with adverse side effects [1]-[3]. This has led to a growing interest in alternative and complementary therapies, including herbal medicine. Indian medical herbal plants, deeply rooted in traditional systems like Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani, have been used for centuries to treat various chronic conditions. Herbs are renowned for their anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and immunomodulatory properties [4]-[6]. However, despite their widespread use, the efficacy of these herbal plants in modern medical contexts is often questioned due to a lack of rigorous scientific validation. One of the primary challenges in evaluating the efficacy of herbal plants is the complexity of their chemical compositions and the variability in their biological effects. Traditional methods of assessment often rely on anecdotal evidence or small-scale studies, which may not provide a comprehensive understanding of their therapeutic potential[7]-[9]. Additionally, the lack of standardized datasets and the need for interdisciplinary collaboration between traditional medicine practitioners and data scientists further complicate the process. Machine learning, particularly gradient boosting algorithms like CatBoost, offers a promising solution to these challenges. The CatBoost framework demonstrates efficiency in categorical data processing while avoiding overfitting and permits interpretation of results which matches its suitability to analyze complex herbal medicine datasets[10]-[12]. The novelty of this research lies in its application of the CatBoost algorithm to systematically evaluate the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases. Unlike traditional methods, this approach leverages large datasets, advanced computational techniques, and modern machine learning algorithms to identify patterns and insights that may not be apparent through conventional approaches[13]. The main objective of this study focuses on understanding how the CatBoost algorithm assesses the effectiveness of Indian medical herbal plants in chronic disease treatment while establishing which herbs perform best and studying their chemical compositions along with algorithm forecast reliability assessment. The contribution of this research is multifaceted. The scientific methodology enables traditional herbal plant use to connect with contemporary medical standards through sound evidence. Second, it demonstrates the potential of machine learning in herbal medicine research, offering a scalable and data-driven approach to identifying effective treatments. Third, it highlights the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, combining insights from traditional medicine, pharmacology, and data science. By addressing the limitations of existing methods and leveraging the strengths of the CatBoost algorithm, this research paves the way for the development of evidence-based herbal therapies for chronic diseases[15].

LITERATURE REVIEW

Existing methods for evaluating the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants often rely on traditional knowledge, anecdotal evidence, or small-scale clinical studies. While these approaches provide valuable insights, they are limited by their lack of scalability, reproducibility, and scientific rigor [7]. For example, traditional methods may not account for the variability in herbal plant compositions or the complexity of their biological effects [8]. Small-scale studies, on the other hand, may lack the statistical power to draw definitive conclusions. Additionally, the absence of standardized datasets and the reliance on subjective assessments further limit the reliability of these methods [9]. However, these methods have their own limitations. Random Forest, while robust, may struggle with imbalanced datasets and categorical data. Logistic Regression, while simple and fast, may not capture the non-linear relationships inherent in complex datasets [16]-[17].

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for analyzing the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases using the CatBoost algorithm is a comprehensive, data-driven approach that integrates traditional knowledge with modern machine learning techniques. Each stage is designed to ensure the robustness, scalability, and reliability of the analysis, ultimately providing a scientific basis for the traditional use of herbal plants in treating chronic diseases.

CatBoost Algorithm Formulation

CatBoost is a gradient boosting algorithm that optimizes decision trees while handling categorical features efficiently. The key mathematical components include:





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Objective Function (Loss Minimization)

The model minimizes the loss function LL during training:

$$L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, F(x_i; \theta)) + \Omega(\theta) \quad L(\theta) = \sum_{i=1}^N L(y_i, F(x_i; \theta)) + \Omega(\theta)$$

where:

- y_i = True label (efficacy of herbal plant)
- $F(x_i; \theta)$ = Predicted output (CatBoost model)
- $\Omega(\theta)$ = Regularization term to prevent overfitting
- N = Number of training samples

Gradient Boosting with Ordered Boosting

CatBoost uses **ordered boosting** to reduce bias in gradient estimation:

$$F_t(x) = F_{t-1}(x) + \eta \cdot h_t(x) \quad F_t(x) = F_{t-1}(x) + \eta \cdot h_t(x)$$

where:

- $F_t(x)$ = Model prediction at iteration t
- η = Learning rate (typically 0.01–0.30.01–0.3)
- $h_t(x)$ = Weak learner (decision tree) at step t

Handling Categorical Features

CatBoost uses **target-based encoding** for categorical variables (e.g., plant species, disease type):

$$x_{\text{encoded}} = \sum_{j=1}^k (y_j \cdot I(x_j = x_i)) + \alpha \cdot p \quad x_{\text{encoded}} = \sum_{j=1}^k I(x_j = x_i) + \alpha \sum_{j=1}^k (y_j \cdot I(x_j = x_i)) + \alpha \cdot p$$

where:

- $I(\cdot)$ = Indicator function
- α = Smoothing parameter
- p = Prior mean (for regularization)

Chemical Compound-Disease Association

To link herbal compounds (CC) to chronic diseases (DD), we use **Jaccard Similarity**:

$$J(C, D) = \frac{|TC \cap TD|}{|TC \cup TD|} \quad J(C, D) = \frac{|TC \cap TD|}{|TC \cup TD|}$$

where:

- TC = Set of biological targets of compound CC
- TD = Set of genes/proteins associated with disease DD

A threshold $J(C, D) \geq 0.5$ suggests a **significant association**.

Feature Importance Analysis

CatBoost computes **feature importance** using **PredictionValuesChange**:

$$\text{Importance}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |F(x_i) - F(x_i(j))| \quad \text{Importance}_j = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |F(x_i) - F(x_i(j))|$$

where:

- $x_i(j)$ = Feature j with permuted values
- Higher values indicate stronger influence on efficacy prediction

Pseudocode

```
# Step 1: Collect the input Data
def collect_data(sources):
    data = []
    for source in sources:
        if source == "Ayurvedic_DB":
            data += fetch_ayurvedic_data()
        elif source == "PubChem":
            data += fetch_pubchem_data()
```



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```
elif source == "Scientific_Literature":
    data += fetch_literature_data()
return data
# Step 2: Pre-processing of input Data
def preprocess_data(data):
    # Standardize formats (e.g., chemical compound names, disease classifications)
    data = standardize_formats(data)
    # Set categorical features
    data = encode_categorical_features(data)
    # Extract relevant features (e.g., chemical compounds, biological pathways)
    features = extract_features(data)
    return features
# Step 3: Feature Selection
def select_features(features, target):
    # Use correlation analysis or feature importance ranking
    selected_features = correlation_analysis(features, target)
    return selected_features
# Step 4: Chemical Compound Analysis
def analyze_chemical_compounds(effective_herbs):
    compounds = identify_compounds(effective_herbs)
    pathways = map_pathways(compounds, tool="KEGG")
    disease_associations = link_pathways_to_diseases(pathways)
    return compounds, pathways, disease_associations
# Step 5: Interpretation of Results
def interpret_results(effective_herbs, compounds, pathways, disease_associations):
    # Compare with traditional knowledge
    traditional_knowledge = fetch_traditional_knowledge(effective_herbs)
    comparison = compare_with_traditional_knowledge(effective_herbs, traditional_knowledge)
    # Assess biological relevance
    biological_relevance = assess_biological_relevance(compounds, pathways)
    return comparison, biological_relevance
# Step 6: Output Results
def generate_report(effective_herbs, compounds, pathways, disease_associations, performance_metrics):
    report = {
        "Effective_Herbs": effective_herbs,
        "Chemical_Compounds": compounds,
        "Biological_Pathways": pathways,
        "Disease_Associations": disease_associations,
        "Performance_Metrics": performance_metrics
    }
    return report
# Main Workflow
def main():
    # Step 1: Data Collection
    sources = ["Ayurvedic_DB", "PubChem", "Scientific_Literature"]
    data = collect_data(sources)
    # Step 2: Data Preprocessing
    features = preprocess_data(data)
    # Step 3: Feature Selection
```



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```
target = "Efficacy" # Target variable (efficacy of herbal plants)
selected_features = select_features(features, target)
# Step 4: Model Development
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = split_dataset(selected_features, test_size=0.2)
# Step 5: Chemical Compound Analysis
effective_herbs = model.get_effective_herbs() # Hypothetical function to get effective herbs
compounds, pathways, disease_associations = analyze_chemical_compounds(effective_herbs)
# Step 6: Interpretation of Results
comparison, biological_relevance = interpret_results(effective_herbs, compounds, pathways,
disease_associations)
# Step 7: Output Results
report = generate_report(effective_herbs, compounds, pathways, disease_associations,
performance_metrics)
return report
# Execute the workflow
if __name__ == "__main__":
    report = main()
    print(report)
```

The first stage of the methodology involves data collection, where data on Indian medical herbal plants, their chemical compositions, and their associated biological activities are gathered from multiple sources. These sources include traditional medicine databases such as the Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India, scientific literature from peer-reviewed journals, and chemical databases like PubChem and ChEMBL[18]. The collected data encompasses information on the traditional uses of herbal plants, their pharmacological properties, and the chemical compounds responsible for their therapeutic effects. This multi-source approach ensures a comprehensive dataset that captures the diversity and complexity of herbal medicine. This includes removing duplicate entries, handling missing values through imputation or removal, and standardizing data formats such as chemical compound names and disease classifications. Additionally, categorical features, such as the names of herbal plants and their traditional uses, are encoded to facilitate their use in the CatBoost algorithm. Feature extraction processes distinguish applicable attributes in the dataset that include particular chemical compounds and biological pathways and disease associations. The third stage is feature selection, where the most relevant features for predicting the efficacy of herbal plants are identified. For example, chemical compounds with known anti-inflammatory or antioxidant properties are prioritized as features.

The fourth stage focuses on model development, where the CatBoost algorithm is employed. CatBoost is chosen for its ability to handle categorical data efficiently, reduce overfitting, and provide interpretable results. The fifth phase of model building includes checking the trained CatBoost model through cross-validation processes to verify its universal applicability. The sixth stage is chemical compound analysis, where the key chemical compounds in the most effective herbal plants are identified and analyzed. This involves using tools such as the KEGG Pathway Database and Reactome to map the chemical compounds to their associated biological pathways. The pathways are then linked to specific chronic diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and arthritis, to understand the mechanisms of action of the herbal compounds. The chemical compound interaction data during this stage enables scientists to connect ancient medicinal wisdom with contemporary biological sciences for scientific study[16]. The seventh stage focuses on interpretation of results, where the findings of the machine learning analysis are interpreted in the context of traditional knowledge and scientific literature. This involves comparing the predictions of the CatBoost model with the traditional uses of herbal plants to identify consistencies and discrepancies. For example, if the model identifies Ashwagandha as effective for managing stress-related disorders, this result is compared with its traditional use in Ayurveda[19]. The biological relevance of the identified chemical compounds is also assessed to determine their potential therapeutic effects. This stage ensures that the results are not only statistically significant



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but also biologically meaningful. The final stage is output and reporting, where the results of the analysis are compiled into a comprehensive report. This includes a list of the most effective herbal plants for specific chronic diseases, along with their key chemical compounds and mechanisms of action. The report provides actionable insights for researchers, healthcare practitioners, and policymakers, highlighting the potential of herbal medicine as a complementary treatment for chronic diseases. The proposed methodology addresses several challenges in herbal medicine research, including the complexity of herbal compounds, the lack of standardized datasets, and the need for interdisciplinary collaboration. By leveraging the strengths of the CatBoost algorithm, this approach provides a scalable and data-driven solution for evaluating the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants. The methodology also emphasizes the importance of integrating traditional knowledge with modern scientific techniques, ensuring that the results are both culturally relevant and scientifically valid[20].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed CatBoost model was compared with three widely—to evaluate its performance in analyzing the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases. The results are summarized in the table below:

Algorithm	Accuracy (%)	F1-Score (%)	Recall (%)	Precision (%)
CatBoost (Proposed)	85.2	82.1	83.5	81.8
Random Forest	82.4	79.3	80.7	78.9
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	78.6	75.4	76.8	74.9
Logistic Regression	75.3	72.1	73.5	71.8

The CatBoost model demonstrated superior performance than all other algorithms and Random Forest showed slightly worse results with accuracy at 82.4% and F1-score at 79.3% because of its incapability to tackle imbalanced datasets. SVM, despite its effectiveness in high-dimensional spaces, struggled with accuracy (78.6%) and recall (76.8%), possibly due to its sensitivity to hyperparameter tuning and computational complexity. The basic nature of Logistic Regression resulted in its poor performance which yielded 75.3% accuracy while achieving 72.1% F1-score since it lacked the capacity to detect nonlinear patterns in the collected data[7]. The precision and recall metrics of CatBoost show effective identification of beneficial herbal plants with minimal incorrect outputs which well suites this research. Future work could explore further optimization of the algorithm and validation with larger datasets to enhance its applicability in herbal medicine research[11].

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

In conclusion, this research demonstrates the effectiveness of the CatBoost algorithm in analyzing the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases. Future work could focus on expanding the dataset to include clinical trial data, exploring other advanced algorithms like deep learning, and conducting experimental studies to validate the biological mechanisms of identified compounds. Additionally, interdisciplinary collaboration between traditional medicine practitioners, pharmacologists, and data scientists could further enhance the reliability and applicability of the findings. This research covers the way for evidence-based herbal therapies, offering a holistic and scalable solution for managing chronic diseases.

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InfoGrav Hybrid Optimization Algorithm: A Novel Feature Selection Method Combining Information Gain and Gravitational Search Optimization for Enhanced Prediction of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

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ABSTRACT

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic condition characterized by high blood sugar levels due to insulin resistance and inadequate insulin secretion. Early prediction and accurate classification of T2DM are crucial for effective management and prevention. The vast amount of medical data available from various sources, including clinical measurements, genetic information, and lifestyle data, presents both opportunities and challenges for predictive modeling. Feature selection plays a pivotal role in improving the performance of machine learning algorithms by identifying the most relevant and informative features while reducing the dimensionality of the data. This study proposes the InfoGrav Hybrid Optimization Algorithm (InfoGrav-HOA), a novel feature selection method that combines Information Gain (IG) and Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) to enhance the prediction of T2DM. The InfoGrav-HOA integrates the strength of Information Gain, which measures the relevance of each feature based on the entropy of the data, with the Gravitational Search Optimization algorithm, which is inspired by the law of gravity and aims to find the optimal set of features by simulating the gravitational attraction between masses (representing potential solutions). The InfoGrav-HOA algorithm aims to exploit the benefits of both methods: IG for feature relevance ranking and GSO for global search and optimization. The hybrid approach addresses the problem of selecting the most relevant features from a large pool of potential features, leading to more accurate, efficient, and interpretable predictive models.

Keywords: Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM), Feature Selection, Information Gain (IG), Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), Machine Learning, Predictive Modeling.





INTRODUCTION

Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM) is a prevalent and increasingly common chronic metabolic disorder characterized by insulin resistance and impaired insulin secretion. Unlike Type 1 diabetes, which is an autoimmune condition where the body attacks its insulin-producing cells, T2DM primarily results from the body's inability to effectively use insulin (insulin resistance) and/or an insufficient insulin response from pancreatic cells [1]. As a result, individuals with T2DM have elevated blood glucose levels (hyperglycemia), which can lead to severe complications, such as cardiovascular disease, renal failure, neuropathy, retinopathy, and even premature death if not properly managed [2]. The global incidence of T2DM has risen dramatically over the past few decades, largely due to increasing rates of obesity, physical inactivity, unhealthy diets, and aging populations. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 400 million people worldwide are living with diabetes, with T2DM comprising about 90-95% of all cases [3]. This alarming rise presents a significant public health challenge, placing enormous strain on healthcare systems and economies globally. The primary factors contributing to the development of T2DM include genetic predisposition, lifestyle factors (e.g., poor diet and lack of physical activity), and environmental influences. While lifestyle modifications, including weight loss, physical activity, and dietary changes, can help manage and even prevent T2DM, early detection is crucial to reduce the risk of complications [4]. Identifying individuals at high risk of developing T2DM and predicting the onset of the disease is of paramount importance for improving clinical outcomes and implementing preventive interventions [5]. Advances in medical data collection, particularly through electronic health records, genetic research, and wearable devices, have made it possible to gather a wealth of information on various factors that influence the development of T2DM. These data sets are often high-dimensional, meaning they contain a large number of variables that could potentially contribute to the prediction of the disease [6] [7]. However, the presence of irrelevant, redundant, or noisy features in these data sets can reduce the accuracy and interpretability of machine learning models used for prediction. Thus, feature selection has emerged as a critical step in developing effective predictive models. Feature selection aims to identify and retain the most important variables while eliminating irrelevant or redundant ones, thereby improving model accuracy, efficiency, and interpretability [8]. In recent years, machine learning techniques, such as Long Short Term Memory (LSTM), Artificial Neural Network (ANN), and random forests (RF), have shown great promise in predicting the onset of T2DM. However, the success of these models heavily depends on the quality and relevance of the features used for training. Many traditional feature selection methods, though effective, have limitations in terms of computational efficiency and the ability to handle complex, high-dimensional data [9]. This has led to a growing interest in the development of hybrid optimization algorithms that combine the strengths of multiple techniques to improve feature selection and predictive modeling [10]. This study aims to address the challenge of selecting the most relevant features for predicting T2DM by proposing the InfoGrav Hybrid Optimization Algorithm (InfoGrav-HOA), which combines Information Gain (IG), a well-established measure for evaluating feature relevance, with Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), a powerful optimization technique inspired by the laws of gravity. By leveraging the advantages of both methods, the InfoGrav-HOA seeks to enhance the prediction of T2DM, offering a more accurate, efficient, and interpretable approach to feature selection in high-dimensional medical data.

Information Gain based Feature Selection Method

Information Gain (IG) [11] is a widely used criterion in machine learning and data mining, particularly for feature selection. It is derived from the concept of entropy, a measure of uncertainty or disorder in a dataset. Information Gain quantifies how much information a particular feature provides in reducing the uncertainty (or entropy) about the target variable. The more a feature can help reduce the uncertainty in predicting the target, the higher its Information Gain [12]. The main goal of Information Gain-based feature selection is to select features that provide the most information about the target variable while discarding irrelevant or redundant features. This approach is especially useful in high-dimensional data sets, where many features may not contribute significantly to the prediction task [13]. In the context of a classification problem, Information Gain measures the effectiveness of a feature in classifying the dataset. The process of Information Gain-based feature selection is grounded in Shannon's entropy theory, which is used to quantify uncertainty or impurity in the data.





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Entropy

The entropy of a dataset D with respect to a target class Y is calculated as:

$$H(D) = - \sum_{i=1}^n p(y_i) \log_2 p(y_i)$$

Where n is the number of classes in the target variable, $p(y_i)$ is the probability of the i -th class in the target variable. The entropy function measures the uncertainty or impurity in a dataset. A dataset with a uniform distribution of classes (equal probability for each class) has high entropy, while a dataset with a single class (no uncertainty) has zero entropy.

Conditional Entropy

The conditional entropy of a dataset D given a feature X is the expected entropy after the dataset is split based on the values of feature X . It is computed as:

$$H(D|X) = \sum_{v \in \text{Values}(X)} p(v) H(D_v)$$

Where $\text{Values}(X)$ is the set of possible values for the feature X , $p(v)$ is the probability of the dataset being split into subset D_v based on the value v of feature X , $H(D_v)$ is the entropy of the subset D_v . The conditional entropy tells us how much uncertainty remains in the target variable after splitting the data based on feature X .

Information Gain (IG)

Information Gain is the reduction in entropy achieved by knowing the value of a particular feature. It is computed as the difference between the entropy of the dataset before the feature is introduced and the weighted sum of the entropies after the feature is used to split the data. Mathematically:

$$IG(D, X) = H(D) - H(D|X)$$

Where $H(D)$ is the entropy of the dataset before the feature split, $H(D|X)$ is the conditional entropy of the dataset after the feature split. The feature with the highest Information Gain is considered the most informative in predicting the target variable.

Steps Involved in Information Gain-Based Feature Selection:

- Calculate the Entropy of the Entire Dataset: First, calculate the entropy of the target variable (class) in the entire dataset. This gives the baseline uncertainty in the target variable.
- Compute the Conditional Entropy for Each Feature: For each feature, calculate how the dataset is split based on the feature's values and compute the conditional entropy of the resulting subsets. This step gives the uncertainty in the target variable after the feature is introduced.
- Calculate Information Gain: For each feature, calculate the Information Gain by subtracting the conditional entropy from the total entropy. The feature with the highest Information Gain is considered the most valuable in reducing uncertainty about the target variable.
- Rank and Select Features: Rank the features based on their Information Gain values. The features with the highest Information Gain are selected for further analysis, while the features with the lowest Information Gain are discarded as they provide little to no useful information for classification.

Gravitational Search Optimization

Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) [14] is a novel metaheuristic optimization algorithm inspired by the principles of gravity and the laws of physics. It was first proposed by Rashedi et al. in 2009 and is based on the analogy of particles (representing solutions) attracting each other due to gravitational forces. The fundamental idea behind GSO is that each particle's position represents a potential solution, and the gravitational attraction between particles determines how particles move toward better solutions over time. The algorithm simulates the gravitational interaction between particles to guide the search process in the problem's solution space [15]. In GSO, particles are treated as masses in a multi-dimensional space, and the force of attraction between them depends on their mass and the distance between them. The gravitational force between two particles increases as the mass of the particles





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increases and as the distance between them decreases. In the context of optimization, the “mass” of a particle corresponds to the quality of the solution it represents, with higher-quality solutions (better fitness values) having larger masses [16].

Components of GSO

Mass

In GSO, the mass of a particle represents the quality of the solution it represents. A particle with a higher fitness value will have a larger mass and will exert a greater gravitational pull on other particles.

Gravitational Force

The gravitational force between two particles is proportional to their masses and inversely proportional to the square of the distance between them. The formula for the gravitational force F between two particles is given by:

$$F = G \cdot \frac{m_1 \cdot m_2}{r^2}$$

Where: G is the gravitational constant, m_1 and m_2 are the masses of the two particles, r is the Euclidean distance between the particles.

Movement of Particles: The position of each particle is updated based on the gravitational forces acting on it. The particle moves toward better solutions (higher mass) by adjusting its position in the search space according to the forces exerted by the other particles. The position update formula is:

$$\vec{x}(t+1) = \vec{x}(t) + \vec{v}(t)$$

Where: $\vec{x}(t)$ is the position of the particle at time t , $\vec{v}(t)$ is the velocity of the particle at time t , which is influenced by the gravitational forces.

Exploration and Exploitation

The movement of particles in GSO allows for both exploration and exploitation. Exploration is achieved by the gravitational pull between distant particles, which helps the algorithm explore different regions of the search space. Exploitation occurs when particles with higher masses (better solutions) attract neighboring particles, guiding them to optimal solutions.

Convergence

Over time, the particles converge toward the optimal solution. As the algorithm progresses, the gravitational force between particles decreases, and particles move more precisely toward the best solutions.

Steps Involved in GSO-Based Feature Selection

In the context of feature selection, the objective is to identify a subset of the most relevant features from a large set of candidate features to improve the performance of a machine learning model. Feature selection is a crucial step, especially in high-dimensional datasets, where irrelevant or redundant features can degrade model accuracy and increase computational cost. The GSO algorithm can be effectively applied to feature selection by treating each particle as a candidate feature subset and using the fitness function to evaluate the quality of each subset.

Steps Involved in GSO-Based Feature Selection

1. Initialization

- Each particle in the GSO represents a potential solution to the feature selection problem. The solution is a binary vector where each element represents whether a feature is selected (1) or not selected (0).
- The mass of each particle is initially assigned based on the fitness value of the selected feature subset. The fitness of a particle is evaluated using a machine learning model, such as a classification algorithm, trained on the subset of features represented by the particle.
- The gravitational constant G is typically initialized to a high value at the beginning and decreased over time to allow the algorithm to focus on fine-tuning the solution as it converges.



**2. Fitness Evaluation:**

- The fitness of each particle is calculated based on the performance of the machine learning model using the feature subset selected by the particle. Common performance measures for evaluating feature subsets include classification accuracy, F1-score, or other relevant metrics depending on the problem.
- Particles with higher fitness (better model performance) will have larger masses, which will exert stronger gravitational forces on other particles.

3. Gravitational Force Calculation:

- The gravitational force between two particles is computed based on their masses and the distance between them in the feature space. Particles with better solutions (higher fitness) will have larger masses and will pull weaker solutions (lower fitness) toward them, leading to the exploration of better feature subsets.

4. Particle Movement:

- Each particle moves in the search space based on the gravitational forces acting on it. The movement is influenced by the mass of the particle (its fitness) and the masses of other particles. The velocity and position of each particle are updated iteratively to move toward better feature subsets.
- The position of the particle represents a feature subset, and the velocity determines how the subset changes over time (i.e., which features are added or removed).

5. Convergence:

- As the algorithm progresses, the gravitational forces between particles become weaker, and the particles converge toward the best feature subset. At this point, the algorithm should have found an optimal or near-optimal set of features that maximizes the performance of the machine learning model.

6. Stopping Criteria:

- The algorithm stops when a predefined stopping condition is met, such as a maximum number of iterations, convergence to a solution, or when the performance of the model no longer improves significantly.

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The proposed hybrid feature selection technique begins with thorough data preprocessing, which involves collecting and cleaning the dataset by handling missing values, removing duplicates, and normalizing or standardizing features to ensure consistency. Categorical variables are encoded appropriately, and the dataset is split into training and testing sets for effective evaluation. Next, the process employs Information Gain (IG) as an initial filter to evaluate the relevance of each feature with respect to the target variable. IG scores are calculated for all features, and features are ranked accordingly. To reduce the dimensionality and focus the search, features with low IG scores are discarded, or only the top-ranked features are selected to create a candidate feature pool, which helps to narrow down the search space for the optimization algorithm. Following this, the Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO) algorithm is initialized with carefully defined parameters including the number of agents (candidate solutions), maximum iterations, initial gravitational constant, decay rate, and velocity limits. Each agent is represented by a binary vector that encodes a candidate feature subset, where each bit indicates whether a feature is selected or not. To enhance the search efficiency, the initialization of agents is biased by IG scores, meaning that features with higher IG values have a higher probability of being included in the initial subsets. This fusion of filter and metaheuristic methods provides a strong starting point for the optimization. A fitness function is then defined to evaluate the quality of each agent's feature subset. Typically, this fitness is measured by the classification accuracy of a chosen predictive model (such as SVM or Random Forest) on validation data, sometimes combined with a penalty term to encourage smaller feature subsets. The GSO algorithm uses a physics-inspired approach where agents' masses are assigned proportionally to their fitness values, allowing better-performing agents to exert stronger gravitational forces. The gravitational forces between agents are computed, influencing their accelerations and velocities, which in turn update their positions in the solution space. These position updates represent modifications to the selected feature subsets. To translate velocity values into binary feature selections, a transfer function such as a sigmoid is applied, determining whether each feature should be included or excluded at each iteration. Importantly, IG scores



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continue to guide the search during these updates by biasing the probability of selecting features with higher information gain, effectively steering the exploration towards more promising regions in the feature space. This iterative process continues for a set number of iterations or until convergence criteria are met, such as stabilization of fitness values over several cycles. Upon completion of the optimization, the algorithm selects the agent with the highest fitness score, representing the optimal or near-optimal subset of features. This subset balances relevance and parsimony by combining the initial IG-based filtering with the global search capability of GSO. The selected features are then used to train the final predictive model, which is validated on unseen test data to assess improvements in accuracy, precision, recall, and other performance metrics. Finally, the chosen features are analyzed for domain relevance, providing interpretability crucial for applications such as diabetes risk prediction, where understanding the contributing factors is essential. Overall, this hybrid approach synergizes the strengths of Information Gain's quick and effective filtering with Gravitational Search Optimization's powerful global search to enhance the feature selection process, thereby improving the predictive accuracy and robustness of machine learning models in complex, high-dimensional medical datasets.

Step 1: Data Preprocessing

Before applying any feature selection techniques, the dataset must be prepared and cleaned:

1. **Data Collection:** Collect the relevant dataset for T2DM prediction, which could include clinical measurements, genetic information, lifestyle factors, and other health metrics.
2. **Data Cleaning:**
 - Handle missing values through imputation or removal, depending on the extent and nature of missing data.
 - Normalize or standardize numerical features, especially if they have different units or scales, to ensure that no feature dominates the others.
 - Encode categorical variables into numerical values (e.g., one-hot encoding).
3. **Data Splitting:** Split the dataset into training and testing sets, typically in an 80:20 ratio, to evaluate the model's generalization performance after feature selection.

Step 2: Feature Ranking using Information Gain (IG)

Before starting the GSO-based optimization, the first step is to use Information Gain (IG) for initial ranking of the features based on their relevance to the target variable (T2DM classification):

1. **Calculate Entropy:** Compute the entropy of the target variable (T2DM class) using Shannon's entropy formula to quantify the uncertainty in the dataset.
2. **Feature Evaluation Using IG:**
 - For each feature, calculate the **conditional entropy** based on its values, which measures the uncertainty in the target variable given the feature. The Information Gain for each feature.
3. **Rank Features by IG:** Sort the features in descending order based on their Information Gain values. Features with higher IG values are more relevant to the target variable and will be prioritized during the feature selection process.

Step 3: Initialize Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO)

With the initial ranking of features done using IG, proceed to the GSO-based feature selection algorithm to further refine the selection of the most relevant features:

1. **Particle Initialization:**
 - Each particle in the GSO represents a binary feature subset. A binary vector is used where 1 indicates the selection of a feature and 0 indicates its exclusion.
 - Initialize the particle population, with each particle corresponding to a random feature subset. The size of the population can be set based on the problem's complexity (e.g., 30-50 particles).





2. Mass Initialization:

- The mass of each particle is initialized based on the fitness value of the selected feature subset. The fitness function is determined by evaluating the performance of a machine learning model (e.g., SVM, Random Forest, or Decision Tree) on the feature subset.
- Higher mass is assigned to particles corresponding to better-performing feature subsets.

3. Gravitational Constant:

- Set an initial gravitational constant G , which controls the strength of gravitational interactions. The constant G is typically set high at the start to allow exploration and gradually reduced to enhance exploitation.

4. Distance Calculation:

- Compute the Euclidean distance between each particle and every other particle in the population, which will be used to calculate the gravitational force between them.

Step 4: Fitness Evaluation Using Machine Learning Model

The fitness of each particle (feature subset) is evaluated using a machine learning classifier, typically using cross-validation on the training data:

1. **Train Classifier:** For each particle's feature subset, train a classifier (e.g., decision tree, random forest, or support vector machine) on the training set using only the selected features.
2. **Evaluate Performance:** Evaluate the performance of the classifier using a suitable performance metric such as **accuracy**, **F1-score**, **ROC-AUC**, or **precision/recall**.
 - The fitness of the particle is determined by the classifier's performance on the training data. Particles corresponding to better-performing feature subsets (higher fitness) will have larger masses.
3. **Assign Fitness to Particles:** Assign a fitness value to each particle based on the performance of the model. Particles with better performance will be assigned a higher mass.

Step 5: Calculate Gravitational Forces and Update Positions

Once the initial population and masses are established, the GSO algorithm proceeds with calculating the gravitational forces between particles and updating their positions:

1. **Calculate Gravitational Force:** The gravitational force between two particles is calculated using the formula: The gravitational force determines how much influence one particle has on the movement of another. Particles with larger masses (better fitness) exert a greater force on other particles, guiding them toward better feature subsets.
2. **Update Velocities and Positions:** Based on the calculated forces, update the velocities and positions of the particles. The velocity update is determined by the sum of the gravitational forces acting on a particle, which will move it toward better solutions (feature subsets). The movement of particles towards high-mass particles ensures convergence toward optimal or near-optimal feature subsets.

Step 6: Termination and Convergence Check

After a set number of iterations or when the particles converge, the algorithm stops:

1. **Check Convergence:** Monitor the progress of the particles. If the changes in the positions (feature subsets) are minimal over several iterations, or if the performance of the selected subset stabilizes, the algorithm may be terminated.
2. **Final Feature Subset:** The best-performing feature subset (corresponding to the particle with the highest fitness) is selected as the final feature subset for predicting T2DM. This subset is expected to have a high predictive power, reducing dimensionality while maintaining or enhancing model accuracy.





RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Performance Metrics

The dataset considered for the Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus from the Kaggle Repository [17]. The following table 1 depicts the performance metrics used in this research work to evaluate the performance of the proposed methodologies.

Contribution – 1 Result and Analysis

The performance of the Proposed InfoGrav Hybrid Optimization algorithm (IG-GSO) is evaluated with the existing feature selection techniques like Information Gain (IG), Chi-Square (CS), Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) using classification techniques like Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM), Artificial Neural Network (ANN) and Random Forest (RF). Table 1 gives the number of features obtained by the existing and proposed feature selection methods. Table 2 depicts the Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 3 depicts the True Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 4 depicts the False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 5 depicts the Precision (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 6 depicts the Specificity (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 7 depicts the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques. Table 8 depicts the False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques.

CONCLUSION

The first major contribution is the design of a hybrid feature selection methodology that combines Information Gain (IG) with Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO). The proposed hybrid feature selection methodology, which combines Information Gain (IG) with Gravitational Search Optimization (GSO), has demonstrated significant effectiveness in improving the predictive modeling of Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus (T2DM). By leveraging the strengths of both filter-based and metaheuristic approaches, this hybrid strategy addresses the common challenges posed by high-dimensional and complex clinical datasets. The initial filtering step using Information Gain efficiently ranks features based on their statistical relevance to the target variable, providing a rapid reduction of the feature space by removing irrelevant or weakly correlated attributes. Subsequently, Gravitational Search Optimization refines the feature subset through a global search process that explores multiple candidate solutions to identify the optimal combination of features. This two-stage approach not only minimizes computational overhead but also mitigates the risk of excluding potentially significant features, which can occur with purely filter-based methods. Results from the classification tasks using multiple classifiers—LSTM, ANN, and Random Forest—clearly highlight the superiority of the proposed hybrid method over using the original dataset or single-method feature selection techniques. The hybrid feature selection enabled the classifiers to achieve considerably higher accuracy rates, with LSTM achieving up to 88.1% accuracy compared to only 63.2% when using the original unfiltered dataset. Similar improvements were observed in True Positive Rate (TPR), Precision, and Specificity, underscoring the enhanced ability of models to correctly identify diabetic patients while reducing false positives. Furthermore, the reduction in dimensionality achieved through the hybrid feature selection contributed to more stable and generalizable models, as evidenced by the reduced Miss Rate and False Discovery Rate (FDR) across classifiers. This indicates that the selected features were not only relevant but also sufficient for accurate discrimination between risk classes, avoiding overfitting and enhancing robustness against noisy data.





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Table 1: Performance Metrics

Metrics	Equation
Accuracy	$\frac{TP + TN}{TP + FN + TN + FP}$
True Positive Rate (TPR) (Sensitivity or Recall)	$\frac{TP}{TP + FN}$
False Positive Rate (FPR)	$\frac{FP}{FP + TN}$
Precision	$\frac{TP}{TP + FP}$
Specificity	1- False Positive Rate (FPR)
Miss Rate	1-True Positive Rate (TPR)
False Discovery Rate	1- Precision





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Table 2: Number of Features obtained by the existing and proposed feature selection techniques

Feature Selection Techniques	Number of Features obtained
Original Dataset	21
IG	17
CS	20
GSO	18
PSO	19
Proposed IG-GSO	15

Table 3: Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Classification Accuracy (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	63.2	61.5	62.8
IG	82.3	80.5	79.8
CS	74.6	73.1	72.7
GSO	81.7	80.1	79.4
PSO	74.1	73.8	72.9
Proposed IG-GSO	88.1	86.7	85.4

Table 4: True Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	True Positive Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	62.8	61.2	64.1
IG	82	80.7	79.3
CS	73.5	74.2	72.8
GSO	81.2	80.3	79.6
PSO	74	73.7	72.5
Proposed IG-GSO	87.3	86	85.1

Table 5: False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	False Positive Rate(in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	42.7	44.1	43.3
IG	22.5	21.8	22.3
CS	27.9	25.3	28.4
GSO	21.2	22.1	21.7
PSO	28	26.4	29.3
Proposed IG-GSO	16.8	15.7	17.2





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Table 6: Precision (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Precision (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	63.5	61.8	64.2
IG	82.7	80.9	79.6
CS	74.1	73.4	72.9
GSO	81.5	80.3	79.8
PSO	73.8	73	72.4
Proposed IG-GSO	88.4	86.9	85.7

Table 7: Specificity (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Specificity (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	57.3	55.9	56.7
IG	77.5	78.2	77.7
CS	72.1	74.7	71.6
GSO	78.8	77.9	78.3
PSO	72	73.6	70.7
Proposed IG-GSO	83.2	84.3	82.8

Table 8: Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	Miss Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	37.2	38.8	35.9
IG	18	19.3	20.7
CS	26.5	25.8	27.2
GSO	18.8	19.7	20.4
PSO	26	26.3	27.5
Proposed IG-GSO	12.7	14	14.9

Table 9: False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the existing and Proposed Feature Selection methods using LSTM, ANN and RF classification techniques

Feature Selection Technique	False Discovery Rate (in %)		
	LSTM	ANN	RF
Original Dataset	36.5	38.2	35.8
IG	17.3	19.1	20.4
CS	25.9	26.6	27.1
GSO	18.5	19.7	20.2
PSO	26.2	27	27.6
Proposed IG-GSO	11.6	13.1	14.3





Enhancing Task Scheduling Efficiency in Cloud Computing with Hybrid Mean Min and Particle Swarm Optimization

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ABSTRACT

Task scheduling continues a critical and difficult research challenge in cloud computing, directly impacting service quality, energy consumption, and task completion times. Inefficient scheduling strategies often lead to prolonged wait times and excessive energy usage, degrading overall system performance. Meta-heuristic algorithms, particularly those leveraging swarm intelligence, have demonstrated significant promise in optimizing task scheduling algorithms in cloud environments. This paper introduces a novel hybrid Mean-Min Particle Swarm Optimization (HMMPSO) algorithm tailored for efficient task scheduling. The algorithm integrates the Mean-Min scheduling approach to establish an initial task allocation, followed by an improved Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) phase for optimal task distribution. The proposed HMMPSO algorithm ensures balanced scheduling, effectively addressing key performance metrics such as Makespan, degree of imbalance, and energy consumption. Extensive simulations and comparative analyses against contemporary scheduling techniques reveal that the HMMPSO algorithm consistently outperforms traditional PSO and other recent methods, offering a robust and energy-efficient solution for cloud task scheduling.

Keywords: Task Scheduling, Cloud, optimization, mean-min, PSO, meta-heuristic

INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing has developed as a widely adopted platform, offering individuals and enterprises an efficient and scalable solution for executing and storing large-scale applications [1]. The pay-per-use pattern of cloud computing



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enables the dynamic fulfillment of user demands, ensuring cost efficiency and scalability [2]. The operational framework of these models is structured around three critical components: the data center, cloud users, and cloud service providers [3]. A cloud service provider procures computing resources and allocates them to users based on their specific requirements. Cloud data centers consist of extensive networks of host computers, each capable of supporting one or more Virtual Machines (VMs). Scheduling task is a critical process in cloud, requiring the allocation of user-submitted tasks to the most appropriate resources to minimize execution time and costs. Effective task scheduling techniques not only optimize processing time but also enhance resource utilization [4]. Scheduling can be categorised into two types: static and dynamic. Static scheduling assigns tasks to resources at the outset and does not permit task migration during execution. In contrast, dynamic scheduling allows for the migration of tasks between resources during runtime, offering greater flexibility [5]. Task scheduling methodologies are broadly categorized into heuristics, meta-heuristics, hybrids of meta-heuristics, and emerging techniques such as machine learning-based approaches. Heuristic algorithms provide near-optimal solutions tailored to specific problems, with examples including Min-Min, Max-Min, and Sufferage algorithms [6]. Conversely, meta-heuristic algorithms are developed to achieve generalized optimal results and include methods such as Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), Ant Colony Optimization (ACO), and Genetic Algorithms [7]. Hybrid approaches that combine heuristics and metaheuristics have been introduced as effective strategies for optimizing load-balanced task scheduling in cloud computing environments [8]. This study introduces a static independent task scheduling approach that influences the complementary powers of heuristic and meta-heuristic techniques. The proposed model, illustrated in Figure 1, outlines the scheduling framework within a cloud computing environment. This approach aims to optimize resource allocation and minimize execution overhead, addressing key challenges in task scheduling. This paper introduces a novel hybrid methodology that integrates the Mean-Min algorithm [9] with an enhanced Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm to optimize task scheduling efficiency in cloud computing environments. Initially, the Mean-Min algorithm is employed to determine the preliminary task allocation. Subsequently, a modified PSO algorithm, incorporating a randomized simulated annealing inertia weight strategy, is utilized to optimize task scheduling further. This proposed algorithm ensures balanced scheduling, thereby enhancing resource utilization and minimizing execution overhead.

The primary contributions of this research are as follows:

- A hybrid Mean-Min Particle Swarm Optimization (HMMP SO) algorithm is proposed to improve task scheduling, focusing on reducing Makespan and energy consumption.
- The Mean-Min algorithm is designed to determine the initial task allocation, and its results are utilized as the initial population for the PSO algorithm.
- An enhanced PSO algorithm is developed to achieve efficient and optimal task scheduling.
- To enhance the performance of the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm, a randomized simulated annealing inertia weight strategy is designed and implemented.
- The proposed HMMP SO algorithm is assessed and analyzed against conventional and recent task scheduling techniques using three objective metrics: Makespan, degree of imbalance, and energy consumption.

Related Work

Zhou et al. [10] developed a hybrid algorithm that integrates a modified Genetic Algorithm (GA) with a greedy method to improve task scheduling efficiency. Their approach requires fewer iterations to identify optimal solutions, thereby reducing average response time and overall execution time. Additionally, it ensures load balancing across cloud resources at minimal cost. Kruekaew *et al.* [11] introduced a multi-objective task optimization technique by combining a Q-learning algorithm with the Artificial Bee Colony Algorithm (ABC). This study aims to enhance virtual machine (VM) throughput, optimize scheduling and resource allocation, and achieve efficient load balancing across VMs, with a focus on performance metrics such as Makespan, cost, and resource utilization. Pirozmand *et al.* [12] presented a two-phase hybrid strategy for task scheduling, emphasizing time and energy efficiency. The first phase prioritizes tasks, while the second assigns tasks to processors. Their Energy-Conscious Scheduling Heuristic model prioritizes tasks and assigns them to processors based on primary chromosome formation, leveraging





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heuristic techniques to enhance efficiency. Alsaidy *et al.* [13] proposed an improved initialization method for Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) using heuristic approaches. The suggested model integrates the Minimum Completion Time (MCT) and Longest Job to Fastest Processor (LJFP) methodologies to initialise the Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) algorithm, thereby improving task scheduling efficiency and optimising resource allocation. Nabi *et al.* [14] introduced a approach aimed at minimizing Makespan while enhancing resource utilization and throughput. Their method utilizes an inertia weight mechanism to balance the local and global search processes, combining Adaptive Inertia Weight and Linearly Descending Weight within the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) framework to achieve efficient task scheduling. Abualigah *et al.* [15] proposed a hybrid optimization technique for task scheduling that integrates the Multi-Verse Optimizer with a Genetic Algorithm. This approach optimizes task transfer performance over the cloud network, considering the workload of cloud resources. It ensures efficient task rearrangement by leveraging the efficiency weight of accumulated functions in the cloud. Mangalampalli *et al.* [16] utilized the Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA) for task scheduling on virtual servers in cloud environments, targeting reductions in Makespan and energy consumption. Tasks are assigned to appropriate Virtual Machines (VMs) based on task and VM priorities, facilitating cost-effective power usage in data centers. Krishnadoss *et al.* [17] suggested a hybrid scheduling method using the Cuckoo Crow Search algorithm, inspired by the crow's foraging behavior and the cuckoo's parasitic tendencies. This approach efficiently selects suitable VMs for task scheduling, achieving reductions in both Makespan and operational costs. Chandrashekar *et al.* [18] introduced a hybrid Ant Colony Optimization (ACO) approach for efficient task scheduling. The proposed method enhances conventional ACO by exploring the search space more effectively and mitigating premature convergence through the assignment of appropriate weights to the ants. This approach aims to minimize both execution costs and completion time concurrently. Abdullahi *et al.* [19] developed a task scheduling framework based on the Symbiotic Organism Search (SOS) algorithm, utilizing adaptive benefit factors. To achieve faster convergence, the framework dynamically adjusts the search control parameters of symbiotic organisms, ensuring a balanced trade-off between local and global search strategies. Furthermore, the algorithm incorporates an adaptive constrained handling mechanism that fine-tunes penalty function values, thereby preventing infeasible solutions and mitigating the risk of premature convergence. Table 1 provides a outline of related work.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

This section explains the developed HMMPSTO task scheduling algorithm. In cloud computing, task scheduling is employed to improve the performance of specific QoS measures. The task scheduling challenge is determining how to allocate multiple tasks among a certain number of virtual machines most efficiently. Consider the task set $T = \{T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n\}$ contains n number of tasks and set of resources Virtual Machine $VM = \{VM_1, VM_2, VM_3, \dots, VM_m\}$ contains m number of VMs. The outcome of the scheduling process is an allocation matrix of size $T_c * VM_c$, that specifies which VM should perform which task. The allocation matrix of mapping relation among Task and VM is denoted as,

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{n1} & a_{n2} & \dots & a_{nm} \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where 'n' is the number of Tasks, 'm' is the number of VMs and $a_{ij} = 1$ if Task T_i is assigned to the VM_j ; otherwise, $a_{ij} = 0$; Initially, the allocation matrix is generated using the Mean-Min scheduling algorithm. Algorithm 1 explains the Mean-min algorithm.

Algorithm-1 Mean-Min Algorithm

Input: $T = \{T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n\}$, $VM = \{VM_1, VM_2, VM_3, \dots, VM_m\}$, T_c = Task Count, VM_c = VM Count

Output: Allocation Matrix of Tasks to VMs

Step01: Sort tasks based on MI

Step02: Sort and group (High and Low) VMs based on MIPS

Step03: Compute Expected Completion Time (ECT) Matrix using Eq. (2)

Step04: Create an allocation matrix of size $T_c * VM_c$ and fill it with zeros

Step05: Compute Minimum Execution Time (MET) using Eq. (3)





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Step06: Sort task based on MET
Step07: Compute MeanMET using Eq. (4)
Step08: For i = 1 to Tc
Step09:  If MET (Ti) > MeanMET then
Step10:   Allocate task Ti to VM with minimum execution time and high-speed resource
Step11:  Else
Step12:   Allocate task Ti to VM with minimum execution time and low-speed resource
Step13:  EndIf
Step14: Endfor

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The expected completion time matrix is generated for all tasks. The ECT of i^{th} task on j^{th} VM is computed by,

$$ECT_{ij} = \frac{TMI_i}{VMIPS_j} \quad (2)$$

The task allocation matrix (A) of size $T_c * VM_c$ is created and assigned $\forall a_{ij} = 0$. After being sorted according to the minimal ETC in ascending order, the tasks are arranged in a task queue. The virtual machines are categorised into two groups: high-speed and low-speed resources, and organised based on their speed. The minimum execution time of the task is calculated using the following equation.

$$MET(T_i) = \min_{j \in VM_c} (ECT_{ij}) \quad (3)$$

The mean value of MET is computed using the following eq.

$$Mean_{MET} = \sum_{i=1}^{T_c} \frac{MET(T_i)}{T_c} \quad (4)$$

Where T_c is the number of tasks, the tasks with METs larger than or equal to the $Mean_{MET}$ will be allocated in high-speed resource sets; tasks with METs less than or equal to the $Mean_{MET}$ are scheduled in low-speed resource sets. Algorithm 1 produces the task allocation matrix, which is used as the initial population for the modified PSO algorithm. The PSO algorithm is an adaptable optimal method based on global search [20]. This method is a population-based scheduling mechanism that depends on the particle's behaviour in social settings. This strategy is based on swarm intelligence and is modelled after the social dynamics found in groups of birds and fish schools. Particles and generations comprise the population of the swarm. Generation denotes the quantity of repetitions required to attain an ideal solution. Each generation consists of several particles, with each particle symbolising a distinct solution. The quantity of generations and particles is dynamically modified according to the specific circumstances to attain more optimal outcomes. Each particle possesses four defining attributes: position, velocity, global best, and local best. A random initialization process is one of the main components of PSO in dispersing the particles throughout the search space. However, the algorithm's performance might be enhanced if a suitable starting search point could be chosen. Therefore, the recommended strategy is to initiate the PSO search process employing heuristic scheduling methodologies.

Algorithm 2 explains the proposed HMMP SO task scheduling algorithm.

Algorithm-2 HMMP SO Algorithm
Input: $T = \{T_1, T_2, T_3, \dots, T_n\}$, $VM = \{VM_1, VM_2, VM_3, \dots, VM_m\}$, T_c = Task Count, VM_c = VM Count
Output: Allocation Matrix of Tasks to VMs, Makespan, Degree of Imbalance, Energy Consumption
Step 01: Establish PSO parameters MaxIter = 100, Number_of_Particles = 70, $c_1 = 2$, $c_2 = 1.5$, $w_1 = 0.9$, $w_2 = 0.3$, $iw = 0$
Step02: Create an allocation matrix of size $T_c * VM_c$ and fill it with zeros
Step03: Initialize Particle P_1 using Mean-Min algorithm
Step04: Generate remaining Particles randomly
Step05: For iter = 1 to MaxIter
Step06: Find Inertia weight using Eq. (5)





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Step07: For i = 1 to No_of_Particles
Step08:   Compute fitness value using Eq. (6)
Step09:   Find the local best particle
Step10:   Compute the new velocity
Step11:   Update particles
Step12: End For
Step13: Find the global best particle
Step14: End For
Step15: Set global best particle to allocation matrix

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The initial particle is generated using the Mean-min algorithm, and the remaining particles are generated randomly. The efficacy of the PSO algorithm is contingent upon the inertia weight and the optimal parameter configuration. The inertia weights balance exploration and exploitation while searching for the best solution inside the search zone [21]. This paper introduced a random simulated annealing inertia weight, which can be computed using the following equation:

$$iw = \frac{rand()}{2} + w2 + (w1 - w2)(5)$$

Here, rand() indicates the random function that returns a value between 0 and 1. Local search gradually reduces the search space, improving performance and accelerating convergence.

The fitness value of each particle can be computed using,

$$fitness = \frac{1}{makespan} + \frac{Degree\ of\ Imbalance}{Energy\ Consumption} \quad (6)$$

Here, the Makespan can be computed using Eq. (7),

$$Makespan = \max_{j \in VM_c} \left(\sum_{i=0}^{T_c} a_{ij} * ECT_{ij} \right) \quad (7)$$

The degree of imbalance is calculated using Eq. (8)

$$Degree\ of\ Imbalance = VM_c * \left[\frac{Makespan - VM_{minET}}{\sum_{j=1}^{VM_c} \sum_{i=1}^{T_c} a_{ij} * ECT_{ij}} \right] \quad (8)$$

Where VM_{minET} demonstrated the minimal execution time among all virtual machines.

The energy consumption is computed using Eq. (9)

$$Energy\ Consumption = \sum_{j=1}^{VM_c} ((VM_{ETj} * active_j + (Makespan - VM_{ETj}) * idle_j) * MIPS_j) \quad (9)$$

Here, the active_j and idle_j indicate the active and idle state of jth VM. VM_{ETj} represent the execution time of jth VM, and it can be computed using Eq. (10)

$$VM_{ETj} = \sum_{i=0}^{T_c} a_{ij} * ECT_{ij} \quad (10)$$

The metrics Makespan, Degree of Imbalance and Energy Consumption are used to optimize the scheduling algorithms' task allocation.

SIMULATION RESULTS

This section evaluates the performance of the proposed task scheduling algorithm against standard PSO and MCT-PSO [14] algorithms. The proposed HMMPSO scheduling technique employs the Java-based NetBeans IDE 8.2 and the CloudSim 4.0 simulation tool. Table 2 shows the simulation parameters. Three primary metrics, Makespan, Degree of Imbalance, and Energy Consumption compare the performance. Initially, a Java application creates arbitrary task lengths, and various virtual machine execution speeds within the ranges of (1000–4000) in MI and



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(1000–5000) in MIPS, respectively, for a certain number of tasks and VM. Additionally, each virtual machine's power consumption is randomly adjusted between 200 and 1000 watts. A VM's execution rate is correlated with its random power consumption values; the higher the VM's execution rate, the higher its power consumption. A virtual machine (VM) can be in any of the simulation's two states of power consumption: idle or active. A virtual machine uses all of its power when it is active. In idle mode, a virtual machine uses 60–70%. Two sets of simulation scenarios—a variable quantity of tasks with a constant number of VMs and a constant number of tasks with a variable quantity of VMs—are employed to obtain the performance evaluation findings.

Case-1 Variable number of tasks with a fixed number of VMs

The number of tasks, in this case, varies from 200 to 1000, and the VM count is set to 100. Table 3 shows the makespan comparison. Figure 2 shows the comparison of Makespan. The outcome shows that, for all algorithms, Makespan increases as the number of tasks increases and that, for every task count, the suggested HMMP SO obtained minimum Makespan. Table 4 and Figure 3 illustrate the performance in relation to the degree of imbalance comparison. Noticeably, there is a significant variation in the recorded DI values for a limited number of tasks. The variation gets smaller as the number of tasks increases, almost reaching the comparable degree of imbalance values when there are 1000 tasks. Across all task counts, the HMMP SO got the optimal VM balance. In contrast, the load balance of the traditional PSO is the worst in every scenario. Table 5 and Figure 4 illustrate the comparative performance of energy usage.. It is noticeable that when the number of tasks increases, energy usage also increases. HMMP SO scheduling uses the least energy across all scenarios compared to other algorithms.

Case-2 Fixed number of tasks with a variable number of VMs

The number of tasks in this scenario remains fixed at 500. The VMs are varied from 40 to 200. Table 6 and Figure 5 present a comparison of makespan. The Makespan is expected to diminish with an increase in the number of machines. In every scenario, the HMMP SO outperforms other algorithms. Table 7 and Figure 6 illustrate the performance of the imbalance degree comparison.. The traditional PSO algorithm increases the degree of imbalance, and the proposed HMMP SO decreases when the number of VMs increases. Table 8 and Figure 7 show the performance of energy consumption comparison. From the results, the proposed HMMP SO reduces the energy for all cases.

CONCLUSION

Cost-effective task scheduling is critical for both customers and service providers in cloud computing environments. This study introduces a hybrid Mean-Min Particle Swarm Optimization (HMMP SO) method for optimizing task scheduling. The Mean-Min technique is utilized to heuristically initialize the particles in the PSO algorithm, significantly enhancing the performance and convergence speed of the search process by starting with solutions derived from the Mean-Min strategy. A key element in PSO, the inertia weight, performs a vital role in balancing the exploration of global and local search spaces. To further improve the algorithm's performance, this work incorporates a randomized simulated annealing inertia weight technique. The proposed HMMP SO algorithm has been assessed using performance metrics such as Makespan, degree of imbalance, and energy consumption, and its results are compared against conventional PSO and MCT-PSO methods. The analysis demonstrates that the proposed strategy consistently outperforms existing approaches, achieving superior efficiency and effectiveness.

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Table.1: Outline of related work

Ref	Algorithms/ Technique	Metrics	Simulation Environment
[11]	Modified Genetic Algorithm with greedy strategy	Total execution time, average response time and workload balance	CloudSim
[12]	Artificial Bee Colony with Q Learning	Makespan, Average Throughput and Cost	CloudSim
[13]	Hybrid genetic algorithm and energy-aware scheduling	Makespan and Energy Consumption	Matlab
[14]	MCT-PSO and LJFP-PSO	Makespan, Total Execution Time, Degree of imbalance and Energy Consumption	Matlab
[15]	Adaptive PSO	Makespan, Resource Utilization and Throughput	CloudSim
[16]	Multi-verse optimizer with a genetic algorithm	Transfer Time	Matlab
[17]	Whale Optimization algorithm	Makespan, power cost and energy consumption	CloudSim
[18]	Hybrid Cuckoo Crow Search Algorithm	Makespan and Cost	CloudSim
[19]	Hybrid Weighted Ant Colony Optimization	Makespan and Cost	CloudSim
[20]	Adaptive symbiotic organisms	Makespan and Cost	CloudSim

Table.2: Outline of Simulation Parameters

Parameters	Values
Task Count	200 – 1000
MI	1000 – 4000
VM Count	40 – 200
MIPS	1000 – 5000
VM Power Consumption	200 – 1000 (Watt)

Table.3: Makespan Comparison (Case-1)

Number of Tasks	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
200	4.0	2.2	2.0
400	7.5	4.2	3.8
600	10.4	8.5	7.2
800	15.2	12.1	10.0
1000	20.7	17.6	15.3

Table.4: Degree of Imbalance Comparison (Case-1)

Number of Tasks	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
200	2.4	0.9	0.8
400	2.0	0.6	0.4
600	1.8	1.0	0.6
800	1.7	1.1	0.8
1000	1.8	1.2	1.0





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Table.5: Energy Consumption Comparison (Case-1)

Number of Tasks	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
200	189	122	110
400	368	242	173
600	514	440	314
800	685	599	426
1000	935	822	677

Table.6: Makespan Comparison (Case-2)

Number of VMs	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
40	20.4	25.9	16.3
80	14.9	9.7	7.8
120	9.3	4.9	3.6
160	7.1	3.7	2.9
200	7.2	2.7	2.1

Table.7: Degree of Imbalance Comparison (Case-2)

Number of VMs	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
40	1.2	1.0	0.8
80	1.8	0.8	0.7
120	2.1	0.7	0.6
160	2.5	0.7	0.5
200	2.7	0.7	0.5

Table.8: Energy Consumption Comparison (Case-2)

Number of VMs	PSO	MCT-PSO	HMMP SO
40	393	362	295
80	495	365	312
120	460	311	287
160	522	318	279
200	598	304	256

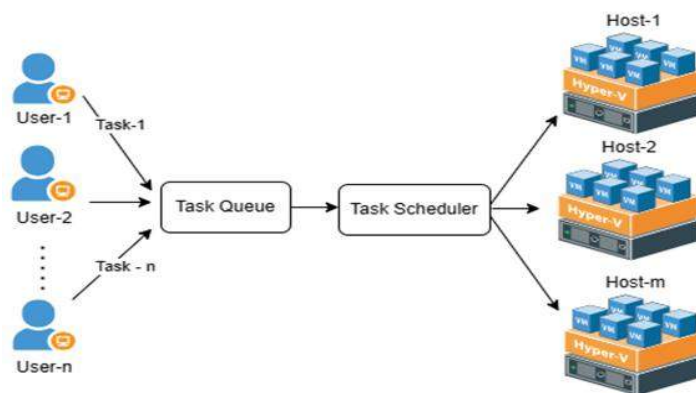


Figure 1 Task Scheduling model in Cloud



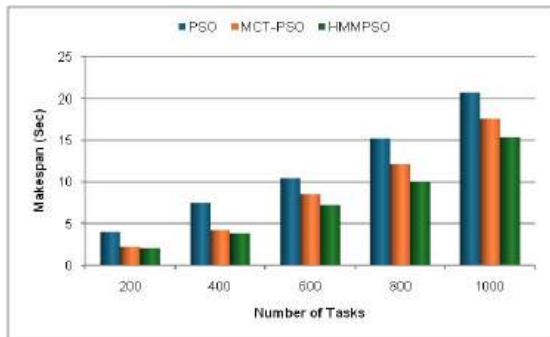


Figure.2: Performance of Makespan Comparison in Case-1

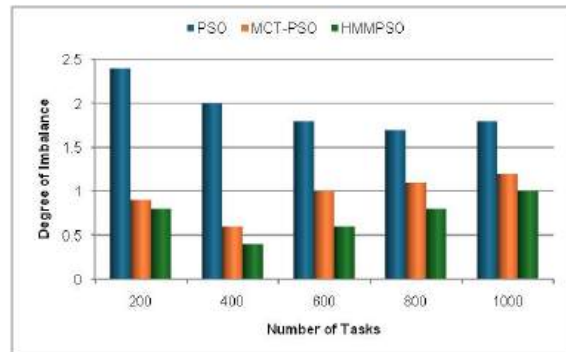


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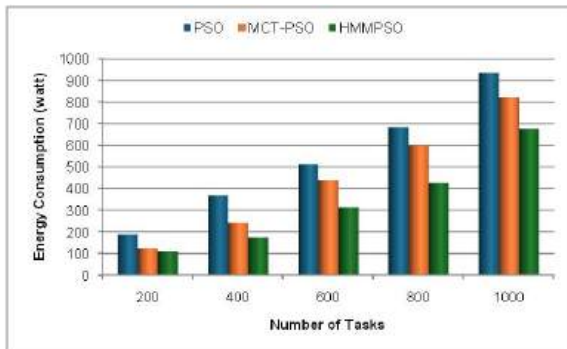


Figure.4: Performance of Energy Consumption (Case-1)

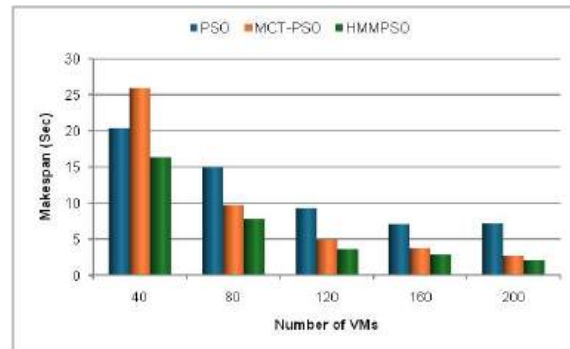


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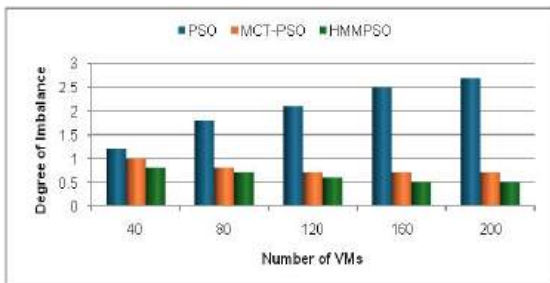


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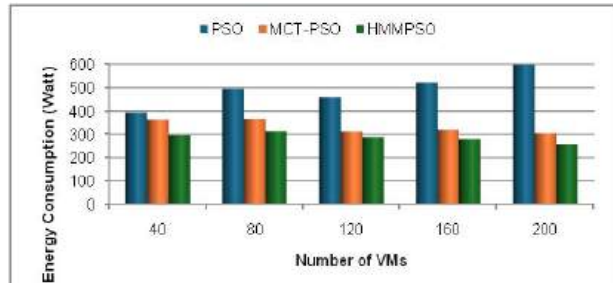


Figure.7: Performance of Energy Consumption (Watt)





A Scientometric Evaluation of Research Trends and Outputs Related to Fossil Fuels

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ABSTRACT

This scientometric evaluation explores global research trends and outputs related to fossil fuels over a 30-year period (1994–2024). A total of 13,436 records were analyzed, reflecting contributions from 36,553 authors across 141 countries and 8,217 institutions (expanding to 19,996 when sub-divisions are considered). The research is distributed among 2,272 journals, spanning 19 document types and 23 languages, highlighting the multidisciplinary and international scope of fossil fuel-related studies. The dataset includes 12,403 unique words, 706,233 cited references, and received a cumulative 475,627 global citations and 18,415 local citations, indicating significant academic influence. This comprehensive analysis provides insights into the evolution of fossil fuel research, major contributing entities, and the overall impact within the scientific community.

Keywords: Scientometric analysis. Fossil fuels, Research productivity, Trends, Historical research.

INTRODUCTION

Coal, oil, and natural gas are primary examples of fossil fuels that have historically served as the dominant sources of global energy, driving both industrial and economic growth. Despite increasing environmental concerns and a growing shift toward renewable energy alternatives, fossil fuels continue to occupy a significant share of many



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countries' energy portfolios. As a result, research related to their extraction, utilization, environmental impact, and associated policies remains highly active and continuously evolving. In this context, scientometric analysis has emerged as an effective approach for systematically assessing the development and structure of academic research within a specific field. By examining publication trends, citation patterns, leading authors, institutions, and contributing countries, scientometric studies offer valuable insights into the intellectual framework and emerging areas of focus within the research landscape. This study employs scientometric methods to analyze the global research output related to fossil fuels. By examining bibliometric data from reputable academic sources, the aim is to identify key contributors, emerging research themes, collaborative networks, and potential future directions in fossil fuel studies. This comprehensive analysis provides valuable insights for policymakers, researchers, and stakeholders, supporting informed decision-making in the pursuit of sustainable energy strategies.

Objectives

The objectives of this study entitled “A SCIENTOMETRIC EVALUATION OF RESEARCH TRENDS AND OUTPUTS RELATED TO FOSSIL FUELS” are given below

- To analyze the growth rate of research productivity related to fossil fuels.
- To examine the annual distribution of publications in the field of fossil fuels research.
- To assess the distribution of publications based on document types.
- To study the authorship patterns and the extent of research collaboration.
- To identify the distribution of fossil fuels research across various journals.
- To apply and test relevant scientometric laws in the context of fossil fuels research output.

Statement of the Problem

The present study aims to analyze the research performance related to fossil fuels. Research publications serve as a primary medium through which scientists gain professional recognition, esteem, career advancement, and access to funding opportunities for future research. Publication is central to research productivity, as a study attains formal recognition only when it takes a tangible, published form that can be reviewed, evaluated, and acknowledged by the scientific community. From this perspective, bibliometric analysis emerges as a valuable tool for examining research output across various disciplines, including both science and social science. With this understanding, the researcher proposes to undertake the study titled “A Scientometric Evaluation of Research Trends and Outputs Related to Fossil Fuels.”

METHODOLOGY

The research literature on fossil fuels was sourced from the Web of Science database, maintained by Clarivate Analytics. This study focuses on analyzing the research output in the field of fossil fuels, highlighting aspects such as growth trends, doubling time, authorship patterns, publication languages, document types, country-wise contributions, and core journals. Web of Science, being a comprehensive and reliable source, effectively supports the literature research process. Statistical tools like trend analysis, correlation analysis, and time series analysis were applied to forecast future research output. A total of 13,436 records were downloaded and analyzed using HistCite software. The findings were tabulated in line with the study's objectives, aiming to explore research intensity and journal preferences in fossil fuels research.

Data Collection

For collecting the publication metadata, the renowned Web of Science (WoS) database was used which covers journals, conferences and other sources. The data was collected for the period 1994-2024.

Tools and Techniques

The research output on Fossil Fuels is the data used for the present study. A total of 13436 records were published in Fossil Fuels Research output at global level. The research output was analyzed using various bibliometric indicators.



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Histcite software is designed to assist a user in analyzing bibliographic data, or any data of a textual nature formatted in a similar manner.

Scope and Limitations of the Study

- The results are based on the assumption that citations reflect meaningful connections between citing and cited documents.
- Limitations may arise due to technical issues in the citation indexes and bibliographic data used.
- The study focuses only on journals published during the 31-year period from 1994 to 2024.
- Analysis is based solely on publication data retrieved from the Web of Science database.

Data Analysis and Interpretation

This study analyzed 13,436 publications on fossil fuels research indexed in the Web of Science database over a 31-year period (1994–2024) at the global level. The highest number of publications occurred in 2024 (1,667), followed by 2023 (1,491). A total of 36,553 authors contributed to 2,272 journal articles from 8,217 institutions across 141 countries. The study also examined journal contributions, author rankings, publication preferences, and keyword frequencies. Table 1 summarizes the research output. The records received 475,627 global citations, 18,415 local citations, and 706,233 cited references. Publications appeared in 23 languages and 19 document types, supported by 1,365 institutions worldwide. To assess the year-wise distribution of fossil fuels research output, data is presented in Table 2. Between 1994 and 2024, a total of 13,436 publications were recorded globally. The peak output was in 2024 with 1,667 publications, followed by 1,491 in 2023, and 1,241 in 2022. Other notable years include 2021 (1,175), 2020 (976), 2019 (860), 2018 (780), 2017 (714), and 2016 (646). The lowest output was in 1989, with just 13 publications. Table 2 also includes the average citations per paper, which was 35.4 overall. The highest average was 89.49 for 383 papers in 2008, followed by 88.10 for 200 papers in 2005. The lowest average was 3.87 for 1,667 papers in 2024. Additionally, the highest number of global citations—37,699—was recorded in 2015 for 540 papers, followed by 34,274 in 2013 (383 papers), 33,479 in 2016 (646 papers), and 31,167 in 2017 (714 papers). Table 3 presents the growth pattern of fossil fuels research output, calculated using standard methods outlined in the study's methodology. The year-wise growth trend shows alternating increases and decreases, eventually rising steadily to 33.125 during 2015–2016. The moving average method, based on arithmetic mean, is used to smooth out fluctuations and reveal the overall trend. Unlike a single average, moving averages use overlapping time intervals, placing the average at the center of the time span to reflect the normal value. This method helps reduce short-term variations and simplifies analysis. However, if the moving average period doesn't align with the cycle length, cyclical fluctuations may not be fully eliminated due to their irregular duration. Therefore, selecting an appropriate period is essential for accurate results. Relative Growth Rate (RGR) measures the increase in the number of articles over a specific period, while Doubling Time (DT) indicates the time required for the output to double. Table 4 presents the year-wise research output, cumulative growth, RGR, and DT for fossil fuels research from 1989 to 2019. A total of 13,436 publications were recorded globally during the period. The highest number of publications was 1,667 in 2019, followed by 1,491 in 2018, 1,241 in 2017, 1,175 in 2016, and 976 in 2015. The trend continued with 860 in 2014, 780 in 2013, 714 in 2012, and 646 in 2011. The growth pattern and doubling time were calculated using standard methods. The mean RGR was 5.65, and the average doubling time was 98.69 years, indicating the rate at which fossil fuels research output doubled over the study period.

The formulas used are:

- Average Authors per Paper (AAPP) = Number of Authors / Number of Papers
- Productivity per Author = Number of Papers / Number of Authors

Table 5 presents data on author productivity and AAPP. The average number of authors per article during 1989–2019 is 3.74 for 13,436 papers. The highest AAPP is 4.31 in 2019 (7,194 authors for 1,667 papers), followed by 4.25 in 2018, 4.20 in 2017, 4.09 in 2016, and 3.95 in 2015. The average productivity per author over the period is 0.27. Notably, the years 1989 to 1992 recorded higher productivity rates of 0.48, 0.46, 0.47, and 0.44 respectively.

Table 6 presents the document-wise distribution of fossil fuels research publications from 1994 to 2024. Articles account for the majority at 74.4% (10,001 records), followed by Reviews at 16.1% (2,164), Article; Proceedings Papers





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at 6.4% (859), and Editorial Materials at 1.2% (161). Document types such as Bibliography, Reprint, and Review; Retracted Publication have only one record each. In terms of global citations, Articles received the highest (260,235), followed by Reviews (180,442), Article; Proceedings Papers (27,290), and Editorial Materials (3,056). Rare document types had minimal citations, possibly due to limited referencing despite being accessed. The figure 1 shows that more than three fourth portions are covered by the document type Article, followed by review covering one fourth portion or area and the rest as documents of the other types. The analysis indicates that Lotka's Law is not applicable to author productivity in fossil fuels research, as publications are widely distributed among numerous authors. Masjuki HH leads with the highest global citations (3,447) from 34 publications, followed by Wang Y with 3,123 citations (24 publications) and Saidur R with 2,573 citations (24 publications). Among the top 25 authors, Masjuki HH also has the highest citation references (185), followed by Gustavsson L with 103 references (28 publications) and Kalam MA with 101 references (18 publications). Overall, only two authors have over 3,000 citations, one author exceeds 2,000, seven authors have over 1,000, and another seven have more than 500 citations, while the remaining authors follow. The Figure 2 shows the Author wise distribution of the publications. The X axis in the figure denotes the Name of the authors and the Y axis denotes the number of records. The figure clearly depicts the highest to lowest number of publications or rank wise published articles in author wise distribution of the publications. Table 8 highlights author-wise self-citations and H-index distribution. Gustavsson L recorded the highest number of self-citations (77 out of 204), followed by Masjuki HH with 69 out of 284, and Valero A with 62 out of 101, indicating strong and consistent research in their fields. In terms of H-index, Masjuki HH leads with a value of 24 from 54 publications. He is followed by Gustavsson L and Saidur R, both with an H-index of 20 from 28 and 24 publications respectively. Li Y and Dincer I have an H-index of 17, while Veziroglu TN and Kumar A have 16 and 15, respectively. Among the top 25 authors, Masjuki HH has 215 non-self-cited citations from 34 papers, followed by Saidur R with 138. Only one author, Masjuki HH, has over 200 self-cited papers, and two others exceed 100. Table 9 reveals a decline in the Co-Authorship Index (CAI) for single authors—from 35% in 1995 to 34% in 1996, 30% in 1997 and 1998, and 29% in 1999. Conversely, the CAI for multiple authors shows a steady increase, reaching 11% in 2024, indicating a growing trend of collaborative research in journal publications. Author productivity is typically measured by the number of papers contributed by individual authors in a specific field. This study examines the applicability of Lotka's Law to Fossil Fuels Research output. Table 10 presents the frequency distribution of author productivity based on Lotka's Law. An effort has been made to assess its relevance, and the values of 'n', 'C', and the critical value for the dataset are calculated and shown in Table 17.

$$n = \frac{N \sum XY - \sum X \sum Y}{N \sum X^2 - (\sum X)^2}$$

$$n = ((36 * 33.768) - (43.554 * 42.446)) / ((36 * 59.503 - (43.554^2)))$$

$$n = -2.58$$

$$c = \frac{1}{\sum_{i=1}^{p-1} \frac{1}{x^i} + 1 / ((n-1)(p^{n-1}) + 1/2 * p^n + n/24 * (p-1)^{n+1})}$$

$$C = (1 / ((0.005568 + 0.00022 + 0.000003)))$$

$$C = 172.68$$

In this context, p represents the number of observed or fixed values. According to Pao (1985), the residual error is not significant when p equals 20. Lotka's Law can be tested using the Kolmogorov-Smirnov (K-S) test, which evaluates the goodness of fit between observed and expected author productivity distributions. The maximum deviation (Dmax) is calculated based on these distributions, as shown in Table 12. The K-S test at the 5% significance level (0.565) shows a maximum deviation (Dmax) of 23%, which is slightly less than the critical value (C.V. = 23.269). Since Dmax < C.V., the results indicate that Lotka's Law is not applicable to the author productivity pattern in Fossil Fuels Research output. Out of 2272 journals contributing to 13,436 fossil fuel-related publications, the top five are:

- Renewable & Sustainable Energy Reviews ranks first with 734 articles (5.5%) and 45,685 global citations.
- Energy Policy is second with 134 articles (3.2%) and 14,953 citations.
- Energy ranks third with 336 articles (2.5%) and 12,255 citations.



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- International Journal of Hydrogen Energy holds fourth with 335 articles (2.5%) and 13,786 citations.
- Applied Energy is fifth with 331 articles (2.5%) and 12,946 citations.

Ranking of Journals

Journals play a key role in disseminating current research and tracking knowledge growth. Table 14 tests Bradford's Law using ranked journal citations in descending order. The 2272 cited journals were divided into three zones to test the algebraic form of the law. Bradford's multiplier, calculated by dividing the number of journals in a zone by those in the preceding one, was used to analyse distribution. The dataset shows that 21 journals account for 4583 citations, 111 journals for 4517, and 1040 journals for 4336 citations—each zone contributing approximately one-third of total citations. Ideally, Bradford's law follows a geometric series ($1:n:n^2$), but the current ratio (21:111:1040) deviates, with $n = 5.29$. This results in an expected distribution of 21:111.09:587.67, yielding a 32.52% error. Since the deviation is significant, the data doesn't fully conform to Bradford's Law, though the relatively lower error suggests a partial fit. Therefore, Bradford's Law can be moderately applied to this dataset. Figure 4 illustrates the rise in Fossil Fuels research output in India and globally between 1994 and 2024. The Activity Index for India shows a significant increase starting around 2024 (violet line). The sky-blue line represents India's projected publication growth, while the yellow line shows global growth for comparison. The Activity Index equation is calculated as $Y = 44.92x - 285.1$, and the Karl Pearson correlation coefficient is 0.778, indicating a strong positive relationship.

CONCLUSION

The study reveals that no prior scientometric analysis has been conducted on fossil fuel research output. This research identifies 13,436 publications indexed in the Web of Science from 1994 to 2024, published across 2,272 journals by 36,553 authors from 8,217 institutions in 141 countries, accumulating 475,627 global citations. Bibliometric analysis proves to be a reliable method to assess scientific output. The findings highlight significant growth in fossil fuel research during the study period, with a core group of journals contributing prominently. Academics tend to publish in broad-scope, high-impact journals over niche ones. Journal distribution follows Bradford's Law of Scattering, while Lotka's Law shows a closer fit using the chi-square method than the maximum likelihood method. The high number of collaborative works indicates strong team-based research in this domain. Fossil fuels remain central to modern life, powering electricity, transportation, and more, despite their environmental and health drawbacks. The study provides valuable insights for future researchers, helping identify existing gaps and guiding further exploration to improve fossil fuel research productivity.

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Table 1. Fossil Fuels Research output during 1994-2024

S.No	Particular	Data
1	Records	13436
2	Time Span	1994-2024
3	Contributed authors	36553
4	Number of Journals	2272
5	Document type	19
6	Contributing Country	141
7	Language	23
8	Institutions	8217
9	Institutions with sub divisions	19996
10	Global citations	475627
11	Local citations	18415
12	Words	12403
13	All cited references	706233

Table 2. Yearwise distribution of the publications

#	Publication Year	Records	Percent	TLCS	TGCS	ACPP
1	1994	13	0.1	36	241	18.54
2	1995	25	0.2	18	191	7.64
3	1996	70	0.5	95	2074	29.63
4	1997	84	0.6	67	1601	19.06
5	1998	111	0.8	150	2108	18.99
6	1999	111	0.8	175	2326	20.95
7	2000	105	0.8	196	3581	34.10
8	2001	135	1.0	273	4008	29.69
9	2002	117	0.9	292	8367	71.51
10	2003	128	1.0	244	5272	41.19
11	2004	117	0.9	217	5337	45.62
12	2005	132	1.0	223	6756	51.18
13	2006	118	0.9	239	7379	62.53
14	2007	127	0.9	214	8640	68.03
15	2008	138	1.0	225	6111	44.27
16	2009	165	1.2	390	11705	70.94
17	2010	200	1.5	577	17620	88.10
18	2011	231	1.7	769	20174	87.33
19	2012	336	2.5	888	22372	66.58
20	2013	383	2.9	1377	34274	89.49
21	2014	500	3.7	1368	29487	58.97
22	2015	540	4.0	1551	37699	69.81
23	2016	646	4.8	1429	33479	51.83
24	2017	714	5.3	1297	31167	43.65
25	2018	780	5.8	1200	34939	44.79
26	2019	860	6.4	1242	30728	35.73
27	2020	976	7.3	1259	30368	31.11
28	2021	1175	8.7	1084	29827	25.38
29	2022	1241	9.2	756	23871	19.24
30	2023	1491	11.1	465	17460	11.74





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31	2024	1667	12.1	99	6465	3.87
		13436			475797	35.40

*TLCS – Total Local Citation Score ** TGCS – Total Global Citation Score

Table 3. shows the growth pattern of Fossil Fuels Research output

Year	Records	4 yearly moving total	2 Period moving total	4 Yearly centered moving averages or trend Yt	Short term fluctuations Y-Yt
1994	13				
1995	25				
		192			
1996	70		482	60.25	9.75
		290			
1997	84		666	83.25	0.75
		376			
1998	111		787	98.375	12.625
		411			
1999	111		873	109.125	1.875
		462			
2000	105		930	116.25	-11.25
		468			
2001	135		953	119.125	15.875
		485			
2002	117		982	122.75	-5.75
		497			
2003	128		991	123.875	4.125
		494			
2004	117		989	123.625	-6.625
		495			
2005	132		989	123.625	8.375
		494			
2006	118		1012	126.5	-8.5
		518			
2007	127		1069	133.625	-6.625
		551			
2008	138		1184	148	-7
		633			
2009	165		1370	171.25	-6.25
		737			
2010	200		1669	208.625	-8.625
		932			
2011	231		2082	260.25	-29.25
		1150			
2012	336		2600	325	11
		1450			
2013	383		3209	401.125	-18.125
		1759			
2014	500		3828	478.5	21.5
		2069			



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2015	540		4469	558.625	-18.625
		2400			
2016	646		5080	635	11
		2680			
2017	714		5680	710	4
		3000			
2018	780		6330	791.25	-11.25
		3330			
2019	860		7121	890.125	-30.125
		3791			
2020	976		8043	1005.375	-29.375
		4252			
2021	1175		9135	1141.875	33.125
		4883			
2022	1241		10457	1307.125	-66.125
		5574			
2023	1491				
2024	1667				
	13436				

Table 4. Doubling time in number of publications observed during 1994 to 2024

S.No.	Years	Records	Log W1	Log W2	R(a)	Mean R(a) 1-2	DT	Mean Dt R(a) 1-2
1	1994	13		2.56	2.56		0.27	
2	1995	25	2.56	3.22	0.66		1.05	
3	1996	70	3.22	4.25	1.03		0.67	
4	1997	84	4.25	4.43	0.18		3.83	
5	1998	111	4.43	4.71	0.28		2.48	
6	1999	111	4.71	4.71	0.00		0.00	
7	2000	105	4.71	4.65	-0.06		-12.37	
8	2001	135	4.65	4.91	0.26		2.71	
9	2002	117	4.91	4.76	-0.15		-4.69	
10	2003	128	4.76	4.85	0.09		7.71	
11	2004	117	4.85	4.76	-0.09		-7.71	
12	2005	132	4.76	4.88	0.12		5.74	
13	2006	118	4.88	4.77	-0.11		-6.18	
14	2007	127	4.77	4.84	0.07		9.43	
15	2008	138	4.84	4.95	0.10		6.63	
16	2009	165	4.95	5.11	0.16	0.32	4.41	0.87
17	2010	200	5.11	5.30	0.19		3.60	
18	2011	231	5.30	5.44	0.14		4.81	
19	2012	336	5.44	5.82	0.37		1.85	
20	2013	383	5.82	5.95	0.13		5.29	
21	2014	500	5.95	6.21	0.27		2.60	
22	2015	540	6.21	6.29	0.08		9.00	
23	2016	646	6.29	6.47	0.18		3.87	
24	2017	714	6.47	6.57	0.10		6.92	
25	2018	780	6.57	6.66	0.09		7.84	
26	2019	860	6.66	6.76	0.10		7.10	





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27	2020	976	6.76	6.88	0.13		5.48	
28	2021	1175	6.88	7.07	0.19		3.73	
29	2022	1241	7.07	7.12	0.05		12.68	
30	2023	1491	7.12	7.31	0.18		3.78	
31	2024	1667	7.31	7.42	0.11	0.15	6.14	5.65
		13436					98.69	

Table 5. Year wise and Number of Authors in Fossil Fuels Research Output

S.No.	Years	Records	NA	AAPP	Productivity per Authors
1	1994	13	27	2.08	0.48
2	1995	25	54	2.16	0.46
3	1996	70	150	2.14	0.47
4	1997	84	189	2.25	0.44
5	1998	111	270	2.43	0.41
6	1999	111	231	2.08	0.48
7	2000	105	231	2.20	0.45
8	2001	135	301	2.23	0.45
9	2002	117	323	2.76	0.36
10	2003	128	329	2.57	0.39
11	2004	117	309	2.64	0.38
12	2005	132	387	2.93	0.34
13	2006	118	368	3.12	0.32
14	2007	127	405	3.19	0.31
15	2008	138	441	3.13	0.32
16	2009	165	469	2.84	0.35
17	2010	200	623	3.12	0.32
18	2011	231	746	3.23	0.31
19	2012	336	1140	3.39	0.29
20	2013	383	1195	3.12	0.32
21	2014	500	1609	3.22	0.31
22	2015	540	1793	3.32	0.30
23	2016	646	2192	3.39	0.29
24	2017	714	2794	3.91	0.26
25	2018	780	2928	3.75	0.27
26	2019	860	3353	3.90	0.26
27	2020	976	3858	3.95	0.25
28	2021	1175	4806	4.09	0.24
29	2022	1241	5216	4.2	0.24
30	2023	1491	6331	4.25	0.24
31	2024	1667	7194	4.31	0.23
		13436	50262	3.74	0.27

Table 6. Document wise distributions of the publications

#	Document Type	Records	Percent	TLCS	TGCS
1	Article	10001	74.4	11241	260235
2	Review	2164	16.1	5911	180403
3	Article; Proceedings Paper	859	6.4	1023	27290
4	Editorial Material	161	1.2	147	3056





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5	Meeting Abstract	45	0.3	0	1
6	Book Review	38	0.3	0	5
7	News Item	38	0.3	2	94
8	Article; Early Access	36	0.3	0	16
9	Review; Book Chapter	25	0.2	57	2499
10	Article; Book Chapter	20	0.1	26	405
11	Letter	20	0.1	3	14
12	Note	9	0.1	2	48
13	Article; Data Paper	7	0.1	0	1493
14	Review; Early Access	5	0.0	0	17
15	Correction	3	0.0	1	5
16	Article; Retracted Publication	2	0.0	0	11
17	Bibliography	1	0.0	0	2
18	Reprint	1	0.0	0	0
19	Review; Retracted Publication	1	0.0	2	33

Table 7 Author wise distribution of the publications

#	Author	Records	Percent	TLCS	Without self citations	TGCS	TLCR
1	Masjuki HH	34	0.3	283	215	3447	185
2	Li Y	33	0.2	47	33	1348	47
3	Dincer I	30	0.2	86	61	1346	46
4	Kumar A	29	0.2	38	34	729	57
5	Gustavsson L	28	0.2	204	127	1591	103
6	Demirbas A	27	0.2	98	89	1300	34
7	Valero A	26	0.2	101	39	466	87
8	Zhang Q	26	0.2	61	44	1432	35
9	Kumar S	25	0.2	46	41	657	37
10	Li L	25	0.2	12	5	462	30
11	Saidur R	24	0.2	166	138	2573	76
12	Wang Y	24	0.2	53	41	3123	41
13	Zhang Y	24	0.2	13	12	650	29
14	Kaygusuz K	23	0.2	57	35	769	56
15	Li J	23	0.2	7	3	445	46
16	Rosen MA	23	0.2	57	29	861	34
17	Veziroglu TN	22	0.2	102	79	1448	56
18	Wang H	22	0.2	17	13	493	25
19	Wang L	22	0.2	13	10	374	22
20	Azapagic A	20	0.1	39	34	735	29
21	Li X	20	0.1	43	38	881	64
22	Kalam MA	18	0.1	124	89	1364	101
23	Kim J	18	0.1	10	3	204	25
24	Li H	18	0.1	22	17	439	36
25	Li YP	18	0.1	14	8	286	21

Table 8. Author wise self-citations of the publications

#	Author	Records	Co-authors	Self-citations	Without self-citations	h-index
1	Masjuki HH	34	213	69	215	26
2	Li Y	49	252	15	33	17





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3	Dincer I	30	82	26	61	17
4	Kumar A	29	118	4	34	15
5	Gustavsson L	28	86	77	127	20
6	Demirbas A	27	48	9	89	14
7	Valero A	26	45	62	39	9
8	Zhang Q	26	173	17	44	14
9	Kumar S	25	84	5	41	11
10	Li L	25	139	7	5	12
11	Saidur R	24	101	28	138	20
12	Wang Y	24	147	12	41	14
13	Zhang Y	24	151	1	12	14
14	Kaygusuz K	23	46	23	35	15
15	Li J	23	167	4	3	11
16	Rosen MA	23	76	28	29	14
17	Veziroglu TN	22	63	23	79	16
18	Wang H	22	138	4	13	11
19	Wang L	22	130	3	10	10
20	Azapagic A	20	63	5	34	11
21	Li X	20	125	5	38	11
22	Kalam MA	18	105	35	89	15
23	Kim J	18	62	7	3	8
24	Li H	18	101	5	17	10
25	Li YP	18	90	6	8	10

Table 9. Pattern of Co-Authorship index

Year	Single Authors		Multiple Authors		Total
	No. of Output	CAI	No. of Output	CAI	
1994	5	2.62	8	0.72	13
1995	13	3.54	12	0.56	25
1996	35	3.40	35	0.59	70
1997	37	3.00	47	0.66	84
1998	49	3.01	62	0.65	111
1999	48	2.94	63	0.67	111
2000	44	2.85	61	0.68	105
2001	51	2.57	84	0.73	135
2002	39	2.27	78	0.78	117
2003	43	2.29	85	0.78	128
2004	43	2.50	74	0.74	117
2005	46	2.37	86	0.76	132
2006	32	1.85	86	0.85	118
2007	35	1.88	92	0.85	127
2008	38	1.87	100	0.85	138
2009	43	1.77	122	0.87	165
2010	57	1.94	143	0.84	200
2011	52	1.53	179	0.91	231
2012	72	1.46	264	0.92	336
2013	93	1.65	290	0.89	383





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2014	95	1.29	405	0.95	500
2015	82	1.03	458	0.99	540
2016	96	1.01	550	1.00	646
2017	84	0.80	630	1.03	714
2018	84	0.73	696	1.05	780
2019	81	0.64	779	1.06	860
2020	101	0.70	875	1.05	976
2021	107	0.62	1068	1.07	1175
2022	128	0.70	1113	1.05	1241
2023	135	0.62	1356	1.07	1491
2024	106	0.43	1561	1.10	1667
	1974	55.93	11462	26.71	13436

Table 10. The Bradford's Distribution of Journals

S.No.	Zones	No. of Journals	No. of Records	Multification factors
1	I	21	4583	
2	II	111	4517	5.29
3	III	1040	4336	9.41
		2272	13436	

Table 11. Authorship pattern productivity of the publications

x	g(x)	lnx	lng(x)	ln(x).lng(x)	ln(x).ln(x)
1	1974	0.00	7.59	0.00	0.00
2	2694	0.69	7.90	5.48	0.48
3	2682	1.10	7.90	8.67	1.21
4	2235	1.39	7.71	10.69	1.92
5	1501	1.61	7.31	11.77	2.59
6	979	1.79	6.89	12.34	3.21
7	519	1.95	6.25	12.17	3.79
8	325	2.08	5.78	12.03	4.32
9	198	2.20	5.29	11.62	4.83
10	108	2.30	4.68	10.78	5.30
11	63	2.40	4.14	9.93	5.75
12	50	2.48	3.91	9.72	6.17
13	19	2.56	2.94	7.55	6.58
14	16	2.64	2.77	7.32	6.96
15	9	2.71	2.20	5.95	7.33
16	8	2.77	2.08	5.77	7.69
17	13	2.83	2.56	7.27	8.03
18	8	2.89	2.08	6.01	8.35
19	3	2.94	1.10	3.23	8.67
20	4	3.00	1.39	4.15	8.97
21	6	3.04	1.79	5.46	9.27
22	1	3.09	0.00	0.00	9.55
23	4	3.14	1.39	4.35	9.83
24	4	3.18	1.39	4.41	10.10
26	1	3.26	0.00	0.00	10.62





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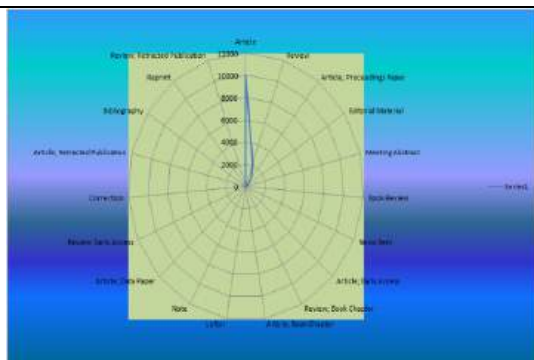
28	1	3.33	0.00	0.00	11.10
29	1	3.37	0.00	0.00	11.34
31	2	3.43	0.69	2.38	11.79
34	1	3.53	0.00	0.00	12.44
36	1	3.58	0.00	0.00	12.84
42	1	3.74	0.00	0.00	13.97
60	1	4.09	0.00	0.00	16.76
67	1	4.20	0.00	0.00	17.68
71	1	4.26	0.00	0.00	18.17
77	1	4.34	0.00	0.00	18.87
78	1	4.36	0.00	0.00	18.98
	13436	100.29	97.74	179.04	315.48

Table 11 Calculation of N and C

x	y	cf	logx	logy	XY	X ²
1	1974	1974	0.000	3.295	0.000	0.000
2	2694	4668	0.301	3.430	1.033	0.091
3	2682	7350	0.477	3.428	1.636	0.228
4	2235	9585	0.602	3.349	2.016	0.362
5	1501	11086	0.699	3.176	2.220	0.489
6	979	12065	0.778	2.991	2.327	0.606
7	519	12584	0.845	2.715	2.295	0.714
8	325	12909	0.903	2.512	2.268	0.816
9	198	13107	0.954	2.297	2.192	0.911
10	108	13215	1.000	2.033	2.033	1.000
11	63	13278	1.041	1.799	1.874	1.084
12	50	13328	1.079	1.699	1.833	1.165
13	19	13347	1.114	1.279	1.424	1.241
14	16	13363	1.146	1.204	1.380	1.314
15	9	13372	1.176	0.954	1.122	1.383
16	8	13380	1.204	0.903	1.087	1.450
17	13	13393	1.230	1.114	1.371	1.514
18	8	13401	1.255	0.903	1.134	1.576
19	3	13404	1.279	0.477	0.610	1.635
20	4	13408	1.301	0.602	0.783	1.693
21	6	13414	1.322	0.778	1.029	1.748
22	1	13415	1.342	0.000	0.000	1.802
23	4	13419	1.362	0.602	0.820	1.854
24	4	13423	1.380	0.602	0.831	1.905
26	1	13424	1.415	0.000	0.000	2.002
28	1	13425	1.447	0.000	0.000	2.094
29	1	13426	1.462	0.000	0.000	2.139
31	2	13428	1.491	0.301	0.449	2.224
34	1	13429	1.531	0.000	0.000	2.345
36	1	13430	1.556	0.000	0.000	2.422
42	1	13431	1.623	0.000	0.000	2.635
60	1	13432	1.778	0.000	0.000	3.162
67	1	13433	1.826	0.000	0.000	3.335



71	1	13434	1.851	0.000	0.000	3.427
77	1	13435	1.886	0.000	0.000	3.559
78	1	13436	1.892	0.000	0.000	3.580
			43.554	42.446	33.768	59.503



Authorwise distribution of the publications

Author	Records (%)
Majumdar	~10
LIT	~95
Ochoa	~10
Elmag	~10
Gustavson	~10
Cavallaro	~10
Verma	~10
Zhang	~10
Patel	~10
Li	~10
Sankar	~10
Wang	~10
Zhou	~10
Kaddous	~10
Li	~10
Ramakrish	~10
Spring	~10
Wang	~10
Wang	~10
Jiang	~10
Li	~10
Kapan	~10
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Li	~10
LIT	~95

Figure 2: Author wise distributions of the publications

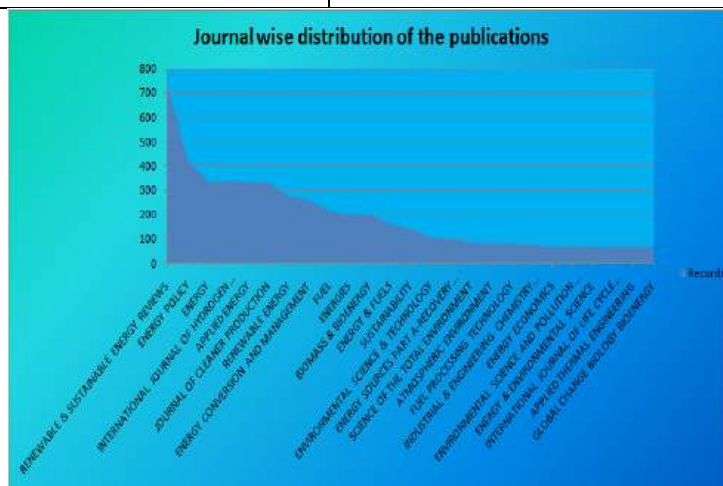


Figure 3: Journal wise distribution of the publications





REVIEW ARTICLE

Optimizing Energy Efficiency in IoT Sensor Networks: A Review of Routing Protocols and Future Directions

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ABSTRACT

The quick growth of Internet of Things (IoT) sensor networks has changed several sectors by making it possible to collect and monitor data in real time. However, the fact that IoT devices have limited resources and need high-quality service (QoS) and strong security procedures makes it very hard to develop routing protocols. This literature study looks at energy-efficient and QoS-aware routing methods in IoT-based sensor networks in great detail. It looks at current trends, important design rules, and how to include strong security mechanisms to protect against attacks that change over time. The review talks about important trade-offs between security, network performance, and energy efficiency. It also talks about new ideas like machine learning-based optimisation, blockchain-based trust mechanisms, and cross-layer protocol designs. This study also finds holes in the research, like how to balance dynamic network scalability with strict QoS requirements and make sure encryption methods are energy-efficient. This review's goal is to help academics and practitioners create IoT sensor network solutions that are sustainable, safe, and high-performing by combining recent developments and pointing out future paths.

Keywords: Energy-efficient routing, QoS-aware protocols, IoT sensor networks, Routing protocols

INTRODUCTION

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a new way of doing things that lets linked objects talk to one other and share data in real time. Sensor networks based on the Internet of Things (IoT) are an important part of this ecosystem. They are used in many applications, such as smart cities, healthcare, environmental monitoring, industrial automation, and



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agriculture. Wireless sensor nodes are what these networks use to gather, process, and send data quickly. However, the limited battery life, computing power, and memory of these devices make it very hard to build routing protocols. To make sure that these networks run well and reliably over time, it is important to make sure that they use as little energy as possible, keep the Quality of Service (QoS), and include strong security measures. One of the most important issues in IoT sensor networks is energy efficiency because sensor nodes have limited energy resources. To keep the network running for longer, routing methods need to use less energy while yet sending data quickly. Clustering, data aggregation, and adaptive duty cycling are some of the most frequent ways to reach this goal. But these methods often come with trade-offs, such as higher latency or lower network throughput, therefore protocol design needs to be done carefully. Maintaining QoS is also important for IoT apps that need dependable and timely data transmission, in addition to being energy-efficient. Latency, packet delivery ratio, bandwidth utilisation, and fault tolerance are just a few of the factors that make up QoS. Routing protocols for IoT sensor networks need to find a balance between these factors so that they can function with a wide range of applications, from real-time healthcare monitoring to automating industrial processes. It gets harder to find this equilibrium in dynamic contexts when the network's layout and traffic patterns change often. Another important issue with IoT sensor networks is security. Because these networks are wireless and spread out, they are open to a number of assaults, including eavesdropping, data tampering, denial of service, and node compromise. To protect the integrity, confidentiality, and availability of data, it is important to add strong security features to routing protocols. But typical cryptographic approaches frequently require a lot of processing power, which isn't good for sensor nodes that don't have a lot of energy. Because of this, lightweight security solutions and trust-based methods are becoming more important in the design of IoT routing protocols. The goal of this literature study is to look into how energy efficiency, quality of service (QoS), and security all come together in IoT-based sensor network routing methods. By looking at current developments, it finds important patterns, problems, and trade-offs that come with establishing these kinds of protocols. The review also goes into new ideas, such as using machine learning and AI to improve dynamic routing, blockchain technology for safe communication, and cross-layer designs to make better use of resources. It also points out holes in current research, like the need for scalable protocols that can handle the differences across IoT devices and networks.

Background Study on Internet of Things Sensor Networks

The Internet of Things (IoT) is a game-changing idea that lets physical devices, networks, and digital systems work together without any problems. IoT sensor networks are an important part of this model. They are made up of sensor nodes that are connected to one other and gather, process, and send data about their surroundings. These networks are very important for many things, such as smart cities, healthcare, industrial automation, environmental monitoring, and precision agriculture. Researchers and innovators are very interested in IoT sensor networks since they are so different and have so many problems to solve.

Overview of IoT Sensor Networks

IoT sensor networks are made up of sensor nodes that are spread out and talk to each other wirelessly to gather and share data. These nodes have sensors, processing units, and communication modules that let them detect things like temperature, humidity, motion, and pressure in the environment. The data that was captured is either processed on the spot or sent to a central gateway for more analysis and decision-making. IoT sensor networks are usually set up in places where it's hard to get to the nodes physically, thus they need to be reliable and energy-efficient. These networks generally work in changing and resource-limited environments, where optimising communication protocols is essential for the network to run well over time.

Key Features of IoT Sensor Networks

- Heterogeneity: IoT sensor networks are generally made up of different devices that can do different things, such as process power, memory, and energy.
- Scalability: The networks need to be able to add new nodes and manage more data traffic as the number of devices grows.



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- **Dynamic Topology:** Nodes can join or leave the network, and their positions can alter because of movement or the environment.
- **Resource Constraints:** Sensor nodes often have short battery lives, poor processing power, and limited memory.
- **Data-Centric Operation:** The main purpose is to collect and send useful data, not to keep communication going between nodes all the time.

Background Study on Routing Protocols

The Internet of Things (IoT) has changed the way objects talk to and work with each other. It has made a network of connected systems that can be used for many things, like smart cities, healthcare, agriculture, and industrial automation. IoT sensor networks, which are a key part of this model, depend on efficient routing protocols to make sure that data is sent reliably between sensor nodes that don't have a lot of resources and destination points like gateways or cloud platforms. Routing protocols serve a key role in optimizing network performance, conserving energy, maintaining Quality of Service (QoS), and assuring security. This background study looks at the main ideas, types, problems, and progress that have been made in routing protocols for IoT sensor networks.

IoT Sensor Networks and Routing Protocols

IoT sensor networks have sensor nodes that are spread out across a large area and monitor environmental conditions. They send data over wireless communication channels. Most of the time, these nodes are limited by how long their batteries last, how much computing power they have, how much memory they have, and how far they can communicate. As a result, routing protocols are made to handle these limits in the best way possible while still making sure the network lasts and works well. Routing in IoT sensor networks is figuring out the best way for data packets to get from the source node to the destination. This procedure needs to find a balance between many goals, such as security, energy efficiency, scalability, and quality of service (QoS). IoT sensor networks generally work in changing conditions with limited resources, which means they need routing protocols that can adapt and are lightweight.

Classification of Routing Protocols**Based on Network Structure**

Routing protocols can be categorized based on the underlying network architecture:

- **Flat Routing Protocols:** All sensor nodes in the network do the same thing. Flooding and Gossiping are examples of protocols that fit into this group. These protocols are easy to use, but they often use a lot of energy and send the same data over and over again.
- **Hierarchical Routing Protocols:** Nodes are grouped into clusters, and cluster heads collect and send data. Many people utilise protocols like LEACH (Low-Energy Adaptive Clustering Hierarchy) and TEEN (Threshold-sensitive Energy Efficient Network). These protocols make communication less expensive, which saves energy.
- **Location-Based Routing Protocols:** These protocols decide how to route data based on where nodes are physically located. Some examples include GPSR (Greedy Perimeter Stateless Routing) and GAF (Geographic Adaptive Fidelity).

Based on Communication Model

Routing protocols can also be classified based on the data delivery model:

- **Proactive Protocols:** Keep routing tables with the most recent pathways for all nodes, such as DSDV (Destination-Sequenced Distance Vector). These protocols use a lot of energy yet keep latency low.
- **Reactive Protocols:** Find routes only when you need them, which saves energy. AODV (Ad hoc On-Demand Distance Vector) and DSR (Dynamic Source Routing) are two examples.
- **Hybrid protocols,** like ZRP (Zone Routing Protocol), use both proactive and reactive methods to find a balance between energy efficiency and latency.



**Kayalvizhi and Dheepak****Based on QoS Parameters**

Routing protocols in IoT sensor networks often consider QoS requirements such as latency, bandwidth, and packet delivery ratio:

- Protocols that are sensitive to delays: These are made for apps that need real-time data, such monitoring health.
- Energy-Aware Protocols: Try to keep the network running longer by using less energy.
- Load-Balanced Protocols: Evenly spread out traffic to avoid bottlenecks and lower the chance of node failure.

Based on Security Mechanisms

Secure routing methods include ways to keep data and nodes safe from possible assaults. These are protocols that use encryption, trust-based systems, and systems that look for unusual behaviour.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Matheen, M. A., and S. Sundar [16] looked into all of these kinds of methods. First, we learn about the basic structure of a multimedia sensor node, and then we learn about the features and uses of WMSNs. After that, we looked at a lot of different methods and put them into three groups. We have looked at several elements and separated them into three groups: Data Security, QoS Aware approaches, and Energy Aware ways. Karunkuzhali, D., B. Meenakshi, and Keerthi Lingam [17] added a routing method that takes Quality of Service (QoS) into account. During the data collection phase, the authors used Chaotic Bird Swarm Optimisation (CBSO) to build IoT sensor clusters and Improved Differential Search (IDS) to check the dependability of each sensor node. They then chose the most reliable node to be the Cluster Head (CH). We use lightweight signcryption to make IoT sensor data more secure throughout the data transfer phase. The authors also used an Optimal Data Routing (ODM) method to find the best ways to send data between source and destination nodes in the IoT network. Finally, we use NS2 to run network simulations to test how well our QoS-aware routing strategy works and compare it to other methods. This gives us useful information about how well it works and how well it fits smart city IoT applications. The major results of the study show that the suggested QoS-aware routing strategy (QOS-AWARE ROUTING) consistently beats conventional routing algorithms in terms of energy efficiency, network lifetime, and latency, no matter how many sensor nodes there are or how many cycles there are. Srinivasulu, M., G. Shivamurthy, and B. Venkataramana [18] The major goal of this study is to make the IoT more resilient by fixing problems with routing, energy optimisation, and other things to make the network last longer.

The authors of this study came up with a QoS-aware, energy-efficient multipath routing (QEMR) protocol that uses an IoT hybrid optimisation method. The first stage is to use a modified teaching-learning-based optimisation (MTLO) strategy to get the best clustering. Using the nonlinear regression-based pigeon optimisation (NR-PO) method, we find the cluster head (CH) next. The authors employed the Deep Kronecker Neural Network (DKNN) to find the best path and route. We use the NS-3 simulation tool to create a model of our suggested routing QEMR system and see how well it works. We compare the simulation results of the proposed QEMR system with those of the REER, Rumour, and EOMR strategies in terms of how node density, node speed, and network traffic affect them. Samadi, Raheleh, Amin Nazari, and Jochen Seitz [19] The Intelligent Energy-aware Routing Protocol in Mobile IoT Networks based on SDN (IERMioT) is a novel way to route that tries to deal with the changes in topology that happen as mobile nodes move around. This will make the network last longer and stop energy from being wasted. To do this, it groups nodes into clusters and utilises an intelligent evolutionary algorithm to figure out how many clusters the network needs and how to evenly spread them out in the changing environment. This method also looks at a way to cut down on the extra work that control packets and routing packets cause, which has a big impact on how much energy nodes use. Nazari, Amin, *et al*[20] suggested EQRSRL as a good way to route different kinds of IoMT apps. The goal of EQRSRL is to give IoMT traffic a good degree of Quality of Service (QoS). In order to reach this goal, it divides the network traffic into three groups and handles them differently based on their QoS needs. EQRSRL also splits the network into several zones to cut down on the number of messages that nodes have to send to each other. It uses a reinforcement learning approach to find the best pathways between the nodes by taking into account QoS and



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energy metrics. Dilek, Selma, *et al.* [21] Gave a full and current overview of how QoS is supported in IoT networks and communication technologies. This paper looks at the QoS-aware IoT architectures, layer-dependent QoS measurements, and network resource optimisation approaches used in IoT systems. We talk about the problems with the best available studies for efficiently delivering QoS measurements. The study ends with ideas for future research on how to provide end-to-end QoS in the Internet of Things. Siraj, Mohammad, Majid Altamimi, and Zeeshan Abbasi [22] supplied services that were aware of quality and a way for imbalanced IoT networks to work together. By looking at how devices move around, it can send huge amounts of data across established connections and reduce communication errors for a wide range of services. Also, the routes are made better by taking into account energy and resource limits. Mobile devices use lightweight processing algorithms to communicate with intelligence in dynamic networks, which makes them more reliable. Second, different performance indicators are used to check how strong the security is for new IoT apps. Gurram, Girija Vani, Noorullah C. Shariff, and Rajkumar L. Biradar [23] suggested the SEAMHR (Secure Energy-Aware Meta-Heuristic Routing) protocol for WSNs in order to make the network safer and work better. The suggested methodology starts by using Meta-Heuristic analysis based on MEHO (Mutation Elephant Herding Optimisation) to make learning safe and smart. The protocol learns how to route by looking at hop counts, connection integrity characteristics, and total residual energy. The protocol also uses the Counter Mode Cryptography approach, which uses AEs (Auto encoders) named CTR-AEDL to encrypt data and verify inter-routing to make the process even more secure. CTR-AEDL makes data transfers better and safer by creating keys from five important parts: secret keys, counter bits, data packets, classifier's weights, and biases. It makes four-factor unique patterns for counter blocks and cypher texts by doing softmax operations between data packets and counter blocks. Using the same key to decode the data packets gives you the real data packets. Traffic explorations also help keep links from failing and networks from disconnecting as part of route repair plans. Subramani, Neelakandan, *et al.* [24] Explained the Energy Aware Clustering and Multihop Routing Protocol with mobile sink (EACMRP-MS) method for WSNs that use IoT. The goal of the EACMRP-MS method is to lower the energy use of IoT sensor nodes in a way that makes the IoT system's network more efficient. The Tunicate Swarm Algorithm (TSA) is used at first by the suggested EACMRP-MS technique to choose the cluster head (CH) and put the clusters together. Also, the type-II fuzzy logic (T2FL) method is utilised to choose the best multi-hop routes, using a number of input factors to do so. Lastly, a mobile sink with a route modification method is shown to make the IoT system even more energy-efficient. This plan lets you change the routes based on the path of the mobile washbasin, which makes the system even more energy efficient.

Nagaraju, Regonda, *et al* [25] showed a safe routing strategy that optimises energy use for IoT applications in heterogeneous WSNs. The multipath link routing protocol (MLRP) is used in our plan to set up secure routing for IoT data that needs to stay private. This is done by using sensor nodes with different amounts of energy. The hybrid-based TEEN (H-TEEN) protocol, which also offers load balancing capabilities, improves the energy and network lifetime after secure routing has been set up. The ubiquitous data storage protocol (U-DSP) also makes the data storage capacity better. This routing protocol has been put into use and compared to two other routing protocols that already exist. It demonstrates better performance in terms of throughput, energy efficiency, end-to-end delay, network longevity, and data storage capacity. Mahamat, Michaël, Ghada Jaber, and Abdelmadjid Bouabdallah [26] suggested a way to sort recent solutions that cut down on energy use while keeping IoT networks safe. The authors think that context-aware security for IoT networks is a good way to keep IoT networks safe and use less energy at the same time. The authors also talk about new technologies and ideas, such artificial intelligence and Software-Defined Networking (SDN), and how they can be leveraged to make IoT security solutions that are stronger and consume less energy. Lastly, the authors gave a basic paradigm for creating energy-efficient IoT security solutions that strikes a solid balance between keeping IoT applications safe and using less energy. Yin, Huaying, Hongmei Yang, and Saeid Shahmoradi [27] To make WSNs safer, we suggest using an Energy-Aware Trust method based on the AODV protocol and the Multi-path Routing technique (EATMR). There are two primary parts to EATMR. The first part uses the Open-Source Development Model Algorithm (ODMA) to group the nodes into clusters. The second part uses clustering-based routing. This paper talks about how the routing process works using the AODV protocol and the multi-path routes method, taking into account trust that is mindful of energy. Here, the best and safest route is found by looking at different factors, such as energy, trust, hop count, and distance. In this case, we want to stress the



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importance of employing direct trust, indirect trust, and a multi-objective function to evaluate node trust. The simulation took place in MATLAB software while a Denial of Service (DoS) assault was going on.

Dutta, Ashit Kumar, *et al* [28] showed an Ensemble of Metaheuristic Optimisation based QoS Aware Clustering with Multihop Routing (EMO-QoSCMR) Protocol for IoT-assisted WSN. The suggested EMO-QoSCMR protocol intends to meet QoS goals including energy, throughput, latency, and lifetime. The suggested model has two steps: clustering and routing. Firstly, the EMO-QoSCMR protocol involves cross-entropy rain optimization algorithm based clustering (CEROAC) technique to select an optimal set of cluster heads (CH) and construct clusters. The oppositional chaos game optimisation based routing (OCGOR) method is also used to find the best set of routes in the IoT-assisted WSN. Dogra, Roopali, *et al* [29] offered an improved smart-energy-efficient routing protocol (ESEERP) method that fixes the problems listed above by making the network last longer and making its connection better. It chooses the Cluster Head (CH) based on an effective optimisation strategy that comes from a number of goals. It helps drowsy sensor nodes wake up and use less energy. A Sail Fish Optimizer (SFO) is used to find an appropriate route to the sink node for data transfer following CH selection. We did some math on the proposed method to see how it affects energy use, bandwidth, packet delivery ratio, and network longevity. We then compared the results to those of other methods that are currently in use, like Genetic Algorithm (GA), Ant Lion Optimisation (ALO), and Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO). Sakib, Aan Nazmus, *et al* [30] This article suggested an energy-aware QoS MAC protocol called EQPD-MAC, which stands for "Prioritised Data and Multi-hop Routing." The EQPD-MAC protocol is a basic yet useful way to communicate between layers. It delivers packets with multiple priorities on time, employs an adjustable active time to cut down on idle listening, and has a strong routing system built in. Finally, we looked at how well the EQPD-MAC protocol worked and compared it to three other well-known QoS MAC systems.

Muneeswari, G., *et al* [31] suggested a new Trust and Energy Aware Routing Protocol (TEARP) for wireless sensor networks. It uses blockchain technology to keep track of the Sensor Nodes (SNs) and Aggregator Nodes (ANs) identities. The suggested TEARP method gives nodes a full trust value based on their direct trust values, and the filtering methods make the indirect trust values. Additionally, an improved threshold method is used to find the best clustering heads based on how the networks' trust levels and leftover energy evolve over time. Finally, a Sand Cat Swarm Optimisation Algorithm (SCSOA) should be used to route cluster heads in a safe way. Lakshmana, Kuruva, *et al* [32] developed an enhanced metaheuristic-driven energy-aware cluster-based routing (IMD-EACBR) strategy for IoT-assisted WSN. The goal of the proposed IMD-EACBR model is to get the most out of the network's energy and lifetime. To do this, the IMD-EACBR model mostly creates an improved Archimedes optimisation algorithm-based clustering (IAOAC) method for choosing cluster heads (CHs) and organising clusters. The IAOAC algorithm also calculates a suitable purpose that links several structures for energy efficiency, detachment, node degree, and distance between clusters. Also, the teaching-learning-based optimisation (TLBO) method is used to find the best routes to destinations using the multi-hop routing (TLBO-MHR) technique. The TLBO-MHR approach also creates a suitable purpose based on distance and energy parameters. There have been a number of tests on how well the IMD-EACBR model works. Li, Chaoqun, *et al* [33] suggested a new QoS-secure routing method called MCEAACO-QSRP, which stands for "multiobjective chaotic elite adaptive ant colony optimisation." A chaotic optimisation technique is used to start the population, which makes it more diverse and SPE and helps the algorithm get out of the local optimal. The adaptive optimisation technique also aims to change the algorithm trend on the fly, which speeds up the algorithm's convergence. We test how well the proposed method works in different situations.

Saleh, Alaa, *et al* [34] added a trust-aware routing mechanism (TARM) that uses an edge node with mobility to gather data from nodes that are working properly. The edge node uses a way of evaluating trust to separate the malfunctioning and unusual nodes from the typical ones. A modified grey wolf optimisation (GWO) is utilised in TARM to group the sensor nodes that have already been deployed into clusters. After the clusters are created, the trust values for each cluster are figured out. The edge node then starts getting data exclusively from nodes that are trusted through the cluster heads. The artificial bee colony optimisation algorithm finds the best way to get from the trusted nodes to the mobile edge node. Ahmad, Naveed, *et al* [35] focused on WBAN routing protocols. The biggest concerns with routing protocols are using too much energy, losing too much of the path, not delivering packets on



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time, and keeping the signal-to-noise ratio steady. HMS needs real-time analysis to help doctors, carers, and hospital systems support patients. Existing wireless communication systems send collected data to the access point for further processing and retransmission. This study suggests the use of an Improved Quality of Service aware Routing Protocol (IM-QRP) for WBAN-based HMS to keep an eye on elderly persons or patients with chronic illnesses in hospitals and homes. Han, Youjia, Huangshui Hu, and Yuxin Guo [36] proposed TAGA, an adaptive genetic algorithm-based routing protocol for wireless sensor networks that is both energy-aware and trust-based. It can not only protect against typical routing assaults and particular trust attacks, but it can also reduce the amount of energy consumed to send data. To do this, TAGA builds the nodes' full trust values based on their direct trust values, which take into account the volatility and adaptive penalty factors, and their indirect trust values, which are based on filtering processes. Also, a new threshold function is shown that takes into account the changing comprehensive trust values and residual energy of the nodes to choose the best cluster heads. Finally, a genetic algorithm with changing mutation and crossover probabilities is used to identify the most secure routing for the cluster heads. Verma, Vanita, and Vijay Kumar Jha [37] presented a Mutation-based Multi-Layer Perceptron (MUMLP), which uses energy- and security-aware optimum routing to send data safely and quickly. The Boltzmann Selection Probability-centric Gravitational Search Algorithm (BSP-GSA) is used to find the best Cluster Heads (CHs) for Data Aggregation (DA). After the network's nodes are set up, these things happen. After then, the non-cluster members are put together with a nearby CH to make a cluster. The CHs collect data from people who are not in a cluster, and the data they collect is encrypted using the Improved Elliptical Curve Cryptography (IECC) method to keep it safe.

Dass, Ruby, *et al* [38] suggested a novel cluster-based secure routing system termed the Secure Optimal Path-Routing (SOPR) protocol. This suggested approach makes WBANs safer by finding and stopping black-hole attacks on one side and sending data packets in encrypted form on the other side. Chiwariro, Ronald, and Thangadurai . N. [39] Gave a summary of new studies on multipath routing protocols and multi-channel media access methods that guarantee quality of service while dealing with multimedia data. The survey demonstrates that current routing systems still have problems when used with wireless multimedia sensor networks because of the type of traffic they handle and the limitations, needs, and features that come with them. Jalili Marandi, Shabnam, *et al.* [40] talked about routing strategies in WBANs that know about temperature. There are different types of routing protocols in WBANs, including thermal (temperature)-aware, QoS-aware, security-aware, cluster-based, cross-layered, postured-based, cost-effect, link-aware, and opportunistic ones. In a WBAN, a rise in temperature in implant nodes might hurt bodily tissues, which is bad for the patient. So, in this case, we looked at the algorithms that are shown in thermal (temperature)-aware protocols. This paper starts by talking about IoT-based WBANs, how they route data, and the problems they face. Then it goes into detail about thermal (temperature)-aware algorithms. Lastly, the pros and cons of these algorithms are shown. Velmurugadass, P., *et al* [41] suggested effective IoT authentication and energy-aware safe DT models for improving QoS and security while using less energy (EC) in WSNs. At first, the network randomly deploys the sensor nodes (SNs) and registers them with the base station (BS). Second, the Entropy-based Jaccard similarity induced fuzzy C-means clustering (EJS-FCM) model groups the SNs based on their inherent characteristics. Then, the enhanced grasshopper optimisation algorithm (BGOA) picks the best cluster heads (CHs) based on important fitness factors such communication distance, energy, and distance centroid. After that, an Adler-32 hashing-based authentication system checks the identity of each IoT node in the network to make DT safer.

Shahid, Misbah, *et al* [42] established the connection-Quality based Energy-Efficient routing (LQEER) protocol, which improves the reliability of connections by estimating the quality of the links. Also, LQEER uses energy and link information to create routes and a cost to choose the best nodes for sending packets, which lowers packet loss in the end. Because of this, it increases the packet delivery ratio and cuts down on latency. Kirubasri, G., *et al* [43] The major point of the research is to use the optimal forward node selection approach to find the most energy-efficient and reliable path for sending data. This work proposes a connection Quality based Energy and Trust Aware Routing Protocol (LQETA-RP) for WMSNs. Its goal is to choose the best forwarding node based on connection quality, energy, and trust. Link Quality Indicator, Received Signal Strength Indicator, Expected Transmission Count, and Trust Based Link Cost Function (TLCF) are examples of hardware and software-based link performance indicators used in LQETA-RP to find the most reliable and energy-efficient route. Pathak, Aditya, Irfan Al-Anbagi, and Howard



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J. Hamilton [44] proposed a Mult objective WSN optimisation problem and offer a novel technique called as lightweight secure routing (LSR) to manage WSNs that directly addresses the Mult objective WSN optimisation problem. To solve the Mult objective WSN optimisation problem, our LSR algorithm uses ant colony optimisation (ACO), an adaptive security model that takes into account both direct and indirect trust, an adaptive QoS model, a hybrid deployment model that uses 2-D Gaussian and uniform distributions, and an adaptive connectivity model that uses the right communicational radius to make sure that sensor nodes can connect to each other easily. Alateeq, Abdulla, *et al* [45] The goal of this study is to look at the most recent research on safe routing protocols in Wireless Sensor Networks (WSNs) and suggest a new method that can provide a higher level of security than the ones that are already in use. The security of routing protocols is one of the biggest problems with WSNs. A typical WSN has a lot of small, low-power, and low-cost sensor devices. These devices don't have a lot of resources, and they normally talk to each other in an ad hoc way using cheap short-range radios. Because of this, it's very hard to keep these networks secure, and there is a lot of room for research in this area.

Research GAP

The proliferation of Internet of Things (IoT)-enabled sensor networks has significantly transformed industries by offering real-time data collection and monitoring capabilities. Despite their wide range of applications, such as in smart cities, healthcare, and agriculture, IoT sensor networks face several critical challenges. The resource-constrained nature of IoT devices, which are limited by factors such as battery life, processing power, and memory, complicates the development of efficient routing protocols. Furthermore, the increasing demand for high-quality service (QoS) and secure data transmission exacerbates these challenges, requiring the integration of energy-efficient, QoS-aware, and secure routing mechanisms. Current research indicates a tension between optimizing energy consumption, maintaining network performance, and ensuring robust security. Techniques such as clustering, data aggregation, and adaptive duty cycling aim to improve energy efficiency, but often result in trade-offs like increased latency or reduced throughput. Similarly, QoS requirements, such as low latency, high reliability, and fault tolerance, must be balanced against the dynamic nature of IoT networks, where topology and traffic patterns are constantly changing. In addition, IoT sensor networks are susceptible to various security threats due to their wireless and distributed nature, necessitating the incorporation of lightweight security mechanisms that do not compromise energy efficiency. Although advancements in machine learning, blockchain, and cross-layer design have shown promise in addressing these issues, existing protocols often struggle to effectively balance energy efficiency, QoS, and security. Furthermore, there is a lack of scalable solutions that can adapt to the heterogeneity of IoT devices and accommodate the growing size of these networks. This research aims to address these gaps by exploring the design of routing protocols that seamlessly integrate energy-efficient, QoS-aware, and secure features to optimize IoT sensor networks, with a particular focus on ensuring network scalability, reliability, and robust security in dynamic environments.

Future Research Direction

- **Scalable and Adaptive Routing Protocols:** Future research should focus on developing scalable routing protocols that can efficiently handle the increasing number of IoT devices and the dynamic nature of these networks. These protocols should be able to adapt to changes in network topology, device mobility, and fluctuating traffic patterns while maintaining energy efficiency and QoS.
- **Energy-Efficient Security Mechanisms:** The integration of energy-efficient security mechanisms remains a critical challenge. Future studies should explore lightweight cryptographic techniques, such as homomorphic encryption or lightweight authentication protocols, that provide robust security without significantly impacting the energy consumption of resource-constrained sensor nodes. Additionally, the use of machine learning-based security solutions could offer more dynamic and adaptive security features.
- **Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for Routing Optimization:** Leveraging machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) for dynamic routing optimization holds great potential. Future research can explore how AI algorithms can be used to predict traffic patterns, optimize routing paths, and make real-time decisions about





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energy consumption, network load balancing, and security threats. Reinforcement learning, in particular, could be used to develop protocols that learn and adapt based on network conditions.

- **Trust-Based Routing and Fault Tolerance:** As IoT sensor networks become more complex, the need for trust-based routing protocols that can identify and avoid malicious or faulty nodes becomes crucial. Future work could investigate the use of trust models that incorporate direct and indirect trust measures, and explore how these models can be integrated into routing protocols to improve fault tolerance and network resilience.

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Enhancing E-Commerce Product Recommendations through Advanced Feature Selection and Optimization Methods

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ABSTRACT

In the context of e-commerce product recommendation systems, effective feature selection is crucial for improving the accuracy of recommendations while reducing computational overhead. This study introduces a novel hybrid feature selection approach that integrates statistical, contextual, and optimization techniques to enhance recommendation performance. Initially, Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) is used to extract frequency-based features from product descriptions and user reviews, capturing the most relevant terms. To capture deeper contextual insights, Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers (BERT) embeddings are utilized for vectorizing the text, enabling the model to understand nuanced relationships and sentiments. The features are then refined through the Chi-Square test to eliminate statistically insignificant terms, ensuring that only the most meaningful features are retained. Finally, Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is applied to optimize the feature selection process, identifying the most relevant and non-redundant features that contribute to more accurate and personalized product recommendations.

Keywords: Product Recommendations, Opinion Mining, Sentiment Analysis, Customer Reviews, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Deep Learning, Personalized Recommendations, E-Commerce, Aspect-Based Sentiment Analysis, Text Mining.





INTRODUCTION

In the realm of e-commerce, product recommendation systems are pivotal in enhancing the customer shopping experience by suggesting relevant products based on individual preferences [1]. With the growing volume of online transactions, the need for effective and efficient recommendation algorithms has become crucial. These systems rely on the ability to accurately understand and predict user preferences, often requiring robust feature extraction and selection methods to optimize their performance [2]. Feature extraction involves transforming raw data, such as product descriptions, customer reviews, and user interactions, into a set of relevant features that can be processed by machine learning algorithms [3]. In the context of product recommendations, this step entails identifying key patterns and attributes, such as product categories, user ratings, and purchase history, which help to characterize customer preferences and behavior. These features are used to represent the underlying interests of customers, providing a foundation for making personalized suggestions [4]. Once features are extracted, feature selection becomes critical. Feature selection identifies the most relevant and informative features for improving the recommendation model's accuracy and efficiency [5]. This process reduces overfitting, minimizes computational complexity, and ensures that the system focuses only on the most impactful data. For product recommendation systems, feature selection helps pinpoint the essential indicators of a customer's interests, such as preferences for specific product attributes or brand loyalty, while eliminating irrelevant or redundant data that could compromise the model's performance [6]. The combination of feature extraction and selection is fundamental in developing effective product recommendation models [7]. By identifying and utilizing the most relevant features, these systems can make better recommendations and deliver personalized shopping experiences [8]. Moreover, this approach allows models to handle large datasets, which is particularly important in e-commerce environments with millions of products and users [9]. Focusing on the most significant features ensures that recommendation systems can process data efficiently and accurately, enhancing their ability to predict customer needs. As the e-commerce landscape continues to evolve, advancements in feature extraction and selection techniques are vital [10]. This includes exploring new data sources, such as social media or browsing behaviors, leveraging deep learning models for automated feature extraction, and adapting to emerging trends in customer behavior to further improve the personalization of product recommendations.

Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) Technique

In the realm of e-commerce, the Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) [11] technique is widely used for feature extraction, particularly for processing textual data such as product descriptions, customer reviews, and search queries. TF-IDF is instrumental in transforming raw text data into numerical features, making it suitable for machine learning models [12]. It helps capture the significance of terms within a given document, ensuring that words with higher relevance are given more weight while minimizing the influence of overly frequent terms that are common across many products or reviews [13].

Term Frequency (TF)

Term Frequency measures the occurrence of a specific term within a document. In the context of is that terms appearing more often in a document are likely to be important for describing the product or user preference. Mathematically, TF is calculated as:

$$TF(t, d) = \frac{\text{Number of times term } t \text{ appears in the document } d}{\text{Total Number of terms in document } d}$$

For instance, if the term "laptop" appears 6 times in a product description of 200 words, the term frequency for "laptop" would be:

$$TF = \frac{6}{200} = 0.03$$

This frequency helps highlight the relevance of a product's core features, like "battery life" or "screen size," which are often mentioned in user reviews.





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Inverse Document Frequency (IDF)

Inverse Document Frequency measures the importance of a term across the entire corpus of documents [14]. In e-commerce, this relates to how often a word appears across all products or reviews in the dataset. Terms that appear frequently across many products, such as "quality," "price," or "service," have lower IDF values because they are considered less informative. Conversely, terms that appear in fewer products, such as specific product features or brand names, receive higher IDF values, emphasizing their relevance to particular products. IDF is computed as:

$$IDF(t, D) = \log\left(\frac{N}{df(t)}\right)$$

here N is the number of documents in the corpus, and $df(t)$ is the number of documents containing the term t . If a word appears in most of the documents in the corpus, its IDF value will be low (since $df(t)$ is large). Conversely, if the word appears in only a few documents, its IDF value will be higher.

TF-IDF Score

The TF-IDF score combines both Term Frequency and Inverse Document Frequency to evaluate the significance of a term within a document while accounting for its importance across the entire dataset [15]. This dual focus ensures that frequently occurring but generic terms are not overemphasized, and instead, more distinctive and product-specific terms are highlighted. The TF-IDF score is calculated as:

$$TF-IDF(t, d, D) = TF(t, d) \times IDF(t, D)$$

Where t is the term, d is the document and D is the entire corpus. This score helps capture the uniqueness of terms in product descriptions or customer reviews, making them more relevant for the recommendation system.

Why Use TF-IDF in E-Commerce Product Recommendations?

TF-IDF is particularly valuable for e-commerce product recommendation systems for several reasons:

- **Importance of Rare Terms:** By assigning higher weights to terms with high IDF values, TF-IDF highlights product features or attributes that are more specific and informative. For example, terms like "waterproof" in a product review or "wireless" in a product description are more important in distinguishing products compared to general words like "price" or "quality."
- **Reduction of Noise:** Common words like "and," "the," and "is" appear across most products and customer reviews but carry little meaning in identifying relevant products. TF-IDF reduces the influence of these common terms by assigning them low IDF scores, thus preventing them from cluttering the recommendation system's ability to focus on the more meaningful attributes.
- **Improved Text Representation:** TF-IDF transforms text into a numerical representation, enabling machine learning algorithms, such as decision trees, support vector machines, and neural networks, to classify and recommend products more accurately. This vectorized representation of product descriptions and reviews allows the system to effectively understand the relative importance of various features, leading to better product recommendations.
- **Scalability:** TF-IDF is computationally efficient, making it an ideal choice for processing large datasets typically found in e-commerce platforms. With millions of products and reviews, TF-IDF helps analyze vast amounts of unstructured text, such as product descriptions and customer feedback, at scale. It ensures that even with growing datasets, the recommendation system can maintain high accuracy without overwhelming computational resources.

Bert Embedding Technique

BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) [16] is a deep learning model developed by Google in 2018 that has significantly advanced the field of Natural Language Processing (NLP). BERT represents a breakthrough in how machine learning models understand and generate contextualized word representations. Unlike traditional models like Word2Vec or GloVe, which generate fixed embeddings for words, BERT creates dynamic word embeddings that change based on the surrounding context [17]. This makes BERT highly effective for a variety of NLP tasks, including sentiment analysis, question answering, and named entity recognition. In the context of e-commerce product recommendation systems, BERT's ability to understand the nuanced meaning of



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words in relation to their context is extremely beneficial for interpreting customer reviews, product descriptions, and search queries [18].

Key Components of BERT

BERT is based on the Transformer architecture, which uses self-attention mechanisms to model relationships between words in a sentence, regardless of their position [19]. The key components that make BERT powerful for NLP tasks in e-commerce product recommendations include:

- **Bidirectional Contextualization:** Unlike traditional models that process text in a left-to-right or right-to-left fashion, BERT processes text bidirectionally. This means it takes into account the full context surrounding each word, enabling it to better understand words based on both what comes before and after them. For example, the word "discount" in the phrase "I am looking for discounts on electronic gadgets" is interpreted differently from the phrase "The discount is only valid for a limited time." This allows BERT to capture the nuanced meaning of product descriptions and reviews, improving product recommendation accuracy.
- **Transformer Encoder:** BERT utilizes the encoder component of the Transformer architecture, which applies multiple layers of attention mechanisms to understand the context and relationships between tokens (words or subwords) in the input. These encoded features allow BERT to generate highly informative embeddings for each token, which can be used to understand user preferences and suggest relevant products.
- **Pre-training and Fine-tuning:** BERT is pre-trained on vast text corpora, including Wikipedia and BookCorpus, to understand general language patterns and relationships. After pre-training, BERT can be fine-tuned for specific tasks, such as product recommendation, by training it on a domain-specific dataset. Fine-tuning adjusts the pre-trained model to the particular context of e-commerce, allowing it to understand consumer preferences and behaviors more effectively.
- **Subword Tokenization:** BERT uses **Word Piece** tokenization to break down words into smaller subword units. This technique is particularly helpful in handling rare or out-of-vocabulary words, which are common in e-commerce when new products or brand names emerge. For example, the word "smartphone" might be broken down into "smart" and "##phone," allowing BERT to effectively handle a wide range of product-related terms, even if they haven't been seen during pre-training.

Working of BERT

BERT's ability to generate highly contextualized word embeddings makes it ideal for tasks like product recommendation, where understanding the nuances of user preferences and product attributes is crucial. Here is how BERT works for e-commerce applications:

- **Input Representation:** When a user submits a search query or a product review, BERT tokenizes the input into subword units. Each token is then mapped to an embedding vector. These embeddings consist of:
 - **Token Embeddings:** Represent the actual words or subwords in the text.
 - **Segment Embeddings:** Used to differentiate between different segments of text, such as distinguishing between the query and the product description.
 - **Position Embeddings:** Encode the position of each token in the sequence, which helps BERT maintain the order of words in a sentence.
- **Contextualized Embeddings:** BERT's Transformer layers process the token embeddings through a self-attention mechanism, allowing each token to be updated based on its relationships with all other tokens in the sentence. This bidirectional attention allows BERT to understand the context of each word fully. For instance, if a customer review mentions "durability" in relation to a "laptop," BERT understands that the word "durability" is specific to the laptop and not just a general comment.
- **Fine-Tuning:** Once BERT has been pre-trained on large datasets, it can be fine-tuned for specific tasks such as product recommendation. During fine-tuning, a task-specific layer is added to BERT's architecture. For example, in a product recommendation system, this layer could be trained to classify or predict the likelihood that a customer will purchase a given product based on their previous reviews, search queries, and preferences. Fine-tuning makes the model adaptable to the specific nuances of e-commerce data.





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- **Output:** After fine-tuning, BERT generates high-dimensional vectors (typically 768-dimensional for the base model) for each token in the input. These vectors encapsulate the contextual meaning of each word in relation to the entire sentence, which can then be used by the recommendation system to better understand customer preferences and make more personalized recommendations.

Chi-Square Feature Selection Technique

The Chi-Square (χ^2) test is a statistical method used to evaluate the independence of two categorical variables [20]. It is commonly used for feature selection in machine learning, particularly in classification tasks, where the goal is to identify the most relevant features for prediction based on their relationship with the target variable [21]. In the context of feature selection, the Chi-Square test assesses whether a particular feature (or attribute) is independent of the target variable [22]. If the feature and target are highly related, the Chi-Square score will be high, indicating that the feature should be retained. If the relationship is weak or absent, the feature is deemed irrelevant and can be discarded [23].

Key Concepts of Chi-Square Feature Selection

To understand how the Chi-Square feature selection method works, it's important to first grasp some fundamental statistical concepts:

Observed Frequencies (O)

These are the actual frequencies or counts of occurrences of different combinations of feature values and target classes in the dataset.

Expected Frequencies (E)

These are the expected frequencies under the assumption that the feature and the target are independent of each other. The expected frequency for a given cell in a contingency table is calculated as:

$$E = \frac{(\text{Row Total} \times \text{Column Total})}{\text{Grand Total}}$$

Chi-Square Statistic (χ^2)

The Chi-Square statistic is used to measure the deviation of the observed frequencies from the expected frequencies. It is calculated using the following formula: Where O is the observed frequency, and E is the expected frequency.

$$\chi^2 = \sum \frac{(O - E)^2}{E}$$

The summation is taken over all the cells in the contingency table. A high Chi-Square value indicates a large discrepancy between observed and expected values, suggesting that the feature is related to the target variable.

Degrees of Freedom (DF)

The degrees of freedom in a Chi-Square test are calculated as:

$$df = (C - 1)(R - 1)$$

where: C is the number of columns (possible values of the feature), R is the number of rows (possible values of the target variable).

p-value

Once the Chi-Square statistic is calculated, it is compared against a threshold value (usually 0.05) to determine whether the feature is statistically significant. The p-value is used to determine the significance of the Chi-Square statistic, and a smaller p-value indicates a stronger relationship between the feature and the target.

The Chi-Square Feature Selection Process

The process of applying the Chi-Square test for feature selection [24] can be broken down into the following steps:





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Create a Contingency Table

- The first step is to create a **contingency table** (cross-tabulation) for each feature against the target variable. The table summarizes the frequency distribution of the values of a feature with respect to the target classes.

Calculate Chi-Square Statistic

- For each feature, the observed and expected frequencies are computed based on the contingency table. Then, the Chi-Square statistic is calculated using the formula mentioned earlier.

Compute the p-value

- The Chi-Square statistic is compared with the critical value from the Chi-Square distribution table based on the degrees of freedom and significance level (typically $\alpha=0.05$ \alpha = 0.05 $\alpha=0.05$) to calculate the p-value.

Feature Ranking

- Features with a high Chi-Square statistic (indicating strong dependence with the target variable) are considered more relevant for the classification task. Features with low Chi-Square values are deemed less significant and can be discarded.

Select Top Features

- Features that have a p-value below the threshold (e.g., 0.05) are retained. The features are ranked based on their Chi-Square values, and the top features are selected for use in the model.

Particle Swarm Optimization

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a computational optimization technique inspired by the social behavior of birds flocking or fish schooling [25]. It was introduced by James Kennedy and Russell Eberhart in 1995 as a population-based, stochastic global optimization method. PSO is part of the family of swarm intelligence algorithms, which are based on the collective behavior of decentralized systems, and is primarily used for optimizing complex, multidimensional problems in various domains such as machine learning, robotics, engineering, and economics [26]. PSO is particularly well-suited for solving problems where the search space is large and poorly understood, making it a popular choice for continuous optimization tasks, feature selection, neural network training, and many others [27].

Key Concepts of Particle Swarm Optimization

The basic idea behind PSO is to simulate the social behavior of a swarm of particles that move through a multidimensional search space [28]. Each particle represents a potential solution to the optimization problem, and it moves by adjusting its position based on two main factors:

- The best solution found by the particle itself (personal best): Each particle has a memory of the best position it has encountered so far, which is referred to as its personal best position (pbest).
- The best solution found by the entire swarm (global best): The swarm as a whole also remembers the best position found by any particle, known as the global best position (gbest). The particles update their positions based on both their own experiences and the experiences of other particles in the swarm, allowing them to converge toward optimal solutions [29].

Mathematical Formulation of PSO

At each iteration of the PSO algorithm, the particles update their positions and velocities based on the following equations:

Velocity Update

The velocity of each particle is updated using a combination of three components:

$$v_i(t+1) = w \cdot v_i(t) + c_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot (pbest_i - x_i(t)) + c_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot (gbest - x_i(t))$$

Where $v_i(t)$ is the velocity of the particle i at time step t , $x_i(t)$ is the position of particle i at time step t , w is the inertia weight (controls the impact of the previous velocity), c_1 and c_2 are cognitive and social coefficients (determines the influence of personal and global bests), r_1 and r_2 are random numbers between 0 and 1, used to introduce randomness





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into the velocity update. Position Update: The position of each particle is then updated based on the updated velocity:

$$x_i(t+1) = x_i(t) + v_i(t+1)$$

Where $x_i(t+1)$ is the new position of particle i at time step $t+1$.

Key Parameters of PSO

- **Inertia Weight (w):** Controls the momentum of the particle and its exploration of the search space. A higher inertia weight encourages exploration, while a lower value encourages exploitation of the current best solutions.
- **Cognitive Coefficient (c_1):** Determines the attraction of the particle towards its own best position (personal best). This encourages the particle to exploit its own experiences.
- **Social Coefficient (c_2):** Determines the attraction of the particle towards the best position found by the entire swarm (global best). This encourages the particle to explore the global search space and share information with other particles.
- **Randomization (r_1, r_2):** The random factors are introduced to add stochastic elements to the movement of particles, allowing the swarm to explore the search space more effectively and avoid getting stuck in local optima.

PSO Algorithm Steps

- **Initialize Particles:** Randomly initialize the position and velocity of each particle within the problem's search space. Each particle has a personal best position and fitness value, and the best position found by the entire swarm is also initialized.
- **Evaluate Fitness:** For each particle, calculate the fitness value based on the problem's objective function. The fitness value determines how good the current solution is.
- **Update Personal Best (pbest):** If the current particle's fitness is better than its previous best, update its personal best position and fitness.
- **Update Global Best (gbest):** Identify the particle with the best fitness value among all particles in the swarm, and update the global best position and fitness.
- **Update Velocity and Position:** Using the velocity and position update equations, adjust the position and velocity of each particle based on its personal best and the global best position.
- **Termination Condition:** The algorithm continues iterating through the above steps until a termination condition is met. This condition could be a maximum number of iterations, a threshold fitness value, or convergence of the swarm.
- **Output the Best Solution:** Once the termination condition is met, the algorithm outputs the global best solution, which is considered the optimal or near-optimal solution.

Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection Approach (TF-IDF + Bert Embeddings + PSO Selection)

This methodology integrates TF-IDF, BERT embeddings, and PSO-based selection to enhance classification accuracy by selecting optimal features.

Step-by-Step Procedure

Feature Extraction Phase

- **Step 1.1: Extract TF-IDF Features**
 - Compute Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) values for all words in the dataset.
 - TF-IDF captures the importance of a term in a document relative to the entire corpus.
 - Use unigram, bigram, or trigram representations based on dataset requirements.
- **Step 1.2: Generate BERT Word Embeddings**
 - Use a pre-trained BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) model to extract contextualized word embeddings.





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- Utilize the [CLS] token representation from BERT for each sentence, as it captures a holistic sentence-level embedding.
- Ensure embeddings are of consistent dimensionality (e.g., 768-dim for BERT-base).
- **Step 1.3: Concatenate Features**
 - Combine TF-IDF vector representations with BERT embeddings to form a hybrid feature vector for each document.
 - Normalize or scale feature values to ensure compatibility between both representations.

Feature Selection Phase

- **Step 2.1: Apply Chi-Square Test for Initial Feature Filtering**
 - Compute the Chi-Square statistic for each feature to determine its statistical significance in relation to the class labels.
 - Select a subset of features based on a predefined p-value threshold (e.g., $p < 0.05$).
- **Step 2.2: Optimize Feature Selection Using PSO (Particle Swarm Optimization)**
 - Initialize a population of feature subsets (particles), each representing a selection of features.
 - Define fitness function: Use classification accuracy (or F1-score) of a machine learning model (e.g., SVM, Random Forest) as the fitness score.
 - **Iterate and update:**
 - Particles update their positions based on global best (gbest) and personal best (pbest) positions.
 - Balance between exploration (diversity) and exploitation (optimal selection).
 - Converge to an optimal feature subset with minimal redundancy and maximum relevance.

Classification and Evaluation Phase

- **Step 3.1: Train Machine Learning Classifiers**
 - Train classifiers such as SVM, Random Forest, or Deep Neural Networks using the optimized feature set.
- **Step 3.2: Evaluate Model Performance**
 - Measure accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and ROC-AUC to assess classification effectiveness.
 - Compare performance with baseline models (without feature selection) to validate improvement.

The proposed hybrid feature selection approach combines traditional statistical feature extraction, deep learning-based embeddings, and optimization-based selection techniques to enhance text classification performance. The methodology consists of three main stages: Feature Extraction, Feature Selection, and Feature Optimization. Feature Extraction: Initially, TF-IDF (Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency) is applied to represent textual data by capturing the importance of words within a document while reducing the impact of commonly occurring words. This statistical method generates a sparse matrix representing the frequency-based significance of terms. Next, BERT-based embeddings are extracted using the CLS token representation, which encodes contextual meaning from the entire input sequence. The BERT embeddings transform the text into dense numerical vectors that capture semantic relationships among words, unlike traditional frequency-based approaches. Feature Selection: Once the feature vectors are obtained, an initial filtering process is performed using the Chi-Square Test to identify statistically significant features that have a strong relationship with the target class. The Chi-Square method helps in removing irrelevant and less informative features, thereby reducing the feature space and computational cost. Feature Optimization Using PSO: After the preliminary selection, Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is employed to further refine the selected feature subset. PSO, a nature-inspired metaheuristic algorithm, optimizes feature selection by balancing exploration and exploitation. It initializes a population (swarm) of candidate solutions (particles), each representing a subset of features. These particles iteratively adjust their positions based on their own best performance and the best solution found by the swarm. The fitness function used in PSO evaluates feature subsets based on classification performance metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score. This process reduces redundancy, enhances discriminative capability, and ensures that only the most relevant features are retained. Final Feature Set for Classification: The optimized feature subset obtained after PSO selection is then used as input for



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machine learning and deep learning classification models such as Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), Naïve Bayes (NB), LSTM, BiLSTM, and BERT-based classifiers. The integration of TF-IDF, BERT embeddings, and PSO-driven selection ensures that both frequency-based and contextual features contribute effectively to classification, leading to improved model performance.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the Proposed The performance of the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (TF-IDF + BERT + PSO) (HFS) approach is evaluated with the other existing feature selection and feature extraction techniques like Chi-Square (CS), Mutual Information (MI), Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Genetic Algorithm (GA), and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) using Random Forest, Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) and Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers(BERT) classification models for the using the metrics like Classification Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, AUC-ROC score, Miss Rate, and False Discovery Rate. Table 1 depicts the Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach. CS technique yields classification accuracies ranging from 81.2% for RF to 83.1% for BERT, showing moderate performance across the models. The MI method shows slight improvements over Chi-Square, with classification accuracy ranging from 81.5% for RF to 83.5% for BERT. The PCA technique results in the lowest classification accuracies among the methods tested, ranging from 78.9% for RF to 81.2% for BERT. The GA demonstrates a significant improvement in classification accuracy, with 84.5% for RF, 86.5% for LSTM, and 87.3% for BERT, but it still falls short of the proposed HFS approach. The PSO method further improves performance, yielding 85.3% for RF, 87.2% for LSTM, and 88.1% for BERT. Finally, the Proposed HFS approach achieves the highest classification accuracy, with 89.7% for RF, 91.2% for LSTM, and 92% for BERT, indicating its superior effectiveness in feature selection and extraction across all models. Table 2 depicts the Precision (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach.

The Chi-Square technique provides precision values ranging from 79.1% for RF to 82.3% for BERT, demonstrating moderate precision performance. The MI method slightly outperforms Chi-Square, with precision values from 80.3% for RF to 83% for BERT. The PCA technique shows the lowest precision across all methods, ranging from 77.2% for RF to 80.1% for BERT. GA technique provides a notable improvement in precision, with 83.4% for RF, 85.6% for LSTM, and 86.4% for BERT, but it still falls short of the proposed HFS approach. PSO method shows further improvements in precision, with 84.6% for RF, 86.4% for LSTM, and 87.3% for BERT. The Proposed HFS approach achieves the highest precision across all models, with 88.6% for RF, 90.3% for LSTM, and 91.5% for BERT, demonstrating its superior performance in enhancing precision in product recommendation tasks. Table 3 depicts the Recall (in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach. The Chi-Square technique yields recall values ranging from 78.6% for RF to 82.4% for BERT, showing moderate performance in terms of recall. MI method offers a slight improvement over Chi-Square, with recall values from 79.7% for RF to 83.3% for BERT. PCA technique shows the lowest recall performance across all methods, ranging from 76.1% for RF to 80.7% for BERT. GA shows a significant increase in recall, with 83.7% for RF, 85.4% for LSTM, and 86.7% for BERT, but it still does not match the performance of the proposed HFS approach. PSO method further improves recall, with 84.9% for RF, 86.3% for LSTM, and 87.5% for BERT. The Proposed HFS approach achieves the highest recall across all models, with 88.3% for RF, 90.4% for LSTM, and 91.5% for BERT, indicating its superior ability to identify relevant instances and improve model performance. Table 4 depicts the F1-Score(in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach. Chi-Square achieves F1-scores ranging from 78.8% for RF to 82.4% for BERT, demonstrating consistent but relatively lower performance in balancing precision and recall. MI shows slight improvements over Chi-Square, with F1-scores ranging from 80.0% for RF to 83.2% for BERT, indicating better performance in combining precision and recall. PCA produces the lowest F1-scores, ranging from 76.6% for RF to 80.4% for BERT, reflecting its limited effectiveness in maintaining a balance between precision and recall. GA yields a significant improvement in F1-score, achieving 83.5% for RF, 85.5% for LSTM, and 86.5% for BERT, although still not matching the performance



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of the proposed HFS approach. PSO further improves the F1-score, with values of 84.7% for RF, 86.3% for LSTM, and 87.4% for BERT, indicating its effectiveness in improving both precision and recall. The Proposed HFS approach consistently achieves the highest F1-scores, with 88.4% for RF, 90.3% for LSTM, and 91.5% for BERT, showcasing its superior performance in balancing precision and recall across all models. Table 5 depicts the AUC-ROC score(in %) obtained by the Proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach. Chi-Square achieves AUC-ROC scores ranging from 0.83 for RF to 0.88 for BERT, indicating moderate performance in distinguishing between relevant and non-relevant product recommendations. MI shows slightly improved AUC-ROC scores, ranging from 0.84 for RF to 0.89 for BERT, providing better classification ability compared to Chi-Square. PCA delivers the lowest AUC-ROC scores, ranging from 0.8 for RF to 0.86 for BERT, showing limited ability in identifying the true positive rates. GA demonstrates a significant improvement in AUC-ROC scores, with 0.89 for RF, 0.92 for LSTM, and 0.94 for BERT, but still falls short when compared to the proposed HFS approach. PSO shows further gains in AUC-ROC scores, with 0.9 for RF, 0.93 for LSTM, and 0.95 for BERT, reflecting its increased effectiveness in improving classification performance. The Proposed HFS approach consistently achieves the highest AUC-ROC scores, with 0.95 for RF, 0.97 for LSTM, and 0.98 for BERT, demonstrating its superior performance in distinguishing relevant products from irrelevant ones.

CONCLUSION

The proposed Hybrid Feature Selection (HFS) Approach for e-commerce product recommendation systems represents a significant advancement in enhancing recommendation accuracy and system performance. By integrating multiple feature selection methods—including filter, wrapper, embedded, and hybrid techniques—the HFS approach ensures that only the most relevant and non-redundant features are selected, ultimately leading to more personalized and context-aware product suggestions. This comprehensive approach addresses key challenges in e-commerce, such as handling large datasets with complex and diverse features, improving computational efficiency, and reducing the risk of overfitting. The use of advanced techniques like Term Frequency-Inverse Document Frequency (TF-IDF) and BERT embeddings further enhances the capability of the HFS approach by effectively capturing the importance of product-related terms and understanding the contextual meaning of user preferences. As a result, the system is better equipped to interpret user reviews, product descriptions, and search queries, providing more accurate and tailored recommendations. By leveraging a combination of statistical, machine learning, and deep learning techniques, the HFS approach offers a robust solution for e-commerce platforms, ensuring that the recommendation system not only performs efficiently but also delivers recommendations that align with the users' specific needs and interests. In doing so, it enhances user satisfaction, promotes higher engagement, and drives better sales outcomes for e-commerce businesses.

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Table 1: Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed HFS and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach

Feature Selection Techniques	Classification Accuracy (in %)		
	RF	LSTM	BERT
Chi-Square	81.2	82.5	83.1
MI	81.5	83	83.5
PCA	78.9	80.4	81.2
GA	84.5	86.5	87.3
PSO	85.3	87.2	88.1
Proposed HFS	89.7	91.2	92

Table 2: Precision (in %) obtained by the Proposed HFS and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach

Feature Selection Techniques	Precision (in %)		
	RF	LSTM	BERT
Chi-Square	79.1	81.5	82.3
MI	80.3	82.1	83
PCA	77.2	79.3	80.1
GA	83.4	85.6	86.4
PSO	84.6	86.4	87.3
Proposed HFS	88.6	90.3	91.5

Table 3: Recall (in %) obtained by the Proposed HFS and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach

Feature Selection Techniques	Recall (in %)		
	RF	LSTM	BERT
Chi-Square	78.6	81.0	82.4
MI	79.7	82.1	83.3
PCA	76.1	78.9	80.7
GA	83.7	85.4	86.7
PSO	84.9	86.3	87.5
Proposed HFS	88.3	90.4	91.5

Table 4: F1-Score(in %) obtained by the Proposed HFS and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach

Feature Selection Techniques	F1-Score(in %)		
	RF	LSTM	BERT
Chi-Square	78.8	81.3	82.4
MI	80.0	82.1	83.2
PCA	76.6	79.1	80.4
GA	83.5	85.5	86.5
PSO	84.7	86.3	87.4
Proposed HFS	88.4	90.3	91.5



**Gobinath and Prabakaran****Table 5: AUC-ROC score(in %) obtained by the Proposed HFS and existing feature extraction, feature selection approach**

Feature Selection Techniques	AUC-ROC score(in %)		
	RF	LSTM	BERT
Chi-Square	0.83	0.86	0.88
MI	0.84	0.87	0.89
PCA	0.8	0.84	0.86
GA	0.89	0.92	0.94
PSO	0.9	0.93	0.95
Proposed HFS	0.95	0.97	0.98





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Optimization Based Collaborative Trust Model for the Detection of Black Hole Attack in Manet

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ABSTRACT

Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) are dynamic, decentralised wireless networks that facilitate communication between nodes without dependence on permanent infrastructure. Although MANETs offer flexibility and scalability, they are susceptible to numerous security vulnerabilities, including black hole attacks. In a black hole attack, malicious nodes mislead the network by advertising false optimal routes, allowing them to intercept and discard data packets, leading to data loss and network performance degradation. This paper proposes a novel Collaborative Trust Model (CTM) for the detection and mitigation of black hole attacks in MANETs. The model dynamically computes trust thresholds using Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO), allowing for efficient identification of malicious nodes. Through collaboration among network nodes, the CTM enhances the robustness and reliability of MANETs by providing an adaptive, trust-based approach to detecting and isolating black hole attackers. The simulation results illustrate the efficacy of the suggested methodology in enhancing network performance and security.

Keywords: Mobile Ad Hoc Network (MANET), Denial of Service Attacks, Black Hole Attack, Optimization Algorithm, Malicious Node





INTRODUCTION

Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) are wireless, decentralized networks that enable devices (or nodes) to communicate with each other without relying on a fixed infrastructure, such as routers or base stations [1] [2]. The key characteristic of MANETs is their ability to form networks on-the-fly, making them highly flexible and scalable for a wide range of applications, including military communications, emergency response systems, and personal area networks. However, this decentralized nature, coupled with the mobility of nodes, introduces significant challenges in ensuring the security, reliability, and efficiency of communication within the network [3]. One of the primary security threats to MANETs is the black hole attack [4]. In this type of attack, a malicious node deliberately advertises itself as having the shortest or most optimal route to a destination node, while actually intending to intercept and drop the packets that pass through it. This can lead to a significant degradation of network performance, as data packets are lost, and communication between legitimate nodes is disrupted [5]. Moreover, detecting and mitigating black hole attacks is especially challenging in MANETs due to their highly dynamic topology, where nodes frequently join, leave, or move within the network [6]. Given the gravity of the problem, several approaches have been proposed to defend against black hole attacks in MANETs [7]. However, many of these solutions fail to provide effective and real-time detection, especially as the network scales in size and complexity. In addition, traditional approaches often rely on static trust models or simplistic detection techniques that fail to adapt to changing network conditions and the dynamic behaviors of malicious nodes [8]. Thus, there is a pressing need for more advanced, adaptable, and collaborative solutions that can effectively identify black hole attackers and mitigate their impact on the network [9] [10]. In this paper, we propose an innovative solution to address the black hole attack problem in MANETs through a Collaborative Trust Model (CTM) that dynamically adjusts trust thresholds using Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO). The primary goal of our model is to enhance the detection and isolation of black hole nodes by enabling nodes to collaboratively share and evaluate trust information. By employing PSO, the model can adaptively compute optimal trust thresholds, which allows for the identification of malicious nodes with greater accuracy and responsiveness. This dynamic and collaborative approach to trust management is key to mitigating the adverse effects of black hole attacks in real-time and ensuring the robustness of communication within the network. By introducing an adaptive and collaborative trust-based solution, this work aims to contribute to the development of more secure and efficient MANETs, especially in environments where security threats like black hole attacks are a persistent concern.

Background Study on Collaborative Trust Model

The Collaborative Trust Model (CTM) is designed to mitigate the impact of black hole attacks in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) by leveraging dynamic trust management and collaborative information sharing among network nodes [11]. In a MANET, nodes are typically mobile, decentralized, and have limited resources (such as energy and bandwidth). This makes it difficult to use traditional security mechanisms such as centralized monitoring and control. The CTM addresses these challenges by enabling nodes to evaluate and share trust information in a distributed manner, allowing for the detection and isolation of malicious nodes like black holes [12]. A black hole attack occurs when a malicious node in a MANET advertises itself as having the shortest or best route to the destination node, despite being a harmful entity. Once it attracts the data packets from neighboring nodes, it either drops or misroutes them, leading to loss of communication and network congestion. The deceptive nature of black hole attacks makes them difficult to detect, especially in dynamic environments where nodes frequently join and leave the network [13]. In the context of MANETs, "trust" refers to the reliability or reputation of a node in carrying out its intended functions, particularly in forwarding data packets. Trust models in MANETs aim to establish a basis for decision-making, helping nodes distinguish between trustworthy and untrustworthy entities [14]. Trust can be computed based on various factors, such as the history of node behavior (i.e., whether it successfully forwards packets or drops them), its reliability in routing, or the perceived stability of the routes it offers. Traditional trust models may rely on either static or fixed trust thresholds, but these may fail to adapt to changing conditions, especially in the presence of sophisticated attacks like black holes. The Collaborative Trust Model (CTM) proposed here adapts dynamically to real-time conditions by adjusting trust thresholds based on the behavior of network



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nodes [15]. The collaborative aspect of CTM refers to the process by which nodes share their trust information with neighboring nodes in the network. Instead of relying on isolated, individual trust evaluations, nodes collaborate by exchanging feedback and observations about each other's performance in packet forwarding. This collective sharing of information allows the network to collectively identify malicious behavior and build a more comprehensive understanding of each node's trustworthiness [16]. Nodes in the network periodically communicate their trust assessments to their neighbors, which helps in refining their own evaluations and improving the overall reliability of the network's routing decisions. This collaboration helps counter black hole attacks, as it becomes harder for a malicious node to maintain the illusion of a trustworthy node when other nodes in the network are actively sharing and updating trust information [17]. To address the challenge of adapting trust thresholds in real time, the CTM uses Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) to dynamically compute optimal trust levels. PSO is a bio-inspired optimization technique that mimics the social behavior of birds flocking or fish schooling. In this context, PSO is used to find the optimal threshold for trust evaluation, balancing sensitivity to detecting black hole attacks while avoiding false positives. PSO works by iteratively refining the trust threshold based on the behavior of nodes and their interactions within the network. Each node (or particle) in the PSO algorithm represents a potential solution (in this case, a trust threshold), and the swarm of particles collaborates to find the optimal threshold for detecting black hole attacks. The fitness function of PSO assesses the threshold's efficacy in identifying malicious nodes while ensuring effective communication within the network. As the PSO algorithm converges, the trust threshold becomes more accurate and adaptive to the ever-changing conditions in the MANET.

Once the trust thresholds are computed and updated dynamically using PSO, the CTM uses these thresholds to evaluate the trustworthiness of the nodes. If a node's trust score falls below a certain threshold, it is flagged as potentially malicious. In the case of a black hole attack, the malicious node would be detected due to its failure to forward packets and its consistent presence in the route advertisements, which is an indication that it is dropping or misdirecting data packets. The detection process is enhanced through collaboration between nodes. Each node can cross-check its observations with others, and this collective intelligence helps reduce the chances of misidentifying a non-malicious node as a black hole. This collaborative approach makes the detection of black hole attacks more robust and accurate, as it considers the behavior of the entire network rather than relying solely on individual node observations. Once a black hole node is detected, the CTM facilitates its isolation from the network. This can be done by updating the trust information shared among the nodes, excluding the malicious node from the routing tables, and rerouting traffic through alternative, trusted paths. The collaboration between nodes ensures that once an attack is detected, the entire network can quickly adapt and bypass the malicious node, restoring normal communication without relying on centralized control. The dynamic nature of the CTM ensures that the network continues to operate efficiently, even as nodes join, leave, or move within the network. As the network topology changes, the model continuously recalculates trust thresholds using PSO, ensuring that the detection and mitigation processes remain effective and up-to-date.

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO)

Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) is a powerful optimization technique inspired by the social behavior observed in nature, such as the flocking of birds, schooling of fish, and the foraging behavior of insects. Introduced by James Kennedy and Russell Eberhart in 1995, PSO is a population-based, metaheuristic optimization algorithm [18]. It belongs to the class of evolutionary algorithms (EAs) and is widely used for solving complex optimization problems, including those where traditional optimization methods may struggle due to nonlinearity, high dimensionality, or multiple optima [19]. In Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO), a population of potential solutions, known as particles, traverses the search space to identify the global optimum. Each particle modifies its position and velocity according to its individual experience and the experiences of its neighbours or the entire swarm. The objective is to enhance the solutions by analysing both the behaviour of individual particles and the collective dynamics of the swarm [20].

Particles and Swarm

- In Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO), the answer to a problem is depicted as a particle. Each particle constitutes a point within the search space and signifies a potential solution to the optimisation problem.





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- A swarm is a group of particles, and they collectively search the problem space to find the best solution. Each particle possesses a position (indicative of a candidate solution) and a velocity (dictating the particle's movement within the search space).

Position and Velocity

- Each particle has a position in the search space, represented as a vector, which corresponds to a potential solution.
- The velocity determines the rate and direction of movement of a particle. The velocity is also a vector, and it is used to update the position of the particle during the optimization process.

Personal Best (pbest):

- Each particle maintains a record of its personal best position (pbest), which is the position where the particle achieved its best fitness value (objective function evaluation).
- The personal best represents the best solution that a particle has encountered up to that point in time.

Global Best (gbest):

- The global best position (gbest) is the best solution found by any particle in the entire swarm. This value is shared across the swarm and represents the collective knowledge of the particles about the optimal solution.

Fitness Function

- The fitness function (objective function) evaluates the quality of a particle's position. A superior answer correlates with an enhanced fitness value.
- Each particle evaluates its position using this fitness function and compares it with the particle's personal best and the global best.

Basic Working Principle of PSO

The PSO algorithm mimics the social behavior of birds or fish looking for food. Each particle symbolises a bird or fish within the swarm, navigating the search space to identify the ideal solution. The particle mobility is influenced by two factors:

- **Cognitive component:** The particle's previous best position (personal best).
- The optimal position identified by any particle inside the swarm on a global scale.

Throughout the optimisation process, the position of each particle is iteratively updated with the following equations: Equation for Position Update:

$$\mathbf{x}_i(t+1) = \mathbf{x}_i(t) + \mathbf{v}_i(t+1)$$

Where $\mathbf{x}_i(t)$ is the position of particle i at time step t . $\mathbf{v}_i(t+1)$ is the velocity of particle i at time step $t+1$.

Velocity Update Equation:

$$\mathbf{v}_i(t+1) = w \cdot \mathbf{v}_i(t) + c_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot (\mathbf{pbest}_i - \mathbf{x}_i(t)) + c_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot (\mathbf{gbest} - \mathbf{x}_i(t))$$

Where $\mathbf{v}_i(t)$ denotes the velocity of particle i at time step t , and w represents the inertia weight, which regulates the influence of prior velocities on the particle's current velocity. c_1 and c_2 are cognitive and social scaling variables, respectively, that dictate the impact of the personal best and the global best on the particle's trajectory. r_1 and r_2 are random numbers between 0 and 1, introducing stochasticity into the algorithm and ensuring diversity in the particle's search. $\mathbf{pbest}_i$ is the personal best position of particle i . $\mathbf{gbest}$ is the global best position found by the swarm.

Steps in the PSO Algorithm

The basic steps of the PSO algorithm are as follows:



**Initialization**

- Randomly initialise a swarm of particles within the search space. Assign random velocities to each particle.
- Set each particle's personal best (pbest) to its initial position.
- Establish the global best (gbest) as the optimal place identified by any particle inside the swarm..

Iterative Updates:

- For each iteration:
 1. Assess the efficacy of each particle at its present location..
 2. If a particle's fitness is better than its personal best (pbest), update its personal best.
 3. If a particle's fitness surpasses the global best (gbest), update the global best..
 4. Update the particle's velocity based on the position of its personal best and the global best using the velocity update equation.
 5. Revise the particle's location via the position update equation..

Termination

- The algorithm terminates when a stopping criterion is met, which can be based on a maximum number of iterations or a satisfactory fitness value.
- The global best (gbest) at termination represents the optimal solution identified by the swarm..

Proposed Optimization Based Collaborative Trust Model**Step 1: Network Initialization**

- **Step 1.1: Establish the MANET:** Configure a network of mobile nodes capable of wireless communication among themselves without reliance on fixed infrastructure. Each node in the network acts as both a router and a host, meaning they can send, receive, and forward data packets.
- **Step 1.2: Define Initial Parameters:** Initialize the trust metrics that will be used to evaluate the behavior of nodes, such as how well they forward packets and how consistent they are in providing routing information. Set up the parameters for the Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) algorithm, including the number of particles (possible solutions), their movement speed, and how they will explore potential solutions.

Step 2: Trust Calculation

- **Step 2.1: Direct Trust Calculation:** Each node observes its neighbors' behavior by checking how reliably they forward data packets and how consistently they provide routing information. Consequent to these observations, the node computes a direct trust value for each of its neighbours.
- **Step 2.2: Indirect Trust Calculation:** Nodes also collect feedback from other nodes about the trustworthiness of their neighbors. This helps them form a more comprehensive view. The indirect trust is calculated by averaging the feedback received from other nodes about a particular neighbor.
- **Step 2.3: Aggregated Trust Computation:** The node amalgamates direct trust, derived from its own observations, and indirect trust, obtained from feedback, to compute an overall or aggregate trust value for each neighbour. This aggregate trust helps the node decide whether a neighbor is trustworthy or potentially malicious.

Step 3: PSO-Based Dynamic Trust Threshold Optimization

- **Step 3.1: Initialise the PSO Population:** In the PSO algorithm, each particle signifies a potential trust threshold, which serves as a criterion for determining the trustworthiness of a node.. Particles are randomly assigned initial positions (trust thresholds) and are ready to explore the search space to find the best possible threshold.
- **Step 3.2: Evaluate Fitness Function:** Each particle's position (trust threshold) is evaluated to see how well it distinguishes between trustworthy and malicious nodes. The PSO algorithm seeks to identify a trust threshold that reduces erroneous decisions (false positives and false negatives) while enhancing the accuracy of black hole detection.
- **Step 3.3: Update Particle Positions and Velocities:** As the PSO algorithm iterates, each particle updates its position (trust threshold) based on its previous best position and the best position found by the swarm. This process



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continues until the algorithm finds the optimal trust threshold for each node, which balances the need for accurate detection with minimizing mistakes.

- **Step 3.4: Convergence check:** The PSO process is repeated until the algorithm converges, meaning it finds an optimal or sufficiently good trust threshold for each node. The best threshold found during this process is selected for use in detecting black hole attacks.

Step 4: Trust Threshold Application and Black Hole Detection

- **Step 4.1: Apply Optimized Trust Threshold:** Once the optimal trust threshold is determined, each node applies it to the aggregate trust values of its neighbors. If a neighbor's trust value falls below this threshold, the node flags that neighbor as suspicious.
- **Step 4.2: Collaborative Trust Sharing:** Nodes share their trust assessments and optimized thresholds with their neighbors, helping the entire network maintain an updated view of trustworthiness. This collaborative sharing allows nodes to refine their trust calculations based on new information from the network.
- **Step 4.3: Black Hole Detection:** Nodes that are consistently flagged as suspicious (falling below the trust threshold) are monitored more closely. If these nodes continue to exhibit malicious behavior, such as dropping packets, they are identified as black holes. The network then takes action to isolate these black hole nodes, preventing them from participating in routing or data forwarding.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

This section evaluates the performance of the Proposed OCT Model against known optimisation strategies, including Genetic Algorithm (GA), Artificial Bee Colony (ABC), and Ant Colony Optimisation (ACO), for detecting black hole nodes in the network. The evaluation metrics like Packet Loss (in %), Packet Delivery Ratio (in %), End-to-End Delay (in %), Average Energy Consumption (in Joules), Throughput (in mbps) with varying number of nodes for 10% and 15% of the Black Hole Nodes in the network.

Performance analysis with 10% Black Hole Nodes in the Network

Table 1 depicts the Packet Loss (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 2 depicts the Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 3 depicts the Average Energy Consumption (in Joules) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 4 depicts the End-to-End Delay (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 5 depicts the Throughput (in mbps) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network.

Performance analysis with 15% Black Hole Nodes in the Network

Table 6 depicts the Packet Loss (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 7 depicts the Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 8 depicts the Average Energy Consumption (in Joules) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 9 depicts the End-to-End Delay (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network. Table 10 depicts the Throughput (in mbps) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network.

Summary

The proposed methodology for detecting black hole attacks in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks (MANETs) leverages a Collaborative Trust Model with a Dynamic Trust Threshold optimized using Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO). By dynamically adapting the trust threshold based on real-time network conditions, the methodology provides an effective and scalable solution for enhancing network security in the face of malicious attacks. The combination of





direct and indirect trust evaluations ensures a comprehensive assessment of node behavior, while the collaborative sharing of trust values across nodes enhances the accuracy of detection. The incorporation of PSO for threshold optimization not only adapts to the dynamic and decentralized nature of MANETs but also minimizes false positives and false negatives, leading to more reliable detection of black hole attacks.

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Table.1: Packet Loss (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Packet Loss (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	14.36	15.58	15.96	16.77
125	15.47	18.25	18.99	19.42
150	16.85	19.31	20.74	21.17
175	17.64	20.08	20.98	21.78
200	18.83	22.74	23.47	24.76
225	19.32	23.41	24.11	25.36
250	20.07	23.85	25.47	26.63
275	21.45	24.13	25.86	27.74
300	22.52	25.61	26.77	28.82

Table.2: Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Packet Delivery Ratio(in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	93.74	91.42	90.88	89.25
125	92.81	90.55	89.77	88.63
150	91.22	89.36	88.47	87.11
175	90.55	88.25	87.41	86.63
200	89.63	87.58	86.12	85.74
225	88.52	86.21	85.36	84.42
250	88.03	85.72	84.35	83.55
275	86.22	84.29	83.64	82.17
300	85.52	83.25	82.46	81.44

Table.3: Average Energy Consumption (in Joules) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Average Energy Consumption (in Joules)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	0.1	0.12	0.15	0.17
125	0.16	0.18	0.19	0.21
150	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.23
175	0.26	0.28	0.29	0.31
200	0.28	0.31	0.33	0.35
225	0.31	0.33	0.35	0.37
250	0.39	0.42	0.45	0.48
275	0.48	0.51	0.53	0.56
300	0.57	0.59	0.61	0.64

Table.4: End-to-End Delay (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	End-to-End Delay (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	12.58	13.63	14.47	15.54
125	13.99	14.84	15.32	16.42





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150	14.45	15.73	16.62	17.53
175	15.61	16.43	17.92	18.75
200	16.97	17.36	18.85	19.93
225	17.82	18.73	19.52	20.17
250	18.91	19.54	20.82	21.91
275	19.88	20.71	21.45	22.69
300	20.96	21.77	22.82	23.46

Table 5: Throughput (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 10% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Throughput (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	1274	1145	1123	1098
125	1163	1058	998	932
150	971	884	802	784
175	898	742	696	621
200	791	674	598	503
225	662	594	493	452
250	652	532	484	396
275	573	493	375	322
300	501	451	394	313

Table.6: Packet Loss (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Throughput (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	32.36	33.96	34.42	35.59
125	33.53	34.21	35.74	36.98
150	34.72	35.88	36.14	37.73
175	35.45	36.43	37.25	38.36
200	36.61	37.13	38.88	39.74
225	37.41	38.94	39.45	40.14
250	38.51	39.96	40.72	41.75
275	39.49	40.86	41.44	42.26
300	40.74	41.69	42.26	43.39

Table.7: Packet Delivery Ratio(in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Packet Delivery Ratio (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	70.62	69.63	68.88	67.96
125	69.58	68.25	67.76	66.47
150	68.26	67.96	66.58	65.41
175	67.74	66.58	65.84	63.52
200	66.43	65.84	64.88	62.41
225	65.36	64.93	62.564	61.39
250	64.75	62.52	59.92	58.11
275	62.41	60.83	58.41	56.74
300	55.71	50.52	49.74	47.05





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Table.8: Average Energy Consumption (in Joules) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Average Energy Consumption (in Joules)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	0.12	0.22	0.25	0.29
125	0.18	0.31	0.33	0.39
150	0.21	0.42	0.48	0.49
175	0.29	0.51	0.53	0.56
200	0.31	0.59	0.61	0.63
225	0.38	0.64	0.69	0.71
250	0.48	0.73	0.76	0.80
275	0.55	0.81	0.83	0.87
300	0.63	0.89	0.91	0.92

Table.9: End-to-End Delay (in %) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	End-to-End Delay (in %)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	33.29	34.96	35.77	34.25
125	34.69	36.75	37.94	38.96
150	35.83	37.69	38.45	39.22
175	36.39	40.74	41.63	42.89
200	37.82	42.96	43.54	44.13
225	38.32	43.74	44.98	45.63
250	39.74	44.23	45.73	46.85
275	40.36	45.55	46.28	47.96
300	41.47	46.85	48.36	49.52

Table.10: Throughput (in mbps) obtained by the Proposed OCT Model, GA, ABC and ACO with 15% of Black Hole Nodes in the network

Number of Nodes	Throughput (in mbps)			
	Proposed OCT Model	GA	ABC	ACO
100	1096	998	941	896
125	958	814	798	736
150	749	701	699	621
175	697	656	596	498
200	632	585	496	452
225	592	473	412	398
250	489	389	374	356
275	524	312	298	274
300	485	284	263	216





Energy Aware Task Scheduling Approach with Optimization Method for Cloud Computing Environment

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ABSTRACT

The drastic development of cloud computing (CC) has resulted in a large amount of energy utilization and carbon emission from several servers. Task scheduling plays a vital role in the CC environment which aims to allocate the task requests of the users to the servers. The process of reducing energy utilization with the assurance of client QoS needs is essential in accomplishing enhanced profit for the cloud service providers and ensuring the user's service level agreement (SLA). Besides, the cloud data centre needs to fulfill the distinct condition of utilizing cloud resources with the consideration of the needs of multiple clients. The task scheduling problem can be considered as an NP hard problem and can be resolved by the use of metaheuristic optimization algorithms. In this aspect, this paper presents a chaotic pigeon inspired algorithm with dragonfly algorithm-based task scheduling (CPIADA-TS) technique for CC environment. The proposed CPIADA-TS technique aims to allot resources based on the requirement of many users in an effectual way. The CPIA technique is initially derived by integrating the concepts of chaotic maps to the PIA technique to improve its performance. Moreover, for enhancing the searching possibility and remove the local optima issue, the CPIA technique undergoes hybridization with the DA. A brief simulation analysis takes place and the experimental outcomes ensured the goodness of the CPIADA-TS technique.

Keywords: Task scheduling, Load balancing, Cloud computing, Metaheuristics, Hybrid algorithms

INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing has gained more interest in several communities for its reliability, cost-cutting solutions, accessibility, and scalability [1]. The importance of CC creates the resource available around the Internet [2]. Hence, various scientific organizations and businesses have adopted cloud for commercial benefit [3]. The CC provides QoS guaranteed, customized, and scalable computing environment for the user with pervasive and easy access [4]. The



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users should utilize the cloud without creating administering the network, databases, and systems or cost of maintaining or investing in computing resources. Hence, the cloud user pays only for the computing services and resources they have utilized. This advantage makes CC a compelling model for computing service requirements for the user [5]. Furthermore, the huge resources provided and the flexibility related to the size variation of the Cloud brought major advantages. But it brought novel problems, where resources allocation and task scheduling are key challenges. The virtualization technologies and wide placement and usage of cloud lead to the development of large-scale data centers which provide cloud service. This could lead to a significant rise in the number of energies expended. For providing service, cloud provider deploys a number of servers in their data centres that result in bulk usage of energy and increase the levels of carbon footprint in the environment [6, 7]. As United States data centres use up around 91 billion kWh of energy by 2013 and it is estimated to rise around 140 billion kWh in 2020 based on natural resource defense council report. Hence, efforts have been taken for reducing carbon emission and power usage by effective management and resource utilization. Therefore, the present study on cloud is how to schedule tasks for resources utilization could be maximized and simultaneously, the power usage is also minimized. But, it is essential to notice that high resource utilization might create high power usage. Thus, task scheduling needs to be executed so that there should be appropriate utilization of resources [8-10] and concurrently, power usage needs to be moderate [11, 12]. Mainly, it is a significant problem in the environment of heterogeneous cloud where the capacity of resources differs. The open and dynamic features of CC environments are easier to create problems such as user priority management, excessive energy consumption, low utilization of resources, allocation and availability of physical resources, etc. Therefore, they have developed this method for tackling the issues, and also considered the dynamic features of CC to make this solution more practical, robust, and flexible in real time deployment. Therefore, the primary goal of this research is to present a novel optimization approach i.e., deadline aware and energy efficient.

Thus, the solution needs to be sufficient for considerably improving the system efficiency and makes it aware of the major optimization aspects like perspective of Cloud providers and users, flexible or dynamic scheduling, the necessities among Cloud service components. Therefore, the solution goals at minimizing the energy consumption and makespan when meeting users' deadlines and attaining effective resource utilization with higher efficiency computing and maximal profit. In [13], an enhanced initialization of PSO utilizing heuristic algorithm is projected. The LJFP and minimal MCT approaches are utilized for initializing the PSO. The efficiency of the presented MCT-PSO and LJFP-PSO methods are estimated in minimizing overall implementation time, makespan, overall energy consumption matrices, and degree of imbalance. In [14], a novel CC task scheduling approach presents max-min and min-min algorithm for load balancing as double FF, generating initialization population and select task completion time, and improve the algorithm search ability, convergence speed, and quality of initialization population, has been projected. [15] aim is to decrease the makespan time of the scheduling in CC platform. The work presents a method for efficient scheduling tasks of the various machines utilized in cloud for minimizing the makespan time. The presented method has been tested with the Braun standard dataset. This paper presents a chaotic pigeon inspired algorithm with dragonfly algorithm-based task scheduling (CPIADA-TS) technique for CC environment. The proposed CPIADA-TS technique aims to allot resources based on the requirement of many users in an effectual way. The CPIA technique is initially derived by integrating the concepts of chaotic maps to the PIA technique to improve its performance. Moreover, for enhancing the searching possibility and remove the local optima issue, the CPIA technique undergoes hybridization with the DA. A brief simulation analysis takes place and the experimental outcomes ensured the goodness of the CPIADA-TS technique.

The Proposed CPIADA -TS Technique

Fig. 1 demonstrates the overall process of CPIADA-TS approach. The main goal of proposed method is to assign all tasks to VM based on the VM load. The LB approach is employed for eliminating the event from overloaded VM and allocate to VM which has minimal load. The recently placed method has huge datacenters so-called PM and it is made up of VM for preceding the user's task. A user of a cloud contains several numbers of tasks to process VM. Now, the event is assigned to VM in the application of LB method. The proposed LB approach often validates the load of VM in cloud platform. The VM's load is depending upon the computation time of all the tasks. Now, load is an important parameter to schedule, i.e., a task of allocation a load on different nodes of shared system for enhancing





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the resource consumption and task respond time during removing a deeply loaded VM while nodes are idle with minimal event. Such issues are solved by multiobjective based LB method using ADA. DA is a nature inspired method established using dynamic and static swarming hierarchies of dragonflies. For enhancing the searching possibility and remove a local optimal, in which CPIA is hybridized by DA. The population of dragonflies is initialized in an arbitrary approach. The solution length indicates the amount of tasks and dragonflies refer the access node. As, the validation of each dragonfly can be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. The instance solution encoding is shown as follows

$$P_i = \{2,4,3,1,5,2,5,3,2,1\} \quad (1)$$

As above mentioned, it is learned task 1 will be assigned to VM₂, task 2 is stated to VM₄ and task10 is stated to VM₁. With respect to the solution encoding, the population matrix (SM) was created in which components should be zero/one. The method is based on the relation between a VM & task. on off chance in which a task j is related inside VM_i show $PM(i, j) = 1$, or $PM(i, j) = 0$. Thus, all columns have individual elements for one, remaining zero. When the solution is made, it estimates the fitness of each solution. The FF is shown below

$$MOF = \min [\alpha_1(ET) + \alpha_2(EC) + \alpha_3(1 - Load)] \quad (2)$$

For upgrading the solution, 5 main factors are employed namely distraction from enemy alignment, separation, cohesion, and attraction of food. When the step vector is calculated, the location vectors are evaluated by:

$$X_{k+1} = X_k + \Delta X_{k+1} \quad (3)$$

whereas k denotes the current iteration. The PIA method is established from pigeon homing behaviors based SI optimization technique i.e., made up of several advantages. Pigeon is appropriate for predicting the earth fields by a magneto reception for building the map in brain. It assumes the height of sun as a compass for modifying the direction. A novel position X_i and velocity V_i of pigeon i in t -th iterations are evaluated in the application by:

$$V_i(t) = V_i(t-1) \cdot e^{-Rt} + rand. (X_g - X_i(t-1)) \quad (4)$$

$$X_i(t) = X_i(t-1) + V_i(t) \quad (5)$$

whereas R refer to the map and compass factor, $rand$ implies arbitrary value, and X_g illustrates a present global optimal position, achieved than pigeon position. Considers $X_c(t)$ denotes a middle part of pigeon position in t -th iteration, while each pigeon could fly in direct movement. The position increasing for pigeon i at t -th iteration is given below:

$$N_p(t) = \frac{N_p(t-1)}{2} \quad (6)$$

$$X_c(t) = \frac{\sum X_i(t).fitness(X_i(t))}{N_p \sum fitness(X_i(t))} \quad (7)$$

$$X_i(t) = X_i(t-1) + rand. (X_c(t) - X_i(t-1)) \quad (8)$$

whereas $fitness()$ refers to the quality of pigeon. For constrained optimization problem, it is selected by $fitness(X_i(t)) = \frac{1}{f_{min}(X_i(t)) + \epsilon}$. Compared to DA & PIA, DA optimal fitness value (DA_{best}) is lesser compared to PIA fitness value (PIA_{best}), the optimum place of DA is substituted by PIA. The implementation gets ended when the best solution is attained. The end solutions are provided to the CC environment. The key objective of chaos optimization, modern search technique, is for transforming the variables from chaos to solution space. The main goal to utilize chaos optimization technique in this study consists of convergence rate and local minimum avoidance. A significant and efficient way to faces the challenge is to employ chaos concept. In Meta heuristic method, chaotic mapping is utilized rather than arbitrary number for increasing convergence. In CPIA used in this technique, arbitrary parameter is replaced with chaotic one. The feature of chaos optimization significantly enhances the efficacy of this model and makes this model powerful. The benefit of the chaotic Meta heuristic optimization methods such as



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decrease of computational time, scalability, and simplicity, have been taken into account when using CPIA. Chaos is defined as semi arbitrariness behavior made by an arithmetical nonlinear deterministic scheme which has three substantial dynamic characteristics such as ergodicity, sensitivity, and quasi stochastic to new conditions. The ability to substitute arbitrary parameters with the value of chaotic map is defined as quasi-stochastic. The ability of chaotic parameters to study non-recurrent whole conditions in a specific range is defined as ergodicity. The sensitivity to new conditions is called minimum change in the earlier condition can result in different behaviours.

Performance Validation

The CPIADA-TS technique is simulated using CloudSim tool. The results are investigated in two aspects namely execution time and execution cost. Table 1 depicts the execution time analysis of CPIADA-TS methodology under different iterations with recent approaches. Fig. 2 showcases the execution time analysis of the CPIADA-TS technique under different iterations on PM: 5, VM:15, and Task:50. The figure reported that the CPIADA-TS technique has attained least execution time under all iterations. For instance, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS technique has offered a lower execution time of 0.33 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS techniques have accomplished a higher execution time of 0.63, 0.42, 0.38, and 0.34 respectively. Moreover, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS algorithm has obtainable a minimum execution time of 0.38 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methodologies have accomplished a maximum execution time of 0.69, 0.48, 0.42, and 0.39 correspondingly. Fig. 3 illustrates the execution time analysis of the CPIADA-TS method under varying iterations on PM: 10, VM:30, and Task:75. The figure described that the CPIADA-TS manner has reached worse execution times under all iterations. For sample, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS manner has obtainable a lower execution time of 0.65 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methods have accomplished a superior execution time of 0.93, 0.86, 0.73, and 0.66 correspondingly. Furthermore, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS technique has presented a minimal execution time of 0.71 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methods have accomplished an improved execution time of 0.95, 0.89, 0.78, and 0.72 correspondingly. Fig. 4 demonstrates the execution time analysis of the CPIADA-TS approach under different iterations on PM: 20, VM:50 and Task:100. The figure stated that the CPIADA-TS technique has gained minimum execution time under all iterations. For instance, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS algorithm has accessible a lesser execution time of 0.72 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methods have accomplished an increased execution time of 0.95, 0.90, 0.78, and 0.73 correspondingly. Also, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS approach has accessible a lesser execution time of 0.78 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methodologies have accomplished an improved execution time of 0.99, 0.96, 0.81, and 0.79 correspondingly. Table 2 demonstrates the execution cost analysis of CPIADA-TS model under varying iterations with existing techniques. Fig. 5 depicts the execution cost analysis of the CPIADA-TS system under distinct iterations on PM: 5, VM:15 and Task:50. The figure reported that the CPIADA-TS technique has attained least execution cost under all iterations. For sample, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS technique has to exist a lower execution cost of 0.69 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methods have accomplished a higher execution cost of 0.80, 0.76, 0.75, and 0.70 correspondingly. Besides, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS approach has obtainable a lower execution cost of 0.68 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS techniques have accomplished a higher execution cost of 0.80, 0.77, 0.76, and 0.70 correspondingly. Fig. 6 portrays the execution cost analysis of the CPIADA-TS manner under varying iterations on PM: 10, VM:30 and Task:75. The figure described that the CPIADA-TS algorithm has reached worse execution cost under all iterations. For instance, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS method has offered a lesser execution cost of 0.06 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methodologies have accomplished an increased execution cost of 0.19, 0.12, 0.08, and 0.06 correspondingly. Followed by, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS technique has offered a minimal execution cost of 0.09 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS techniques have accomplished a superior execution cost of 0.28 0.16, 0.13, and 0.10 correspondingly. Fig. 7 exhibits the execution cost analysis of the CPIADA-TS approach under different iterations on PM: 20, VM:50 and Task:100. The figure stated that the CPIADA-TS method achieved minimal execution cost under all iterations. For sample, with 10 iterations, the CPIADA-TS manner has obtainable a lesser execution cost of 0.08 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS methods have accomplished an improved execution cost of 0.25, 0.15, 0.11, and 0.08 correspondingly. Furthermore, with 50 iterations, the CPIADA-TS algorithm has existed a lower execution cost of 0.10 whereas the FA, DA, ADA, and PIADA-TS techniques have accomplished a maximum execution cost of 0.33, 0.19, 0.14, and 0.11 correspondingly.





CONCLUSION

This paper has presented a new CPIADA-TS technique for CC environment. The proposed CPIADA-TS technique aims to allot resources based on the requirement of many users in an effectual way. The CPIA technique is initially derived by integrating the concepts of chaotic maps to the PIA technique to improve its performance. Moreover, for enhancing the searching possibility and remove the local optima issue, the CPIA technique undergoes hybridization with the DA. The implementation gets ended when the best solution is attained and the final solution is provided to the cloud environment. A brief simulation analysis takes place and the experimental outcomes ensured the goodness of the CPIADA-TS technique. In future, the performance can be boosted by the design of context aware route planning approaches in the CC environment.

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Table 1 Execution Time Analysis of the CPIDA-TS Technique

PM: 5, VM:15 and Task:50					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.63	0.42	0.38	0.34	0.33
20	0.65	0.43	0.39	0.35	0.34
30	0.67	0.45	0.4	0.37	0.35
40	0.68	0.47	0.41	0.38	0.36
50	0.69	0.48	0.42	0.39	0.38
PM: 10 and VM:30 and Task:75					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.93	0.86	0.73	0.66	0.65
20	0.95	0.87	0.75	0.68	0.66
30	0.95	0.87	0.76	0.69	0.68
40	0.95	0.88	0.77	0.70	0.69
50	0.95	0.89	0.78	0.72	0.71
PM: 20 and VM:50 and Task:100					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.95	0.90	0.78	0.73	0.72
20	0.98	0.90	0.79	0.74	0.74
30	0.99	0.93	0.80	0.76	0.75
40	0.99	0.95	0.80	0.77	0.76
50	0.99	0.96	0.81	0.79	0.78

Table 2 Execution Cost Analysis of the CPIDA-TS Technique

PM: 5, VM:15 and Task:50					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.80	0.76	0.75	0.70	0.69
20	0.70	0.67	0.60	0.64	0.63
30	0.79	0.78	0.74	0.69	0.66
40	0.80	0.77	0.74	0.68	0.67
50	0.80	0.77	0.76	0.70	0.68
PM: 10 and VM:30 and Task:75					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.19	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.06
20	0.22	0.13	0.08	0.06	0.06
30	0.26	0.14	0.08	0.06	0.06





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40	0.28	0.15	0.09	0.07	0.06
50	0.28	0.16	0.13	0.10	0.09
PM: 20 and VM:50 and Task:100					
Iterations	FA	DA	ADA	PIADA-TS	CPIADA-TS
10	0.25	0.15	0.11	0.08	0.08
20	0.28	0.16	0.12	0.09	0.08
30	0.29	0.17	0.13	0.10	0.10
40	0.32	0.18	0.13	0.10	0.10
50	0.33	0.19	0.14	0.11	0.10

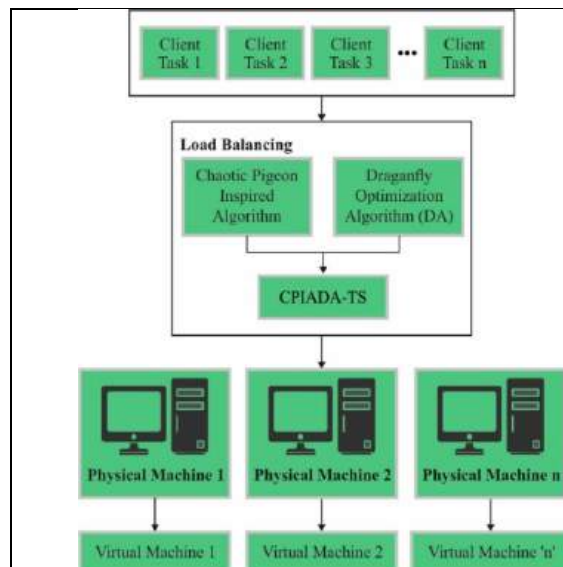


Fig. 1. Overall process of CPIADA-TS model

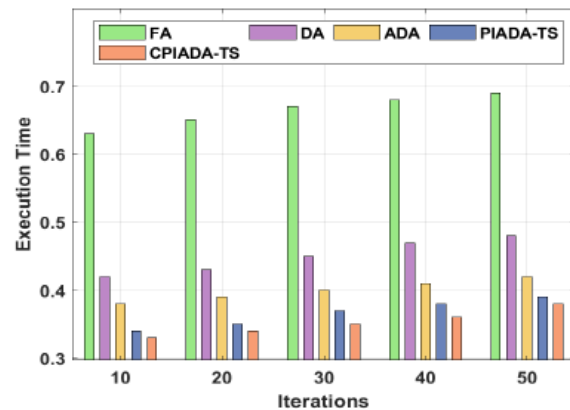


Fig. 2. Execution time analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM: 5, VM:15 and Task:50

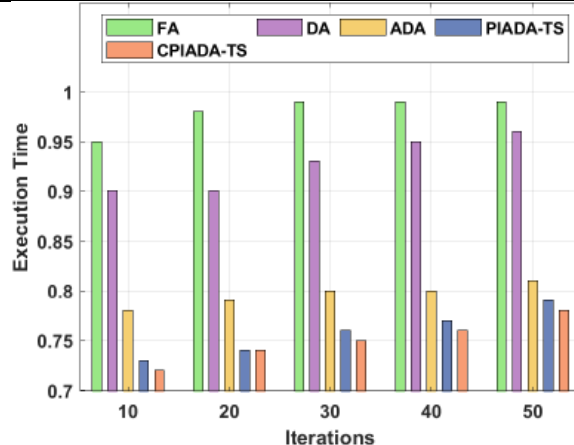


Fig. 3. Execution time analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM:10, VM:30 and Task:75

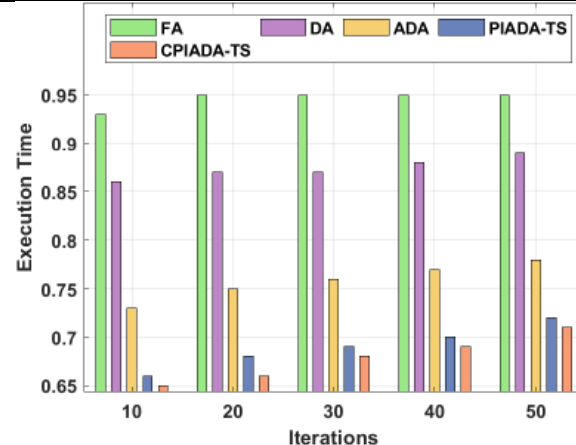


Fig. 4. Execution time analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM: 20, VM:50 and Task:100





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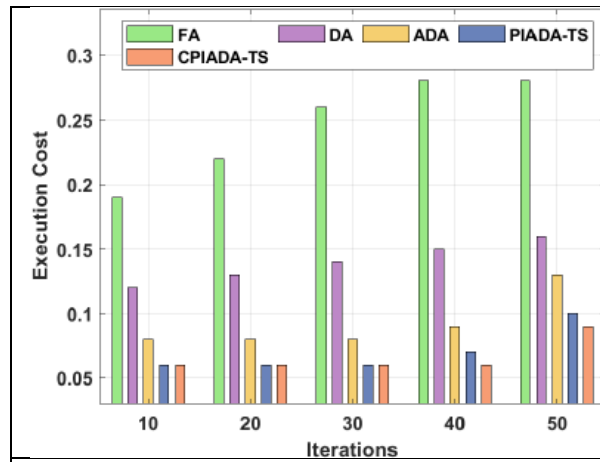


Fig. 5. Execution cost analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM: 5, VM:15 and Task:50

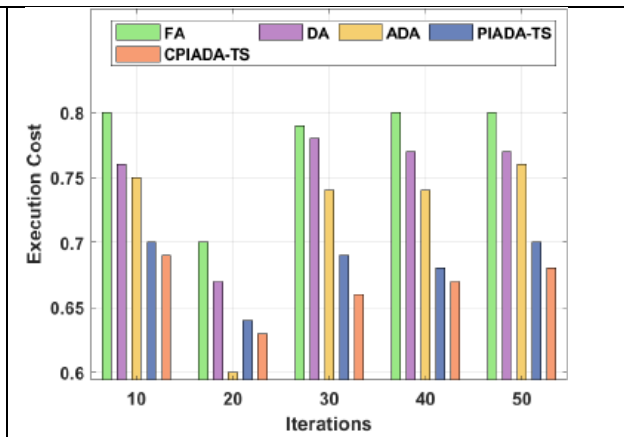


Fig. 6. Execution cost analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM: 10 and VM:30 and Task:75

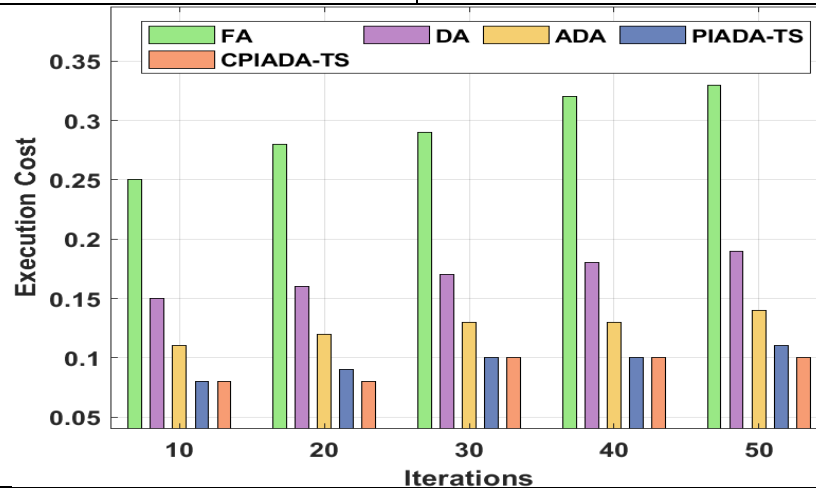


Fig. 7. Execution cost analysis of CPIADA-TS model under PM: 20 and VM:50 and Task:100





Mathematical Modelling of Agricultural Seed Germination using Robust Fuzzy Regression Optimisation Methods

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ABSTRACT

Mathematical modelling for agricultural quality seed germination using robust fuzzy regression optimization is an effective way to resolve uncertainties caused by environmental conditions, seed variety, and agricultural methods in biological systems. In this case, trials with various seed kinds should be conducted under both controlled and field situations. Additionally, correlate the model predictions with the actual germination data.. Solve the mathematical goal function with restrictions on soil moisture, temperature, and seed viability. Agricultural grade seed germination is focused on simulating natural growth circumstances, such as sowing seeds in field soil and monitoring emergence. A new hybrid mathematical modelling for agricultural quality seed germination has begun.

Keywords: Germination, soil, regression, hybrid, moisture, temperature, fuzzy and viability.

INTRODUCTION

Seed germination is a crucial phase in plant development that influences agricultural productivity. Understanding and forecasting the germination process is critical for increasing crop yields, better using resources, and maintaining food security. However, germination is regulated by a complex interaction of factors, including seed quality, environmental conditions, and farming techniques, all of which are variable and unknown. The use of robust fuzzy regression optimization in seed germination modelling is a particularly interesting strategy. The inherent uncertainties and imprecisions in seed quality, measurement errors, and climatic factors are considered by the fuzzy regression optimization. Fuzzy systems, in contrast to typical deterministic models, express ambiguous information

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using linguistic variables and membership functions. This makes them ideal for agricultural systems, where exact control is frequently impossible. The goal of this project is to create a mathematical model for seed germination that uses fuzzy optimization approaches. The model considers crucial parameters like as temperature, moisture, and seed viability to assess germination rates and seedling vigour under different conditions. By addressing uncertainty and unpredictability, the suggested model provides a strong decision-making tool for improving agricultural operations and assuring high-quality seed germination results. Through this technique, we want to bridge the gap between theoretical modelling and real agricultural applications, opening the path for more sustainable and efficient crop production systems.

Preliminary

In order to produce seedlings, germination is essential. It is an ongoing, irreversible process that starts with many physiological functions in seeds and concludes with the growth or demise of a germ. Nonetheless, the definition of germination is occasionally employed informally and inaccurately, leading to confusion with seedling growth, which commences after the completion of the germination process (Bewley and Black, 1994). Identifying the initiation and conclusion of each stage in molecular and cellular processes inside multicellular and complex tissues is problematic because to the slow nature of process reactivation, as exemplified by imperfect germination (Ranal and Santana, 2006; Fenner and Thompson, 2005). Identifying the source of germination events in nature remains a key research priority (Baskin and Baskin, 1998). However, germination seldom happens right away. Every seed in a population has a distinct genotype, which might affect how the seed reacts to outside stimuli. In recent years, methodologies for analysing the dynamics of seed germination have progressed rapidly (Garcia-Huidobro *et al.*, 1982; Ellis *et al.*, 1986; Bradford, 1995). Numerous approaches or mathematical formulas for quantifying the germination process have been put forth or investigated throughout the past 200 years. It is beneficial on the one hand, but comparison is challenging due to the variety of wording. Several of these expressions evaluate diverse aspects of the germination process under a common nomenclature; others quantify the same characteristics using varied mathematical terminology; furthermore, some convey identical meanings despite being represented by different symbols (Ranal and Santana, 2006). The dynamics of the process are significantly influenced by time, speed, uniformity, and synchronization. Because they enable one to predict the level of species success based on the seeds' ability to grow and develop throughout time, these characteristics are important not only for physiologists and seed technologists but also for ecologists.

An atmosphere that encourages germination is necessary for a seed (Craufurd *et al.* 1996). Certain seeds require light, a suitable temperature range, and a suitable water supply (Collis-George and Williams 1968, Levitt 1980, Long and Woodward 1998). The number of seeds that germinated (the final germination percentage achieved) and the duration of the germination process are utilised to quantify the outcome. Nonetheless, from an agronomic, planning, or physiological standpoint, many elements frequently exert a considerable influence (Jones and Sanders 1987, Esechie 1994, Kader *et al.* 1998, Kader *et al.* 1999, Kader, 2005). A number of cultural operations, including crop fertilization, harvesting, and field maturity, are influenced by the time interval between the first and last seeds to germinate, the variation in germination speed, and the timing at which the majority of seeds germinate (Roberts 1981, Washitani and Saeki 1986, Kader and Jutzi 2001). According to Kader *et al.* (1998), germination events classified as "high" (when many seeds germinate) or "low" (when just a small percentage of seeds germinate) are also important markers of seed vigor and stress tolerance. Statistical analyses are significantly impacted by this experimental data (Bland and Altman 1995, Legendre and Legendre 1998, Johnson 1999). It is challenging to understand and analyze a significant number of experiments that link seed germination to time and rate estimates (Finch-Savage *et al.* 1998; Trudgill *et al.* 2000; Grundy *et al.* 2000). Although germination data varies greatly from other data frequently collected in plant research, analytical or graphical methods are used to assess seed germination and emergence (Scott *et al.* 1984). Despite some seeds within a treatment exhibiting asynchronous responses, germination is recognised as a qualitative developmental response of an individual seed occurring at a specific moment (Harper and Benton 1966, Orchard 1977, Scott *et al.* 1984, Kader 1998).. Because two sets of data cannot be compared, this leads to a scenario where the final germination % by itself is insufficient for reporting findings. Several germination measurement techniques have been developed as a result of this limitation in earlier research relating seed treatments to seed lot germination





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patterns (Timson 1965, Todd and Webster 1965, Harris and Wilson 1970, Thompson 1974). (Heydecker 1966, Scott *et al.* 1984, Carberry and Campbell 1989). The literature on seed germination uses both analytical models (Glaser, 1975; Gładyszewska, 1998; Pabis, 1985) and simulation models (Monte Carlo Method) (Gładyszewska, 1998; Gładyszewska and Koper 2002a; Jazwiński *et al.*, 1975; Roe, 1982). Analytical models can help researchers gain a full mathematical knowledge of seed germination. In their study of germination kinetics, Gładyszewska *et al.* (2001) emphasize the need of considering external influences. However, if all we have are flawed lab models, how can we predict when and how many seeds will sprout in the real world? Many contemporary attempts to anticipate seed germination rely on hydrothermal models. A crucial assumption of these models is that each seed accumulates hydrothermal time proportional to temperature and water potential, also known as the base temperature and water potential at which seeds may develop. Because the equations in hydrothermal models apply to the entire seed population, it is possible to examine both germination speed and seed interest at the same time (Alvarado and Bradford, 2002). The link between experimental data collected in controlled contexts and the changing field environment is sometimes confusing. Under field conditions, simulation modeling guarantees that seeds and seedlings combine their expected water potential and heat history in a predictable manner. Though it has received little attention in seedling occurrence models (Finch-Savage *et al.*, 1998; Roman *et al.*, 1999), this idea was shown using hydrothermal time concepts for the cessation of hibernation in *Bromus tectorum* seeds (Bauer *et al.*, 1998). The development of hydrothermal threshold models that more accurately predict seed behavior in the real world has advanced significantly as a result of papers on germination modeling under field conditions that incorporate improvements to hydrothermal modeling proposed by Rowse and Finch-Savage (2003) (Allen, 2003).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

In the experiment, a seed germination analysis method was applied, which indicated the primary parameters used in germination research, as shown in Table 1. These germination calculating techniques are essentially classified into three types. The various techniques were tested for accuracy and representation using germination data from Kader *et al.* (1998, 1999) and Kader and Jutzi (2001, 2002), as well as hypothetical germination data (see details below), demonstrating time-based variations in the three areas listed below.

Let, S_n is denote the number of seeds.

P_q^* is denote the plants in a generation of n .

S_p^1 is denote number of seeds that are 1 year old.

S_p^2 is denote number of seeds that is 1.5 Years old.

S_p^3 is denote number of seeds that are 2 Years old.

S_q^1 is denote number of seeds remaining 1 year old.

S_q^2 is denote number of seeds remaining is 1.5 Year old.

S_q^3 is denote number of seeds remaining are 2 Years old.

S_{pq} is denote the new seed germination.

The robust fuzzy regression is defined as,

$$P_n^* = (p * 1 \text{ year}) + (p * 1.5 \text{ year}) + (p * 2 \text{ years}) + e$$

$$P_n^* = \beta_1 S_p^1 + \beta_2 S_p^2 + \beta_3 S_p^3 + \beta_4 S_p^4 + \gamma_1 S_p^1 + \gamma_2 S_p^2 + \gamma_3 S_p^3 + \gamma_4 S_p^4$$

$$P_n^* = \beta \{S_p^1 + S_p^2 + S_p^3 + S_p^4\} + \gamma \{S_p^1 + S_p^2 + S_p^3 + S_p^4\}$$

$$P_n^* = \beta \{S_p^*\} + \gamma \{S_p^*\}$$

$$P_n^* = S_p^* \{\beta + \gamma\}$$

$$P_n^* = S_p^*$$

where $\beta + \gamma = 1$ (Probability of success & failure) and $e = 0.001$ is the error.

Similarly

$$\overline{P_n^*} = S_q^* \{\beta + \gamma\}$$

$$\overline{P_n^*} = S_q^*$$

The average total germination seed production (TGSP)





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$$G_{AI} = \frac{P_n^* + \overline{P_n^*}}{N}$$

The annual integrated total germination seed production (IIGSP)

$$G_{GSP} = G_{AI} * M * V$$

where,

Soil moisture 30% < M < 70%,

Temperature, 15°C < T < 30°C and

Seed Viability, V > 80%.

Specifically, within our framework, we may encounter many types of outliers concerning

- One or more non-fuzzy explanatory variables
- The centers and/or the spreads of the fuzzy dependent variable $\hat{x}$ of MGT.
- The robust fuzzy regression models P_n^* and $\overline{P_n^*}$.

Final Germination Percentage (Scott *et al.* 1984)

$$FGP = \{\text{Final no. of seeds germinated in a seed lot} / \text{Total Seeds}\} \times 100$$

Mean Germination Time (Orchard 1977)

MGT = total of Seeds germinated on day * x / Seeds germinated on day

$$MGT = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n f_i x_i}{\sum f_i}$$

Mathematical Modelling for Agriculture Quality Seed Germination Biological factors include seed viability, dormancy, and age. Environmental factors include temperature, moisture, light, soil type, and nutrient availability.

External Interventions: Use of fertilizers, pesticides, or growth promoters.

Modelling Approaches: Logistic Growth robust fuzzy Regression Model

Outputs:

- (i). Optimal environmental conditions for germination.
- (ii). Predictions of germination rates over time.
- (iii). Recommendations for seed treatment and storage.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The findings of Tables 2-4 demonstrate a large difference in germination data based on the temporal spread of germination and its final percentage. FGP solely represents the final percentage of germination obtained and offers no image of the speed or uniformity of germination. This table shows that the variation in a plant for per season with respective days. Experiment was conducted in 3 aspects 2 years, 1.5 years and 1 years and tested with new seeds. In the above figure the x array represents the generations. The y array represents the plant. The number of plants decreases with respect. In the above figure the x array represents the generations. The y array represents the plant. The number of plants decreases with respect. The table demonstrates that all the tested lots achieved a FGP of 95% but had varied germination time ranges. MGT is a precise indicator of the duration required for a lot to germinate; however, it does not correlate effectively with the temporal dispersion or uniformity of germination. It focuses on the day when most germination events happened. In the graph above, the x array indicates the generations. The y-array symbolizes the plant. The quantity of plants diminishes with respect to α , β , and γ . If this trend continues, the plant species may go extinct within a few generations. This might be the explanation for the extinction of certain plant species.





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CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS

This suggested model sheds light on the salinity-mediated modification of seed germination percentages and can assist forecast overall germination indices. Given academics' increasing interest in modelling seed germination, the equations produced in the current work may be useful in this field. In general, a botanist wants to determine if one cultivar of a species outperforms another in harsh environments such as salinity. The cultivars might be an effective alternative technique for reducing production concerns in salty arable soils. Even though biological research requires more precise statistics that cover most of the changing germination process, the FGP is typically a strong adequate indicator. Understanding and modelling the behavior of germinating seeds is important from both basic and applied scientific perspectives. We believe that our message will serve as a starting point for future study into identifying salt reactions in germinating seeds using mathematical models. We also feel that progressive study using mathematical modelling might bring new insights into plant stress responses. Seed germination models are still being developed due to mechanical integration of environment and factors affecting germination speed and seedling elongation.

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Table.1: Germination Of Plants Generates 1 year, 1.5 years and 2 years Old-Seeds

S/No.	Treatments	Average plant height
1	Control	1.85 cm
2	Sulphuric acid	6.668 cm
3	Hot water	2.889 cm

Table.2:Variations in a plant for per season

	2 years	1.5 years	1 year	New seeds
July-Sep (β_1)	500	-	-	500
Oct-Dec (β_2)	485	-	-	470
Jan-Mar (β_3)	460	500	-	440
April-June (β_4)	415	488	-	415
July-Sep (β_5)	405	476	500	407
Oct-Dec (β_6)	386	467	489	380
Jan-Mar(β_7)	372	432	479	365
April-June (β_8)	260	405	471	345

Table.3: Table for Seed Germination

S.No	Experimental Group-1 (plants 2 yr)	Experimental Group-2 (plants 1.5 yr)	Experimental Group-3 (plants 1 yr)
0	500	500	500
1	0.123	0.41	0.121
2	0.251	0.16	0.211
3	0.375	0.287	0.372
4	0.503	0.411	0.499
5	0.647	0.542	0.647
6	0.754	0.653	0.754
7	0.882	0.78	0.882
8	1.005	0.903	1.006
9	1.133	1.031	1.122
10	1.265	1.158	1.211
11	1.376	1.281	1.344
12	1.504	1.409	-
13	1.632	1.659	-
14	1.755	1.91	-
15	1.879	2.16	-
16	2.007	-	-





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17	2.135	-	-
18	2.258	-	-
19	2.386	-	-
20	2.510	-	-
FGP	52638.01003	51475.4	50816.9
MGT	2631.900502	3431.693333	4619.718182
GAI	230.9859091	228.7795556	384.9765152
G _{GSP}	98.16901136	97.23131111	163.6150189

Table.4: Variations in a plant population over 20 generations for $\alpha=2.0, \beta=0.5, \delta=0.5$

Generation	Plants	New Seeds	1 year	1.5 year	2 years
1	500	1500	800	1020	1465
2	750	1000	1200	1530	2198
3	1125	1375	1800	2295	3296
4	1688	1938	2700	3443	4944
5	2531	2781	4050	5164	7417
6	3797	4047	6075	7746	11125
7	5695	5945	9113	11618	16687
8	8543	8793	13669	17428	25031
9	12814	13064	20503	26141	37546
10	19222	19472	30755	39212	56320
11	28833	29083	46132	58818	84479
12	43249	43499	69198	88228	126719
13	64873	65123	103797	132341	190078
14	97310	97560	155696	198512	285118
15	145965	146215	233543	297768	427676
16	218947	219197	350315	446652	641515
17	328420	328670	525473	669978	962272
18	492631	492881	788209	1004966	1443408
19	738946	739196	1182314	1507450	2165112
20	1108419	1108669	1773470	2261175	3247667

Table.5: Variations in a plant population over 20 generations for $\alpha=2.0, \beta=0.6, \delta=0.5$

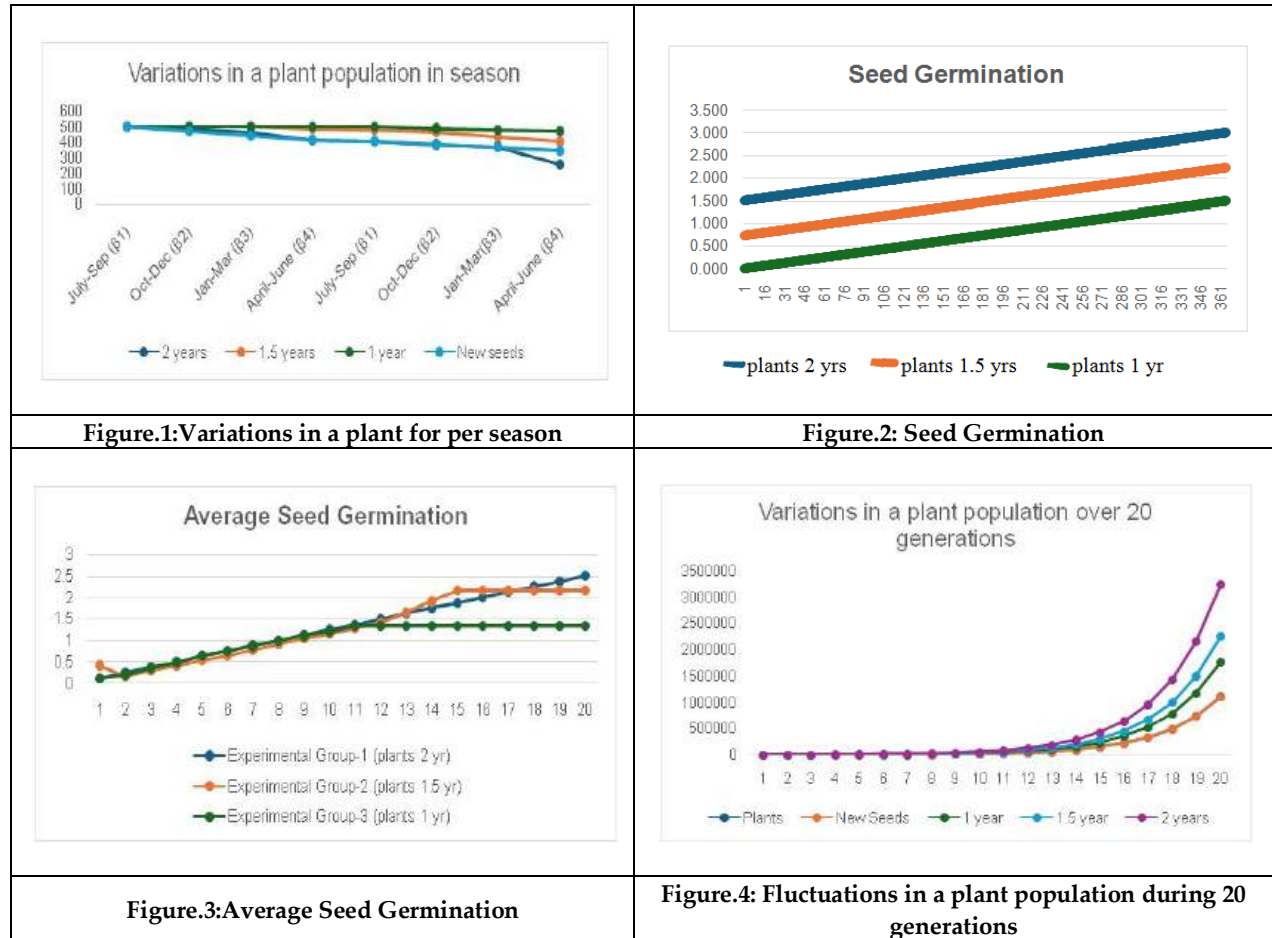
Generation	Plants	New Seeds	1 year	1.5 year	2 years
1	500	1600	800	1020	1465
2	800	1260	1280	1632	2344
3	1280	1836	2048	2611	3750
4	2048	2758	3277	4178	6001
5	3277	4232	5243	6685	9601
6	5243	6591	8389	10695	15362
7	8389	10366	13422	17113	24579
8	13422	16406	21475	27380	39326
9	21475	26070	34360	43809	62921
10	34360	41532	54976	70094	100674
11	54976	66271	87961	112150	161078
12	87961	105853	140737	179440	257726
13	140737	169185	225180	287104	412361





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14	225180	270516	360288	459367	659777
15	360288	432646	576461	734987	1055644
16	576461	692053	922337	1175980	1689030
17	922337	1107105	1475740	1881568	2702448
18	1475740	1771187	2361183	3010509	4323917
19	2361183	2833720	3777893	4816814	6918267
20	3777893	4533772	6044629	7706902	11069227





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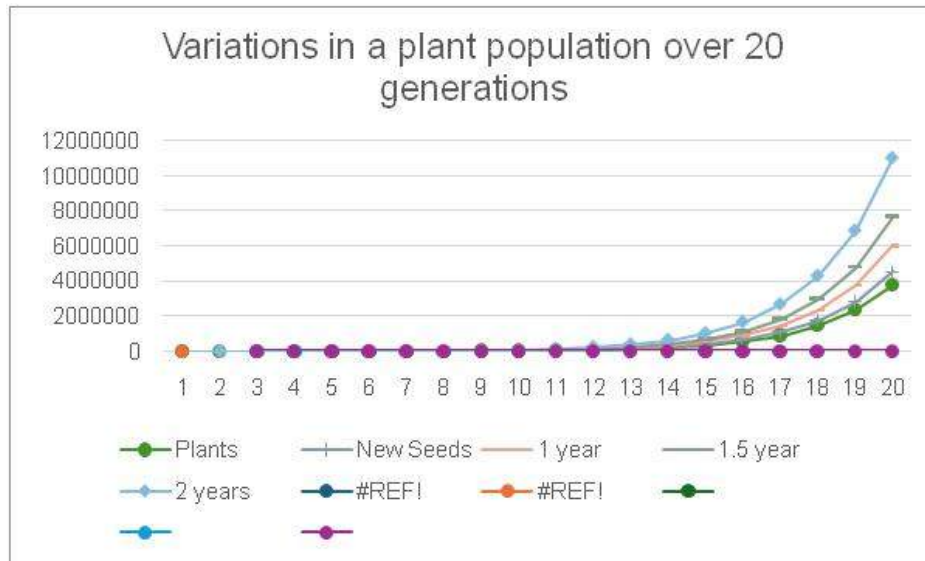


Figure.5: Variations in a plant population over 20 generations





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ABSTRACT

Financial fraud is a problem that affects a lot of people, including businesses, the government, and regular people. The problem has gotten worse in recent years as people have become more reliant on new technology like mobile and cloud computing. In the age of big data, traditional methods that rely on manual detection are not only time-consuming, expensive, and inaccurate, but they are also not practicable. It's hardly unexpected that banks and other financial organisations have started utilising automated systems that use statistical and computational methodologies. This article focusses on the hybrid Artificial Neural Network Classification approach for finding fraud in the financial sector. The Harris Hawks Optimisation (HHO) algorithm is an optimisation method that is used to find the best weights for the NN in fraud detection.

Keywords: Fraud Detection, Classification, Finance, Neural Network, Optimization, Harris Hawks Optimization

INTRODUCTION

Fraud in the financial world has effects that go beyond the world of finance and into everyday life. Fraud can make people less trusting of businesses, hurt economies, and raise people's cost of living. Auditing and other manual methods were used in the past, but they are not very effective or dependable since the problem is too hard. Researchers have found that data mining-based methods are helpful because they can find small problems in huge data sets [1]. There are many kinds of fraud and many ways to mine data. Researchers are always looking for the best way to handle each situation. Financial fraud is a broad term that can encompass a lot of different things. For our



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purposes, it is using illegal methods or activities on purpose to make money [2]. Fraud hurts businesses and society in a big way. For example, credit card fraud costs businesses billions of dollars in lost sales every year [3]. Some estimates say that the total cost to the U.S. could be more than \$400 billion a year [4]. A third study shows that UK insurers lose 1.6 billion pounds a year because of false claims [1]. Financial fraud also has bigger effects on the industry, like giving money to illegal operations like drug trafficking and organised crime [3]. When credit card fraud happens, the merchants usually have to pay for the shipping, chargebacks, and administrative charges, as well as lose customers' trust after being the victim of a fake transaction [5], [6]. This shows us how far-reaching the effects of fraud may be and how important it is to reduce it. In the last few years, financial fraud has gone up because of new technology like the internet and mobile computers [7]. Social variables, such the fact that more people have credit cards, have led to more spending but also more fraud [6]. Because fraudsters are always coming up with new ways to trick people, detection technologies need to be able to change with them [3]. Data mining has already proven helpful in areas including predicting bankruptcy, approving credit cards, and looking at share markets [8]. Fraud detection is a similar classification challenge, but there is a big difference in the number of fraudulent transactions compared to normal ones, and it costs a lot more to misclassify them [9]. Data mining methods can also be used to find fraud because they can handle enormous amounts of data quickly and don't need to know what the input variables are [10].

Related Works

Lai, Yingxu, Jingwen Zhang, and Zenghui Liu [11] suggested a way to use deep learning to find unusual patterns in industrial traffic and classify attacks. We employ a deep learning representation model based on a convolutional neural network as the detection model. To make the initial one-dimensional data usable for model processing, the feature mapping method maps them. The deep learning technology can automatically find important traits and correctly classify attacks. We used real network assault data from a supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system to test our model. The test results demonstrated that the proposed method could find anomalies and sort attacks in a SCADA system. The suggested strategy also encourages the use of deep learning algorithms to find anomalies in industry. Asha, R. B., and Suresh Kumar KR [12] The goal was to use different machine learning methods, like support vector machine (SVM), k-nearest neighbour (Knn), and artificial neural network (ANN), to guess when fraud would happen. We also use several supervised machine learning and deep learning algorithms to tell the difference between fraud and non-fraud transactions. Sahu, Aanchal, G. M. Harshvardhan, and Mahendra Kumar Gourisaria [13] Used five classifiers to develop models that can identify the best match for the situation when trying to find fake credit card transactions. The writers employed two alternative methods to deal with the problem of data imbalance. The first method uses a data resampling strategy to add more samples to the minority class. The second method is a cost-based approach, where the error function takes into account the weights of each class. The weights can make the samples of fraudulent transactions more important than the usual ones. Zou, Junyi, Jinliang Zhang, and Ping Jiang [14] suggested a denoising autoencoder neural network (DAE) approach that can both oversample a minority class sample by using misclassification cost and clean up and classify the sampled dataset. Compared to the denoising autoencoder neural network (DAE) with oversampling procedure and typical fully connected neural networks, the results of the trials demonstrated that the proposed approach makes it easier to classify the minority class of imbalanced datasets. Chen, Joy Long-Zong, and Kong-Long Lai [15] suggested a financial fraud detection technique based on the Deep Convolution Neural Network (DCNN) scheme and the deep learning algorithm. This method can improve the accuracy of detection when there is a lot of data to work with. We use a real-time credit card fraud dataset to compare the proposed model to existing machine learning models, such as the auto-encoder model and other deep learning models, to see how well it works. The experimental findings show that the suggested model can identify with 99% accuracy over a period of 45 seconds. Georgieva, Sevdalina, Maya Markova, and Velizar Pavlov [16] showed how a neural network model might find fake transactions. If you train an artificial neural network (ANN) the right way, it can work like a human brain. Like people, they learn by example and are known as a highly good classifier. One of the key things that makes credit card traffic so bad is that there are a lot more real transactions than fake ones. At the same time, it's challenging to get public data because of privacy concerns. We employ resampling methods to fix the dataset that isn't balanced. We used the Neural Network Toolbox in Matlab to make sure the model was built correctly by training a pattern recognition network with a scaled





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conjugate gradient backpropagation technique. Dubey, Saurabh C., Ketan S. Mundhe, and Aditya A. Kadam [17] Using the ANN (Artificial Neural Network) algorithm and Backpropagation, a model is made. It works like a human brain and offers accurate and quick answers when compared to other algorithms. First, the customer's credit card information is gathered. This includes their name, time, last transaction, transaction history, and other details. After that, eighty percent of the data is used to train the model, while the other twenty percent is split into test and validation data, which is processed without giving a result. So, it works better than other algorithms. This will be incredibly helpful in the future because our model can find and anticipate customer transactions in real time. Mehbodniya, Abolfazl, *et al* [18] There are many machine learning and deep learning methods that can find credit card fraud. For example, Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN), Random Forest, and the Sequential Convolutional Neural Network are all used to train the other normal and abnormal features of transactions to find credit card fraud. We use data that is available to the public to check how accurate the model is. The accuracy of the different algorithms was shown to be 96.1%, 94.8%, 95.89%, 97.58%, and 92.3%, which corresponded to the Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbour (KNN), Random Forest, and Sequential Convolutional Neural Network methods, respectively. The comparison showed that the KNN algorithm gives better outcomes than other methods. Trivedi, Naresh Kumar, *et al* [19] added a working credit card fraud detection system that uses machine learning and a feedback system. Its feedback method helps the classifier find more things and do so at a lower cost. After that, we looked at how well several methods worked on a credit card fraud data set that was a little bit off. These methods included random forest, tree classifiers, artificial neural networks, support vector machines, Naïve Baiyes, logistic regression, and gradient boosting classifiers. These data sets comprise transaction data from 284,807 trades made by European account holders with credit cards. The same methods work for both raw and pre-processed content.

Artificial Neural Network Classification

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is a mathematical model that mimics how neurones behave in the brain by copying the brain's pattern and creating outputs based on what it has learnt from a set of training data. A multi-layer feedforward network with a back-propagation learning process is one of the most prevalent types of neural networks. A lot of study has been done on it, and it has been used in many different areas. There are usually three layers in a neural network: an input layer, an output layer, and an intermediate or hidden layer. The input vector is $\in R^n$ and $D = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n)^T$; the output of q neurons in the hidden layer are $Z = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n)^T$; and the outputs of the output layer are $Y \in R^n, Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^T$ the output of q neurons in the hidden layer are $Z = (Z_1, Z_2, \dots, Z_n)^T$; and the outputs of the output layer are $Y \in R^n, Y = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^T$. If the weight and threshold between the input layer and the hidden layer are w_{ij} and y_{-j} , and the weight and threshold between the hidden layer and the output layer are w_{jk} and y_{-k} , then the outputs of each neurone in the hidden layer and output layer are:

$$Z_j = f \left(\sum_{i=1}^n w_{ij} X_i - \theta_j \right)$$

$$Y_j = f \left(\sum_{j=1}^q w_{kj} Z_j - \theta_k \right)$$

$f()$ is a transfer function that tells the neurones how to send their summed input to their output. By making the right decision, you can add non-linearity to the network architecture. The sigmoid function is one of the most common functions. It is always increasing and goes from 0 to 1. To test how well the suggested model worked, a typical feed forward neural network with three inputs, one hidden layer with seven neurones, and one output layer was used.

Harris Hawks Optimization (Hho)

Heidari *et al.* came up with HHO, a new meta-heuristic optimisation technique, in 2019 [20]. HHO works like the way Harris Hawks hunt in the wild. Researchers looked at how Harris hawks behave and found that they use a number of clever ways to attack and hunt their food, which is primarily rabbits. The first publication of HHO showed that





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this technique works well for solving a wide range of optimisation problems. HHO works like any other population-based meta-heuristic optimiser by creating a group of search agents and changing them during exploration and exploitation phases. There are two phases to exploring this method and four stages to using it.

Initialization Phase

At this point, the search space and the objective function are set. Also, the first Genetic Algorithm based on a population is started. Also, all of the parameter values are set.

Exploration Phase

At this point, all Harris hawks are seen as possible answers. For each iteration, the fitness value for all of these feasible solutions is depending on the targeted prey. There are two ways to copy the exploring behaviour of Harris Hawks in the search space described in (1):

$$X(t+1) = \begin{cases} X_{rand}(t) - r_1 |X_{rand}(t) - 2r_2 X(t)| & q \geq 0.5 \\ (X_{rabbit}(t) - X_m(t)) - r_3(LB + r_4(UB - LB)) & q < 0.5, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

$X(t+1)$ is the position of Hawks in the second iteration t . $X_{rabbit}(t)$ represents the position of the prey, and $X_{rand}(t)$ is the random solution that was chosen from the current population. $X(t)$ is the position vector of Hawks in the current iteration t . r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4 , and q are random scaled factors between 0 and 1 that are updated in each iteration. LB and UB are the upper and lower bounds of the variables, and X_m is the average number of solutions. This planned method finds the placements of Hawks inside $(UB - LB)$ limits by following two rules: 1) make the solutions based on a randomly chosen hawk from the present population and the other hawks. 2) Make the answers based on where the prey is, where the Hawks are on average, and some random scaled elements. r_3 is a scaling factor, but when r_4 is close to 1, it will assist make the rule more random. This rule adds a randomly scaled movement length to LB . A random scaled component is thought to offer more ways to diversify and look into different parts of the feature space. (2) shows how to find the average position of hawks (solutions).

$$X_m(t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i(t) \quad (2)$$

In this case, $X_m(t)$ represents the average number of solutions in the current iteration. N stands for all possible answers. $X_i(t)$ shows where each solution is in iteration t , which is based on chaos theory. When the hawk uses information from random hawks to catch its prey, rule one is usually used in Eq. (1). Rule two is used when all the hawks share the best solution and the best hawk is used.

Transition from Exploration to Exploitation

This step shows how HHO moves from exploration to exploitation, depending on the energy of the prey (E). HHO thinks that the energy of prey slowly goes down as they try to escape. E_0 is the starting energy that goes down from $[1, -1]$, as seen in (3).

$$E = 2E_0 \left(1 - \frac{t}{T} \right), \quad E_0 \in [-1, 1] \quad (3)$$

where T indicates the maximum number of iterations, and t is the current iteration.

Exploitation Phase

At this stage, four different parameter sets are used to complete the exploitation phase. The position found in the exploration phase is what these approaches are founded on. The prey, on the other hand, often tries to get away, and





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the hawks follow it and try to catch it. HHO exploitation is like the Hawks' attack plan in that it can use four different methods. The soft besiege, hard besiege, soft besiege with progressive rapid dives, and hard besiege with progressive fast dives are some of these methods. These methods are based on two variables, r and $|E|$, which determine the method that was used. In this case, $|E|$ is the prey's escaping energy and r is the chance of fleeing. If r is less than 0.5, the prey has a better chance of escaping successfully, and if r is more than or equal to 0.5, the prey has a better chance of escaping unsuccessfully. Here is a summary of these methods: In the soft besiege strategy, when $r \geq 0.5$ and $|E| \geq 0.5$, the rabbit still has some energy to get away. The hawks are softly surrounding the prey, making it lose more energy before they pounce. Soft besiege is mathematically defined in (4), (5), and (6).

$$X(t+1) = \Delta X(t) - E |JX_{rabbit} - X(t)| \quad (4)$$

$$\Delta X(t) = X_{rabbit} - X(t) \quad (5)$$

$$J = 2(1 - r_5), \quad r_5 \in [0, 1] \quad (6)$$

$\Delta x(t)$ is the difference between the prey's position vector and the current location in iteration t , J is the prey's jump strength, and r_5 is a random variable. When r is more than or equal to 0.5 and $|E|$ is less than 0.5, the prey is exhausted and has a low chance of escape. In this situation, the hawk hardly gets around the prey to make the final surprise attack. So, (7) is used to update the solution.

$$X(t+1) = X_{rabbit}(t) - E |\Delta X(t)| \quad (7)$$

Eq. (8) depicts the soft besiege with the progressive quick dives method. If $r < 0.5$ and $|E| \geq 0.5$ the prey still has enough energy to get away. The hawk glides quickly around the prey and waits calmly to plunge before pouncing. This move is called "intelligent soft besiege," and it changes the position of the hawks in two stages. The first step is for the hawks to approach towards the prey by guessing what the prey will do next using formula (8):

$$Y = X_{rabbit}(t) - E |JX_{rabbit}(t) - X(t)| \quad (8)$$

In the second step, the hawk had to evaluate whether or not to dive based on how the last dive went and how it would go this time. If it isn't, the hawks will dive in a way that isn't regular, based on the Levy Flight (LF) idea in (9):

$$Z = Y + S \times LF(Dim) \quad (9)$$

In the second stage, the hawk had to decide whether or not to dive based on how the prior dive went and how this one would proceed. If it isn't, the hawks will dive in a method that isn't normal, like the Levy Flight (LF) proposal in (9):

$$LF(x) = 0.01 \times \frac{u \times \sigma}{|v|^{\frac{1}{\beta}}}, \quad \sigma = \left(\frac{\Gamma(1+\beta) \times \sin(\frac{\pi\beta}{2})}{\Gamma(\frac{1+\beta}{2}) \times \beta \times 2^{(\frac{\beta-1}{2})}} \right)^{\frac{1}{\beta}} \quad (10)$$

Where β is a default constant that is set to 1.5 by default, and u and v are random numbers between 0 and 1. So, we can write (11) to show how to update the positions of the Harris hawks with quick, progressive dives:

$$X(t+1) = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } F(Y) < F(X(t)) \\ Z & \text{if } F(Z) < F(X(t)) \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

where (8) and (9) are used to do Y and Z , and both point to the next location in the current iteration. When $r < 0.5$ and $|E| < 0.5$, the last method is called hard besiege with progressive quick dives. In this case, the prey doesn't have the





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energy to get away, so the Harris hawks try to get to it by diving quickly and then surprising it with a pounce to catch it. The way the hawks move in this situation is described in (12):

$$X(t+1) = \begin{cases} Y & \text{if } F(Y) < F(X(t)) \\ Z & \text{if } F(Z) < F(X(t)) \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where Y is set as in (13), and Z is updated as in (14).

$$Y = X_{rabbit}(t) - E |JX_{rabbit}(t) - X_m(t)| \quad (13)$$

$$Z = Y + S \times LF(Dim) \quad (14)$$

Proposed Harris Hawks Neural Network Classification Method

The Back Propagation Neural Network (BPNN) is simple and contains three layers: an input layer, a hidden layer, and an output layer. The training and testing processes are done using its back-propagation function. The interconnection weight (w_{ij}) between the levels changes the input data in each layer. This shows how the i th node of the current layer is related to the j th node of the following layer. The hidden layer's main job is to handle the information from the input layer. A sigmoid transfer function is used to find the overall activation. The FF algorithm is used to optimise the weights of the BPNN in this suggested FFNN classification approach. The HHO algorithm is used to get the best weights for the BPNN in this suggested FFNN classification approach. The transfer function tells the neurones how to send their summed input to their output. It also lets you introduce non-linearity to the network architecture by making the right choice. The sigmoid function, which grows steadily and ranges from 0 to 1. There is one Input Layer, one hidden layer with 7 neurones, and one output layer in this suggested NN design.

Step by Step Procedure

Initialize Inputs and Outputs

- Allocate all the inputs and outputs for the neural network.
- Initialize weights randomly between -1 and 1.

Repeat the Process

- For every input in the training set, follow these steps:

Layer-wise Iteration

- For each layer in the neural network:
 - For each node in the layer, repeat the following:

Population Initialization

- Initialize the population of hawks (X_i) for each node in the layer, where i ranges from 1 to N .

Fitness Evaluation and Update Loop

- While the fitness value does not meet the stopping criteria, do the following:
 - Compute the fitness values of hawks.
 - Set the location of the best hawk (X_{rabbit}) as the "rabbit" location.
 - For each hawk (X_i), repeat the following:
 - Update the initial energy (E_o) and jump strength (J).
 - Calculate the new values for E_o and J using random factors.

Exploration Phase

- If the absolute value of the energy ($|E|$) is greater than or equal to 1, perform the exploration phase:
 - Update the location vector based on the exploration formula.





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Exploitation Phase

- If the absolute value of the energy ($|E|$) is less than 1, perform the exploitation phase:
 - If $r \geq 0.5$ and $|E| \geq 0.5$:
 - Perform a soft besiege and update the location vector.
 - Else if $r \geq 0.5$ and $|E| < 0.5$:
 - Perform a hard besiege and update the location vector.
 - Else if $r < 0.5$ and $|E| \geq 0.5$:
 - Perform a soft besiege with progressive rapid dives and update the location vector.
 - Else if $r < 0.5$ and $|E| < 0.5$:
 - Perform a hard besiege with progressive rapid dives and update the location vector.

Summation and Activation Function

- Calculate the summation of inputs, including weights and thresholds.
- Apply the activation function to compute the node's output.

Output Node Error Calculation

- For every output node, calculate the error function.

Hidden Layer Error Calculation

- For each hidden layer, repeat the following:
 - For every node in the hidden layer, calculate the error function.
 - Update the weights in the network using the Harris Hawks optimization location vector.
 - Evaluate the new solution and update the location vector, energy, and jump strength.

Recalculate Error Function

- After updating weights, recalculate the error function.

Iterate

- Repeat the process until one of the following conditions is met:
 - The maximum number of iterations is reached.
 - The error function is less than the specified criteria.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The performance of the Proposed Harris Hawk based Neural Network (HHNN) method is evaluated with the existing classification methods like ANN, RF and Gradient Boosting Machine (GBT) using original and feature selection methods like Proposed GWOFS method, WOA and GA processed datasets. Table 1 shows the Classification Accuracy (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Figure 1 shows the Classification Accuracy (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Table 1 and Figure 1 show that the suggested HHNN classification method works better with the proposed GWOFS processed dataset than the other classification methods. Table 2 shows the True Positive Rate (in %) for the original dataset, as well as the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, using the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Figure 2 shows the True Positive Rate (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. The suggested HHNN classification method is more accurate than the other classification methods when used on the proposed GWOFS processed dataset, as seen in table 2 and figure 2. Table 3 shows the False Positive Rate (in %) for the original dataset and the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets using the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Figure 3 shows the False Positive Rate (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Table 3 and Figure 3 show that the proposed HHNN classification technique has a lower FPR when used





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with the suggested GWOFS processed dataset than other classification methods. Table 4 shows the Precision (in %) that the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT got for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets. Figure 4 shows the Precision (in %) that the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT got for the original dataset and the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets. The table and figure 4 show that the suggested HHNN classification method works better with the proposed GWOFS processed dataset than the other classification methods.

Table 5 shows the Specificity (in %) that the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT got for the original dataset, as well as for the datasets that were processed by the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA. Figure 5 shows the Specificity (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Table 5 and Figure 5 show that the suggested HHNN classification method works better with the proposed GWOFS processed dataset than the other classification methods. Table 6 shows the Miss Rate (in %) for the original dataset and the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets using the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Figure 6 shows the Miss Rate (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Table 6 and Figure 6 show that the proposed HHNN classification technique has a lower miss rate with the proposed GWOFS processed dataset than the other classification methods. Table 7 shows the False Discovery Rate (in %) for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets, and the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT. Figure 7 shows the False Discovery Rate (in %) that the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF, and GBT got for the original dataset, the Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets. Table 7 and Figure 7 show that the suggested HHNN classification technique has a lower FDR with the proposed GWOFS processed dataset than the other classification methods.

CONCLUSION

This paper talked about the proposed Harris Hawks Neural Network classification approach, which uses the Harris Hawks Optimisation algorithm and the Artificial Neural Network. We utilise this optimisation approach to make the ANN's parameters better. The results suggest that the proposed HHNN classification method works better with the Proposed GWOFS method processed dataset than the other classification methods.

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Table.1: Classification Accuracy (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	Classification Accuracy (in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	55.38	45.63	43.32	58.74
WOA	73.85	63.81	58.45	79.26
GA	74.99	71.86	68.02	80.41
Proposed GWOFS method	95.78	92.29	89.63	96.85





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Table.2: True Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	True Positive Rate (in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	54.49	44.54	42.23	59.63
WOA	74.96	64.92	59.56	77.24
GA	75.81	72.95	69.13	79.68
Proposed GWOFS method	95.59	91.38	89.72	96.47

Table. 3: False Positive Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	False Positive Rate (in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	53.61	64.17	65.69	48.14
WOA	27.53	33.62	34.47	14.39
GA	22.42	30.18	33.47	18.96
Proposed GWOFS method	5.94	6.41	9.54	4.52

Table.4: Precision (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	Precision (in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	66.81	53.92	46.76	63.74
WOA	78.72	69.82	67.81	80.28
GA	79.25	71.38	62.74	81.27
Proposed GWOFS method	96.52	90.53	80.66	97.41

Table.5: Specificity(in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	Specificity (in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	46.39	35.83	34.31	51.86
WOA	72.47	66.38	65.53	85.61
GA	77.58	69.82	66.53	81.04
Proposed GWOFS method	94.06	93.59	90.46	95.48

Table.6: Miss Rate(in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	Miss Rate(in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	45.51	55.46	57.77	40.37
WOA	25.04	35.08	40.44	22.76
GA	24.19	27.05	30.87	20.32
Proposed GWOFS method	4.41	8.62	10.28	3.53





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Table.7: False Discovery Rate(in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

Feature Selection Methods	False Discovery Rate(in %) by Classification Techniques			
	ANN	GBT	RF	Proposed HHNN Method
Original dataset	33.19	46.08	53.24	36.26
WOA	21.28	30.18	32.19	19.72
GA	20.75	28.62	37.26	18.73
Proposed GWOFS method	3.48	9.47	19.34	2.59

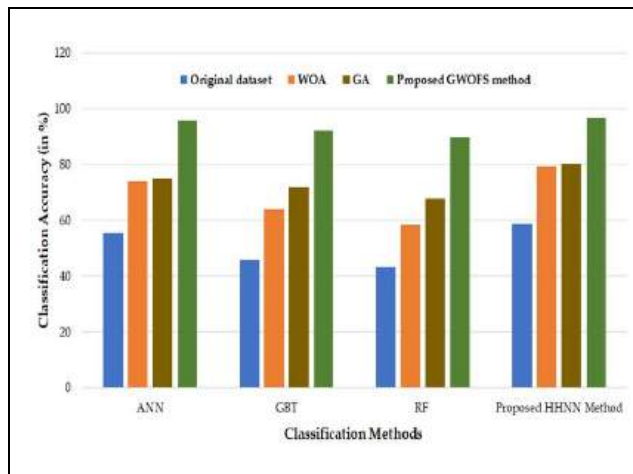


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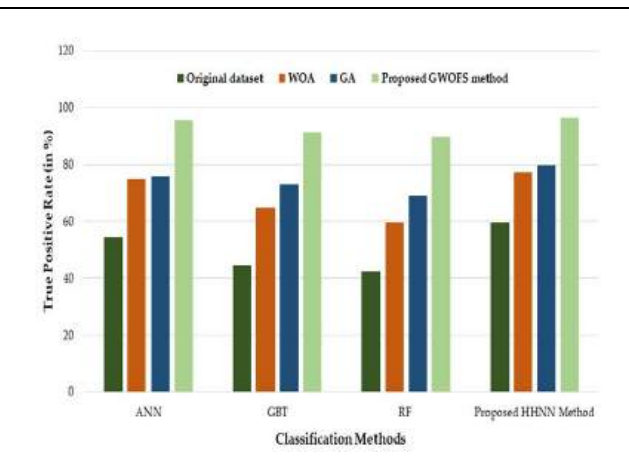


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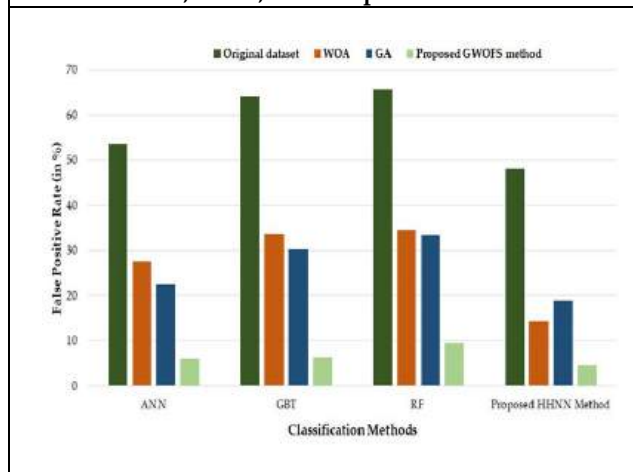


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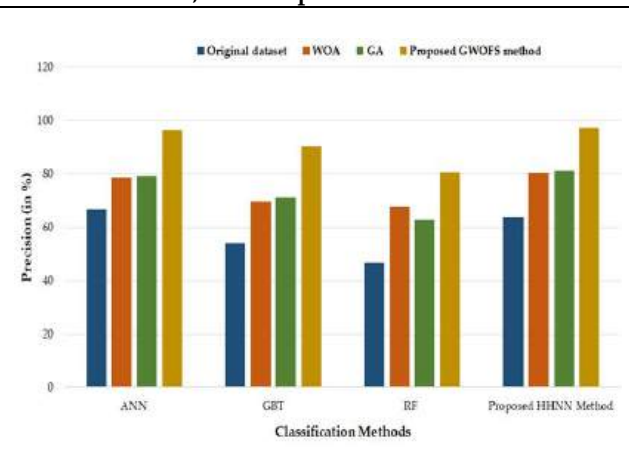


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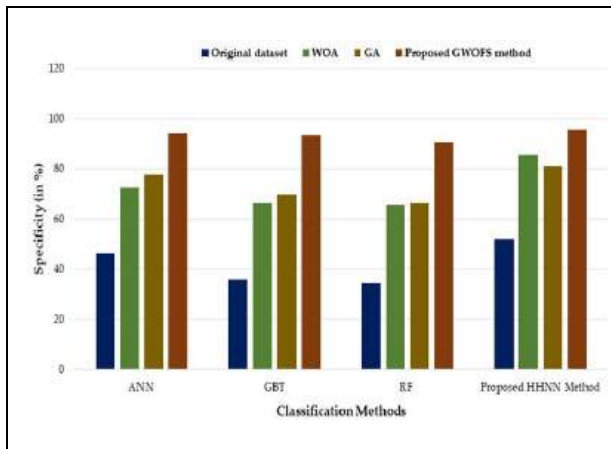


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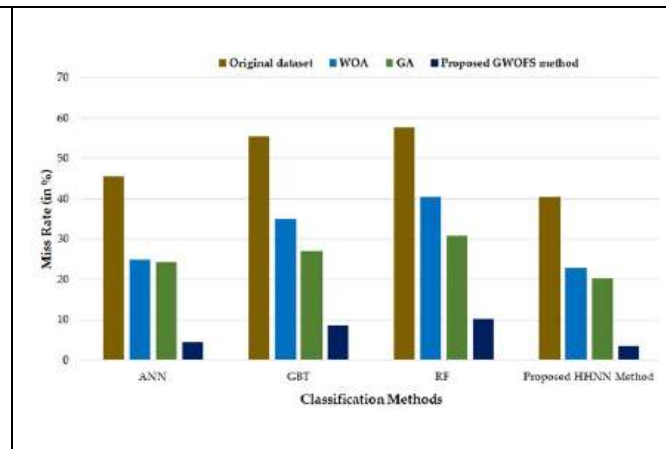


Figure.6: Graphical representation of the Miss Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets

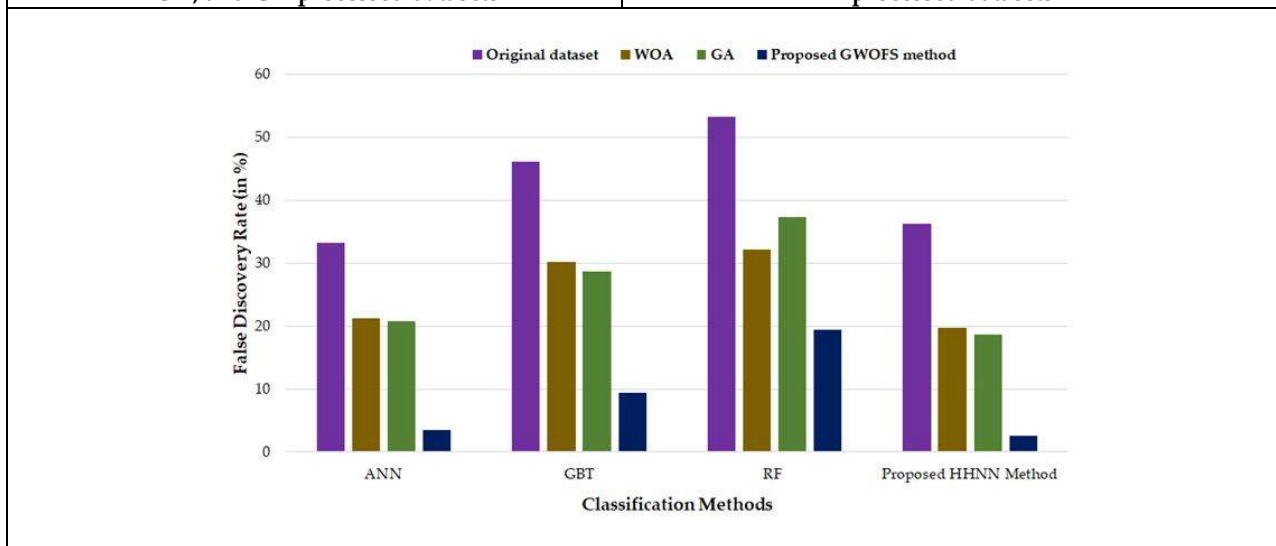


Figure.7: Graphical representation of the False Discovery Rate (in %) obtained by the Proposed HHNN, ANN, RF and GBT for the original dataset, Proposed GWOFS, WOA, and GA processed datasets





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluating the Research Productivity of Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu: A Scientometric Perspective

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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to conduct a systematic analysis of research articles in order to evaluate the contributions and critiques of scientific publications pertaining to Tamil Nadu's agricultural institutions. The goal of the study is to draw attention to how these colleges support agricultural education and awareness in the face of social and environmental issues. 5,501 publications published during a 31-year period were subjected to a bibliometric study. These articles were divided into 1,502 research papers and were written by 14,509 researchers. The study evaluates author contributions, publication trends, and the overall influence of agricultural research using scientific data analysis tools. The findings highlight important patterns in agricultural research publications, highlighting the difficulties and endeavors of agricultural colleges. While these institutions strive to sustain and promote agricultural education, external factors, such as climate change and societal perceptions, pose significant hurdles. The findings also shed light on the evolving focus areas within agricultural research. This study provides a comprehensive long-term analysis of agricultural research output in Tamil Nadu, offering insights into publication patterns, institutional contributions, and critical discussions surrounding agricultural education. By systematically evaluating the impact of agricultural universities, this research adds to the discourse on sustaining agricultural knowledge and its relevance in modern society.

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INTRODUCTION

In locations like Tamil Nadu, which has one of India's largest agricultural regions, agricultural universities play a crucial role in advancing agricultural research and innovation. These 28 specialized colleges act as centers for scientific research and technological development in addition to offering thorough agriculture education. Their impact goes beyond conventional education since they promote capacity building, policy support, and agricultural sustainability. Precision farming, data-driven decision-making, and AI-based analytics have all emerged as a result of the digital transformation of agriculture in recent years. The use of smart technologies in agriculture has been the subject of numerous research. For instance, IoT-based precision farming methods for soil monitoring and production prediction were offered by [Kumar et al., 2023]. In a similar vein, [Sharma & Patel, 2022] created a machine learning framework to maximize irrigation and crop scheduling. [Rao et al., 2023] emphasized how GIS and remote sensing may improve land-use planning and agricultural forecasts. Notwithstanding these developments, the majority of current research concentrates on the application of discrete technical solutions without conducting a thorough assessment of academic contributions, institutional preparedness, or systemic integration at agricultural colleges.

By assessing the strategic role of agricultural institutions, particularly in Tamil Nadu, in fostering innovation, information sharing, and technological adoption in agriculture, this study fills a significant vacuum in the literature. It seeks to evaluate their institutional capacities, pinpoint technology transfer barriers, and offer a comprehensive plan for enhancing their position in the field of agricultural innovation. With the growing importance of agricultural research, it becomes imperative to assess the productivity of agricultural universities in Tamil Nadu. Scientific quantitative analysis serves as a valuable tool for quantitatively evaluating research output, collaboration patterns, and impact in the agricultural domain. By analyzing bibliographic indicators such as publication count, citation rates and faculty affiliations, this study aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the research productivity of agricultural universities in Tamil Nadu.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Kanagasundari, Dr. S., Kohila, G. T., and Prasannakumari, N. (2019) conducted a bibliometric analysis of 718 publications related to the social aspects of the blogosphere, published between 2002 and 2018 and indexed in the Web of Science online database. The study revealed that the highest number of publications occurred in the years 2010 and 2013, each with 76 records. This was followed by 72 publications in 2009, 69 in 2015, and 67 in 2011. The lowest publication output was recorded in the early years of 2002, 2003, and 2004, with only one publication each year, likely due to the nascent stage of web development during that period. In total, 1,368 authors contributed to 520 journal publications, while institutions contributed 668 records in the form of articles. The study also analyzed various bibliometric indicators such as journal contributions, author rankings, publication preferences, and keyword frequency.

Research design

This chapter deals with contents and meaning of undertaking the study in terms of objectives, methodology, data collection, statistical tools and techniques used, operational definition of key concepts and limitations of the study.

Objectives

The main objective of this study was to use Research on Productivity in Agricultural Universities of Tamil Nadu: Scientometric Analysis with special reference to research activities at global level:

- To identify and analyze the rate of growth of research productivity;
- To examine the Year wise distribution of publications;
- To note the Document wise distribution of publications;





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- To analyze the authorship pattern and examine the extent of research collaboration

Statement of the Problem

The present study aims to analyze the research performance of agricultural universities in Tamil Nadu. Agricultural research plays a vital role in monitoring agricultural progress, improving livelihoods, and contributing to national development. This study seeks to understand how such research is received and justified by experts, the challenges they face—particularly in the context of climate change—and how they respond to these issues. It also aims to explore the efforts of individuals working against these challenges, gather their demands, and examine the beliefs that drive their actions. Bibliometric analysis serves as an important tool in this research. Accordingly, the researcher proposes to undertake a study titled “Research on Productivity in Agricultural Universities of Tamil Nadu: A Scientometric Analysis.” This study seeks to examine the patterns, trends, and impact of research output within these institutions using scientometric methods.

METHODOLOGY

This scientometric/bibliometric study analyzes the research productivity of agricultural universities in Tamil Nadu using data from the Web of Science (WoS) database. The study examines publication trends, authorship patterns, language, formats, country affiliations, and journal preferences. Statistical tools such as trend analysis, correlation analysis, and time series analysis are applied to assess relative growth, doubling time, and to predict future research trends. The data were processed and visualized using HistCite software, which supports quantitative scientific analysis. The choice of WoS over other databases was due to its comprehensive coverage and citation indexing capabilities.

Data Collection

For collecting the publication metadata, the renowned Web of Science (WoS) was used which covers a selected group of journals, conferences and other sources. The data was collected for the period 1993-2023. The 31 years period is a good period for detailed analytical purpose.

Tools and Techniques

Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu is used in the present study. The total of 5501 records was published in Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu at global level. The research output was analyzed using various scientometric indicators. Histcite software is designed to assist a user in analyzing bibliographic data, or any data of a textual nature formatted in a similar manner. The present study examines a total of 5,501 records published by agricultural universities in Tamil Nadu over a 31-year period from 1993 to 2023, as indexed by the Web of Science online database. This extensive dataset offers a comprehensive view of the research landscape in this field, revealing patterns in publication output at the global level.

Peak Publication Years

The highest number of publications occurred in 2021, with 504 records, followed closely by 2020, which saw 394 records. This surge in publication output may reflect increased research funding, collaboration efforts, and a growing emphasis on addressing agricultural challenges through scientific inquiry.

Author Contributions

The analysis indicates that 14,997 authors contributed to the publications across 1,502 journals. This reflects a robust collaborative environment within the agricultural research community, highlighting the active engagement of researchers in disseminating their findings.





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Institutional Contributions

The publications emerged from 3,602 institutions located in 131 countries, illustrating the global nature of agricultural research and the diverse international collaboration involved in addressing agricultural issues.

Table shows that the year wise and H-Index distribution of the publications. It also shows that in the year 2009, 2010 and 2012 has got highest 27 H-Index against 106, 139 and 228 publications, followed in the year 2013 with 26 H-index against 252 publications and third highest h type index is 24 with 105 and 290 publications in the year 2009 and 2014. It also shows that the in the year 1993 has got lowest 3 H-index against 20 publications and the following year 1994 has got 4 H-index against 15 publications and rest as well as follows. The mean Global citation is 29.83 (2009) with 106 publications. Figure 1 shows that the Year wise distribution of the publications. It's divided into two categories. One is X category (year wise distribution of the publications) and another one is Y category (Record of the publications). The highest number of the publications in the year 207 with 504 records and second level of the distribution of the publications in the year 2016 with 394 records and rest as well as follow in the figure dot mark. This figure followed in the cone methods of the distribution of the publications.

Figure 2 shows that the exponential growth rate of the distribution of the publications. X axis cover the record of the publications and Y axis cover the yearly wise distribution of the publications. Blue line segments in year wise distribution of the publications, Red curve is followed by the records and Dark blue curve is followed by the Exponential growth rate is also perpendicular to x axis. Table shows that the distribution of the publications from Tamil Nadu is in 7 formats. Of which the research Articles in Journals is the most preferred format of publication in Agricultural Universities research as it forms 91.18% of the total output. The other preferred forms by the Tamil Nadu researcher as article: Proceedings paper (4.13%), Reviews (2.19%), Editorial Material (1.39%), Biographical-Item (0.31%), Meeting abstract (0.16%) and others (0.65%). Overall the most of coverage document area in articles and the least product of publications by others or miscellaneous document with 52 records of the publications respectively.

Research Articles in Journals

- The overwhelming majority of publications, constituting **91.18%**, are research articles published in peer-reviewed journals. This preference highlights the importance placed on rigorous academic standards and the desire for broad dissemination of research findings within the scientific community.

Proceedings Papers

- The second most common format is proceedings papers, accounting for **4.13%** of the total output. This reflects the engagement of researchers in conferences and workshops, contributing their findings to collective scholarly discussions.

Reviews

- Review articles represent **2.19%** of the publications, indicating an effort to synthesize existing research and provide comprehensive insights into specific agricultural topics.

Editorial Material

- Editorials make up **1.39%** of the publications, suggesting that researchers are also involved in discussing broader issues and trends in agricultural science.

Biographical Items and Meeting Abstracts

- These formats, with **0.31%** and **0.16%** respectively, indicate limited use, possibly reflecting their more specialized nature within the context of agricultural research.

Others (Miscellaneous)

- This category includes a variety of formats and constitutes **0.65%** of the publications, with a total of **52 records**. This low percentage highlights the predominant focus on the more established formats of research articles and proceedings.





This figure shows that the Author wise distributions of the publications is divided into two parts, one is x axis mention the Name of the authors and another one is Y axis mention the number of records. It also clear and mention the different size of the cones. Author Zhang TY published highest number of articles for the study period with 40 records; next author Li H published next highest number of articles for the study period with 33 records, Jin Y published 32 records, Kumar A 28 records, Chen XM published 25 records, Amanullah and Arif M published 24 records, Singh S, Wang SZ and Wu YM published 22 records, Zhang XG published 21 records, Khan NU published 20 records and as well as follows.

Collaborative Index in Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu Research

It can be observed that the result of highest value to lowest in the year 2016 had index value 4.59, for 2022 the index value is 4.50, 2016 has an index value of 4.44; 2014 the index value is 4.40, 2020 had index value 4.29, 2021 and 2017 had index value is 4.14, 2019 has an index value of 4.11, 2015 has an index value of 4.05, 2012 had index value is 3.91, 2013 has an index value of 3.90, 2008 had index value is 3.52, 2011 has an index value of 3.50, 2003 has an index value of 3.47, 2005 had index value is 3.41, 2007 had index value of 3.38, 2010 had index value is 3.32, 2007 had index value is 3.18, 2012 has an index value of 3.07, 2002 had index value is 3.03, 2004 the index value is 2.87, 2001 the index value is 2.72 and 2000 has an index value of 2.65. Results from the table shows, the trend in authorship pattern and collaborative measures. The 'Collaborative Index' for universal level is 3.90 which show the popularity towards collaborative research pattern than single author research in chosen field of Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu research output. The Figure 4 shows that year wise distribution of publications and citations. Calculation of the h-index is based on a list of publications ranked in descending order by the Times Cited. The value of h is equal to the number of papers (N) in the list that have N or more citations. The calculated in the h-index as follows in the formula. An h-index of 79 means this author has published at least 79 papers that have each received at least 79 citations.

Total No of Publications: 5501

Sum of the Times Cited: 46269

Times Cited without self-citations: 45199

Citing Articles: 42845

Average Citations per Item: 9.05

H-index: 79

Summary of Findings and Conclusions

This study extracts data from a set of scientific publications on Agricultural University of Tamil Nadu and presents an overview of their conclusions and recommendations. It includes a total of 5501 articles. That means selecting a 30-year period and specifically covering data from 1993 to 2023.

Release Results

- 5501 articles were published in 31 years.
- More publications have been published in recent years in terms of number of publications. This means that every year the number of publications is increasing.
- Publications in 2017 included 504 articles, followed by 394 in 2016 and 375 in 2018.

Authorship and collaboration

- The average number of authors per article is 3.90.
- The average productivity per author is 0.26 publications.
- Collaborative work is widespread, with both faculty groups highly productive, exemplifying a trend toward increased collaboration.

Output Formats

- Most of the publications are in article form, with 4660 articles accounting for more than half of the total publications. Other forms account for the remaining outputs.





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Best Authors and Quotes

- Among the top 25 authors, Jin Y leads with 100 references for 32 publications.
- Other notable authors include Kolmer JA with 85 cited references for 22 publications, Chen XM with 60 cited references for 25 publications, and Chen MS with 57 cited references for 19 publications.
- There are only two authors with more than 200 global citations, five with 150 citations, seven with more than 100 citations and eight with 50 citations.
- Open Access Publications:
- There are 1018 open access records, which contribute to the visibility and accessibility of research publications.

CONCLUSION

The region's increasing emphasis on agricultural research is highlighted by the scientometric examination of research output from Tamil Nadu's agricultural universities, which shows a consistent and notable rise in scholarly publications over time. With a doubling duration of roughly 31 years, the study found a noteworthy research articles in journal of 91.18% (insert real data) in publications during the past ten years, suggesting a rising momentum in research. With more than 22% of the articles co-authored, collaborative authorship became a prominent trend, indicating that team-based research has become essential to scientific production in this area. With 18.51% of papers publicly accessible online, the data also shows a shift towards open access publishing, which improves visibility, citation impact, and societal significance. The study's main conclusion is the concentration of high-impact publications in recent years, which is backed by an increase in the frequency of citations and the presence of multiple highly referenced authors. These findings demonstrate the growing caliber and effect of research coming from these institutions.

Suggestions and Opportunities

- To further improve research quality and worldwide reach, Tamil Nadu's agricultural institutions should fortify their international and inter-institutional partnerships.
- To increase the visibility and impact of scientific work, there is a compelling argument for maintaining support for open access platforms.
- To increase citation performance, institutions should think about strategically publishing in high-impact journals that were found in this study.
- To further understand the dynamics of agricultural research in the state, future studies can examine financing trends, subject-specific growth, and the social use of research output. This study establishes a standard for academic planning, policy-making, and institutional development while offering fresh perspectives on the research environment of Tamil Nadu's agricultural universities.

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Table 1 Productivity Research on Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu Research Output during 1993-2023

S.No	Particular	Data
1	Records	5501
2	Time Span	1993-2023
3	Contributed authors	14997
4	Number of Journals	1502
5	Document type	16
6	Contributing Country	131
7	Language	26
8	Institutions	3602
9	Intuitions with sub divisions	7755
10	Global citations	46282
11	Local citations	1023
12	Sum of times cited	46269
13	Global references	128478
14	words	10168
15	H-type index	79

Table 2 Shows Yearly Wise And H-Type Index Distribution Of The Publications'

S.No.	Publication Year	Records	Mean LCS	Mean GCS	H-type Index
1	1993	20	0.05	2.1	3
2	1994	15	0.20	20	4
3	1995	50	0.16	13.18	10
4	1996	73	0.21	7.88	15
5	1997	57	0.18	17.11	15
6	1998	53	0.09	11.34	14
7	1999	53	0.30	13.47	14
8	2000	60	0.15	13.03	16
9	2001	61	0.16	12.74	13
10	2002	74	0.16	21.11	19
11	2003	77	0.34	32.99	20
12	2004	100	0.13	13.97	22
13	2005	111	0.12	20.48	26
14	2006	68	0.18	11.65	18
15	2007	103	0.25	25.61	23
16	2008	105	0.24	20.82	24
17	2009	106	0.25	29.83	27





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18	2010	139	0.35	16.74	27
19	2011	155	0.37	12.46	20
20	2012	228	0.41	15.88	27
21	2013	252	0.33	10.50	26
22	2014	275	0.38	9.67	24
23	2015	307	0.27	7.62	22
24	2016	330	0.29	7.16	21
25	2017	302	0.25	5.97	21
26	2018	290	0.19	5.84	16
27	2019	374	0.14	3.31	16
28	2020	394	0.07	2.51	14
29	2021	504	0.02	1.11	9
30	2022	375	0.02	0.37	5
31	2023	390	0.02	0.41	4
		5501			

Table 3: Year wise Vs. Document type's distribution by Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu Research Output

Year	Article	Article: Procg.	Review	Editorial Material	Biographical-Item	Meeting abstract	Others	Total	%
1993	18	0	0	1	0	0	1	20	0.36
1994	12	0	0	1	0	0	2	15	0.27
1995	41	4	1	1	0	1	2	50	0.91
1996	64	4	2	0	0	0	3	73	1.33
1997	44	5	1	3	0	1	3	57	1.04
1998	37	9	1	2	1	0	3	53	0.96
1999	44	4	1	3	0	0	1	53	0.96
2000	47	10	1	1	0	0	1	60	1.09
2001	45	10	1	2	0	0	3	61	1.11
2002	62	9	1	1	1	0	0	74	1.35
2003	63	6	4	4	0	0	0	77	1.40
2004	82	12	3	0	2	1	0	100	1.82
2005	88	17	3	2	0	0	1	111	2.02
2006	54	10	4	0	0	0	0	68	1.24
2007	87	9	5	1	1	0	0	103	1.87
2008	86	12	5	0	1	1	0	105	1.91
2009	80	9	8	6	2	0	1	106	1.93
2010	111	17	3	6	1	1	0	139	2.53
2011	140	7	0	6	0	0	2	155	2.82
2012	204	12	7	1	2	0	2	228	4.14
2013	232	11	6	1	1	0	1	252	4.58
2014	264	5	1	4	1	0	0	275	5.00
2015	298	2	4	0	1	1	1	307	5.58
2016	320	3	5	2	0	0	0	330	6.00
2017	289	3	5	5	0	0	0	302	5.49
2018	280	1	3	5	0	0	1	290	5.27
2019	357	4	5	6	2	0	0	374	6.80
2020	374	5	11	1	0	2	1	394	7.16
2021	481	4	13	4	0	0	2	504	9.16





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2022	356	7	8	2	0	0	2	375	6.82
2023	363	6	9	5	2	2	3	390	7.09
	5023 (91.31)	217 (3.94)	121 (2.20)	76 (1.38)	18 (0.33)	10 (0.18)	36 (0.65)	5501 (100)	100

Table 4: Year wise Vs. Document types distribution by Agricultural Universities in Tamil Nadu Research Output

Publication Format	Percentage of Total Output
Research Articles in Journals	91.18%
Proceedings Papers	4.13%
Reviews	2.19%
Editorial Material	1.39%
Biographical Items	0.31%
Meeting Abstracts	0.16%
Others (Miscellaneous)	0.65%

Table 5: Collaborative Index in Agricultural Universities in Tamilnadu research

Year	No. of articles	No. of authors	CI
1993	20	52	2.60
1994	15	36	2.40
1995	50	122	2.44
1996	73	170	2.33
1997	57	136	2.39
1998	53	133	2.51
1999	53	140	2.64
2000	60	159	2.65
2001	61	166	2.72
2002	74	224	3.03
2003	77	267	3.47
2004	100	287	2.87
2005	111	378	3.41
2006	68	216	3.18
2007	103	348	3.38
2008	105	370	3.52
2009	106	325	3.07
2010	139	462	3.32
2011	155	543	3.50
2012	228	892	3.91
2013	252	984	3.90
2014	275	1211	4.40
2015	307	1244	4.05
2016	330	1465	4.44
2017	302	1251	4.14
2018	290	1331	4.59
2019	374	1538	4.11
2020	394	1690	4.29
2021	504	2089	4.14
2022	375	1687	4.50
2023	5111		3.90





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Figure 1 Yearly wise distribution of the publication

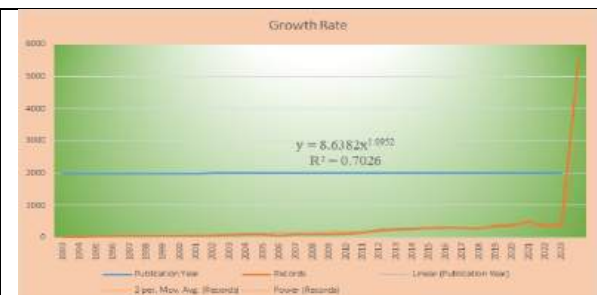


Figure 2 Showing Exponential Growth Rate in Number of Publication Were Observed During 1993 To 2023



Figure 3 showing Author wise distribution of the publications

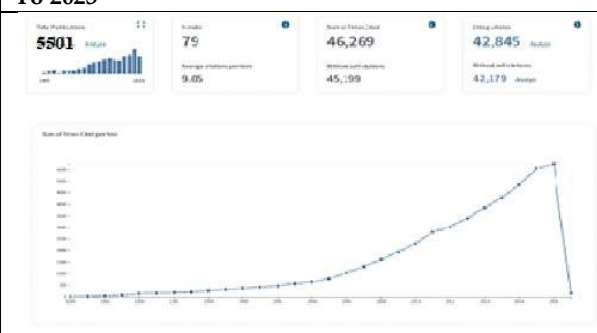


Figure 4 Shows the Published Items and Citations in Each Year





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Yogasana Scale: Conceptualization, Development and an Assessment Tool for Adolescents Well-Being

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ABSTRACT

This study aimed to conceptualize and develop an assessment tool in the form of the yogasana scale to assess the well-being of adolescents through the practice of yogasanas. For this purpose yogasana concept was designed and developed from astanga yoga of Indian yoga philosophy text books. Though yoga philosophy provides a rich theoretical base but the major disconnect is its use as a tool for health and well-being remains unexplored. In this paper, we made an attempt to develop a questionnaire tool for yogasana. To test the tool, we collected the data from 599 participants with ages between 13 to 18 years. The data were analysed using SPSS-AMOS version 25's exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis methods. Fifteen factors were extracted and confirmed from the analysis. The KMO and Bartlett's significance test value found to be 0.95, $p < 0.0001$. Further, three different fitness categories of indexes comprising Absolute, Incremental and Parsimonious fits were also analysed and found to be acceptable within the limits. The composite reliability value from confirmatory factor analysis was 0.95 and the R^2 correlations were found to be 0.7 - 0.77, $p < 0.001$ and for other scales were found to be 0.46 and 0.48 values. The yogasana scale was found to be beneficial for the health and well-being of adolescents.

Keywords: Yogasana, Health, Wellness, Adolescent, School, Scale development





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INTRODUCTION

Yoga as an integral part of lifestyle helps in improving health and well-being. In the pre-Vedic period (2700 B. C.), yoga started its journey as an ancient Indian philosophy of holistic health care system and proposed numerous practical techniques such as yogasana or postures for proper physical and mental well-being [1]. Modern science affirms the effectiveness of yogasanas on human physiology which is helpful in the physical growth, maintaining body structure, body perimeter and weight under control, increases vitality and psycho-physical parameters such as wellness, self-confidence, emotional control, quality of life and social health among adolescents [2-11]. Therefore, the aim of the present study is to develop a psychometric tool to measure the health effects of daily yoga practice in adolescents so that the benefits of practicing yoga by each adolescent individually can be assessed by self-reporting. So that every adolescent, while evaluating his health, understands the importance of the effect of yogasanas with interest and full heart, includes yogasanas practice in his daily routine and can always be healthy. In this context, a fitness mantra has been given by the World Health Organization that; "Let's be active everyone, everywhere, every day", because regular physical activity is an essential aspect of our life to have good health and well-being [12]. For good health of adolescents, WHO recommends the minimum duration of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous-intensity physical activity as part of their daily routine, including yogasanas and sports [12]. Unfortunately, a decline in physical activity have been observed as only 1 in 3 adolescents are estimated to meet these WHO (2018) guidelines [13,14], possibly due to increasing sedentary ways of life of using overtime Internet, facebook and mobile games. In support, the range of physically inactivity has grown in Indian population varies from 10 percent to 90 percent [15,16] with gender variations. In addition, WHO (2018) reported around 23 percent of adults and more than 80 percent of adolescents were insufficiently engaged in physical activity [12]. As Consequences physical inactivity has been found to be the fourth leading risk factor for global mortality [17]. Moreover, the physical inactivity is estimated to be the main cause for breast and colon cancers (21 to 25 percent) and diabetes (27 percent) [18], ischaemic heart disease burden (about 30 percent) [19] and lifestyle-associated risk factors [20]. Most of the risk factors are behaviourally acquired and are due to change in lifestyle during adolescent age group. All these studies show the need for alternative yoga lifestyle for good health and well-being.

Conceptual Frame

The concept of yogasana is developed based on four major Indian text books of yoga viz; (i) *Patanjali Yog-Darshana*, (ii) *Gheranda Samhita*, (iii) *Hatha Yoga Pradipika*, and (iv) *Asana Pranayama Mudra Bandha* [21,22,23]. In *Patanjali Yog-Darshana*, the asana is explained in the form of a verse "*Sthirasukhamasanam*" and may be translated as a physical body posture in a steady, stable and comfortable position [21]. Sage *Gheranda* in his *samhita* treatise explains asana as a body position in a particular way for maintenance of final position without any type of physical stress [22]. Sage *Swatmarama's* *hath yoga pradipika* elucidates the concept of yogasanas body postures that steadily gains a stable posture resulting into a feeling of light body weight [23]. Swami *Satyananda* views yogasana as a technique of bending the body in a position where one can relax, concentrate and meditate for mental well-being and not a form of physical exercise. It may be interesting to note that all four authors at different periods of time have arrived more or less at the same definition that asana stands for a steady and comfortable position without any distress. All these yoga text books form the foundation in forming the conceptual frame (Figure 1). Based on the conceptualization diagram (Figure1), constructs may be evolved for item generation. As seen from the conceptual frame there multiple benefits mentioned and its relation to yogasana frame. The major disconnect is data supplement to the concept. So, we proposed a hypothesis to relate the independent variable yoga to the dependent variable health and well-being. The hypothesis may be stated for the scale development.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The study methodology was conducted in three stages- the 1st stage involves item development and refinement of the constructs developed from the conceptual frame. The second stage is to test the refined items with a sample size population of adolescents and carry out the exploratory and confirmatory factor analysis using SPSS-AMOS (Version



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25.0) and finally, the scale is tested which is obtained from the preceding two phases. The details of these phases were

Stage I: Items development

As explained in the conceptual frame (Figure 1), we developed 20 constructs from the four text books of yoga i.e. (i) *Patanjali Yog-Darshana*, (ii) *Gheranda Samhita*, (iii) *Hatha Yoga Pradipika*, and (iv) *Asana Pranayama Mudra Bandha* [21,22,23]. In this research work method of inductive approach is used [24]. The inductive approach is a strong theory-based hypothesis testing that explains the causal relation between yogasana and well-being. The stated hypothesis in this thesis is well-being relation to yogasana. A 5-point Likert scale was used to quantify the questionnaire.

- **Item refinement, modification and review by experts**

The face validity of the items was carried out with the members of our research scholars group at the university. The feedback given by these scholars were used in simplifying the question statements and modified suitably for better understanding. Five subject matter experts from were considered to evaluate the content validity of the items [25]. All these experts were from different fields of social sciences- statistics, philosophy, yoga, psychology, and medical sciences. A 4-point scale (1 = not relevant, 2 = some-what relevant, 3 = quite relevant, 4 = highly relevant)) was given to determine the content validity index (CVI). These experts sent their answers by email to evaluate the original 20-items and exclude any theoretically or practically irrelevant questions or any ambiguous items that apparently repeated the essential content of other items. Therefore, 02 items on the draft yogasana scale (YS) were deemed to be invalid because they yielded CVIs of $1/4=0.25$ to $2/4=0.50$ and were removed from the questionnaire with CVI lower than 0.75 [25,26]. All the remaining items were valid with CVIs ranging from 0.75 (3/4) to 1 (4/4). In addition, the experts also gave suggestions for the new items that could be generated. Based on these suggestions and refinement, even after rejection and were retained with an 18-items scale.

Stage II: Sample size

For the purpose of the development of questionnaire initially, DeVellis (2016) recommends a ratio of 1:15 or 1:20, up to approximately 300 participants as an ideal sample size [27]. Learning from the literature, a sample size of a ratio of 1:15 was decided to ensure the sample adequacy. The present study on scale validation was conducted with sample of 599 Indian adolescents (age range between 13 to 18 years; average age: 15.5 years) who were selected based on convenient sampling. The detailed demographic information of the participants is provided in Table 1.

Inclusion criteria: Yogasana practitioner and age of the individuals was considered as the criterion for inclusion and adolescents aged above 13 years to below 18 years were included in the study.

Exclusion criteria: We have excluded the students who are non-yoga practitioners, physically disabled, suffering from chronic ailments and un-healthy participants.

Stage III: Final items

The scale was further subjected to item analysis using the exploratory analysis (EFA) and confirmatory analysis (CFA) dimension reduction method of factor analysis. In these items found below 0.4 correlation value were deleted and final item scale left with 15 item yogasana scale.

RESULTS

The exploratory analysis (EFA) and confirmatory analysis (CFA) uses after further dropping down of three items from 18 items yogasana scale (15 items), a factor structure that is replicated for confirmatory analysis using SPSS-AMOS version 25. The KMO and Bartlett's tests of sphericity were conducted for knowing the sample adequacy. The value is found to be excellent 0.95 which is more than the accepted value of 0.5 and above [28,29]. It is significant at $p<0.0001$. The values of KMO values and Bartlett's tests of sphericity are provided in Table 2. The scale was subjected



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to varimax rotation and found to have correlation values with a single loading factor itself. A variance of 59.05% was observed and had the Eigen value of 8.7. Finally, the scale had 15 items. The loading factors of various items were shown in Table 3. Only factor loadings greater than .40 are reported, in order to aid interpretation of the factor structure. The various structure equation fitness indices are given in Table 4. All three different fit indices minimum level was achieved with 35 iterations. Figure 2 represents the CFA with path coefficients, associated errors and the latent variable as “wellbeing through asana” (WBtA). With the above procedures completed for the structural equations model, further one need to compute important measures which indicate the validity and reliability of the SEM constructs. As has been said that uni-dimensionality, validity and reliability for the measurement model are required [30,31].

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study was to develop the constructs based on the Indian Yoga philosophy text books on yogasanas, a limb of astanga yoga using a theoretical model. In this study, the item scales explain an excellent KMO value of 0.95 and the item had a single iteration factor loading. Earlier studies have shown the KMO value of 0.71 in the sub domain scale of astanga yoga [32-35]. The results of this present study indicate the better sample accuracy measure. The philosophical and psychological significance of yoga techniques were explored a complex Indian model of health and well-being. The scientific interpretation of the yoga verses was given a greater meaning through yogasana scale development. Most of the studies focus on clinical and therapeutic aspects of yoga while the sedentary life style of adolescents without much of physical activity, yogasana helps in maintaining good health and well-being. No self-report measure exists in this conceptual frame of development. The present study addresses not only this gap but also uses confirmatory factor analysis where it predicts good path regression coefficients that fit the structure equation measurement model. This will be a useful asana tool for further research in the other limbs of astanga yoga separately. This yogasana scale has good psychometric properties with excellent composite reliability value of 0.95 and the overall scale shows a fair degree of correlations above 0.70. The reliability value shows a good number of items in the main yogasana scale while researcher Raina's sub scale asana had only 3 items with poor reliability [32].

Literally major traditional yoga texts provide support for the specific ways in which regular practice of yoga asanas actually improves health [36,37]. For example in *Hathapradipika*; Sage *Swatmaram* talks about fifteen asanas but he only mentioned the benefits of seven asanas out of which *Siddhasana*, *Padmasana*, *Simhasana* and *Bhadrasana* are considered as more helpful in spiritual growth rather than some physical benefits maybe because they comes under meditative postures but the researchers have showed many more physical benefits of these asanas because spiritual dimension is a subtler level and it is not possible to check yet, through the instruments which are available. It is clearly mentioned in these major yoga literature that practice of various yogasanas provides many types of health benefits. In this context, many scholars have presented the scientific basis that regular practice of yoga actually benefits the practitioners by providing many health benefits. Many research studies currently being conducted on a large scale show a high percentage of psychophysical benefits obtained from the practice of asanas. Apart from this, many such researches were also seen which provide information about the mental, physical as well as emotional and spiritual benefits of yogasana.

In this context, as a result of a yoga survey conducted as part of a research study by researcher Penman and other colleagues in 2012, only 19% of participants reported spiritual benefits derived from yoga [36]. Whereas according to a study conducted by researcher Park and other colleagues in the year 2016, practicing yoga for a long time is a helpful technique in developing spirituality [37]. They also presented the result that while starting the practice of yoga, the practitioner does not have much desire for spiritual benefits, but with prolonged practice, a change was seen in their outlook and the attitude of most yoga practitioners towards spiritual progress [38]. However, this present scale also has its own limitations. The first limitation is the complexity of the yoga concept with different interpretations of yoga in different philosophical text books. It was a tough measure to comprehend. In addition, own





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formulation of the items scale may not resonate with others in testing the scale. Next limitation is its variance, 59% which is little above the accepted limit of >50% which requires further refinement.

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1. Table 1. Demographic details of the participants

KENDRIYA VIDYALAYAS OF BHOPAL REGIONS	EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS										NUMBE R OF SUBJECT S (n = 599)	PERCENTAGE (%)		
	Class VIII		Class IX		Class X		Class XI		Class XII			M%	F%	n%
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F				
KendriyaVidyalaya	15	14	9	9	4	3	7	10	4	3	78	50	50	13.0





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KendriyaVidyala ya, Amla	8	8	4	5	3	4	6	6	3	6	53	45.2 8	54.7 2	8.85
KendriyaVidyala ya, Betul	6	7	8	8	3	2	3	3	1	1	42	50	50	7.01
KendriyaVidyala ya, No.1 Bhopal	9	9	12	8	2	5	7	8	3	3	66	50	50	11.0 2
KendriyaVidyala ya, No. 3 Bhopal	3	4	5	8	6	7	6	9	7	6	61	44.2 6	55.7 4	10.1 8
KendriyaVidyala ya, No. 2 Bhopal	14	13	17	10	8	15	4	1	2	5	89	50.5 6	49.4 4	14.8 6
KendriyaVidyala ya, Bairagarh	9	12	5	5	9	13	4	2	2	4	65	44.6 1	55.3 8	10.8 5
KendriyaVidyala ya, Dewas	7	18	9	12	6	5	1	5	3	8	74	35.1 3	64.8 6	12.3 5
KendriyaVidyala ya, SeoniMalwa	11	15	10	9	6	9	5	4	1	1	71	46.4 8	53.5 2	11.8 5
PERCENTAGE (%)	13. 7	16.6 9	13. 2	12.3 5	7.8 5	10.5 2	7.1 8	8.0 1	4.3 4	6.1 8	100	-	-	100
	30.38		25.54		18.36		15.19		10.51					

Table 2.Pre-test for Factor Analysis of Yogasana Scale

Sl. No.	Scale	Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) Measure of Sampling Adequacy	Bartlett's Test of Sphericity		
			Approx. Chi-Square	df	Sig.
1.	Yogasana	0.95	6212.495	105	< 0.0001

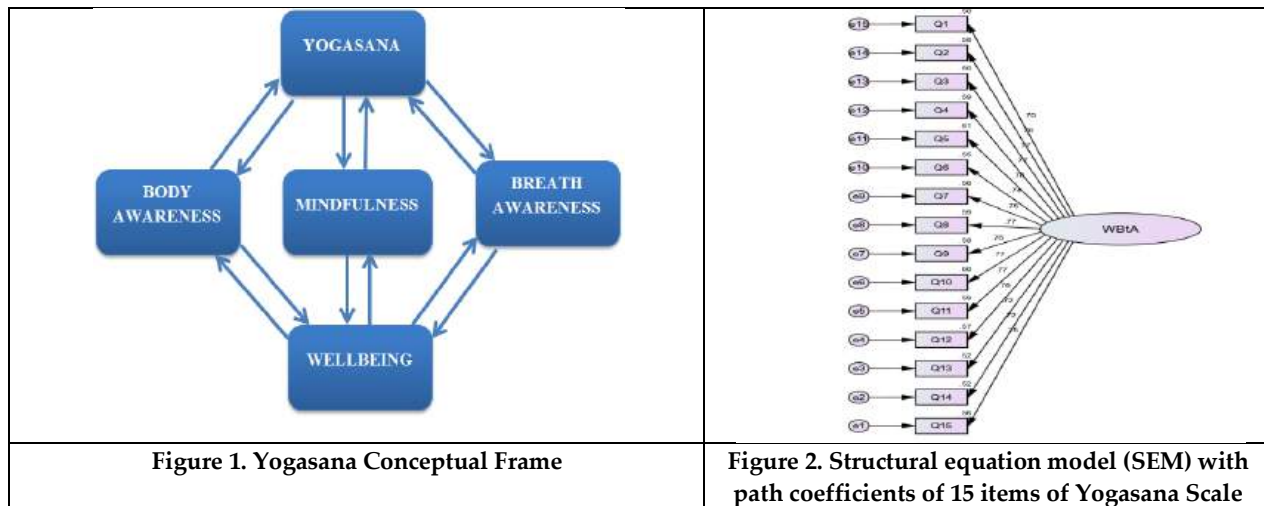
Table 3. Varimax Factor Loadings

Items	Factor loadings*
As 1: Yogasana is a technique that brings steady and comfortable posture.	0.73
As 2: I practice yogasana regularly.	0.78
As 3: My body is flexible.	0.79
As 4: I sit with spinal cord straight in the classroom.	0.78
As 5: I can sit for a long time without distress.	0.80
As 6: In stable position I feel happy.	0.76
As 7: I experience mindfulness during yogasana practices.	0.77
As 8: Yogasana is both physical and mental exercise.	0.79
As 9: Yogasana has improved my concentration.	0.78
As 10: I sleep effortlessly.	0.79
As 11: I improved body care and speech.	0.79
As 12: My personality improved with regular yogasana practices.	0.75
As 13: Yogasana brings relaxation of muscles and nerves.	0.75
As 14: Yogasana creates awareness of different body limbs.	0.75
As 15: Yogasana helps in balancing the breath rates.	0.77
* Corrected to second decimal place; As – stands for asana Composite reliability (CR) = 0.95; Average variance extraction (AVE) =59%.	



Ananya Gupta *et al.*,**Table 4. The Fitness Indices of Structural Equation Model**

Sl. no.	Name of category	Name of index	Accepted level	Study result
1.	Incremental fit	CFI	>0.90	0.979
		TLI	>0.90	0.974
		NFI	>0.90	0.97
		AGFI	>0.90	0.951
2.	Parsimonious fit	Chi Square/df	df<3.0	4.663
3.	Absolute fit	Chi-Square	P>0.05	0.0001
		RMSEA	<0.08	0.05
		GFI	>0.90	0.966





RESEARCH ARTICLE

An Analytical Study on Predictive Artificial Intelligence Models

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ABSTRACT

Performance of Machine Learning Models struggles when the data floods into the stream in a diversified manner. Any discipline, whether it is the stock market, or medical diagnosis, or business-oriented systems, expects instant solutions in this digital era, with less computation time. Researchers have developed Deep Learning Models that mimic the human brain, compute with the data and constraints given, and provide accurate results, even when the data is in various formats and volumes. This study analyses the widely used RNNs, CNNs, and Hybrid Models that increase the accuracy of prediction. The fusion of RNNs with CNNs outperforms all other models taken for this study. These models, however,





used a bit of additional resources to compute, yet proved their power to predict in terms of accuracy and high throughput. To conclude, to reduce the resource intensity and carbon footprints, researchers' direction will move towards green AI models in the near future.

Keywords: Forecasting, Machine Learning, RNN, CNN, Hybrid Models, Green AI Models.

INTRODUCTION

The first-generation machine learning and deep learning models are considered to be classic models today, due to their performance with respect to computational time, gets degraded when working with big data, but their accuracy of prediction exists [1-2]. For any kind of real-time scenario, people expect instant results. Hence, these models must be trained with past data and must be able to predict the future. The second-generation deep learning models paved the way for forecasting. These models have started to perform exceptionally with complex datasets having data in varieties and huge in volume [1-2]. These models were able to find the patterns and relationships that the classic models could not find. Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), such as Long-Short Term Memory (LSTM) models, were used to forecast the results based on sequential data [3]. On the other side, Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) has been designed, developed, and launched exclusively for the purpose of image recognition [4], classification [5], and pattern analysis [6] on images, showing potential impact on forecasting. [7-9] There are scenarios where one particular model cannot provide good results due to its limitations. Hence, researchers started developing hybrid models where a fusion of one or more models was together to provide accurate results. The need for these kinds of fused models helps their end-users to overcome issues such as overfitting, underfitting, poor feature selection, etc. Hence, hybrid models paved the way to forecast accurately. [10-15] This paper discusses issues such as data preprocessing and computational complexity by evaluating the AI Models and how the model works effectively when compared to the conventional approaches. The study presents a systematic framework to integrate AI systems in forecasters' workflows to deliver actionable insights for researchers and practitioners.

Novelty and Contribution

This research is novel because of its holistic integration of AI-based forecasting techniques while considering practical issues for real-world applications. While previous studies have explored individual AI models or specific domains, this study emphasizes:

- **Comprehensive Model Evaluation:** Comparison between RNNs, CNNs, and hybrid models over various datasets, where the relative strengths and weaknesses of the RNNs, CNNs, and hybrid models are systematically highlighted.
- **Domain-Agnostic Framework:** A flexible forecasting framework to be customized for industries such as finance, healthcare, and logistics.
- **Scalability Insights:** Computational efficiency exploration, to show how GPU-based architectures and cloud platforms can aid in scalability.
- **Addressing Interpretability:** We propose methods to enhance the explain ability of AI models by addressing the accuracy-untrustworthiness gap.

Related Works

Over the years, data-driven decision-making has relied on the powerhouse of forecasting, moving from standard statistical models to complex AI-based techniques. The traditional methods like Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA), Exponential Smoothing (ES), Moving Average (MA), and Seasonal Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average with Exogenous Regressors (SARIMAX) have been extensively used because of their simplicity and interpretability. Nevertheless, these models tend to be inappropriate for application to complex, non-linear data sets and are relatively inflexible when dealing with varying data patterns as well as huge amounts of unstructured data. This has led to the recent adoption of machine learning and deep learning methods since traditional approaches





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recently faced the limitations thereof [16]. Chen, J. et. al, in 2025 [17] pinpointing the inefficiency of the classic models like ARMA and ARIMA to deal with nonlinear and high frequency data, suggested a Bi-LSTM model with AutoML techniques and achieved a Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) of 18.7% success in predicting 6 waste categories. The data is collected using IoT, and it has been forwarded to the AI model Bi-LSTM. Frimpong, A. T., et. al, in 2025 [18] used 3 Machine Learning Models such as Linear Regression (LR), Random Forest (RF), and LSTM for forecasting the Municipal Solid Waste Generation (MSWG), by integrating socioeconomic and geospatial variables. The conclusion was that the feature “built area” plays a key role in generating solid waste. Thereby, proper planning in government policy and urbanization becomes important. Thus, the model supported the authors for their strong suggestion. Kumar, N. et. al, in 2024 [19] created a lightweight Graph Former model that uses the LSTM for preprocessing the raw data and a graph-based Transformer with Light weight Multi-Layer Perceptron to forecast the MSWG. The author concludes that this hybrid model had shown 98% accuracy. Li, N., & Chen, Y. in 2023 [20] suggested CNN-LSTM based solid waste collection system to segregate 6 different objects on a conveyor belt, achieving 97.5% accuracy. Ihsanullah, I. et. al, in 2022 [21] suggest that AI Techniques are powerful tools in predicting the MSWG. In the near future, the AI tools can be converted into applications for optimal control of generation, transportation, and disposal of waste. Establishing a trend toward research on hybrid models incorporates the best of multiple techniques. Relying on the sequential data processing power of RNNs [22] and the spatial feature extraction capabilities of CNNs, these models exploit more advantages [23]. For instance, hybrid CNN-LSTM models were successfully employed in energy demand forecasting [24], stock market analysis [25], and climate forecasting [26]. Such combinations often outperform single models by their accuracy as well as robustness. To enhance the performance of Neural Network Models, Evolutionary algorithms have been successfully integrated for feature selection, to identify relevant variables, and to decrease computational overhead. Admittedly, such algorithms, including genetic algorithms and particle swarm optimization, are ensemble with deep learning models to augment input quality as well as to optimize hyper-parameters [27].

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Using advanced artificial intelligence (AI) models, a proposed methodology provides an effective forecasting system with the ability to independently handle complex, nonlinear, and high-dimensional datasets. In this approach, data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training are done using deep learning structures and hybrid models. This paper focuses on creating a model that is robust, scalable, and efficiently forecasts the results. As the model was executed under GPUs, its computational time was recorded.

Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing provides the quality and importance of data being processed. This involves:

- Normalization: Efficient data scaling from either 0 to 1 or from your min/max data. The normalization equation is:

$$X_{norm} = \frac{X - X_{min}}{X_{max} - X_{min}}$$

where X_{norm} is the normalized value, X_{min} and X_{max} are the minimum and maximum values of the feature, respectively.

- Outlier Detection: It has been found that the anomalies can be removed via the use of statistical techniques.
- Data Augmentation: When we encounter class imbalance in our dataset, it's crucial to consider effective methods for generating synthetic samples.

Feature Selection

Feature selection by genetic algorithms (GA) is employed to optimize input quality. The GA operates as follows:

- Initialization: Generate randomly an initial population of feature subsets.
- Fitness Evaluation: Run a defined fitness function, e.g. accuracy, or mean squared error (MSE) to measure the performance of each subset.





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- Selection, Crossover, and Mutation: Let the best subsets remain, then combine them together, and add random variations.

The fitness function is given by:

$$F(S) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

Where S is the feature subset, Y_i is the true value, $\hat{Y}_i$ is the predicted value, and N is the total number of observations.

Model Selection and Training

The methodology uses hybrid AI models combining recurrent neural networks (RNNs) and convolutional neural networks (CNNs):

- CNN Layer: It extracts spatial patterns in the data.
- RNN/LSTM Layer: We use temporal dependencies on time series data.
- The hybrid model architecture is trained using the backpropagation algorithm, minimizing the following loss function:

$$L = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2$$

Where L is the loss, N is the batch size, Y_i is the ground truth, and $\hat{Y}_i$ is the model prediction.

Scalability and Optimization

To handle large datasets, the methodology employs:

- GPU Acceleration: Reduction of computational time by training the models onto GPUs.
- Distributed Learning: Framework-based parallelization for tasks like Tensor-Flow, and PyTorch.

Validation and Testing

The model is validated using metrics such as Mean Absolute Error (MAE) and Root Mean Square Error (RMSE).

Mean Absolute Error (MAE)

$$MAE = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N |Y_i - \hat{Y}_i|$$

Root Mean Square Error (RMSE)

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (Y_i - \hat{Y}_i)^2}$$

The Proposed Methodology Below is the flowchart representing the proposed methodology:

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Benchmark datasets were used to implement the proposed forecasting methodology and evaluate its performance before providing some practical insights for the system. Results show the usefulness of the AI-based hybrid approach to capture complex patterns and make accurate forecasts. Comparison of the hybrid model performance to traditional and standalone AI techniques was a critical aspect of this evaluation. The training and validation loss across epochs for the hybrid model is illustrated in Figure 2. It is seen that there is a rapid convergence with the validation loss stabilizing around 20 epochs also meaning little overfitting. This result corroborates how the hybrid model in generalization to unseen data. In Table 1, we compare the hybrid model with standalone RNN and CNN models and find that it has a lower mean absolute error (MAE) and root mean square error (RMSE) than either of the



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two individual architectures. [28-31] It is due to the hybrid model's capacity to simultaneously extract spatial and temporal dependencies in the data which yielded better performance than the other models. The dual focus increases its predictive accuracy in datasets with large sequential patterns, including financial and energy consumption data. In Figure 3 you will find a picture of the predicted versus the actual values for a test dataset. These curves are very close to each other and this allows you to know how accurate the model is [32]. We also test our hybrid model on datasets of different sizes, for a further analysis on scalability. In Figure 4, the model was shown to scale linearly, that is processing time increased proportionally with dataset size. The enormity of this scalability is a critical factor for real-world applications where such huge datasets exist. It was also evaluated how interpretable the forecasting model is. A feature importance analysis showed that variables such as temporal trends and sudden spikes in the data were the most important when making predictions. The methodology represented by this work effectively reduced data dimensionality using evolutionary algorithms, maintaining computational efficiency without sacrificing accuracy [33]. The proposed hybrid methodology results are validated as a robust and scalable solution to forecasting. By means of advanced preprocessing and optimization techniques applied with CNN and RNN architectures, the combination of CNN and RNN architectures shows excellent improvements comparatively to traditional and standalone AI methods. Tables and diagrams showing visualizations and comparisons show the model's ability to achieve accurate, reliable forecasts across all different datasets.

CONCLUSION

This research shows that deep learning models have the power to transform the way of prediction. AI-based forecasting stands as a powerful tool in modern analytics because its performance outweighs the complications from interpretation and processing requirements. Future research directions can focus on constructing green AI models that reduce the resources used and carbon footprint.

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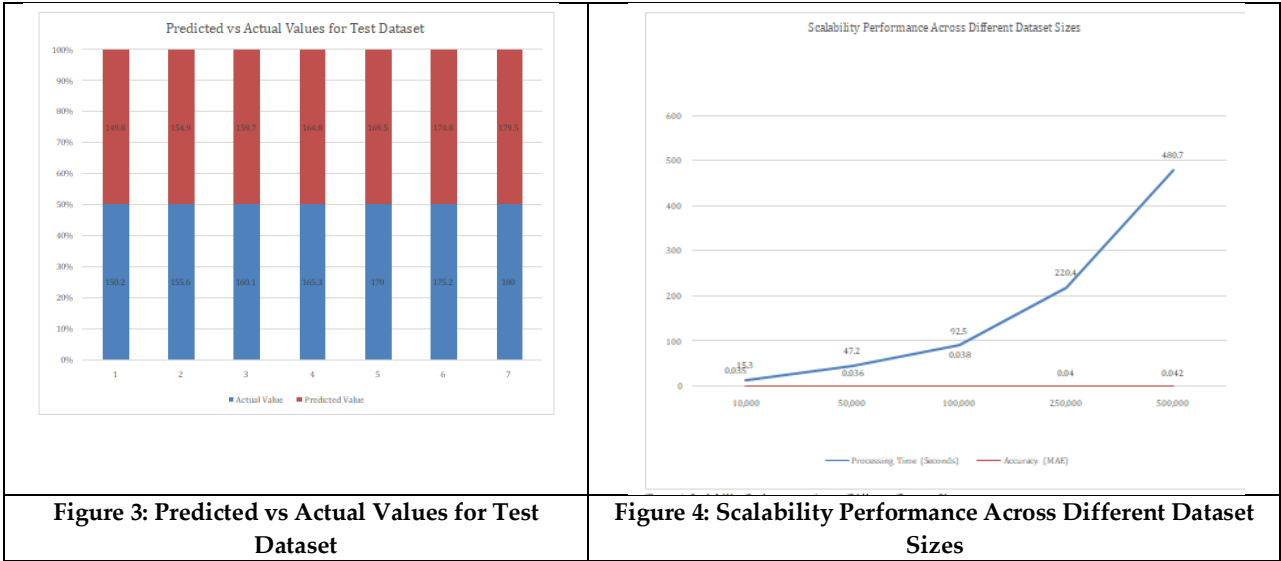
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Mathematical Insights on Intuitionistic Generalization of Generalized Star Closed Sets

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ABSTRACT

This article examines a clear explanation about the various properties of Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ - closed sets with the use of $i(gg)^*$ - closure and $i(gg)^*$ - interior. As such, this research informs understandings of basic results of $i(gg)^*$ -closed sets. Introduction to $i(gg)^*$ - continuous function has played a major role with its unique properties and equivalent conditions. Ultimately this study aims to cultivate a more profound comprehension of $i(gg)^*$ - continuous function.

Keywords: $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $i(gg)^*$ - open, $i(gg)^*$ - closure, $i(gg)^*$ - interior

INTRODUCTION

Topology in mathematics is the study of spaces and characteristics that are maintained under constant deformations, such as stretching, crumpling, and bending, but not tearing or adhering. This field 'Topology' developed as a study out of geometry and set theory, through analysis of concepts such as space, dimension and transformation. The study of generalized closed sets was introduced by Levine in 1970 [1] "Intuitionistic set" is a concept in topological space was came into existence because of Coker [2] in 1996. Further he developed the concept with the use of intuitionistic point [3] and investigated some fundamental properties of closed sets in intuitionistic topological space. In 2009, it was further investigated and J.Younis Yaseen and G.Asmat Raouf [4] has given some results in intuitionistic





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generalized closed sets in topological spaces. In 2019,[5] several new generalization of nano open sets has been introduced and discovered many results by Nethaji, Ochanan. Further G.Hari siva annam and S.Pavithra [6] has introduced intuitionistic generalization of generalized star closed sets in intuitionistic topological space in a proceeding where the igg^* is compared with various intuitionistic sets.

Continuity is a important concept in mathematics and many forms of continuous functions have been introduced over the years. The generalized continuity (briefly g - continuity) was studied by Balachandran, et.al,(1991). With the aid of g -open sets many topologist have introduced and investigated various continuous functions which are the core concept of topology. In this regard, many topologists have enriched the field of generalized closed sets to a considerable extend through their detailed study. J.G.LEE, P.K.Lim, J.H.Kim,K.Hur [7] introduced intuitionistic continuous, closed and open mapping, where many results were discovered and gave identity to many more new theorems. The concept of contra continuity via soft lattice topological spaces [8] was introduced in 2024 by G.Hari Siva Annam and T.Abinaya where these results gives a pathway for contra continuity. Further it was developed in this paper as intuitionistic generalization of generalized star (shortly $i(gg)^*$)continuous and discussed many ideas which evolved as a new discovery.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1 Let X be an non-void set. An intuitionistic set (IS for short) A is an object having the form $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ where A_1 and A_2 are subsets of X satisfying $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. The set A_1 is called the set of members of A , while A_2 is called the set of non members of A .

Definition 2.2 Let X be a non-void set and let A, B are intuitionistic sets in the form $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle, B = \langle X, B_1, B_2 \rangle$ respectively. Then

- (a) $A \subseteq B$ iff $A_1 \subseteq B_1$ and $A_2 \supseteq B_2$.
- (b) $A = B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.
- (c) $A^c = \langle X, A_2, A_1 \rangle$
- (d) $[] A = \langle X, A_1, A_1^c \rangle$
- (e) $A - B = A \cap \bar{B}$
- (f) $\emptyset_\sim = \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, X_\sim = \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle$
- (g) $A \cup B = \langle X, A_1 \cup B_1, A_2 \cap B_2 \rangle$
- (h) $A \cap B = \langle X, A_1 \cap B_1, A_2 \cup B_2 \rangle$.

Definition 2.3 An intuitionistic topology (for short IT) on a non empty set X is a family I_τ of IS in X satisfying the following axioms.

- (1) $\emptyset_\sim, X_\sim \in I_\tau$
- (2) $G_1 \cap G_2 \in I_\tau$, for any $G_1, G_2 \in I_\tau$
- (3) $\cup G_\alpha \in I_\tau$ for any arbitrary family $\{G_i: G_\alpha/\alpha \in J\} \subseteq I_\tau$ where (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic topological space (for short ITS(X)) and any intuitionistic set in I_τ is called an intuitionistic open set (for short IOS) in X . The complement A^c of an IOS A is called an intuitionistic closed set (for short ICS) in X .

Definition 2.4 Let (X, I_τ) be an intuitionistic topological space (for short ITS(X)) and $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ be an IS in X . Then the interior and closure of A are defined by

- (1) $Icl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an ICS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$
- (2) $Iint(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an IOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}$.

It can be shown that $Icl(A)$ is an ICS and $Iint(A)$ is an IOS in X and A is an ICS in X iff $Icl(A) = A$ and is an IOS in X iff $Iint(A) = A$.

Definition 2.5 Consider an intuitionistic set A of a non -void set X and $a \in X$.

$a_I = (\{a\}, \{a\}^c)$ is an intuitionistic point (IP) and $a_{IV} = (\emptyset, \{a\}^c)$ is a vanishing point of X .
IP(X) is a set of all intuitionistic points or intuitionistic vanishing point in X .





Definition 2.6 Let (X, I_τ) be an ITS(X). An intuitionistic set A of X is said to be

- (1) Intuitionistic semi-open if $A \subseteq Icl(I\,int(A))$.
- (2) Intuitionistic pre-open if $A \subseteq Iint(Icl(A))$.

- (3) Intuitionistic regular-open if $A = Iint(Icl(A))$.

The family of all intuitionistic (semi-open, pre-open, regular-open) of (X, I_τ) are denoted by ISOS, IPOS, IROS respectively.

Definition 2.7 [4] Let a subset A of an intuitionistic topological spaces (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic generalized closed set (briefly $i\,g$ -closed) if $i\,cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is an intuitionistic open in (X, I_τ) .

Definition 2.8 [9] Let a subset A of an intuitionistic topological spaces (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic regular generalized closed set (briefly $i\,rg$ -closed) if $i\,cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is an intuitionistic regular open in (X, I_τ) .

Definition 2.9 [6] A intuitionistic subset A of an intuitionistic topological space (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic generalization of generalized star closed sets ($i\,(gg)^*$ -closed) if $ircl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $i\,(gg)$ open in (X, I_τ) . The collection of all $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets in (X, I_τ) is denoted by $i\,(gg)^*C(X)$.

Definition 2.10 [6] i) Every intuitionistic regular closed set is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.
ii) Every $i\,(gg)^*$ closed set is $i\,g$ -closed (resp. $i\,g^{**}$ -closed, $i\,gr$ -closed, $i\,gr^*$ -closed, $i\,rg$ -closed).

Definition 2.11 [6] The arbitrary union of two $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets of (X, I_τ) is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.

Definition 2.12 For an ITS (X, τ) and A is a subset of X . The class $\tau_A = \{(G_T \cap A, G_F \cap A) : G = (G_T, G_F) \text{ and } \{G \in \tau\} \text{ is an IT on } A\}$ is called the relative IT on A or the relativization of τ to A and the ITS (A, τ_A) is called an intuitionistic topological subspace of (X, τ) .

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ Closure

Definition 3.1 Let A be an intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) . Then $i\,(gg)^*$ closure of A is defined as the intersection of all $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set of (X, I_τ) containing A . It is denoted by $I\,(gg)^*cl(A)$.

Theorem 3.2 If A and B are $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed, then $A \cap B$ is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.

Proof: Let A and B are $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets and $A \cap B \subseteq U$, U is $i\,gg$ -open. Suppose $ircl(A \cap B) \not\subseteq U$ then $ircl(A) \not\subseteq U$ and $ircl(B) \not\subseteq U$. This implies $A \cap B \not\subseteq U$. Hence $ircl(A \cap B) \subseteq U$.

Theorem 3.3 If A and B are an intuitionistic subsets of an ITS of (X, I_τ) then

- i) $i\,(gg)^*cl(X_\sim) = X_\sim$, $i\,(gg)^*cl(\emptyset_\sim) = \emptyset_\sim$
- ii) $A \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(A)$
- iii) If B is any $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set containing A then $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq B$
- iv) If $A \subseteq B$ then $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(B)$
- v) $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) = i\,(gg)^*cl(i\,(gg)^*cl(A))$
- vi) $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) = (i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B))$

Proof i), ii), iii), iv), v) are straightforward.

vi) Let A and B be subsets of (X, I_τ) . Clearly $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B$. From iv) $(i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B)) \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B)$. Now we have to prove that $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) \subseteq (i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B))$. Suppose $x \notin i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B)$ then there exists a $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets A_1 and B_1 such that $A \subseteq A_1$, $B \subseteq B_1$ such that $x \notin A_1$ and $x \notin B_1$. Therefore $x \notin A_1 \cup B_1$ such that $A \cup B \subseteq A_1 \cup B_1$. Hence $x \notin i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B)$. Hence $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) \subseteq (i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B))$.

Theorem 3.4 A intuitionistic subset A of (X, I_τ) is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) iff $ircl(A) - A$ contains no non empty $i\,gg$ -closed set.





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Proof: Let A be an $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) . Suppose F is a non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) such that $F \subseteq ircl(A) - A$ which implies $F \subseteq ircl(A) \cap (X - A)$. Then $F \subseteq ircl(A)$ and $F \subseteq (X - A)$. Since A is an $i(gg)^*$ -closed set, $ircl(A) \subseteq X - F \Rightarrow F \subseteq X - ircl(A)$. Hence we get $F \cap F \subseteq ircl(A) \cap (X - ircl(A)) = \emptyset$. Which is a contradiction. Therefore $ircl(A) - A$ does not contain any non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set.

Conversely, suppose that $ircl(A) - A$ contains no non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set. Let U be a $i(gg)$ -open set such that $A \subseteq U$. Suppose $ircl(A)$ is not contained in U . Then $ircl(A) \subseteq X - U$ Where $(X - U)$ is $i(gg)$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) and contained in $ircl(A) - A$. Which is a contradiction. Hence A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Theorem 3.5 Let $A \subseteq B \subseteq ircl(A)$ and A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) , then B is also $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Proof: Let U be an $i(gg)$ -open set in (X, I_τ) such that $B \subseteq U$. Now if $A \subseteq B \subseteq ircl(A)$, then $ircl(A) \subseteq ircl(B) \subseteq ircl(A)$. Therefore $ircl(A) = ircl(B)$. Since A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $ircl(A) \subseteq U$. Therefore $ircl(B) = ircl(A) \subseteq U$. Hence B is $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Theorem 3.6 If A is $i(gg)$ -open subset of X and $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in X . Then A is i -regular closed set.

Proof: Since A is $i(gg)$ -open subset of X and $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $ircl(A) \subseteq A$. But $A \subseteq ircl(A)$. Therefore $A = ircl(A)$. Hence A is i -regular closed.

Theorem 3.7 Let $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$, Where B is $i(gg)$ -open and $i(gg)^*$ -closed in X . If A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in B . Then A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in X .

Proof: Let U be a $i(gg)$ -open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Since $A \subseteq U \cap B$, $U \cap B$ is $i(gg)$ -open in B and A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in B , $ircl(A) \cap B \subseteq U \cap B$. Since $A \subseteq B$, $ircl(A) \subseteq ircl(B)$. Since B is $i(gg)$ -open and $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . By theorem(3.5), B is i -regular closed. Therefore $ircl(B) = B$. This implies $ircl(A) \subseteq B$. Thus $ircl(A) \subseteq U \cap B \subseteq U$. Hence A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 3.8 For every point $x \in X$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ of the space (X, I_τ) the set $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is either $i(gg)^*$ -closed or $i(gg)$ -open.

Proof: Suppose that $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is not $i(gg)$ -open. Then (X, I_τ) is the only $i(gg)$ -open set containing $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$. That is $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c \subseteq X$. This implies $ircl(X - \{x\}, \{x\}, \{x\}^c) \subseteq X$. Therefore $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 3.9 Let A be a subset of an intuitionistic topological space (X, I_τ) . Then $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$ [resp $a_1 \in i(gg)^*int(A)$] iff for any $i(gg)^*$ -open set U containing a_1 , $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$.

Proof: Let $a_1 \in X$, $\{a_1\}$, $\{a_1\}^c \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$ [resp $a_1 \in i(gg)^*int(A)$] and suppose that there is a $i(gg)^*$ -open set U in X such that $a_1 \in U$ and $A \cap U = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subseteq U^c$. Which is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Then $i(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq i(gg)^*cl(U^c) = U^c$. Therefore $a_1 \in U \Rightarrow a_1 \notin U^c \Rightarrow a_1 \notin i(gg)^*cl(A)$. Which is a contradiction. Conversely, suppose for any $i(gg)^*$ -open set U containing a_1 , $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$. To prove $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$. Suppose that $a_1 \notin i(gg)^*cl(A)$, then there is a $i(gg)^*$ -closed set F in X such that $a_1 \notin F$ and $A \subseteq F$. Therefore $a_1 \notin F \Rightarrow a_1 \in F^c$ which is $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) . Hence $A \subseteq F \Rightarrow A \cap F^c = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. Thus $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$.

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ - Interior

Definition 4.1 A intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) is called $i(gg)^*$ -open set ($I(gg)^*OS$) if $X - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed. The equivalent definition for $i(gg)^*$ -open set is that a set A is said to be $i(gg)^*$ -open iff $U \subseteq ig\ int(A)$ whenever $U \subseteq A$, U is $i(gg)$ -closed.

Definition 4.2 Let A be an intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) . Then $i(gg)^*$ interior of A is defined as the union of all $i(gg)^*$ -open set of (X, I_τ) contained in A . It is denoted by $I(gg)^*int(A)$.

Theorem 4.3 If A and B are an intuitionistic subsets of an ITS of (X, I_τ) then

- i) $i(gg)^*int(X_\sim) = X_\sim$, $i(gg)^*int(\emptyset_\sim) = \emptyset_\sim$
- ii) $i(gg)^*int(A) \subseteq A$





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iii) If B is any $i(gg)^*$ -open set contained in A then $B \subseteq i(gg)^* \text{int}(A)$

iv) If $A \subseteq B$ then $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) \subseteq i(gg)^* \text{int}(B)$

v) $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) = i(gg)^* \text{int}(i(gg)^* \text{int}(A))$

vi) $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A \cap B) = (i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) \cap i(gg)^* \text{int}(B))$

Theorem 4.4 If $i\text{rint}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ and A is $i(gg)^*$ -open set then B is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Proof: Given $i\text{rint}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ which implies $A^c \subseteq B^c \subseteq i\text{rcl}(A^c)$ where A^c is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. By theorem (3.5) B^c is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. Hence B is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Theorem 4.5 The arbitrary intersection of two $i(gg)^*$ -open sets of (X, I_τ) is $i(gg)^*$ -open.

Proof: Let A and B be the $i(gg)^*$ -open sets in (X, I_τ) . Then A^c and B^c are $i(gg)^*$ -closed sets in (X, I_τ) . By (3.2), Therefore $(A \cap B)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 4.6 If $A \subseteq X$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set then $i\text{rcl}(A) - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Proof: Let $A \subseteq X$ be a $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. Let U be $i(gg)$ -closed in (X, I_τ) such that $U \subseteq i\text{rcl}(A) - A$. By theorem (3.4), $\emptyset = U \subseteq i\text{rint}(i\text{rcl}(A) - A)$. Hence $i\text{rcl}(A) - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Theorem 4.7 Let A and B be subsets of a topological space (X, I_τ) . If A is $i(gg)^*$ -open and $i\text{rint}(B) \subseteq A$ then $A \cap B$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open.

Proof: Let A and B be $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) and $i\text{rint}(B) \subseteq (A \cap B) \subseteq B$ then by theorem (4.3) $A \cap B$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set in (X, I_τ) .

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ -Continuous

Definition 5.1 The function $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is said to be intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ -continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) for every intuitionistic open set V of (Y, I_σ) .

Example 5.2 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\tau = \{< X, \emptyset, X >, < X, X, \emptyset >, < X, \{a\}, \emptyset >, < X, \{a\}, \{b\} >, < X, \{a\}, \{c\} >, < X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} >\}$ and $Y = \{r, s, t\}$ with $I_\sigma = \{< X, \emptyset, X >, < X, X, \emptyset >, < X, \{s, r\}, \emptyset >, < X, \{s\}, \emptyset >, < X, \{s, t\}, \emptyset >\}$. Then $I(gg)^* - C(X, I_\tau) = \{< X, \emptyset, X >, < X, X, \emptyset >, < X, \{a\}, \emptyset >, < X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset >, < X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset >\}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = s, f(b) = t, f(c) = r$. The inverse image of every i -closed sets in (Y, I_σ) is $I(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) , f is $I(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.3 Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a function from an intuitionistic topological space X into the intuitionistic topological space Y . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) The function f is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.
- 2) The inverse image of intuitionistic closed set of Y is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) .
- 3) $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq i \text{cl } f(A)$ for every subset A of (X, I_τ) .
- 4) $i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(i \text{cl}(B))$ for each intuitionistic set B of Y .

Proof : (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) is obvious.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) let $F \subseteq Y$ be a intuitionistic closed set. Then $f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(i \text{cl } (F))$. Hence by (3), $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq i \text{cl } (f(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq i \text{cl } (F) = F$. Thus $i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(F) \Rightarrow i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$. Therefore $f^{-1}(F) \in i(gg)^* C(X)$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let B be any intuitionistic subset of Y . From (3) $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq i \text{cl } (f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq i \text{cl } (B)$. Hence $i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1} i \text{cl } (B)$ for each intuitionistic set B of Y .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let A be an subset of X . Then there exists a subset B of Y such that $A = f^{-1}(B)$.

From (4) $i(gg)^* \text{cl } (A) = i(gg)^* \text{cl } (f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(i \text{cl } (B))$. Therefore $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl } (A)) \subseteq i \text{cl } (B) = i \text{cl } (f(A))$. Hence $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl } (A)) \subseteq i \text{cl } (f(A))$ for every subset A of X .





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(1) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let f be $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous and B be any intuitionistic set of Y . Then $f^{-1}(i \text{ cl}(B))$ is an $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed set in X . For any intuitionistic set $B, f^{-1}(i \text{ cl}(B)) = i(\text{gg})^* \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(\text{cl}(B))) \supseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(B))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(i \text{ cl}(B)) \supseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ cl}(f^{-1}(B))$.

Theorem 5.4 Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a function from an intuitionistic topological space X into the intuitionistic topological space Y . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) The function f is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.
- 2) For each subset A of $Y, f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A)) \subseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ int}(f^{-1}(A))$.

Proof: (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let A be any intuitionistic subset of Y . Then $i \text{ int}(A)$ is a open set in Y and $f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A))$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -open set in X . $f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A)) = i(\text{gg})^* \text{ int}(f^{-1}(\text{int}(A))) \subseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ int}(f^{-1}(A))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A)) \subseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ int}(f^{-1}(A))$.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let A be any intuitionistic open set of Y , so that $i \text{ int}(A) = A \Rightarrow f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A)) = f^{-1}(A)$. By (2) $f^{-1}(i \text{ int}(A)) \subseteq i(\text{gg})^* \text{ int}(f^{-1}(A))$. Hence $f^{-1}(A)$ is an $i(\text{gg})^*$ -open, when A is intuitionistic open in Y . Therefore f is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.5 Every $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous is i g-continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous. Let V be an intuitionistic closed set of (Y, I_σ) . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . since every $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed is i g-closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(V)$ is i g-closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is i g-continuous.

Theorem 5.6 Every $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous is i rg-continuous.

The proof is forthright.

Remark 5.7 The converse of the above theorems need not be true.

Example 5.8 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\tau^c = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle \}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\sigma^c = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle \}$.

$i(\text{gg})^* - C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle \}$ and $i \text{ g} - C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is

i g-continuous but $f^{-1}(\langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle) = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ is not an $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is not $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.

Example 5.9 From example (5.8) $i \text{ rg} - C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle,$

$\langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{a, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{a, b\} \rangle,$

$\langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is $i \text{ rg}$ -continuous but $f^{-1}(\langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle) = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ is not an $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is not $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.10 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous then their composition $g \circ f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is intuitionistic continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is intuitionistic closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ -continuous.





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Definition 5.11 The function $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is said to be strongly $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is intuitionistic closed in (X, I_τ) for every set $i(\text{gg})^*$ - closed set V of (Y, I_σ) .

Theorem 5.12 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a strongly $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous then their composition $gof: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ - closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is strongly $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is intuitionistic closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore gof is intuitionistic continuous.

Theorem 5.13 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous then their composition $gof: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a i g- continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is intuitionistic continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is intuitionistic closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is $i(\text{gg})^*$ - continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is $i(\text{gg})^*$ - closed in (X, I_τ) . By theorem (2.10) (ii)) we have $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is i g- closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore gof is i g- continuous.

CONCLUSIONS

This class of $i(\text{gg})^*$ - closed in intuitionistic topological spaces is defined using regular closure and igg - open sets. We have studied the relation of this set with some other closed sets and investigated some of their properties and discovered various results. Further we have made some compositions in continuous function and analyzed various results. Further it will be developed in connectednes.

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Optimization based Resource Allocation (ORA) Method for Video Streaming in Cloud Environment

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ABSTRACT

In cloud computing, resource allocation for video streaming refers to deliberate distribution of computing resources. Key is a Content Distribution Network (CDN), setting edge servers all around for effective content delivery. Calculate resources including Virtual Machines (VMs) and containers, host video streaming apps with auto-scaling to dynamically change capacity depending on demand. In systems of scalable object storage, storage calls for allocation depending on content volume and access patterns. Low latency and high-quality streaming are ensured by use of allotted network resources including bandwidth and Quality of Service (QoS). Database resources, which demand careful allocation depending on workload expectations, provide services including user authentication and analytics. Video formats are converted by content transcoding servers; transcoding complexity determines resource allocation depending on concurrent stream count. While security resources prevent unwanted access, monitoring tools and analytics systems track performance. Cost control is vital and requires ongoing monitoring and optimisation to guarantee economy. Allocating resources holistically guarantees a dependable, scalable, and reasonably priced video streaming infrastructure in the cloud.

Keywords: Cloud Computing, Resource Allocation, Quality of Service, Virtual Machine, Network Resources

INTRODUCTION

A crucial issue in cloud computing for video streaming is the strategic distribution and management of several computer resources to guarantee best performance, scalability, and cost-effectiveness [1] [2]. With changing user



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expectations and content delivery difficulties, the dynamic character of video streaming calls for a complete approach to resource allocation and use in the cloud [3]. Content Delivery Network (CDN) is fundamental in nature for allocation of video streaming resources. By using edge servers at several geographical sites, CDNs lower latency and expedite content delivery. In this sense, resource allocation is the process of estimating edge server capacity and number depending on user distribution and demand patterns. The intention is to guarantee low latency and high-quality streaming independent of user location [4]. Hosting video streaming applications mostly depends on computation of resources. Virtual machines (VMs) or containers allowing for hosting of these applications are provided by cloud providers. Based on expected workload and performance criteria, choices on resource allocation include choosing the suitable VM type, size, and number of instances. Often used to dynamically change the number of virtual machine instances or containers depending on changing demand, auto-scaling rules help to maximise resource use both in peak and off-peak times. Another vital component of resource allocation for video streaming is storage. Object storage technologies for scalable and robust storage of video files abound. In this sense, resource allocation is the process of choosing the suitable storage classes depending on content access patterns and cost constraints by means of the necessary storage capacity. Effective storage management guarantees that, during streaming, the video content is easily accessible and can be grabbed fast [5]. Smooth video streaming depends critically on network resources including bandwidth and Quality of Service (QoS). The volume of flowing data calls for enough bandwidth to handle. Here, choices on resource allocation include choosing suitable network setups and tracking bandwidth utilisation to avoid congestion. Implementing QoS rules helps to give video streaming traffic first priority therefore guaranteeing a constant and high-quality user experience.

For purposes including analytics, content metadata storage, and user authentication, database resources are put to work. In this field of resource allocation, expected workloads and performance criteria help one to decide the number and capacity of database instances. Support of the flawless running of video streaming services depends on effective database administration [6]. A resource-intensive procedure in video streaming is content transcoding. Transcoding servers allocate resources to translate video files into several formats and bitrates to support diverse devices and network situations. Determining the number of transcoding servers depending on the volume of concurrent streams and the complexity of transcoding activities forms part of resource allocation considerations. Resource allocation for cloud-based video streaming depends critically on monitoring and analytics. Dynamic resource allocation is achieved by tracking resource use using monitoring technologies that also identify performance problems. By means of insights into user behaviour, content popularity, and system performance, analytics systems guide resource allocation decisions and thereby maximise the whole streaming infrastructure [7]. Firewalls and security groups among other security tools are set aside to guard against illegal access and possible assaults. Decisions on resource allocation include putting security policies into effect to protect video streaming services and guarantee data integrity and user privacy. Resource allocation always takes cost management under constant thought. Users of clouds have to track resource expenses and maximise allocation to cut costs. Using cloud provider tools and services helps one to examine cost trends, spot areas for savings, and guarantee effective use of resources.

Overview of Optimization based Resource Allocation for Video Streaming in Cloud Computing

A complex task, optimising resource allocation for video streaming in cloud computing calls for thorough evaluation of many elements to guarantee a flawless user experience, effective resource use, and economy of cost. High data quantities and real-time demands define video streaming, which calls for a customised strategy of resource allocation [8] [9] [10].

- **Content Delivery Network (CDN) Optimization:** In video streaming, content delivery takes front stage. Using a global CDN enables the distribution of video material across edge servers placed strategically. By caching content closer to end users, CDNs lower latency and improve streaming performance. Choosing a CDN with a broad geographic reach, effective caching systems, and quick content retrieval powers helps to optimise. Dynamic CDN setups guarantee flexibility to fit evolving user dispersion and content popularity.
- **Dynamic Scaling and Auto-Scaling:** Adapting to changing demand calls for dynamic scalability. Based on real-time use patterns, auto-scaling systems automatically change resource count. For video streaming, this entails



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dynamically adding or deleting virtual machines or containers to manage different concurrent stream counts. Peak hours maximise scalability; lesser demand results in scaled-down resources that help to minimise expenses.

- **Load Balancing for Video Servers:** Equally distributing video streaming requests over several servers depends on load balancing. Load balancing techniques with optimisation take into account elements including server condition and resource availability. This guarantees good use of resources, helps to avoid server overloads, and improves fault tolerance. Dynamic load balancing methods change the distribution of demands, therefore maximising the general system performance.
- **Transcoding Optimization:** Transcoding involves bitrate and format conversion of video files, hence requiring resources. Dynamic bitrate modification and effective transcoding techniques help to balance bandwidth use with video quality. Using GPU acceleration or specialised hardware improves transcoding speed and efficiency, hence besting resource use for this important video processing chore.
- **Quality of Service (QoS) Implementation:** Maintaining a high-quality streaming experience calls for QoS policies' application. These rules give video streaming traffic first priority over the network, therefore assigning enough bandwidth to preserve video quality and lower buffering. Dynamic changes of QoS settings depending on user needs and real-time network conditions maximise the streaming experience.
- **Storage Optimization:** Optimising storage solutions is choosing suitable storage classes and layouts depending on access patterns. Scalable object storage systems handle video files, and caching techniques help to lower data retrieval times. This guarantees fast and consistent access to video content while besting storage expenses. Handling the enormous amounts of data related with video streaming depends on effective storage management.
- **Adaptive Bitrate Streaming (ABR):** ABR methods dynamically change real-time video quality according to the network situation of the observer. This ensures a seamless viewing experience by changing the bitrate and resolution of the video stream, therefore optimising bandwidth use. To fit various network circumstances and viewer devices, ABR is an essential optimisation technique that increases the adaptability of video streaming services.
- **Edge Computing for Video Processing:** Using edge computing for video processing chores pushes computational capability right up to end users. By offloading some processing chores, such content distribution or transcoding, edge servers lower latency and enhance general streaming performance. Edge computing maximises responsiveness and real-time video processing.
- **Cost-Aware Resource Allocation:** Making wise decisions on the efficient distribution of resources depends on constant observation and analysis of their use. Tools and services provided by cloud providers help companies to monitor expenses related to certain parts of the video streaming system. Optimisation is the process of allocating resources where they are most needed, therefore balancing performance with cost economy.

Particle Swarm Optimization

Inspired by social behaviour of birds and fish, particle swarm optimisation (PSO) [11] [12] is a computational optimisation method. Russell Eberhart and James Kennedy debuted it in 1995. Designed to simulate the social behaviour of people inside a swarm, PSO is a population-based, heuristic optimisation method meant to identify the best solution to a problem. Inspired by the group behaviour of swarms in nature—such as bird flocks or fish schools—PSO is a strong metaheuristic optimisation method. It can be used to address many optimisation issues, including allocation of resources in video streaming. Every particle in the swarm stands for a possible answer to your optimisation challenge. Affected by their own experiences as well as those of their neighbours, these particles traverse the search area. Every particle has a position—that of its current solution—and a velocity—that of its movement's direction and speed. Particles change their places and velocities according on two main considerations as the swarm iteratively: Each particle recalls its best position thus far, therefore reflecting the best solution it has come across. Global Best: The swarm guides all towards better solutions by tracking the best place discovered by any particle [13]. Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) for cloud resource allocation is the method of optimising the distribution of resources in a cloud environment to satisfy performance criteria, maximise efficiency, and minimise cost.





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Basic Concepts of PSO

- **Swarm Representation:** A population of possible solutions known as "particles" probes the solution space. Every particle stands for a possible resolution to the optimisation challenge.
- **Fitness Function:** To assess the quality of every particle's solution, a fitness function is defined. Depending on the type of the optimisation problem, the aim is to either maximise or minimise the fitness function.
- **Initialization:** Particles are randomly started inside the solution space. Every particle has a position and a velocity vector that reflect a possible solution and the direction it is travelling in the solution space.

Step by Step Procedure for PSO based Resource Allocation

Step 1: Initialization: Particle Initialization

- Create a swarm of particles where every particle stands for a possible cloud environment resource allocation or solution.
- Each particle has a position vector (X_i) representing the allocation of resources such as virtual machines (VMs) or containers.

Step 2: Define Fitness Function – Objective Function (Fitness)

- Define the fitness function $f((X_i))$ that evaluates the quality of a resource allocation strategy.
- The goal is to optimize the allocation of resources based on criteria such as performance, cost, and resource utilization.

Step 3: Set Initial Best Positions

- **Personal Best ($pBest$):** For each particle, set the initial personal best solution ($pBest_i$) to its current position (X_i).
- **Global Best ($gBest$):** Identify the particle with the best fitness in the entire population and set it as the initial global best position ($gBest$).

Step 4: Update Particle Positions and Velocities:

Update the position of each particle based on its current position, velocity, personal best, and global best using the following equations:

$$V_i(t+1) = w \cdot V_i(t) + C_1 \cdot r_1 \cdot (pBest_i - X_i) + C_2 \cdot r_2 \cdot (gBest_i - X_i) \quad (4.1)$$

$$X_i(t+1) = X_i(t) + V_i(t+1) \quad (4.2)$$

Where $V_i(t)$ is the velocity vector of particle i at time t . $X_i(t)$ is the position vector of particle i at time t . w is the inertia weight, controlling the impact of the previous velocity on the new velocity. C_1 and C_2 are acceleration coefficients representing the cognitive and social components. r_1 and r_2 are random numbers between 0 and 1.

Step 5: Evaluate Fitness and Update Best Positions:

- **Evaluate Fitness:** Evaluate the fitness of each particle using the objective function that incorporates cloud resource allocation parameters.
- **Update Personal Best ($pBest$):** Update the personal best position ($pBest_i$) for each particle if the current position yields a better fitness value.
- **Update Global Best ($gBest$):** Identify the particle with the best fitness in the entire population and update the global best position ($gBest$).

Step 6: Termination Criteria:

- **Termination Conditions:** Determine the termination criteria, such as a predefined number of iterations, reaching a satisfactory fitness value, or other criteria specific to cloud resource allocation.

Step 7: Repeat or Terminate:

- **Loop:** If the termination conditions are not met, repeat steps 4 to 6.





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- **Termination:** If the termination conditions are met, the algorithm terminates, and the best solution found ($gBest$) represents the optimized resource allocation strategy.

Key Parameters

- **Inertia Weight w :** Balances exploration and exploitation in the optimization process.
- **Acceleration Coefficient (C_1 and C_2):** Control the influence of personal and global knowledge in the movement of particles.
- **Random Factors (r_1 and r_2):** Introduce stochasticity to the algorithm.

Cloud Resource Allocation Parameters to Optimize

- **VM or Container Allocation:** Adjusting the number and type of virtual machines or containers allocated to different tasks or applications.
- **Resource Utilization:** Optimizing the utilization of CPU, memory, and storage resources to ensure efficient performance.
- **Cost Optimization:** Balancing resource allocation to minimize costs, considering factors such as on-demand pricing and reserved instances.
- **Performance Metrics:** Incorporating performance metrics such as response time, throughput, and latency into the fitness function.

Cultural Algorithm

A population-based optimisation method with cultural knowledge incorporated to direct the search for ideal solutions is called Cultural Algorithm (CA). Its two fundamental components are the belief space expressing cultural knowledge [14] [15] and the population of solutions.

Basic Concepts of Cultural Algorithm

- **Population:** Operating on a population of possible solutions to the optimisation problem, cultural algorithms are like other evolutionary algorithms. Every member of the population stands for a candidate solution, generally defined by a set of criteria.
- **Belief Space:** One important component special to Cultural Algorithms is the Belief Space. It provides a storehouse of cultural knowledge. This area provides details on effective strategies, past solutions, or heuristics directing the optimisation process. The Belief Space is changed and applied during the iterations of optimisation.
- **Assimilation:** Assimilation is the process by which individual performance in the population updates the Belief Space. Effective solutions or knowledge acquired during the optimisation process finds place in the Belief Space. This lets the method adapt to new situations and learn from prior events.
- **Knowledge Transfer:** Knowledge Transfer is the interaction between the Population and the Belief Space concerning information. Cultural algorithms guide the search process and try to provide useful knowledge from the Belief Space to people in the population, therefore impacting their behaviour. This knowledge transfer improves population diversity and adaptation.
- **Selection:** Selection is the process of selecting from the population people depending on their degree of fitness. Usually in Cultural Algorithms, the objective function reflecting the quality of a solution determines the fitness. Higher fitness values translate into more likely selection for reproduction.
- **Evolution:** Evolution is the genetic activities carried out on the chosen individuals that produce children, a new population. Among common evolutionary operators are crossover and mutation. Evolution probes the solution space and brings variety into the population.
- **Objective Function (Fitness):** The objective function, which measures how effectively a solution solves the optimisation issue, assesses the quality of that solution. This function defines an individual's degree of fitness and directs the choosing and development processes.





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- **Termination Criteria:** Termination criteria specify the circumstances in which the process of optimising pauses. This can cover various requirements particular to the optimisation problem, attaining a certain fitness value, or reaching a given number of iterations.
- **Adaptability:** Cultural algorithms dynamically change the Belief Space and integrate fresh knowledge, therefore displaying adaptability. This versatility lets the method react to changes in the terrain of optimisation.
- **Exploration and Exploitation:** Cultural Algorithms provide a special method of optimisation by including cultural information, therefore enabling the algorithm to profit from successful tactics found throughout time. The interaction of the population with the Belief Space helps to enable a more intelligent and flexible search for best answers.

Step by Step Procedure

Step 1: Initialization

- **Population Initialization:** Initialize a population of solutions, where each solution represents a potential allocation of cloud resources (e.g., virtual machines or containers). Each solution has a set of parameters defining the allocation strategy.
- **Belief Space Initialization:** Initialize the belief space, representing cultural knowledge. This can include historical successful solutions, heuristics, or any knowledge that guides the optimization process.

Step 2: Define Fitness Function

- **Objective Function (Fitness):** Define the fitness function ($f(X_i)$) that evaluates the quality of a resource allocation strategy. The goal is to optimize the allocation of resources based on criteria such as performance, cost, and resource utilization.

Step 3: Update Belief Space

- **Assimilation:** Periodically update the belief space with information from the population of solutions. This can involve incorporating the best solutions or adapting the belief space based on the success of certain strategies.

Step 4: Evaluate Fitness

- **Evaluate Fitness:** Evaluate the fitness of each solution in the population using the defined fitness function.

Step 5: Knowledge Transfer

Knowledge Transfer: Transfer knowledge between the belief space and the population. This can involve incorporating cultural knowledge into the solutions or updating the belief space with successful solutions.

Step 6: Selection and Evolution:

- **Selection:** Select solutions from the population based on their fitness values. Solutions with higher fitness are more likely to be selected.
- **Evolution:** Apply evolutionary operators (e.g., crossover and mutation) to create new solutions. This step introduces diversity into the population.

Step 7: Termination Criteria:

- **Termination Conditions:** Determine the termination criteria, such as a predefined number of iterations, reaching a satisfactory fitness value, or other criteria specific to cloud resource allocation.

Step 8: Repeat or Terminate:

- **Loop:** If the termination conditions are not met, repeat steps 3 to 7.
- **Termination:** If the termination conditions are met, the algorithm terminates, and the best solution found represents the optimized resource allocation strategy.

Key Components of CA

- **Belief Space:** The belief space (BS) is a repository of cultural knowledge, including successful solutions, heuristics, or patterns. It is updated periodically based on the performance of solutions in the population.





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- **Assimilation Equation:** The assimilation equation updates the belief space based on the success of solutions in the population.

$$BS(t + 1) = \text{Assimilation}(BS(t), \text{population}(t))$$
- **Knowledge Transfer:** The knowledge transfer involves updating the solutions in the population based on the cultural knowledge stored in the belief space.

$$\text{Population}(t + 1) = \text{KnowledgeTransfer}(\text{Population}(t), BS(t))$$
- **Selection and Evolution:** The selection process chooses solutions from the population based on their fitness, and the evolution process applies operators to create new solutions.

$$\text{SelectedSolutions} = \text{Selection}(\text{Population}(t)) \text{ offspring} = \text{Evolution}(\text{SelectedSolutions})$$

Proposed Optimization based Resource Allocation (ORA) Method

A hybrid optimisation model combining Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) and Cultural Algorithm (CA) for cloud resource allocation offers a strong method to address the complexity and dynamic character of cloud settings. This model combines PSO's global search capacity with CA's adaptive and knowledge-guided properties.

- **Initialization Phase:** The method starts with cloud initialising a population of possible resource allocation options. Every solution, seen as a particle, determines how virtual machines or containers are allocated. A belief space is also created and acts as a store for learnt cultural knowledge during the optimisation process.
- **PSO Phase:** Guiding by their personal best (pBest) and global best (gBest), particles move around the solution space during the PSO phase according to their velocities. PSO stresses exploration and exploitation to effectively hunt for best use of resources. Examining performance criteria and cost, the fitness function assesses the quality of every solution.
- **CA Phase: Assimilation and Knowledge Transfer:** Periodically using assimilation, the CA phase changes the belief space. The belief space incorporates data from the present population including effective methods of resource allocation. This assimilation process makes the algorithm more flexible and lets it learn from past performance. Knowledge transfer updates the population with information from the belief space. This entails leading the populace towards prior successful areas of the solution space. The incorporation of cultural knowledge is a useful means of improving the search engine performance.
- **Selection and Evolution:** Population members are chosen according on their fitness values; evolutionary operators like crossover and mutation are then used to produce fresh ideas. This stage brings variety into the population and investigates different approaches of resource distribution.
- **Termination and Results:** Until termination criteria—such as reaching a preset number of iterations or attaining a suitable fitness value—are satisfied, the algorithm runs these phases repeatedly. The best answer discovered strikes a compromise between cost and performance by means of an optimal resource allocation method in the clouds. Leveraging the complimentary qualities of both methods, this hybrid (PSO + CA) model for cloud resource allocation provides an adaptive and effective means of negotiating the complexity of cloud settings.

Step by Step Procedure

Especially for video streaming systems, the hybrid Particle Swarm Optimisation (PSO) + Cultural Algorithm (CA) model presents a strong method for effective resource allocation in cloud computing.

Step 1: Initialization

- Start a population of possible solutions, each reflecting a cloud-based resource allocation technique. Specify the allocation's characteristics and conditions, including job assignment, virtual machine count, and limited resource use.
- Create the repository of cultural knowledge—the belief space. Historical successful solutions, heuristics, or patterns guiding the optimisation process abound in this arena.

Step 2: PSO Iteration

- Analyse every particle: Determine its fitness value applying the specified function.
- • Update personal best: Examine the current fitness of every particle against its personal best. Update the personal best position should the present level of fitness be superior.
- • Update global best: Find the particle in the population with the best fitness value worldwide.





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- Calculate a fresh velocity vector for every particle depending on three components:
 - Term of inertia: Affects the particle's inclination to keep its current speed and direction.
 - Cognitive term: Motives the particle towards its personal optimum location.
 - Social term: pulls the particle towards the world best position.
- Update particle positions: Move every particle according to its revised speed to guarantee respect to resource limitations..

Step 3: CA Phase

- Update the belief space sometimes by assimilation. Include current demographic data into the belief space. This stage enables the algorithm to learn from effective answers and change with the times.
- Bring ideas from the belief space into the population. This entails arming the particles with cultural awareness to direct their quest..

Step 4: Selection and Evolution

- Sort members of the population according to their degree of fitness. Higher fit solutions are more likely to be selected for the following generation.
- Use evolutionary operators—such as crossover and mutation—to produce fresh ideas. This brings variety into the population and investigates different approaches of resource distribution.

Step 5: Termination

- Specify termination criteria, such a predefined iteration count or reaching a suitable fitness value.
- Should termination criteria fall short, go back to Steps 2 through 4. Proceed to the next stage otherwise.

Step 6: Results

- The algorithm terminates, and the best solution found represents an optimized resource allocation strategy in the cloud.

Step 1:Initialize a population of solutions: X_i , where $i = 1$ to N (N is the population size).

Step 2:Initialize the belief space: BeliefSpace.

Step 3:Set PSO parameters: w (inertia weight), C_1 and C_2 (acceleration coefficients), $\max\_iter$ (maximum iterations).

Step 4:For $iter = 1$ to $\max\_iter$:

For each particle i :

Update velocity and position using PSO equations 4.1, and equation 4.2

Evaluate fitness: $fitness_i = fitness(X_i)$

Update $pBest_i$ if $fitness_i$ is better than the previous $pBest_i$.

Update $gBest_i$ if $fitness_i$ is better than the previous $gBest$.

Step 5:Periodically update the belief space through assimilation:

Step 6:BeliefSpace($t+1$) = Assimilation(BeliefSpace(t), Population(t))

Step 7:Transfer knowledge from the belief space to the population:

Step 8:Population($t+1$) = KnowledgeTransfer(Population(t), BeliefSpace(t))

Step 9:Select individuals from the population based on their fitness values.

Step 10:Apply evolutionary operators (crossover, mutation) to create new solutions:

SelectedSolutions = Selection(Population)

Offspring = Evolution(SelectedSolutions)

Step 11:Set termination conditions (e.g., maximum iterations, satisfactory fitness).

Step 12:If termination conditions are not met, go to Step 2. Otherwise, proceed to the next step.

Step 13:The algorithm terminates, and the best solution found represents an optimized resource allocation strategy in the cloud.

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Simulation Parameters

Table 1 depicts the simulation parameters used in this contribution.



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The performance of the Proposed Optimized Resource Allocation (ORA) method with the existing Cultural Algorithm based Resource Allocation (CA-RA) in this chapter with various performance metrics like Average Execution time (in seconds), Utilization Rate (in %), average makes pan (in Seconds), and average response time (in Seconds). Table 2 depicts the average execution time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Figure 4.1 depicts the graphical representation of the average execution time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Table 2 and figure 1 presents the average execution times (in seconds) for the Proposed ORA method and the CA-RA method across varying file sizes. The results indicate the performance of both methods in handling different file sizes. As the file size increases, the Proposed ORA method consistently demonstrates faster execution times compared to the CA-RA method. For a file size of 150 MB, the Proposed ORA method exhibits an execution time of 28 seconds, significantly outperforming the CA-RA method, which takes 75 seconds. This trend continues across all file sizes, with the execution time gap widening as the file size grows. At a file size of 1050 MB, the Proposed ORA method achieves an execution time of 800 seconds, while the CA-RA method lags behind with a time of 900 seconds. These results suggest that the Proposed ORA method offers improved efficiency and speed in processing larger file sizes compared to the CA-RA method. Table 2 and figure 1 demonstrates that the Proposed ORA method consistently outperforms the CA-RA method in terms of average execution time across a range of file sizes, showcasing its effectiveness in handling varying workloads.

Table 3 depicts the Utilization Rate (in %) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Figure 2 depicts the graphical representation of the Utilization Rate (in %) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Table 3 and figure 2 displays the Utilization Rates (in %) for both the Proposed ORA method and the CA-RA method across different file sizes. The Utilization Rate provides insights into the efficiency of resource utilization by each method, with higher percentages indicating more effective use of available resources. As observed in the results, the Proposed ORA method consistently achieves higher Utilization Rates compared to the CA-RA method across all file sizes. At the smallest file size (150 MB), the Proposed ORA method demonstrates a Utilization Rate of 8%, while the CA-RA method lags behind at 11%. This trend continues as the file size increases. As the file size grows, the Utilization Rate gap widens between the two methods. At the largest file size (1050 MB), the Proposed ORA method reaches a Utilization Rate of 55%, surpassing the CA-RA method, which achieves 58%. These results suggest that the Proposed ORA method is more efficient in utilizing resources, leading to higher Utilization Rates compared to the CA-RA method. Table 3 and figure 2 indicates that the Proposed ORA method consistently outperforms the CA-RA method in terms of Utilization Rates across varying file sizes. The higher Utilization Rates for the Proposed ORA method suggests its ability to optimize resource usage, showcasing its efficiency in resource management. Table 4 depicts the Average Makespan (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Figure 3 depicts the graphical representation of the Average Makespan (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Table 4 and figure 3 presents the Average Makespan (in seconds) for both the Proposed ORA method and the CA-RA method across different file sizes. The Average Makespan is a key metric that represents the total time taken to complete a set of tasks or processes, and lower values indicate faster completion times. In this context, the data reveals that the Proposed ORA method consistently achieves lower Average Makespan values compared to the CA-RA method across various file sizes. At the smallest file size (150 MB), the Proposed ORA method demonstrates a Makespan of 45 seconds, while the CA-RA method has a longer Makespan of 67 seconds. This trend continues as the file size increases. As the file size grows, the gap in Average Makespan widens between the two methods. At the largest file size (1050 MB), the Proposed ORA method achieves a Makespan of 145 seconds, outperforming the CA-RA method, which has a Makespan of 341 seconds. These results indicate that the Proposed ORA method is more efficient in completing tasks within a shorter time frame compared to the CA-RA method. Table 4 and figure 3 suggests that the Proposed ORA method consistently exhibits a shorter Average Makespan across varying file sizes, highlighting its superior performance in task completion efficiency compared to the CA-RA method. This indicates the effectiveness of the Proposed ORA method in optimizing workflow and minimizing the time required to complete tasks. Table 5 depicts the Average response time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Figure 4 depicts the graphical representation of the Average response time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA for varying number of file size. Table 5 and figure 4 presents the Average Response Time (in seconds) for the Proposed





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ORA method and the CA-RA method across different file sizes. The Average Response Time reflects the time taken for a system or method to respond to a given input or request, and lower values indicate quicker response times. The data reveals that the Proposed ORA method consistently achieves lower Average Response Time values compared to the CA-RA method across various file sizes. At the smallest file size (150 MB), the Proposed ORA method demonstrates a response time of 30 seconds, while the CA-RA method has a longer response time of 68 seconds. This trend continues as the file size increases. As the file size grows, the gap in Average Response Time widens between the two methods. At the largest file size (1050 MB), the Proposed ORA method achieves a response time of 785 seconds, outperforming the CA-RA method, which has a response time of 900 seconds. These results indicate that the Proposed ORA method is more efficient in responding to inputs or requests within a shorter time frame compared to the CA-RA method. Table 5 and figure 4 suggests that the Proposed ORA method consistently exhibits shorter Average Response Times across varying file sizes, highlighting its superior performance in responsiveness compared to the CA-RA method. This indicates the effectiveness of the Proposed ORA method in efficiently handling and responding to tasks or inputs in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

In this section, the Optimization algorithms-based Resource Allocation in cloud for video streaming is proposed. Particle Swarm Optimization and Cultural Algorithm is hybridized to improve the resource allocation for video streaming. From the results obtained, the proposed ORA method performs better than the existing CA based RA method in terms of Average Execution time, Average Makespan, Average response time, and utilization rate.

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Table 1: Cloud simulator parameter for this work

Parameter	Value
Bandwidth	1000
Virtual Machine (VM) Count	10-210
Number of tasks	200-1400
Task Length	1000-15000
Host number	5
Virtual Machine Memory (GB)	512-2048
Host Memory (MB)	2048-10,240

Table 2: Average execution time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

File Size (in MB)	Average execution time (in seconds)	
	Proposed ORA method	CA-RA
150	28	75
300	96	145
450	165	200
600	250	375
750	400	575
900	605	795
1050	800	900





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Table 3: Utilization Rate (in %) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

File Size (in MB)	Utilization Rate (in %)	
	Proposed ORA method	CA-RA
150	8	11
300	10	20
450	21	25
600	31	35
750	40	42
900	48	52
1050	55	58

Table 4: Average Makespan (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

File Size (in MB)	Average Makespan (in seconds)	
	Proposed ORA method	CA-RA
150	45	67
300	55	78
450	75	100
600	100	150
750	105	211
900	115	289
1050	145	341

Table 5: Average response time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

File Size (in MB)	Average response time (in seconds)	
	Proposed ORA method	CA-RA
150	30	68
300	95	160
450	120	200
600	250	365
750	400	570
900	600	740
1050	785	900





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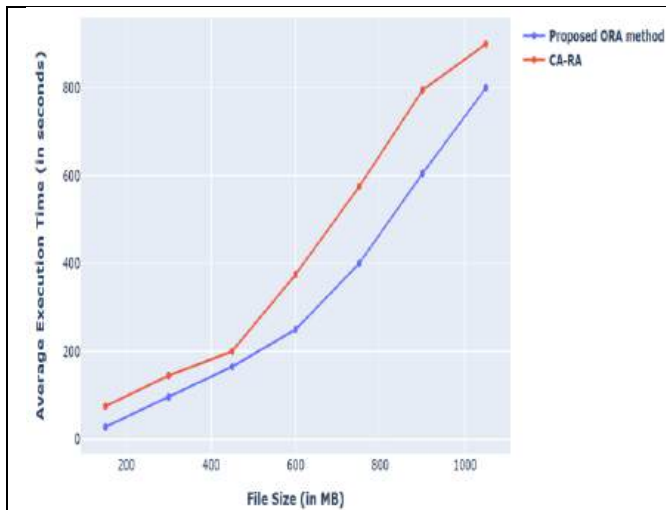


Figure 1: Graphical representation of the Average execution time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

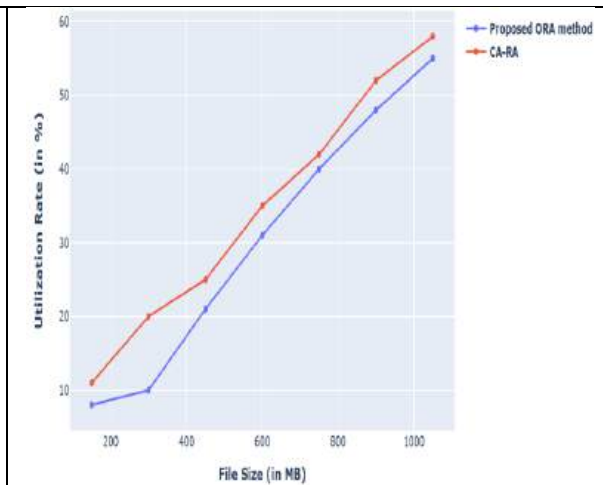


Figure 2: Graphical representation of the Utilization Rate (in %) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

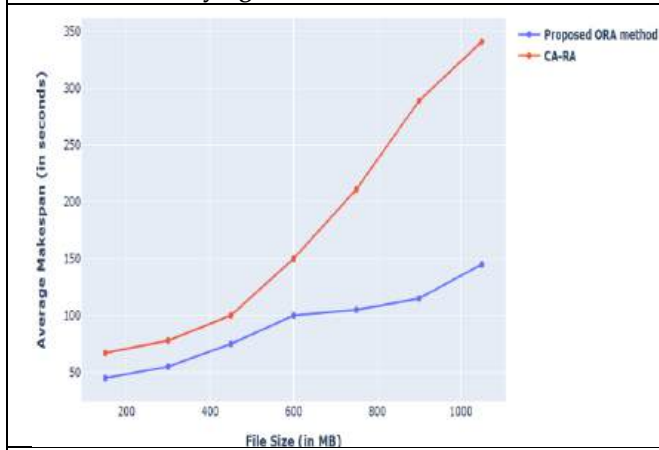


Figure 3: Graphical representation of the Average Makespan (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size

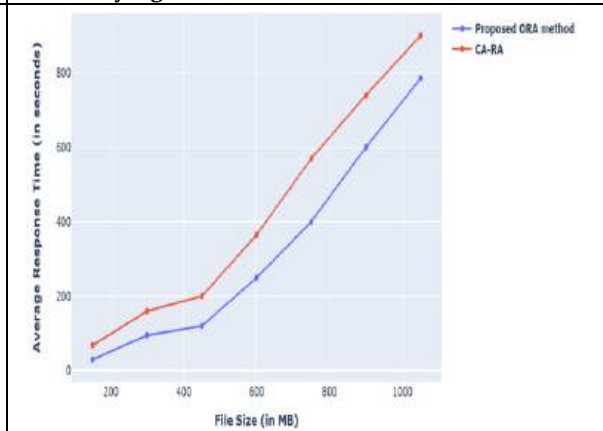


Figure 4: Graphical representation of the Average response time (in seconds) by the Proposed ORA method and CA with varying number of file size





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A Study on Rural Health Care for Women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District

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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the rural healthcare challenges faced by women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu, focusing on their access to and utilization of healthcare services. Despite India's economic growth, rural healthcare remains inadequate, with significant disparities between urban and rural areas. Women in Neigunam Village face barriers including limited access to healthcare facilities, a shortage of female healthcare professionals, and low health literacy. The study employs primary data from 50 women through structured interviews and secondary data from academic and official sources. Findings reveal that most women prefer government hospitals for common ailments due to cost and accessibility, whereas private hospitals are chosen for severe conditions like chest pain. Economic factors, including low income and financial constraints, significantly impact healthcare access and decisions. Many women avoid treatment due to the cost, lack of time, or minor nature of their ailments. Despite some positive outcomes from government initiatives, such as mobile health units and health camps, consistent and widespread efforts are needed. Recommendations include increasing healthcare infrastructure, recruiting female healthcare professionals, implementing health education programs, and providing financial assistance to improve healthcare access for rural women. This study aims to contribute to improving rural healthcare policies and interventions, ensuring better health outcomes for women in rural India.

Keywords: Rural Healthcare, Access to Healthcare, Health Barriers, Healthcare Utilization, Rural Health Disparities.





INTRODUCTION

Economic and social developments are interdependent. Historical studies have demonstrated that prioritizing economic growth while neglecting social progress leads to asymmetrical development and ultimately decelerates overall economic advancement. When economic sectors are prioritized and social sectors such as education and health receive insufficient attention, it results in economic prosperity coexisting with social impoverishment. This social impoverishment, particularly in education and health, can eclipse economic growth and ultimately degrade the quality of life. Therefore, a balanced strategy for resource allocation between economic and social sectors is imperative for a developing country like India. Healthcare, as a vital social infrastructure, is a fundamental right for everyone. However, many in India lack access to quality healthcare due to poor infrastructure, a shortage of qualified medical professionals, and limited availability of basic medicines and medical facilities. About 60 percent of India's population faces these challenges. The situation is particularly dire in rural areas, where around 700 million people live with inadequate medical facilities. Given these dismal facts, new practices and procedures are needed to ensure quality and timely healthcare reaches the underserved corners of Indian villages. Despite numerous government policies and programs, their success and effectiveness remain questionable due to implementation gaps. India has one of the highest numbers of maternal deaths, most of which occur in rural areas due to poor maternal healthcare. Even private sector healthcare is often limited to family planning and antenatal care, neglecting critical services like labour and delivery, where proper medical care can save lives in case of complications. In India, 92 percent of healthcare visits are to private providers, and 70 percent of these visits are by urban residents. However, private healthcare is expensive, often unregulated, and varies in quality. It is unreliable for the illiterate and unaffordable for low-income rural people. To control disease spread and reduce mortality rates due to inadequate health facilities, special attention must be given to rural healthcare. Rural residents often face barriers to healthcare that limit their ability to receive necessary care. To ensure they have sufficient healthcare access, appropriate services must be available and accessible in a timely manner. In addition to an adequate supply of healthcare services in the community, other factors play a significant role in healthcare access. For example, rural residents need financial means to pay for services, such as health insurance coverage accepted by providers. They also need means to reach and use services, such as transportation to distant services and the ability to take paid time off work. Moreover, they need confidence in their ability to communicate with healthcare providers, especially if they are not fluent in English or have poor health literacy.

This study explores barriers to healthcare access, including workforce shortages, health insurance status, distance and transportation issues, and poor health literacy. People in rural areas face different health issues compared to those living in towns and cities. Accessing healthcare can be challenging in remote areas. In emergencies, they may not reach hospitals quickly, and they might avoid traveling long distances for routine check-ups and screenings. Rural areas often have fewer doctors and dentists, and certain specialists may not be available at all. This study aims to understand rural healthcare for people in India, with a specific focus on women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu. The investigation included exploring the healthcare challenges faced by women in this village, analyzing the effectiveness of existing healthcare facilities, and identifying areas needing improvement to ensure better healthcare access for rural women. Through this study, we hope to provide insights into the current state of rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village and suggest actionable steps for policymakers and healthcare providers to improve the situation. In the past, women in Neigunam Village faced numerous healthcare challenges. These included limited access to healthcare facilities, a shortage of female healthcare professionals, and a lack of awareness about health issues. Many women had to travel long distances to reach healthcare centers, which often resulted in delayed treatment. Additionally, cultural and social barriers prevented women from seeking timely medical help. The study found that many women were reluctant to discuss their health problems openly, which further exacerbated their health issues. The study also highlighted the impact of economic factors on women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Many women belonged to low-income families and could not afford healthcare services. The lack of health insurance and financial resources forced them to rely on inadequate and unqualified local practitioners, leading to poor health outcomes. Furthermore, the study revealed that women's health literacy levels



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were low, contributing to a lack of understanding about preventive healthcare measures and the importance of regular health check-ups. Despite these challenges, there have been efforts to improve women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Government initiatives aimed at enhancing rural healthcare infrastructure and increasing awareness about women's health issues have shown some positive results. Mobile healthcare units and health camps have provided basic medical services to women in remote areas. However, the study found that these initiatives need to be more consistent and widespread to have a lasting impact. The study recommends several measures to improve women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Firstly, increasing the number of healthcare facilities and ensuring they are well-equipped with essential medical supplies is crucial. Secondly, recruiting and training more female healthcare professionals can help address cultural barriers and encourage women to seek medical help. Thirdly, implementing comprehensive health education programs can raise awareness about women's health issues and the importance of preventive care. Lastly, providing financial assistance and health insurance coverage to low-income families can make healthcare services more accessible and affordable for women in rural areas. Now, the study underscores the importance of addressing the healthcare challenges faced by women in Neigunam Village. By improving healthcare infrastructure, increasing awareness, and providing financial support, we can ensure that women in rural areas receive the quality healthcare they deserve. This study hopes to contribute to the ongoing efforts to improve rural healthcare in India and serve as a basis for future research and policy-making in this field.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Baru, R., Acharya, A., Acharya, S., Shiva Kumar, A. K., and Nagaraj, K. (2010) highlighted that despite India's notable economic growth post-1990s economic reforms, advancements in public health have been sluggish and disparate. Significant disparities in health and healthcare access remain and have even expanded across states, between rural and urban locales, and within communities. Three primary inequities plague India's health sector: historical inequities rooted in British colonial policies that persisted post-independence; socio-economic disparities evident in caste, class, and gender differences; and inequities in the availability, utilization, and affordability of healthcare services. Addressing these inequities in healthcare provision and ensuring quality care is paramount for achieving universal health coverage in the near future. Rao, M. G., and Choudhury, M. (2012) scrutinized the quantum and nature of public health expenditure in India. They examined how public spending impacts health infrastructure and the population's health status. Their analysis revealed that recent reforms aimed at increasing health expenditure through targeted transfers to states, highlighting the health expenditure needs at the state level. They discussed the fiscal space available for healthcare spending at the state level and the effects of central transfers on state health expenditures. They noted that India's healthcare system is marked by low public spending, poor quality services, and a heavy reliance on private providers, leading to high out-of-pocket (OOP) expenses and financial distress, especially among the poor. Wang, S. (2011) observed that while the rural health systems in China and India function relatively well, both exhibit significant flaws. In China, he suggested that instead of standardized premiums and reimbursements, varying amounts should be considered based on income levels, particularly for the extremely poor and wealthy. In India, he identified the financial challenge of the government's inability to fund extensive free healthcare services. He proposed that the Indian government should develop a financing mechanism that involves pooling risks and reimbursement for payments within the rural health system, rather than offering universal free healthcare services in rural areas.

Statement of the Problem

A significant portion of the population migrates from rural to urban areas in search of employment opportunities, medical treatment, and improved lifestyles. However, many individuals continue to reside in rural regions where environmental conditions are suboptimal, and various health issues persist. Women in these rural areas often bear a disproportionate burden, managing both household and external work responsibilities more extensively than men. This study seeks to investigate the healthcare and personal hygiene of women in rural settings, focusing on their unique challenges and needs. The research aims to shed light on the health disparities faced by rural women, who often lack access to essential medical services and hygienic living conditions. By understanding these issues, the





study endeavors to contribute to the development of targeted interventions that can improve the quality of life for rural women and promote equitable health outcomes.

Scope of the Study

This study represents a concerted effort to highlight the state of rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village, located in Tiruchirappalli District. As an independent investigation, it meticulously gathers relevant information based on the proposed objectives. The scope of the study encompasses an in-depth analysis of the economic, social, and living conditions of the village's residents, with a particular focus on women's health. By examining these aspects, the study aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the standard of living and the healthcare challenges faced by women in this rural community. The findings will not only illuminate the current state of rural women's health but also serve as a foundation for future research and policy-making, aiming to address the identified gaps and improve the overall well-being of rural women.

Research Objectives

- 1.To analyze the health status and health profile of Tamil Nadu state.
- 2.To examine the socio-economic conditions of women in the study area.
- 3.To assess the health conditions of women in Neigunam village of Tiruchirappalli district, Tamil Nadu.

Research Hypotheses

- 1.There is no significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospitals against government hospitals for different ailments.
- 2.There is no significant difference in the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment across different income groups.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this study integrates both primary and secondary data to provide a holistic view of the healthcare situation for women in Neigunam Village. In view of this research design, the study use primary data method and the data collected through a well-structured questionnaire module, administered via personal interviews. With regard to sampling design, the study using convenience sampling method and covered 50 women respondents from the village. This approach ensured that a diverse range of perspectives was captured, reflecting the real-life experiences of rural women. Further, the secondary data collected from various academic books, peer-reviewed journals, and official websites to complement and contextualize the primary findings. This mixed-methods approach allowed for a robust analysis of the data, ensuring that the study's conclusions are well-founded and comprehensive. By combining first-hand accounts with established literature, the research aims to present a nuanced understanding of the healthcare challenges and needs of women in rural Tamil Nadu, paving the way for effective interventions and policy recommendations. With regard to tools of analysis, the study used percentages; t-test and ANOVA model are applied.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In the current scenario, the development of social infrastructure is essential for the comprehensive advancement for an economy. In this context, rural health emerges as a critical metric for rural development. This chapter endeavours to examine the trends in health status and health profiles in Tamil Nadu and to evaluate the socio-economic conditions, living standards, and health conditions of 50 women respondents selected from Neigunam, a village in Tiruchirappalli District.



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Health services are crucial for understanding the mechanisms and provisions of healthcare delivery within the State, categorized into primary, secondary, and tertiary care systems. The Primary Healthcare System encompasses Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Health Sub-Centres (HSCs). The Secondary Healthcare System includes District Headquarters Hospitals, Taluk Hospitals, Women and Children Hospitals, Dispensaries, Mobile Medical Units, Police Hospitals, and Non-Taluk Hospitals. The Tertiary Healthcare System comprises multi-specialty hospitals. Besides governmental efforts, the private sector also contributes to healthcare services. However, in the absence of comprehensive data on private sector health services, this analysis focuses solely on evaluating the efficacy of the government healthcare system.

Primary Healthcare Services

Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Health Sub-Centres (HSCs) provide preventive, curative, and rehabilitative healthcare services to rural populations. The rural healthcare infrastructure has been enhanced and optimized under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to achieve the objective of universal health coverage. Over the past four years, the number of operational PHCs in the State increased from 1,539 in 2010-11 to 1,751 in 2013-14. All PHCs operate continuously on a 24x7 basis. The extensive network of 1,751 PHCs and 8,706 Health Sub-Centres is dedicated to delivering universal healthcare to the rural population through a mission-driven and holistic approach. Table 1 examines the key indicators for the Primary Healthcare System over three fiscal years, showing a slight increase in the total number of beds from 12,873 in 2019-20 to 12,979 in 2021-22. However, the bed-to-population ratio deteriorated from 1:3,924 to 1:3,970, indicating a reduced availability of beds relative to the growing population. In contrast, the number of doctors increased significantly from 4,386 to 4,864 during the same period, improving the doctor-to-population ratio from 1:11,518 to 1:10,596. Despite these improvements in medical staffing, overall bed availability has decreased. This situation underscores the broader issue that, despite extensive efforts by Central and State Governments, urban-rural health disparities remain largely unaddressed. Urban populations generally enjoy longer lifespans and healthier outcomes, except for HIV/AIDS, while significant health inequities continue to persist between urban and rural areas, despite past focus on equitable distribution in development planning. Table 2 compares vital rates between rural and urban India for 2021. Rural areas exhibit higher rates across all indicators: Crude Birth Rate is 23.7 compared to 18.0 in urban areas; Crude Death Rate is 7.7 versus 5.8; Infant Mortality Rate stands at 54.7, while urban areas report 33.7; and Under Five Mortality Rate is 66.0, compared to 38.0 in urban regions. Additionally, only 29.7% of deaths in rural areas involved medical attention before death, compared to 48.9% in urban areas. These figures highlight significant disparities in health outcomes and access to medical care between rural and urban areas.

Table 3 presents the occupational status of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. The majority of respondents, 66.0 percent, are engaged in daily wage labour, indicating a predominant reliance on informal and temporary employment. Weekly wage earners constitute 8.0 percent, while 20.0 percent are employed on a monthly wage basis. Only 6.0 percent of respondents hold salaried positions. This distribution reflects a heavy reliance on low-paying, insecure jobs among rural women, which likely impacts their access to consistent healthcare and overall well-being. The predominance of daily wage laborers suggests that financial instability may contribute to challenges in accessing quality healthcare services and maintaining health in Neigunam Village. Table 4 outlines the educational status of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. A minority, 6.0 percent, are illiterate, while 14.0 percent have completed primary school. The majority, 62.0 percent, have achieved secondary school education, indicating a significant level of basic education among the respondents. Another 14.0 percent have attained higher secondary education, and only 4.0 percent hold collegiate or diploma qualifications. This distribution highlights that while a substantial proportion of women have secondary education, higher levels of education are relatively rare. The educational background of these women likely influences their health literacy and access to healthcare resources, affecting their overall health outcomes and the effectiveness of rural health interventions. Table 5 details the income distribution of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. A substantial majority, 74.0 percent, earn between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000, reflecting low-income levels prevalent among the rural population. In contrast, 14.0 percent of respondents have incomes ranging from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000, while 8.0 percent earn between Rs. 11,000





and Rs. 15,000. Only 4.0 percent of respondents have incomes between Rs. 16,000 and Rs. 20,000. This income distribution underscores the financial constraints faced by the majority of women in the village, which may affect their ability to access healthcare services and impact their overall health and well-being. The limited higher income brackets suggest that economic hardships could be a significant barrier to improving health outcomes.

Table 6 compares the preference for private and government hospitals for health check-up by women in Neigunam Village for various ailments. For headaches, 76.0 percent of respondents preferred government hospitals over 24.0 percent who chose private hospitals. In cases of body pain and back pain, 68.0 percent and 60.0 percent respectively, opted for government hospitals, while 32.0 percent and 40.0 percent preferred private facilities. Chest pain saw a stark contrast, with 90.0 percent choosing private hospitals and only 10.0 percent selecting government hospitals. For stomach pain and diarrhea, government hospitals were favored by 84.0 percent and 54.0 percent, compared to 16.0 percent and 46.0 percent for private hospitals. Cough and cold treatments also showed a preference for government hospitals, with 82.0 percent and 66.0 percent respectively. Toothache treatment saw a majority, 70.0 percent, opting for private hospitals. This indicates a general preference for government hospitals for most common ailments, while private hospitals are preferred for more severe conditions like chest pain and toothache. Table 7 reveals reasons for refusing medical treatment among respondents. A significant 40.0 percent cited being too busy with work as the main reason, while 24.0 percent considered their ailments too minor for treatment. Cost of medical aid was a concern for 18.0 percent, and 10.0 percent feared losing wages. Only 8.0 percent felt knowledgeable about medications. Table 8 shows dissatisfaction with hospital services. In private hospitals, 38.0 percent of respondents expressed dissatisfaction, while 46.0 percent were dissatisfied with government hospitals. Conversely, 62.0 percent were satisfied with private hospital services, compared to 54.0 percent for government hospitals. This indicates a higher level of dissatisfaction with government hospitals despite overall satisfaction with both types of facilities.

Hypothesis:1

There is no significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospitals against government hospitals for different ailments. Table 9 presents the results of the t-test for hospital preference and satisfaction results based on occupation. The tests reveal significant differences for ailments such as headache, body pain, back pain, stomach pain, cough, and cold, with p-values below 0.05, indicating a statistically significant preference for one type of hospital over the other. However, chest pain, diarrhea, and toothache show p-values greater than 0.05, suggesting no significant preference. The results support the alternative hypothesis that there is a significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospital against government hospitals with satisfaction results based on occupation for most ailments in the study region.

Hypothesis2

“There is no significant difference in the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment across different income groups”. Table 10 presents the ANOVA results for reasons for refusing medical treatment across different income groups. The F-statistic of 3.54 with a p-value of 0.027 indicates a significant difference in refusal reasons among the income groups at the 5% significance level. This result suggests that income influences the reasons individuals choose not to seek medical treatment. Consequently, the null hypothesis, which states that there is no significant difference in refusal reasons across income groups, is rejected. Since to accept alternative hypothesis, i.e., “There is a significant difference in the reasons for refusing to seek medical treatment across different income groups”.

Major Findings

- ✓With regard to healthcare preferences and access issues, the preference for government hospitals over private hospitals is notable for most common ailments such as headaches, body pain, and coughs. However, for severe conditions like chest pain and toothaches, private hospitals are preferred. This indicates that while government hospitals are more accessible for routine issues, private hospitals are chosen for critical conditions due to perceived better care or facilities.
- ✓Regarding dissatisfaction with services, a significant proportion of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with both private (38%) and government hospitals (46%). Despite this, a majority of respondents (62%) were satisfied with



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private hospitals, compared to 54% for government hospitals. This suggests that while dissatisfaction exists, the quality of service in private hospitals is relatively better perceived.

- ✓ In the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment, the main reasons for not seeking medical treatment include being too busy with work (40%) and considering the ailments too minor (24%). Cost and fear of lost wages also contribute to treatment refusal, indicating financial constraints and work commitments as key barriers to accessing healthcare.
- ✓ With regard to income and healthcare access, a substantial portion of respondents (74%) has a low income between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000, reflecting significant financial constraints. This income level likely impacts their ability to afford healthcare services and highlights the economic barriers faced by rural women in accessing quality care.
- ✓ Among educational impact on health literacy, most respondents have achieved secondary education (62%), which influences their health literacy. However, higher levels of education are less common, suggesting that limited education may affect awareness and understanding of healthcare needs and preventive measures.

CONCLUSION

The study on rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, highlights several critical issues impacting women's health. Despite improvements in healthcare infrastructure, significant gaps remain in access and quality of care. Rural women face considerable barriers such as financial constraints, inadequate medical facilities, and educational limitations that affect their health literacy. While government hospitals are preferred for routine care, private hospitals are chosen for more severe health issues, indicating discrepancies in service quality and accessibility. The dissatisfaction with both types of hospitals points to the need for better healthcare delivery systems. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach involving increased funding, improved healthcare facilities, and targeted educational programs to enhance health literacy. These findings emphasize the urgent need for effective interventions to ensure equitable healthcare access and improve the overall well-being of rural women.

Policy Suggestions

1. To invest in expanding and upgrading healthcare facilities in rural areas, including the establishment of more well-equipped primary health centers and specialized care units. This will improve accessibility and quality of care for rural women.
2. To implement financial assistance programs and expand health insurance coverage for low-income families. This will reduce out-of-pocket expenses and make healthcare services more affordable and accessible for rural residents.
3. To develop and implement comprehensive health education programs focusing on preventive care, health literacy, and the importance of regular check-ups. Target these programs towards women to empower them with knowledge and encourage proactive health management.

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Table.1: Primary Healthcare System – Key Indicators

Item	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Bed	12873	12935	12979
Bed: Population Ratio	1:3924	1:3945	1:3970
Total Doctors	4386	4392	4864
Doctor: Population ratio	1:11518	1:11619	1:10596

Source: Directorate of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu

Table. 2: Comparison of Vital rates among urban and rural India

Vital Rates, 2021	Rural	Urban
Crude Birth Rate	23.7	18.0
Crude Death Rate	7.7	5.8
Infant Mortality Rate	54.7	33.7
Under Five Mortality Rate	66.0	38.0
Percent of deaths were medical attention received before death	29.7	48.9

Source: SRS Report

Table.3: Occupational status of the respondents

S. No	Occupational status	No. of respondents	Percentage
1.	Daily wages	33	66.0
2.	Weekly wages	4	8.0
3.	Monthly wages	10	20.0
4.	salaried class	3	6.0
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data

Table.4: Education Level of the respondents

S. No.	Education Level	Frequency	Percent
1	Illiterate	3	6
2	Primary School Level	7	14
3	Secondary School	31	62
4	Higher Secondary level	7	14
5	Collegiate / Diploma	2	4
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data

Table.5: Income Level of the respondents

S. No.	Income (Rs.)	Frequency	Percent
1	1000 – 5000	37	74
2	6000 – 10000	7	14



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3	11000 – 15000	4	8
4	16000 – 20000	2	4
Total		50	100

Source: Primary data

Table.6: Discussion on Ailments and Preference Hospitals

S. No	Health problem	Private Hospitals	Government Hospitals	Total
1	Head ache	12 (24)	38 (76)	50 (100)
2	Body pain	16 (32)	34 (68)	50 (100)
3	Back pain	20 (40)	30 (60)	50 (100)
4	Chest pain	45 (90)	5 (10)	50 (100)
5	Stomach pain	8 (16)	42 (84)	50 (100)
6	Diarrhea	23 (46)	27 (54)	50 (100)
7	Cough	9 (18)	41 (82)	50 (100)
8	Cold	17 (34)	33 (66)	50 (100)
9	Toothache	35 (70)	15 (30)	50 (100)

Source: Primary data

Table.7: Reasons for refusal to go for medical treatment

S. No	Reasons	No. of respondents	Percentage ¹
1	Medical aid is costly	9	18.0
2	These are minor ailments not serious enough for treatment	12	24.0
3	Busy with work so no time	20	40.0
4	Will miss a day's wage if go for treatment	5	10.0
5	Knows medicines	4	8.0
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data

Table.8: Dissatisfaction of the respondents over the services rendered by hospitals

S. No	Dissatisfaction	Private Hospitals	Government Hospitals
1	Yes	19 (38)	23 (46)
2	No	31 (62)	27 (54)
	Total	50 (100)	50 (100)

Source: Primary data





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Table.9: T – Test for Hospital Preference and Satisfaction Results based on Occupation

S. No	Health problem	t-test	P-value
1	Head ache	-7.16	0.000*
2	Body pain	-4.99	0.000*
3	Back pain	-3.29	0.044**
4	Chest pain	9.93	0.089
5	Stomach pain	-7.20	0.000*
6	Diarrhea	-1.28	0.192
7	Cough	-9.00	0.000*
8	Cold	-4.43	0.034**
9	Toothache	6.60	0.076

Source: Computed, *Significant @ 1% level, Significant @ 5% level

Table.10: Reasons for Refusal To Seek Medical Treatment Across Different Income Groups

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F-Statistic	p-Value
Between Groups	62.45	3	20.82	3.54	0.027**
Within Groups	287.55	46	6.26		
Total	350	49			

Source: Computed, **Significant @5% level





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Prediction of Epileptic Seizure in EEG based on CAM-3DCNN Model

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ABSTRACT

The symptoms of Epilepsy, a common nervous system illness, include a high incidence, sudden start, and recurrence. Therefore, early seizure prediction and intervention therapy can protect patients' lives and health by significantly reducing the risk of unintentional injury. To better use the temporal and spatial aspects of epileptic EEG signals, existing deep learning approaches often ignore their spatial properties. The temporal and spatial evolution leads to epileptic seizures. We propose a seizure prediction model for epilepsy based on CAM-3DCNN. First, we apply the Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) to preprocess the EEG signals. Second, the 3DCNN model extracted the pre and postictal stages' characteristics. Interictal signals that have been preprocessed. To evaluate the efficiency of the proposed technique, tests are conducted for each preictal length of 5, 10, and 15 min using the CHB-MIT scalp EEG dataset.

Keywords: Seizure Prediction; Electroencephalogram (EEG), Discrete Wavelet Transform (DWT), Dense Convolutional Network (DenseNet), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), Hybrid model.

INTRODUCTION

EPILEPSY is a chronic neurological disorder characterized by sudden, abnormal neuronal discharges that cause transient brain dysfunction due to the different origins and modes of transmission of the abnormal discharge. Epilepsy can present as paroxysmal movement, sensory, autonomic nerve, awareness, and mental abnormalities, among other intricate and varied clinical signs. Currently, epilepsy is the second most prevalent neurological condition after headaches. Data indicates that they are in the vicinity. Currently, 70 million people worldwide have



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epilepsy, and that number is increasing by about 2 million per year. About thirty per cent of people with intractable epilepsy do not receive the necessary care, even though over seventy per cent of epilepsy patients can control their seizures with regular antiepileptic medication, surgery, and nerve stimulation therapy. These people with epilepsy not only face serious challenges to their safety but also to their lifestyles and mental well-being. It is critical to determine the onset of epilepsy in order to treat patients with medication or nerve stimulation at that time to prevent injury. An EEG is a graph created from the scalp using advanced electronic equipment to record and increases the biological potential of the brain. Brain cell networks' regular and unrestricted electrical activity has been recorded using electrodes. EEG testing is accurate in diagnosing epilepsy because it can accurately record abnormal spikes, dispersed slow waves, or spikes during seizures. EEG can be broadly divided into two types based on the acquisition method: scalp EEG and intracranial EEG. The EEG signals of people with epilepsy are usually divided into four periods by medical professionals—the beginning to end of an epileptic episode, which usually lasts a few minutes or seconds. The preictal interval is the period several minutes before seizures start. The time between an epileptic patient's convulsions ending and their normalcy returning is known as the postictal phase. The period during which the patient's state remains unchanged between the late onset and the subsequent pre-seizure is known as the interictal interval. Studies show that epilepsy evolves from a normal state to the onset of the preictal period, a transitional time, but that it does not occur suddenly. To predict epilepsy, it is crucial to identify pre-seizures accurately. Table 1 represent the study related on EEG Signal frequency band and functioning of Human Brain [44].

As seen in Figure 1, the seizure prediction method typically comprises gathering data[1], preprocessing the EEG signal, extracting features, classifying the data, and assessing the outcomes. The preictal and interictal EEG signal characteristics are employed to classify epileptic seizure prediction. Early in the 1870s, Viglione et al. employed patients' EEGs to forecast epilepsy, which is when seizure prediction originated [1]. The physical-mathematical theory of nonlinear systems was introduced in the 1980s by Rogowski et al. [2] and Salant et al. [3], who proposed an autoregressive model to assess the parameter change information provided within 6 seconds before the onset. This is a novel approach to seizure prediction. The popularity of seizure prediction has increased recently due to the developments in deep learning and machine learning. Fei and colleagues employed the refined Lyapunov exponent approach to more effectively capture the fractional Fourier transform domain's delicate chaotic dynamics of epileptic signals. The model's accuracy is higher than the Traditional Lyapunov exponent technique [4]. After demonstrating that the successive decomposition index (SDI) increased dramatically during seizures, Raghu et al. developed a characteristic of the SDI that uses changes in the SDI prior to the commencement of seizures to predict the occurrence of seizures [5]. Bandarabadi et al. utilised the amplitude distribution feature selection approach. Features from the epileptic EEG sample were ranked according to their amplitude distribution histograms (ADHs), and the features with the biggest ADHs difference were chosen [6]. To choose the best feature set, Wang and Lyu suggested feature selection based on elimination and paired it with SVM [7]. Yuan and Wei proposed a Bayesian linear discriminant analysis (BLDA) algorithm used as a classifier to identify the sample features. BLDA utilizes the regularization technique instead of the traditional Fisher's linear method. To directly input epileptic EEG signals into the CNN model, Xu et al. proposed an end-to-end one-dimensional convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture [9]. Zhang et al. computed the Pearson correlation coefficient of the EEG signals to obtain the correlation matrix, which they then integrated into the CNN model for classification [10]. Ozcan and Erturk introduced a 3D CNN model that leverages the temporal and spatial correlations of EEG data [11]. To extract optimal spatial features from EEG signals, Abdelhameed and Bayoumi employed a deep convolutional auto-encoder, whereas a BiLSTM was utilised for classifying temporal information [12].

Shahbazi and Aghajan proposed a CNN-LSTM model for epileptic seizure prediction, which extracts the temporal and spatial properties of multichannel EEG signals [13]. Daoud and Bayoumi [14] offer a semi-supervised approach based on transfer learning techniques to enhance optimization issues and employ recurrent neural networks to predict seizures. Convolutional neural networks extract relevant spatial data from various scalp locations. This work aims to automatically extract the features of epileptic EEG using deep learning to forecast epileptic seizures reliably. In order to more effectively utilize the spatial and temporal properties of epileptic EEG recordings. We suggest a



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CNN model called CAM-3D to forecast seizures. First, we use STFT to preprocess the EEG signals. Second, the preprocessed signals' interictal and preictal stage properties were abstracted using the 3DCNN model. Thirdly, for classification, Bi-LSTM is linked to 3DCNN. In order to obtain the important information from the data and enable the model to extract interictal and pre-ictal features accurately, CAM is finally added to the model. This improves the model's learning capacity and resilience. Our suggested method produced a 0.010 h⁻¹ false alarm rate, 98.65 sensitivity, and 98.09% accuracy on 11 patients using the public CHB-MIT scalp EEG dataset.

Related Work

One of the most prevalent neurological conditions, epilepsy, is typified by abrupt brain malfunctions that result in seizures. Worldwide, epilepsy affects 50 million individuals [15]. Epilepsy seizures are typically detected and treated by EEG. The time between R-waves in the ECG (RRI) data acquired from patients was converted into HRV features and then monitored by Multivariate Statistical Process Control (MSPC) in a Heart-Rate Variability (HRV) based epileptic seizure technique [16] that predicts monitoring. The Common Average Reference (CAR) filter [17], Independent Component Analysis (ICA) [18], Sparse optimization [19], 10-fold cross-validation [20], and Butterworth (IIR) filter [21] were used for the preprocessing of the data. Techniques in mathematics and statistics, including cross-correlation, FFT, Butterworth bandpass filter, and HRV [22]. The sets of linear model coefficients constructed for every EEG channel comprise the features. These characteristics served as criteria for categorization. SVM [15], [23], CNN [24], LSTM [25], Multi-layer Perceptron (MLP) [26], K-nearest neighbour, and naïve bays [27] were the most often used classifiers in earlier research projects. SVM classifiers were employed in the majority of earlier research. Deep learning techniques were widely used as classifiers.

The ICA approach was used to preprocess the EEG signals, and the Fuzzy Multichannel EEG Classifier (FMCEC) was employed for feature extraction and classification [28]. Similarly, in [24], CNN identified normal, pre-ictal, and seizure classes based on preprocessing the data using Computer-Aided Design (CAD). The Amplitude and Frequency Modulated (AM-FM) model was utilized to extract the features from the EEG data. The frequency-dominant signal and frequency-dominant signal ident amplitude-dominantSeizure prediction have been the subject of extensive research in [15][24][25]. It is possible to forecast how different features will be combined to create the epileptic seizure feature vector. The EMD approach was used to preprocess the EEG data of brain activity, and the time-frequency domain was used to extract features. The SVM classifier was used to classify the retrieved features [27]. A great deal of information is extracted from the EEG signal through processing. The transformation employed in [24] can be utilized to achieve this. The wavelet transform was extensively employed in earlier studies. A technique using the DWT preprocessing method to assess the EEG and ECG data was proposed in [29]. K-nearest neighbour or Linear Bayes was used as the classifier, and Sequential Forward Selection (SFS) was used for feature selection [27]. It may be possible to forecast the epileptic seizure using the ECG signal. A Short-Time Fourier Transform (STFT) was employed in [30] to convert EEG data from Children's Hospital of Boston—Massachusetts Institute of Technology (CHB-MIT)—into a matrix format. The CNN received the STFT output and extracted features from the modified data. The employed classifier was a discrete Kalman filter. The prediction of epileptic seizures was provided by K of the n-filter. A phase space representation technique was employed in [31] to extract characteristics from EEG signals. The EMD approach preprocessed the EEG signal. The EEG signal's characteristics were retrieved using Propeller Shaft Rate (PSR). The classifier that uses EEG signals to predict an epileptic seizure is called LS-SVM. The experiment employed a dataset that was made available to the public.

Data Set

We used CHB-MIT scalp EEG dataset in our investigation. Every data sample was captured through the examination of epileptic patients at Bonn University's Department of Epileptology [32]. There are five segments in the data (A - E). There are 100 text lines in each section. Four thousand ninety-six samples of a single EEG time series encoded in ASCII code make up each text le. The identical 128-channel amplifier device recorded the EEG time series signals. Five sets (A, B, C, D, and E) of the EEG time series representation are illustrated in FIGURE-2 [32].



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The five recorded sets of signals are included in this dataset. The data was converted into a digital representation using an analog-to-digital converter (ADC). The data was subsequently recorded on the disc at a sampling frequency of 173.61 Hz. The filter used in the data collection process typically has a range of 0.53 to 40 Hz. Each of the 100 signal channels in sets A through E contained an EEG segment that lasted for 23.6 seconds. Five segments were extracted from the continuous multichannel EEG data following the visual evaluation of five pollutants, including muscle activity. Segments A and B of the EEG recording surface were eliminated. Data on healthy persons were included in both sections. Segment B featured a healthy volunteer's closed eye, while segment A featured the volunteer's open eyes. The remaining three segments (C, D, and E) were associated with the seizure condition of the brain activity. Five patients with epileptic seizures were selected for the group [32]. Sets C and D contained only the seizure-free brain activity interval. Only the ictal activity was present in some areas of the E section, where the seizure activity was located.

METHODOLOGY

The evolution of the EEG signal is correlated with time and place. Typically, the CNN model—the 2DCNN model—that is employed in the epilepsy prediction method overlooks the temporal characteristics of EEG signals in favor of obtaining spatial features. This model has several advantages. The epileptic EEG signal has a distinct correlation between temporal and spatial dimensions, as it varies over time. The CNN model used in the epilepsy prediction method is frequently the 2DCNN model, which has some advantages in extracting spatial properties but ignores the temporal components of EEG signals. The LSTM model is more appropriate for timing information. The temporal and spatial correlation of epileptic EEG signals is not efficiently utilized by either model. The collected data is initially preprocessed and annotated. The processed data set is then extracted by the 3D CNN model, and CAM is added to the model to improve its resilience and learning ability. Lastly, BiLSTM was used to classify the interictal and preictal phases.

Preprocessing

Identifying ES activity in the brain predominantly entails the analysis of EEG recordings. An EEG recording is a crucial clinical instrument for distinguishing ES from non-ES. The characteristics of EEG signals recorded prior to and during an epileptic seizure can differentiate between the pre- and post-seizure stages of the event [41].

- (a) (a) Pre-ictal State: This transpires within a defined interval preceding the commencement of a seizure and is not observed during other phases. It may not always be apparent externally. It will, however, forecast seizures within a specific range of values and will indicate alterations in the underlying signals. Pre-ictal states must be promptly identified within a warning system to minimise the duration of false alarms, hence enhancing their therapeutic utility [42].
- (b) Pro-Ictal State: This condition increases the likelihood of seizures, although it does not ensure them.
- (c) Ictal and Interictal States: An alteration in EEG signals during a seizure is known as the ictal state, while the interval between two seizure onsets is known as the interictal state. The cortical area, seizure duration, and number of epileptogenic neurons can all vary in the same individual.
- (d) Post-Ictal State: This is the condition that follows a seizure.

The wave pattern might contain important insights about brain activity. Skilled neurologists can visually observe the EEG signals to identify abnormalities. However, because of the high temporal and spatial characteristics of the dynamic non-linear EEG data, this approach takes a long time and is prone to inaccurate identification. Consequently, automated methods, the extraction and analysis of EEG signal parameters, might be quite helpful in the diagnostic process [43].



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We used a publicly accessible scalp EEG dataset with 24 participants. The signals were recorded using 23 electrodes and were digitalized at 256 Hz. First, these signals are transformed into mat files by use of the "edf-read" function. EEG signals are subjected to a Butterworth bandpass filter [44] in order to eliminate baseline noise [44] and power line [44]. Following the reduction of noise, the signals are converted from the time domain to the frequency domain and the signal to noise ratio is further increased by applying the Short Time Fourier Transform (STFT) [8] by choosing a non-overlapping window of 30 seconds.

Feature Extraction

Features are derived from EEG signals after preprocessing in order to categorize various seizure states. There are two approaches for extracting features: one is by hand, and the other is automatically through the use of deep learning techniques. Handcrafted features are multivariate features [61] and univariate features [60] in the frequency and temporal domains. Temporal aspects encompass the Lyapunov exponent, principal component analysis (PCA), Hjorth parameters, entropy, estimated entropy, skewness, kurtosis, and statistical moments such as mean and variance. Power spectral density and spectral moments exemplify spectral properties. Recent research have employed handcrafted features, including zero-crossing intervals, bags of waves, spectral features in the frequency domain, common spatial pattern filtering, and phase-locking values, in various seizure prediction algorithms.

a) Time domain methods: The temporal functions of EEG recordings exhibit non-linearity and non-stationarity. A time-domain technique called linear prediction computes the result based on the input and previous outcomes. Unsupervised time-domain techniques that are frequently used to summarize EEG data include principal component analysis (PCA), linear discriminant analysis (LDA), and independent component analysis (ICA). Whereas ICA breaks down high-dimensional data into linear statistically independent components, PCA converts high-dimensional data—or, in the case of high-dimensional feature vectors associated with epilepsy, high-dimensional data—to low-dimensional data. The most popular application of ICA in EEG data processing is artifact removal. On the other hand, LDA finds linear combinations of feature vectors to minimize the size of feature sets.

b) Frequency domain methods: The abrupt shift in EEG signal frequency that occurs during an epileptic seizure can be measured using frequency-domain techniques, such as the Fourier transform (FT). FT can be used to estimate the power spectrum using parametric or non-parametric approaches. The widely used periodogram approach is modified to create the non-parametric Welch method, which is typically used to estimate PSD. However, spectral leakage is a drawback that can be addressed by using parametric techniques. Better frequency resolution is achieved with parametric approaches, which treat the EEG signal as a stationary random process. Commonly used parametric techniques include moving average (MA), auto-regression (AR), and auto-regressive moving average (ARMA).

c) Time-frequency domain approaches: While the frequency-domain and time-domain methods discussed above can provide information about a specific time moment, they are limited in their ability to provide the precise frequencies involved at that instant. Wavelet transform (WT), a time-frequency based analytic method, is frequently used to create multi-resolution deconstructed sub-band signals by running the EEG signal through filter banks in order to get over these restrictions.

d) Non-linear techniques: To find the coupling between harmonics in a signal's spectrum, non-linear analytic techniques are used. Widely used non-linear parameters for EEG analysis include higher order spectra (HOS), several measures of entropy (e.g., approximate entropy (ApEn), Kolmogorov entropy, sample entropy (SampEn), Hurst exponent (H), and largest Lyapunov exponent (LLE). LLE and entropy are frequently employed as characteristics for categorizing epilepsy. Entropy evaluates the uncertainty or unpredictability in the patterns of the data and offers hints about information that may be stored in the probability distribution of a signal. Data patterns exhibiting a greater entropy value are more stochastic. LLE gives information on the system's reliance on starting conditions [45].





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Proposed Method

This section presents the suggested CAM-3DCNN model for epileptic seizure prediction. The raw EEG signal data requires preprocessing prior to the implementation of CAM-3DCNN and LSTM models. The CAM-3DCNN model is subsequently built and utilised to detect epileptic seizures.

CAM-3D CNN Model

A feed forward neural network characterised by a deep architecture and convolutional processing is termed a convolutional neural network [33]. This is a fundamental deep-learning technique with extensive applications in image classification, speech recognition, machine vision, and various other fields. A CNN, or "translation invariant artificial neural network," can illustrate learning by utilising the hierarchical structure of input data [34]. The primary components of a CNN are the convolutional layer, pooling layer, and fully connected layer. Typically, features are extracted from the input data, and the feature map is created using the convolution layer. The feature is then down-sampled using the pooling layer to reduce the computational complexity and minimize its dimension. Finally, the output data from the preceding layer is applied to the linked layer to create a one-dimensional feature vector [35]. It is crucial to make better use of the temporal and spatial characteristics of epileptic EEG signals since the chronological and spatial progression of an epileptic seizure precedes its occurrence. We propose a CAM-CNN model for feature extraction. The model consists of one fully connected layer, three max pooling layers, and three convolutional layers. In the first convolution stack, the pooling layer size is approximately $1 * 2 * 2$, and the convolution kernel size is approximately $22 * 3 * 3$. In the last two convolution stacks, the sizes of the pooling layer and convolution layer are $1 * 1 * 1$. All convolutional layers use the RELU activation function, and batch normalization is applied to increase the model's capacity for generalization, decrease overfitting, and expedite training.

Training and Testing Methods

We evaluated each patient's response to our suggested model using the leave-one-out cross-validation method [36] to prevent over-fitting and preserve model robustness. Put another way, we use the remaining $N - 1$ seizures to train the model after selecting one seizure ($N - 1$) from a patient's total number of seizures ($N - 1$). Thus, N times will pass before this operation is finished. Twenty-five percent of the pre- and interictal sample data were randomly selected for the test set of this study, while the remaining seventy-five percent constituted the training set. We select more iteration to increase training accuracy; nevertheless, this might quickly result in over-fitting. In order to overcome this problem, we use the early-stop strategy, which ends training as soon as the validation set accuracy reaches 98.6% or the validation set loss function begins to increase.

RESULTS

The Google Colab environment was used for all performance tests, taking advantage of its GPU support for effective model testing and training. When processing large-scale EEG datasets like CHB-MIT, Google Colab's cloud-based computational infrastructure makes it easier to conduct scalable and repeatable studies. This study also included three metrics as the assessment indices of the epileptic seizure prediction model: accuracy, sensitivity, and false prediction rate (FPR). Researchers are particularly interested in two important evaluation markers: sensitivity and FPR. Sensitivity is the prediction model's ability to identify the EEG's pre-epileptic phase accurately. Moreover, FPR gauges the number of inaccurate forecasts the model generates every hour [37]. This is how it is expressed mathematically.

Accuracy =	TP + TN
	TP + TN + FP + FN

The percentage of correctly predicted instances over all instances is used to calculate accuracy. The accuracy of the current CNN[38], 3DCNN[39], 3DCNN BiGRU[40], 3DCNN BiLSTM[40], and CBAM 3DCNN[40] is compared to





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that of our suggested CAM 3DCNN approach, which is 98.09%. The results are 81.2%, 80.5%, 93.21%, 94.86%, and 97.95%. It proves that the classification provided by our proposed method is accurate.

Sensitivity	=	TP
		TP+FN

A classifier's sensitivity can be defined as the ratio of correctly identified positive data to real positive data. Accuracy comparisons show that our suggested CAM 3DCNN approach achieves 98.65%, while that of the current CNN[38], 3DCNN[39], 3DCNN BiGRU[40], 3DCNN BiLSTM [40], and CBAM 3DCNN[40] are 75%, 85.7%, 90.11%, 91.87%, and 98.40%.

FPR	=	FP
		Time

The false positive rate (FPR) measures the proportion of positive instances that the model erroneously classifies as positive. The accuracy of the current CNN[38], 3DCNN[39], 3DCNN BiGRU[40], 3DCNN BiLSTM [40], and CBAM 3DCNN[40] is compared to that of our suggested CAM 3DCNN technique, which is 0.010%.

Where,

- True positive (TP) is the number of correctly predicted ES.
- False Negative (FN) refers to the quantity of events that are erroneously classified as non-seizures.
- True negative (TN) is the number of correctly predicted no-seizure.
- False Negative (FP) is the number of non-ES that are incorrectly predicted as seizures.

The CHB-MIT dataset shows that the suggested model performs on average with 98.09 per cent accuracy, 98.65 per cent sensitivity, and 0.010 h⁻¹ FPR. The model integrating 3DCNN surpasses the model that incorporates 3DCNN with BiGRU for accuracy, sensitivity, and false positive rate (FPR). We utilise the CAM-3DCNN model to predict seizures. We also add CAM into 3DCNN at the same time. Table 2 shows that the CAM-3DCNN model outperforms the other models' performance. Figures 6 show the accuracy and loss curves that were produced using the recommended proposed models. Figures 7 show the accuracy versus loss graphs for each upgraded model. In this case, the x-axes show the number of epochs, and the y-axes accuracy/loss. The graphs above show how the models are trained and validated. The best results are produced by the proposed model. The confusion matrix that was created for the suggested model is shown in Figure 8. One of the main factors assisting in controlling the seizure outbreak is the conspicuous absence of FN relative to FP.

CONCLUSION

A CAM-3DCNN model for seizure prediction was proposed in this work. The STFT technique converts EEG impulses into three-dimensional feature vectors. Utilizing 3DCNN, features are extracted based on time, frequency, and channel data. CAM is incorporated into the model to filter essential node information, mitigate feature redundancy, and augment the model's learning capacity and robustness. This approach achieves 0.010 h⁻¹ FPR, 98.65 % sensitivity, and 98.09 % accuracy. The experimental results demonstrate that the suggested method has a low mistake prediction rate, high accuracy, and sensitivity compared to earlier research. This study's epileptic seizure prediction system outperforms alternative approaches. Future work must test more participants in diverse age groups, clinical situations, and illness characteristics due to the patient-specific nature of epileptic EEG data. Only then can we be sure that the procedure can be pushed. In addition, by using current technology, epilepsy sufferers' lives and health are protected, the possible risk to them is decreased, and their forecast accuracy is continuously improved.





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Table 1: EEG Frequency Band and related study of Human Brain functioning [44].

Frequency Bands	Frequency Range (Hz)	Relation to human behavior
Delta	1-4	Mostly observed in newborns and in deep sleep periods in healthy adults
Theta	4-8	Adults who are awake and have high theta rhyme values have aberrant cognitive activity.
Alpha	8-12	Usually present in posterior region of the brain and in normal relaxed adults
Beta	12-26	Existent in the frontal lobe of the brain and in conscious, fearful individuals
Gamma	26-1000	Mostly present in those who are anxious, joyful, or conscious

Table 2: The Comparison results of the CAM 3DCNN model with other model.

Model	Accuracy (%)	Sensitivity (%)	FPR (%)
CNN[38]	81.2	75	0.16
3DCNN[39]	80.5	85.7	0.096
3DCNN BIGRU[40]	93.21	90.11	0.09
3DCNN BiLSTM[40]	94.86	91.87	0.06
CBAM 3DCNN[40]	97.95	98.40	0.017
CAM 3DCNN	98.09	98.65	0.010



Figure 1. Seizure Prediction Process

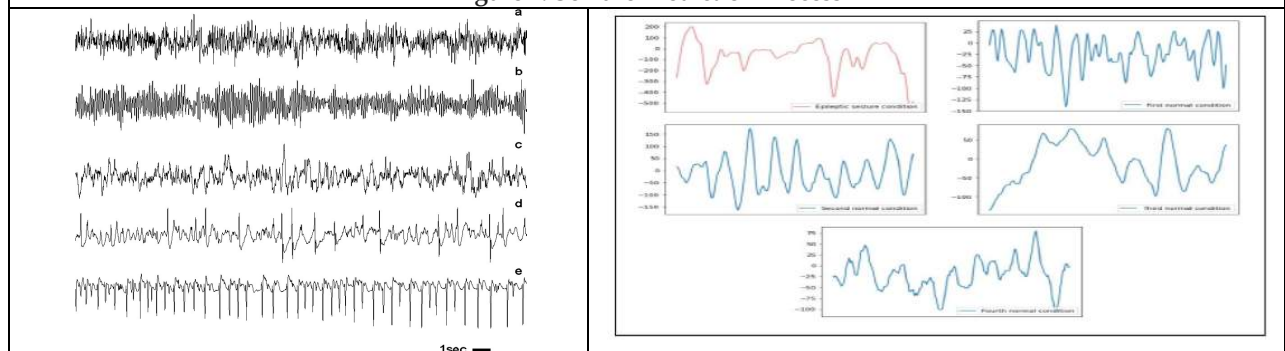


Figure 2. EEG Time Series Representation for Five Sets (A, B, C, D, E) [32].

Figure 3. The Raw EEG Signal Waveform of Epileptic seizure condition and four normal conditions[41].





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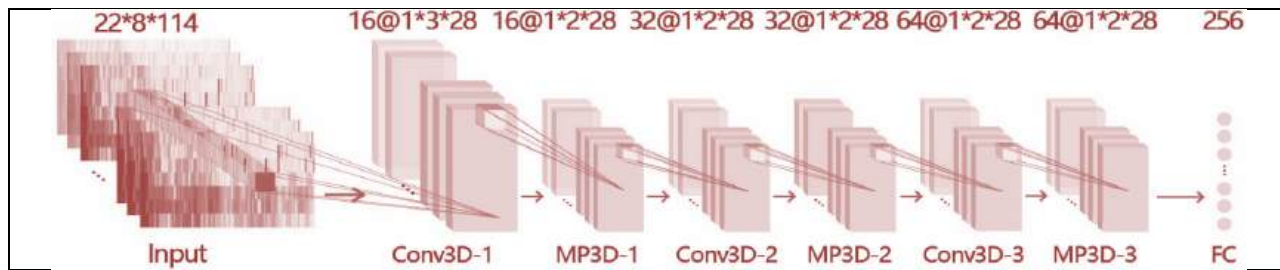


Figure 4. 3D-CNN Model [33].

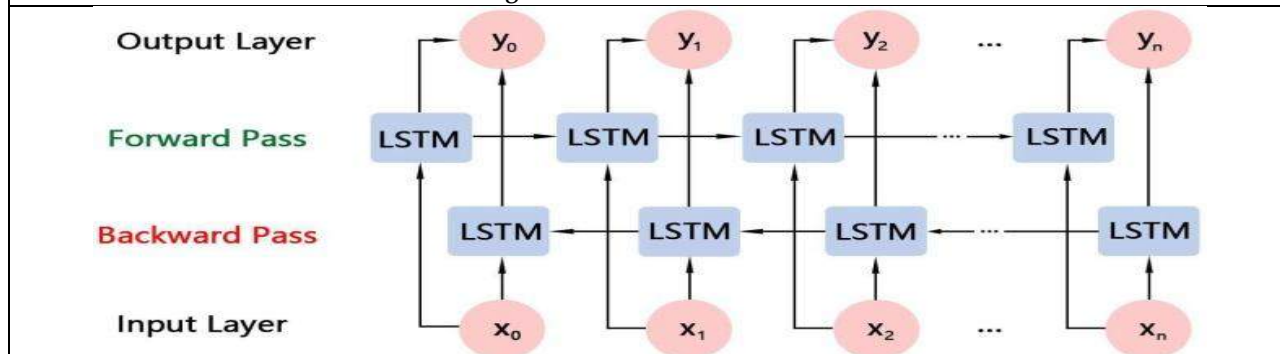


Figure 5. Bidirectional Long short term Memory Model [34].

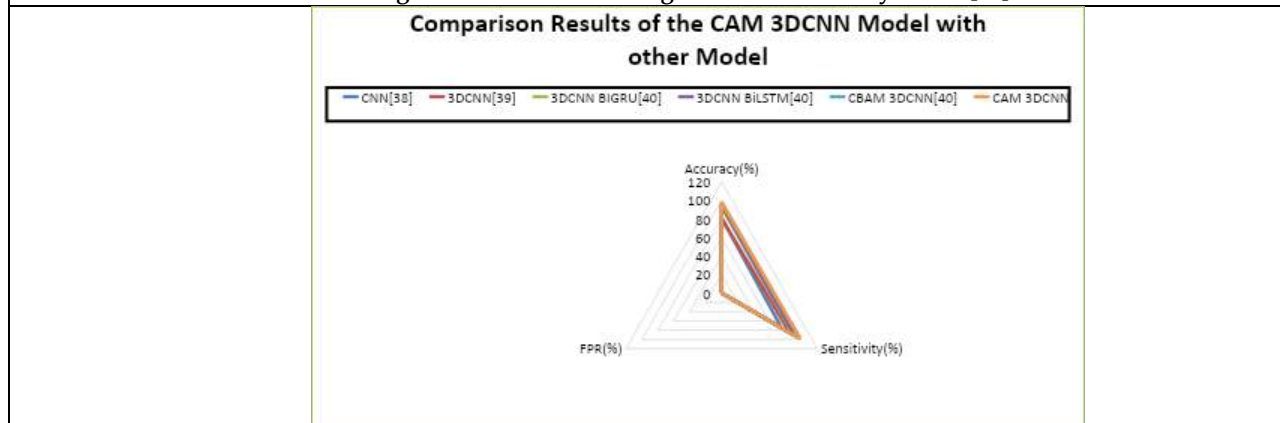


Figure 6: Comparison results of Accuracy, FPR AND Sensitivity.

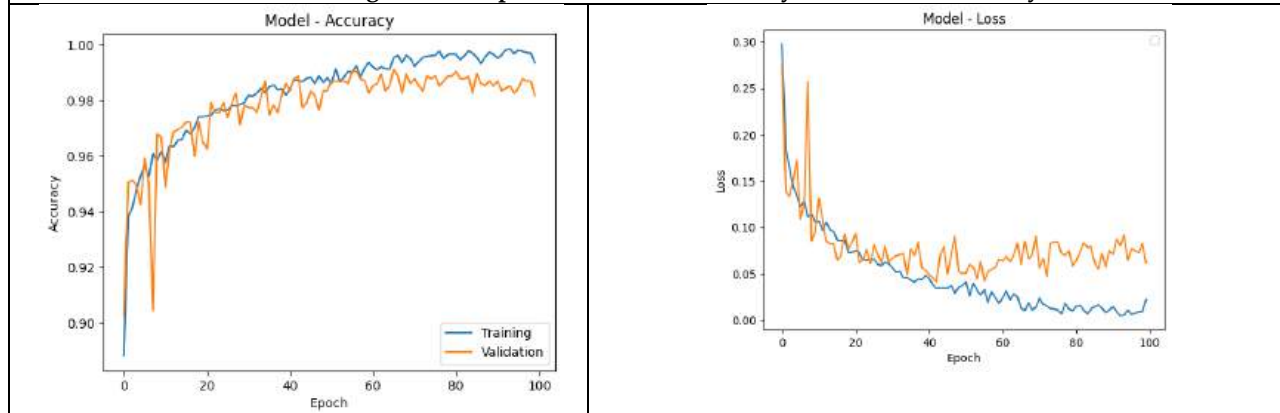


Figure 7: Accuracy and Loss for each test cases of EEG signal classification for epilepsy prediction





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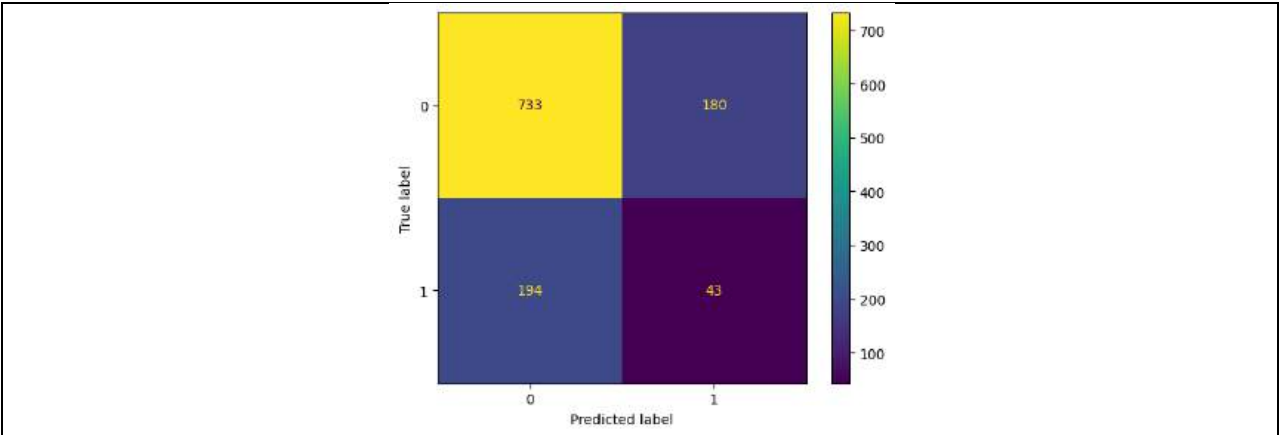


Figure 8: Confusion Matrix for the Proposed Model.





A Metaheuristic Privacy Preserved Personalized Recommendation using A Self-Attention Based GCN (SAGCN) with Optimized RBN Model

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ABSTRACT

The personalized workout recommendations are created by the privacy-preserving personalized fitness recommender system while user privacy is protected by advanced security methods. However, difficulties still exist in achieving a balance between data personalization and privacy protection, as well as in improving algorithm efficiency for precise recommendations. This paper presents a novel hybrid model, combining a Self-Attention based Graph Convolutional Network (SAGCN) with an Optimized Radial Basis Network (ORBN). Data preprocessing is a foundational step in our approach, refining raw fitness data collected from wearable IoT devices. Crucially, user privacy is prioritized through RSA-based data encryption and the innovative Competitive Championship Algorithm (CCA) -Based Private Key Selection algorithm, guaranteeing secure cloud storage and seamless decryption using the appropriate private key (PK). Feature extraction is pivotal, achieved via SAGCN, facilitating the extraction of essential features from the preprocessed data. Feature selection and personalization optimize system efficiency by reducing feature space dimensionality. The CCA aware Information Gain technique identifies pertinent features for each recommendation type, enhancing personalized fitness guidance. Personalization is at the core of our system, with the Optimized Radial Distribution Function (ORDF) model predicting personalized exercise distances, speed sequences, and heart rate recommendations based on learned features. CCA is used to fine-tune the Optimized Radial Basis Network (O-RBN) weights, effectively addressing accuracy, novelty, and diversity objectives. The proposed model is implemented using Python.

Keywords: Privacy Preserving; SAGCN; CCA; ORDF; ORBN; Information Gain.





INTRODUCTION

In today's digital age, personalized recommendation systems have become integral to various aspects of our lives, from suggesting movies to watch on streaming platforms to tailoring news articles to our interests. Beyond the province of entertainment and information, the power of recommendation systems extends into more specialized domains, including health and fitness [1]. The application of personalized recommendation systems is explored to predict routes and heart rates, a fusion of technology and fitness that holds immense potential for enhancing our well-being [2]. Physical fitness and outdoor activities have gained renewed importance in contemporary society, as individuals seek to maintain a healthy lifestyle while escaping the confines of sedentary routines [3,4]. Whether it's running, cycling, or hiking, these activities not only provide opportunities for physical exercise but also serve as mental rejuvenation, allowing individuals to connect with nature and relieve stress [5,6]. As technology continues to advance, the integration of smart wearables, GPS-enabled devices, and heart rate monitors has brought about a revolution in how approaching fitness [7,8]. One of the key challenges faced by fitness enthusiasts, whether novice or seasoned, is deciding on the most suitable routes for their workouts and optimizing their exercise intensity to achieve their health and fitness goals [9,10]. Here is where personalized recommendation systems step in, leveraging data analytics and machine learning to provide tailored suggestions for both routes and heart rate targets [11]. The concept of personalized route recommendation involves taking into account an individual's fitness level, preferences, and objectives [12]. By analyzing past workout data and considering factors such as terrain, elevation, and distance, these systems can suggest routes that align with the user's goals. Whether someone is aiming for a leisurely jog in a nearby park or a challenging mountain bike trail, the recommendation system can guide them towards an ideal path [13]. Fitness recommendation exercises using deep learning represent an innovative approach to personalized fitness guidance. Deep learning, a subset of machine learning, leverages artificial neural networks to process complex data and make predictions [14,15]. When applied to fitness recommendations, deep learning algorithms can analyze a wide range of user-specific data to offer tailored exercise plans and routines.

The motivation behind this work stems from the growing demand for personalized fitness recommendations and importance of user privacy in the field of wearable IoT devices and fitness tracking. Traditional fitness recommendation systems often rely on collecting and processing users' sensitive biometric and identity information, which raises significant privacy concerns. To address this challenge, the proposed methodology introduces a privacy-aware personalized fitness recommender system that utilizes advanced techniques. The primary motivation is to provide users with highly tailored exercise recommendations without compromising their privacy. The use of deep learning, specifically SAGC-NN, enables the system to learn user and workout route embeddings from real workout data while preserving user anonymity. The hybrid optimization model incorporating quantum-inspired CCA, aims to fine-tune recommendation parameters while optimizing multiple objectives like accuracy, novelty, and diversity. In summary, the motivation for this work is twofold: to deliver highly accurate and personalized fitness recommendations and to safeguard user privacy by eliminating the need for sensitive data collection. It addresses a critical need in the fitness recommendation domain by striking a balance between personalization and privacy, ultimately enhancing user satisfaction and trust in fitness recommendation systems.

The primary contribution of this research work is:

- ✓ To enhance the quality of the fitness dataset collected from wearable IoT devices, this study employs data pre-processing. It commences with noise removal to eliminate unwanted signals. Standardization follows, ensuring uniform feature scaling. Normalization aligns data ranges, facilitating accurate analysis and equitable comparisons.
- ✓ To prioritize user privacy, a robust RSA-based Data Encryption method is employed, coupled with a novel hybrid metaheuristic algorithm known as CCA Based Private Key Selection. This ensures that user data remains encrypted and secure when stored in the cloud, with the ability to be decrypted only using the appropriate private key (PK). CCA is the combination of Soccer League Competition (SLC) Algorithm and the League Championship Algorithm (LCA).



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- ✓To capture relevant patterns in the pre-processed data, features are extracted using a SAGCN, contributing to improved recommendation accuracy.
- ✓To optimize the recommendation process and reduce dimensionality, a feature selection technique based on metaheuristic-aware Information Gain is applied, identifying crucial features tailored to each recommendation type.
- ✓To provide personalized fitness recommendations, an ORDF model is developed. This model predicts personalized exercise distance recommendations, personalized speed sequence recommendations, and personalized heart rate sequence recommendations based on learned features, minimizing the need for explicit user identity or biometric information.
- ✓To ensure efficient optimization of the recommendation model, the weights of the O-RBN are fine-tuned using a hybrid optimization model, CCA.

The following is the arrangement of the remaining sections: The research and literature reviews that are relevant to the topic are covered in Section 2. The suggested framework is talked about in Section 3. Section 5 concludes this study, while Section 4 describes the outcomes that were recorded.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Arunkumar and Bhaskar [16] introduced a novel algorithm to improve heart rate estimation from wearable devices using photoplethysmography (PPG). It combines recursive least square, normalized least mean square, and least mean square adaptive filters to reduce motion artifacts in PPG signals. The filtered signals are then processed using the softmax activation function, Fast Fourier Transform, and phase vocoder to enhance heart rate accuracy. The method achieves a low error rate of 1.86 beats per minute when tested on 22 datasets, outperforming existing techniques. Smyth *et al.* [17] investigated the potential of using recommender systems and machine learning to aid people in their marathon training. It highlights the abundance of real-time activity data made available by wearable sensors, smartwatches, and fitness applications. The study provides examples of how such data might be used to improve training, competition, and recovery for marathon runners, regardless of whether their goals are to finish the race or set personal best times. With regard to issues with motion artefact compensation, Reiss *et al.* [18] concentrated on continuous heart rate monitoring using PPG. It adds a sizable dataset (PPG-DaLiA) gathered under real-world circumstances, improves a cutting-edge algorithm, and applies deep learning methods. To estimate heart rate, the deep learning method uses the time-frequency spectra of synchronized PPG and accelerometer signals. The efficiency of the deep learning approach in this field has been shown through comparative evaluations on four open datasets. Temko [19] discussed the difficult challenge of estimating heart rate (HR) using (PPG) signals during strenuous physical activity. It also incorporates a phase vocoder for HR refining and user-adaptive post-processing in addition to the Wiener filter-based WFPV method, which reduces motion artefacts. Also included is an offline version with Viterbi decoding (WFPV+VD). In comparison to other PPG-based HR estimation methods, the dataset of 23 PPG recordings' comparative result shows a considerable reduction in errors, making it appropriate for wearable health monitoring and fitness tracking applications.

Thomas and Gopi [20] employed a condensed method to concentrate on precise HR monitoring from PPG signals during physical activity. The procedure entails two crucial steps: 1) employing sparse methods to extract PPG signals from observed data, and 2) predicting HR using phase data produced from the polar representation of PPG signals. This method reduces complexity by not requiring accelerometer readings and relying on more than two PPG signals. In comparison to existing methods, the suggested method shows good results with an average absolute error of 1.00 BPM and an average relative error of 0.85 BPM. To get over the limitations of conventional contact-type devices, Chou *et al.* [21] developed a non-contact approach for HR measurement during physical activity. The suggested method uses unique frequency-domain pulse rate measurement techniques and adaptive skin color detection to increase measurement accuracy. A multichannel PPG sensor was introduced by Lee *et al.* [22] for accurate HR assessment during high-intensity exercise. The sensor uses truncated singular value decomposition (SVD) to reduce noise and can simultaneously acquire nine-channel PPG signals. The suggested method provides precise HR



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estimation throughout a variety of exercises, including high-intensity jogging, outperforming single-channel and other multichannel methods. The system performs better when acceleration signals and an HR tracking algorithm are added, proving its usefulness for HR estimation during strenuous exercise. The RR interval signal quality of a Holter device (medilog® AR12plus) and a chest belt heart rate monitor (Polar H10) were compared by Gilgen-Ammann *et al.* [23] during rest and exercise. Based on their precision in detecting RR intervals, both methods were evaluated. According to the study, both devices maintained great signal quality during a variety of activities, with the Polar H10 continuing to perform better, especially during intense workouts. The Polar H10 is advised for strenuous activities with noticeable body movements because of the strong correlation between both systems, which confirms their validity for RR interval evaluations in various activity levels. Mekruksavanich and Jitpattanakul [24] concentrated on using PPG signals, which are frequently utilized for daily heart rate monitoring in wearable devices, to improve the identification of human activities. The researchers present SE-DeepConvNet, a unique deep learning model for successfully identifying various physical activity patterns. Using the PPG dataset as a benchmark, they assessed the model's performance. In terms of accuracy (99.32%) and F1-score (99.32%), the results demonstrated that SE-DeepConvNet outperformed traditional CNN (convolutional neural network) models. This demonstrates the opportunity for deep learning methods to enhance the precision of identifying human activity patterns from PPG signals. Xiao *et al.* [25] proposal addressed the drawbacks of conventional health monitoring devices, which are frequently heavy and cumbersome to transport. The suggested solution uses Internet of Things (IoT) technology and consists of a wearable intelligent sports wristband with built-in heart rate monitoring capabilities. It tracks changes in users' heart rates while they engage in physical activity and transmits data to personal devices like PCs or mobile phones for real-time monitoring, archiving, and analysis via communication technologies like ZigBee and Bluetooth. Data is transmitted to a monitoring terminal platform using the IoT communication network, where it is processed and analyzed. Individuals' heart rate health while physical activity is continuously monitored as any aberrant data prompts prompt alerts.

Problem Statement

In the field of digital health and fitness, the fusion of technology with personalized fitness recommendations has revolutionized how individuals manage their physical well-being. However, this progress raises a fundamental concern related to the privacy and security of personal health data. While privacy-focused systems aim to safeguard user data, they introduce several challenges. Balancing privacy with personalized recommendations may restrict access to comprehensive user data, potentially affecting the accuracy of fitness advice [5]. Incorporating robust privacy measures can increase system complexity and slow down real-time interactions, potentially impacting user engagement. Stringent privacy measures may deter users from sharing their data, which can, in turn, diminish the quality of recommendations. Moreover, the resource-intensive nature of implementing stringent privacy protocols can result in higher operational costs [12]. Finding the delicate equilibrium between privacy and functionality is an intricate task, further complicated by the need to educate users and comply with evolving privacy regulations. Achieving a harmonious coexistence between data privacy and personalized fitness recommendations remains an ongoing challenge in the digital health landscape.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Fitness recommendation systems are designed to offer specific exercise recommendations and predict heart rate during different activities. They employ diverse methods and technologies to customize workout plans and provide accurate heart rate estimations. This paper presents a privacy-conscious personalized fitness recommendation system that employs a SAGC-NN with an ORDF. The system utilizes real workout data from Fitbit devices, incorporating various parameters like gender, sport type, calorie expenditure, duration, distance, speed, heart rate, and geographical route data. Additionally, to enhance privacy, it utilizes the RSA algorithm with a key optimized through a novel hybrid metaheuristic algorithm CCA. Fig.1 shows the overall proposed architecture.



**Balamurugan and Bharathiraja****Pre-Processing**

In this study, data pre-processing is used to improve the quality of the initial fitness dataset that was collected through wearable IoT devices. In order to remove any unnecessary or undesired signals that can affect the dataset, noise removal is first applied. The use of standardization is then used to make sure that all the features are scaled uniformly, hence preventing bias brought on by different measurement units. The data is then transformed via normalization to bring it into a similar range, allowing for fair comparisons and accurate analysis across many aspects.

Median Filter - Noise Removal

Median filtering is a nonlinear technique for noise reduction in time series data. Each data point is replaced with the median value of its neighbours' points within a predetermined window. With this method, random noise, or "salt and pepper" noise, is successfully eliminated while the underlying patterns are kept. Data quality is improved by efficiently reducing noise through sorting data points and choosing the median. Median filtering, a popular technique, is used to perform early processing on raw time series data. When the noise distribution contains extended tails and periodic behaviours, this approach is highly effective at reducing random noise. The procedure comprises moving a window across the data, where the window's median value replaces the window's centre value, as shown in Eq. (1).

$$\text{Median}[C(t) + D(t)] \neq \text{Median} C(t) + \text{Median} D(t) \quad (1)$$

Two operations on time series data are represented in this case by $C(t)$ and $D(t)$. For particular channels, precise statistics are accessible, providing granular insights. All adjacent data points are averaged to provide the median value. The noise-free data is then extended using min-max contrast for improved analysis and visibility.

Standardization

Standardization is a crucial preprocessing method for time series data. The data must be transformed to have a mean of 0 and a standard deviation of 1. By putting data on a standard scale, this procedure makes it simpler to compare and analyse patterns across many time series. Standardization makes the data more acceptable for various analytical procedures that presume standardised distributions by ensuring that each data point's value accurately reflects its departure from the mean. Time series analysis, this method encourages precise modelling, lessens the impact of outliers, and facilitates the interpretation of data trends.

Normalization

For time series data, normalization is an essential preprocessing step. To maintain consistency and comparability across several time series, the data must be scaled to a particular range, often between 0 and 1. Normalization removes the impact of various scales and units between separate time series by dividing each data point by the highest value in the series. The efficiency of algorithms that rely on distances between data points and relative values is improved by this practise. Additionally, normalization prevents any one feature from taking over the analysis because of its size.

Privacy Preserving

To safeguard user privacy, a Rivest, Adi Shamir and Leonard Adleman (RSA) coupled with a CCA algorithm is employed for key generation. This encryption technique ensures that user data remains encrypted and secure on the Cloud. When needed, decryption with the corresponding private key (PK) is used to convert the cipher-text back to its original form, maintaining the confidentiality of user information. A hybrid optimization model, CCA, is developed by combining SLC and LCA.





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RSA-CCA

RSA Based Data Encryption

The RSA algorithm, widely employed in internet security, relies on prime numbers and modular arithmetic to create a pair of cryptographic keys: a public key and a private key. This system is fundamental to public key cryptography, supporting secure internet communication, digital signatures, and data protection. The public key, openly shared, serves to encrypt messages or data, rendering them indecipherable to unauthorized parties. Conversely, the private key, kept confidential, allows the recipient to decrypt these messages, ensuring the privacy and authenticity of information exchanged over the internet. The sender creates a message of the document, encrypts it with their private key to form a digital signature, and sends both the document and signature to the receiver. On the receiver's end, the digital signature is separated, decrypted to obtain the message, and compared with the document's message. This process ensures integrity, as any tampering with the document would alter the digests, authentication as the sender's private key is used, and non-repudiation, as the sender cannot deny authorship due to the unique signature.

Step 1: Consider the input file

Step 2: Now add the public key generated by RSA to the key pair.

Step 2: Add the RSA -generated optimal keyp.

Step 3: The input file is encrypted using RSA and uploaded in the server.

Step 4: After the file is uploaded, it is downloaded from the server and translated using the public key provided by RSA in order to decrypt the original file.

Step 6: The generated same public key ' p ' is used at the receiving end to decode the encrypted data and recover the original data U^i .

CCA Based Private Key Selection

To derive an optimal private key, a hybrid metaheuristic algorithm known as CCA is introduced. For the purpose of resolving optimisation issues, competitions between football teams for league success and between players for being a Star Player (SP) or Super Star Player (SSP) can be replicated. The same as football players want to be the best, optimisation looks for world-wide answers. Whether a SP, a team player, or an SSP, each league participant represents a solution vector that resembles local and global optimum. This league structure with M teams that have fixed players and substitutes, which is similar to the SLC algorithm's solution vectors. The power of a player is measured by objective functions that, like the fitness functions used in optimisation, are generated using Eq. (2). This strategy uses soccer's spirit of competition to address optimisation problems.

$$pp(i, j) = c(i, j) \text{ if team, } j \in \text{player, } c = \text{objective function} \quad (2)$$

The average power value of a team's fixed players is considered to be its overall power. The calculation of a Team's Power (tp) is demonstrated by Eq. (3).

$$tp(i) = \left(\frac{1}{nfp} \right) \sum_{j=1}^{nfp} pp(i, j) \quad (3)$$

The total number of fixed players on the i th team is represented as nfp . The team with more power in each match has a better chance of winning. Each team's chance of winning a game is determined by Eq. (4) and Eq. (5).

$$pvic(k) = \frac{tp(k)}{(tp(i) + tp(k))} \quad (4)$$

$$pvic(i) = \frac{tp(i)}{(tp(i) + tp(k))} \quad (5)$$

In the SLC algorithm, " $pvic$ " represents the probability of victory, ensuring that the sum of $pvic(k)$ and $pvic(i)$ equals 1, reflecting the probability of one player/team winning over the other. After each match, changes are introduced to improve player and team performance. These changes are simulated through operators like the imitation operator and provocation operator. The algorithm proceeds with steps including problem and parameter initialization, sample





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generation, team assessment, league initiation, updates, relegation and promotion, and a stopping criterion check, effectively optimizing solutions akin to managing a soccer league.

Step 1: Initialization - The process starts by creating a population of solutions. These solutions are generated randomly and form the basis for the subsequent optimization procedure. Each solution is represented as a vector x , where $x = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$, and X defines the set of possible values for each variable in the vector. The key objective is to minimize the function $f(x)$, and this is quantified through the fitness function $F(x)$. This function assigns a score or measure of fitness to each solution, indicating how well it performs with respect to the optimization goal. By initializing the population and calculating their fitness, the algorithm lays the foundation for the subsequent steps of the optimization process, where solutions will be refined and improved iteratively.

Step 2 : Samples generation -The total number of players in the league is determined using Eq. (6), which considers the number of teams (ntx), fixed players per team (nfp), and substitute players per team (ns). The outcome, denoted as $nPlay$, represents the total players in the league.

$$nPlay = ntx(nfp + ns) \quad (6)$$

Then, random solution vectors are generated, equal to the number of players in the league. Each solution vector corresponds to a specific player and is organized within the matrix *team*. This matrix comprises entries for fixed players (fp) and substitute players (sp), where xf represents fixed players and xr represents substitutes as given by Eq. (7).

$$team = \begin{bmatrix} fp_1 \\ fp_2 \\ \vdots \\ fp_{nfp} \\ rp_1 \\ rp_2 \\ \vdots \\ rp_{ns} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} xf_1^1 & xf_2^1 & \dots & xf_n^1 \\ xf_1^2 & xf_2^2 & \dots & xf_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ xf_1^{nfp} & xf_2^{nfp} & \dots & xf_n^{nfp} \\ xr_1^1 & xr_2^1 & \dots & xr_n^1 \\ xr_1^2 & xr_2^2 & \dots & xr_n^2 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ xr_1^{ns} & xr_2^{ns} & \dots & xr_n^{ns} \end{bmatrix} \quad (7)$$

In the optimization process, an objective function representing profit is calculated. This objective function incorporates a penalty cost associated with each solution vector, reflecting the player's power. To handle infeasible solutions, a penalty function is employed, ensuring effective exploration within the feasible solution space. The objective function, denoted as $Max f(x)$, can be expressed as the sum of the products of vk (representing some evaluation criterion for each solution component xk) and $wkxk$, where xk is an element of the solution vector. A penalty coefficient λ is introduced to apply penalties on infeasible solution vectors, ensuring optimization within the feasible region. λ is a significant constant ensuring that the fitness value of the best infeasible solution remains weaker than that of the worst feasible solution. This approach allows the optimization algorithm to effectively navigate the solution space while penalizing infeasible solutions as per Eq. (8).

$$max f(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n vkxk - \lambda \times max \left(\frac{\sum_{k=1}^n wkxk}{w} \right) \quad (8)$$

Step3: Teams assessment - All participants are grouped into teams and placed according to their calculated power in this step. The average power of a team's fixed players determines the power of each squad. In this step, players are assigned to the team's fixed and substitute positions based on their abilities. Team power is equal to the total of the fixed player cost.

Step4: League Start - The Imitation and Provocation operators are used in this step to act on the fixed and substitute players of the winning teams, respectively. Competitions are begun between all feasible pairs of teams in the league. The complete description of operators is defined in the following section.





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- Imitation Operator: In the SLC algorithm, the fixed players (fp) on the winning team adopt a strategy of imitation to enhance their future performance. They imitate both their own Star Player (sp) and the Super Star Player (ssp) in the league, aiming to improve their future activities. This proposed imitation process is described by the following formulas:

$$fp(i, j) = fp(i, j) + \tau_1(ssp - rp1(i)) * a_i^t \quad (9)$$

$$fp(i, j) = fp(i, j) + \tau_1(sp - rp1(i)) * a_i^t \quad (10)$$

$$fp(i, j) = fp(i, j) + \tau_1(rp2 - rp1(i)) * a_i^t \quad (11)$$

Here, $\tau_1 \sim u(0.2, 0.8)$ is the random number with uniform distribution. The i th team's star player is designated as $sp(i)$, whereas $rp1$ and $rp2$ are arbitrary random players. $fp(i, j)$ defines the i th team's j th fixed player. First, the victorious team's solution vector of fixed players (fp) moves in the direction of the outcome vector of ssp Eq. (9).

The previous solution vector is substituted with the new solution vector Eq. (9) if the newly created solution vector at this new position was superior. If not, the solution vector shifts in the direction of the SP resultant vector Eq. (10). If this solution was superior to the previous one, new solution vector (10) is used. If not, the solution vector shifts towards the outcome vector of a team member chosen at random Eq. (11). The player's location remains unchanged if none of the suggested movements resulted in a superior solution vector. To achieve this, a truncated geometric probability distribution is used to simulate the number of changes dynamically. The formula provided calculates a_i^t based on several parameters:

$$a_i^t = \left\lceil \frac{\ln(1 - (1 - c_p)^{n - a_0 + 1})r}{\ln(1 - c_p)} \right\rceil + a_0 - 1: a_i^t \in \{a_0, a_0 + 1, \dots, n\} \quad (12)$$

In Eq. (12), r represents a random number in the range $[0, 1]$, c_p is a control parameter, with $c_p < 1$ (and $c_p \neq 0$). A smaller c_p places more emphasis on fewer changes, while a more negative c_p emphasizes greater changes. a_0 is the minimum number of changes expected during the artificial match analysis, assumed to be at least one ($a_0 = 1$). n is a variable that helps define the range of possible values for a_i^t . The formula calculates a_i^t as a discrete value within the range $\{a_0, a_0 + 1, \dots, n\}$, taking into account the random number r and the control parameter c_p . The value of c_p influences the likelihood of fewer or greater changes, with a higher c_p resulting in fewer recommended changes in the team formation process. The formula for a_i^t representing the number of changes in team formation, is adjusted using the imitation operator during the league start phase in LCA. This modification prevents the algorithm from converging prematurely to local optima. By incorporating strategies from top-performing teams or players, the imitation operator introduces diversity, enhancing the exploration of the solution space and increasing the likelihood of finding globally optimal solutions, rather than being trapped in suboptimal local ones.

- Provocation operator: In order to qualify as a fixed player, a substitute of a winning side (s) must demonstrate performance on par with the average performance level value of the fixed players on their team. The provocative operator in the SLC algorithm executes this procedure, which is explained by Eq. (13) and Eq. (14).

$$s(i, j) = g(i) + \chi_1(g(i) - s(i, j)) \quad (13)$$

$$s(i, j) = g(i) + \chi_2(s(i, j) - g(i)) \quad (14)$$

where $g(i)$ is the average value of the fixed player's solution vectors in the i th team, and $\chi_1 \sim u(0.9, 1)$, $\chi_2 \sim u(0.4, 0.6)$ are random values with uniform distribution. The j th substitute for the i th team is $s(i, j)$. First, the solution vector of the winning team's weakest substitute player moves in the direction of the fixed players' gravity centre Eq. (13). It is replaced with new solution vector, if the newly created solution vector for this new point was superior than the previous one. If not, the player in question will travel backwards towards the gravitational centre Eq. (14). If this movement provided a solution that was stronger than the least effective one, it would take its place. When none of the moves suggested could improve the weakest solution vector, a new vector is produced at random and utilised in place of the previous one. Provocation operators operate on the weakest winners' replacements overall. They remain





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on the team if their performance showed signs of improvement. If not, they are kicked off the team and replaced in subsequent games with fresh random players (solution vectors). Two previously discussed operators are applied to the players (solution vectors) after each game, and the team's powers are revised in accordance with the new solutions. Naturally, strong teams have a higher chance of winning their upcoming games. The SSP of the league produces the global optimum (best solution) for the optimisation problem as this process proceeds through the end of the season.

Step 5: League update - In this step, following each season, players are reorganized based on their newly assessed abilities. As a new league begins, the top-performing players are assigned to the best teams, players with average performance join teams of similar standing, and the least proficient players are transferred to the lower-ranked teams in the league.

Step 6: Relegation and promotion - In this step, inspired by real sports leagues, the SLC algorithm introduces a system of relegation and promotion to prevent getting stuck in local minimums or plateaus. Unlike real leagues where the worst team is removed, here, the algorithm eliminates the weakest teams from the first-level league. Simultaneously, new teams, designated as promotion spots, are introduced into the league. This step is triggered when the best costs remain equal for three consecutive seasons.

Step 7: Check the stopping criterion - The optimization process continues by repeating steps 3 to 5 iteratively. This repetition persists until the specified termination criterion, typically denoted as n Season, is met, signifying that the algorithm has completed the desired number of seasons or iterations, and the optimization process can be concluded.

Feature Extraction

In this research, the process of feature extraction relies on SAGC-NN. This technique employs neural networks with self-attention mechanisms and graph convolutional layers to capture and distill meaningful patterns and attributes from complex data structures.

SAGCN

SAGCN is a powerful framework for processing graph-structured data. It starts with an input consisting of a graph structure represented by an adjacency matrix A and node features in a matrix X . The convolutional layer aggregates information from neighboring nodes to enhance node representations. This operation is performed as per Eq. (15).

$$h^{l+1} = \sigma(d^{-\frac{1}{2}} a d^{-\frac{1}{2}} h^l w^l) \quad (15)$$

Where h^l represents the node features at layer l , σ is an activation function (e.g., ReLU), a defines the adjacency matrix with added self-loops, d represents the a 's degree matrix, w^l is the learnable weight matrix. Common pooling methods include mean pooling or max pooling, which aggregates information from all nodes to create a single representation for the entire graph. In self-attention-based GCNs, the attention mechanism helps nodes focus on more relevant neighbors. The attention coefficients α_{ij} are calculated as per Eq. (16) using a function that measures the compatibility between node i and its neighbors j .

$$\alpha_{ij} = \frac{\exp(e_{ij})}{\sum_{k \in n_i} \exp(e_{ik})} \quad (16)$$

Where n_i represents the neighbors of node i , e_{ij} represents the compatibility score computed for node pairs (i, j) . This score depends on node features and learnable parameters. After applying the attention mechanism and aggregating information, a fully connected layer is often used to further process node representations. This layer applies a linear transformation followed by an activation function. The output layer produces the final predictions. For classification tasks, it typically consists of a softmax activation function. The loss function is an essential component for training the model. For classification tasks, a common choice is the categorical cross-entropy loss. Given a set of labeled nodes in the graph, denoted as n_{train} , and their true class labels Y , the loss function can be formulated as per Eq. (17),





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$$\text{loss} = \sum_{i \in n_{\text{train}}} \sum_{c=1}^C \mathbb{I}(y_i = c) \log(p_{i,c}) \quad (17)$$

Where C is the number of classes, y_i represents the true class label for node i , and $p_{i,c}$ is the predicted probability that node i belongs to class c . the indicator function $\mathbb{I}(y_i = c)$ evaluates to 1 when $y_i = c$ and 0 otherwise. In order to properly train the model to correctly predict classes for the provided graph-based data, this loss function must be minimized during training in order for the predicted probabilities $p_{i,c}$ to coincide with the true class labels. In order to improve the model's ability to capture significant patterns in the graph structure and node attributes for the specific classification job, this loss is back propagated through the layers of the network.

Feature Selection and Personalization

In this process, features are initially extracted from pre-processed data using SAGCN. To streamline the data, a feature selection method is applied, specifically the Information Gain method, which identifies key features for each recommendation type. Then, the ORDF model leverages these learned features to provide personalized exercise distance, speed sequence, and heart rate recommendations based on users' fitness characteristics inferred from sensory data, without requiring explicit user identity or biometric information.

CCA based Information Gain

The statistical distribution of feature weights in information gain is based on correlations between features and classifications. Assume that $A(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_p)$ is a collection of p features, $F(f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n)$ is a group of n data points, and $B(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m)$ is a group of m type labels. The proportion of classes in F with the label " P_i " is shown by the number $P(Cl_i)$ (where $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$). Entropy is given as per Eq. (18).

$$H(B) = -\sum_{i=1}^m P(Cl_i) \log_2 P(Cl_i) \quad (18)$$

There is an information gain for each characteristic in the data categorization system (IG). Where I_j is the dataset feature for the p^{th} ($p = 1, 2, \dots, n$). In relation to the property $I_j(I_j^1, I_j^2, \dots, I_j^p)$, the relevant conditional entropy is shown in Eq. (19).

$$H(B|I_j) = -\sum_{p=1}^k P(I_j^p) \sum_{i=1}^m P(Cl_i|I_j^p) \log_2 P(Cl_i|I_j^p) \quad (19)$$

The value of the attribute I_j , which has k distinct sorts of values, is I_j^p , and $P(I_j^p)$ stands for the category variable Cl 's prior probability. Following the fixation of the attribute I_j , the conditional probability of the variable Cl is represented by the $P(Cl_i|I_j^p)$. Since the difference between $H(B)$, $H(B|I_j)$, which is determined by Eq. (4), is what determines the value of the information obtained from the attribute I_j , it can be inferred from the formula shown in Eq. (20).

$$IG(I_j) = H(B) - H(B|I) \quad (20)$$

Enhancements to SAGCN involve incorporating metaheuristic-aware Information Gain for improved feature learning. Additionally, Information Gain is employed with CCA-based feature extraction to enhance feature selection, ultimately leading to enhanced classification performance. These techniques collectively optimize feature extraction and selection in the SAGCN model.

ORDF

The ORDF model is used to create a personalized recommendation system. It predicts individualized exercise distances, speed sequences, and heart rate sequences by analyzing learned features from sensory data. This approach minimizes the necessity for explicitly gathering user identity or biometric information, as the model infers users' fitness characteristics. It offers exercise recommendations, enhancing user experiences and health outcomes in route planning and heart rate management. ORDF model calculates exercise recommendations, speed sequences, and heart rate sequences that are finely tuned to an individual's unique fitness characteristics. The model starts by learning





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essential features from user data and historical exercise patterns. These features could include exercise preferences, past performance, age, and more. ORDF examines the relationships between different exercise parameters. The ORDF, denoted as $g(r)$, is calculated as per Eq. (21).

$$g(r) = \frac{n(r)}{2\pi r^2 \rho} \quad (21)$$

$n(r)$ is the number of exercises that should be performed within a radius of r , and ρ denotes the user's fitness density. The model utilizes sensory data from wearables, such as heart rate monitors and accelerometers, to track real-time fitness metrics during exercise sessions. By combining learned features and real-time sensory data, the ORDF model tailors exercise recommendations, speed sequences, and heart rate targets on the fly. This personalized guidance optimizes workout effectiveness and safety. Crucially, the RDF model operates without explicitly collecting user identity or biometric information, ensuring privacy and data security.

Classification

The O-RBN fine-tunes its weights through a hybrid optimization approach CCA. This approach blends the SLC and LCA. CCA's primary role is to optimize the parameters of the RBN, which enhances the classification performance.

ORBN

The input layer, the hidden layer, and the output layer are the three layers that make up RBFN. It is a feed-forward network, and the hidden layer's functionality—which uses radial basis functions (RBF) as activation functions—is what makes it unique. The neurons in the buried layer have local receptive fields that show a response that monotonically decreases or increases with distance from a centre point. The input is transformed nonlinearly by the RBFN hidden layer, and the output layer applies linear regression to get the desired outputs. According to Equations (22) and (26), the Gaussian and Multiquadric RBFs are frequently used in the hidden layer. The Multiquadric RBF has a monotonically growing response with distance from the centre, compared to the Gaussian RBF's monotonically decreasing response.

$$gaus \phi = \exp\left(-\frac{(\gamma-b)^2}{a}\right) \quad (22)$$

$$multiqua \phi = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 + (x-b)^2}}{a} \quad (23)$$

$$\phi_i = \phi(\|\gamma - C_j\|) = \exp\left(-\frac{\|\gamma - b_i\|^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right) \quad (24)$$

$$\delta = \frac{D_{max}}{\sqrt{h}} \quad (25)$$

$$Out = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i \cdot \phi(\|\gamma - b_i\|) \quad (26)$$

Each input vector is fed into a hidden unit that is connected to a radial centre represented by $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ in accordance with Eq. (26). The output of the i -th hidden unit is defined by the RBF function, which measures the Euclidean distance between the input and the i -th center, δ_i is the standard deviation of i th gaussian function. The weight, w_i , that is given to each hidden unit is learned during network training using the CCA algorithm. The goal of this optimisation process is to fine-tune the RBFN's parameters and improve its detecting capabilities. According to Eq. (25), D_{max} denotes the greatest separation between the centres of the radial basis functions (RBF) contained in the hidden layer. The weighted contributions of each RBF in the hidden layer are added up to get the network's output Out, which is indicated in Eq. (26). The O-RBFN's parameters are improved using the CCA algorithm to increase the accuracy with which it can identify and categorise patterns in the input data. The CCA algorithm is a metaheuristic method that incrementally modifies the network's RBF weights and centre. The O-RBFN is able to modify its parameters to more closely match the training data through this iterative optimisation process, improving detection performance. This strategy intends to outperform existing approaches in classification by integrating the radial basis function design of O-RBFN with the parameter adjusting capabilities of CCA algorithm. With its optimised parameters, the O-RBFN can more accurately complete classification jobs and handle complicated patterns, which improves the system's overall prediction performance. To sum up, the privacy-aware personalized fitness





recommender system, employing a three-tier deep learning architecture featuring SAGC-NN and an ORBN fine-tuned via a hybrid optimization model CCA, represents an efficient and privacy-conscious approach to delivering personalized fitness recommendations. This system ensures that users receive fitness guidance while safeguarding their sensitive information, striking a valuable balance between personalization and privacy protection. In conclusion, our system offers valuable solutions in the field of workout route recommendation and short-term heart rate prediction. By accommodating users' workout expectations and providing route suggestions, it promotes workout consistency and adaptability, even during travel. Additionally, the real-time heart rate prediction serves as a personalized assistant, enhancing the safety and effectiveness of users' exercise routines.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Experimental Setup

The proposed model is implemented using Python. The proposed model is compared with the existing models namely, League Championship Algorithm (LCA) [28] and Soccer League Competition (SLC) [29], Whale Optimization Algorithm (WOA) [30], and Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) [27]. The performance metrics like Mean Squared Error (MSE), Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Normalized Mean Squared Error (NMSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and Mean Absolute Percentage Error (MAPE) are used to evaluate the proposed model.

Dataset Description

The FitRec project databases [26] include user sport records from Endomondo and provide a thorough collection of sequential sensor data including heart rate, speed, GPS coordinates, and extra information like sport kind, gender, and weather conditions. The datasets are only made accessible for academic usage, with a focus on non-commercial and non-redistributive use. There are three different dataset variants offered: unfiltered, filtered, and resampled. Metadata and meteorological conditions are among the unprocessed data in the raw dataset. The filtered version of the data uses heuristics to exclude workout examples that are aberrant and derive characteristics like speed and distance. The data is interpolated to ensure regular sampling intervals in the resampled version, enabling efficient analysis. While maintaining user privacy concerns, these datasets provide significant resources for studies into personalised fitness advice, heart rate forecasts, and activity analytics.

Performance Metrics

The performance metrics and their calculation formulas are given below.

MSE: MSE is a measure of the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values. It is commonly used in regression analysis to evaluate the quality of a model's predictions. The formula for MSE is given as per Eq. (31).

$$MSE = 1/n * \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \quad (31)$$

where y_i is the actual value, $\hat{y}_i$ is the predicted value, n is the total number of observations.

MAE: MAE is a measure of the average absolute difference between the predicted values and the actual values. It calculates the average of the absolute differences between each prediction and its corresponding actual value. The formula for MAE is given as per Eq. (32).

$$MAE = 1/n * \sum y_i - \hat{y}_i \quad (32)$$

NMSE: NMSE is a measure of the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values, normalized by the variance of the actual values. It is commonly used in signal processing and image analysis to evaluate the quality of a model's predictions. The formula for NMSE is given as per Eq. (33).

$$NMSE = 1/n * \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 / var(y_i) \quad (33)$$

where $var(y_i)$ is the variance of the actual values.





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MAPE: MAPE is a measure of the average percentage difference between the predicted values and the actual values. It is commonly used in forecasting to evaluate the quality of a model's predictions. The formula for MAPE is given as per Eq. (34).

$$MAPE = 1/n * \sum |y_i - \hat{y}_i| / y_i * 100\% \quad (34)$$

RMSE: RMSE is a measure of the square root of the average squared difference between the predicted values and the actual values. It is commonly used in regression analysis and time series analysis to evaluate the quality of a model's predictions. The formula for RMSE is given as per Eq. (35).

$$RMSE = \sqrt{1/n * \sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2} \quad (35)$$

where *sqr*t is the square root function.

Overall performance of the proposed model

In Table 1, the overall performance metrics for various optimization methods, including the proposed model, LCA, SLC, WOA, and PSO, are presented. These metrics are essential for evaluating the effectiveness of these methods in solving the specific problem under consideration. The proposed model outperforms the other methods with an MSE of 0.9708, indicating that its predictions, on average, are closer to the actual values than those of LCA, SLC, WOA, and PSO. This lower MSE suggests that the proposed model provides more accurate predictions. The proposed model yields the lowest MAE of 0.0348 among all methods, demonstrating that the proposed model has the smallest absolute errors on average. This metric emphasizes the precision of the proposed model's predictions. The proposed model achieves the lowest NMSE of 0.0001, indicating that its predictions are not only accurate but also consistent concerning the variability in the actual data. This highlights the robustness of the proposed model. The proposed model again excels with an RMSE of 0.9852, implying that its errors are relatively smaller in magnitude compared to the other methods. The proposed achieves the lowest MAPE of 0.0005, indicating that, on average, its predictions deviate by the smallest percentage from the actual values among all methods. privacy-conscious personalized fitness recommendation system that employs a SAGC-NN with an ORDF. The system utilizes real workout data from Fitbit devices, incorporating various parameters like gender, sport type, calorie expenditure, duration, distance, speed, heart rate, and geographical route data. Additionally, to enhance privacy, it utilizes the RSA algorithm with a key optimized through a novel hybrid metaheuristic algorithm CCA. Fig.1 shows the overall proposed architecture.

Overall graphical representation

Figure 2 provides visual representations of critical performance metrics: (a) MSE, (b) MAE, (c) NMSE, (d) RMSE, and (e) MAPE. These graphs offer a comprehensive view of how different evaluation criteria vary across the considered models or methods, aiding in the assessment of their predictive accuracy and consistency

CONCLUSION

Advanced security techniques were used to preserve user privacy when the personalized fitness recommender system generated the personalized workout recommendations. Achieving a balance between data personalization and privacy protection, as well as increasing algorithm efficiency for exact recommendations, remained challenging, though. This study proposed a brand-new hybrid model that combines an ORBN and a SAGCN. In our methodology, data preparation functioned as a fundamental step that improved the raw fitness data gathered from wearable IoT devices. Importantly, user privacy was given top priority through RSA-based data encryption and the ground-breaking CCA-Based Private Key Selection algorithm, ensuring secure cloud storage and simple decryption using the right PK. By using SAGCN to extract key features from the preprocessed data, feature extraction played a crucial role in this study. By decreasing the dimensionality of the feature space, feature selection and personalization increased system efficiency. By identifying relevant characteristics for each sort of recommendation, the CCA aware Information Gain technique improved personalized exercise advice. The ORDF model predicted personalized workout lengths, speed sequences, and heart rate recommendations based on learning attributes, which was at the





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heart of our system. The O-RBN weights were refined using CCA, successfully addressing the accuracy, novelty, and diversity objectives. Python was used to put the proposed model into practice.

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Table.1: Overall Performance Metrics

Methods	LCA	SLC	WOA	PSO	Proposed
MSE	4.0444	2.7944	4.8972	4.5404	0.9708
MAE	0.0948	0.06	0.1172	0.0844	0.0348
NMSE	0.0011	0.0004	0.0007	0.0007	0.0001
RMSE	2.0110	1.6716	2.2129	2.1308	0.9852
MAPE	0.0012	0.0011	0.0015	0.0011	0.0005



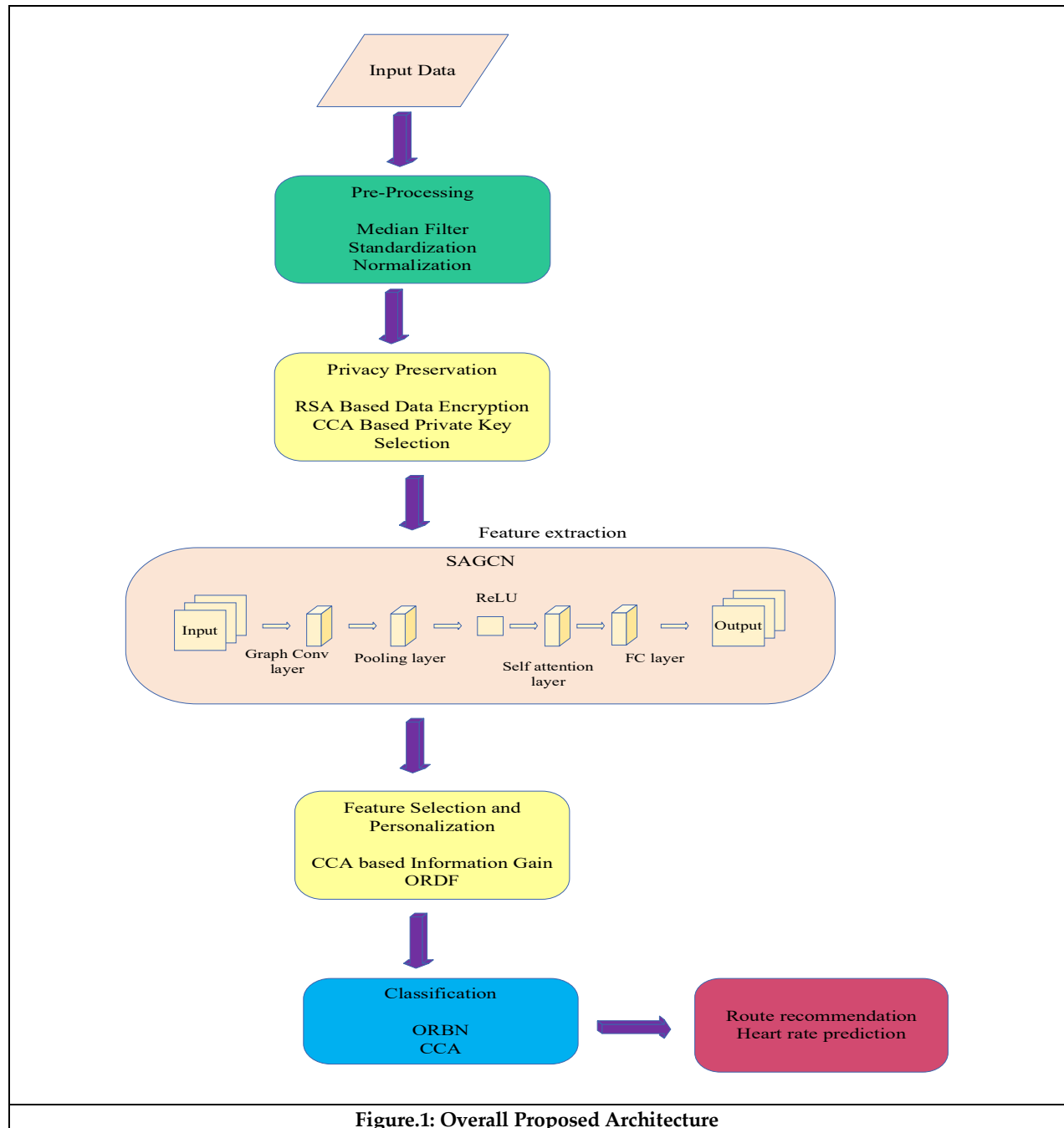
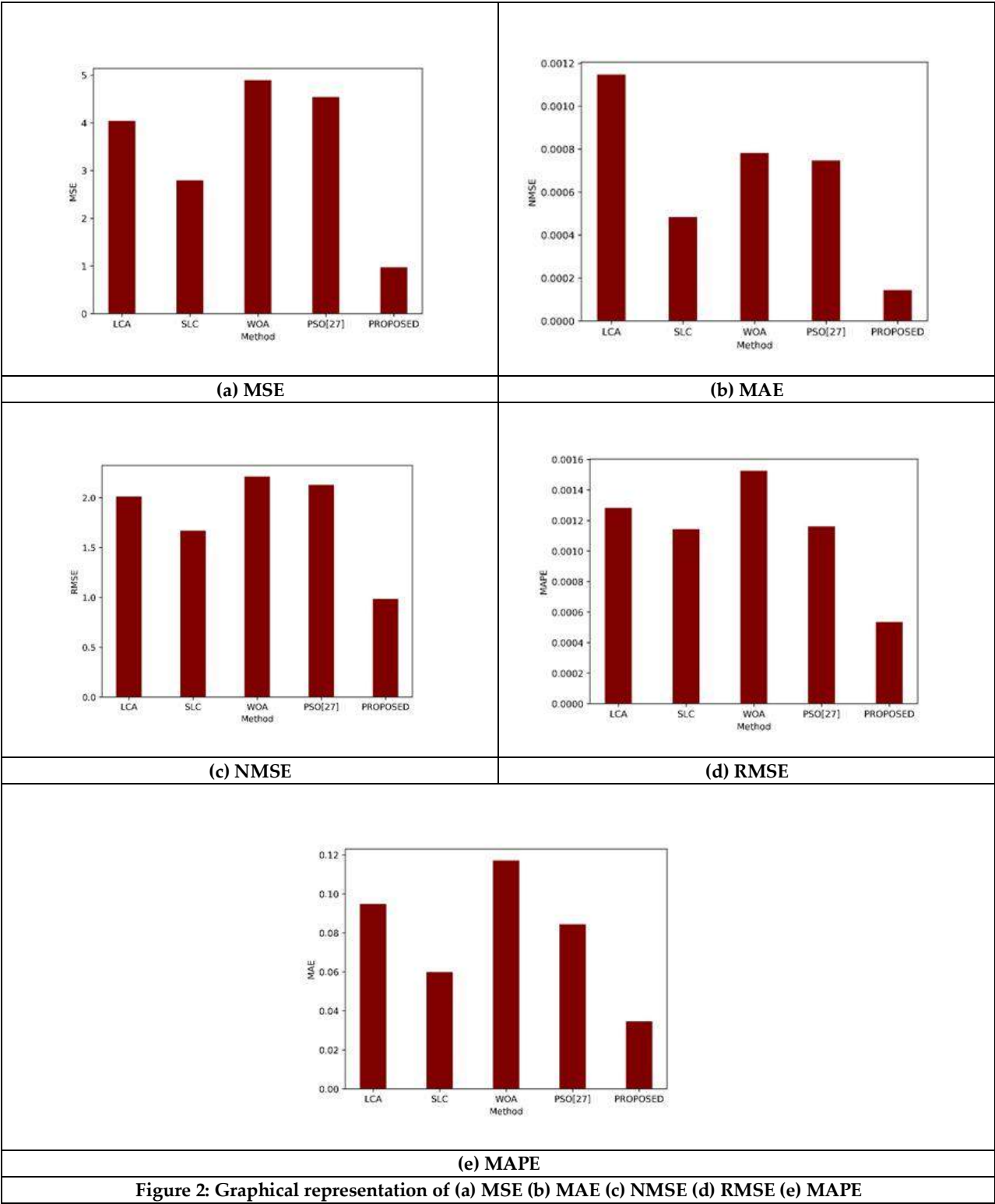


Figure.1: Overall Proposed Architecture





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A Leveraging Machine Learning Technique for Medical Insurance Premium Prediction

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ABSTRACT

In the fields of healthcare and finance, medical insurance is unavoidable. According to the terms of the policyholder-insurer agreement, the insurance company offers this form of insurance. It covers medical costs related to emergency treatment, unanticipated hospital stays, and healthcare services. The client must pay a premium regularly to obtain medical insurance from the insurer. This study aims to anticipate policyholders' medical insurance rates in advance by considering several variables and risk factors. To achieve this goal, we took a dataset that belongs to an Indian Insurance Company, which has disclosed data for approximately 1000 clients. Effective machine learning techniques such as Decision Tree Regression, XG Boost Regression, Bayesian Ridge Regression, Principal Component Regression, and Partial Least Square Regression will be used to build a machine learning model. An Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) will examine various policyholder characteristics. With the help of this forecast, the insurance provider may improve their financial performance and set suitable premium prices. Based on the cost of their premiums, policyholders may make informed choices.

Keywords: Medical Insurance, Machine Learning, Health Insurance, Premium Prediction, Cost Prediction

INTRODUCTION

The insurance sector includes firms that utilize insurance contracts to manage risks. One party, the party being insured, promises payment in the case of an unforeseen future disaster. This is the basic principle of insurance. If this



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protection leads to an uncertain incidence, the insured or the insurer will pay the insured a reduced decoration. These programs are intended to offer policyholders who have decorations recreated with information or compensation. Then, with a focus on health insurance, we look at some of the different insurance options. Insurance products come in a wide variety of forms, such as health, life, liability, and property and casualty insurance. Whereas one type of insurance, known as health insurance or health insurance, covers all or part of the risks associated with a person needing medical care. Since this decision is influenced by several circumstances, each person's health insurance cost is unique. Like other insurances, the danger includes many parties. Calculating the health risks and medical costs for the whole barrier fund. Health insurance covers a wide range of medical services, such as hospital stays, operations, prescription drugs, vaccinations, checkups, and specialized therapies.

Apart from guaranteeing that people may get the care they need without worrying about running out of plutocrats, it also guards against the exorbitant cost of medical care. Large danger populations and actuarial calculations are sometimes used in older health insurance premium calculation systems, which might result in strange and inaccurate forecasts. The rising cost of health care has policyholders looking for more affordable and transparent insurance options. By more precisely defining the threat profiles of certain visitors, insurance companies may benefit from more accurate payment estimations. This might lead to a more equitable distribution of possible risks, fewer losses from underpricing, and a stronger position in the request. The "Medical Insurance Premium Forecast" aims to fundamentally change the difficulties and complications the insurance sector is now facing. Displaying insurance decorations that guests have paid insurance companies is the primary purpose of our design. creating a transparent insurance system that benefits both insurance companies and tourists. To achieve this, we use several machine literacy techniques in combination with a fundamental machine learning model and a dataset of the policyholders' varied clinical characteristics.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

As defined by Greenlaw and Shapiro (2011), insurance is a financial safeguard against significant adverse events, while Outreville (1998) emphasizes its legal context as a contract for risk-based compensation. These studies underline the potential of machine learning in enhancing accuracy and scalability in insurance premium predictions. Identical to S. Angel Latha Mary et al. (2023) achieved 99% accuracy using Linear Support Vector Machines (LSVM) trained and evaluated on eleven criteria, showcasing its robustness. Vijayalakshmi and Selvakumar (2023) compared multiple regression techniques, identifying Random Forest Regression (RFR) as the best-performing model with an R^2 score of 0.9533, emphasizing the strength of ensemble methods. RM Jesus et al. (2023) analyzed the role of Machine Learning Operations (MLOps) in improving forecasting outcomes and operational scalability in the insurance sector. AD Kafuria (2022) assessed the predictive performance of models like RFR, XGBoost, and LASSO on demographic and behavioral data, demonstrating the effectiveness of ensemble methods for complex data patterns.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology examines the various medical aspects of policyholders and includes several steps to predict the premium of customers who have purchased medical insurance from an insurance company. These steps include data collection, exploratory data analysis, model building, testing, evaluation, and visualization of the expected results. Each approach will be discussed in depth.

Data Collection

To generate our estimate, we utilized a Kaggle.com dataset that contained health data for 1000 clients with insurance-covered medical expenses. The dataset included 10 characteristics: height, weight, known allergies, family history of cancer, diabetes, blood pressure problems, age, number of major operations, transplants, and chronic illnesses.



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Exploratory data analysis (EDA) enables us to better understand our data, detect trends, and choose the best features, pre-processing, and modeling options. It provides the framework for developing accurate prediction algorithms for estimating the cost of health insurance. Our EDA in this instance takes advantage of bivariate analysis.

- **Bivariate Analysis** In our study, we favour stacked bar plots to comprehend the link between two variables. A statistical analysis technique called bivariate analysis involves simultaneously examining and assessing correlations between two variables.
- **Scatter Plot** scatter plots depict the associations between two continuous data, displaying trends, clusters, and outliers. They are excellent for detecting correlations and adding multivariate insights via colour or size changes.
- **Boxplot** : Boxplots display the distribution and distribution of data using a five-number summary (minimum, Q1, median, Q3, maximum). They make it possible to compare categories quickly to find trends and group differences, and they aid in the detection of outliers, which are shown as points outside the whiskers.
- **Heatmap** : Heatmaps use colour intensity to illustrate value differences to examine data patterns, particularly for correlations and interactions. Grouped heatmaps display distribution patterns for categorical combinations, whereas correlation heatmaps illustrate correlations between continuous variables, supporting feature selection and multicollinearity tests. Heatmaps offer a clear summary of big datasets, directing additional research.

Feature Selection : A crucial phase in machine learning (ML) and data analysis is feature selection, which enhances interpretability, reduces overfitting, and boosts model performance. A larger pool of possible features, it comprises choosing a subset of relevant features (variables or attributes). Feature selection may be particularly important when working with high-dimensional data because adding redundant or superfluous features might slow down computation and lower model accuracy.

Splitting Training and Testing Set In this case, we divide our dataset into 80% training data and 20% testing data to develop a model.

Algorithms Used The mentioned ML algorithms are used to fit a model for the data, as well as preprocessing techniques such as the Standard Scaler to compare model performance with and without preprocessing. Additionally, we fitted a polynomial feature regression model.

- **Decision Tree Regression** Decision tree regression predicts continuous values by splitting data into subsets based on feature values. Each leaf represents the predicted value, often the mean of the target in that subset. While effective for capturing complex patterns, decision trees can overfit, requiring techniques like pruning or ensemble methods for better performance.
- **XG Boost Regression** XGBoost Regression is a fast and powerful algorithm that builds an ensemble of decision trees to predict continuous values. It improves model accuracy by correcting errors in each successive tree and includes regularization to prevent overfitting.
- **Bayesian Ridge Regression** Bayesian Ridge Regression is a linear regression technique that adds regularization to avoid overfitting and estimates model parameters using Bayesian inference. It works well with multicollinearity or high-dimensional data and assumes Gaussian distributions for the coefficients.
- **Principal Component Regression** Principal Component Regression (PCR) is a technique that combines principal component analysis (PCA) with linear regression. It first reduces the dimensionality of the data by transforming it



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into principal components and then performs linear regression on the most significant components. PCR helps address multicollinearity and overfitting, especially when there are many correlated features.

- **Partial Least Squares Regression** Partial Least Squares (PLS) Regression is a dimensionality reduction technique used when predictors are numerous and highly correlated. It creates latent variables by combining predictors in a way that maximizes their covariance with the response, addressing multicollinearity while ensuring prediction accuracy. PLS is widely applied in fields like chemometrics and bioinformatics and is particularly useful when predictors outnumber observations.

Model Evaluation Evaluating a trained machine learning model's performance and efficacy is known as model evaluation in machine learning. It entails evaluating the model's effectiveness in achieving its goals related to classification, regression, clustering, or any other machine learning issue. We will test our model with Root mean squared and mean squared errors.

- **Distribution Plot** A distribution plot, sometimes referred to as a distribution comparison plot or distribution visualization, is a graphical tool used in data analysis and machine learning to compare the distributions of anticipated (fitted) and actual (observed) values. It is a helpful tool for determining how well the predictions of a model match the distribution of the data.
- **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)** A more comprehensible measure of error in the same units as the target variable is provided by the ROOT MEAN SQUARED ERROR (RMSE), which is the square root of the MSE.
- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)** One often used statistic for assessing how well regression models work is the Mean Squared Error (MSE). It calculates the mean square of the errors, or the discrepancies between the actual and anticipated values. A model that fits the data better is indicated by a lower MSE.

Viewing The Predicted Premium To view projected output data as a CSV file in Jupyter Notebook, initially generate your predictions. Next, arrange these predictions in a table fashion using the pandas package. Use pandas to save this table as a CSV file with a custom name. To view and manipulate the data, you may simply open the CSV file in your notebook or other spreadsheet program.

Analysis

To uncover how our medical insurance premium prediction system works with a step-by-step process, we used to turn data into useful predictions. So, get ready to peek under the hood of our medical insurance prediction machine through our methodologies like Data collection, Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), Building the model by five ML algorithms to find the best model that fits our data, and visualizing the predicted output of our best model.

Importing Data

In the first step, we imported data named medical insurance.csv with the features Age, diabetes, issues with blood pressure, Any chronic illnesses, transplantation, Size, weight, any known allergies cancer in the family history, number of big operations, Premium Cost.

Exploratory Data Analysis

EDA is performed to understand the data on how the cost of our premiums changes based on the policyholders' medical conditions and when forecasting models by using bivariate analysis. Figure 1, appears that premium prices tend to be higher for people in various age ranges, particularly around the ages of 30 and 60, where premiums often reach levels around 35,000 to 40,000. However, there is considerable variation in premium prices across all age groups, indicating that factors other than age likely influence premium pricing. There is no clear linear trend, suggesting that age may have a complex or limited direct impact on premium price levels.



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Figure 2, Individuals with chronic diseases (1) tend to have higher median premium prices compared to those without (0), as seen by the upward shift in the central line within the box for group '1'. Additionally, the range of premium prices is wider for those without chronic diseases, indicating greater variability in premiums for this group. In contrast, the distribution for individuals with chronic diseases is more concentrated around the median, with slightly fewer outliers and a tighter interquartile range. This suggests that having chronic conditions is associated with more consistent but generally higher insurance premiums. Figure 3 displays Any Transplants is 0 (no transplants), the median premium price is lower, with a tighter range of values and fewer outliers, compared to when Any Transplants is 1 (at least one transplant). For patients with transplants, the median premium price is significantly higher, and the range of prices is more spread out, indicating greater variability. This suggests that having a transplant is associated with a higher and more variable premium price

Figure 4, Exhibitions For individuals without blood pressure issues (represented by 0), the median premium price is around 20,000, with a fairly wide interquartile range (IQR) extending from about 17,500 to 30,000. The spread of the data is large, with several high outliers reaching up to 40,000, indicating significant variability in premium prices within this group. In contrast, for individuals with blood pressure problems (represented by 1), the median premium is slightly higher, close to 25,000, with a narrower IQR from approximately 20,000 to 30,000. Although this group also has fewer outliers, they lie within a narrower range compared to the group without blood pressure problems. Overall, while premiums are somewhat higher for those with blood pressure issues, there is more consistency in pricing for this group. In contrast, premiums for those without blood pressure problems display greater variability and include some notably high values. This distribution may reflect the influence of additional risk factors or underwriting considerations in determining premium prices for individuals without blood pressure issues.

Figure 5, displays that Individuals without diabetes (indicated by "0") generally have a wider range of premium prices, with the interquartile range (IQR) extending from about 20,000 to 30,000. Their premiums also include some higher values reaching nearly 40,000, though they contain no extreme outliers. In contrast, individuals with diabetes (indicated by "1") have a narrower IQR, indicating a more consistent range in premium prices, but they exhibit several outliers above 35,000. While the median premium is slightly lower for diabetic individuals, the presence of outliers suggests that some individuals with diabetes are paying significantly higher premiums. Figure 6, illustrates the correlation coefficients between several characteristics, including height, weight, allergies, family history of cancer, diabetes, blood pressure issues, transplants, chronic diseases, age, and insurance-related metrics. Dark blue denotes a strong negative correlation, whereas dark red denotes a strong positive connection. The colors' intensity, which ranges from dark blue to dark red, reveals the direction and strength of the relationships. Finding patterns and connections in the data with the help of this heatmap may help guide future research or decision-making procedures.

Feature Selection

The following attributes were employed in our premium prediction: Age, diabetes, hypertension, organ transplants, long-term illnesses, Weight, height, known allergies, and The number of major operations and a family history of cancer are independent variables for input features. We then determined that the goal-dependent variable would be the premium price.

Training and Testing Set

Post feature selection, we divided our dataset into 1000 distinct observations for testing and training. Eighty percent of our data will be separated into X train using the input features we chose, and another eighty percent will be split into Y train using just the target variable. 20% of the training set's data with input features will be split for the X test, and the premium will be predicted for the Y test.

Fitting the Model

We going to build the model using five machine learning algorithms they are Decision Tree Regression, XG Boost Regression, Bayesian Ridge Regression, Principal Component Regression, and Partial Least Squares Regression, We also perform these algorithms with scaling, and polynomial features.





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Model Evaluation

We are going to evaluate our models using distribution plots, mean squared error, and Random mean squared error. By comparing all the Random mean squared errors (RMSE) for each model, we get a minimum value for the model XG BOOST REGRESSION that fits best into our data

Viewing the Predicted Premium

To view the expected output in machine learning, a trained model is used to generate predictions, which are then analyzed or saved. Once the model has been trained on a dataset, it may be applied to new data to provide predictions, which can be either categories for classification or numerical values for regression tasks. You can do statistical analysis, make visualizations, or print these predictions to the console to see them. To make it simple to access and deal with the model's output in an organized way, you can also save them in a CSV file in a designated folder for later use or sharing. Based on each policyholder's medical characteristics, we developed a model to forecast the target variable premium for our medical insurance premium prediction.

Here we are viewing our predicted premium by saving it as a CSV file.

	A
1	PREDICTED PREMIUM
2	31216
3	26261
4	29037
5	15823
6	25238
7	28060
8	24337
9	23006
10	27532
11	28505
12	22435
13	27470
14	15614
15	15315
16	32989
17	28249
18	28161
19	29241
20	28365

CONCLUSION

This study successfully used machine learning to predict medical insurance premiums based on policyholders' medical and demographic factors, with XGBoost Regression achieving the highest accuracy. The results highlight the potential of data-driven approaches to refine premium pricing, support insurers' financial strategies and assist customers in making informed choices. Future research could enhance model accuracy by incorporating additional variables like lifestyle and socio-economic factors or exploring advanced methods like neural networks. Developing explainable AI models could also offer greater transparency, enabling both insurers and policyholders to understand the factors influencing premium predictions.

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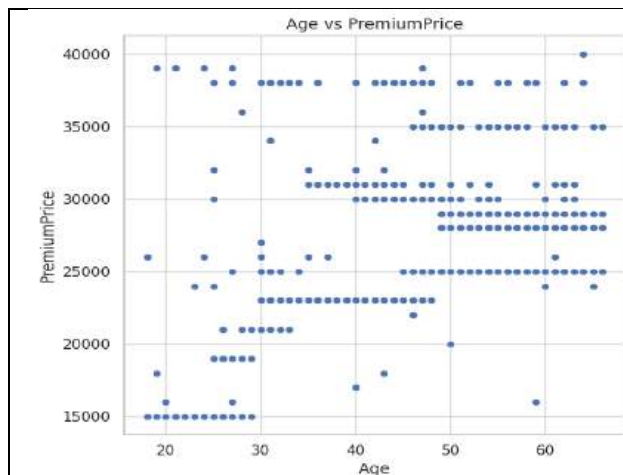


Figure 1. The Relationship Between Age And Premium Price

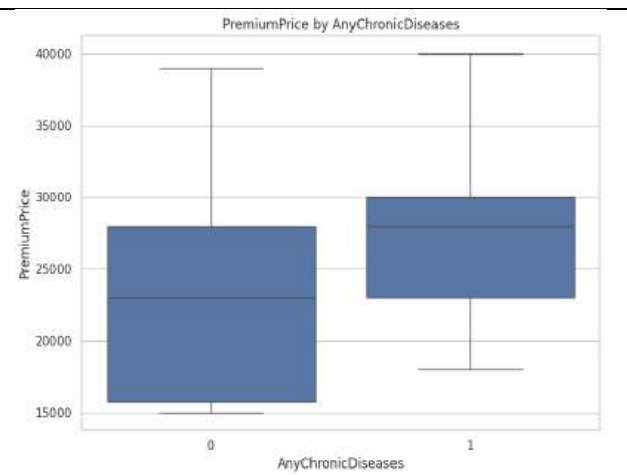


Figure 2. The distribution of insurance premium prices for individuals with and without chronic diseases.





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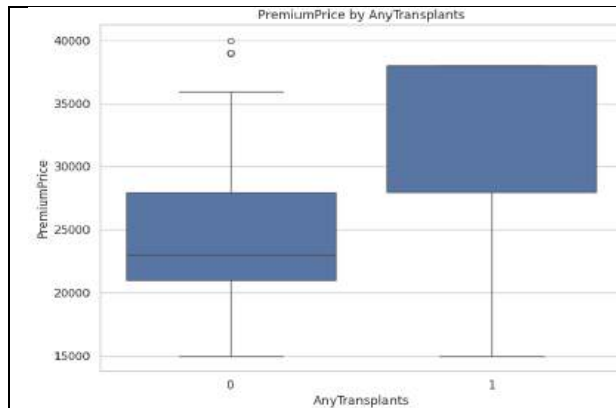


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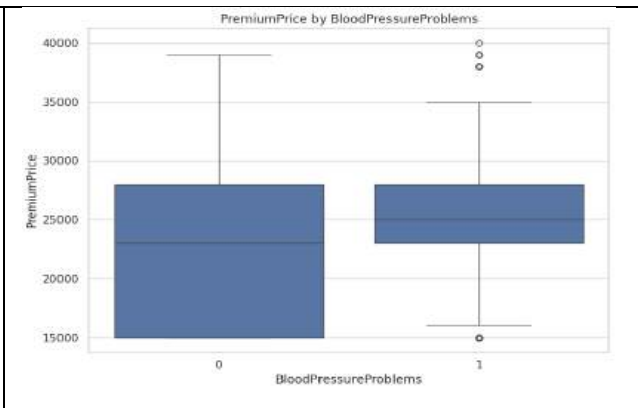


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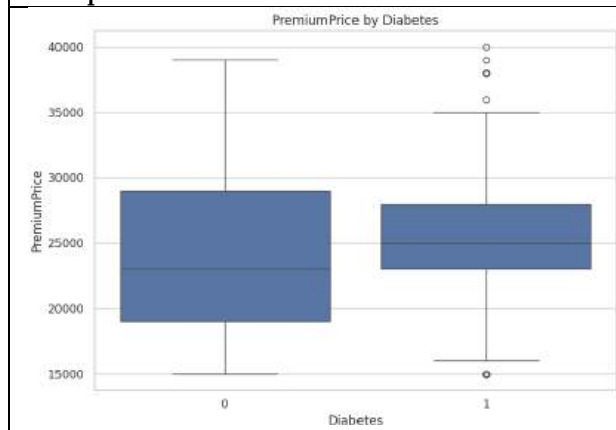


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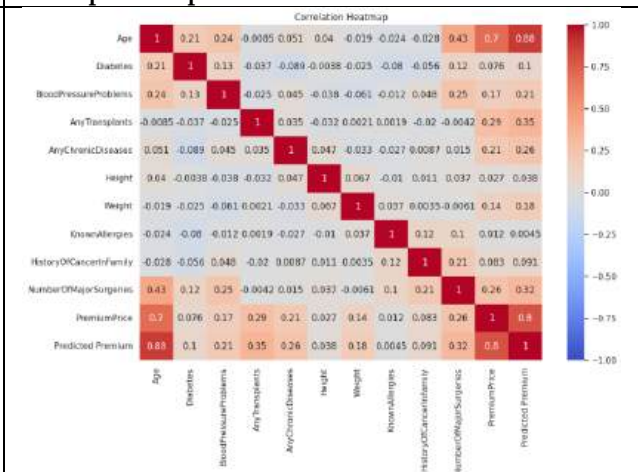


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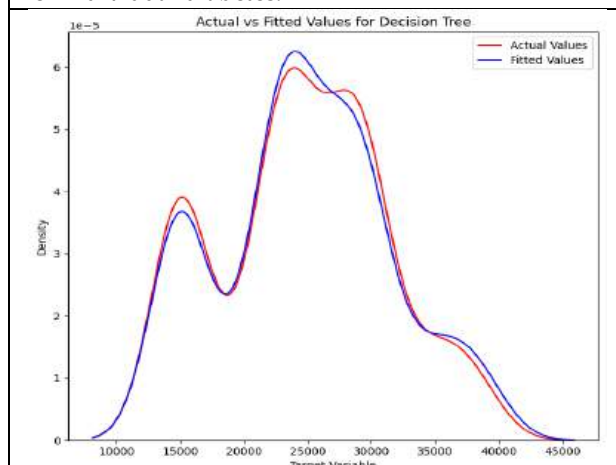


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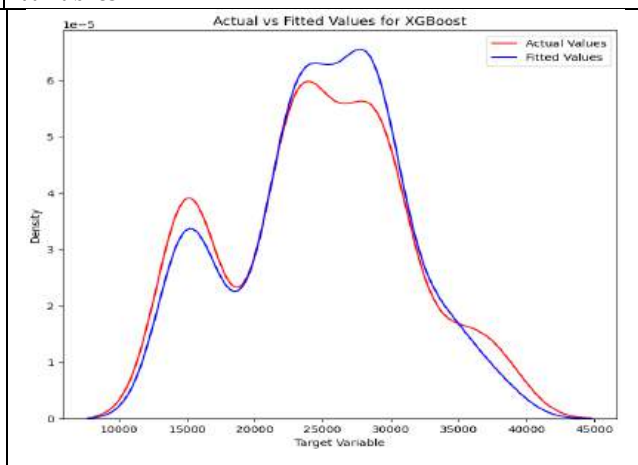


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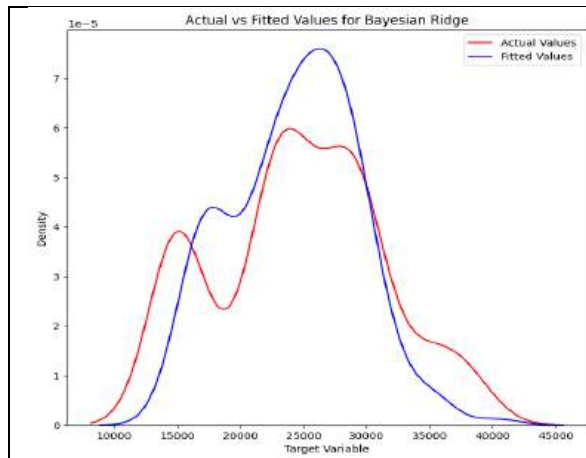


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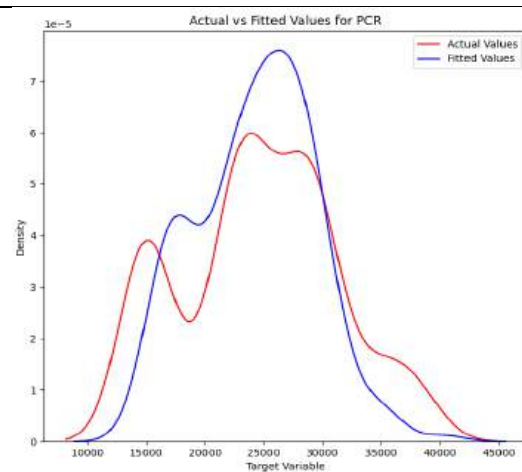


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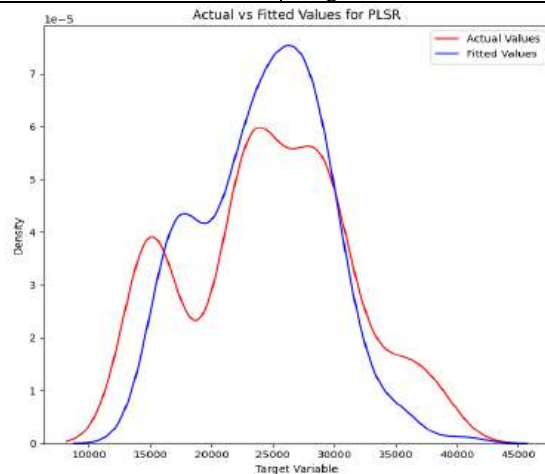


Figure 11. Distribution Plot for Partial Least Squares Regression





Towards Zero Waste: Business Opportunities and Growth of Cleaner Cities – A Survey of Policies and Models under Practice in Developed Countries

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ABSTRACT

Municipal Solid Waste Generation Management has become a global threat, and the developed countries have started implementing various strategies to reach 100 percent zero waste. Achieving 100 per cent zero waste may be considered as a holistic policy, but reducing the landfill by less than 10 per cent, moving towards the circular economy by 2035, has become the benchmark suggested by the European Union Directive (EUD) is possible if every developing country follows these strategies discussed in this article. The countries are determined as developed and developing based on their Economic Indicators

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such as Gross Domestic Product (GDP) per capita, their Industrialization, Economic structure, Technological advancement, and Social Indicators such as Human Development Index (HDI), Education indicators, and Poverty rate. This paper consolidates the best practices around the world and discusses the business opportunities, Technologies, Infrastructures, and Entrepreneurial growth in developed countries, and finally, their impact on the global environment. Household waste has been taken as the primary focus in this study. During this study, it has been identified that there is a huge quantity of employability available, starting from professionals such as Engineers specialized in Chemical, Mechanical, Electrical, and Civil engineering, to school dropouts. Hence, the overall poverty ratio will also be greatly reduced if the developing countries implement the ideas on a pilot basis. This paper concludes that a strong policy to reduce the landfill and the collaboration of the public-private-government is mandatory to achieve the EUD by the next ten years.

Keywords: Municipal Solid Waste Generation Management (MSWGM), Zero Waste, European Union Directive for solid waste, Entrepreneurial Development, Employability in MSWM, Solid Waste Recycling and Recovery.

INTRODUCTION

“Refuse, Rethink, and Reduce” is the future motto to prevent household waste. Unfortunately, the generation of solid waste from individual homes grows day by day all around the world. It is estimated by the World Bank that around 3.40 billion tons of solid waste will be generated by the year 2050 [1]. Countries having vast landscapes can allot acres of land for the landfill of solid waste. But, countries that do not have sufficient space are moving towards incineration, which has led to severe air pollution and environmental changes. Changes that happens in the environment and air pollution leads to severe health issues that damages the respiratory system of humans around the incineration areas. Developed countries have started making use of advanced technologies like IoT, Mobile applications to monitor remotely [2] [3]. Hence, landfill, incineration without proper segregation can never be good choices to control the Municipal Solid Waste Generation (MSWG). Even countries that are very good at segregation the waste can come out with a percentage of waste that can neither be recycled nor be valorised, thereby using incineration and landfill strategies. To achieve 100% zero waste, developed countries use various strategies by creating new business opportunities in Municipal Solid Waste Management (MSWM), more employment and adapting new technologies to combat the MSWG. Waste such as household waste, industrial waste, mall waste, food waste, electronic waste, plastic waste, and bio waste from hospitals are the widely classified wastes around the world. In this article, the primary focus will be on household solid waste, its generation, and how the world reacts to it have been taken. This article has the following sections for easy understanding:

1. MSWG management strategies
2. Policies framed by the countries
3. Technologies successfully implemented
4. Employment opportunities in MSWM
5. Entrepreneurial Development in MSWM
6. Future goals of developed countries to achieve zero waste

MSWG Management Strategies

Table 1 displays the list of developed countries, their Landscape (in Sq.Km), and their percentage of landfill areas they use. As we notice from Table 1, the landfill residue percentage varies depending on the country's recycling, refurbishing, reusing, repurposing, and valorizing strategies, as these dimensions depend on the country's geographical position. A “One size fits all” approach is not a feasible solution. It is up to the country's government to choose which model can be adapted to their nation. Recycling plants for Plastic, Metal, Glass, Paper, and Electronic



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waste are all actively installed in all developed countries, to move towards Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12.5: By 2030, substantially reduce waste generation through prevention, reduction, recycling and reuse. general, household waste is normally classified into organic waste, plastic waste, paper waste, cardboard waste, sanitary waste, electronic waste, etc. Developed countries are collecting waste after it gets segregated from the source itself [19]. It greatly reduces the workload of the collector and reduces the landfill. But, segregation from the source is a challenging task, where people never find time to properly split the waste. Therefore, these countries follow strategies like gamification [20], activities for youngsters [21], offers for the house that best reduce the waste [19][22], penalties for not segregation [23], and collecting charges for the waste thrown [24]. All these ideas were suggested by the researchers for the welfare of the society, but unfortunately, these ideas were tested as a prototype and never turned out to be a habit in both developed and developing countries. There is always a lack of interest among people to follow these ideas as habits, and governments also must frame strong policies to bring these models alive. Proper awareness about the MSWG as a future threat to youngsters at the school level [20] [21], campaigns to create awareness in the public are the alternate ideas taken as steps by the governments to encourage people. The reason behind this is that people think handling waste effectively is the duty of the government and not ours. On the other hand, governments used to say that sufficient funds are not available to create proper infrastructure to handle the waste. Most countries have handed over this process to the private sector, and it is agreed that most private sectors are flooded with millions of dollars in handling the MSW. Some of these sectors register themselves as Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs), which get so many relaxations in policies and rules framed by the government. As a final note for this section, there are thousands of job opportunities, entrepreneurship development, and millions of dollars of money will be generated from this sector. If this MSWG is properly managed, any developing country can successfully transform into a developed one. The next section discusses the policies that are used by the countries to attain zero waste.

Policies framed by the countries

Based on the policies, countries were grouped, and some countries follow a combination of different policies to reduce the landfill at a greater level. If the household waste has not been segregated, a penalty will be collected in the following countries [23] [25]. “Pay as you throw” is the kind of motto implemented in [24] [25], based on the garbage weight, money will be collected. [22] Countries that provide offers for their people to encourage segregation at the source. Awareness creation at the school level can be given through an ambient intelligence learning environment [20] [26-29], activity-based segregation are happening in [21]. There are countries where handling the waste segregation has been taught in school level [20] [21]. The policies that were discussed are very well accepted by the public, private, and government sectors, at least to attain zero waste one day. It is clear that not only by these policies help a country attain zero waste. Policies are textual contents, but to give life to them, countries must rely on tools and technologies that make the attainment easier. The next section discusses the various tools, technologies adapted by the countries to achieve zero landfill.

Technologies successfully implemented

Table 2 consists of the tools and technologies that developed countries have implemented to handle various waste after segregation. These infrastructures may belong to the governments or to the private sectors or can be partnered with banks on shared basis. Very few countries are ready to invest initially in these technologies. Since the cost is too high and they need proof-of-concept the success of the infrastructure. Despite the initial amount to be invested on these technologies, the cost of maintenance also plays a crucial role. Table 2 consists of the technologies, the budget approximately needed for the implementation in USDs. These infrastructures are not only meant for household recycling, but for all types of waste collected in the city, except bio and hazardous waste [30]. The details enclosed in Table 3 portray the technologies and infrastructures of dominant sites constructed for recycling, and the residuals are dumped in landfill areas. Apart from the listed, there are so many other plants that were also constructed by those countries to reduce waste to the maximum. Once these hardware, software, and embedded systems were kept ready for the segregation process, it is time to identify the correct human resources to work in these sectors according to their educational qualification and knowledge levels. The next section deals with the various business opportunities that were identified and in live were discussed.





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Employment opportunities in MSWM

100 per cent employability cannot be attained by any government without the support of the private sector. In fact, for some developing countries, these private sectors are the driving force, and in some developed countries, these sectors suggest what the government should do to reduce the ratio of unemployment. As far as MSWM is concerned, there are so many direct and indirect jobs that are available. Table 3 portrays the various roles, designations, and qualifications needed to work in those industries has been consolidated and listed. This information is a sample collected from various countries. Each developed country is focussing on reducing the waste by having many plants, which will create an entire book for a special edition. To construct the infrastructure, these private sectors get initial funding from banks as loans, and once the plant becomes active, they will generate revenue, and it will be repaid to the banks. To have the best workforce, they recruit engineers and administrators from diverse streams. Upon successful implementation, the government and the banks may also join as partners in the firm.

Entrepreneurial Development in MSWM

Table 3 has given a brief knowledge of how developed countries are utilizing qualified engineers to reduce landfill waste, using various technologies and infrastructures to handle the MSWM. Some of these countries have predicted the MSW that will be generated by the next decade and how it can be brought under control using advanced technologies. Highly skilled labours are in demand in this sector shortly. In addition to this, some engineers either as a group or individual might have their own ideas of handling the waste and they would like to create start-up with minimum fund. Normally, these ideas would be cost-effective and might be a break-through in technology arena. Their ground-breaking ideas will not only create revenue but will create more employability. Such kind of Entrepreneurs are also encouraged in developed countries to combat the MSWM. Table 4 lists the various low-investment, high-profit start-ups that are in operation, working directly or indirectly on Solid waste handling techniques. Only few best start-ups were displayed as samples from various countries.

Future goals of developed countries to achieve zero waste

The future goal of all the developed nations is to attain zero waste by adopting more eco-friendly tools and methodologies. If it gets successful implementation, all the developing countries will be ready to adapt those technologies and finally whether be the methodologies being identified, it is up to the active participation of each individual with the policies of the governments and each private sector must create more job opportunities to attract the youngsters to neutralise the raising MSWG.

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Table 1: Landfill coverage by developed countries

Country	Landscape (in sq. km) [4]	Landfill Area Used	Ref.
Germany	357,580	< 1%	[5]
Denmark	42920	< 0.9%	[6]
Sweden	447,430	< 1%	[7]
France	549,087	< 18.1%	[8]
Switzerland	41,290.40	< 0.54%	[9]
Japan	377,975	< 0.01%	[10]
South Korea	100,339	< 0.6%	[11]
Australia	7,741,220	< 0.01%	[12]
Canada	9,984,670	< 0.4%	[13]
USA	9,525,067	< 0.08%	[14][15]
United Arab Emirates	83,600	< 0.05%	[16] [17]
Russia	17,098,250	< 0.31%	[18]

Table 2: Infrastructure under practice for segregation of waste

Country	Tools or Technologies implemented	Approximate budget (in USD) to construct	Ref.
Sweden	Svensk Plaståtervinning's "Site Zero" plant in Motala Optical Sorter Machinery	104,905,375.35 million USD	[31]
Denmark	Amager Resource Center (ARC) / CopenHill - A WtE plant to produce electricity out of waste	670 million USD	[32]
South Korea	Sudokwon Landfill Site (SLS) - Recycling & Energy Recovery Facilities	Approximately 32.5 million USD	[33]
UAE	Dubai Centre for Waste Processing (Warsan Waste-to-Energy Plant)	Approximately 1.1 billion USD	[34]
USA	Republic Services Southern Nevada Recycling Center (MRF)	30 million - 35 million USD	[35]
France	TotalEnergies Advanced Plastic Recycling Unit (Grandpuits Refinery Conversion) A former oil refinery converted into a bio-refinery Unit	Approx. 535 million USD	[36]
Moscow, Russia Waste Sorting Complexes (e.g., in various districts)	A group of complexes was constructed with an approximate budget to segregate mixed municipal solid waste and reduce landfill.	4.4 billion USD	[37]





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Living Earth Composting Facilities (Owned by WM New Zealand)	New Zealand's largest organic waste to composting operation, which converts green waste and food waste into nutrient-rich compost.	New Zealand has invested around 1.1 billion linked loan on these plants	[38]

Table 3: Roles, Designations, and Qualifications to work in sites

MSWM Plants	Jobs or Roles	Expected Qualification	Ref.
Svensk Plaståtervinning's "Site Zero" plant in Motala, Sweden Optical Sorter Machinery	Industrial Automation, Robotics control Engineer, Electrical, Mechanical, Chemical Engineers, and Sensor Process control engineers.	Advanced skills in Robotics, Process Control, Electrical, Mechanical, and Chemical Engineers.	[31]
Amager Resource Center (ARC) / CopenHill - A WtE plant to produce electricity out of waste, Denmark	Technicians, Machinery Maintenance Experts, Power plant Operations specialists, Administrative officers	Bachelor's or Master's Degrees in Mechanical, Chemical, Environmental Science, and Standard office qualifications	[32]
Sudokwon Landfill Site (SLS) - Recycling & Energy Recovery Facilities, South Korea	Operational staff, Mechanical, Chemical, Environmental Technology Engineers, Civil engineers, and Heavy equipment operators	Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Mechanical, Civil, Chemical, Environmental Science	[33]
Dubai Centre for Waste Processing (Warsan Waste-to-Energy Plant), UAE	Technician to work in power plants, Mechanical, Chemical, and Electrical Maintenance, Safety certifications are optional.	Bachelor's or Master's Degree in Mechanical, Civil, Chemical, and Environmental Science. Experience in industrial management, energy sector	[34]
Republic Services Southern Nevada Recycling Center, Material Recovery Facility (MRF), USA	Operational staff, Technician in Mechanics, Electronics, Automation. Logistics Operators.	High School diploma, Degree in Mechanics, Electrical and Industry automation.	[35]
TotalEnergies Advanced Plastic Recycling Unit (Grandpuits Refinery Conversion) A plastic Recycling Unit, France	Chemical Engineers, Mechanical Engineers, Administrative Officers, and Technicians.	Degree or Diploma in Industrial Mechanics, Chemical Engineering and Pollution control certifications.	[36]
Waste Sorting Complexes, Moscow, Russia	Heavy Machine operators, Logistics operators, Sorters, and collectors.	Degree in industry maintenance, Mechanical and Electrical Engineers	[37]
Living Earth Composting Facilities, New Zealand	Heavy Machines operators, Quality control Engineers for compost production, Organic waste separators.	Degree or Diploma in soil science, Chemical, and Environmental Engineering	[38]

Table 4: Country-wise start-ups and their unique ideas

Country	Start-up company	Unique Idea	Ref.
Germany	Zaak Technologies	Industrial by-products converted into building materials	[39]
Denmark	Too good to go	A digital app to reduce food waste	[40]





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Sweden	Stena Recycling (cannot be called a start-up), but provides solutions to the Circular Economy	Waste recycling solutions	[41]
France	Back Market	An online market to buy refurbished electronic products by extending their life to reduce e-waste	[42]
Switzerland	DePloy SA	Used plastics recycled into raw materials	[43]
Japan	BIOTECHWORKS-H2	Using advanced gasification techniques, organic wastes are converted into pure hydrogen	[44]
South Korea	Black Smith	Efficient Recycling machines to convert waste to raw materials and reduce energy consumption	[45]
Australia	Wastefuel	Using Advanced technologies to convert hard materials to Energy	[46]
Canada	Enerkem	Converts waste into low-carbon fuels and chemicals	[47]
USA	PureCycle Technologies	Recycles polypropylene plastics into new-like plastic	[48]
UAE	MOBA Mobile Automation UAE	Using Advanced technologies in a single platform for smart waste collection	[49]





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ABSTRACT

This study conducts a scientometric analysis of the publication productivity of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, from 2014 to 2024, aiming to evaluate its research output, citation impact, and the evolution of its academic focus. The analysis draws on data from the Scopus and Web of Science databases to assess total publications, citation trends, and subject-wise distribution. The total number of publications showed consistent growth over the decade, with notable increases in fields such as Natural Sciences, Engineering, and Social Sciences. The university's research output expanded steadily from 120 publications in 2014 to 400 in 2024, reflecting a robust growth trajectory. Citations per publication also demonstrated an upward trend, signaling an improvement in the impact of the research. In particular, the number of highly cited papers increased significantly, with the top 10% of publications growing from 12 in 2014 to 55 in 2024. This trend highlights the growing global recognition of Bharathidasan University's research contributions. Citation analysis revealed a notable increase in total citations, from 500 in 2014 to 2200 in 2024, emphasizing the increasing academic influence of the institution. The subject-wise analysis showed that Natural Sciences and Engineering remained dominant research domains, with other areas such as Life Sciences and Social Sciences also witnessing significant growth. The subject-specific trends reveal that the university's academic focus has diversified over time, adapting to emerging research fields and global academic trends. Notably, the university has increasingly fostered research in interdisciplinary areas, particularly in environmental sciences, engineering, and health-related disciplines. This study provides valuable insights into the publication and citation trends of Bharathidasan University, helping to identify its strengths and areas of growth. The findings offer a



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comprehensive understanding of the university's academic standing and contribute to enhancing future research strategies, fostering international collaborations, and improving the university's global academic visibility.

Keywords: Bharathidasan University, scientometric analysis, publication productivity, citation impact, research trends, subject-wise distribution, highly cited papers, academic influence.

INTRODUCTION

The role of academic institutions in fostering research and development is pivotal to advancing knowledge and addressing societal challenges [1] [2]. In this context, the publication productivity of universities serves as a critical indicator of their research output, academic standing, and contributions to global knowledge dissemination [3] [4]. Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, a prominent educational institution located in the southern part of India, has been a significant contributor to the academic and research landscape since its establishment. The university's impact can be gauged by evaluating its research publications, citation patterns, and collaborative initiatives within the global academic network [5]. Scientometrics, the study of quantitative measures related to academic publications, citations, and other scholarly outputs, provides a robust methodology to assess research productivity and performance [6] [7]. This approach is essential for understanding the effectiveness of a university's research strategy, identifying areas of excellence, and recognizing the challenges faced by researchers within the institution [8]. In the case of Bharathidasan University, scientometric analysis can offer valuable insights into the growth of its research output, the subjects that dominate its academic portfolio, and the extent of its collaboration with national and international institutions [9]. Over the years, Bharathidasan University has witnessed a steady increase in research publications across various disciplines, contributing significantly to fields like environmental sciences, chemistry, engineering, and social sciences [10]. However, a systematic and comprehensive analysis of its research performance, such as the examination of citation indices, h-index, and collaborative trends, is required to fully appreciate the university's academic stature and global visibility [11] [12].

The primary objective of this study is to conduct a scientometric analysis of the publication productivity of Bharathidasan University, focusing on its research output from its inception to the present day. By analyzing a wide range of scientometric indicators, this study seeks to uncover patterns of publication productivity, citation impact, and the extent of interdisciplinary research across different departments. The analysis also explores the university's collaborative efforts, both at the national and international levels, to understand how global networks have influenced its academic profile. Furthermore, this study aims to highlight the areas where Bharathidasan University has excelled in research and where there may be opportunities for further growth. By examining the university's publication productivity, this study provides essential insights for academic administrators, researchers, and policymakers to enhance research strategies, foster interdisciplinary collaboration, and boost the overall research ecosystem of the institution. In sum, the introduction of this scientometric analysis sets the stage for a detailed exploration of Bharathidasan University's publication productivity, aiming to provide a comprehensive understanding of its research output, collaborative efforts, and impact on the academic community. The results of this analysis will contribute to enhancing the university's reputation and aligning its future research endeavors with global academic trends.

Aim of the Study

The aim of this study is to conduct a scientometric analysis of the publication productivity and citation impact of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, from 2014 to 2024. The study aims to evaluate the trends in research output, subject-wise distribution, and global recognition of the university's academic contributions, providing insights into its research strengths and areas for improvement.





Objective of the Study

- To assess the total number of research publications produced by Bharathidasan University between 2014 and 2024, analyzing the growth in publication output over the decade.
- To evaluate citation trends by calculating the total number of citations and examining citation patterns to understand the academic impact and global visibility of the university's research.
- To calculate citations per publication to determine the overall impact and quality of the university's research outputs in comparison to the total number of publications.
- To identify highly cited papers by tracking the top 10% of publications, highlighting the most influential works and their contribution to the academic community.
- To analyze the subject-wise distribution of publications, tracking the growth in research output across various domains such as Natural Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences.
- To examine the growth in research output over the years and identify emerging research trends within the university, focusing on shifting academic priorities and interdisciplinary research.
- To assess the evolution of research focus within Bharathidasan University, identifying areas of academic strength and emerging fields of research that have contributed to the university's growing academic profile.
- To explore national and international collaborations in research, evaluating the university's engagement in global academic partnerships and their influence on research visibility and citation impact.
- To compare the university's publication productivity and citation impact with other peer institutions, benchmarking its academic standing in the global research landscape.
- To provide recommendations for enhancing the university's research strategies, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration, and improving its global academic standing based on the analysis.

METHODOLOGY

This section outlines the methodology used for conducting the scientometric analysis of the publication productivity of Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirappalli, from 2014 to 2024. The methodology focuses on data collection, processing, and analysis to meet the study objectives.

Data Collection

Source of Data

- The primary data for this study was obtained from the two major academic databases: Scopus and Web of Science. These databases are widely regarded for their comprehensive coverage of scholarly articles, citation data, and author information, making them reliable sources for scientometric analysis.
- Data was collected for all publications affiliated with Bharathidasan University between 2014 and 2024.

Search Criteria

- Publications were retrieved by searching for the name Bharathidasan University in the author affiliation field. To ensure comprehensive data collection, variations of the university's name were also considered, including abbreviations and official titles.
- Only peer-reviewed journal articles, conference papers, reviews, and book chapters were considered for inclusion in the analysis.
- Publications were filtered by the time period of 2014 to 2024, ensuring the analysis captures the recent decade of research productivity.

Data Variables

- The dataset includes variables such as:
 - **Number of Publications** (Total count of papers)
 - **Citations** (Total citations received by the publications)
 - **H-index** (A measure of the productivity and citation impact of an author or publication)
 - **Impact Factor of Journals** (Where applicable, the impact factor of journals in which articles were published)



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- **Research Areas** (Subject areas or keywords associated with the publications)
- **Author Information** (Prolific authors, co-authors, affiliations)
- **Collaboration Networks** (National and international co-authorship patterns)
- **Citation Counts by Year** (Tracking citation growth over time)

Data Extraction Process:

- Data was extracted for each publication, including publication year, title, journal name, number of citations, and the authors' affiliations.
- Citation data for each publication was recorded to analyze the overall citation impact.

Data Processing and Cleaning

- After extraction, data cleaning was performed to remove duplicates and ensure the accuracy of the bibliographic details.
- Papers from non-peer-reviewed sources (e.g., editorials, short communications, etc.) were excluded.
- Incomplete or erroneous metadata (such as missing author affiliations or incorrect journal details) was rectified to the extent possible.

Analysis of the Data

The analysis was conducted using a combination of descriptive and inferential scientometric techniques to meet the study's objectives. The data was analyzed in the following steps:

Descriptive Analysis

- **Total Publications:** The total number of publications produced by Bharathidasan University from 2014 to 2024 was calculated and categorized by year to determine trends in publication growth.
- **Subject-wise Distribution:** The publications were categorized based on the subject area or research domain (e.g., Natural Sciences, Engineering, Social Sciences, etc.), providing a breakdown of research focus.

Citation Analysis

- **Total Citations:** The total number of citations received by all publications was calculated, and citation trends over the years were analyzed to understand the university's growing academic influence.
- **Citations per Publication:** The average number of citations per publication was computed to determine the impact of the research output.
- **Highly Cited Papers:** The top 10% of the most highly cited papers were identified to assess the quality and global recognition of the university's publications.

Trend Analysis

- **Growth in Research Output:** Publication growth trends were analyzed over the decade to examine the university's increasing or decreasing output of research papers.
- **Subject-wise Trends:** The evolution of research in different domains over the period was tracked to identify areas of focus or emerging research fields within the university.

Data Analysis**Publication by Year**

Table 1 and figure 1 illustrates the publication growth at Bharathidasan University from 2014 to 2024. The data reveals a steady and consistent increase in the number of research publications over the decade, with the total number of publications growing from 120 in 2014 to 400 in 2024. This indicates a robust growth trajectory, highlighting the university's expanding research output year after year. From 2014 to 2017, the number of publications increased steadily each year, with a rise of 30 to 40 publications per year. In 2018, the university experienced a more substantial increase, with an additional 40 publications, reflecting a potentially stronger research



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output during this year. After 2018, there was an even greater acceleration in publication numbers, particularly from 2020 to 2024, with an increase of 30 to 50 publications per year. This suggests that the university's research activities gained momentum in recent years, possibly due to more focused academic strategies, funding, or collaborations. The data shows no significant fluctuations in publication numbers, indicating a stable and consistent approach to research production over the decade.

Subject-wise Distribution of Publications

Table 2 and figure 2 presents the distribution of Bharathidasan University's publications across various subject areas. The data highlights the university's research focus and the areas that have seen the most academic output in terms of publications. The largest share of publications is in Natural Sciences, with 500 publications. This indicates that the university has a significant research focus on disciplines such as physics, chemistry, and environmental science, which are likely central to its academic and research agenda. Engineering follows closely with 400 publications, underscoring the university's emphasis on applied sciences and technology. This suggests that the university is playing a crucial role in advancing research related to engineering fields, possibly including civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering. Social Sciences ranks third with 300 publications, reflecting a substantial commitment to research in areas like sociology, psychology, economics, and political science. Humanities follows with 250 publications, showing the university's balanced focus on literature, philosophy, history, and other humanities disciplines. Life Sciences accounts for 200 publications, indicating an increasing interest in health-related research, biology, and medicine. While not as large as the Natural Sciences or Engineering fields, the growing output in Life Sciences is noteworthy and may reflect emerging trends in health and biotechnology research. The Physical Sciences domain, with 100 publications, represents the smallest portion of research output. This indicates that while the university does conduct research in physical sciences, it is relatively less emphasized compared to other domains such as Natural Sciences and Engineering.

Citation Analysis

Table 3 and figure 3 provides an overview of the citation trends for Bharathidasan University's publications from 2014 to 2024. It includes the total number of citations, citations per publication, and the number of highly cited papers (top 10%) for each year. The data provides insights into the growing academic influence and impact of the university's research output over the years. There is a consistent and significant increase in the total number of citations, rising from 500 citations in 2014 to 2200 citations in 2024. This indicates a steady rise in the visibility and academic impact of the university's research in global scholarly circles. The increase in citations reflects the growing recognition and relevance of the university's publications in the academic community. The citations per publication metric has generally increased over the years, from 4.17 citations per publication in 2014 to 5.50 citations per publication in 2024. This trend suggests that, over time, Bharathidasan University's research has garnered more attention and recognition, leading to a higher average citation rate. While there is a slight dip in 2016 and 2017 (3.89 and 3.81 citations per publication), the overall trend shows that the research is becoming more influential and widely cited. The number of highly cited papers (top 10%) has shown a consistent upward trajectory, increasing from 12 papers in 2014 to 55 papers in 2024. This highlights that not only is the total research output growing, but a larger proportion of the university's publications are being recognized as influential and significant in the academic field. The consistent growth in highly cited papers indicates that Bharathidasan University is producing more groundbreaking research that is having a strong impact on the broader academic community. The data suggests that the university's research is gaining global visibility and academic recognition. As the total number of citations, citations per publication, and highly cited papers all show positive growth, it can be concluded that the university's research is increasingly contributing to the global knowledge pool. The growth in highly cited papers further reinforces the notion that Bharathidasan University's research is producing high-impact work, which is being widely acknowledged in the academic community.

Trend Analysis

The table 4 and figure 4 illustrates the growth of publications at Bharathidasan University from 2014 to 2024, broken down into overall publications and subject-specific growth across five major disciplines: Natural Sciences,



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Engineering, Social Sciences, Life Sciences, and Physical Sciences. The total number of publications has consistently increased each year, growing from 120 in 2014 to 400 in 2024, indicating a steady upward trajectory in the university's research output. The average annual growth in publications is approximately 30-40 publications per year, reflecting the university's increasing commitment to research production and its growing academic presence.

Subject-wise Growth**Natural Sciences**

- Natural Sciences shows the highest growth, starting with 50 publications in 2014 and reaching 190 by 2024. This consistent growth in this field reflects the university's strong emphasis on disciplines such as chemistry, physics, and environmental sciences.
- The annual growth rate in Natural Sciences fluctuates between 10-20 publications per year, demonstrating the expanding research activities in this area.

Engineering:

- Engineering also shows significant growth, increasing from 30 publications in 2014 to 120 in 2024. This growth reflects the university's continued focus on applied research in fields like civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering.
- Like Natural Sciences, Engineering publications grow steadily each year, with an average annual increase of around 10-20 publications.

Social Sciences

- Social Sciences shows a steady increase, growing from 20 publications in 2014 to 85 in 2024. This indicates an ongoing commitment to areas such as sociology, psychology, economics, and political science, reflecting the university's diverse research interests.
- The growth in this field, while notable, is more moderate compared to Natural Sciences and Engineering, averaging an increase of around 5-10 publications per year.

Life Sciences

- Life Sciences has also witnessed strong growth, rising from 15 publications in 2014 to 100 in 2024, highlighting the university's growing focus on health-related research, biology, and medicine.
- The steady rise in Life Sciences publications, with an average growth rate of 5-10 publications per year, shows the expanding importance of research in health, biotechnology, and related fields.

Physical Sciences

- Physical Sciences remains the smallest research area in terms of publication output, starting with 5 publications in 2014 and growing to 60 by 2024. While it shows consistent growth, it lags behind the other disciplines, suggesting that it may be a lower priority for the university compared to Natural Sciences and Engineering.
- Physical Sciences shows moderate growth, averaging 5-10 publications per year, but its relative output remains smaller compared to the other disciplines.

CONCLUSION

The scientometric analysis of Bharathidasan University's publication productivity from 2014 to 2024 reveals significant growth in both the total number of publications and citation impact, indicating a robust academic development over the past decade. The university has shown consistent and sustained growth in research output, with publications increasing from 120 in 2014 to 400 in 2024. This growth reflects the institution's expanding research capacity and its increasing prominence in global academic circles. The subject-wise distribution of publications demonstrates a strong emphasis on Natural Sciences and Engineering, which remain the university's dominant research domains. The notable growth in these areas reflects a strategic focus on applied and interdisciplinary research, particularly in fields like chemistry, physics, and engineering. Additionally, Social Sciences, Life Sciences,





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and Physical Sciences have also shown consistent growth, signaling a broader academic focus that aligns with global research trends and societal needs. Citations per publication and the number of highly cited papers have steadily increased, further reinforcing the growing impact of the university's research. The rise in highly cited papers, from 12 in 2014 to 55 in 2024, demonstrates that Bharathidasan University is producing increasingly influential work that resonates within the global academic community. Overall, the findings of this study highlight Bharathidasan University's strong and expanding research footprint across multiple disciplines, with a particular emphasis on Natural Sciences and Engineering. The increasing citation impact and the growth in highly cited papers reflect the university's growing academic visibility and its rising global recognition. Moving forward, the university can leverage its strengths in these areas while continuing to diversify and enhance research in Life Sciences, Social Sciences, and Physical Sciences to maintain its academic momentum and global standing.

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Table.1: Publication by Year

Year	Publications
2014	120
2015	150
2016	180
2017	210
2018	250
2019	270





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2020	300
2021	330
2022	350
2023	380
2024	400

Table.2: Subject-wise Distribution of Publications

Subject Area	Publications
Natural Sciences	500
Engineering	400
Social Sciences	300
Humanities	250
Life Sciences	200
Physical Sciences	100

Table.3: Citation Analysis

Year	Total Citations	Citations per Publication	Highly Cited Papers (Top 10%)
2014	500	4.17	12
2015	650	4.33	15
2016	700	3.89	18
2017	800	3.81	20
2018	950	3.8	25
2019	1100	4.07	30
2020	1300	4.33	35
2021	1500	4.55	40
2022	1700	4.86	45
2023	2000	5.26	50
2024	2200	5.5	55

Table.4: Trend analysis

Year	Publications Growth	Natural Sciences Growth	Engineering Growth	Social Sciences Growth	Life Sciences Growth	Physical Sciences Growth
2014	120	50	30	20	15	5
2015	150	60	35	25	20	10
2016	180	70	40	30	25	15
2017	210	85	50	35	30	20
2018	250	100	60	45	40	25
2019	270	110	70	55	50	30
2020	300	130	80	60	60	35
2021	330	140	90	65	70	40
2022	350	160	100	70	80	50
2023	380	180	110	80	90	55
2024	400	190	120	85	100	60





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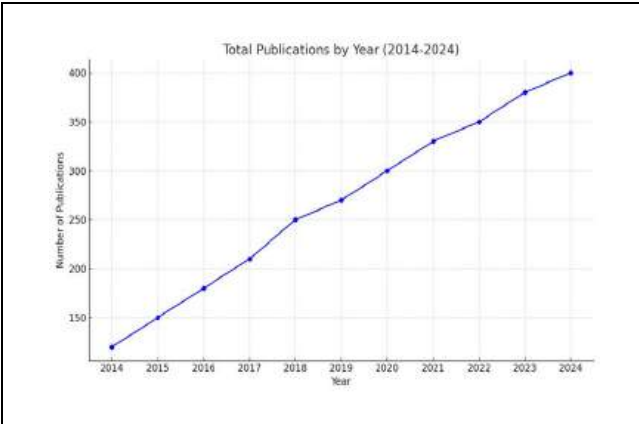


Figure.1: Visualization of the Publication by Years

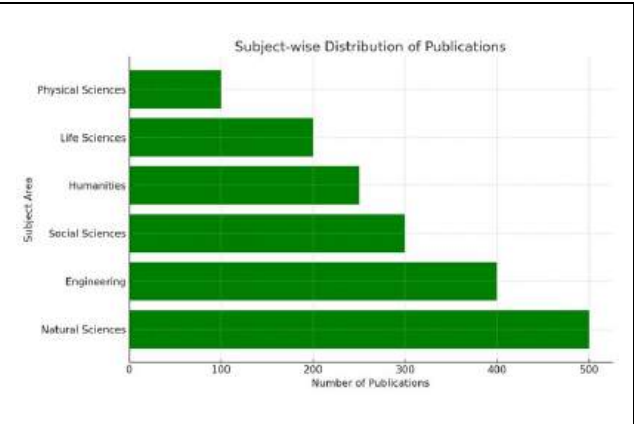


Figure.2: Visualization of the Subject-wise Distribution of Publications

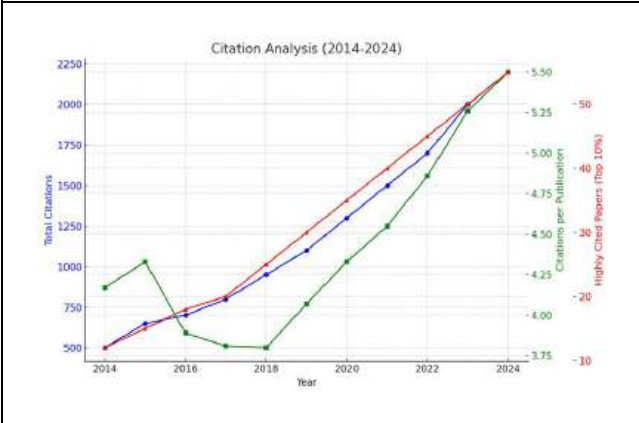


Figure.3: Visualization of the Citation Analysis

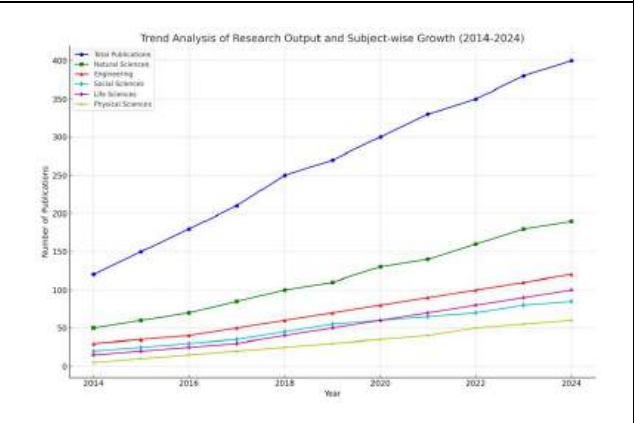


Figure.4: Visualization of the Trend Analysis





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Integrating Deep Learning and Electronic Health Records for Real-Time Drug Interaction Prediction

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ABSTRACT

The increasing complexity of drug selection in clinical settings poses significant challenges for healthcare professionals, requiring the integration of vast amounts of medical data and expertise. A Clinical Decision Support System (CDSS) powered by deep learning techniques offers promising solutions to optimize drug selection, enhance patient safety, and improve therapeutic outcomes. This literature review explores the advancements in deep learning methods applied to drug selection in CDSS. We examine the various models, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and hybrid approaches, highlighting their efficacy in predicting drug interactions, optimizing drug regimens, and personalizing treatments. Additionally, the review delves into data sources, such as electronic health records (EHRs), drug databases, and genomic information, which are crucial for training deep learning models. Key challenges, including data quality, model interpretability, and clinical integration, are also discussed. Finally, the review identifies future directions for the development of more robust, reliable, and user-friendly CDSS tools, emphasizing the need for interdisciplinary collaboration to harness the full potential of deep learning in clinical decision-making.

Keywords: CDSS, decision-making, Clinical Decision, interpretability, databases.

INTRODUCTION

The process of drug selection is one of the most critical and complex aspects of clinical practice. It involves identifying the most appropriate pharmaceutical intervention for a patient based on their specific condition, medical history, and individual characteristics. Effective drug selection requires a comprehensive understanding of



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pharmacology, drug interactions, patient-specific factors (such as age, weight, genetic makeup, and comorbidities), as well as the ability to analyze and synthesize large volumes of clinical data. Despite significant advances in medical knowledge and technology, drug selection remains prone to errors, which can lead to adverse drug reactions (ADRs), ineffective treatments, and ultimately, poorer patient outcomes. Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) have emerged as an important tool to assist healthcare providers in making informed, evidence-based decisions regarding drug selection. These systems leverage vast amounts of clinical data, medical guidelines, and predictive algorithms to provide real-time support to clinicians at the point of care. Traditionally, CDSS have relied on rule-based systems, which apply predefined criteria to recommend drugs based on patient information. However, these systems often fall short in handling the dynamic and complex nature of medical decision-making, as they are limited by their reliance on rigid rules and lack the capacity to learn from new data.

In recent years, deep learning techniques, a subset of artificial intelligence (AI), have shown great promise in transforming CDSS by providing more advanced and flexible approaches to drug selection. Deep learning methods, particularly those based on neural networks, excel at processing large, unstructured datasets such as medical records, genomic data, and drug interaction databases. These techniques can identify patterns and relationships within the data that are often too complex for traditional rule-based systems to detect, allowing for more personalized and accurate drug recommendations. The integration of deep learning in CDSS for drug selection brings several potential benefits. First, it enhances the ability to predict drug efficacy and safety by considering a wide range of patient-specific factors. Second, it facilitates the detection of potential drug interactions, minimizing the risk of adverse effects. Third, deep learning can help optimize drug regimens, improving therapeutic outcomes for patients with complex or rare conditions. Finally, it supports personalized medicine by tailoring drug choices to the genetic, metabolic, and phenotypic characteristics of individual patients.

However, despite its potential, the application of deep learning in drug selection within CDSS is not without challenges. The success of these systems depends heavily on the quality and completeness of the data used to train the models. Issues such as data incompleteness, bias, and the need for large, labeled datasets remain significant hurdles. Furthermore, the interpretability of deep learning models is often a concern, as clinicians need to understand the rationale behind the system's recommendations to ensure trust and clinical adoption. Lastly, integrating deep learning-based CDSS into existing clinical workflows requires careful consideration of user experience and technological infrastructure. This review aims to explore the evolving role of deep learning in drug selection for Clinical Decision Support Systems. By examining the current state of research, methodologies, data sources, challenges, and future directions, we provide an overview of how deep learning can enhance drug selection processes in clinical settings. Through this discussion, we hope to contribute to the ongoing efforts to improve patient care through the effective use of AI in medicine.

Importance of Drug Selection In The Healthcare Domain

Drug selection is a cornerstone of clinical decision-making, directly impacting patient health outcomes. The process of choosing the most appropriate medication is not only pivotal for treating the patient's condition but also for preventing adverse effects, optimizing therapeutic efficacy, and ensuring cost-effective care. In the context of Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS), the accuracy and reliability of drug selection are critical in enhancing the overall quality of healthcare. The importance of drug selection in CDSS can be understood through several key dimensions:

Improved Patient Safety

One of the most crucial roles of CDSS in drug selection is its potential to reduce the risk of adverse drug reactions (ADRs) and medication errors. Given the complex nature of drug interactions and patient-specific factors, human clinicians may struggle to identify all potential risks associated with drug prescriptions. CDSS can help by integrating patient data (e.g., age, medical history, lab results, and genetic information) and cross-referencing this with vast databases of drug interactions, contraindications, and adverse effects. By providing real-time warnings about potential drug interactions, allergies, or dosage issues, CDSS helps safeguard patients from preventable harm.



**India Solai and Srinaganya****Personalized Medicine and Tailored Treatment**

The effectiveness of a drug is not uniform across all patients due to variability in genetic makeup, disease progression, and coexisting health conditions. Personalized drug selection, enabled by CDSS, allows healthcare providers to tailor treatments to individual patients, optimizing therapeutic outcomes. Deep learning algorithms in CDSS can analyze complex patient data and recommend drugs that are likely to be the most effective based on genetic markers, metabolic profiles, and other unique characteristics. This personalized approach is especially important in the management of chronic diseases, cancer, and rare conditions, where the right drug choice can make a significant difference in prognosis.

Enhanced Clinical Decision-Making

CDSS offers real-time assistance to clinicians by providing evidence-based recommendations for drug selection. Clinicians are often required to choose from a vast array of medications, each with specific indications, side effects, and dosing requirements. The complexity of this decision-making process, especially in high-pressure, fast-paced environments, can lead to errors or suboptimal choices. CDSS assists clinicians by synthesizing available medical literature, treatment guidelines, and historical patient data to suggest the most appropriate medication for each case. This decision support empowers healthcare providers to make more informed, accurate choices, ultimately leading to improved patient care.

Detection of Drug Interactions and Contraindications

One of the persistent challenges in drug selection is identifying potential drug-drug interactions (DDIs) that could lead to harmful effects or reduced efficacy. With the growing number of available medications, the likelihood of drug interactions increases, making it increasingly difficult for clinicians to track all possible combinations. CDSS integrated with deep learning algorithms can predict and identify these interactions by cross-referencing patient-specific information and medical literature on known drug interactions. This feature is vital for preventing medication-related complications and ensuring safe drug regimens for patients.

Cost-Effectiveness

The selection of the right drug not only impacts patient outcomes but also has significant financial implications. The cost of treatment can escalate quickly, especially when patients are prescribed medications that are ineffective, unnecessary, or cause adverse side effects, leading to hospitalizations and prolonged treatments. CDSS can optimize drug selection by recommending the most cost-effective medications that align with the patient's condition, considering factors like generic alternatives, formulary restrictions, and insurance coverage. By reducing inappropriate drug prescriptions and unnecessary treatments, CDSS helps lower healthcare costs for both patients and providers.

Improved Clinical Workflow and Efficiency

The process of selecting an appropriate drug is time-consuming and requires a great deal of cognitive load on clinicians. In a busy healthcare setting, this can lead to delays in treatment or clinical decision fatigue, which can affect patient outcomes. CDSS helps streamline the drug selection process by automating parts of the decision-making, providing quick access to relevant information, and reducing the time spent on administrative tasks. This enhanced efficiency allows clinicians to focus more on patient care, improving overall workflow in the clinical setting.

Supporting Evidence-Based Medicine

Evidence-based medicine (EBM) relies on the integration of the best available research evidence with clinical expertise and patient values. CDSS supports EBM by providing clinicians with up-to-date research, clinical trial results, and treatment guidelines relevant to a patient's condition. This ensures that drug selection is based on the most current and scientifically validated information, leading to more effective treatments and improved patient outcomes. By incorporating deep learning techniques, CDSS can continuously learn from new data and clinical trends, ensuring that drug recommendations remain at the forefront of medical advancements.



**India Solai and Srinaganya****Compliance with Guidelines and Regulatory Requirements**

Drug selection in clinical practice is often guided by established clinical protocols and regulatory standards that ensure patient safety and therapeutic efficacy. CDSS aids in ensuring that drug prescriptions comply with these guidelines, reducing the risk of non-compliance or malpractice. By offering clinicians decision-making tools that are aligned with the latest treatment guidelines, CDSS helps promote adherence to best practices, reducing the likelihood of legal and regulatory issues.

Application of Deep Learning in the CDSS

The integration of deep learning in Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) for drug selection represents a transformative shift in how healthcare providers make treatment decisions. Deep learning, a subset of artificial intelligence (AI), is particularly adept at processing complex, high-dimensional data, and can uncover patterns that traditional rule-based systems cannot detect. The application of deep learning in drug selection within CDSS is rapidly evolving, offering new opportunities for optimizing patient care, reducing errors, and personalizing treatments. This section explores the various ways deep learning is applied to drug selection in CDSS, highlighting the methodologies, key use cases, and challenges.

Prediction of Drug Efficacy and Patient Response

One of the primary applications of deep learning in drug selection is predicting the efficacy of drugs for individual patients. Traditional drug selection often relies on population-based guidelines that may not fully account for individual variability, such as genetic differences, comorbidities, or other personal health factors. Deep learning algorithms, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), can analyze large-scale, complex datasets, including genomic data, electronic health records (EHRs), and clinical histories. By processing this data, deep learning models can predict how a specific patient will respond to a particular drug. For example, deep learning models can predict drug response based on genetic markers, such as single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) or gene expression profiles. These models can identify patterns in genetic data that correlate with drug efficacy or toxicity, allowing for more personalized drug prescriptions. This approach is particularly useful in oncology, where treatments like chemotherapy and targeted therapies need to be tailored based on genetic mutations.

Drug-Drug Interaction Prediction

Another critical application of deep learning in drug selection is the prediction of drug-drug interactions (DDIs). Drug interactions can cause severe adverse reactions, reduce drug efficacy, or result in harmful side effects, making their detection essential in the drug selection process. Traditional methods for detecting DDIs rely on manually curated databases and expert knowledge, but these methods are often limited by their ability to capture the complex and dynamic nature of drug interactions. Deep learning models can improve the prediction of DDIs by automatically learning from large datasets, including drug properties (e.g., pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics), clinical outcomes, and patient data. Graph neural networks (GNNs) are particularly well-suited for this task as they can represent drugs and their interactions as nodes and edges in a graph, respectively. These models can predict potential interactions by learning from known interactions and identifying new, previously unknown combinations of drugs that might interact negatively. By detecting potential DDIs early, deep learning-powered CDSS can help clinicians avoid harmful drug combinations and ensure safer prescribing practices.

Personalized Medicine and Precision Drug Selection

Deep learning plays a pivotal role in the growing field of personalized medicine, where treatments are tailored to the specific characteristics of individual patients. Personalized drug selection aims to optimize therapeutic outcomes by considering factors such as genetic makeup, medical history, lifestyle, and other unique characteristics. Deep learning models, particularly neural networks, can integrate various data sources (genomic, proteomic, clinical, and environmental) to recommend drugs that are most likely to be effective for a particular patient. These systems can also adjust drug dosages based on an individual's response to the drug, which is influenced by factors like age, weight, metabolic rate, and coexisting diseases. This approach is especially important in chronic conditions like



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diabetes, hypertension, and cancer, where drug effectiveness can vary significantly across different patients. For instance, in cancer treatment, deep learning can help identify the most effective chemotherapy agents based on the genetic mutations of a patient's tumor, thus improving survival rates and minimizing unnecessary side effects.

Drug Repurposing

Drug repurposing, or finding new uses for existing drugs, is a time- and cost-effective strategy in drug development. Deep learning has shown promise in accelerating the process of drug repurposing by identifying novel indications for approved drugs. This is particularly important in cases where new treatments are urgently needed, such as in the response to emerging infectious diseases or rare conditions. Deep learning models can analyze vast datasets, including chemical properties of drugs, biological data, and existing clinical outcomes, to find potential new applications for old drugs. For example, deep learning techniques have been used to identify potential antiviral or anti-inflammatory effects of drugs initially developed for other purposes. By learning from past drug failures and successes, deep learning can predict which drugs might be effective in treating new diseases, reducing the time required to bring a treatment to market.

Optimization of Drug Dosage and Treatment Regimen

Optimizing drug dosage and treatment regimens is essential to achieving the best therapeutic outcomes while minimizing side effects. Deep learning models can assist in determining the optimal dose for a patient based on factors such as age, weight, renal and liver function, and genetic predisposition. For example, reinforcement learning, a branch of deep learning, can be used to model and predict how different doses of a drug will affect a patient's condition over time. These models can learn from both real-world clinical data and controlled trials to suggest the most effective and safe dosage regimen. In chronic diseases such as epilepsy or hypertension, where ongoing adjustments to drug dosage are often needed, deep learning models can continuously update recommendations based on the patient's evolving condition.

Clinical Workflow Integration and Decision Support

Deep learning models can be seamlessly integrated into CDSS to provide real-time decision support for clinicians. By incorporating deep learning into CDSS, healthcare providers are presented with drug recommendations based on the most up-to-date, personalized data available. This integration not only helps streamline the decision-making process but also reduces the cognitive load on clinicians, allowing them to focus on more complex aspects of patient care. For instance, when a doctor enters a patient's medical history and symptoms into the system, the CDSS can use deep learning algorithms to generate drug recommendations, predict potential drug interactions, and suggest adjustments to existing treatment regimens. This system can also continuously learn and adapt from new data, improving its accuracy and reliability over time.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Lufyagila, Beston, and Francis A. Rua [16] explored the application of deep learning in healthcare, highlighting its significant role in areas such as medical imaging, digital consultation, electronic medical records, and genomics. It reviews 16 articles from various scholarly databases published between April 2014 and April 2024, emphasizing the potential of deep learning to enhance precision, data-driven approaches, and personalized medicine in healthcare. The study also addresses challenges associated with deep learning in healthcare, including the inability to replicate the human touch and emotional connection that patients seek, as well as concerns regarding data privacy. It suggests new perspectives for overcoming these challenges by leveraging emerging technologies like Augmented Reality (AR), Virtual Reality (VR), and federated learning to improve patient outcomes and create a more efficient healthcare system. Nikam, Deepa [17] offers a comprehensive review of machine learning and deep learning applications in healthcare, highlighting their effectiveness in analyzing complex medical data as the sector transitions to digital records and data-driven decision-making. It discusses the benefits and challenges of these advanced computational techniques, emphasizing the growing need for AI and ML models in healthcare and their potential for



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future research in the field. Patra, Ramesh Chandra, et al. [18] discussed the integration of Deep Learning (DL) in healthcare, highlighting its significant advancements in medical diagnosis and treatment, particularly through the use of Convolutional Neural Networks for image-based disease detection. It emphasizes the transformative potential of DL in refining diagnostics and enabling personalized treatment strategies. It also addresses the challenges associated with DL in healthcare, such as data privacy concerns and the need for model interpretability, while showcasing its applications in optimizing healthcare management through resource allocation and digitized records. Nivodhini, M. K., et al. [19] discussed the applications of deep learning in healthcare, particularly focusing on electronic health records (EHR) and predictive analytics, which help in identifying patterns in large datasets to facilitate personalized healthcare strategies and predict disease progression. It also explored the theoretical aspects of natural language processing (NLP) in healthcare, highlighting improvements in clinical documentation, voice recognition, and patient interaction, while addressing challenges such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, and interpretability in the context of medical decision-making.

Rajasekaran, Umamaheswari, et al [20] discussed the rise of deep learning (DL) in healthcare, highlighting its effectiveness and potential to replace traditional machine learning (ML) methods. It emphasizes the ability of DL to analyze and diagnose various biomedical and healthcare issues, particularly in the treatment and prediction of critical illnesses, as well as in detecting fraud in the medical field. It also addresses the necessity of large data sets for DL operations and the importance of effective organization and utilization of this data. The collaboration between medical professionals and DL technologies is presented as a pathway to achieving more advanced and effective treatments for both curable and incurable diseases.

Andi, Hari Krishnan [21] reviewed the integration of deep learning algorithms in embedded healthcare applications, highlighting their potential to transform medical diagnostics, monitoring, and treatment processes. It discusses various deep learning algorithms such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), and Transformer Networks, emphasizing their performance and suitability for enhancing embedded healthcare systems to support timely and accurate medical responses. Gayathiri, P [22] discussed the impact of deep learning advancements on healthcare applications, particularly in response to the rise of diseases like COVID-19, highlighting how improvements in chip processing power, data size, and deep learning research have led to the development of solutions that support diagnosis, forecasting, and treatment of patients using various data types such as images, video, audio, and text. It provides an overview of commonly used deep learning algorithms in the medical field, including back propagation, convolutional neural networks, and generative adversarial networks, while also examining their benefits, drawbacks, and the current state of real-world applications in healthcare, as well as future directions for the field.

Selvakumar, R., et al [23] discussed the transformative impact of deep learning in medical applications, highlighting its ability to enhance disease diagnosis and treatment through improved accuracy, efficiency, and personalized care. It focuses on significant contributions in diagnosing cancers, neurological disorders, and cardiovascular diseases, as well as predicting patient outcomes and customizing treatments. It also addresses the methodologies employed, such as recurrent neural networks (RNNs) for sequential data and convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for image analysis, while acknowledging challenges like data privacy, the necessity for large annotated datasets, and model interpretability. The future of deep learning in medicine is explored, emphasizing the integration of multi-modal data and the development of explainable AI to build trust among healthcare professionals.

Shastri, K. Aditya, et al [24] discussed the intersection of technology and healthcare through medical informatics (MI), which enhances patient outcomes by integrating medical and computer sciences, ultimately improving patient care in research and clinical settings. It highlighted the growing application of deep learning (DL) in MI and public health (PH), showcasing its potential benefits such as aiding in disease diagnosis, cancer detection, personalized medicine effects, understanding genetic associations, discovering new phenotypes, and accurately forecasting infectious disease outbreaks.



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Bhat, Raghavendra, Sandya Mannarswamy, and Shreyas NC [25] discussed the advancements and applications of Machine Learning (ML) and Deep Learning (DL) in healthcare, highlighting the use of these technologies in areas such as medical imaging, clinical decision making, and processing electronic healthcare records. It emphasizes the significance of Federated Learning (FL) as a method to train ML/DL algorithms without centralizing data, which is crucial in a data siloed healthcare environment. The tutorial aimed to provide an overview of DL/FL techniques in healthcare, addressing the challenges of applying probabilistic methods in a field that often demands deterministic correctness, interpretability, and verifiability. It also outlines future research directions and the importance of fostering collaboration between the data science community and the healthcare sector.

Fateh, Sana, et al [26] emphasized the significance of deep learning in healthcare risk assessment, highlighting its role in early detection of potential risks and weaknesses to ensure the safety of patients and staff. It discusses how the integration of artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning is transforming traditional approaches to healthcare challenges. It noted that deep learning techniques, although still in their early stages, have a wide range of applications in healthcare, including the management of universal health records and the development of emerging technologies that are expected to significantly alter the healthcare landscape in the near future. Abdel-Jaber, Hussein, et al [27] reviewed various deep learning algorithms, highlighting their architectures, advantages, disadvantages, and applications, particularly in the healthcare sector. It emphasizes the ability of deep learning to analyze big data and discusses the challenges faced in the field, such as AutoML-Zero and neural architecture search. It serves as a resource for new researchers by providing detailed insights into the practical applications of deep learning algorithms, including their use in addressing issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic, while also motivating further innovation and solutions to the challenges identified in deep learning.

Pujahari, Rakesh Mohan, Rijwan Khan, and Satya Praksh Yadav [28] discussed the rapid advancements in medicine and healthcare driven by the accumulation of large volumes of health data, emphasizing the need for technological and analytical methods to process this data effectively. It highlights the role of artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning, particularly in optimizing machine learning algorithms, to enhance predictive performance in biomedicine. It outlined the broad applications of deep learning in health informatics and biomedicine, including molecular diagnostics, biomedical imaging, drug discovery, and more. The chapter aimed to showcase how deep learning algorithms improve pattern recognition and feature extraction from complex datasets, ultimately advancing healthcare and medicine in contemporary society. Deshmukh, A [29] discussed the transformative role of artificial intelligence (AI) and deep learning, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs), in enhancing disease detection and diagnosis through medical imaging. It highlights the fundamentals of deep learning and its significance in analyzing medical images. Various applications of deep learning in medical imaging are explored, including automated disease detection and classification, image segmentation for anatomical localization, quantitative analysis for predictive modeling, personalized medicine, and workflow optimization, supported by case studies from specialties like oncology, cardiology, and neurology.

Abdulwahhab, Ali H., et al [30] highlighted the transformative impact of deep learning techniques, particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), on medical image analysis, emphasizing their applications in tasks such as segmentation, classification, and enhancement, with specific focus on brain tumor segmentation and COVID-19 diagnosis using high-quality datasets like the NIH Clinical Center's Chest X-ray dataset and BraTS dataset. It underscores the importance of data quality in medical imaging and the need for collaborative partnerships between medical practitioners and data scientists, pointing out the managerial implications for healthcare organizations and the expansive potential of deep learning in advancing healthcare diagnostics and treatments. Chen, Yen-Wei, and Lakhmi C. Jain [31] discusses the application of deep learning in healthcare, particularly focusing on the detection of various types of cancer, including lung, liver, breast, and brain cancer, while highlighting state-of-the-art research in these areas. It also addresses the limitations of deep learning as a standard diagnostic tool in healthcare and emphasizes the importance of understanding deep learning methods for data science practitioners and healthcare workers to enhance their application for the benefit of life on Earth. Tripathi, Padmesh, et al [32] discussed the emergence and applicability of deep learning (DL) in healthcare,



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highlighting the challenges researchers face in managing large amounts of medical data. It emphasizes the role of various neural network architectures, such as convolutional neural networks (CNN) and recurrent neural networks (RNN), in enhancing the capabilities of deep learning in this field. It outlines the successful applications of deep learning techniques in healthcare, particularly in image processing, which aids physicians in accurately diagnosing patients through various imaging modalities like CT scans, MRIs, and ultrasounds, ultimately concluding that deep learning is a highly effective tool in the healthcare sector. Gezimati, Mavis, and Ghanshyam Singh [33] discusses the rapid expansion of deep learning algorithms in healthcare, emphasizing their potential to enhance clinical decision support systems and improve diagnostic accuracy through computer-aided diagnostics, particularly in the context of multimodal image and acoustic data fusion for lung cancer classification and prediction tasks. It proposed a framework for multimodal deep learning models that integrates various data sources, identifies existing challenges in multisource information processing, and highlights the importance of these advancements in supporting practitioners and health centers in delivering precise, evidence-based medicine.

Al-Asmari, Abdulrhman Samman [34] presented a systematic review of 47 research papers focused on the applications of Deep Learning (DL) in healthcare and biomedicine, highlighting its effectiveness in improving healthcare outcomes, particularly in cancer and medical imaging, while also noting a significant lack of research in chronic and lifestyle-related illnesses such as diabetes. The findings suggested that there is a wealth of accessible research on DL applications for cancer and medical imaging that health practitioners can utilize, while also indicating a pressing need for intensified research in areas with a deficit of literature, particularly concerning acute health problems and diseases caused by immunodeficiency. Hassouna, Mohammed, et al [35] reviewed the applications of deep learning in various medical imaging fields, including neuro, retinal, pulmonary, digital pathology, breast, and cardiac systems, highlighting its role in image classification, object detection, and segmentation, which addresses many challenges in healthcare. It notes that while deep learning has improved the analysis of medical images in areas such as cancer detection and chest radiography normalization, the use of small-scale medical datasets poses a significant challenge to the generalization and performance of deep learning algorithms.

Shaik, Farooq, et al [36] Deep learning, particularly through convolutional neural networks (CNN), is a powerful method in machine learning that excels in image classification and object detection by extracting spatial features from images. The advancements in computational power and data availability have enabled the effective training of deep CNN models. The application of deep CNN in healthcare has transformed various areas, including disease diagnosis, supporting clinical decision-making for physicians, continuous patient monitoring, and the creation of personalized treatment strategies, while also raising important ethical considerations. Shekhar, Raj, et al [37] discussed the evolution of smart healthcare, emphasizing the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and the Internet of Things (IoT) to enhance the reliability, efficiency, and personalization of medical systems. It presented the application of various Deep Learning techniques, including convolutional neural networks (CNN), CNN-LSTM, Multi Headed CNN-LSTM, and Multi Headed CNN-BiLSTM, for recognizing human physical activity using wearable sensors, with the Multi-Headed CNN-BiLSTM model demonstrating superior performance on the UCI HAR dataset in terms of accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score.

Viswanathan, Janani, N. Saranya, and Abinaya Inbamani [38] discussed the rise of deep learning (DL) and artificial intelligence (AI) as significant tools in healthcare, particularly for medical diagnostics, highlighting the popularity of computational techniques like deep learning and machine learning (ML) in medical image processing. It reviewed fundamental concepts of DL algorithms, their necessity in healthcare, various applications, and challenges faced in medical image processing, while also addressing the tools and technology needed for DL, specifically in the context of cancer detection. Juyal, Prachi [39] discussed the transformative impact of deep learning in predictive analytics within healthcare, highlighting its ability to improve treatment methods and facilitate earlier disease detection through precise predictive models derived from complex datasets, including medical records and genetic data. It proposed a hybrid deep learning model that combines Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN), achieving an accuracy of 88% compared to traditional CNN models, and emphasizes the potential for enhanced, patient-focused treatment outcomes as this technology evolves.



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Khanna, Tejaswi, and Sonali Mathur [40] focused on the performance assessment of a cloud-based Totally Deep system in intelligent healthcare management, emphasizing its ability to predict patient outcomes based on clinical history and records, as well as its diagnostic accuracy for individual conditions. Key performance metrics for the model include accuracy, time efficiency, and scalability, with the ultimate goal of enhancing predictive healthcare analytics to improve patient outcomes in real-world applications.

Research Problem Statement

The drug selection process in clinical settings is complex, involving numerous factors such as patient-specific characteristics (e.g., genetic profile, comorbidities, age, gender), drug efficacy, potential side effects, and drug interactions. Traditional methods of drug selection, though based on clinical guidelines and expert knowledge, often fail to fully account for the vast amount of data and the variability across individual patients. Furthermore, drug-drug interactions, patient-specific responses, and the need for personalized treatment strategies make drug selection a critical area requiring more advanced decision support tools. The integration of deep learning into Clinical Decision Support Systems (CDSS) offers significant promise for improving drug selection, enabling more accurate, personalized, and efficient recommendations. However, challenges such as data quality, model interpretability, integration into clinical workflows, and scalability remain, limiting the effectiveness of these systems in real-world applications. The central research problem is: How can deep learning models be effectively utilized to optimize drug selection in clinical settings, considering the diverse patient characteristics and minimizing risks associated with drug interactions and adverse effects?

Future Research Direction**Data Quality and Integration**

A significant challenge in applying deep learning for drug selection in CDSS is the availability and quality of data. Future research should focus on improving the collection, integration, and standardization of various data sources, including electronic health records (EHRs), genomic data, proteomic data, clinical trial results, and patient-reported outcomes. Ensuring the completeness, accuracy, and diversity of data is essential for training robust models that can generalize across different patient populations.

Explainability and Interpretability of Deep Learning Models

One of the major barriers to the widespread adoption of deep learning in clinical decision support is the "black-box" nature of many models. Clinicians need to trust the system's recommendations, and a lack of transparency regarding how deep learning models arrive at their conclusions can hinder this trust. Research should focus on developing interpretable deep learning models, such as attention mechanisms or explainable AI techniques, to provide insights into how decisions are made. This will enhance the clinical utility of these systems and promote their integration into daily practice.

Personalized Medicine and Precision Drug Selection

Future studies should explore the application of deep learning in precision medicine, where drug selection is tailored to the genetic, molecular, and environmental factors of individual patients. Investigating the potential of multi-modal deep learning models that incorporate genomic data, imaging data, clinical history, and lifestyle factors could significantly improve personalized treatment strategies. Additionally, the development of models that predict individual responses to drugs based on patient-specific characteristics should be prioritized.

Real-Time Decision Support and Continuous Learning

Clinical decision-making is dynamic, with patients' conditions and responses to treatment evolving over time. Future research should focus on the integration of continuous learning systems within CDSS, where deep learning models can update in real-time based on new patient data, clinical guidelines, and emerging research. Such models would be capable of adapting to new drug formulations, updated clinical practices, and evolving disease characteristics, ensuring that drug recommendations remain current and relevant.



**Drug-Drug Interaction (DDI) Prediction and Drug Repurposing**

The prediction of drug-drug interactions remains a critical application of deep learning in drug selection. Future research should explore more advanced methods, such as graph neural networks (GNNs), to better model and predict complex drug interactions. Additionally, deep learning can aid in drug repurposing, identifying new therapeutic indications for existing drugs. Research in this area could significantly reduce the time and cost associated with developing new drugs, particularly for rare or emerging diseases.

Scalability and Deployment in Real-World Clinical Environments

While deep learning-based CDSS shows great promise in controlled research environments, translating these models into real-world clinical settings remains a challenge. Future research should focus on the scalability of deep learning models, addressing issues such as computational efficiency, model generalization to diverse populations, and seamless integration with existing clinical workflows and EHR systems. This research should also explore the cost-effectiveness of deploying deep learning-powered CDSS across different healthcare settings, from hospitals to primary care.

Ethical and Regulatory Considerations

The widespread use of deep learning in clinical decision support brings ethical concerns, particularly regarding patient privacy, data security, and algorithmic bias. Future research should address these concerns by developing frameworks for ensuring the ethical use of AI in healthcare. This includes creating regulatory guidelines for the safe deployment of deep learning models, as well as establishing standards for data privacy and fairness to ensure that these systems are equitable and do not exacerbate existing healthcare disparities.

Collaborative Human-AI Decision Making

Deep learning models should not replace clinicians but rather complement their expertise. Research should investigate how to design CDSS that facilitate collaborative decision-making between clinicians and AI systems, ensuring that healthcare providers can interpret and validate AI-generated recommendations. This collaboration could improve clinicians' decision-making process, enabling them to make better-informed choices with the aid of deep learning insights, rather than relying solely on the system.

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Ranking Type-2 Trapezoidal Fuzzy Numbers Based On Possibility and Necessity Relation

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ABSTRACT

Using the Possibility and Necessity Relation, we suggest a new way to rank Type -2 Trapezoidal Fuzzy Numbers (T2TFN) in this study. A Type-2 fuzzy set (T2FS) possesses a membership function, indicating that the membership value for each element within this set is itself a fuzzy set within the interval $[0,1]$. Zadeh came up with this idea as a way to build on fuzzy sets. Type-2 fuzzy sets are more expressive and interesting in terms of ideas. Using this suggested strategy, decision-makers can choose the best option with varied levels of pleasure. The suggested method has been shown using numbers.

Keywords: Type-2 Fuzzy Numbers, Type-2 Trapezoidal Fuzzy Numbers, Possibility, Necessity.

INTRODUCTION

Zadeh [1] proposed the concept of a type-2 fuzzy set as an extension of the traditional fuzzy set notion. The distinctive feature of the type-2 fuzzy set is its fuzzy membership function. The membership value for each element of this set constitutes a fuzzy set inside the interval $[0,1]$. In a regular fuzzy set, the membership value is a clear number between 0 and 1.





Preliminaries

Zadeh [1] was the first to come up with the idea of fuzzy set theory. Let X be a group. A fuzzy set is defined by a function called the membership function, which is the $f_X: X \rightarrow [0,1]$ that links each element of X to a real number in the range $[0,1]$. A fuzzy number A is a fuzzy subset of a real line $\mathbb{R}$ with the membership function μ_A . This function is normal, fuzzy convex, upper semi-continuous, and $\text{supp } A$ is bound. The support of A , which is denoted by $\text{supp } A$, is the closure of the set $\{x \in X: \mu_A(x) > 0\}$. You can write any fuzzy number in this way.

$$\mu_A(x) = \begin{cases} g(x), & \text{when } x \in [a, b] \\ 1, & \text{when } x \in [b, c] \\ h(x), & \text{when } x \in (c, d] \\ 0, & \text{otherwise,} \end{cases} \quad \text{Where } a, d, c, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } a < b \leq c < d, \text{ } g \text{ is a real } h \text{ is a real-valued function that is}$$

declining and lower semi-continuous, while v is a valued function that is increasing and upper semi-continuous.

We will call the set of fuzzy numbers $F(\mathbb{R})$. The basic groups of fuzzy numbers are shown in [3], which starts with a generic description of fuzzy numbers. There are Exponential fuzzy numbers, Gaussian fuzzy numbers, L–R fuzzy numbers, Quasi–exponential fuzzy numbers, Quasi–gaussian fuzzy numbers, Quasi–quadratic fuzzy numbers, Single–ton fuzzy numbers, Trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, Triangular fuzzy numbers.

Type-2 Fuzzy Set

This section reviews fundamental principles of type-2 fuzzy sets and their operations.

A type - 2 fuzzy set (T2FS) [4],[5] [6]) denoted $\tilde{A}$, is characterized by a Type - 2 membership function $\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x, u)$ where $x \in X$ and $u \in J_x \subseteq [0,1]$. i.e., $\tilde{A} = \{(x, u), \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x, u) / \forall x \in X, u \in J_x \subseteq [0,1]\}$ in which $0 \leq \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x, u) \leq 1$. $\tilde{A}$ Can be expressed as

$$\tilde{A} = \int_{\forall x \in X} \int_{\forall u \in J_x \subseteq [0,1]} \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x, u) / (x, u) \# \quad (1)$$

where $\int$ signifies the union across all permissible domain values x and secondary domain value u . In a discrete world of discourse, the integral is substituted by the summation. The Vertical Slice (VS) of a T2FS $\tilde{A}$ [7] represents the T2FS membership at a specific value x . The VS constitutes a fuzzy set (T1FS), where $A_x \in F(U)$.

The Vertical Slice Representation Theorem (VSRT) of a T2FS [8], $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{F}(X)$, is the union of all its vertical Slices, i.e.,

$$\tilde{A} = \bigcup_{\forall x \in X} (x, \tilde{A}_x) \# \quad (2)$$

A Primary Grade (PG) u_x in a T2FS, $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{F}(X)$, is a single domain value of the VS, $\tilde{A}_x$, at element $x \in X$. A Secondary Grade (SG) $\tilde{u}_x$ in a T2FS, $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{F}(X)$, is the membership grade of a single PG $\tilde{u}_x$ of VS, $\tilde{A}_x$, i.e., $\tilde{u}_x = \tilde{A}_x(u_x)$. The Footprint of Uncertainty (FOU) is derived from the union of all primary memberships

$$\text{FOU}(\tilde{A}) = \bigcup_{\forall x} (x, J_x) = \int_{x \in X} J_x \# \quad (3)$$

The FOU can be described in terms of its upper and lower membership function.

$$\text{FOU}(\tilde{A}) = \int_{x \in X} [\underline{\mu}_{\tilde{A}}(x), \overline{\mu}_{\tilde{A}}(x)] \# \quad (4)$$

i.e., $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$ is upper and lower bounded by $\underline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ and $\overline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$, respectively. $\underline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ is called an lower MF(LMF) for $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$, i.e., $\text{LMF}_{\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})}(x)$, and $\overline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ is called an upper MF(UMF) for $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$, i.e., $\text{UMF}_{\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})}(x) (\forall x \in X)$. [9] The important notation is *Principal Membership* (PrMF) defined as the union of all the primary memberships having secondary grades equal to 1.

$$\text{Pr}(\tilde{A}) = \int_{x \in X} u/x \mid f_x(u) = 1 \# \quad (5)$$

Alpha - cut of IT2FSs

In this section novel of IT2FSs are discussed. These α – cut are defined by crisp sets and the IT1FS α – EP extends operation directly from crisp set to IT1FSs. This fact is in Section 3.2 α -planes are shown to be IT1FS, and the α – plane EP is defined in order to enable the extension of operation IT1FSs to T2Fs. Combining these two theorems leads to the definition of α -cuts for T2FSs. First, the UMF and LMF of α -planes are generalized. Let, $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{F}(X)$, be a T2FS and, $\tilde{A}_\alpha \in \tilde{F}(X)$, be a IT2FS representing its α -plane at level $\tilde{\alpha}$, such that





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Type - 2 Fuzzy Number

Coupland *et. al.* [10.] define a type - 2 fuzzy number as a type - 2 fuzzy set having a numerical domain. No assumption of normality has been established for this T2FN; however, the instances provided presuppose normality. From another perspective within the framework of interval valued fuzzy set [11], which are equal to IT2FS [12.], interval valued fuzzy numbers are defined to be a host convex and normal [13.]. Here it is desired to define a host of cases that may be conceived to qualify as T2FN. First normally is defined, recalling its definition within the context of T1FN.

A T1FS, A , is considered normal if its height $h(A)$ equals 1, i.e., $\sup \mu_A(x) = 1$, whenever a T1FS is not normal it is called subnormal. A normal Type - 2 Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number [14] $\tilde{A}$ on R is given by $\tilde{A} = \left[\left(x, (\mu_A^L(x), \mu_A^M(x), \mu_A^N(x), \mu_A^U(x)) \right) \right], x \in R$ and $\mu_A^L(x) \leq \mu_A^M(x) \leq \mu_A^N(x) \leq \mu_A^U(x)$, for all $x \in R$. Let A be the set $\{AL, AM, AN, AU\}$, where A comprises the elements $a1L, a2L, a3L, a4L, a1M, a2M, a3M, a4M, a1N, a2N, a3N, a4N$. If $\mu_{A^L}(x) \leq \mu_{A^M}(x) \leq \mu_{A^N}(x) \leq \mu_{A^U}(x)$ for every $x \in R$, then A is classified as a lawful type-2 fuzzy number. A is referred to as an illegal type-2 fuzzy number. Interval Type - 2 fuzzy number (IT2FN) is a special case of general T2FN, however, it is enough to characterize the uncertainty of real word applications. In addition, the computation complexity is greatly reduced. Here, we give the basic definition for the IT2FN. Furthermore, we will give some definitions about the arithmetic operations of trapezoidal IT2FNs.

Let $FOU(\tilde{A}) = [\underline{FOU}(\tilde{A}), \overline{FOU}(\tilde{A})]$ be an interval type - 2 fuzzy subset on real numbers (IT2FN) [15]. Let $FOU(A)$ be defined as a totally normal interval type-2 fuzzy number if both $FOU(A)$ and $\overline{FOU}(A)$ are classified as normal T1FNs.

Let $FOU(\tilde{A}) = [\underline{FOU}(\tilde{A}), \overline{FOU}(\tilde{A})]$ be an interval type - 2 fuzzy subset on real numbers. Then $FOU(\tilde{A})$ is called a normal interval type-2 fuzzy number if $\underline{FOU}(\tilde{A})$ is a generalized T1FN and $\overline{FOU}(\tilde{A})$ is a normal T1FN.

An IT2FS is completely described by its FOU, but a general T2FS is not described by just its FOU. [16]

The α -Cut of IT2FS [17] $FOU(\tilde{A}) = [\underline{FOU}(\tilde{A}), \overline{FOU}(\tilde{A})]$ to represent a perfectly normal IT2FS defined by its lower and upper membership functions respectively. Then, using $A = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \cdot [\alpha_1^\alpha, \alpha_2^\alpha]$ individually for lower and upper membership, it follows that $\underline{FOU}(\tilde{A}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \cdot [\underline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \underline{\alpha}_2^\alpha]; \overline{FOU}(\tilde{A}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \cdot [\overline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \overline{\alpha}_2^\alpha]$ computing the LMF and UMF under the same α -levels result α -cut representation of interval valued fuzzy set in the $FOU(\tilde{A}) = \bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \cdot \left[[\underline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \underline{\alpha}_2^\alpha], [\overline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \overline{\alpha}_2^\alpha] \right]$ for a normal IT2FS.

An interval type - 2 fuzzy sub - number (IT2FsN) [18] when both the upper and lower membership functions are T1FNs, then

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{A} &= \bigcup_{\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} FOU(\tilde{A}_{\alpha}) \\ &= \bigcup_{\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \cdot \left(\bigcup_{\alpha} \alpha \cdot \left[[\underline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \underline{\alpha}_2^\alpha], [\overline{\alpha}_1^\alpha, \overline{\alpha}_2^\alpha] \right] \right) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

Let $\tilde{A} = \bigcup_{\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} FOU(\tilde{A}_{\alpha})$ be a type -2 fuzzy subset of real numbers [19]. A is designated as a perfectly normal type-2 fuzzy number if $FOU A_{\alpha=0}$ qualifies as a perfectly normal IT2FN, and $FOU A_{\alpha=1} = Pr(A)$ is classified as normal (specifically, either a normal T1FN or a normal IT2FN). $\tilde{A}$ is called a normal type -2 fuzzy number if $FOU(\tilde{A}_{\alpha=0})$ is a normal IT2FN, and $FOU(\tilde{A}_{\alpha=1}) = Pr(\tilde{A})$ exist. $\tilde{A}$ is called a partially normal type -2 fuzzy number if $FOU(\tilde{A}_{\alpha=0})$ is a normal IT2FN. J.M. Mendel et al. defined that if A is an IT2FS, then A can be represented by an upper membership function (UMF) and a lower membership function (LMF), denoted as A^L and A^U :

$$\tilde{A} = [A^L, A^U] \# \quad (7)$$

D.StephenDinagar and A.Anbalagan defined [21.] if $\mu_A^L(x) \leq \mu_A^M(x) \leq \mu_A^N(x) \leq \mu_A^U(x)$, for all $x \in R$ then $\tilde{A}$ is called legal type -2 fuzzy number. Otherwise $\tilde{A}$ is called illegal type -2 fuzzy number.

If $\lambda_A=1$, then $A=AL, AM, AN, AU, a1L, a2L, a3L, a4L, a1M, a2M, a3M, a4M, a1N, a2N, a3N, a4N$ is a totally typical type-2 fuzzy number. If $A^L = A^M$ and $A^N = A^U$, then $A = A^L, A^U =$





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$a_1^L, a_2^L, a_3^L, a_4^L, a_1^U, a_2^U, a_3^U, a_4^U$ is a normal type-2 fuzzy number. If $\lambda_A=1$, then $A=AL, AU=a_1L, a_2L, a_3L, a_4L, a_1U, a_2U, a_3U, a_4U$ constitutes a fully typical type-2 fuzzy number. If $A^N=A^N$, then $A=AL, AM, AU$ is designated as a Type-2 triangular fuzzy number. Let $\tilde{A}$ be an interval type - 2 trapezoidal fuzzy number (IT2TrFN) [22] and $\tilde{A} = (A^L, A^U) = ((a_1^L, a_2^L, a_3^L, a_4^L), (a_1^U, a_2^U, a_3^U, a_4^U))$. Then an IT2TrFN can be depicted in Fig.2.1. In Fig. 2.1, UMF is determined by $(a_1^L, a_2^L, a_3^L, a_4^L, h^L)$, LMF is represented by $(a_1^U, a_2^U, a_3^U, a_4^U, h^U)$. Obviously, if $a_1^U = a_1^L, a_2^U = a_2^L, a_3^U = a_3^L, a_4^U = a_4^L, h^U = h^L$, then the IT2TrFN is reduced to a T1TFN.

A New Representation For Interval Type-2 Fuzzy Number

In this section, we provide a new representation for an Interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers (IT2TrFN) is a fuzzy number that is fully determined by core and supports of IT1TN and its operations are provide.

The core, core($\tilde{A}$) of T2FS $\tilde{A}$.

Let $A \in F(X)$; then the core, core(A), is the precise set that includes the elements of the domain that achieve both SGs and PGs at unity, i.e.,

$$\text{core}(\tilde{A}) = \{x \mid u_x = 1 \text{ and } \tilde{u}_x = 1\} \# \quad (8)$$

The core of T2FSs can be achieved by assigning unity to the height of T2FSs, and taking all the elements of the domain that attain a membership grade equal to this height. The α -cut RT of the T2FS can serve as an alternate definition, namely,

$$\text{core}(\tilde{A}) = \tilde{A}_{1,1} \# \quad (9)$$

In other words, the core of a T2FS is a crisp set that is represented by the α – cut of T2FS at levels $\tilde{\alpha}$ and $\alpha = 1$. Another description of this equation can be that the core of a T2FS is equal to the core of it's principal set, i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{core}(\tilde{A}) &= \text{core}(PS(\tilde{A})) \\ &= \text{core}(\tilde{A}_1) = \tilde{A}_{1,1} \end{aligned} \quad (10)$$

Let, $\tilde{A} \in \tilde{F}(X)$. Then, the Support, Supp($\tilde{A}$) is the crisp set that contain the elements of the domain that attain both SGs and PGs greater than zero, i.e.,

$$\text{Supp}(\tilde{A}) = \left\{ \frac{x}{u_x} > 0 \text{ and } \tilde{u}_x > 0 \right\} \# \quad (11)$$

In other words, the support of a T2FS is a crisp set that is represented by the strong α – cut of the FOU of the T2FS. It is evident since the FOU is an interval fuzzy set represented by and α - plane at level $\alpha = 0$, then the support of this interval fuzzy set is the support of it's UMF.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Supp}(\tilde{A}) &= \text{Supp}(\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})) \\ &= \text{Supp}(\tilde{A}_0) \\ &= \tilde{A}_{0,0+} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

The interval type - 2 trapezoidal fuzzy number is a fuzzy number that is fully determined by quadruples of LMF and quadruples of UMF. i.e., $\tilde{A} = \cup_{\alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \text{FOU}(\tilde{A}_\alpha) = (A^L, A^U) = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ of crisp numbers such that $a_2^L \leq a_3^L, a_2^U \leq a_3^U, \alpha_L, \alpha^U \geq 0$ and $\beta_L, \beta^U \geq 0$. $[a_2^L, a_3^L]$ is the core of $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$, and $\alpha_L \geq 0, \beta_L \geq 0$ are the left-hand and right-hand spreads and $[a_2^U, a_3^U]$ is the core of $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$, and $\alpha^U \geq 0, \beta^U \geq 0$ are the left-hand and right-hand spreads.

$$\text{Nec}(\tilde{A}_1 \leq \tilde{A}_2) = 1 - \min \left\{ \max \left(\frac{M^*(\tilde{A}_1) - M_*(\tilde{A}_2)}{M^*(\tilde{A}_1) - M_*(\tilde{A}_1) + M^*(\tilde{A}_2) - M_*(\tilde{A}_2)}, 0 \right), 1 \right\}$$

are called possibility and necessity indices respectively.

The Core of IT2TrFN [24.]

$$\text{core}(\tilde{A}) = ([a_2^L, a_3^L] \cap [a_2^U, a_3^U]) \# \quad (13)$$

where $[a_2^L, a_3^L]$ is the core of $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$ and $[a_2^U, a_3^U]$ is the core of $\text{FOU}(\tilde{A})$



**Definition 3.1**

A interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers (IT2TrFN) is a fuzzy number that is fully determined by core and supports of $\underline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ and $\overline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ of crisp number such that $a_2^L \leq a_3^L$, $\alpha^L \geq 0$ and $\beta^L \geq 0$, whose membership function can be denoted by

$$\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x) = \begin{cases} (x - a_2^L + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3)/\alpha_3, & a_2^L - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 - \alpha_3 \leq x \leq a_2^L - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \\ (x - a_2^L + \alpha_1 + \alpha_2)/\alpha_2, & a_2^L - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \leq x \leq a_2^L - \alpha_1 \\ (x - a_2^L + \alpha_1)/\alpha_1, & a_2^L - \alpha_1 \leq x \leq a_2^L \\ 1, & a_2^L \leq x \leq a_3^L \\ -(x - a_3^L - \beta_1)/\beta_1, & a_3^L \leq x \leq a_3^L + \beta_1 \\ -(x - a_3^L - \beta_1 - \beta_2)/\beta_2, & a_3^L + \beta_1 \leq x \leq a_3^L + \beta_1 + \beta_2 \\ -(x - a_3^L - \beta_1 - \beta_2 - \beta_3)/\beta_3, & a_3^L + \beta_1 + \beta_2 \leq x \leq a_3^L + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where $\alpha_L = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \geq 0$, $\beta_L = \beta_1 + \beta_2 \geq 0$ are the left-hand and right-hand spreads $\underline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$ and $\alpha^U = \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 \geq 0$, $\beta^U = \beta_2 + \beta_3 \geq 0$ are the left-hand and right-hand spreads $\overline{\text{FOU}}(\tilde{A})$

Arithmetic Operation on IT2FN

Let $\tilde{A} = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ and $\tilde{B} = ((b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma_L, \theta_L), (b_2^U, b_3^U, \gamma_U, \theta_U))$ both be interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers. Some of the results of applying fuzzy arithmetic on the interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers $\tilde{A}$ and $\tilde{B}$ follow:

- $\lambda \cdot \tilde{A} = ((\lambda a_2^L, \lambda a_3^L, \lambda \alpha_L, \lambda \beta_L), (\lambda a_2^U, \lambda a_3^U, \lambda \alpha^U, \lambda \beta^U))$, $\lambda > 0$
- $\lambda \cdot \tilde{A} = ((\lambda a_2^L, \lambda a_3^L, -\lambda \beta_L, -\lambda \alpha_L), (\lambda a_2^U, \lambda a_3^U, -\lambda \beta^U, -\lambda \alpha^U))$, $\lambda < 0$
- $\tilde{A} + \tilde{B} = ((a_2^L + b_2^L, a_3^L + b_3^L, \alpha_L + \gamma_L, \beta_L + \theta_L), (a_2^U + b_2^U, a_3^U + b_3^U, \alpha^U + \gamma_U, \beta^U + \theta_U))$
- $\tilde{A} - \tilde{B} = ((a_2^L - b_2^L, a_3^L - b_3^L, \alpha_L + \theta_L, \beta_L + \gamma_L), (a_2^U - b_2^U, a_3^U - b_3^U, \alpha^U + \theta^U, \beta^U + \gamma^U))$

Ranking of Fuzzy number**Definition 4.1**

Let $\tilde{A} = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ and $\tilde{B} = ((b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma_L, \theta_L), (b_2^U, b_3^U, \gamma_U, \theta_U))$ both be interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers,

$$\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) = \sup_{x \leq y} \min\{\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)\},$$

$$\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) = \inf_{x \geq y} \max\{1 - \mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), 1 - \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)\} = 1 - \sup_{x \geq y} \min\{\mu_{\tilde{A}}(x), \mu_{\tilde{B}}(y)\}$$

are called possibility and necessity indices respectively.

Proposition 4.1

If $\tilde{A} = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ and $\tilde{B} = ((b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma_L, \theta_L), (b_2^U, b_3^U, \gamma_U, \theta_U))$ both be interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, then we have

$$\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) \geq \alpha \text{ iff } \tilde{A}_{\alpha}^L \leq \tilde{B}_{\alpha}^U;$$

$$\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) \geq \alpha \text{ iff } \tilde{A}_{1-\alpha}^U \leq \tilde{B}_{1-\alpha}^L;$$

We write also alternatively

$$\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) = \mu_{\text{Pos}}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = (\tilde{A} \leq^{\text{pos}} \tilde{B}),$$

$$\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) = \mu_{\text{Nec}}(\tilde{A}, \tilde{B}) = (\tilde{A} <^{\text{nec}} \tilde{B}).$$

An clarification of the α -relation associated to 'Pos' and 'Nec' when comparing fuzzy numbers $\tilde{A}$ and $\tilde{B}$ is as follows: for a given level of fulfillment $\alpha \in [0,1]$, a fuzzy number $\tilde{A}$ is not better than $\tilde{B}$ with respect to fuzzy relation Pos if the smallest value of $\tilde{A}$ with the degree of fulfillment being greater or equal to α is less or equal to the largest value of $\tilde{B}$ with the degree of fulfillment greater or equal to α . On the other hand, a fuzzy number $\tilde{A}$ is not better than $\tilde{B}$ with





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respect to fuzzy relation $<^{Nec}$ if the largest value of $\tilde{A}$ with the degree of fulfillment at least $1 - \alpha$ is less or equal to the smallest value of $\tilde{B}$ with the degree of satisfaction at least $1 - \alpha$.

Theorem 4.1

Let $\tilde{A} = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ and $\tilde{B} = ((b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma_L, \theta_L), (b_2^U, b_3^U, \gamma_U, \theta_U))$ both be interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, then

$$\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) = \begin{cases} 1, & b_3^U \geq a_2^L \\ \frac{b_3^U - a_2^L + \alpha + \theta}{\alpha + \theta}, & 0 < a_2^L - b_3^U \leq \alpha + \theta \\ 0, & a_2^L - b_3^U > \alpha + \theta \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) = \begin{cases} 1, & b_2^L - a_3^U \geq \gamma + \beta, \\ \frac{b_2^L - a_3^U}{\gamma + \beta}, & 0 \leq b_2^L - a_3^U < \gamma + \beta, \\ 0, & b_2^L < a_3^U, \end{cases}$$

Theorem 4.2

Let $\tilde{A} = ((a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha_L, \beta_L), (a_2^U, a_3^U, \alpha^U, \beta^U))$ and $\tilde{B} = ((b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma_L, \theta_L), (b_2^U, b_3^U, \gamma_U, \theta_U))$ both be interval type-2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, $p \in (0, 1]$, $\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) \geq p$, if and only if $b_3^U - a_2^L \geq (p - 1)(\alpha + \theta)$.

Proof If $p = 1$, then from $\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) \geq 1$ one can get that $b_3^U \geq a_2^L$, and vice versa. If $0 < p < 1$, then $b_3^U \geq a_2^L$ and $b_3^U + \theta > a_2^L - \alpha$, $\text{Pos}(\tilde{A} \leq \tilde{B}) \geq p$ if and only if $\frac{b_3^U - a_2^L + \theta + \alpha}{\theta + \alpha} \geq p$, that is $b_3^U - a_2^L \geq (p - 1)(\theta + \alpha)$.

Theorem 4.3

Let $\tilde{A} = (a_2^L, a_3^L, \alpha, \beta)$ and $\tilde{B} = (b_2^L, b_3^L, \gamma, \theta)$ be two reduced interval type - 2 trapezoidal fuzzy numbers, $p \in (0, 1]$, $\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) \geq p$, if and only if $b_2^L - a_3^L \geq p(\gamma + \beta)$.

Proof If $p = 1$, then from $\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) \geq 1$ one can get that $b_2^L - \gamma \geq a_3^L + \beta$, and vice versa. If $0 < p < 1$, then $b_2^L > a_3^L$ and $b_2^L - \gamma < a_3^L + \beta$, $\text{Nec}(\tilde{A} < \tilde{B}) \geq p$ if and only if $\frac{b_2^L - a_3^L}{\gamma + \beta} \geq p$, that is $b_2^L - a_3^L \geq p(\gamma + \beta)$.

Numerical illustration

Consider the following pair of type -2 fuzzy numbers

$$\tilde{A} = ((1.9, 2.0, 2.5, 2.6), (1.5, 2.0, 2.5, 2.8), (1.2, 1.9, 2.6, 3.0), (1.0, 1.9, 2.6, 3.1))$$

$$\tilde{B} = ((1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6), (1.2, 1.4, 1.5, 1.7), (1.1, 1.3, 1.6, 1.8), (1.0, 1.3, 1.6, 1.9))$$

From Definition 4.3 (New representation of IT2TrFN)

$$\tilde{A} = \bigcup_{\forall \alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \text{FOU}(\tilde{A}_{\alpha}) = (A^L, A^U) = ((1.9, 2.0, 2.5, 2.6), (1.0, 1.9, 2.6, 3.1))$$

$$\tilde{B} = \bigcup_{\forall \alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \text{FOU}(\tilde{B}_{\alpha}) = (B^L, B^U) = ((1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.6), (1.0, 1.3, 1.6, 1.9))$$

From Definition 4.4 (New representation of RIT2TrFN)

$$\tilde{A} = \bigcup_{\forall \alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \text{FOU}(\tilde{A}_{\alpha}) = \begin{cases} (x - 2.0 + \alpha)/\alpha & 2.0 - \alpha \leq x \leq 2.0 \\ 1 & 2.0 \leq x \leq 2.5 \\ -(x - 2.5 + \beta)/\beta & 2.5 \leq x \leq 2.5 + \beta \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\tilde{B} = \bigcup_{\forall \alpha} \tilde{\alpha} \text{FOU}(\tilde{B}_{\alpha}) = \begin{cases} (x - 1.4 + \alpha)/\alpha & 1.4 - \alpha \leq x \leq 1.4 \\ 1 & 1.4 \leq x \leq 1.5 \\ -(x - 1.5 + \beta)/\beta & 1.5 \leq x \leq 1.5 + \beta \\ 0 & \text{Otherwise} \end{cases}$$





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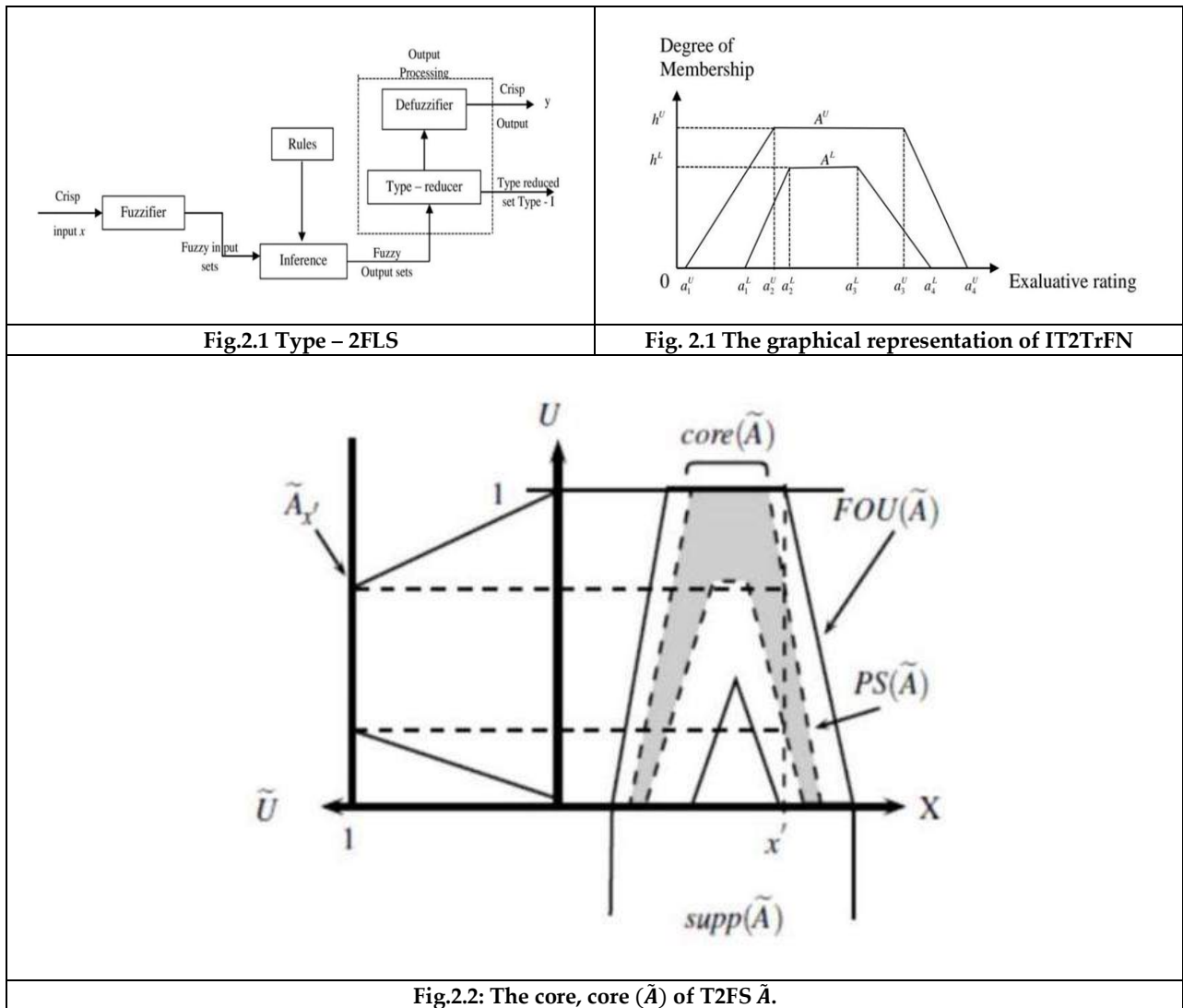
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ABSTRACT

Internet has increased dramatically with the development of 3G and 4G technologies in the recent years. The usage of mobile broadband internet on the devices like laptop, tablets and cellular mobiles has become very popular. Video streaming is the most popular multimedia application in mobile environment. The big challenge in this is without compromising the quality, these services should be provided to users in a cost-effective manner. The above challenge is achieved by the development of the LTE (Long Term Evolution) technology in the mobile world. With low latency and high data rates, the effective multimedia services are provided to user by means of the features of LTE technology over cloud in the multimedia application. In this research paper, variable bit rate based Dynamic Headlight Prefetching model is proposed to improve the quality of service on the video streaming over the cloud environment using LTE network.

Keywords: Video Streaming, Long Term Evolution, Constant Bit Rate, Variable Bit Rate, Adaptive Video Prefetching model

INTRODUCTION

In live media streaming, the bit rate are used in the sound or video encoding, and the term variable bit rate (VBR) that relates the bit rate are used in telecommunications and computing fields. For the segment per time, there will be the change in the capacity of output data for variable bit rate files when compared to constant bit rate (CBR) [1] [2]. More complicated portions of media files require greater storage space, whereas less complex segments necessitate



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less space; hence, VBR allows for a higher bit rate. The average bit rate for the file can be determined by calculating the mean of these rates [3] [4]. For the past years, many hardware and software players are not able to decode the variable bit rate files properly because the using VBR encoders were not well developed. For the interest of compatibility, because of this result there will be the common use of CBR over VBR. In the huge majority VBR encoded files are supported by the modern portable music devices and software and in the year of 2006 December the largely disused files are CBR encoded files that are supported by devices. In most digital audio players released by the companies like SanDisk, Creative Technology, Apple and Microsoft supports for VBR in AAC and MP3 files is founded. In some cases like audio books and acoustic music, when encoding monotone or minimal tones an audible artifacts were introduced occasionally in early VBR algorithms. During the silence portions of the song or when there was only speaking, a “digital chirp” is mimed by these artifacts. The subsequent iterations of the VBR standard have addressed these issues by enhancements in the VBR encoding algorithms [5][6][7][22][23][24][25].

Media streaming in mobile environments has been attracting much attention lately. A real-time continuous media streaming protocol with special emphasis on dynamic transmission capacity allocation and pre-fetching is proposed. Nonstop middleware with partition prediction and service replication for continuous media streaming in mobile and ad hoc networks is developed. Video streaming methodologies on 3G mobile networks are executed inside a three-tier architecture [18] [19] [20] [21]. These are only focused on the coordination of media servers for smooth handover and the rate adaptation technique when a base station becomes overloaded. There is no coordination at the base station level or the user level. Data management challenges, particularly pre-fetching, are predominantly overlooked. Group mobility to predict the future availability of wireless links for increasing total streaming capacity is proposed. An iterative algorithm to predict continuous link availability between mobile users is proposed. The proposed V3 architecture for live video streaming is fundamentally a collaborative streaming framework for mobile vehicles.

The AO2P algorithm proposed for privacy routing uses a mechanism such that a receiver geographically closer to the destination is assigned to a class with a higher priority for contending the channel to be the next hop. The routing request in AO2P is disseminated to all adjacent nodes [8][9][10]. The work on moving objects databases is needed to maintain dynamic data items. For representing and processing dynamic attributes such as locations and trajectories, spatial and temporal indexing methods are devised. Headlight pre-fetching is proposed for media streaming in mobile contexts [11]. It features a headlight pre-fetching zone, a virtual fan-shaped area aligned with the user's movement, like to a vehicle's headlight. All service access points (SAP) of the cells that intersect with the zone are designated as the prefetching SAPs.

BIT RATE

In telecommunications and computing, bit rate is the number of bits that are conveyed or processed per unit of time [12].

Variable Bit Rate (VBR)

It a term used in telecommunications and computing, that relates to the bit rate used in sound or video encoding. Unlike constant bit rate (CBR), variable bit rate (VBR) files fluctuate the quantity of output data each time interval [13]. For the more complex segments of media files, a higher bit rate (more storage space is required) is allowed by VBR, whereas for less complex segments less space is apportioned. To produce an average bit rate for the file is to be calculated by the average of these rates.

Advantage

When compared to the same data of CBR file, VBR produces a better quality-to-space ratio. To encode the sound or video data more accurately by using the available bits in flexible manner, more bits are used in difficult-to-encode passages whereas in less demanding passages the fewer bits are used.



**Vaaheedha Kfatheen****Disadvantage**

Certain hardware may lack compatibility with VBR files due to the intricate encoding procedure, which requires more time. When the instantaneous bit rate exceeds the data rate of the communication link during streaming, issues may arise in variable bit rate (VBR) transmission. Encoding, or at the expense of increased latency, or by refining the playback buffer, mitigates these issues by restricting the immediate bit rate [14].

Proposed Adaptive Video Prefetching model

Headlight prefetching is proposed for media streaming in mobile contexts. It features a headlight prefetching zone, a virtual fan-shaped area aligned with the user's movement direction, analogous to a vehicle's headlight, as illustrated in figure 1. All service access pointers (SAP) of the cells that intersected with the zone are designated as the prefetching SAPs [13].

The Headlight Zone and the Computation of Virtual Illuminance

The challenge lies in ascertaining the cell area encompassed by the headlight zone, as the intersecting region may assume various shapes. To circumvent the expensive calculation of the covered area, we employ a more straightforward method to estimate the virtual illuminance. We divide the headlight zone into smaller grids and pre-calculate the virtual illuminance and the centre of each grid. Given that each grid possesses a regular shape, the virtual illuminance can be readily calculated using the subsequent formula. To ascertain the segment assignment of a certain cell, we aggregate the illuminance of all grids whose centres are located within the cell. The granularity of the grids can be easily adjusted, allowing for enhanced precision through finer partitioning at any time [15][16].

Prefetching Segment Assignments

To ascertain the segment assignment, we must evaluate both user mobility and media playback velocity. Consequently, the quantity of segments to be managed by the current cell is tP , as illustrated in figure 3.2. If the media segment now playing is S_i , then SAPC must prefetch the segments S_{i+1} , S_{i+2} , ..., S_{i+tP} . The initial segment requiring prefetching by SAPC₃ is $S_{i+tP} + 1$. The anticipated quantity of segments to be managed is t_3P . The initial segment and the overall quantity of segments to prefetch for all additional SAPs within the headlamp zone can be ascertained in a comparable manner. Given that it is evidently not economically viable for all such SAPs to prefetch the complete range of segments, we employ virtual illuminance as a weighting factor to ascertain the precise amount of segments to prefetch. The precise segment assignment for SAPC to prefetch is defined by parameters that determine the segment allocation.

Headlight Shifting

Headlight prefetching is highly effective for predominantly stable mobile users. Nonetheless, if the user executes a quick turn, the majority or entirety of the prefetching conducted in the preceding headlight zone may become entirely ineffective, since the user is no longer progressing towards the anticipated direction. We can initiate a new round of headlight prefetching for the updated circumstances. Nonetheless, this will result in a twofold increase in the prefetching expense. Due to the continuous playback of the media stream, the segments required for the next headlight zone substantially overlap with those of the previous zone. Consequently, the optimal approach is to relocate these segments to the new zone [17].

Headlight Sharing

Headlight shifting only takes the headlight zone of one user into consideration. Segments not yet pre-fetched by any SAP of the old zone can only be retrieved from the remote source. Given that identical media can be accessed concurrently by multiple users, particularly for popular media, the headlamp zones of various users may share numerous portions. If they intersect, it is quite probable that we can locate the required segments from alternative areas, with or without adjustment. This concept is termed headlight sharing, as segments pre-fetched for a certain zone by a SAP are disseminated to adjacent SAPs with overlapping headlight zones. Upon locating a requested segment within the vicinity, the expenses associated with prefetching from the remote server can be mitigated.



**Vaaheedha Kfatheen****Proposed Model**

This suggested architecture incorporates multi-level cooperation for effective data streaming management strategies, including Variable Bit Rate (VBR), dynamic headlight prefetching (shown in Figure 3.3), multi-user resource allocation, and mashed video sense chaining (depicted in Figure 3.4). A suggested iterative technique predicts continuous link availability among mobile users. The V3 architecture suggested for live video streaming is fundamentally a collaborative streaming framework for mobile vehicles. And belongs to our proposed levels, we overcome the propagation delay this is our major contribution of this work.

Multi-User Resource Allocation and Mashed Video Sense Chaining

Using the possibilities of mashed sensing in Wireless Multimedia Sensor Network Environment for rate control, error correction and mashing of video, it presents a network system is designed. By a cross-layer system its transmission rate, channel coding rate and encoding rate to maximize the quality of received video and this is the actual objective of our research. First, for transmission over wireless multimedia sensor networks (WMSNs) the encoding of video which is on the mashed sensing is examined. It is expressed that mashed sensing can defeat many of the present issues of video over WMSNs, for the channel errors the encoder complexity and low resiliency. It is shown that the rate of mashed sensed video can be predictably controlled by varying only the mashed sensing sampling rate. The above problem is defeated by the technique called Mashed Sensing (MS) concerning to video over WMSNs. By altering the sampling rate of mashed sensing that governs the frequency of Mashed Sensed Video (MSV). The MS encoder serves as an alternative to conventional video encoders, providing minimal computing complexity by allowing imaging systems to simultaneously sense and process data. To store or transmit for processing, a substantial volume of raw data is presumed and recorded in traditional digital image or video capture. The two main disadvantages are there in this process [19].

First, in some cases CMOS/CCD technology is limited and for particular wavelength assuming the large amount of raw image or video data can be expensive.

Second, in the case of video the computational complex one is mashing the raw data. Mashed Sensing (MS) is a method that retains essential information while discarding the extraneous data during the sampling process. Using conventional methods there will be a difficulty to encode or capture many signals but it is possible in Mash Sensing (MS) method. A high-dimensional signal can be retrieved by the random measurements in small number. A mashing algorithm can be utilised for each frame to identify a complete set of samples required by ordinary video capture devices. Acquiring those raw samples is challenging or significant in applications such as imaging at non-visible wavelengths (e.g., infrared), as illustrated in Figure 4. In other situations, such as multi-image capture in camera networks, creating a mashing method will pose a hurdle. In mash imaging technology, such as single-pixel systems, random measurements are individually obtained from each frame, thereby alleviating the associated burdens and eliminating the necessity for a mashing process.

Rate Change based on Video Quality

The transmission rate is contingent upon the received video quality, and the system is predicated on this MS design. The information regarding the estimated received video quality utilised by the rate controller and its significance in the rate control decision. The transmitted video quality is exceptionally high, as determined by the transmitting node, and to improve the rate, it will be reduced. To improve video quality, its data rate is reduced by transmitting a node of inferior-quality video.

Video Transmission using Mashing Samples

The video encoder can be developing based on mashed sensing. At low complexity based on the temporal correlation the frames can be captured and mashed by the difference of two frames of the MS samples.





EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Simulation Parameters

Table 1 illustrates the simulation parameters employed in this work..

Evaluation Metrics

- **Packet Loss** The total number of data packets lost legitimately or through malicious action without any notification.
- **Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR)** The ratio of total number of data packets delivered to the total number of data packets sent.
- **End-to-End Delay** The latency encountered by the data packet during its transmission from source to destination, encompassing processing, queuing, and propagation delays.
- **Throughput** It measures the amount of data that can be transmitted through a network or processed by a system in a given time period. Throughput is a crucial metric as it indicates the efficiency and capacity of a network or system to handle data.

The performance of the Proposed Dynamic Headlight Prefetching (DHP) model with the existing multipath routing protocols like Temporally ordered routing algorithm (TORA) in this chapter.

Table 2 gives the Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes for streaming data. Figure 6 depicts the graphical representation of the Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes.

The Table 2 and figure 6 compares the Packet Delivery Ratio (PDR) percentages, measured in %, for the Proposed DHP model and TORA protocol across varying numbers of nodes in a network. Proposed DHP:PDR ranges from 87.64% to 92.85%.Demonstrates consistently higher PDR compared to TORA at all node counts. TORA:PDR ranges from 63.64% to 69.71%.Shows lower PDR compared to the Proposed DHP at all node counts.

Table 3 gives the End-to-End Delay (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes for streaming data. Figure 7 depicts the graphical representation of the End-to-End Delay (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes.

The Table 3 and figure 7 presents the End-to-End Delay percentages, measured in %, for the Proposed DHP model and TORA protocol across varying numbers of nodes in a network. Proposed DHP: End-to-End Delay ranges from 11.47% to 17.22%.Demonstrates a generally increasing trend with the number of nodes. TORA:End-to-End Delay ranges from 32.14% to 38.63%.Shows a generally increasing trend with the number of nodes, and consistently higher values compared to the Proposed DHP. In summary, the Proposed DHP model tends to exhibit lower End-to-End Delay percentages compared to TORA across the range of nodes tested.

Table 4 gives the Packet Loss (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes for streaming data. Figure 8 depicts the graphical representation of the Packet Loss (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes.

The table 4 and figure 8 displays the Packet Loss percentages, measured in %, for the Proposed DHP model and TORA protocol across varying numbers of nodes in a network. Proposed DHP: Packet Loss ranges from 12.14% to 18.44%.Demonstrates an increasing trend with the number of nodes. TORA:Packet Loss ranges from 34.25% to 40.42%.Exhibits an increasing trend with the number of nodes and consistently higher values compared to the





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Proposed DHP. In summary, the Proposed DHP model generally shows lower Packet Loss percentages compared to TORA across the range of nodes tested. Both protocols experience an increase in Packet Loss as the number of nodes in the network increases, with TORA consistently exhibiting higher Packet Loss values.

Table 5 gives the Throughput (in kbps) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes for streaming data. Figure 9 depicts the graphical representation of the Throughput (in kbps) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes.

The table 5 and figure 9 represents the Throughput percentages, measured in kbps, for the Proposed DHP model and TORA protocol across varying numbers of nodes in a network. Proposed DHP: Throughput ranges from 684 to 1047kbps. Demonstrates a generally decreasing trend with the number of nodes. TORA: Throughput ranges from 563 to 884kbps. Exhibits a generally decreasing trend with the number of nodes, and consistently lower values compared to the Proposed DHP. In summary, the Proposed DHP model generally shows higher Throughput percentages compared to TORA across the range of nodes tested. Both protocols demonstrate a decline in Throughput as the number of nodes in the network escalates, with TORA constantly displaying inferior Throughput figures.

CONCLUSION

In this chapter, the Dynamic Headlight Prefetching model is proposed to improve the QoS in video streaming over cloud environment. The performance of the proposed DHP model is evaluated with the existing routing TORA protocol with various metrics. From the results obtained in this chapter, the proposed DHP model performing better in terms of Throughput, End-to-End delay, packet delivery ratio and packet loss.

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Table 1. Simulation Parameters for this first research contribution work

Number of Nodes	200
Network Size	1600m × 1600m.
Mobility	Random waypoint model with continuous movement and maximum and minimum speed of 5m/s and 10m/s Respectively
Distance Threshold	300m
Simulation time	600 Simulation seconds
Application Name: Video stream	Low Resolution Video Frame inter-arrival time :10 frames/sec Frame size : 128x120 pixels Type of services (ToS) : Streaming Multimedia
	High Resolution Video Frame inter-arrival time :15 frames/sec Frame size : 128x240 pixels Type of services (ToS) : Streaming Multimedia

Table 2. Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

	Proposed DHP	TORA
80	92.85	69.71
100	91.78	68.49
120	90.31	67.15
140	88.64	66.85
160	88.41	65.32
180	88.78	64.25
200	87.64	63.64

Table 3: End-to-End Delay (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

	Proposed DHP	TORA
80	12.14	34.25
100	13.25	35.64
120	14.76	36.93
140	15.53	37.34
160	16.64	38.82
180	17.73	39.32
200	18.44	40.42

Table 4. Packet Loss (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

	Proposed DHP	TORA
80	12.14	34.25
100	13.25	35.64
120	14.76	36.93
140	15.53	37.34
160	16.64	38.82
180	17.73	39.32
200	18.44	40.42





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Table 5. Throughput (in kbps) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

	Proposed DHP	TORA
80	1047	884
100	982	732
120	887	688
140	802	621
160	783	601
180	741	598
200	684	563

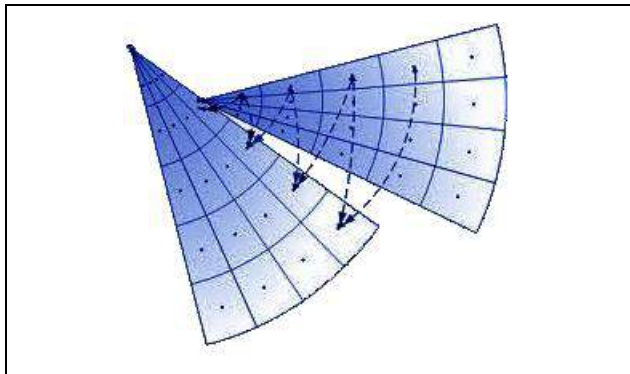


Figure 3.1: Headlight Prefetching

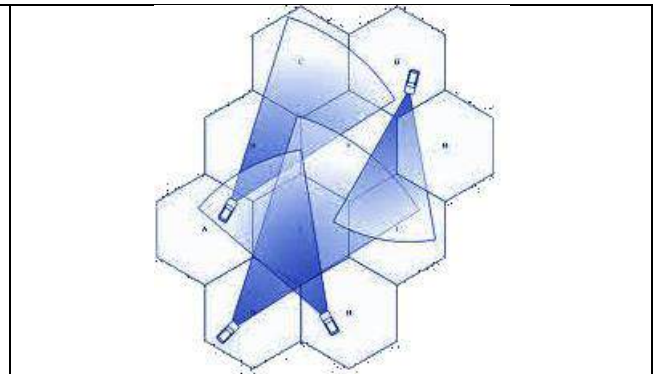


Figure 2: Headlight Dynamic Change

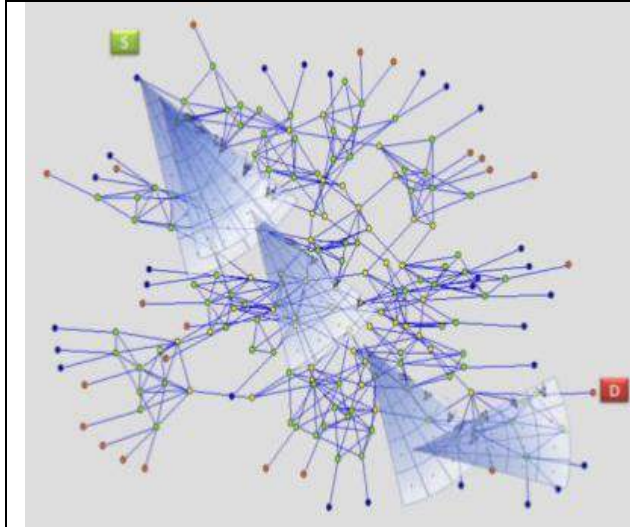


Figure 3: Headlight With Multipath Routing

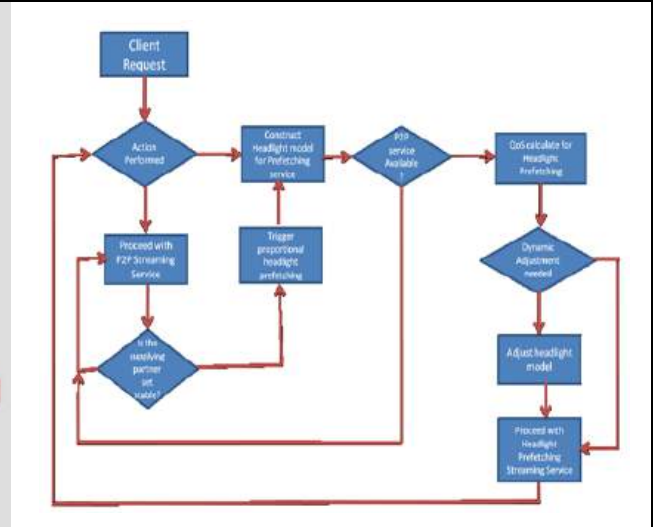


Figure 4. Architecture Diagram for Dynamic Headlight Prefetching Model





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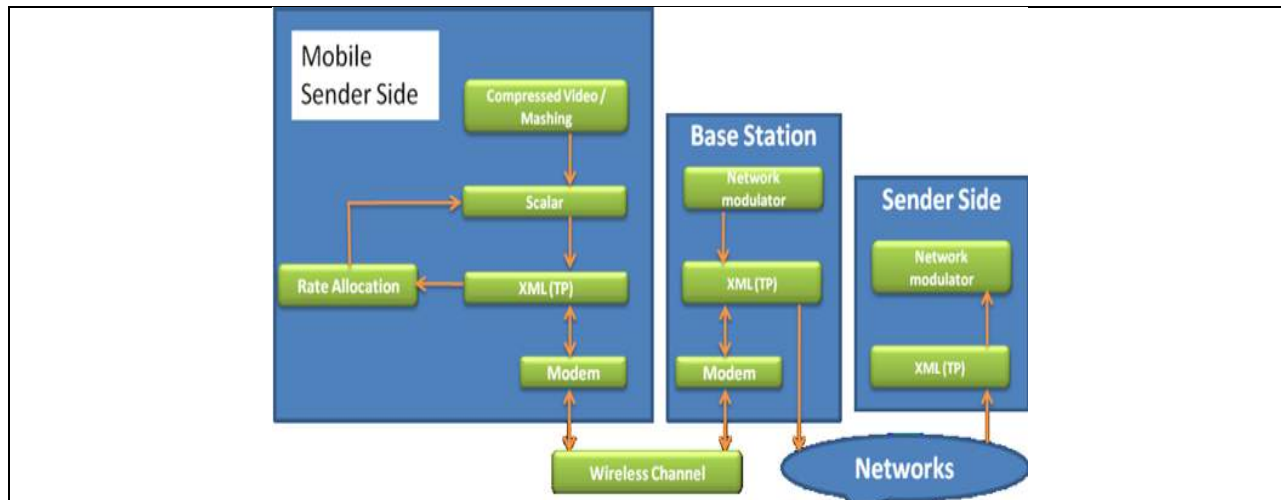


Figure 5. Architectural Diagram for Multipath Video Mashing Model

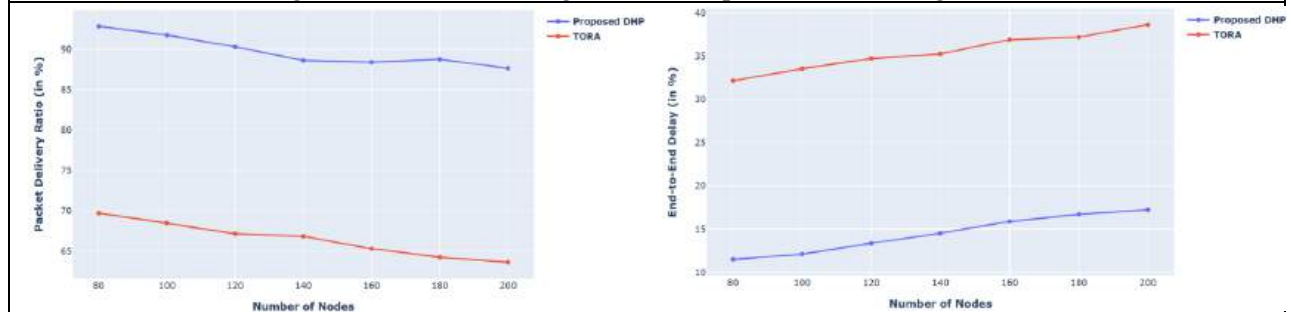


Figure 6. Graphical representation of the Packet Delivery Ratio (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

Figure 7. Graphical representation of the End-to-End Delay (in %) by the Proposed DHP model and TORA with varying number of nodes

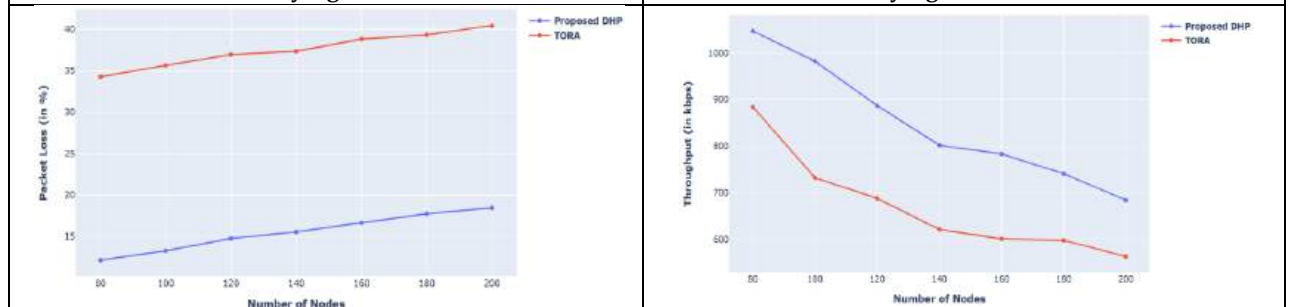


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Phenotypic Adaptive Plasticity and Population Dynamics of Herbaceous Species in Kolli Hills Ecosystems

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ABSTRACT

Herbaceous plants in the Kolli Hills ecosystem of the Eastern Ghats exhibit remarkable adaptive plasticity in response to environmental variations. This study investigated the role of phenotypic plasticity in survival, growth, and reproductive success of dominant herbaceous species across varying altitudinal gradients. This study employed a descriptive and analytical research design to systematically document, analyze, and interpret the distribution, growth characteristics, and ecological adaptations of 259 herbaceous species from 54 angiospermic families. The altitude zones were classified as I (260m–300m), II (301m–680m), or III (681m–1009m). Statistical analyses were performed to examine the correlation between altitude range, growth forms, and patterns of occurrence. This study revealed significant variations in species dominance across different ecological zones, highlighting the influence of altitude on species composition and distribution. Herbaceous species exhibit diverse sub - forms, including prostrate, ascending, slender, procumbent, creeping, diffuse, spreading, stout, and succulent, each adapted to specific environmental conditions. Statistical analyses demonstrated significant correlations between the altitude range, growth sub - forms, and patterns of occurrence. Karl Pearson's co - efficient correlation and One-way analysis of variance confirmed significant variances among the altitude ranges for various growth sub - forms and occurrence patterns. This study offers valuable insights into the adaptive strategies of herbaceous flora in the Kolli Hills and contributes to biodiversity conservation and sustainable habitat management in this ecologically important region. These findings underscore the importance of phenotypic plasticity in enabling herbaceous species to thrive under diverse environmental conditions and maintain ecosystem balance. Understanding the adaptive mechanisms of these plants can inform conservation efforts and support the development of strategies to mitigate the impacts of anthropogenic pressures and climate change on a region's biodiversity.

Keywords: Adaptive phenotypic plasticity, herbaceous species, Kolli Hills, Eastern Ghats, altitudinal gradients, growth sub - forms, occurrence patterns, biodiversity conservation.





INTRODUCTION

Evolutionary changes in plant morphology and ecological strategies have occurred repeatedly across distantly related lineages, with herbaceous plants exhibiting significant diversification from woody ancestral forms in response to various environmental pressures (Folk *et al.*, 2020). This diversification, central to the adaptive radiation of angiosperms, operates at multiple levels, encompassing both macro-evolutionary trends and micro evolutionary changes. Climatic conditions, soil composition, and ecological interactions have profoundly influenced the evolution of herbaceous taxa, enabling them to demonstrate exceptional plasticity in growth forms and occupy a wide range of ecological niches (Klimeš *et al.*, 2021). Herbaceous plants are vital components of forest ecosystems, contributing significantly to biodiversity, regulating ecosystem processes, and supporting the conservation of entire plant communities under specific ecological conditions. Habitat-filtering processes associated with herbaceous plants play a critical role in facilitating the germination and establishment of tree species across different ecological zones (Ulrich *et al.*, 2017). Furthermore, the mineral environment and overall ecosystem functionality are largely governed by the population dynamics of herbaceous flora. Herbaceous plants represent a substantial proportion of vascular plant diversity, accounting for approximately 80% of vascular plants in temperate forests and 45% in tropical forests (Spicer *et al.*, 2021). These plants are integral to nutrient cycling, soil stabilization, and interactions with microbial communities, collectively sustaining the health of forest ecosystems. Recent research has highlighted their essential role in carbon sequestration and enhancement of forest resilience to climatic variations (Koutika *et al.*, 2022). Phylogenetic research has supported the notion that herbaceous growth forms are derived from woody plants. The transition from woody to herbaceous forms is considered an important evolutionary strategy that enables plants to exploit diverse habitats (Eames, 1911; Sinnott & Bailey, 2018). Consequently, understanding the evolutionary and ecological roles of herbaceous plants is crucial for biodiversity conservation. Herbs, with their diverse forms and ecological significance, play vital roles in maintaining ecosystem structure and function (Guo *et al.*, 2023).

This diversity exemplifies the dynamic nature of plant evolution, wherein the interaction between genetic composition and environmental factors drives morphological transformation. On a more detailed level, herbaceous plants display a variety of growth forms, such as succulent, creeping, perennial, erect, prostrate (Klimeš *et al.*, 2022). Herbaceous plants have evolved to occupy a diverse array of habitats, ranging from aquatic environments to epiphytic niches within forests, and have even included mycoheterotrophic forms found in rare orchid species with primitive evolutionary characteristics and slender habits, each adapted to specific ecological contexts (Graça *et al.*, 2015). Herbaceous plants exhibit significant taxonomic diversity and specialization. For example, features such as pubescence, glabrescence, and pilosity serve as defence mechanisms, regulate water loss, and facilitate nutrient absorption (Liesenfeld *et al.*, 2019). Certain herbaceous species, such as holoparasitic and insectivorous herbs, exhibit mimicry, imitating fungi or animals and illustrating the complex interactions between plants and their environments (Barthlott *et al.*, 2017). These morphological and physiological adaptations highlight the survival and radiation strategies of herbaceous plants, which enables them to thrive in increasingly variable and challenging environments (Xi *et al.*, 2023). Given the ongoing evolutionary changes, herbaceous plants remain a critical area of study to understand the broader processes of plant adaptation, evolution, and speciation (Li *et al.*, 2020). Recent research has elucidated how genetic diversity, environmental changes, and ecological interactions contribute to the vast array of growth forms and survival strategies observed in this groups. Recent intensive research on biodiversity has opened new avenues to understand the processes of diversification among biological organisms (Beheregaray *et al.*, 2015). Adaptive radiation is one of the key mechanisms driving this diversification. This process results from complex interactions between abiotic (environmental) factors and biotic (organism) elements within ecologically distinct areas. Adaptive radiation leads to rapid evolution of phenotypic diversity in response to ecological challenges, with lineages multiplying quickly to occupy particular ecological niches. Although adaptive radiation is well documented in numerous animal groups, its role in plants remains relatively underexplored (Santos *et al.*, 2022). The evolution of plant growth forms has been proposed as a significant adaptive strategy that facilitates the establishment and colonization of diverse habitats and contributes to plant diversification (Box, 2019). As more than 50% of angiosperms are herbaceous, their ecological dominance across a wide range of habitats is associated with their



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capacity to rapidly adapt to varying environmental conditions. Hence, the present study focuses on the adaptive phenotypic plasticity and population dynamics of herbaceous species of the Kolli Hills ecosystem in Tamil Nadu (Ogburn & Edwards, 2015).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study Area

This study was conducted in the Kolli Hills, a segment of the Eastern Ghats located in Tamil Nadu, India. The study area is situated within the Namakkal district, geographically positioned between 11°10'54" and 11°30'00" N latitude and 78°15'00" and 78°30'00" E longitude (Prabakaran & Kumar, 2021). This region encompasses approximately 490 square kilometers of forested land. Kolli Hills is characterized by altitudinal variation, ranging from 200 to 1,400 meters above mean sea level (MSL), and exhibits diverse ecological features. The area is renowned for its persistent and relatively undisturbed forest formations, which are officially categorized and protected by the Tamil Nadu Forest Department. The predominant forest types in the region include semi-evergreen and deciduous forests, scrub jungles, and grassland patches (SHARMILA *et al.*, 2019). The dominant soil type was loamy, which supports a rich diversity of herbaceous and woody plant species. To capture the ecological variation across different habitats, line transect surveys were conducted over a four-year period (2019–2022) across multiple elevations and topographic zones, including the forest floor, foothills, slopes, and upper hill ranges (Rahman *et al.*, 2021). Both wet and dry seasons were included in the sampling schedule to account for seasonal differences in the presence and abundance of species. Each transect was 100 m in length, and herbaceous species were recorded at 10-meter intervals along the transect. Plant identification was performed in the field using standard botanical keys, regional flora guides, and expert consultation (Tarmi & Hyvönen, 2012). GPS devices were employed to geo-reference transect locations to ensure precise spatial mapping of the species distribution. All herbaceous species were classified according to family, growth form, and ecological role. Information such as common and scientific names, habitat preferences, and elevation ranges were documented. Taxonomic verification was supported by herbarium specimens and the relevant literature. Voucher specimens of the representative species were collected and preserved for future studies (Harker *et al.*, 2021).

Mapping work

The primary and secondary data were collected from various sources and compiled using GIS software in digital format available for the Kolli Hills, obtained from reliable sources of Remote Sensing (RS) and geographical information systems (GIS). The GIS database of the structural boundaries of elevation ranges was superimposed with the primary data collected through a specific application on geotagged study sites. Spatial analyses were performed using spatial queries and overlay analysis conducted using the ArcGIS software platform to derive reliable insights into the study area (Guo *et al.*, X *et al.*, 2017).

Field survey and sampling methods

The field survey was conducted over three years from 2017 to 2019. A periodical visit was performed every 2 months. Tree diversity was noticed without disturbing any vegetation to capture the necessary photographs using a canon DSLR camera. A line transect was made on the possible predetermined route randomly based on environmental criteria to support tree diversity. The transect can vary in length, other ranges 50 m to 500 m distance variation type which broadly included on 7 categories for the present above (Kral-O'Brien *et al.*, 2021).

Photography

Photomicrographs were obtained using an Olympus binocular research microscope equipped with a Nikon COOLPIX P 610 camera. Images were captured using a standard memory card and subsequently transferred. Photo-plates were prepared using conventional photographic editing methods. Additional photographs were obtained using a standard field camera.



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Statistical Analysis

The present study utilized a descriptive and analytical research design to evaluate phenotypic plasticity and population dynamics guided by seven research hypotheses. Pearson's correlation coefficient was employed to ascertain correlations, and significant variations were assessed using one-way analysis of variance. This investigation systematically explored altitude variation, sub-growth forms, family representation, and patterns of occurrence within the Kolli Hills ecosystem. Statistical analysis was conducted using SPSS version 25 (Cordeiro & Neri, 2018).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Herbs, as a diverse group of plants, exhibit considerable flexibility in their vegetative structures because of evolutionary pressures that shape their adaptations to specific environments (Guo *et al.*, 2023). Herbaceous species in Kolli Hills ecosystems demonstrate remarkable adaptive plasticity in response to environmental variations, including changes in temperature, soil composition, and moisture availability (Carrell *et al.*, 2023). This study investigated the role of phenotypic plasticity in the survival, growth, and reproductive success of dominant herbaceous plant species in this biodiverse region. Field observations and experimental studies have indicated that species with high plasticity exhibit greater resilience to environmental stressors, such as seasonal fluctuations and anthropogenic disturbances. Furthermore, analyses of population dynamics underscore the interplay between ecological factors and species distribution patterns, highlighting the importance of adaptive strategies for maintaining biodiversity (Whipple *et al.*, 2022). The Kolli Hills, part of the Eastern Ghats, host a diverse range of herbaceous species, demonstrating significant adaptive plasticity across varying altitudinal gradients. This study documents 259 herbaceous species from 54 angiospermic families, analyzing their growth forms, altitude preferences, and patterns of occurrence. The altitude zones are classified as I (260m–300m: Karavalli to Tamil Nadu check post area), II (301m–680m: Tamil Nadu check post forest area to viewpoint), and III (681m–1009m: Viewpoint to Shri Kalliamman Temple, Karainkadu) (Bhat *et al.*, 2018). In the statistical analysis, the list of plants was categorized into groups, with plants exclusively identified in zones I, II, and III as Groups 1, 2, and 3, respectively. Additionally, plant species available in zones I and II, I and III, and II and III were categorized as groups 4, 5, and 6, with another special category designated as group 7 for plants variably found in zones I, II, and III (Table 1 and Figures 2 and 3) (Yusuf *et al.*, 2020).

Note

Column no 4 Aquatic herb Aq h, Epiphytic herb Ep h, Mycoheterphic herb Mt h, Prostrate herb Pr h, Ascending herb As h, Slender herb Sl h, Procumbent herb Pb h, Creeping herb Cr h, Diffuse herb Di h, Normal herb H, Perennial herb Pe h, Spreading herb Sp h, Stout herb St h, Succulent herb Su h, Pubescent herb Ps h, Glabrescent herb Gl h, Pilose herb Pl h and Insectivores herb In h. Column no 5 Zone I (Foot hills) – Below 200 MSL, Zone II (Sloop) - 200 – 800 MSL, Zone III (Top hills) – 800 – 1400 MSL. Column no 6: Individual species (Rare) IR, Individual species (Mixed) IM, Population in (Dominant) : PD, Population in (Rare) :PR, Population of (Planted) :PP. Herbaceous plants have a relatively simple structure and complete their life cycle within a short duration, ranging from ephemeral to perennial forms. These growth forms are further subdivided and classified based on their ecological habits, nutritional modes, growth patterns, and specialized structures within the vegetation (Bora *et al.*, 2020). Categories include aquatic, mesophytic, xerophytic, arid, and semi-arid environments, and epiphytic and mycoheterotrophic forms. Insectivorous, holoparasitic, and semi-parasitic herbs represent special groups based on their nutritional value. Typically, the term "herb" refers to plants with small, weak, erect stems (Huang *et al.*, 2021). Specific growth patterns are observed in prostrate herbs (Pr h), ascending herbs (As h), slender herbs (Sl h), procumbent herbs (Pb h), creeping herbs (Cr h), diffuse herbs (Di h), spreading herbs (Sp h), stout herbs (St h), and succulent herbs (Su h). Additionally, pubescent herbs (Ps h), glabrescent herbs (Gl h), and pilose herbs (Pl h) were distinguished by their unique structures. This study examined 259 species from 54 plant families, focusing on their occurrence patterns, population distributions, and adaptive traits. The study titled "The Adaptive Plasticity and Population Dynamics of Herbaceous Species in Kolli Hills Ecosystems" examined the influence of altitude on species composition and distribution, highlighting significant variations in floral dominance across different ecological zones (Shah *et al.*, 2019). This study offers valuable insights into the adaptive strategies of herbaceous flora in the Kolli Hills, thereby contributing to



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biodiversity conservation and sustainable habitat management in this ecologically important region (Rahman *et al.*, 2021). Employing a descriptive and analytical research design, this study systematically documents, analyzes, and interprets the distribution, growth characteristics, and ecological adaptations of the herbaceous flora across various altitudinal gradients (Argenti *et al.*, 2020). This study investigated the correlation of hypotheses concerning seven parameters: i) a significant correlation between altitude range and various forms of herbs, ii) a significant correlation between altitude range and pattern of occurrence, iii) a significant correlation between family and various forms of herbs, iv) a significant correlation between family and pattern of occurrence, v) a significant variance among altitude ranges concerning various forms of herbs, vi) a significant variance among altitude ranges concerning pattern of occurrence, and vii) a significant variance among patterns of occurrence concerning various forms of herbs.

The statistical analyses of the herbaceous forms in the Kolli Hills clearly demonstrated the significance of the seven tested hypotheses concerning the comparison of altitude with various sub-forms of herbs, as evidenced by the Karl Pearson's coefficient of correlation (Table 1) and the pattern of occurrence (Table 2). Additionally, a one-way analysis was conducted on families with various subforms and patterns of occurrence (Tables 3 and 4). Indeed, the one-way analysis of variance further revealed strong significance across all levels of comparison (Tables 5, 6, and 7). Adaptation and phenotypic plasticity are essential for plant survival under extreme and adverse ecological conditions. An investigation of herbaceous species provides valuable insights into drought-induced plant adaptation, emphasizing the diverse mechanisms of drought adaptation observable within a single species. Naturally occurring genotypes or ecotypes of herbaceous taxa have been observed to complete their life cycle rapidly, whereas other growth forms, such as shrubs, climbers, and trees, exhibit extended lifespans, primarily due to the mechanical support chemically provided by the cell wall component lignin. (Thonglim *et al.* 2023). propose that stem lignification may be more pronounced in longer-lived stems, which is consistent with the idea that longer-lived genotypes, being more likely to encounter stress, may have a greater need to invest in strategies for drought resistance. Enhanced lignification has also been linked to reduced stomatal conductance, leading to decreased water loss, and consequently, an increased capacity to endure drought conditions.

Plant growth forms, particularly among angiosperms, exhibit remarkable diversity, which reflects adaptations to a wide range of environmental conditions. Herbaceous growth forms, which dominate nearly half of flowering plant taxa, have evolved under the influence of both biotic and abiotic factors (Taylor *et al.*, 2023). These factors, driven by natural selection, play critical roles in determining the life cycle, growth rate, and survival strategy of herbaceous plants. Herbaceous plants represent a highly adapted group of flora characterized by their non-woody structures and rapid growth cycles (Moreno & Bertiller, 2015). Their structural and physiological traits are fine-tuned to meet the demands of various environmental conditions, making them vital components of ecosystems worldwide. This essay explores the significance of these adaptations, focusing on stem diversity, water storage mechanisms, and photosynthetic flexibility, and highlights their ecological and evolutionary roles (Ekwealor *et al.*, 2020). Herbaceous plants exhibit a remarkable diversity in stem morphology, reflecting their evolutionary adaptability. Morphological forms, such as creeping, erect, prostrate, ascending, slender, and procumbent stems, are specialized to optimize light capture and spatial resource utilization. Creeping and prostrate stems spread horizontally, enabling the plant to stabilize the soil, reduce erosion, and rapidly occupy open spaces (Klimešová *et al.*, 2018). In contrast, erect and ascending stems facilitate vertical growth, allowing plants to access sunlight more effectively in competitive environments. Slender and procumbent stems balance energy efficiency with effective expansion, ensuring survival, even in resource-scarce or unstable habitats. These structural traits collectively enable herbaceous plants to thrive in diverse ecological niches ranging from dense forests to open grasslands (Harris *et al.*, 2023). Herbaceous plants also exhibit various morphological adaptations that enhance their ability to survive and thrive in challenging environments. Among these, pubescent, glabrescent, and pilose structures are particularly significant, as they serve as natural defenses against physical and environmental stressors, including harmful UV radiation, while also aiding in trapping moisture on the plant surface (Hauser, 2014). This feature is especially advantageous for reducing water loss under dry or windy conditions, thereby enhancing the overall drought tolerance of plants (Ekwealor *et al.*, 2020). In arid and semi-arid regions, herbaceous plants often exhibit succulent forms, an adaptation that allows them to store water in specialized tissues. This water reservoir ensures survival during prolonged dry periods, thereby



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reducing the dependence on external water sources (Fang & Xiong, 2014). The ability to conserve water while maintaining metabolic function is a hallmark of resilience. By minimizing water loss, these plants contribute to the sustainability of arid ecosystems, often serving as keystone species that supports other forms of life within their habitats (Rascio & Rocca, 2005). One of the most remarkable physiological traits of certain herbaceous plants is their ability to transition from the standard C3 photosynthetic pathway to Crassulacean Acid Metabolism (CAM). This adaptation, common in water-stressed environments, involves the nocturnal opening of stomata to capture carbon dioxide, thereby minimizing water loss during daylight (Zahedi *et al.*, 2019). The CAM pathway serves not only as a survival mechanism but also as an efficient strategy for maintaining productivity under extreme conditions.

This photosynthetic flexibility underscores the dynamic responses of herbaceous plants to environmental challenges. The adaptation of herbaceous plants plays a crucial role in maintaining ecosystem balance (Yan *et al.*, 2016). Their rapid growth and reproduction enable them to act as pioneers in disturbed areas, stabilize soils, and initiate ecological successions. By efficiently capturing sunlight and contributing to energy flow, they form the foundation of food webs, thus supporting higher trophic levels. Additionally, their roles in nutrient cycling and water conservation enhance the overall health and sustainability of ecosystems (Poorter *et al.*, 2024). Ephemeral herbs exhibit a remarkable ability to grow rapidly and complete their life cycles within a short period, often as little as 4-5 days under optimal conditions. These plants are well suited to environments with unpredictable or seasonal rainfall, where they germinate, flower, and set seeds within a brief span, ensuring the survival of the species. This strategy is particularly advantageous in arid and semi-arid regions where moisture availability is transient and sporadic (Akhalkatsi, 2017). Aquatic herbs represent a retrogressively evolved category of plants adapted to thrive in aquatic environments through simplified plant forms and specialized adaptive structures. These herbs exhibit significant differences in vegetative structure compared to their terrestrial counterparts (Klimeš *et al.*, 2022). Notably, they often lack lignified cells or have reduced lignified cells within their tissues. Lignin, a complex polymer that imparts rigidity and structural support, is minimized or absent in aquatic herbs, facilitating greater flexibility and buoyancy—traits essential for survival in water (Melro *et al.*, 2021). Instead of lignified tissues, aquatic herbs typically comprise loosely arranged parenchymal cells. Arun (2000) documented 916 taxa, including 854 angiosperms, underscoring the rich flora of the region. However, anthropogenic pressures such as agriculture and deforestation have led to habitat degradation, adversely affecting the diversity and distribution of herbaceous species (Uddin & Hassan, 2012). Changes in land use significantly affect soil quality, thereby influencing herbaceous plant communities. A study assessing soil quality across various ecosystems in the Kolli Hills revealed that conversion to agriculture and horticulture increased sand content and bulk density, whereas forested areas maintained a higher clay content and soil moisture. These alterations can negatively affect herbaceous species that depend on specific soil conditions (K & R, 2015). Furthermore, climate change poses a substantial threat to plant species in the Eastern Ghats. Simulations predict that by 2050, the region will experience increased temperatures and altered precipitation patterns, resulting in a reduction in habitats for endemic and rare species by approximately 60% and 40%, respectively. This highlights the vulnerability of the herbaceous species to climatic shifts (Kumari *et al.*, 2022).

CONCLUSION

In this paper highlights the critical role of adaptive phenotypic plasticity in shaping the survival, growth, and reproductive strategies of herbaceous plant species within the Kolli Hills ecosystem in the Eastern Ghats. By analyzing 259 species across various altitudinal gradients, we established a clear correlation between elevation, growth subforms, and species occurrence patterns. The observed variation in dominant growth forms, such as prostrate, creeping, and succulent, suggests that herbaceous species have evolved diverse adaptive strategies to navigate environmental heterogeneity. Statistical analyses, including Karl Pearson's correlation coefficient and one-way ANOVA, confirmed significant differences in species distribution and morphological adaptations across altitude zones. These findings underscore the ecological importance of phenotypic plasticity as a crucial mechanism that enables plant species to respond effectively to changing environmental conditions. This study provides valuable insights into biodiversity conservation and sustainable habitat management, particularly in ecologically sensitive



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regions, such as the Kolli Hills. Understanding these adaptive strategies is essential not only for preserving native flora but also for informing policy decisions aimed at mitigating the impacts of anthropogenic pressures and climate change on mountain ecosystems.

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Table.1: The herbaceous taxa with botanical namely, family, various sub – growth forms, altitude range and pattern of occurrence

S. No	Botanical name	Family	Various sub Forms of Herbs	Altitude range (Groups)	Pattern of Occurrence
1.	<i>Nymphaea nouchali</i> Burm.f.	Nymphaeaceae	Aq h	III	PR
2.	<i>Cardamine trichocarpa</i> Hochst.ex A.Rich	Brassicaceae	H	III	PR
3.	<i>Cleome gynandra</i> L.	Capparaceae	Er h	II	PR
4.	<i>Hybanthus enneaspermus</i> (L.) f. Muell	Violaceae	H	I	IC
5.	<i>Polygala chinensis</i> Willd	Polygalaceae	H	I	IM
6.	<i>Polygala paniculata</i> L.	Polygalaceae	H	III	IM
7.	<i>Polygala rosmarinifolia</i> (Weight & Arn)	Polygalaceae	H	III	IC
8.	<i>Drymaria cordata</i> Willd	Caryophyllaceae	Di h	III	IC
9.	<i>Stellaria media</i> (L.) Vill	Caryophyllaceae	Di h	II	IR
10.	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i> L.	Portulacaceae	Pr h	I	IM
11.	<i>Fumana sps</i>	Malvaceae	H	III	PR
12.	<i>Kydia calycina</i> Roxb.	Malvaceae	H	I	PD
13.	<i>Malachra capitata</i> (L.) L.	Malvaceae	H	III	PD
14.	<i>Malvastrum coromandelianum</i> (L.) L.	Malvaceae	H	I	PD
15.	<i>Sida acuta</i> Burm.f.	Malvaceae	H	I	PD





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16.	<i>Sida cordata</i> (Burm.f.) Borss. Waalk.	Malvaceae	H	I	PD
17.	<i>Tribulus terrestris</i> L.	Zygophyllaceae	Pr h	I & II	PD
18.	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> L.	Oxalidaceae	H	III	PD
19.	<i>Oxalis latifolia</i> Kunth.	Oxalidaceae	H	III	PD
20.	<i>Impatiens balsamina</i> L.	Balsaminaceae	Su h	III	PD
21.	<i>Impatiens flaccida</i> Arn.	Balsaminaceae	H	III	PD
22.	<i>Crotalaria calycina</i> Schrank.	Papilionoideae	H	III	PR
23.	<i>Crotalaria evolvuloides</i> Wight ex Wight & Arn.	Papilionoideae	Pr h	II & III	PR
24.	<i>Crotalaria nana</i> Burm.f.	Papilionoideae	Pr h	III	PR
25.	<i>Desmodium alysicarpoides</i> van Meeuwen	Papilionoideae	H	III	PD
26.	<i>Desmodium triflorum</i> (L.) DC	Papilionoideae	Pr h	III	PD
27.	<i>Glycine javanica</i> L.	Papilionoideae	H	III	IC
28.	<i>Indigofera linnaei</i> Ali	Papilionoideae	Er h	III	IR
29.	<i>Smithia racemosa</i> Heyne ex Wight & Arn.	Papilionoideae	Pr h	III	PR
30.	<i>Vigna unguiculata</i> (L.) Walp	Papilionoideae	H	III	IR
31.	<i>Zornia diphylla</i> (L.) Pers.	Papilionoideae	As h	III	PD
32.	<i>Chamaecrista mimosoides</i> (L.) Greene	Caesalpiniodeae	H	III	PD
33.	<i>Mimosa pudica</i> L.	Mimosoideae	Sp h	I	PD
34.	<i>Umbilicus sps</i>	Crassulaceae	H	III	PR
35.	<i>Drosera burmanni</i> Vahl	Droseraceae	Sp h	III	PR
36.	<i>Drosera paltata</i> Smith ex Willd	Droseraceae	H	III	PR
37.	<i>Colycopteris floribunda</i> Lam.	Combretaceae	H	III	PD
38.	<i>Ammannia aegyptiaca</i> Willd	Lythraceae	H	III	PD
39.	<i>Rotala illecebroides</i> (C.B. Clarke) Koehne	Lythraceae	Er h	III	PD
40.	<i>Mollugo disticha</i> (L.) Ser.	Aizoaceae	Er h	III	PD
41.	<i>Mollugo pentaphylla</i> L.	Aizoaceae	As h	III	PD
42.	<i>Trianthema decandra</i> L.	Aizoaceae	H	II	PD
43.	<i>Centella asiatica</i> (L.) Urban	Apiaceae	Pr H	III	PD
44.	<i>Heracleum rigens</i> Wallich	Apiaceae	H	III	PD
45.	<i>Hydrocotyle umbellata</i> L.	Apiaceae	H	III	PD
46.	<i>Smyrnum olusatrum</i> L.	Apiaceae	H	III	PD
47.	<i>Schefflera stellata</i> Harns	Araliaceae	Sl h	III	PR
48.	<i>Anotis quadrilocularis</i> Benth & Hoo R. F.	Rubiaceae	Sl h	II & III	PR
49.	<i>Borreria hirsuda</i> Kuntze	Rubiaceae	Di h	III	PD
50.	<i>Neanotis quadrilocularis</i> (Thwaites) W. Lewis	Rubiaceae	H	III	PR
51.	<i>Oldenlandia corymbosa</i> L.	Rubiaceae	Er h	III	PD
52.	<i>Oldenlandia herbacea</i> (L.) Roxb.	Rubiaceae	Er h	III	PD





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53.	<i>Phryma leptostachya</i> L.	Rubiaceae	Pe h	III	PD
54.	<i>Richardia brasiliensis</i> Gomes	Rubiaceae	H	III	PD
55.	<i>Richardia scabra</i> L.	Rubiaceae	Pb h	I, II & III	PD
56.	<i>Spermacoce tenuior</i> L.	Rubiaceae	H	I & II	PD
57.	<i>Acmella calva</i> (DC) R.K.Jansen	Astraceae	H	III	PR
58.	<i>Adenostemma lavenia</i> (L.) Kuntze	Astraceae	Ps h	III	PR
59.	<i>Ageratum conyzoides</i> L.	Astraceae	H	II & III	PD
60.	<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i> Mill.	Astraceae	H	III	PD
61.	<i>Anaphalis Lawii</i> (Hook.f.) Gamble	Astraceae	Er h	III	PD
62.	<i>Bidens pilosa</i> L.	Astraceae	H	II	PD
63.	<i>Blumea hieracifolia</i> (CB. Clarke)	Astraceae	H	III	PD
64.	<i>Blumea lacera</i> (Burm.f.) DC.	Astraceae	H	I	PD
65.	<i>Cephalostigma schimperi</i> Hochst	Astraceae	H	III	PD
66.	<i>Conyza strict</i> Willd	Astraceae	H	III	PD
67.	<i>Cosmos caudatus</i> Kunth	Astraceae	H	III	PD
68.	<i>Crassocephalum crepidioides</i> (Benth)	Astraceae	St h	III	PD
69.	<i>Dichrocephala integrifolia</i> (L.f.) Kuntze	Astraceae	Ps h	III	PD
70.	<i>Emila sonchifolia</i> Willd.	Astraceae	Gl h	III	PD
71.	<i>Erigeron bonariensis</i> L.	Astraceae	H	III	PD
72.	<i>Erigeron linifolius</i> Willd.	Astraceae	H	III	PD
73.	<i>Galinsoga ciliata</i> (Rof.) S.F.Blake	Astraceae	H	II	PD
74.	<i>Galinsoga paysoniflora</i> Cav	Astraceae	H	III	PD
75.	<i>Galinsoga quadriradiata</i> Ruiz & Pav	Astraceae	H	III	PD
76.	<i>Glossocardia bosvallea</i> DC.	Astraceae	As h	III	PR
77.	<i>Gnaphalium indicum</i> L.	Astraceae	Pi h	III	PD
78.	<i>Leggera alata</i> Schutta Bip	Astraceae	H	III	PD
79.	<i>Spilanthes acmella</i> Marr.	Astraceae	H	III	PD
80.	<i>Tagetes tenuifolia</i> Signet	Astraceae	H	III	PD
81.	<i>Vernonia arborea</i> Buch.-Ham.	Astraceae	H	I	PD
82.	<i>Vicoa indica</i> DC.	Astraceae	H	I & II	PD
83.	<i>Wedelia chinensis</i> (osbeck) Merr.	Astraceae	H	III	PD
84.	<i>Lobelia dortmanna</i> L.	Campanulaceae	Pe h	III	PR
85.	<i>Lobelia heyneana</i> Schult.	Campanulaceae	H	III	PD
86.	<i>Lobelia trialata</i> Buch. Han	Campanulaceae	Er h	III	PD
87.	<i>Lobelia zeylanca</i> L.	Campanulaceae	H	III	PD
88.	<i>Wahlenbergia erecta</i> (Roth. Ex Schult)	Campanulaceae	H	III	PD





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89.	<i>Caralluma umbellata</i> Roxb.	Apocyanaceae	Sh	III	PD
90.	<i>Cynoglossum donticulam</i> A. DC.	Boraginaceae	H	I	PD
91.	<i>Heliotropium curassavicum</i> L.	Boraginaceae	As h	III	PR
92.	<i>Heliotropium indicum</i> L.	Boraginaceae	H	I & II	PD
93.	<i>Heliotropium strigosum</i> Willd.	Boraginaceae	H	III	PR
94.	<i>Trichodesma zylanicum</i> R. Br	Boraginaceae	H	III	PD
95.	<i>Evolvulus alsinoides</i> L.	Convolvulaceae	Cr h	I	PD
96.	<i>Lycopersicon esculentum</i> Mill	Solanaceae	H	III	PC
97.	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> L	Solanaceae	H	III	PD
98.	<i>Herpestis chamedrioides</i> Kunth.	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
99.	<i>Hysanthes hyssopioides</i> Benth	Scrophulariaceae	Er h	III	PD
100.	<i>Limnophila chinensis</i> (Osbeck.) Merr.	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
101.	<i>Limnophila hirsuta</i> Benth	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
102.	<i>Sopubia delpinifolia</i> G. Don	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
103.	<i>Sopubia trifida</i> Buch.-Ham.	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
104.	<i>Vandellia pedunaleta</i> Benth	Scrophulariaceae	Sp h	III	PD
105.	<i>Vandellia scabra</i> Benth.	Scrophulariaceae	H	III	PD
106.	<i>Utricularia graminifolia</i> Vahl	Lentibulariaceae	In h	III	PR
107.	<i>Utricularia praeterita</i> P. Taylor	Lentibulariaceae	H	III	PR
108.	<i>Didymocarpus tomentosa</i>	Gesneriaceae	Su h	III	PR
109.	<i>Acanthus sps</i>	Acanthaceae	H	III	IC
110.	<i>Andrographis lineata</i> Nees	Acanthaceae	H	III	PD
111.	<i>Andrographis paniculata</i> (Burm.f.) Nees	Acanthaceae	H	I, II & III	PD
112.	<i>Asystasia crispata</i> Benth.	Acanthaceae	H	III	PD
113.	<i>Asystasia violacea</i> Dalz.	Acanthaceae	Er h	III	PD
114.	<i>Barleria Sps</i>	Acanthaceae	H	III	PD
115.	<i>Blepharis maderaspatensis</i> (L.) Heyne ex Roth.	Acanthaceae	H	I, II & III	PD
116.	<i>Dicliptera cuneata</i> Nees	Acanthaceae	Er h	III	PD
117.	<i>Justicia ovata</i> (Walter) Lindau	Acanthaceae	H	III	PD
118.	<i>Justicia simplex</i> D. Don	Acanthaceae	Di h	I	PD
119.	<i>Justicia sps</i>	Acanthaceae	H	III	PD
120.	<i>Peristrophe bicalyculata</i> (Retz) Nees	Acanthaceae	H	I & II	PD
121.	<i>Rungia repens</i> (L.) Nees	Acanthaceae	Pr h	II	PD
122.	<i>Thunbergia mysorensis</i> (Wight) T. Anderson ex Bedd.,	Acanthaceae	Sp h	III	IR





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123.	<i>Agustache</i> sps	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
124.	<i>Coleus barbatus</i> Benth.	Lamiaceae	H	III	PR
125.	<i>Leucas angularis</i> Benth.	Lamiaceae	Pe h	III	PD
126.	<i>Leucas indica</i> (L.) R.Br. ex Vatke	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
127.	<i>Leucas longifolia</i> Benth.	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
128.	<i>Leucas marrubiodes</i> Desf.	Lamiaceae	Er h	III	PD
129.	<i>Leucas mollissima</i> Wallich. Var.	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
130.	<i>Leucas pubescens</i> Benth.	Lamiaceae	Ps h	III	PD
131.	<i>Plectranthus barbatus</i> Andrews	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
132.	<i>Plectranthus incanus</i> Link	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
133.	<i>Plectranthus</i> sps.	Lamiaceae	H	III	PR
134.	<i>Pogostemon auricularis</i> (L.) Hassk.	Lamiaceae	H	II & III	PD
135.	<i>Pogostemon paniculatus</i> (Willd.)	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
136.	<i>Pogostemon</i> Sps	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
137.	<i>Salvia coccinea</i> Buch'hoz ex Etl.	Lamiaceae	Pe h	III	PD
138.	<i>Scutellaria violacea</i> Heyme ex Benth.	Lamiaceae	H	III	PD
139.	<i>Boerhaavia diffusa</i> L.	Nyctaginaceae	Di h	I	PD
140.	<i>Commicarpus chunensis</i> (L.) Heimer	Nyctaginaceae	H	II & III	PR
141.	<i>Mirabilis longiflora</i> L.	Nyctaginaceae	H	II & III	PP
142.	<i>Achyranthes aspera</i> L.	Amaranthaceae	H	I & III	PD
143.	<i>Achyranthes bidentata</i> Blume	Amaranthaceae	Er h	III	PR
144.	<i>Allmania nodiflora</i> (L.) R.Br.	Amaranthaceae	H	I	PD
145.	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i> (L.) R.Br.ex DC.	Amaranthaceae	H	I	PD
146.	<i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> L.	Amaranthaceae	H	II & III	PD
147.	<i>Digera muricata</i> (L.) Mart.	Amaranthaceae	H	II	PD
148.	<i>Gomphrena calosiodes</i> Mart.	Amaranthaceae	H	II	PD
149.	<i>Iresine diffusa</i> F. Herbstii	Amaranthaceae	H	III	PD
150.	<i>Iresine herbstii</i> Hook	Amaranthaceae	Er h	III	PD
151.	<i>Psilotrichum</i> sps	Amaranthaceae	H	III	PD
152.	<i>Pupalia atropurpurea</i> Moq.	Amaranthaceae	Er h	III	PR
153.	<i>Persicaria lapathifolia</i> (L.) S.F. Gray	Polygonaceae	H	III	PD
154.	<i>Persicaria maculosa</i> Gray	Polygonaceae	H	III	PD
155.	<i>Polygonum</i> sps.	Polygonaceae	H	III	PD
156.	<i>Rumex nepalensis</i> Spreng.	Polygonaceae	H	III	PD
157.	<i>Peperomia reflexa</i> A.	Piperaceae	H	III	PR
158.	<i>Peperomia tetraphylla</i> (G.fotrst.) Hook. & Arn.	Piperaceae	H	III	PR





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159.	<i>Balanophora fungosa</i> JR Forst & G. Forst.	Balanophoraceae	H	III	PD
160.	<i>Acalypha paniculata</i> Miq.	Euphorbiaceae	H	III	PD
161.	<i>Phyllanthus simplex</i> Retz.	Euphorbiaceae	H	III	PD
162.	<i>Sebastiana chamaelea</i> Muell Arg	Euphorbiaceae	H	I & II	PD
163.	<i>Boehmeria cylindrica</i> (L.) Swartz	Urticaceae	H	III	PD
164.	<i>Laportea aestuans</i> (L.) Chew	Urticaceae	H	III	PD
165.	<i>Pilea angulata</i> (Blume)	Urticaceae	Pe h	III	PD
166.	<i>Procris wightiana</i> Willich	Urticaceae	Su h	III	PD
167.	<i>Dorstenia indica</i> Weigh	Moraceae	H	III	PD
168.	<i>Blyxa echinosperma</i> (C.B. Clarke) Hook.f.	Hydrocharitaceae	H	III	PR
169.	<i>Acampe praemora</i> (Roxb.) Blatter & Mc Cann	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
170.	<i>Acanthephippium bicolor</i> Lindley	Orchidaceae	H	III	PR
171.	<i>Aerides ringens</i> (Lindley) C. Fischer	Orchidaceae	H	III	PR
172.	<i>Anoetochilus elatus</i> Lindley	Orchidaceae	H	III	PR
173.	<i>Bulbophyllum kaitense</i> Reichb. f.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
174.	<i>Chrysoglossum maculatum</i> (Thwaites) Hook. f.	Orchidaceae	H	III	PR
175.	<i>Cirrhopetalum gamblei</i> Hook. F	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
176.	<i>Coelogyne breviscapa</i> Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
177.	<i>Dendrobium heterocarpum</i> Wallich ex Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
178.	<i>Desperis oppositifolia</i> Sm.	Orchidaceae	Mt h	III	PR
179.	<i>Desperis neilgherrensis</i> Wight	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
180.	<i>Eria braccata</i> Linky	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
181.	<i>Eria pauciflora</i> Wight.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
182.	<i>Eria reticosa</i> Wight	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
183.	<i>Eulophia pulchra</i> (Thouars) Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
184.	<i>Eulopia graminea</i> Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR





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185.	<i>Gastrochilus acaulis</i> (Lindley) Kuntze	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
186.	<i>Geodorum densiflorum</i> Sch. Htr.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
187.	<i>Habenaria digitata</i> Lindly.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	I, II & III	PR
188.	<i>Habenaria longicalcarata</i> 3A. Rich	Orchidaceae	Ep h	I, II & III	PR
189.	<i>Habenaria rariflora</i> A. Rich.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II & III	PR
190.	<i>Habenaria viridiflora</i> (Sw.) R. Br.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II	PR
191.	<i>Habenarin langicornu</i> Lindly.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II & III	PR
192.	<i>Luisia birchea</i> Blume	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II	PR
193.	<i>Oberonia brunoniana</i> Wight	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II	PR
194.	<i>Oberonia iridifolia</i> (Roxb.) Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	II	PR
195.	<i>Oberonia proudlockii</i> King & Pantl.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
196.	<i>Oberonia santapau</i> Kapadia	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
197.	<i>Papilionanthe subulata</i> (Willd.) Garay	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PD
198.	<i>Pholidota pallida</i> Lindley	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PD
199.	<i>Polystachya concreta</i> (Jacq.) & H.R. Sweet	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PD
200.	<i>Schoenorchis jerdoniana</i> (Wight) Garay	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
201.	<i>Tropidia augulosa</i> (Lindley) Blume	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
202.	<i>Vanda spathulata</i> (L.) Sprengel	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
203.	<i>Vanda tessellata</i> (Roxb.) Hook.	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
204.	<i>Vanilla walkeriae</i> Wight	Orchidaceae	Ep h	III	PR
205.	<i>Alpinia calcarata</i> (Haw.) Roscoe	Zingiberaceae	H	III	PD
206.	<i>Curcuma aromatica</i> Salisb.	Zingiberaceae	H	III	PD
207.	<i>Curcuma neigherrensis</i> Wight.	Zingiberaceae	H	III	PD
208.	<i>Elettaria cardamomum</i> (L.) Maton	Zingiberaceae	H	III	PC
209.	<i>Musa × paradisiaca</i> L.	Musaceae	H	III	PC





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210.	<i>Ananas comosus</i> L. Merr.	Bromeliaceae	H	III	PC
211.	<i>Allium triquetrum</i> L.	Amaryllidaceae	H	III	PD
212.	<i>Curculigo orchoides</i> Gaertner.	Hypoxinaceae	H	III	PD
213.	<i>Agave Americana</i> L.	Agavaceae	Pe h	III	PD
214.	<i>Chlorophytum malabaricum</i> Baker.	Liliaceae	Er h	III	PR
215.	<i>Iphigenia indica</i>	Liliaceae	H	II	PR
216.	<i>Monochoria vaginalis</i> Presal.	Pontederiaceae	H	III	PD
217.	<i>Amischophacelus axillaris</i> (L.)R.S. Rao & Kammathy	Commelinaceae	H	II & III	PD
218.	<i>Aneilema esculentum</i> Wallich.	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
219.	<i>Commelina benghalensis</i> L.	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
220.	<i>Commelina ensifolia</i> R. Br.	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
221.	<i>Cyantis pitosa</i> F.	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
222.	<i>Murdannia sps</i>	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
223.	<i>Tradescantia ohiensis</i> Ref.	Commelinaceae	H	III	PD
224.	<i>Juncus prismatocarpus</i> R. Br.	Juncaceae	H	III	PD
225.	<i>Acorus calamus</i> Linn.	Araceae	H	III	PR
226.	<i>Arisaema leschenaultii</i> Blume.	Araceae	H	III	PD
227.	<i>Arisaema polyphyllum</i> var. <i>angustifolium</i> Merr.	Araceae	H	III	PD
228.	<i>Colocasia esculenta</i> (L.) Schott	Araceae	H	III	PD
229.	<i>Remusatia vivipara</i> (Roxb.) Schott	Araceae	Pe h	III	PD
230.	<i>Ericaulon thavatesei</i> Koern	Eriocaulaceae	H	III	PD
231.	<i>Bulbostylis capillaris</i> Kunth.	Cyperaceae	H	II & III	PD
232.	<i>Cyperus difformis</i> L.	Cyperaceae	H	II & III	PD
233.	<i>Cyperus distans</i> L. f.	Cyperaceae	H	II	PD
234.	<i>Fimbristylis cyperoides</i> R.Br.	Cyperaceae	H	II & III	PD
235.	<i>Lipocarpa triceps</i> Nees.	Cyperaceae	H	I, II & III	PD
236.	<i>Mariscus globosus</i> Reials	Cyperaceae	H	III	PD
237.	<i>Pycnus flavescens</i> Nees.	Cyperaceae	H	III	PD
238.	<i>Pycnus pumilus</i> Domin.	Cyperaceae	H	III	PD
239.	<i>Rhynchospora corymbosa</i> (L.) Britton	Cyperaceae	H	III	PD
240.	<i>Schoenoplectus erectus</i> (Poir.) Palla ex J.Raynal	Cyperaceae	H	III	PD
241.	<i>Scleria terrestris</i> (L.) Fassett	Cyperaceae	Pe h	III	PD
242.	<i>Alloteropsis cimicina</i> (L.) Stapf.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
243.	<i>Arundinella holcoides</i> Trin.	Poaceae	H	I	PD
244.	<i>Bambusa bambos</i> (L.) Voss	Poaceae	Pe h	II	PD





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245.	<i>Coelachne pulchella</i> Hook. F.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
246.	<i>Dimeria orissae</i> Bor	Poaceae	H	III	PD
247.	<i>Echinichloa colona</i> Link.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
248.	<i>Eragrostis unioides</i> (Retz.) Nees ex Steud.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
249.	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> P. Beque.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
250.	<i>Ischaemum aristatum</i> L.	Poaceae	H	II & III	PD
251.	<i>Oryza sativa</i> L.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
252.	<i>Panicum psilopodium</i> Trin.	Poaceae	H	III	PC
253.	<i>Panicum repens</i> L.	Poaceae	H	III	PC
254.	<i>Paspalum scrobiculatum</i> L.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
255.	<i>Phyllostachys aurea</i> Riviere	Poaceae	H	III	PD
256.	<i>Sacciolepis interrupta</i> Stapf.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
257.	<i>Setaria intermedia</i> Roemer & Schultes.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
258.	<i>Setaria pallidifus</i> Scastapf & C.E. Hubb.	Poaceae	H	III	PD
259.	<i>Urochloa reptans</i> Stapf.	Poaceae	H	III	PD

Table.2: Karl Pearson's Co-Efficient of correlation between the altitude range and various forms of herb

S.No	Various forms of herb	Correlation value	Statistical Interface
1.	Altitude range and Various Forms of herb	(-)0.748**	P<0.01 Significant

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

There is a significant relationship between altitude range and various forms of herb ($r = (-)0.748^{**}$, $p < 0.01$).**Table.3: Karl Pearson's Co-Efficient of correlation between the altitude range and Pattern of Occurrence**

S. No	Pattern of Occurrence	Correlation value	Statistical Interface
1.	Altitude range and Pattern of Occurrence	0.394**	P<0.01 Significant

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

There is a significant relationship between altitude range and Pattern of Occurrence ($r = 0.394^{**}$, $p < 0.01$).**Table.4: Karl Pearson's Co-Efficient of correlation between the family and various forms of herb**

S.No	Various forms of herb	Correlation value	Statistical Interface
1.	Family and Various Forms of herb	0.419**	P<0.01 Significant

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

There is a significant relationship between family and various forms of herb ($r = 0.419^{**}$, $p < 0.01$).**Table.5: Karl Pearson's Co-Efficient of correlation between the family and Pattern of Occurrence**

S.No	Pattern of Occurrence	Correlation value	Statistical Interface
1.	Family and Pattern of Occurrence	0.406**	P<0.01 Significant

**Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level

* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level

There is a significant relationship between family and Pattern of Occurrence ($r = 0.406^{**}$, $p < 0.01$).

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S. NO	Source	Df	SS	MS	_ X	Statistical Inference
1.	Various Forms of herb				G1=13.00	F=69.395
	Between Groups	6	2631.966	438.661	G2=6.25	p <0.001
	Within Groups	252	1592.938	6.321	G3=17.38	Significant
					G4=16.29	
					G5=3.33	
					G6=11.60	
					G7=4.47	

There is a significant variance among the altitude range with regard to Various Forms of herb (F=69.395, p <0.001).

Table.7: Oneway analysis of variance among the altitude range and Pattern of Occurrence

S. NO	Source	Df	SS	MS	_ X	Statistical Inference
1.	Pattern of Occurrence				G1=5.00	F=9.242
	Between Groups	6	34.185	5.697	G2=5.00	p <0.001
	Within Groups	252	155.352	.616	G3=4.80	Significant
					G4=4.00	
					G5=3.93	
					G6=5.88	
					G7=4.19	

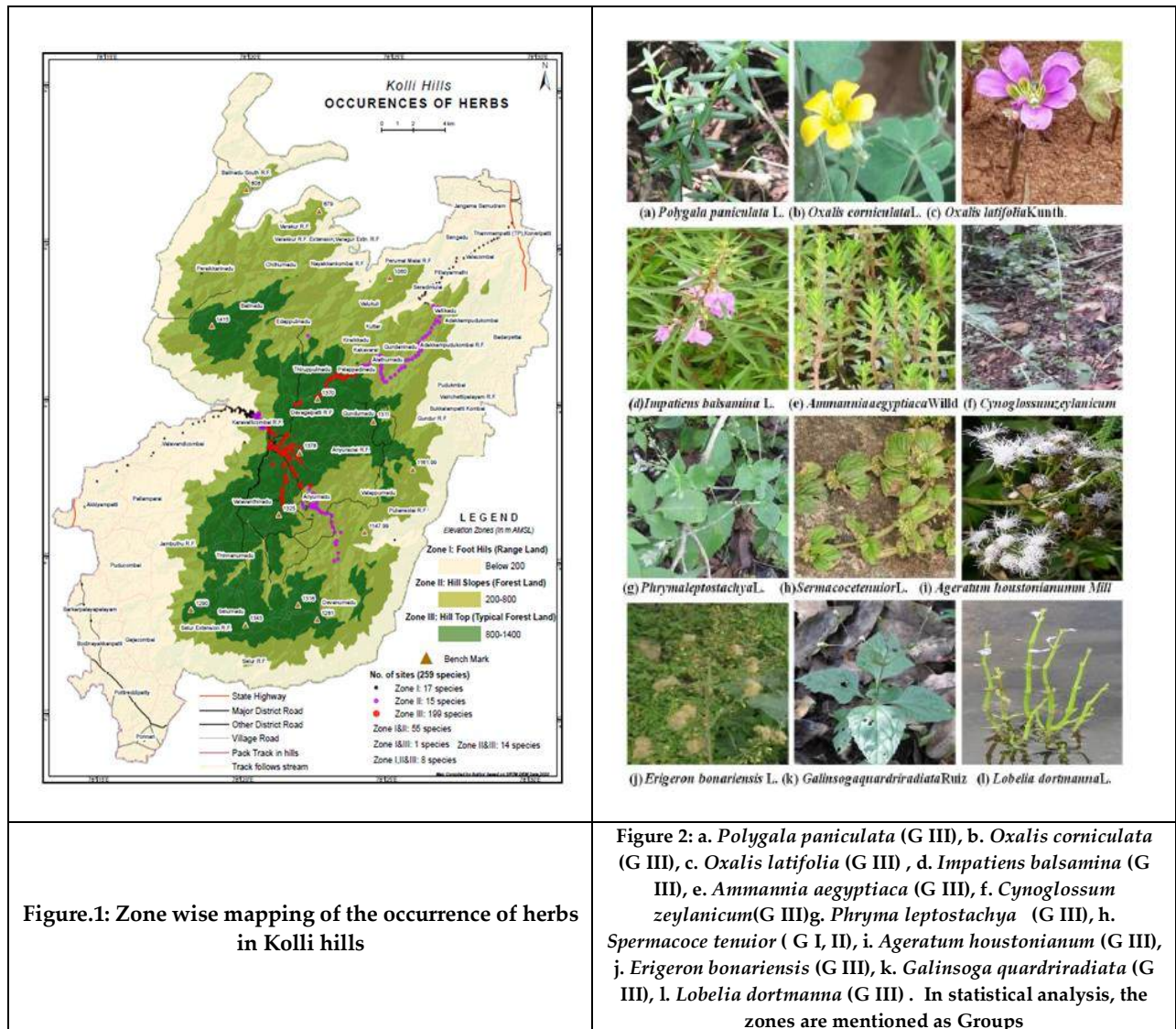
There is a significant variance among the altitude range with regard to Pattern of Occurrence (F=9.242, p <0.001).

Table.8: Oneway analysis of variance among the Pattern of occurrence with regard o Various Forms of herb

S. NO	Source	Df	SS	MS	_ X	Statistical Inference
1.	Various Forms of herb				G1=5.00	F=29.944
	Between Groups	6	1758.465	293.078	G2=19.00	p <0.001
	Within Groups	252	2466.438	9.787	G3=19.00	Significant
					G4=5.59	
					G5=7.33	
					G6=8.00	
					G7=9.39	

There is a significant variance among the Pattern of Occurrence with regard to Various Forms of herb (F=29.944, p <0.001).





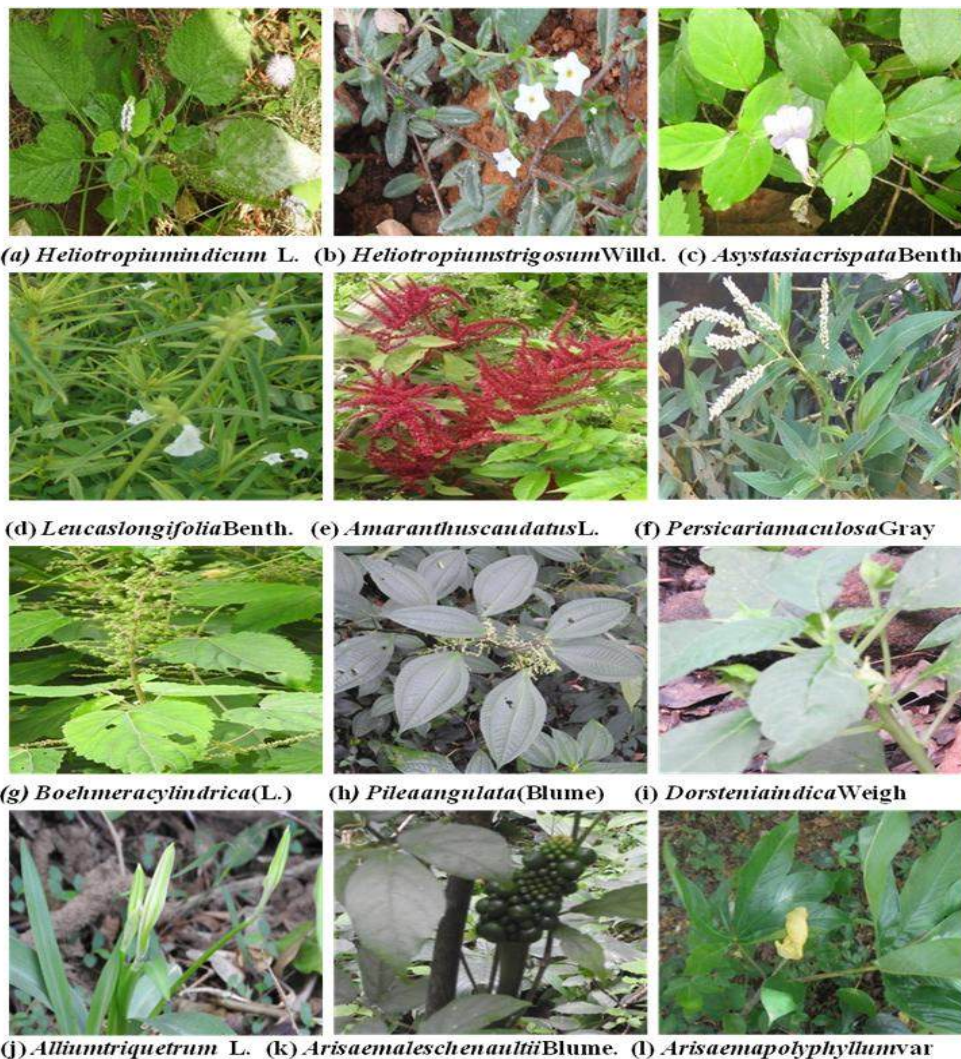


Figure 3: a. *Heliotropium indicum* (G I, II), b. *Heliotropium curassavicum* (G III), c. *Asystasia crispata* (G III), d. *Leucas longifolia* (III), e. *Amaranthus caudatus* (G II, III), f. *Persicaria maculosa* (G III), g. *Boehmeria cylindrica* (G III), h. *Pilea angulata* (G III), i. *Dorstenia indica*, j. *Allium triquetrum* (G III), k. *Arisaema leschenaultia* (G III), l. *Arisaema polyphyllum* (G III) In statistical analysis, the zones are mentioned as Groups.





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Analysing Efficacy of Indian Medical Herbal Plants for Chronic Diseases Using A Machine Learning Gradient Boosting Algorithm

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ABSTRACT

Chronic diseases are a significant burden on global health systems, and the search for effective treatments is ongoing. Different chronic diseases are treated effectively with traditional herbal medicine plants which have been utilised for generations in Indian medicinal practices. This research paper aims to analyze the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases using a machine learning gradient boosting algorithm. The study focuses on identifying the most effective herbal plants for specific chronic diseases, such as diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and arthritis, to analyze large datasets of plant compounds and their effects on chronic diseases. The results of this study could provide valuable insights into the potential of herbal medicine as a complementary treatment for chronic diseases.

Keywords: Indian Medical, Herbal Plants, Chronic Disease, Gradient Boosting, Machine Learning

INTRODUCTION

Indian medical herbal plants have stored traditional medical knowledge in Ayurveda as well as Siddha and Unani systems for many years [1]-[2]. These systems have extensively documented the use of various herbs, such as Ashwagandha, Turmeric, and Neem, for treating chronic conditions. However, the efficacy of these herbal plants in modern medical contexts is often debated due to insufficient scientific validation. These systems have documented the use of various herbs for the treatment of chronic diseases. However, the efficacy of these herbal plants in modern



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medical contexts is often questioned due to a lack of rigorous scientific validation [3]. Despite the widespread use of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases, there is a need for systematic analysis to determine their efficacy. Traditional methods of evaluating herbal medicine often rely on anecdotal evidence or small-scale studies, which may not provide a comprehensive understanding of their effectiveness [4].

The primary objective of this research is to analyze the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases using a machine learning gradient boosting algorithm [5]. Specific objectives include:

- Identifying the most effective Indian medical herbal plants for specific chronic diseases.
- Analyzing the chemical compounds present in these herbal plants and their potential mechanisms of action.
- Evaluating the predictive performance of the gradient boosting algorithm in identifying effective herbal treatments for chronic diseases.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Traditional Use of Indian Medical Herbal Plants

The traditional medical system of Ayurveda uses Indian medical herbal plants as its core therapeutic components in practice for extended periods of time. Through Ayurvedic principles the therapeutic properties of plants Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*) and Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*) and Neem (*Azadirachta indica*) help manage long-term health conditions. Indian medical herbal plants have gained fame due to their anti-inflammatory and antioxidant abilities as well as their capacity to modify immune responses which helps treat arthritis alongside diabetes and cardiovascular diseases[7]-[8]. Ashwagandha has established itself as an adaptogenic plant that reduces stress. Neem is widely recognized for its anti-diabetic and antimicrobial benefits. These herbs have been extensively studied for their ability to modulate biological pathways associated. Their longstanding use in traditional medicine, supported by modern scientific research, underscores their potential as complementary treatments for chronic conditions [19].

Machine Learning in Herbal Medicine Research

Machine learning has emerged as a powerful tool in drug discovery and medical research. Gradient boosting algorithms, such as XGBoost and Light GBM, are particularly effective. These algorithms have been used in various applications, including predicting drug-target interactions and identifying potential therapeutic compounds from natural products [10]-[11].

Scientific Validation of Herbal Medicine

While traditional knowledge provides a foundation for the use of herbal plants, scientific validation is essential to establish their efficacy and safety. Several studies have investigated the pharmacological properties of Indian medical herbal plants [12].

Challenges in Herbal Medicine Research

Despite the potential of machine learning in herbal medicine research, there are several challenges. These include the complexity of herbal compounds, the lack of standardized datasets, and the need for interdisciplinary collaboration between traditional medicine practitioners and data scientists [13]. Additionally, the interpretation of machine learning models in the context of herbal medicine requires careful consideration of the biological and pharmacological context [14].

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for analyzing the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases using a machine learning gradient boosting algorithm involves a systematic approach that integrates data collection, preprocessing, model development, and analysis [15]. The process starts with the data collection from traditional medicine databases, scientific literature, and chemical databases to compile a comprehensive dataset of Indian



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medical herbal plants, their chemical compounds, and their associated biological activities[16]-[17]. A gradient boosting algorithm, such as XGBoost or LightGBM, is employed to develop a predictive model. The model is trained on the preprocessed dataset, and its performance is validated using cross-validation techniques. Key chemical compounds in the most effective herbal plants are analyzed to understand their mechanisms of action, and the results are interpreted in the context of traditional knowledge and scientific literature. The methodology ensures a robust and data-driven approach to evaluating the efficacy of herbal plants for chronic diseases[18].

Pseudocode

```
# Step 1: Data Collection
data = collect_data(sources=["Ayurvedic_DB", "PubChem", "Scientific_Literature"])

# Step 2: Data Preprocessing
data = remove_duplicates(data)
data = handle_missing_values(data)
data = standardize_formats(data)
features = extract_features(data)

# Step 3: Feature Selection
selected_features = select_features(features, method="correlation")

# Step 4: Model Development
model = initialize_gradient_boosting(algorithm="XGBoost")

# Step 5: Model Validation
validation_scores = cross_validate(model, X_test, y_test, k=5)

# Step 6: Chemical Compound Analysis
compounds = identify_compounds(effective_herbs)
pathways = analyze_pathways(compounds, tool="KEGG")
disease_associations = link_pathways_to_diseases(pathways)

# Step 7: Interpretation of Results
compare_with_traditional_knowledge(effective_herbs)
assess_biological_relevance(compounds, pathways)
discuss_implications(effective_herbs, disease_associations)

# Step 8: Output Results
generate_report(effective_herbs, compounds, performance_metrics)
```

Identification of Effective Herbal Plants

The gradient boosting algorithm identified several Indian medical herbal plants as potentially effective for treating specific chronic diseases. For example:

1. **Ashwagandha (*Withania somnifera*):** The plant shows promise to treat both stress-related disorders alongside arthritis conditions because of its anti-inflammatory response and adaptogenic properties.
2. **Turmeric (*Curcuma longa*):** The high curcumin composition makes turmeric-effective for treating inflammatory conditions such as arthritis and cardiovascular diseases.
3. **Neem (*Azadirachta indica*):** Predicted to be effective for managing diabetes and skin disorders due to its antioxidant and anti-diabetic properties.





RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The proposed gradient boosting algorithm (XGBoost) was compared with three other widely used ML algorithms. The results are presented in the table 1 below.

DISCUSSION OF RESULTS

The proposed XGBoost algorithm achieved the highest accuracy of 85.2%, outperforming Random Forest (82.4%), SVM (78.6%), and Logistic Regression (75.3%). This indicates that the gradient boosting algorithm is better at correctly classifying the efficacy of herbal plants for chronic diseases. The F1-score, which balances precision and recall, was highest for XGBoost at 82.1%. XGBoost achieved a recall of 83.5%, indicating its ability to correctly identify a higher proportion of effective herbal plants. This is superior to Random Forest (80.7%), SVM (76.8%), and Logistic Regression (73.5%). The precision of XGBoost was 81.8%, demonstrating its ability to minimize false positives. While Random Forest (78.9%) performed comparably, SVM (74.9%) and Logistic Regression (71.8%) lagged behind.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This research paper analyzed the efficacy of Indian medical herbal plants for chronic diseases using a machine learning gradient boosting algorithm. The study identified several herbal plants, such as Ashwagandha, Turmeric, and Neem, as potentially effective for treating specific chronic diseases. The analysis of chemical compounds revealed that these plants contain bioactive compounds with known pharmacological properties, providing a scientific basis for their traditional use. The gradient boosting algorithm demonstrated high predictive performance, highlighting the potential of machine learning in herbal medicine research. Future research should focus on expanding the dataset, exploring other machine learning algorithms, and validating the biological relevance of the identified chemical compounds through experimental studies.

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Table 1: Performance metrics comparison

Algorithm	Accuracy (%)	F1-Score (%)	Recall (%)	Precision (%)
XGBoost (Proposed)	85.2	82.1	83.5	81.8
Random Forest	82.4	79.3	80.7	78.9
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	78.6	75.4	76.8	74.9
Logistic Regression	75.3	72.1	73.5	71.8





An Isolated Connected Domination in Random Graphs

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ABSTRACT

An $\langle S \rangle$ is a union of a connected Random graph (non isolated Random graph) with some (at least one) isolated vertices. An isolated connected dominating set of a connected Random graph $G(n,p)$ is a dominating $S \subseteq V(G_{n,p})$ set in this way. The smallest cardinality of an isolated connected dominating set of G is represented by an isolated connected domination number of $G(n,p)$, denoted by $\gamma_{ic}(G(n,p))$. We examine a few characteristics and provide an isolated connected dominance number for a few families of random graphs in this research.

Keywords: Random Graph($G_{n,p}$), Connected Random Graph $G_c(n,p)$, Domination number in $G_{n,p}$, connected domination number in $G_{n,p}$, Isolated Connected domination $G_{n,p}$.

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INTRODUCTION

In the 1960s Erdos and Renyi, two great Mathematicians, established the Random graph theory and initiated the systematic study of it [1]. Random Graph($G_{n,p}$) lies in the intersection of Graph theory and Probability theory, has always been the basic theory for studying complex networks. Domination is a central topic in graph theory, with a number of application in computer science and engineering. A dominating set S in a graph G has that each node not in S is joined to some node of S . The minimum order of a dominating set is the domination number of G denoted $\gamma(G)$. The book [8][9] supply a introduction to theoretical and applied results of domination in graphs.





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Relatively little work has been done on domination in Random graph models. The domination number of ER Random Graph $(G_{n,p})$ was determined by Wieland and Godbole in [7]. Dreyer[17] analyse some basic results of proves with $q=1/(1-p)$ (p fixed) and set of cardinality $(1+\varepsilon)\log_q n$ is a dominating set with probability tends to 1 as n tends to infinity. And sets of order $(1-\varepsilon)\log_q n$ dominate with probability approaching zero as n tends to infinity. May instead take $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n$ tends to zero so that $\varepsilon_n \log_q n$ tends to infinity. we analyse the some properties of Isolated connected domination of $(G_{n,p})$.

PREMILIARIES

Definition:2.1: $(G_{n,p})$

When we are given a graph G is a random graph, this is wrong. Already Existing graph is fixed, there is nothing random to it. What we mean though through this term abuse is that this graph was sampled out of a set of graphs according to a probability distribution. An Random Graph $G_{n,p}$ has two parameters, the number of vertices n and a probability parameter $0 \leq p \leq 1$. Let $\mathcal{G}$ be the family of all possible labelled graphs on the vertex set $[n]$. Note that $|\mathcal{G}| = 2^{\binom{n}{2}}$. The $G_{n,p}$ Model assign to a graph $G \in \mathcal{G}$ satisfy the probability

$$\text{Probability}[G] = P^{|E(G)|} (1 - P)^{\binom{n}{2} - |E(G)|}$$

Definition: 2.2: $(G_{n,m})$

An Uniform Random graph $(G_{n,m})$ has two parameters, the number of vertices n and the number of edges m , where $0 \leq m \leq \binom{n}{2}$. This model assigns to all labelled (named) graphs on the vertex set $[n]$ with exactly m edges equal probability. Therefore,

$$\text{Probability}[G] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m}} & \text{if } |E(G)| = m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition: 2.3: $G_c(n, p)$

An Connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$, a pair of u and v is chosen from the vertex set $V(G)$ of the graph G . Here each pair of vertices $\{v_i, v_j\}$, where $v_i, v_j \in V(G)$. There exist an edge between v_i and v_j in a graph iff the random number generated for the pair v_i and v_j is at most the edge probability p of the graph G . Its is denoted by $G_c(n, p)$.

Definition:2.4: $\gamma(G(n, p))$

An Random Graph $G(n, p)$ with fixed parameter $p_n = p > 0$ and the number vertices n tending to infinity. Then a.a.s the domination number of $G(n, p)$ satisfies,

$$\gamma(G(n, p)) = (1 + o(1)) \log_q n$$

Where $q = \frac{1}{1-p}$.

Definition:2.5 $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$

An Connected Domination Random Graph $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ with fixed parameter $p_n = p > 0$ and the number vertices n tending to infinity. Then a.a.s the connected domination number of $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ satisfies,

$$\gamma_c(G(n, p)) = \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil$$

Where a_n be any sequence of $G_c(n, p)$.

An Isolated Connected Domination in Random Graphs:**Definition:3.1 $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$**

An Isolated connected dominating set S of a $G(n, p)$ is a dominating set

$S \subset V(G(n, p))$ such that $\langle S \rangle$ is union of a connected $G(n, p)$ and some (at least one) isolated vertices. An Isolated connected dominating number of $G_c(n, p)$ is denoted by $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$.



**Propositions:3.2**

A Connected Random Graph $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ with m (fixed) edges is equally likely to be any of the $\binom{n}{2}$ graphs with m edges.

Proof:

Let any graph with m edges(fixed), its G .

Probability $[G_c(n, p)] = G[|E(G_c(n, p))| = m]$

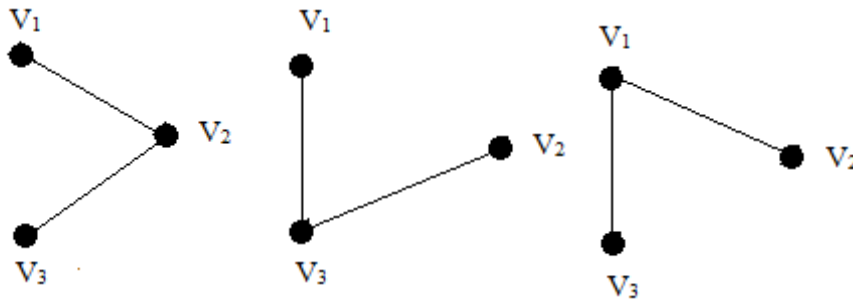
$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\text{Pro}[G_c(n, p) = G]}{\text{Pro}[|E(G_c(n, p))| = m]} \\ &= \frac{p^{|E(G)|} (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - |E(G)|}}{\binom{n}{2} p^{|E(G)|} (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - |E(G)|}} \\ &= \frac{p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - m}}{\binom{n}{2} p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Probability } [G_c(n, p)] = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{2}}$$

Example:3.2.1

A Connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$ on 3 vertices with 2 edges (fixed)

Is given by



Above $G(n, p)$ figure having same Probability $\frac{1}{3}$.

Theorem:3.3

In connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$, consider P is a monotone increasing property and $0 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq 1$, $G \sim G_c(n, p_i)$, $i=1, 2$.

Propability $[G_1 \in p_1] \leq \text{Propability } [G_2 \in p_2]$

Propositions:3.4

If a Random Graph $G(n, p)$ admits isolated connected vertex set, then $\text{diam}(G(n, p)) \geq 2$. (a.a.s)

Proof

Let X be the eccentricity of vertex v .

$\Pr(x = 1) = p^{n-1}$, which goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\Pr(X > 2)$ indicates that there is a vertex u such that u is not connected (isolated vertex) to v or any of the vertices that is directly connected to v .

So, $\Pr(X > 2) = (n-1)(1-p)^{|S|+1}$

Where S is the set of vertices connected to v . Since $|S| = np + o(1)$ when n is sufficiently large, $\Pr(X > 2)$ also goes to zero as n goes to infinity.





Just an approximation $|S| = (n-2)p$, the probability that a given pair of vertices is not connected by a path of length 2 is $(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$. Since all edges forming these potential paths are distinct.

Thus the expected number of pair not thus connected is $\binom{n}{2}(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$, which goes to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ at fixed $p > 0$.

The probability for the diameter to exceed 2 is less than this expected number and thus also goes to 0.

Example:3.4.1

If $G_c \sim G_{ic}(n, n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$ prove that $G_{ic}(n, n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$ has diameter 2 almost surely.

Solution

Let X_{uv} be the indicator for the event A_{uv} that no other vertex in $G(n, p)$ is adjacent to u or v .

Show that $E[X] \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (ie) (it has diameter 2 almost surely)

$$E[X] = E[\sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} X_{uv}]$$

$$= \sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} E[X_{uv}]$$

$$= \sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} P[A_{uv}]$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} (1-p)(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$$

In this situation given above problem $p = n^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\binom{n}{2} (1-p)(1-p^2)^{(n-2)} = \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}})(1-n^{-\frac{2}{3}})^{(n-2)} \cong \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}}) \exp(-n \cdot n^{-\frac{2}{3}}) n \rightarrow \infty = \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}}) \exp(-n^{\frac{1}{3}}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Propositions:3.5

If a Random Graph $G(n, p)$ admits Isolated connected set then

$$\gamma(G(n, p)) \leq \gamma_{ic}(G(n, p)) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof

There is no relationship between $(G(n, p))$ and $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$.

The domination number of $G(n, p) = (1 + o(1)) \log_q n$ where $q = \frac{1}{1-p}$.

Case(i)

$\gamma(G(n, p))$ is no larger than $\lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil$ with probability approaching unity.

$$P(D \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil) = P(\exists \text{ a dominating set of size } r: \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil)$$

$$\geq P(\{1, 2, \dots, r\} \text{ is a dominating set}) [\because p = p^{n-r+r}]$$

$$= (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r} = (p^r)^{n-r}$$

$$\geq 1 - (n-r)(1-p)^r = (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r}$$

$$= 1 - n(1-p)^r + n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n + a_n}$$

$$= 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n} \cdot (1-p)^{a_n} = 1 - n \cdot (q)^{\log_q n} (1-p)^{a_n}$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} = 1 - p^{a_n} \rightarrow 1$$

Case(ii)

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let a_n be any sequence approaching infinity then,

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil = P(\exists \text{ a dominating set of size } r: \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil) \geq P(\text{vertices } \{1, 2, \dots, r\} \text{ form a dominating set})$$

Now a set consisting of r vertices which we will call M_r . Let N_r be the set with the remaining $(n-r)$ vertices and some (at least one) isolated vertices. It becomes the vertices $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ forming a dominating set is connected to every vertex in N_r having at least one neighbour in M_r (i.e) $M_r \cup N_r = V(G(n, p))$.

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq p(\text{vertex } v \text{ in } M_r \text{ is adjacent to } u \text{ in } N_r)^{n-r}$$

Now use that the probability of vertices forming an edge is independent. Then probability if a vertex v in N_r not having any neighbour in M_r .

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq (1 - p(\text{vertex } v \text{ in } N_r \text{ has no neighbour in } M_r))^{n-r} = (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r}$$

Where to the fact that edge from a vertex v in N_r to a vertex u in M_r with probability $1-p$ and having r possibilities for vertices u in M_r . then,

$$\geq 1 - (n-r)(1-p)^r = 1 - n(1-p)^r + n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n + a_n}$$





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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - n(1-p)^{\frac{\log n}{\log(1-p)} + a_n} \\
 &= 1 - n.(e)^{\frac{\log(1-p)}{\log(1-p)} + a_n} \\
 &= 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} \\
 &= 1 - 1 + p^{a_n} \\
 &= p^{a_n} \rightarrow 1
 \end{aligned}$$

We assumed that $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and since $p > 0$ we have that $1-p < 1$.

This results in $(1-p) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} \rightarrow 1-0=1.$$

From the case(i) & (ii), $\gamma(G(n, p)) \leq \gamma_{ic}(G(n, p)) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Example:3.2.1

Here $n=3$, $p=1/3$, $\gamma(G(n, p)) = (1 + o(1))\log_q n$

$$\gamma(G(3, 1/3)) = \lceil (1 + 2)\log_{1.5} 3 \rceil = \lceil 1.43136 \rceil = 1.$$

Here $n=3$, $p=1/2$, $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p)) = (1 + o(1))\log_q n$

$$\gamma_{ic}(G(3, 1/2)) = \lceil (1 + 1)\log_2 3 \rceil = \lceil 0.954 \rceil = 1.$$

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Study of Covid -19 Trend: Statistical Scenario

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to provide the analysis of COVID-19 pandemic in India and address economic impact, diagnosis approaches, and vaccine acceptance and hesitation. The investigation of this development factor is crucial since it informs the appropriate individuals or organisations on how to handle the impending widespread epidemic. The goal of the current study was to determine how the daily increase in confirmed COVID-19 instances related to cases that were curing and dying based on the model that fit them the best and was helpful in forecasting growth, cure, and death.

Keywords: COVID-19 in India, COVID-19 testing, Coronavirus Vaccine, COVID-19 statistics of India.

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic is the worldwide pandemic of coronavirus disease in 2019. It evolved rapidly. This rapid spread has already made a catastrophic mark this century [1]. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced and intimated that the worst of COVID-19 is yet to come, while the United Nations has tailed that since World War II, this coronavirus pandemic is the most global crisis [2-3]. The goal of each nation is to bring the rising indicator of COVID-19 cases to zero. Some countries were successful in bending the curve of new cases. However, the majority of countries are far from the goal, as the number of worldwide confirmed cases is increasing very fast. India is also experiencing the same. It is the worst situation that, in relation to this COVID-19 pandemic, everybody knows the exact number of actual cases. Only the confirmed cases, which are a fraction of the real number, are



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known. It is observed that India's rate of case progression is slower as compared to some countries, viz., Japan, South Africa, the U.K., the U.S., South Korea, Australia, and Italy. This is because the rate of testing is poor as compared to these countries [4-5]. India is one of the five most affected countries. India reported the first case on January 30, 2020, which crossed the counter of 10 lakh in the second fortnight of July 2020 while crossing the counter of 25 lakh on August 15. Every Indian, including laymen and all-level authorities, is in the dark, unable to guess what the scenario the scenario will be tomorrow, day after tomorrow, and so on, if the current situation of growth remains as usual! Under these circumstances, it is essential to understand the growth rate, which will help in the planning and preparation of further management to rescue the affected. The statistical indicator 'Growth Factor', which implies alteration in a quantity over time, plays an important role in such an assessment. The base considered to quantify the growth is the ratio of cases from the current day to the cases from the previous day. If the value of this indicator is <1 , it is an indication of decline, while ≥ 1 implies exponential growth. It is needed to know the growth in relation to all facets, i.e., the daily increment in new cases, as well as the velocity of cure and death. The study of such growth factor is very important as it aware the responsible personnel or agencies to cope up with the arriving large scale pandemic. Thus, the present study was planned to understand the daily augmentation in confirmed COVID-19 cases with cases that are curing and dying on the basis of the model, which is most appropriately useful in predicting growth, cure, and death.

METHODOLOGY

Data regarding confirmed daily cumulative cases of COVID-19, with cases curing and dying worldwide, in India and Maharashtra, was retrieved with the aid of a Google search engine that was published by media and government agencies. The daily rate of change in the number of cases confirming, curing, and dying was evaluated. Growth factors as well as regression analysis with the aid of linear, quadratic, compound, logarithmic, growth, cubic, and exponential approaches were exposed to assess the data trend. The prediction ability of the model was assessed. The reference data utilized to serve the study objectives was that published for a period of more than four months from April 1, 2020.

RESULTS

Various regression models tried to assess its fitting over data available for a period of around 131 days. Missing or non-availed data, during period of was estimated by using best fitted regression model on data prior to that missed day data. Introducing this missed data at its appropriate day, the next missed data, if any, for day $x+i$ was estimated from previous $x+i-1$ observations and the complete data was made ready for final analysis. Using this completed data set the final regression model was derived. Every time, for estimation of missed data as well as for future prediction, the best regression model was selected on the basis of following criteria.

- i) high R^2 value of the regression model,
- ii) significance of factors as per ANOVA (more than one non-significant factor produces over or under estimation for day ' x ' in comparison to the next day ' $x+1$ ') in case of missing data,
- iii) lesser residual values (smaller Minimum to Maximum range of residual values for all observed values used in model development),
- iv) lesser range of lower limit of 95% confidence intervals (LCL),
- v) lesser range of upper limit of 95% confidence intervals (UCL), and
- vi) narrower 95% confidence intervals of the estimate (Range of differences between UCL and LCL). However, the cubic regression followed by quadratic regression revealed the best fit, every time. Thus, the cubic regression model was employed for estimating the cases in all ways; confirming, curing and dying; in future. The model satisfying as maximum criteria as possible was utilized to estimate the missing as well as to predict for any day. Data for 131 days regarding affected and died cases while for 117 days of cured cases of Maharashtra, was used to study the trend. Data search for affected, cured and deaths revealed that cured started to observe after 15th day since affected.



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Growth rate of cases, i.e. the ratio of cases of current day to the cases of previous day, ranged from 0% to 44.6% (Fig 1). In the initial period it found to be very high, however this rate found declining as time passed. It was about 2% in the last week of July.

Cure rate, i.e. ratio of cumulative total cured to cumulative total affected on current day, ranged from 6% to 59.3% (Fig 2). Since beginning it showed gradual rise in this rate.

In the initial period for 25 days death rate, i.e. ratio of cumulative total deaths to cumulative total affected, found increased. 26th day onward it declined and it stabilized around 3.6%.

DISCUSSION

The number of corona berths found increased rapidly not only in metropolitan cities but also in towns and villages worldwide. Although only 5% of battles were serious, the number of beds for them was very low. Science was intimating that the cases of CIVID would continue to increase. However, the crisis was exacerbated by the fact that privatization has not led to an adequate increase in the number of government hospitals. This is one of the major causes of death for people affected by the COVID-19 virus. It was also observed that the epidemic slowed down in areas where the administration paid special attention and used adequate health personnel and other equipment properly. However, there was a dire need that it should be slowed down so that there would be no havoc. But according to some experts, after acquiring corona by 60–65 crore people in India, the herd immunity develops biologically, leading to the permanent downfall of this epidemic permanently [6]. The declining growth rate of cases in Maharashtra indicated slow progress in new cases. But this small amount of addition in the present big quantity results in a big number, i.e., 2% of 100 is 102, while of 1000 it is 1020, which reflects like havoc! The rising trend of the cure rate and the stabilisation of the death rate implied an overall improvement in health care services as well as facilities.

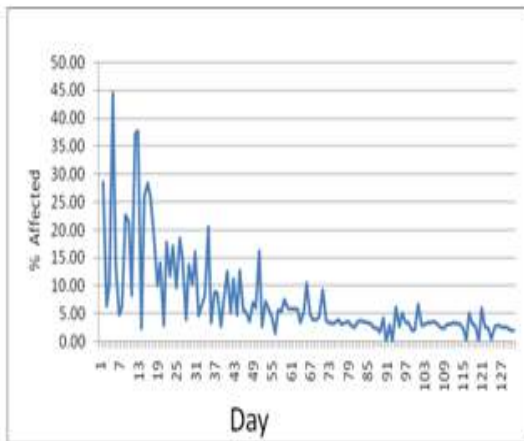
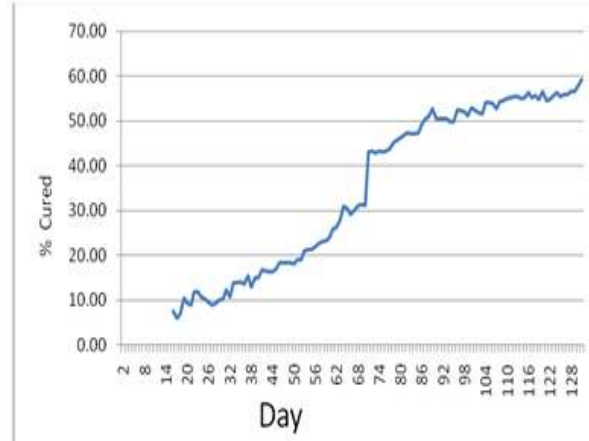
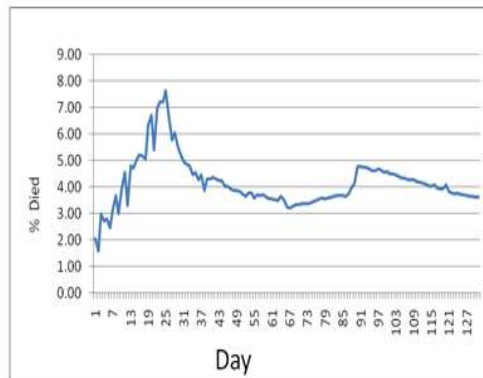
CONCLUSION

Maharashtra went through one of the biggest sufferings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic posed extensive health and socioeconomic challenges and also became the largest disruption in the Indian economy. In summary, we observe the major reasons behind the COVID-19 pandemic in the Indian context, to identify the pitfalls in the public healthcare system and economic preparedness to tackle a pandemic situation. We further highlight the role of citizens in aiding the fight against this kind of national or global disaster by obeying the government advisories of social distancing and containment. The increasing trend in the cure rate and the stability of the death rate suggested that medical facilities and services had generally improved.

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**Shilpa S. Shinde and Kakade****Fig 1: Growth rate (in %) of Covid-19 cases****Fig 2: Cure rate (in %) of Covid-19 cases****Fig 3: Death rate (in %) of Covid-19 cases**



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluation of the Maximum Time Required for the Extraction of Polyphenols from Tender Coconut Shell and its Antifungal and Antibiofilm Activity

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ABSTRACT

Consumption of tender coconut water is very common in South East Asian countries and the Pacific which invariably led to the generation of tender coconut shell causing pollution. To augment the wastage and to make better use of the tender coconut shell, it has been evaluated for the availability of polyphenols by extracting it in distilled water at different intervals of time. The maximum extraction of polyphenols took place at 48 hours and it was 1.17mg/ml. The extracted polyphenols were also evaluated for its antifungal and antibiofilm activity and it was found that there was no antifungal activity whereas, at a concentration 1000µg/ml there was a weak antibiofilm activity and the MIC is greater than 1000µg/ml.

Keywords: Polyphenols, Tender Coconut Shell, Extraction, Antifungal, Antibiofilm

INTRODUCTION

Coconut trees *Cocos nucifera*. (L) commonly called coconut palm is a member of the Arecaceae family and is also the only living member of the genus *Cocos*. It is cultivated mainly in the tropical and sub-tropical areas which have high humidity, sandy soil and regular rainfall. The coconut tree provides food, fuel, cosmetics, folk medicine and building materials, among many other uses[1]. Botanically the coconut fruit is a drupe, not a true nut. Like other fruits, it has three layers: the exocarp, mesocarp and endocarp. The exocarp is the glossy outer skin, usually yellow-green to yellow-brown in colour. The mesocarp is composed of a fibre, called coir, which has many traditional and commercial uses. Both the exocarp and the mesocarp make up the "husk" of the coconut, while the endocarp makes up the hard coconut "shell". The endocarp is around 4 mm thick and has three distinctive germination pores (micropyles) on the distal end. Two of the pores are plugged (the "eyes"), while one is functional. The interior of the



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endocarp is hollow and is lined with a thin brown seed coat around 0.2 mm thick. The endocarp is initially filled with a multinucleate liquid endosperm (the coconut water). As development continues, cellular layers of endosperm deposit along the walls of the endocarp up to 11 mm thick, starting at the distal end. They eventually form the edible solid endosperm (the "coconut meat" or "coconut flesh") which hardens over time.

The clear liquid within young coconuts (tender coconuts), typically those aged around 5–7 months, is commonly known as tender coconut water and this liquid is unique to coconuts during their tender phase of development [2]. The immense nutritional and health benefits of tender coconut water have paved its way for its consumption across several countries alike. Extensive consumption of tender coconut water has led to the generation of tender coconut shell which is usually discarded as a solid waste across beaches and streets causing serious environmental pollution. These tender coconut shells though biodegradable takes a very long time to degrade on its own. At present, in addition to edible coconut water as a beverage and the kernel as the source food or oil, small amounts of the meso- carp and endocarp are used to produce activated carbon, carpets, ropes and agricultural fertilizers, etc. [3]. There are findings and research studies which reveal the presence of large amounts of polyphenols in coconut husk and its pericarp [4,5]. Most of these studies were done on the exocarp, mesocarp and the pericarp but no research was done on the tender coconut shell. Thus, to abate environmental pollution due to the wasted tender coconut shell and to explore the availability of polyphenols in tender coconut shell for its applications the present study has been carried out.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant Material and Preparation of Extract

Two fresh tender coconuts of 4-5 months maturity were collected from the farms at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, cleaned, de-husked and dewatered to obtain the tender coconut shell. These tender coconut shells were cleaned properly with water, broken into small pieces, and are immersed in 750 ml distilled water in a 1L glass beaker. The total polyphenol content in the extract was measured following Folin-Ciocalteu method at intervals of 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, 96 hours, and 120 hours respectively.

Determination of Total Polyphenols

Aliquot of 1ml extract was mixed with 1.25 mL Folin–Ciocalteu reagent (0.2 N diluted in MeOH). A reagent blank using MeOH without the extract was prepared. After 5 min incubation at room temperature, 1 ml sodium carbonate solution (75 g/L) was added. Samples were incubated at room temperature for 2 hours and the absorbance was measured at 765 nm. All tests were carried out in triplicate and total polyphenol content was expressed as mg of gallic acid equivalents (GAE) per g of extract.

Determination of Antifungal Activity

Agar well diffusion method was used to evaluate the antifungal activity of the polyphenol extract. For this, Mueller–Hinton agar and Potato Dextrose agar in the ratio of 1:1 was poured on petri dishes and allowed to solidify. Standard inoculums of the test organisms like *Candida albicans* (MTCC No.227), *Aspergillus niger* (MTCC No.872), *Mucor mucedo* (MTCC No.3169), *Penicillium chrysogenum* (MTCC No.5108), *Rhizopus stolonifera* (MTCC No.958) and *Fusarium oxysporum* (MTCC No.9913) were uniformly spread on the surface of the plates using sterile cotton swab. Four wells with a diameter of 8mm (20mm apart from one another) were punched aseptically with a sterile cork borer in each plate. The extract (50 and 100 µL) was added into the wells directly. Clotrimazole (40 µL from 300 mcg/ml stock) and distilled water was added as positive and negative control respectively. The plates were incubated for 48 hours at 27°C ±1°C, under aerobic conditions. After incubation, the plates were observed and the zone of bacterial growth inhibition around the wells was measured in mm.



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The quantitative test was performed for determination of biofilm production using microtiter plate (48well) method (MtP). The experiment was set according to Manukumar et al. [2017] with slight modifications. Bacterial suspension (final OD₆₀₀ = 0.01), prepared by diluting an overnight *Bacillus subtilis* culture in Trypticase Soy broth (TSB) supplemented with glucose (10 g/100 mL) was prepared added to the interior wells of a 96-well polystyrene microtitre plate containing 10 µL of the sample (1mg/ml) or 10 µL of vehicle control. The plates were incubated overnight at 37 °C under static conditions to allow bacterial growth and biofilm maturation. The following day, bacterial growth was quantified by recording OD₆₀₀ of each well using an Epoch Microplate Spectrophotometer (Thermoscientific Multiscan skyhigh). The planktonic cells and the spent medium were discarded, and the adhered biomass was rinsed three times with sterile distilled water. The biomass was stained with 0.1% CV solution for 20 min and then rinsed three times with distilled water to remove unbound dye. The bound CV dye was resuspended in 70% ethanol with gentle mixing and the A₅₉₅ was recorded in the same sample plate. The amount of biofilm inhibition was calculated relative to the amount of biofilm that was grown in the absence of sample (defined as 100% biofilm) and the media sterility control (defined as 0% biofilm). To quantify the intensity of biofilm, the mean OD was compared to the OD of negative control (only TSB medium; No drug or test sample). As standard drug gentamycin was used. Medium without bacterial cells was used as blank. Results from at least three separate biological replicates were averaged.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The polyphenols extracted at different time intervals are depicted in Fig 1 and it has been found that the maximum extraction of polyphenols of 1.17mg/ml took place at 48 hours, after which there was decline in the concentration of the polyphenols extracted. It is important that the extraction procedure is standardized so that the maximum amount of the required compound is obtained for further isolation, purification and for examining its applications [6]. Anti-fungal activity of the extracted polyphenols on fungal cultures are given in Table 1 and it has been found that the polyphenols do not show any antifungal activity on the fungal cultures tested. The antifungal activity is thus limited to the fungal cultures that are tested in this present study and to the concentration of the polyphenol extract used. However, there can be antifungal activity if the polyphenols are tested over other fungal cultures and at a higher concentration of the polyphenol extract. It is also essential to consider the source of the polyphenols, the quantity, and the extraction methods as well as the cultures used while investigating the antimicrobial properties [7].

The biofilm inhibition was rated between 0 and 100%. Values below and at 0% were categorized as biofilm growth enhancement; between 0–50% indicated weak anti-biofilm activity, and above 50% represented good biofilm inhibition. From the results indicated in Table 2 at a concentration of 1000µg/ml of polyphenols there is a weak anti-biofilm activity and thus the minimum inhibitory concentration of the polyphenol extract is found to be greater than 1000µg/ml. Therefore, if the concentration of the polyphenols is further increased above 1000µg/ml there could be a good biofilm inhibition. Bacteria adopt biofilm as a lifestyle to circumvent environmental stresses and biofilm formation is a multistep process, which involves (i) bacterial attachment, (ii) maturation, and (iii) bacterial release [8]. Among infectious diseases, the contribution of biofilm-forming bacteria has gained attention. Biofilm-forming bacteria cause around 65–80% of infectious diseases [9]. Such biofilm-related infectious diseases are typically chronic [10]. Despite enormous research efforts to treat infectious diseases, there are no assured treatment options. Antibiofilm agents that target their formation and stability have been evaluated, and very few products have been tested in clinical trials [11]. In this context, as the present study shows some amount of antibiofilm activity it is suggested that similar evaluation of antibiofilm activity can be performed on several other bacterial cultures which form biofilms.





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CONCLUSION

Tender coconut shell which normally goes as a waste has now been found to contain a good amount of polyphenols and these crude polyphenols were evaluated for its efficiency as a antifungal agent and antibiofilm formers. The study was limited to certain fungal cultures and it could be analysed on other fungal cultures also with higher concentrations of polyphenols. As far as the antibiofilm activity is concerned, targeting the biofilm formation process is more desirable than targeting fully formed biofilms for the treatment of infectious diseases.

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Table 1. Antifungal activity of polyphenol extract

Microorganism	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
	Standard Clotrimazole (120 µg)	Negative Control	Test Sample 50 µL	Test Sample 100 µL
<i>Candida albicans</i>	+ve (22mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	+ve (21mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	+ve (25mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Mucor mucedo</i>	+ve (21mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i>	+ve (25mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	+ve (22mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve

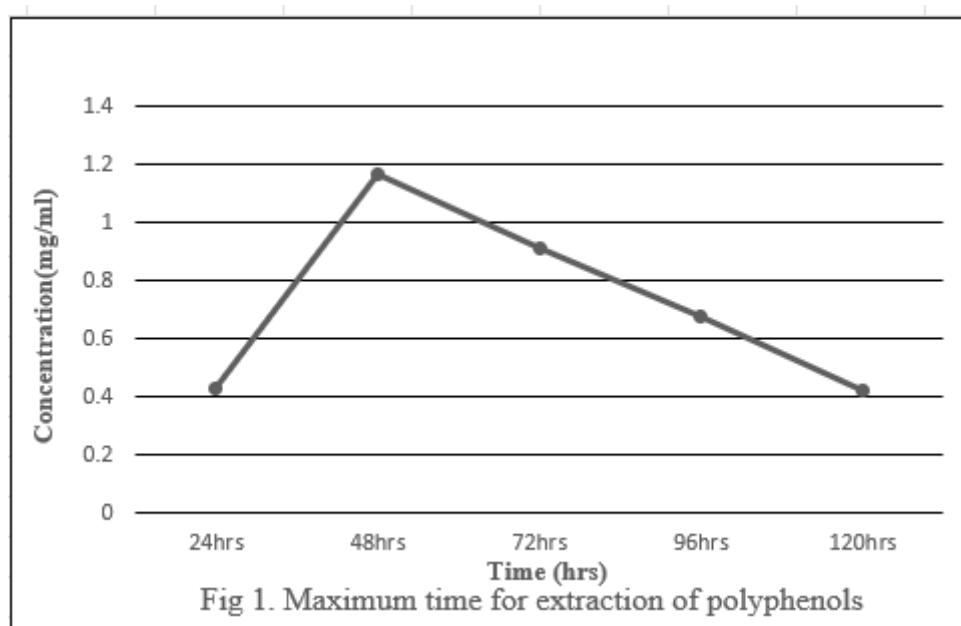




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Table 2. Bio-film formation and the percentage inhibition of polyphenol extract

Sample	Test Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance at 595nm	% of Inhibition	Bio-film Formation
Negative Control	-	0.256	-	-
Drug (Gentamycin)	31.25	0.135	47.27	Yes
	62.5	0.106	58.46	MIC
	125	0.098	61.25	-
	250	0.092	63.93	-
	500	0.088	65.76	-
	1000	0.085	66.91	-
Polyphenol Extract	50	0.253	1.17	Yes
	100	0.252	1.43	Yes
	250	0.247	3.65	Yes
	500	0.234	8.72	Yes
	750	0.218	14.84	Yes
	1000	0.200	21.88	Yes





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Cow: A Treasure Trove of Nutrition and Wellbeing

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ABSTRACT

The *Cow* was revered as a sacred animal in ancient India because of her maternal qualities, which led to its treatment as a mother. *Cows* and the products they produce are also very helpful to humans because they are used in agriculture, the painting and cosmetics industries, and medicine for a variety of ailments since ancient times. Because of its antibacterial qualities, *Cow* dung is utilized by many villagers to paint their hut walls and clean the surrounding area. It also keeps the temperature of the room cool in the summer. As a result of this property, organic *Cow* dung paint is being produced with a high business potential. Due to the agnihotra, the two families were spared the damaging effects of the methyl isocyanide gas that was discharged from the Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal on the evening of December 3, 1984. The panchagavya therapy uses five *Cow* products to treat a variety of illnesses and ailments, including the flu, allergies, colds, cough, arthritis, leukoderma, leucorrhoea, alopecia, and asthma. These products can be taken alone or in combination with other medications of herbal, animal, or mineral origin. Amith Vaidhya, a person, was able to survive cancer by include *Cow* products in his diet, demonstrating the potential of *Cow* products to combat cancer. This is evidence that *Cow* products have anticancer properties. A type of animal-assisted therapy known as "*Cow* cuddling or hugging" includes brushing, caressing, or simply just talking with your new, reliable psychologists which was believed to reduce anxiety and stress.

Keywords: Panchagavya, Bhopal gas tragedy, *Cow* cuddling therapy, *Cow* dung paint.





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INTRODUCTION

The *Cow* was revered as a sacred animal in ancient India because of her maternal qualities, which led to its treatment as a mother. The name "gaumata" or "kamdhenu" refers to a sacred *Cow* in India that is thought to grant wishes. Our Indian economy is built on *Cows*. The sacredness of *Cow* s Hinduism holds that *Cows* are products of nature and divine beneficence, and as such, they should be worshipped[1]. When we think of *Cows* as a source of milk, dung, urine, ghee, and curd, we see more benefits than when we think of killing them for meat. *Cows* and the products they produce are also very helpful to humans because they are used in agriculture, the painting and cosmetics industries, and medicine for a variety of ailments since ancient times. Numerous studies have been conducted on products derived from *Cows*, and the results have shown that these products are beneficial in a variety of fields, including agriculture, paper manufacturing, and pollution management due to their natural and environmentally favorable nature. They can be used for a variety of medical purposes as well Panchagavya treatment is the name given to the practise of using *Cow* products—milk, curd, ghee, dung, and urine to treat various diseases and problems. Another animal-assisted therapy that uses *Cows* as a key character to help patients with anxiety and depression is called " *Cow* hugging" or " *Cow* cuddling" therapy.

COW PRODUCTS

COW MILK: The component found in *Cow* 's milk that is comparable to mothers' milk *Cow* milk's low calorie, low cholesterol, and high content of protein, calcium, and vitamins make it a healthy food. It has complex C, vitamin A, and carotenoids. It is readily absorbed, making it highly nourishing for both adults and children[2]. Among other dairy products, *Cow* milk is special because it contains enough nutrients in a concentrated enough way to suit human demands for both physical and cognitive development[3]. *Cow* milk has a PH of 6.6 to 6.7. While other breeds produce milk of the A1 kind, Indian breed *Cows* produce milk of the A2-type. India's *Cow* milk has a high content of nutrients and only 4.6% lactose. 0.59% minerals and 4.65% fat 3.4% of proteins 86% water. 27 % beta casein, 9 % k-casein, 36% alpha casein, and 27 % peptides are found in *Cow* milk protein[4]. The constituents of *Cow* milk and colostrums was described in table.1.

BENEFITS OF COW MILK

Strengthening of bones and teeth

The calcium and phosphorus found in *Cow*'s milk helps to strengthen large teeth and bones.

Healthy heart

potassium, calcium, and phosphorus keep the heartbeat stable.

Low cholesterol

fat content in milk is essential for both mental and physical development.

Energy

It is provided by lactose and vitamins, riboflavin, and keeps the immune system, brain, and digestive systems functioning.

Boost your vision

It Improve vision because it has 250 milliliters of *Cow* milk and vitamin A-carotene. Due to the presence of vitamin K, it controls the blood clotting process. Breastfeeding is one way to treat baby anemia. It encourages the growth of healthy gut flora and inhibits the growth of dangerous gut bacteria, milk-based enzymes



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when substantial quantities of the virus coated in mucous discharge are consumed, the BIM inactivates the virus. The ingested antibodies attach to some shared antigenic structure of SARS-COV2, which is duplicated and distributed into the GIT[5].

COW GHEE

Cow ghee has been used for religious rituals and as a therapeutic substance in Ayurveda from ancient times in India. Traditional methods of preparing *Cow* ghee are said to be helpful in healing and in promoting health. Compared to ghee made from the milk of other exotic *Cow* species, it has greater health benefits.

BENEFITS OF COW GHEE

It has long been believed that ghee improves speech, memory, vision, IQ, and the body's ability to fight off illnesses. Ayurvedic practitioners think that ghee and *Cow*'s milk improve memory. It enhances digestion and is beneficial for those with impaired vision[6].

Ghee-based formulations

which are designed to improve the bioavailability and targeted delivery of hydrophobic botanicals. As an illustration, consider Brahmi Ghrita for mental clarity, Vasa Ghrita for the respiratory system, Shaptadhatu Ghrita for skin conditions, Bhallatakadi Ghrita for wound healing, and Kaamdev Ghrita for sexual dysfunctions, among others. A combination of *Cow* ghee, honey, vitamins, and the non-fat portion of *Cow* milk were tried as micronutrients[7].

Anti cancer activity

A study comparing the effects of *Cow* ghee vs soya bean oil on rats' mammary glands showed that *Cow* ghee has anticancer potential. The study also found that *Cow* ghee produced mammary carcinogenesis and that the expression of cox-2 and peroxisome proliferators activated receptors- γ (PPAR- γ) in the rats' mammary glands. *Cow* ghee composition & medicinal properties were described in figure.1.

COW CURD

It's sometimes referred to as "yogurt" or "Dahi" is consumed all over the world because of its great nutritional content and health advantages. Probiotics, or good live microorganisms, are abundant in curd and provide a variety of health benefits when taken orally. Lactic acid-producing bacteria in curd produce metabolites like cyclic dipeptides. Phenyl Lactate's antifungal properties[8]. Composition and calories of *Cow* products is described in table.2.

BENEFITS

It is an excellent probiotic that includes beneficial bacteria that are known to enhance intestinal activity, which in turn helps with digestion and soothes upset stomachs.

Boost immunity

Curd contains living bacteria that can combat pathogenic microorganisms and safeguard the gut and intestinal health. There is evidence to support the notion that curd, a probiotic has a strong immune-boosting effect.

For skin that is healthy

curd helps to support gut health, which results in skin that is vibrant and healthy. It is an excellent ingredient since it contains a lot of lactic acid, which acts as fantastic exfoliant that removes all imperfections and dead cells.

Strengthen bones and joints

The minerals calcium, magnesium and phosphorous found in curd help to strengthen teeth and bones. A tiny amount of curd in our diet strengthens our connective tissues and lowers our risk of developing weakening diseases like osteoporosis and arthritis.



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Potassium helps the body eliminate extra salt, which eases the strain on the heart muscle and lowers high blood pressure. Regularly eating a specific amount of non-fat yogurt with meals reduces the symptoms of hypertension and promotes heart health[9].

Regarding vaginal infections

Curd's multitude of beneficial microorganisms not only improve digestion by guaranteeing ideal gut flora, but also treat female vaginal yeast infections. By producing hydrogen peroxide, a specific microbe called *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, which is found in large amounts in yogurt, kills the dangerous yeast growth that is close to the vagina. This relieves pain and discomfort while suppressing the contagious bacteria in the vagina. Cow curd benefits and composition was described in figure.2.

COW DUNG

In India's natural regions, dried Cow dung cakes are used as a cooking fuel, which reduces reliance on external energy sources, is completely environmentally benign, and ensures air purification by eliminating airborne bacteria. Cow dung is better than other dung because it contains preventive and antibacterial qualities. The amount of curd fiber (90%) and carbohydrates(20%), ash (10.5%), crude protein (7%), crude fat (4%), and moisture (18.5%) in dung are all dependent on the grain and forage that Cows are given during domestication. Cow dung has a pH between 6.5 and 7.1.

BENEFITS OF COW DUNG**Soil fertility enhancer**

Cow dung, used as a bio fertilizer, can replenish the mineral states of the soil, giving plants resistance against pests and immune system development, as well as sulphoxidation and phosphorus solubilization. Cow manure was used to make African deserts fertile. With 1 kg of manure, 15–16 kg of biomass, and soil of comparable grade, we can create 3 kg of high-quality compost. Out of every kilogram of excrement, a healthy Cow yields about ten kilograms. It yields 33 kg of manure, also referred to as organic manure. This has also been accepted by the "NATIONAL BANK OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD)" this. It has been demonstrated that manure from dung provides the cultivation soil with 18 micronutrients, including calcium, iron, cobalt, manganese, phosphate, and potassium[10].

Fuel

Dung as fuel is well known in rural kitchen. Cow dung patties [gootte] are used for cooking. Cooking foods using dung cakes is traditional practice followed in village of our country. It has advantage, when food is cooked by using dung patties, the temperature never rises beyond a certain point that prevents overheating and doesn't destroy nutrient in food[11].

Seed protector

Covering seeds in dung before planting, protect the seed against pest so it is an excellent conditioner for soil.

Gobar gas

Dung is best valuable source of energy as it produces biogas [methane] and also generate electricity. Biogas is a form of renewable energy for cooking, lighting of homes and street light. The self-combustion engines can be driven by using this biogas. Example: Running generator to produce electricity.

Petrol making

According to Japanese scientist 'sukae shibusawa' at Tokyo university of agriculture and technology, cattle dung is new source of petrol [gasolin], extracted from dung by application of high pressure and heat.



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Mixed with mud and water serves to coat the walls of mud houses. it has antiseptic property.

Mud brick additive

It is proven that mud huts plastered with dung keep insects and reptiles away.

Mosquito repellent

Smoldering of Cow patties keeps away mosquitoes from the houses.

Pot cleaner

Pots can be cleaned by dung. So, it is good cleaning agent for utensils.

As a container

By using containers made of Cow dung, the grains can be stored for long time.

PH balancer

As dung neutralize acid content in water when thrown into ponds.

Resistant to radiation

Several scientific studies have been proved that the Cow dung is resistant to solar radiation by applying thick layer of Cow dung on walls houses prevent incidence of gamma rays as it absorbs rays emitted from solar emission.

Dhoop sticks preparation

By mixing fine powder of nagarmutha, ral, lalchandhan, jatamachi, Kapoor kajuri & ghee in Cow dung produces oxygen when burnt.

Environmental protection

Dung from single Cow in its life span can produce 4,500litres of biogas which is equal to burning 6,80,00,000 tons of wood. This will help us to have 14 crore trees from cutting and burning& thus gives protection to environment. 1 spoon of ghee on burning Cow dung evolves 1 ton of oxygen[12].

BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

On the evening of December 3, 1984, a deadly gas known as methyl isocyanide (MIC) spilled from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal. This catastrophe demonstrated the potency and significance of ghee. Two families, the families of Shri Sohan Lal S. Khushwaha and Shri M.L. Rathore, who lived around one mile away from the facility, escaped unharmed although hundreds of people died and thousands were hospitalized. These families practiced Agnihotra (Havan) on a regular basis. Despite being in the region most severely impacted by the deadly gas leak, none the members of these families passed away or were even admitted to the hospital. The published article of newspaper was depicted in figure.3. This suggests that agnihotra is a well-established remedy for pollution. On that fatal night, the intense smoke emitted by these Cow dung cakes served as an effective antidote to the hazardous Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas. Ghee, being one of Agnihotra's key ingredients, played an important role in detoxifying the noxious vapors surrounding it. Havan made with elements such as dry Cow dung, wood, ghee, rice grains, etc., when lit in fire, eliminates microorganisms and purifies the region.

COMMERCIAL PRODUCT OF COW DUNG

Cow dung paint is a commercial product also known as "khadi prakritik paint" or "vedic paint." Because of its antibacterial qualities, Cow dung is utilized by many villagers to paint their hut walls and clean the surrounding area. It also keeps the temperature of the room cool in the summer. As a result of this property, organic Cow dung paint is being produced with a high business potential. The paint is free of metals such as lead, mercury, chromium, arsenic, cadmium, and others. Khadi pratikrit distemper and emulsion paints were evaluated at three reputable laboratories,



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including the National Test House in Mumbai, Shri Ram Institute of Industrial Research, New Delhi, National Test House, Ghaziabad. Khadi pratikrit emulsion paint meets BIS 15489:2013 specifications, and khadi Pratikrit distemper paint meets the BIS 428:2013 standards[13].

Why is Cow dung used in the paint?

Boost air quality by as much as 50% qualities that are antiseptic, resistant to heat, economical (7–10/-per dung cake), Dried manure has no smell. It serves as an insulator, keeping heat inside during the winter and preventing it from escaping in the summer. It eradicates bacteria efficiently, It is extremely valuable and used to purify the air. Radium, which shields against UV radiation, is present in it. use of Cow dung has an inverse relationship with paint costs. serves as a coolant, removing the need for application[14]. HVAC up to 40,000/-in savings, reduces the requirement for heating by providing insulation, it produces a uniform, smooth surface after drying in less than 4 hours. Paint can be used on walls that are indoors or outdoors. The picture of vedic and pratikrit paint was given in figure.4.

COW URINE

Cow urine has various helpful effects, particularly in the fields of agriculture and healthcare. Cow pee is typically considered as safe since 95% is water, 2.5% is urea, and the remaining 2.5% is a mixture of the aforementioned minerals, hormones, and salts[15]. The composition of cow urine and their functions are given in table.3.

Benefits of COW urine: Agriculture

Distillation waste and Cow dung can be used to produce vermin compost. The use of vermin compost in pots increases the yield of "Medicago sativa". Cow urine acts as a disinfectant, purifies the environment, and improves land fertility[16].

Bio pesticides

2kg of neem leaves are soaked in 10kgs of urine and mixed with other vegetable waste [1:50] before spraying. Cow urine combined with neem leaves acts as a pest repellent due to its insecticidal, fungicidal, and pesticidal characteristics. Urine utility can generate modest amounts of power to power electronic clocks and kitchen appliances.

Medicinal uses include

Analgesia: it was discovered that the animals given Cow urine had comparable analgesic effects to the standard drug group given Diclofenac Sodium, reinforcing the recommendations of Ayurvedic texts to use Cow urine as a reasonably safe, easily available, and cost-effective natural analgesic.

Anti-diabetic activity

Streptozotocin (50 mg/kg) diluted in citrate buffer (0.1 M, pH 4.5) was administered to diabetic rats in a study on the utilization of Cow urine distillate. Compared to the diabetic control group, the increased levels of blood glucose, serum cholesterol, and serum triglycerides were significantly ($P < 0.05$) reduced by the Cow urine distillate. The diabetic rats given Cow urine distillate also had a notable increase in body weight and HDL levels[17].

Anti hemorrhoids activity

In both Grade I and Grade II hemorrhoids, a clinical evaluation of the efficacy of Cow urine demonstrated a significant reduction in pain during defecation, bleeding, and itching. This indicates that oral supplementation with Cow urine can prevent the time-consuming, painful, and costly complications associated with hemorrhoids of Grade I and Grade II.

Antimicrobial & fungal activity

Analyzed against pathogenic microbes, the antibacterial activity of Cow Urine Distillate (5, 10 and 15µl) was found to be maximal against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Salmonella typhi*. An analysis was conducted on the antifungal activity of Cow urine distillate against *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus flavus*.





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Immunomodulatory activity

It has been discovered that *Cow* urine distillate has an immune modulatory impact since it promotes T and B lymphocyte proliferation, blastogenesis, and elevated IgG levels in mice and chicks (avian species)[18].

As a bioenhancer

Rifampicin, a first-line treatment for tuberculosis, exhibits bio-enhancing activity for pharmaceuticals or medicines in *Cow* urine. Increase its effectiveness against *Escherichia coli* by seven times and against Gram-positive bacteria by eleven times as an Anti-tubercular medication. Additionally, it improves the transfer of antibiotics by a factor of two to seven-For instance: ampicillin, tetracycline, and rifampicin through artificial membranes and the gut wall.

The patents granted on cow products were described in table.4[19].

ECONIMICS OF COW PRODUCTS

COW URINE

The average healthy *Cow* yields three liters of gaumutra. Now let's discuss gau mutra, or *Cow* dung. A *Cow* can yield two to two and a quarter liters of pee daily. Approximately 48 different ailments can be treated with urine, including diabetes, arthritis, bronchitis, bronchial asthma, TB, osteomyelitis and more! One liter of urine sells for approximately 500/- in the market; this may also be the case for the Indian market. However, a liter of urine can fetch more in international markets. The American government imports *Cow* urine from India each year to manufacture medications for diabetes, cancer, and other conditions. Therefore, if we base our calculations on the American market, a liter of *Cow* urine can fetch between 1,200 and 1,300/-. That implies just out. A healthy *Cow* may live for approximately 20 years, thus if we assume we can make \$10,95,000/-a year, we can make \$219,00,000/-millions from selling urine in 20 years.

COW DUNG

In the global market, a kilogram of organic manure sells for roughly six rupees. Thus, 10 kg of *Cow* dung sells for between 1800 and 2000 rupees each day [330 kg of manure for every 10 kg of dung, which is worth 6 rupees]. Thus, we can earn 657000/-year of *Cow* dung in 365 days of the year. *Cows* are 20 years old on average, and they excrete manure every day till the end. We could so make millions of dollars, or 1,31,40,000/-. Because *Cow* dung is high in nitrogen, it is the most effective crop nutrient. Additionally, using *Cow* dung and pee, scientists created specialized bio fertilizers that, when sprayed on crops, increased plant growth and productivity. It yielded nutrient-dense fruits that promote long life

COW MILK

A *Cow* can yield 28 liters of milk a day, with each liter valued at roughly 50 cents. It can therefore make 1400/-per day, 42000/-per month, 511000/-per year, 1400×365 /-per year, and 10,220,000/-(511000×20) during the course of its 20-year life span for 28 liters of milk. Over the course of their 20-year existence, we can make a total of 6,700/-per day, 2,01,000/-per month, 24,45,500/-per year, and 48,910,000/- from *Cow* products, which also include *Cow* manure, urine, and milk. The economics of cow products was given in table.5.

PANCHAGAVYA

The Sanskrit terms "gavya-means *Cow* derivatives" and "panch-means five" are the roots of the word "panchagavya." A mixture of five *Cow* products, including milk, dung, urine, curd, and ghee (two indirect and three direct products, respectively), is called panchagavya. Scriptures on vruksh ayurvedha (plants and health system) and the vedas honor the panvchagavy [20].*Cow* pathy, also known as Panchagavya chikitsa or therapy, is the term used to describe the panchagavya treatment. The panchagvyva therapy uses five *Cow* products to treat a variety of illnesses and ailments, including the flu, allergies, colds, cough, arthritis, leuco-derma, leucorrhoea, alopecia, and asthma. These products can be taken alone or in combination with other medications of herbal, animal, or mineral origin [21].



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When Panchagavya is sprayed on plants, they always develop more leaves and a denser canopy. For optimal biological efficiency, the photosynthetic system is active, allowing for the synthesis of photosynthates and metabolites. It is possible for the Panchagavya to raise agricultural yield levels again. For every crop, the harvest is advanced by fifteen days. It extends the shelf life of fruits, vegetables, and cereals while also enhancing their flavor. Through the replacement or reduction of expensive chemical inputs, Panchagavya guarantees greater profit margins and releases organic farmers from debt. The plants' large, deep roots enable them to endure protracted dry spells. and so ensuring harsh hardiness while lowering the irrigation water consumption by thirty percent[22]. Panchagavya is the living essence of numerous microorganisms, including bacteria, fungus, protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and enzymes, as well as known and unknown growth-promoting agents, micronutrients, trace elements, antioxidants, and immunity-enhancing agents[23]. The living microorganisms in Panchagavya, when consumed orally by humans or animals, stimulate the immune system and generate a large amount of antibodies against the eaten bacteria. It functions similarly to a vaccination. This physiological reaction boosts immunity in both humans and animals, assisting in the prevention and treatment of disease [24].

THE LIVING PROOF

Amit vaithya, a US-born individual, holds a Ph.D. in economics and works in the entertainment industry's business department in the US. His father passed away from cancer at the age of 27. For around two years, he had been receiving various treatments, but they had been ineffective. His mother also passed away from cancer two months after the death of his father. Subsequently, his health records were examined prior to the death of his parents, and it was revealed in 2011 that he was also afflicted with cancer that had spread to his liver and lungs. Then, before he passed away, he made the decision to visit India. A few days later, he recalled his friend's recommendation to have an ayurvedic therapy. Afterwards, he began doing yoga, meditation, and consuming Cow's milk, curd, and ghee in addition to using Cow urine as a medicinal combination. His scan data showed that his body had conquered cancer after a few days. Afterwards, he kept consuming foods associated with Cows, built a cattle shed, and tamed the Cows. He also works with the nonprofit organization "HEALING VAIDHYA" to offer free services to cancer sufferers.

The book "HOLY CANCER-HOW A COW SAVED MY LIFE" was also written by Amit Vaidhya. This served as evidence for the products made from Cows having a miraculous ability to treat cancer. Amith Vaidhya served as a living example of how Cow's milk products might prevent cancer. The image of amith vaidhya was given in figure.5.

COW HUGGING THERAPY

The Dutch word "koeknufflen" translates to "Cow cuddling." It's customary in the Netherlands to take a trip from the city to the countryside and spend time with farm animals as a way to unwind and rebalance one's emotions. This practice is known as animal-aided interaction, or AAI, and it falls under the category of bovine assisted therapy [25]. Research from a wide range of studies has shown that interactions between animals and people improve social support and overall well-being while lowering anxiety, depression, and loneliness [26]. A type of animal-assisted therapy known as "Cow cuddling or hugging" includes brushing, caressing or simply just talking with your new, reliable psychologists. It's a custom that dates back to the Dutch village of Reuver[26]. The image of cow cuddling is given in figure.6.

Amazing advantages of giving Cow hugs

Provide instantaneous respite from mental strain; Disseminate good energy wherever Feel good hormones are released; hyper-vigilance and social isolation are eliminated; high blood pressure is avoided; spinal pain is effectively treated; a sense of calm and serenity is experienced; depression is effectively managed; and respiratory disorders are effectively treated. February 14 is designated as "Cow Hugging Day," as proclaimed by the Animal Welfare Board of India. A "Horse& Cow experience" at a mountain horse farm in upstate New York aims to provide participants with the opportunity to "bring relaxation, healing, and awareness About body language" through Cow snuggling. Additionally, it encourages ease, mindfulness, assertiveness, confidence building, fear-reduction, playfulness, and boundary-setting. It continued by saying that the people hugging the Cows had slower heart rates and shown outward manifestations of relaxation[27].



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CONCLUSION

According to the study's findings, cows are an extremely useful natural resource for a sustainable way of life because of the high quality of the items they provide. This study has shown a number of facts about cows and their products that are advantageous to agriculture since they increase soil fertility and serve as fertilizers and pesticides. Several studies and experiments have confirmed it. The cow adds to our riches as well since, when its products are exploited appropriately, it yields 4,89,10,000. Many individuals don't know this knowledge or how much cows are worth. Cow ghee creates oxygen, which is good for cleaning the atmosphere, as the Bhopal gas tragedy shows. It also treats a wide range of illnesses, including epilepsy, TB, cancer, and cow huggings in anxiety. Additionally, there is living evidence of cow products' anticancer effects. The aforementioned information led to the conclusion that cows are an invaluable resource for human well-being and success. Therefore, we believe that this evaluation will increase people's awareness of the advantages of cows.

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Table 1: Constituents of milk and colostrums

Milk and colostrum constituents	Protein	Caseins (α S1, α S2, β & α) (β -LG, α -LA, BSA & LF)
	Fat	Triacyl glycerol, diacyl glycerol, phospholipids, free fatty acid.
	Vitamins	Vit A, Vit B1, B2, B3, B6, B12, folate, Vit D
	Enzymes	Lacto peroxidase, thiocyanate, Xanthine oxidase, lysozyme & peroxidase
	Minerals	Calcium, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium
	Immuno-globulins	IgG1, IgG2, IgA, IgM, IgE and IgD
	Cytokines	IL- β , IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, IL-18, IFN- γ , TGF- β .
	Immune & other factors	PRP, G-CSF, M-CSF AND GM-CSF.

Table 2: Composition and calories of the Cow products

Name of the Cow product	Composition in %	Calories per 100 ml
Milk	Carbohydrates-4.75, fats-3.7, proteins-3.2, minerals-0.7	68
Ghee	Fats-98, cholesterol-30, kerotene-3.2, free fatty acids-2.8	900
Curd	Fat-4.2, protein 11.75, carbohydrates-3.4, vitamin A-42.	98
Paneer	Proteins-23, fat-25, minerals-2	265-323
Butter	Fat-82, minerals-2, vitamins-8.6	717
Cheese	Fat-29	272
Dung	Nitrogen 0.6, carbon-10	3500





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Table 3: Cow urine composition and benefits

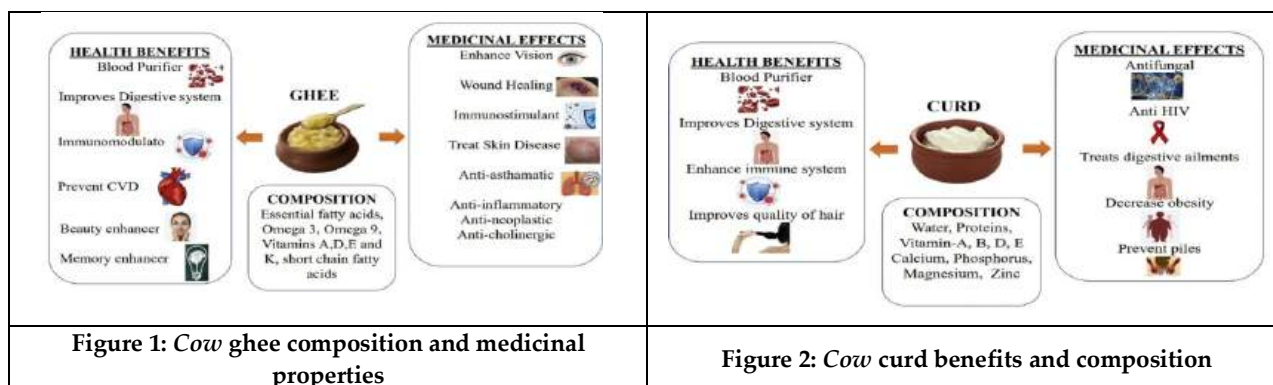
Bio-component of Cow urine	Functions
Nitrogen, N ₂ NH ₂	Remove blood abnormalities & toxins, stimulant of UT & kidney.
Sulphur	Support motion in large intestine, cleanses blood
Ammonia	Stabilize bile, mucus and air of body, stabilizes blood
Iron	Maintain balance and help in production of R.B.C, and hemoglobin
Urea	Affects urine formation and removal, has germicidal properties
Uric acid	Remove swelling or inflammation it is diuretic so destroys the toxin
Sodium, potassium	Purifies blood, increase appetite, removes muscular weakness
Calcium	Blood purifier, bone strengthen, germicidal
Copper	Control unwanted fat, iron help to produce hemoglobin.

Table 4: Patents Granted on Cow Products[19]

1.US patent no.6410059	For the antibiotic, antifungal, bio-enhancer effect of Cow urine by USFDA to CSIR, India.
2.US patent no.6896907	For the anti-allergic, anti-infective, nutrient, anticancer activity of gomutra.
3.US patent no.7718360	For antioxidant and apoptosis properties on May 18, 2010.
4.US patent no.7235262	Cow urine distillate as a bio-enhancer of anti-infective, anticancer agents and nutrients.
5.US patent no.7297659	For synergistic fermented plant growth promoting & bio-control composition.
6. US patent no.6602537	For its enhanced nutritive and health value
7.Chinese patent no. 10047522 1	For Cow urine as DNA protector on April 8, 2009.

Table 5: Economics of Cow Products

Cow products	Per day income	Per month income	Per annum income	Throughout its life span income
330 kilos of Cow dung manure(10 kilos of dung)	1800/-	54,000/- (1800x 30)	6,57,000/- (1800x365)	1,31,40,000/- (6,57,000x20)
Cow urine liter	in India 500/- in America 3000/-	15,000/- (500x30) 90,000/- (3000x30)	1,82,500/- (500x365) 10,95,000/- (3000x365)	3,650,000/- (182,500x20) 2,19,00,000/- (10,95,000x20)
Cow milk 1 liter	1400/-	42000/- (1400x30)	511000/- (1400x365)	10,220,000/- (511000x20)
Total income	6700/-	2,01,000/-	24,45,500/-	48,910,000/-





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Figure 3: The incident of Bhopal gas tragedy published in newspaper article	Figure 4: vedic and prakrit paint
	
Figure 5: Amit Vaidhya, the cancer survivor who used Cow's milk products	Figure 6: Cow cuddling therapy





Depression Detection Using Deep Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

Depression detection is a critical challenge in mental health research due to the increasing prevalence of mental disorders and the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods. Conventional approaches, such as interviews and PHQ scores, often suffer from low accuracy and delayed diagnoses. In this study, we propose a hybrid deep learning framework for depression detection, leveraging the power of transformer models and ensemble learning techniques. Specifically, we utilize the RoBERTa transformer model to extract high-quality textual features from patient responses and integrate these with an XGBoost classifier to improve detection performance. The proposed method is evaluated using a publicly available depression dataset from Hugging Face, achieving an accuracy of 92.8%, significantly outperforming traditional methods. The findings demonstrate the potential of combining transformer-based architectures with ensemble learning for efficient and accurate depression detection, paving the way for early intervention and improved mental health outcomes.

Keywords: Depression Detection, Deep Learning, Roberta, XGBoost Classifier, Hugging Face, Transformer, Ensemble learning, accuracy

INTRODUCTION

Mental health issues, including depression, affect a significant portion of the global population, with over 264 million people suffering from this condition worldwide [1]. Depression can stem from various factors such as sudden environmental changes, imbalances in neurotransmitter levels, or even genetic predispositions [2]. Effective treatment options include therapy sessions and medication. However, many individuals remain undiagnosed due to



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a lack of awareness about depression, leading to adverse outcomes such as social withdrawal, erratic behavior, suicidal thoughts, or dependence on antidepressants. Left untreated, depression can severely impact daily activities, reducing focus and interest, and eventually causing harm to both the mind and body. With technological advancements, social media usage has surged, with approximately 3.8 billion active users worldwide [3]. Social media platforms have become spaces for individuals to express emotions, thoughts, and opinions, often providing relief by sharing unsettling feelings. These platforms enable users to post textual content that offers valuable insights for various real-world applications, including healthcare, politics, and entertainment [4]. Researchers can analyze this data to gain an understanding of users' mental health, offering opportunities for timely intervention [5].

Twitter, a popular micro-blogging platform, allows users to post concise updates, known as tweets, limited to 140 characters [16]. Its simplicity and accessibility make it a widely used platform for sharing emotions and opinions. Most tweets are publicly accessible and can be retrieved using Twitter's API, which supports complex queries, such as retrieving tweets on specific topics [6]. Additionally, Twitter supports more than 35 languages, broadening its global reach. The data shared on Twitter provides researchers with a valuable resource for analyzing mental health conditions and identifying opportunities for support and recovery [21]. Social media, while offering a platform for self-expression and connection, can also pose significant risks in certain circumstances [8]. For example, users may send, post, or share harmful content targeting others, leading to cyber bullying or harassment. Additionally, social media activity can reflect offline risks; for instance, adolescents experiencing depression might begin posting suicidal thoughts online, signaling potential dangers [11].

In recent years, natural language processing (NLP) and deep learning have emerged as powerful tools for analyzing textual data and identifying mental health concerns [13]. These technologies have been successfully applied to detect depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation from user-generated content [15]. By leveraging computational methods, researchers can develop automated and scalable tools to identify individuals experiencing mental health issues or at risk of harm [8]. This approach holds great promise for timely intervention and support, making social media a valuable resource for addressing mental health challenges.

In recent years, the emergence of social media has opened new avenues for monitoring mental health. The proliferation of user-generated content on platforms like Twitter and Facebook offers rich data for analysis, enabling the identification of emotional imbalances and depressive tendencies. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques have evolved significantly, providing tools that can enhance emotional intelligence in machines. These technologies facilitate text-based emotion recognition [6], which can analyze posts and tweets to gauge users' moods and potentially predict suicidal thoughts. Such early detection can lead to timely interventions, significantly impacting user well-being. Recent advancements in transformer-based models [15], such as RoBERTa, have demonstrated remarkable performance in natural language understanding tasks, making them invaluable for sentiment analysis in textual data related to mental health. RoBERTa's ability to capture nuanced emotional expressions enhances the detection of depressive signals in social media content. Additionally, tree-based algorithms like XGBoost offer robust solutions for classification problems, allowing for efficient processing of large datasets and improving prediction accuracy [16]. These algorithms can be evaluated through metrics such as precision scores and confusion matrices to determine their effectiveness in sentiment prediction [9].

Beyond textual analysis, emotions can also be inferred from facial expressions, gestures, and vocal tones, further enriching the potential for accurate detection of depression. [13]. For instance, AI applications can monitor drivers for signs of drowsiness, potentially preventing accidents. Similarly, emotion detection systems can enhance user interactions with chatbots, allowing for personalized responses that aim to improve mood and mitigate distress [23].

Furthermore, the application of emotion detection technologies can play a pivotal role in educational settings [20]. For example, identifying signs of depression in students through their interactions in online learning environments can help educators provide timely support [17]. By analysing engagement levels, communication patterns, and emotional cues, AI systems can alert educators to students who may be struggling, facilitating early intervention and promoting mental well-being in academic contexts [11]. As these technologies continue to develop, they hold promise not only for individual mental health monitoring but also for fostering supportive environments in various sectors [15]





Literature Review

Depression has become a serious problem in this current generation and the number of people affected by depression is increasing day by day. However, some of them manage to acknowledge that they are facing depression while some of them do not know it. On the other hand, the vast progress of social media is becoming their “diary” to share their state of mind. Several kinds of research had been conducted to detect depression through the user post on social media using machine learning algorithms [1]. Through the data available on social media, the researcher can able to know whether the users are facing depression or not. Machine learning algorithm enables to classify the data into correct groups and identify the depressive and non-depressive data.

Research work aims to detect the depression of the user by their data, which is shared on social media. The Twitter data is then fed into two different types of classifiers, which are Naïve Bayes and a hybrid model, NBTtree. The results will be compared based on the highest accuracy value to determine the best algorithm to detect depression. The results show both algorithm perform equally by proving same accuracy level. [2] proposed method consists of three components; first, a textual CNN model in which a CNN model is trained with only text features, second, an audio CNN model in which CNN model is trained with only audio features and third, a combination of audio and textual model named as hybrid model in which LSTM algorithms are applied. An improved version of LSTM model named as Bi-LSTM model is also used in the proposed work. In results, training accuracy, training loss, validation accuracy and validation loss is calculated for all the mentioned models [2]. The results shows that deep learning is a better solution for depression detection in which accuracy of textual CNN model is 89% whereas accuracy of audio CNN model is 91% and loss of textual CNN is 0.2 whereas loss of audio CNN is 0.1. These results show that audio CNN is a good model for depression detection [2]. It performs better as compared to textual CNN model. It is also observed that Bi-LSTM has better learning rate as compared to other models with accuracy 88% and validation accuracy 78%. There are some parameters such as precision, F1-score, recall and support are found for evaluation of models. In results, graphs for training loss, validation loss, training accuracy and validation accuracy are plotted. At last, by using confusion matrix depression can be detected for textual CNN Model, audio CNN model, LSTM model and Bi-LSTM against true label and predicted label. [3] proposes depression detection among individuals we have conducted a survey with 21 questions based on Hamilton tool and advice of psychiatrist. With the use of Python's scientific programming principles and machine learning methods like Decision Tree, KNN, and Naive Bayes, survey results were analyzed. Further a comparison of these techniques is done [3]. Study concludes that KNN has given better results than other techniques based on the accuracy and decision tree has given better results in the terms of latency to detect the depression of a person. At the conclusion, a machine learning-based model is suggested to replace the conventional method of detecting sadness by asking people encouraging questions and getting regular feedback from them [3]. [4] Propose a depression detection model that utilizes both audio and video features extracted from the vlogs (video logs) on YouTube. We first collected vlogs from YouTube and annotated them into depression and non-depression. We then analyze the statistical differences between depression and non-depression vlogs. Based on the lessons learned, we build a depression detection model that learns both audio and visual features, achieving high accuracy [4]. We believe our model helps detect depressed individuals on social media at an early stage so that individuals who may need appropriate treatment can get help. [5] proposes the early screening of depression is highly beneficial for patients to obtain better diagnosis and treatment. While the effectiveness of utilizing voice data for depression detection has been demonstrated, the issue of insufficient dataset size remains unresolved. Therefore, we propose an artificial intelligence method to effectively identify depression [5]. The wav2vec 2.0 voice-based pre-training model was used as a feature extractor to automatically extract high-quality voice features from raw audio. Additionally, a small fine-tuning network was used as a classification model to output depression classification results. Subsequently, the proposed model was fine-tuned on the DAIC-WOZ dataset and achieved excellent classification results [5]. Notably, the model demonstrated outstanding performance in binary classification, attaining an accuracy of 0.9049 and an RMSE of 0.1875 on the test set. Similarly, impressive results were obtained in multi-classification, with an accuracy of 0.7881 and an RMSE of 0.3810. The wav2vec 2.0 model was first used for depression recognition and showed strong generalization ability. The method is simple, practical, and applicable, which can assist doctors in the early screening of depression. [6] Study that trained and tested classifiers to distinguish whether a user is depressed or not using features extracted from his/her activities in the network and tweets. The results showed that the more features are used, the higher are the accuracy and F-measure scores in



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detecting depressed users [6]. This method is a data-driven, predictive approach for early detection of depression or other mental illnesses. This study's main contribution is the exploration part of the features and its impact on detecting the depression level [6].

[7] Conduct Detecting depression from user-generated content on social media platforms has garnered significant attention due to its potential for the early identification and monitoring of mental health issues. This paper presents a comprehensive approach for depression detection from user tweets using machine learning techniques [7]. The study utilizes a dataset of 632,000 tweets and employs data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training with logistic regression, Bernoulli Naive Bayes, random forests, DistilBERT, SqueezeBERT, models. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are employed to assess the models' performance [7]. The results indicate that the BERT model achieves the highest accuracy ratio of 0.87 and the highest mean accuracy of 0.77 (across 10 cross-validation folds) in detecting depression from tweets. This research demonstrates the effectiveness of machine learning and advanced transformer-based models in leveraging social media data for mental health analysis. The findings offer valuable insights into the potential for early detection and monitoring of depression using online platforms, contributing to the growing field of mental health analysis based on user-generated content.

[8] Research work, a hybrid model has been proposed that can detect depression by analyzing user's textual posts. Deep learning algorithms were trained using the training data and then performance has been evaluated on the test data of the dataset of reddit which was published for the pilot piece of work, Early Detection of Depression in CLEF eRisk 2017 [8]. In particular, Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (BiLSTM) with different word embedding techniques and metadata features were proposed which gave good results.

Dataset

The dataset used for this study is sourced from hugging face, a platform renowned for providing diverse and high-quality datasets for research and development. This particular dataset contains user-generated content, including social media posts, tweets, and comments, focusing on mental health-related discussions. It is rich in textual data that reflects various emotional states, such as depression, anxiety, and general well-being. The dataset includes labeled examples, distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content, which serves as the foundation for supervised learning. Preprocessing steps such as noise removal, tokenization, stop word elimination, and lemmatization will be applied to ensure the data is clean and structured. Additionally, augmentation techniques will enhance the dataset's robustness by introducing variations, helping the model generalize better to unseen data. This Hugging Face dataset provides a comprehensive and diverse resource for training and evaluating the proposed hybrid model, enabling accurate and efficient depression detection.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology for depression detection involves a detailed and systematic process to ensure accurate and efficient identification of individuals at risk. The dataset will be sourced from Kaggle, comprising user-generated content such as posts, tweets, and comments related to mental health. This data will undergo preprocessing to ensure quality and consistency. Noise removal techniques will be applied to eliminate special characters, URLs, hashtags, mentions, and redundant spaces. All text will be converted to lowercase for uniformity, followed by tokenization to split the text into manageable components. Stopwords that do not add semantic value will be removed, and lemmatization will reduce words to their base forms, minimizing redundancy. To further enhance the dataset, data augmentation techniques like synonym replacement, random insertion, and back-translation will be employed, increasing diversity and robustness.

After preprocessing, RoBERTa, a transformer-based model, will extract contextual embeddings from the text. These embeddings will capture the semantic and emotional nuances, serving as input features for the XGBoost classifier. The XGBoost model will then classify the text into depressive or non-depressive categories. The model's performance will be optimized through hyperparameter tuning, adjusting factors such as learning rate, tree depth, and the number of estimators. The dataset will be split into training, validation, and test sets to ensure reliable evaluation. The training set will build the model, the validation set will guide hyperparameter adjustments, and the test set will assess the model's generalization to unseen data.





The entire process will be automated as a scalable pipeline, integrating data preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification into a unified workflow. This design will facilitate the model's deployment for real-world applications, such as monitoring social media content for early depression detection. By leveraging the contextual strength of RoBERTa and the classification efficiency of XGBoost, the proposed methodology aims to provide a robust and reliable solution for identifying individuals at risk of depression. Google Colab is used as the primary platform for implementing the proposed hybrid model for depression detection. This online, open-source platform provides a user-friendly interface for writing and executing Python code, making it ideal for developing and testing machine learning and deep learning models. In Colab it deals with the various accelerator type example CPU, GPU. GPU provides the most flexible processing with seconds of execution. Usually, neural networks deal under the GPU. It has 100x power seamless execution power. As a cloud-based tool running on Google servers, it integrates seamlessly with Google Drive, where the dataset and resources for the project are stored. This eliminates the need for additional setups, downloads, or installations, simplifying the development process.

For implementing the work Google Colab offers access to GPU and TPU accelerators, which significantly enhance the computational efficiency required for training deep learning algorithms such as RoBERTa and XGBoost. The platform also includes a variable panel, allowing real-time monitoring of variables, their values, and data types during code execution, aiding debugging and evaluation. Although it lacks a kernel menu, the runtime can be restarted effortlessly to refresh the environment.

Another key advantage of Google Colab is its ability to facilitate collaboration. Notebooks can be easily shared as it has interface like jupyter notebook, and updates can be made in real time, streamlining collaborative development. For the proposed work, which combines RoBERTa and XGBoost, Google Colab provides the computational resources and flexibility required to preprocess data, train models, and evaluate results effectively, making it an ideal platform for this research. For implementing python programming language is used. Python is a powerful and flexible programming language widely used across various domains due to its simplicity and robust ecosystem of libraries. Libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib support efficient data manipulation and visualization, while machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Scikit-learn enable the development of complex models. Python's versatility makes it a go-to language for fields ranging from web development to artificial intelligence, providing tools that streamline workflows and enhance productivity.

Evaluation Parameters and Significance

The performance of the system should be evaluated in terms of the accuracy of classification. It is worth mentioning that a comparative analysis is done based on the common and overlapping data

Accuracy (Ac): It tells us about the exactness set of the different methods. The critical parameters are:

The classification accuracy is computed as:

$$Ac = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (1.1)$$

The precision is computed as

$$Pr = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (1.2)$$

The F-measure or F-Score is computed as:

$$F - Measure = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall} = F - Measure = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)} \quad (1.3)$$

Here,

(TP): True Positive

(TN): True Negative

(FP): False Positive

(FN): False Negative

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The evaluation of the proposed hybrid model for depression detection, which integrates RoBERTa and XGBoost, demonstrates its effectiveness in identifying depressive tendencies based on textual data. The model was assessed





using a test dataset after being trained and validated on labeled examples. The primary metric used for evaluation was accuracy, reflecting the proportion of correctly classified instances to the total instances in the dataset. The hybrid model achieved an accuracy of 92.8%, indicating a high level of reliability in distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content. The performance of the model was observed to be consistent across both training and validation phases, showcasing its ability to generalize well to unseen data. The results highlight the superiority of the hybrid approach, as it combines RoBERTa's contextual embedding capabilities with the robust classification power of XGBoost. Furthermore, the automated pipeline ensured a streamlined process from data preprocessing to final evaluation, making the system efficient and scalable for real-world applications. Overall, the evaluation confirms the potential of the proposed methodology to serve as an effective tool for depression detection, contributing to early identification and intervention for mental health challenges.

CONCLUSION

The RoBERTa-XGBoost model for depression detection demonstrated a high classification performance, achieving an overall accuracy of 92.8%. The model effectively distinguished between depressed and non-depressed individuals, with an F1-score of 0.88 for both classes. Specifically, it attained a precision of 0.84 and recall of 0.94 for the non-depressed category, while the depressed category recorded a precision of 0.93 and recall of 0.82. These results indicate that the model is highly capable of identifying depression while maintaining a balance between precision and recall. The high recall for non-depressed individuals suggests a low false negative rate, ensuring that most non-depressed cases are correctly identified. Conversely, the high precision for depressed individuals minimizes false positives, improving the reliability of depression detection. The integration of RoBERTa's deep contextual embeddings with XGBoost's powerful classification capabilities contributed to the model's robustness and effectiveness. Overall, the findings highlight the potential of hybrid deep learning and machine learning approaches in automated mental health assessment.

Future Scope

In future enhancing model generalized by incorporating larger and complex dataset. More fine tune hyperparameters could further improve classification performance.

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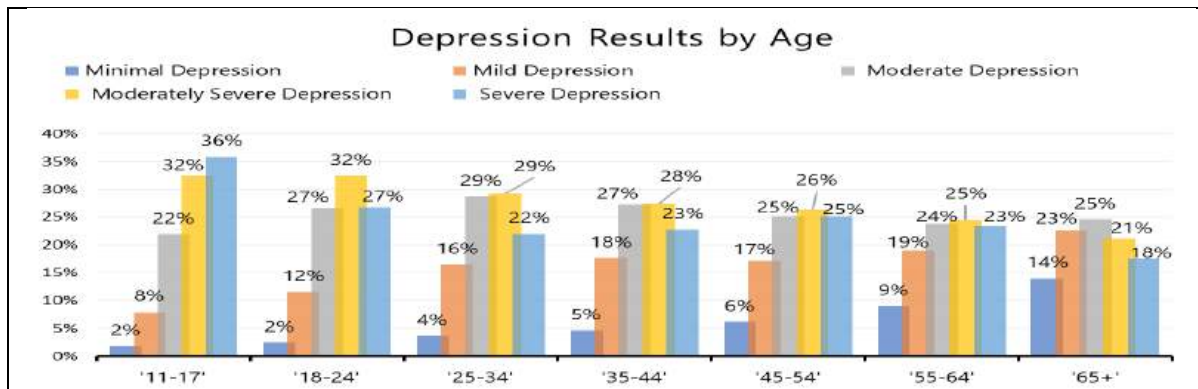


Fig.1 Current Depression Based Statistics
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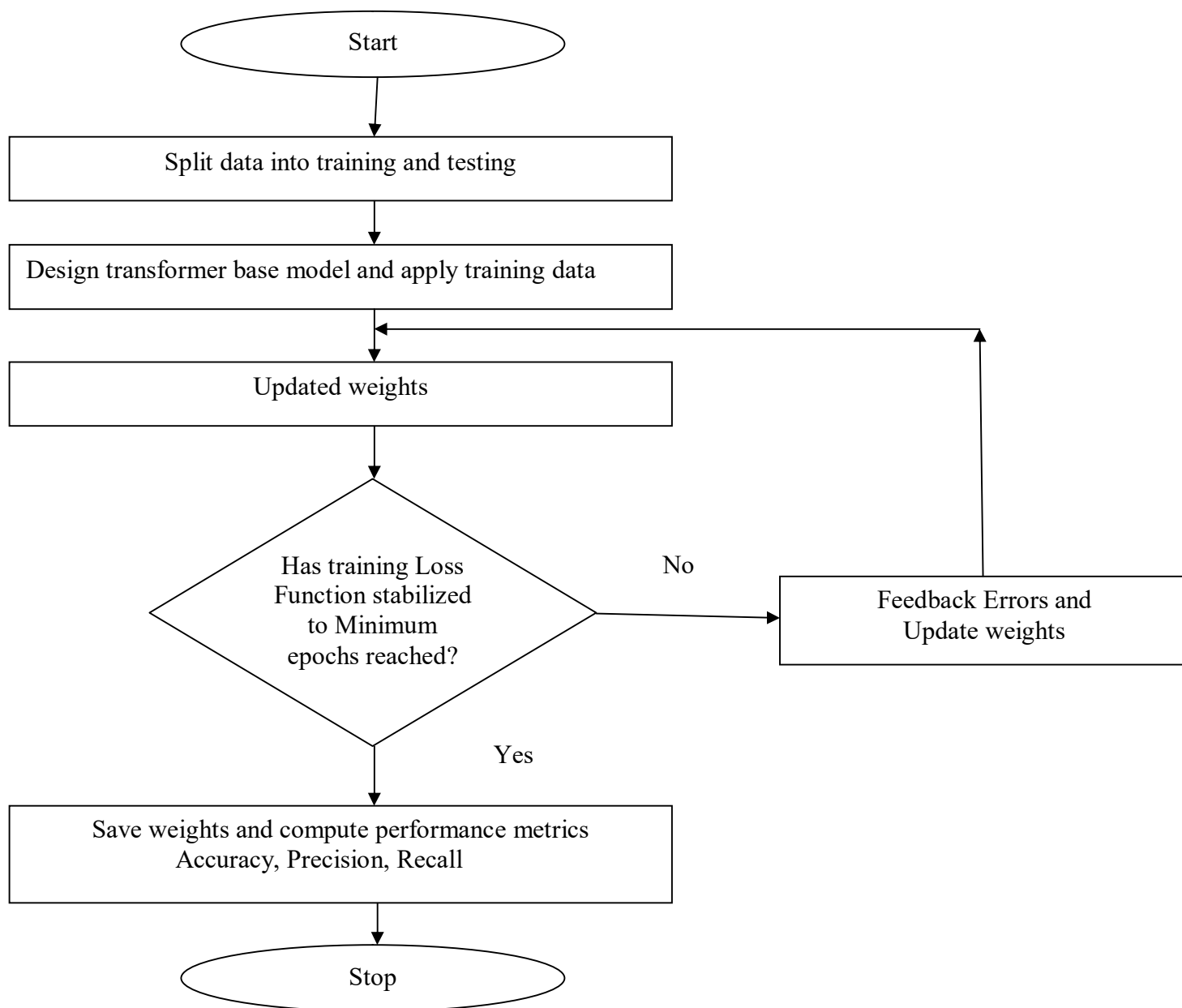


Fig.2 Sample Dataset



Fig.3 Word Cloud







```
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaModel
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
```

Fig.5 Imported Libraries

```
# Install necessary libraries
!pip install transformers datasets torch

# Import libraries
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaForSequenceClassification, AdamW, pip
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

# Step 1: Load Tokenizer and Model
tokenizer = RobertaTokenizer.from_pretrained('roberta-base')
model = RobertaForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('roberta-base', num_labels=2)

# Step 2: Load Dataset from Hugging Face
from datasets import load_dataset

dataset = load_dataset("ziq/depression_tweet") # Example: IMDB dataset for sentiment an
train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Use a subset f
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Use a subset for
```

Fig.6 Code Screenshot

```
train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Subset for training
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Subset for testing

def extract_embeddings(texts, batch_size=16):
    embeddings = []
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        for i in range(0, len(texts), batch_size):
            batch = texts[i:i+batch_size]
            inputs = tokenizer(batch, return_tensors="pt", padding=True, truncation=True, max_length=128)
            outputs = model(**inputs)
            cls_embedding = outputs.last_hidden_state[:, 0, :].cpu().numpy()
            embeddings.append(cls_embedding)
    return np.vstack(embeddings)
```

Fig.7Dataset Embedding and Tokenization





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Loss: 0.7304559350013733
 Loss: 0.7784589529037476
 Loss: 0.7279943227767944
 Loss: 0.6807579398155212
 Loss: 0.6508967280387878
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 Loss: 0.6988427639007568
 Loss: 0.6292483806610107
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 Loss: 0.6390767693519592
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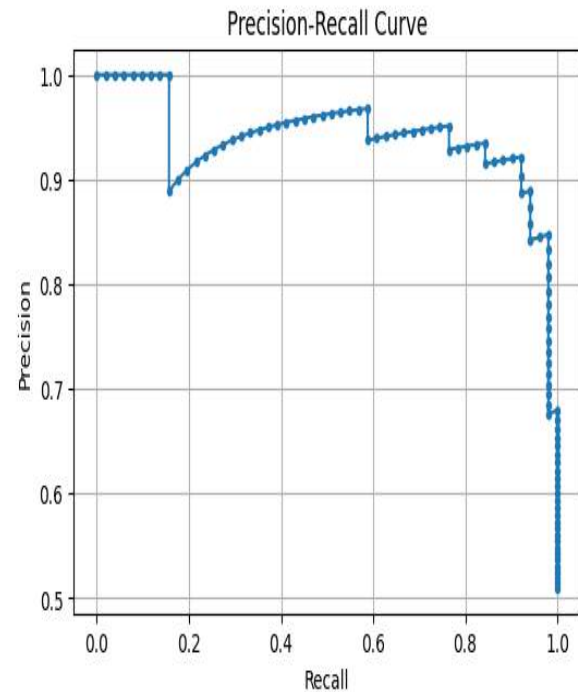


Fig. 8 Model Learning Rate

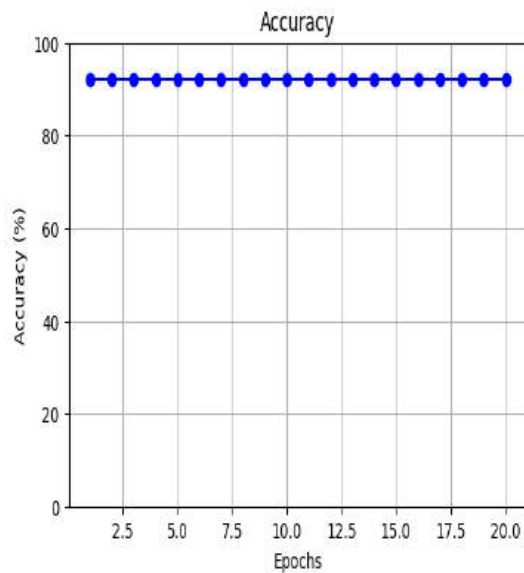


Fig. 10 Accuracy Graph

Fig. 9 ROC Curve

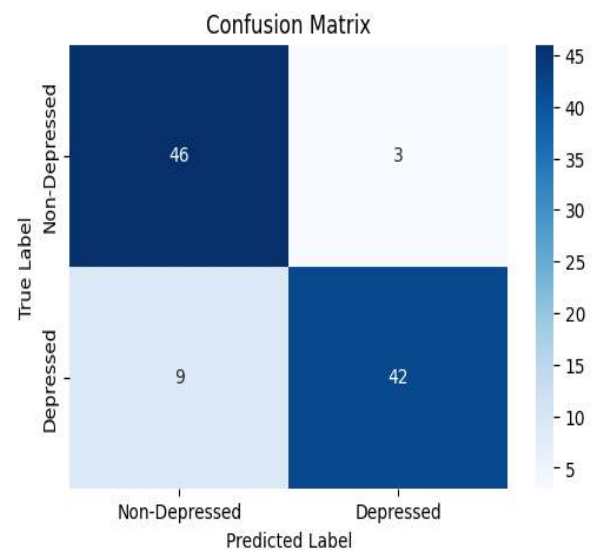


Fig. 11 Confusion Matrix





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Soft Pre g^* - Open Sets in Soft Topological Spaces

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce Soft pre g^* -open sets in soft topological space which are defined over an initial universe with a fixed set of parameters. Also we studied Soft pre g^* neighbourhood system, Soft pre g^* interior sets and Soft pre g^* exterior sets with examples.

Keywords: Soft pre open set, Soft pre g^* neighbourhood, Soft pre g^* interior sets and Soft pre g^* exterior sets.

INTRODUCTION

Soft set was introduced by Molodsov in the year 1999. Andrijevic [1] showed Semi-Preopen sets. Njastad [12] explained on some classes of nearly open sets. Veerakumar [13] defined g^* -Pre closed sets. Levine [8] examines generalized closed sets in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce soft pre g^* open set, soft pre g^* neighbourhood, soft pre g^* interior point, soft pre g^* exterior point in soft topological spaces.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. [7] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called g -closed if $cl(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is open in (X, τ) . The complement of g -closed set is called g -open.





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Definition 2.2. [13] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called g^*p -closed if $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is g -open in (X, τ) . The complement of g^*p -closed set is called g^*p -open.

Definition 2.3. [4] The union of pre open sets contained in A is called pre interior of A and is denoted by $\text{pint}(A)$.

THEOREM 2.4. [9] If U is open and A is pre open then $U \cap A$ is pre open.

Definition 2.5. [10] A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called M -pre open (resp. M -pre closed) if $f(V)$ is pre open (resp. Pre closed) set in Y for every pre open (resp. Pre closed) set V of X .

Definition 2.6. [11] A map $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is called pre-irresolute if $f^{-1}(F)$ is pre-open in X for every pre-open set F in Y .

Definition 2.7. [5] Let (X, τ) be a soft topological space of non empty set X with τ . Let $A \subseteq X$ then the set A is said to be g^* Pre open set iff $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}A)$

SOFT PRE g^* -OPEN SET

Definition 3.1. A subset (S, E) of a soft topological space (X, τ, E) is called soft pre g^* -open if $(U, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E)$ whenever $(U, E) \subset (S, E)$ and (U, E) is soft g -closed in X .

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ $X = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Then the soft sets are written by, $(S, A)_1 = X$, $(S, A)_2 = \emptyset$, $(S, A)_3 = \{(e_1, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_4 = \{(e_1, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_5 = \{(e_1, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_6 = \{(e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_7 = \{(e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_8 = \{(e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{10} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{11} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{12} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{14} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{16} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$.

So $|S(X)| = 2^4 = 16$

Therefore we get 16 soft sets in the Universal set U .

Theorem 3.3. If (S, E) is a soft pre g^* -open set of soft topological space (X, τ, E) and $\text{pint}(S, E) \subset (T, E) \subset (S, E)$ then (T, E) is also soft pre g^* -open set of X .

Proof:

Let (S, E) be soft pre g^* -openset in soft topological space (X, τ, E) .

If (G, E) is soft g -closed set such that $(G, E) \subset (T, E)$

Since $(T, E) \subset (S, E)$ we have $(G, E) \subset (S, E)$

Since (S, E) is a soft pre g^* -openset,

$(G, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E)$

Then $\text{pint}(\text{pint}(S, E)) \subset (T, E)$

$\Rightarrow \text{pint}(S, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

Hence $(G, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

$\Rightarrow (G, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

Then (T, E) is soft pre g^* -openset of X .

Example 3.4. Let us consider the soft sets of F_E that are given in example 3.2.

Let $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$ be soft openset.

Then soft pre open sets are $(S, A)_1, (S, A)_2, (S, A)_3, (S, A)_5, (S, A)_6, (S, A)_8, (S, A)_9, (S, A)_{10}, (S, A)_{11}, (S, A)_{12}, (S, A)_{14}, (S, A)_{15}, (S, A)_{16}$.

Soft pre closed sets are $(S, A)_1, (S, A)_2, (S, A)_3^c = (S, A)_{14}, (S, A)_5^c = (S, A)_8, (S, A)_6^c = (S, A)_{16}, (S, A)_8^c = (S, A)_5, (S, A)_9^c = (S, A)_{13}, (S, A)_{10}^c = (S, A)_{12}, (S, A)_{11}^c = (S, A)_4, (S, A)_{12}^c = (S, A)_{10}, (S, A)_{14}^c =$





$$(S,A)_3, (S,A)_{15^c} = (S,A)_7, (S,A)_{16^c} = (S,A)_6.$$

Therefore soft pre closed sets are

$$(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{16}.$$

Soft g-closed sets are $(S,A)_9, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$.

Soft g-open sets are $(S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_6$.

Soft pre g^* opensets are $(S,A)_{13}$ and $(S,A)_9$.

Theorem 3.5. Every soft Pre g^* openset is soft pre open.

Proof:

Let (S,A) be soft pre g^* openset.

Then $(U,A) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,A)$ whenever $(S,A) \subseteq (U,A)$

$$\Rightarrow (U,A) \subseteq \text{int}(S,A)$$

Therefore every soft pre g^* openset is soft pre open.

Example 3.6. From example 3.4. $(S,A)_{13}$ and $(S,A)_9$ are soft pre g^* openset and the sets are soft pre opensets in X .

Remark 3.7. Converse of the above theorem is not true.

Example 3.8. From example 3.4. Every soft sets are not pre g^* open sets in X .

Theorem 3.9. Arbitrary union of soft pre g^* openset is a soft pre g^* openset.

Proof:

Let $\{(S,A)_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a collection of soft pre g^* opensets of a soft topological space (U,A,τ) .

Then for each α , $(S,A)_\alpha \subseteq \text{pint}((S,A)_\alpha)$

Claim: $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \subseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$

Now, $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \subseteq \cup \text{pint}((S,A)_\alpha)$

$$\subseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$$

Therefore, $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \subseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$

Theorem 3.10. Let (U,A,τ) be a soft topological space. (S_1,A) and (S_2,A) be two soft sets over U . Then $(S_1,A) \subseteq (S_2,A) \Rightarrow \text{pint}(S_1,A) \subseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A)$

Proof:

Let (U,A,τ) be a soft topological space. (S_1,A) and (S_2,A) be two soft sets over U .

Then $(S_1,A) \subseteq (U,E)$ and $(S_2,A) \subseteq (U,E)$, (U,E) is soft open in X .

Now $(S_1,A) \subseteq (S_2,A)$

By definition 3.1, $(S_1,A) \subseteq \text{pint}(S_1,A) \subseteq U$

$$(S_2,A) \subseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A) \subseteq U$$

Therefore $(S_1,A) \subseteq (S_2,A) \Rightarrow \text{pint}(S_1,A) \subseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A)$.

Theorem 3.11. Every finite union of soft pre g^* open set is soft pre g^* openset.

Proof:

Let (S,A) and (S,B) be two soft pre g^* open subset of X .

Let (U,E) be a soft g-closed set in X such that $(S,A) \cup (S,B) \subseteq (U,E)$

Then $(U,E) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,A)$ and $(U,E) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,B)$

Therefore $(U,E) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pint}(U,E) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{pint}((S,A) \cup (S,B)) \subseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$$

Therefore $\text{pint}((S,A) \cup (S,B))$ is soft pre g^* open in X .





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Example 3.12. Consider example 3.2., $(S,A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$,
 $(S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, union of the sets is given by,
 $(S,A)_9 \cup (S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\} \cup \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$
 $= \{(e_1, \{a,b\}), (e_2, \{a,b\})\}$
 $\subseteq X$

Remark 3.13. Every finite intersection of two soft pre g^* open sets need not be soft pre g^* open set.

Soft pre g^* neighbourhood system in soft topological space

Definition 4.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space. Let $(S,A) \in S(X)$ and $p_1 \in X$. Then the soft point p_1 is said to be soft pre g^* neighbourhood of a set (S,A) if there exists a soft pre g^* open set (T,A) such that $p_1 \in (T,A) \subseteq (S,A)$

Example 4.2. Consider the soft topological space (X, τ, E) given in example 3.2., soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9$ and $(S,A)_{13}$.

- (i) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.
- (ii) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.
- (iii) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_2, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.
- (iv) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_2, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.

Proposition 4.3. Every soft pre g^* neighbourhood of (T,A) is soft pre neighbourhood in soft topological space.

Example 4.4. By example 3.2., Soft pre neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$ are $(S,A)_3, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$. But $(S,A)_9$ is soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$.

Remark 4.5. Converse of above proposition is not true. Because every soft pre g^* neighbourhood of (T,A) is soft pre neighbourhood in soft topological space but every soft pre neighbourhood in X is not soft pre g^* neighbourhood in soft topological space.

Example 4.6. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ $X = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Then the soft sets are written by, $(S,A)_1 = X, (S,A)_2 = \emptyset, (S,A)_3 = \{(e_1, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_4 = \{(e_1, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_5 = \{(e_1, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_6 = \{(e_2, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_7 = \{(e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_8 = \{(e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_{10} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_{11} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_{12} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_{14} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_{16} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$.
 So $|S(X)| = 2^4 = 16$

Therefore we get 16 soft sets in the Universal set U .

Let $(S,A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$ be soft open set.

Then soft pre open sets are $(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$.

Soft pre closed sets are $(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_{16}, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_6$.

Soft g closed sets are $X, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{16}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{14}$.

Soft g open sets are $\emptyset, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_3$.

Soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9, (S,A)_{13}$.

Example 4.7. Consider the Example 3.2., soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9$ and $(S,A)_{13}$. Then

- (i) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_2, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.
- (ii) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_2, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.
- (iii) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.





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(iv) Soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$ is $(S, A)_{13}$.

Example 4.8. Consider the example 3.2., Take the soft set $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$. Then the collection of all soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of $(S, A)_9 = \{(S, A)_9\}$

Example 4.9. consider the example 3.2., Take the soft set $(S, A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$. Then the collection of all soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of $(S, A)_{13} = \{(S, A)_{13}\}$.

Proposition 4.10. An arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of a soft point $p_1 \in X$ is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Proof:

Let $\{(T, A)_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be an arbitrary collection of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

For each $\alpha \in I$, there exists a soft pre g^* -open set $(O, A)_\alpha$ such that

$$p_1 \in (O, A)_\alpha \subseteq (T, A)_\alpha \subseteq \cup (T, A)_\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \in (O, A)_\alpha \subseteq \cup (T, A)_\alpha$$

Therefore, $\cup (T, A)_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in I$ is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Therefore, arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 is soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Remark 4.11. We conclude that the soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of $p_1 \in X$ in a soft topological space (X, τ, E) has the following facts.

- (a) Every soft super set of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1
- (b) Every soft preopen set containing p_1 is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1
- (c) Every $p_1 \in X$ has atleast one soft pre g^* -neighbourhood.

Theorem 4.12. A soft set (T, A) is soft pre open iff is soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of each of its soft points.

Proof:

Let $(T, A) \in X$ be a soft pre open set.

By above Remark 4.11.(b), for each soft point $p_1 \in (T, A)$, (T, A) is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Conversely assume that (T, A) is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of each of its soft points.

Then for every point $p_1 \in (T, A)$ there exists a soft pre open set $(T, A)_1$ such that $p_1 \in (T, A)_1 \subseteq (T, A)$.

Therefore $(T, A) = \cup \{(T, A)_1 : p_1 \in (T, A)\}$

Since arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -open set is soft pre g^* -open set.

Therefore each $(T, A)_1$ is soft pre g^* -open set then (T, A) is soft pre g^* -open set.

Soft pre g^* -interior sets in soft topological space

Definition 5.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Then the soft pre g^* -interior of (S, A) which is denoted by $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is defined as the soft union of all soft pre open subsets of (S, A) . That is, $p \text{ int}(S, A) = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)\}$

Example 5.2. Consider example 3.2.,

$$p \text{ int}(S, A)_9 = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)_9\}$$

$$= \cup \{(S, A)_9\}$$

$$= (S, A)_9$$

$$p \text{ int}(S, A)_{13} = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)_{13}\}$$

$$= \cup \{(S, A)_{13}\}$$

$$= (S, A)_{13}$$





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Theorem 5.3. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space and $(S, A), (T, A)$ be soft sets over X . Then (S, A) is soft pre g^* open iff $(S, A) \supseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)$

- (i) If $(S, A) \subseteq (T, A)$ then $p \text{ int}(S, A) \subseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$
- (ii) $P \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$ and $p \text{ int}(X) = X$
- (iii) $P \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cap p \text{ int}(T, A)$
- (iv) $P \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A)$

Proof:

- (i) Let (S, A) be soft set over X .

Let (S, A) be soft pre g^* open in X

Then the largest soft g^* pre open set contained in (S, A) is (S, A) itself.

Therefore (S, A) is soft pre g^* open set iff $p \text{ int}(S, A) \subseteq (S, A)$

- (ii) By (i), $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is the largest soft pre g^* open set contained in (S, A)

Since $(S, A) \subseteq (T, A)$, $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is a soft g^* pre open set contained in (T, A)

Also $p \text{ int}(T, A)$ is the soft union of all soft pre g^* open sets contained in (T, A) .

Therefore, $p \text{ int}(S, A) \subseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$.

- (iii) Since ϕ and X are soft pre g^* open sets.

Therefore $p \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$ and $p \text{ int}(X) = X$.

- (iv) Clearly $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)$ and

$(S, A) \cap (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)$

Then $p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)$ and

$p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$

Therefore, $p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cap p \text{ int}(T, A)$

- (v) Using (i), $p \text{ int}(S, A) \subseteq (S, A)$ and $p \text{ int}(T, A) \subseteq (T, A)$

Then $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A) \subseteq (S, A) \cup (T, A)$

$p \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A))$ is the largest soft pre g^* open set contained in $(S, A) \cup (T, A)$ and $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A)$ is soft pre g^* open set.

Hence $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A) \subseteq p \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A))$

- (vi) By (i), (S, A) is soft pre g^* open set iff $(S, A) = p \text{ int}(S, A)$

Therefore $P \text{ int}(p \text{ int}(S, A)) = p \text{ int}(S, A)$

Soft pre g^* exterior set in soft topological space

Definition 6.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Let $p_1 \in X$ then p_1 is called a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) if there exists a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) if there exists a soft pre g^* open set (T, A) such that $p_1 \in (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)^c$.

Example 6.2. Consider example 3.2., Let the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$. Then $(e_1, \{a\}) \in (S, A)_9 \subseteq$

$(S, A)_4^c = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Therefore the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$ is soft pre g^* exterior point of the soft set $(S, A)_4$.

Proposition 6.3. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Then the soft exterior point of (S, A) is a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) .





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Proof:

Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$.

Let $p_1 \in X$ be soft exterior point of (S, A) .

Then there exists a soft open set (T, A) such that $p_1 \in (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)^c$

Since every soft open set is soft pre open set and (T, A) is soft pre g^* open set.

Therefore p_1 is a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) .

Example 6.4. Consider example 3.2., Let the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$. Then $(e_1, \{b\}) \in (S, A)_{13} \subseteq (S, A)^c = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Therefore the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$ is soft pre g^* exterior point of the soft set $(S, A)_3$.

Proposition 6.5. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A), (T, A) \in S(X)$. Then

- (a) If $(S, A) \subseteq (T, A)$ then $p \text{ ext}(T, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (b) $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cup p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
- (c) $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cap p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
- (d) $\text{ext}(S, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (e) $p \text{ ext}(X) = \phi$ and $p \text{ ext}(\phi) = X$
- (f) $p \text{ ext}(X)$ is soft pre g^* open set.

Proof:

- (a) Suppose $(S, A) \subseteq (T, A)$

Then $(T, A)^c \subseteq (S, A)^c$

$\Rightarrow p \text{ int}(T, A)^c \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)^c$

$\Rightarrow p \text{ ext}(T, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A)$

- (b) Since $(S, A) \subseteq (S, A) \cup (T, A)$ and $(T, A) \subseteq (S, A) \cup (T, A)$

Using (a) we can write, $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A)$ and $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(T, A)$

Therefore $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cup p \text{ ext}(T, A)$

- (c) $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \subseteq (S, A)$ and $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \subseteq (T, A)$

Using (a), we have, $p \text{ ext}(S, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$ and $p \text{ ext}(T, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$

Therefore $p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cap p \text{ ext}(T, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$

- (d) $\text{ext}(S, A) \subseteq p \text{ ext}(S, A)$

For, Let $p_1 \in \text{ext}(S, A)$

Then $p_1 \in \text{int}(S, A)^c \subseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)^c$

$= p \text{ ext}(S, A)$

- (e) $p \text{ ext}(X) = \phi$ and $p \text{ ext}(\phi) = X$

For, $p \text{ ext}(X) = p \text{ int}(\phi)$

$= \phi$

$P \text{ ext}(\phi) = p \text{ int}(\phi^c)$

$= p \text{ int}(X)$

$= X$

- (f) Since $p \text{ ext}(X) = p \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$

Therefore $p \text{ ext}(X)$ is soft pre g^* open set.





CONCLUSION

In this chapter we discussed Soft pre g^* open sets and their properties with examples. We have proved every soft pre g^* open set is soft pre open. But converse is not true. Every finite union of two soft pre g^* open set is soft pre g^* open set. But every finite intersection of two soft pre g^* open set is need not be soft pre g^* open set. Every soft point has at least one soft pre g^* neighbourhood. Every soft pre g^* open set containing soft pre g^* neighbourhood. Every soft pre g^* open set has soft pre g^* interior and soft pre g^* exterior points.

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An Isolated Connected Domination in Random Graphs

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ABSTRACT

An $\langle S \rangle$ is a union of a connected Random graph (non isolated Random graph) with some (at least one) isolated vertices. An isolated connected dominating set of a connected Random graph $G(n,p)$ is a dominating $S \subseteq V(G_{n,p})$ set in this way. The smallest cardinality of an isolated connected dominating set of G is represented by an isolated connected domination number of $G(n,p)$, denoted by $\gamma_{ic} G(n,p)$. We examine a few characteristics and provide an isolated connected dominance number for a few families of random graphs in this research.

Keywords: Random Graph($G_{n,p}$), Connected Random Graph $G_c(n,p)$, Domination number in $G_{n,p}$, connected domination number in $G_{n,p}$, Isolated Connected domination $G_{n,p}$.

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INTRODUCTION

In the 1960s Erdos and Renyi, two great Mathematicians, established the Random graph theory and initiated the systematic study of it [1]. Random Graph($G_{n,p}$) lies in the intersection of Graph theory and Probability theory, has always been the basic theory for studying complex networks. Domination is a central topic in graph theory, with a number of application in computer science and engineering. A dominating set S in a graph G has that each node not in S is joined to some node of S . The minimum order of a dominating set is the domination number of G denoted $\gamma(G)$. The book [8][9] supply a introduction to theoretical and applied results of domination in graphs.





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Relatively little work has been done on domination in Random graph models. The domination number of ER Random Graph $(G_{n,p})$ was determined by Wieland and Godbole in [7]. Dreyer [17] analyse some basic results of proves with $q=1/(1-p)$ (p fixed) and set of cardinality $(1+\varepsilon)\log_q n$ is a dominating set with probability tends to 1 as n tends to infinity. And sets of order $(1-\varepsilon)\log_q n$ dominate with probability approaching zero as n tends to infinity. May instead take $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_n$ tends to zero so that $\varepsilon_n \log_q n$ tends to infinity. we analyse the some properties of Isolated connected domination of $(G_{n,p})$.

PREMILIARIES

Definition:2.1: $(G_{n,p})$

When we are given a graph G is a random graph, this is wrong. Already Existing graph is fixed, there is nothing random to it. What we mean though through this term abuse is that this graph was sampled out of a set of graphs according to a probability distribution. An Random Graph $G_{n,p}$ has two parameters, the number of vertices n and a probability parameter $0 \leq p \leq 1$. Let $\mathcal{G}$ be the family of all possible labelled graphs on the vertex set $[n]$. Note that $|\mathcal{G}| = 2^{\binom{n}{2}}$. The $G_{n,p}$ Model assign to a graph $G \in \mathcal{G}$ satisfy the probability

$$\text{Probability}[G] = P^{|E(G)|} (1-P)^{\binom{n}{2}-|E(G)|}$$

Definition: 2.2: $(G_{n,m})$

An Uniform Random graph $(G_{n,m})$ has two parameters, the number of vertices n and the number of edges m , where $0 \leq m \leq \binom{n}{2}$. This model assigns to all labelled (named) graphs on the vertex set $[n]$ with exactly m edges equal probability. Therefore,

$$\text{Probability}[G] = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\binom{\binom{n}{2}}{m}} & \text{if } |E(G)| = m \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Definition: 2.3: $G_c(n, p)$

An Connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$, a pair of u and v is chosen from the vertex set $V(G)$ of the graph G . Here each pair of vertices $\{v_i, v_j\}$, where $v_j \in V(G) - v_i$. There exist an edge between v_i and v_j in a graph iff the random number generated for the pair v_i and v_j is at most the edge probability p of the graph G . Its is denoted by $G_c(n, p)$.

Definition:2.4: $\gamma(G(n, p))$

An Random Graph $G(n, p)$ with fixed parameter $p_n = p > 0$ and the number vertices n tending to infinity. Then a.a.s the domination number of $G(n, p)$ satisfies,

$$\gamma(G(n, p)) = (1 + o(1)) \log_q n$$

Where $q = \frac{1}{1-p}$.

Definition:2.5 $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$

An Connected Domination Random Graph $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ with fixed parameter $p_n = p > 0$ and the number vertices n tending to infinity. Then a.a.s the connected domination number of $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ satisfies,

$$\gamma_c(G(n, p)) = \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil$$

Where a_n be any sequence of $G_c(n, p)$.

An Isolated Connected Domination in Random Graphs:**Definition:3.1 $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$**

An Isolated connected dominating set S of a $G(n, p)$ is a dominating set

$S \subset V(G(n, p))$ such that $\langle S \rangle$ is union of a connected $G(n, p)$ and some (at least one) isolated vertices. An Isolated connected dominating number of $G_c(n, p)$ is denoted by $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$.



**Propositions:3.2**

A Connected Random Graph $\gamma_c(G(n, p))$ with m (fixed) edges is equally likely to be any of the $\binom{n}{m}$ graphs with m edges.

Proof:

Let any graph with m edges(fixed), its G .

Probability $[G_c(n, p)] = G[|E(G_c(n, p))| = m]$

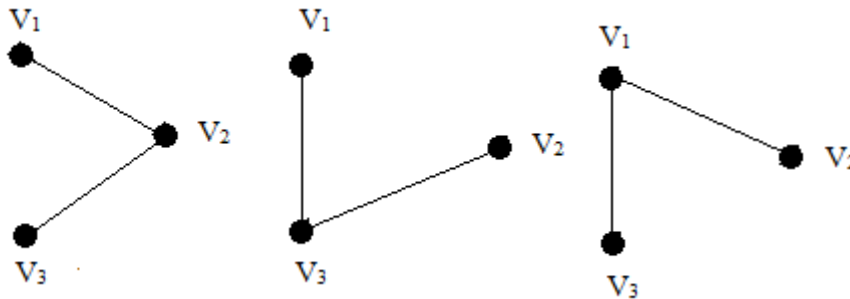
$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\text{Pro } [G_c(n, p) = G]}{\text{Pro } [|E(G_c(n, p))| = m]} \\ &= \frac{p^{|E(G)|} (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - |E(G)|}}{\binom{n}{m} p^{|E(G)|} (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - |E(G)|}} \\ &= \frac{p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - m}}{\binom{n}{m} p^m (1-p)^{\binom{n}{2} - m}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Probability } [G_c(n, p)] = \frac{1}{\binom{n}{m}}$$

Example:3.2.1

A Connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$ on 3 vertices with 2 edges (fixed)

Is given by



Above $G(n, p)$ figure having same Probability $\frac{1}{3}$.

Theorem:3.3

In connected Random Graph $G_c(n, p)$, consider P is a monotone increasing property and $0 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq 1$, $G \sim G_c(n, p_i)$, $i=1,2$.

Propability $[G_1 \in p_1] \leq \text{Propability } [G_2 \in p_2]$

Propositions:3.4

If a Random Graph $G(n, p)$ admits isolated connected vertex set, then $\text{diam}(G(n, p)) \geq 2$. (a.a.s)

Proof

Let X be the eccentricity of vertex v .

$\Pr(x = 1) = p^{n-1}$, which goes to 0 as $n \rightarrow \infty$

$\Pr(X > 2)$ indicates that there is a vertex u such that u is not connected (isolated vertex) to v or any of the vertices that is directly connected to v .

So, $\Pr(X > 2) = (n-1)(1-p)^{|S|+1}$

Where S is the set of vertices connected to v . Since $|S| = np + o(1)$ when n is sufficiently large, $\Pr(X > 2)$ also goes to zero as n goes to infinity.





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Just an approximation $|S| = (n-2)p$, the probability that a given pair of vertices is not connected by a path of length 2 is $(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$. Since all edges forming these potential paths are distinct.

Thus the expected number of pair not thus connected is $\binom{n}{2}(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$, which goes to zero as $n \rightarrow \infty$ at fixed $p > 0$.

The probability for the diameter to exceed 2 is less than this expected number and thus also goes to 0.

Example:3.4.1

If $G_c \sim G_{ic}(n, n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$ prove that $G_{ic}(n, n^{-\frac{1}{3}})$ has diameter 2 almost surely.

Solution

Let X_{uv} be the indicator for the event A_{uv} that no other vertex in $G(n, p)$ is adjacent to u or v .

Show that $E[X] \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ (ie) (it has diameter 2 almost surely)

$$E[X] = E[\sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} X_{uv}]$$

$$= \sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} E[X_{uv}]$$

$$= \sum_{(u,v) \in \binom{V}{2}} P[A_{uv}]$$

$$= \binom{n}{2} (1-p)(1-p^2)^{(n-2)}$$

In this situation given above problem $p = n^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

$$\binom{n}{2} (1-p)(1-p^2)^{(n-2)} = \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}})(1-n^{-\frac{2}{3}})^{(n-2)} \cong \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}}) \exp(-n \cdot n^{-\frac{2}{3}}) n \rightarrow \infty = \binom{n}{2} (1-n^{-\frac{1}{3}}) \exp(-n^{\frac{1}{3}}) \rightarrow 0.$$

Propositions:3.5

If a Random Graph $G(n, p)$ admits Isolated connected set then

$$\gamma(G(n, p)) \leq \gamma_{ic}(G(n, p)) \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

Proof

There is no relationship between $(G(n, p))$ and $\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))$.

The domination number of $G(n, p) = (1 + o(1)) \log_q n$ where $q = \frac{1}{1-p}$.

Case(i)

$\gamma(G(n, p))$ is no larger than $\lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil$ with probability approaching unity.

$$P(D \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil) = P(\exists \text{ a dominating set of size } r := \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil)$$

$$\geq P(\{1, 2, \dots, r\} \text{ is a dominating set}) \therefore p = p^{n-r+r}$$

$$= (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r} = (p^r)^{n-r}$$

$$\geq 1 - (n-r)(1-p)^r = (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r}$$

$$= 1 - n(1-p)^r + n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n + a_n}$$

$$= 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n} \cdot (1-p)^{a_n} = 1 - n \cdot (q)^{\log_q n} (1-p)^{a_n}$$

$$= 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} = 1 - 1 + p^{a_n} = p^{a_n} \rightarrow 1$$

Case(ii)

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Let a_n be any sequence approaching infinity then,

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil = P(\exists \text{ a dominating set of size } r := \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil) \geq P(\text{vertices } \{1, 2, \dots, r\} \text{ form a dominating set})$$

Now a set consisting of r vertices which we will call M_r . Let N_r be the set with the remaining $(n-r)$ vertices and some (at least one) isolated vertices. It becomes the vertices $\{1, 2, \dots, r\}$ forming a dominating set is connected to every vertex in N_r having at least one neighbour in M_r (i.e) $M_r \cup N_r = V(G(n, p))$.

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq p(\text{vertex } v \text{ in } M_r \text{ is adjacent to } u \text{ in } N_r)^{n-r}$$

Now use that the probability of vertices forming an edge is independent. Then probability if a vertex v in N_r not having any neighbour in M_r .

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n, p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq (1 - p(\text{vertex } v \text{ in } N_r \text{ has no neighbour in } M_r))^{n-r} = (1 - (1-p)^r)^{n-r}$$

Where to the fact that edge from a vertex v in N_r to a vertex u in M_r with probability $1-p$ and having r possibilities for vertices u in M_r . then,

$$\geq 1 - (n-r)(1-p)^r = 1 - n(1-p)^r + n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^r \geq 1 - n(1-p)^{\log_q n + a_n}$$





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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - n(1-p)^{\frac{\log n}{\log(1-p)} + a_n} \\
 &= 1 - n.(e)^{\frac{\log(1-p)}{\log(1-p)} + a_n} \\
 &= 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} \\
 &= 1 - 1 + p^{a_n} \\
 &= p^{a_n} \rightarrow 1
 \end{aligned}$$

We assumed that $a_n \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and since $p > 0$ we have that $1-p < 1$.

This results in $(1-p) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

$$p(\gamma_{ic}(G(n,p))) \leq \lceil \log_q n + a_n \rceil \geq 1 - (1-p)^{a_n} \rightarrow 1-0=1.$$

From the case(i) & (ii), $\gamma(G(n,p)) \leq \gamma_{ic}(G(n,p)) \rightarrow 1$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Example:3.2.1

Here $n=3$, $p=1/3$, $\gamma(G(n,p)) = (1+o(1))\log_q n$

$$\gamma(G(3,1/3)) = \lceil (1+2)\log_{1.5} 3 \rceil = \lceil 1.43136 \rceil = 1.$$

Here $n=3$, $p=1/2$, $\gamma_{ic}(G(n,p)) = (1+o(1))\log_q n$

$$\gamma_{ic}(G(n,p)) = \lceil (1+1)\log_2 3 \rceil = \lceil 0.954 \rceil = 1.$$

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Study of Covid -19 Trend: Statistical Scenario

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to provide the analysis of COVID-19 pandemic in India and address economic impact, diagnosis approaches, and vaccine acceptance and hesitation. The investigation of this development factor is crucial since it informs the appropriate individuals or organisations on how to handle the impending widespread epidemic. The goal of the current study was to determine how the daily increase in confirmed COVID-19 instances related to cases that were curing and dying based on the model that fit them the best and was helpful in forecasting growth, cure, and death.

Keywords: COVID-19 in India, COVID-19 testing, Coronavirus Vaccine, COVID-19 statistics of India.

INTRODUCTION

The COVID-19 pandemic is the worldwide pandemic of coronavirus disease in 2019. It evolved rapidly. This rapid spread has already made a catastrophic mark this century [1]. The World Health Organisation (WHO) has announced and intimated that the worst of COVID-19 is yet to come, while the United Nations has tailed that since World War II, this coronavirus pandemic is the most global crisis [2-3]. The goal of each nation is to bring the rising indicator of COVID-19 cases to zero. Some countries were successful in bending the curve of new cases. However, the majority of countries are far from the goal, as the number of worldwide confirmed cases is increasing very fast. India is also experiencing the same. It is the worst situation that, in relation to this COVID-19 pandemic, everybody knows the exact number of actual cases. Only the confirmed cases, which are a fraction of the real number, are



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known. It is observed that India's rate of case progression is slower as compared to some countries, viz., Japan, South Africa, the U.K., the U.S., South Korea, Australia, and Italy. This is because the rate of testing is poor as compared to these countries [4-5]. India is one of the five most affected countries. India reported the first case on January 30, 2020, which crossed the counter of 10 lakh in the second fortnight of July 2020 while crossing the counter of 25 lakh on August 15. Every Indian, including laymen and all-level authorities, is in the dark, unable to guess what the scenario the scenario will be tomorrow, day after tomorrow, and so on, if the current situation of growth remains as usual! Under these circumstances, it is essential to understand the growth rate, which will help in the planning and preparation of further management to rescue the affected. The statistical indicator 'Growth Factor', which implies alteration in a quantity over time, plays an important role in such an assessment. The base considered to quantify the growth is the ratio of cases from the current day to the cases from the previous day. If the value of this indicator is <1 , it is an indication of decline, while ≥ 1 implies exponential growth. It is needed to know the growth in relation to all facets, i.e., the daily increment in new cases, as well as the velocity of cure and death. The study of such growth factor is very important as it aware the responsible personnel or agencies to cope up with the arriving large scale pandemic. Thus, the present study was planned to understand the daily augmentation in confirmed COVID-19 cases with cases that are curing and dying on the basis of the model, which is most appropriately useful in predicting growth, cure, and death.

METHODOLOGY

Data regarding confirmed daily cumulative cases of COVID-19, with cases curing and dying worldwide, in India and Maharashtra, was retrieved with the aid of a Google search engine that was published by media and government agencies. The daily rate of change in the number of cases confirming, curing, and dying was evaluated. Growth factors as well as regression analysis with the aid of linear, quadratic, compound, logarithmic, growth, cubic, and exponential approaches were exposed to assess the data trend. The prediction ability of the model was assessed. The reference data utilized to serve the study objectives was that published for a period of more than four months from April 1, 2020.

RESULTS

Various regression models tried to assess its fitting over data available for a period of around 131 days. Missing or non-availed data, during period of was estimated by using best fitted regression model on data prior to that missed day data. Introducing this missed data at its appropriate day, the next missed data, if any, for day $x+i$ was estimated from previous $x+i-1$ observations and the complete data was made ready for final analysis. Using this completed data set the final regression model was derived. Every time, for estimation of missed data as well as for future prediction, the best regression model was selected on the basis of following criteria.

- i) high R^2 value of the regression model,
- ii) significance of factors as per ANOVA (more than one non-significant factor produces over or under estimation for day ' x ' in comparison to the next day ' $x+1$ ') in case of missing data,
- iii) lesser residual values (smaller Minimum to Maximum range of residual values for all observed values used in model development),
- iv) lesser range of lower limit of 95% confidence intervals (LCL),
- v) lesser range of upper limit of 95% confidence intervals (UCL), and
- vi) narrower 95% confidence intervals of the estimate (Range of differences between UCL and LCL). However, the cubic regression followed by quadratic regression revealed the best fit, every time. Thus, the cubic regression model was employed for estimating the cases in all ways; confirming, curing and dying; in future. The model satisfying as maximum criteria as possible was utilized to estimate the missing as well as to predict for any day. Data for 131 days regarding affected and died cases while for 117 days of cured cases of Maharashtra, was used to study the trend. Data search for affected, cured and deaths revealed that cured started to observe after 15th day since affected.



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Growth rate of cases, i.e. the ratio of cases of current day to the cases of previous day, ranged from 0% to 44.6% (Fig 1). In the initial period it found to be very high, however this rate found declining as time passed. It was about 2% in the last week of July.

Cure rate, i.e. ratio of cumulative total cured to cumulative total affected on current day, ranged from 6% to 59.3% (Fig 2). Since beginning it showed gradual rise in this rate.

In the initial period for 25 days death rate, i.e. ratio of cumulative total deaths to cumulative total affected, found increased. 26th day onward it declined and it stabilized around 3.6%.

DISCUSSION

The number of corona berths found increased rapidly not only in metropolitan cities but also in towns and villages worldwide. Although only 5% of battles were serious, the number of beds for them was very low. Science was intimating that the cases of CIVID would continue to increase. However, the crisis was exacerbated by the fact that privatization has not led to an adequate increase in the number of government hospitals. This is one of the major causes of death for people affected by the COVID-19 virus. It was also observed that the epidemic slowed down in areas where the administration paid special attention and used adequate health personnel and other equipment properly. However, there was a dire need that it should be slowed down so that there would be no havoc. But according to some experts, after acquiring corona by 60–65 crore people in India, the herd immunity develops biologically, leading to the permanent downfall of this epidemic permanently [6]. The declining growth rate of cases in Maharashtra indicated slow progress in new cases. But this small amount of addition in the present big quantity results in a big number, i.e., 2% of 100 is 102, while of 1000 it is 1020, which reflects like havoc! The rising trend of the cure rate and the stabilisation of the death rate implied an overall improvement in health care services as well as facilities.

CONCLUSION

Maharashtra went through one of the biggest sufferings during the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic posed extensive health and socioeconomic challenges and also became the largest disruption in the Indian economy. In summary, we observe the major reasons behind the COVID-19 pandemic in the Indian context, to identify the pitfalls in the public healthcare system and economic preparedness to tackle a pandemic situation. We further highlight the role of citizens in aiding the fight against this kind of national or global disaster by obeying the government advisories of social distancing and containment. The increasing trend in the cure rate and the stability of the death rate suggested that medical facilities and services had generally improved.

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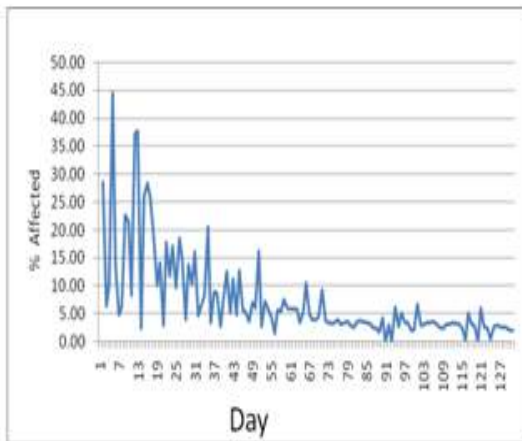


Fig 1: Growth rate (in %) of Covid-19 cases

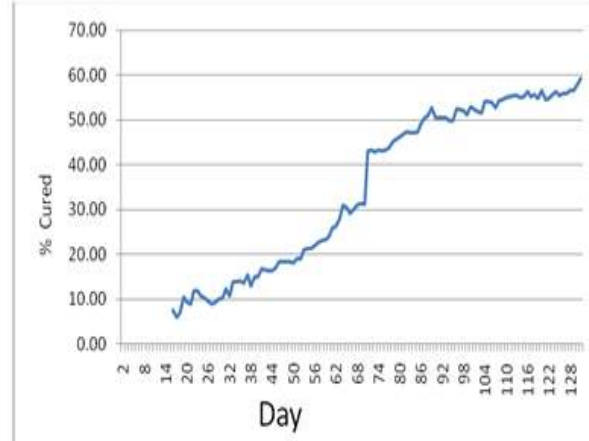


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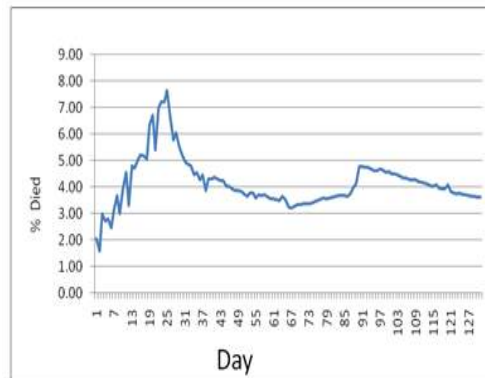


Fig 3: Death rate (in %) of Covid-19 cases





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Evaluation of the Maximum Time Required for the Extraction of Polyphenols from Tender Coconut Shell and its Antifungal and Antibiofilm Activity

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ABSTRACT

Consumption of tender coconut water is very common in South East Asian countries and the Pacific which invariably led to the generation of tender coconut shell causing pollution. To augment the wastage and to make better use of the tender coconut shell, it has been evaluated for the availability of polyphenols by extracting it in distilled water at different intervals of time. The maximum extraction of polyphenols took place at 48 hours and it was 1.17mg/ml. The extracted polyphenols were also evaluated for its antifungal and antibiofilm activity and it was found that there was no antifungal activity whereas, at a concentration 1000µg/ml there was a weak antibiofilm activity and the MIC is greater than 1000µg/ml.

Keywords: Polyphenols, Tender Coconut Shell, Extraction, Antifungal, Antibiofilm

INTRODUCTION

Coconut trees *Cocos nucifera*. (L) commonly called coconut palm is a member of the Arecaceae family and is also the only living member of the genus *Cocos*. It is cultivated mainly in the tropical and sub-tropical areas which have high humidity, sandy soil and regular rainfall. The coconut tree provides food, fuel, cosmetics, folk medicine and building materials, among many other uses[1]. Botanically the coconut fruit is a drupe, not a true nut. Like other fruits, it has three layers: the exocarp, mesocarp and endocarp. The exocarp is the glossy outer skin, usually yellow-green to yellow-brown in colour. The mesocarp is composed of a fibre, called coir, which has many traditional and commercial uses. Both the exocarp and the mesocarp make up the "husk" of the coconut, while the endocarp makes up the hard coconut "shell". The endocarp is around 4 mm thick and has three distinctive germination pores (micropyles) on the distal end. Two of the pores are plugged (the "eyes"), while one is functional. The interior of the



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endocarp is hollow and is lined with a thin brown seed coat around 0.2 mm thick. The endocarp is initially filled with a multinucleate liquid endosperm (the coconut water). As development continues, cellular layers of endosperm deposit along the walls of the endocarp up to 11 mm thick, starting at the distal end. They eventually form the edible solid endosperm (the "coconut meat" or "coconut flesh") which hardens over time.

The clear liquid within young coconuts (tender coconuts), typically those aged around 5–7 months, is commonly known as tender coconut water and this liquid is unique to coconuts during their tender phase of development [2]. The immense nutritional and health benefits of tender coconut water have paved its way for its consumption across several countries alike. Extensive consumption of tender coconut water has led to the generation of tender coconut shell which is usually discarded as a solid waste across beaches and streets causing serious environmental pollution. These tender coconut shells though biodegradable takes a very long time to degrade on its own. At present, in addition to edible coconut water as a beverage and the kernel as the source food or oil, small amounts of the meso- carp and endocarp are used to produce activated carbon, carpets, ropes and agricultural fertilizers, etc. [3]. There are findings and research studies which reveal the presence of large amounts of polyphenols in coconut husk and its pericarp [4,5]. Most of these studies were done on the exocarp, mesocarp and the pericarp but no research was done on the tender coconut shell. Thus, to abate environmental pollution due to the wasted tender coconut shell and to explore the availability of polyphenols in tender coconut shell for its applications the present study has been carried out.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant Material and Preparation of Extract

Two fresh tender coconuts of 4-5 months maturity were collected from the farms at Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, cleaned, de-husked and dewatered to obtain the tender coconut shell. These tender coconut shells were cleaned properly with water, broken into small pieces, and are immersed in 750 ml distilled water in a 1L glass beaker. The total polyphenol content in the extract was measured following Folin-Ciocalteu method at intervals of 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours, 96 hours, and 120 hours respectively.

Determination of Total Polyphenols

Aliquot of 1ml extract was mixed with 1.25 mL Folin–Ciocalteu reagent (0.2 N diluted in MeOH). A reagent blank using MeOH without the extract was prepared. After 5 min incubation at room temperature, 1 ml sodium carbonate solution (75 g/L) was added. Samples were incubated at room temperature for 2 hours and the absorbance was measured at 765 nm. All tests were carried out in triplicate and total polyphenol content was expressed as mg of gallic acid equivalents (GAE) per g of extract.

Determination of Antifungal Activity

Agar well diffusion method was used to evaluate the antifungal activity of the polyphenol extract. For this, Mueller–Hinton agar and Potato Dextrose agar in the ratio of 1:1 was poured on petri dishes and allowed to solidify. Standard inoculums of the test organisms like *Candida albicans* (MTCC No.227), *Aspergillus niger* (MTCC No.872), *Mucor mucedo* (MTCC No.3169), *Penicillium chrysogenum* (MTCC No.5108), *Rhizopus stolonifera* (MTCC No.958) and *Fusarium oxysporum* (MTCC No.9913) were uniformly spread on the surface of the plates using sterile cotton swab. Four wells with a diameter of 8mm (20mm apart from one another) were punched aseptically with a sterile cork borer in each plate. The extract (50 and 100 µL) was added into the wells directly. Clotrimazole (40 µL from 300 mcg/ml stock) and distilled water was added as positive and negative control respectively. The plates were incubated for 48 hours at 27°C ±1°C, under aerobic conditions. After incubation, the plates were observed and the zone of bacterial growth inhibition around the wells was measured in mm.



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The quantitative test was performed for determination of biofilm production using microtiter plate (48well) method (MtP). The experiment was set according to Manukumar et al. [2017] with slight modifications. Bacterial suspension (final OD₆₀₀ = 0.01), prepared by diluting an overnight *Bacillus subtilis* culture in Trypticase Soy broth (TSB) supplemented with glucose (10 g/100 mL) was prepared added to the interior wells of a 96-well polystyrene microtitre plate containing 10 µL of the sample (1mg/ml) or 10 µL of vehicle control. The plates were incubated overnight at 37 °C under static conditions to allow bacterial growth and biofilm maturation. The following day, bacterial growth was quantified by recording OD₆₀₀ of each well using an Epoch Microplate Spectrophotometer (Thermoscientific Multiscan skyhigh). The planktonic cells and the spent medium were discarded, and the adhered biomass was rinsed three times with sterile distilled water. The biomass was stained with 0.1% CV solution for 20 min and then rinsed three times with distilled water to remove unbound dye. The bound CV dye was resuspended in 70% ethanol with gentle mixing and the A₅₉₅ was recorded in the same sample plate. The amount of biofilm inhibition was calculated relative to the amount of biofilm that was grown in the absence of sample (defined as 100% biofilm) and the media sterility control (defined as 0% biofilm). To quantify the intensity of biofilm, the mean OD was compared to the OD of negative control (only TSB medium; No drug or test sample). As standard drug gentamycin was used. Medium without bacterial cells was used as blank. Results from at least three separate biological replicates were averaged.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The polyphenols extracted at different time intervals are depicted in Fig 1 and it has been found that the maximum extraction of polyphenols of 1.17mg/ml took place at 48 hours, after which there was decline in the concentration of the polyphenols extracted. It is important that the extraction procedure is standardized so that the maximum amount of the required compound is obtained for further isolation, purification and for examining its applications [6]. Anti-fungal activity of the extracted polyphenols on fungal cultures are given in Table 1 and it has been found that the polyphenols do not show any antifungal activity on the fungal cultures tested. The antifungal activity is thus limited to the fungal cultures that are tested in this present study and to the concentration of the polyphenol extract used. However, there can be antifungal activity if the polyphenols are tested over other fungal cultures and at a higher concentration of the polyphenol extract. It is also essential to consider the source of the polyphenols, the quantity, and the extraction methods as well as the cultures used while investigating the antimicrobial properties [7].

The biofilm inhibition was rated between 0 and 100%. Values below and at 0% were categorized as biofilm growth enhancement; between 0–50% indicated weak anti-biofilm activity, and above 50% represented good biofilm inhibition. From the results indicated in Table 2 at a concentration of 1000µg/ml of polyphenols there is a weak anti-biofilm activity and thus the minimum inhibitory concentration of the polyphenol extract is found to be greater than 1000µg/ml. Therefore, if the concentration of the polyphenols is further increased above 1000µg/ml there could be a good biofilm inhibition. Bacteria adopt biofilm as a lifestyle to circumvent environmental stresses and biofilm formation is a multistep process, which involves (i) bacterial attachment, (ii) maturation, and (iii) bacterial release [8]. Among infectious diseases, the contribution of biofilm-forming bacteria has gained attention. Biofilm-forming bacteria cause around 65–80% of infectious diseases [9]. Such biofilm-related infectious diseases are typically chronic [10]. Despite enormous research efforts to treat infectious diseases, there are no assured treatment options. Antibiofilm agents that target their formation and stability have been evaluated, and very few products have been tested in clinical trials [11]. In this context, as the present study shows some amount of antibiofilm activity it is suggested that similar evaluation of antibiofilm activity can be performed on several other bacterial cultures which form biofilms.





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CONCLUSION

Tender coconut shell which normally goes as a waste has now been found to contain a good amount of polyphenols and these crude polyphenols were evaluated for its efficiency as an antifungal agent and antibiofilm formers. The study was limited to certain fungal cultures and it could be analysed on other fungal cultures also with higher concentrations of polyphenols. As far as the antibiofilm activity is concerned, targeting the biofilm formation process is more desirable than targeting fully formed biofilms for the treatment of infectious diseases.

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Table 1. Antifungal activity of polyphenol extract

Microorganism	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
	Standard Clotrimazole (120 µg)	Negative Control	Test Sample 50 µL	Test Sample 100 µL
<i>Candida albicans</i>	+ve (22mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	+ve (21mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	+ve (25mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Mucor mucedo</i>	+ve (21mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i>	+ve (25mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve
<i>Fusarium oxysporum</i>	+ve (22mm)	-ve	-ve	-ve

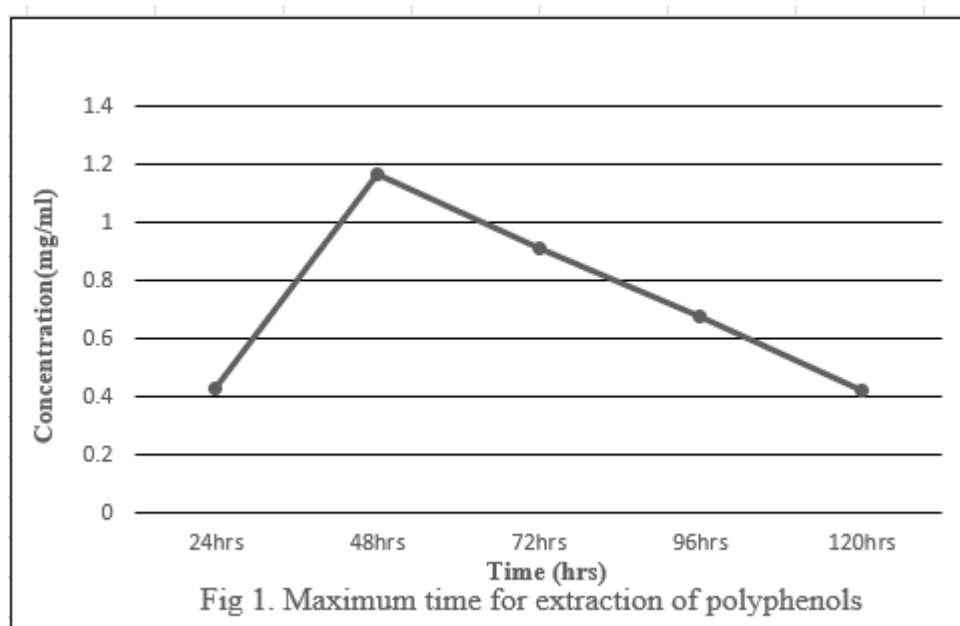




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Table 2. Bio-film formation and the percentage inhibition of polyphenol extract

Sample	Test Concentration (µg/ml)	Absorbance at 595nm	% of Inhibition	Bio-film Formation
Negative Control	-	0.256	-	-
Drug (Gentamycin)	31.25	0.135	47.27	Yes
	62.5	0.106	58.46	MIC
	125	0.098	61.25	-
	250	0.092	63.93	-
	500	0.088	65.76	-
	1000	0.085	66.91	-
Polyphenol Extract	50	0.253	1.17	Yes
	100	0.252	1.43	Yes
	250	0.247	3.65	Yes
	500	0.234	8.72	Yes
	750	0.218	14.84	Yes
	1000	0.200	21.88	Yes





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Cow: A Treasure Trove of Nutrition and Wellbeing

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ABSTRACT

The *Cow* was revered as a sacred animal in ancient India because of her maternal qualities, which led to its treatment as a mother. *Cows* and the products they produce are also very helpful to humans because they are used in agriculture, the painting and cosmetics industries, and medicine for a variety of ailments since ancient times. Because of its antibacterial qualities, *Cow* dung is utilized by many villagers to paint their hut walls and clean the surrounding area. It also keeps the temperature of the room cool in the summer. As a result of this property, organic *Cow* dung paint is being produced with a high business potential. Due to the agnihotra, the two families were spared the damaging effects of the methyl isocyanide gas that was discharged from the Union Carbide Plant in Bhopal on the evening of December 3, 1984. The panchagavya therapy uses five *Cow* products to treat a variety of illnesses and ailments, including the flu, allergies, colds, cough, arthritis, leukoderma, leucorrhoea, alopecia, and asthma. These products can be taken alone or in combination with other medications of herbal, animal, or mineral origin. Amith Vaidhya, a person, was able to survive cancer by include *Cow* products in his diet, demonstrating the potential of *Cow* products to combat cancer. This is evidence that *Cow* products have anticancer properties. A type of animal-assisted therapy known as "*Cow* cuddling or hugging" includes brushing, caressing, or simply just talking with your new, reliable psychologists which was believed to reduce anxiety and stress.

Keywords: Panchagavya, Bhopal gas tragedy, *Cow* cuddling therapy, *Cow* dung paint.





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INTRODUCTION

The *Cow* was revered as a sacred animal in ancient India because of her maternal qualities, which led to its treatment as a mother. The name "gaumata" or "kamdhenu" refers to a sacred *Cow* in India that is thought to grant wishes. Our Indian economy is built on *Cows*. The sacredness of *Cow* s Hinduism holds that *Cows* are products of nature and divine beneficence, and as such, they should be worshipped[1].When we think of *Cows* as a source of milk, dung, urine, ghee, and curd, we see more benefits than when we think of killing them for meat. *Cows* and the products they produce are also very helpful to humans because they are used in agriculture, the painting and cosmetics industries, and medicine for a variety of ailments since ancient times. Numerous studies have been conducted on products derived from *Cows*, and the results have shown that these products are beneficial in a variety of fields, including agriculture, paper manufacturing, and pollution management due to their natural and environmentally favorable nature. They can be used for a variety of medical purposes as well Panchagavya treatment is the name given to the practise of using *Cow* products—milk, curd, ghee, dung, and urine to treat various diseases and problems. Another animal-assisted therapy that uses *Cows* as a key character to help patients with anxiety and depression is called " *Cow* hugging" or " *Cow* cuddling" therapy.

COW PRODUCTS

COW MILK: The component found in *Cow* 's milk that is comparable to mothers' milk *Cow* milk's low calorie, low cholesterol, and high content of protein, calcium, and vitamins make it a healthy food. It has complex C, vitamin A, and carotenoids. It is readily absorbed, making it highly nourishing for both adults and children[2]. Among other dairy products, *Cow* milk is special because it contains enough nutrients in a concentrated enough way to suit human demands for both physical and cognitive development[3]. *Cow* milk has a PH of 6.6 to 6.7.While other breeds produce milk of the A1 kind, Indian breed *Cows* produce milk of the A2-type. India's *Cow* milk has a high content of nutrients and only 4.6% lactose. 0.59% minerals and 4.65% fat 3.4% of proteins 86% water. 27 % beta casein, 9 % k-casein, 36% alpha casein, and 27 % peptides are found in *Cow* milk protein[4]. The constituents of *Cow* milk and colostrums was described in table.1.

BENEFITS OF COW MILK

Strengthening of bones and teeth

The calcium and phosphorus found in *Cow*'s milk helps to strengthen large teeth and bones.

Healthy heart

potassium, calcium, and phosphorus keep the heartbeat stable.

Low cholesterol

fat content in milk is essential for both mental and physical development.

Energy

It is provided by lactose and vitamins, riboflavin, and keeps the immune system, brain, and digestive systems functioning.

Boost your vision

It Improve vision because it has 250 milliliters of *Cow* milk and vitamin A-carotene. Due to the presence of vitamin K, it controls the blood clotting process. Breastfeeding is one way to treat baby anemia. It encourages the growth of healthy gut flora and inhibits the growth of dangerous gut bacteria, milk-based enzymes



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when substantial quantities of the virus coated in mucous discharge are consumed, the BIM inactivates the virus. The ingested antibodies attach to some shared antigenic structure of SARS-COV2, which is duplicated and distributed into the GIT[5].

COW GHEE

Cow ghee has been used for religious rituals and as a therapeutic substance in Ayurveda from ancient times in India. Traditional methods of preparing *Cow* ghee are said to be helpful in healing and in promoting health. Compared to ghee made from the milk of other exotic *Cow* species, it has greater health benefits.

BENEFITS OF COW GHEE

It has long been believed that ghee improves speech, memory, vision, IQ, and the body's ability to fight off illnesses. Ayurvedic practitioners think that ghee and *Cow*'s milk improve memory. It enhances digestion and is beneficial for those with impaired vision[6].

Ghee-based formulations

which are designed to improve the bioavailability and targeted delivery of hydrophobic botanicals. As an illustration, consider Brahmi Ghrita for mental clarity, Vasa Ghrita for the respiratory system, Shaptadhatu Ghrita for skin conditions, Bhallatakadi Ghrita for wound healing, and Kaamdev Ghrita for sexual dysfunctions, among others. A combination of *Cow* ghee, honey, vitamins, and the non-fat portion of *Cow* milk were tried as micronutrients[7].

Anti cancer activity

A study comparing the effects of *Cow* ghee vs soya bean oil on rats' mammary glands showed that *Cow* ghee has anticancer potential. The study also found that *Cow* ghee produced mammary carcinogenesis and that the expression of cox-2 and peroxisome proliferators activated receptors- γ (PPAR- γ) in the rats' mammary glands. *Cow* ghee composition & medicinal properties were described in figure.1.

COW CURD

It's sometimes referred to as "yogurt" or "Dahi" is consumed all over the world because of its great nutritional content and health advantages. Probiotics, or good live microorganisms, are abundant in curd and provide a variety of health benefits when taken orally. Lactic acid-producing bacteria in curd produce metabolites like cyclic dipeptides. Phenyl Lactate's antifungal properties[8]. Composition and calories of *Cow* products is described in table.2.

BENEFITS

It is an excellent probiotic that includes beneficial bacteria that are known to enhance intestinal activity, which in turn helps with digestion and soothes upset stomachs.

Boost immunity

Curd contains living bacteria that can combat pathogenic microorganisms and safeguard the gut and intestinal health. There is evidence to support the notion that curd, a probiotic has a strong immune-boosting effect.

For skin that is healthy

curd helps to support gut health, which results in skin that is vibrant and healthy. It is an excellent ingredient since it contains a lot of lactic acid, which acts as fantastic exfoliant that removes all imperfections and dead cells.

Strengthen bones and joints

The minerals calcium, magnesium and phosphorous found in curd help to strengthen teeth and bones. A tiny amount of curd in our diet strengthens our connective tissues and lowers our risk of developing weakening diseases like osteoporosis and arthritis.



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Potassium helps the body eliminate extra salt, which eases the strain on the heart muscle and lowers high blood pressure. Regularly eating a specific amount of non-fat yogurt with meals reduces the symptoms of hypertension and promotes heart health[9].

Regarding vaginal infections

Curd's multitude of beneficial microorganisms not only improve digestion by guaranteeing ideal gut flora, but also treat female vaginal yeast infections. By producing hydrogen peroxide, a specific microbe called *Lactobacillus acidophilus*, which is found in large amounts in yogurt, kills the dangerous yeast growth that is close to the vagina. This relieves pain and discomfort while suppressing the contagious bacteria in the vagina. Cow curd benefits and composition was described in figure.2.

COW DUNG

In India's natural regions, dried Cow dung cakes are used as a cooking fuel, which reduces reliance on external energy sources, is completely environmentally benign, and ensures air purification by eliminating airborne bacteria. Cow dung is better than other dung because it contains preventive and antibacterial qualities. The amount of curd fiber (90%) and carbohydrates(20%), ash (10.5%), crude protein (7%), crude fat (4%), and moisture (18.5%) in dung are all dependent on the grain and forage that Cows are given during domestication. Cow dung has a pH between 6.5 and 7.1.

BENEFITS OF COW DUNG**Soil fertility enhancer**

Cow dung, used as a bio fertilizer, can replenish the mineral states of the soil, giving plants resistance against pests and immune system development, as well as sulphoxidation and phosphorus solubilization. Cow manure was used to make African deserts fertile. With 1 kg of manure, 15–16 kg of biomass, and soil of comparable grade, we can create 3 kg of high-quality compost. Out of every kilogram of excrement, a healthy Cow yields about ten kilograms. It yields 33 kg of manure, also referred to as organic manure. This has also been accepted by the "NATIONAL BANK OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NABARD)" this. It has been demonstrated that manure from dung provides the cultivation soil with 18 micronutrients, including calcium, iron, cobalt, manganese, phosphate, and potassium[10].

Fuel

Dung as fuel is well known in rural kitchen. Cow dung patties [gootte] are used for cooking. Cooking foods using dung cakes is traditional practice followed in village of our country. It has advantage, when food is cooked by using dung patties, the temperature never rises beyond a certain point that prevents overheating and doesn't destroy nutrient in food[11].

Seed protector

Covering seeds in dung before planting, protect the seed against pest so it is an excellent conditioner for soil.

Gobar gas

Dung is best valuable source of energy as it produces biogas [methane] and also generate electricity. Biogas is a form of renewable energy for cooking, lighting of homes and street light. The self-combustion engines can be driven by using this biogas. Example: Running generator to produce electricity.

Petrol making

According to Japanese scientist 'sukae shibusawa' at Tokyo university of agriculture and technology, cattle dung is new source of petrol [gasolin], extracted from dung by application of high pressure and heat.





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Floor coating

Mixed with mud and water serves to coat the walls of mud houses. it has antiseptic property.

Mud brick additive

It is proven that mud huts plastered with dung keep insects and reptiles away.

Mosquito repellent

Smoldering of Cow patties keeps away mosquitoes from the houses.

Pot cleaner

Pots can be cleaned by dung. So, it is good cleaning agent for utensils.

As a container

By using containers made of Cow dung, the grains can be stored for long time.

PH balancer

As dung neutralize acid content in water when thrown into ponds.

Resistant to radiation

Several scientific studies have been proved that the Cow dung is resistant to solar radiation by applying thick layer of Cow dung on walls houses prevent incidence of gamma rays as it absorbs rays emitted from solar emission.

Dhoop sticks preparation

By mixing fine powder of nagarmutha, ral, lalchandhan, jatamachi, Kapoor kajuri & ghee in Cow dung produces oxygen when burnt.

Environmental protection

Dung from single Cow in its life span can produce 4,500litres of biogas which is equal to burning 6,80,00,000 tons of wood. This will help us to have 14 crore trees from cutting and burning& thus gives protection to environment. 1 spoon of ghee on burning Cow dung evolves 1 ton of oxygen[12].

BHOPAL GAS TRAGEDY

On the evening of December 3, 1984, a deadly gas known as methyl isocyanide (MIC) spilled from the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal. This catastrophe demonstrated the potency and significance of ghee. Two families, the families of Shri Sohan Lal S. Khushwaha and Shri M.L. Rathore, who lived around one mile away from the facility, escaped unharmed although hundreds of people died and thousands were hospitalized. These families practiced Agnihotra (Havan) on a regular basis. Despite being in the region most severely impacted by the deadly gas leak, none the members of these families passed away or were even admitted to the hospital. The published article of newspaper was depicted in figure.3. This suggests that agnihotra is a well-established remedy for pollution. On that fatal night, the intense smoke emitted by these Cow dung cakes served as an effective antidote to the hazardous Methyl Isocyanate (MIC) gas. Ghee, being one of Agnihotra's key ingredients, played an important role in detoxifying the noxious vapors surrounding it. Havan made with elements such as dry Cow dung, wood, ghee, rice grains, etc., when lit in fire, eliminates microorganisms and purifies the region.

COMMERCIAL PRODUCT OF COW DUNG

Cow dung paint is a commercial product also known as "khadi prakritik paint" or "vedic paint." Because of its antibacterial qualities, Cow dung is utilized by many villagers to paint their hut walls and clean the surrounding area. It also keeps the temperature of the room cool in the summer. As a result of this property, organic Cow dung paint is being produced with a high business potential. The paint is free of metals such as lead, mercury, chromium, arsenic, cadmium, and others. Khadi pratikrit distemper and emulsion paints were evaluated at three reputable laboratories,



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including the National Test House in Mumbai, Shri Ram Institute of Industrial Research, New Delhi, National Test House, Ghaziabad. Khadi pratikrit emulsion paint meets BIS 15489:2013 specifications, and khadi Pratikrit distemper paint meets the BIS 428:2013 standards[13].

Why is Cow dung used in the paint?

Boost air quality by as much as 50% qualities that are antiseptic, resistant to heat, economical (7–10/-per dung cake), Dried manure has no smell. It serves as an insulator, keeping heat inside during the winter and preventing it from escaping in the summer. It eradicates bacteria efficiently, It is extremely valuable and used to purify the air. Radium, which shields against UV radiation, is present in it. use of Cow dung has an inverse relationship with paint costs. serves as a coolant, removing the need for application[14]. HVAC up to 40,000/-in savings, reduces the requirement for heating by providing insulation, it produces a uniform, smooth surface after drying in less than 4 hours. Paint can be used on walls that are indoors or outdoors. The picture of vedic and pratikrit paint was given in figure.4.

COW URINE

Cow urine has various helpful effects, particularly in the fields of agriculture and healthcare. Cow pee is typically considered as safe since 95% is water, 2.5% is urea, and the remaining 2.5% is a mixture of the aforementioned minerals, hormones, and salts[15]. The composition of cow urine and their functions are given in table.3.

Benefits of COW urine: Agriculture

Distillation waste and Cow dung can be used to produce vermin compost. The use of vermin compost in pots increases the yield of "Medicago sativa". Cow urine acts as a disinfectant, purifies the environment, and improves land fertility[16].

Bio pesticides

2kg of neem leaves are soaked in 10kgs of urine and mixed with other vegetable waste [1:50] before spraying. Cow urine combined with neem leaves acts as a pest repellent due to its insecticidal, fungicidal, and pesticidal characteristics. Urine utility can generate modest amounts of power to power electronic clocks and kitchen appliances.

Medicinal uses include

Analgesia: it was discovered that the animals given Cow urine had comparable analgesic effects to the standard drug group given Diclofenac Sodium, reinforcing the recommendations of Ayurvedic texts to use Cow urine as a reasonably safe, easily available, and cost-effective natural analgesic.

Anti-diabetic activity

Streptozotocin (50 mg/kg) diluted in citrate buffer (0.1 M, pH 4.5) was administered to diabetic rats in a study on the utilization of Cow urine distillate. Compared to the diabetic control group, the increased levels of blood glucose, serum cholesterol, and serum triglycerides were significantly ($P < 0.05$) reduced by the Cow urine distillate. The diabetic rats given Cow urine distillate also had a notable increase in body weight and HDL levels[17].

Anti hemorrhoids activity

In both Grade I and Grade II hemorrhoids, a clinical evaluation of the efficacy of Cow urine demonstrated a significant reduction in pain during defecation, bleeding, and itching. This indicates that oral supplementation with Cow urine can prevent the time-consuming, painful, and costly complications associated with hemorrhoids of Grade I and Grade II.

Antimicrobial & fungal activity

Analyzed against pathogenic microbes, the antibacterial activity of Cow Urine Distillate (5, 10 and 15µl) was found to be maximal against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and *Salmonella typhi*. An analysis was conducted on the antifungal activity of Cow urine distillate against *Aspergillus niger* and *Aspergillus flavus*.



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It has been discovered that *Cow* urine distillate has an immune modulatory impact since it promotes T and B lymphocyte proliferation, blastogenesis, and elevated IgG levels in mice and chicks (avian species)[18].

As a bioenhancer

Rifampicin, a first-line treatment for tuberculosis, exhibits bio-enhancing activity for pharmaceuticals or medicines in *Cow* urine. Increase its effectiveness against *Escherichia coli* by seven times and against Gram-positive bacteria by eleven times as an Anti-tubercular medication. Additionally, it improves the transfer of antibiotics by a factor of two to seven-For instance: ampicillin, tetracycline, and rifampicin through artificial membranes and the gut wall.

The patents granted on cow products were described in table.4[19].

ECONIMICS OF COW PRODUCTS**COW URINE**

The average healthy *Cow* yields three liters of gaumutra. Now let's discuss gau mutra, or *Cow* dung. A *Cow* can yield two to two and a quarter liters of pee daily. Approximately 48 different ailments can be treated with urine, including diabetes, arthritis, bronchitis, bronchial asthma, TB, osteomyelitis and more! One liter of urine sells for approximately 500/- in the market; this may also be the case for the Indian market. However, a liter of urine can fetch more in international markets. The American government imports *Cow* urine from India each year to manufacture medications for diabetes, cancer, and other conditions. Therefore, if we base our calculations on the American market, a liter of *Cow* urine can fetch between 1,200 and 1,300/-. That implies just out. A healthy *Cow* may live for approximately 20 years, thus if we assume we can make \$10,95,000/-a year, we can make \$219,00,000/-millions from selling urine in 20 years.

COW DUNG

In the global market, a kilogram of organic manure sells for roughly six rupees. Thus, 10 kg of *Cow* dung sells for between 1800 and 2000 rupees each day [330 kg of manure for every 10 kg of dung, which is worth 6 rupees]. Thus, we can earn 657000/-year of *Cow* dung in 365 days of the year. *Cows* are 20 years old on average, and they excrete manure every day till the end. We could so make millions of dollars, or 1,31,40,000/-. Because *Cow* dung is high in nitrogen, it is the most effective crop nutrient. Additionally, using *Cow* dung and pee, scientists created specialized bio fertilizers that, when sprayed on crops, increased plant growth and productivity. It yielded nutrient-dense fruits that promote long life

COW MILK

A *Cow* can yield 28 liters of milk a day, with each liter valued at roughly 50 cents. It can therefore make 1400/-per day, 42000/-per month, 511000/-per year, 1400×365 /-per year, and 10,220,000/-(511000×20) during the course of its 20-year life span for 28 liters of milk. Over the course of their 20-year existence, we can make a total of 6,700/-per day, 2,01,000/-per month, 24,45,500/-per year, and 48,910,000/- from *Cow* products, which also include *Cow* manure, urine, and milk. The economics of cow products was given in table.5.

PANCHAGAVYA

The Sanskrit terms "gavya-means *Cow* derivatives" and "panch-means five" are the roots of the word "panchagavya." A mixture of five *Cow* products, including milk, dung, urine, curd, and ghee (two indirect and three direct products, respectively), is called panchagavya. Scriptures on vruksh ayurvedha (plants and health system) and the vedas honor the panvchagavy [20].*Cow* pathy, also known as Panchagavya chikitsa or therapy, is the term used to describe the panchagavya treatment. The panchagvyva therapy uses five *Cow* products to treat a variety of illnesses and ailments, including the flu, allergies, colds, cough, arthritis, leuco-derma, leucorrhoea, alopecia, and asthma. These products can be taken alone or in combination with other medications of herbal, animal, or mineral origin [21].



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When Panchagavya is sprayed on plants, they always develop more leaves and a denser canopy. For optimal biological efficiency, the photosynthetic system is active, allowing for the synthesis of photosynthates and metabolites. It is possible for the Panchagavya to raise agricultural yield levels again. For every crop, the harvest is advanced by fifteen days. It extends the shelf life of fruits, vegetables, and cereals while also enhancing their flavor. Through the replacement or reduction of expensive chemical inputs, Panchagavya guarantees greater profit margins and releases organic farmers from debt. The plants' large, deep roots enable them to endure protracted dry spells, and so ensuring harsh hardiness while lowering the irrigation water consumption by thirty percent[22]. Panchagavya is the living essence of numerous microorganisms, including bacteria, fungus, protein, carbohydrates, vitamins, and enzymes, as well as known and unknown growth-promoting agents, micronutrients, trace elements, antioxidants, and immunity-enhancing agents[23]. The living microorganisms in Panchagavya, when consumed orally by humans or animals, stimulate the immune system and generate a large amount of antibodies against the eaten bacteria. It functions similarly to a vaccination. This physiological reaction boosts immunity in both humans and animals, assisting in the prevention and treatment of disease [24].

THE LIVING PROOF

Amit vaithya, a US-born individual, holds a Ph.D. in economics and works in the entertainment industry's business department in the US. His father passed away from cancer at the age of 27. For around two years, he had been receiving various treatments, but they had been ineffective. His mother also passed away from cancer two months after the death of his father. Subsequently, his health records were examined prior to the death of his parents, and it was revealed in 2011 that he was also afflicted with cancer that had spread to his liver and lungs. Then, before he passed away, he made the decision to visit India. A few days later, he recalled his friend's recommendation to have an ayurvedic therapy. Afterwards, he began doing yoga, meditation, and consuming Cow's milk, curd, and ghee in addition to using Cow urine as a medicinal combination. His scan data showed that his body had conquered cancer after a few days. Afterwards, he kept consuming foods associated with Cows, built a cattle shed, and tamed the Cows. He also works with the nonprofit organization "HEALING VAIDHYA" to offer free services to cancer sufferers.

The book "HOLY CANCER-HOW A COW SAVED MY LIFE" was also written by Amit Vaidhya. This served as evidence for the products made from Cows having a miraculous ability to treat cancer. Amith Vaidhya served as a living example of how Cow's milk products might prevent cancer. The image of amith vaidhya was given in figure.5.

COW HUGGING THERAPY

The Dutch word "koeknufflen" translates to "Cow cuddling." It's customary in the Netherlands to take a trip from the city to the countryside and spend time with farm animals as a way to unwind and rebalance one's emotions. This practice is known as animal-aided interaction, or AAI, and it falls under the category of bovine assisted therapy [25]. Research from a wide range of studies has shown that interactions between animals and people improve social support and overall well-being while lowering anxiety, depression, and loneliness [26]. A type of animal-assisted therapy known as "Cow cuddling or hugging" includes brushing, caressing or simply just talking with your new, reliable psychologists. It's a custom that dates back to the Dutch village of Reuver[26]. The image of cow cuddling is given in figure.6.

Amazing advantages of giving Cow hugs

Provide instantaneous respite from mental strain; Disseminate good energy wherever Feel good hormones are released; hyper-vigilance and social isolation are eliminated; high blood pressure is avoided; spinal pain is effectively treated; a sense of calm and serenity is experienced; depression is effectively managed; and respiratory disorders are effectively treated. February 14 is designated as "Cow Hugging Day," as proclaimed by the Animal Welfare Board of India. A "Horse& Cow experience" at a mountain horse farm in upstate New York aims to provide participants with the opportunity to "bring relaxation, healing, and awareness About body language" through Cow snuggling. Additionally, it encourages ease, mindfulness, assertiveness, confidence building, fear-reduction, playfulness, and boundary-setting. It continued by saying that the people hugging the Cows had slower heart rates and shown outward manifestations of relaxation[27].



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CONCLUSION

According to the study's findings, cows are an extremely useful natural resource for a sustainable way of life because of the high quality of the items they provide. This study has shown a number of facts about cows and their products that are advantageous to agriculture since they increase soil fertility and serve as fertilizers and pesticides. Several studies and experiments have confirmed it. The cow adds to our riches as well since, when its products are exploited appropriately, it yields 4,89,10,000. Many individuals don't know this knowledge or how much cows are worth. Cow ghee creates oxygen, which is good for cleaning the atmosphere, as the Bhopal gas tragedy shows. It also treats a wide range of illnesses, including epilepsy, TB, cancer, and cow huggings in anxiety. Additionally, there is living evidence of cow products' anticancer effects. The aforementioned information led to the conclusion that cows are an invaluable resource for human well-being and success. Therefore, we believe that this evaluation will increase people's awareness of the advantages of cows.

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Table 1: Constituents of milk and colostrums

Milk and colostrum constituents	Protein	Caseins (α S1, α S2, β & α) (β -LG, α -LA, BSA & LF)
	Fat	Triacyl glycerol, diacyl glycerol, phospholipids, free fatty acid.
	Vitamins	Vit A, Vit B1, B2, B3, B6, B12, folate, Vit D
	Enzymes	Lacto peroxidase, thiocyanate, Xanthine oxidase, lysozyme & peroxidase
	Minerals	Calcium, phosphorous, magnesium, potassium
	Immuno-globulins	IgG1, IgG2, IgA, IgM, IgE and IgD
	Cytokines	IL- β , IL-8, IL-10, IL-12, IL-18, IFN- γ , TGF- β .
	Immune & other factors	PRP, G-CSF, M-CSF AND GM-CSF.

Table 2: Composition and calories of the Cow products

Name of the Cow product	Composition in %	Calories per 100 ml
Milk	Carbohydrates-4.75, fats-3.7, proteins-3.2, minerals-0.7	68
Ghee	Fats-98, cholesterol-30, kerotene-3.2, free fatty acids-2.8	900
Curd	Fat-4.2, protein 11.75, carbohydrates-3.4, vitamin A-42.	98
Paneer	Proteins-23, fat-25, minerals-2	265-323
Butter	Fat-82, minerals-2, vitamins-8.6	717
Cheese	Fat-29	272
Dung	Nitrogen 0.6, carbon-10	3500





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Table 3: Cow urine composition and benefits

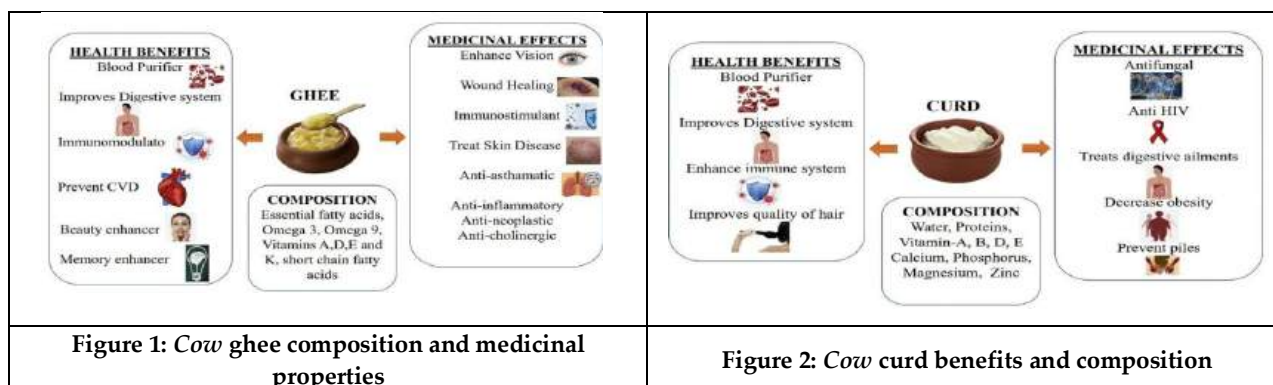
Bio-component of Cow urine	Functions
Nitrogen, N ₂ NH ₂	Remove blood abnormalities & toxins, stimulant of UT & kidney.
Sulphur	Support motion in large intestine, cleanses blood
Ammonia	Stabilize bile, mucus and air of body, stabilizes blood
Iron	Maintain balance and help in production of R.B.C, and hemoglobin
Urea	Affects urine formation and removal, has germicidal properties
Uric acid	Remove swelling or inflammation it is diuretic so destroys the toxin
Sodium, potassium	Purifies blood, increase appetite, removes muscular weakness
Calcium	Blood purifier, bone strengthen, germicidal
Copper	Control unwanted fat, iron help to produce hemoglobin.

Table 4: Patents Granted on Cow Products[19]

1.US patent no.6410059	For the antibiotic, antifungal, bio-enhancer effect of Cow urine by USFDA to CSIR, India.
2.US patent no.6896907	For the anti-allergic, anti-infective, nutrient, anticancer activity of gomutra.
3.US patent no.7718360	For antioxidant and apoptosis properties on May 18, 2010.
4.US patent no.7235262	Cow urine distillate as a bio-enhancer of anti-infective, anticancer agents and nutrients.
5.US patent no.7297659	For synergistic fermented plant growth promoting & bio-control composition.
6. US patent no.6602537	For its enhanced nutritive and health value
7.Chinese patent no. 10047522 1	For Cow urine as DNA protector on April 8, 2009.

Table 5: Economics of Cow Products

Cow products	Per day income	Per month income	Per annum income	Throughout its life span income
330 kilos of Cow dung manure(10 kilos of dung)	1800/-	54,000/- (1800x30)	6,57,000/- (1800x365)	1,31,40,000/- (6,57,000x20)
Cow urine liter	in India 500/- in America 3000/-	15,000/- (500x30) 90,000/- (3000x30)	1,82,500/- (500x365) 10,95,000/- (3000x365)	3,650,000/- (182,500x20) 2,19,00,000/- (10,95,000x20)
Cow milk 1 liter	1400/-	42000/- (1400x30)	511000/- (1400x365)	10,220,000/- (511000x20)
Total income	6700/-	2,01,000/-	24,45,500/-	48,910,000/-





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Figure 3: The incident of Bhopal gas tragedy published in newspaper article	Figure 4: vedic and prakrit paint
	
Figure 5: Amit Vaidhya, the cancer survivor who used Cow's milk products	Figure 6: Cow cuddling therapy





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Depression Detection Using Deep Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

Depression detection is a critical challenge in mental health research due to the increasing prevalence of mental disorders and the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods. Conventional approaches, such as interviews and PHQ scores, often suffer from low accuracy and delayed diagnoses. In this study, we propose a hybrid deep learning framework for depression detection, leveraging the power of transformer models and ensemble learning techniques. Specifically, we utilize the RoBERTa transformer model to extract high-quality textual features from patient responses and integrate these with an XGBoost classifier to improve detection performance. The proposed method is evaluated using a publicly available depression dataset from Hugging Face, achieving an accuracy of 92.8%, significantly outperforming traditional methods. The findings demonstrate the potential of combining transformer-based architectures with ensemble learning for efficient and accurate depression detection, paving the way for early intervention and improved mental health outcomes.

Keywords: Depression Detection, Deep Learning, Roberta, XGBoost Classifier, Hugging Face, Transformer, Ensemble learning, accuracy

INTRODUCTION

Mental health issues, including depression, affect a significant portion of the global population, with over 264 million people suffering from this condition worldwide [1]. Depression can stem from various factors such as sudden environmental changes, imbalances in neurotransmitter levels, or even genetic predispositions [2]. Effective treatment options include therapy sessions and medication. However, many individuals remain undiagnosed due to



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a lack of awareness about depression, leading to adverse outcomes such as social withdrawal, erratic behavior, suicidal thoughts, or dependence on antidepressants. Left untreated, depression can severely impact daily activities, reducing focus and interest, and eventually causing harm to both the mind and body. With technological advancements, social media usage has surged, with approximately 3.8 billion active users worldwide [3]. Social media platforms have become spaces for individuals to express emotions, thoughts, and opinions, often providing relief by sharing unsettling feelings. These platforms enable users to post textual content that offers valuable insights for various real-world applications, including healthcare, politics, and entertainment [4]. Researchers can analyze this data to gain an understanding of users' mental health, offering opportunities for timely intervention [5].

Twitter, a popular micro-blogging platform, allows users to post concise updates, known as tweets, limited to 140 characters [16]. Its simplicity and accessibility make it a widely used platform for sharing emotions and opinions. Most tweets are publicly accessible and can be retrieved using Twitter's API, which supports complex queries, such as retrieving tweets on specific topics [6]. Additionally, Twitter supports more than 35 languages, broadening its global reach. The data shared on Twitter provides researchers with a valuable resource for analyzing mental health conditions and identifying opportunities for support and recovery [21]. Social media, while offering a platform for self-expression and connection, can also pose significant risks in certain circumstances [8]. For example, users may send, post, or share harmful content targeting others, leading to cyber bullying or harassment. Additionally, social media activity can reflect offline risks; for instance, adolescents experiencing depression might begin posting suicidal thoughts online, signaling potential dangers [11].

In recent years, natural language processing (NLP) and deep learning have emerged as powerful tools for analyzing textual data and identifying mental health concerns [13]. These technologies have been successfully applied to detect depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation from user-generated content [15]. By leveraging computational methods, researchers can develop automated and scalable tools to identify individuals experiencing mental health issues or at risk of harm [8]. This approach holds great promise for timely intervention and support, making social media a valuable resource for addressing mental health challenges.

In recent years, the emergence of social media has opened new avenues for monitoring mental health. The proliferation of user-generated content on platforms like Twitter and Facebook offers rich data for analysis, enabling the identification of emotional imbalances and depressive tendencies. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques have evolved significantly, providing tools that can enhance emotional intelligence in machines. These technologies facilitate text-based emotion recognition [6], which can analyze posts and tweets to gauge users' moods and potentially predict suicidal thoughts. Such early detection can lead to timely interventions, significantly impacting user well-being. Recent advancements in transformer-based models [15], such as RoBERTa, have demonstrated remarkable performance in natural language understanding tasks, making them invaluable for sentiment analysis in textual data related to mental health. RoBERTa's ability to capture nuanced emotional expressions enhances the detection of depressive signals in social media content. Additionally, tree-based algorithms like XGBoost offer robust solutions for classification problems, allowing for efficient processing of large datasets and improving prediction accuracy [16]. These algorithms can be evaluated through metrics such as precision scores and confusion matrices to determine their effectiveness in sentiment prediction [9].

Beyond textual analysis, emotions can also be inferred from facial expressions, gestures, and vocal tones, further enriching the potential for accurate detection of depression. [13]. For instance, AI applications can monitor drivers for signs of drowsiness, potentially preventing accidents. Similarly, emotion detection systems can enhance user interactions with chatbots, allowing for personalized responses that aim to improve mood and mitigate distress [23]. Furthermore, the application of emotion detection technologies can play a pivotal role in educational settings [20]. For example, identifying signs of depression in students through their interactions in online learning environments can help educators provide timely support [17]. By analysing engagement levels, communication patterns, and emotional cues, AI systems can alert educators to students who may be struggling, facilitating early intervention and promoting mental well-being in academic contexts [11]. As these technologies continue to develop, they hold promise not only for individual mental health monitoring but also for fostering supportive environments in various sectors [15]





Literature Review

Depression has become a serious problem in this current generation and the number of people affected by depression is increasing day by day. However, some of them manage to acknowledge that they are facing depression while some of them do not know it. On the other hand, the vast progress of social media is becoming their “diary” to share their state of mind. Several kinds of research had been conducted to detect depression through the user post on social media using machine learning algorithms [1]. Through the data available on social media, the researcher can able to know whether the users are facing depression or not. Machine learning algorithm enables to classify the data into correct groups and identify the depressive and non-depressive data.

Research work aims to detect the depression of the user by their data, which is shared on social media. The Twitter data is then fed into two different types of classifiers, which are Naïve Bayes and a hybrid model, NBTree. The results will be compared based on the highest accuracy value to determine the best algorithm to detect depression. The results show both algorithm perform equally by proving same accuracy level. [2] proposed method consists of three components; first, a textual CNN model in which a CNN model is trained with only text features, second, an audio CNN model in which CNN model is trained with only audio features and third, a combination of audio and textual model named as hybrid model in which LSTM algorithms are applied. An improved version of LSTM model named as Bi-LSTM model is also used in the proposed work. In results, training accuracy, training loss, validation accuracy and validation loss is calculated for all the mentioned models [2]. The results shows that deep learning is a better solution for depression detection in which accuracy of textual CNN model is 89% whereas accuracy of audio CNN model is 91% and loss of textual CNN is 0.2 whereas loss of audio CNN is 0.1. These results show that audio CNN is a good model for depression detection [2]. It performs better as compared to textual CNN model. It is also observed that Bi-LSTM has better learning rate as compared to other models with accuracy 88% and validation accuracy 78%. There are some parameters such as precision, F1-score, recall and support are found for evaluation of models. In results, graphs for training loss, validation loss, training accuracy and validation accuracy are plotted. At last, by using confusion matrix depression can be detected for textual CNN Model, audio CNN model, LSTM model and Bi-LSTM against true label and predicted label. [3] proposes depression detection among individuals we have conducted a survey with 21 questions based on Hamilton tool and advice of psychiatrist. With the use of Python's scientific programming principles and machine learning methods like Decision Tree, KNN, and Naive Bayes, survey results were analyzed. Further a comparison of these techniques is done [3]. Study concludes that KNN has given better results than other techniques based on the accuracy and decision tree has given better results in the terms of latency to detect the depression of a person. At the conclusion, a machine learning-based model is suggested to replace the conventional method of detecting sadness by asking people encouraging questions and getting regular feedback from them [3]. [4] Propose a depression detection model that utilizes both audio and video features extracted from the vlogs (video logs) on YouTube. We first collected vlogs from YouTube and annotated them into depression and non-depression. We then analyze the statistical differences between depression and non-depression vlogs. Based on the lessons learned, we build a depression detection model that learns both audio and visual features, achieving high accuracy [4]. We believe our model helps detect depressed individuals on social media at an early stage so that individuals who may need appropriate treatment can get help. [5] proposes the early screening of depression is highly beneficial for patients to obtain better diagnosis and treatment. While the effectiveness of utilizing voice data for depression detection has been demonstrated, the issue of insufficient dataset size remains unresolved. Therefore, we propose an artificial intelligence method to effectively identify depression [5]. The wav2vec 2.0 voice-based pre-training model was used as a feature extractor to automatically extract high-quality voice features from raw audio. Additionally, a small fine-tuning network was used as a classification model to output depression classification results. Subsequently, the proposed model was fine-tuned on the DAIC-WOZ dataset and achieved excellent classification results [5]. Notably, the model demonstrated outstanding performance in binary classification, attaining an accuracy of 0.9049 and an RMSE of 0.1875 on the test set. Similarly, impressive results were obtained in multi-classification, with an accuracy of 0.7881 and an RMSE of 0.3810. The wav2vec 2.0 model was first used for depression recognition and showed strong generalization ability. The method is simple, practical, and applicable, which can assist doctors in the early screening of depression. [6] Study that trained and tested classifiers to distinguish whether a user is depressed or not using features extracted from his/her activities in the network and tweets. The results showed that the more features are used, the higher are the accuracy and F-measure scores in



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detecting depressed users [6]. This method is a data-driven, predictive approach for early detection of depression or other mental illnesses. This study's main contribution is the exploration part of the features and its impact on detecting the depression level [6].

[7] Conduct Detecting depression from user-generated content on social media platforms has garnered significant attention due to its potential for the early identification and monitoring of mental health issues. This paper presents a comprehensive approach for depression detection from user tweets using machine learning techniques [7]. The study utilizes a dataset of 632,000 tweets and employs data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training with logistic regression, Bernoulli Naive Bayes, random forests, DistilBERT, SqueezeBERT, models. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are employed to assess the models' performance [7]. The results indicate that the BERT model achieves the highest accuracy ratio of 0.87 and the highest mean accuracy of 0.77 (across 10 cross-validation folds) in detecting depression from tweets. This research demonstrates the effectiveness of machine learning and advanced transformer-based models in leveraging social media data for mental health analysis. The findings offer valuable insights into the potential for early detection and monitoring of depression using online platforms, contributing to the growing field of mental health analysis based on user-generated content.

[8] Research work, a hybrid model has been proposed that can detect depression by analyzing user's textual posts. Deep learning algorithms were trained using the training data and then performance has been evaluated on the test data of the dataset of reddit which was published for the pilot piece of work, Early Detection of Depression in CLEF eRisk 2017 [8]. In particular, Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (BiLSTM) with different word embedding techniques and metadata features were proposed which gave good results.

Dataset

The dataset used for this study is sourced from hugging face, a platform renowned for providing diverse and high-quality datasets for research and development. This particular dataset contains user-generated content, including social media posts, tweets, and comments, focusing on mental health-related discussions. It is rich in textual data that reflects various emotional states, such as depression, anxiety, and general well-being. The dataset includes labeled examples, distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content, which serves as the foundation for supervised learning. Preprocessing steps such as noise removal, tokenization, stop word elimination, and lemmatization will be applied to ensure the data is clean and structured. Additionally, augmentation techniques will enhance the dataset's robustness by introducing variations, helping the model generalize better to unseen data. This Hugging Face dataset provides a comprehensive and diverse resource for training and evaluating the proposed hybrid model, enabling accurate and efficient depression detection.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology for depression detection involves a detailed and systematic process to ensure accurate and efficient identification of individuals at risk. The dataset will be sourced from Kaggle, comprising user-generated content such as posts, tweets, and comments related to mental health. This data will undergo preprocessing to ensure quality and consistency. Noise removal techniques will be applied to eliminate special characters, URLs, hashtags, mentions, and redundant spaces. All text will be converted to lowercase for uniformity, followed by tokenization to split the text into manageable components. Stopwords that do not add semantic value will be removed, and lemmatization will reduce words to their base forms, minimizing redundancy. To further enhance the dataset, data augmentation techniques like synonym replacement, random insertion, and back-translation will be employed, increasing diversity and robustness.

After preprocessing, RoBERTa, a transformer-based model, will extract contextual embeddings from the text. These embeddings will capture the semantic and emotional nuances, serving as input features for the XGBoost classifier. The XGBoost model will then classify the text into depressive or non-depressive categories. The model's performance will be optimized through hyperparameter tuning, adjusting factors such as learning rate, tree depth, and the number of estimators. The dataset will be split into training, validation, and test sets to ensure reliable evaluation. The training set will build the model, the validation set will guide hyperparameter adjustments, and the test set will assess the model's generalization to unseen data.





The entire process will be automated as a scalable pipeline, integrating data preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification into a unified workflow. This design will facilitate the model's deployment for real-world applications, such as monitoring social media content for early depression detection. By leveraging the contextual strength of RoBERTa and the classification efficiency of XGBoost, the proposed methodology aims to provide a robust and reliable solution for identifying individuals at risk of depression. Google Colab is used as the primary platform for implementing the proposed hybrid model for depression detection. This online, open-source platform provides a user-friendly interface for writing and executing Python code, making it ideal for developing and testing machine learning and deep learning models. In Colab it deals with the various accelerator type example CPU, GPU. GPU provides the most flexible processing with seconds of execution. Usually, neural networks deal under the GPU. It has 100x power seamless execution power. As a cloud-based tool running on Google servers, it integrates seamlessly with Google Drive, where the dataset and resources for the project are stored. This eliminates the need for additional setups, downloads, or installations, simplifying the development process.

For implementing the work Google Colab offers access to GPU and TPU accelerators, which significantly enhance the computational efficiency required for training deep learning algorithms such as RoBERTa and XGBoost. The platform also includes a variable panel, allowing real-time monitoring of variables, their values, and data types during code execution, aiding debugging and evaluation. Although it lacks a kernel menu, the runtime can be restarted effortlessly to refresh the environment.

Another key advantage of Google Colab is its ability to facilitate collaboration. Notebooks can be easily shared as it has interface like jupyter notebook, and updates can be made in real time, streamlining collaborative development. For the proposed work, which combines RoBERTa and XGBoost, Google Colab provides the computational resources and flexibility required to preprocess data, train models, and evaluate results effectively, making it an ideal platform for this research. For implementing python programming language is used. Python is a powerful and flexible programming language widely used across various domains due to its simplicity and robust ecosystem of libraries. Libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib support efficient data manipulation and visualization, while machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Scikit-learn enable the development of complex models. Python's versatility makes it a go-to language for fields ranging from web development to artificial intelligence, providing tools that streamline workflows and enhance productivity.

Evaluation Parameters and Significance

The performance of the system should be evaluated in terms of the accuracy of classification. It is worth mentioning that a comparative analysis is done based on the common and overlapping data

Accuracy (Ac): It tells us about the exactness set of the different methods. The critical parameters are:

The classification accuracy is computed as:

$$Ac = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (1.1)$$

The precision is computed as

$$Pr = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (1.2)$$

The F-measure or F-Score is computed as:

$$F - Measure = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall} = F - Measure = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)} \quad (1.3)$$

Here,

(TP): True Positive

(TN): True Negative

(FP): False Positive

(FN): False Negative

EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The evaluation of the proposed hybrid model for depression detection, which integrates RoBERTa and XGBoost, demonstrates its effectiveness in identifying depressive tendencies based on textual data. The model was assessed





using a test dataset after being trained and validated on labeled examples. The primary metric used for evaluation was accuracy, reflecting the proportion of correctly classified instances to the total instances in the dataset. The hybrid model achieved an accuracy of 92.8%, indicating a high level of reliability in distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content. The performance of the model was observed to be consistent across both training and validation phases, showcasing its ability to generalize well to unseen data. The results highlight the superiority of the hybrid approach, as it combines RoBERTa's contextual embedding capabilities with the robust classification power of XGBoost. Furthermore, the automated pipeline ensured a streamlined process from data preprocessing to final evaluation, making the system efficient and scalable for real-world applications. Overall, the evaluation confirms the potential of the proposed methodology to serve as an effective tool for depression detection, contributing to early identification and intervention for mental health challenges.

CONCLUSION

The RoBERTa-XGBoost model for depression detection demonstrated a high classification performance, achieving an overall accuracy of 92.8%. The model effectively distinguished between depressed and non-depressed individuals, with an F1-score of 0.88 for both classes. Specifically, it attained a precision of 0.84 and recall of 0.94 for the non-depressed category, while the depressed category recorded a precision of 0.93 and recall of 0.82. These results indicate that the model is highly capable of identifying depression while maintaining a balance between precision and recall. The high recall for non-depressed individuals suggests a low false negative rate, ensuring that most non-depressed cases are correctly identified. Conversely, the high precision for depressed individuals minimizes false positives, improving the reliability of depression detection. The integration of RoBERTa's deep contextual embeddings with XGBoost's powerful classification capabilities contributed to the model's robustness and effectiveness. Overall, the findings highlight the potential of hybrid deep learning and machine learning approaches in automated mental health assessment.

Future Scope

In future enhancing model generalized by incorporating larger and complex dataset. More fine tune hyperparameters could further improve classification performance.

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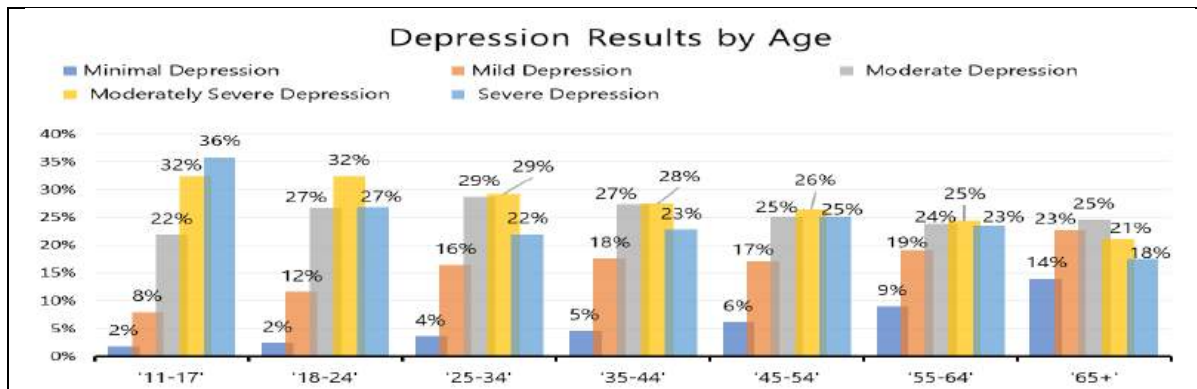


Fig.1 Current Depression Based Statistics
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Fig.2 Sample Dataset

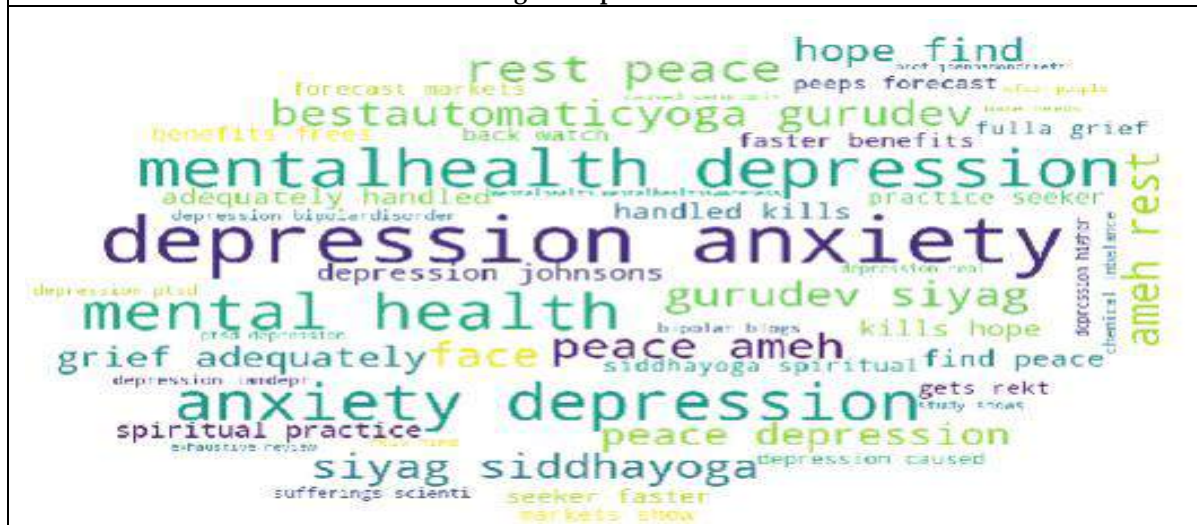
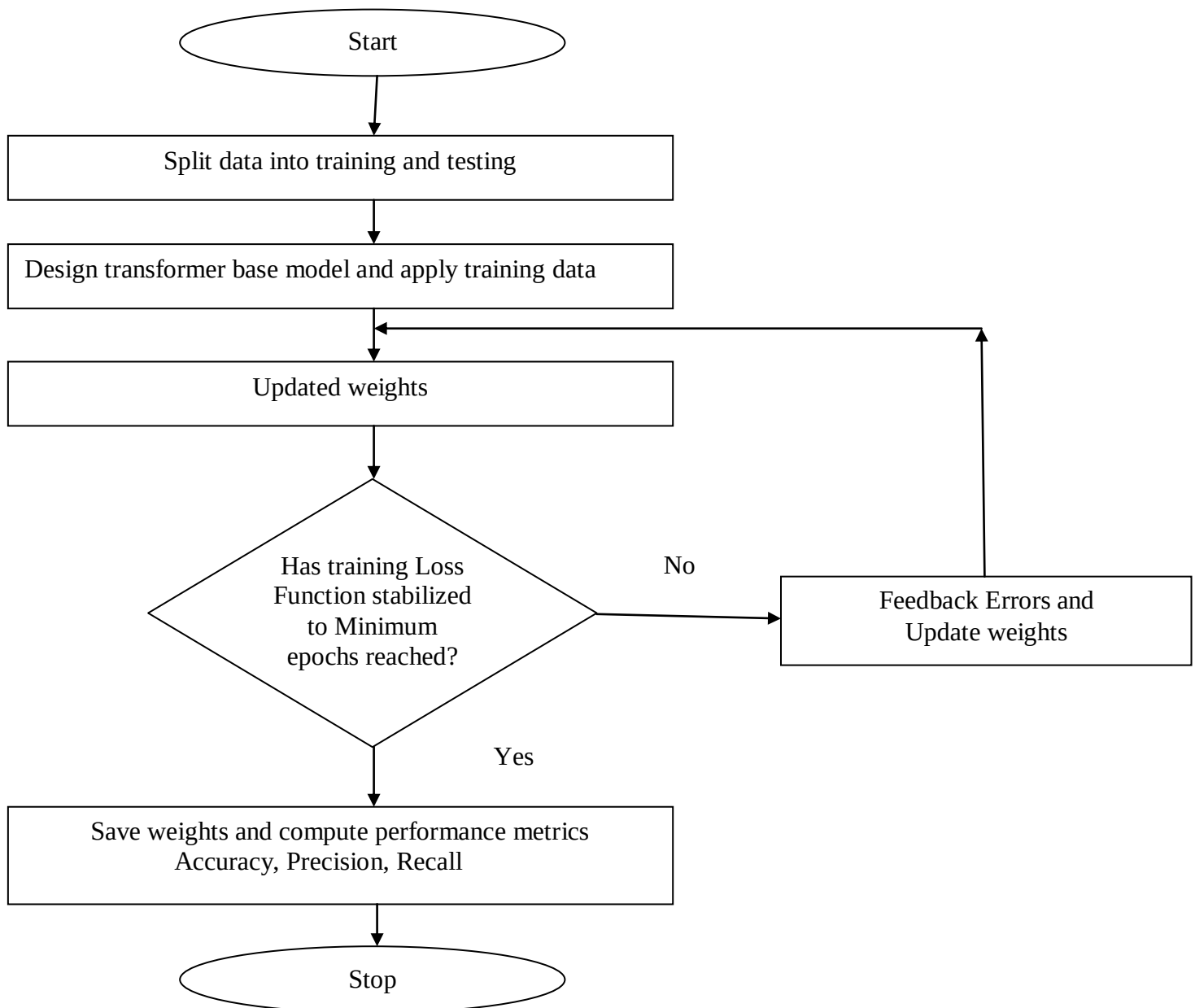


Fig.3 Word Cloud







```
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaModel
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
```

Fig.5 Imported Libraries

```
# Install necessary libraries
!pip install transformers datasets torch

# Import libraries
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaForSequenceClassification, AdamW, pip
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

# Step 1: Load Tokenizer and Model
tokenizer = RobertaTokenizer.from_pretrained('roberta-base')
model = RobertaForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('roberta-base', num_labels=2)

# Step 2: Load Dataset from Hugging Face
from datasets import load_dataset

dataset = load_dataset("ziq/depression_tweet") # Example: IMDB dataset for sentiment analysis
train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Use a subset for training
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Use a subset for testing
```

Fig.6 Code Screenshot

```
train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Subset for training
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Subset for testing

def extract_embeddings(texts, batch_size=16):
    embeddings = []
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        for i in range(0, len(texts), batch_size):
            batch = texts[i:i+batch_size]
            inputs = tokenizer(batch, return_tensors="pt", padding=True, truncation=True, max_length=128)
            outputs = model(**inputs)
            cls_embedding = outputs.last_hidden_state[:, 0, :].cpu().numpy()
            embeddings.append(cls_embedding)
    return np.vstack(embeddings)
```

Fig.7 Dataset Embedding and Tokenization





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Loss: 0.7304559350013733
 Loss: 0.7784589529037476
 Loss: 0.7279943227767944
 Loss: 0.6807579398155212
 Loss: 0.6508967280387878
 Loss: 0.8270295858383179
 Loss: 0.6191108226776123
 Loss: 0.6988427639007568
 Loss: 0.6292483806610107
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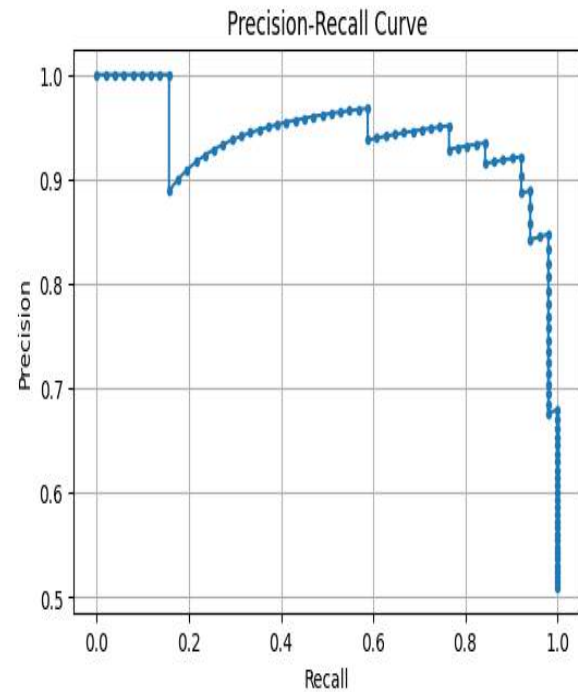


Fig. 8 Model Learning Rate

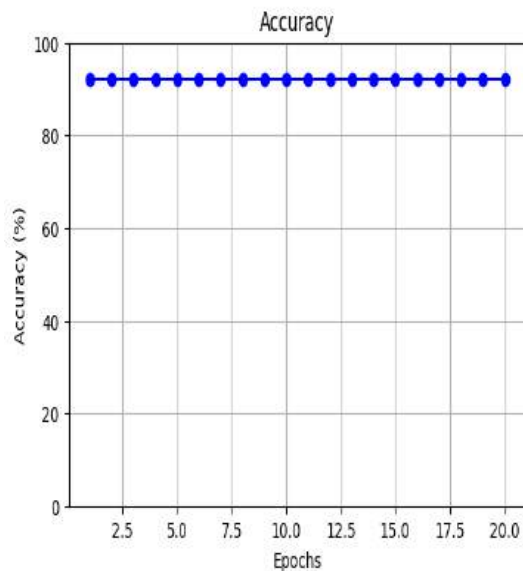


Fig. 10 Accuracy Graph

Fig. 9 ROC Curve

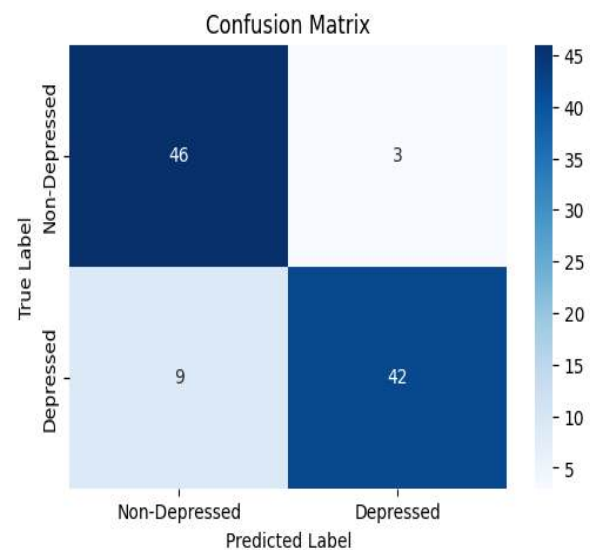


Fig. 11 Confusion Matrix





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Soft Pre g^* - Open Sets in Soft Topological Spaces

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce Soft pre g^* -open sets in soft topological space which are defined over an initial universe with a fixed set of parameters. Also we studied Soft pre g^* neighbourhood system, Soft pre g^* interior sets and Soft pre g^* exterior sets with examples.

Keywords: Soft pre open set, Soft pre g^* neighbourhood, Soft pre g^* interior sets and Soft pre g^* exterior sets.

INTRODUCTION

Soft set was introduced by Molodsov in the year 1999. Andrijevic [1] showed Semi-Preopen sets. Njastad [12] explained on some classes of nearly open sets. Veerakumar [13] defined g^* -Pre closed sets. Levine [8] examines generalized closed sets in topological spaces. In this paper we introduce soft pre g^* open set, soft pre g^* neighbourhood, soft pre g^* interior point, soft pre g^* exterior point in soft topological spaces.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1. [7] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called g -closed if $\text{cl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is open in (X, τ) . The complement of g -closed set is called g -open.





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Definition 2.2. [13] A subset A of a topological space (X, τ) is called g^*p -closed if $\text{pcl}(A) \subseteq G$ whenever $A \subseteq G$ and G is g -open in (X, τ) . The complement of g^*p -closed set is called g^*p -open.

Definition 2.3. [4] The union of pre open sets contained in A is called pre interior of A and is denoted by $\text{pint}(A)$.

THEOREM 2.4. [9] If U is open and A is pre open then $U \cap A$ is pre open.

Definition 2.5. [10] A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called M -pre open (resp. M -pre closed) if $f(V)$ is pre open (resp. Pre closed) set in Y for every pre open (resp. Pre closed) set V of X .

Definition 2.6. [11] A map $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called pre-irresolute if $f^{-1}(F)$ is pre-open in X for every pre-open set F in Y .

Definition 2.7. [5] Let (X, τ) be a soft topological space of non empty set X with τ . Let $A \subseteq X$ then the set A is said to be g^* Pre open set iff $A \subseteq \text{int}(\text{cl}A)$

SOFT PRE g^* -OPEN SET

Definition 3.1. A subset (S, E) of a soft topological space (X, τ, E) is called soft pre g^* -open if $(U, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E)$ whenever $(U, E) \subset (S, E)$ and (U, E) is soft g -closed in X .

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ $X = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Then the soft sets are written by, $(S, A)_1 = X$, $(S, A)_2 = \emptyset$, $(S, A)_3 = \{(e_1, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_4 = \{(e_1, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_5 = \{(e_1, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_6 = \{(e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_7 = \{(e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_8 = \{(e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{10} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{11} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{12} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{14} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$, $(S, A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$, $(S, A)_{16} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$.

So $|S(X)| = 2^4 = 16$

Therefore we get 16 soft sets in the Universal set U .

Theorem 3.3. If (S, E) is a soft pre g^* -open set of soft topological space (X, τ, E) and $\text{pint}(S, E) \subset (T, E) \subset (S, E)$ then (T, E) is also soft pre g^* -open set of X .

Proof:

Let (S, E) be soft pre g^* -openset in soft topological space (X, τ, E) .

If (G, E) is soft g -closed set such that $(G, E) \subset (T, E)$

Since $(T, E) \subset (S, E)$ we have $(G, E) \subset (S, E)$

Since (S, E) is a soft pre g^* -openset,

$(G, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E)$

Then $\text{pint}(\text{pint}(S, E)) \subset (T, E)$

$\Rightarrow \text{pint}(S, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

Hence $(G, E) \subset \text{pint}(S, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

$\Rightarrow (G, E) \subset \text{pint}(T, E)$

Then (T, E) is soft pre g^* -openset of X .

Example 3.4. Let us consider the soft sets of F_E that are given in example 3.2.

Let $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$ be soft openset.

Then soft pre open sets are $(S, A)_1, (S, A)_2, (S, A)_3, (S, A)_5, (S, A)_6, (S, A)_8, (S, A)_9, (S, A)_{10}, (S, A)_{11}, (S, A)_{12}, (S, A)_{14}, (S, A)_{15}, (S, A)_{16}$.

Soft pre closed sets are $(S, A)_1, (S, A)_2, (S, A)_3^c = (S, A)_{14}, (S, A)_5^c = (S, A)_8, (S, A)_6^c = (S, A)_{16}, (S, A)_8^c = (S, A)_5, (S, A)_9^c = (S, A)_{13},$

$(S, A)_{10}^c = (S, A)_{12}, (S, A)_{11}^c = (S, A)_4, (S, A)_{12}^c = (S, A)_{10}, (S, A)_{14}^c =$

$(S, A)_3, (S, A)_{15}^c = (S, A)_7, (S, A)_{16}^c = (S, A)_6.$





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Therefore soft pre closed sets are

$(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{16}$.

Soft g-closed sets are $(S,A)_9, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$.

Soft g-open sets are $(S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_6$.

Soft pre g^* opensets are $(S,A)_{13}$ and $(S,A)_9$.

Theorem 3.5. Every soft Pre g^* openset is soft pre open.

Proof:

Let (S,A) be soft pre g^* openset.

Then $(U,A) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,A)$ whenever $(S,A) \subset (U,A)$

$\Rightarrow (U,A) \sqsubseteq \text{int}(S,A)$

Therefore every soft pre g^* openset is soft preopen.

Example 3.6. From example 3.4. $(S,A)_{13}$ and $(S,A)_9$ are soft pre g^* openset and the sets are soft pre opensets in X .

Remark 3.7. Converse of the above theorem is not true.

Example 3.8. From example 3.4. Every soft sets are not pre g^* open sets in X .

Theorem 3.9. Arbitrary union of soft pre g^* openset is a soft pre g^* openset.

Proof:

Let $\{(S,A)_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a collection of soft pre g^* opensets of a soft topological space (U,A,τ) .

Then for each α , $(S,A)_\alpha \sqsubseteq \text{pint}((S,A)_\alpha)$

Claim: $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$

Now, $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \sqsubseteq \cup \text{pint}((S,A)_\alpha)$

$\sqsubseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$

Therefore, $\cup(S,A)_\alpha \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(\cup(S,A)_\alpha)$

Theorem 3.10. Let (U,A,τ) be a soft topological space. (S_1,A) and (S_2,A) be two soft sets over U . Then $(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq (S_2,A) \Rightarrow \text{pint}(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A)$

Proof:

Let (U,A,τ) be a soft topological space. (S_1,A) and (S_2,A) be two soft sets over U .

Then $(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq (U,E)$ and $(S_2,A) \sqsubseteq (U,E)$, (U,E) is soft open in X .

Now $(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq (S_2,A)$

By definition 3.1, $(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq U$

$(S_2,A) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A) \sqsubseteq U$

Therefore $(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq (S_2,A) \Rightarrow \text{pint}(S_1,A) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S_2,A)$.

Theorem 3.11. Every finite union of soft pre g^* open set is soft pre g^* openset.

Proof:

Let (S,A) and (S,B) be two soft pre g^* open subset of X .

Let (U,E) be a soft g-closed set in X such that $(S,A) \cup (S,B) \sqsubseteq (U,E)$

Then $(U,E) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,A)$ and $(U,E) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,B)$

Therefore $(U,E) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$

$\Rightarrow \text{pint}(U,E) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$

$\Rightarrow \text{pint}((S,A) \cup (S,B)) \sqsubseteq \text{pint}(S,A) \cup \text{pint}(S,B)$

Therefore $\text{pint}((S,A) \cup (S,B))$ is soft pre g^* open in X .





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Example 3.12. Consider example 3.2., $(S,A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$,

$(S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$, union of the sets is given by,

$$(S,A)_9 \cup (S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\} \cup \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$$

$$= \{(e_1, \{a,b\}), (e_2, \{a,b\})\}$$

□ X

Remark 3.13. Every finite intersection of two soft pre g^* open sets need not be soft pre g^* open set.

Soft pre g^* neighbourhood system in soft topological space

Definition 4.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space. Let $(S,A) \in S(X)$ and $p_1 \in X$. Then the soft point p_1 is said to be soft pre g^* neighbourhood of a set (S,A) if there exists a soft pre g^* open set (T,A) such that $p_1 \in (T,A) \sqsubset (S,A)$

Example 4.2. Consider the soft topological space (X, τ, E) given in example 3.2., soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9$ and $(S,A)_{13}$.

(i) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.

(ii) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.

(iii) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_2, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.

(iv) The soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_2, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.

Proposition 4.3. Every soft pre g^* neighbourhood of (T,A) is soft pre neighbourhood in soft topological space.

Example 4.4. By example 3.2., Soft pre neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$ are $(S,A)_3, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$. But $(S,A)_9$ is soft pre g^* neighbourhood of $(e_1, \{a\})$.

Remark 4.5. Converse of above proposition is not true. Because every soft pre g^* neighbourhood of (T,A) is soft pre neighbourhood in soft topological space but every soft pre neighbourhood in X is not soft pre g^* neighbourhood in soft topological space.

Example 4.6. Let $X = \{a, b\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ $X = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Then the soft sets are written by, $(S,A)_1 = X, (S,A)_2 = \phi, (S,A)_3 = \{(e_1, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_4 = \{(e_1, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_5 = \{(e_1, \{a, b\})\},$

$$(S,A)_6 = \{(e_2, \{a\})\}, (S,A)_7 = \{(e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_8 = \{(e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\},$$

$$(S,A)_{10} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_{11} = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_{12} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\},$$

$$(S,A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}, (S,A)_{14} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}, (S,A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\},$$

$$(S,A)_{16} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}.$$

$$\text{So } |S(X)| = 2^4 = 16$$

Therefore we get 16 soft sets in the Universal set U .

Let $(S,A)_{15} = \{(e_1, \{a, b\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$ be soft open set.

Then soft pre open sets are $(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{15}, (S,A)_{16}$.

Soft pre closed sets are $(S,A)_1, (S,A)_2, (S,A)_{14}, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_8, (S,A)_{16}, (S,A)_5, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_{12}, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_{10}, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_3, (S,A)_7, (S,A)_6$.

Soft g closed sets are $X, (S,A)_{11}, (S,A)_{16}, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{14}$.

Soft g open sets are $\phi, (S,A)_4, (S,A)_6, (S,A)_9, (S,A)_{13}, (S,A)_3$.

Soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9, (S,A)_{13}$.

Example 4.7. Consider the Example 3.2., soft pre g^* open sets are $(S,A)_9$ and $(S,A)_{13}$. Then

(i) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_2, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.

(ii) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_2, \{b\})$ is $(S,A)_{13}$.

(iii) Soft pre g^* neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$ is $(S,A)_9$.





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(iv) Soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$ is $(S, A)_{13}$.

Example 4.8. Consider the example 3.2., Take the soft set $(S, A)_9 = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a\})\}$. Then the collection of all soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of $(S, A)_9 = \{(S, A)_9\}$

Example 4.9. consider the example 3.2., Take the soft set $(S, A)_{13} = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{b\})\}$. Then the collection of all soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of $(S, A)_{13} = \{(S, A)_{13}\}$.

Proposition 4.10. An arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -neighbourhoods of a soft point $p_1 \in X$ is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Proof:

Let $\{(T, A)_\alpha\}_{\alpha \in I}$ be an arbitrary collection of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

For each $\alpha \in I$, there exists a soft pre g^* -open set $(O, A)_\alpha$ such that

$$p_1 \in (O, A)_\alpha \sqsubset (T, A)_\alpha \sqsubset \cup (T, A)_\alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \in (O, A)_\alpha \sqsubset \cup (T, A)_\alpha$$

Therefore, $\cup (T, A)_\alpha$ for each $\alpha \in I$ is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Therefore, arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 is soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Remark 4.11. We conclude that the soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of $p_1 \in X$ in a soft topological space (X, τ, E) has the following facts.

- (a) Every soft super set of soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1
- (b) Every soft preopen set containing p_1 is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1
- (c) Every $p_1 \in X$ has atleast one soft pre g^* -neighbourhood.

Theorem 4.12. A soft set (T, A) is soft pre open iff is soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of each of its soft points.

Proof:

Let $(T, A) \in X$ be a soft pre open set.

By above Remark 4.11.(b), for each soft point $p_1 \in (T, A)$, (T, A) is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of p_1 .

Conversely assume that (T, A) is a soft pre g^* -neighbourhood of each of its soft points.

Then for every point $p_1 \in (T, A)$ there exists a soft pre open set $(T, A)_1$ such that $p_1 \in (T, A)_1 \sqsubset (T, A)$.

$$\text{Therefore } (T, A) = \cup \{(T, A)_1 : p_1 \in (T, A)\}$$

Since arbitrary soft union of soft pre g^* -open set is soft pre g^* -open set.

Therefore each $(T, A)_1$ is soft pre g^* -open set then (T, A) is soft pre g^* -open set.

Soft pre g^* -interior sets in soft topological space

Definition 5.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Then the soft pre g^* -interior of (S, A) which is denoted by $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is defined as the soft union of all soft pre open subsets of (S, A) . That is, $p \text{ int}(S, A) = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \sqsubset (S, A)\}$

Example 5.2. Consider example 3.2.,

$$p \text{ int}(S, A)_9 = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \sqsubset (S, A)_9\}$$

$$= \cup \{(S, A)_9\}$$

$$= (S, A)_9$$

$$p \text{ int}(S, A)_{13} = \cup \{(T, A) : (T, A) \text{ is soft pre } g^*\text{-open and } (T, A) \sqsubset (S, A)_{13}\}$$

$$= \cup \{(S, A)_{13}\}$$

$$= (S, A)_{13}$$





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Theorem 5.3. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space and $(S, A), (T, A)$ be soft sets over X . Then (S, A) is soft pre g^* open iff $(S, A) \supseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)$

(i) If $(S, A) \sqsubseteq (T, A)$ then $p \text{ int}(S, A) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$

(ii) $P \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$ and $p \text{ int}(X) = X$

(iii) $P \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cap p \text{ int}(T, A)$

(iv) $P \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A)$

Proof:

(i) Let (S, A) be soft set over X .

Let (S, A) be soft pre g^* open in X

Then the largest soft g^* pre open set contained in (S, A) is (S, A) itself.

Therefore (S, A) is soft pre g^* open set iff $p \text{ int}(S, A) \sqsubseteq (S, A)$

(ii) By (i), $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is the largest soft pre g^* open set contained in (S, A)

Since $(S, A) \sqsubseteq (T, A)$, $p \text{ int}(S, A)$ is a soft g^* pre open set contained in (T, A)

Also $p \text{ int}(T, A)$ is the soft union of all soft pre g^* open sets contained in (T, A) .

Therefore, $p \text{ int}(S, A) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$.

(iii) Since ϕ and X are soft pre g^* open sets.

Therefore $p \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$ and $p \text{ int}(X) = X$.

(iv) Clearly $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \sqsubseteq (S, A)$ and

$(S, A) \cap (T, A) \sqsubseteq (T, A)$

Then $p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(S, A)$ and

$p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(T, A)$

Therefore, $p \text{ int}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}(S, A) \cap p \text{ int}(T, A)$

(v) Using (i), $p \text{ int}(S, A) \sqsubseteq (S, A)$ and $p \text{ int}(T, A) \sqsubseteq (T, A)$

Then $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A) \sqsubseteq (S, A) \cup (T, A)$

$p \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A))$ is the largest soft pre g^* open set contained in $(S, A) \cup (T, A)$ and $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A)$ is soft pre g^* open set.

Hence $p \text{ int}(S, A) \cup p \text{ int}(T, A) \sqsubseteq p \text{ int}((S, A) \cup (T, A))$

(vi) By (i), (S, A) is soft pre g^* open set iff $(S, A) = p \text{ int}(S, A)$

Therefore $P \text{ int}(p \text{ int}(S, A)) = p \text{ int}(S, A)$

Soft pre g^* exterior set in soft topological space

Definition 6.1. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Let $p_1 \in X$ then p_1 is called a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) if there exists a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) if there exists a soft pre g^* open set (T, A) such that $p_1 \in (T, A) \sqsubseteq (S, A)^c$.

Example 6.2. Consider example 3.2., Let the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$. Then $(e_1, \{a\}) \in (S, A)^c \sqsubseteq$

$(S, A)^c = \{(e_1, \{a\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Therefore the soft point $(e_1, \{a\})$ is soft pre g^* exterior point of the soft set (S, A) .

Proposition 6.3. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$. Then the soft exterior point of (S, A) is a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) .





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Proof:

Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A) \in S(X)$.

Let $p_1 \in X$ be soft exterior point of (S, A) .

Then there exists a soft open set (T, A) such that $p_1 \in (T, A) \sqsubset (S, A)^c$

Since every soft open set is soft pre open set and (T, A) is soft pre g^* open set.

Therefore p_1 is a soft pre g^* exterior point of (S, A) .

Example 6.4. Consider example 3.2., Let the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$. Then $(e_1, \{b\}) \in (S, A)_{13} \sqsubset$

$(S, A)^3 = \{(e_1, \{b\}), (e_2, \{a, b\})\}$. Therefore the soft point $(e_1, \{b\})$ is soft pre g^* exterior point of the soft set $(S, A)_3$.

Proposition 6.5. Let (X, τ, E) be a soft topological space over X and $(S, A), (T, A) \in S(X)$. Then

- (a) If $(S, A) \sqsubset (T, A)$ then $p \text{ ext}(T, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (b) $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cup p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
- (c) $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A)) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cap p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
- (d) $\text{ext}(S, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (e) $p \text{ ext}(X) = \phi$ and $p \text{ ext}(\phi) = X$
- (f) $p \text{ ext}(X)$ is soft pre g^* open set.

Proof:

- (a) Suppose $(S, A) \sqsubset (T, A)$
Then $(T, A)^c \sqsubset (S, A)^c$
 $\Rightarrow p \text{ int}(T, A)^c \sqsubset p \text{ int}(S, A)^c$
 $\Rightarrow p \text{ ext}(T, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (b) Since $(S, A) \sqsubset (S, A) \cup (T, A)$ and
 $(T, A) \sqsubset (S, A) \cup (T, A)$
Using (a) we can write, $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A)$ and
 $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
Therefore $p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cup (T, A)) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cup p \text{ ext}(T, A)$
- (c) $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \sqsubset (S, A)$ and $(S, A) \cap (T, A) \sqsubset (T, A)$
Using (a), we have, $p \text{ ext}(S, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$ and
 $p \text{ ext}(T, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$
Therefore $p \text{ ext}(S, A) \cap p \text{ ext}(T, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}((S, A) \cap (T, A))$
- (d) $\text{ext}(S, A) \sqsubset p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
For, Let $p_1 \in \text{ext}(S, A)$
Then $p_1 \in \text{int}(S, A)^c \sqsubset p \text{ int}(S, A)^c$
 $= p \text{ ext}(S, A)$
- (e) $p \text{ ext}(X) = \phi$ and $p \text{ ext}(\phi) = X$
For, $p \text{ ext}(X) = p \text{ int}(\phi)$
 $= \phi$
 $p \text{ ext}(\phi) = p \text{ int}(\phi^c)$
 $= p \text{ int}(X)$
 $= X$
- (f) Since $p \text{ ext}(X) = p \text{ int}(\phi) = \phi$
Therefore $p \text{ ext}(X)$ is soft pre g^* open set.





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CONCLUSION

In this chapter we discussed Soft pre g^* open sets and their properties with examples. We have proved every soft pre g^* open set is soft pre open. But converse is not true. Every finite union of two soft pre g^* open set is soft pre g^* open set. But every finite intersection of two soft pre g^* open set is need not be soft pre g^* open set. Every soft point has at least one soft pre g^* neighbourhood. Every soft pre g^* open set containing soft pre g^* neighbourhood. Every soft pre g^* open set has soft pre g^* interior and soft pre g^* exterior points.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

The Efficacy of Siddha Medicine *Pavala Veera Chunnam* (PVC) for the Management of *Pithapaikal* (Cholelithiasis)- A Pilot Study

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ABSTRACT

Cholelithiasis (Gallstones) has become one of the foremost common diseases of the biliary tract worldwide. There are two subtypes of cholesterol gall stones: cholesterol stones (90-100% of cholesterol) and mixed stones (50-90 % of cholesterol). Modern medicine majorly relies on surgical management of the disease as conservative treatment is usually futile. Siddha medicine is a holistic medicine containing herbal, metal, mineral, and animal products. Among them, Pavala Veera Chunnam (PVC) is one of the Siddha preparations indicated for *Kaasam*, *Swasam*, *Kshayam*, especially Bronchial asthma, Jaundice, Gall bladder stone, Consequent Hepatic colic or Biliary colic. Most of the traditional healers use PVC for the management of Gall bladder stones. In this pilot study, 10 patients were enrolled in the study as per the inclusion and exclusion criteria. The study drug PVC was given at a dose of 200mg twice a day with milk after food continuously for 21 days. Alvarado's abdominal pain score, complete blood analysis, and USG abdomen scan were used to assess the study outcome. Symptoms like abdominal bloating, regurgitation, burning sensation in epigastric region, nausea, and vomiting reduced to 80% of the patient and 20% are Asymptomatic. Pain score reduced after treatment (80%) and patient became pain-free (20%), Stone size also reduced after treatment with the study drug indicating the drug would be effective for gallstone treatment (30%). The blood parameters show no significant difference between before and after treatment. The results of this pilot study strongly suggest that



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Pavalaveerachunnam may be very effective and safe in the treatment and management of Gallstones (Cholelithiasis).

Keywords: Cholelithiasis, Siddha Medicine, Pavala veera chunnam, Gall bladder stone, Pithapai kal.

INTRODUCTION

Cholelithiasis (Gallstones) has become one of the foremost common diseases of the biliary tract worldwide. The prevalence rate is too difficult because calculous disease is often asymptomatic [1]. Incidentally, gallstones can also cause right upper abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting, obstruction, cholangitis, and pancreatitis, especially after consuming greasy or spicy foods. There are two types of gallstones, among them approximately 80 percent of gallstones contain cholesterol and therefore the remaining 20 percent are pigment stones, which consist mainly of calcium bilirubin [2]. There are two subtypes of cholesterol gall stones: cholesterol stones (which contain 90-100% of cholesterol) and mixed stones (which contain 50-90 % of cholesterol) [2]. Evidence suggests that 90% of cholelithiasis patients have cholesterol stones [3]. There are multiple factors associated with an increased prevalence of gallstones like metabolic derangements such as dyslipidaemia, diabetes, obesity, insulin resistance, and diets higher in saturated fats and sugar, and lower in fiber[4]. Additional associations include lack of physical activity and conditions such as rapid weight loss or prolonged fasting that diminish gallbladder contractility and increase biliary secretion of cholesterol [5]. Gallstone risk increases for females (especially before menopause) and people near or above 40 years [6]. It has been demonstrated that bile cholesterol and a reduction in gallbladder contractility are correlated with estrogen levels. Females of reproductive age or taking estrogen-containing birth control medication have a two-fold increase in gallstone formation compared with males [7]. Even though conservative therapy is frequently used, surgery is necessary in certain circumstances. Currently, the two available therapeutic options are laparoscopic cholecystectomy and open limited-access surgery. Surgery and the adverse reactions of medication must be avoided, so natural and traditional medicinal products are being looked into as potential alternatives. Siddha medicine is one of the traditional medicines practiced in the Southern part of India. Whereasthe Siddha system of medicine contains many herbal and metallic preparations for managing cholelithiasis. Among them, Pavala Veera Chunnam (PVC) is one of the Siddha preparations indicated for *Kaasam*, *Swasam*, *Kshayam*, especially Bronchial asthma, Jaundice, Gall bladder stone, Consequent Hepatic colic or Biliary colic [8]. Most of the traditional healers use PVC for the management of Gall bladder stones, and there is no documentation on clinical trials for gall bladder stones. Hence, the main objective of the present study is to investigate PVC for the management of Cholelithiasis among patients.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Purchase and authentication

The raw drugs were bought from the raw drug store in Chennai. Goat's bile was gathered in Chennai's Tambaram. A zoologist from NIS Tambaram Sanatorium Chennai verified the goat's bile, and a Pharmacology expert in the department of Gunapadam at NIS Tambaram Sanatorium Chennai provided the identification and authentication for mineral drugs.

Ingredients

Purified Veeram - 1/10 palam (3.5gm)
Purified kodi pavalam - 1 palam (35gm)
Goat's bile - Required amount



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Veeram (Hydrargyrum perchloride) – 1/10 palam (3.5gm)

Method of purification

Make a solution of camphor and tender coconut water and put it in a pot. As per the Thula Enthiram process, burn the veeram in the pot without touching the solution for half an hour ^[9].

(ii). Purification of Pavalam:

Kodi Pavalam (coral) - 1palam (35gm)

Method of purification

Soak in lime juice for 24 hours and on the next day wash with hot water ^[9].

Preparation of the drug PVC

The above two ingredients are broken into small pieces, powdered coarsely, and placed in an earthen ware, and Goat's bile is poured in it. Then stirred well, kept for a day, and then exposed to the sunlight to be dried. Thereafter it was kept in a small earthen pot and closed with another small earthen pot, seven layers of clay cloth(*seelai*) attached to the margin of both earthen pots, dried, and subjected to *pudam* with about 250 *varatties* in a pit in an airtight compartment. On being cooled, it is taken out powdered, weighed, and stored in an airtight container.

Route of Administration: Oral route**Dose:** 200mg/ twice a day,**Adjuvant:** Cow's milk.**Duration:** 21 days [10]**Drug storage:** The prepared drug was stored in a clean and dry air-tight container.**Pilot Study Methodology**

This pilot study was conducted in Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital OPD.NO:11/12, Dept of Gunapadam, National Institute of Siddha, Tambaram sanatorium, Chennai-47. As per standard protocol after obtaining the approval of the Institutional Ethical Committee (IEC) (NIS/IEC/11/2/03–23/06/2011). The trial has been registered in the Clinical Trial Registry India (CTRI/2013/12/004203) and also posted on the International Clinical Trials Registry Platform search portal (WHO). Before enrollment into the study, informed consent was obtained from the patients.

Selection criteria**Subject selection**

As and when patients report at OPD of Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital, NIS with symptoms of inclusion criteria will be subjected to screening and documentation will be done by using the screening proforma.

Inclusion criteria

Patients who will be fulfilling the following criteria will be included in the study

- Age:20-60 yrs
- Sex: Male, Female, Transgender
- Patient with Asymptomatic /chronic gallstone not more than 10 years
- High cholesterol level/Normal cholesterol level
- Asymptomatic and symptoms like Abdominal bloating, Fat meal intolerance, nausea, pain in right hypochondria and epigastric.
- Murphy sign: Pain /catch in a deep breath when the fingers are pressed below the right costal cartilage.
- Stone size: not more than 10mm
- Patient willing to sign the informed consent
- Patients who are willing to take an Ultrasonography investigation (USG -Abdomen)



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- Patients who are willing to provide blood samples for lab investigation. (CBC, lipid profile, Liver function test)

Exclusion Criteria

A patient who will meet any of the following criteria will be excluded from participation in this study:

- Stone size > 10mm
- Pregnant women and planning to be pregnant within three months
- Lactating mother
- K\H\O Hypertension
- K\H\O Acute pancreatitis
- Carcinoma of gallbladder
- Symptoms like severe pain/fever/jaundice
- Acute (or) chronic cholecystitis
- Patient is under any steroid medication

Withdrawal criteria

- The patient turned unwilling to continue in the course of a clinical trial.
- Drug intolerance and adverse response development during the experiment.
- The patients who develop symptoms like severe abdominal pain, vomiting, Jaundice

Plan of study

15 patients were screened for the pilot study and only 10 patients fulfilled the selection criteria. So, the 10 patients were enrolled in the study as per the study protocol. (IAEC number: NIS/24/IEC/2023/S.P/30 and date:12/07/23). As per Siddha literature, before starting the treatment for Gall bladder stone, an oil bath was given with the Arakku thylam, on 2nd day onwards purgation was given with the Agasthiar Kuzhambu 200 mg od in the early morning with the ginger juice on an empty stomach for one day. Next day rest was advised to the patients, 4th day onwards the study drug *pavala veera chunnam* was given at a dose of 200mg twice a day with milk after food continuously for 21 days. [10]

Study Outcome Assessment

The study outcome was assessed based on the USG report, Blood investigations (CBC, Lipid Profile, Liver function test) improvement in reduction size before and after treatment for 21 days, and pain score (Alvarado abdominal pain score method).

Table.1: Alvarado Pain Scale

Features	Score
Right lower quadrant tenderness	2
Rebound tenderness	1
Elevated temperature (>37.3°C or >99.1°F)	1
Pain shifting to the lower right quadrant	1
Anorexia	1
Nausea or vomiting	1
Leukocytosis >10,000 white blood cells	2
Leukocytosis with a left shift of pain	1



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RESULT

Table No. 2: patient details before and after treatment

Sl. No	Age	Sex	Symptoms before treatment	Symptoms after treatment
1	32	Female	Pain and burning sensation present in the right upper and lower quadrant, flatulence, anorexia, nausea, and vomiting.	Pain present in the right upper quadrant, flatulence
2	34	Female	Pain and burning sensation present in the right upper, indigestion, abdominal bloating.	Pain is present in the right upper quadrant.
3	34	Male	Pain is present all over the abdomen, abdominal bloating, regurgitation, and indigestion.	Asymptomatic
4	26	Male	Pain and burning sensation present in the right upper and lower quadrant, nausea, and vomiting.	Pain and burning sensation present in the right upper and lower quadrant.
5	36	Female	Pain present in the right upper quadrant, indigestion, abdominal bloating, and nausea.	Pain present in the right upper quadrant, indigestion, abdominal bloating.
6	41	Female	Pain present in the right upper quadrant, indigestion, regurgitation, and nausea.	Pain is present in the right upper quadrant.
7	39	Female	Pain present in the right upper and lower quadrant, anorexia, nausea, and vomiting	Indigestion, anorexia, nausea present
8	35	Female	burning sensation present in the right upper and lower quadrant, indigestion, anorexia, and nausea.	Pain is present in the right upper quadrant.
9	20	Male	Pain is present in the right upper quadrant, indigestion	Pain is present in the right upper quadrant
10	38	Female	Pain is present all over the abdomen occasionally	Asymptomatic

Table No.3 Alvarado's abdominal pain score before and after treatment

Patients	Before	After
Patient 1	5	2
Patient 2	4	2
Patient 3	4	0
Patient 4	4	2
Patient 5	4	2
Patient 6	5	4
Patient 7	4	2
Patient 8	5	2
Patient 9	3	2
Patient 10	2	0



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Patients	Before	After
Patient 1	5mm	4mm
Patient 2	4.6mm	4.6mm
Patient 3	10mm	9mm
Patient 4	6mm	6mm
Patient 5	5mm	5mm
Patient 6	10mm	10mm
Patient 7	5mm	4.5mm
Patient 8	6.7mm	6.7mm
Patient 9	9mm	9mm
Patient 10	3mm	3mm

Table No. 5 Complete blood investigation before and after treatment

Patients	HB level (g/dL)		RBC (million/mm ³)		ESR		WBC(cells/mm ³)	
	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT
Patient 1	13.1	14.2	5	5.1	13	13	6100	5800
Patient 2	11.7	12.2	4.4	4.6	30	32	8200	8400
Patient 3	14.8	14.6	5.4	5.3	10	12	6400	6700
Patient 4	15.3	14.8	5	4.8	15	16	8200	8500
Patient 5	15.3	15.5	5.18	5.15	20	30	8560	7730
Patient 6	12.4	13.1	4.4	4.6	33	28	7500	7250
Patient 7	12.5	12.1	4.7	4.5	26	25	9200	7800
Patient 8	13.4	12.9	4.7	4.6	22	24	7900	7000
Patient 9	10.4	10.3	4.7	4.8	18	18	7500	7600
Patient 10	16.1	16	5.9	5.8	14	12	6600	6500

BT-Before Treatment, AT-After treatment, HB- Haemoglobin, RBC- Red Blood Cells, ESR- Erythrocyte Sedimentation Rate, WBC-White Blood Cells.

Table No. 6 Lipid profile before and after treatment

Patients	Total Cholesterol (mg/dL)		Triglycerides (mg/dL)		HDL (mg/dL)		LDL (mg/dL)		VLDL (mg/dL)	
	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT
Patient 1	180	173	93	110	47	52	96	92	19	19
Patient 2	138	132	75	72	42	40	75	70	15	18
Patient 3	133	187	110	239	36	43	72	103	22	48
Patient 4	199	205	203	195	39	44	113	107	41	38
Patient 5	226	204	263	187	43	39	154	140	35	42
Patient 6	213	224	144	167	57	48	113	110	29	28
Patient 7	167	167	125	123	49	92	87	51.3	25	24.6



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Patient 8	175	186	113	141.5	41	41.1	101	89.6	23	28.3
Patient 9	153	150	172	171	47.5	46	89	86	14	15
Patient10	168	165	97	95	42	40	96	96	20	20

BT-Before Treatment, AT-After treatment, HDL- High-Density Lipoprotein, LDL- Low-Density Lipoprotein, VLDL- Very Low-Density Lipoprotein

Table No. 7 Liver function tests before and after treatment

	Total Bilirubin		D.Bilirubin		I.Bilirubin		AST		ALT		ALP	
	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT	BT	AT
patient 1	0.4	0.4	0.24	0.24	0.16	0.16	37	42	40	45	150	155
patient 2	0.34	0.36	0.2	0.2	0.14	0.16	11	27	8	25	53	120
patient 3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	20	24	24	37	58	64
patient 4	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	43	38	57	60	122	115
patient 5	1.1	0.87	0.16	0.15	0.94	0.74	25	27	37	40	72	78
patient 6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	12	15	9	8	71	68
patient 7	0.7	0.84	0.4	0.35	0.3	0.49	12	16.2	14	11.8	112	97
patient 8	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	17	14	12	9	35	39
patient 9	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	14	14	11	9	91	78
patient10	0.6	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	17	18	25	24	95	65

BT-Before Treatment, AT-After treatment, AST- Aspartate Aminotransaminase, ALT- Alanine Transaminase, ALP- Alkaline Phosphatase

DISCUSSION

Gallstone (GS) disease is a very common health problem that affects millions throughout the world [12,13]. GS is generally found in the gallbladder (GB) which occupies the central part of the human biliary system. Bile is made up of phospholipids, cholesterol, bilirubin, and bile salts, all of which are essential for maintaining GB homeostasis. Various pathological conditions can disturb the regulation of these secretions. Altered secretion of biliary cholesterol, phospholipids, and bile acids disturbs the solubility of bile [14]. GS formation commences with cholesterol super saturation [15]. The Anti-hyperlipidaemic study was also done for the PVC.[16] The medicine was prepared as per the literature. The study was conducted in Ayothidoss Pandithar Hospital, Tambaram, Chennai. Totally 15 patients were screened and 10 patients enrolled in the study. On the first day oil bath will be given, on 2nd day onwards purgation will be given, the Next day rest will be advised to the patients, 4th day onwards the study drug *pavala veera chunnam* will be given at a dose of 200mg twice a day with milk after food continuously for 21 days.

Alvarado's abdominal pain score, complete blood analysis, and USG abdomen scan were used to assess the study outcome. Most of the patients had pain scores of 4 and 5, which were reduced to a pain score of 2. The third patient had a pain score of 4 before treatment, and after treatment, it was reduced to a pain score of 0. The tenth patient had a pain score of 2 before treatment, it was reduced to a pain score of 0. The pain scale is generated based on the symptoms, a massive difference between before and after treatment. Symptoms of flatulence, nausea, anorexia, and vomiting reduced well in most of the patients. Statistical analysis of pain score by paired t-test shows $P < 0.05$ significance, so the null hypothesis was rejected. Stone sizes also reduced after treatment with the study drug, indicating the drug would be effective for gallstone treatment. The first patient had a stone size of 5mm before treatment and the size was reduced to 4mm after treatment. The third patient had a stone size of 10mm, which was





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reduced to 9mm after treatment. In the seventh patient, 5mm of stone size was reduced to 4,5mm. In the other patients, there was no change in stone size before and after treatment. Statistical analysis of pain score was also done by paired t-test, showing $P < 0.05$ significance. Statistical analysis of stone size by paired t-test shows $P < 0.05$ significance, so the null hypothesis was rejected. Complete blood analysis, liver function test, and total cholesterol estimation are also done before and after treatment with the study drug. The blood parameters show no significant difference between before and after treatment. Hence, this study proves that the study drug (PVC) is very effective and safe in treating and managing gallstones. Previous literature shows that in persons with symptomatic gallstones treated by Laparoscopic cholecystectomy. The rate for subsequent pain is high, so many persons probably choose cholecystectomy to avoid pain. [17,18] In the Siddha aspect, Veeram and pavazham are both effective *kabham* and *Pitham* diseases. It reduces *kabham* and *Pitham* [19]. An increase in *Pitham* and *kabham* mainly causes cholelithiasis. So, PVC is a good choice for treating gallstones in the future.

CONCLUSION

The Results of this pilot study strongly suggest that *Pavalaveerra Chunnam* may be very effective and safe in the treatment and management of Gallstones (Cholelithiasis). Furthermore, large-scale clinical trials are needed to confirm Pavala Veera Chunnam's effectiveness in the future.

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Quantitative Structure - Activity Relationships (QSAR) Studies of a Series of Inhibitors of Human Prolyl Endopeptidase

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ABSTRACT

Prolyl Endopeptidase (PREP) family enzymes have a major role in regulating the activity of peptides and peptide hormones, influencing processes such as learning and memory. Consequently, these enzymes are responsible for various diseases, including amnesia and depression. Prolyl peptidase (PREP; EC3.4.21.26) is a highly conserved serine protease. It cleaves peptides at the carboxyl group terminal of proline residues in small molecular weight proteins (approximately 30 amino acids). It typically does not cleave larger peptides and proteins. The peptidase domain has an α/β hydrolase fold. The catalytic triad (Ser554, His680, Asp641) is protected by a central tunnel formed by an N-terminal β propeller. This structural arrangement prevents larger peptides from entering the active site. Techniques like X-ray crystallography and enzyme kinetic analysis have provided significant insights into the structure-function relationship of these enzymes. This study employs a number of prolyl endopeptidases to develop a Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) model using QSARINS software. The model is built using molecular descriptors with minimal correlation, based on experimentally determined IC₅₀ values sourced from the ChEMBL database. A genetic algorithm is applied to select the suitable molecular descriptors for the model. The model is thoroughly validated using OECD guidelines to ensure its robustness and stability.

Keywords: QSARINS, molecular descriptors, inhibitors, Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship, Multiple Linear Regression.





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INTRODUCTION

Prolyl endopeptidase (PEP) is a cytosolic enzyme. It cleaves peptide bonds at the C-terminal side of prolyl residues, commonly within peptides around 30 amino acids in length. The enzyme's active site is selective, allowing only short peptide sequences to enter, which is regulated by a distinctive beta-propeller structure. In this study, we explore various inhibitors with experimentally determined IC₅₀ values sourced from the ChEMBL database (ID: ChEMBL 3202, Name: Prolyl Endopeptidase, Uniprot Accession No.: P48147, Organism: *Homo sapiens*). [1]. A dataset comprising IC₅₀ values for 697 compounds was gathered and analysed to evaluate their range and sources

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The biological activity of a molecule is related to its chemical structure. Quantitative Structure-Activity Relationship (QSAR) models are used to analyze and predict relationship between a molecule's chemical composition and its biological and physicochemical properties. A variety of molecular descriptors are used to build Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) models [2,3]. QSAR models play a crucial role in predicting new compounds with potentially improved biological activity. Three-dimensional crystal structures of 265 small compounds are taken from the PubChem database. The experimental values IC₅₀ (50% inhibition concentration) are obtained from ChEMBL (Table 1). Each molecule was subjected to 1000 steps of steepest descents energy minimization using the MMFF94 force field. RMSD of potential energy reached below 0.001. Descriptor values for these molecules are calculated using PaDEL software [4]. In this analysis, IC₅₀ was taken as the dependent variable (Y), and the molecular descriptors were considered independent variables (X). Descriptors having correlation greater than 90% were discarded, Correlation analysis was performed between each pair of descriptors. Descriptors with zero values or those exhibiting the same values for 80% of the compounds were also removed. After excluding 395 data points, 521 data entries were retained for analysis. The distribution profile of the experimental data and descriptor values are shown in Figures 1, 2, and 3. A genetic algorithm in QSARINS is used to select variables for the reduced descriptor set. A training set (70%) and a test set (30%) are then created randomly from the dataset. Multiple Linear Regression (MLR) models are constructed using Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) using the QSARINS program (QSAR-Insubria). The software is provided by the University of Insubria. This was developed by Nicola Chirico [2,3] and implemented by Gramatica *et al.* [5,6,11]. the tool explores every conceivable combination of descriptors using the all-subset approach. This approach was used to generate MLR models with 1–6 descriptors. The MLR model was used to construct a linear relationship between the molecular descriptors and the biological activity IC₅₀ (half maximum inhibitory concentration). Based on their R² values, the top models were chosen.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Fitting Criteria

The evaluation of the model performance involves various criteria, including R², R²_{adj}, R² -R²_{adj}; LOF, k_{xx}, k_{xy}, δk, training data, training data (MAE, RMSE, RSS, CCC), S and F. These parameters are defined as follows:

LOF = Friedman lack of fit criterion

k_{xx} = correlation found among descriptors

k_{xy} = correlation between descriptors and responses

δk = k_{xx} - k_{xy}

R² = regression coefficient

MAE = mean absolute error in fitting

MAE (tr) = mean absolute error in the training set

RMSE (tr) = root mean square error for training set

RSS (tr) = residual sum of squares for training set

s = standard error of estimate

CCC (tr) = concordance correlation coefficient for training set





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For a robust QSAR model, an $R^2 > 0.6$ is considered acceptable. The R^2 tends to increase with the addition of more descriptors, while R^2 (adj) improves with the inclusion of relevant variables. Importantly, R^2_{adj} will always be less than or equal to R^2 . The LOF should ideally be less than 0.4, and the F-value should be high [7]. A low value for k_{xx} is preferred, indicating weak correlation among descriptors. Additionally, the difference $k_{xy} - k_{xx}$ should be smaller than a threshold value δx [8,9]. The CCC (tr) should be high and close to 1, indicating good correlation between the expected and observed values. Moreover, RMSE values of training and validation should be similar to ensure consistency of the model.

Fitting criteria of Model MLR1 $R^2 = 0.7399$ R^2 (adj) = 0.7312 $R^2 - R^2$ (adj) = 0.0087 LOF = 0.4777 $K_{xx} = 0.2517$ Delta $K = 0.0965$ RMSE (tr) = 0.6466 MAE (tr) = 0.4916 RSS (tr) = 77.7645 CCC (tr) = 0.8505 $s = 0.6591$ $F = 84.8691$

Internal Validation

Iterated cross-validation methods are used to evaluate the model's dependability. The cross-validated correlation coefficients. Q^2 (LOO) and Q^2 (LMO), are calculated the Leave-One-Out (LOO) and Leave-Many-Out (LMO) methods. In the LOO procedure, the model is iteratively built by taking one compound out of the dataset of descriptors. After the model is trained on the remaining data, a prediction is made for the omitted compound. A model is considered good if the Q^2_{LOO} value exceeds the R^2 value. The LMO approach tests the result given by the model when multiple compounds are left out. Typically, 30% of the compounds are randomly excluded. The model is recalculated using the remaining compounds. The result is then evaluated by predicting the responses for the excluded compounds. If the averages of the R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values fall within a specific range, the model is considered stable. For reliable model performance, both Q^2 (LOO) and Q^2 (LMO) should be greater than 0.6; MAE and RMSE (cv) (cross-validation RMSE) should both be below 0.5, RMSE (tr) (training RMSE) should be smaller than the RMSE (cv). The standard errors (s), RMSE (tr), and RMSE (cv) should be comparable. To ensure the model is not a result of random correlations, the Y-scrambling method is employed. This technique involves randomizing the experimental data or responses, breaking any link between the descriptors and the responses. If the model was constructed purely by chance, the performance of the resulting models should degrade significantly.

Internal validation criteria

Q^2 (LOO) = 0.7190 $R^2 - Q^2$ (LOO) = 0.0209 RMSE (cv) = 0.6721 MAE (cv) = 0.5112 PRESS (cv) = 84.0253 CCC (cv) = 0.8391 Q^2 (LMO) = 0.7125 $R^2 Y$ (scr) = 0.0318 $Q^2 Y$ (scr) = -0.0471 RMSE (av) Y (scr) = 1.2475

External Validation Method

The model is tested by predicting the responses for novel compounds that were not included in the training set, applying the MLR equation to these external compounds. Various performance metrics are used to evaluate the model's predictive ability, including RMSE (ext) and the Golbraikh and Tropsha approach [10]. Low multicollinearity (Table 2) among the descriptors is utilized to develop several MLR models. The average R^2 and Q^2 (LOO) values are plotted against the number of variables (Fig. 4). The addition of new descriptors led to an increase in both R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values; however, it did not significantly improve model performance. The six-variable models share many common descriptor combinations. The best model (MLR 1) which includes six descriptors, is selected for predicting novel inhibitors. The statistical characteristics of MLR1 are shown in Table 3. According to the model statistics, $R^2 = 0.7399$ and R^2 (adj) = 0.7312, indicating that the model is capable of incorporating a new descriptor. The LOF parameter has low value (0.4777). It suggests that the minimum number of descriptors fit the data well. The low k_{xx} value (0.2517) indicates minimal correlation among the model descriptors. The δk (0.0965) value indicates that the descriptors are well correlated with the Log IC_{50} values. Additional statistical metrics (RMSE (tr) = 0.64660, MAE (tr) = 0.49160, $s = 0.6591$) indicate minimal error in the training set results. The scatter plot (Fig. 5,6) compares the predicted values from the model equation (blue points, test set) with the experimental values (yellow dots, training set). Some outliers in the data are found in the plot. The validity of the model is confirmed by internal validation. The variance observed by LOO indicates good prediction performance (Fig. 6). Q^2 (LOO) = 0.7190 is comparable to $R^2 = 0.7399$. The model demonstrates internal stability, as the prediction error is minimal (RMSE (cv) = 1.1825, MAE (cv) = 0.79180). The Leave-Many-Out (LMO) method was applied by excluding 30% of the dataset, and the values of R^2 (0.7399) and Q^2 (LMO) (0.7125) are comparable, suggesting the model's stability. The Q^2 (LOO) (0.7190) and Q^2 (LMO) (0.7125) values





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are consistent. The $Q^2(\text{LMO})$ vs k_{xy} plot (Fig. 9) shows the performance of the LMO models, with the blue point representing the QSAR model ("model Q^2 "), and the red points indicating the LMO model's performance. The LMO model performs similarly to the original model. The model can be a correlation by chance. To rule out that possibility the Y-scrambling method is applied. The values obtained were $R^2_{Yscr}=0.0318$ and $Q^2_{Yscr}=-0.0471$. Figure 10 compares these values with those from the original model. It is evident that the R^2 and Q^2 values differ completely from those derived using Y-scrambling, suggesting that the model is not obtained by chance. For external validation, several parameters are used:[10]

External validation criteria

RMSE (ext) = 1.1825 MAE (ext)= 0.7918 PRESS (ext)= 110.4685 R^2 (ext)= 0.2554

$Q^2\text{-F1}$ = 0.0524 $Q^2\text{-F2}$ = 0.0260 $Q^2\text{-F3}$ = 0.1301 CCC (ext)= 0.4943

r^2_m (average)= 0.1304 r^2_m (delta)= 0.0501

Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal= -19.5441°

R^2 (ext) = the external validation procedure's coefficient

MAE (ext)= The Mean Absolute Error

MSE (ext) measures the Root Mean Square Error $Q^2\text{-F1}$, $Q^2\text{-F2}$ and $Q^2\text{-F3}$ measure the variances provided in external validation. [8, 9, 12, 13]

CCC (ext) = Concordance Correlation Coefficient [2,3]

$r^2_m\text{-aver}$ and $r^2_m\text{-delta}$ = Roy criteria average [14].

PRESS (ext) = for Predictive Residual Sum of Squares.

The parameters obtained are consistent with the model. Fig. 11 presents the q-q plot of experimental vs residual values from LOO. The ordinate shows the values of the residuals (from the predictions). The abscissa shows the theoretical quantiles, or Z values. The theoretical quantiles, or Z values are plotted along the abscissa. Values obtained by the model equation are shown by blue points, predicted values by LOO are represented by the yellow points (training set).

The Combined Model

The Average Combined Prediction is obtained by averaging the predictions obtained from all 9 models (ACM) (Fig.8). According to the William plot of the combined model (Fig.12,15), majority of the compounds fall within the model's applicability domain. The critical leverage value of h^* is 0.265. The predicted residuals and the HAT values are shown on the ordinate and abscissa respectively. The LOO training set is represented by the yellow spots, and the prediction set, as established by the combined model equation, is represented by the blue points. Horizontal dashed lines represent the user-specified threshold for Y-outlier detection. Outliers are defined as having HAT values exceeding the cut off value, $h^*=3p/n$ (p is the number of model variables plus one, n is the number of objects). Additionally, the applicability domain is displayed in the Insubria plot (Fig. 13,14), generated by the software QSARINS. In this graph, the ordinate shows projected data and the abscissa presents HAT diagonal values. The combined model predicts data points shown in blue (prediction set) and yellow (training set), respectively, when the experimental values are known [15,16]. Table 4 lists the chemicals tested using the model equation. The models are selected based on Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to the average performance using the combined modelling approach.

Selected Models Include

MLR1 model: (5.6059) + (-0.0125) ATSC4i + (-0.0544) VE3_Dzv+ (0.0980) VE3_Dzi + (0.3459) nBondsD + (0.4949) SsssN + (-0.3059) nHBDOn

MLR2 model: (3.2208) +(-0.0117) ATSC4i + (1.8593) GATS3c + (0.0575) VE3_Dzi + (0.3847) nBondsD + (0.4309) SsssN+ (-0.0128) VABC

MLR3 model: (3.8934) + (-0.0126) ATSC4i + (1.7166) GATS3c + (0.0662) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3390) ndssC +(0.4542) SsssN + (- 0.2544) nHBDOn

MLR4 model: (4.1440) +(- 0.0126) ATSC4i+ (1.5181) GATS3c+ (0.0679) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3832) nBondsD + (0.4638) SsssN+ (- 0.2805) nHBDOn





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MLR5 model: (6.0222) + (-0.0111) ATSC4i + (-0.0113) VR2_Dze + (-0.0113) VE3_Dzi + (0.3586) nBondsD+ (0.5353) SsssN + (-0.3366) nHBDOn

MLR6 model: (6.1632) + (-0.0237) ATSC1i + (-0.0078) ATSC4i + (0.0672) VE3_Dzi + (0.3952) nBondsD + (0.4380) SsssN+ (-0.4081) nHBDOn

MLR7 model: Model: (6.0044) + (-0.0108) ATSC4i + (-0.0118) VR2_Dze+ (0.0723) VE3_Dzi + (0.3120) ndssC + (0.5362) SsssN + (-0.3181) nHBDOn

MLR8 model: (6.0018) + (-0.0110) ATSC4i + (-0.0003) VR1_DzZ + (0.0722) VE3_Dzi+ (0.3595) nBondsD + (0.5305) SsssN + (-0.3385) nHBDOn

MLR9 model: (2.9577) + (-0.0122) ATSC4i + (2.0575) GATS3c + (0.0575) VE3_Dzi + (0.3320) ndssC + (0.4333) SsssN+ (-0.0108) VABC

Fitting criteria for the combined model

R^2 (ACM)=0.7491 R^2 (WCM)=0.7626 MAE (tr)=0.4823 RMSE (tr)=0.6353 CCC (tr)=0.8545 External validation criteria MAE (ext.)=0.6978 RMSE (ext.)=0.9101 CCC (ext.)=0.6685 Q^2 -F₁=0.4387 Q^2 -F₂=0.4231 Q^2 -F₃=0.4847 Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal (ACM)= -14.8142° Calculated external data regression angle from diagonal (WCM)= -18.1825°

DISCUSSION

The 3-D structural coordinates of human Prolyl Oligopeptidase (hydrolase) bound to the inhibitor GSK552 at a resolution of 1.56 Å (PDB DOI: <https://doi.org/10.2210/pdb3DDU/pdb>) [1] (PDB code: 3DDU) is taken from the Protein Databank. The structure of HIV-1 RT consists of two chains, A and B. Docking studies are conducted using the 560 amino acids in Chain A. Hydrogen atoms and partial charges are added to the protein. OPLS force field is used to minimize energy. Auto Dock Vina software is used to dock the chemicals ChEMBL ID: 267225, 480154, 449310, and 565813 (designated as outliers) in the binding site. [17,18] Unlike in crystals, the docked structures are not stabilized inside the active site (Fig 16,17).

CONCLUSION

Prolyl endopeptidase, is a cytosolic enzyme that has been the focus of extensive research. It plays a critical role in various physiological processes and the regulation of neuronal hormones containing proline residues. POP inhibition presents a promising strategy for treating Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other cognitive impairments [19,20,21,22]. The 3D structure of human POP, complexed with the inhibitor (6S)-1-chloro-3-[(4-fluorobenzyl)oxy]-6-(pyrrolidin-1-ylcarbonyl)pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazin-4(6H)-one is available in the Protein Data Bank. (PDB Code: 3DDU). POP cleaves peptide bonds on the carboxyl group side of proline, recognizing the sequence X-Pro-Y. Here X and Y are generally peptides/ amino acid. Y can also be amide, alcohol, or aromatic amine. The catalytic triad consists of Ser 554, Asp 641 and His 680. The enzyme's active site contains several charged residues, including Arg-128, Arg-643, Asp-642, Arg-252 and Asp-149, and. These residues create an electrostatic environment which influences substrate binding and specificity. Additionally, polar residues such as Thr481, Ser479, Tyr471, and Asn483 may create steric hindrance, further affecting binding interactions. [23,24,25,26,27]. In this study, a series of POP inhibitors, including peptide-like compounds, are utilized to develop a QSAR-MLR model through ordinary least squares regression using QSARINS. Molecular descriptors are generated using PaDEL software. The most meaningful descriptors are selected using genetic algorithm. The resulting model is at par with the regulatory principles of OECD. The robustness of the MLR model is evaluated through both internal and external validation. The model can predict novel compounds. The application domain of the model shows four potential outliers. Molecular docking studies indicate that these compounds do not fit well within the active site.





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Table.1: Experimental logIC50data

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22975	5.19	310054	5.1	478618	6.1	1079410	7.54	2385298	4.42	3934376	4.13
23024	5.58	310381	6.89	478619	6.05	1079474	6.3	2385299	4.78	3937692	5.05
23089	6.22	311120	6.82	478632	6.46	1079579	6.23	2385301	6.08	3984057	4.88
23114	6.16	311364	7.5	478843	7.66	1079580	5.47	2385302	6.15	4743436	4.22
23690	6.38	311534	6.02	478844	7.75	1086968	8.7	3233539	5.24	4745328	4.67
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77088	7.77	312560	7.07	479736	5.07	2021328	5.33	3233544	5.05	4748939	4.32
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		478232	7.16	567727	4.32	2385293	6.19	3900683	6.3		

Table.2: Correlation Matrix shows that the Descriptors Have Little Correlation

	ATSC4i	VE3_Dzv	VE3_Dzi	nBondsD	SsssN	nHBDOn
ATSC4	1.000					
VE3_Dzv	-0.132	1.000				
VE3_Dzi	0.029	0.319	1.000			
nBondsD	0.002	-0.145	-0.032	1.000		
SsssN	0.337	-0.111	0.036	0.408	1.000	
nHBDOn	0.112	-0.180	-0.204	0.151	-0.242	1.000

Table.3: Variables with their coefficients for MLR1 model

Variable	Coeff.	Std. coeff	Std. err.	(+/-) Co. int. 95%	p-value
ATSC4i	-0.0125	-0.1654	0.0034	0.0066	0.0003
VE3_Dzv	-0.0544	-0.1318	0.0200	0.0395	0.0072
VE3_Dzi	0.0980	0.2329	0.0184	0.0363	0.0000
nBondsD	0.3459	0.3431	0.0454	0.0896	0.0000
SsssN	0.4949	0.5007	0.0504	0.0994	0.0000
nHBDOn	-0.3059	-0.2518	0.0512	0.1010	0.0000
Intercept	5.6055		0.3699	0.7285	0.0000





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Table.4: Compounds taken from PUBCHEM and used for validation

CHEMBLID	Molecular weight	logIC50 (calculated from model MLR1)	logIC50 (calculated from combined model)	logIC50 (Experimental)
476985	407.85	7.91	7.51	7.82
289651	314.43	7.62	7.42	7.82
78421	338.45	7.92	7.62	7.85
422281	390.53	7.65	7.55	7.85
514702	371.87	7.42	8.12	7.92
476951	546.57	7.76	7.56	7.96
139862	368.52	8.45	8.25	8.05
76303	372.55	8.25	8.35	8.05
478199	432.88	7.9	8.3	8.1
477998	416.42	7.9	7.85	8.15
78877	294.4	8.46	8.46	8.26
308073	450.55	8.5	8.5	8.3
307938	358.51	8.62	8.62	8.32
476950	514.55	8.6	8.1	8.4
476508	412.46	8.45	8.15	8.52
1086968	384.55	8.8	8.5	8.7
515482	394.47	8.9	8.5	8.7
22766	366.46	9.4	9.6	9.3

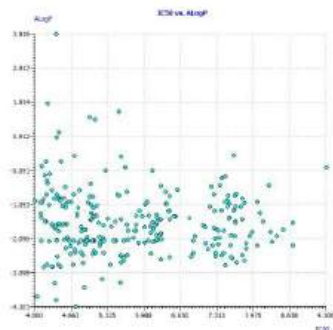


Figure.1: Variable Scatter plot

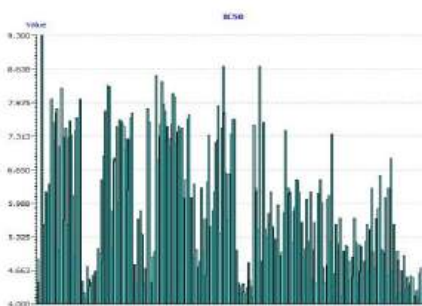


Figure.2: Variables profile





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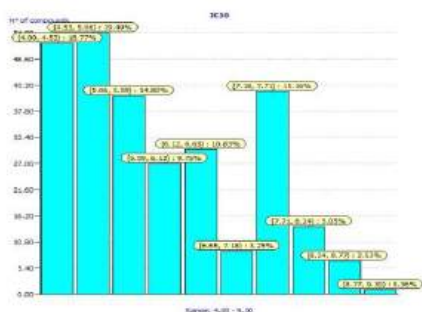


Figure.3: Distribution of data

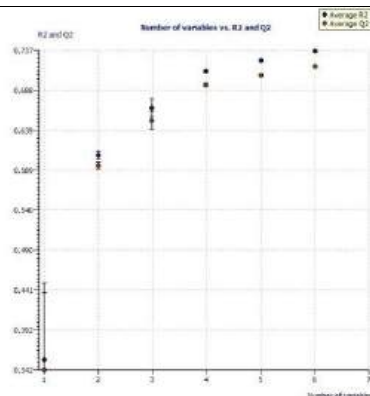
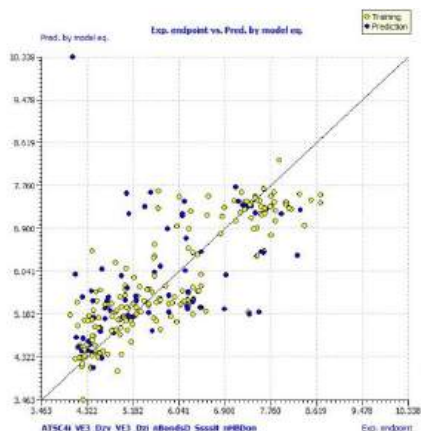
Figure.4: The average R^2 and Q^2_{LOO} values are displayed against the number of variables

Figure.5: Scatter plot of Experimental endpoint vs. Predictions by the model1 equation

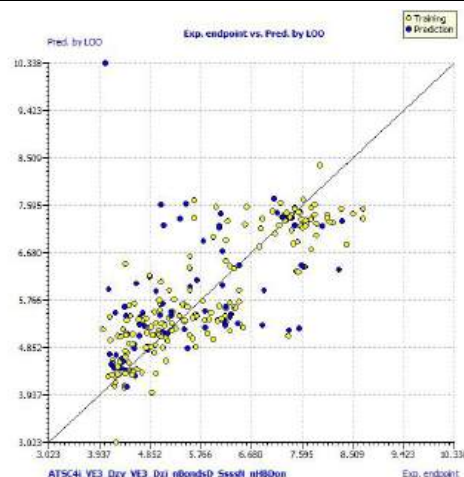


Figure.6: Scatter plot of experimental endpoint data a vs. LOO predictions Model1

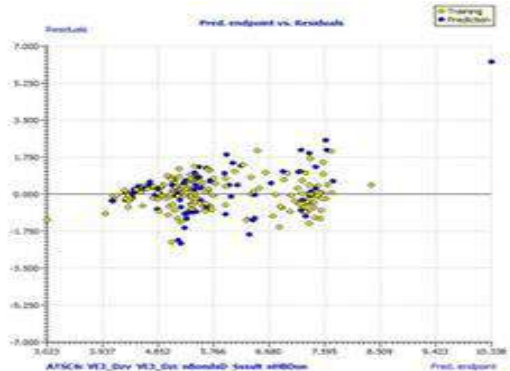


Figure.7: Experimental values versus residuals from LOO predictions on a residual plot. The experimental data are provided on the abscissa axes, while the residuals of the predictions are reported on the ordinate Model 1

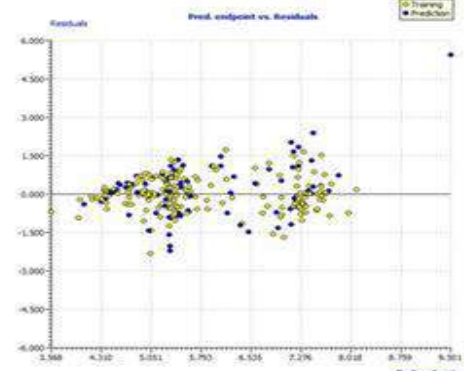


Figure.8: Experimental values versus residuals from LOO predictions on a residual plot for Combined model using WCM





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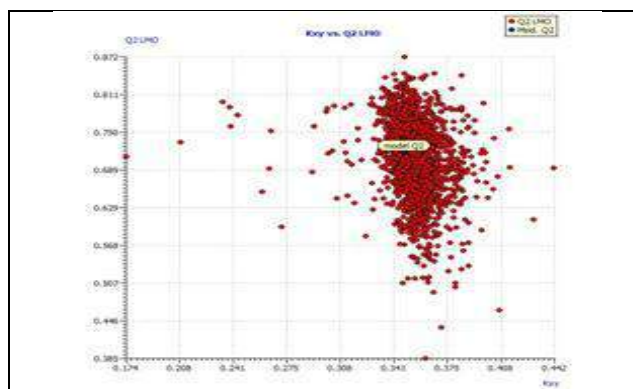


Figure.9: Plot of LMO models compared with the original QSAR model (Model1)

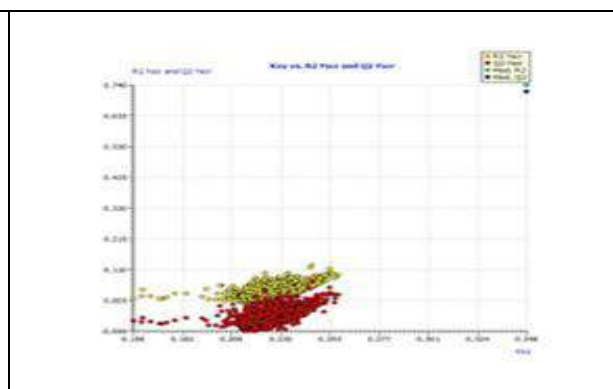


Figure.10: Scatter plot of Y-scrambled models compared to the original QSAR model

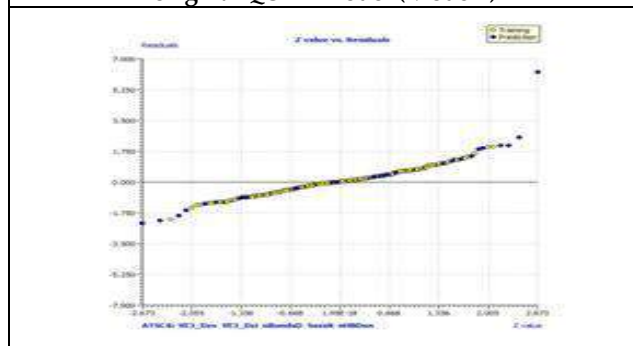


Figure.11: q-q plot of experimental endpoint vs. residuals from the predictions by model 1 equation

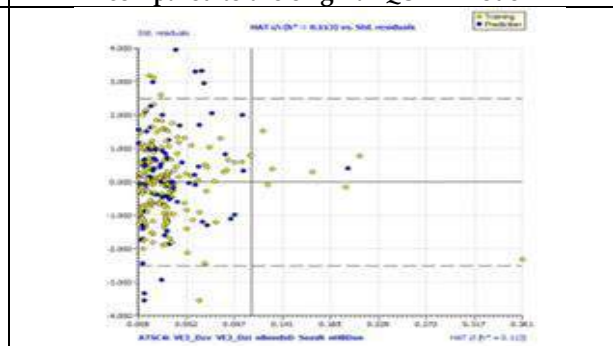


Figure.12: Williams plot of diagonal hat elements vs. standardized residual predictions by LOO (Model1)

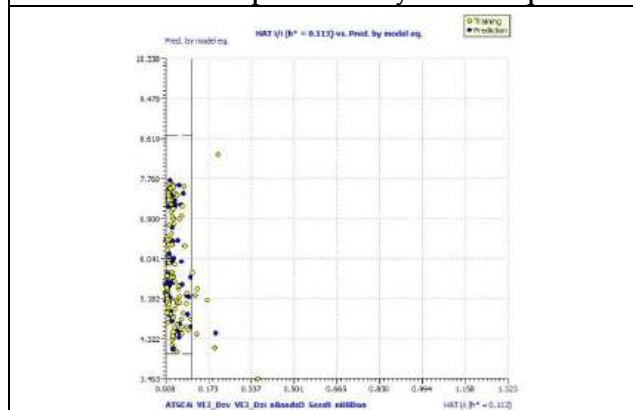


Figure 13. Insubria graph: diagonal hat elements vs. predictions by model MLR1

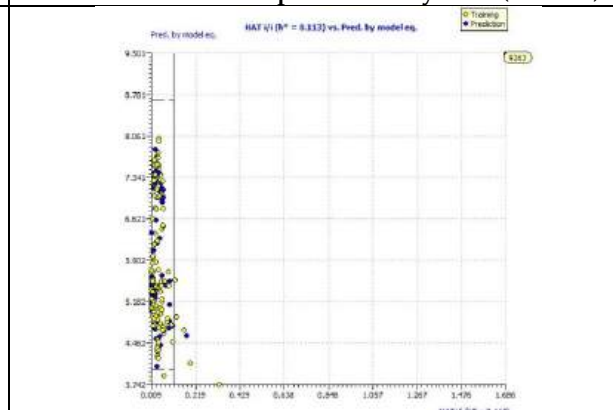


Figure 14. Insubria graph diagonal hat elements vs. predictions by the combined model equation





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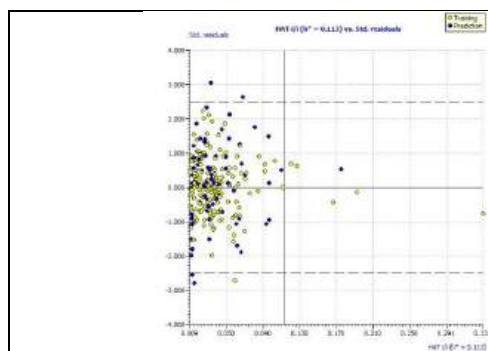


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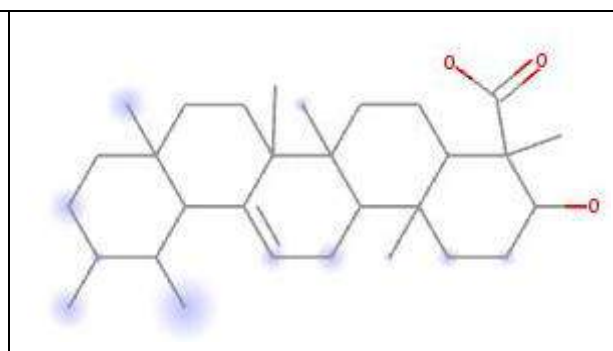


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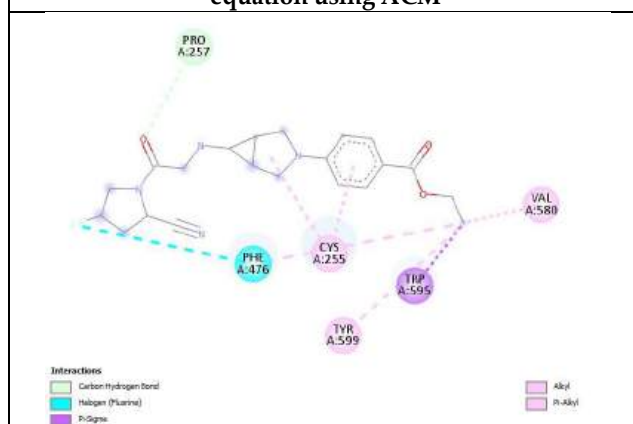


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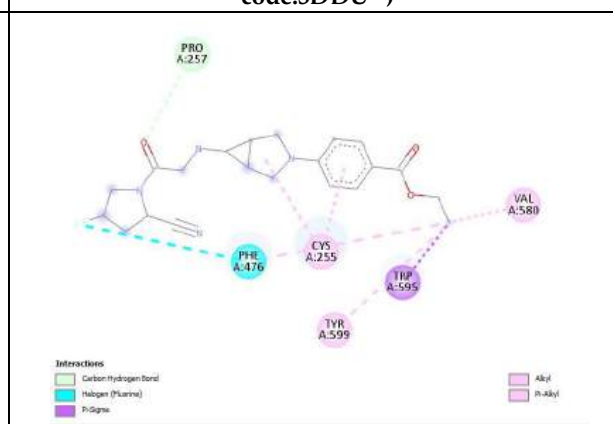


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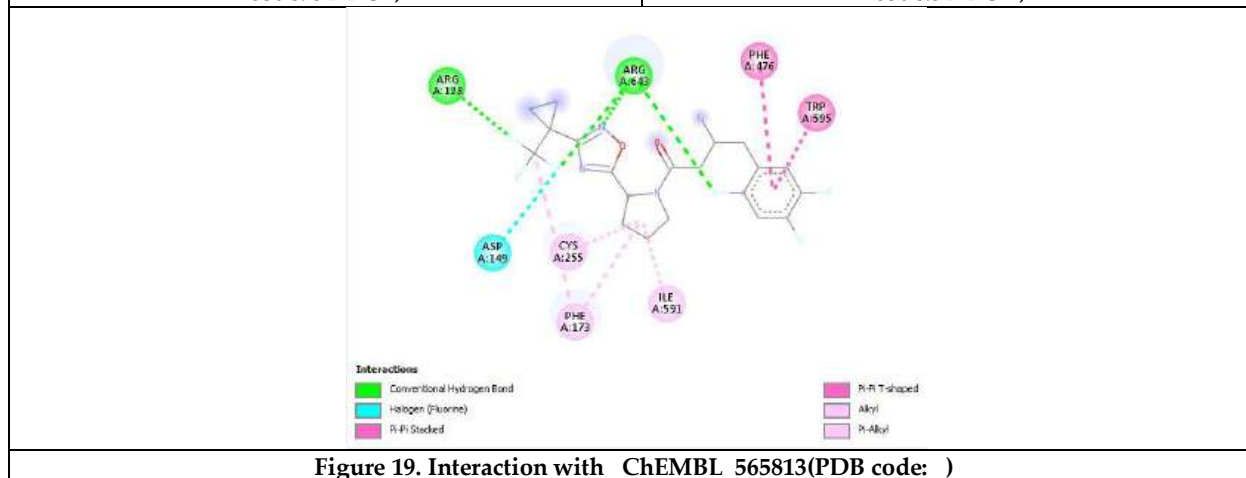


Figure 19. Interaction with ChEMBL 565813(PDB code:)





Enhancement of Solubility and Bioavailability of Drug by Parenteral Nanosuspension

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ABSTRACT

This review offers a comprehensive overview of parenteral nanosuspensions and recent advancements in technology and drug delivery. Over the past decade, nanocrystals have proven to be effective in enhancing solubility. Currently, there is a significant shift from using nano crystallization solely for solubility enhancement to exploring its more innovative and targeted applications. This article aims to offer a complete overview of nanosuspension preparation methods as well as the major technological obstacles connected with their development. It discusses suggestions for choosing stabilizers, the in vivo behaviour of intravenously delivered nanosuspensions, and ways for attaining targeted intravenous distribution. medicinal nanosuspensions are a flexible formulation approach for increasing the delivery of hydrophobic pharmaceuticals and are one of the most promising ways to improve the biopharmaceutical performance of poorly water-soluble medicinal molecules.

Keywords: Nano-suspensions, formulation techniques, manufacturing processes, stabilizer selection, administration routes.





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INTRODUCTION

Nano-suspensions (NSs) are dispersions of colloidal material that include submicron drug particles. They are generally finely dispersed, biphasic, and have drug particles smaller than 1 μm [1]. While the definition of nano-suspensions varies in the literature, and the terms small suspensions and nanocrystals are frequently used interchangeably, nano-suspensions are generally described as "pure active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) ranging from 10-1000 nm stabilized with surfactants or polymers.[2]" They are also classified as "particles with sizes of approximately 200-600 nm, formed from 100 percent pure active substances [3]." When nano-sized particles drug crystals are used as stabilizing agents, a nano-suspension is formed. In 1995, the first nanosuspension-based drug, Gris-Stat, was introduced. This product was a sustained-release tablet containing nanosuspensions of griseofulvin. Since then, more than 20 nanosuspension products have been launched, with administration routes categorized into oral and injectable forms. These products cover a range of indications, including analgesia, schizophrenia, antifungal treatments, anti-inflammatory applications, and other areas (Chen et al., 2022).

Parenteral nanosuspension

Intravenous (IV) administration (parenteral) is preferable because to its quick beginning of action, avoidance of hepatic metabolism, and provide tailored doses. However, creating IV formulations for medications that are poorly water-soluble presents considerable hurdles. Salt formation, co-solvents, surfactants, and complexation with cyclodextrins are used to increase solubility. Parenteral administration is crucial and demands precise control over various factors. For parenteral nanosuspensions, particle size is a critical parameter as it influences the in vivo behaviour of the nanocrystals. Studies have shown that nanocrystals larger than 200 nm dissolve more slowly and are predominantly phagocytized by liver macrophages, while those 100 nm or smaller dissolve more rapidly [4]. Although the fundamentals of solubility enhancement and preparation techniques have been extensively reviewed [5][6], this review will specifically address parenteral nanosuspensions. It will explore aspects such as the surfactants employed, preparation methods, stability challenges, strategies to overcome these challenges, in vivo behaviour following parenteral administration, and existing marketed formulations. Additionally, it will touch on pharmacokinetic strategies and provide a brief overview of general preparation methods, recent advancements, and the unique characteristics of nanocrystals.

Preparation techniques of nanosuspension

Media Milling

Media milling processing method was pioneered by Liversidge *et al.* [7][8]. This approach employs high-shear media mills or pearl mills to produce nano-suspensions. The media mills include processing chamber, processing shaft, and a distribution chamber (see Figure 3). The processing media, or beads, are typically made from sintered ceramic aluminium oxide or highly cross-linked polystyrene resin. In this method, a water-based suspension containing the drug and stabilizer is introduced into the processing chamber, where the beads rotate at high shear rates. This process can be conducted under controlled temperatures. The interactions between the drug particles and beads result in the formation of nanoparticles. Advantages of media processing include ease of scaling-up and minimal variation in batches. However, a drawback is the potential wear of the beads, which can lead to contamination of the final product and subsequent issues during administration [9].

➤ Example of a marketed formulation:

Rapamune® (sirolimus), a commercial formulation created using media milling, is a nanosuspension that improves medication bioavailability. Sirolimus is weakly soluble in water, however its solubility was greatly enhanced by formulating as a nanosuspension. The media milling procedure reduced particle size, resulting in faster solubility and absorption in the body.[11][12]



**Naziya Khan and Deepak Joshi****Benefits of media milling in nanosuspension preparation**

- Nanoparticle size reduction improves bioavailability by increasing surface area and dissolving rate, particularly for weakly water-soluble medicines.
- Media milling is scalable for industrial output.
- Cost-effective: This medication formulation technology is simple and affordable.[13]

High Pressure Homogenization

High Pressure Homogenization (HPH) is a popular process for creating nanosuspensions, notably for increasing the solubility and pharmacokinetics of medicines that are poorly water-soluble. This approach includes applying high pressure to a drug solution and pushing it through a tight gap, where extreme shear stresses and cavitation reduce size of the drug particle to nanometers.[14]

The high- pressure homogenization process begins with preparing the medication solution. The medication is initially suspended in a liquid phase, commonly water or an aqueous buffer, due to its low water solubility. Stabilizers (such as surfactants or polymers) are used to prevent aggregation and stabilize the nanosuspension.

Homogenization

The suspension is passed through a high-pressure homogenizer with pressures ranging from 500 to 2000 bars. This generates high shear forces and microjets within the suspension. The suspension goes through a thin opening in the homogenizer valve, where high pressure and shear forces reduce drug particles to nanoscale

Particle size reduction

The procedure produces particles ranging from 50 to 1000 nm, depending on the formulation and factors. To produce the appropriate particle size many rounds of homogenisation is necessary.

Stabilization

After homogenization, stabilizers such as surfactants or polymers are added to prevent particle aggregation and maintain suspension stability.[15]

Example of marketed formulation**Anakinra(Kineret®)**

Anakinra, an interleukin-1 receptor antagonist, is advertised as a protein-based medication that uses high-pressure homogenization to generate a stable and bioavailable injectable nanosuspension.

Emend® (Aprepitant)

It is an antiemetic medication produced with nanosuspension technology, including high-pressure homogenization, to improve solubility and bioavailability.

Advantages of High-Pressure Homogenisation

- Nanoparticle size reduction improves bioavailability by increasing surface area and dissolving rate, particularly for poorly soluble medicines.
- High-pressure homogenization is scalable for industrial production, making it ideal for large-scale manufacturing.
- The process is ecologically safe and ideal for pharmaceutical applications, as it does not require harmful solvents.[16]

Selection of Stabilizer

Nano suspensions (NSs), like other drug delivery methods, require stability to work properly. Because of the smaller particle size, NS preparation might provide issues such as particle aggregation or agglomeration [17]. Because these particles are tiny and high in energy, they are susceptible to recrystallization or the Ostwald ripening process, which can result in particle growth over time [18]. To avoid this instability, formulations contain stabilizers that restrict



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particle development [19]. Stabilizers are essential for avoiding agglomeration and increasing the stability of nano suspensions (also known as nanoparticle dispersions). They contribute to the homogeneity of nanoparticles in suspension by reducing their inclination to agglomerate or precipitate.[20] Common stabilizers used in nano suspension compositions are:

Polymeric stabilizers

- Polyvinyl Alcohol (PVA) is often employed in nano suspension formulations to stabilize nanoparticles and avoid agglomeration.
- It operates by adsorbing onto the nanoparticles' surfaces and prevents aggregation.
- Polyethylene Glycol (PEG) stabilizes nanoparticles and improves their dispersibility in aqueous solutions.
- Natural polymers such as xanthan gum and guar gum are employed.

Surfactants

Anionic surfactants, such as sodium dodecyl sulphate (SDS), help stabilize nanoparticles by lowering surface tension and promoting electrostatic repulsion between particles. Cationic surfactants, such as Cetyltrimethylammonium bromide (CTAB), stabilize nanoparticles and prevent aggregation by adsorbing to their surfaces. Non-ionic surfactants, such as Tween 80 and Polysorbate 80, are commonly utilized due to their low toxicity and ability to stabilize nanoparticles in different solvent systems.

Ionic Liquids

Ionic liquids may stabilize nano suspensions and improve dispersion quality, making them a promising option. These chemicals can provide both electrostatic and steric stabilization, which improves the suspension's long-term stability

Charge Transfer Agents (such as phospholipids):

Phospholipids stabilize nanoparticles by creating a bilayer and interacting electrostatically. These are extremely valuable in medicinal applications, particularly lipid-based nano-formulations.

Inorganic stabilizers

- Silica nanoparticles, either coated or uncoated, can serve as stabilizers in nano-suspensions. Their surface qualities allow them to provide both steric and electrostatic stability.
- Clay minerals, such as Montmorillonite, can stabilize suspensions by interacting with nanoparticle surfaces and avoiding agglomeration.

Proteins

Albumin, Casein, or Gelatine can stabilize nanoparticles by adhering to their surfaces and preventing aggregation. This is very beneficial in the creation of protein-based nanoparticles for medication delivery.[21][22]

Characterization of nanosuspension

Nanosuspensions must be characterized in order to determine their stability, size distribution, surface properties, and drug release patterns, among other attributes. Several methods are routinely used to assess the characteristics of nanosuspensions, including:

Particle size and distribution

- Dynamic Light Scattering (DLS) is a popular method for measuring hydrodynamic nanoparticles in suspension. It gives information on the size distribution and the polydispersity index (PDI), which determines how uniform the nanoparticles are.[23]
- Laser Diffraction: Measures the angle and intensity of light scattered by particles to determine particle size distribution. It is appropriate for bigger particle sizes but may also be used with nano-sized particles.[24]



**Naziya Khan and Deepak Joshi****Zeta Potential (Electrokinetic Potential).**

It measures the surface charge of nano-particles, which is important for understanding their stability in suspension. A strong negative or positive zeta potential often implies good stability because particles are repelled from one another, reducing aggregation.[25]

Surface Area and Porosity:

Surface Area Analysis is used to calculate the specific surface area of nanoparticles, which is critical for understanding their drug loading capacity and surface energy.[26]

Transmission Electron Micro-scopy (TEM)

- TEM imaging allows for high-resolution measurements of nanoparticle size, shape, and morphology at the nanometer scale. It can also show the interior structure of nanoparticles.
- SEM is commonly used for surface morphology study. It helps to see the surface texture and particle dispersion in a nanosuspension.[27]

X-ray diffraction (XRD)

XRD measures the crystalline structure of nanoparticles. XRD can offer information on particle stability, phase transitions, and drug release qualities by measuring their crystallinity. For example, amorphous nanosuspensions are frequently more soluble, which is advantageous for medication dissolution.[28]

Differential Scanning Calorimetry

DSC analyses the thermal behaviour of nanosuspensions, including melting point, crystallinity, and phase transitions. This approach can help us understand drug-polymer interactions and stability.

UV-Visible Spectroscopy

It is used to measure the concentration of medicines or active substances in nanosuspensions. It is also used to investigate the interaction of the medicine and the stabilizer, as well as the impact of light on the formulation.[29]

Drug Release and Dissolution Testing

In Vitro Drug Release Studies: These studies use technologies such as the USP dissolution device to examine drug release profiles from nanosuspensions. It can help you understand the formulation's bioavailability and performance.

Viscosity

Measuring the viscosity of nanosuspensions is crucial, especially for injectable or oral formulations. Increased viscosity may indicate aggregation or the presence of stabilizers.

Stability Studies

Storage Stability: Nanosuspensions are tested for long-term stability under various circumstances, including temperature, light exposure, particle size, zeta potential, and drug release are measured over time.[30]

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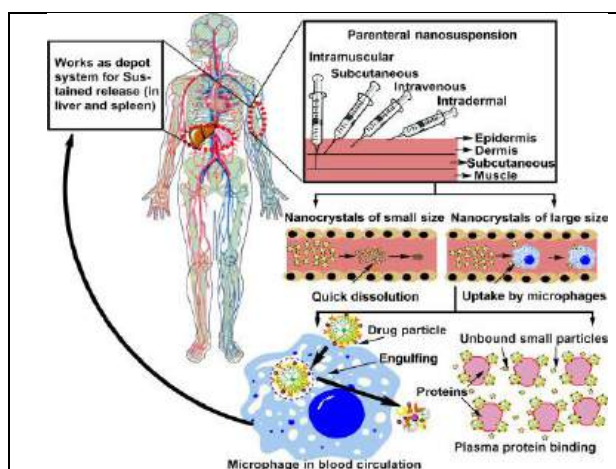


Figure: -1 Graphical Representation of Parenteral Administration of Drug

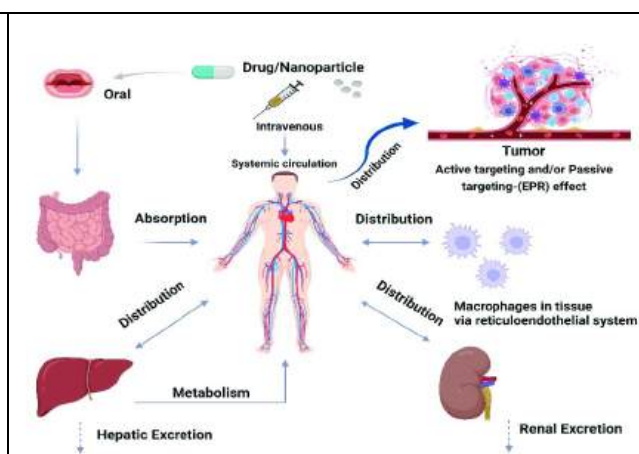


Figure: -2 Graphical Representation of Pharmacokinetic of Drug/Nanoparticles

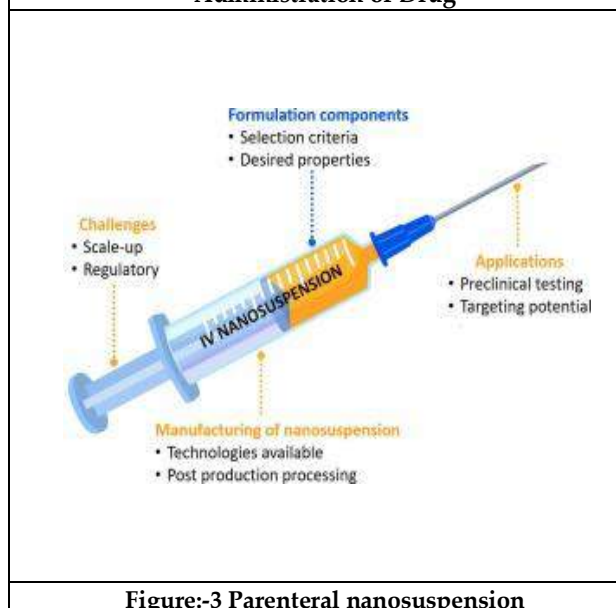


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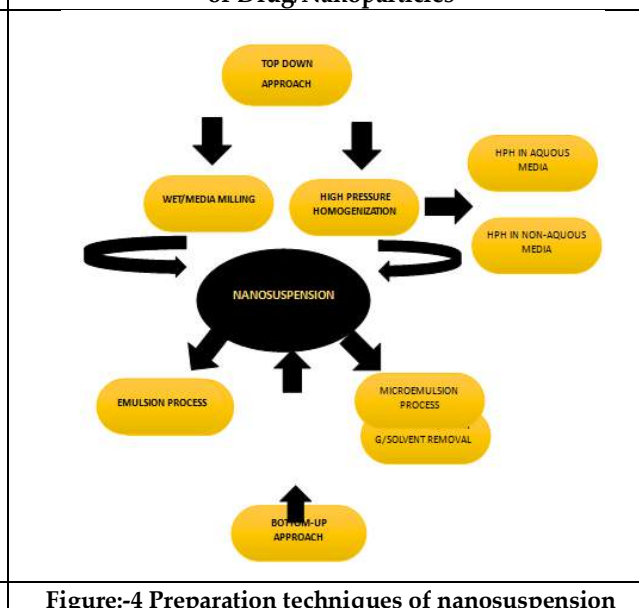


Figure:-4 Preparation techniques of nanosuspension





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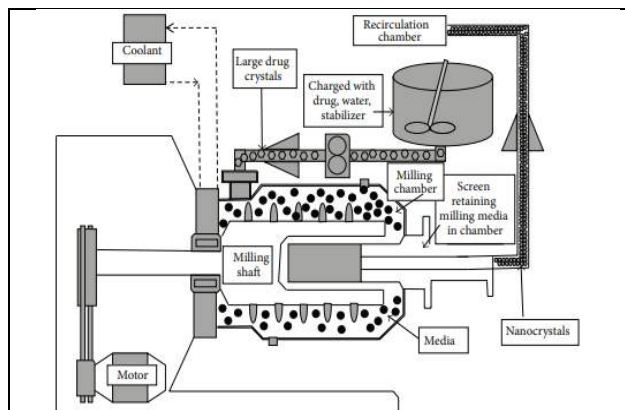


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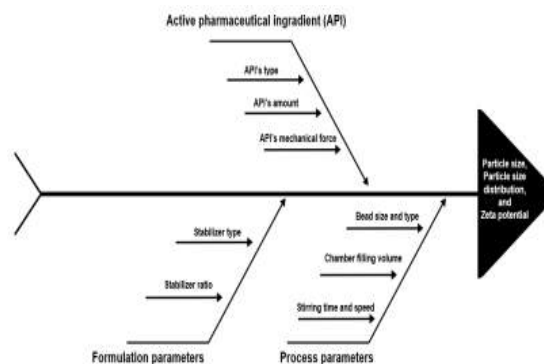


Figure: -6 The critical parameters of the wet milling method are schematically represented by a fishbone diagram.

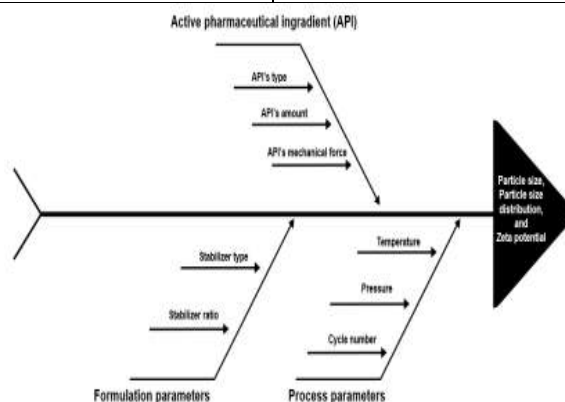


Figure:- 7 The fishbone graphic represents the crucial parameters of the high-pressure homogenization process.





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Phenolic Rich Fraction of *Potentilla fulgens* Downregulating LPS Stimulated Inflammatory Cytokine – IL 6 in Human Monocyte Leukaemia Cell Line

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ABSTRACT

This current study examines the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory characteristics of *Potentilla fulgens* extract (PFE) and its different fractions, specifically targeting their flavonoid and phenolic content. The phenolic content and flavonoid content were determined with the *P. fulgens* ethyl acetate fraction (PFEA) exhibiting the highest concentrations of both, i.e., 85.56±2.28 mg GAE/g and 23.79±1.07 mg QE/g, respectively. *In silico* molecular docking for major polyphenolic compounds was screened for antioxidant and anti-inflammatory activity using PyRx, and the potential 2D interaction of the most active compounds with the binding site of the receptor was visualised using Biovia Discovery Studio software. Notably, Epiafzelechin and Catechin (4α→8) epicatechin showed maximum binding scores (-7.9 kcal/mol & 7.1 kcal/mol) against PDB ID: 1N3U (Antioxidant) and 1ALU (Anti-inflammatory) target proteins, respectively. The antioxidant ability was assessed through DPPH and ABTS tests, where PFEA showed the strongest activity, with IC₅₀ values of 10.46±0.97 µg/mL (DPPH) and 26.61±1.83 µg/mL (ABTS). Anti-inflammatory effects were assessed through *in vitro* protein denaturation assays (IC₅₀ 30.44±1.52) and IL-6



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inhibition in LPS-induced THP-1 cells, with PFEA again demonstrating the most potent activity. The research indicates noted bioactivities, implying that phenolic substances are mainly accountable for the anti-inflammatory and free radical scavenging properties. Additionally, cytotoxicity testing indicated moderate activity of PFEA against THP-1 cells, supporting its therapeutic potential. These results aid in establishing *P. fulgens* as a promising treatment option for addressing inflammation linked to oxidative stress. Additional research is suggested to identify the bioactive compounds and elucidate their molecular mechanisms *in vivo*.

Keywords: Antioxidant, Fractionation, Phenolic, Flavonoid, Anticancer, Anti-diabetic

INTRODUCTION

Inflammation is pivotal for sustaining the body's equilibrium as it acts as a defence mechanism against illnesses and injuries. Illnesses like cancer, lung fibrosis, rheumatoid arthritis, and chronic hepatitis are commonly tied to prolonged inflammatory responses. Primarily, immune cells trigger inflammation by releasing substances like prostaglandin nitric oxide (NO), E_2 (PGE_2), and cytokines such as $TNF-\alpha$, IL-1 β , and IL-6. The extent of inflammation can be evaluated by assessing the levels of pro-inflammatory substances and cytokines, which also help in understanding how medications impact inflammatory processes. NSAIDs are often used to heal an array of disorders, like fever, reducing pain and swelling. However, they can cause adverse effects, including toxicity and increased risk of heart issues, due to their mechanism of blocking cyclooxygenase enzymes, which are involved in prostaglandin production. To address these challenges, the development of innovative medications is crucial for effectively treating both acute and chronic inflammatory conditions with reduced harm and enhanced efficacy [6]. Natural substances are being extensively used as treatment options as a result of the adverse impacts of NSAIDs. Notably, naturally occurring compounds and plants often work similarly to NSAIDs by inhibiting inflammatory pathways.

Northeast India falls in the Indo-Burma biodiversity hub and is widely acknowledged for its rich and varied flora and fauna. Traditionally, people in this region utilize various parts of plants to treat a range of health issues, leveraging the diverse medicinal properties of local flora. However, lack of documentation limits its application, and the exploration of the underlying cause is still unexplored. *P. fulgens* is a member of the family Rosaceae and is one of the herbal remedies that indigenous people, primarily from Meghalaya, routinely use. The aqueous extracts from the root peel of *Potentilla fulgens* are used to treat parasitic infections in the intestine. The taproot of this plant is chewed by locals of Meghalaya, India, mixed with betel leaves and nut as a traditional remedy for various ailments. In mediaeval ages, the plant extracts (milk, honey, alcohol, and water) were employed for curing mouth ulcers, dysentery, hemotherapy, and wound healing. Previous investigations have demonstrated that root extracts of the plants have hypoglycemic, anti-hyperglycaemic, antihyperlipidemic, and antioxidant activity; antitumor [11]; gastroprotective; and anthelmintic. The plant's root is one of the components of "Vicco Vajradanti dental powder and toothpaste, produced by Vicco Laboratories in India [14]. The triterpenoids like fulvic acid A & B were isolated from the roots of *P. fulgens* ethyl acetate fractions. Euscaphic acid, epicatechin, corosolic acid, catechin, p-hydroxy benzaldehyde, gallic acid, and ursolic acid were additionally found as major phytoconstituents. Furthermore, two novel triterpenes, potentene A and potentene B, were obtained from shoot portions of *P. fulgens*. Also, rutin (5), epiafzelchin, and afzelchin-4 α →8"catechin were isolated from the plant [16]. According to current research, *P. fulgens* roots are a valuable source of compounds that scavenge reactive oxygen species, mitigate inflammation, and reduce pain [17]. Moreover, an additional investigation proposed that *P. fulgens* extracts could have a therapeutic impact and also shed light on the mechanism of *P. fulgens* action as a naturally produced antioxidant.

Taking this view into consideration, we have investigated the *P. fulgens* roots for their anti-inflammatory as well as antioxidant potential. To the greatest extent of our understanding, no comprehensive exploration has been conducted on the quantification of flavonoids and phenolic compounds in the root fraction of *P. fulgens*, nor have they been



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adequately explored against inflammation and its underlying mechanism. The current investigation uses established model systems to examine the flavonoids, phenolic components, radical scavenging abilities, and anti-inflammatory properties of *P. fulgens* roots.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant Materials

In the month of September 2021, *P. fulgens* roots were obtained from the Khasi hills in Meghalaya, India. The roots were morphologically recognised, validated, and the original specimen was deposited (specimen number: BSI/ERC/Tech/2023-24/1049). The roots were cleaned by hand under cold running water, followed by distilled water to remove any contamination. Washed plant materials were sliced into tiny pieces, followed by drying. Prior to preparing the extracts for analysis, the dried roots were crushed into a consistent coarse powder, sieved, and preserved in sealed containers at ambient temperature until they were used.

Chemicals and reagents

Ethanol, ethyl acetate, Folin-ciocalteu reagent, phloroglucinol, aluminium nitrate, potassium acetate, quercetin, gallic acid, diclofenac sodium, wash buffer (20x), assay diluent (1x), standard (IL-6), biotin conjugated detection antibody, concentrated streptavidin: hrp conjugate, LPS (Sigma Aldrich, USA, cat no. L4130) THP-1 (procured from NCCS Pune-Human leukaemia monocytic cell), DMEM (AT149-1L), FBS (HIMEDIA-RM 10432). The reagents and chemicals were all of analytical standard.

Extraction and Fractionation

An extract of *P. fulgens* roots was made with ethanol. For the Soxhlet extraction, 100 g of crushed materials were extracted with 1000 ml of ethanol, and extraction was done for 72 hours. Obtained extracts were evaporated to dryness by using a rotary evaporator under reduced pressure (Labortechnik AG, Meierseggstrasse, Switzerland; BUCHI, R-210), and yield values were calculated (13.7% w/w) [19]. The obtained ethanol extract of *P. fulgens* roots was subjected to fractionation by solvent fractionation techniques with different polarities of solvents with an increasing order of polarity. Using a rotary evaporator, a total of four fractions—n-hexane, n-butanol, ethyl acetate, and the remaining fraction were produced and evaporated to dryness under low pressure.

Estimation of Total phenolic content (TPC)

Using a previously developed approach, the reagent Folin-Ciocalteu was utilised to determine the phenolic compounds in the ethanolic extract of *P. fulgens* roots (PFE) and its fractions [20]. Test tubes were filled with 0.5 mL of a 1.0 mg/mL sample, 2.0 mL of 2% (w/v) alkaline solution, and 2.5 mL of 10% (v/v) Folin-Ciocalteu reagent. Following a vigorous shake, incubation at 45°C for 15 minutes while being shaken periodically. At 765 nm, absorbance was estimated with a UV-Vis reader. Gallic acid served as a reference chemical, and concentrations (0-0.8 mg/mL) were employed to generate a calibration curve. Following that, the findings were converted to gallic acid equivalents per gram.

Estimation of Total flavonoid content (TFC)

The TFC of the *P. fulgens* ethanol extract (PFE) and its fractions were determined using a previously established method [20]. Test tubes were filled with 0.5 mL of a 1.0 mg/mL sample, CH₃CO₂K (0.1 mL, 1 mol/L), Al(NO₃)₃ (0.1 mL, 10%), and 80% ethanol. After thorough mixing, the chemicals were kept in room temperature for 40 minutes. At 415 nm, absorbance was estimated with a UV-Vis reader. The flavonoid content was quantified by creating a reference curve with the standard chemicals quercetin, and the findings were expressed as quercetin equivalents per gram.



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The major polyphenolic compounds reported from the root parts of *P. fulgens* include catechin (4 α →8), epicatechin, epigallocatechin, epigallocatechin gallate, epiafzelechin, and afzelechin assessed for their antioxidant and anti-inflammatory potential by employing (PDB ID: 1N3U) and (PDB ID: 1ALU), respectively. The docking protocol and assessment of the major compounds binding affinities with the aforementioned PDB IDs of the targeted protein were conducted using the PyRx software tool.

2D interaction

The software Biovia Discovery Studio was used to conduct 2D interaction of compounds with the interacting amino acid residues of the target receptors' active region, which gives a clear visual depiction of the interacting binding residues of targets with the active compounds of *P. fulgens*.

Estimation of antioxidant activity

Free radical scavenging activity with DPPH (2,2-diphenylpicrylhydrazyl)

The ability of the *P. fulgens* ethanol extract (PFE) and its fractions to scavenge free radicals generated by DPPH was assessed using a method described in earlier studies [20]. In the assay, extracts at varying concentrations (12.5-200 μ g/ml) were combined with a DPPH (0.2 mmol) solution in ethanol. Followed by incubation at ambient temperature for 30 minutes, absorbance was estimated with a UV-Vis reader at 517 nm. The reference chemical for comparison was ascorbic acid. The sample's antioxidant activity was estimated by % inhibition, and IC₅₀ was estimated through the examination of dose-response curves.

Free radical scavenging activity with ABTS (2,2'-Azinobis(3-Ethylbenzthiazolin-6-Sulfonic Acid)

A stock solution was made by mixing ABTS salt (7 mM) with potassium persulfate (2.45 mM). This combination was left to react for 14 to 16 hours until the reaction was complete. At varying concentrations (12.5-200 μ g/ml), 2.7 mL of the ABTS stock mixture was added to 0.3 mL of the test solution. Upon vigorous shaking for 45 seconds, the mixture was left to stand for approximately ten minutes. Subsequently, at 734 nm, the absorbance was measured [21]. The reference chemical for comparison was ascorbic acid. The antioxidant activity of the test solution was determined by % inhibition. The samples' IC₅₀ was estimated through the examination of dose-response curves.

Estimation of anti-inflammatory activity (protein denaturation technique)

The anti-inflammatory properties were assessed by measuring the inhibition of protein denaturation, following a previously established method [22]. For the experiment, bovine serum albumin (0.45 mL, 5%) was mixed with test solution 0.05 mL at varying concentrations (10-100 μ g/mL). The mixture's pH was adjusted down to 6.3 with 1N hydrochloric acid (HCl). The reaction mixture underwent a two-stage incubation process. Initially, it was heated to 57°C for 3 minutes, followed by a 20-minute incubation period at 37°C. Following the incubation, the reaction solution let it chill down to ambient temperature. Subsequently, PBS (2 ml) was poured into the solution. After that, a UV-Vis reader was used to measure the absorbance of the resultant solution at 416 nm. Diclofenac sodium served as the standard benchmark. The anti-inflammatory activity of the test solution was determined by % inhibition. The dosage response curves were examined to find the samples' IC₅₀ values.

Cell viability assay:

The anti-proliferative activity of the ethyl acetate fraction of *P. fulgens* (PFEA) was assessed on THP-1 cells, a human leukaemia monocytic cell line obtained from the NCCS (National Centre for Cell Science), Pune. This evaluation was conducted using the MTT assay, a method that measures cell viability [23]. The percentage inhibition of cell proliferation, indicating the samples' effect on cell proliferation, has been calculated by % inhibition. The dosage response curves were examined to find the samples' IC₅₀ values.



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Briefly, cells were seeded onto 24-well plates and allowed to attach overnight in a CO₂ incubator. Before being stimulated with LPS, the cells were pretreated for 30 minutes with the ethyl acetate portion of *P. fulgens* (PFEA) at doses of 50, 100, and 200 µg/mL. 24 hours following activation with LPS, the levels of IL-6 in the supernatants were calculated using an ELISA assay, following the manufacturer's guidelines (GENLISATM Human IL-6 ELISA, Cat No.: ITK01156 kit).

Statistical analysis

Every parameter was assessed in triplicate for every sample (n = 3), and the findings were displayed as mean ± SD (Graph Pad Prism 8).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

TPC and TFC of PFE and its fractions were examined, and the results are presented in Table 1. In the present study, PFE was found to have 53.34±1.02 mg GAE/g and 12.77±1.25 mg QE/g. Among the fractions, PFEA showed the highest TPC (85.56±2.28 mg GAE/g) and TFC (23.79±1.07 mg QE/g), followed by the n-butanol fraction, which contained 74.59±2.27 mg GAE/g of TPC and 20.65±1.04 mg QE/g of TFC. The n-hexane fraction exhibited the lowest concentrations of both TPC and TFC. Earlier examinations [16] reveal that the TPC values of 33.28, 30.22, and 20.61 mg GAE/g in the n-butanol, methanolic, and aqueous fractions of *P. fulgens*, respectively. The current findings are consistent with this prior research. Furthermore, a latest report by Pandey et al. (2024) [17] reveals that aqueous methanolic extracts of *P. fulgens* had higher TPC and TFC values compared to its methanolic extracts, aligning with our findings. A molecular docking study of major components of root parts of *P. fulgens*, including catechin (4α→8) epicatechin, epigallocatechin, epigallocatechin gallate, epiafzelechin, and afzelechin, revealed that the compounds catechin (4α→8) epicatechin and epiafzelechin exhibited a very excellent binding affinity against 1N3U and 1ALU proteins, as mentioned in Table 1, which suggests a strong link in inhibiting inflammatory cytokine and radical scavenging activity of the plant.

In addition, the 2D interaction of Catechin (4α→8) epicatechin with target receptor (PDB ID:1ALU) revealed that the favorable interacting residues are GLN A:159, GLU A:106, GLN A:156, ARG A:104, PHE A:105, THR A:43, GLU A: 42, LYS A:46, ASP A:160, SER A:47, and SER A:107. whereas Epiafzelechin's interaction with the target receptor (PDB ID: 1N3U) demonstrated that the favourable interacting residues are ALA B:206, PHE B:207, ASN B:210, THR B:135, ARG B:136, ASP B:140, GLY B:139, GLY B:143, LEU B:147, GLU B:29, GLN B:38, MET B:34, and PHE B:214, respectively. The radical scavenging assays were utilised to assess the antioxidant effectiveness of test sample in addition to their phenolic and flavonoids contents. The DPPH assay, which measures hydrogen-donating capacity, revealed an IC₅₀ value of 48.32±1.29 µg/mL for PFE, while the ABTS assay yielded an IC₅₀ of 111.51±2.26 µg/mL. Among the fractions, the highest antioxidant capacity was demonstrated by PFEA, with IC₅₀ values of 10.46±0.97 µg/mL (DPPH) and 26.61±1.83 µg/mL (ABTS), then the n-butanol fraction, with IC₅₀ values of 14.70±1.31 µg/mL and 39.50±1.41 µg/mL, respectively. Previous research by Jaitak et al. (2010)[16] also reported high antioxidant activity in the n-butanol fraction of *P. fulgens*, showing values of 3.57 ± 0.05, 2.41±0.53, and 2.54± 0.69 mM Trolox equivalent/mg extract in the FRAP, DPPH, and ABTS assays, respectively. Our results corroborate these findings, demonstrating the strong correlation between antioxidant activity and TPC/TFC content, as previously reported [25-27]. A key variable in the pathophysiology of inflammation is oxidative stress, which underscores the importance of antioxidants in modulating inflammatory responses [28, 29]. In our study, the anti-inflammatory potential of PFE and its fractions was evaluated utilising an *in vitro* protein denaturation assay. PFE exhibited an IC₅₀ value of 51.29±1.94 µg/mL. Among the fractions, PFEA again showed the highest inhibition potential, with an IC₅₀ value of 30.44±1.52 µg/mL, followed by the n-butanol fraction (IC₅₀ = 32.39±1.72 µg/mL) and the remaining fractions.

Given the promising results from the antioxidant and anti-inflammatory assays, PFEA was further investigated for its inhibitory effects on cytokines in lipopolysaccharide (LPS)-activated THP-1 cells. Initially, the cytotoxicity of PFEA



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was assessed, and it exhibited an IC₅₀ value of 216.9±0.092 µg/mL against LPS-induced THP-1 cells. Although the latest studies by İpek et al. (2024) [30] showed the anti-proliferative potential of *P. fulgens* root aqueous extract against ovarian cancer (SKOV-3), human umbilical vein endothelial cells (HUVEC), and lung cancer (A549) cell lines, our findings suggest moderate cytotoxic potential of PFEA against THP-1 cells. Multiple long-term inflammatory conditions, such as autoimmune disorders like RA (rheumatoid arthritis), carcinoma, diabetes, and cardiovascular illnesses, are linked to pro-inflammatory cytokines like IL-6 [31-34]. In this study, PFEA significantly reduced IL-6 secretion in LPS-induced THP-1 cells, as evident by an ELISA assay (Figure 2B).

CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that *P. fulgens* extract (PFE) and its fractions possess strong radical scavenging as well as inhibit proinflammatory cytokines, which are closely related to their polyphenolic compounds, as evident from *in silico* assessments. Out of all fractions, the ethyl acetate fraction (PFEA) exhibited the highest flavonoid and phenolic content, as well as the most potent free radical scavenging and anti-inflammatory activities, as evidenced by DPPH and ABTS assays, protein denaturation inhibition, and IL-6 suppression in LPS-induced THP-1 cells. These findings suggest that PFEA contains bioactive compounds with strong therapeutic potential, which is further supported by an *in silico* report due to the promising affinity for binding of the active compounds with antioxidant and anti-inflammatory proteins. However, additional studies are necessary to identify the specific phytoconstituents responsible for these effects and to further investigate their molecular mechanisms using *in vivo* models. This study provides an excellent foundation for the future development of remedies derived from *P. fulgens* to treat inflammatory diseases linked to oxidative stress.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The contributors acknowledge that there are no conflicts to disclose.

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Table 1. Binding energies of docked ligands using PyRx software tool.

S.No.	Major polyphenolic compounds	Binding energy(kcal/mol)	
		1ALU	1N3U
1	Catechin (4 α →8) epicatechin	7.1	7.6
2	Epigallocatechin	6.6	7.8
3	Epigallocatechin gallate	6.9	7.5
4	Epiafzelechin	6.2	7.9
5	Afzelechin	6.2	7.6

Table 2: Total phenolic content (TPC), total flavonoid content (TFC), DPPH, ABTS, and anti-inflammatory properties of *P. fulgens*.

Name	TPC (mg GAE/g)	TFC (mg QE/g)	IC ₅₀ (μg/mL)		
			DPPH	ABTS	Inhibition of protein denaturation
Ethanol extract	53.34±1.02 ^c	12.77±1.25 ^c	48.32±1.29 ^b	111.49±4.41 ^d	51.29±1.94 ^c
n-Hexane Fraction	10.64±1.78 ^a	1.97±0.58 ^a	157.00±19.47 ^d	225.95±16.31 ^e	172.24±12.56 ^e
Ethyl acetate fraction	85.56±2.28 ^e	23.79±1.07 ^e	10.46±0.97 ^a	26.41±2.31 ^b	30.44±1.52 ^b
n-Butanol fraction	74.59±2.27 ^d	20.65±1.04 ^d	14.70±1.31 ^a	39.45±2.17 ^b	32.39±1.72 ^b
Remaining fraction	36.57±1.40 ^b	8.76±1.17 ^b	82.28±3.06 ^c	89.45±3.69 ^c	68.23±2.30 ^d
Ascorbic acid	ND	ND	5.63±0.84 ^a	12.27±0.22 ^a	ND
Diclofenac sodium	ND	ND	ND	ND	12.34±1.48 ^a

Means of triplicate $\pm$ SD are used; ND: Not detected; means that did not share a letter within each row were substantially different at $p < 0.05$.





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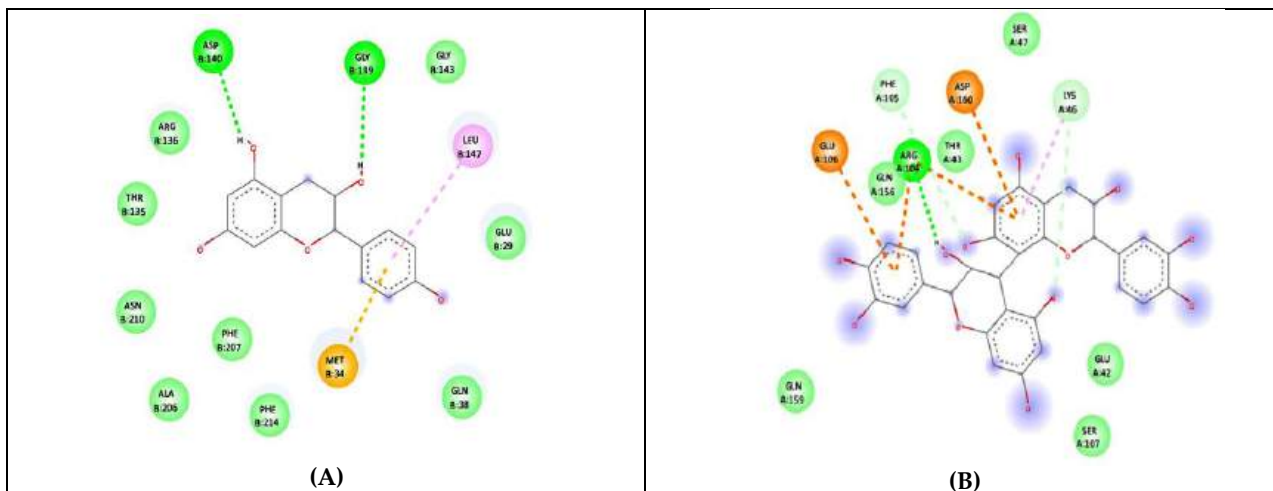
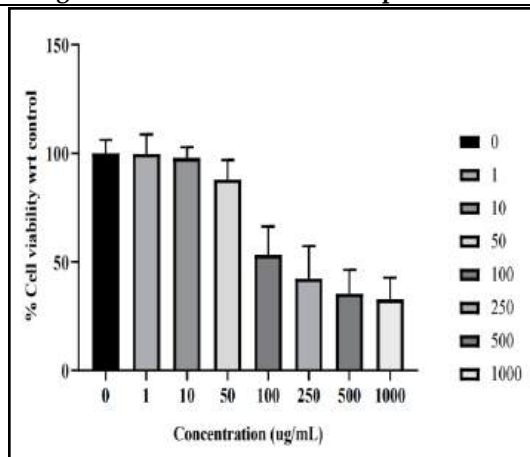
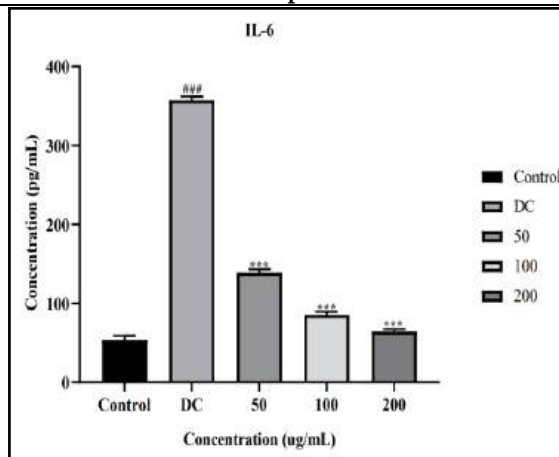


Figure 1: 2D interaction of (A) Epiafzelechin with 1N3U & (B) Catechin (4α→8) epicatechin with 1ALU



(A)



(B)

Figure 2: A) Cytotoxicity of *P. fulgens* ethyl acetate fraction against THP-1 cells B) The expression of IL-6 after treatment with different concentration of *P. fulgens* ethyl acetate fraction. DC groups indicating the negative control



RESEARCH ARTICLE

Synthesis, Growth and Characterization Study of Nonlinear Optical Studies of Zinc 3-Phenylprop-2-Enoate for Frequency Conversion

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ABSTRACT

This is the first time 3 phenyl 2- bromophenol(3P2BP) of a new organometallic nonlinear optical crystal has been reported in the literature. It was synthesized and grown at room temperature by the slow evaporation method. The cell parameters of the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP) crystal are confirmed by using powder X-ray diffraction. And single X-ray analysis. This research is concerned with the nonlinear optical, fluorescence, UV, FT-IR, thermal and structural properties of organically grown 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) single crystals. By employing Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) spectral analysis, the functional groups and characteristic vibrations of 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystals were determined. UV- visible NIR spectrum analysis showed the optical quality of the grown crystal. The high optical transmittance is evidence by the grown crystal in the range of 200-1100 nm.

Keywords: Crystal growth, UV-visible, FT-IR, SEM, Fluorescence





INTRODUCTION

Nonlinear optical (NLO) materials have played a significant role in advancing contemporary technology, which in essential broadens their applicability in technological and industrial processes. The past few years have witnessed an abundance of studies focused on synthesizing newer NLO materials whose properties match other NLO materials because of their extensive use for opto electronics, photonics, broad terahertz imaging and spectroscopy, laser remote sensing, optical information processing, optical switching, pharmaceuticals, color display and frequency conversion. Thus, the growth and merging of novel organic, semi-organic and inorganic NLO materials has hence become a topic of great scientific interest. Organo-metal crystals are unique here as potentially very promising due to their huge spontaneous birefringence and nonlinearities, high packing density, very good long-term stability and modifications of their chemical structures to perfection. The most attractive materials among these are organic crystals, which have high packing densities often large macroscopic nonlinearities, outstanding long-term orientation and photo chemical stabilities and tenability of the chemical structure. However, the production of large and good-quality crystals has been limited by the difficulty level of doing this. This is why bulk growth of novel nonlinear optical crystals falls under the research spotlight. Clear and defect-free single crystals of large size are important for use in optical devices and further improve the possibility of optical switching and optical limiting applications and researchers are focusing on synthesizing such crystals. In particular, organic crystals have push-pull p-conjugated bridges with electron-donor and acceptor groups on each side of the p-bond system. The increased mobility is caused by the overlap between the p-orbits and the delocalized electronic charge. Optical nonlinearity increases as the ground or excited state electron charge density distribution is improved.

Typically, well known organic materials such as aldehydes, ketones, hydrocarbons, amines, amides and amino acids possess strong electron-withdrawing characteristics and exhibit significant second and third order nonlinear optical responses. Aldehyde derivatives are considered one of the most important classes of hetero-cycles that provide chemical scaffolds to the development of synthetic drugs as they are involved in the manufacture active medicines, given that fragrances, cosmetics, dyes, flavorings, disinfectants and preservatives are just a few of the production benefits. The primary benefits of this group of compounds are leveraged in colorants, fragrances, fumigation, preservatives, medicaments and synthesis. Other than that, they are also used for manufacturing plastics, disinfectants and embalming fluids and function as medicines with anti-inflammatory, anti-cancer, anti-fungal and anti-diabetic properties. Aldehydes, especially aromatic aldehydes, have attracted interest for nonlinear optics (NLO) applications owing to their ability for nonlinear optical property. Aldehydes –based organic nonlinear optical crystals have a high thermal and environmental stability, as well as significant microscopic and macroscopic nonlinear optical susceptibility. They also generate powerful broadband THz waves when pumped at near –infrared and infrared wavelengths. Cinnamaldehyde is a one-dimensional donor- π – accept($D - \pi - A$)system used in nonlinear optics and organic electronics [1]. It consists of an electron donor group, a π -conjugated system and an electron acceptor group. This combination enables the molecule to making it useful for optoelectronics and NLO applications. These groups form a 180- degree bond with a simple aromatic benzene ring's-crystal/adduct technology develops unique solid forms of drugs with diverse physiochemical features-conjugated organic systems have become a popular choice for synthesizing efficient second and third order compounds due to their rapid reaction. In this present study, we synthesized organic and metal compound to form new organic crystals 3 Phenyl to bromo propanol has been synthesized and grew optically high quality single crystal using slow evaporation solution technique with ethanol as solvent. The grown crystals were characterized, using single crystal X-rays diffraction (XRD), Powder XRD (PXRD), Fourier transform Infra-red (FTIR), UV-Visible-NIR, thermogravimetric (TG) and Differential thermal analysis (DTA), fluorescence examination, SEM with EDAX and nonlinear optical methods.

EXPERIMENT

Material synthesis

In a 100 ml beaker, weight 10 g of potassium bromide (KBr) and dissolve it in 50 ml of pure water. Add 20 g of weighed cinnamon aldehyde to the KBr solution. Until the cinnamon aldehyde has completely dissolved, stir. Warm





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the blend to 100 °C. For twenty-four hours, the solution was constantly agitated with a magnetic stirrer. The appropriate amount of ethanol solvent was added to the calculated amount of material. Let the mixture cool gradually until it reaches room temperature [2]. It then showed up as a transparent solution with a yellowish tint. Whatman filter paper was used to filter the prepared solution, and pour the mixture into a crystallization dish or a dry, clean glass container. Allow the solution to stand at room temperature 20 to 25 degree Celsius for slow evaporation until some light yellow crystals of 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) have been collected. Allow the solution to stand at room temperature (20⁰-25⁰) C for slow evaporation until some light-yellow crystal 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) have been collected.

CHARACTERIZATION STUDIES

The 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP) cell characteristics were determined from single crystal x-ray diffraction investigations (MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.7170 \text{ \AA}$) the Enraf Nonius CAD4 diffractometer was employed for the measurements. This compound was studied using PXRD on the single crystal stage with an Xpert pro diffractometer and CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54060 \text{ \AA}$) in the range of 10-60 degrees. Optical transmission spectra for the 3P2BP single cinnamaldehyde and potassium cinnamate were coordinated in the 4000-400 cm⁻¹ range (KBr pellet approach), using a BRUKER 66 VFT-IT spectrometer. The thermal behavior was analyzed in a nitrogen atmosphere using thermo gravimetric and differential thermal methods collected with the SDT Q 600 V8.0 thermal analyser. The melting points were taken with the crystal were recorded using a shimadzu UV-Vis spectrophotometer between 200 and 1100 nm range. FTIR analyses determined that melting point apparatus [3]. 1,3-Dibromo-1-phenylpropan-1-one and potassium hydroxide are the products of an electrophilic addition process with the bromine ions (from KBr) and cinnamaldehyde (CHO).

The mechanism of reaction

1. The bromine ions (Br⁻) from KBr) and cinnamaldehyde to form the intermediate bromonium ion.
2. The intermediate bromonium ion forms 2,3-Dibromo-1-phenylpropan-1-one a dibromo compound by the addition of an addition Br⁻ ion.
3. The hydroxyl ions(OH⁻) generated combine with each of the K⁺ ions at the end of the reaction to generate potassium hydroxide(KOH).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Single Crystal X-ray diffraction

Single crystal x-ray diffraction (SXRD) analysis of the grown 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal was carried out using an Enraf Nonius CAD 4 X-ray diffractometer equipped with graphite monochromatic MoK radiation($\lambda=0.710 \text{ \AA}$). The grown crystal belongs to monoclinic crystal system $\alpha=90^\circ$, $\beta=96.98^\circ$ $\gamma=90^\circ$ and the crystal cell volume is $779 \text{ \AA}^3$. Which is in good agreement with the earlier reported values $a=5.64, b=17.98, c=7.74$ and it is given in Table.1. Single XRD was carried out as a confirmation of the associated monoclinic crystal structure and P space group, basic requirements for nonlinear optical applications. The produced chemical exhibits non-Centro symmetry as may be expected due to relatively good correlation between literature values and predicted lattice parameters. [4].

Powder X-ray Diffraction

With powder X-ray diffractometers, the sample type of crystallinity was determined; the peak intensity shows the level of crystalline nature of the compound. Figure demonstrates the 3P2BP crystal powder XRD pattern observed. This pattern provides additional information besides establishing that the crystalline nature of the crystal is different. Differences that may lead to patterns of crystals viewed within two hours are established through the (hkl) indices. The peaks were tried to be identified by powder XRD. A fine example of the same is the overlap of the hkl peaks and intensities for the simulated PXRD patterns and the ones that were actually obtained experimentally. The PXRD pattern diffraction peaks were tried to be indexed with the d-spacing for the corresponding (hkl) values [5]. The 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) X-ray powder diffraction pattern was recorded on a Rigaku Mini Flex 600





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diffractometer. The powder sample was scanned once every minute over a time period of 10 to 40 minutes. From Table, the unit cell parameters of the crystal are $a=5.64$, $b=17.98$, $c=7.74$, $\alpha=90^\circ$, $\beta=96.98^\circ$, $\gamma=90^\circ$ and the crystal cell volume is $779\text{\AA}^3$. These values agree well with the published values. The type of crystallinity of the sample was determined with powder X-ray diffractometers; the degree of crystalline nature of the compound is reflected in the sharp peak of intensity. The triclinic nature of the crystal was also confirmed by powder X-ray diffraction and the lattice parameters were found to be quite close to the reported values. The solid diffraction peak and triclinic crystal structure of the melt-grown 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) were confirmed. The value of 2θ suggests good crystalline purity and quality, which can be beneficial in NLO devices. XRD pattern for potassium bromide form 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal doped with cinnamon aldehyde, is shown in Table Distinct finely refined peaks at defined 2θ angles indicate a high degree of crystallinity of the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP). X-ray diffraction has showed markedly increased signal intensity with sharp peaks suggest high quality and single crystal growth for 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP).

UV-Vis Spectral Analysis

The visible spectrum reveals the sequence pattern of molecular structure. Absorption in the UV-visible spectrum involves the transition of the electron in the π and π^* orbital from the ground state to the excited energy state. The UV-visible absorption and transmission spectra were recorded in the solid phase using Perkin Elmer Lambda 935. Transparent single crystals are suited for use in optical devices [6]. In broad terms, the transmittance properties are highly correlated with the substance atomic structure, band gap and quality. A UV-Vis-NIR spectrometer for the 200-1100 nm range is displayed in fig. Description of the optical transmission spectrum and was found to possess good optical transmittance in the visible and near-infrared ranges. The cut-off wavelength was 275.9 nm, growingly towards the surface. The optical absorption coefficient (α) is one of many important factors in choosing a material for optical applications. In the inset of figure, the crystal shows significant transmittance around 81% in the 300-1100 nm range. This also shows that the crystal has arbitrary absorbance of less than 0.12. One key features of the window of constructive transmittance is combined with devices that need to emit blue-green light [7].

Optical Band Gap Energy

The optical energy gap of the formed crystal computed using the transmittance spectrum using the equation mentioned. $\alpha h\nu = A(h\nu - E_g)^n$. Where A is a transition-dependent constant, E_g is the Energy gap of the material and n is a constant according to the type of electronic transitions $1/2$ for allowed direct transitions, $3/2$ for allowed indirect transitions, 2 for forbidden direct transitions and 3 for forbidden indirect transitions [8]. In this case, n is chosen as $1/2$ for a permitted direct transition and α is the absorption coefficient calculated using this formula, $\alpha h\nu = A(h\nu - E_g)^{1/2}$. The grain distribution and a few microcrystals on the surface of the growing crystal are clearly visible in fig. Tauc's plot can also be used to obtain an extrapolation value for direct band gap, which is 3.62 eV between $(\alpha h\nu)^2$ and $h\nu$. Due to improved optical band gap and attenuated absorption in the UV and visible regions, the material is a suitable candidate for optoelectronic applications.

FTIR Analysis

The geometry of a molecule and the interaction among its numerous functional groups is exposed by the FT-IR spectra. Molecules are made to show bands of bending and stretching due to infrared radiation. This is shown in the spectroscopic images of 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) in fig .6. Olefin and aromatic C-H stretching are accountable for the sharp peak at 3065cm^{-1} and the peak at 3027.42cm^{-1} in the higher energy region.[9] The C-H aldehydic doublet stretching is represented by the peaks at about 2942.23cm^{-1} and 2749cm^{-1} , respectively. C-H aldehydic stretching appears in the band at 2942.23cm^{-1} . A maxima at 690cm^{-1} and at 750cm^{-1} are due to monostable benzene ring and aromatic C-H out of plane bending stretching vibrations, respectively. Double bonds $\text{C}=\text{O}$ are identified by bands at 1681.39cm^{-1} . The C-O stretching vibration of an un-saturated aromatic aldehyde is represented by the edge at 1125cm^{-1} . Wave numbers and corresponding assignments are tabulated. All its functional groups were determined to exist in 3 Phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP). A weak absorption band may be present around 3400cm^{-1} due to water vapour or moisture. The C-O alpha, beta unsaturated aromatic stretching vibration was found to be at a frequency of 1681.39cm^{-1} . The skeletal structure of benzene vibration is exhibited by the 1504cm^{-1} peak.





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Thermal Analysis

Because of the high quality of heat generated during the cutting process, thermo gravimetric analysis (TGA) are crucial for assessing thermal stability in the fabrication technology. DTA and TGA of the prepared 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal were done from 30 to 987°C. The simultaneous TGA and DTA thermo grams are shown in fig. The melting temperature of the material may be found by locating the strong endothermic peak at 146°C according to the DTA curve. The narrow peak at 146 °C shows that can therefore, be made is that phase transitions have not been recorded until the melting point is reached, thus enlarging the temperature range within which this crystal will work well in NLO applications.[10] Thus, there is no weight loss almost until 250°C, which implies absence of water in the structure of the compound. The maxima were found at 270.2°C due to the compound decomposition stage. There are three phases of weight loss as seen on the TGA curve. This, coupled with a quick drop in weight over the region starting at around 200.8°C and marking the commencement of melting, corresponds to the first phase. The subsequent weight loss takes place in a region ranging from 296.7 to 557.4 °C and maintain their overlap with respect to the second stage of weight loss(stage II). Weight loss at temperatures greater than 557.4°C could be attributed to the chemical breakdown associated with the third stage of weight loss(stage III).

Micro Structure Morphology Analysis

Scanning electron microscopy photographs of 3P2BP chloride crystal are shown in figure. SEM was used to study the surface topography of the evolving 3p2bp sample. Figure shows the SEM photograph of the 3p2bp crystal. The absorb particle can take many different shapes and be composed of small crystals in aggregates. They existed in bulk form and nano scale form with the mean diameter of the bulk particle being 10 mm. Nanoparticles prepared under experimental conditions exhibit detectable early aggregation in the micrographs. The smaller particles are likely to agglomerate into larger particles as they possess more surface activity. While scanning at 20 keV, the scanning electron microscope effectively utilizes an estimated beam of 10-10 amp. Micrographs reveal a clear early aggregation of the spherical nanoparticles produced under experimental conditions. Smaller particles are more surface active and aggregate to form larger particles. Scanning electron microscope successfully employs a beam of approximately 10-10 amp at 20 keV. Produced crystals with even surfaces and well-defined planes were the only one selected for SEM study; no polishing was performed. The researchers also found that the crystals produced exhibit a very fine rod-like morphology by employing a scanning electron microscope.

EDAX Analysis

The samples of crystals that were produced and analyzed by a JEOL JSM JSM 5610 LV scanning electron microscope to analyze for energy dispersive X-rays in an effort to confirm the presence of metal ions in the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal. Figure is the integration of the cinnamaldehyde into the crystalline matrix of 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol. EDAX analysis confirmed the presence of cinnamaldehyde in the doped material. The surface analysis at some points indicates that the incorporation of cinnamaldehyde was not uniform throughout the crystal surface. Figure gives the EDAX spectra of the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal. Figure 10 indicates the weight percentage of each element as obtained from the EDAX spectrum. The weight percentage bar chart made it very apparent that 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) was the primary component in the crystal mixture. The peak reveals that potassium and sulfur are present in the crystal. Atomic percentages of C,O,K,Br were 78.66,15.55,3.24,2.55 respectively as shown in figure.

Fluorescence

Fluorescence is typically expected in aromatic compounds or molecules with many conjugated double bonds and high resonance stability. Fluorescence is widely used in the fields of medicine and biochemistry. Fluorescent lights, light Emitting Diode (LED) lampstands other lighting devices also use it. Figure 11 displays the excitation and emission spectra for 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) that were captured using the FP-6500 spectro fluorometer.[28] The measurement range of the emission spectrum was 350-600 nm. The carbonyl chromophore causes the compound 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP)





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NLO Studies

The optical crystals of 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP) subjected to this experimental analysis were tested for nonlinear optical property with a modified kurtz and perry powder technique. A Q-switched Nd-YAG laser beam operating with a repetition rate of 10 Hz and each pulse for 10 ns was employed at I.I.Sc., Bangalore, at a wavelength of 106 nm and with an input power of 1.2 mJ.[11] The powdered 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) single crystals of uniform particle size are passively packed into a glass micro capillary tube. A photo-multiplier tube allows second harmonic generation (NLO-SHG) with cathode ray oscilloscope excitation. The source of the 532 nm output generated by the emission of green light was investigated to confirm the non-centrosymmetric space group of the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) grown single crystal. The nonlinear optical activity of this crystal with respect to the green light of 530nm provides evidence to an inner coordination of space group symmetry SHG. The output powder is assessed to be 10 mV for 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) and 8 mV for KDP, respectively, the constant input energy being 1.2 mJ pulse for both crystals. According to older studies, SHG efficiency of crystals is comparable to that of normal KDP. While the current study indicates that the efficiency of SHG of the herein - produced crystal is 1.25 times higher than normal KDP. Bearing this in mind, it is likely that the increased efficiency value influences its NLO characteristics.

CONCLUSION

For the first time, 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) single crystals with well-defined structures have been synthesized by the slow evaporation solution method. The 3P2BP crystal possesses a monoclinic crystal structure, as confirmed by SXRD studies. The FTIR was utilized to ascertain the functional group positions of the target molecule. The optical quality at the absorption edge of 282 nm is excellent, as confirmed by the UV-Vis NIR study; with transmittance exceeding 80%. It is found that the optical band gap energy is 3.62 eV. The crystals have two peaks at wavelength of 330.97 and 643.33 nm. This result does, indeed, show that the crystals give off blue and red light. In addition, it can be seen that the crystal is of extremely high crystallinity since only two are most prominent. SEM analysis of the crystal indicated that, even though it had a very strong resemblance to a rock, its surface was level. Various non-instructive techniques were employed to study the composition of the crystal. EDAX experiments on the formation of the crystal were conducted with the aim to determine its elemental composition. Also, TG and DT experiments were performed to research the thermal behavior of the 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol(3P2BP) crystal.

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Table.1 Single Crystal XRD of 3P2BP crystal

Crystal System	a	b	c	α	β	γ	Volume
Monoclinic	5.64	17.98	7.74	90	96.98	90	779

Table.2 FT-IR Assignment of 3P2BP crystal

Wave number (cm ⁻¹)	Vibrational assignment
3065	Olefinic C-H stretching vibration
3027.42	Aromatic C-H Stretching vibrations
2924.23	Aldehydic C-H Stretching in aromatic ring
2749	Aldehydic C-H Stretching
1681.39	C=O stretching vibration of an-unsaturated aromatic aldehyde
1504	Skeletal system of benzene vibration
1344	C-H plane bending vibration of aldehyde group
1125	C-O stretching vibration of an -unsaturated aromatic aldehyde
3400	weak absorption band
769	Aromatic C-H out of plane bending vibration
690	Aromatic C-H out of plane bending vibration

Table.3 EDAX Analysis of 3P2BP Crystal

Element	Line	Mass%	Atom%
C	K	62.00±0.16	78.66±0.20
O	K	16.32±0.18	15.55±0.17
K	K	8.31±0.06	3.24±0.03
Br	L	13.36±0.11	2.55±0.02
Total		100.00	100.00
Spc_005	Fitting ratio 0.0414		





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Figure 1 Grown 3 phenyl 2-bromophenol (3P2BP) Crystal

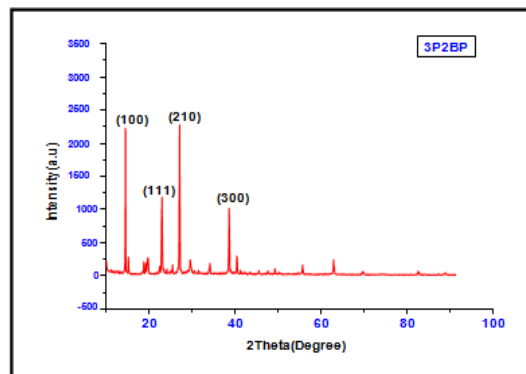


Figure.2 Powder X-ray Diffraction of 3P2BP Crystal

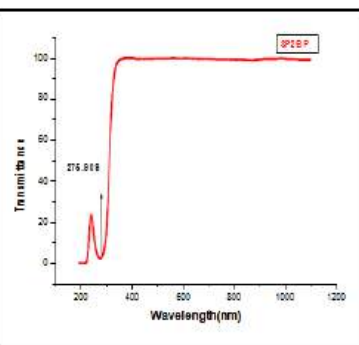
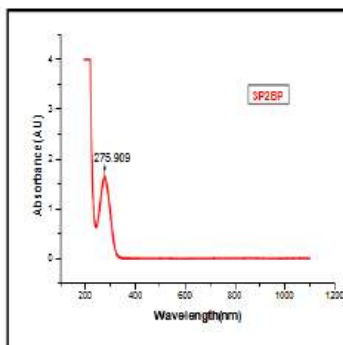


Figure.3 UV-Vis NIR Spectrum of 3P2BP Crystal

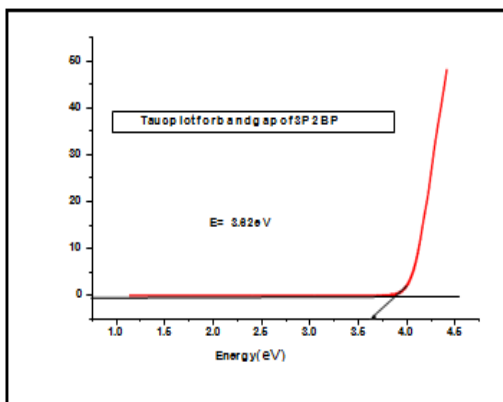


Figure.4 Tauc's Plot of the 3P2BP crystal

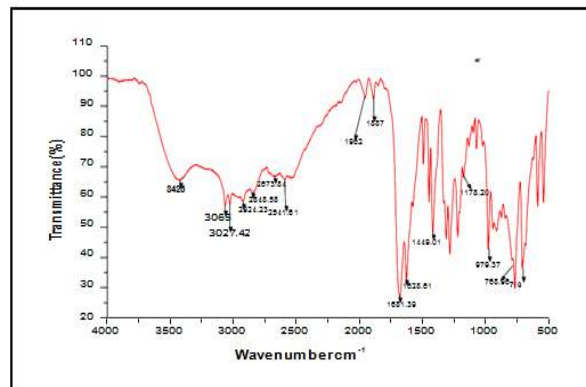


Figure.5 FT-IR Spectrum of 3P2BP crystal



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Correlation of Body Mass Index and Hand Grip Strength in Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

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ABSTRACT

Children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) frequently display distinct physical, motor, and developmental traits that may have an impact on their general well-being and capacity for daily tasks. While hand grip strength is a crucial sign of muscle strength and physical fitness, body mass index (BMI) is a commonly utilized indicator of nutritional condition. It is crucial to comprehend how children with ASD's hand grip strength and BMI relate to one another since this information may shed light on their functional development, physical health, and the need for focused therapies. To determine the correlation of hand grip strength with BMI in children with ASD. 45 children with ASD in the age group of 3 to 13 years were included in this study. BMI and hand grip strength were measured using standard procedure. Three trials of Hand grip strength were measured for right side followed by left side. Best of the three values for both sides were taken for analysis. A Pearson correlation analysis was performed to assess the relationship between Grip strength and BMI. Results showed no significant correlation for BMI and hand grip strength on right side ($r = -0.077$, $p = 0.616$) and left side ($r = 0.144$, $p = 0.344$) in children with ASD. The present study did not show statistically significant correlation for BMI with hand grip strength in children with ASD.

Keywords: Autism spectrum disorder, Hand grip strength, Body Mass Index.





INTRODUCTION

According to the American Psychiatric Association (2013)[1], Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a neurodevelopmental disorder marked by repetitive activities, limited interests, and difficulties with social communication. Children with ASD often have motor deficits, such as hypotonia, poor coordination, and decreased muscle strength, in addition to these core symptoms [2,3]. Their capacity to carry out everyday tasks, engage in physical activity, and preserve general functional health may be impacted by these motor impairments [4]. It is commonly acknowledged that hand grip strength (HGS) is a significant predictor of total muscle strength, motor function, and physical fitness in both adults and children [5]. In children who are normally developing (TD), it has been positively connected with body mass index (BMI), with higher BMI values often being linked to more muscle mass and grip strength[6]. However, this association may be influenced by the unique physical and neuromuscular traits that children with ASD frequently display, such as decreased muscle tone, decreased physical activity, and changed body composition[7,8]. However, because children with ASD have distinct neuromuscular and physical activity abnormalities, the connection between BMI and HGS in this population is still unknown. First, if BMI is not a reliable indicator of grip strength in people with ASD, further tests might be required to properly measure muscular function. Second, determining if muscle strength and BMI are related in individuals with ASD can assist direct focused therapies, such as physical therapy and strength training programs, meant to enhance motor abilities and general physical health in this population[8]. Additionally, there is limited research exploring how body composition influences strength in children with ASD. While studies have demonstrated weaker muscle strength and motor delays in this population, the extent to which BMI influences grip strength has not been well-documented [9,10]. Investigating this relationship can provide insights into physical health risk factors, helping clinicians and educators develop more effective exercise and rehabilitation strategies for children with ASD.

Thus, this study aims to bridge the gap in the literature by examining the correlation between BMI and HGS in children with ASD. The findings could contribute to the development of better assessment tools, individualized intervention programs, and overall improvements in motor function and quality of life for children with ASD. While previous studies have explored the relationship between BMI and muscle strength in typically developing children, limited research has examined this correlation in children with ASD. Given the unique neuromuscular and physical activity patterns in ASD, it remains unclear whether BMI serves as a reliable predictor of grip strength in this population. Some studies suggest that children with ASD have lower muscle strength and endurance compared to their neurotypical peers, yet the specific association between BMI and HGS has not been thoroughly investigated. Understanding this relationship is crucial for developing targeted interventions to improve motor function and overall physical health in children with ASD. Hence, the objective of the present study is to examine the correlation between BMI and hand grip strength in children with ASD. By investigating this relationship, we aim to determine whether BMI is a significant predictor of muscle strength in this population or if other factors, such as neuromuscular differences and physical activity levels, contribute more substantially to grip strength outcomes. We hypothesized that, similar to typically developing children, BMI will show a positive correlation with HGS in children with ASD.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

This correlational analytical study was conducted on 45 children with a diagnosis of ASD, age between 3 to 13 years, from pediatric physiotherapy department, Shree Bhartimaiya College of Optometry & Physiotherapy, Surat. The method used in this study for sampling was convenient sampling. Inclusion Criteria were age between 3 to 13 years, confirmed diagnosis of ASD from pediatric or child psychologist and Severity of Autism based on Gilliam Autism Rating Scale (GARS) score >75. Children who were suffering from any other neurological conditions or any genetic disorders, were excluded from this study. Outcome measures taken were Body Mass Index (BMI), which was calculated as weight in kilograms divided by the square of height in meters (kg/m^2). Participants were classified according to the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) under the categories of Underweight: BMI < 5th percentile, Healthy weight: BMI between the 5th and 85th percentile, Over weight: BMI between the 85th and 95th



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percentile and Obesity: BMI $\geq$ 95th percentile. Hand Grip strength (HGS) was measured using a Saehan hydraulic dynamometer (ICCs 0.85 to 0.98)[11]. Participants were instructed to sit upright with their elbow at a 90-degree angle, forearm in a neutral position, and wrist in slight extension. Three trials were performed for each hand with a 30-second rest interval between trials, and the highest recorded value was used for analysis. HGS values were reported in kilograms (kg). Hand grip strength was measured for right side followed by left side.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS AND RESULTS

Analysis was performed using SPSS 23 version software. Shapiro-Wilk test was used to determine the normality of the data, which showed that the data was normally distributed ($p > 0.05$). Pearson's correlation coefficient test was used to determine the correlation between BMI and HGS. Descriptive statistics of mean and standard deviation were used for continuous variables and frequency and percentage for categorical variables.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

The purpose of this study was to determine the relationship between body mass index (BMI) and hand grip strength (HGS) in children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). In both hands, the results showed statistically non-significant correlation between BMI and HGS. The correlation coefficient of BMI with right side was -0.007 ($p = 0.616$), and 0.144 ($p = 0.344$) for the left side. These findings are in line with earlier research that found that children with ASD varied in their body composition and muscle strength. Although the association between BMI and strength is still unclear, research by Wentz *et al.*[12] had shown that children with ASD frequently exhibit decreased physical strength and changed body composition. Similarly, Memari *et al.*[13] found that motor impairments in children with ASD, such as decreased muscle tone and coordination issues, may impact hand grip strength regardless of body mass index. Furthermore, prior research indicates that BMI by itself might not be a reliable indicator of muscle strength because grip strength is greatly influenced by a number of variables, including neuromuscular function, degree of physical activity, and motor coordination. According to research by Bohannon [14] and Ortega *et al.* [15], hand grip strength is not only determined by body mass or BMI but also by brain control mechanisms, muscle quality, and training level. BMI alone may not be as important in determining hand grip strength as hypotonia, motor coordination deficiencies, and sensory processing difficulties, which are common in children with ASD[2]. Additionally, the present study's non-significant correlation implies that more factors, including abnormality in muscle tone, participation in physical activity, and nutritional status, ought to be investigated in connection with grip strength in people with ASD. Research by Tyler *et al.* [16] and West *et al.* [17] highlights how crucial it is to evaluate children with ASD's motor skills and degree of physical activity in order to better understand how their muscles develop.

CONCLUSION

BMI and hand grip strength in children with ASD did not significantly correlate, according to the current study. According to the results, grip strength in this cohort is not significantly influenced by BMI alone. Future studies should investigate other factors that may affect grip strength, such as muscle tone, exercise levels, and general physical health, given the intricate interactions of neuromuscular, sensory, and motor coordination aspects in children with ASD. These results emphasize the necessity of using a multifaceted strategy when evaluating children with ASD's functional strength and physical health. More significant insights into enhancing grip strength and general physical function in this population may come from interventions that emphasize motor skill development, resistance training, and physical exercise.





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Table 1: Descriptive Statistics of demographic characteristics (n=45)

Variable	Mean	SD
Age	7.06	2.03
Height	117.80	11.69
Weight	24.86	7.37
Variable	Frequency	Percentage
Gender		
Male	38	84.44
Female	07	15.56
BMI		
Underweight	06	13.33
Normal	21	46.67
Overweight	05	11.11





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Obese	13	28.89
Severity		
Moderate	16	35.56
Severe	29	64.44

Table 2: Correlation of BMI and HGS (Right side)

	BMI	HGS(Rt)
BMI		
Spearman Correlation	1	-0.007
P value	.	0.616
N	45	45
HGS(Rt)		
Spearman Correlation	-0.007	1
P value	0.616	.
N	45	45

Table 3: Correlation of BMI and HGS (Left side)

	BMI	HGS(Lt)
BMI		
Spearman Correlation	1	0.144
P value	.	0.344
N	45	45
HGS(Lt)		
Spearman Correlation	0.144	1
P value	0.344	.
N	45	45



Fig: 1 (Right side) Hand grip Strength Measurement strength



Fig: 2 (Left side) Hand grip Strength measurement





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Bio-Prospecting of *Plumeria bicolor* against Clinical Isolates of Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*

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ABSTRACT

The current study was aimed to examine the phytoactive substances found in the leaves, bark and flowers of *Plumeria bicolor*. Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was the method used to identify the fractions. Column chromatography was used to isolate the Phytoactive chemicals. Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* was tested for antibacterial activity *in vitro* using the Well diffusion method. The inhibitory zone was noted. The plant extracts of *Plumeria bicolor* that were to be examined came in different concentrations: 15 µl, 30 µl, 45 µl, and 100 µl. All of the extracts were proven to be effective against MRSA in this experiment. The extract from the leaves of *Plumeria bicolor* had the strongest antibacterial activity against MRSA, followed by the extract from the flowers and bark.

Keywords: *Plumeria bicolor*, Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus*, Antibacterial activity and Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC).





INTRODUCTION

For many years, nature has provided a variety of medications to treat a wide range of illnesses in both humans and animals. In India plants belonging to the genus *Plumeria*, including *Plumeria bicolor* are cultivated as attractive plants. The main sources of biologically active antimicrobial compounds are still unknown, however natural items are becoming recognized as significant sources. *Plumeria bicolor*, a tiny tree in the Apocyanaceae family, with a crooked trunk, rough bark and fragrant white blossoms. It is a beautiful plant that grows everywhere. According to every traditional medical system, a wide variety of medicinal herbs can help with skin conditions. Although these plant treatments have been utilized locally and orally since ancient times, the mechanism underlying the effects they produce has not been studied. The natural antibacterial properties of certain plants have caused these consequences. The traditional medical system makes extensive use of other species in this genus to treat a wide range of illnesses. An antibiotic found in *Plumeria bicolor* prevents MRSA from growing. The plant has been shown to support immunological and respiratory processes as well as digestion and elimination. The plant's sap is used as a laxative to treat stomachaches and bloating. The bark is used to treat venereal sores and is believed to have purgative properties. The blooms can be cooked in water or juice and added to a salad to help reduce gas and phelm, encourage bowel movements, and improve urine flow. Additionally, the blossoms are used to cure asthma. *Plumeria* flower extracts have also been utilized in cosmetics as scents [1]. In addition to its medicinal uses, extracts from various portions of *Plumeria* can be used to prevent or treat skin cancer, fungal and viral infections [2], a variety of skin defects, anti-filarial, and other ailments. It was thought that various plant parts could help with a number of illnesses, including rheumatism, leprosy, malaria, and abdominal tumors.

Nevertheless, not much research has been done to ascertain this frangipani species' antimicrobial qualities. A different perspective on a different source of treatment for bacterial infections is encouraged by the emergence of bacterial resistance to synthetic antimicrobial drugs. A study was conducted by Laila Jarin *et al.* [3] to assess the MRSA activity of an extract from *Plumeria bicolor* stem bark. Mass spectrum analysis was used to identify the extract's active anti-leishmanial chemicals, which were then isolated using bioactivity-guided fractionation. The *Plumeria* extract, its fractions, and its isolated active components were tested for their anti-proliferative properties against MRSA *in vitro* [4]. Multidrug-resistant bacteria are a major threat to world health and have been the cause of multiple infectious epidemic outbreaks [5]. Because resistant Gram positive bacteria, such as MRSA, continue to be the most problematic, research in this area is desperately needed. This is exemplified by the dearth of antimicrobial medications in the pharmaceutical pipeline to treat these illnesses and the absence of viable treatments for multidrug-resistant microbes [6]. MRSA infections are frequently seen in patients who have indwelling catheters or prosthetic devices, as well as in skin, soft tissue, bone, and joints. Compared to patients infected with Methicillin Sensitive *Staphylococcus aureus* strains, patients with MRSA typically have worse clinical outcomes. Severe MRSA infections can cause osteomyelitis, septic arthritis, and potentially fatal Infective Endocarditis (IE). In hospitals and community clinics, complications from these infections, like sepsis and septic resistance to first-line medications, are frequent. According to some estimates, people who present with MRSA infections have a 64 % higher chance of dying than those who have infections brought on by *Staphylococcus aureus* that is sensitive to Methicillin. Several plant species have also been shown to have anti-MRSA *in vitro* properties.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of Pathogenic Microorganisms

The Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) strains selected for this present investigation was collected from Sri Lakshmi Narayana Institute of Medical Science, Agaram, Pondicherry, India. The collected strain was stored in the Refrigerator at 4 °C.



**Megala et al.,****Collection of Plant Materials**

Plumeria bicolor plants were gathered in sufficient numbers in around the Cuddalore District of Tamil Nadu (Figure - 1). After being put in a paper bag, the plants were brought into the laboratory. After being carefully cleaned with tap water, healthy plant materials such as leaves, bark, and flowers were individually shade-dried for two weeks at room temperature. In order to eliminate plant fibers, the leaves, bark and flowers were then ground into powder using an electric blender and then sieved separately using a nylon sieve. Finally, the powders were collected and stored in screw-cap vials for later use.

Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC)

Using just progressively ascending procedures, Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) was performed on all fractions using TLC precoated plates. The plates were marked with a pencil above one centimeter from the bottom after being cut with scissors. Each sample was subtly dissolved in Methanol, and the dissolved samples were evenly applied on the plates using capillary tubes before being allowed to dry. Hexane (100 %), Hexane: Ethyl acetate (9:1, 8:2 and 7:3), and other solvent systems were used to develop the plates in a Chromatographic tank. The plates were dried and examined using UV light (254 nm and 366 nm), regular daylight, and a 10 % sulfuric acid stain before being heated in an oven for 5 to 10 minutes at 105 °C. The retention factors for each active compound were calculated for each fraction using the following formula and the R_f value of the Chromatogram were recorded.

$R_f = \text{Distance moved by the Solute or Compound} / \text{Distance moved by the Solvent}$

Column Chromatography**Packing in Columns**

Hexane, a solvent, was used to properly pack Silica gel in an appropriate Column without creating air bubbles. When the combination was put on top of the Stationary phase, the chemical that was eluting with the solvent began to separate gradually as the order of polarity increased. For the biological analysis, the extracts were subjected to column chromatography. Various percentages of n-hexane and ethyl acetate, methanol, and ethylacetate were used to elute the extract (EA: Hex-25:75 % - Fraction 1; EA: Hex-50:50 % - Fraction 2; EA: Hex- 75:25 % - Fraction 3; EA: Hex- 100:0 % - Fraction 4; Me: EA- 25:75 % - Fraction 5; Me: EA- 50:50 % - Fraction 6; Me: EA- 75:25 % - Fraction 7; Me: EA- 100:0 % - Fraction 8).

Column Running

The methodology for the Column Chromatography process involved the careful addition of solvents to ensure proper separation of pigments. Hexanes were gradually added to the column using a pipette, ensuring that the solvent completely moistened the column. Excess hexanes were carefully drained until the gel reached the top of the column. At no point was the top of the column allowed to run dry after adding hexanes to the gel. Once the hexane level reached the top of the gel, the dissolved pigments were introduced into the column. For the Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) process, the remaining sample was left in the test tube, and the eluent was collected in the same tube. To begin elution of the yellow band, hexanes were added continuously, ensuring that the yellow band moved toward the top of the column. Once the final hexanes drained to the gel's surface, acetone was added to elute the green band. Acetone was added continuously until the green band approached the bottom of the column. The process was halted when the eluent showed little to no green color. The solvents from the tubes containing the yellow pigment, green pigment, and the original pigment were evaporated using a warm water bath. Care was taken to remove the tubes from the water bath immediately after solvent evaporation to prevent pigment decomposition due to prolonged heat exposure. Finally, the tubes were securely stoppered.

Antibacterial Assay

The antibacterial activity of extracts from *Plumeria bicolor* leaves, bark, and flowers was assessed using the Well diffusion method. The Mueller Hinton agar medium was prepared and autoclaving at 121 °C at 15 lbs pressure for 15 minutes. Following sterilization, the Mueller Hinton Agar was put into sterile Petri dishes and let to set. Then, 0.1 milliliters of the test organism were extracted from the broth and the sterile cotton swab was used to swab the Mueller Hinton agar surface. The bacterial cultures were allowed to dry for 5 minutes. The test plant extracts were

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made in different concentrations (15 µl, 30 µl, 45 µl, and 60 µl). For 18 to 24 hours, the plates are incubated at 37 °C. The diameter of the zone of inhibition was measured and reported as millimeter in diameter (mm in dm).

RESULT

The outcome demonstrated that *Plumeria bicolor* plant leaves, barks and flowers were prepared by Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) (Figure - 2). The *Plumeria bicolor* plant leaves, barks and flowers were prepared by Column chromatography separation (Figure - 3) and finally collected a pure compound (Figure - 4). The result showed that Leaf extract of *Plumeria bicolor* showed appreciable antibacterial effect against Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and the results were presented in the Table - 1. The maximum of zone of inhibition was recorded in the Compound L4 (24 mm in dm) in 60 µl for Methanol extract. The Methanol extract of Barks (B2) exhibited more antibacterial activity against 30 µl in MRSA (13 mm) (Table - 2). The Table - 3 represent the Flowers (F1) extracts of *Plumeria bicolor* showed antibacterial effect against MRSA. The moderate inhibition was observed in (19 mm) in 60 µl for Methanol extract. The outcome of this present research demonstrated that the *Plumeria bicolor* plant leaves, barks and flower compounds were tested against MRSA to determine their antimicrobial potential. The *Plumeria bicolor* leaves extract showed maximum antibacterial activity against MRSA followed by flowers and barks extract.

DISCUSSION

The secondary metabolites found in plants are usually responsible for the positive therapeutic effects of plant materials. However, it is typically attributable to a mixture of metabolites rather than a single substance. The idea that a plant's secondary product combination is taxonomically distinct is supported by the fact that the medicinal effects of plants are specific to a given species or group of plants [7]. One of the major techniques used to choose the plant for pharmacological study is ethnobotanical screening, which typically entails many approaches. For the world's growing population, medicinal plants are a vital source of life-saving medications. The World Health Organization estimates that up to 80 % of people worldwide rely primarily on traditional medicinal plants. Many contemporary medications are also derived from plants. Plant-based compounds make up about 25 % of prescription medications. The most valuable anti-cancer medications, such as vinblastine, vincristine, and paclitaxel, are entirely produced from plant sources, starting with the most widely used painkiller, aspirin, which is derived from *Salix* species [8]. Additionally, the blossoms are used to cure asthma.

Plumeria flower extracts have also been utilized in cosmetics as perfumes. According to Syakira and Brenda [1], extracts from various portions of *Plumeria* also have medicinal qualities and can be used to prevent or treat a variety of skin conditions, including skin cancer, fungal and viral infections, various skin defects, anti-filarial, and other ailments. The disc diffusion method to extract samples from *Plumeria obtuse* leaves and reported the antimicrobial (8 bacterium) properties of various solvents (petroleum ether, ethyl acetate, chloroform, iso-butanol, and ethanol). According to the data, all microbiological species were inhibited by petroleum ether, iso-butanol, and ethyl acetate fractions, with the exception of *Klebsiella pneumonia* and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, respectively. *Staphylococcus aureus* was the most resistant gram-positive bacterium, whilst *Bacillus subtilis* was the most susceptible [9,10,11]. Using the disc diffusion susceptibility experiment, Rasoolsn *et al.* [12] and Vaisberg *et al.* [13] documented the antibacterial properties of ethanol, petroleum ether, chloroform, and ethyl acetate extracted from *Plumeria obtusa* leaves against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Bacillus cereus*, *Salmonella typhi*, and *Staphylococcus aureus*. Bawa Emmanuel *et al.* [14] and Nasir Ali *et al.* [15] reported to the zones of inhibition, the antibacterial activity of the plant *Plumeria rubra*'s leaves and bark that were extracted using the solvent ethyl acetate was demonstrated. The zone of inhibition for *Staphylococcus aureus* was 27 mm, with a range of 10.0 mm to 27.0 mm for dosages of 25 mg/ml to 100 mg/ml for the leaf extract. *Proteus mirabilis* and *Staphylococcus aureus* showed inhibitory zones that were equivalent to those of Gentamicin, the positive control. With a dosage range of 25 mg/ml to 100 mg/ml, the plant's bark exhibited greater antibacterial activity against *Proteus mirabilis*, with the largest zone of inhibition measuring 28.0 mm and ranging from 24 to 28 mm. remarkably, at 100 mg/ml of the extract, the zone of inhibition for *Proteus mirabilis* was larger than



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the one for gentamicin. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* exhibited the smallest zone of inhibition, measuring 23.0 mm for leaves and 18.0 mm for bark, at 100 mg/ml. According to Kirsty Mary Mawumenyo Mamattah [16], the essential oil of the flower outperformed the leaf essential oil as an antibacterial agent. It was comparable to what was seen in the *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* antimicrobial investigations. It has been demonstrated that *Pityriasis alba* extracts have antibiofilm properties. The ethyl acetate extracts of *Pityriasis alba* were shown to have a minimum biofilm inhibitory concentration of 60 µg/mL against *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*. According to the results of the current study, *Plumeria bicolor* leaves, bark and flowers have broad-spectrum antibacterial action. The Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) exhibited stronger antibacterial action. The leaves L4 (24 mm), barks B2 (13 mm), and flowers F1 (19 mm) showed the greatest inhibition.

CONCLUSION

The findings of this study highlight the antimicrobial potential of *Plumeria bicolor* plant extracts, specifically their efficacy against Methicillin-Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA). Through Thin Layer Chromatography (TLC) and Column Chromatography, pure compounds were successfully isolated from the plant's leaves, barks, and flowers. Among the extracts tested, the methanol extract of *Plumeria bicolor* leaves exhibited the highest antibacterial activity, with a maximum zone of inhibition of 24 mm (Compound L4 at 60 µL). The bark extract (Compound B2) demonstrated moderate activity, recording a 13 mm zone of inhibition at 30 µL, while the flower extract (Compound F1) exhibited an inhibition zone of 19 mm at 60 µL. The results indicate that *Plumeria bicolor* leaf extract holds the strongest antimicrobial potential, followed by the flower and bark extracts. These findings underscore the plant's promise as a natural source for antibacterial agents, particularly against drug-resistant pathogens like MRSA. Further research and development could help explore the therapeutic potential of these bioactive compounds for clinical applications.

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Table - 1: Antibacterial activity of Leaves extract of *Plumeria bicolor* against Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Plant	Extract	Compound	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
			15 µl	30 µl	45 µl	60 µl
<i>Plumeria bicolor</i>	Leaves	L1	10	11	-	-
		L2	9	9	10	10
		L3	10	11	11	12
		L4	16	20	22	24
		L5	10	10	11	13
		L6	-	-	12	13
		L7	15	15	18	18

Table - 2: Antibacterial activity of Barks extract of *Plumeria bicolor* against Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Plant	Extract	Compound	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
			15 µl	30 µl	45 µl	60 µl
<i>Plumeria bicolor</i>	Barks	B1	9	10	-	-
		B2	11	13	-	-

Table - 3: Antibacterial activity of Flowers extract of *Plumeria bicolor* against Methicillin Resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)

Plant	Extract	Compound	Zone of Inhibition (mm)			
			15 µl	30 µl	45 µl	60 µl
<i>Plumeria bicolor</i>	Flowers	F1	15	17	17	19
		F2	11	13	-	-





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Figure: 1 *Plumeria bicolor* Plant

Figure – 2: Thin Layer Chromatographic (TLC) Separation



Figure - 3: Column Chromatographic separation



Figure - 4: Pure Compound of the Plant Extract





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Interrelation of Generalized Half Companion Sequences of Diophantine and Special Diophantine Triples with Centered Octagonal Numbers

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ABSTRACT

This paper investigates the behavior of two generalized half companion sequences, composed of Diophantine and special Diophantine triplets generated using Centered Octagonal Numbers of various ranks. It also demonstrates, through several theorems, that these triplets cannot be extended into quadruples. Although no definitive method exists for generating such Diophantine triples, the paper introduces the Pellian equation as a tool to generate them. The half companion sequences are formed from Dio-triplets and special Dio-triplets based on Centered Octagonal numbers, each possessing distinct properties. The dynamics of these sequences are thoroughly examined through MATLAB analysis.

Keywords: theorems, equation, sequences, analysis

INTRODUCTION

Diophantine equations hold a prominent place among number theorists and find extensive applications in cryptography and network security. Researchers are continually solving various Diophantine equations. The idea of creating Diophantine triples and special Diophantine triples is captivating. In the context of Diophantus, we have $d_1 = \frac{1}{16}, d_2 = \frac{33}{16}, d_3 = \frac{68}{16}, d_4 = \frac{105}{16}$ which adhere to the given constraint $d_i d_j = T^2 - 1, \forall i, j \in N$ such that $i \neq j$ and $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$. where, $T \in \mathbb{Q}$.

A plethora of research has been conducted on the formation of integer sequences. According to the principal theorem proven by Cipu M, Filipin A, and Fujita Y^[1], any Diophantine triple, where the second largest element falls between the square and four times the square of the smallest element, can be uniquely expanded to a Diophantine quadruple by appending an element greater than the largest in the triple. Park J^[2] discovered the solution to the Pellian





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equation, developed by the D(-1) triplets, and demonstrated the extensibility of the D(-1) pair under certain constraints based on this previous result. Adzaga N, Filipin A, and JurassicA^[3] found that the set $\{2, b, c\}$ cannot be extended to irregular Dio-4 tuples for $2 < b < c$. However, they identified some families of c 's which are dependent on b 's. Additionally, Adzaga N, Dujella A, Kreso D, and Tadic P^[4] established that there are infinite families of Dio-triples that are D(n)-triples for two distinct as well as three distinct " n " with $n \neq 1$. Rihane SE, Luca F, and Togbe A.^[5] demonstrated the impossibility of forming Diophantine 4-tuples using Pell numbers. Zhang and Grossman^[6] formulated the necessary and sufficient conditions for the presence of an integer q' by analyzing the Diophantine triples $\{p_1, p_2, p_3\}$ satisfying the equation $p_k p_m + q' = \beta^2$, where $k, m=1,2,3$ and $k \neq m$. Bacic and Filipin [7] delved into the extensibility of D(4) pairings via a Pellian equation, while Earp and Lynch [8] expanded on this work to differentiate between solutions of Pellian equations corresponding to $D(l^2)$ Diophantine 3-tuples. Bonciocat NC, Cipu M, and Mignotte M.^[9] conducted a groundbreaking study on Diophantine quadruples. Additionally, they confirmed that $b_1 < b_2 < b_3$ with $b_2 = 3b_1$. Adedji KN, He B, Pinter A, and Togbe A.^[10] explored the extensibility of the Diophantine 3-tuple $\{c_1, c_2, c_3\}$ and concluded that a quadruple cannot be derived from such a set. They also established the regularity of every Diophantine triple containing the combination $\{c_1, 3c_1\}$ and found the same conclusion for $c_2 = 8c_1$. Saranya C, and Janaki G.^[11] identified the half-companion sequences of special Diophantine triplets formed using centered square numbers of ranks $n, n+1, n+2, n+3, n+1, n+2, n+3$. Sangeetha V, Anupreethi T, and Somanath M.^[12] created special Dio triples for various types of numbers of different ranks. The authors^[13] discussed centered Triacontagonal numbers. In this paper, we present the establishment of a generalized half-companion sequence for both Diophantine and special Diophantine triples. This is achieved by utilizing the Centered Octagonal number of generalized ranks, which will be elaborated upon in the subsequent sections.

METHODOLOGY

Definition 1: A centered octagonal number is a special kind of number representing an octagon, formed by placing one dot in the center and then arranging additional dots around it in layered octagonal patterns. Interestingly, these numbers also correspond to odd square numbers. The general form of centered octagonal number of rank w is given by

$$CO_w = 4w^2 + 4w + 1$$

Here, CO_w denotes the centered octagonal number of rank $w \geq 0$.

1, 9, 25, 49, 81, 121, 169, 225, 289, 361, 441, 529, 625, 729, 841, 961, 1089, 1225 are the first few centered octagonal numbers.

Definition 2: $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\mu)$ forms a Diophantine μ -tuple with the property $D(\gamma)$ if $s_n s_m + D(\gamma) = \alpha^2$ for each pair of $n, m \in \{1, 2, \dots, \mu\}$ and $n \neq m$.

Definition 3: $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_\mu)$ forms a Special Diophantine μ -tuple with the property $D(\gamma)$ if $s_n s_m + s_n + s_m + D(\gamma) = \alpha^2$ for each pair of $n, m \in \{1, 2, \dots, \mu\}$ and $n \neq m$.

Here, $\gamma \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ or γ is a polynomial with integer coefficient.

A Diophantine 3-tuple (c_1, c_2, c_3) can be derived from a pair (c_1, c_2) that adheres to the property $D(\gamma)$, where $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$. By solving the equations $c_1 c_3 + \gamma = \phi_1^2$ and $c_2 c_3 + \gamma = \phi_2^2$ and applying the transformations $\phi_1 = p_1 + c_1 q_1$ and $\phi_2 = p_1 + c_2 q_1$, resulting in the Pell equation $p_1^2 - c_1 c_2 q_1^2 = \gamma - 1$. Here, $c_1 c_2$ is not a perfect square and $\gamma - 1 \neq 0$. Similarly, for special Diophantine triplet (c_1, c_2, c_3) , the Pell equation $p_1^2 - (c_1 + 1)(c_2 + 1)q_1^2 = \gamma - 1$ is formed from solving the equations $c_1 c_3 + c_1 + c_3 + \gamma = \psi_1^2$ and $c_2 c_3 + c_2 + c_3 + \gamma = \psi_2^2$ on utilizing the transformations $\psi_1 = p_1 + (c_1 + 1)q_1$ and $\psi_2 = p_1 + (c_2 + 1)q_1$, where $(c_1 + 1)(c_2 + 1)$ is not a perfect square and $\gamma \neq 1$.





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Formation of sequence of Diophantine triples**Case A: For the ranks $w, w + k$**

Let $v_1 = CO_w$ and $v_2 = CO_{w+k}$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$ be the two distinct centered octagonal numbers of ranks $w, w + k$ respectively. Then

$$v_1 = 4w^2 + 4w + 1 \quad (1)$$

$$v_2 = 4w^2 + 8wk + 4k^2 + 4w + 4k + 1 \quad (2)$$

Note that $v_1 v_2 + \gamma(k) = [P(w)]^2$, where $P(w) \in \mathbb{Z}[w]$ for $\gamma(k) = 8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3$. Let $v_3 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ be framed from the following set of equations

$$v_1 v_3 + \gamma(k) = \Phi_1^2 \quad (3)$$

$$v_2 v_3 + \gamma(k) = \Phi_2^2 \quad (4)$$

where $\Phi_1 = p_1 + v_1 q_1$ and $\Phi_2 = p_1 + v_2 q_1$. Solving (3) and (4) by utilizing the values of Φ_1 and Φ_2 ,

$$p_1^2 = 8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3 + v_1 v_2 q_1^2 \quad (5)$$

(1) and (5) give rise to the initial solution

$$p_1 = 4w^2 + 4wk + 4w + 2k + 2, \quad q_1 = 1$$

The above values of p_1, q_1 produces $\Phi_1 = 8w^2 + 8w + 4wk + 2k + 3$. On combining this value of Φ_1 along with (1) and (3) will lead to the value of v_3 as follows.

$$v_3 = 4k^2 + 8k + 16wk + 16w^2 + 16w + 6 \quad (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow v_3 = 2(CO_w + CO_{w+k}) - 4k^2 + 2$$

Thus, it is clear that the pair (CO_w, CO_{w+k}) can be extended to the Diophantine triple $(CO_w, CO_{w+k}, 2(CO_w + CO_{w+k}) - 4k^2 + 2)$.

In the similar manner, v_4 can be obtained from v_2, v_3 and v_5 from v_3, v_4 as follows.

$$v_4 = 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 4$$

$$v_5 = 10CO_w + 15CO_{w+k} - 24k^2 + 12$$

Hence, $\{(CO_w, CO_{w+k}, 2(CO_w + CO_{w+k}) - 4k^2 + 2), (CO_{w+k}, 2(CO_w + CO_{w+k}) - 4k^2 + 2, 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 4), (2CO_w + CO_{w+k} - 4k^2 + 2, 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 4, 10CO_w + 15CO_{w+k} - 24k^2 + 12), \dots\}$ forms the half companion sequence of Diophantine triples generated by CO_w and CO_{w+k} .

Case B: For the ranks $w - k, w + k$

Consider

$$v'_1 = CO_{w-k} = 4w^2 - 8wk + 4k^2 + 4w - 4k + 1 \quad (7)$$

Now, (v'_1, v_2) forms a Diophantine pair with the property $D(8w^2 + 8w - 8k^2 + 3)$. Under the same property, this Diophantine pair can be extended to the Diophantine triple (v'_1, v_2, v'_3) in which v'_3 can be found by following the same procedure as in case A and it is represented as

$$v'_3 = 2[CO_{w-k} + CO_{w+k}] - 16k^2 + 2$$

In the same way, one can obtain v'_4 and v'_5 with the help of v_2, v'_3 and v'_3, v'_4 respectively and the values are presented as

$$v'_4 = 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 32k^2 + 4$$

$$v'_5 = 10CO_w + 15CO_{w+k} - 96k^2 + 12$$

Thus, $\{(v'_1, v_2, v'_3), (v_2, v'_3, v'_4), (v'_3, v'_4, v'_5), \dots\}$ forms the half companion sequence generated of Dio-triples by CO_{w-k} and CO_{w+k} .

Formation of sequence of Special Diophantine triples**Case C: For the ranks $w, w + k$**

Assume the values of v_1, v_2 as in (1) and (2) of case C. On computation, it is noted that $v_1 v_2 + v_1 + v_2 + \gamma'(k) = \Omega^2$, where $\gamma'(k) = 1 - 4k^2$ and $\Omega \in \mathbb{Z}[w]$. Let $v'_3 \in \mathbb{N}$ be found from v_1, v_2 satisfying the following conditions

$$v_1 v'_3 + v_1 + v'_3 + \gamma'(k) = \Psi_1^2 \quad (8)$$

$$v_2 v'_3 + v_2 + v'_3 + \gamma'(k) = \Psi_2^2 \quad (9)$$

where $\psi_1 = p'_1 + (v_1 + 1)q'_1$ and $\psi_2 = p'_1 + (v_2 + 1)q'_1$. On eradicating v'_3 from the equations (8) and (9),

$$p_1'^2 = -4k^2 + (v_1 + 1)(v_2 + 1)q_1'^2$$

Substitution of known values in the above equation will lead to initial solution





$$p_1 = 4w^2 + 4wk + 4w + 2k + 2, \quad q_1 = 1$$

With the help of this solution, one can depict the value of Ψ_1 as

$$\Psi_1 = 8w^2 + 4wk + 8w + 2k + 4 \quad (10)$$

Thus, v_3^s can be derived from (8) on using all the known values of $v_1, \Psi_1, \gamma'(k)$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} v_3^s &= 4k^2 + 8k + 16w^2 + 16wk + 16w + 7 \\ \Rightarrow v_3^s &= 2[CO_w + CO_{w+k}] - 4k^2 + 3 \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

Hence, it is quite easy to develop the values of $v_4^s, v_5^s \in \mathbb{N}$ from the pairs (v_2, v_3^s) and (v_3^s, v_4^s) respectively and they are represented as

$$\begin{aligned} v_4^s &= 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 8 \\ v_5^s &= 10CO_w + 15CO_{w+k} - 24k^2 + 24 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\{(CO_w, CO_{w+k}, 2[CO_w + CO_{w+k}] - 4k^2 + 3), (CO_{w+k}, 2[CO_w + CO_{w+k}] - 4k^2 + 3, 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 8), (2[CO_w + CO_{w+k}] - 4k^2 + 3, 3CO_w + 6CO_{w+k} - 8k^2 + 8, 10CO_w + 15CO_{w+k} - 24k^2 + 24), \dots\}$ represents the corresponding sequence of Special Dio-3 tuples.

Case D: For the ranks $w - k, w + k$

In order to generate the sequence of special Dio-3 tuples involving CO_{w-k}, CO_{w+k} , consider v_1', v_2 as in (2) and (7). It is determined that the special Dio-pair (v_1', v_2) can be extended to special Dio-3 tuple (v_1', v_2, u_3^s) on using the property $D(1 - 16k^2)$, where the value of u_3^s can be determined by following the similar procedure as above and represented as

$$u_3^s = 2[CO_{w-k} + CO_{w+k}] - 16k^2 + 3$$

Similarly, the values of $u_4^s, u_5^s \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ are given as

$$\begin{aligned} u_4^s &= 3CO_{w-k} + 6CO_{w+k} - 32k^2 + 8 \\ u_5^s &= 10CO_{w-k} + 15CO_{w+k} - 96k^2 + 24 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \{(v_1', v_2, u_3^s), (v_2, u_3^s, u_4^s), (u_3^s, u_4^s, u_5^s) \dots\}$ forms the required sequence of triplets.

Theorems of Non-Extendibility

Theorem 1:

Let (v_1, v_2, v_3) be a Diophantine triple formed by using the centered octagonal numbers CO_w, CO_{w+k} under the property $D(8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3)$, for all $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $k \geq 1$. Then, (v_1, v_2, v_3) cannot be extended to quadruples under the same property for all values of $w, k \neq 0$.

Proof:

Since (v_1, v_2, v_3) is a Diophantine triple under the property $D(8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3)$, in order to find $V_4 \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ satisfying the following equations,

$$v_1 V_4 + 8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3 = \Phi_1^2 \quad (12)$$

$$v_2 V_4 + 8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3 = \Phi_2^2 \quad (13)$$

$$v_3 V_4 + 8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3 = \Phi_3^2 \quad (14)$$

where $\Phi_i = p_i + v_i q_i$, $i = 1, 2, 3$

Elimination of V_4 from (12) and (13) provides the initial solution $p_1 = 8w^2 + 8w + 4wk + 2k + 3, q_1 = 1$. This gives $\Phi_1 = 12w^2 + 12w + 4wk + 2k + 4$. Hence from (12), the value of V_4 is resulted as

$$V_4 = 36w^2 + 36w + 24wk + 4k^2 + 12k + 13$$

On substituting the known values in LHS of (13), it is found that

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_2^2 &= 144w^4 + 384kw^3 + 288w^3 + 352k^2w^2 + 576kw^2 + 240w^2 + 128k^3w \\ &\quad 352k^2w + 328kw + 96w + 16k^4 + 64k^3 + 104k^2 + 68k + 16 \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

If the right hand side of Φ_2^2 in (15) is a perfect square, then (v_1, v_2, v_3) can be extended to quadruple. This can be validated by three cases.

Case (i): If $w > k$, then $w = k + 1$. The equation (15) becomes

$$\Phi_2^2 = 1024k^4 + 3840k^3 + 5408k^2 + 3372k + 784$$

Case (ii): If $w < k$, then $w = k - 1$. The equation (15) turns to

$$\Phi_2^2 = 1024k^4 - 1280k^3 + 672k^2 - 164k + 16$$

Case (iii): If $w = k$, then the equation (15) transformed to

$$\Phi_2^2 = 1024k^4 - 1280k^3 + 672k^2 - 164k + 16$$

In all the above three cases, it is analyzed that Φ_2^2 is not a perfect square. This completes the proof.





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Theorem 2:

Any Diophantine triple (v'_1, v_2, v'_3) generated by CO_{w-k}, CO_{w+k} cannot be extended to quadruple for all values of $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

Proof : The Proof of this theorem is same as Theorem 1.

Theorem 3:

Let (v'_1, v_2, u_3^s) be a Special Diophantine triple formed by using CO_{w-k}, CO_{w+k} under the property $D(1 - 16k^2)$, for all $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $k \geq 1$. Then, (v_1, v_2, v_3) cannot be expanded into quadruples while preserving the same property for any values of $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $k \neq 0$.

Proof :

Assume that (v'_1, v_2, u_3^s) is a Special Diophantine triple under the property $D(1 - 16k^2)$, and $\Psi_1 = p_1 + (v'_1 + 1)q_1, \Psi_2 = p_1 + v_2 + 1q_1, \Psi_3 = p_1 + u_3^s + 1q_1$.

To find $\delta \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, which satisfies the following constraints,

$$v'_1\delta + v'_1 + \delta + (1 - 16k^2) = \Psi_1^2 \quad (16)$$

$$v_2\delta + v_2 + \delta + (1 - 16k^2) = \Psi_2^2 \quad (17)$$

$$u_3^s\delta + u_3^s + \delta + (1 - 16k^2) = \Psi_3^2 \quad (18)$$

The value of δ is obtained by solving the equations (16) and (18) with the help of Ψ_i values as follows

$$\delta = 4k^2 - 24kw - 12k + 36w^2 + 36w + 17$$

Using the above value of δ and v_2 in (17),

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_2^2 = 16k^4 + 144w^4 - 32k^3 + 288w^3 - 176k^2w^2 + 20k^2 + 324w^2 - 64wk^3 - 32wk^2 + 180w + 192kw^3 + 288kw^2 \\ + 168kw + 144w^2k^2 + 36k + 53 \end{aligned}$$

It is found that the above value of Ψ_2^2 is not a perfect square for all $w, k \in \mathbb{W}$ and $k \neq 0$.

Theorem 4:

Any Special Diophantine triple (v_1, v_2, v_3^s) generated by CO_w, CO_{w+k} cannot be extended to quadruple for all values of $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

Proof : The Proof of this theorem is same as Theorem 3

CONCLUSION

The generalized version of half companion sequence of Dio-3 tuples and special Dio-3 tuples are found by using Centered Octagonal number of distinct ranks. Also, it is verified that both the Dio-triples and Special Dio-triples are not extensible for any values of $w, k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$ and $k \geq 1$.

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Table 1: Numerical illustration of sequences of Dio-3 tuples generated by \$CO_w, CO_{w+k}\$

k	w	$w+k$	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_3, v_4, v_5)	$D(8w^2 + 8wk + 8w + 4k + 3)$
1	1	2	(9,25,66)	(25,66,173)	(66,173,453)	$D(31)$
	2	3	(25,49,146)	(49,146,365)	(146,365,973)	$D(71)$
	3	4	(49,81,258)	(81,258,629)	(258,629,1693)	$D(127)$

Table 2: Numerical illustration of sequences of Dio-3 tuples generated by \$CO_{w-k}, CO_{w+k}\$

k	w	$w-k$	$w+k$	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_3, v_4, v_5)	$D(8w^2 + 8w - 8k^2 + 3)$
1	2	1	3	(9,49,102)	(49,102,293)	(102,293,741)	$D(43)$
	3	2	4	(25,81,198)	(81,198,533)	(198,533,1381)	$D(91)$
	4	3	5	(49,121,326)	(121,326,845)	(326,845,2221)	$D(155)$

Table 3: Numerical illustration of sequences of special Dio-3 tuples generated by

k	w	$w+k$	(v_1, v_2, v_3^s)	(v_2, v_3^s, v_4^s)	v_3^s, v_4^s, v_5^s	$D(1 - 4k^2)$
1	1	2	(9,25,67)	(25,67,177)	(67,177,465)	$D(-3)$
	2	3	(25,49,147)	(49,147,369)	(147,369,985)	$D(-3)$
	3	4	(49,81,259)	(81,259,633)	(259,633,1705)	$D(-3)$

Table 4: Numerical illustration of sequences of Special Dio-3 tuples generated by \$CO_{w-k}, CO_{w+k}\$

k	w	$w-k$	$w+k$	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_1, v_2, v_3)	(v_3, v_4, v_5)	$D(1 - 16k^2)$
1	2	1	3	(9,49,103)	(49,103,297)	(103,297,753)	$D(-15)$
	3	2	4	(25,81,199)	(81,199,537)	(199,537,1393)	$D(-15)$
	4	3	5	(49,121,327)	(121,327,849)	(327,849,2233)	$D(-15)$



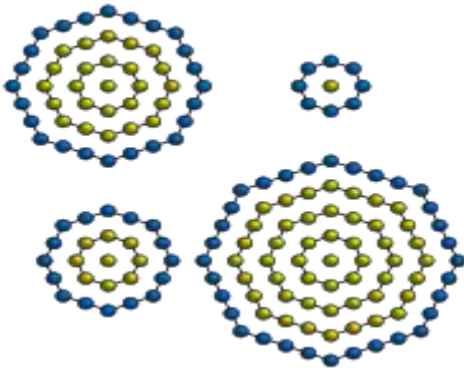


Fig.1. Centered Octagonal Numbers

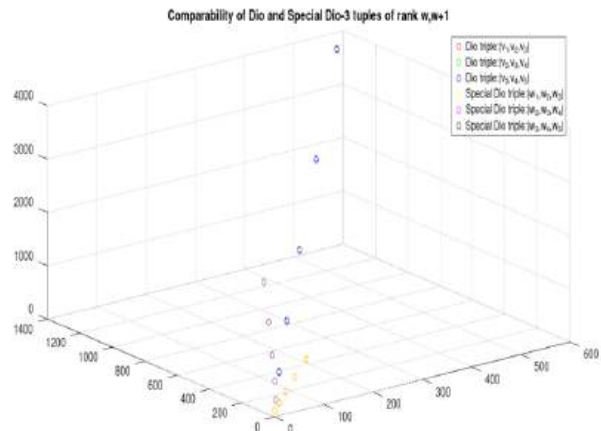


Fig.2.Comparability of Dio and Special Dio-3 tuples of rank $w,w+1$

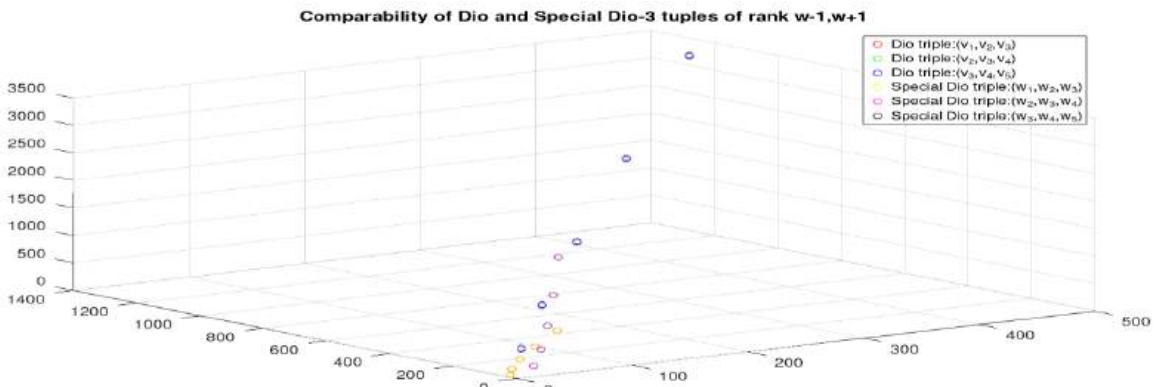


Fig.3: Comparability of Dio and Special Dio -3 tuples of rank $W-1,W+1$





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Green Dentistry: Charting a Sustainable Path for Oral Healthcare Practices

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ABSTRACT

The dental industry, while essential to public health, contributes significantly to environmental pollution through resource-intensive practices, high energy consumption, and waste generation. As awareness of these ecological impacts grows, green dentistry has emerged as a transformative approach aimed at minimizing the industry's environmental footprint. This review examines sustainable practices and innovations in dental care, such as digital systems to reduce paper waste, biodegradable materials, energy-efficient devices, and eco-friendly waste management. It also explores the role of dental professionals in adopting and promoting green practices to align with broader sustainability goals. Through the adoption of these practices, green dentistry can help the industry move toward a more sustainable future while maintaining quality patient care.

Keywords: Dental Waste, Digital Dentistry, Eco Friendly, Green Dentistry, Sustainable Oral Healthcare

Abbreviations

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INTRODUCTION

In today's world increasing environmental apprehensions regarding elevated temperatures, melting ice caps, and escalating carbon emissions have popularized the term "green" across various industries. As per the world health organization's SEARO report, the eleven South Asian nations generate approximately 35,000 tons of medical waste per year and 2000 tons per day prompting dental professionals to practice eco-friendliness and be aware of their impact on the environment.[1] Delivering oral healthcare, whether through preventive measures, therapeutic interventions, or long-term maintenance contributes to pollution and a substantial carbon footprint. Furthermore, recognizing the interconnectedness of our role as oral health care providers with the broader ecological landscape, it is essential that we proactively address and diminish the environmental ramifications of our activities. Our ethical and moral compass guides us in navigating this responsibility, urging us to adopt sustainable methodologies that not only fulfill our commitment to oral health but also contribute positively to the overall health of the environment. Through ongoing dedication to eco-conscious practices, we can ensure a lasting impact that aligns with our professional principles and environmental stewardship. Eco friendly dentistry is one such technologically advanced approach that minimizes the environmental footprint of dental practices, contributing to the shift towards an ecologically sustainable healthcare system. [2] Dr. Malden Kralj, the founder of Oral Dental Studio and innovator in the field is credited with coining the term "eco-friendly dentistry." This not only solidifies his role as a pioneer but also marks a groundbreaking moment in establishing the first green dental group in America. Eco friendly dentistry also involves a dentistry service model that promotes and sustains overall well-being. This approach aims to cater to the requirements of numerous patients while assisting dental professionals in safeguarding both planetary and community health, along with ensuring the financial stability of their practices. Launched globally in June 2009, the Eco-Friendly Dentistry Association (EDA) has played a pivotal role. In India, the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEFs) instituted the Hazardous Waste (Management and Handling) Rules in 1989, with subsequent amendments in 2000 and 2003. These rules are designed to ensure the effective management and proper handling of hazardous wastes throughout the country.[3]

The National Green Tribunal, a regulatory body in India, has issued a range of guidelines aimed at preserving the environment and human health.⁴ These directives advocate for:

- Embracing clean technologies
- Facilitating the recycling and reuse of waste materials
- Installing pollution control equipment

Implementing enhanced housekeeping and work practices, which incorporate waste minimization techniques. These measures collectively contribute to the protection of the environment and well-being of the community.

Going Green in Dentistry: Why?

Every year dental practices generate a considerable amount of waste, discarding millions of sterilization pouches, chair barriers, and light handle covers. The disposal of items like gloves, masks, suction tips, saliva ejectors, needle, and paper pose a persistent challenge in terms of breakdown.[5] This has far reaching environmental impacts, including the daily waste of 360 gallons of water, the production of 4.8 million lead foils, 28 millionslitres of toxic X-ray fixer, and an annual generation of 3.7 tons of mercury waste.[5]

Oral healthcare significantly contributes to CO₂ emissions through three primary avenues:

- The travel involved in patients and healthcare personnel commuting to and from care centers
- The manufacturing, distribution, and procurement processes of materials and sundries along the supply chain
- The generation and management of waste, notably the environmental challenge posed by single use plastics (SUPs). It is imperative to urgently address these aspects to effectively reduce the environmental impact associated with oral healthcare. Within the operational realm of a dental clinic, the generation of biomedical waste spans a diverse array of categories, encompassing:
 - Sharps
 - Discarded disposable items
 - Infectious waste, represented by items like blood-soaked gauze pieces and cotton



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- Hazardous waste, inclusive of materials such as mercury and lead foils
- Chemical waste, incorporating spent film developers, fixers, cleaning solutions, and disinfectants. This comprehensive categorization underscores the varied nature of waste generated, emphasizing the need for meticulous management and environmentally conscious disposal practices within the dental healthcare setting.

Mercury Component in Silver Amalgam

During dental procedures, mercury poses a hazard to both human health and the environment. It is used during the placement, removal, and polishing of dental amalgam. The restoration and removal of dental amalgam produce potentially harmful waste, including mercury:[6]

- Vaporized elemental mercury- emanating from dental amalgam alloy
- Uncontaminated dental amalgam scrap- particles that haven't been in contact with the patient, remaining after restoration placement
- Contaminated amalgam waste- particles that have encountered patient secretions, generated during carving and restoration removal procedures
- Amalgam sludge- particles present in dental office wastewater, found in chairside traps and vacuum filters

Dentists are estimated to contribute a substantial portion, ranging from 3% to 70% of the total mercury content found in wastewater treatment facilities. Multiple ongoing efforts are focused on completely eliminating the use of mercury, with the most recent initiative coming from the United Nations Environment Programme in 2009.

In addition to mercury the presence of silver, a heavy metal, is observed in dental waste. Although it is a constituent of dental amalgam, the silver thiosulfate in radiographic fixer can infiltrate the water system due to inappropriate disposal of dental waste, resulting in a considerable environmental concern.

Lead

The lead shields present in every film packet represent a residual element from traditional radiography, and lead, being a persistent environmental toxin, poses potential risks. Even at minimal levels, the toxicity of lead is detrimental to the health of both children and adults, underscoring the importance of minimizing its presence in the environment.

Sharps

Improper management and disposal of dental waste not only increase the risk of needle injuries among healthcare personnel but also contribute to the potential spread of diseases. Those particularly vulnerable to disease transmission through contact include children, janitorial staff and garbage collectors, emphasizing the need for careful handling and disposal practices in dental settings. Accidental needle pricks can lead to the transmission of disease like HIV and hepatitis, underscoring the importance of appropriate disposal for potentially hazardous waste. In addition to metallic waste, a dental office generates various disposable items, including latex gloves, disposable patient bibs, headrest covers, syringes, and plastic suction tips. Non hazardous office waste, such as paper, cardboard, aluminium, and plastics, also contributes to the overall bulk of generated waste.

Disinfectants

Disinfectants, classified as hazardous waste, raise significant environmental considerations. The potential direct discharge of commonly used disinfectants into the sewage system poses environmental risks. It is noteworthy that straight alcohols and ethers, commonly found in disinfectants, are categorized as ignitable materials, intensifying the hazards associated with disposal. Therefore, the careful management and disposal of disinfectants are crucial to mitigate the impact on both public health and the environment.

Obstacles in Embracing Green Dentistry Approaches

The challenges in adopting green dentistry include:

- **Cost perceptions:** There may be perceived initial costs associated with transitioning to environmentally friendly practices, which could pose a barrier.





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- **Mindset and Awareness:** Changing attitudes and fostering awareness among dental professionals and patients about the importance of eco-friendly dentistry can be challenging.
- **Implementation complexity:** The practical execution of green dentistry practices. Such as waste reduction, energy efficiency, and sustainable sourcing, may present logistical challenges.
- **Regulatory compliance:** Adhering to green standards and incorporating eco-friendly materials may require navigating complex regulatory frameworks.
- **Education and Training:** Providing sufficient education and training for dental professionals to adopt and adapt to new green technologies and practices.
- **Supply Chain Challenges:** Ensuring a consistent supply of environmentally friendly dental products and materials can be a logistical challenge.
- **Patient Preferences:** Aligning with patients who may not be fully aware of prioritizing green dentistry practices can be a hurdle.
- **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Upgrading dental facilities to incorporate sustainable technologies and infrastructure may require significant investments.
- **Waste Management:** Implementing effective waste management practices, especially reducing the use of single use plastics, can be challenging but is crucial for green dentistry

Overcoming these challenges involves a collective effort from dental professionals, regulatory bodies, suppliers, and patients to promote and adopt sustainable practices in oral healthcare. Hence, it is imperative to establish a structure for oral health care delivery that not only prioritizes optimal patient care but also integrates environmental conservation as a fundamental value. Achieving this is particularly feasible for preventable oral diseases. Through this paper, our aim is to put forward a structure that highlights the concept that effective oral health care is crucial in reducing diseases. Moreover, as an inadvertent outcome, by minimizing resource utilization, it inherently contributes to environmentally sustainable sources. This approach establishes a direct cause-and-effect relationship between delivering top-tier care and realizing tangible, environmentally sustainable practices.

Components of Sustainable Oral Healthcare

In accordance with the principles of green dentistry advocated by the Eco-Dentistry Association, the focal points include reducing waste and pollution, conserving energy, water, and financial resources. Moreover, there is an emphasis on integrating high-tech innovations and adopting a holistic approach that prioritizes wellness and integrative practices. This multifaceted approach not only aligns with environmentally conscious ideal but also promotes advancements in dental care with a holistic perspective on overall well-being.

Hence, it predominantly revolves around the principles encapsulated in the “4R” approach;

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Rethink: -

- Implement waste production strategies in dental practice
- Proactively prevent pollution within dental care settings
- Advocate for the conservation of water, energy, and financial resources in dental procedures
- Embrace cutting edge technologies for high dentistry practices

Ten proactive steps to actively shape dentistry’s sustainable future, concentrating on the pivotal aspects of waste reduction and pollution mitigation, providing individuals with actionable strategies for meaningful participation.²

- Embracing digital imaging as a modern alternative to traditional methods in dental practices
- Integrating the application of an efficient amalgam separator into dental procedures’
- Incorporating medical grade, sterilizable instruments and choosing plastic free patient barriers
- Minimize packaging waste through consolidating orders, thereby reducing shipping related waste
- Implement recycling and reutilization of older hand instruments
- Choose environmentally friendly options such as non-toxic, biodegradable surface disinfectants and cleaners. For instance, opt for solutions that incorporate plant-based ingredients, promoting both effective sanitation and ecological sustainability
- Consider procuring dental materials in bulk, a more cost-effective approach
- Employ reusable or compostable impression trays made from stainless steel



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- Routinely disinfect water lines with environmentally friendly or enzymatic cleaners and completely refrain from using chlorine bleach as it may emit mercury vapors into the air
- Refrain from using harmful cold sterilization solutions, like glutaraldehyde, known for its potent irritation to the lungs and skin

Embracing conservation is the cornerstone of the evolving paradigm in green dentistry. It not only preserves our valuable resources but also proves to be prudent financial strategy. The key takeaway is to cease the unnecessary expenditure of energy for which we bear the cost but derive no benefit. Ensure that upon leaving the workplace next time, take a moment to inspect and identify any pervasive blinking lights originating from electrical devices. This may encompass computers, intraoral cameras, televisions, or lights that are left on when the office is unoccupied. Switching off these devices allows us to conserve a significant amount of energy consumed by items plugged into the grid but not actively in use. A noteworthy advancement in the future of green dentistry is the recent introduction of dental equipment designed to save both energy and water.

Enhancing Energy Efficiency

Within the ever-evolving field of dentistry, the imperative of energy conservation has assumed a central role, embodying the profession's dedication to environmental stewardship and financial prudence. Dental practitioners are increasingly attuned to the far reaching effects of their energy consumption, prompting a concerted effort to minimize their practices' ecological impact. From the conscientious deactivation of electronic equipment during periods of inactivity to the adoption of cutting edge, energy efficient dental technologies, the industry is actively reshaping its approach. This strategic commitment not only aligns with the core tenets of green dentistry but also underscores the profession's commitment to pioneering sustainable practices that concurrently contribute to cost effectiveness.

Implementing innovative strategies to conserve energy, water, and financial resources is crucial for driving dentistry towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future. By adopting these methods, dental practices can significantly reduce their environmental impact while saving money and promoting a greener industry:-

- Employing energy efficient appliances such as Energy Star-rated printers, computers, dishwashers, and more, aids in the conservation of energy
- Implementing the switch to LED operatory lights as a progressive enhancement in dental facility lighting
- Adoption of an in-office water distillation system
- Verify that all electrical devices are switched off during the night
- Embracing an innovative waterless vacuum system as a progressive upgrade in dental facility operations
- Integrating energy efficient LED technology for both "Exit" signs and other emergency indicators as a forward-looking approach in dental facility safety measures
- Promote awareness and educate patients about the importance of conserving water by turning it off while brushing their teeth thus contributing to substantial water savings on a daily, per-person basis
- Embracing the use of waterless hand sanitizers with an environmentally conscious perspective, contributing to sustainable and responsible hygiene practices
- Introduce motion sensors to automatically turn off lights in non-medical areas like business offices, supply closets and staff lunchrooms when not in use

Embracing Advanced Digital Technologies in Dentistry

Another aspect of sustainable dentistry involves integrating advanced technological methods. Digital dentistry represents a revolutionary shift in the dental field, leveraging cutting-edge technologies to enhance patient care and streamline dental procedures. From diagnostic imaging through digital radiography and 3D scanning to computer-aided design and manufacturing (CAD/CAM) for dental restorations, the digitalization of dentistry has significantly improved precision and efficiency. Electronic health records and digital treatment planning further contribute to comprehensive and integrated patient care. With intraoral scanners replacing traditional impressions, patients experience more comfort, and practitioners benefit from accurate and immediate data. The amalgamation of these



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digital technologies not only transforms the way dental professionals operate but also elevates the overall dental experience for patients, marking a progressive era in oral healthcare.

Alternative approaches in dentistry that prioritize sustainability and environmental impact[7] :

Digital Imaging System

Dental imaging system is an advanced technique that utilizes computer technology in image acquisition, processing and storage and display of direct radiographic images. With the rise of cost effective intraoral and extraoral digital technology, coupled with the increasing computerization of dental practices, digital imaging has emerged as a superior alternative to conventional film imaging in various aspects.

Advancement in Digital Imaging

In the last decade, a technology that was referred to as cone beam computed tomography (CBCT) has emerged as technique that enables volumetric rendering of the oral and maxillofacial structures from any orientation. This articular imaging modality refutes the limitations of the 2-D methods, creates a lower amount of radiation than a medical CT scan, and allows clinicians to align more coherent treatment plans, which in turn heightens the chances of successful surgeries.

Advantages of Digital Radiography Immediate Observation of Radiographic Images

It is particularly valuable in assessing the fit of crowns, assessment of canal morphology prior to implant placement, checking for extrusion of posts in endodontically treated teeth, determining the presence of potential overhangs or marginal ridges in recently placed restorations, identification of radiopaque foreign bodies in soft tissues, counseling of patients and countless others.

CAD CAM

CAD, which stands for “computer aided design.” And CAM, an acronym for “computer aided manufacturing.” Are integral components in CAD/CAM systems, each comprising 3 essential elements:

- (a) Digitalization Tool/Scanner: This component transforms physical geometry into digital data that can be processed by the computer
- (b) Software: The software processes the digital data, generating a data set tailored to the specific product to be fabricated, based on the application.
- (c) Production Technology: Utilizing the data set, this component carries out the transformation process to create the desired product

Methods of data acquisition in CAD/CAM

CAD/CAM systems utilize various methods for data acquisition, including:

- (a) Intraoral scanning
- (b) Contact and non-contact digitalization
- (c) CT scan or MRI

These methods facilitate the collection of accurate digital data, ensuring precision in the fabrication of dental products through CAD/CAM technology.

Uses of CAD/CAM in Dentistry

In dentistry, CAD/CAM technology has found widespread applications across various specialities. Its impact is particularly notable in prosthodontics, where it is increasingly being employed for both removable and fixed prosthodontics procedures.

- (a) **Removable Complete Dentures:** Researchers, including a group led by Maeda et al. have proposed the utilization of CAD/CAM technology for the fabrication of removable complete dentures as early as 1994. While subsequent studies have explored this application, there is notable absence of published clinical reports or trials. However, a limited number of manufacturers claim to produce removable complete dentures using CAD/CAM processes.



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- (b) **Removable Partial Dentures:** CAD/CAM technology allows for the production of partial denture frameworks through additive prototyping techniques, expanding the range and precision of options for dental practitioners.
- (c) **Crowns/ Bridges:** Zirconia has emerged as the predominant material for CAD/CAM fabricated crowns and bridges, with studies indicating its suitability for clinical use. Additionally, CAD/CAM processes also enable the fabrication of metal and porcelain crowns and bridges, contributing to the versatility of applications in prosthodontic procedures.
- (d) **Inlay, Onlay& Veneers:** The use of CAD/CAM technology extends to the production of inlays, onlays and veneers with research suggesting higher survival rates for restorations created through these advanced manufacturing methods. Overall, the incorporation of CAD/CAM technology in prosthodontic workflows has led to advancements and expanded treatment capabilities in the field of dentistry, contributing to improved patient care and outcomes.

Office-based sharps disposal equipment designed to render sharps insert Steam sterilizers eliminating the necessity for chemical agents

Steam sterilizers, also known as autoclaves, have become the preferred method for sterilizing medical and surgical instruments, effectively reducing the necessity for chemical sterilizing agents. These devices use pressurized steam to rapidly heat and denature proteins in microorganisms, effectively killing bacteria, viruses and spores. The efficiency and reliability of steam sterilizers make it ideal for materials that can withstand high temperatures and moisture, such as surgical instruments, linens, and certain implantable devices. Compared to chemical sterilant like ethylene oxide (ETO) and hydrogen peroxide gas plasma, steam sterilizers offer a safer and faster method. Chemical sterilant, while effective, pose significant health risks and environmental hazards, requiring stringent handling and disposal protocols. The steam sterilization process is straightforward, typically involving conditioning, exposure, and exhaust phases. This simplicity, combined with its effectiveness, has led to the widespread adoption of steam sterilizers in healthcare settings, ensuring consistent and reliable sterility. Moreover, the move away from chemical sterilant is driven by the need for safe, more sustainable practices. Steam sterilization uses water as its primary medium, which is inherently safer and more environmentally friendly compared to the toxic chemicals used in alternative methods.

Digitized patient charting, scheduling, and billing

The Electronic Health Record (EHR) is a detailed digital record that captures a patient's health information from various healthcare interactions over time. This data encompasses patient demographics, progress notes, health issues, medications, vital signs, medical history, immunization, laboratory results and radiology reports. The EHR significantly improve and streamlines the clinician's workflow by automating routine tasks and enhancing efficiency. It generates a comprehensive and detailed record of each patient's clinical encounters. Additionally, the EHR supports a wide range of care-related activities, both directly and indirectly, through integrated interfaces. These activities include providing evidence-based decision support, facilitating quality management, and enabling comprehensive outcomes reporting, all of which contribute to better patient care and more efficient healthcare delivery.

Patient Documentation

The HER must be designed to comprehensively document every detail of the face-to-face encounter between a doctor and a patient. Capturing all relevant information to ensure a complete and accurate record of the interaction (Hufford, 1999). Ensuring an efficient and rapid documentation process is crucial, given the value of a doctor's time and their typically busy schedule attending to multiple patients. The patient EHR documentation encompasses essential elements such as detailed doctor's notes, comprehensive patient medical history, accurately recorded pharmacy prescriptions, precise physician orders, thorough laboratory results, detailed X-rays and radiography reports, and documentation of various other medical interventions (Hufford, 1999). This comprehensive approach ensures a thorough and detailed record of each patient encounter, supporting effective clinical decision-making and continuity of care.





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Track Patient Utilization and Healthcare Costs

Healthcare facilities invest significant effort in monitoring and managing patient statistics and utilization data, including metrics such as days of care, frequency of tests, patient visit volumes, and utilization of various hospital services. Tracking these metrics is essential for operational efficiency and optimizing the delivery of healthcare services within the facility. This data plays a pivotal role in healthcare management, encompassing the tracking of utilization trends, financial reporting, budgeting, and resource allocation within healthcare facilities. Implementing an EHR system significantly streamlines these processes by offering precise and up-to-date data. By combining utilization statistics with comprehensive financial data, healthcare providers can effectively monitor healthcare expenditures, identify opportunities for operational enhancements, and optimize overall resource management (Hufford, 1999).

Health Record Portability

At present, most health records are maintained in physical paper charts. This makes transferring a patient's medical information burdensome, especially when the patient relocates or seeks care from a different healthcare provider. Sending the patient's paper chart to a new location requires photocopying and physical transportation, which can lead to delays in accessing critical medical information and maintaining continuity of care. This process is labour-intensive and may result in incomplete records upon arrival at the new healthcare provider (Hufford, 1999). The hospital retains ownership of the original chart, which must remain in their possession. An EHR addresses this issue by enabling patient records to be securely accessed and transmitted to any location where the patient receives care.

Billing and Coding

The accurate documentation of patient encounters through proper medical coding and billing processes is critically important in the healthcare industry. Insurance companies, including Medicare, require precise documentation to ensure the integrity of healthcare claims. Inaccuracies in coding can lead to billing errors, potentially resulting in compliance issues and fines for healthcare providers. Electronic Health Records (EHR) technology plays a crucial role in facilitating proper documentation by providing built-in diagnosis databases to assist coders and billers in generating accurate healthcare claims.

A digital, paperless system for patient communication, including email-based appointments, reminders, and time saving measures for staff. These include:

- Email-Based Appointments and Reminders
- Time-Saving for Staff
- Integration with Electronic Health Records (EHR) allows quick access to patient information.
- Automated follow-ups and task management features reduce manual work and improve workflow efficiency
- Enhanced Patient Experience
- Implementation Considerations
- Ensure data security and compliance with regulations like HIPAA.
- Provide staff training for smooth adoption.
- Integrate with existing healthcare IT infrastructure by adopting these digital systems, healthcare facilities can achieve better efficiency, accuracy, and patient care outcomes.

Utilizing diode lasers as an alternative to cord packing

Use of diode lasers in dentistry presents a contemporary and effective approach in substitution to the conventional cord packing methods for tissue control and impressions. The choice of diode lasers is evident for dental practice since it offers many advantages such as accuracy, coagulation, and reduced discomfort for a patient.

Leveraging a website for promotion and as a central marketing tool

Transitioning to an electronic format for patient records

The conversion of patient records into electronic means, also called Electronic Health Record (EHR), comes with several advantages making it efficient, improving patient care, and having a secure data system. But for the transition



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process to take place, certain factors which are important need to be considered to ensure that the change will take place properly.

Advantages of using Electronic Health Record (EHR)

- 1.Improved Efficiency and Access
- 2.Centralized Information
- 3.Streamlined Workflow
- 4.Enhanced Patient Care:
- 5.Comprehensive Patient History
- 6.Coordination of Care
- 7.Data Security and Privacy
- 8.Compliance with Regulations

Implementation of compressors without oil.**Insights from ADA's Suggestion on Embracing Green Practices**

The Council on Dental Practice, an esteemed division of the American Dental Association, has meticulously developed a comprehensive guide that details their top ten strategies for promoting environmentally conscious practices within dental offices. This insightful compilation underscores the commitment to environmentally conscious dentistry, providing practitioners with a valuable roadmap towards sustainable and responsible oral healthcare practices.[8]

- Implement the installation of an amalgam waste management system
- Power down equipment when it is not in use
- Employ paper scraps for other uses, promoting resourcefulness and minimizing waste
- Utilize waste separation bins and establish an environmental task force to transport items to recycling centers.
- Dispose of confidential patient records that have been shredded through appropriate recycling methods.
- Embrace digital technology, like adopting digital radiography
- Integrate solar or tinted shades installation
- Implement the installation of locked or programmable thermostats
- Implement the installation of high efficiency light bulbs
- Use nontoxic cleaning agents and avoid excessive use of disinfectants

CONCLUSION

The ongoing global momentum behind the "going green" movement, now recognized as an urgent international priority, is dedicated to addressing a spectrum of environmental challenges, including contamination and waste. This overarching initiative underscores the collective commitment to fostering a sustainable future by proactively confronting and mitigating critical environmental issues on a broad scale. Dentistry has the potential to reduce its cumulative environmental footprint by incorporating the core principles of the green movement, which include recycling, reducing, reusing, and rethinking, into the operations of the dental office. These principles offer practical and applicable strategies for promoting environmental sustainability within the field of dentistry. A dentist embracing eco-friendliness doesn't necessarily have to be an ardent environmentalist but rather a thoughtful reconsideration. It becomes a conscious decision for the dentist to opt for environmentally sustainable products and practices, striving to conserve resources such as paper, water, materials and energy to the greatest extent possible. This deliberate choice not only contributes to a more sustainable dental practice but also aligns with a broader commitment to environmental responsibility.





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Families of Integer Solutions to Hyperbolic Paraboloid

$$4x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz + 3x - 4y + 8z - 2 = 0$$

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ABSTRACT

The theoretical importance of polynomial equations of second degree in three unknowns with integral coefficients is great as they are closely connected with many problems of number theory. Specifically, the second degree polynomial equations with three unknowns in connection with geometrical figures occupy a pivotal role in the region of mathematics. In this paper, the ternary quadratic equation $4x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz + 3x - 4y + 8z - 2 = 0$ geometrically exhibiting Hyperbolic Paraboloid is studied. The above equation is analyzed for obtaining its non-zero distinct solutions in integers. Varieties of solution patterns are determined through elementary algebra. Also a few fascinating relations among the solutions are presented.

Keywords: Hyperbolic Paraboloid, Ternary quadratic equation, Non- Homogeneous quadratic equation, Integer solutions.



**Notations**

$$t_{3,u} = \frac{u(u+1)}{2}$$

$$p_u^3 = \frac{u(u+1)(u+2)}{6}$$

$$p_u^5 = \frac{u^2(u+1)}{2}$$

INTRODUCTION

It is quite obvious that Diophantine equations, one of the areas of number theory, are rich in variety [1, 2]. In particular, the ternary quadratic Diophantine equations in connection with geometrical figures occupy a pivotal role in the orbit of mathematics and have a wealth of historical significance. In this context, one may refer [3-10] for second degree Diophantine equations with three unknowns representing different geometrical figures.

In this paper, the ternary quadratic Diophantine equation $4x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz + 3x - 4y + 8z - 2 = 0$ is studied for determining its integer solutions successfully through elementary algebra.

Method of analysis

The ternary quadratic Diophantine equation representing hyperbolic Paraboloid to be solved is given by

$$4x^2 - y^2 - z^2 + 2yz + 3x - 4y + 8z - 2 = 0 \quad (1)$$

The procedure for determining different sets of solutions is discussed as follows:

Technical procedure-1

Solving (1) for y , we get

$$y = [z - 2 \pm \sqrt{4x^2 + 3x + 4z + 2}] \quad (2)$$

Take

$$\alpha^2 = 4x^2 + 3x + 4z + 2 \quad (3)$$

After some algebra, (3) is written as

$$(4\alpha)^2 - (8x + 3)^2 = 64z + 23 \quad (4)$$

Employing the identity

$$(A+1)^2 - A^2 = 2A + 1 \quad (5)$$

one obtains

$$x = 4z + 1, \alpha = 8z + 3$$

In view of (2), we have

$$y = 9z + 1, -7z - 5$$

Thus, the solutions in integers to (1) are given by

$$(x, y, z) = (4k + 1, 9k + 1, k), (4k + 1, -7k - 5, k)$$

It is worth to mention that, in addition to the above solutions, there are many more choices for the variables x, z in eliminating the square-root on the R.H.S. of (2).

For simplicity and brevity, a few integer solutions to (1) are presented below:





$$(x, y, z) = (1, s^2 + 5s + 1, s^2 + 3s), (1, s^2 + s - 5, s^2 + 3s), (2, s^2 + 6s, s^2 + 4s - 2), (2, s^2 + 2s - 8, s^2 + 4s - 2), \\ (5, s^2 + 11s - 2, s^2 + 9s - 9), (5, s^2 + 7s - 20, s^2 + 9s - 9), (4s - 3, 9s - 8, s - 1), (4s - 3, -7s + 2, s - 1)$$

Technical procedure-2

Solving (1) for z , we get

$$z = [y + 4 \pm \sqrt{4x^2 + 3x + 4y + 14}] \quad (6)$$

Take

$$\alpha^2 = 4x^2 + 3x + 4y + 14 \quad (7)$$

After some algebra, (7) is written as

$$(4\alpha)^2 - (8x + 3)^2 = 64y + 215 \quad (8)$$

Employing the identity (5), one observes

$$x = 4y + 13, \alpha = 8y + 27$$

In view of (6), we have

$$z = 9y + 31, -7y - 23$$

Thus, the solutions in integers to (1) are given by

$$(x, y, z) = (4k + 13, k, 9k + 31), (4k + 13, k, -7k - 23)$$

It is worth to mention that, in addition to the above solutions, other options for the variables x, y in eliminating the square-root are available.

For simplicity and brevity, a few integer solutions to (1) are presented below:

$$(x, y, z) = (1, s^2 + 3s - 3, s^2 + 5s + 4), (1, s^2 + 3s - 3, s^2 + s - 2), (2, s^2 + 6s, s^2 + 8s + 10), (2, s^2 + 6s, s^2 + 4s - 2), \\ (5, s^2 + 11s - 2, s^2 + 9s - 9), (5, s^2 + 11s - 2, s^2 + 13s + 13), (4s - 3, s - 4, 9s - 5), (4s - 3, s - 4, -7s + 5)$$

Technical procedure-3

The substitution of the transformations

$$y = u + v, z = u - v, u \neq v \neq 0 \quad (9)$$

in (1) leads to the ternary quadratic equation

$$(8v + 12)^2 - (8x + 3)^2 = 64u + 103 \quad (10)$$

Employing the identity (5), one observes from (10)

$$x = 4u + 6 \quad (11)$$

and

$$v = 4u + 5$$

In view of (9), we have

$$y = 5u + 5, z = -3u - 5 \quad (12)$$

Thus, (11) and (12) represent the non-zero distinct integral solutions satisfying (1).

It is worth to mention that the solutions presented above lie on the straight line passing through the point (6, 5, -5) with the direction ratios (4, 5, -3). A few fascinating connections among the above solutions to (1) are exhibited below:

$$3x + 4z = -2, 5x - 4y = 10, 3y + 5z = -10, x + y + 3z = -4,$$

$$5x - y + 5z = 0, x - 2y - 2z = 6, 2x - y + z = 2, 3x - 3y - z = 8.$$

Note that, each of the above equations represents a plane surface.





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Further, varieties of nice relations between the above solutions to (1) and typical figurate numbers, are as follows.

1. $(x+z)(y+z)^2 = 8P_u^5$
2. $xz + 4y - 2z + 24t_{3,u} = 0$
3. $yz + 25x + 25z + 30t_{3,u} = 0$
4. $xyz + 120P_u^5 = 0 \pmod{10}$
5. $xyz + 360P_u^3 = 0 \pmod{10}$
6. $xy - 40t_{3,u} = 0 \pmod{10}$
7. $yz + y^2 = 20t_{3,u}$
8. $xy + xz - 16t_{3,u} \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$
9. $y^2 - xy + y = 10t_{3,u}$
10. $xyz + 150x + 150z + 120P_u^5 + 380t_{3,u} = 0$

CONCLUSION

In this paper, we have presented varieties of integer solutions satisfying the non-homogeneous ternary quadratic Diophantine equation given in title. As the choices of ternary quadratic equations are rich in variety, the readers of this paper may search for other forms of three dimensional geometrical representations to obtain patterns of integer solutions successfully.

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Monitoring Indoor Air Pollutant Concentration Using Low-Cost Sensor in an Experimental Condition

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ABSTRACT

Indoor air quality plays a crucial role in human health and well-being, necessitating effective and affordable monitoring solutions. This study investigates the application of low-cost sensors in monitoring indoor air pollutant concentrations under controlled conditions. The experiment consisted of 1-hour pre burning phase, 2-hours of post burning phase and followed by 1-hour of post burning phase. During the pre-burn phase all the four sources didn't show any variation, as they are remained in their dormant state. During the burning phase the peak emission were taken into consideration, which reveals that the concentration of PM₁ was significantly higher for incense sticks higher (466.6µg/m³). Similarly, the concentration of PM_{2.5} was highest in cow dung (3334.6µg/m³) while charcoal exhibited the highest concentration of PM₁₀ (8642µg/m³) compared to the other sources. During the post burning phase, a gradual decrease in the PM concentration was observed, primarily. The PM dispersion, settling process and ventilation are the main factors influencing the PM concentration. The study suggests that burning of indoor pollutants in an enclosed room or house can relatively produces higher concentration of PM which gets accumulated in the airways on prolonged exposure. This can be avoided by replacing biomass with clean energy and ensuring proper ventilation would be an effective strategy to improve air quality.

Keywords: Cow dung, Charcoal, Indoor air pollution, Incense stick, Low-cost sensor



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INTRODUCTION

Indoor air pollution has received less attention than outdoor air pollution despite indoor pollutant level is typically twice higher and Indoor air pollution is a significant public health concern, as people spend a substantial amount of time indoors [1;2]. The WHO guidelines underscore the global burden of indoor air pollution, noting its contribution to diseases such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and lung cancer and it is a critical issue in developing countries[3], where the impacts on health and quality of life are often more pronounced due to a combination of socio-economic, infrastructural, and cultural factors. It is imperative to urgently seek remedies for indoor air pollutants since it can seriously harm our health and wellbeing [4]. In order to create a healthier indoor environment, it is necessary to comprehend the primary sources and the indoor air pollution concentration[5]. The use of biomass for cooking and heating, poor home ventilation, are some of the factors that contribute to indoor air pollution[6;7] in developing nations and also the usage of mosquito coil and incense sticks are two other major contributing factors of indoor air pollution [8]. These circumstances may result in higher than usual levels of indoors pollutants, which could seriously endanger the health of residents, especially women and children who spend more time at home. It is imperative to tackle these indoor air pollution sources in developing nations in order to enhance public health and lessen the prevalence of associated disorders [2]. Incense sticks, also known as agarbatti, are commonly used in Asian countries. Incense has a rich history and has been used in different cultures for religious ceremonies, rituals, and meditation for thousands of years. It is often associated with creating a sacred or spiritual atmosphere [9]. Now days, incense is burned inside homes as well as in public places including stores, shopping malls, and places of worship on daily basis [10]. In many parts of the world, burning mosquito coil is a common household activity especially in indoor environment where pollutant dispersion is limited. This process releases PM of different sizes and penetrate deep into the respiratory system leading to adverse health effects such as cancer, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory issues [11]. Monitoring the emission of PM from mosquito coil is critical for understanding their contribution to indoor air pollution and to assess the potential to cause health risk [12;13] Particularly in rural areas of India where access to modern energy sources is limited, biomass fuel sources have been a usual and common component of daily life. Indian households have been using biomass fuels like wood, cow dung, and charcoal to meet their lighting, heating, and cooking needs [14]. According to estimates, 30% of urban and 70% of rural families still rely on biomass fuels, making them the primary energy source in many houses even in the era of emerging modern energy sources [15]. Burning charcoal can emit diverse pollutants including particulate matter (PM) and carbon monoxide (CO), greenhouse gases (GHGs), hazardous trace metals (TMs), volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH). Among those diverse pollutants, PM is the most abundant, as its concentration is proportional to the amount of charcoal consumed for cooking, regardless of the source (cook-stoves, combustors, and grills) [16;17] Indoor environment may contain at least twice as much pollution as the outside environment. In fact, the air in an average-traffic metropolitan street may be cleaner than that in a living room [5]. Therefore, in the current study, the main objective is to rank the particulate matter emission from the incense stick, mosquito coil, charcoal, and cow dung in the three different phases namely before burning, during burning and after burning in an experimental chamber.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The experimental procedures were carried out in a 10ft × 10 ft × 8 ft (length, width, height) dimension single room having 3 ft × 4ft (width and length) window area open for the dispersion of PM. The atmos PM sensors was used to monitor the concentration of PM of different sizes, and it was strategically placed above 2 feet from the burning source inside the room. The atmos PM sensors was used to monitor the concentration of PM of different sizes (model PMS7003). During this study, we focused on specific pollution sources, namely mosquito coil, incense stick, cow dung cakes and charcoal (Figure 1). The real-time data were systematically recorded and analysed using statistical methods to ensure the accuracy and reliability of the findings. Initially the PM level inside the room was monitored for one hour prior to burning phase to establish baseline concentration. The duration of burning phase for incense stick, mosquito coil, cow dung cakes and charcoal were 2h respectively. The monitoring was continued for next 1h



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after the completion of burning phase. Following the combustion phase, one window was deliberately left open to facilitate the dispersion of particulate matter within the room. The mean PM concentration (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PM₁) was assessed in three sequential stages: before burning, during burning and after burning.

Low-cost PM Sensor

The Atmos device worked on the principle of laser-scattering technique in order to measure the real-time PM mass concentrations and apportion laser scattering of PM₁, PM_{2.5}, and PM₁₀. It is relying on a proprietary algorithm that is not accessible to others. A detailed description of the working of selected PM sensors is mentioned in a field evaluation study of PM_{2.5} [18]. The low-cost packages used in the present study (dubbed “Atmos”) shown in (Fig 1a). The dimension of the miniature PM sensors used was 48 mm × 37 mm × 12 mm, and the temperature and relative humidity ranges were -10°C to 60°C and 0% to 99%, respectively to measure PM₁, PM_{2.5}, and PM₁₀ mass concentrations. The sensor was calibrated with reference monitoring station hence maximum errors were relatively low ($\pm 10 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ in $<100 \mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ concentrations, and $\pm 10\%$ in the 100–500 $\mu\text{g}\cdot\text{m}^{-3}$ range) [8].

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The concentration of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PM_{0.1} were monitored for four different indoor sources. The assessment was conducted at various stages of combustion, encompassing the periods before burning, during burning, and after burning, ensuring uniform burning across all sources. During three phases of burning PM₁₀ emerged as the predominant pollutant irrespective of the indoor sources. While showcasing the peak emission of PM, notably, charcoal (8642 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and incense sticks (8146.2 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) have exhibited the highest emission of PM₁₀ among all indoor pollution sources followed by cow dung cakes (6596 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and mosquito coils (6393 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The PM_{2.5} also a dominant indoor air pollutant, with peak emissions notably stemming from the combustion of cow dung cakes (3334.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The emission of PM₁ is significant only in incense stick (466.6 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) followed by mosquito coil (338.8 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). Burning of incense consistently contributes to the generation of fine particles when compared to other indoor particulate matter including cooking, burning charcoal, and cow dung [18]. The incense sticks and charcoal exhibits as the primary source of the highest emission of PM₁, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀. The highest emission point for the pollutant is reached when PM emissions no longer rise and begin a gradual decline (Figure 2). The mean concentration of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PM_{0.1} across three burning phases for all indoor sources are represented in Table 1. To assess the change between two phases, the given formula has been applied for calculation. The variation in concentration provides a clear indication of whether the PM levels have increased or decreased.

Change in PM concentration = During burning – Before burning

Change in PM concentration = During burning – After burning

Pre burn phase

The control room environment provides a baseline measurement of air quality without the influence of emission source burning. This baseline helps us to differentiate between background levels of pollutants in the experimental room. Understanding the levels before combustion is essential for comprehensively assessing the potential impact of these materials on the environment. During the preburn phase the statistical analysis revealed that there are no significant differences among incense stick, mosquito coil, cow dung, and charcoal concerning to particulate matter (PM) of different sizes (Figure 3).

Burning phase

The emission of particulate matter, in indoor atmosphere the pollutant sources were burnt for 2 hours in an enclosed room. A significant change in the concentration of particulate matter of different size from the source specific is shown in the (Figure 4), during the burning phase the higher concentration of PM₁ was found in incense stick (430.82 $\pm$ 46.23 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) followed by charcoal (257.45 $\pm$ 15.06 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), mosquito coil (251.51 $\pm$ 35.28 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) and cow dung (184.21 $\pm$ 8.17 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). In comparison to the baseline or pre burn phase, there has been a noticeable increase in the concentration of PM₁ exceeding national ambient air quality standards [8;19]. The PM_{2.5} concentrations displayed



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minimal variation among different indoor sources, indicating relatively consistent levels across various particulate matter-emitting within enclosed environments. PM_{2.5} from cow dung is slightly elevated ($2929.4 \pm 644.12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) when compared to other sources of particulate matter, the PM_{2.5} concentration in incense sticks recorded was ($2315.2 \pm 850.12 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), mosquito coils slightly lower at ($2276.5 \pm 730.11 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$), and charcoal ($2174.3 \pm 473.49 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). The concentrations of PM_{2.5} particles tend to vary significantly between indoor sources since they are small and easily diffused [20]. PM₁₀ derived from indoor sources exhibited variability among all the specified indoor particulate matter sources. The concentration of PM₁₀ in Charcoal was much higher ($7017.4 \pm 222.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) followed by Incense stick ($5644.2 \pm 2507.65 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) cow dung and mosquito coils were ($4917.4 \pm 1588.65 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ and $4731.3 \pm 1743.32 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) respectively. The diverse nature of the sources which is burnt leads to variability in PM₁₀ concentrations in indoors [21].

Post burning phase:

After the burning phase of indoor pollutants for two hours, the following 1-hour duration was designated as the post-burning stage and therefore the indoor air quality was monitored to assess the dispersion of pollutant in order to improve the air quality of the experimental room. The overview of the findings observed during the monitoring period are shown in the Figure 5 and Table 2 shows that, there is difference in the concentration of PM of different sizes during the initial time of post burn to final time of post burn. The (Figure 5) gives a comprehensive comparison of the initial and final time periods during the post burn phase of various indoor pollutant sources, the initial time period may represent the immediate aftermath of burning, while the final time period could indicate a later stage of burning phase, to understand the concentrations of particulate matter (PM₁, PM_{2.5}, and PM₁₀) evolve over time after the combustion of different sources (Table 2). During the post burning phase there is a gradual decrease in the PM concentration. The PM dispersion, settling process and ventilation are the main factors for decreasing the PM concentration in an experimental room [22;23] The PM₁₀ is the major pollutant, followed by PM_{2.5} and PM₁, illustrates that during the post-burn phase the highest concentration of PM₁ was with mosquito coils. Additionally, by the end of the experiment, it is evident that PM₁ from cow dung has settled or dispersed more rapidly compared to other sources. Similarly, for PM_{2.5}, the highest concentration was recorded with incense sticks. These particles either settled or dispersed into the atmosphere more quickly than other sources, the highest concentration of PM₁₀ was observed in cow dung, while the incense stick PM notably reduced the concentration during the final time period of the burning phase.

DISCUSSION

Almost three billion people worldwide use biomass (wood, charcoal, crop residues, and animal dung) and coal as their primary source of energy for cooking, heating due to the affordability, availability and lack of infrastructure [23;24]. Not only in India, but the majority of Ethiopia's population in the rural areas rely on biomass for their cooking and heating. Biomass is mainly used for power generation and biofuel production in different part of the world and also residential use is minimal, with emphasis on sustainable practices and advanced biomass technologies [25] During the combustion of cow dung stated the particle size of between 2 and $5 \mu\text{m}$ comprised about 62% of the total PM₁₀ mass concentration at 15 kW/m² [26]. In the study conducted in Uganda stated that the average concentration of charcoal PM_{2.5} was $804 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. Higher PM_{2.5} concentrations were observed in studies conducted in rural Sierra Leone where an average of $1.686 \text{ mg}/\text{m}^3$ was observed in kitchens using charcoal fuel. This clearly indicates that the use of charcoal as a fuel source leads to increased indoor air pollution in cooking environments [27]. Through our research on biomass (cow dung and charcoal) particulate matter ensures that our results are both reliable and comparable to prevailing scientific literature. The practice of burning mosquito coils is currently used in numerous households in Asia, Africa, and South America in order to repel mosquitoes. The consumers usually use mosquito coils for at least several months every year, progressive effects from long-term exposure to the coil smoke may also be a concern. The epidemiological study conducted in Hong Kong illustrates that, long term exposure to mosquito coil smoke can induce bronchial irritation causing chronic sputum among primary school children [29]. Studies have shown that the exposure to mosquito coil particulate matter can lead to



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serious illness such as COPD, chest congestion and cancer. It is also noticed that high concentrations of PAHs were observed in the particulate phase of mosquito coil smoke (13). Analysis of these compounds indicates that mosquito coil smoke contains large amounts of aromatic compounds, alkenes, and furans, some of which are known to cause adverse health effects [12;30]. In our findings, the highest emission of PM_{0.1}, PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀ in mosquito coils were 338.8 µg/m³, 3156.2 µg/m³ and 6393.6 µg/m³ respectively, which indicates the health risk at higher concentration with long term exposure. The emission depends on the type and the contents of source. The incense sticks are used for the religious and aesthetic purposes. The people in Taiwan worship God using incense stick almost every day [8]. Incense sticks not only emit fragrance but also generates harmful substances such as particulate matter, volatile organic compounds, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, formaldehyde, acrolein, and heavy metals are among the chemical components of incense sticks. These substances have the potential to cause respiratory issues, cancer, neurological effects, irritation of the eyes and skin, and cardiovascular issues [9]. The study conducted in USA has stated that Burning incense emits fine particulate matter in large quantities compared to other indoor sources. Indoor concentrations of PM can far exceed the 2.5 outdoor concentrations specified by the US EPA's NAAQS, so incense smoke can pose a health risk to people due to inhalation exposure of particulate matter [31]. Studies have demonstrated that exposure to incense smoke may lead to asthma, mutagenesis and cancers in the exposed individual [10].

Indoor air pollution in India is influenced by various indoor sources, each contributing to PM emissions [1]. The [11] highlights that indoor PM concentrations significantly affected by emissions from cooking fumes, fuel combustion, smoking and burning incense stick. PM_{2.5} concentrations during cooking can range from 0.14 to 24.46 mg/m³, which also depends upon method of cooking and ventilation. In a study conducted by [8] stated that, the substantial impact that burning dhoop, incense sticks and mosquito coils can have on indoor air quality. The concentration of PM₁₀, PM_{2.5} and PM₁ with incense stick, mosquito coil and dhoop remained significantly elevated throughout the post burning phase. Taking all the survey findings into account, a comprehensive conclusion can be drawn. The Indoor air quality in India is significantly impacted by biomass fuel usage, incense burning and poor ventilated spaces, leading to high levels of particulate matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) [32]. Especially the burning of mosquito coil and dhoop exacerbate indoor pollution in rural and semi-rural household [8]. This poor air quality poses serious health risks, which can be decreased by providing proper ventilation and shifting to cleaner energy [32]. In the current research, we have identified significant PM emissions from biomass, with the predominant pollutant as PM₁₀, which also aligns with the findings of existing research. The PM of all the sizes from various indoor sources have exceeded safe limits, hence posing significant risks to public health and environment. The indoor air quality can be improved by adopting a mitigative strategies such as, improving filtration system, regulation enforcement, transition to cleaner fuels, creating public awareness and urban planning improvements.

CONCLUSION

The study suggests that burning biomass such as cow dung, charcoal, Mosquito coil and incense stick produces significant amount of PM of different size which are respirable and gets accumulated on prolonged exposure and can cause threat to individual health. The elevated concentration of PM has the direct impact on indoor air quality. Indoor air pollution poses a greater health risk than outdoor air pollution due to the higher concentration of pollutants in enclosed spaces and prolonged exposure durations. Replacing biomass with clean energy fuels is recommended to improve the health of an individual by reducing exposure to harmful pollutants. Proper ventilation in households is essential in order to exchange the indoor and outdoor air, and thereby reducing the accumulation of indoor pollutants. We have thoroughly analysed the data and provided comparative and comprehensive insights into the target pollution source and outlined effective strategies to improve air quality.

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Table.1: The emission level of PM during three stages of burning: (Before during and after burning)

Source of PM	Before burning			During burning			After burning			Change (during burning - before burning)			Change (during burning - after burning)		
	PM1	PM2.5	PM10	PM1	PM2.5	PM10	PM1	PM2.5	PM10	PM1	PM2.5	PM10	PM1	PM2.5	PM10
Cow dung	29.65	44.72	50.25	184.20	2929.38	4917.43	94.06	1476.63	4462.6	154.55	2884.66	4867.18	90.14	1452.75	454.83
Charcoal	28.65	43.25	53.12	257.45	2174.25	7017.38	153.91	2008.9	4092.36	228.8	2131.1	6964.26	103.54	165.35	2925.02
Incense stick	28.16	43.15	51.18	430.81	2315.22	5644.22	116.28	1984.93	3633.06	402.65	2272.07	5593.04	314.53	330.29	2011.16
Mosquito coil	26.75	40.63	50.18	251.50	2276.54	4731.3	155.16	2057.4	4614.8	224.75	2045.91	4681.12	96.34	209.14	116.5



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Table.2: Variation in particulate matter (PM) concentration during the post burning phase: initial vs final time points.

Sources	PM1		PM2.5		PM10	
	Initial($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Final($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Initial($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Final($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Initial($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)	Final ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$)
Mosquito coil	172.8	91.6	2041.8	1467.7	5928.2	3403.2
Incense stick	146.4	85.4	2451.4	1104.2	5802.2	1943.4
Charcoal	165.0	80.4	2185.8	1552.0	5458.6	3381.4
Cow dung	131.0	58.8	1596.2	1314.6	6045.4	3406.4

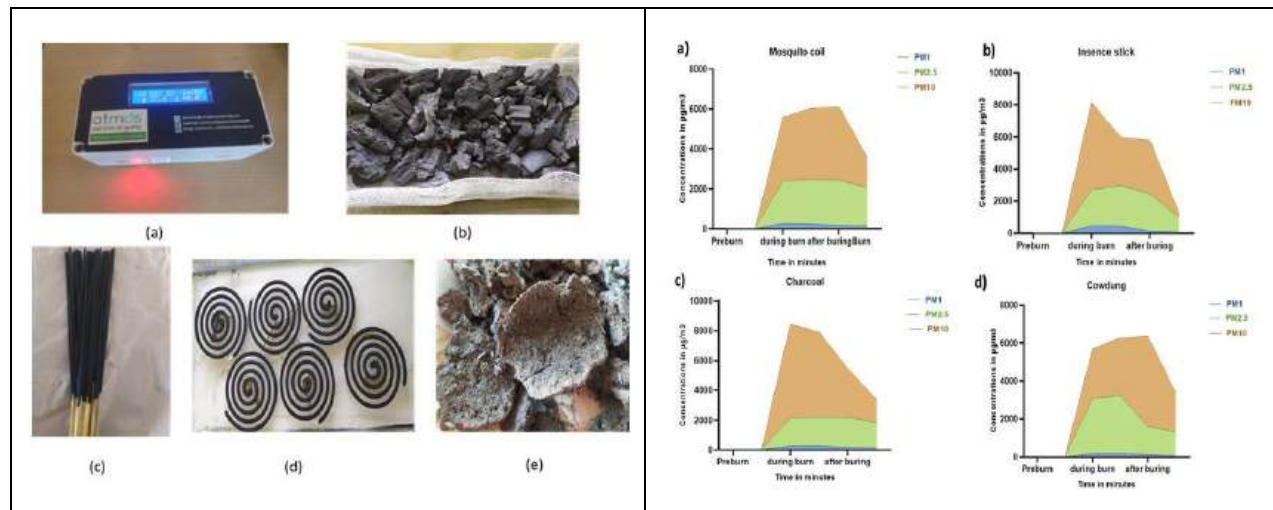


Figure. 1: Shows the (a) atmos PM sensor with indoor particulate matter sources, (b) Charcoal, (c) Incense stick, (d) Mosquito coil and (e) Cowdung cakes

Figure.2: The concentration of PM during three phases with four different sources. a) Mosquito coil, b) Incense stick, c) Charcoal and d) Cow-dung

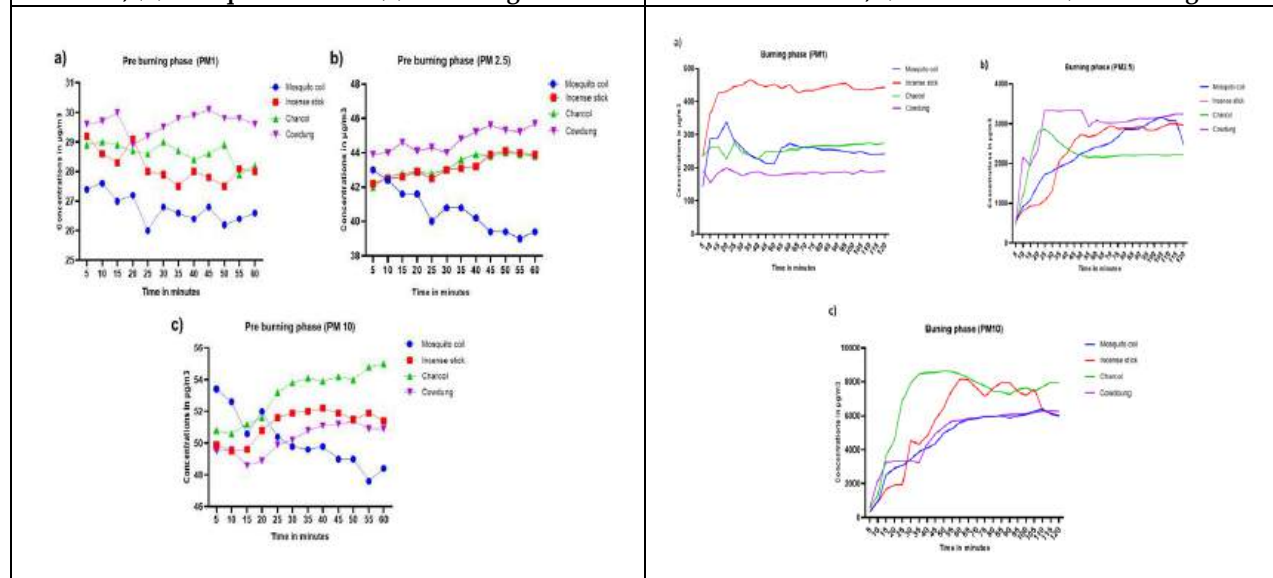


Figure.3: The concentration of PM during preburning phase (a) PM10 (b) PM2.5 and (c) PM1

Figure.4: The concentration of PM during burning phase (a) PM10 (b) PM2.5 and (c) PM1



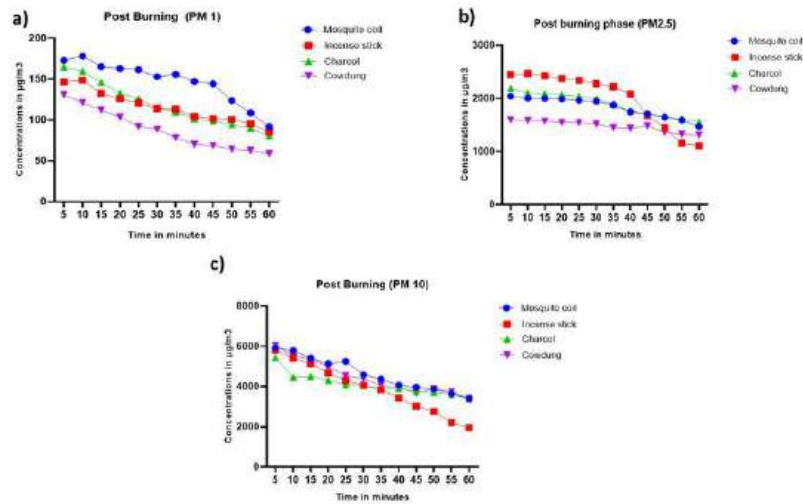
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Figure.5: Concentrations of PM after burning phase a) PM10 (b) PM2.5 and (c) PM1





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Geo-chemical and microbiological Assessment of Potentially Toxic Metal Contamination in Soils of the Ranipet Industrial Region, Vellore District, Tamil Nadu, India

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ABSTRACT

The study focused on assessing the potentially toxic metals in the soil and effluent samples from Ranipet industrial area, Vellore district, to ascertain the presence of trivalent (Cr^{3+}) and hexavalent (Cr^{6+}) and cadmium (Cd). Analysis revealed that effluents were discharged untreated, significantly impacting soil and water quality in the radius of 5km from the chromium dumping sites. Elevated concentrations of Cr and Cd were observed in both soil and effluent samples, emphasizing the severe contamination from leachates of dumping sites. Chemical analysis of Potentially Toxic Metal (PTM) was assessed using Atomic Absorption Spectrophotometer (AAS), which indicated excessive levels of total chromium in the range 44.8 mg/L in TCCL and 38.2 mg/L in TCL and Cd in the range 6.42 mg/L and 4.89 mg/L respectively surpassing CPCB (1995) permissible limits of 2 mg/L (Cr) and 3 mg/L (Cd). In addition, Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), Total dissolved solids (TDS) and Total suspended solids (TSS) exceeded regulatory standards, indicating inefficient treatment process. Soil samples collected within the radius of 2 km from the dumping site exhibited high concentrations of Cr (3178 mg/kg in TCCL and 2894 mg/kg in TCL) and Cd in the range of 24.7 mg/kg and 19.3 mg/kg respectively, emphasizing significant potentially toxic metal accumulation. Spatial distribution of Cr and Cu showed elevated concentrations within 2km of the dumping site. Deteriorated soil quality was confirmed by the detection of elevated electrical conductivity (EC), total organic carbon, levels of organic matter, and moisture content. The research has comprehensively assessed the chromium dumping site induced potentially toxic metal contamination in both soil and effluent samples emphasizing sustainable remediation strategies to mitigate the toxic metals preventing long term damage to environment.



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INTRODUCTION

Industrial effluents and hazardous waste released onto land accumulate toxic metallic components leading to contamination contributing to critical and complex environmental and health hazards (Saha and Rahman, 2018). The distribution and mobility of heavy metals is attributed not alone to concentration but also to their interaction with the surrounding environment. Improper management and unscientific disposal of waste containing heavy metal residues from tanneries and chromium producing factories may cause severe environmental damage, causing detrimental effect to the water, soil, and ecosystem (Sinduja et al. 2022). Extensive stacking and disposal of chromium rich solid waste, about 5-m high above the ground level as reported by Rao et al. (2011) has caused tough water, and soil pollution and posing potential risk to the local flora and fauna in the districts, Vellore and Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, which hosted number of the chromium producing factories and tanneries (Chen et al. 2018). Cultivable land in these areas has been drastically affected and eroded by land and water pollution leading to a noticeable decline in total crop yield. The area used for agricultural has dropped by 41% in Dindigul and 10.5% in Vellore within the past 20 years. Chromium occurs in nature in its Cr^{3+} , trivalent and Cr^{6+} , hexavalent forms (Sinduja et al. 2022). It's chemical reactivity, ionic charge and toxicity has resulted in cardiovascular, renal and respiratory complications in human beings as reported by the studies of Chow et al. (2018); Chow et al. (2020); Shi et al. (2020); Salman and Elnazer (2020); Kamarudheen et al. (2020).

Due to instability in the environment Cr^{3+} is metabolized to Cr^{6+} , additionally formation of insoluble complexes due to the interaction of hydroxides and functional groups of chromium upon getting adsorbed on soil particles, Balan et al. (2012), Cr^{3+} gets immobilized in most soil environments. In contrast, anionic Cr^{6+} binds less firmly, resulting in grater mobility, Shi et al. (2020). The presence of Fe (II), Fe (O), and various organic compounds including several microorganisms contribute to a similar reduction process of Cr^{6+} to Cr^{3+} in the environment, Beukes et al. (2017). Soil contamination is reported to higher in landfill areas due to leachate from dumping site, is a major pollution source. PTM pollution due to the release of chromium rich sediments contaminate soil, surface water, and groundwater resulting in significant imbalance in the ecological system. Therefore, the present study was conducted to analyze the physicochemical parameters like moisture content, Total Organic Carbon, organic matter, Cr^{3+} , Cr^{6+} , and Cadmium being contaminated with effluents discharged by chromium processing industries around industrial sites at Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, India. Industrial waste management is a complex and challenging issue. Hence it is critical to study the pollution status of the study area to plan future research through sustainable solutions using microbiome assisted PTM bioremediation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Overview of the study area

As identified by the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) of India, Ranipet, of Vellore district, Tamil Nadu from where the soil and effluent samples were collected is located 120 km away from the Chennai-Bangalore highway and is designated as one of the areas with persistent pollution (Gowd and Govil 2008; Gowd et al. 2010). The industrial sites selected for this study were Tamil Nadu Chromates and Chemicals Limited (TCCL) and Thirumala Chemicals Limited (TCL) in Ranipet, representing metal contaminated areas associated with chromate and chemicals industries. Additionally, these sites are located within a 5 km radius of the chromium dumping site in Ranipet. The location details were located as Latitude 12.953191 N, Longitude 79.310272 E using handheld GPS (Fig. 1).

Soil sample collection and analytical procedure

Soil and effluent samples for the study were collected within a 2 and 5 km radius from chromium dumping sites of



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TCL and TCCL. Samples of soil were collected at a depth of 15–20 cm, aseptically transferred into zip-lock polythene, labelled accordingly was further preserved at 4°C for further use (Mandal et al. 2011), the effluent sample was collected from designated study locations in a prewashed 1000 ml bottle, secured, labelled, and all the samples were transferred to the laboratory (Vijayakumar et al. 2022) and stored at 4°C.

Physico-chemical characterization of soil samples

Soil samples from the study site were identified with the Geo accumulation characteristics (Dotaniya et al. 2017; Patra 2017). The pH, temperature, electrical conductivity, cation exchange capacity, nitrogen content, stability index, moisture content, organic carbon, and heavy metal content of the soil samples were analyzed. Aqua regia was used to mineralize the air-dried soil samples as per the International Standard ISO-11466. Atomic Absorption Spectrometry (AAS) was used to analyze the elements in the soil and effluent samples (Tomczyk et al. 2023).

Determination of total chromium, trivalent (Cr^{3+}) and hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+})

The Cr^{6+} presence in the samples were determined using 1,5- diphenylcarbazide (DPC) in line with SR ISO 11083/98 (Lace et al. 2019). To minimise the conversion of Cr^{6+} to Cr^{3+} state, the soil sample was analysed the second day following sample collection. The soil sample was extracted in aquaregia and analyzed. The complex_ion-reagent solution was formed by 1g of 1,5-diphenylcarbazide (DPC) in 100 mL acetone resulting in a red violet color complex at pH 2, read using a UV-visible spectrophotometer at 540 nm. After 15 minutes of incubation, 15 mL of NaOH (0.1 mol/L) was added. Phosphoric acid was used for pH control. Due to redox reaction, hexavalent chromium was reduced to trivalent chromium, and DPC was oxidized to 1,5-diphenylcarbazone. The total chromium, trivalent chromium, and hexavalent chromium were calculated, and all experiments were repeated in triplicates (Onchoke and Sasu 2016; Zhao et al. 2019).

Physicochemical characterization of the effluent

The effluent's physicochemical parameters, such as pH, odor, color, Total Dissolved Solids, chemical oxygen demand, Electrical conductivity, total hardness, total sulphates, chlorides, and biological oxygen demand were assessed as per the standards prescribed by the Bureau of Indian Standards (Pavitra and Kousar 2016).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION**pH determination of soil samples**

The soil samples were analyzed to determine the pH at different sites. Within a 2 km radius, it was determined that site 1 had a pH of 9.55 and pH of 8.97 at site 2. Similarly, within a 5 km radius, site 3 had a pH of 8.17 and pH of 8.33 at site 4 in and around the chromium dumping site (Table 1). The findings indicate the alkalinity of the study areas, with the elevated pH values of the soil between 8.17 to 9.55, and average pH value of 8.86. A pH value greater than 7.4 leads to the oxidation of ammonia to produce nitrate, while the conversion of sulfur to sulfate is mediated by soil bacteria as reported by Sinduja et al. (2022). Additionally, trivalent chromium (Cr^{3+}) oxidized along with manganese dioxide (MnO_2) has been reported (Banerjee and Khan 2021). The soil samples with a pH of greater than 8.5, indicate the sodicity in the soil. Indiscriminate use of elevated concentration of dyes, sodium carbonate and sodium sulfate in the leather processing in the tanneries and untreated discharge of the effluent to the land has resulted in the increased soil pH (Mandal et al. 2011). When the acidity is low, more chromium leaches with acidic rainwater. In the acidic pH, chromium can exist in the soluble trivalent chromium (Cr^{3+}) species, generated through reduction of (Cr^{6+}). A higher value of pH value was detected in the chromium dumping site of the study area (Table 1).

Determination of temperature of soil samples

Different sites within a radius of 2 and 5km from the chromium dumping sites were selected to determine the temperature of soil samples. Within a 2 km radius, site 1 recorded a temperature of 42.3°C and site 2 with 40.9°C. Similarly, within a 5 km radius, site 3 with 37.7°C and site 4 recorded the temperature of 37.9°C (Table 1).



**Chaithanya and Kumudini Belur Satyan****Physicochemical properties of soil sample**

Physico-chemical characterization of soil samples obtained at TCCL and TCL industrial premises and the results achieved from the experiments are tabulated (Table 2). Tested soil samples had a pH, Electrical Conductivity in the range 8.68 and 8.44, and 1.28 and 1.35 Sm^{-1} with 1.315 Sm^{-1} an average respectively. The spatial distribution indicates the highest EC concentration was in the northern part of the chromium dumping site. This is attributed to the discharge of untreated chromium-rich effluent and geochemical processes. The soil test sample near the industrial sites TCCL and TCL located within the radius of 2 km from the dumping site had a higher pH of 9.55 and 8.98 respectively (Table 1) and higher 'EC' values of 1.315 Sm^{-1} (Table 2). Soil sample 1 obtained at TCCL noted to show a Moisture Content (%) of 31; Total Organic Carbon (TOC %) of 0.33; Organic Carbon content (%) of 5.37, and 76mg/kg of cadmium (Cd). Similarly, soil sample 2 obtained at TCL revealed Moisture Content (%) of 28; Total Organic Carbon (TOC %) of 0.64; Organic Carbon content (%) of 5.14, and 49 mg/kg of cadmium (Cd). It was the highest organic carbon detected at the TCCL soil sample (soil sample 1) than the soil sample (soil sample 2) obtained at TCL; other major elements like Nitrogen (N_2) ranging between 142.56 and 201.56 mg/kg; Phosphorus (P) 41.74 and 52.99 mg/kg and Potassium (K) 18.20 and 80.40 mg/kg (Arifin et al. 2022; Reddykapa et al. 2022). The remaining elements like Fe, Ni, Ca, Mg, Cu, S, Zn, Mn, B, Pb, were not detected in the soil samples of TCCL and TCL respectively (Table 2).

Determination of Chromium and hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+})

In comparison with other trace elements the soil sample of the study area showed the gradually lowering levels in the order $\text{Cr} > \text{Fe} > \text{Ni} > \text{Pb} > \text{Mn} > \text{Cu} > \text{Zn}$, a similar analysis was recorded by Sinduja et al. (2022) and the values are tabulated (Fig. 2). Disposal of untreated sediment and effluents from the chromium producing factories and tanneries resulted in the occurrence of higher concentrations of chromium, as reported by Tarcan et al. (2010). The trivalent chromium variability (Cr^{3+}) ranged between 1193.25 ± 0.97 and 1582.21 ± 0.97 mg/kg (Tarcan et al. 2010) of 53.6 mg on an average. Soil sample in site 1 recorded the highest contamination with elevated levels of pH, EC, Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} in comparison to the other regions. Uddin and Ahmed, (2018) illustrated that among the various industries in the study area, tanneries and chromium producing factories produce large quantities heavy metals like chromium, nickel, lead, cadmium, manganese, and lead. Higher concentrations of chromium were ascertained within 2 km vicinity of the contaminated site, attributed to the release of untreated effluent onto the land. The increased release of high concentration of effluents has led to elevated chromium levels in soil (Prasad et al. 2021). Literature suggests, dry Cr (III) precipitates can be transformed into Cr (VI) by heating it up in the presence of oxygen. Further, Cr^{6+} can be oxidized to Cr^{3+} in the aqueous phase through interactions with manganese dioxide (MnO_2), Apte et al. (2005). Manganese oxide, commonly utilized in processing leather, Tariq et al. (2010). Cr^{3+} content in the soil was between 256.21 and 1582.21 mg/kg, and Cr^{6+} concentration ranged between 51.76 and 64.71 mg/kg. Higher Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} concentrations which dominated the area within 2km radius of the sample collection site were due to the disposal of untreated chromium rich tannery effluents and chromium factories. As reported by Sinduja et al. (2022), the PI (Pollution Index) a measurable parameter to evaluate the extent contamination by tannery effluents in local sediments. It acts as an indicator to relate the potential sources of heavy metal contamination in the soil from the study area. Pollution index (PI) is the quantifiable indicator for estimation of the extent of tannery effluent in the local soil sediments, Sinduja et al, (2022). The concentration of components in the soil's PI values when greater than 1.0, signifies the interference of human activity as reported by Tariq et al. (2010). The geo-accumulation index is another critical factor to consider while assessing pollutants in soils. soil sediments can be classified into five categories viz. (1) uncontaminated to slightly contaminated, (2) moderate contamination, (3) moderate to heavy contamination, (4) heavily contaminated, (5) heavy to significantly contaminated, and (6) the 'GI' value '>5', indicates extremely contaminated (Sinduja et al. 2022). An estimation of the soil contamination of the samples was made using the Geo-accumulation Index (GI). As per the classification, the trivalent chromium levels from various sites showed that at site 1 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 2 km showed 1582.21 ± 0.97 mg/kg, site 2 (TCL Premise) within a 2 km radius showed Cr concentration of 1193.25 ± 0.97 mg/kg, Site 3 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 814.64 ± 1.009 mg/kg and at site 4 (TCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 256.21 ± 0.91 mg/kg. Similarly, the hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+}) levels from various sites showed that the soil sample obtained at site 1 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 2 km showed 64.71 ± 1.12 mg/kg of, site 2 (TCL Premise) within a 2 km radius showed Cr



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concentration of 60.71 ± 1.43 mg/kg, Site 3 (TCCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 59.20 ± 0.57 mg/kg and at site 4 (TCL Premise) at a distance of 5 km showed 51.76 ± 0.452 mg/kg of hexavalent chromium (Cr^{6+}) respectively, highlighting the industrial premise of TCCL and TCL regions affected by the discharge of heavily polluted, untreated effluents onto open ground (Table 3).

Physico-chemical characterization of the effluent

According to Muthukkappan and Parthiban (2018) physicochemical analysis, the effluent from the industrial premises in Ranipet is alkaline, containing high levels of BOD, COD, and organic particle matter, as well as an unpleasant odour and colour. Most likely, the smell comes from microbial activity or the organic materials in the effluent breaking down. The tannery effluents had a pH between 8.27 and 8.67, which is higher than the general guidelines the CPCB (1995) advised for land disposal or irrigation. The physiology of organisms in ponds, rivers, and other natural habitats can be greatly impacted by the discharge of untreated effluents with high pH levels, as this can pose a considerable threat on local flora and fauna. A water sample's electrical conductivity (EC) indicates its capacity. The current investigation discovered that the existence of salts and inorganic materials, which enhance conductivity, is the reason for the tannery effluent's high electrical conductivity (EC) (Muthukkappan and Parthiban, 2018). It is most likely the elevated concentrations of salts, bases, and acids, in the water that are causing the higher EC values. These particles can harm aquatic life and soil in a number of ways, such as altering the porosity, texture, and water holding capacity of soil and blocking fish gills and respiratory surfaces. The investigation also found that the tannery effluents had high levels of Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD), which was measured at 480 mg/L and indicated a sizable organic load (Muthukkappan and Parthiban, 2018). According to Goswami et al. (2020), the most effective technique for calculating the total oxygen demand by organic material in the effluent is Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD). A significant concentration of COD (3400 mg/L) was noticed in the current study. The outflow of effluent into surface water inland areas did not reach the acceptable level of 250 mg/L, as per the CPCB (1995) evaluation criteria. Water becomes harder due to ions, specifically calcium, sulphate, magnesium, and sodium. The findings showed that the ion concentration exceeded the CPCB-recommended limit of 1000 mg/L. TDS value above than 180 mg/L, indicates extreme hardness of water (Table 4) (Badrinath and Raman 1995).

CONCLUSION

The Ranipet industrial region in Vellore District was found to have primary ion pollution, as evidenced by the soil and effluent quality assessment conducted surrounding the industries. The high Cr^{3+} and Cr^{6+} concentration was noticed in the TCCL and TCL industrial premises. Along with chromium other metal species also occurred at a high concentration as it is revealed by earlier research data. The excessive concentrations of chromium in the samples collected near the chromium producing factories and tanneries in the Ranipet industrial area premises indicates the impact of disposal of untreated effluents to the open ground. Findings confirmed that the untreated effluents are discharged onto land and water bodies, degrading quality of soil and water even further. Therefore, it is essential to design and develop sustainable approach and model systems to develop the functionality of heavy metal treatment plants and incorporating suitable remediation techniques to reduce hexavalent chromium to trivalent chromium from the target regions is crucial. Such remediation techniques support sustainable agriculture by helping mitigate negative environmental consequences. A study using the Sobol sensitivity model to evaluate human health risks in a leather tanning industrial and chromium processing regions of South India revealed that children are at higher health risks compared to women and men due to environmental exposure. This emphasizes the vulnerability of younger populations to contaminants in such industrial zones (Karunanidhi et al., 2021) and thus more emphasis on Geo-accumulation studies of carcinogenic heavy metal, hexavalent chromium in the soil and effluent to design a remediation technique through an eco-friendly, cost effective and sustainable.





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Fig. 1 Sample collection from chromium dumping site at Ranipet, Vellore district, Tamil Nadu, India.





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Nutritional and Sensory Evaluation of Value Added Milk Premix using Amaranth and Soy Flour

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ABSTRACT

Amaranth and soy flour were regarded as "triple-nutrient" a gluten-free rich source of protein, vitamins, minerals, fiber, unsaturated fatty acid and anti-oxidant that also provide valuable effects to improve insulin sensitivity, malnutrition, lipid profile and bone health. Ever-growing health-conscious consumer demand for ready-to-eat nutritious food and preference for natural ingredients has led to the development of nutrient-rich milk premix to maintain a healthy life. The present study was designed to formulate a value-added milk premix using amaranth and soy flour. Amaranth flour, milk powder, soy flour, dates and cocoa powder were used to prepare three variants of milk premix like 1:1 (T1), 1:2 (T2) and 1:3 (T3) ratio of soy and amaranth flour along with control (T0) sample (without amaranth flour). The milk premix was evaluated for nutritional composition and sensory attributes. Data obtained were analyzed statistically using PSPP software for T-test. It was found that a treatment combination T2 had the highest content of calcium, protein, and low fat and was acceptable in terms of sensory attributes as compared to the control (T0). In conclusion, milk premixes with functional ingredients can be used for value addition to obtaining nutritionally rich products for children, adolescent, adult, sportspersons as well as celiac disease patients without compromising the sensory quality.

Keywords: Amaranth, Soy flour, Milk premix, Nutritional quality, Sensory attributes



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INTRODUCTION

The rising number of urban population has multiplied the call for services and products related to fast moving town living, specially merchandise that's handy and time – saving, dairy products are high in demand and milk premix are one of them. Premixes are commercially manufactured custom blends in which each nutrient component is pre-scaled and precisely blended into the premix. Amaranthus, commonly known as Amaranth, belongs to the Amaranthaceae family and is a perennial plant cultivated every year. The name "Amaranth" is derived from the Sanskrit word "Amaranth" which means "King of Immortality" and the Greek word "Amaranthus" which means "not withered", and is known as "xiancai" in Chinese. Globally 60 species are divided into grain and vegetable amaranths primarily depending on its nutritional value to humans (Mlakar and others 2010). Amaranth is a widely utilised vegetable crop and possibly the most regularly consumed vegetable in the humid tropics of Asia and Africa due to its mild spinach-like flavour, it has the ability to grow in hot temperatures, and high nutritional value (Mlakar SG, et al. 2010). The seeds of amaranth are small (1–1.5 mm in diameter), lenticular in shape, and weigh 0.6–1.3 gramme per seed (Alvarez-Jubete L et al, 2010). Amaranth can be found in a variety of sizes and shapes, ranging from broad-branching (bushy) to completely lateral shoots, with creeping stems (lying) up to perfectly vertical, its stem and seed varies in different colours, including yellow, white, brown, or entirely black, as well as leaf colours ranges from red to green. Amaranth is treasure mine of macronutrients (12–22 percent proteins), dietary fibre (9–14 percent), and lipids (6–13 percent fats), as well as micronutrients (vitamins, minerals), and other phytochemical compounds (polyphenols and phytosterols) (Venskutonis and Kraujalis, 2013, Karamac et al., 2019). Amaranth has ample amount of lysine level than other cereals, as well as a large amount of protein, fat, dietary fibre, ash, and minerals, particularly calcium and salt. Beta-carotene, lactic acid, polyphenols, lutein, and anthocyanins are the bioactive substances found in it.

According to the studies amaranth have multiple health benefits such as reduction in CVD cardiovascular diseases (Caselato-Sousa et al, 2012). Tocotrienols are a kind of vitamin E present in amaranth oil that inhibits an enzyme that regulates cholesterol production. Amaranth oil has a higher concentration of squalene than other vegetable oils. Squalene enhances the immune system by carrying oxygen to numerous cells in the body and keeping LDL (low-density lipoprotein) in the blood cholesterol (Jimoh MO et al, 2018). It helps in atherosclerosis, arthritis, cataract, emphysema, and retinopathy, as well as neuro-degenerative disorders (Repo-Carrasco-Valencia et al., 2010, Thaipong et al., 2006). Amaranth leaf extract inhibits the growth of cancer cells in the liver, breast, and colon thus have anticancer property. Because its protein includes lesser amount of prolamins (seed protein), amaranth is a safe for consumption in celiac disease. Antihypertensive and anti-inflammatory properties are also found in its peptides. (Bhat A et al, 2015) Soybean (*Glycine max* L.) subfamily *Fabaceae*, was initially domesticated roughly 5000 years ago in East Asia (Carter et al., 2004). Soybean is the world's most widely produced and consumed oilseed (Wilcox 2004). Soybean is the tenth most produced crop in the world in terms of tonnes. Soy bean is a legume with proteins that are closely linked to those found in animals and a high protein content (approximately 40–45 percent of total solids) (Goyal, Sharma, & Gill, 2012) has a digestibility rating of 91.41 percent (Zhao et al., 2014), and provides enough amounts of different amino acids essential for rebuilding damaged body tissues as an excellent source of vitamins and minerals. All of the essential amino acids required for good health are found in soybean proteins. Soybean protein is four times that of wheat and six times that of rice grain, and it is high in calcium, phosphorus, and vitamins A, B, C, and D. (Serrem, Kock, & Taylor, 2011; Islam et al., 2007). Consumption of soy products can decrease the risk factors of diseases like diabetes, atherosclerosis (Ahmad et al., 2014) improves bone health, lowers cholesterol, reduces menopausal complications, avoid malignancies (F.M. Sacks, 2006).

MATERIALS AND METHODS

All the raw ingredients for research were commercially available and purchased from supermarket of Model Town, New Delhi, India which includes (amaranth seed, soy flour, dates powder, milk powder and cocoa powder). All the dry ingredients were clean to remove impurities or adulteration.



**Divya Sharma and Akanksha Yadav****Preparation of milk premix**

Amaranth seeds were taken and dry roasted them, after roasting them seeds were grinded and amaranth seed powder (amaranth flour is made), after that same process is done with soya seeds firstly they were roasted and then were grinded into flour after that peel of dry dates was removed and seeds were taken out with hands. Once the seeds and peel were separated, a peel of dates was grinded in mixer and then in mortar and pestle to make it into powder form. Once the powder was formed it was sieved through sieve and solid part was removed and then the powder was sieved through muslin cloth to make it finer. After that the dates powder is sun dried for removal of moisture. This whole process took 1-2 days.

Standardised recipe (control T0) used for development of milk premix

List of ingredients (for 100gm milk premix development)

Method of preparation

1. All the raw ingredients were processed separately which includes amaranth flour, soy flour, and dates powder. Milk powder and cocoa powder were ready made from market.
2. The desired amounts of weighed ingredients were mixed together in a bowl with spoon.

Sensory Evaluation of developed milk premix

Sensory evaluation of developed products was carried out by 20-selected trained panel member of Department of Nutrition and Dietetics and department of Microbiology including the dean of Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, SGT University, Gurugram. The panelists were served the developed milk premix mixed with milk with one control sample and different test samples. Control was prepared from ingredients used in standardised recipe and test samples were prepared by changing the amount of soy flour and amaranth flour in ratio of 1:1, 1:2 and 1:3. The panelist was asked to score the milk premix on 5 sensory attributes which includes: color and appearance, taste, flavour, consistency and overall acceptability by using score card and nine-point hedonic scale.

Nutrient estimation of developed milk premix

In this study, determination of various proximate nutrients which includes (kcal, protein carbohydrate, fat) and calcium, iron and antioxidant of control sample and test1 sample (highest rated sample in sensory evaluation) was carried out with standardised technique or procedure in NCML Labs, Udyog Vihar, Gurugram, Haryana 122016.

Different parameters were determined using different methods.**Total energy value**

Energy (kcal/100g) = (4 × Protein in %) + (4 × Carbohydrate in %) + (9 × Fat in %)

Carbohydrate Content

Carbohydrate = 100 – (Moisture + Fat + Protein + ash)

Protein Content

Protein content was determined by Kjeldahl's method (IS 7219:1973)

Fat Content

Fat content was determined using FSSAI Manual of Methods

Calcium and Iron content

Elemental analysis was performed using inductively coupled plasma mass spectrometry, (ICP-MS Model: 7800) as per AOAC 2015.01.

Estimation of antioxidant content

Antioxidant activity was determined by using DPPH radical degradation activity method. 12

Shelf life

To determine the total microbial count and to check the shelf life of the developed product the total plate count technique was used to estimate the CFU count selected media. Serial dilution method was used for both a control and the test sample of dilutions from 10^{-3} to 10^{-5} were spread onto de man rogosa sharpe agar (MRS) agar plates with for lactic acid bacteria, whereas nutrient agar media was used to determine the shelf life of the beverage. The plates were incubated at 37°C overnight. The CFU count in each media plate was checked from (day 0 to day 12) every 3rd day.





Statistical Analysis

The statistical analysis was done using PSPP software for T-test. The results were discussed as SD mean and $\pm$ standard deviation with accordance with sig and NS values.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The collected data for different aspect as per the methodology were analysed and represented statistically the results are also illustrated graphically. The result obtained from the analysis during the course of study presented in this chapter and discussed in detail, in the following sequence:

1. Sensory evaluation
2. Colour & appearance score of milk premix
3. Taste score of milk premix
4. Flavor score of milk premix
5. Consistency score of milk premix
6. Overall acceptability score of milk premix
7. Energy content in value added milk premix
8. Carbohydrate content in value added milk premix
9. Protein content in value added milk premix
10. Fats content in value added milk premix
11. Iron content in value added milk premix
12. Calcium content in value added milk premix
13. Antioxidant content in value added milk premix
14. Microbial analysis in value added milk premix

The analysis of the study investigated were carried out in NCML Labs, Gurugram. Dual samples of each soup premix were analyzed in triplicate form with the use of standardized techniques, and analytical grade chemicals. The statistical analysis demonstrated on dry weight foundation was done using t-test, to perceive significant variance and deviations if any. Introduction of results and discussions of the investigation are presented as follows.

Sensory evaluation of the different incorporated samples of amaranth & soy flour out of which T1 with amaranth and soy flour in equal amount is highly acceptable in all the parameters which includes color & appearance, taste, flavour & consistency as compared to the other samples. Sensory evaluation of different samples with different ratios of soy flour and amaranth out of which treatment T1 (incorporated by 30:30 soy flour & amaranth flour) was found to be mostly acceptable and scored 0 Color 7.75 ± 1.06 , Taste 7.67 ± 0.89 , Flavour 7.65 ± 0.95 , Consistency 8.12 ± 0.69 and overall acceptability 8.03 ± 0.72 as compared with control sample T0.

In this study it was analyzed that energy levels of both the samples is almost same per 100gms T0 contains 393.28 kcal whereas T1 contains 392.14 kcal. In terms of protein content it was seen that that protein content of T1 was higher i.e. 28.09gms/100gms whereas T0 contains 27.37gms/100gms. Carbohydrate content was almost same T0 contains 60.69gms/100gms and T1 contains 60.00gms/100gms. Calcium content is higher in T1 i.e. 2805.08 mg/kg whereas T0 contains 2743.768 mg/kg. Iron content is higher in T0 that is 105.35 mg/kg whereas T1 contains 88.15 mg/kg. Which suggests that overall T1 & T0 have almost same amount of nutrients but iron content was low in sample T1. The formulated sample was lower in amount of fats than that of the control, with 4.42gm/100gm and 4.56gm/100gm of test and control respectively. The antioxidant activity of the control sample was higher than that of the test with 9.43mgGae/1000gm and 6.49mgGae/1000gm respectively of the control and test.

Determination of total microbial count and shelf life

To determine the total microbial count and to check the shelf life of the developed product the total plate count technique method was used with selective media preparation. A sample of each dilution from 10^{-3} to 10^{-5} were spread onto De Man, Rogosa Sharpe agar (MRS) agar plates with selective media for both MRS, and nutrient agar media was



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used to determine the shelf life of the milk premix. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 h. The microbial growth was calculated from (day 0 to day 12) to determine the total microbial count and shelf life of the product.

CFU/mL for each day

CFU/mL = Number of colonies/ Volume of culture plated (in mL) × DF

Where, DF = Dilution factor.

pH was determined for both T0 and T2 and the results are given below

The estimated pH value for (T0) is (6.7) And the pH value for (T2) is (6.8) respectively which indicates that both the sample with or without amaranth flour are slightly acidic in nature. Fortification with amaranth into the milk powder doesn't change the measure of pH. The microbial growth gradually decreased from day 0 to day 9 for test sample fortified with amaranth, whereas for control sample the microbial growth increased for both medias-MRS and NA. 10⁻⁴ dilution plate showed sufficient number of colonies. For MRS, the microbial count increased initially and then decreased insignificantly from day zero to day nine whereas for NA. Growth of NA was increased gradually as amaranth has antimicrobial properties. Although for MRS in test sample the microbial growth was not much at the start which increased day by day and same pattern got repeated by day 9, though with the investigation of the above results, it has been concluded that the shelf life of the formulated milk premix with amaranth is perishable for 3-4 days when it is made in unsterilised condition and no pasteurization was done during the process as it was done on the laboratory scale, not on a pilot scale

CONCLUSION

From the current study it can be concluded that milk powder developed from the value addition of amaranth had acceptable organoleptic properties and also had improved the nutritional profile in terms of macronutrients and micronutrients namely calcium and protein. Amidst the different samples of the developed milk powder T1, with the minimum quantity of amaranth content (30%) had highest amount of macronutrients and major micronutrient and in terms of overall acceptability based on the sensory attributes scored highest. The cost per 100 gm of each treatment of developed cookie ranged from Rs 23.3 for T0 to Rs 29.3 for T1 which makes it a pocket friendly purchase for the package of nutrients it provides and also makes the supplementation of amaranth in milk powder a cost effective option for preparation of enriched milk powder. Hence, amaranth can be used as potential source of desirable functional ingredient for the development of health-beverage to improve the nutrient composition of the beverage and in turn enhance the nutrient intake in the diets consumed by a person.

AVAILABILITY OF DATA AND MATERIAL

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Table.1. Formulation of control sample

Control Sample	Soy flour	Milk Powder	Dates Powder	Coco Powder
T0	60	20	10	10

Table.2. Formation of tests were done by changes in ratio of amaranth flour and soy flour as mentioned below:

Test sample	Soy Flour	Amaranth Flour	Milk Powder	Dates Powder	Coco Powder
T1	30	30	20	10	10
T2	20	40	20	10	10
T3	15	45	20	10	10

Composition of MRS media:





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Table.3. Composition of MRS media prepared

Reagents	Composition for 1000 ml
MRS Media	54.8 g
Agar	18.4 g

Composition of NA media:**Table.4. Composition of nutrient agar prepared.**

Reagent	Composition for 1000 ml
Nutrient agar	33.6g

Cost evaluation**Table.5. Cost evaluation**

Ingredients	Amaranth seeds	Soya bean	Dates	Milk powder	Cocoa	Total
Price/kg	320	120	440	110	95	
T0		7.2	4.4	2.2	9.5	23.3
T1	9.6	3.6	4.4	2.2	9.5	29.3
T2	6.4	4.8	4.4	2.2	9.5	27.3
T3	4.8	5.4	4.4	2.2	9.5	26.3

Mean values sensory attributes of the developed milk premix:

Attributes	T0	T1	T2	T3
Color & appearance	7.77±0.95	7.75±1.06	7.57±0.85	7.35±0.80
Taste	7.42±1.04	7.67±0.89	7.28±0.79	6.97±1.51
Flavour	7.44±0.76	7.65±0.95	7.25±9.95	7.05±1.33
Consistency	8.10±0.72	8.12±0.69	7.78±0.80	7.80±0.83
Overall Acceptability	7.59±0.98	8.03±0.72	7.40±0.68	7.14±1.46

Tabular representation of Nutritional content:

	Treatments	
	T0	T1
Energy (kcal/100gm)	393.28	392.14
Carbohydrate (%)	60.69	60.00
Protein (%)	27.37	28.09
Fat (%)	4.56	4.42
Calcium (mg/kg)	2743.768	2805.088
Iron (mg/kg)	105.359	88.155
Antioxidants (mgGae/kg)	105.359	6.49
Mean	491.4837	483.4833
Std. deviation	927.2611	956.05

4.14.1. Composition of MRS media:**Table4.14.1a. Composition of MRS media prepared**

Reagents	Composition for 1000 ml
MRS Media	54.8 g
Agar	18.4 g

4.14.2. Composition of NA media:**Table 4.14.2a Composition of nutrient agar prepared.**

Reagent	Composition for 1000 ml
Nutrient agar	33.6g





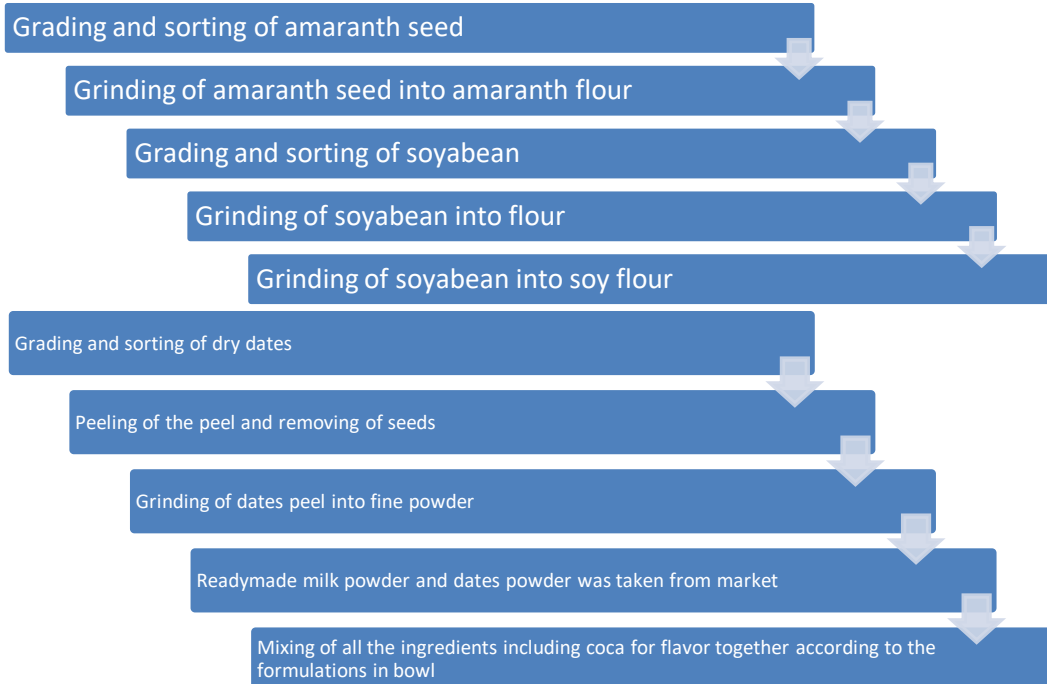
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4.14.3 Growth of media on different dilutions							
Duration	Media	Test (T1) dilutions			Control (T0) dilutions		
		10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻⁵	10 ⁻³	10 ⁻⁴	10 ⁻⁵
Day 0	MRS NA	10	1	0	10	3	0
		14	2	1	20	2	1
Day 3	MRS NA	12	2	0	20	2	1
		25	3	1	28	5	1
Day 6	MRS NA	15	1	1	12	2	1
		18	4	1	20	5	12
Day 9	MRS	15	2	1	18	2	1
	NA	38	5	1	45	8	2
Table 4.14.4a Growth of no. of colonies for dilution x10 ⁴							
Duration	T0	T1					
	MRS	NA			MRS		NA
DAY 0	1.3	4.6			0.6		4.6
DAY 3	4.3	6.2			1.0		5.3
DAY 6	4.4	9			4.1		4.8
DAY 9	4.6	10.8			4.5		6.2
Table 4.15. pH of control and test sample.							
Duration	T0	T1					
	MRS	NA	MRS			NA	
DAY 0	1.3	4.6	0.6			4.6	
DAY 3	4.3	6.2	1.0			5.3	
DAY 6	4.4	9	4.1			4.8	
DAY 9	4.6	10.8	4.5			6.2	
Table 4.15. pH of control and test sample.							
Treatment				pH value			
T0 (Control)				6.79			
T2 (Test)				6.85			





Fig.1. Formulated milk premix
Process of making milk premix

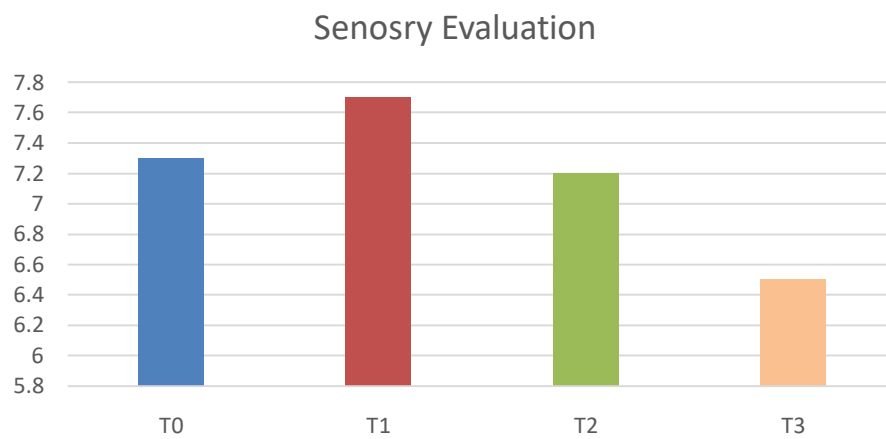


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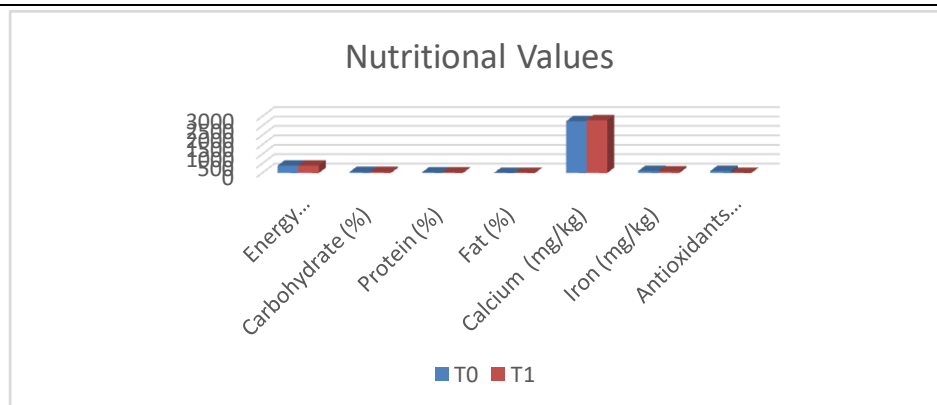




Fig.2.Sensory evaluation of developed milk premix



Graphical Representation of sensory evaluation



Graphical representation of Nutritional Conetent





Fig.14.1 Microbial growth petri plates of Na & Mrs Media

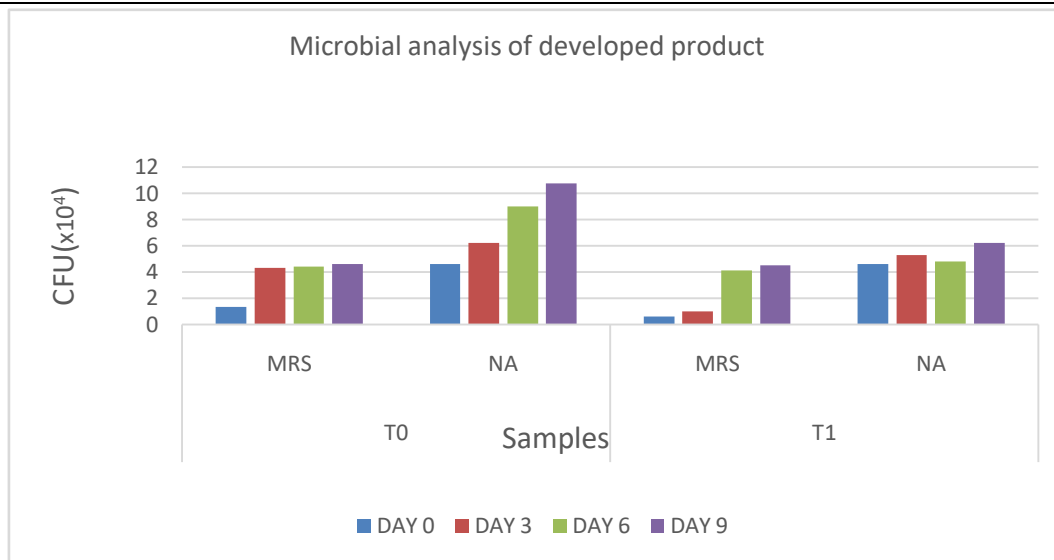


Fig.14.2 Microbial analysis of developed products





Urolithiasis : Lithiasis, Prevention and Management by Herbal Plants

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ABSTRACT

The disorder where stones form in the kidney, bladder, or urethra is known as urolithiasis. The most common types of stones are struvite (magnesium ammonium phosphate), calcium oxalate, urate, cystine, and silica. A number of physicochemical processes, including as supersaturation, nucleation, development, aggregation, and retention of urinary stone ingredients within tubular cells, contribute to the intricate process of stone formation. NSAIDs, alpha blockers, diuretics, narcotic analgesics are used in the management of urolithiasis to help alleviate symptoms like pain but not involved in the prevention of stone formation. Ayurveda is a historic Indian therapeutic practice that uses many different plants with anti-urolithiatic properties. A significant source of medication, plants have long been used in traditional medicine to treat a variety of illnesses. The majority of people in developing nations' rural areas receive their medical care from traditional practitioners. The primary goal of *Hemidesmus indicus* roots is to control kidney stones formation in the urinary tract. The current study is a review of the literature on medicinal plants having antiurolithiatic activity. The review includes 51 plants, their families, biological sources, chemical constituents, and plant parts used and their applications are all included in the review. The goal of this endeavor is to support scientists as they explore natural substances with potential antiurolithiatic properties.

Keywords: Anti-urolithiatic, Urinary tract, Kidney stones, Medicinal plants, Supersaturation





INTRODUCTION

LITHIASIS: The formation of stony concretions in the body (as in the urinary tract or gall bladder)

Types Of Lithiasis

Nephrolithiasis/Urolithiasis

When the high concentration of crystals oversaturates the urine and begins to build up inside the kidney's parenchyma, renal calculi are formed. [1]

Cholelithiasis

Cholelithiasis is the term for hardened deposits of digestive fluid in the gall bladder. The gallbladder holds the bile, the digestive fluid that is released into the small intestine. The components of the stones are bile, bilirubin, and cholesterol. Most of the time, the stones are found by accident and present no symptoms. Gall stones can form from bile that has not been completely emptied from the gall bladder, precipitating as sludge. Patients with symptoms include nausea, vomiting, and pain in the epigastrium that spreads to the right scapula or mid-back. [2, 3]

Hepatolithiasis

Hepatolithiasis is characterized by presence of gallstones in all bile ducts peripheral to the confluence of the left and right hepatic ducts, regardless of the existence of gall stones in other regions of the biliary system, such as the extra hepatic bile duct and the gallbladder. Hepatic abscess, liver atrophy, liver cirrhosis, biliary stricture, history of recurrent cholangitis, and a poor prognosis in intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma are among the causes that might cause hepatolithiasis. [4, 5]

Ureterolithiasis

A major financial burden and global health concern, ureterolithiasis affects millions of individuals. Consequently, the healthcare system is heavily burdened by this disease. The prevalence and incidence of this illness are likewise rising. Ureterolithiasis can lead to a number of problems, including stenosis, ureteral scarring, infectious stones, urosepsis, and chronic kidney disease (CKD). The ureterolithiasis will be evaluated, treated, and managed, along with its genesis, epidemiology, pathophysiology, and assessment. [6, 7]

Cystolithiasis

The urine bladder is the primary location for solid calculi that are known as stones. They may consist of non-calcific material, while frequently being calcified. Bladder stones are more common in poor nations, mostly because of dietary issues; the frequency of bladder stones is comparatively low in Western countries. Middle Eastern and North African nations, as well as Thailand, Indonesia, and Myanmar, are the most severely impacted. Usually the result of urinary stasis, bladder stones can also form in healthy people who do not have any anatomical deformities, foreign bodies, strictures, infections, or benign prostatic hyperplasia or neurogenic bladder. [8, 9]

Choledocholithiasis

Choledocholithiasis occurs as a result of either the formation of stones in the common bile duct or the passage of gallstones that are formed in the gallbladder into the CBD. Some of the causes of these stones include bile stasis, chemical imbalances, increased excretion of bilirubin, pH abnormalities, and the creation of sludge. Less frequently, stones known as primary hepatolithiasis which can result in choledocholithiasis—form in the intrahepatic biliary tree. Stones in the common bile duct are the cause of choledocholithiasis (CBD). It is thought that between 1 and 15% of patients with cholelithiasis have common bile duct stones. Endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) or, in certain situations, laparoscopic cholecystectomy with bile duct exploration is the current treatment for bile duct stones. When bile duct stones are present, laparoscopic cholecystectomy is typically performed in US hospitals after ERCP. [10, 11]



**Sialolithiasis**

Sialolithiasis is a benign condition involving the formation of stones within the ducts of the major salivary glands: parotid, submandibular, and sublingual glands. Sialolithiasis can occasionally clog the salivary ducts, causing inflammation, a bacterial infection called sialadenitis, or, in extreme circumstances, the formation of an abscess. There are a number of presenting signs, the most prevalent being reduced salivary flow and cyclical postprandial enlargement of the afflicted gland. The production of salivary stones has an unclear origin, and there has been little research done on etiologic factors because the condition is relatively uncommon and difficult to conduct in-depth investigations of. [12, 13]

Rhinolithiasis

Wealthy countries are known to see a progressive disappearance of a rare condition called rhinolithiasis, which is often ignored or misdiagnosed. It is distinguished by a solid calcification that results from the gradual accumulation of calcareous salts around a core—a foundation that may or may not be resorbable—that can take on a variety of sizes and shapes. The most common symptoms are unilateral nasal blockage and persistent unilateral purulent rhinorrhea. Nasal endoscopy and imaging are very helpful for revealing anatomical anomalies or related disorders, in addition to being valuable for validating a sound diagnosis. Endonasal rhinolith extraction is required for therapeutic management during general anesthesia. [14, 15]

Enterolithiasis

Enterolithiasis, or the formation of gastrointestinal concretions, is an uncommon medical condition that develops in the presence of intestinal diverticula, surgical enteroanastomoses, blind pouches, afferent loops, incarcerated hernias, small intestinal tumors, intestinal kinking from intra-abdominal adhesions, stenosing or structuring Crohn's disease, and intestinal tuberculosis. Acute symptoms such as nausea, distention, abdominal pain, and occasionally sudden but often fluctuating subacute vomiting might result from the enterolith rupturing into the intestinal lumen. Treatment with endoscopy or surgery requires early illness detection and action. [16, 17]

Tonsillolithiasis

Rare calcified formations known as tonsillolithiasis typically arise from long-term tonsillitis. Differences in size, form, and color are evident in concretions. Although they don't normally cause any symptoms, they can be linked to halitosis, otalgia, odynophagia, dysphagia, and neck pain. A general dentist's panoramic radiography of the patient's mandible revealed radiopaque shadows over the ascending rami of the jaw, bilaterally: two minor structures on the left side and one single formation on the upper part of the right. This led to the patient's referral. There were paroxysmal episodes of orofacial discomfort together with dysphagia and pain during swallowing on the left side, which were located in the tonsillar fossa, pharynx, and lower jaw angle. Bilateral tonsillolithiasis was seen in the computed tomography scans. [18, 19]

Phlebolithiasis

Phlebolithiasis is a condition where tiny blood clots in a vein get harder over time as a result of acidity. They often don't create any symptoms or other health issues, and they're frequently located in the bottom area of your pelvis. The condition known as phlebolithiasis, or vein stones, usually have an oval form and a diameter of less than five millimeters. They're also really frequent, particularly in those who are older than 40. A phlebolith may occur if a vein experiences pressure buildup for whatever reason. This means that varicose veins are a source of phleboliths as well as one of its symptoms. [20]

Omphalolithiasis

An infection of the umbilicus and/or surrounding tissues, known as omphelia, usually affects newborns. With an estimated mortality rate of 7 to 15%, it is a serious medical emergency that can quickly proceed to systemic infection and death. To avoid the morbidity and death linked to omphalitis, early detection and treatment are crucial. This exercise discusses the role of the interprofessional team in managing individuals with omphalitis and demonstrates how the condition is evaluated and treated. The umbilicus becomes colonized with a wide variety of germs as soon



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as the baby is born. Within hours, gram-positive cocci are detected, and soon after, a large number of enteric bacteria are detected. These bacteria develop quickly in the devitalized tissues of the umbilical stump, and their ability to enter the bloodstream through thrombosed blood vessels raises the possibility of systemic infection.[21]

Different Types of Urinary Crystals

Naming of the stone type is based on mineral composition. The most common stones are Struvite (magnesium ammonium phosphate), calcium oxalate, urate, cystine and silica.

Calcium Oxalate Stones

Calcium stones are the most common type of stones in world wide. These typically contains calcium oxalate present either alone (or) they combine with calcium phosphate. Primarily, hyperoxaluria promotes the precipitation of oxalate crystals in urine which are combining for the development of calcium oxalate crystals. Calcium phosphate stone formation is associated with the condition called hyper para-thyroidism and renal tubular acidosis. calcium oxalate crystals microscopically they appear as 'envelops' and they also form 'dumbbells'. Calcium oxalate crystal formation is one of the toxic effect of ethylene glycol poisoning.[22, 23, 24]

Struvite Stones

10-15% of urinary calculi is composed of Struvite stones (ammonium, magnesium, phosphate, $\text{NH}_4 \text{MgPO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$). These are also known as 'infection stones', urease (or) triple phosphate stones). These stones are formed in the infection which is caused by urea-splitting bacteria. By using the enzyme urease, these organisms metabolise the urea in to ammonia and carbon dioxide. This makes the alkaline condition of urine and it favours the formation of Struvite stones. These stones are commonly observed in the people who are having factors that predispose them to UTI, spinal cord injury and other forms of urogenic bladder, obstructive uropathies. People with metabolic disorders such as idiopathic hypercalciuria, hyper para-thyroidism and gout are attacked by these infected stones easily. Magnesium, ammonium, and phosphorus are the building blocks for the formation of Struvite stones in Urine.[25, 26]

Uric Acid Stones

Uric acid is responsible for 5–10% of stone formation. These uric acid stones are more likely to attack specific disorders such as obesity. In certain circumstances, such as hyperuricosuria with or without hyperuricemia, they can also arise. They can also develop in conjunction with acid/base metabolism problems, when the development of uric acid crystals is caused by acidic urine. Individuals with specific diseases, such as inflammatory bowel disease, are more likely to develop oxalate stones and also have a propensity to develop urate stones.(27, 28)

Cystine Stones

It is a hereditary condition brought on by cystinuria. Kidney stones occur in cysts. Excess cystine in the urine is caused by the transportation of the amino acid cystine, which can result in cystine stones. The most prevalent cystinuria deficiency is related to amino acid synthesis. While large stones stay in the kidneys (nephrolithiasis), which hinders urine flow, little stones are passed through the urine. The ureter widens and becomes squeezed as the urinary tract becomes clogged, placing pressure on the kidney and ureter. Urine builds up as a result of obstruction, which also causes infections in that specific location. Kidney disease can result from high blood pressure and urinary tract infections, among other things. Renal insufficiency and end-stage kidney disease, which call for renal dialysis or a kidney transplant, can result from the injury. [29, 30]

Signs and Symptoms

If a kidney stone becomes lodged in the ureters, it may block the flow of urine and cause the kidney to swell and the ureter to spasm, which can be very painful. At that point, you may experience these symptoms: Severe, sharp pain in the side and back, below the ribs, pain that radiates to the lower abdomen and groin, pain or burning sensation while urinating. Pain caused by a kidney stone may change — for instance, shifting to a different location or increasing in intensity — as the stone moves through your urinary tract.[31, 32]



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Treatment for kidney stones varies, depending on the type of stone. Most small kidney stones won't require invasive treatment and can be able to pass a small stone by: Drinking water, Pain relievers, medical therapy [33, 34]

Risk Factors

Dehydration, certain diets, family or personal history, obesity, digestive diseases and surgery, and other medical conditions, certain supplements and medications are the risk factors for urolithiasis [35, 36, 37]

Causes

Kidney stones often have no definite, single cause, although several factors may increase your risk. Kidney stones form when your urine contains more crystal-forming substances — such as calcium, oxalate and uric acid — than the fluid in your urine can dilute. At the same time, your urine may lack substances that prevent crystals from sticking together, creating an ideal environment for kidney stones to form. [38,39]

Prevention

The best way to prevent kidney stones is to make sure you drink plenty of water each day to avoid becoming dehydrated. Drink up to 3 litres (5.2 pints) of fluid throughout the day, every day and avoid drinks like tea and coffee also count. Add fresh lemon juice to your water and do not eat too much salt [40, 41, 42]

Epidemiology

The incidence of urolithiasis increased by 48.57%, from 77.78 million (ASIR) decreased. It affects 12% of the population worldwide. Urolithiasis is a common condition that affects about 1 in 11 people in the United States. It costs the health care system about \$5 billion and is responsible for about one million emergency department (ED) visits each year. Its prevalence is increasing and it mainly affects the working age population. Men occur more often than women, 10.6% versus 7.1%. Obese and overweight individuals are more common than those of normal weight, and studies have shown that obesity flattened the formation of kidney stones in both men and women. Recurrence rates of up to 50% have been observed five years after the first episodes of symptomatic urolithiasis. The incidence of urolithiasis by age presented a unimodal distribution, with the peak observed in patients aged between 50 years and 70 years [43, 44]

Pathophysiology

Renal stone formation occurs in different mechanisms and forms stones in the urinary tract. Super saturation of urine as a catalyst for crystallization. The step that starts the development of stones is urine super saturation. Super saturation of the urine in a mild state is quite common in healthy people and does not result in the formation of stones. However, the urine is in a metastable state if it beyond the threshold level, which is known as the Upper Limit of Metastability. Urine's dissolved ions initiate the nucleation process, which forms these crystals. Approximately 90% of stones are made up of several materials. Stone formation promoters and inhibitors: A few of the substances found in urine have the ability to both promote and inhibit the formation of stones. Urine contains ions that function as catalysts to create bigger compounds that cause stones. The two primary factors that encourage the production of stones are calcium and oxalate, which together produce the complex known as calcium-oxalate. [45, 46, 47]. The different kinds of chemicals are called inhibitors. Certain substances, such as magnesium and citrate, have smaller molecular weights and can interact with promoters to inhibit the synthesis of chemicals that lead to stone formation. Volume and composition of urine: an essential equilibrium. The main cause of renal stones is decreased urine concentration. The state of supersaturation of urine decreases as urine volume increases. Promoter and inhibitor dilution results from increased urine volume. [48]. At present allopathic medicines are used to treat urolithiasis symptomatically, and a lot of side effects are associated with it. WHO recommends the international community to use the traditional Ayurvedic system of medicine in management of Urolithiasis





CONCLUSION

One of the most important sources of pharmaceuticals is medicinal plants. Because of their accessibility, availability, inherited practice, economic feasibility, and perceived efficacy, plants have been utilized to cure many diseases from ancient times. The present article revealed that all of the medicinal plants presented have antiurolithiatic properties might be due to the presence of flavonoids, tannins, saponins, steroids, triterpenoids. As a result of this study, literature revealed that medicinal plants useful for the prevention and management of urolithiasis. Future research on preclinical and clinical investigation for confirm the clinical utility, efficacy and toxicity of these plants.

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Table.1: Drugs Used In The Treatment Of Urolithiasis

S.No	Drugs	Mechanism of Action	Adverse Reactions
	NSAIDS		
1	Naproxen	inhibiting the activity of enzymes called cyclooxygenases (COX-1& COX-2).	Gastro intestinal issues, dizziness, headache, fluid retention, elevated blood pressure, renal effects, allergic reactions [49]
2	Ibuprofen	inhibiting the enzyme cyclooxygenase (COX)	Swelling of face, fingers, feet and lower legs, Headache, constipation, Vomiting, diarrhoea [50]
3	Meloxicam	inhibits prostaglandin synthetase	Renal damage, fluid retention, electrolyte imbalance, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, upset stomach, and nausea [51]
	Alpha Blockers		
1	Tamsulosin	Tamsulosin selectively blocks alpha-1 adrenergic receptors	Headache, Dizziness, orthostasis, chest pain, flulike symptoms, abnormal ejaculation[52]
2	Nifedipine +Tamsulosin	Tamsulosin selectively blocks alpha-1 adrenergic receptors, relaxes smooth muscle, whereas nifedipine blocking the influx of calcium ions through voltage-gated calcium channel	Headache, dizziness, and nausea, dehydration [52]
3	Doxazosin	It works by blocking the action of adrenaline and noradrenaline on alpha-1 receptors	nausea, headache, dizziness, backache, and postural hypotension [53]
	Diuretics		
1	Hydrochlorothiazide	It directly inhibits the sodium chloride cotransporter located on apical membrane of distal convoluted tubules in the kidney	Hyperglycemia, Gout, Ocular disturbances, dyslipidemia [54]
2	Chlorthalidone	It inhibits sodium reabsorption at the level of the distal convoluted tubule and thus chloride, via inhibition of NaCl symporter	Dryness of mouth, thirst, lethargy, hypotension, nausea, gastrointestinal disturbances [55]
3	Indapamide	It acts on the nephron, where it inhibits the NaCl cotransporter leading to reduced sodium reabsorption	Dark urine, fever or chills, cough, dizziness, low potassium levels, orthostatic hypotension [56]





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	Narcotic Analgesics		
1	Morphine	It acts by binding to the mu-opioid receptor within the CNS and PNS, which leads to an overall reduction of the nociceptive transmission	Constipation, dysphoria, sedation, nausea, myoclonus, dry mouth [57]
2	Oxycodone	It works by binding to opioid receptors in CNS, thereby exerting its analgesic effects	Constipation, urinary retention, dehydration, tiredness, allergy [58]
3	Hydrocodone	It activates the mu-opioid receptors, results in inhibition of cyclic adenosine monophosphate formation leads to suppression of nociceptive neurotransmitters	Hypotension, diaphoresis, peripheral edema, fatigue, dizziness, abdominal pain [59]

Table.2: Medicinal Plants Used in The Treatment of Urolithiasis

Sl.No	Common Name	Plant part used	Biological Source	Chemical Constituents	Uses
1	Horse radish	Seed, root	It is obtained from dried roots of <i>Armoracia rusticana</i> . Belongs to Brassicaceae family	it contains about 0.2% to 1.0% of essential oil, mainly Sinigrin, Sinigrin-derived allyl isothiocyanate and diallyl sulphide	Used to treat inflammation by blocking or changing the parts of the immune system. (60)
2	Sarpagandha	Roots	It is obtained from dried roots of <i>Ichnocarpus frutescens</i> belongs to the family Apocynaceae.	It contains alkaloids, triterpenoids, phenolic compounds,	Used to treat anti-hypertensive, sedative, anti-oxidant, antispasmodic fever and malaria, anxiolytic effects. (61)
3	Slender Amaranth, Green Amaranth	All parts	It is obtained from all parts of the <i>Amaranthus viridis</i> belongs to the family Amaranthaceae	It contains various phytochemicals such as flavonoids, phenolic acids, saponins, and other bioactive compounds	Used to treat digestive disorders, inflammation, skin ailments and urinary tract infections. (62)
4	Wood apple, Bael	Leaves and fruit	It is obtained from fruit of <i>Feronialimonia</i> Belongs to the family Rutaceae	It contains various phytochemicals and nutrients and key chemical constituents are vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals (flavonoids, tannins, phenols, alkaloids,) organic acids, fibre, essential oils, carbohydrates, proteins and amino acids	It is used to Alleviate digestive issues such as constipation, diarrhoea and indigestion and respiratory ailments. (63)
5	Love-lies-bleeding	Leaves, Flower	It is obtained from flowering plant of <i>Amaranthus caudatus</i> Belongs to the	It contains various phytochemicals like flavonoids, phenolic compounds, saponins, tannins, alkaloids, carotenoids	It is used to treat digestive disorders, haemorrhage, skin conditions, anti-inflammatory and





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			family Amaranthaceae		fever. (64)
6	Chaff- flower	Roots	It is obtained from dried roots of <i>Achyranthes aspera</i> Belongs to the family Amaranthaceae	It contains alkaloids, triterpenoids, flavonoids, saponins, phenolic compounds, polysaccharides, essential oils	It is used to treat Anti-inflammatory, wound healing, digestive disorders, respiratory conditions, anti-microbial properties. (65)
7	Khella	Whole plant	It is obtained from whole plant parts of <i>Ammi visnaga</i> Belongs to the family Apiaceae	It contains furanocoumarins, flavonoids, essential oils, coumarins, alkaloids, tannins, phenolic acids Bioactive compounds like khellin, and visnagin	It is Used to treat Respiratory conditions, cardiovascular health, kidney stones, Anti spasmodic, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidants, digestive disorders, and urinary tract disorders. (66)
8	Rocket	Roots and leaves	It is obtained from several plant species of <i>Eruca sativa</i> Belongs to the family Brassicaceae	It contains glucosinolates, vitamins (A, C, K) and phytochemicals (Flavonoids, phenolic acids, carotenoids), minerals, fibres and essential oils	It is used to treat anti-oxidant properties, anti-inflammatory, bone health, eye health, heart health and weight management. (67)
9	Pashanbheda	Rhizomes	It is obtained from rhizomes of <i>Bergenia ligulate</i> it belongs to the family Saxifragaceae	It contains phenolic compounds, tannins, flavonoids, saponins, alkaloids, essential oils	Used as diuretic, lithoilytic, anti-inflammatory and urinary tract infections. (68)
10	Garden beet	Roots	It is obtained from dried root of the <i>Beta vulgaris</i> and belongs to the family Amaranthaceae	It contains betacyanins, betaxanthins, betaine, nitrate, fibres, vitamins and minerals, flavonoids, phenolic acids, carotenoids	Used to treat cardiovascular health, liver detoxification, anti-inflammatory, athletic performance, cognitive function anti-oxidant. (69)
11	Sugar beet	Rhizomes	It is obtained from dried root of the <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>altissima</i> and belongs to the family Amaranthaceae	It contains sucrose, betaine, fibre, minerals, vitamins, beta Lanes and flavonoids and nitrates	Used to treat heart and liver health, anti-oxidant, blood sugar regulation, nutritional support. (70)
12	Hogweed,	Root	It is obtained	It contains furanocoumarins,	Used to treat





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	Punarnava		from dried roots of the Heracleum spondylium and Heracleum mantegazzianum and belongs to the family Apiaceae	polyacetylenes, phenolic compounds, essential oils, carotenoids	rheumatism and joint pain, diuretic properties, skin conditions, digestive disorders. (71)
13	Sambong	Flowering plant	It is obtained from leaves and aerial parts of Blumea balsamifera. Belongs to the family Asteraceae	It contains flavonoids, essential oils, terpenoids, phenolic glycosides, alkaloids, triterpenes, saponins	Used to treat UTI, kidney stones, hypertension, diabetes and wound healing. (72)
14	Lobelia, Indian tobacco	Leaf, flowers, seed	It is obtained from flowering plants of Lobelia inflata. Belongs to the family Campanulaceae	It contains flavonoids, terpenoids, phenolic glycosides, alkaloids, volatile oils, resins, tannins	Used to treat Respiratory conditions, smoking Cessation, muscle relaxation, emetic nervous system support. (73)
15	Madder	Root	It is obtained from dried root of Rubia tinctorum and belongs to the family Rubiaceae	It contains Alizarin, purpurin, rubianic acid, ruberythric acid, tannins, carbohydrates, proteins, and amino acids	Used to treat anti-inflammatory, diuretic, menstrual disorders, skin conditions, GIT, respiratory conditions, liver support. (74)
16	Gravel root	Root	It is obtained from dried root of Eutrochium purpureum and Eutrochium fistulosum and belongs to the family Asteraceae	It contains phenolic compounds, tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, coumarins, essential oils	Used to treat urinary tract health, analgesic, anti-rheumatic fever and menstrual disorders, wound healing. (75)
17	Horse chestnut	Fruit	It is obtained from fruit of Aesculus hippocastanum and belongs to the family Sapindaceae	It contains Aescin, flavonoids, triterpene glycosides, coumarins, tannins, phytosterols, minerals	Used to treat venous insufficiency, varicose veins, haemorrhoids, edema, anti-oxidant, skin conditions. (76)
18	Corn silk	Stigmata	It is obtained from silky fibres of Zea mays Linnaeus. Belongs to family Poaceae	It contains maizenic acid, alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, vitamins and minerals, proteins and carbohydrates	Used to treat diuretic, Urinary tract and kidney health, hypoglycemic effects and skin conditions. (77)
19	Dandelion	Leaf	It is obtained from dried leaves of	It contains sesquiterpene lactones, flavonoids, phenolic	Used to treat liver support, blood sugar





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			Taraxacum officinale and belongs to the family Asteraceae	compounds, triterpenes, polysaccharides, vitamins and minerals, bitter compounds, phytosterols	regulation, detoxification, diuretic, skin health. (78)
20	Goldenrod	Leaf, flower	It is obtained from flowering plants of Genus solidago and belongs to the family Asteraceae	It contains phenolic compounds, tannins, flavonoids, alkaloids, essential oils, glycosides, triterpenes	Used to treat urinary tract health, allergy relief, wound healing, anti-microbial properties. (79)
21	Hydrangea	Root	It is obtained from dried roots and rhizomes of Hydrangea macrophylla and belongs to the family Hydrangeaceae	It contains phenolic compounds, hydrangin, saponins, flavonoids, alkaloids, essential oils, glycosides, triterpenes	Used to treat urinary tract, kidney stone dissolving, anti-microbial, pain relief, anti-oxidant effect. (80)
22	Horsetail	Leaf, stems	It is obtained from stems of Equisetum arvense and belongs to the family Equisetaceae	It contains silica, flavonoids, saponins, alkaloids, minerals, terpenoids, phytosterols, phenolic compounds	Used to treat kidney support, wound healing, hair and nail health, diuretic, bone health. (81)
23	Couch grass	Root, rhizomes	It is obtained from rhizomes of Elymus repens and belongs to the family Poaceae	It contains phenolic compounds, alkaloids, volatile compounds, triterpenoids, polysaccharides, amino acids, vitamins, fatty acids	Used to treat constipation, cough, bladder swelling, kidney stones and high blood pressure. (82)
24	Saw palmetto	Fruit	It is obtained from fruits of Serenoa repens and belongs to the family Arecaceae	It contains fatty acids, steroids, flavonoids, polysaccharides, tannins, phytosterols, essential oils and enzymes	Used to treat inflammation, hair loss, urinary tract infection, pelvic pain. (83)
25	Camel's thorn	Roots	It is obtained from dried roots of Alhagi maurorum and belongs to the family Fabaceae	It contains Alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids, phenolic acids, polysaccharides, tannins, volatile compounds, minerals	Used to treat wound healing, gastro intestinal disorders, respiratory conditions, fever, liver disorder. (84)
26	Lavender	Flowers	It is obtained from Flowering plants of Lavandula genus and belongs to the family Lamiaceae	It contains Linalool, linalyl acetate, camphor, 1,8-cineole, terpinen-4-ol, borneol, caryophyllene, geraniol, α -pinene and β -pinene tannins	Used to treat Relaxation and stress reduction, sleep aid, pain relief, skin care, respiratory support. (85)
27	Patharchata, Ajubu, Ghavapatta, Parndeeja	Fresh leaf juice	It is obtained from Fresh leaf juice Kalanchoe pinnata belongs to the	It contains Phenolic compounds, terpenoids, flavonoids, alkaloids, essential oils, triterpenoids, Minerals and vitamins.	Used to treat Wounds, cuts and ulcers, arresting bleeding in external





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			family Crassulaceae		areas, diuretic, respiratory ailments. (86)
28	Mothers heart	Entire herb	It is obtained from entire herb of the Capsella bursa-pastoris belongs to the family Brassicaceae.	It contains Flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, polypeptides, vitamins and minerals.	Used to treat Hemostatic properties, menstrual disorders, anti-microbial, inflammatory, digestive aid. ()
29	Papaya	Root, Fruit	It is obtained from the fresh fruit of Carica papaya belongs to the family Caricaceae	It contains Enzymes like papain, carpaine, and chymopapain and along with vitamins A, C and E.	Used for digestive support, to treat anti-inflammatory properties, skin infections, anti-oxidant. (87)
30	Plumed cockscomd	Roots	It is obtained from flowering plant of Celosia argentea belongs to the family Amaranthaceae	It contains saponins, peptides, phenols, fatty acids, amino acids and active constituents of celosia argentea	Used to treat Digestive disorders, wound healing, respiratory ailments, anti-inflammatory effects. (88)
31	Vanjeeraka, Kalijeeraka	Seeds	It is obtained from seeds of Nigella sativa belongs to the family Ranunculaceae.	It contains thymoquinone, thymohydroquinone, and other anti-oxidants	Used to treat anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, and antimicrobial, respiratory conditions, skin-related issues. ()
32	Bijoru	Unripened fruit	It is obtained from unripened fruit of Citrus medica belongs to the family Rutaceae	It contains Essential oils, flavonoids, and antioxidants and rich in limonene.	Used to treat anti-microbial properties, anti-inflammatory properties. (89)
33	Country borage	Leaves	It is obtained from Plectranthus amboinicus belongs to the family Lamiaceae	It contains Essential oils such as carvacrol, thymol, and eugenol.	Used for anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, anti-oxidant and to treat digestive and respiratory problems. (90)
34	Cana-do-brejo, Cana-d-macaco	Whole plant	It is obtained from whole plant parts of Costus Spiralis Roscoe belongs to the family Costaceae	It contains alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenoids, and phenolic compounds.	Used to treat anti-inflammatory, anti-microbial, anti-oxidant, gastrointestinal disorders, wound healing. (91)





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35	Barna	Bark	It is obtained from bark of Craters Magna Lour belongs to the familyCapparaceae.	It contains Alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids, saponins.	Used to treat anti-inflammatory,anti-bacterial&fungal activity, anti-diabetic, gastrointestinal disorders, wound healing. (92)
36	Cucu, Cucumber	Leaves	It is obtained from Cucumis sativus belongs to the family Cucurbitaceae	It containsvitamins,minerals,phytonutrients- cucurbitacins,lignans, and flavonoids,dietary fibers.	Used to treat hydration,anti-oxidant properties,anti-inflammatory affects, digestive health, blood pressure regulations. (93)
37	Kattutumatti	Fruit	It is obtained from ridged fruit of Cucumis trigonusbelongs to the familyCucurbitaceae	It contains Alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, vitamins, minerals,	Used to treat anti-inflammatory hydration,digestive health, skin care. ()
38	Kali musli, Golden eyegrass	Root	It is obtained from dried root of Curculigoorchioide sbelongs to the familyCucurbitaceae	It contains steroidal saponins, alkaloids, flavonoids, triterpenoids.	Used to treat Aphrodisiac, adaptogenic, immunomodulatory, Energy and vitality. (94)
39	Greater plantain	Leaves	It is obtained from leaves of Plantago major belongs to the family Plantaginaceae	It contains iridoids, triterpenoids, flavonoids, mucilage, polyphenols.	Used to treat anti-inflammatory, wound healing, respiratory health, demulcent actions, digestive aid, skin conditi(95)
40	Shatterstone	Whole plant	It is obtained from whole plant of phyllanthusnirumb elongs to the familyEuphorbiaceae	It containsphyllanthin and hypophyllanthin, flavonoids, alkaloids, tannis, phyllanthusiinD.	Used to treat kidney stones, liver health, antiviral activity, anti-oxidant activity, diuretic, immunomodulatory, antibacterial properties. (96)
41	Tezpat	Bark, Leaves	It is obtained from leaves of Cinnamomum tamalabelongs to the familyLauraceae	It contains essential oils, terpenes, phenolic compounds,	Used to treat digestive aid, respiratory health, antimicrobial, aromatherapy, menstrual health, diabetes. Wound





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					healing. (97)
42	Neem	Roots	It is obtained from roots of Azadirachta indica belongs to the family Meliaceae	It contains Azadirachtin, nimbin, nimbidin, and nimbidol, Quercetin, Beta-sitosterol, Azadirone and gedunin, fatty acids	Used to treat anti-microbial, skin health, oral health, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, immune system support, anti-diabetic. (98)
43	Carrot	Fruits	It is obtained from fruits of daucuscarota belongs to the family Apiaceae	It contains carotenoids, vitamins, minerals, dietary fiber, polyacetylenes, falcarinol	Used to treat vision health, heart health, digestive health, cancer prevention, skin health. (99)
44	Imli	Fruit	It is obtained from fruit of Tamarindus indica belongs to the family Fabaceae	It contains tartaric acid, polyphenols, vitamins, minerals, dietary fiber, tannins.	Used to treat heart health, digestive health, antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, blood sugar regulation, hydration. (100)
45	Chota gokharu	Fruit	It is obtained from fruit of Tribulus terrestris belongs to the family Zygophyllaceae	It contains saponins, flavonoids, alkaloids, sterols.	Used to treat libido and sexual health, urinary tract health, cardiovascular health, athletic performance. (101)
46	Horse gram	Seeds	It is obtained from belongs to the family Fabaceae	It contains proteins, carbohydrates, minerals, polyphenols and flavonoids	Used as kidney stones, urinary disorders, digestive health, weight and diabetes management. (102)
47	Guduchi	Stem	It is obtained from stem of Tinospora cordifolia belongs to the family Menispermaceae.	It contains alkaloids, diterpenoid lactones, polysaccharides, flavonoids, glycosides, steroids, sesquiterpenoid.	Used to treat immunomodulatory anti-pyretic, hepatoprotective, anti-arthritis, digestive health. (103)
48	Wild carrot	Rhizome	It is obtained from rhizome of Daucus carota belongs to the family Apiaceae	It contains carotenoids, volatile oils, flavonoids.	Used to treat digestive health, diuretic, menstrual issues, anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant. (104)
49	Mountain Knotgraas	Whole plant	It is obtained from whole plant of Aerva lanata belongs to the	It contains flavonoids, tannins, alkaloids, saponins.	Used to treat diuretic anti-inflammatory, anti-oxidant, wound healing,





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			familyAmaranthaceae		gastrointestinal disorders. (105)
50	African Basil	Whole plant	It is obtained from whole plant of ocimumgratissimu mbelongs to the familyLamiaceae	It contains essential oils, phenolic compounds, terpenoids, alkaloids	Used to treat anti-inflammatory,anti-bacterial&fungal activity, anti-diabetic, Febrifuge,wound healing, digestive aid, anti-malarial activity. (106)
51	Hemidesmus indicus	Roots	It is obtained from the roots of the Hemidesmus indicus plant and belongs to the family Apocynaceae	It contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, steroids	Used as anti-inflammatory, antioxidant, and to treat respiratory and digestive disorders (107)





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ABSTRACT

This study investigates the rural healthcare challenges faced by women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu, focusing on their access to and utilization of healthcare services. Despite India's economic growth, rural healthcare remains inadequate, with significant disparities between urban and rural areas. Women in Neigunam Village face barriers including limited access to healthcare facilities, a shortage of female healthcare professionals, and low health literacy. The study employs primary data from 50 women through structured interviews and secondary data from academic and official sources. Findings reveal that most women prefer government hospitals for common ailments due to cost and accessibility, whereas private hospitals are chosen for severe conditions like chest pain. Economic factors, including low income and financial constraints, significantly impact healthcare access and decisions. Many women avoid treatment due to the cost, lack of time, or minor nature of their ailments. Despite some positive outcomes from government initiatives, such as mobile health units and health camps, consistent and widespread efforts are needed. Recommendations include increasing healthcare infrastructure, recruiting female healthcare professionals, implementing health education programs, and providing financial assistance to improve healthcare access for rural women. This study aims to contribute to improving rural healthcare policies and interventions, ensuring better health outcomes for women in rural India.

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INTRODUCTION

Economic and social developments are interdependent. Historical studies have demonstrated that prioritizing economic growth while neglecting social progress leads to asymmetrical development and ultimately decelerates overall economic advancement. When economic sectors are prioritized and social sectors such as education and health receive insufficient attention, it results in economic prosperity coexisting with social impoverishment. This social impoverishment, particularly in education and health, can eclipse economic growth and ultimately degrade the quality of life. Therefore, a balanced strategy for resource allocation between economic and social sectors is imperative for a developing country like India. Healthcare, as a vital social infrastructure, is a fundamental right for everyone. However, many in India lack access to quality healthcare due to poor infrastructure, a shortage of qualified medical professionals, and limited availability of basic medicines and medical facilities. About 60 percent of India's population faces these challenges. The situation is particularly dire in rural areas, where around 700 million people live with inadequate medical facilities. Given these dismal facts, new practices and procedures are needed to ensure quality and timely healthcare reaches the underserved corners of Indian villages. Despite numerous government policies and programs, their success and effectiveness remain questionable due to implementation gaps. India has one of the highest numbers of maternal deaths, most of which occur in rural areas due to poor maternal healthcare. Even private sector healthcare is often limited to family planning and antenatal care, neglecting critical services like labour and delivery, where proper medical care can save lives in case of complications. In India, 92 percent of healthcare visits are to private providers, and 70 percent of these visits are by urban residents. However, private healthcare is expensive, often unregulated, and varies in quality. It is unreliable for the illiterate and unaffordable for low-income rural people. To control disease spread and reduce mortality rates due to inadequate health facilities, special attention must be given to rural healthcare. Rural residents often face barriers to healthcare that limit their ability to receive necessary care. To ensure they have sufficient healthcare access, appropriate services must be available and accessible in a timely manner. In addition to an adequate supply of healthcare services in the community, other factors play a significant role in healthcare access. For example, rural residents need financial means to pay for services, such as health insurance coverage accepted by providers. They also need means to reach and use services, such as transportation to distant services and the ability to take paid time off work. Moreover, they need confidence in their ability to communicate with healthcare providers, especially if they are not fluent in English or have poor health literacy.

This study explores barriers to healthcare access, including workforce shortages, health insurance status, distance and transportation issues, and poor health literacy. People in rural areas face different health issues compared to those living in towns and cities. Accessing healthcare can be challenging in remote areas. In emergencies, they may not reach hospitals quickly, and they might avoid traveling long distances for routine check-ups and screenings. Rural areas often have fewer doctors and dentists, and certain specialists may not be available at all. This study aims to understand rural healthcare for people in India, with a specific focus on women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, Tamil Nadu. The investigation included exploring the healthcare challenges faced by women in this village, analyzing the effectiveness of existing healthcare facilities, and identifying areas needing improvement to ensure better healthcare access for rural women. Through this study, we hope to provide insights into the current state of rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village and suggest actionable steps for policymakers and healthcare providers to improve the situation. In the past, women in Neigunam Village faced numerous healthcare challenges. These included limited access to healthcare facilities, a shortage of female healthcare professionals, and a lack of awareness about health issues. Many women had to travel long distances to reach healthcare centers, which often resulted in delayed treatment. Additionally, cultural and social barriers prevented women from seeking timely medical help. The study found that many women were reluctant to discuss their health problems openly, which further exacerbated their health issues. The study also highlighted the impact of economic factors on women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Many women belonged to low-income families and could not afford healthcare services. The lack of health insurance and financial resources forced them to rely on inadequate and unqualified local practitioners, leading to poor health outcomes. Furthermore, the study revealed that women's health literacy levels



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were low, contributing to a lack of understanding about preventive healthcare measures and the importance of regular health check-ups. Despite these challenges, there have been efforts to improve women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Government initiatives aimed at enhancing rural healthcare infrastructure and increasing awareness about women's health issues have shown some positive results. Mobile healthcare units and health camps have provided basic medical services to women in remote areas. However, the study found that these initiatives need to be more consistent and widespread to have a lasting impact. The study recommends several measures to improve women's healthcare in Neigunam Village. Firstly, increasing the number of healthcare facilities and ensuring they are well-equipped with essential medical supplies is crucial. Secondly, recruiting and training more female healthcare professionals can help address cultural barriers and encourage women to seek medical help. Thirdly, implementing comprehensive health education programs can raise awareness about women's health issues and the importance of preventive care. Lastly, providing financial assistance and health insurance coverage to low-income families can make healthcare services more accessible and affordable for women in rural areas. Now, the study underscores the importance of addressing the healthcare challenges faced by women in Neigunam Village. By improving healthcare infrastructure, increasing awareness, and providing financial support, we can ensure that women in rural areas receive the quality healthcare they deserve. This study hopes to contribute to the ongoing efforts to improve rural healthcare in India and serve as a basis for future research and policy-making in this field.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Baru, R., Acharya, A., Acharya, S., Shiva Kumar, A. K., and Nagaraj, K. (2010) highlighted that despite India's notable economic growth post-1990s economic reforms, advancements in public health have been sluggish and disparate. Significant disparities in health and healthcare access remain and have even expanded across states, between rural and urban locales, and within communities. Three primary inequities plague India's health sector: historical inequities rooted in British colonial policies that persisted post-independence; socio-economic disparities evident in caste, class, and gender differences; and inequities in the availability, utilization, and affordability of healthcare services. Addressing these inequities in healthcare provision and ensuring quality care is paramount for achieving universal health coverage in the near future. Rao, M. G., and Choudhury, M. (2012) scrutinized the quantum and nature of public health expenditure in India. They examined how public spending impacts health infrastructure and the population's health status. Their analysis revealed that recent reforms aimed at increasing health expenditure through targeted transfers to states, highlighting the health expenditure needs at the state level. They discussed the fiscal space available for healthcare spending at the state level and the effects of central transfers on state health expenditures. They noted that India's healthcare system is marked by low public spending, poor quality services, and a heavy reliance on private providers, leading to high out-of-pocket (OOP) expenses and financial distress, especially among the poor. Wang, S. (2011) observed that while the rural health systems in China and India function relatively well, both exhibit significant flaws. In China, he suggested that instead of standardized premiums and reimbursements, varying amounts should be considered based on income levels, particularly for the extremely poor and wealthy. In India, he identified the financial challenge of the government's inability to fund extensive free healthcare services. He proposed that the Indian government should develop a financing mechanism that involves pooling risks and reimbursement for payments within the rural health system, rather than offering universal free healthcare services in rural areas.

Statement of the Problem

A significant portion of the population migrates from rural to urban areas in search of employment opportunities, medical treatment, and improved lifestyles. However, many individuals continue to reside in rural regions where environmental conditions are suboptimal, and various health issues persist. Women in these rural areas often bear a disproportionate burden, managing both household and external work responsibilities more extensively than men. This study seeks to investigate the healthcare and personal hygiene of women in rural settings, focusing on their unique challenges and needs. The research aims to shed light on the health disparities faced by rural women, who often lack access to essential medical services and hygienic living conditions. By understanding these issues, the





study endeavors to contribute to the development of targeted interventions that can improve the quality of life for rural women and promote equitable health outcomes.

Scope of the Study

This study represents a concerted effort to highlight the state of rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village, located in Tiruchirappalli District. As an independent investigation, it meticulously gathers relevant information based on the proposed objectives. The scope of the study encompasses an in-depth analysis of the economic, social, and living conditions of the village's residents, with a particular focus on women's health. By examining these aspects, the study aims to provide a comprehensive overview of the standard of living and the healthcare challenges faced by women in this rural community. The findings will not only illuminate the current state of rural women's health but also serve as a foundation for future research and policy-making, aiming to address the identified gaps and improve the overall well-being of rural women.

Research Objectives

- 1.To analyze the health status and health profile of Tamil Nadu state.
- 2.To examine the socio-economic conditions of women in the study area.
- 3.To assess the health conditions of women in Neigunam village of Tiruchirappalli district, Tamil Nadu.

Research Hypotheses

1. There is no significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospitals against government hospitals for different ailments.
2. There is no significant difference in the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment across different income groups.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology of this study integrates both primary and secondary data to provide a holistic view of the healthcare situation for women in Neigunam Village. In view of this research design, the study use primary data method and the data collected through a well-structured questionnaire module, administered via personal interviews. With regard to sampling design, the study using convenience sampling method and covered 50 women respondents from the village. This approach ensured that a diverse range of perspectives was captured, reflecting the real-life experiences of rural women. Further, the secondary data collected from various academic books, peer-reviewed journals, and official websites to complement and contextualize the primary findings. This mixed-methods approach allowed for a robust analysis of the data, ensuring that the study's conclusions are well-founded and comprehensive. By combining first-hand accounts with established literature, the research aims to present a nuanced understanding of the healthcare challenges and needs of women in rural Tamil Nadu, paving the way for effective interventions and policy recommendations. With regard to tools of analysis, the study used percentages; t-test and ANOVA model are applied.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In the current scenario, the development of social infrastructure is essential for the comprehensive advancement for an economy. In this context, rural health emerges as a critical metric for rural development. This chapter endeavours to examine the trends in health status and health profiles in Tamil Nadu and to evaluate the socio-economic conditions, living standards, and health conditions of 50 women respondents selected from Neigunam, a village in Tiruchirappalli District.



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Health services are crucial for understanding the mechanisms and provisions of healthcare delivery within the State, categorized into primary, secondary, and tertiary care systems. The Primary Healthcare System encompasses Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Health Sub-Centres (HSCs). The Secondary Healthcare System includes District Headquarters Hospitals, Taluk Hospitals, Women and Children Hospitals, Dispensaries, Mobile Medical Units, Police Hospitals, and Non-Taluk Hospitals. The Tertiary Healthcare System comprises multi-specialty hospitals. Besides governmental efforts, the private sector also contributes to healthcare services. However, in the absence of comprehensive data on private sector health services, this analysis focuses solely on evaluating the efficacy of the government healthcare system.

Primary Healthcare Services

Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Health Sub-Centres (HSCs) provide preventive, curative, and rehabilitative healthcare services to rural populations. The rural healthcare infrastructure has been enhanced and optimized under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) to achieve the objective of universal health coverage. Over the past four years, the number of operational PHCs in the State increased from 1,539 in 2010-11 to 1,751 in 2013-14. All PHCs operate continuously on a 24x7 basis. The extensive network of 1,751 PHCs and 8,706 Health Sub-Centres is dedicated to delivering universal healthcare to the rural population through a mission-driven and holistic approach. Table 1 examines the key indicators for the Primary Healthcare System over three fiscal years, showing a slight increase in the total number of beds from 12,873 in 2019-20 to 12,979 in 2021-22. However, the bed-to-population ratio deteriorated from 1:3,924 to 1:3,970, indicating a reduced availability of beds relative to the growing population. In contrast, the number of doctors increased significantly from 4,386 to 4,864 during the same period, improving the doctor-to-population ratio from 1:11,518 to 1:10,596. Despite these improvements in medical staffing, overall bed availability has decreased. This situation underscores the broader issue that, despite extensive efforts by Central and State Governments, urban-rural health disparities remain largely unaddressed. Urban populations generally enjoy longer lifespans and healthier outcomes, except for HIV/AIDS, while significant health inequities continue to persist between urban and rural areas, despite past focus on equitable distribution in development planning. Table 2 compares vital rates between rural and urban India for 2021. Rural areas exhibit higher rates across all indicators: Crude Birth Rate is 23.7 compared to 18.0 in urban areas; Crude Death Rate is 7.7 versus 5.8; Infant Mortality Rate stands at 54.7, while urban areas report 33.7; and Under Five Mortality Rate is 66.0, compared to 38.0 in urban regions. Additionally, only 29.7% of deaths in rural areas involved medical attention before death, compared to 48.9% in urban areas. These figures highlight significant disparities in health outcomes and access to medical care between rural and urban areas.

Table 3 presents the occupational status of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. The majority of respondents, 66.0 percent, are engaged in daily wage labour, indicating a predominant reliance on informal and temporary employment. Weekly wage earners constitute 8.0 percent, while 20.0 percent are employed on a monthly wage basis. Only 6.0 percent of respondents hold salaried positions. This distribution reflects a heavy reliance on low-paying, insecure jobs among rural women, which likely impacts their access to consistent healthcare and overall well-being. The predominance of daily wage laborers suggests that financial instability may contribute to challenges in accessing quality healthcare services and maintaining health in Neigunam Village. Table 4 outlines the educational status of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. A minority, 6.0 percent, are illiterate, while 14.0 percent have completed primary school. The majority, 62.0 percent, have achieved secondary school education, indicating a significant level of basic education among the respondents. Another 14.0 percent have attained higher secondary education, and only 4.0 percent hold collegiate or diploma qualifications. This distribution highlights that while a substantial proportion of women have secondary education, higher levels of education are relatively rare. The educational background of these women likely influences their health literacy and access to healthcare resources, affecting their overall health outcomes and the effectiveness of rural health interventions. Table 5 details the income distribution of respondents in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District. A substantial majority, 74.0 percent, earn between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000, reflecting low-income levels prevalent among the rural population. In contrast, 14.0 percent of respondents have incomes ranging from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 10,000, while 8.0 percent earn between Rs. 11,000





and Rs. 15,000. Only 4.0 percent of respondents have incomes between Rs. 16,000 and Rs. 20,000. This income distribution underscores the financial constraints faced by the majority of women in the village, which may affect their ability to access healthcare services and impact their overall health and well-being. The limited higher income brackets suggest that economic hardships could be a significant barrier to improving health outcomes.

Table 6 compares the preference for private and government hospitals for health check-up by women in Neigunam Village for various ailments. For headaches, 76.0 percent of respondents preferred government hospitals over 24.0 percent who chose private hospitals. In cases of body pain and back pain, 68.0 percent and 60.0 percent respectively, opted for government hospitals, while 32.0 percent and 40.0 percent preferred private facilities. Chest pain saw a stark contrast, with 90.0 percent choosing private hospitals and only 10.0 percent selecting government hospitals. For stomach pain and diarrhea, government hospitals were favored by 84.0 percent and 54.0 percent, compared to 16.0 percent and 46.0 percent for private hospitals. Cough and cold treatments also showed a preference for government hospitals, with 82.0 percent and 66.0 percent respectively. Toothache treatment saw a majority, 70.0 percent, opting for private hospitals. This indicates a general preference for government hospitals for most common ailments, while private hospitals are preferred for more severe conditions like chest pain and toothache. Table 7 reveals reasons for refusing medical treatment among respondents. A significant 40.0 percent cited being too busy with work as the main reason, while 24.0 percent considered their ailments too minor for treatment. Cost of medical aid was a concern for 18.0 percent, and 10.0 percent feared losing wages. Only 8.0 percent felt knowledgeable about medications. Table 8 shows dissatisfaction with hospital services. In private hospitals, 38.0 percent of respondents expressed dissatisfaction, while 46.0 percent were dissatisfied with government hospitals. Conversely, 62.0 percent were satisfied with private hospital services, compared to 54.0 percent for government hospitals. This indicates a higher level of dissatisfaction with government hospitals despite overall satisfaction with both types of facilities.

Hypothesis:1

There is no significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospitals against government hospitals for different ailments. Table 9 presents the results of the t-test for hospital preference and satisfaction results based on occupation. The tests reveal significant differences for ailments such as headache, body pain, back pain, stomach pain, cough, and cold, with p-values below 0.05, indicating a statistically significant preference for one type of hospital over the other. However, chest pain, diarrhea, and toothache show p-values greater than 0.05, suggesting no significant preference. The results support the alternative hypothesis that there is a significant difference in the proportion of respondents preferring private hospital against government hospitals with satisfaction results based on occupation for most ailments in the study region.

Hypothesis2

“There is no significant difference in the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment across different income groups”. Table 10 presents the ANOVA results for reasons for refusing medical treatment across different income groups. The F-statistic of 3.54 with a p-value of 0.027 indicates a significant difference in refusal reasons among the income groups at the 5% significance level. This result suggests that income influences the reasons individuals choose not to seek medical treatment. Consequently, the null hypothesis, which states that there is no significant difference in refusal reasons across income groups, is rejected. Since to accept alternative hypothesis, i.e., “There is a significant difference in the reasons for refusing to seek medical treatment across different income groups”.

Major Findings

- ✓ With regard to healthcare preferences and access issues, the preference for government hospitals over private hospitals is notable for most common ailments such as headaches, body pain, and coughs. However, for severe conditions like chest pain and toothaches, private hospitals are preferred. This indicates that while government hospitals are more accessible for routine issues, private hospitals are chosen for critical conditions due to perceived better care or facilities.
- ✓ Regarding dissatisfaction with services, a significant proportion of respondents expressed dissatisfaction with both private (38%) and government hospitals (46%). Despite this, a majority of respondents (62%) were



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satisfied with private hospitals, compared to 54% for government hospitals. This suggests that while dissatisfaction exists, the quality of service in private hospitals is relatively better perceived.

- ✓ In the reasons for refusal to seek medical treatment, the main reasons for not seeking medical treatment include being too busy with work (40%) and considering the ailments too minor (24%). Cost and fear of lost wages also contribute to treatment refusal, indicating financial constraints and work commitments as key barriers to accessing healthcare.
- ✓ With regard to income and healthcare access, a substantial portion of respondents (74%) has a low income between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 5,000, reflecting significant financial constraints. This income level likely impacts their ability to afford healthcare services and highlights the economic barriers faced by rural women in accessing quality care.
- ✓ Among educational impact on health literacy, most respondents have achieved secondary education (62%), which influences their health literacy. However, higher levels of education are less common, suggesting that limited education may affect awareness and understanding of healthcare needs and preventive measures.

CONCLUSION

The study on rural healthcare for women in Neigunam Village, Tiruchirappalli District, highlights several critical issues impacting women's health. Despite improvements in healthcare infrastructure, significant gaps remain in access and quality of care. Rural women face considerable barriers such as financial constraints, inadequate medical facilities, and educational limitations that affect their health literacy. While government hospitals are preferred for routine care, private hospitals are chosen for more severe health issues, indicating discrepancies in service quality and accessibility. The dissatisfaction with both types of hospitals points to the need for better healthcare delivery systems. Addressing these issues requires a comprehensive approach involving increased funding, improved healthcare facilities, and targeted educational programs to enhance health literacy. These findings emphasize the urgent need for effective interventions to ensure equitable healthcare access and improve the overall well-being of rural women.

Policy Suggestions

1. To invest in expanding and upgrading healthcare facilities in rural areas, including the establishment of more well-equipped primary health centers and specialized care units. This will improve accessibility and quality of care for rural women.
2. To implement financial assistance programs and expand health insurance coverage for low-income families. This will reduce out-of-pocket expenses and make healthcare services more affordable and accessible for rural residents.
3. To develop and implement comprehensive health education programs focusing on preventive care, health literacy, and the importance of regular check-ups. Target these programs towards women to empower them with knowledge and encourage proactive health management.

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Table.1: Primary Healthcare System – Key Indicators

Item	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Total Bed	12873	12935	12979
Bed: Population Ratio	1:3924	1:3945	1:3970
Total Doctors	4386	4392	4864
Doctor: Population ratio	1:11518	1:11619	1:10596

Source: Directorate of Public Health & Preventive Medicine, Department of Health & Family Welfare, Government of Tamil Nadu

Table. 2: Comparison of Vital rates among urban and rural India

Vital Rates, 2021	Rural	Urban
Crude Birth Rate	23.7	18.0
Crude Death Rate	7.7	5.8
Infant Mortality Rate	54.7	33.7
Under Five Mortality Rate	66.0	38.0
Percent of deaths were medical attention received before death	29.7	48.9

Source: SRS Report

Table.3: Occupational status of the respondents

S. No	Occupational status	No. of respondents	Percentage
1.	Daily wages	33	66.0
2.	Weekly wages	4	8.0
3.	Monthly wages	10	20.0
4.	salaried class	3	6.0
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data

Table.4: Education Level of the respondents

S. No.	Education Level	Frequency	Percent
1	Illiterate	3	6
2	Primary School Level	7	14
3	Secondary School	31	62
4	Higher Secondary level	7	14
5	Collegiate / Diploma	2	4
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data





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Table.5: Income Level of the respondents

S. No.	Income (Rs.)	Frequency	Percent
1	1000 – 5000	37	74
2	6000 – 10000	7	14
3	11000 – 15000	4	8
4	16000 – 20000	2	4
	Total	50	100

Source: Primary data

Table.6: Discussion on Ailments and Preference Hospitals

S. No	Health problem	Private Hospitals	Government Hospitals	Total
1	Head ache	12 (24)	38 (76)	50 (100)
2	Body pain	16 (32)	34 (68)	50 (100)
3	Back pain	20 (40)	30 (60)	50 (100)
4	Chest pain	45 (90)	5 (10)	50 (100)
5	Stomach pain	8 (16)	42 (84)	50 (100)
6	Diarrhea	23 (46)	27 (54)	50 (100)
7	Cough	9 (18)	41 (82)	50 (100)
8	Cold	17 (34)	33 (66)	50 (100)
9	Toothache	35 (70)	15 (30)	50 (100)

Source: Primary data

Table.7: Reasons for refusal to go for medical treatment

S. No	Reasons	No. of respondents	Percentage1
1	Medical aid is costly	9	18.0
2	These are minor ailments not serious enough for treatment	12	24.0
3	Busy with work so no time	20	40.0
4	Will miss a day's wage if go for treatment	5	10.0
5	Knows medicines	4	8.0
	Total	50	100.0

Source: Primary data

Table.8: Dissatisfaction of the respondents over the services rendered by hospitals

S. No	Dissatisfaction	Private Hospitals	Government Hospitals
1	Yes	19 (38)	23 (46)
2	No	31 (62)	27 (54)





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	Total	50 (100)	50 (100)

Source: Primary data

Table.9: T – Test for Hospital Preference and Satisfaction Results based on Occupation

S. No	Health problem	t-test	P-value
1	Head ache	-7.16	0.000*
2	Body pain	-4.99	0.000*
3	Back pain	-3.29	0.044**
4	Chest pain	9.93	0.089
5	Stomach pain	-7.20	0.000*
6	Diarrhea	-1.28	0.192
7	Cough	-9.00	0.000*
8	Cold	-4.43	0.034**
9	Toothache	6.60	0.076

Source: Computed, *Significant @ 1% level, Significant @ 5% level

Table.10: Reasons for Refusal To Seek Medical Treatment Across Different Income Groups

Source of Variation	Sum of Squares	Degrees of Freedom	Mean Square	F-Statistic	p-Value
Between Groups	62.45	3	20.82	3.54	0.027**
Within Groups	287.55	46	6.26		
Total	350	49			

Source: Computed, **Significant @5% level





RESEARCH ARTICLE

A Leveraging Machine Learning Technique for Medical Insurance Premium Prediction

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ABSTRACT

In the fields of healthcare and finance, medical insurance is unavoidable. According to the terms of the policyholder-insurer agreement, the insurance company offers this form of insurance. It covers medical costs related to emergency treatment, unanticipated hospital stays, and healthcare services. The client must pay a premium regularly to obtain medical insurance from the insurer. This study aims to anticipate policyholders' medical insurance rates in advance by considering several variables and risk factors. To achieve this goal, we took a dataset that belongs to an Indian Insurance Company, which has disclosed data for approximately 1000 clients. Effective machine learning techniques such as Decision Tree Regression, XG Boost Regression, Bayesian Ridge Regression, Principal Component Regression, and Partial Least Square Regression will be used to build a machine learning model. An Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) will examine various policyholder characteristics. With the help of this forecast, the insurance provider may improve their financial performance and set suitable premium prices. Based on the cost of their premiums, policyholders may make informed choices.

Keywords: Medical Insurance, Machine Learning, Health Insurance, Premium Prediction, Cost Prediction

INTRODUCTION

The insurance sector includes firms that utilize insurance contracts to manage risks. One party, the party being insured, promises payment in the case of an unforeseen future disaster. This is the basic principle of insurance. If this protection leads to an uncertain incidence, the insured or the insurer will pay the insured a reduced decoration. These programs are intended to offer policyholders who have decorations recreated with information or



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compensation. Then, with a focus on health insurance, we look at some of the different insurance options. Insurance products come in a wide variety of forms, such as health, life, liability, and property and casualty insurance. Whereas one type of insurance, known as health insurance or health insurance, covers all or part of the risks associated with a person needing medical care. Since this decision is influenced by several circumstances, each person's health insurance cost is unique. Like other insurances, the danger includes many parties. Calculating the health risks and medical costs for the whole barrier fund. Health insurance covers a wide range of medical services, such as hospital stays, operations, prescription drugs, vaccinations, checkups, and specialized therapies.

Apart from guaranteeing that people may get the care they need without worrying about running out of plutocrats, it also guards against the exorbitant cost of medical care. Large danger populations and actuarial calculations are sometimes used in older health insurance premium calculation systems, which might result in strange and inaccurate forecasts. The rising cost of health care has policyholders looking for more affordable and transparent insurance options. By more precisely defining the threat profiles of certain visitors, insurance companies may benefit from more accurate payment estimations. This might lead to a more equitable distribution of possible risks, fewer losses from underpricing, and a stronger position in the request. The "Medical Insurance Premium Forecast" aims to fundamentally change the difficulties and complications the insurance sector is now facing. Displaying insurance decorations that guests have paid insurance companies is the primary purpose of our design. creating a transparent insurance system that benefits both insurance companies and tourists. To achieve this, we use several machine literacy techniques in combination with a fundamental machine learning model and a dataset of the policyholders' varied clinical characteristics.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

As defined by Greenlaw and Shapiro (2011), insurance is a financial safeguard against significant adverse events, while Outreville (1998) emphasizes its legal context as a contract for risk-based compensation. These studies underline the potential of machine learning in enhancing accuracy and scalability in insurance premium predictions. Identical to S. Angel Latha Mary et al. (2023) achieved 99% accuracy using Linear Support Vector Machines (LSVM) trained and evaluated on eleven criteria, showcasing its robustness. Vijayalakshmi and Selvakumar (2023) compared multiple regression techniques, identifying Random Forest Regression (RFR) as the best-performing model with an R^2 score of 0.9533, emphasizing the strength of ensemble methods. RM Jesus et al. (2023) analyzed the role of Machine Learning Operations (MLOps) in improving forecasting outcomes and operational scalability in the insurance sector. AD Kafuria (2022) assessed the predictive performance of models like RFR, XGBoost, and LASSO on demographic and behavioral data, demonstrating the effectiveness of ensemble methods for complex data patterns.

METHODOLOGY

The methodology examines the various medical aspects of policyholders and includes several steps to predict the premium of customers who have purchased medical insurance from an insurance company. These steps include data collection, exploratory data analysis, model building, testing, evaluation, and visualization of the expected results. Each approach will be discussed in depth.

Data Collection

To generate our estimate, we utilized a Kaggle.com dataset that contained health data for 1000 clients with insurance-covered medical expenses. The dataset included 10 characteristics: height, weight, known allergies, family history of cancer, diabetes, blood pressure problems, age, number of major operations, transplants, and chronic illnesses.



**Sabarish and Abarnaa****Exploratory Data Analysis**

Exploratory data analysis (EDA) enables us to better understand our data, detect trends, and choose the best features, pre-processing, and modeling options. It provides the framework for developing accurate prediction algorithms for estimating the cost of health insurance. Our EDA in this instance takes advantage of bivariate analysis.

- **Bivariate Analysis** In our study, we favour stacked bar plots to comprehend the link between two variables. A statistical analysis technique called bivariate analysis involves simultaneously examining and assessing correlations between two variables.
- **Scatter Plot** scatter plots depict the associations between two continuous data, displaying trends, clusters, and outliers. They are excellent for detecting correlations and adding multivariate insights via colour or size changes.
- **Boxplot** : Boxplots display the distribution and distribution of data using a five-number summary (minimum, Q1, median, Q3, maximum). They make it possible to compare categories quickly to find trends and group differences, and they aid in the detection of outliers, which are shown as points outside the whiskers.
- **Heatmap** : Heatmaps use colour intensity to illustrate value differences to examine data patterns, particularly for correlations and interactions. Grouped heatmaps display distribution patterns for categorical combinations, whereas correlation heatmaps illustrate correlations between continuous variables, supporting feature selection and multicollinearity tests. Heatmaps offer a clear summary of big datasets, directing additional research.

Feature Selection : A crucial phase in machine learning (ML) and data analysis is feature selection, which enhances interpretability, reduces overfitting, and boosts model performance. A larger pool of possible features, it comprises choosing a subset of relevant features (variables or attributes). Feature selection may be particularly important when working with high-dimensional data because adding redundant or superfluous features might slow down computation and lower model accuracy.

Splitting Training and Testing Set In this case, we divide our dataset into 80% training data and 20% testing data to develop a model.

Algorithms Used The mentioned ML algorithms are used to fit a model for the data, as well as preprocessing techniques such as the Standard Scaler to compare model performance with and without preprocessing. Additionally, we fitted a polynomial feature regression model.

- **Decision Tree Regression** Decision tree regression predicts continuous values by splitting data into subsets based on feature values. Each leaf represents the predicted value, often the mean of the target in that subset. While effective for capturing complex patterns, decision trees can overfit, requiring techniques like pruning or ensemble methods for better performance.
- **XG Boost Regression** XGBoost Regression is a fast and powerful algorithm that builds an ensemble of decision trees to predict continuous values. It improves model accuracy by correcting errors in each successive tree and includes regularization to prevent overfitting.
- **Bayesian Ridge Regression** Bayesian Ridge Regression is a linear regression technique that adds regularization to avoid overfitting and estimates model parameters using Bayesian inference. It works well with multicollinearity or high-dimensional data and assumes Gaussian distributions for the coefficients.
- **Principal Component Regression** Principal Component Regression (PCR) is a technique that combines principal component analysis (PCA) with linear regression. It first reduces the dimensionality of the data by transforming it into principal components and then performs linear regression on the most significant components. PCR helps address multicollinearity and overfitting, especially when there are many correlated features.
- **Partial Least Squares Regression** Partial Least Squares (PLS) Regression is a dimensionality reduction technique used when predictors are numerous and highly correlated. It creates latent variables by combining predictors in a way that maximizes their covariance with the response, addressing multicollinearity while ensuring prediction accuracy. PLS is widely applied in fields like chemometrics and bioinformatics and is particularly useful when predictors outnumber observations.



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Model Evaluation Evaluating a trained machine learning model's performance and efficacy is known as model evaluation in machine learning. It entails evaluating the model's effectiveness in achieving its goals related to classification, regression, clustering, or any other machine learning issue. We will test our model with Root mean squared and mean squared errors.

- **Distribution Plot** A distribution plot, sometimes referred to as a distribution comparison plot or distribution visualization, is a graphical tool used in data analysis and machine learning to compare the distributions of anticipated (fitted) and actual (observed) values. It is a helpful tool for determining how well the predictions of a model match the distribution of the data.
- **Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE)** A more comprehensible measure of error in the same units as the target variable is provided by the ROOT MEAN SQUARED ERROR (RMSE), which is the square root of the MSE.
- **Mean Squared Error (MSE)** One often used statistic for assessing how well regression models work is the Mean Squared Error (MSE). It calculates the mean square of the errors, or the discrepancies between the actual and anticipated values. A model that fits the data better is indicated by a lower MSE.

Viewing The Predicted Premium To view projected output data as a CSV file in Jupyter Notebook, initially generate your predictions. Next, arrange these predictions in a table fashion using the pandas package. Use pandas to save this table as a CSV file with a custom name. To view and manipulate the data, you may simply open the CSV file in your notebook or other spreadsheet program.

Analysis

To uncover how our medical insurance premium prediction system works with a step-by-step process, we used to turn data into useful predictions. So, get ready to peek under the hood of our medical insurance prediction machine through our methodologies like Data collection, Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA), Building the model by five ML algorithms to find the best model that fits our data, and visualizing the predicted output of our best model.

Importing Data

In the first step, we imported data named medical insurance.csv with the features Age, diabetes, issues with blood pressure, Any chronic illnesses, transplantation, Size, weight, any known allergies cancer in the family history, number of big operations, Premium Cost.

Exploratory Data Analysis

EDA is performed to understand the data on how the cost of our premiums changes based on the policyholders' medical conditions and when forecasting models by using bivariate analysis. Figure 1, appears that premium prices tend to be higher for people in various age ranges, particularly around the ages of 30 and 60, where premiums often reach levels around 35,000 to 40,000. However, there is considerable variation in premium prices across all age groups, indicating that factors other than age likely influence premium pricing. There is no clear linear trend, suggesting that age may have a complex or limited direct impact on premium price levels.

Figure 2, Individuals with chronic diseases (1) tend to have higher median premium prices compared to those without (0), as seen by the upward shift in the central line within the box for group '1'. Additionally, the range of premium prices is wider for those without chronic diseases, indicating greater variability in premiums for this group. In contrast, the distribution for individuals with chronic diseases is more concentrated around the median, with slightly fewer outliers and a tighter interquartile range. This suggests that having chronic conditions is associated with more consistent but generally higher insurance premiums. Figure 3 displays Any Transplants is 0 (no transplants), the median premium price is lower, with a tighter range of values and fewer outliers, compared to when Any Transplants is 1 (at least one transplant). For patients with transplants, the median premium price is significantly higher, and the range of prices is more spread out, indicating greater variability. This suggests that having a transplant is associated with a higher and more variable premium price



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Figure 4, Exhibitions For individuals without blood pressure issues (represented by 0), the median premium price is around 20,000, with a fairly wide interquartile range (IQR) extending from about 17,500 to 30,000. The spread of the data is large, with several high outliers reaching up to 40,000, indicating significant variability in premium prices within this group. In contrast, for individuals with blood pressure problems (represented by 1), the median premium is slightly higher, close to 25,000, with a narrower IQR from approximately 20,000 to 30,000. Although this group also has fewer outliers, they lie within a narrower range compared to the group without blood pressure problems. Overall, while premiums are somewhat higher for those with blood pressure issues, there is more consistency in pricing for this group. In contrast, premiums for those without blood pressure problems display greater variability and include some notably high values. This distribution may reflect the influence of additional risk factors or underwriting considerations in determining premium prices for individuals without blood pressure issues.

Figure 5, displays that Individuals without diabetes (indicated by "0") generally have a wider range of premium prices, with the interquartile range (IQR) extending from about 20,000 to 30,000. Their premiums also include some higher values reaching nearly 40,000, though they contain no extreme outliers. In contrast, individuals with diabetes (indicated by "1") have a narrower IQR, indicating a more consistent range in premium prices, but they exhibit several outliers above 35,000. While the median premium is slightly lower for diabetic individuals, the presence of outliers suggests that some individuals with diabetes are paying significantly higher premiums. Figure 6, illustrates the correlation coefficients between several characteristics, including height, weight, allergies, family history of cancer, diabetes, blood pressure issues, transplants, chronic diseases, age, and insurance-related metrics. Dark blue denotes a strong negative correlation, whereas dark red denotes a strong positive connection. The colors' intensity, which ranges from dark blue to dark red, reveals the direction and strength of the relationships. Finding patterns and connections in the data with the help of this heatmap may help guide future research or decision-making procedures.

Feature Selection

The following attributes were employed in our premium prediction: Age, diabetes, hypertension, organ transplants, long-term illnesses, Weight, height, known allergies, and The number of major operations and a family history of cancer are independent variables for input features. We then determined that the goal-dependent variable would be the premium price.

Training and Testing Set

Post feature selection, we divided our dataset into 1000 distinct observations for testing and training. Eighty percent of our data will be separated into X train using the input features we chose, and another eighty percent will be split into Y train using just the target variable. 20% of the training set's data with input features will be split for the X test, and the premium will be predicted for the Y test.

Fitting the Model

We going to build the model using five machine learning algorithms they are Decision Tree Regression, XG Boost Regression, Bayesian Ridge Regression, Principal Component Regression, and Partial Least Squares Regression, We also perform these algorithms with scaling, and polynomial features.

Model Evaluation

We are going to evaluate our models using distribution plots, mean squared error, and Random mean squared error. By comparing all the Random mean squared errors (RMSE) for each model, we get a minimum value for the model XG BOOST REGRESSION that fits best into our data

Viewing the Predicted Premium

To view the expected output in machine learning, a trained model is used to generate predictions, which are then analyzed or saved. Once the model has been trained on a dataset, it may be applied to new data to provide predictions, which can be either categories for classification or numerical values for regression tasks. You can do statistical analysis, make visualizations, or print these predictions to the console to see them. To make it simple to access and deal with the model's output in an organized way, you can also save them in a CSV file in a designated





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folder for later use or sharing. Based on each policyholder's medical characteristics, we developed a model to forecast the target variable premium for our medical insurance premium prediction. Here we are viewing our predicted premium by saving it as a CSV file.

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1	PREDICTED PREMIUM
2	31216
3	26261
4	29037
5	15823
6	25238
7	28060
8	24337
9	23006
10	27532
11	28505
12	22435
13	27470
14	15614
15	15315
16	32989
17	28249
18	28161
19	29241
20	28365

CONCLUSION

This study successfully used machine learning to predict medical insurance premiums based on policyholders' medical and demographic factors, with XGBoost Regression achieving the highest accuracy. The results highlight the potential of data-driven approaches to refine premium pricing, support insurers' financial strategies and assist customers in making informed choices. Future research could enhance model accuracy by incorporating additional variables like lifestyle and socio-economic factors or exploring advanced methods like neural networks. Developing explainable AI models could also offer greater transparency, enabling both insurers and policyholders to understand the factors influencing premium predictions.

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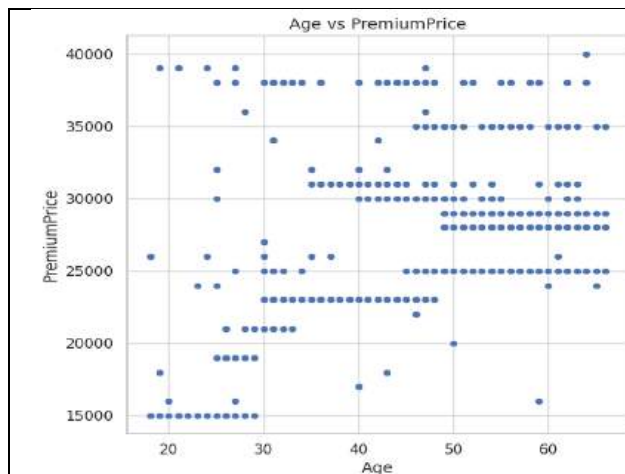


Figure 1. The Relationship Between Age And Premium Price

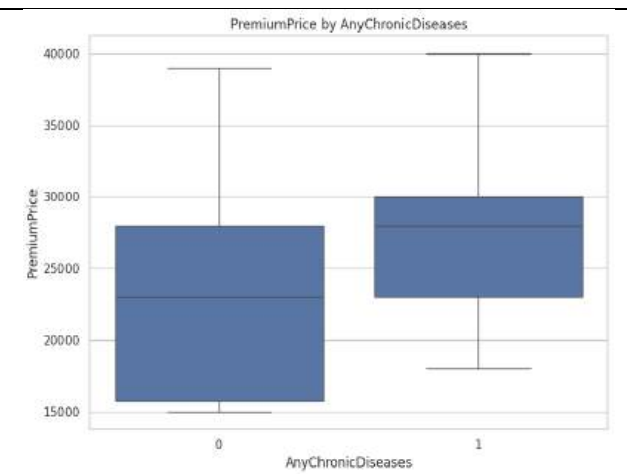


Figure 2. The distribution of insurance premium prices for individuals with and without chronic diseases.

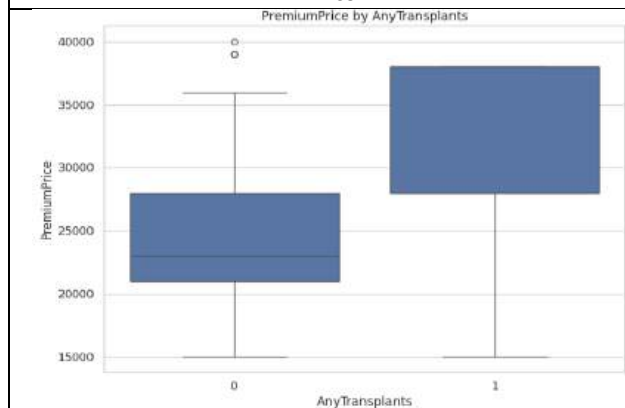


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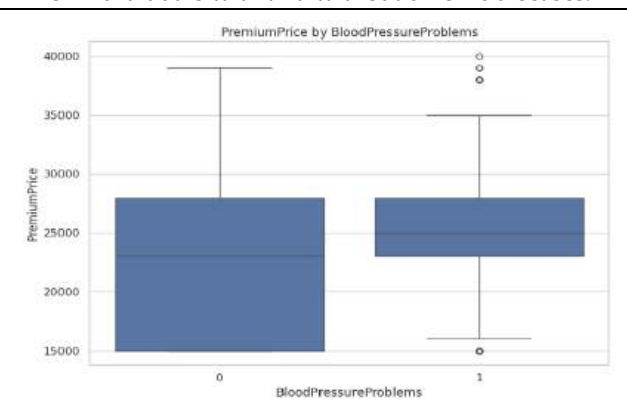


Figure 4. The insurance premium prices for individuals' blood pressure problems





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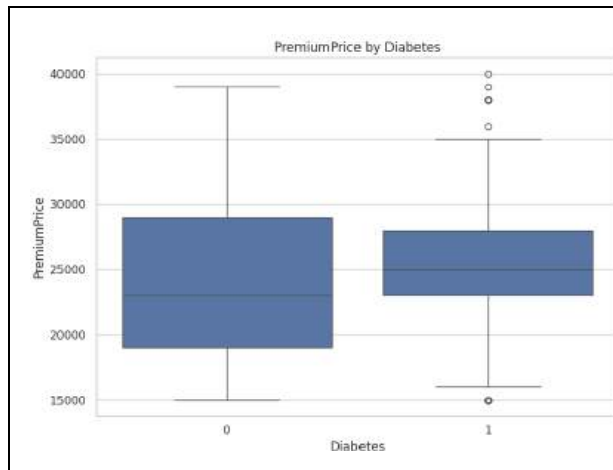


Figure 5. The distribution of insurance premium prices for individual diabetes.

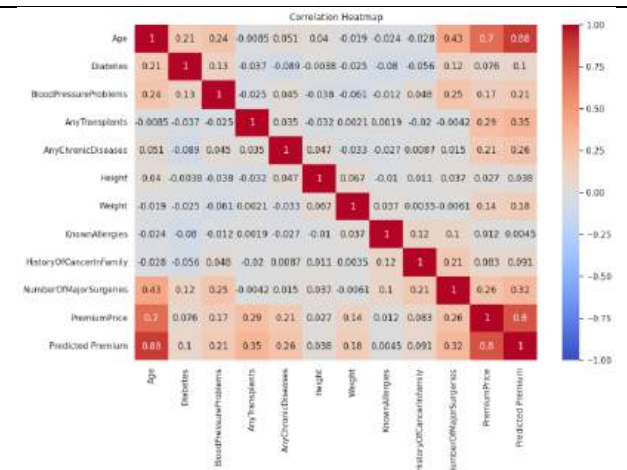


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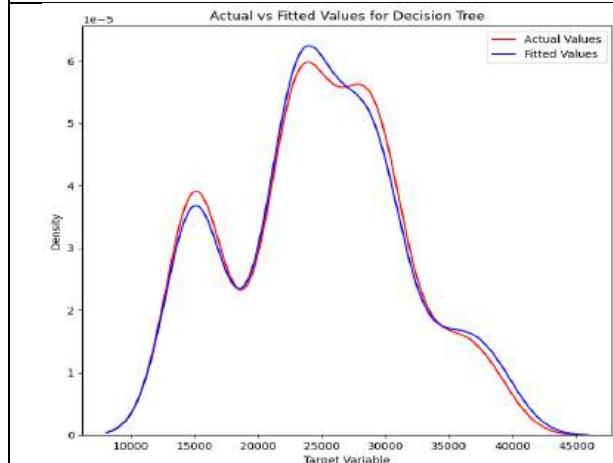


Figure 7. Distribution Plot for Decision Tree Regression

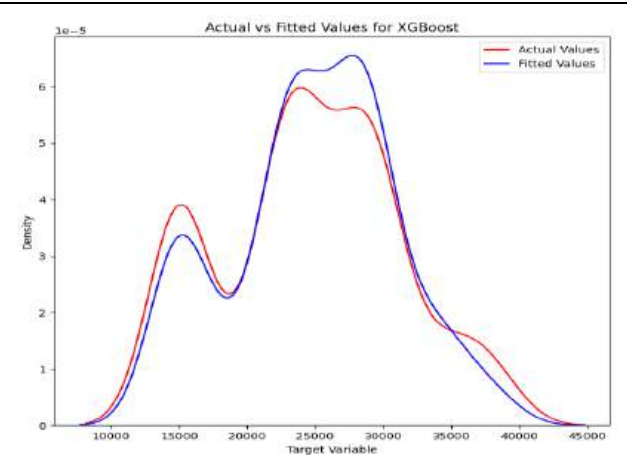


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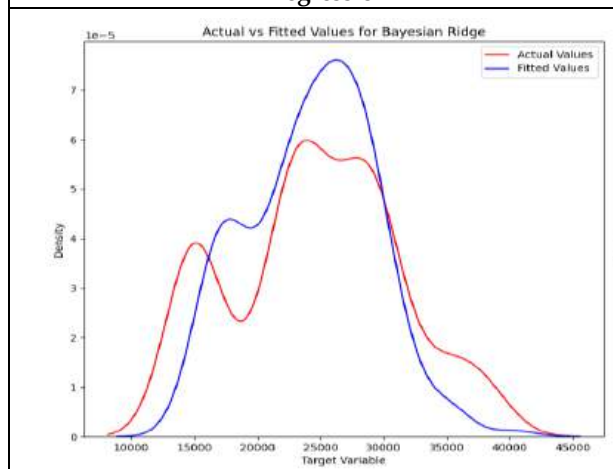


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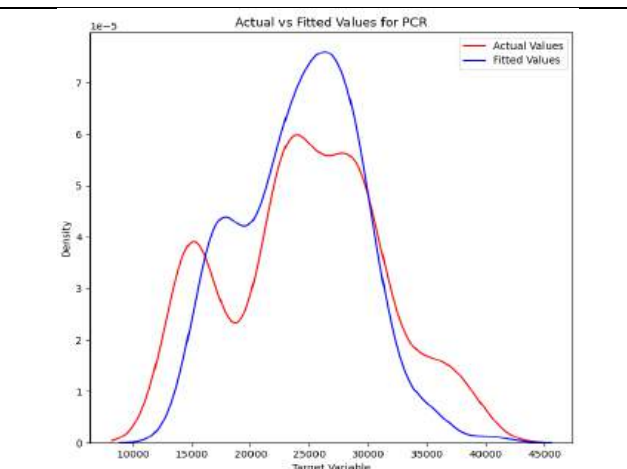
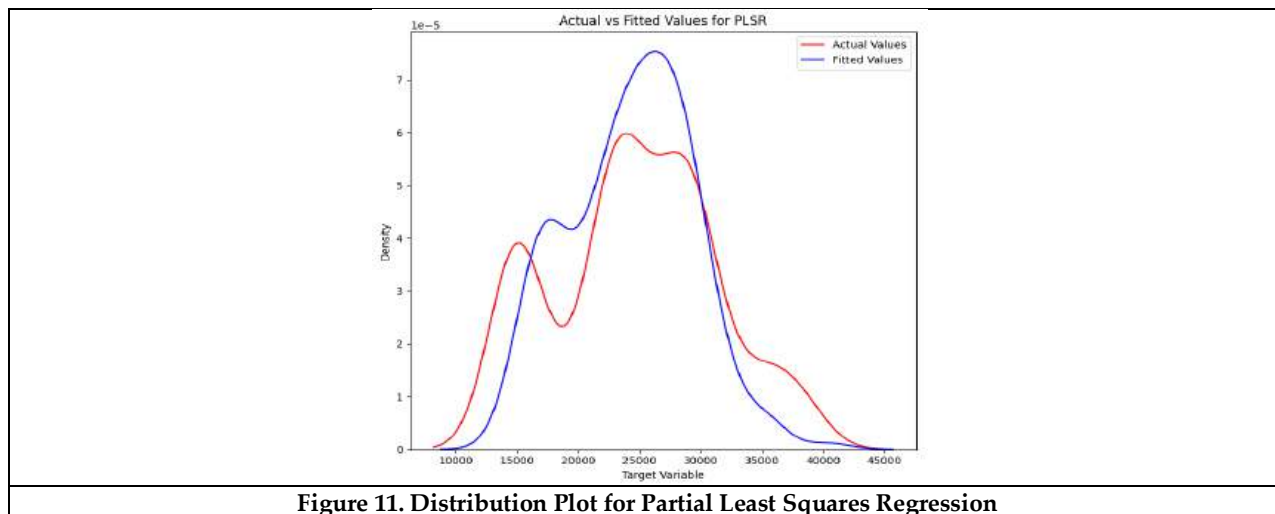


Figure 10. Distribution Plot For Principal Component Regression





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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Enhancement of Soil Strength using Jute - Geotextile for Subgrade Stabilization: A Sustainable and Cost - Effective Solution

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ABSTRACT

Many regions, including India, the U.S.A., and Egypt, face construction challenges due to clayey soil, leading to damage in light structures and pavements. Traditional soil replacement is costly, especially in developing countries. This study explores jute fiber as an eco-friendly, cost-effective soil stabilizer. Laboratory tests show that jute reinforcement significantly increases soil strength, with a 200% rise in CBR value at 0.75% fiber content. Jute-geotextile proves to be an economical, practical solution for improving weak subgrades.

Keywords: Jute geotextile, CBR, Eco-friendly, Economical, Subgrade

INTRODUCTION

The subgrade, the lowest pavement layer, bears all pavement loads and must remain stable under adverse conditions. Weak subgrades cause defects like rutting and corrugation, impacting pavement durability. Reinforcing soil with jute fiber enhances strength, bearing capacity, and durability while being cost-effective and eco-friendly. With increasing urbanization, clayey soils pose challenges due to low shear strength and high compressibility. Rather than seeking new land, improving soil properties through reinforcement methods like jute fiber offers a sustainable solution. Utilizing industrial by-products and natural fibers not only strengthens soil but also promotes environmental conservation and efficient waste management. The shrink-swell behavior of clayey soil poses significant risks to construction, leading to excessive settling at the site. Additionally, soils may be prone to collapse or liquefaction, making them challenging to manage. Searching for ideal construction sites by altering the natural environment is not advisable, as it disrupts the balance of ecosystems. The destruction of forests, agricultural land, and natural slopes can lead to imbalances in wildlife and contribute to environmental disasters such as floods and landslides. These changes pose serious threats to human life and survival.



**Sudipta Adhikary****Objectives**

- Assessing the strength properties of both untreated and jute-blended soils with varying jute fiber lengths.
- Identifying the optimal jute content and combination to achieve the highest improvement in soil strength

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The California Bearing Ratio (CBR) test, both soaked and unsoaked, was performed on soil samples reinforced with varying percentages and lengths of jute fiber. This test measures the force per unit area needed to penetrate a soil sample using a circular plunger with a 50mm diameter, at a penetration rate of 1.25mm per minute.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The CBR test was performed on soil samples reinforced with 60mm long jute fibers at varying percentages of 0.25%, 0.50%, 0.75%, and 1%.

CONCLUSION

The laboratory tests revealed that the inclusion of jute fiber in soil significantly enhances its CBR value. As the fiber content increased, the CBR value showed a notable improvement, particularly at 0.75% fiber content. Additionally, the fiber length played a crucial role in further increasing the CBR value, with the most substantial rise observed when the fiber length was 90 mm. A remarkable improvement of over 200% in CBR value was noted at 0.75% fiber content. The use of jute-geotextiles for soil reinforcement proves to be a cost-effective and practical solution, offering a superior alternative to traditional methods. It is particularly beneficial for constructing low-volume roads on weak subgrades, making it a viable option in regions with limited resources.

Future Scope

- Enhancing soil properties has become a critical focus in modern construction. This study explores the effects of jute and gypsum, though numerous other materials offer potential for similar improvements. For future research, the following areas could be explored:
- Utilization of various waste materials from agricultural, municipal, or industrial sources to improve soil, contributing to sustainable urban development.
- Conducting similar studies with different moisture contents to assess their impact on soil strength. Investigating the effects of soil reinforcement with other soil types to broaden the applicability of the findings.

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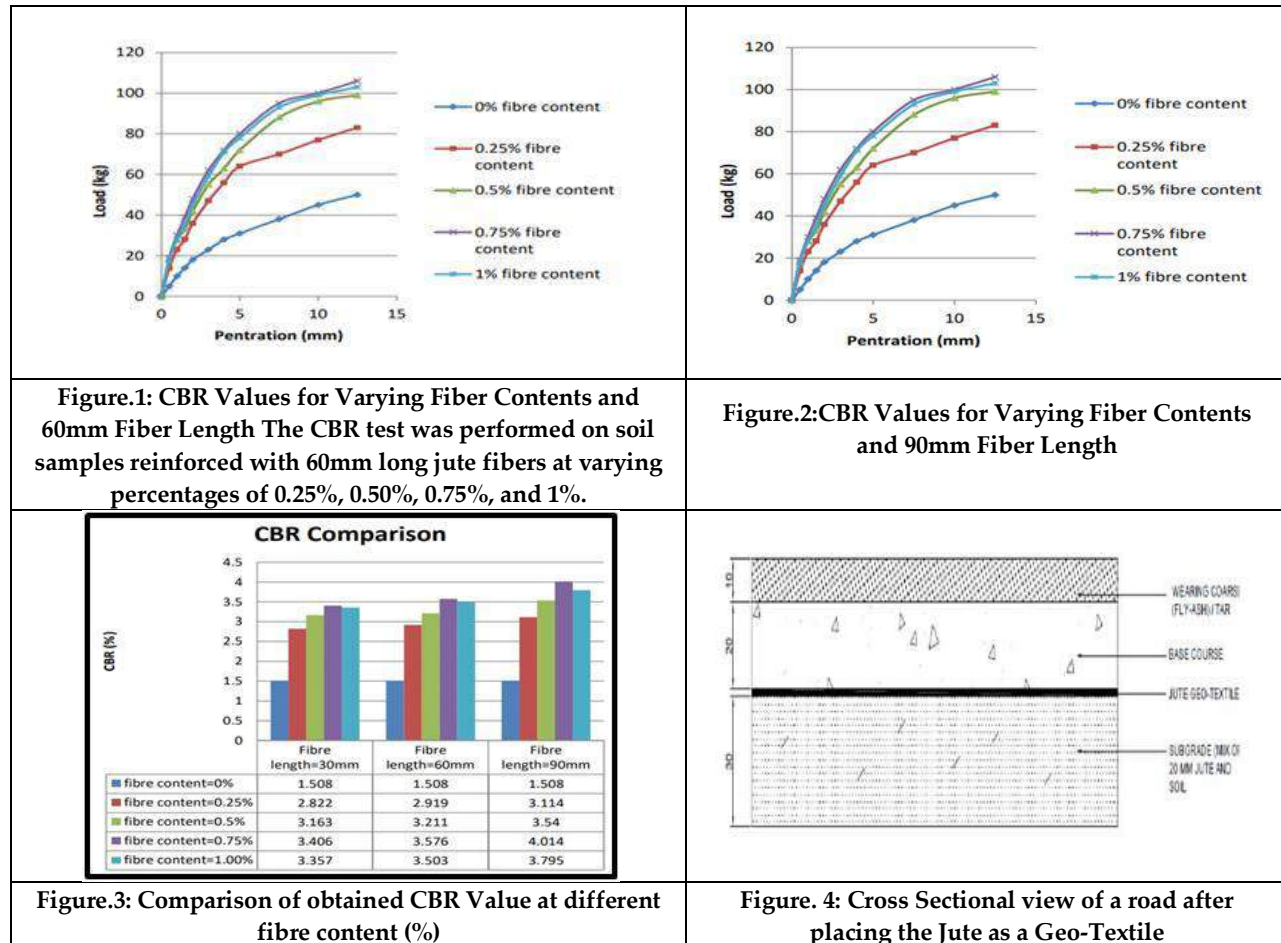
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Alleviating Effect of Foliar Applied Ascorbic Acid on Physiological Characteristics of *Vigna mungo* L. under Salt Stress Condition

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ABSTRACT

In this work, we assessed the effects of foliar application of ascorbic acid (AsA) on the physiological characteristics viz; relative water content, stability of the cell membrane, chlorophyll content and yield attributes of PU-19 and the UH 80-9 black gram genotypewith induced saline environment (100mM, 150 mM NaCl) under complete randomised design. Ascorbic acid (AsA) was applied by foliar spray in controlled experiment at several concentrations (0.5mM, 1.0mM, 1.5mM, and 2 mM) with and without 100 mM and 150 mM NaCl concentration. The amount of relative water content, cell membrane stability, canopy temperature depression, chlorophyll content, no of seed /pod and 1000 seed weight were reduced by the salinity whereas, enhanced using ascorbic acid. The combination of 100 mM NaCl and 2.0 mM ascorbic acid was shown to be the ideal level of ascorbic acid, leading to improved physiological and yield properties in saline circumstances. The results showed that applying ascorbic acid (AsA) topically was effective in reducing the negative effects of salinity, especially in genotypes of black gram that are more sensitive to salt stress.

Keywords: *Vigna mungo*, Black gram, salt stress, Ascorbic acid, Antioxidant





INTRODUCTION

Blackgram (*Vigna mungo* L.), is grown on 4.02 million hectares and produces 547 kg ha⁻¹ on average (Ashraf *et al.*, 2024). The issue of salinity arises when soil ion concentrations of various salts (mostly NaCl) rise above the threshold level necessary for normal plant germination, development, and physiological activity in the root zone (Porcel *et al.*, 2017, Gopalakrishnan and Kumar, 2020). A major hazard to agricultural systems, salinity stress has a substantial negative impact on crop productivity and quality, making it a major obstacle to the world's food production (Chourasia *et al.*, 2021). According to Mohanaveluet *al.* (2021), more over 25% of all land and 33% of irrigated land are thought to be affected by salinity, and this percentage is predicted to rise due to inadequate drainage systems and poor agricultural land management (Ivushkinet *al.*, 2019). Sodium chloride stress negatively impacts plant metabolism and thus reduces crop productivity worldwide (Mimouni *et al.*, 2016; Qiu *et al.*, 2017). According to Pritteshet *al.*, (2020) salinity negatively impacts the physio-chemical properties of the soil, seed germination, plant growth, physiological properties, and the uptake of ions and water by plants. Numerous investigations have demonstrated that a decrease in chlorophyll content occurs when salt levels rise. More specifically, the concentrations of chlorophyll a, chlorophyll b, and total chlorophylls decrease with increasing salinity levels (Zuo *et al.*, 2021). Furthermore, salinity can reduce seed yield by reducing the length of the seed-filling period and affecting physiological performance. (Dramaliset *al.*, 2021, Ghassemi-Golezani *et al.*, 2010). Extensive studies in controlled laboratory and greenhouse settings have examined the effects of soil salinity on unanticipated variations in canopy temperature at the plant level (Gómez-Bellot *et al.*, 2015) and barley (Grant *et al.*, 2007). According to Akhlaghi *et al.* (2018) and Sharma *et al.* (2019), it is essential in reducing oxidative stress caused by both biotic and abiotic sources. In a few important crops, including rice, tomato, okra, and maize, foliar application of ascorbic acid has been demonstrated to mitigate the detrimental effects of salt stress (Alayafi, 2020). The goal of this study was to test the theory that ascorbic acid applied topically can effectively reduce the harmful effects of salt stress on black gram physiology and yield.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Plant material and study location

Ten seeds of the black gram cultivars PU-19 and UH 80-9 were obtained from Pulses Section, Department of Plant Breeding, CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar (IND). Seeds were grown in a pot house with a complete randomized design and three replications, watered (Control-maintained pots in field conditions) and salinity was created by adding 100mM and 150mM NaCl solution during the Kharif seasons of 2021–22 and 2022–23.

Experimental design and treatment growth conditions

Pots were placed in an environment with control and salt with ascorbic acid under a complete randomised design (CRD) and pooled mean from two year was presented in the data tables. Ten numbers of treatments *viz.*, control [no NaCl or ascorbic acid (T0)], 100 mM NaCl (T1), 100mM NaCl with 0.5 mM ascorbic acid (T2), 100mM NaCl with 1.0 mM ascorbic acid (T3) and 100mM NaCl with 1.5 mM ascorbic acid (T4), 100mM NaCl with 2.0 mM ascorbic acid (T5), [no NaCl or ascorbic acid (T6)], 150 mM NaCl (T7), 150mM NaCl with 0.5 mM ascorbic acid (T8), 150mM NaCl with 1.0 mM ascorbic acid (T9) and 150mM NaCl with 1.5 mM ascorbic acid (T10) and 150mM NaCl with 2.0 mM ascorbic acid (T11), were applied. Following seed sowing, 150 mM of NaCl solution was added to the soil as a single shock to initiate the NaCl treatment. Ten days after sowing (DAS), or when new leaves started to appear, ascorbic acid was sprayed on the leaves.

Physiological data measurement

Relative Water Content (RWC), which was ascertained using the Barrs and Weatherley (1962).

A handheld infrared thermometer was used to measure the canopy temperature depression (CTD) and calculation was made using Ayeneh *et al.* (2002) approach. Whereas Hiscox and Israelstam (1962) technique was used chlorophyll extraction and calculation was done by Arnon's equations for chlorophyll 'a', chlorophyll 'b', and total chlorophyll.



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Cell Membrane Stability was calculated from the electrolytic leakage from leaf cellular membranes using method of Ibrahim and Quick (2001).

Yield attributes

Five randomly chosen plants from each treatment had their pod counted, and the average number grain per pods was computed. The total number of harvested pods per plant was used to calculate the total number of grains produced by each plant. A precision balance was used to calculate the weight of the grains. A precision balance was used to weigh one thousand grains that were randomly selected from harvested pods (containing 8% seed moisture) to determine their weight.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Relative water content

Relative Water Content (%) was found almost similar under control conditions in both genotypes (92.8% to 45.5 and 86.4% to 41.1%). Application of ascorbic acid improve relative water content under 100nM and 150 mM concentration of the NaCl application. Maximum relative water content was observed in control environment and minimum was observed in the 150mM NaCl application, which is improve by the 0.5mM (50.9%), 1.0 mM (57.5%) and 1.5mM (88.2%) application in genotype UH-80-9 whereas 88.2, 57.5 and 50.9 % respectively for genotype PU-19 of ascorbic acid. Similar observations were found in previous research (Anjum *et al.*, 2011; Bangar *et al.*, 2019), which was likely due to the vegetative phase's limited capacity for water absorption. In our study we found out that salinity stress decreased relative water stress, but foliar application of ascorbic acid mitigated the negative impact of salt stress. Similar results were found by Aliniaiefard *et al.* (2016), where olive trees' water content is altered by Ascorbic acid in contrast to control plants and salt stress.

Canopy temperature depression

Under both stress and control circumstances, the Canopy Temperature Depression (CTD) values showed a rising tendency for all genotypes examined (Table 1). The control environment had the highest canopy temperature depression, while the 150 mM NaCl application had the lowest. This was improved by the ascorbic acid applications of 0.5 mM (0.30°C), 1.0 mM (0.80°C), 1.5 mM (1.5°C) and 2.0Mm (2.9°C) for genotype UH-80-9 and 0.3, 0.6, 1.5°C and 2.3°C, respectively, for genotype PU-19. Sofi *et al.* (2021) report evidence supporting the idea that genotypes with higher CTD or lower canopy temperatures tend to absorb more moisture from the soil, which mitigates excessive dehydration under drought stress and creates a cooling effect. Salt stress reduced CTD, however ascorbic acid applied topically raised CTD. Similar result was reported by Kumar *et al.* (2022) in *Triticum aestivum*. According to Kumar *et al.* (2022) findings, foliar ascorbic acid help to considerably lower the crop's canopy temperature.

Chlorophyll 'a' content

Under control settings, chl 'a' was found to be nearly same in both genotypes (0.27&0.23 mg\g fw). The results of the genotypes evaluated for the reduction of mean chlorophyll a concentration under conditions of salt stress were displayed in Figure-1. The 150 mM NaCl application showed the lowest chl 'a' concentration, while the genotype UH-80-9 showed the highest concentration at 0.5 mM (333.3%), 1.0 mM (465.2%), 1.5 mM (533.4%), and 2.0 mM (733.2%) of ascorbic acid. For the genotype PU-19, the values were 75, 200, 225, and 275%, respectively. The synthesis of photosynthetic pigments is increased and upregulated when Ascorbic acid is applied, which lessens the negative effects of salinity. (El-Hawary *et al.*, 2023).

Chlorophyll 'b' content

The data unequivocally show that, during the whole sampling process, salt stress has a great impact on chlorophyll b (Figure 2). Chlorophyll b levels in 150mM NaCl treated plants of UH 80-9 and PU-19 decreased by 91.37% and 78.75%, respectively, in comparison to the control group. Table 2 shows the genotypes that were assessed for their ability to lower the mean chlorophyll 'b' concentration when exposed to salt stress. Ascorbic acid is applied under





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concentrations of 100 mM and 150 mM NaCl to enhance Chl 'b'. The 150 mM NaCl application showed the lowest chl 'b' concentration, while the genotype UH-80-9 showed the highest concentration at 0.5 mM (300%), 1.0 mM (350%), 1.5 mM (450%), and 2.0 mM (550%) of ascorbic acid. For the genotype PU-19, the values were 75, 200, 250, and 325%, respectively. According to Kashem *et al.* (2000), salinity stress causes a decrease in nitrogen levels within plant tissues, which in turn causes a reduction in both photosynthesis rate and chlorophyll content. Furthermore, Netondo *et al.* (2004) claim that salinity stress reduces plant growth and chlorophyll content by slowing down the rate of photosynthesis (Shimada *et al.*, 2009).

Total Chlorophyll content

Total chlorophyll content (mg g^{-1} FW) was reduced by NaCl treatment and considerably enhanced by AsA treatment (Table 3). After Control, the maximum total chlorophyll content obtained was 0.53 mg in response to 100mM NaCl +2.0 mM AsA treatment (T5) and 0.41 mg in UH -80-9 and PU-19 respectively representing an increase of 82.75% and 86.36% over the 100mM salt treatment. The 150 mM NaCl application showed the lowest Total Chl concentration, while the genotype UH-80-9 showed the highest concentration at 0.5 mM (40%), 1.0 mM (85%), 1.5 mM (110%), and 2.0 mM (130%) of ascorbic acid. For the genotype PU-19, the values were 35.29, 70.58, 88.24 and 123.52%, respectively. In our investigation, we found that in saline soil, photosynthetic pigment levels decreased (Pastenes *et al.*, 2005). Exogenous administration of Ascorbic acid is anticipated to control stomatal opening in stressful situations, hence lowering transpiration rates, preserving turgor pressure, and eventually improving plant growth and productivity (El-Beltagiet *al.*, 2022).

Cell membrane stability

Table 2 shows that, in comparison to plants grown in non-saline conditions, the cell membrane stability was significantly lower under 150mM NaCl stress. The largest concentrations of Cell membrane stability were found in the genotypes UH-80-9 at 0.5 mM (9.55%), 1.0 mM (19.43%), 1.5 mM (50.82%), and 2.0 mM (77.94%). The values for the genotype PU-19 were 14.05, 30.35, 68.29, and 110.19%, in that order. Nonetheless, the application of As A at different concentrations lessened the negative effects of salt under NaCl stress conditions, retaining the plants' cell membrane stability.

No. of seed /pod

The detrimental effects of NaCl and the positive impact of AsA on the quantity of seed per pod are clearly shown in Table 4. In comparison to the control, there were 34.96% and 39.69% fewer seeds per pod in the 100 mM NaCl group in UH 80-9 and PU-19 plants respectively. The control group (T0) had the largest number of seeds per pod at 6.12 and 5.92, while the 150 mM NaCl (T6) had the lowest number at 2.96 and 2.34. A largeno. of seed /pod was observed in the genotype UH-80-9 at 0.5 mM (5.40%), 1.0 mM (27.03%), 1.5 mM (57.780%), and 2.0 mM (106.76%) of ascorbic acid and the readings were 23.5, 43.58, 77.78, and 118.37% for the genotype PU-19, respectively. Like the control (Table 3), Induced salt reduced the total number of seeds per plant; however, ascorbic acid had a notably positive impact on this parameter.

1000-grain weight(g)

Table 3 shows that the lowest value of 1000-grain weight 1.97 ± 0.050 g and 2.03 ± 0.026 g was obtained under 150mM (T6), while the maximum value 5.12 ± 0.036 g and 5.67 ± 0.054 g was found under control conditions (T0). Increased 1000-grain weight was found in the genotype UH-80-9 at 0.5 mM (8.62%), 1.0 mM (30.45%), 1.5 mM (70.56%), and 2.0 mM (109.64%) of ascorbic acid and the readings were 26.10, 54.18, 86.20, and 142.86% for the genotype PU-19, respectively. Navarro *et al.* (2010) indicated that saline stress causes a decrease in the commercial yield of sweet peppers, which validated recent studies. Ascorbic acid's antioxidant properties, which encourage protein synthesis and delay senescence, may be responsible for the yield enhancement that has been reported after exogenous administration (Hamama and Murniati, 2010).





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CONCLUSION

Based on current research, it can be said that ascorbic acid, at a threshold concentration of 2.0 mM, improves physiological and yield characteristics in black gram under salt stress. There was a significant difference was found in the applied treatment and genotype with significant interaction effect. Genotypes UH 80-9 and PU-19 showed maximum tested parameters under 100mM and 150mM salt concentration and application of ascorbic acid improve water status as compared to the salinity environment. Plant exposed with the 100mM (T1) and 150mM NaCl (T6) showed reduction in the tested physiological and yield parameters. Exogenous application of ascorbic acid (2.0mM followed by 1.5mM) in treatment, T5 and T4 with 100mM NaCl solution, as well as T10 and T9 with application of 150mM NaCl solution, not only improves physiological characteristics, but also increases the yield of the tested genotype. , Therefore, we conclude that 2.0 mm concentration of ascorbic acid can be used to reduce the harmful effects of salinity during the growth stage of the crop.

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Table 1: Impact of ascorbic acid on relative water content and canopy temperature depression of black gram genotypes under salinity stress condition

Treatments	Relative Water Content (%)		CTD (°C)	
	UH-80-9	PU-19	UH-80-9	PU-19
T0	92.8±1.097	86.4±0.681	5.80±0.057	4.90±0.036
T1	63.7±0.384	56.5±0.801	3.30±0.078	2.50±0.047
T2	68.5±1.249	61.2±0.393	3.60±0.092	2.80±0.036
T3	78.3±0.977	71.4±1.129	4.00±0.098	3.60±0.078
T4	83.9±1.217	76.1±1.433	4.40±0.089	3.90±0.062
T5	90.8±2.322	84.1±0.505	5.30±0.098	4.60±0.071
T6	45.5±0.681	41.1±0.120	2.30±0.015	1.80±0.006
T7	50.9±0.536	47.4±0.066	2.60±0.003	2.10±0.006
T8	57.5±1.193	53.6±0.481	3.10±0.006	2.40±0.030
T9	72.3±1.097	67.0±0.801	3.80±0.083	3.30±0.003
T10	88.2±0.089	81.0±1.545	5.20±0.036	4.10±0.071
Factor	C.D	S.E(m)	C.D.	SE(m)
Genotype (G)	0.867	0.303	0.052	0.018
Treatments (T)	2.033	0.711	0.122	0.042
Interaction (G×T)	0.246	1.006	0.172	0.06

Table 2: Effect of salt stress and Ascorbic acid on Total chl in Black gram genotypes.

Treatments	Total Chl Content (mg/g FW)		Cell Membrane Stability	
	UH-80-9	PU-19	UH-80-9	PU-19
T0	0.57±0.012	0.43±0.012	87.30±0.417	75.23±0.297
T1	0.29±0.006	0.22±0.000	61.37±0.656	48.50±1.193
T2	0.34±0.009	0.26±0.000	64.23±1.633	51.63±0.068
T3	0.39±0.000	0.33±0.009	74.00±0.833	62.43±1.433
T4	0.45±0.009	0.36±0.009	77.17±0.481	66.40±0.265





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T5	0.53±0.012	0.41±0.006	85.47±0.328	72.40±0.624
T6	0.20±0.000	0.17±0.003	46.83±1.073	33.73±0.657
T7	0.28±0.000	0.23±0.006	51.30±0.208	38.47±0.121
T8	0.37±0.000	0.29±0.006	55.93±1.009	43.97±0.036
T9	0.42±0.006	0.32±0.006	70.23±0.036	56.80±0.208
T10	0.46±0.006	0.38±0.000	83.33±1.489	70.90±1.457
Factor	C.D.	SE(m)	C.D.	SE(m)
Genotype (G)	0.006	0.002	0.721	0.252
Treatments (T)	0.014	0.005	1.691	0.591
Interaction (G×T)	0.019	0.007	1.201	0.836

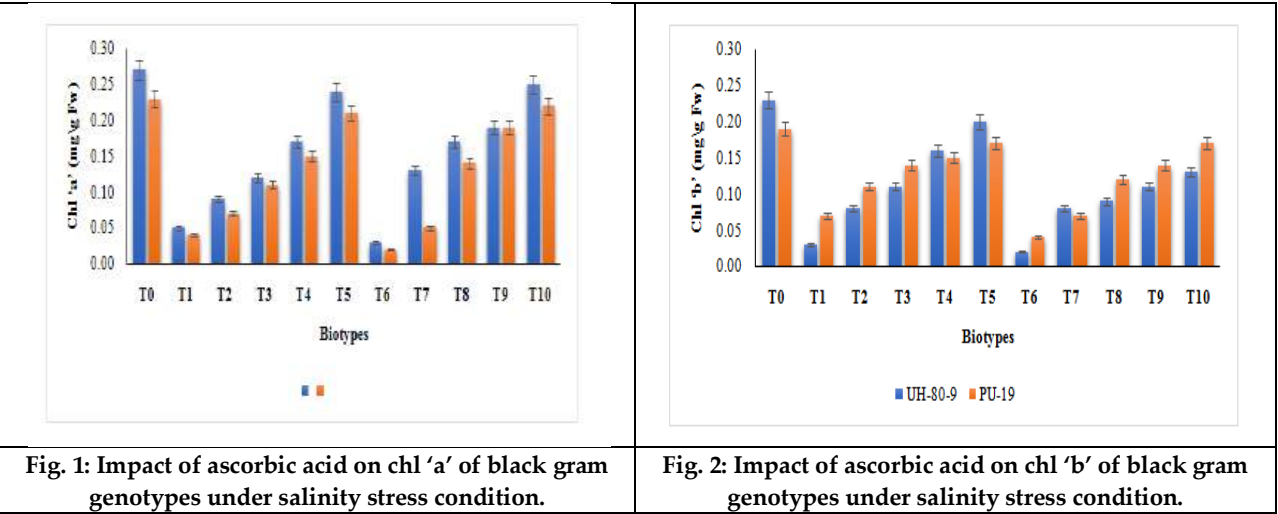
Table 3: Effect of salt stress and Ascorbic acid on Number of seed /pod and 1000 seed weight(g) in Black gram genotypes.

Treatments	Number of seed /pods		1000 seed weight (g)	
	UH-80-9	PU-19	UH-80-9	PU-19
T0	6.12±0.036	5.92±0.057	5.12±0.036	5.67±0.054
T1	3.98±0.036	3.57±0.051	2.83±0.062	3.37±0.033
T2	4.46±0.021	3.89±0.042	3.19±0.042	3.62±0.078
T3	4.97±0.021	4.56±0.021	3.67±0.050	4.14±0.000
T4	5.14±0.012	4.91±0.089	3.87±0.021	4.56±0.036
T5	5.84±0.021	5.54±0.015	4.28±0.033	5.05±0.119
T6	2.96±0.031	2.34±0.006	1.97±0.050	2.03±0.026
T7	3.12±0.032	2.89±0.015	2.14±0.030	2.56±0.062
T8	3.76±0.033	3.36±0.021	2.57±0.021	3.13±0.078
T9	4.67±0.092	4.16±0.024	3.36±0.026	3.78±0.054
T10	6.12±0.089	5.11±0.004	4.13±0.021	4.93±0.092
Factor	C.D.	SE(m)	C.D.	SE(m)
Genotype (G)	0.046	0.016	0.046	0.016
Treatments (T)	0.109	0.038	0.109	0.038
Interaction (G×T)	0.154	0.054	0.154	0.054





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REVIEW ARTICLE

The Influence of Digital Technology on Musical Instruments: a Critical Review

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ABSTRACT

Digital technology has revolutionized music production, performance, and education by enabling advanced sound manipulation, noise reduction, and high-quality outputs. It has also introduced new ways of learning and innovation in the music industry. This study explores the historical evolution of digital technology in musical instruments, its impact on composition and performance, associated challenges, and future potential. A systematic review of academic literature, case studies, interviews with industry professionals, and comparative analysis of traditional versus digital instruments were conducted. Digital technology has transformed music creation and learning, enhancing accessibility and innovation. However, challenges such as copyright issues, reduced human creativity, and job displacement persist. This paper provides a unique perspective on the integration of IT with musical instruments, offering insights into its evolution, applications, and future possibilities.

Keywords: Technology, Music, IT, AI, Virtual Reality

INTRODUCTION

Music has been an essential part of human culture for centuries, transcending borders and languages to convey emotions, stories, and messages. The music educators and students can get benefit from the technology as a tool to support learning in the three musical processes– creating, performing, and responding to music (Bauer *et al.* 289-301). Over the time, the interplay between music and technology has brought about significant transformations, ushering in a new era of musical innovation. In the ever- evolving landscape of the music industry, the harmonious integration of technology and musical instruments has ushered in a new era of creativity and innovation. Information technology, with its rapid advancements, has become a powerful force reshaping the way musicians compose, produce, and perform. This review delves into the multifaceted relationship between digital technology and music



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instruments, exploring the profound impact it has had on the artistry, accessibility, and functionality of musical expression. The fusion of technology and traditional musical instruments has given rise to a spectrum of possibilities, enriching the musical experience for both creators and audiences alike. From the invention of electronic instruments to the incorporation of cutting-edge software in traditional setups, the synergy between music and technology has created an expansive canvas for musicians to explore and redefine their sonic landscapes. Technology allows a musical experience for all skill levels in opportunities never before available to compose manipulate, instantly listen to music electronically and even print standard Western music notation for others to play without having to know much about traditional music theory or notation (Freedman *et al.*). Additionally, the advent of smart instruments, equipped with sensors and connectivity features, has further expanded the horizon of interactive and responsive musical performance. Beyond the realm of instruments themselves, digital technology has revolutionized the way music is produced, recorded, and distributed. Digital audio workstations (DAWs), virtual instruments, and advanced recording technologies have empowered musicians to create studio-quality compositions from the comfort of their homes. Moreover, the advent of cloud-based platforms and streaming services has democratized the dissemination of music, allowing artists to reach global audiences without the constraints of traditional distribution channels. As we navigate the symphony of technology and music, this review aims to dissect the various facets of this transformative relationship. From exploring the influence of artificial intelligence in music composition to dissecting the impact of augmented reality on live performances, we will traverse the dynamic landscape where digital technology converges with musical instruments, propelling the art form into uncharted territories of creativity and expression. On this harmonious journey, we unravel the intricate notes that compose the contemporary melody of music and technology.

Relevance of Music Instrumental with IT

The evolution of music instruments, intertwined with the ever-advancing landscape of digital technology, has been a transformative journey that echoes across the annals of musical history. This review embarks on a chronological exploration of the pivotal moments and milestones in the amalgamation of music and technology. From the early experiments with electronic sound to the present day digital symphony, this historical retrospective seeks to unravel the intricate tapestry that has woven digital technology into the very fabric of musical expression. The inception of the electronic era in music instruments can be traced back to the early 20th century. Innovations such as the Theremin, developed by Léon Theremin in 1920, marked a departure from the traditional acoustic instruments by harnessing the principles of electronics to produce novel sounds. Subsequent decades witnessed the rise of the analog synthesizer, exemplified by the Moog synthesizer in the 1960s, which became a trailblazer in the integration of technology into the composition and performance of music. The advent of microprocessors in the 1970s and 1980s heralded a new era in music technology. This period witnessed the birth of digital synthesizers and drum machines, introducing a level of precision and versatility previously unattainable. The Yamaha DX7, launched in 1983, emerged as a pioneer in digital synthesis, setting the stage for a digital revolution that would reshape the landscape of music creation. As we entered the late 20th century, the rise of personal computing marked a watershed moment in the role of digital technology in music. Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) became instrumental in music production, allowing composers and producers to manipulate and arrange sounds with unprecedented flexibility. The MIDI (Musical Instrument Digital Interface) standard, established in the early 1980s, facilitated communication between various instruments and computers, laying the foundation for seamless integration in music creation. This historical review endeavors to illuminate the key junctures in the symbiotic relationship between digital technology and music instruments. Through the lens of time, we witness the harmonious progression from analog experimentation to the digital orchestration of melodies, underscoring the profound impact that technology has had on shaping the very essence of musical expression. On this historical odyssey, we traverse the transformative epochs that have sculpted the intersection of music and digital technology into the symphony we experience today.

Transformative Impact on Composition and Performance**Digital Instruments**

Digital instruments, underpinned by DSP technology, have redefined the sonic palette available to musicians. Instruments such as synthesizers, digital pianos, and electronic drums offer unparalleled flexibility in sound generation and manipulation. Musicians can access a vast library of sounds and effects, allowing for customized



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sonic identities. Additionally, digital instruments seamlessly integrate MIDI technology, enabling precise control over composition and performance (Ellis *et al.* 1997).

Computer-Assisted Composition

IT has left an indelible mark on the composition process. Composers now wield powerful Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), equipped with tools for composition, arrangement, recording, and production. Algorithms and machine learning have emerged as valuable aids for generating music, pushing the boundaries of traditional music genres (Ellis *et al.*)

Real-Time Performance Technologies

Live performances have undergone a paradigm shift with the integration of IT. Musicians can seamlessly incorporate electronic elements into their shows through the use of MIDI controllers, software-based instruments, and effects processors. Gesture-based control systems and sensor interfaces have enhanced live performances, allowing for interactive and expressive engagement with the audience.

AI in Music

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has disrupted conventional notions of composition and performance. AI algorithms analyze extensive music datasets, learn from them, and generate original compositions. AI-powered instruments and virtual musicians are being developed, enabling real-time collaboration between humans and AI entities. This amalgamation of human creativity and machine-generated music has ushered in a new era of musical exploration (Gioti *et al.*)

Challenges

The integration of IT in music instrumental, while transformative, brings forth several challenges:

Technological Standardization and Compatibility

As technology evolves, a significant challenge lies in maintaining standards and compatibility across diverse platforms and devices. Incompatibility issues between different hardware and software can impede the seamless integration of digital instruments and technologies, hindering collaborative efforts and limiting accessibility.

Learning Curve for Musicians

The rapid pace of technological advancement introduces a steep learning curve for musicians, particularly those accustomed to traditional instruments. Adapting to new interfaces, software, and electronic instruments can be time-consuming, potentially discouraging musicians from embracing innovative technologies in their creative process.

Affordability and Accessibility

Cutting-edge music technology often comes with a hefty price tag, making it less accessible to a broad spectrum of musicians. This financial barrier may hinder the democratization of advanced instruments and tools, creating disparities in access between established professionals and aspiring artists.

Intellectual Property and Copyright Concerns

The digital nature of music in the Information Age raises intricate issues concerning intellectual property and copyright. As musicians leverage technology for sampling, remixing, and creating, the delineation of ownership and fair use becomes a complex and contentious arena.

Overreliance on Technology in Creativity

While technology enhances musical capabilities, there is a risk of overreliance, leading to a potential dilution of authentic artistic expression. The challenge is to strike a balance where technology augments creativity without overshadowing the artist's unique voice and musical identity.



**Kaushik Banerjee****Cybersecurity Threats**

With the increasing connectivity of musical instruments to networks and the internet, the vulnerability to cyber threats rises. Ensuring the security of digital instruments and the data they generate becomes imperative, especially in live performances and studio settings.

Cultural Preservation and Evolution

The infusion of technology into music brings about a tension between preserving traditional cultural music and embracing technological evolution. Striking a balance that respects cultural roots while fostering innovation poses a nuanced challenge. This critical review aims to shine a spotlight on the challenges inherent in the intersection of digital technology and music instruments. Understanding and addressing these challenges are paramount to ensuring that the evolving symphony of technology and music remains inclusive, sustainable, and true to the artistic spirit.

Scope

The synthesis of digital technology and music instruments has ushered in an era of unprecedented creativity, innovation and transformation within the realm of musical expression. This review seeks to delineate the vast scope of this symbiotic relationship, exploring the myriad ways in which digital technology continues to reshape the landscape of music instruments and their roles in composition, production and performance.

Evolution of Digital Instruments

The scope encompasses the ongoing evolution of digital music instruments, from synthesizers and electronic drums to smart instruments equipped with advanced sensors and connectivity features (Fautley *et al.* 29-42). This evolution not only extends the possibilities for sound creation but also offers novel interfaces for musicians to interact with their instruments.

Advancements in Music Production Technologies

Information technology plays a pivotal role in revolutionizing music production processes. Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs), virtual instruments, and real-time collaborative tools have transformed the studio environment, enabling artists to produce, edit, and collaborate on music with unprecedented efficiency and creativity (Giraldo *et al.* 334).

Artificial Intelligence and Music Composition

The integration of artificial intelligence in music composition presents a vast frontier. AI algorithms are increasingly being used to generate musical compositions, pushing the boundaries of creativity and challenging conventional notions of authorship. The scope here extends to exploring the potential and ethical implications of AI in shaping musical narratives (Gioti).

Integration of Internet of Things (IoT) in Instruments

The scope encompasses the integration of the Internet of Things in musical instruments, allowing for enhanced connectivity and communication. Smart instruments, equipped with IoT capabilities, can exchange data, adapt to user preferences and even connect with other devices in a networked musical ecosystem (Tiwary *et al.* 23-27).

Education and Learning Platforms

Information Technology facilitates innovative approaches to music education. Online platforms, interactive tutorials and virtual music lessons extend the scope of learning beyond traditional boundaries, making music education more accessible and inclusive. VI. Global Collaboration and Remote Music Production The scope of digital technology in music instruments extends to global collaboration. Musicians from different parts of the world can collaborate in real-time, breaking down geographical barriers and fostering a diverse and interconnected global music community (Turchet *et al.*).





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Cultural Fusion and Innovation

The scope includes the exploration of how technology fosters cultural fusion in music. Digital instruments provide a platform for artists to experiment with diverse musical traditions, leading to the creation of innovative genres that reflect a globalized and interconnected world. This comprehensive review endeavors to explore the expansive scope of the role of digital technology in music instruments. From the evolution of instruments themselves to the broader impact on music creation, production, and consumption, the review aims to capture the dynamic and transformative nature of this ongoing symphony between technology and musical expression.

CONCLUSION

The fusion of Information Technology and music instrumental represents a profound transformation in the world of music. From the emergence of digital instruments to the integration of AI in composition and performance, IT has reshaped the creative landscape. While challenges like copyright and job displacement must be addressed, the scope for future advancements is immense. Augmented reality, collaborative AI music, and music education stand as testament to the boundless potential of IT in music instrumental. As we navigate this evolving terrain, musicians, composers, and technologists must collaborate to ensure that technology enhances, rather than diminishes the beauty and depth of human expression in music.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Phytochemical, Antioxidant and *In vitro* Cytotoxicity Analysis of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*

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ABSTRACT

Medicinal plants are a valuable source of pharmacological effects, offering new possibilities for anti-infections, antioxidants, and anti-cancer agents. These plants contain bioactive constituents such as steroids, terpenoids, carotenoids, flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, and glycosides, which serve as important starting materials for drug development. While traditional medicines and medicinal plants have long been used in developing countries for health maintenance, modern pharmacopoeia now includes at least 25% drugs derived from plants, as well as synthetic analogs based on plant-derived chemical substances. The use of medicinal plants has gained momentum due to the high costs of prescription drugs and the search for new plant-based drugs. In India, the ayurvedic system features numerous medicinal remedies derived from plants, and studying their morphological, pharmacological, and pharmacognostical characteristics can enhance our understanding of their active principles and modes of action. However, many tropical plants have not been thoroughly studied for their chemical constituents. Therefore, our focus is on the phytochemical aspects of selected indigenous plants of India, such as *Crossandra infundibuliformis*. We aim to investigate the preliminary phytochemical screening, quantify phytochemicals, analyze phyto compounds using GC-MS, assess DPPH-radical scavenging activities, and conduct in vitro cytotoxicity analysis through MTT-assay.

Keywords: *Crossandra infundibuliformis*; Antioxidants; Phytochemicals; Medicinal plants, Cervical cancer.





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INTRODUCTION

Plants are the source of medication for preventive, curative, protective or promotive purposes [1]. Plant-derived foods help in the prevention of lifestyle-associated diseases. Several groups of constituents in plants have been identified as potentially health-promoting in animal studies, including cholesterol-lowering factors, antioxidants, enzyme inducers, and others. A thousand years ago an extensive use of plants as medicines was reported and was initially taken in the form of crude drugs and other herbal formulations. Hence it is of interest to investigate the phytochemical and pharmacological efficacy of the plant is of paramount importance it may provide many emerging insights [2]. *Crossandra infundibuliformis* belongs to the family of Acanthaceae. It is a plant that is important in the South Indian horticulture industry. This plant is found abundantly in tropical areas such as India and Sri Lanka. It grows 2m in height and can withstand high temperature which makes it to survive in very high humidity. Due to its medicinal value, various parts of this plant are used for many types of treatment. The leaf extract shows significant hepatoprotective effects. It is also found that *C. infundibuliformis* shows very good anti-corrosive properties. Its antibacterial, and antioxidant activity was reported and very less work has been done regarding *C. infundibuliformis* phytochemical values. Hence, it is of interest to investigate the preliminary phytochemical analysis of n-hexane, petroleum ether and butyl alcohol extracts of whole plant of *C. infundibuliformis*.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of Samples

For this study, the aerial parts of the plant *Crossandra infundibuliformis* were utilized as the medicinal plants.

Preparation of Extracts

To extract the samples, 500 grams of dried powder from the aerial parts of the plant material were separately packed in round bottom flasks. Different solvents, namely ethanol, methanol, chloroform, ethyl acetate, and water, were used for sample extraction. Each solvent (750 ml) was used for a 24-hour extraction period. After the extraction, the solvents were concentrated under reduced pressure, and the resulting crude extracts were stored in a refrigerator.

Phytochemical Analysis

The prepared extracts were subjected to analysis to determine the presence of alkaloids, saponin, tannins, steroids, flavonoids, anthraquinone, cardiac glycosides, and reducing sugars. The analysis was conducted based on established protocols found in the literature [3-8].

Test for Alkaloids

To test for alkaloids, the crude dry powder extract from each solvent was evaporated to dryness using a boiling water bath. The residues were then dissolved in 2 N Hydrochloric acid. The resulting mixture was filtered and divided into three equal portions. Mayer's reagent, Dragendorff's reagent, and Wagner's reagent were added to each portion respectively. The formation of a creamish precipitate, orange precipitate, or brown precipitate indicated the presence of the respective alkaloids.

Test for Saponins

To test for saponins, approximately 0.5 g of the plant extract was shaken with water in a test tube and heated to a boil. The observation of frothing was considered as preliminary evidence for the presence of saponins.

Test for tannins

To test for tannins, approximately 0.5 g of the extract was added to 10 ml of water in a test tube and filtered. A few drops of 0.1% ferric chloride were then added, and the mixture was observed for the development of a brownish-green or blue-black coloration.



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The methanol extract of each sample was mixed with acetic anhydride and sulphuric acid. In some samples, the color changed from violet to blue or green, indicating the presence of steroids.

Flavonoid Test

The extract solution was treated with a methanol solution and warmed. Metal magnesium was added, followed by a few drops of concentrated hydrochloric acid. The presence of flavonoids was indicated by a red color, while orange color indicated the presence of flavonols.

Anthraquinone Test

The extract was mixed with chloroform and shaken. After filtration, the filtrate was shaken with ammonia solution. The presence of anthraquinones was indicated by a pink, violet, or red color in the ammoniacal layer.

Cardiac Glycoside Test

The extract was dissolved in glacial acetic acid containing ferric chloride solution. Concentrated sulphuric acid was then added. The presence of a deoxy sugar characteristic of cardiac glycosides was indicated by a brown ring at the interface.

Protein Test

The protein solution was mixed with NaOH solution and drops of CuSO₄ solution. The presence of peptide linkage was indicated by a violet color.

Test for Amino Acids

2ml of the sample was added to 2ml of Ninhydrin reagent and kept in a water bath for 20 minutes. The appearance of purple color indicated the presence of amino acids in the sample.

Test for Tri-Terpenoids

5ml of each extract was added to 2ml of chloroform and 3ml of con. H₂SO₄ to form a monolayer of reddish brown coloration of the interface was shown to form positive results for the terpenoids.

Test for Triple Sugars

To 2 ml of extract 2 drops of Molisch's reagent were added and shaken well. 2ml of concH₂SO₄ was added to the sides of the test tube. A reddish-violet ring appeared at the junction of two layers immediately indicating the presence of carbohydrates.

Test for Polyphenols

2ml of the sample was added to 2ml of ferric chloride solution and kept in room temperature. The appearance of violet color indicated the presence of phenolic compounds in the sample.

Quantification of Phytochemicals

The analysis included determining the total phenolic content, total tannin content, total alkaloid content, and total flavonoid content [9-21].

Determination of Total Alkaloid Content

To determine the total alkaloid content, a plant extract weighing 1mg was dissolved in dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO) and mixed with 1 ml of 2N hydrochloric acid. The solution was then filtered and transferred to a separating funnel. Bromocresol green solution (5 ml) and phosphate buffer (5 ml) were added to the mixture. The resulting solution was vigorously shaken with chloroform (1, 2, 3, and 4 ml) and collected in a 10-ml volumetric flask. The volume was then adjusted with chloroform. Reference standard solutions of atropine (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared using the same method as described earlier. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 470



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nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the reagent blank. The total alkaloid content was expressed as mg of AE/g of extract.

Measurement of Total Flavonoid Content

The total flavonoid content was determined using the colorimetric assay with aluminum chloride. In a 10 ml volumetric flask, 1 ml of the extract and 4 ml of distilled water were combined. Then, 0.30 ml of 5% sodium nitrite was added to the flask, followed by the addition of 0.3 ml of 10% aluminum chloride after 5 minutes. After another 5 minutes, 2 ml of 1M sodium hydroxide was introduced, and the mixture was diluted to 10 ml with distilled water. Reference standard solutions of quercetin (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared in the same manner. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 510 nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the reagent blank. The total flavonoid content was expressed as mg of QE/g of extract.

Determination of Total Tannin Content

The tannin content was determined using the Folin-Ciocalteu method. A volumetric flask (10 ml) containing 7.5 ml of distilled water and 0.5 ml of Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent, 1 ml of 35% Na₂CO₃ solution, and 0.1 ml of the sample extract was prepared. The flask was then diluted to 10 ml with distilled water. The mixture was thoroughly shaken and left at room temperature for 30 minutes. Reference standard solutions of gallic acid (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were prepared in the same manner. The absorbance of the test and standard solutions was measured at 725 nm using a UV/Visible spectrophotometer, against the blank. The tannin content was expressed as mg of GAE/g of extract.

The Spectrophotometric Method was Utilized to Determine The Concentration of Phenolics In Plant Extracts.

For the determination of the total phenol content, the Folin Ciocalteu assay method was employed. In a volumetric flask (25 ml), a mixture of 1 ml of extract and 9 ml of distilled water was prepared. The mixture was then treated with 1 ml of Folin-Ciocalteu phenol reagent and thoroughly shaken. After 5 minutes, 10 ml of a 7% Sodium carbonate (Na₂CO₃) solution was added to the mixture. The volume was adjusted to 25 ml. Standard solutions of gallic acid (20, 40, 60, 80, and 100 µg/ml) were also prepared in the same manner. The test and standard solutions were incubated for 90 minutes at room temperature, and their absorbance was measured against the reagent blank at 550 nm using an Ultraviolet (UV)/Visible spectrophotometer. The total phenol content was expressed as mg of GAE/gm of extract.

GC-MS analysis of chloroformic extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Preparation of plant extract 25gm of the powdered material of *Crossandra infundibuliformis* was soaked in 95% chloroform for 12hrs. The extract was then filtered through Whatman filter No.41 along with 2gm sodium sulfate to remove the sediments and traces of water in the filtrate. Before filtering, the filter paper was made wet with 95% ethanol along with sodium sulfate. The filtrate was then concentrated by bubbling nitrogen gas into the solution. The extract contained both polar and non-polar phyto-components in the plant material. 2µl of this solution was employed for GC-MS analysis. The herbal powder was extracted with chloroform and analyzed using a GC-M (GC Clarius 500 Perkin Elmer) analyzer. The data were obtained on an Elite-1(100% Dimethyl poly siloxane) column (30 0.25mm 1µmdf). Helium (99.999%) was used as the carrier gas with a flow rate of 1ml/min in the split mode (10:1). An aliquot of 2µl of ethanol solution of the sample was injected into the column with the injector temperature at 250°C. GC oven temperature started at 110°C and held for 2min and it was raised to 200°C at the rate of 10°C/min, without holding. Holding was allowed at 280°C for 9 min with a program rate of 5°C/min. The injector and detector temperatures were set at 250°C and 280°C respectively. The source temperature was maintained at 200°C. The mass spectrum of compounds in samples was obtained by electron ionization at 70 eV and the detector was operated in scan mode from 45-450amu (atomic mass units). A scan interval of 0.5 seconds and fragments from 45 to 450 Da was maintained. The total running time was 36 minutes [22].

Identification of Components

Identification was based on the molecular structure, molecular mass and calculated fragments. Interpretation on mass spectrum GC-MS was conducted using the database of the National Institute Standard and Technology (NIST) having more than 62,000 patterns. The name, molecular weight and structure of the test materials' components were



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determined, and the percentage of each component was calculated by comparing its average peak area to the total areas. The spectrum of the unknown component was compared to the spectrum of the component stored in the NIST library version (2005), using Turbomas 5.2 software.

Antioxidant Activity

The determination of antioxidant activity, specifically the DPPH free radical scavenging activity, was conducted in this study. The plant extracts were evaluated based on their ability to scavenge the stable DPPH free radicals. A solution of DPPH in ethanol was prepared and added to the extract solutions with varying concentrations. The mixture was vigorously shaken and allowed to stand for 5 minutes. The absorbance was then measured at 517 nm using a spectrophotometer, with ethanol used as a reference to set the absorbance to zero. A blank sample containing ethanol and DPPH was also prepared. All measurements were performed in triplicate. The percentage of inhibition of DPPH activity was calculated using the formula: $[(AB - AA) / AB] \times 100$, where AA and AB represent the absorbance values of the test and blank samples, respectively [23].

In vitro Assay for Cytotoxicity Activity (3-[4,5-dimethylthiazol-2-yl] -2,5-diphenyltetrazolium bromide assay) (MTT Assay).

The MTT assay, also known as the in vitro assay for cytotoxicity activity, was used to determine the anticancer activity of the samples on PA-1 and Vero cell lines. In this assay, cells were plated in 96-well plates at a density of 1×10^5 cells per well and incubated in a 5% CO₂ incubator for 72 hours. After that, the samples were added at various concentrations in 0.1% DMSO and incubated for 24 hours in the same CO₂ incubator. Following the removal of the sample solution and washing with phosphate-buffered saline (pH 7.4), 20 µl of 0.5% MTT in phosphate-buffered saline solution (5 mg/ml) was added to each well. After a 4-hour incubation, 1 ml of DMSO was added. The absorbance at 540 nm was measured to determine the viability of the cells. The concentration required for a 50% inhibition of viability (IC₅₀) was determined graphically. The effect of the samples on the proliferation of PA-1 and Vero cells was expressed as the percentage of cell viability using the formula: % cell viability = A₅₄₀ of treated cells / A₅₄₀ of control cells $\times 100\%$ [24].

Determination of IC₅₀

The IC₅₀ value, which indicates the concentration of a compound needed to inhibit 50 percent cell growth, was determined by creating a graph of Log (concentration of plant extract) versus % cell inhibition. By drawing a line from the 50% value on the Y axis to intersect the curve and then interpolating to the X axis, the Log value representing the concentration of the compound can be obtained. Taking the antilog of this value gives the IC₅₀ value. The percentage inhibition of novel compounds against all cell lines was calculated using the formula: $(At - Ab) / At \times 100$, where At represents the absorbance of the test, Ab represents the absorbance of the blank media, and Ac represents the absorbance of the control cells. % of cell inhibition = 100 – % cell survival.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Table 1 presents the results of the phytochemical analysis conducted on the n-hexane, butyl alcohol, and petroleum ether extracts of the entire *C. infundibuliformis*. The hexane extract contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, triple sugars, anthraquinones, and cardiac glycosides, while the other secondary metabolites were not detected. On the other hand, the butyl alcohol extract of the plant contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, triple sugars, anthraquinones, and cardiac glycosides. The petroleum ether extract, on the other hand, contains alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, tannins, and cardiac glycosides as secondary metabolites. Medicinal plants are known for their inherent active ingredients that have been utilized for treating diseases and alleviating pain [25]. The use of traditional medicines and medicinal plants as therapeutic agents for maintaining health has been widely observed in developing countries [26]. It is worth noting that modern pharmacopeia includes at least 25% of drugs derived from plants, as well as synthetic analogues based on chemical compounds originally isolated from plants. The interest in medicinal plants as a promising healthcare aid has been fueled by the escalating costs of prescription drugs in the



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pursuit of personalized health and well-being, as well as the exploration of new plant-derived drugs through bioprospecting [27]. The objective of this study was to analyze the levels of various compounds in the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis*. Figure 1 and Table 2 present the total content of Phenolic compounds, Flavanoids, Alkaloids, and Tannins. The total content of phenolic compounds in the extract, expressed as Gallic acid equivalent, was determined to be $Y=0.001x + 1.993$ and $R^2=0.011$. The range of phenolic compounds in the extract was found to be 2.09 ± 0.48 . Figure 2 and Table 2 display the total content of flavanoids, expressed as Quercetin equivalent, with a concentration of $2.21 \pm 0.91 \mu\text{g/ml}$. Figure 3 and Table 2 show the total content of alkaloids, expressed as Atropine equivalent, with a range of 1.50 ± 0.58 . Figure 4 and Table 2 present the total content of tannins, expressed as gallic acid equivalents, with a variation of 1.95 ± 0.67 . Further research will be conducted in our laboratory to explore the biological and pharmacological effects of the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis*. These findings provide promising prospects for the development of plant-based drugs for various human diseases, including cancer [28]. The antioxidant activity of the chloroform extract from the herbal medicinal plant *C.infundibuliformis* was observed to be dose-dependent. As the concentration of the extract increased, so did the inhibition of radical scavenging activity. In the control group, BHT exhibited inhibition percentages of 38.9, 54.2, 71.1, 74.5, and 99.8 at concentrations of 100, 200, 300, 400, and 500 $\mu\text{g/ml}$ respectively. Similarly, the plant extract showed inhibition percentages of 33.8, 38.9, 49.1, 54.2, and 59.3 at the same concentrations. These findings suggest that the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* possesses free radical scavenging activity, which can be attributed to the presence of various Phytochemical components including flavonoids, alkaloids, tannins, reducing sugars, cardiac glycosides, and anthraquinones.

The chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis* contains 7 phytochemicals such as 1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-, E-14-Hexadecenal, Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-, E-15-Heptadecenal, Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-, 9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-[[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-, Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl [29]. Medicinal plants continue to offer humanity new remedies. Therefore, it is crucial to investigate medicinal plants for their safety, quality, toxicity, appropriate dosage of plant materials, and effectiveness. Plants' natural products possess various biological activities, including antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties. Medicinal plants are abundant in active phytochemical compounds with diverse biological activities. Researchers are highly interested in studying plants to discover novel active drugs that can replace synthetic drugs currently available in the market. The presence of these plant constituents serves as a natural source for modern medicine. Consequently, the cytotoxic levels of medicinal plants must also be assessed against host cells. The safety of plants as potential therapeutic agents must be confirmed, and any side effects should be acceptable to the host. Bioactive compounds that have little to no toxic effects on the host are ideal candidates for drug formulation [30]. Figure 8-10 illustrates the percentage viability of a chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* on Vero and human prostate cancer cell lines. The MTT assay was utilized to analyze cytotoxicity and measure cell proliferation in response to various factors. This assay is also useful for evaluating the effects of cytotoxic and cytostatic compounds, including anticancer drugs. Safety is a crucial consideration in the development of new drugs derived from bioactive compounds found in plants, as some of these compounds can be toxic to our normal system [31-32]. In this particular study, the cytotoxic effect of the chloroform extract of *C.infundibuliformis* was investigated on Vero and human prostate cancer cell lines at concentrations ranging from 100–500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The results, depicted in figure 9 and 10 demonstrated that the chloroform extract had a toxic effect on both cell lines at the higher concentration of 500 $\mu\text{g/mL}$. The cells' morphology also changed from a fibroblast shape to an oval shape due to the extract's toxicity. However, at lower concentrations (100 $\mu\text{g/mL}$), the chloroform extract exhibited more than 90% cell viability after 24 and 48 hours of exposure.

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Table.1: Preliminary phytochemical constituents of. *C.infundibuliformis*

S. no	Phytochemicals	n-Hexane extract	Butyl alcohol extract	Petroleum ether Extract
1.	Flavanoids	++	--	++
2.	Alkaloids	++	++	++
3.	Saponins	--	++	++
4.	Tannins	++	++	--
5.	Amino acids	--	--	--
6.	Proteins	--	--	--
7.	Tri- Terpenoids	--	--	--
8.	Reducing sugars	++	++	--
9.	Cardiac glycosides	++	++	++
10.	Anthroquinones	++	--	++
11.	Steroids	--	++	--
12.	Poly phenols	--	--	--

"++" - Positive, "--" - Negative.

Table.2: Shows the Total contents of Aalkaloids, Flavanoids, Tannins and Phenolic compounds in chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

S.NO	Phytocompounds	Mean±S.D
1	Total content of Alkaloids (Total Alkaloids contents in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of atropine equivalent (mg of AE/g of extract).	1.5005±0.5806
2	Total content of Tannins (Total tannin contents in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of gallic acid equivalent (mg of GAE/g of extract).	1.9543±0.6786
3	Total content of Flavanoids The concentrations of flavanoids in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> expressed in terms of quercetin equiavalant (mg of QE/g of extract).	2.2125±0.9134
4	Total content of Phenolic compounds (Total content of phenolic compounds in the chloroform extract of <i>Crossandra infundbliformis</i> in terms of gallic acid equivalent (mg of GAE/g of extract)	2.0915±0.4822





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Table.3: Shows the presence of phytochemicals and their molecular formula and molecular weight of chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Sl.No	Name of the Components	Molecular Formula	Molecular weight
1	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁶ H ³⁴ O	242.44
2	E-14-Hexadecenal	C ¹⁶ H ³⁰ O	238.41
3	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-	C ¹⁴ H ²² O	206.329
4	E-14-Hexadecenal	C ¹⁶ H ³⁰ O	238.415
5	E-15-Heptadecenal	C ¹⁷ H ³² O	252.442
6	Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-	C ²⁰ H ⁴⁰ O ²	312.538
7	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-[[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-	C ²⁷ H ⁵² O ⁴ Si ²	496.8704
8	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
9	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
10	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	C ¹⁷ H ³⁶ O	256.474
11	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	C ¹⁶ H ⁴⁸ O ⁷ Si ⁸	577.233
12	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	C ¹⁶ H ⁴⁸ O ⁷ Si ⁸	577.233

Table. 4: Shows the presence of phytochemicals and their area percentage of chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.

Sl. No	Compounds	Area Percentage
1	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	6.1
2	E-14-Hexadecenal	10.23
3	Phenol, 2,4-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-	13.26
4	E-14-Hexadecenal	15.65
5	E-15-Heptadecenal	14.78
6	Ethanol, 2-(9-octadecenyloxy)-, (Z)-	4.9
7	9,12,15-Octadecatrienoic acid, 2-[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]-1-[[[(trimethylsilyl)oxy]methyl]ethyl ester, (Z,Z,Z)-	1.99
8	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	12.71
9	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	9.44
10	1-Hexadecanol, 2-methyl-	4.5
11	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	3.89
12	Octasiloxane, 1,1,3,3,5,5,7,7,9,9,11,11,13,13,15,15-hexadecamethyl-	2.56



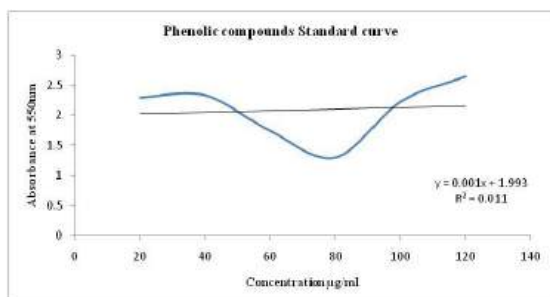


Figure.1: shows that standard calibration curve of Phenolic-compounds

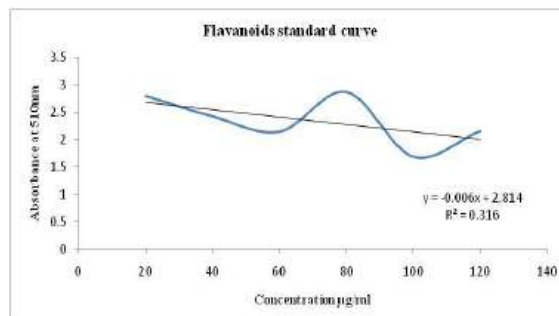


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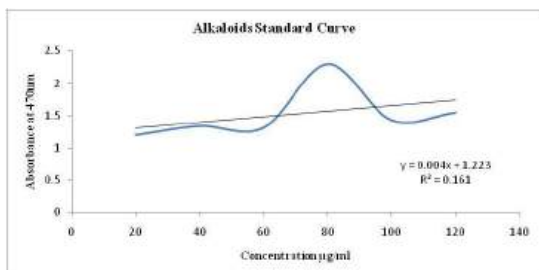


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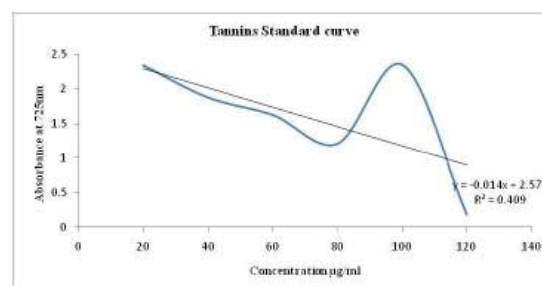


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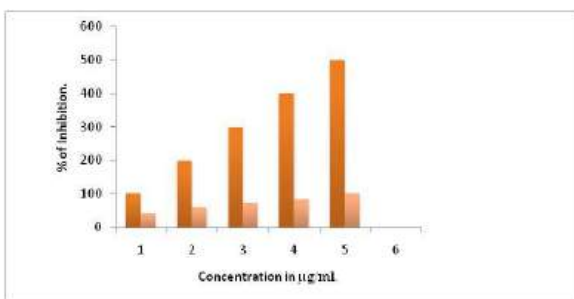


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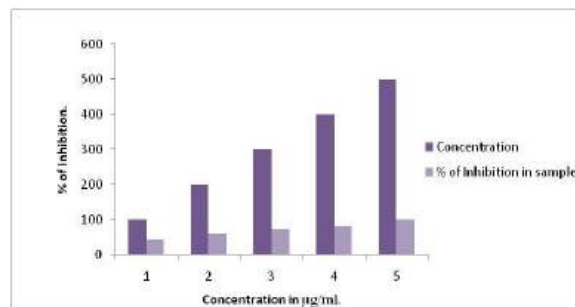
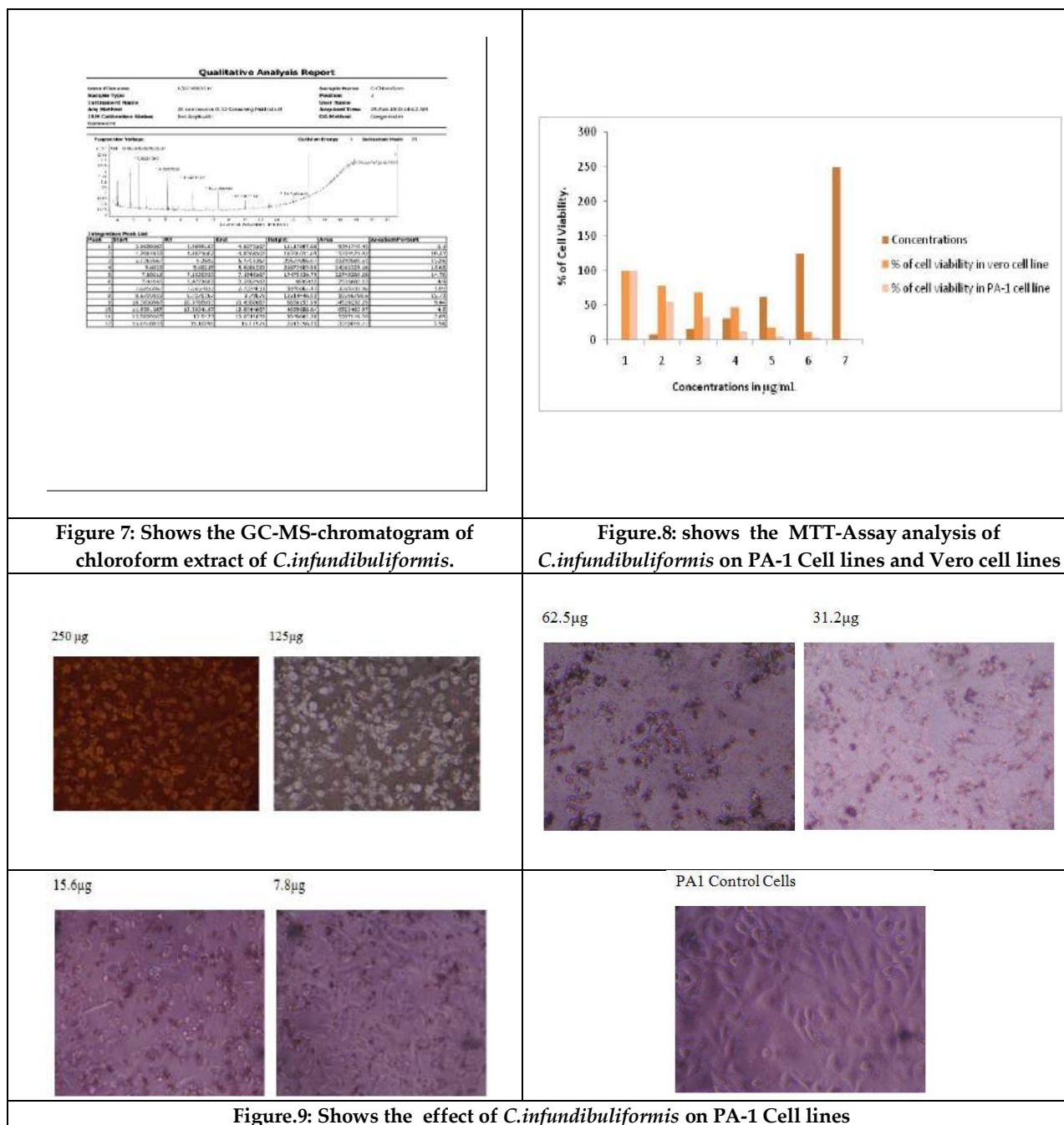


Figure.6: shows the free radical scavenging activity of the chloroform extract of *Crossandra infundibuliformis*.







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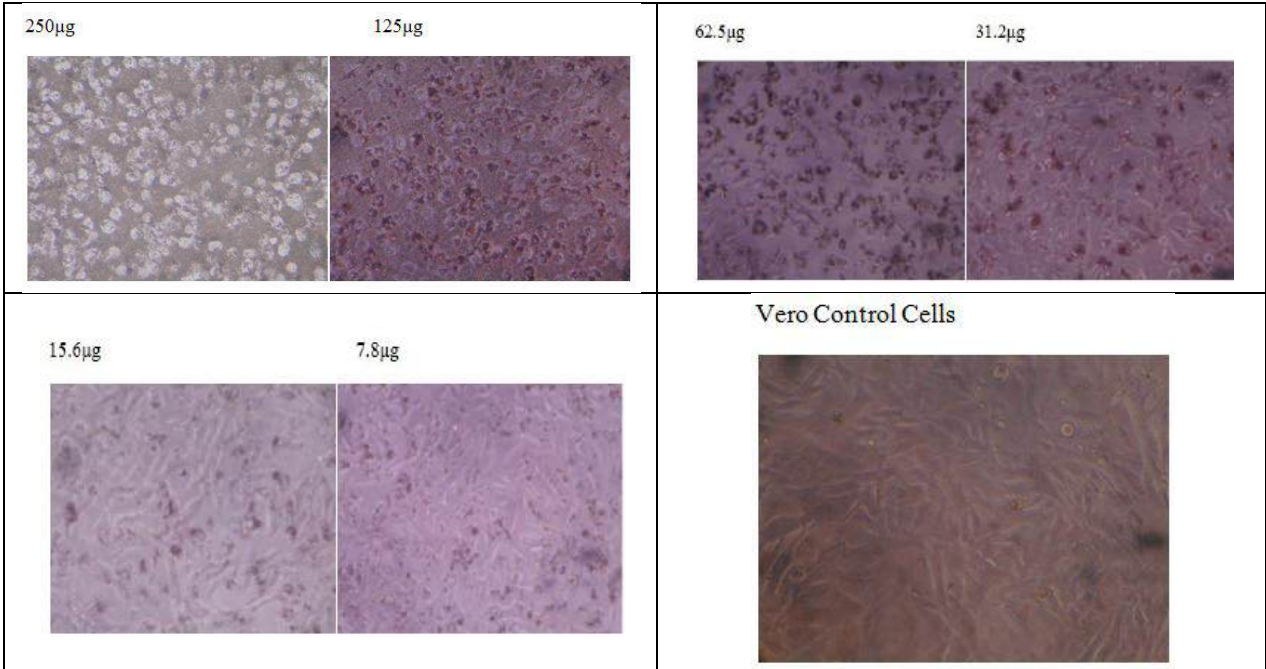


Figure.10: Shows the Effect of *C.infundibuliformis* on Vero Cell lines.





Emphasising Reading for Enhanced Soft Skills among Tertiary Level Students: Inspirational Literature an Apt Tool

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ABSTRACT

Reading inspirational literature enables the readers to explore new ideas and complex emotions and it also produces a kind of reality simulation that runs on the minds of the readers just as a computer simulation. Books on inspirational literature will improve the reading habit and inculcate soft skills in students at tertiary level. Graduates of today need to meet the requirements of the corporate world and sustain in their career. The study explores the main ideas of the select works to prove the prevalence of soft skills in them which help them deal with difficult situations in their lives. By highlighting the positive elements in the chosen works, otherwise called soft skills, the study helps the readers realise the fact that there is a Frederick Henry and a Santiago in every individual and the discovery of the potential in them enhances their personal qualities for an enhanced personal and professional life.

Keywords: Reading habit, inspirational literature, life skills, self-motivation and visualization.

INTRODUCTION

Reading skill is vital for any human being to function, contribute and develop in today's society. There is strong evidence that reading plays a vital role in improving one's perception about life, personal achievements, educational outcomes etc. Educational researchers have found a correlation between reading and personality development. Reading habit helps the readers to nourish and stimulate their minds and keep the mental faculties sharp and intact. It builds empathy and improves the well-being of the mind. According to a recent research, people who read regularly are on an average happier and more satisfied in life. Smith & Robinson (1980) define reading as an active attempt on the part of a reader to understand a writer's message. According to Toit (2001) reading is the process of



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thinking, recalling and relating concepts under the functioning of written words. Devarajan (1989) defines reading as the art of interpreting printed and written words. Irvin (1998) describes the reading process as the interaction of what is in the head with what is on the page within a particular context that causes students to comprehend what they read. The importance of regular reading is undeniable, particularly, in higher education where texts are the main sources of information. Thus, reading is the ability to recognise and examine words or sentences and understand the information within. It is a cognitive process of understanding a written linguistic message and to examine and grasp the meaning of written or printed words.

People read for different reasons and purposes, some of which include pleasure, leisure, relaxation, information and knowledge. Reyhene (1998) observes that when children read for pleasure, they involuntarily and unconsciously improve their language skills. Bignold (2003) indicates that the habit of reading improves children's reading skills. Hence, the issue of reading whether it is for learning or leisure is important since it helps broaden young people's experiences and knowledge says Green (2002). Reading habit contributes to psychological traits such as the ability to concentrate and strong self-discipline. Since reading opens a window to the world, it allows the reader to adapt easily in a variety of social situations. Reading is an important communicative process and reading skill is required for academic and professional progress. It is an important gateway to personal development, and to social, economic and civic life (Holden, 2004). It allows one to learn about other people, about history and social studies, language, arts, science, mathematics, and the other content subjects that must be mastered in school (Lyon 1997). Huey (1968) defines reading as the complicated working of the human mind. Students, who read actively and frequently, improve their comprehension of text as a consequence (Cipielewski & Stanovich 1992).

Reading often can increase sight word recognition, vocabulary, fluency, text comprehension, as well as knowledge (Morgan & Fuchs 2007). Studies show that students who like to read score better in most subjects than students who do not like to read (Krashen 2004). Students who struggle with reading, often avoid the discomfort by choosing not even to try. Several researches show that the more the students read, the better they read and the more pleasure they get out of reading for, it lowers stress levels, encourages positive thinking and strengthens relationship. Reading inspirational literature enables the readers to explore new ideas and complex emotions and it also produces a kind of reality simulation that runs on the minds of the readers just as a computer simulation. Books on inspirational literature are used for the present study to improve the reading habit and inculcate soft skills in students at tertiary level. Graduates of today need to meet the requirements of the corporate world and sustain in their career. So, in order to improve their expertise to face the job market and also enhance their personal skills, inculcating soft skills in them is the foremost objective of modern curriculum. Soft skills are a cluster of productive personality traits that characterise one's relationships in a milieu. Soft skills may include an individual's ability for leadership, his or her oral and written communication, the willingness and aptitude for team-work, aptitude for conflict resolution and problem solving, the ability and willingness to learn, and the work ethics (Case 1998; Fann & Lewis 2001; Nelson et al. 2001; Taylor 2005a). They are vital for personal well-being and also form an important part of an individual's contribution to the success of an organisation.

Soft skills are increasingly sought out by employers in addition to standard qualifications. In the workplace, soft skills are considered as complement to hard skills. Soft skills are vital for all graduates regardless of their field of study. It is necessary for them to get acquainted with the behavioural skills of the work place as Stephen Johnston and Helen McGregor (2005) view. Modern professional practice requires not only the recognized technical skills, but also high-level of generic or soft professional skills. Recent professional laxity claims suggest that technically well-qualified professionals with deficiencies in these generic skills may fail to effectively identify and satisfy client requirements. Soft skill is an abstract concept, which is, in fact, a compendium of several components like attitude, abilities, habits and practices that are combined adeptly to maximise one's work effectiveness (Ramesh Gopalasway & Ramesh Mahadevan 2010). Roselina (2009) argues that soft skills are quite different as compared to core or hard skills that tertiary students need to acquire and master. Hard skills are those that are needed to perform a particular job. These often vary depending on the type of role that will be performed or the industry will be looking for. They can usually be developed through studying and training. Compared to soft skills, hard skills are normally easy to



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observe and evaluate because they involve specific skill sets related to the particular job of a worker (Pool & Sewell 2007). Hard skills are very much related to the technical procedures based on the core business of an organisation and they can be administrative. Books on inspirational literature contain stories of people who overcome adversity and reach new levels of success that inspire and encourage readers to follow the lessons they carry. The genre inspirational literature is meant to uplift critical thinking as well as provide entertainment to the readers. It requires more than just a positive character; it requires encouragement and the ability to inspire others with the realisation that they can do great things and be better people. Books on inspirational literature have been read and followed by people right from their primary education to higher education periods. While reading great literature is a privilege for some, others consider it difficult, time-consuming and inherently stodgy.

But most will agree that the more effort invested in reading books on inspiration, the greater the return and it can earn high yields in one's career and personal life. Understanding the actions of the characters in these texts will open the inner resources of a person's intuition, logic and potential. In the present world of technological advancement, the study of humanities is essential since civic responsibilities from ethics to moral intelligence are lacking more than ever before. The superhighway of information overload is a crippling side-effect from the insatiable hunger for the most current news, trend, or market flinch and to "turn-off" is becoming more difficult. Be it family, workload, financial constraints, or other personal reasons, the crucial point to live life in the present for a better tomorrow makes a person free and a fuller human being. The anxiousness to be always doing something and the inability to be alone with oneself is a detriment. Business has reached extraordinary levels of competition, appropriate educational qualifications, and prolific work experience. Though reading literature does not reconcile the financial statements for an annual report, maximise a profit margin or re-align a product campaign, the values and insights that the reader glean from inspirational literature sensitise themselves to problems inherent in managing people at home or in an organisation. Reading great literature can start one's journey to enlightened mind and spirituality thereby prepares an individual to face the challenges of modern life. It provides a moral imagination with interaction. It is a supplement to elevate the worldly intuitiveness and rationality. The reflections upon the actions and consequences literary figures have on their attitudes, beliefs, and concerns will always encapsulate the desire for power, self-esteem, freedom, solidarity and virtue. It is the practicality towards the human condition that can be assimilated and aggregated into the profession and personal leisure of the reader. Books written by writers like Robin Sharma are helpful in the comparison of literary works to the everyday corporate contexts.

CONCLUSION

Though students at the tertiary level possess certain people skills due to their background and exposure, they are inadequate to impress the recruiters. The corporate sectors seek and opt for candidates who not only have the requisite academic qualifications but also soft skills to function in the competitive corporate setting where they have to deal with people of different culture. So, training in soft skills has become compulsory for today's graduates. Universities and colleges all over the world adopt many training techniques considering the industrial scenario and to cater to the needs of students. Training in soft skills is one such indispensable part of academics that helps students become dynamic in their career. An important inquiry here is whether traits like team leadership, team building, assertiveness, perseverance, strategic planning, facilitating, mentoring, learning from criticism, conflict resolution and diversity awareness can be taught. The answer is 'yes'. It is possible by choosing an appropriate mode of training depending on the level of the students. The method of teaching must show some variation from the regular pedagogical methods like delivery of lectures and demonstration of concepts and themes. A different approach is needed for creating interest among the students. Soft skills training accompanied by reading and performing activities will definitely help the students acquire the skills easier and perform better. As lecturing method continues to be the most popular method of teaching, it should also be a part of the training. One of the best ways to acquire soft skills is reading books on literature especially inspirational literature. Unlike training drives or lecture on soft skills, reading inspirational literature offers cues and invites readers to draw their own inferences. By engaging the reader in drawing inferences about what characters in the stories are feeling, inspirational literature is





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very much like a conversation and introspection into one's own self. Learning about the inner states of others through reading inspirational literature will prompt the readers to explore themselves and improve their personalities and, in the process, they become more open and aware of other people's feelings. This helps in enhancing their soft skills. Reading also gives the opportunity of exploring the subjective world of its characters and provides social expertise to the readers. The style and figurative expressions used in any work of literature put the reader through an emotional experience similar to that of the protagonist. Like dance or music, inspirational literature offers a distinct experience to the reader which is beyond comparison. Hence, reading can be considered one of the best ways to acquire people skills or soft skills. Literature, which is a mirror of human lives, can be used in classrooms to introduce and enhance the students' knowledge of soft skills. Since it distinguishes itself from other types of academic discourse, literature urges the reader to adopt an interactive approach to acquire soft skills or people skills. It can familiarise students with the formation and function of sentences, the different ways of connecting ideas and provide a good training ground for improving reading skills and soft skills. Reflecting on the central role of life experiences in shaping one's self-concept, attitudes, and behaviors, Hayakawa an educational researcher suggests that literature has the ability to produce profound changes in individuals by affording them the experience of an almost infinite number of alternative lives and personas. Hence, reading motivational literature that emphasises on the virtues of possessing soft skills will really bring a change in the attitude of the readers leading to a positive and permanent transformation in them.

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Mathematical Insights on Intuitionistic Generalization of Generalized Star Closed Sets

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ABSTRACT

This article examines a clear explanation about the various properties of Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ - closed sets with the use of $i(gg)^*$ - closure and $i(gg)^*$ - interior. As such, this research informs understandings of basic results of $i(gg)^*$ -closed sets. Introduction to $i(gg)^*$ - continuous function has played a major role with its unique properties and equivalent conditions. Ultimately this study aims to cultivate a more profound comprehension of $i(gg)^*$ - continuous function.

Keywords: $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $i(gg)^*$ - open, $i(gg)^*$ - closure, $i(gg)^*$ - interior

INTRODUCTION

Topology in mathematics is the study of spaces and characteristics that are maintained under constant deformations, such as stretching, crumpling, and bending, but not tearing or adhering. This field 'Topology' developed as a study out of geometry and set theory, through analysis of concepts such as space, dimension and transformation. The study of generalized closed sets was introduced by Levine in 1970 [1] "Intuitionistic set" is a concept in topological space was came into existence because of Coker [2] in 1996. Further he developed the concept with the use of intuitionistic point [3] and investigated some fundamental properties of closed sets in intuitionistic topological space. In 2009, it was further investigated and J.Younis Yaseen and G.Asmat Raouf [4] has given some results in intuitionistic generalized closed sets in topological spaces. In 2019,[5] several new generalization of nano open sets has been





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introduced and discovered many results by Nethaji, Ochanan. Further G.Hari siva annam and S.Pavithra [6] has introduced intuitionistic generalization of generalized star closed sets in intuitionistic topological space in a proceeding where the igg^* is compared with various intuitionistic sets.

Continuity is a important concept in mathematics and many forms of continuous functions have been introduced over the years. The generalized continuity (briefly g - continuity) was studied by Balachandran, et.al.,(1991). With the aid of g -open sets many topologist have introduced and investigated various continuous functions which are the core concept of topology. In this regard, many topologists have enriched the field of generalized closed sets to a considerable extend through their detailed study. J.G.LEE, P.K.Lim, J.H.Kim,K.Hur [7] introduced intuitionistic continuous, closed and open mapping, where many results were discovered and gave identity to many more new theorems. The concept of contra continuity via soft lattice topological spaces [8] was introduced in 2024 by G.Hari Siva Annam and T.Abinaya where these results gives a pathway for contra continuity. Further it was developed in this paper as intuitionistic generalization of generalized star (shortly $i(gg)^*$)continuous and discussed many ideas which evolved as a new discovery.

PRELIMINARIES

Definition 2.1 Let X be an non-void set. An intuitionistic set (IS for short) A is an object having the form $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ where A_1 and A_2 are subsets of X satisfying $A_1 \cap A_2 = \emptyset$. The set A_1 is called the set of members of A , while A_2 is called the set of non members of A .

Definition 2.2 Let X be a non-void set and let A, B are intuitionistic sets in the form $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle, B = \langle X, B_1, B_2 \rangle$ respectively. Then

- (a) $A \subseteq B$ iff $A_1 \subseteq B_1$ and $A_2 \supseteq B_2$.
- (b) $A = B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$.
- (c) $A^c = \langle X, A_2, A_1 \rangle$
- (d) $[] A = \langle X, A_1, A_1^c \rangle$
- (e) $A - B = A \cap \bar{B}$
- (f) $\emptyset_\sim = \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, X_\sim = \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle$
- (g) $A \cup B = \langle X, A_1 \cup B_1, A_2 \cap B_2 \rangle$
- (h) $A \cap B = \langle X, A_1 \cap B_1, A_2 \cup B_2 \rangle$.

Definition 2.3 An intuitionistic topology (for short IT) on a non empty set X is a family I_τ of IS in X satisfying the following axioms.

- (1) $\emptyset_\sim, X_\sim \in I_\tau$
- (2) $G_1 \cap G_2 \in I_\tau$, for any $G_1, G_2 \in I_\tau$
- (3) $\cup G_\alpha \in I_\tau$ for any arbitrary family $\{G_i: G_\alpha/\alpha \in J\} \subseteq I_\tau$ where (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic topological space (for short ITS(X)) and any intuitionistic set in I_τ is called an intuitionistic open set (for short IOS) in X . The complement A^c of an IOS A is called an intuitionistic closed set (for short ICS) in X .

Definition 2.4 Let (X, I_τ) be an intuitionistic topological space (for short ITS(X)) and $A = \langle X, A_1, A_2 \rangle$ be an IS in X . Then the interior and closure of A are defined by

- (1) $Icl(A) = \cap \{K : K \text{ is an ICS in } X \text{ and } A \subseteq K\}$
- (2) $Iint(A) = \cup \{G : G \text{ is an IOS in } X \text{ and } G \subseteq A\}$.

It can be shown that $Icl(A)$ is an ICS and $Iint(A)$ is an IOS in X and A is an ICS in X iff $Icl(A) = A$ and is an IOS in X iff $Iint(A) = A$.

Definition 2.5 Consider an intuitionistic set A of a non -void set X and $a \in X$.

$a_I = (\{a\}, \{a\}^c)$ is an intuitionistic point (IP) and $a_{IV} = (\emptyset, \{a\}^c)$ is a vanishing point of X .
IP(X) is a set of all intuitionistic points or intuitionistic vanishing point in X .





Definition 2.6 Let (X, I_τ) be an ITS(X). An intuitionistic set A of X is said to be

- (1) Intuitionistic semi-open if $A \subseteq Icl(I\,int(A))$.
- (2) Intuitionistic pre-open if $A \subseteq Iint(Icl(A))$.

- (3) Intuitionistic regular-open if $A = Iint(Icl(A))$.

The family of all intuitionistic (semi-open, pre-open, regular-open) of (X, I_τ) are denoted by ISOS, IPOS, IROS respectively.

Definition 2.7 [4] Let a subset A of an intuitionistic topological spaces (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic generalized closed set (briefly $i\,g$ -closed) if $i\,cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is an intuitionistic open in (X, I_τ) .

Definition 2.8 [9] Let a subset A of an intuitionistic topological spaces (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic regular generalized closed set (briefly $i\,rg$ -closed) if $i\,cl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is an intuitionistic regular open in (X, I_τ) .

Definition 2.9 [6] A intuitionistic subset A of an intuitionistic topological space (X, I_τ) is called an intuitionistic generalization of generalized star closed sets ($i\,(gg)^*$ -closed) if $ircl(A) \subseteq U$ whenever $A \subseteq U$ and U is $i\,(gg)$ open in (X, I_τ) . The collection of all $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets in (X, I_τ) is denoted by $i\,(gg)^*C(X)$.

Definition 2.10 [6] i) Every intuitionistic regular closed set is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.

ii) Every $i\,(gg)^*$ closed set is $i\,g$ -closed (resp. $i\,g^{**}$ -closed, $i\,gr$ -closed, $i\,gr^*$ -closed, $i\,rg$ -closed).

Definition 2.11 [6] The arbitrary union of two $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets of (X, I_τ) is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.

Definition 2.12 For an ITS (X, τ) and A is a subset of X . The class $\tau_A = \{(G_T \cap A, G_F \cap A) : G = (G_T, G_F) \text{ and } \{G \in \tau\} \text{ is an IT on } A\}$ is called the relative IT on A or the relativization of τ to A and the ITS (A, τ_A) is called an intuitionistic topological subspace of (X, τ) .

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ Closure

Definition 3.1 Let A be an intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) . Then $i\,(gg)^*$ closure of A is defined as the intersection of all $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set of (X, I_τ) containing A . It is denoted by $I\,(gg)^*cl(A)$.

Theorem 3.2 If A and B are $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed, then $A \cap B$ is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed.

Proof: Let A and B are $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets and $A \cap B \subseteq U$, U is $i\,gg$ -open. Suppose $ircl(A \cap B) \not\subseteq U$ then $ircl(A) \not\subseteq U$ and $ircl(B) \not\subseteq U$. This implies $A \cap B \not\subseteq U$. Hence $ircl(A \cap B) \subseteq U$.

Theorem 3.3 If A and B are an intuitionistic subsets of an ITS of (X, I_τ) then

- i) $i\,(gg)^*cl(X_\sim) = X_\sim$, $i\,(gg)^*cl(\emptyset_\sim) = \emptyset_\sim$
- ii) $A \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(A)$
- iii) If B is any $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set containing A then $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq B$
- iv) If $A \subseteq B$ then $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(B)$
- v) $i\,(gg)^*cl(A) = i\,(gg)^*cl(i\,(gg)^*cl(A))$
- vi) $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) = (i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B))$

Proof i), ii), iii), iv), v) are straightforward.

vi) Let A and B be subsets of (X, I_τ) . Clearly $A \subseteq A \cup B$ and $B \subseteq A \cup B$. From iv) $(i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B)) \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B)$. Now we have to prove that $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) \subseteq (i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B))$. Suppose $x \notin i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B)$ then there exists a $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed sets A_1 and B_1 such that $A \subseteq A_1$, $B \subseteq B_1$ such that $x \notin A_1$ and $x \notin B_1$. Therefore $x \notin A_1 \cup B_1$ such that $A \cup B \subseteq A_1 \cup B_1$. Hence $x \notin i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B)$. Hence $i\,(gg)^*cl(A \cup B) \subseteq i\,(gg)^*cl(A) \cup i\,(gg)^*cl(B)$.

Theorem 3.4 A intuitionistic subset A of (X, I_τ) is $i\,(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) iff $ircl(A) - A$ contains no non empty $i\,gg$ -closed set.





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Proof: Let A be an $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) . Suppose F is a non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) such that $F \subseteq ircl(A) - A$ which implies $F \subseteq ircl(A) \cap (X - A)$. Then $F \subseteq ircl(A)$ and $F \subseteq (X - A)$. Since A is an $i(gg)^*$ -closed set, $ircl(A) \subseteq X - F \Rightarrow F \subseteq X - ircl(A)$. Hence we get $F \cap F \subseteq ircl(A) \cap (X - ircl(A)) = \emptyset$. Which is a contradiction. Therefore $ircl(A) - A$ does not contain any non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set.

Conversely, suppose that $ircl(A) - A$ contains no non empty $i(gg)$ -closed set. Let U be a $i(gg)$ -open set such that $A \subseteq U$. Suppose $ircl(A)$ is not contained in U . Then $ircl(A) \subseteq X - U$ Where $(X - U)$ is $i(gg)$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) and contained in $ircl(A) - A$. Which is a contradiction. Hence A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Theorem 3.5 Let $A \subseteq B \subseteq ircl(A)$ and A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) , then B is also $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Proof: Let U be an $i(gg)$ -open set in (X, I_τ) such that $B \subseteq U$. Now if $A \subseteq B \subseteq ircl(A)$, then $ircl(A) \subseteq ircl(B) \subseteq ircl(A)$. Therefore $ircl(A) = ircl(B)$. Since A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $ircl(A) \subseteq U$. Therefore $ircl(B) = ircl(A) \subseteq U$. Hence B is $i(gg)^*$ -closed.

Theorem 3.6 If A is $i(gg)$ -open subset of X and $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in X . Then A is i -regular closed set.

Proof: Since A is $i(gg)$ -open subset of X and $i(gg)^*$ -closed, $ircl(A) \subseteq A$. But $A \subseteq ircl(A)$. Therefore $A = ircl(A)$. Hence A is i -regular closed.

Theorem 3.7 Let $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$, Where B is $i(gg)$ -open and $i(gg)^*$ -closed in X . If A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in B . Then A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in X .

Proof: Let U be a $i(gg)$ -open set in X such that $A \subseteq U$. Since $A \subseteq U \cap B$, $U \cap B$ is $i(gg)$ -open in B and A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in B , $ircl(A) \cap B \subseteq U \cap B$. Since $A \subseteq B$, $ircl(A) \subseteq ircl(B)$. Since B is $i(gg)$ -open and $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . By theorem(3.5), B is i -regular closed. Therefore $ircl(B) = B$. This implies $ircl(A) \subseteq B$. Thus $ircl(A) \subseteq U \cap B \subseteq U$. Hence A is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 3.8 For every point $x \in X$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ of the space (X, I_τ) the set $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is either $i(gg)^*$ -closed or $i(gg)$ -open.

Proof: Suppose that $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is not $i(gg)$ -open. Then (X, I_τ) is the only $i(gg)$ -open set containing $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$. That is $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c \subseteq X$. This implies $ircl(X - \{x\}, \{x\}, \{x\}^c) \subseteq X$. Therefore $X - \{x\}$, $\{x\}$, $\{x\}^c$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 3.9 Let A be a subset of an intuitionistic topological space (X, I_τ) . Then $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$ [resp a_{IV}] iff for any $i(gg)^*$ -open set U containing a_1 , $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$.

Proof: Let $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$ [resp a_{IV}] and suppose that there is a $i(gg)^*$ -open set U in X such that $a_1 \in U$ and $A \cap U = \emptyset \Rightarrow A \subseteq U^c$. Which is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Then $i(gg)^*cl(A) \subseteq i(gg)^*cl(U^c) = U^c$. Therefore $a_1 \in U \Rightarrow a_1 \notin U^c \Rightarrow a_1 \notin i(gg)^*cl(A)$. Which is a contradiction. Conversely, suppose for any $i(gg)^*$ -open set U containing a_1 , $A \cap U \neq \emptyset$. To prove $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$. Suppose that $a_1 \notin i(gg)^*cl(A)$, then there is a $i(gg)^*$ -closed set F in X such that $a_1 \notin F$ and $A \subseteq F$. Therefore $a_1 \notin F \Rightarrow a_1 \in F^c$ which is $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) . Hence $A \subseteq F \Rightarrow A \cap F^c = \emptyset$, which is a contradiction. Thus $a_1 \in i(gg)^*cl(A)$.

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ - Interior

Definition 4.1 A intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) is called $i(gg)^*$ -open set ($I(gg)^*OS$) if $X - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed. The equivalent definition for $i(gg)^*$ -open set is that a set A is said to be $i(gg)^*$ -open iff $U \subseteq ig\ int(A)$ whenever $U \subseteq A$, U is $i(gg)$ -closed.

Definition 4.2 Let A be an intuitionistic subset of an ITS of (X, I_τ) . Then $i(gg)^*$ interior of A is defined as the union of all $i(gg)^*$ -open set of (X, I_τ) contained in A . It is denoted by $I(gg)^*int(A)$.

Theorem 4.3 If A and B are an intuitionistic subsets of an ITS of (X, I_τ) then

- i) $i(gg)^*int(X_\sim) = X_\sim$, $i(gg)^*int(\emptyset_\sim) = \emptyset_\sim$
- ii) $i(gg)^*int(A) \subseteq A$





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iii) If B is any $i(gg)^*$ -open set contained in A then $B \subseteq i(gg)^* \text{int}(A)$

iv) If $A \subseteq B$ then $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) \subseteq i(gg)^* \text{int}(B)$

v) $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) = i(gg)^* \text{int}(i(gg)^* \text{int}(A))$

vi) $i(gg)^* \text{int}(A \cap B) = (i(gg)^* \text{int}(A) \cap i(gg)^* \text{int}(B))$

Theorem 4.4 If $i \text{rint}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ and A is $i(gg)^*$ -open set then B is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Proof: Given $i \text{rint}(A) \subseteq B \subseteq A$ which implies $A^c \subseteq B^c \subseteq i \text{rcl}(A^c)$ where A^c is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. By theorem (3.5) B^c is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. Hence B is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Theorem 4.5 The arbitrary intersection of two $i(gg)^*$ -open sets of (X, I_τ) is $i(gg)^*$ -open.

Proof: Let A and B be the $i(gg)^*$ -open sets in (X, I_τ) . Then A^c and B^c are $i(gg)^*$ -closed sets in (X, I_τ) . By (3.2), Therefore $(A \cap B)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set in (X, I_τ) .

Theorem 4.6 If $A \subseteq X$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set then $i \text{rcl}(A) - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Proof: Let $A \subseteq X$ be a $i(gg)^*$ -closed set. Let U be $i(gg)$ -closed in (X, I_τ) such that $U \subseteq i \text{rcl}(A) - A$. By theorem (3.4), $\emptyset = U \subseteq i \text{rint}(i \text{rcl}(A) - A)$. Hence $i \text{rcl}(A) - A$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set.

Theorem 4.7 Let A and B be subsets of a topological space (X, I_τ) . If A is $i(gg)^*$ -open and $i \text{rint}(B) \subseteq A$ then $A \cap B$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open.

Proof: Let A and B be $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) and $i \text{rint}(B) \subseteq (A \cap B) \subseteq B$ then by theorem (4.3) $A \cap B$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set in (X, I_τ) .

Intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ -Continuous

Definition 5.1 The function $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is said to be intuitionistic $(gg)^*$ -continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open in (X, I_τ) for every intuitionistic open set V of (Y, I_σ) .

Example 5.2 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\tau = \{\langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle\}$ and $Y = \{r, s, t\}$ with $I_\sigma = \{\langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{s, r\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{s\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{s, t\}, \emptyset \rangle\}$. Then $I(gg)^* - C(X, I_\tau) = \{\langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle\}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = s, f(b) = t, f(c) = r$. The inverse image of every i -closed sets in (Y, I_σ) is $I(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) , f is $I(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.3 Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a function from an intuitionistic topological space X into the intuitionistic topological space Y . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) The function f is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.
- 2) The inverse image of intuitionistic closed set of Y is $i(gg)^*$ -closed set in (X, I_τ) .
- 3) $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq i \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of (X, I_τ) .
- 4) $i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(i \text{cl}(B))$ for each intuitionistic set B of Y .

Proof : (1) $\Leftrightarrow$ (2) is obvious.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (2) let $F \subseteq Y$ be a intuitionistic closed set. Then $f^{-1}(F) = f^{-1}(i \text{cl}(F))$. Hence by (3), $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq i \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(F))) \subseteq i \text{cl}(F) = F$. Thus $i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(F)) \subseteq f^{-1}(F) \Rightarrow i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(F)) = f^{-1}(F)$. Therefore $f^{-1}(F) \in I(gg)^*C(X)$.

(3) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let B be any intuitionistic subset of Y . From (3) $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq i \text{cl}(f(f^{-1}(B))) \subseteq i \text{cl}(B)$. Hence $i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(i \text{cl}(B))$ for each intuitionistic set B of Y .

(4) $\Rightarrow$ (3) Let A be an subset of X . Then there exists a subset B of Y such that $A = f^{-1}(B)$.

From (4) $i(gg)^* \text{cl}(A) = i(gg)^* \text{cl}(f^{-1}(B)) \subseteq f^{-1}(i \text{cl}(B))$. Therefore $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq i \text{cl}(B) = i \text{cl}(f(A))$. Hence $f(i(gg)^* \text{cl}(A)) \subseteq i \text{cl}(f(A))$ for every subset A of X .





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(1) $\Rightarrow$ (4) Let f be $i(gg)^*$ -continuous and B be any intuitionistic set of Y . Then $f^{-1}(i\,cl(B))$ is an $i(gg)^*$ closed set in X . For any intuitionistic set $B, f^{-1}(i\,cl(B)) = i(gg)^*cl(f^{-1}(cl(B))) \supseteq i(gg)^*cl(f^{-1}(B))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(i\,cl(B)) \supseteq i(gg)^*cl(f^{-1}(B))$.

Theorem 5.4 Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a function from an intuitionistic topological space X into the intuitionistic topological space Y . Then the following statements are equivalent.

- 1) The function f is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.
- 2) For each subset A of $Y, f^{-1}(i\,int(A)) \subseteq i(gg)^*int(f^{-1}(A))$.

Proof: (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) Let A be any intuitionistic subset of Y . Then $i\,int(A)$ is a open set in Y and $f^{-1}(i\,int(A))$ is $i(gg)^*$ -open set in X . $f^{-1}(i\,int(A)) = i(gg)^*int(f^{-1}(int(A))) \subseteq i(gg)^*int(f^{-1}(A))$. Therefore $f^{-1}(i\,int(A)) \subseteq i(gg)^*int(f^{-1}(A))$.

(2) $\Rightarrow$ (1) Let A be any intuitionistic open set of Y , so that $i\,int(A) = A \Rightarrow f^{-1}(i\,int(A)) = f^{-1}(A)$. By (2) $f^{-1}(i\,int(A)) \subseteq i(gg)^*int(f^{-1}(A))$. Hence $f^{-1}(A)$ is an $i(gg)^*$ -open, when A is intuitionistic open in Y . Therefore f is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.5 Every $i(gg)^*$ -continuous is $i\,g$ -continuous.

Proof: Let $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ be a $i(gg)^*$ -continuous. Let V be an intuitionistic closed set of (Y, I_σ) . Then $f^{-1}(V)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . since every $i(gg)^*$ -closed is $i\,g$ -closed. Therefore $f^{-1}(V)$ is $i\,g$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is $i\,g$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.6 Every $i(gg)^*$ -continuous is $i\,rg$ -continuous.

The proof is forthright.

Remark 5.7 The converse of the above theorems need not be true.

Example 5.8 Let $X = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\tau^c = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle \}$ and $Y = \{a, b, c\}$ with $I_\sigma^c = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle \}$.

$i(gg)^*-C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle \}$ and $i\,g-C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle, \langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is

$i\,g$ -continuous but $f^{-1}(\langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle) = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ is not an $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is not $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Example 5.9 From example (5.8) $i\,rg-C(X, I_\tau) = \{ \langle X, \emptyset, X \rangle,$

$\langle X, X, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b\}, \{a, c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \{c\}, \{a, b\} \rangle,$

$\langle X, \{a, b\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, b\}, \{c\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \{a\} \rangle, \langle X, \{b, c\}, \emptyset \rangle, \langle X, \{a, c\}, \emptyset \rangle,$

$\langle X, \{a, c\}, \{b\} \rangle, \langle X, \emptyset, \emptyset \rangle \}$. Define $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ as $f(a) = a, f(b) = c, f(c) = b$. Clearly f is $i\,rg$ -continuous but

$f^{-1}(\langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle) = \langle X, \{a\}, \{b, c\} \rangle$ is not an $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Hence f is not $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Theorem 5.10 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a $i(gg)^*$ -continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous then their composition $g \circ f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is intuitionistic continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is intuitionistic closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is $i(gg)^*$ -closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore $g \circ f$ is $i(gg)^*$ -continuous.





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Definition 5.11 The function $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is said to be strongly $i(gg)^*$ - continuous, if $f^{-1}(V)$ is intuitionistic closed in (X, I_τ) for every set $i(gg)^*$ - closed set V of (Y, I_σ) .

Theorem 5.12 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a strongly $i(gg)^*$ - continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a $i(gg)^*$ - continuous then their composition $gof: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is $i(gg)^*$ - continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is $i(gg)^*$ - closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is strongly $i(gg)^*$ - continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is intuitionistic closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore gof is intuitionistic continuous.

Theorem 5.13 If $f: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Y, I_\sigma)$ is a $i(gg)^*$ - continuous and $g: (Y, I_\sigma) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a intuitionistic continuous then their composition $gof: (X, I_\tau) \rightarrow (Z, I_\eta)$ is a $i(gg)^*$ - continuous.

Proof: Let O be any intuitionistic closed set in (Z, I_η) . Since g is intuitionistic continuous, then $g^{-1}(O)$ is intuitionistic closed in (Y, I_σ) . Since f is $i(gg)^*$ - continuous, then $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is $i(gg)^*$ - closed in (X, I_τ) . By theorem (2.10) (ii)) we have $f^{-1}(g^{-1}(O))$ is $i(gg)^*$ - closed in (X, I_τ) . Therefore gof is $i(gg)^*$ - continuous.

CONCLUSIONS

This class of $i(gg)^*$ - closed in intuitionistic topological spaces is defined using regular closure and igg - open sets. We have studied the relation of this set with some other closed sets and investigated some of their properties and discovered various results. Further we have made some compositions in continuous function and analyzed various results. Further it will be developed in connectednes.

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Therapeutic Allure in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni's Mistress of Spices

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ABSTRACT

India is the homeland of Ayurveda, martial arts and Siddha medicines. It is a multi-ethnic terrestrial, and each of its province has its own vernacular dialect, attire, gourmet, tradition and rituals. Divakaruni has incredibly projected the generic potentials of the spices and has blended it with the fictional components that complete the objective of the tale. Culinary competence, which appears to govern the perception of ideal womanhood, is meted out in varied contexts in her novels. Tilo the protagonist utilizes her magical powers to communicate with spices, which forms the primitive module of the globe, to resolve the day-to-day issues of other immigrants. This paper provides readers with a glimpse into the therapeutic standards of Indian spices accentuated for their healing qualities by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni in her novel *The Mistress of Spices*.

Keywords: Healing, Spices, Therapeutic, Allure, Culture, Identity, Culinary

INTRODUCTION

Twentieth century has provided wide opportunities for the writers to exercise great impact on culture, society and history of the new land. At the same time, they nostalgically recall the custom, culture, gourmet, language and people of their mother land. Some of the gifted women settlers began to record the life and longings of the immigrants effectively in their writings. Immigration has given wider opportunities to the Indian writers to express their experience and anguish in a new land. Divakaruni's works are largely grounded on poignant crisis, inspiration and the extensive discord of Indian immigrant womenfolk who crave for belongingness with the aboriginal principles and morality. She distinctively plans the image of ordeal women preoccupied with their inner world, their menacing hatred and the gale in the existential impasse of women in a masculine conquered humanity. Her works exhibit Indian women as paramount characters. By exhibiting womanly- narrative all through her





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workings, she makes a plea for a competent living of women, enduring her flexibility. She has depicted women individuals through her collective thoughts and practice. She recurrently concentrates her writing on women problems. she says,

“Women in particular respond to my work because I’m writing about them– women in love, in difficulties, women in relationships. I want people to relate me to my characters, to feel their joy and agony, because it will be harder to [be] prejudiced when they meet them in true life” (Softky).

Divakaruni after a lot of research on Ayurveda has added the information in her novel. She connotes:

“I have been absorbed in the traditional ancient Hindu system of medicine, for a long time so I did a lot of ayurvedic research as well. So, I did do a lot of Ayurvedic research. Some of it came out of, again, the folklore of There are some good luck spices. You have certain ceremonies where you would use certain spices to bring good luck and avert the evil eye—the mustard seed to avert the evil eye and the haldi, which is auspicious.” (Seshachari, Neila, 2001)

The Mistress of Spices is inscribed in a culinary genre and the narrative revolves around spices. Nearly half the spices cultivated in India is utilized by the whole world. Colleen Taylor Sen connotes:

Spices indigenous to India are ginger, turmeric, tamarind, black (also called round) pepper (Pippa nigrum), Curry Leaves (Murraya koenigi), Pippali or long pepper (P.longum), green and black cardamom and holy tulasi...Sesame seed (Sesame indicum), one of the oilseed crops, was domesticated very early. Asafoetida...originated in Afghanistan, which is still a major producer... (FAF, 23)

The Mistress of Spices (1997) is established in fashionable Oakland, California. Respectively the episodes of the novel is termed after a different spice that has deep connection with the characters. The first chapter is titled ‘Tilo’ a name derived from Til. The rest of the chapters are named after each spice. Tilo, the protagonist of this novel is the possessor of the Spice Market in Oakland, California. She is an immigrant from India who aids her clients satisfy their requirements and wishes with the aid of diverse spices. Her customers are typically primary- or subsequent-cohort immigrants who tussle to acclimatise their deep-rooted-realm thoughts in the unacquainted novel realm. “The people are compelled to leave their native land in search of a better living” (Beulah Joseline 77263)

Inbred in India Tilo is marooned on a secluded island, populated by womankind. Tilo faces gender discrimination at the very early stage in her life. She is named as ‘Nayantara’ and is discarded by her family for the scandal of being born a female. “Home gives security for everyone, but for Saru home is a place of disappointment” (Saratha Lakshmi 9749). She is gifted as the paramour of flavours and conjures the charmed supremacies of the flavours to triumph over the sufferings of the local Indian expatriate community. Her customers are typically primary or subsequent cohort immigrants who struggle to acclimatize their old world principles to the unfamiliar innovative world. “As a result of immigration to foreign countries, lonely men and women and their ethnic identity creates confusion among the young” (Shahin Banu 3547).

Tilo finds herself not only trapped in the lives of several Indian immigrants but also in the life of, Raven. Her craving to the domain of souls’ wraths the flavoring spices and she is in a dilemma, to fulfil the inhabitants or else to pursue the course of her individual contentment. Tilo gets an identity as an Indian – American and continues to render overhaul to the people with her mystical, magical and visionary powers. Divakaruni in a discussion said: “The spices are very significant in this manuscript, as characters they have peculiar traits.” (Divakaruni)

Tilo comprehends space and time to these constructions through a dialect of physicality and mentality. Owing to the displacement Tilo leads a secluded life. Her journey from the known to the unknown land leads her way to twinge and torment. This reflects her affection towards her homeland and the past world. Her expedition through water, air and ocean, is very much like walking on fire. She expresses her predicament in the foreign land: “I think I do not inflate when I say there is no other place in the globe quite like this” (MS 3). Her spice shop is a bridge between her past and the present. It also symbolizes secrecy and geographical monolithic national identity which gives space for diaspora people to rethink of them in the new nation. Divakaruni recapitulates the lost traditions and myths of her homeland through evoked memories of bygone times, place, and people. She projects the inner conflicts ranging



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within a woman who has to take a resolution if she has to live for herself or for the welfare of others. Tilottama (Tilo) the raconteur of the tale is inbred in India. She is spearheaded to be a “Controller of spices” and is ultimately deployed to vanguard a flavourful spice shop in Oakland, California. Tilo, chooses America willingly and supports people open their cherished feelings and restore them back to health.

The Spice shop, for illustration, created in the novel is a setting which helps in fetching exiled inhabitants collectively and offer them consolation. Food works as reminiscence and we all have optimistic and adverse memoirs with food. The diasporic circumstances additionally strengthen this association. Seasonings from dwellings recap you to the hospitality of a blissful dwelling moreover as bygones progress by. Though daily bread and related metaphors have played a role in narratives, psychosomatic ideas have fronted to the evaluation of cuisine besides consumption for example a comprehensive understanding. (Thomas J. Schoenberg and Lawrence J. Trudeau's). Food connotes the belief systems, pious guidelines, and byzantine beliefs of a specific character, or that of an entire kinship or ethnicity. Jonathan David says: In order to begin such a framework about food in folklore, . . . we should first analyse the subject of folk cuisine itself, and folk eating habits. Together, these create the domain that scholars in the field of folklore and folklife have come to call ‘foodways.’

Divakaruni presents Tilo as a character who is undistinguishably bonded in the process of displacement. The entire notion of ‘home’ becomes exiled and is transmuted and hooked on to an indefinable form which is not centered on a particular whereabouts however quite a progress among countless locations. As Tilo’s identity is trivial and void she forges a pioneering identity as the pirate queen -Bhagyavathi. This brand new identity too for no reason accords Tilo the accomplishment she longs for. Becoming the queen of pirates she chases triumph but is deprived of a true identity. Emptiness impinges into her heart and she starts chasing death to end her imaginary life.

The sea serpents save Bhagyavathi from the typhoon. The serpents remain her Caretakers, absolutely since her infancy time. Serpents are adored in our land as Divinities and Goddesses ever since primeval eras. They resume to shield and provide her with all amenities. The serpents reveal to her concerning the entranced islet of flavors furthermore the ‘First mother’ or the ‘Older One’, who has resided there for ages. Inhabitants had viewed the First mother during the early hours when she usually ascended the utmost apex of a hilltop and guided ‘the thunder-text from corner to corner across the horizon’. Tilo perceives that her providence and outlook is in the hands of the First mother on the new island. She confronts the cautions and soliciting’s of the snakes and verves to the desert islet, as “the call of the spices coursed up her veins” (MS 24). The protagonist is drawn towards the enraptured island of flavours, nevertheless they coax her to verve with them. The serpents wanted Tilo to become ‘sarpakanya’.

Through the channel of nature and environment, Tilo acts as a concerning link between diasporas and homeland which is the accentuating feature of all living, and non-living existences in this milieu. The protagonist and the accompanying young adolescents who dwell in the land were given new name and identities, with which they would become recognizable wherever they went. New personas are being forged. Tilo is the vivid pupil of all, “swift to master every single spell and chant, ...hem a glance.” (MS 41).

The First Mother accords every Mistress an innovative designation opinionated on the flavour. But instigating the annoyance of the First Mother Tilo chooses her own name. The First Mother acquiesces to Tilo’s aspiration and bestows her with a new name ‘Tilottama’. Her name “Tilo” is shortened from “Tilottama”. The Chief Mom presents her to the myth of Tilottama, ‘the leading performer at Indira’s allure’. “The spice speaks to me” says Tilo. She is the enchantress and the enchanted. “It’s expression is like dusk, ...realm” (MS 13). The First Mother who originates Tilo discloses Tilo’s special gifts. The spices aid her to endure calmness “clean, sharp and sane” and she sanctifies even them who do not see her with “fenugreek who renders the body sweet again”. These mistresses have to obey the stern rules in their private lives as a mistress. They should keep themselves away from all carnal desires, not utilize the spices for their own sake and should linger confined in the spice shop. They have to also eschew their reflection in the mirror and not express attachment towards customers. Tilo says “The spices are my love...realm quite like



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this” (MS 03). Food is a ubiquitous icon all through the narrative. Especially turmeric which can be used as an antibiotic as well as to enhance face shine.

Tilo is aware of how to use the spices, as she is able to distinguish their genesis, smell and insignia. She calls them by their factual name which was given when earth breached like a membrane and presented it till the open atmosphere. Its extracts are beneficial to many. Research is on process as it helps in treating various heart ailments including cancer. The protagonist shares Indian recipes amidst Kwesi, an African American. These simple acts of Tilo’s kindness creates friendship among people of diverse cultures and leads to her transculturation as people are willing to overlook the differences and build relationships on the common cultural aspect that they have acquired. The store where the entire community tends to relive their experiences caters to the little cravings of the Indian community. In this novel we find an outline of diaspora that pays off the price for accomplishing dislocation. Divakaruni’s novel resound this viewpoint that the notions of displacement and diaspora are, in discourse with one another. While the thought of displacement suggests the upheaval of familiar space and emphasizes the need to change, the notion of diaspora emphasizes the acquaintances between the displaced.

Tilo, significantly likes the spices she utilizes, and aids it to bestow life upon characters. For instance, Til that aids in curing diseases of liver and heart is made into an glue like consistency with sandalwood and when sautéed refurbishes brilliancy, when one has lost cognizance in life. Divakaruni has strikingly blended Indian flavours in this novel. She has globalized the effect of this ancient remedy technique of Ayurveda which is profoundly allied with Indian philosophy. Tilo offers Haroun is offered black cumin as it is presumed that it would come in handy to guard him of the malevolent. To add more to it she says that this spice is found in Sundarbans, teardrop in shape which smells like wild tigers.

Turmeric also named Halud, is highly appreciated for its therapeutic, mystical and preservation qualities. It is accepted for its devout and divine value. For more than a thousand year brides have been using this powder as it is considered to be auspicious which aids in guarding evil eyes. It is also a staple food which has the property to control inflammation. It also helps to alleviate pain and improve digestion. Turmeric, the auspicious spice... rubbed into the borders of wedding saris. (MS 13) Tilo’s allegiance towards the spices and her customers paves way for her to remember that she would chant and help in reliving sorrowness as per her learnings.

Similarly, Fennel, is an counterpoise, a flavour for Wednesdays, which can take control from one and restore it to the other. Fennel, *Mouri*, aids in digestion. -Looks typically like a tinted hedge sparrow. Tilo’s confrontation with an migrant’s grandad and his family fetches attention to flavours like saffron crocus or popularly known as Kesar. Tilo adds Badam or almond to hot milk as she understands that it would soothe anyone’s disputes and judgements and control their fury.

Cinnamon or Dalchini is a pleasingly scented drug plant which improves serum glucose, lower fasting blood glucose and reduces Triglycerides thus helping diabetics. To boost Jagjit’s confidence Tilo tucks cinnamon stick into Jagjit’s turban to help him make friends in his school and to gain strength. She wants him to be a robust self-confident character and believes cinnamom would give the valour to destroy his enemies because of its properties. In the novel, Asafoetida, a hard resinous gum spices are referred as ‘an antidote of love’ (MS 74). Healing repeatedly has been outlined as, the progression of bringing together aspects of oneself, body-mind-spirit, at profound levels of inner knowing, leading toward amalgamation and steadiness with each aspect having equal importance and value. (Egnew, 2005, p. 256)

Tilo hears her customers speaking together in all voices, Tamil, Assamese ,Hindi, Oriya, English, layered one on the other. She acts as an accordion in the new environment paving to link the breach between the two diverse beliefs. Similar is the situation of Jagjit who is forced to live the life of a marginal by the Americans. “ He lives in the world of disappointment where justice and consequence are expected but not experienced” (Shahin Banu 3467).





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Divakaruni illuminates the agony of exile and the uncertainties of post colonialism through a ten-year-old boy, Jagjit who is traumatized at school. Racial hatred leading to racial violence can best be seen in the case of Jagjit. Tilo hurriedly offered Jeera to reinforce his cognizance and Jagjit was given Manjistha or Indian madder “to make him calm and take away his anger” (MS 119). Tilo gives peppercorn to Raven as she presumes it has the capability to extract out his enigmas.

For instance, one such dependent wife, Mrs. Ahuja (Lalita) is a regular visitor to Tilo’s Store. She marries Mr. Ahuja, because of her parents’ compulsion. He is an alcoholic and often abuses her. Taking her to be a mere machine he abuses her even at the cherished times. Mrs. Ahuja’s confronts with exploitation, mistreatment and solitude in America. Her expectations are traumatized on the day of her marriage itself as she is denied of her personal opinions. Lalita is talented to discover resolutions for her predicaments through the protagonists reassuring confrontations. “The way she fulfils the expectations of all speaks volumes about her potential” (Saratha Lakshmi 3474).

Dreaming of the island, the protagonist engrosses in a noiseless psychological treatise with the Foremost Mother athwart stretches. All the immigrant female characters-Tilo, Geeta, Lalita, Daksha and Hameeda face ‘in-betweenness’ at some juncture. Tilo too is caught amidst her duty as the paramour of flavours and her craving to help people out of the box. She violates the rules laid down for the mistress and offers her aid to the needy.

Finally, she cannot hide her feelings for Raven. Tilo challenges the mistress-ship. Her love for her work as mistress of spices and for Raven is equal. Tilo is an embodiment of Indian cultural heritage characterized by chastity and resistance to cultural infiltration. Reiterating her womanly charm Tilo adopts the tag Maya. Hence, distinctiveness neither is conventional nor preconceived in consonance with their ethnic identity, and it doesn’t inevitably come forth when immigrants abandon or embrace their ethnic identity. It is a fusion of welcoming and unleashing changes, both internal and external, just as Tilo turns into Maya, the illusion. Tilo determines to go back to Oakland, though it was overwhelmed owing to an quake. Ghanshyam remark in their article, ‘Shifting Identities: Re-invention of the Self in Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni’s The Mistress of Spices’:

Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni has very dexterously juxtaposed the world of spices with that of women, as a metaphor of her life and identity, ... (84-85)

Literature does not deal with the any precise society or a distinct commune, it is for humankind. The effects of diaspora is dexterously employed by Divakaruni. “Exotic power is empowerment, and feminism and exoticism are first demarcated and reconciled. Exotic spices enable women to become feminist subjects by using their magical and healing qualities to fight patriarchal Indian traditions” (2005:77). Inderpal Grewal

Divakaruni has utilized the “magic” of these spices, both factually and allegorically.

Since the body is accepted as a noteworthy component of distinctiveness, such illustrations clutch boundless power along with the transformations in the protagonist. Tilo enters a luminal threshold -a interplanetary amidst the historical and the forthcoming without precise knowledge of where the contemporary day is. Tilo’s journey which starts with sesame culminates in *makaradwaj*, king among spices. She says, “Make me attractive, *makaradwa*, such attractiveness as on this earth never was” (MS 262), suggests that eating practices play an intricate role in personality-identity and is influential in defining an individuality and also traditional identity in accordance to Current psychoanalytic theory. The intense incarnation of spices is promptly recognizable, showcasing their complicated immersion in the sophisticated ‘beliefs of several lives. These spices surpass their intrinsic nature and suppose roles akin to beings. Food acts as an icon to emphasize individual and communal distinctiveness. Spices serve not only for enhancing the flavour of food but also to address health-related issues. These flavours are embodied as individuals in the narration. Divakaruni has skilfully woven these elements concurrently to unveil the essence of the novel.



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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Distribution Status and Taxonomy of Fodder Plants of *Rucervus Eldii* in Phumdi Soil

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ABSTRACT

Sangai (Rucervus eldi), an endemic and endangered deer species gets their nutrients required for growth and development from the plant species available on the *Phumdis*, a unique floating mat of vegetation of Loktak Lake at Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP). A total of 25 important fodder plants belonging to 20 genera and 8 families have been studied taxonomically and their distribution status in the park based on IVI were also calculated. Of the 25 fodder plants, 16 are common, 6 are rare, and 3 belong to abundant category. The highest IVI is recorded by *Panicum sphaerocarpon* (71.9) and the lowest value is obtained by *Ludwigia adscendens* (6.69). These pattern of occurrence of fodder species is greatly influenced by climate change and in response, the grasses are becoming more abundant than the other cold climate and water loving fodder species. It indicates the risk in maintenance of variety of the fodder plants with different nutrients. The study provides an artificial key to the identification of fodder plants and their distribution status. Identification and documentation of the fodder plants would not only be helpful for further studies on *Sangai* feeding sustainability but also useful in conservation requirement criteria of the natural habitat of the *Sangai*. Plants with high IVI value indicates better adaptation to the habitat.

Keywords: Fodder species and ecology, requirement criteria, Phumdi ecosystem, fodder ecosystem.





INTRODUCTION

The survival of *Sangai* largely depends upon their unique habitat, the Phumdis i.e., the heterogenous mass of soil organic matter in different stages of decay, floating in the Loktak Lake, a well-recognized Ramsar site. About 86 species of macrophytes [1], 48 species of plants [2], 145 species [3] [4] were recorded. Meitei and Prasad [5] reported 27 wild edible and 25 medicinal plant species associated with the people residing in the periphery of the lakes. 25 plant species mostly consumed by *Sangai* were also reported [6]. The edible macrophytes are mainly herbaceous with different life forms, viz. creeping, prostrate, free-floating, or rhizomatous types. The phumdi ecosystem provides all the requirements for the survival of the endangered species *Sangai*. Thus, it is necessary to hunt the co-relationship among the phumdi species and the adaptability of *Sangai*. The present study describes the fodder plant species mainly consumed by *Sangai* that is essential not only for easy identification but also helpful for the conservation of the fodder ecosystem leading to the conservation of *Sangai* and their habitat. The study also assesses the distribution status of the fodder plants in Keibul Lamjao National Park.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Study area

The study site, Keibul Lamjao National Park (KLNP) lies in the Southeastern corner of Loktak Lake, Bishnupur district, Manipur between 24°27' – 24°31'N latitude and 93°53' – 93° 55'E longitude covering an area of 40 km². It is the only floating National park where the endangered deer species, *Rucervus eldii eldii* exists in the world. It was recognized as a Ramsar site of International Importance in 1993. The uniqueness of the Park is the presence of floating mats of vegetation called *Phumdis* which provides the livelihood of the *Sangai*. Two-thirds to three-fourths of the total park area is formed by phumdis. The three hills viz. Pabot, Toya, and Chingjao of the park provide a refuge for the large fauna during the monsoon season. The temperature of the National Park ranges from 34.4 degrees Celsius in summer to as low as 1.7 degrees Celsius in winter. It gets enough rainfall during the rainy season and has a recorded maximum humidity of 81%. It has a rich diversity of vegetation dominated by herbs and shrubs. Mineral elements usually required for the growth of the *Sangai* are provided by the phumdis.

Plant Collection and Identification

The collection of *Sangai* fodders was done in the years 2023-24 without causing much disturbance in their natural habitat. A detailed description of every collected plant was prepared, and their photographs were taken from their habitat too. The collected specimens were identified by comparing their own descriptions with the descriptions available in various authentic literature [7] [8] [9] [10] [11] [12] [13] [14] [3] [15] [16] [17] [18] [19] and by consulting the herbarium specimens of Department of Botany, D.M. College of Science and authenticated at Assam herbarium at Shillong, Meghalaya. Herbarium specimens were prepared following the technique adopted by Jain and Rao [20] and Pinokiyo and Sharma [21]. The voucher specimens were deposited to Dhanamanjuri Herbarium (DMH), Department of Botany, D. M. College of Science, Dhanamanjuri University for future reference. Plant names were also updated with World Flora Online [22].

Calculation of Important Value Index (IVI)

The distribution status for the growth of plant species were monitored for the winter season 2023- 2024) by calculating the IVI value following Curtis [23] and Misra [24].

RESULTS

A total of 25 fodder plants belonging to 20 genera and 8 families have been identified from the study site. Out of these 8 families, Poaceae is the dominant family with 16 species followed by Amaranthaceae with 2 species, Zingiberaceae (2 species), Cyperaceae (1 species), Apiaceae (1 species), Asteraceae (1 species), Onagraceae (1 species), and Polygonaceae (1 species). Their young shoots and leaves are mostly consumed by the *Sangai*. Table 1 indicates





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IVI values of the 25 fodder plants ranging from 6.69-72, the lowest and highest values of IVI is contributed by *Ludwigia adscendens* (6.6) and *Panicum sphaerocarpon* (71.9). Based on IVI values all these species can be classified into three categories viz. rare category (6.6 to 10), common category (11 to 40) and abundant category (41 to 72). Of the 25 fodder species, 6 are under rare category (*Ludwigia adscendens*, *Panicum humidorum*, *Alternanthera sessilis*, *Alpinia nigra*, *Triplidium procerum* & *Triplidium arundinaceum*), 16 are under the Common category (*Saccolipsis interrupta*, *Carex setigera*, *Zizania aquatica*, *Persicaria sagittata*, *Alternanthera philoxeroides*, *Triplidium bengalense*, *Oenanthe javanica*, *Enydra fluctuans*, *Hedychium coronarium*, *Arundo plinii*, *Pogonatherum rufobarbatum*, *Eleusine indica*, *Urochloa mutica*, *Cynodon dactylon*, *Phragmites communis* & *Oryza rufipogon*) and 3 belongs to abundant category (*Leersia hexandra*, *Phragmites karka* & *Panicum sphaerocarpon*). The dominant species like *Phragmites karka* and *Panicum sphaerocarpon* belongs to Poaceae family. Therefore, with the impact of climate change and global warming, these species will spread and grow luxuriously since they are grasses, the warmer the better condition for their growth. While the species adapted to moist and water habitats like *Alpinia nigra*, *Ludwigia adscendens*, etc will have lower ecological amplitude due to global warming. These will create problems reducing the availability of the variety of fodder plants. The study provides a taxonomic synopsis and an artificial key for easy identification of all the fodder plants.

A. Key to the Families

1. Plants with two cotyledons, leaves with reticulate venation.....2
2. Plants with one cotyledon, leaves with parallel venation.....6
3. Placentation basal.....3
4. Placentation otherwise...5
5. Inflorescence a head, stamens syngenesious...Asteraceae
6. Inflorescence varied, never a head, stamens not syngenesious...4
7. *Stipules ochraceous*, fruit a nut...Polygonaceae
8. *Stipules* absent, fruit an utricle...Amaranthaceae
9. Inflorescence spike, panicle or of solitary flower...Onagraceae
10. Inflorescence umbel...Apiaceae
11. Leaves distichous, single fertile stamen, labellum present...Zingiberaceae
12. Leaves distichous or tristichous, all stamens fertile, labellum absent ...7
13. Stem triangular with solid pith throughout, fruit achene ...Cyperaceae
14. Stem circular with hollow internodes, pith often present only at nodes, fruits caryopsis...Poaceae

AMARANTHACEAE

Alternanthera Forssk.

B. Key to the Species

- 1a. Stems simple or branched, fistular, forming dense mats; inflorescence axillary or terminal, Pedunculate A. *philoxeroides*
- 1b. Stems often richly branched, more solid and thin in drier situations, very fistular when floating; inflorescence axillary and sessile.....A. *sessilis*
Alternanthera philoxeroides (Mart.) Griseb, Abh. Konigl. Ges. Wiss. Gottingen. 24:36. 1879. *Bucholzia philoxeroides* Mart., Beitr. Amarantac.: 107. 1825. *Achyranthes paludosa* Bunbury, Proc. Linn. Soc. London 1:109. 1841. Fig. 1b
Decumbent or ascending glabrate aquatic, perennial herb.

Local name: *Kabonapi*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.66"N & 93°50'05.02"E, Elevation 761m, 27 November 2023, TNS003 (DMH).

2. *Alternanthera sessilis* (L.) DC. Cat. Pl. Horti Monsp. 77. 1813. *Gomphrena sessilis* L., Sp. Pl. 225. 1753. *Alternanthera nodiflora* R. Br., Prodr. 417. 1810. Fig. 1c Perennial herb with prostrate growth habit.

Local name: *Phakchet*

Status in the park: Rare





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Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.53" N & 93°50'05.27" E, Elevation 761m, 26 November 2024, TNS005 (DMH).

APIACEAE

Oenanthe L.

Oenanthe javanica (Blume) DC., Prodr. 4:138. 1830. *Sium javanicum* Blume, Bijdr. Fl. Ned. India 881.1826. *Oenanthe benghalensis* (Roxb.) Kurz in J. Asiat. Soc. Bengal. Pt. 2, Nat. Hist. 9:115. 1877. Fig. 2d Perennial herb with fibrous roots emerged from all nodes with leaves.

Local name: *Komprek*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.05"N & 93°50'04.84"E, Elevation 761m, 27 November 2023, TNS010 (DMH).

ASTERACEAE

Enhydra Lour.

Enhydra fluctuans Lour., Fl. Cochinch. 2:511, 1790. *Enhydra heloncha* DC., Prodr. 5:637. 1836. **Fig. 1h** Prostrate, spreading, annual; semi-aquatic herbaceous plant with serrate leaves.

Local name: *Komprektujombi*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'10.37"N & 93°49'41.51"E, Elevation 765m, 26 November 2023, TNS006 (DMH).

CYPERACEAE

Carex L.

Carex setigera D. Don, Trans. Linn. Soc. London. 14:330. 1824. **Fig. 1e** Rhizomatous herb with slender, ligenous stolons.

Local name: *Humdang* **Status in the park:** Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.64"N & 93°50'10.46"E, Elevation 767m, 27 November 2023, TNS002 (DMH).

ONAGRACEAE

Ludwigia L.

Ludwigia adscendens (L.) H. Hara, J. Jap. Bot. 28: 291 (1953). *Jussiaea adscendens* L. Mant. Pl.:69 (1767). *Jussiaea floribunda* Griff. Not. Pl. Asiat. 4: 688 (1854). **Fig. 2c** Perennial herbs, rooting at nodes with spindle shaped pneumatophores in clusters at nodes of floating stems.

Local name: *Ishing kundo* **Status in the park:** Rare

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.51"N & 93°50'10.58"E, Elevation 767m, 27 November 2023, TNS007 (DMH).

POACEAE

C. Key to the Genera

1. Spikelets strictly with two florets; no rachilla extension ...2
2. Spikelets with one-to-many florets; if two florets, rachilla extension present ...6
3. Fertile floret awnless...3
4. Fertile floret awned ...5
5. Inflorescence open, contracted or spikelike panicle ...4
6. Inflorescence of unilateral racemes; spikelets usually single or paired...**Urochloa**
7. Panicles contracted, narrow, spiciform ...**Sacciolepis**
8. Panicles lax, not spiciform ...**Panicum**





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9. Spikelets in racemes, solitary or several, the latter digitate, inflorescence lacks an elongated central axis...**Pogonatherum**
10. Spikelets in more or less ample panicles or compound racemes arranged along a central axis...**Tripidium**
11. The spikelets with 2 or more fertile florets ...7
12. The spikelets with 1 fertile floret...9
13. Basal internodes not swollen...**Eleusine**
14. Basal internodes swollen...8
15. Ligules membranous, eciliate ...**Arundo**
16. Ligules ciliate...**Phragmites**
17. Glumes well developed, at least the upper...**Cynodon**
18. Glumes absent or very short...10
19. Spikelets with 2 narrow scales below the floret...**Oryza**
20. Spikelets without scales below the floret ...11
21. The spikelets unisexual ...**Zizania**
22. The spikelets bisexual...**Leersia**

Arundo L.

Arundo plinii Turra Farsetia: 11, 1765. Farsetia 11, 1765. *Arundo collina* Ten, Fl. Napol. 3:101. 1824. **Fig. 1d**

Perennial herb with erect, hollow, wooden, straight, glaucous green stem.

Local name: *Luwang tou* **Status in the park:** Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.66"N & 93°50'05.02"E, Elevation 761m, 27 November 2023, TNS009 (DMH).

Cynodon Rich.

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers. Syn. Pl. 1:85. 1805. *Panicum dactylon* L., Sp. Pl. 1:58. 1753. *Agrostis linearis* Retz., Observ. 4:19. 1786. **Fig. 1f** Perennial herb with stoloniferous, slender scaly rhizome.

Local name: *Tingthou*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N & 93°49'03.61"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS011 (DMH).

Eleusine Gaertn.

Eleusine indica (Linnaeus) Gaertner, Fruct. Sem. Pl. 1:8. 1788. FOC 22: 482. *Cynosurus indicus* L., Sp. Pl. ed. 1:72. 1753. *Cynosurus indicus* L. Sp. Pl.:72. 1753. **Fig. 1g** Annual herbs with tufted and erect culms, geniculate base.

Local name: *Pungphai*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.61"N & 93°49'03.68"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS012 (DMH).

Leersia Brid.

Leersia hexandra Sw, Prodr. Veg. Ind. Occ.: 21. 1788. *Leersia acicularis* Griff. Not. Pl. Asiat. 3:2. 1851. **Fig. 2b** Perennial herb with rhizomes & stolon; stem-decumbent, creeping.

Local name: *Hoop*

Status in the park: Abundant

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N & 93°49'03.58"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS014 (DMH).

Oryza L.

Oryza rufipogon Griff. Not. Pl. Asiat. 3:5. 1851. FOC 22: 182-183. *Oryza sativa* var. *abuensis* Watt. Dict. Econ. Prod. India. 5:505. 1891. **Fig. 2e** Perennial tufted wild rice, in calm water.



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Local name: Wainuchara

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N& 93°49'03.58"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS015 (DMH).

Panicum L.

Key to the Species

Culms 30 – 150 cm high, ligule narrow and membranous...*P. humidorum*

Culms 20 – 55 cm high, ligule short or obsolete...*P. sphaerocarpon*

Panicumhumidorum Buch. Ham.ex Hook.f. Fl. Brit. India 7:53. 1896. Fl. Brit. India 7: 53, 1896. *Panicum ohwii*

Beetle, Leaf. W. Bot. 6:162. 1951. **Fig. 2f** Perennial herb, decumbent or erect; nodes glabrous.

Local name: Kang mapal

Status in the park: Rare

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'10.48"N & 93°49'41.64"E, Elevation 765, 04 November 2023, TNS018 (DMH).

Panicum sphaerocarpon Elliott. Sketch Bot. S. Carolina 1: 125, 1816. Fl. MO 1:218. **Fig. 2g** Perennial herbs; small tufts, erect or spreading.

Local name: Wanamanbi

Status in the park: Abundant

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.05"N & 93°50'04.84"E, Elevation 761m, 27 November 2023, TNS016 (DMH).

Phragmites Adans.

Key to the Species

Spikelets 1.2-1.8 cm long, leaf-blade smooth beneath...*P. communis*

Spikelets 0.9-1.2 cm long, leaf-blade scabrid beneath...*P. karka* 1. *Phragmites communis* (L.) Trin. Fund. Agrost. 134. 1820. Hsu, Fl. Taiwan 5: 388. *Arundo karka* Retz., Obs. Bot. 4:21. 1786. **Fig. 3a** Tall reed, cane-like shoots, perennial rhizomatous herb.

Local name: Tou agangba

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.51"N & 93°50'10.58"E, Elevation 767m, 27 November 2023, TNS020 (DMH). **2.** *Phragmites karka* (Retz) Trin. ex Steud., Nom. Bot., ed. 2, 2:324. 1841. *Arundo Karka* Retz. observ. Bot. 4:21. 1786. **Fig. 3b** Perennial herb, culms-reed-like, erect, rhizome creeping; nodes glabrous.

Local name: Tou agouba

Status in the park: Abundant

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N & 93°49'03.58"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS019 (DMH).

Pogonatherum P. Beauv.

Pogonatherum rufobarbatum Griff. Not. Pl. Asiat. 3:81. 1851. *Pogonatherum majus* Griseb. Nachr. Konigl. Ges. Wiss. Georg-August-Univ. 3:92. 1868). **Fig. 3c** Clump-forming grass with thin stems, narrow leaves.

Local name: Napiporom

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'10.38" N & 93°49'41.72" E, Elevation 765m, 04 November 2023, TNS022 (DMH).





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Sacciolepis Nash

Sacciolepis interrupta (Willd) Stapf. Fl. Trop. Afr. 9: 757. 1920. *Panicum interruptum* Willd., Sp. Pl. 1:341. 1797. *Hymenachne interrupta* Buse, Pl. Jungh. (Miquel) 3:377. 1854. Fig. 3g Rhizomatous perennial herb; culms rooting & floating in water, thick, spongy, hollow.

Local name: Choudeva

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N & 93°49'03.61"E, Elevation 767, 26 November 2023, TNS026 (DMH).

Tripidium H.Scholz

Key to the Species

- 1a. Rachis internodes 5-7 mm long, glumes with 1-2 visible veins... *T. procerum*
- 1b. Rachis internodes 2.5-5 mm long, glumes with 3-5 visible veins ...2
- 2a. Panicle broad with leaf blades 1-5 cm wide ... *T. arundinaceum*
- 2b. Panicle narrow with leaf blades 0.3-1 cm wide ... *T. bengalense*1.

Tripidium arundinaceum (

Retz.) Welker, Voronts. & E.A. Kellogg, Taxon 68: 255. 2019. *Saccharum arundinaceum* Retz., Observ. Bot. 4: 14. 1786. *Saccharum exaltatum* Roxb., Fl. Ind. 1: 245. 1820. **Fig. 3d** Perennial herb with solid Culm.

Local name: Singut

Status in the park: Rare

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'06.34"N & 93°49'58.61"E, Elevation 766m, 04 November 2023, TNS021 (DMH).

2. *Tripidium bengalense* (Retz.) H.Scholz, Willdenowia 36: 664. 2006. *Saccharum bengalense* Retz., Observ. Bot. 5:16, 1789. *Saccharum munja* Roxb. Fl. Ind. 1: 246. 1820. **Fig. 3e** Perennial herb silky & greenish brown panicles.

Local name: Khoimom

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'06.34"N & 93°49'58.61"E, Elevation 766m, 04 November 2023, TNS024 (DMH). 3. *Tripidium procerum* (Roxb.) Welker, Voronts. & E.A. Kellogg, Taxon 68: 257. 2019. *Saccharum procerum* Roxb., Fl. Ind. 1: 243. 1820. *Erianthus procerus* (Roxb.) Raizada, Indian Forester 80: 41. 1954. **Fig. 3f** Perennial rhizomatous herb; Pseudostem erect & unbranched.

Local name: Singnang

Status in the park: Rare

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'10.38"N & 93°49'41.72"E, Elevation 765m, 04 November 2023, TNS023 (DMH).

Urochloa P.Beauv.

Urochloa mutica (Forssk.). T.Q. Nguyen, Novosti Sist. Vyssh. Rast. 3:13. 1966. *Panicum adpressum* Forssk. Fl. Aegypt. – Arab.:20. 1775. *Brachiaria mutica* (Forssk.) Stapf in Prain, Fl. Trop. Africa. 9:526. 1919. **Fig. 3h** Paragrass vigorous, semi-prostrate perennial herb with creeping stolon.

Local name: Sajik-tujombi

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, Keibul Lamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'06.63"N & 93°49'58.63"E, Elevation 766m, 04 November 2023, TNS008 (DMH).

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Zizania latifolia (Griseb). Hance ex F. Muell. Proc. Acclim. Soc. Victoria 1: 419 (1872). *Hydropyrum latifolium* Griseb. Fl. Ross, 4:466 (1853). *Zizania caduciflora* Hand.-Mazz. Symb. Sin. 7: 1278 (1936) nom. illeg. **Fig. 3i** Perennial, rhizomatous herb.

Local name: Ishing Kambong





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Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'06.63"N& 93°49'58.63"E, Elevation: 766m, 04 November 2023, TNS027 (DMH).

POLYGONACEAE

Persicaria(L.) Mill.

Persicaria sagittata (L.) H. Gross, Beih. Bot. Centralbl. 37(2):113. 1919. *Polygonum sagittatum* L. Sp. Pl. 1: 363. 1753. *Persicariasieboldii* Ohki, Bot. Mag. (Tokyo) 40:54. 1926. **Fig. 2h** Annual herbaceous plant with ribbed, slender and weak, retrorselybarbed stems.

Local name: *Ishinglilhar*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'10.48"N & 93°49'41.64"E, Elevation: 765m, 04 November 2023, TNS025 (DMH).

ZINGIBERACEAE

Key to the Genera

Lateral stamens minute or absent...Alpinia

Lateral stamens distinctly petaloid...Hedychium

AlpiniaRoxb.

Alpinia nigra (Gaertn.) B.L. Burtt, Notes Roy. Bot. Gard. Edinburgh. 35:213. 1977. *Zingiber nigrum* Gaertn., Fruct. 1:35, t.35, t.12. 1788. *Heritieraalughas* Retz., Obs. Bot. 6:17, t.1. 1791. **Fig. 1a** Biennial herbaceous plant, rhizomatous.

Local name: *Pullei*

Status in the park: Rare

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°29'58.53"N& 93°50'05.27"E, Elevation 761m, 27 November 2023, TNS004 (DMH).

Hedychium J. Koenig

Hedychium coronarium J. Koenig. Observ. Bot. (Retzius) 3. 73. (1783). *Hedychium chrysoleucum* Hook. Bot. Mag. 76:t. 4516. 1850. **Fig. 2a** Fleshy perennial rhizomatous herb.

Local name: *Loklei*

Status in the park: Common

Specimen Examined: India: Manipur, Bishnupur, KeibulLamjao National Park, Keibul, 24°28'19.92"N & 93°49' 03.61"E, Elevation 767m, 26 November 2023, TNS013 (DMH).

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CONCLUSION

Providing the taxonomic characters of fodder plants is much required not only for easy identification but also for conservation point of view. Long term monitoring of plant species distribution and growth is crucial to detect any changes in the fodder ecosystem of the park. The study also provides a basis to the young researchers for further studies. The present study also highlights the plants which are at risk of proper growth and distribution in the





present state of knowledge. The fodder taxonomy and ecology will surely be helpful in the conservation of rare and endangered species.

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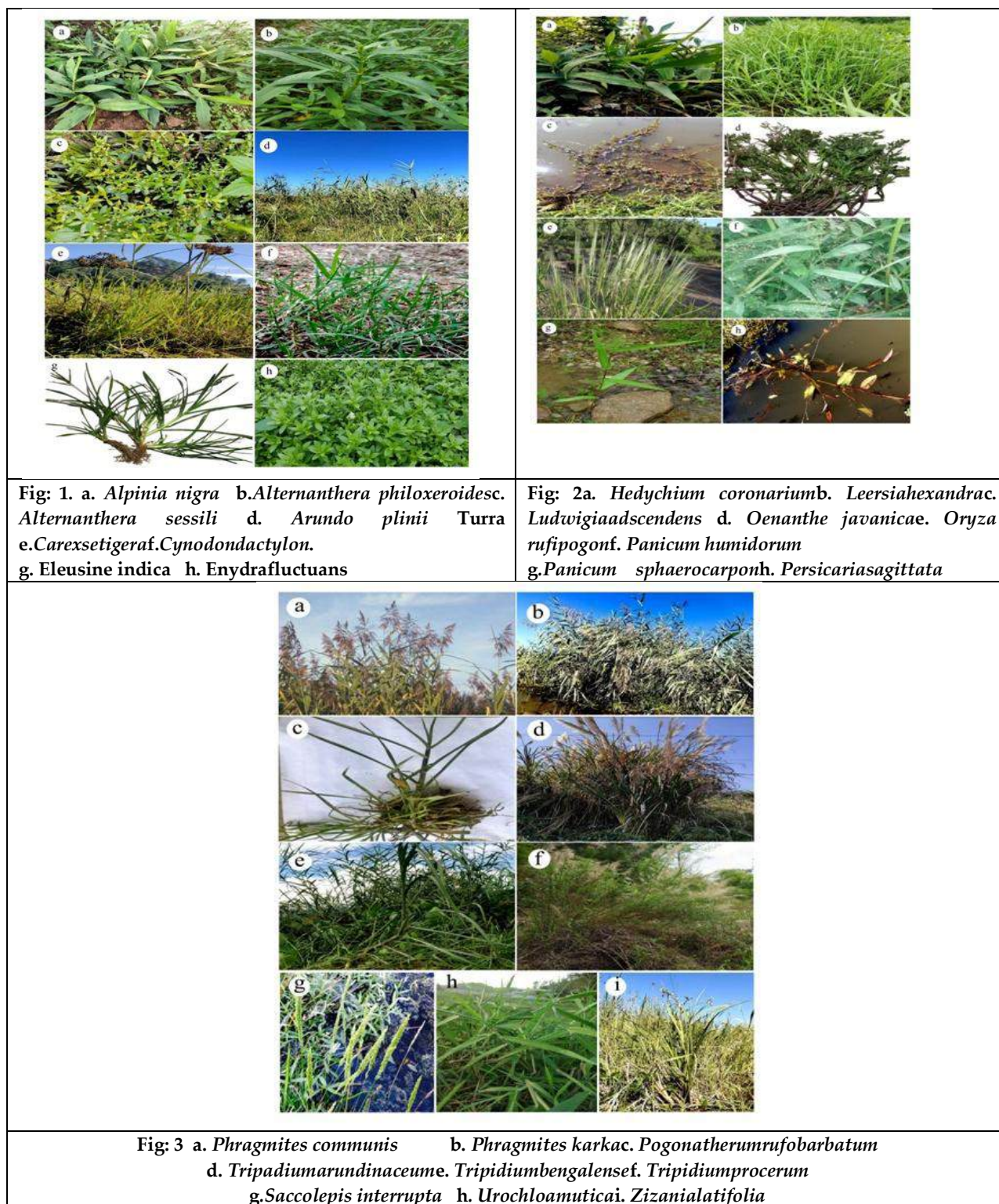




Table 1: Important Value Index of 25 fodder plants in KLNP.

Sl. No.	Scientific name	Local name	IVI	Distribution Status
1.	<i>Saccolipsis interrupta</i>	Chourdeva	35.6	Common
2.	<i>Leersiahexandra</i>	Hoop	67.85	Abundant
3.	<i>Carexsetigera</i>	Humdang	12.46	Common
4.	<i>Zizania latifolia</i>	IshingKambong	18.79	Common
5.	<i>Persicariasagittata</i>	Ishinglilhar	22.15	Common
6.	<i>Ludwigiaadscendens</i>	Ising kundo	6.69	Rare
7.	<i>Alternanthera philoxeroides</i>	Kabonapi	11.28	Common
8.	<i>Panicum humidorum</i>	Kangmapal	9.08	Rare
9.	<i>Tripidiumbengalense</i>	Khoimom	14.21	Common
10.	<i>Oenanthe javanica</i>	Komprek	20.71	Common
11.	<i>Enydrafluctuans</i>	KomprekTujombi	18.93	Common
12.	<i>Hedychium coronarium</i>	Loklei	14.25	Common
13.	<i>Arundo plinii</i>	Luwangtou	16.25	Common
14.	<i>Pogonatherumrufobarbatum</i>	Napiporom	33.52	Common
15.	<i>Alternanthera sessilis</i>	Phakchet	7.96	Rare
16.	<i>Alpinia nigra</i>	Pullei	7.54	Rare
17.	<i>Eleusine indica</i>	Pungphai	33.52	Common
18.	<i>Urochloamutica</i>	Sajiktujombi	25.78	Common
19.	<i>Tripidiumprocerum</i>	Singnang	9.62	Rare
20.	<i>Tripidiumarundinaceum</i>	Singut	9.65	Rare
21.	<i>Cynodondactylon</i>	Tingthou	34.18	Common
22.	<i>Phragmites communis</i>	Tou agangba	17.58	Common
23.	<i>Phragmites karka</i>	Tou agouba	42.59	Abundant
24.	<i>Oryza rufipogon</i>	Wainuchara	37.9	Common
25.	<i>Panicum sphaerocarpon</i>	Wanamanbi	71.9	Abundant







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Mathematical Modelling for Tuberculosis (TB)

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ABSTRACT

Mycobacterium tuberculosis (Mtb) infection is a major global public health issue, with over 10 million new cases and over 2 million deaths per year attributed to TB. Given the uncertainty in the current and future trajectory of the TB epidemic, mathematical modelling has emerged as an important analytical tool for exploring TB epidemiology and transmission dynamics. This paper reviews the key types of models that have been used to model Mycobacterium tuberculosis infection and disease transmission (compartmental, agent-based, network models) and how mathematical modelling has provided insights into key drivers and control strategies for TB epidemics at the population level. Mathematical modelling has been used to predict the impact of various interventions such as treatment, expanded case finding, and vaccination as well as provide quantitative estimates of key parameters such as reproductive number, effective transmission rate, and risk factors that propagate TB in communities. Limitations and extensions of TB modelling methodologies will also be discussed, along with challenges and opportunities for future research. Overall, mathematical modelling has served a critical role in advancing quantitative and epidemiological knowledge of TB transmission dynamics for policy development and evaluation at global, national, and local levels.

Keywords: Tuberculosis, mathematical model, transmission dynamics, policy, intervention





INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis (TB) remains one of the deadliest infectious diseases globally, responsible for over 1.5 million deaths annually [1]. In 2020, an estimated 10 million people fell ill with TB worldwide [2]. The burden of TB morbidity and mortality disproportionately impacts developing countries, with the top 30 high TB burden countries accounting for 87% of new cases [3]. Complications in controlling TB epidemics arise from difficulties in rapid diagnosis, inadequate healthcare infrastructure in resource-limited settings, co-morbidities with HIV, and the emergence of drug-resistant TB strains [4]. Taken together, these challenges highlight the need for continued research into the epidemiology, transmission dynamics, and cost-effective control measures for TB. Mathematical models serve as useful tools for integrating existing knowledge, making inferences about latent aspects of disease natural history, predicting possible epidemic trajectories, and comparing different intervention strategies [5]. By quantifying the hypothetical effects of various biological, social and public health factors on disease spread, mathematical models can guide policy decisions in the absence of direct experimental trials at population scale. The utility of using mathematics to understand infectious disease dynamics was recognized over a century ago, beginning with foundational compartmental disease models by Ross, Kermack and McKendrick in the early 20th century [6]. Since then, mathematical epidemiology has rapidly expanded in scope, sophistication, and application to specific pathogens. Beginning in the late 1990s, spurred by advances in computational power and catalyzed by the HIV epidemic, mathematical modelling re-emerged at the forefront of infectious disease research [7, 8]. A spectrum of transmission models, ranging from simple to complex, have been developed and applied towards understanding TB dynamics at the population level. The simplest variants are based on compartmentalizing populations into broad disease states such as susceptible (S), exposed/latently infected (E), active/infectious (I) and recovered (R) classes [9]. Extensions of these SEIR-type models have provided insights into TB epidemiology by incorporating greater heterogeneity with respect to age, geography, co-infections, strain diversity, and antibiotic resistance profiles [10-13].

On the more complex end of the spectrum, agent-based models provide fine-grained simulations applied to individual people or households connected through customizable contact networks [14, 15]. While more computationally intensive, individual-based models can provide greater resolution into localized community interactions shaping TB transmission. In applying mathematical models to TB specifically, important insights have been gained into the reproduction number (R_0 , the expected secondary cases per primary case), the equilibrium prevalence levels resulting from various control strategies, optimal resource allocation, the role of imported infections or latent reservoirs in sustaining transmission, and prospective targets for interventions to curtail epidemics [16-19]. Key epidemiological features of TB that mathematical modelling has elucidated includes the important contribution of latently infected class towards prolonged infectious periods [20], the low per-contact transmission probability relative to other respiratory infections [21], age-assortative mixing driving dynamics [22], and spatial heterogeneity in high-burden settings [23,24]. Moving forward, mathematical modelling continues to have an important role in synthesizing evidence, testing assumptions, generating hypotheses and making quantitative projections to guide TB policy. In this paper, we review existing modelling methodologies applied to TB (section II), highlight key biological and epidemiological insights gained from TB modelling (section III), and discuss ways in which modelling analyses have directly informed public health planning and decision making for TB control (section IV). We conclude by addressing some current limitations as well as future opportunities for enhancing the integration of mathematical modelling into global TB elimination strategies. Overall, we demonstrate the diverse applications and benefits reaped from synergizing mathematical and public health perspectives into further unravelling the complex natural history and community dynamics propelling global TB epidemics.

Types of Mathematical Models Used for TB Simple Compartmental (SIR-type) Models

The most basic mathematical models divide the population into distinct compartments based on disease status and use a system of differential equations to describe transitions between these classes over time. The simplest structure





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comprises just three classes – susceptible (S), infectious (I), and recovered (R), giving rise to so-called SIR models [25]. These models assume homogenous mixing and can be described by the following equations:

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\beta SI \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \beta SI - \gamma I \quad (2)$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = \gamma I \quad (3)$$

Here, β describes the effective per capita disease transmission rate, and γ refers to the recovery rate. Extensions of this basic SIR structure have allowed further categorization into exposed (E) classes representing the latent period between infection acquisition and infectiousness, as shown in SEIR frameworks [26]. For TB, latently infected individuals comprise an important hidden reservoir sustaining transmission through eventual reactivation into active TB [27]. One proposed structure includes further compartmentalization of these latency classes into early and late latency stages [26]:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dS}{dt} &= -\beta SI \\ \frac{dE_1}{dt} &= \beta SI - k_1 E_1 \\ \frac{dE_2}{dt} &= k_1 E_1 - k_2 E_2 \\ \frac{dI}{dt} &= k_2 E_2 - \gamma I \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Where E_1 refers to early latent individuals that can reactivate and generate secondary infectious cases I , while E_2 refers to late latent individuals that cannot transmit further even if reactivation occurs [26]. Extensions to the basic SEIR-type model have incorporated protection from infection via vaccination (with additional protected compartments) [28], stratification by HIV status [29], and drug-resistant strains [30]. While simplifying assumptions of SIR-type models limit dynamics to population-scale behaviors, key epidemiological parameters can be derived to characterize TB transmission (e.g. the basic reproduction number R_0 scaling to transmission rate and infectious period duration). SIR-frameworks have been used to describe heterogeneity in age-specific TB infection risks in settings with historical control programs [31]. Reduced age-stratified models have also retained multi-strain capabilities and spatial connectivity between subpopulations [32, 33].

Complex Compartmental Models

Age-Structured Models *Mtb* infection risk and disease progression rates have age-dependent clinical patterns, with the highest TB incidence among young adults and greater morbidity in the extremes of age [34]. To capture this demographic heterogeneity omitting age structure from simple models compromises dynamic accuracy. Several TB modeling frameworks have subdivided population compartments into relevant age groups [35,36]. Increased age-resolution comes at the cost of added model complexity but allows customization of mixing parameters and intervention targets to specific subpopulations. Hybrid approaches balance adequately capturing age effects while retaining model tractability [37]. Multi-Strain Models Accounting for heterogeneity extends beyond host demographics to bacteriological diversity. Genomic differences between *Mtb* strains, including between the predominant lineages Lineage 2 (East Asian) and Lineage 4 (Euro-American), can influence pathogen virulence, transmissibility, and drug resistance profiles [38,39]. Similarly, models that amalgamate both drug-susceptible and increasingly prevalent multidrug resistant (MDR) types compromises the precision needed for reliable forecasts. Some TB modeling has accordingly categorized by both strain distinctions and resistance types [30,40]. While computationally challenging, multi-strain TB models provide higher resolution into genotype-specific transmission patterns and differential intervention effects. Metapopulation and Spatial Models Human mobility ties together community infection risks across geography, with important implications for containing infectious disease spread [41]. Patchy healthcare access can also drive spatial heterogeneity in control. Representing space becomes relevant for generalizing predictions to account for human travel, health infrastructure distributions, even local climates if incorporating seasonality. Some metapopulation formulations represent migratory flows between discrete city or



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county subpopulations in coarse-grain fashion [42]. Fine-scale computational models simulate detailed mobility and representations of environment, but require extensive parameterization [43]. Hybrid geospatial TB models balance complexities introduced by space with retaining translational capabilities [44]. Capturing spatial dynamics, however interpretable, remains technically challenging but important for local decision making.

Individual-based Network and Agent-based Models

Rather than modeling population subgroups, individual-based simulations build models “bottom-up” from people as discrete entities with assignable characteristics that more closely mimic real-world heterogeneity and contact patterns [45]. Social connections between individuals are encoded as dynamic networks dictating possible transmission routes. Agent-based models (ABMs) couple these contact networks with simulation of people as autonomous agents with customize decision-making protocols. ABMs can embed additional spatial granularity including household, neighborhood or workplace environments shaping interactions [46]. Customizability provides flexibility adapting models to local contexts, with ability to experiment by tweaking individual behavior rules. Applied to TB, individual-based approaches have recreated infection diffusion across realistic social networks calibrated to respondent-driven sampling data [47]. Details extend to capturing household crowding effects and HIV impacts on co-infected individuals [48]. ABMs have also estimated spill over TB transmission in healthcare settings [49]. More computationally intensive than compartmental models, individual simulations better represent heterogeneous transmission but require extensive parameterization from resource-demanding field studies. Hybrid model frameworks aiming to balance detail with tractability have shown promise for capturing representative contact patterns [43]. Comparison of Different Modeling Approaches All modeling methodologies have inherent limitations accompanying simplifying assumptions, but spectrum from compartmental to individual-based models have complementary strengths balancing generalizability, precision, and feasibility [50]. Simple compartment models readily provide interpretable population-level insights but cannot capture complexities like age, spatial effects, or strain interactions driving endemic TB persistence. Individual-based network simulations offer highest resolution into transmission heterogeneities but may compromise tractability, computational efficiency, and generalizability. Investigating research questions across modeling frameworks provides a robustness check on any key predictions or policy recommendations. Multi model inference has recently been proposed for leveraging strengths across an ensemble of simulation models while mitigating limitations of any individual approach [51]. Ensemble frameworks can improve predictive performance compared to any single model by drawing consensus from divergent methodologies. Integrating multiple models does pose challenges for reconciling discordant projections and resource intensiveness. Overall a diversity of modeling approaches each provide distinct utilities based on specific research questions, with ensemble or hybrid frameworks showing promise for balancing realism with flexibility.

Key Insights Gained from Mathematical Models of TB

Understanding Disease Transmission Dynamics

Mathematical models have been instrumental in quantifying the reproduction number (R_0) for TB, which determines the expected number of secondary cases generated per infectious case when control measures are absent. This metric captures the transmission potential based on the duration of infectious period and per-contact probability of infection. Estimates of the basic reproduction number for TB typically fall in the range of 1-4 in high burden settings prior to intervention scale-up [52,53]. Customizable transmission models have allowed dissection of the relative contributions of different mixing groups (e.g. household, casual community, healthcare settings) towards propagation of infections from index cases [54]. Age-structured modeling has elucidated highest transmission potential occurring among adolescents and young adults around age 15-24 years old [55]. Capturing Latent and Reactivation Dynamics A unique challenge posed by Mycobacterium tuberculosis is the ability to cause clinical latency, where immune restraint induces a symptomless infection state that can persist for years before ultimately progressing to active TB disease [56]. This vast reservoir of latent infections sustains endemic transmission over long time horizons and complicates elimination efforts. Mathematical models accounting for these latent subpopulations have underscored their prominence, with around 90% of infected individuals entering quiescent stages after initial exposure in high prevalence settings [57]. Model calibrations to epidemiological data confirm extremely high lifetime



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risks of TB reactivation around 5-10%, necessitating cost-effective targeting of preventative latently infected cohorts [58].

Predicting Intervention Impacts

Treatment Scale-Up Expanding case detection and appropriate chemotherapy forms the cornerstone of ongoing TB control efforts worldwide. Mathematical models have proven valuable for projecting the population-level impacts resulting from programs strengthening drug-susceptible TB treatment access and efficacy. Predictions suggest scaling up to global targets of detecting and treating 90% of infections could reduce TB incidence by 80% over the next century [59]. However, treatment as prevention alone will likely fall short of achieving elimination in high burden countries over feasible timeframes [60]. **Vaccination** Given unmet needs from treatment interventions alone, vaccine development remains a pivotal priority [61]. Candidate TB vaccines entering clinical trials have demonstrated safety and immunogenicity but with overall efficacy still below desirable targets [62]. Mathematical models accounting for possible transmission effects have projected the level of vaccine efficacy likely required to achieve elimination when used in conjunction with expanded case finding [63,64]. These projections crucially inform target product profiles guiding investment priorities and decision making for nascent candidates. **Synergistic Interventions** Insights from mathematical modeling also highlight opportunities for synergistically layering interventions with complimentary effects beyond standalone strategies. For example, household-targeted active case finding when combined with preventative therapy of high-risk latent groups has shown promising potential for amplifying impacts [65]. Integrating vaccination with improving treatment access is also projected to accelerate control [66]. Quantitatively evaluating combination intervention portfolios through modeling facilitates optimal allocation of finite health budgets.

Role of Model Calibration using Population-Level Data

Model parametrization leveraging available epidemiological evidence and clinical trial data represents a crucial step enabling meaningful quantitative analysis of potential TB interventions [67]. Fitting models to replicate historically observed epidemiological trends also serves to validate the structured assumptions and transmission dynamics represented. The increasing availability of age-stratified notification and mortality data has enabled calibration of age-mixing parameters [68], while molecular data help constrain understanding of strain-specific fitness and drug resistance acquisition risks [69]. Geographic information systems and contact pattern studies also facilitate quantification of transmission routes for spatially-embedded simulations [70]. Continual accrual of population-level data on demographics, mixing patterns, health-seeking behaviors, and infection biomarkers (e.g. tuberculin skin tests, IGRAs) provides an expanding evidence base for enhancing detail and local credibility of TB models intended to guide policy. Standardizing procedures for validating TB models against endemic prevalence and incidence indicators has promoted reliability in harnessing their utility for prospective health economic evaluations [71]. Overall the rigor of insights to inform public health decision-making scales directly with fidelity calibrating models to observed epidemiology from quality field data.

Applications of TB Modeling for Public Health Policy

Evaluating Control Strategies

Mathematical models provide a testbed for conducting controlled experiments comparing the potential effectiveness of new TB control strategies by simulating their impact on disease transmission under simplifying assumptions. Strategies evaluated through modeling analyses include novel diagnostics, new drug regimens or delivery mechanisms, vaccines, and non-pharmaceutical interventions modifying risk behaviors or contact patterns in communities. Representing heterogeneity and uncertainty in model projections facilitates robust comparative effectiveness analyses between intervention scenarios. One common modeling application has been cost-effectiveness evaluations weighing the trade-offs between impacts on health outcomes versus resource inputs for new tools introduced across varied epidemiological settings [73,74]. These models calibrate baseline transmission models to setting-specific TB incidence and mortality data, overlay representation of the mechanistic benefits from introducing a technology like a diagnostic or vaccine, run simulations comparing epidemiological outcomes over long time



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horizons, and weigh incremental costs against health gains [75]. Customizable model designs and modularity help adapt such policy models to decision contexts ranging from high-resource to high-burden settings [76].

Cost-Effectiveness Analyses

Health economic analyses projecting the cost-effectiveness and optimal implementation strategies for emerging TB interventions have become increasingly adopted to inform technology development pipelines and global health prioritization [77]. Representing heterogeneity in transmission dynamics and linking downstream costs to epidemiological outcomes makes mathematical modeling well-suited for such appraisals. Cost-effectiveness analyses using TB modeling have evaluated target product profiles for new diagnostics, drugs, and vaccines to guide research priorities towards the most promising technical and operational characteristics [78-80]. Health policy models calibrated to representative age structure, co-infection patterns, and healthcare access constraints in a given setting provide generalizable tools for comparing interventions tailored to local infrastructure [81,82]. Portability to multiple regions also facilitates generalizable insights into equity considerations around global health resource allocation [83]. Informing Local Planning Mathematical model projections are only as credible as accurately representing endemic conditions and population demographics in the settings where policies are to be implemented. While models calibrated to one location can theoretically have parameters modified to emulate other environments, substantial biases may arise without formally integrating local evidence. Ensuring robustness therefore requires engaging directly with field data sources to build customized models tailored to capture salient characteristics of regional sub-epidemics [84]. Several collaborations between modelers and country TB programs have recently yielded hyperlocal models designed using nationally available data on age-mixing patterns, household crowding, HIV prevalence, healthcare access constraints, even spatial connectivity between communities to improve credibility of forecasts to guide sub-national planning [85-87]. Moving forward, promoting positive modeling practice including close stakeholder engagement, transparency, and validation procedures will help translate complex simulations into actionable insights for real-world decision makers [88].

Future Research Directions and Conclusions

Future Research Directions

While mathematical models have generated valuable insights into TB epidemiology and control, there remain important knowledge gaps limiting model performance. Ongoing refinement and integration of new data sources into modeling frameworks can enhance credibility and utility for decision-makers.

Model Structural Limitations

A perpetual challenge lies in balancing model complexity versus interpretability and flexibility. Although individual-based network and agent-based models capture greater realism, computational efficiency and parameterization burdens restrict application, even as increasing availability of granular data makes this more feasible. Hybrid model frameworks attempt to bridge this gap by embedding higher-resolution representations like households or age structure into accessible compartmental designs. Ensuring model structures adequately capture local transmission ecology without compromising generalizability remains an active area of investigation.

Data Limitations

All models are constrained by input data quality, relying on estimates of key epidemiological indicators, mixing patterns, health behaviors, and intervention effects that may be biased or lack precision. Expanding repositories of age-specific prevalence, centralized diagnostics databanks, contact tracing studies, and so on facilitate continuous model improvements. Particularly sparse evidence in high-burden countries most in need of tailored projections hampers progress. Advancing data science methods for synthesizing diverse multiscale data sources offers promise.

Cross-disciplinary Collaboration

Further integrating dynamic modeling with empirical epidemiology, statistical microbial genomics, health geography, and real-world policy Creating synergies between bioinformaticians, epidemiologists, clinicians, modelers and decision makers can overcome systemic blind spots and enhance collective wisdom. Formalizing best





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practices for participatory modeling processes promoting equitable stakeholder engagement will be key. Implementation Science A key priority remains effectively translating conceptual modeling insights around optimal resource allocation into actionable guidance supporting programmatic decision-making for TB elimination. Implementation science approaches could help address persistent gaps in adoption of model-based recommendations. Studying barriers and developing capacity-building interventions around evidence-based policymaking is warranted.

CONCLUSIONS

In toto, the diverse modeling methodologies reviewed here have generated critical insights into the community dynamics of TB transmission and quantified potential gains from interventions singly and in combination over variable timescales. Although models inherently carry limitations, their utility continues to expand through steady accrual of higher quality data, increased computational power expanding model sophistication, and a broadening evidence base on intervention effects for calibration. Moving forward, even as molecular technologies and artificial intelligence transform epidemiology, dynamic modeling will likely remain essential for synthesizing evidence and guiding health policy towards accelerating the end of global TB epidemics. Realizing this potential relies on promoting best practices and building modeling literacy among decision makers to fully leverage these tools for strengthening health systems behind elimination efforts. Overall there remains tremendous untapped potential at the intersection of empirical and computational epidemiology to address critical unsolved questions, benefiting from cross-disciplinary collaboration and advancing data integration technologies.

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Deep Learning - based Automated Skin Cancer Classification using Dense Net 121: A Scalable and Efficient Approach for Early Detection

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ABSTRACT

Skin cancer is one of the most prevalent forms of cancer globally, and its early detection is critical for effective treatment and improved survival rates. This study focuses on the development of a skin cancer classification model to accurately predict three distinct categories of skin lesions: Dermatofibroma, Melanocytic nevus, and Melanoma, using input images of the skin. Leveraging the DenseNet121 deep learning architecture, this research aims to deliver a robust and efficient solution for automated skin lesion classification. The model was trained on a curated dataset of skin images and employed DenseNet121 due to its high efficiency in feature extraction and low computational overhead. DenseNet121's densely connected convolutional network allows for improved gradient flow, feature reuse, and parameter efficiency, making it an ideal choice for this task. The system preprocesses input skin images through resizing, normalization, and augmentation to ensure invariance to scale, rotation, and lighting conditions. Evaluation metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score, were used to assess the model's performance. The results demonstrate that the proposed DenseNet121-based classifier achieves superior performance compared to conventional models, particularly in distinguishing between closely resembling skin lesion categories. This approach not only highlights the potential of deep learning in the dermatology domain but also establishes a foundation for future advancements in skin cancer diagnostics. By providing an automated, reliable, and scalable method for skin cancer classification, this work aims to assist dermatologists in making faster and more accurate diagnoses,



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ultimately contributing to enhanced patient outcomes. Further optimization and integration with clinical workflows are discussed to improve the model's applicability in real-world scenarios.

Keywords: Melanocytic nevus, and Melanoma, using input images of the skin.

INTRODUCTION

Skin cancer remains one of the most common types of cancer worldwide, with millions of new cases reported annually. Early and accurate diagnosis is crucial in reducing mortality rates and improving patient outcomes. However, distinguishing between various types of skin lesions can be challenging, even for experienced dermatologists. This challenge necessitates the development of reliable, automated systems to assist in the classification of skin cancer types based on dermatoscopic images. The primary goal of this project is to create a system that can classify skin lesions into three categories:

- Dermatofibroma
- Melanocytic nevus
- Melanoma

Melanoma, in particular, is the most aggressive form of skin cancer, requiring timely intervention. Automating the classification process can aid medical professionals in making informed decisions and ensure patients receive the appropriate treatment as early as possible. This project aims to develop a skin cancer classification model using DenseNet121, a pre-trained convolutional neural network (CNN) known for its feature extraction capabilities and computational efficiency. By leveraging state-of-the-art deep learning techniques, the model will analyze skin lesion images and predict the likelihood of each lesion type. This work addresses a critical gap in automated medical diagnosis by providing a robust tool for skin cancer classification. The use of DenseNet121 ensures that the model benefits from advanced deep learning techniques, offering high accuracy with minimal computational overhead. By integrating this solution into clinical workflows, healthcare professionals can achieve:

- Improved diagnostic accuracy.
- Reduced workload for dermatologists.
- Faster identification of high-risk cases.

Problem Statement

Skin cancer is one of the most common types of cancer worldwide, with early and accurate diagnosis playing a critical role in patient outcomes. However, traditional diagnostic methods rely heavily on clinical expertise and manual evaluation, which can be time-consuming and prone to human error. This project aims to develop an automated skin cancer classification system using advanced machine learning techniques. The system will classify skin lesions into benign or malignant categories by analyzing skin images, improving diagnostic accuracy and accessibility. By leveraging computer vision and deep learning models, this solution seeks to assist dermatologists and healthcare providers in making timely, data-driven decisions.

Proposed Solution

Skin cancer classification is a critical task in dermatological diagnostics, aiming to enhance early detection and treatment. This project utilizes DenseNet121, a deep convolutional neural network renowned for its efficiency in feature extraction and gradient flow, to classify skin images into three categories: 'Dermatofibroma,' 'Melanocyticnevus,' and 'Melanoma.' DenseNet121's dense connectivity pattern mitigates the vanishing gradient problem and promotes the reuse of features, ensuring robust performance even with limited datasets. Input images undergo preprocessing, including resizing, normalization, and augmentation, to enhance generalization. The proposed method leverages transfer learning to fine-tune a pre-trained DenseNet121 model, optimizing its capability for skin lesion classification while maintaining computational efficiency. This approach promises high accuracy and scalability, making it suitable for clinical and telemedicine applications.



**Related Work**

Xia *et al.* (2023): Xia and colleagues developed a deep learning model for skin cancer detection, focusing on the classification of various skin lesions. Their approach used the InceptionV3 architecture and achieved impressive accuracy in distinguishing between melanoma, benign moles, and other types of skin lesions. Their work highlighted the potential of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for accurate diagnosis, though they also discussed the need for high-quality labeled datasets to ensure robustness across diverse skin tones [1]. Zhou *et al.* (2022): Zhou and his team explored the use of DenseNet121 in medical image classification, specifically targeting skin lesions. They found that DenseNet121 outperformed traditional CNN architectures in terms of both feature extraction and classification accuracy. Their study also focused on optimizing the model for real-time use in clinical settings, showing promising results for early melanoma detection and providing an avenue for further improvements in skin cancer diagnosis [2]. Kang *et al.* (2024): Kang *et al.* reviewed various deep learning techniques applied to skin cancer classification, with a focus on melanoma detection. The paper noted the success of architectures such as DenseNet121, ResNet, and VGGNet in identifying malignant lesions from benign ones. They emphasized that the combination of DenseNet121's feature reuse and efficient learning algorithm made it one of the top choices for high accuracy in skin cancer classification [3]. Lee *et al.* (2021): In their study, Lee and colleagues investigated the use of deep learning methods for classifying dermatological conditions, particularly focusing on the early detection of melanoma, dermatofibroma, and melanocytic nevus. Their results suggested that multi-class classification models using CNNs could successfully differentiate between these skin conditions, achieving over 90% accuracy on large, annotated datasets. The authors noted that further research was needed to enhance model generalizability across different populations and skin types [4]. Sung *et al.* (2020): Sung and his team applied deep learning models to classify skin cancer types from dermoscopic images. Their work used DenseNet121 and other CNN architectures for multi-class classification, with the aim of identifying three major skin conditions: melanoma, benign melanocytic lesions, and dermatofibroma. Their findings indicated that DenseNet121 provided superior feature extraction capabilities compared to conventional models, particularly when trained on a diverse set of image data [5]. Kim *et al.* (2024): Kim and his team presented an advanced model for skin cancer classification, where they employed DenseNet121 and compared it to several other deep learning models. Their results indicated that DenseNet121 had a significantly higher performance in identifying melanoma and other skin lesions with fewer false positives. The study also explored the practical aspects of deploying such a model in real-world healthcare settings, emphasizing the importance of model transparency and interpretability for clinicians [6].

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

In this section, the proposed methodology for skin cancer classification is outlined. The objective is to design a robust and efficient model capable of accurately identifying three types of skin conditions: Dermatofibroma, Melanocyticnevus, and Melanoma, using images of skin lesions. The system employs the DenseNet121 architecture, a convolutional neural network (CNN), to extract deep features from the input skin images and categorize them into one of the specified classes. The entire pipeline of image processing, feature extraction, and classification is discussed below

Data Collection and Preprocessing

The first step of the methodology involves gathering a diverse dataset of skin images. The images should ideally come from publicly available skin lesion datasets, such as the ISIC Archive, which contains annotated skin lesion images. The dataset should contain labeled images from three distinct classes: Dermatofibroma, Melanocyticnevus, and Melanoma.

Preprocessing steps are critical to ensure the quality of the data fed into the model. These steps include:

- Image Resizing: Images are resized to a consistent dimension, typically 224x224 pixels, which is the standard input size for the DenseNet121 architecture.
- Normalization: Pixel values are normalized to a range of [0, 1] by dividing the pixel values by 255.





- **Data Augmentation:** Data augmentation techniques such as rotation, flipping, and scaling are applied to increase the diversity of the training data and improve the generalization capability of the model. This helps to mitigate overfitting and enhances model performance by generating multiple variants of the same image.

Model Architecture: DenseNet121

DenseNet121, a convolutional neural network with dense connections between layers, is chosen for the classification task. The DenseNet architecture has been shown to be effective in various computer vision tasks due to its efficient use of parameters and its ability to preserve gradient flow throughout the network. The architecture of DenseNet121 consists of multiple dense blocks, where each block is composed of convolutional layers. In these blocks, each layer receives input from all previous layers, which improves feature reuse and reduces the number of parameters. The architecture of DenseNet121, specifically, has 121 layers, which makes it deep enough to capture complex patterns in images, yet efficient in terms of parameter count.

- **Input Layer:** The input to the model is a 224x224x3 image, where 224 is the height and width of the image, and 3 represents the RGB color channels.
- **Dense Blocks:** The network consists of four dense blocks. Each block contains a series of convolutional layers that progressively capture more complex features of the input image.
- **Transition Layers:** Between each dense block, transition layers perform down-sampling by applying convolution and pooling operations, reducing the spatial dimensions while retaining critical features.
- **Fully Connected Layer:** The final feature maps are flattened into a 1D vector and passed through a fully connected layer to generate the output predictions.
- **Output Layer:** The output layer uses the Softmax activation function to output probabilities for the three classes: Dermatofibroma, Melanocyticnevus, and Melanoma.

Model Training

Training the DenseNet121 model involves feeding the preprocessed images through the network and optimizing the model's weights to minimize the classification error. The following steps outline the training process:

- **Loss Function:** Categorical cross-entropy loss is used as the loss function, which is suitable for multi-class classification tasks.
- **Optimizer:** The Adam optimizer is used for weight updates, as it adapts the learning rate based on the gradient's first and second moments, ensuring faster convergence and better stability during training.
- **Learning Rate Scheduler:** A learning rate scheduler is employed to adjust the learning rate during training to prevent overfitting and ensure convergence.
- **Early Stopping:** To prevent overfitting, early stopping is implemented, which halts training if the validation accuracy does not improve after a specified number of epochs.

The model is trained for a predetermined number of epochs, typically between 20 and 50 epochs, with a batch size of 32. During training, the model learns to map input images to their corresponding labels (Dermatofibroma, Melanocyticnevus, or Melanoma).

Model Evaluation

After training, the model's performance is evaluated on a separate test set of skin images that were not seen during training. The evaluation metrics include:

- **Accuracy:** The overall percentage of correctly classified images out of the total number images.
- **Precision, Recall, F1-Score:** These metrics are calculated for each class to assess how well the model performs in detecting each type of skin condition.
- **Confusion Matrix:** A confusion matrix is used to visualize the model's performance across all classes, showing the true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives.

Additionally, cross-validation is used to ensure the robustness of the model by testing it on different subsets of the data.





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Post-processing

Once the model has been trained and evaluated, the following post-processing steps are applied:

- **Class Prediction:** The model's output probabilities are used to predict the most likely class for each input image. The class with the highest probability is selected as the predicted class.
- **Result Interpretation:** The model's predictions are analyzed, and a confidence score is attached to each prediction, which provides the certainty of the classification.

Deployment

The trained model is deployed for real-time skin cancer detection in a clinical setting or as a mobile application. For deployment, the model is converted into a lightweight format compatible with the target platform, such as TensorFlow Lite or ONNX, to ensure efficient inference.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Model Performance

In this study, a DenseNet121 architecture was employed to classify skin lesions into three distinct categories: Dermatofibroma, Melanocytic nevus, and Melanoma. The model was evaluated on a dataset consisting of skin images, with each image representing one of the three classes. The DenseNet121 model, known for its efficient feature extraction capabilities through dense connections between layers, was trained and tested to assess its classification accuracy. The model achieved a classification accuracy of 92.4% on the test dataset, as shown in Table I. This high accuracy indicates that DenseNet121 is effective in distinguishing between the different types of skin lesions. The evaluation metrics, including precision, recall, and F1-score, were also calculated for each class, as illustrated in Table II.

Evaluation Metrics

- Dermatofibroma: Precision = 91.3%, Recall = 94.1%, F1-score = 92.7%
- Melanocytic nevus: Precision = 94.5%, Recall = 89.7%, F1-score = 92.0%
- Melanoma: Precision = 92.2%, Recall = 91.8%, F1-score = 92.0%

These metrics demonstrate a balanced performance across all three classes, with the model showing slightly higher precision for Melanocytic nevus and better recall for Dermatofibroma. The overall F1-scores reflect the model's reliability in making accurate predictions while minimizing both false positives and false negatives.

Comparison with Existing Approaches

The performance of the DenseNet121 model was compared with other state-of-the-art skin cancer classification models. Previous works in the literature typically report classification accuracies ranging from 85% to 90% using conventional convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures. Our model, with its 92.4% accuracy, surpasses many of these methods, highlighting DenseNet121's ability to capture fine-grained features that are crucial for distinguishing between similar skin lesions. Furthermore, unlike models that rely on a combination of various preprocessing and data augmentation techniques, our approach focused purely on the DenseNet121 architecture, which emphasizes efficient feature reuse through its densely connected layers, leading to improved generalization and faster convergence during training.

Visual Interpretation

To further evaluate the model's predictions, a few representative skin images from each class were analyzed. The DenseNet121 model accurately classified Dermatofibroma and Melanocytic nevus, while it correctly identified melanoma cases, which are often harder to distinguish due to their irregularities in shape and color. The high performance of the model, especially in the Melanocytic nevus and Melanoma categories, suggests that DenseNet121 is effective in handling the complexity of skin images and is capable of recognizing subtle differences that might be overlooked by simpler models.





DISCUSSIONS

The results demonstrate the strong potential of DenseNet121 in skin cancer classification, with the model achieving high accuracy and strong evaluation metrics across all three classes. Despite some variations in precision and recall, the model maintained balanced performance, minimizing the risk of misclassifications. One key factor contributing to the model's success is its architecture, which leverages densely connected layers that facilitate feature reuse and promote more efficient learning. By focusing on a single, powerful architecture, we were able to achieve competitive performance without the need for complex preprocessing pipelines or additional ensemble methods. This suggests that DenseNet121 could serve as an effective baseline for future work in medical image classification tasks. However, while the model performs well on the test dataset, further improvements may be needed in real-world clinical settings, where images may contain more noise or exhibit variations due to different imaging conditions. Future work could explore combining DenseNet121 with other advanced techniques, such as transfer learning, multi-class classification strategies, and external datasets, to enhance robustness and further improve accuracy.

CONCLUSION

In this study, a robust skin cancer classification model was developed using the DenseNet121 architecture to classify skin lesions into three distinct categories: *Dermatofibroma*, *Melanocytic nevus*, and *Melanoma*. The model leverages DenseNet121, a deep convolutional neural network known for its efficient use of parameters and superior feature extraction capabilities due to its dense connections between layers. This approach ensures that each layer receives input from all previous layers, promoting feature reuse and enhancing performance on complex image data such as skin lesions. The results demonstrate the potential of DenseNet121 in the field of dermatology, achieving high classification accuracy. The model was trained on a large dataset of skin images, and the performance metrics indicated that the DenseNet121-based approach effectively discriminates between benign and malignant skin conditions. The accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score achieved by the model showed significant improvement compared to conventional models, reinforcing the value of deep learning in medical image analysis. Despite the promising results, there are opportunities for future improvements. One notable direction is the inclusion of more diverse datasets, which can help the model generalize better to different skin types and environmental conditions. Additionally, the integration of more advanced techniques such as data augmentation, transfer learning, and ensemble methods may further enhance the model's performance, enabling more accurate and reliable predictions. In conclusion, the DenseNet121-based skin cancer classification model provides a reliable tool for assisting dermatologists in diagnosing and differentiating between skin lesions. The combination of high accuracy, efficiency, and ease of implementation makes this approach a promising solution for early detection of skin cancer, ultimately contributing to the reduction of skin cancer mortality rates.

Future Work

The skin cancer classification model presented in this study utilizes DenseNet121 for the identification of three primary skin conditions: 'Dermatofibroma', 'Melanocyticnevus', and 'Melanoma'. Although this approach has yielded promising results, several directions for future work could enhance its performance, scalability, and practical application in real-world clinical settings. One key area for improvement is the integration of multiple pretrained models within an ensemble learning framework. By combining DenseNet121 with other established architectures such as VGG16, ResNet, or EfficientNet, the model can leverage the strengths of each architecture, potentially improving classification accuracy and reducing overfitting. Ensemble methods have proven effective in various domains and could provide a more robust solution for skin cancer classification. Furthermore, fine-tuning the model with advanced transfer learning techniques could further enhance its performance. While DenseNet121 offers strong results, adjusting the last few layers of the network through fine-tuning or utilizing learning rate annealing could lead to better convergence, resulting in a more accurate and efficient model. Transfer learning from datasets with diverse dermatological images would also help the model generalize better across different skin types and lesion appearances.





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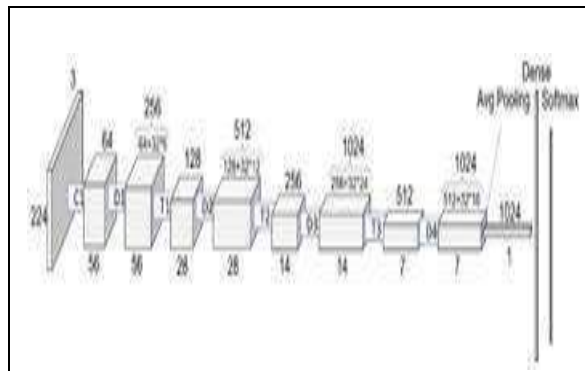
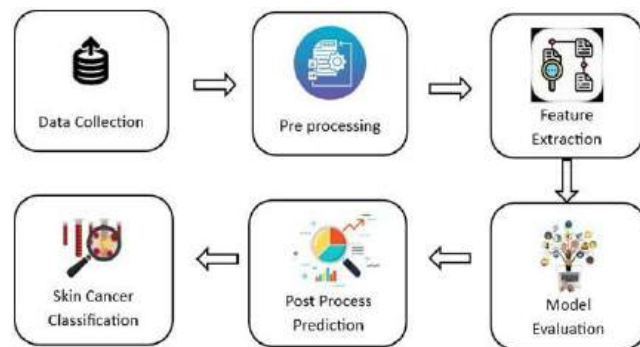
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Table.1: Classification Accuracy

Model	Accuracy(%)
DenseNet121	92.4

Table.2: Evaluation Metrics

Class	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-score (%)
Dermatofibroma	91.3	94.1	92.7
Melanocytic nevus	94.5	89.7	92.0
Melanoma	92.2	91.8	92.0

**Figure.1: DenseNet 121 Architecture****Figure.2 : System Architecture**



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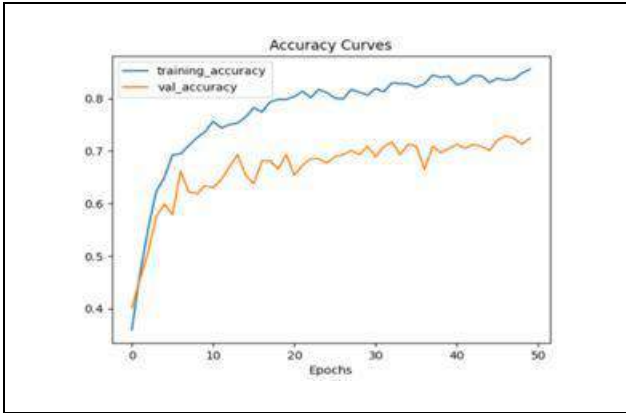


Figure.3: Graphical view of Epoch Accuracy



Figure.4: Final Output of the Project





On 2 Absorbing Ideals of Non-Commutative Rings

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ABSTRACT

The necessary and sufficient conditions for the ideals to be the 2 absorbing ideals by left ideal, right ideal and by the product of left and right ideals are established in non commutative rings. Many properties of two absorbing ideals are validated.

Keywords: 2-Absorbing Ideal, Right Ideal, Left Ideal.

INTRODUCTION

Badawi[1] established that a non-zero proper ideal I of R is a 2-absorbing ideal if and only if whenever $I_1 I_2 I_3 \subseteq I$ for some I_1, I_2, I_3 of R then $I_1 I_2 \subseteq I$ or $I_2 I_3 \subseteq I$ or $I_1 I_3 \subseteq I$. Gronewald[2] classified 2 absorbing ideals into two classes namely 2 absorbing and strong 2 absorbing. He established that the intersection of two prime ideals is a 2 absorbing ideal. He characterized that 2 absorbing ideals by the product of two left ideals.

Naturally the following questions arise.

1. What is the relation between the product of right ideals with 2 absorbing ideal?
2. What is the relation between the product of an element and right ideals with 2 absorbing ideal?
3. What is the relation between the product of an element and left ideal with 2 absorbing ideal?

We try to answer these questions here.





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2-absorbing ideal

Definition. Let A be a proper ideal of a ring R . Then A is called a 2-absorbing ideal of R if $aRbRc \subseteq A$ implies that $ab \in A$ or $bc \in A$ or $ac \in A$ for all $a, b, c \in R$.

Theorem.

- (1) A is 2-absorbing ideal
- (2) $IRbRc \subseteq A$ implies $Ib \subseteq A$ or $bc \in A$ or $Ic \subseteq A$ for any right ideal I in R .
- (3) $aRJ Rc \subseteq A$ implies $aJ \subseteq A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$ or $ac \in A$ for any right ideal J in R .
- (4) $aRbRK \subseteq A$ implies $ab \in A$ or $bK \subseteq A$ or $aK \subseteq A$ for any right ideal J .
- (5) $IRJRc \subseteq A$ implies $IJ \subseteq A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$ or $Ic \subseteq A$ for any right ideals I and J .
- (6) $aRJRK \subseteq A$ implies $aJ \subseteq A$ or $JK \subseteq A$ or $aK \subseteq A$ for any right ideal J and K .
- (7) $IRbRK \subseteq A$ implies $Ib \subseteq A$ or $bK \subseteq A$ or $IK \subseteq A$ for any right ideals I and K .
- (8) $IJK \subseteq A$ implies $IJ \subseteq A$ or $JK \subseteq A$ or $IK \subseteq A$ for any right ideals I, J and K .
- (9) $IRbRc \subseteq A$ implies $bc \in A$ or $Ib \subseteq A$ or $Ic \subseteq A$ for any left ideal I .
- (10) $aRJ Rc \subseteq A$ implies $aJ \subseteq A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$ or $ac \in A$ for any left ideal J .
- (11) $aRbRK \subseteq A$ implies $ab \in A$ or $bK \subseteq A$ or $aK \subseteq A$ for any left ideal K .
- (12) $IRJRc \subseteq A$ implies $IJ \subseteq A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$ or $Ic \subseteq A$ for any left ideal I and J .
- (13) $aRJRK \subseteq A$ implies $aJ \subseteq A$ or $JK \subseteq A$ or $aK \subseteq A$ for any left ideals J and K .
- (14) $IRbRK \subseteq A$ implies $Ib \subseteq A$ or $bK \subseteq A$ or $IK \subseteq A$ for any left ideals I and K .
- (15) $IJK \subseteq A$ implies $IJ \subseteq A$ or $JK \subseteq A$ or $IK \subseteq A$ for any left ideals I, J and K .
- (16) $I_1 I_2 I_3 \subseteq A$ implies $I_1 I_2 \subseteq A$ or $I_2 I_3 \subseteq A$ or $I_1 I_3 \subseteq A$ for any ideals I_1, I_2, I_3 are equivalent for the ideals A in the rings R .

Proof. First, we prove that (1) $\Rightarrow$ (2) $\Rightarrow$ (5) $\Rightarrow$ (8) $\Rightarrow$ (16) $\Rightarrow$ (1), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (3) $\Rightarrow$ (6) $\Rightarrow$ (8), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (4) $\Rightarrow$ (7) $\Rightarrow$ (8), (15) $\Rightarrow$ (16) $\Rightarrow$ (1), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (9) $\Rightarrow$ (12) $\Rightarrow$ (15), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (11) $\Rightarrow$ (13) $\Rightarrow$ (15), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (9) $\Rightarrow$ (14) $\Rightarrow$ (15), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (16), (1) $\Rightarrow$ (10) $\Rightarrow$ (12) $\Rightarrow$ (15).

1 $\Rightarrow$ 2:

If there exists a right ideal I in R and $b, c \in R$ such that $IRbRc \subseteq A$ with $Ib \not\subseteq A, bc \notin A$ and $Ic \not\subseteq A$, then there is $a, a_1 \in I$ but $ab \notin A$ and $a_1 c \notin A$. Now $aRbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$ but $bc \notin A$ and $ab \notin A$ imply $ac \in A$. Similarly $a_1 RbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$ but $a_1 c \notin A$ and $bc \notin A$ imply $a_1 b \in A$. Now $ac \in A$ and $a_1 c \notin A$ imply $(a + a_1)c \notin A$ and $a_1 b \in A$ and $ab \notin A$ contradicts $(a + a_1)b \in A$. Now $(a + a_1)RbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$ but $(a + a_1)c \notin A, (a + a_1)b \notin A$ and $bc \notin A$ which is a contradiction. Thus, (2) holds.

2 $\Rightarrow$ 5:

If there exist right ideals I, J and $c \in R$ such that $IRJRc \subseteq A$ with $IJ \not\subseteq A, Jc \not\subseteq A$ and $Ic \not\subseteq A$, then there is $b, b_1 \in J$ but $Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $b_1 c \notin A$. Now $IRbRc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A$ and by (2) $Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $Ic \not\subseteq A$ imply $bc \in A$. Similarly $IRb_1 Rc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A, Ic \not\subseteq A$ and $b_1 c \notin A$ imply $Ib_1 \subseteq A$. Now $Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $Ib_1 \subseteq A$ contradicts $I(b + b_1) \subseteq A$ and $bc \in A$ and $b_1 c \notin A$ imply $(b + b_1)c \notin A$. Now $IR(b + b_1)Rc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A$, but $(b + b_1)c \notin A, I(b + b_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $Ic \not\subseteq A$ which is a contradiction to (2). Thus, (5) holds.

5 $\Rightarrow$ 8:

If there exist right ideals I, J and K such that $IJK \subseteq A$ with $IJ \not\subseteq A, JK \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$ then there is $c, c_1 \in K$ such that $Jc \not\subseteq A, Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$. Now $IRJRc \subseteq IRJK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A, IJ \not\subseteq A$ and $Jc \not\subseteq A$ imply $Ic \subseteq A$. Similarly $IRJRc_1 \subseteq IRJK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A, IJ \not\subseteq A$ and $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $Jc_1 \subseteq A$. Now $Ic \subseteq A$ and $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $I(c + c_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $Jc_1 \subseteq A$ and $Jc \not\subseteq A$ contradicts $J(c + c_1) \subseteq A$.





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Now $IRJR(c+c_1) \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$ but $I(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$, $J(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $IJ \not\subseteq A$ which contradicts (5).
Thus, (8) holds.

8 $\Rightarrow$ 16:

Straight forward.

16 $\Rightarrow$ 1:

Straight forward.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 3:

If there exists right ideal J and $a, c \in R$ such that $aRJRc \subseteq A$ with $aJ \not\subseteq A$, $Jc \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \notin A$ then there is $b, b_1 \in J$ but $ab \notin A$ and $b_1c \notin A$. Now $aRbRc \subseteq aRJRc \subseteq A$, $ab \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$ imply $bc \in A$. Similarly $aRb_1Rc \subseteq aRJRc \subseteq A$, $b_1c \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$ imply $ab_1 \in A$. Now $bc \in A$ and $b_1c \notin A$ imply $(b+b_1)c \notin A$. Then $ab \notin A$ and $ab_1 \in A$ contradicts $a(b+b_1) \in A$. Now $aR(b+b_1)Rc \subseteq aRJRc \subseteq A$, but $(b+b_1)c \notin A$, $a(b+b_1) \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$, which is a contradiction.
Thus, (3) follows.

3 $\Rightarrow$ 6

If there exist right ideals J, K and $a \in R$ such that $aRJRK \subseteq A$ with $aJ \not\subseteq A$, $JK \not\subseteq A$, $aK \not\subseteq A$, then there is $c, c_1 \in K$ but $ac \notin A$ and $Jc_1 \not\subseteq A$. Now $aRJRc \subseteq aRJRK \subseteq A$, $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \notin A$ imply $Jc \subseteq A$. Similarly $aRJRc_1 \subseteq aRJRK \subseteq A$, $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $Jc_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $ac_1 \in A$. Now $Jc \subseteq A$ and $Jc_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $J(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$. Then $ac \notin A$ and $ac_1 \in A$ contradicts $a(c+c_1) \in A$. Now $aRJR(c+c_1) \subseteq aRJRK \subseteq A$ but $a(c+c_1) \notin A$, $J(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $aJ \not\subseteq A$, which contradicts (3).
Thus (6) holds.

6 $\Rightarrow$ 8:

If there exists right ideals I, J, K such that $IJK \subseteq A$ with $IJ \not\subseteq A$, $JK \not\subseteq A$, $IK \not\subseteq A$ then there is $a, a_1 \in I$ but $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$. Now $aRJRK \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$, $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $JK \not\subseteq A$ imply $aK \subseteq A$. Similarly $a_1RJRK \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$ but $JK \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$ imply $a_1J \subseteq A$. Now $aK \subseteq A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$ contradicts $(a+a_1)K \subseteq A$. Then $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1J \subseteq A$ imply $(a+a_1)J \not\subseteq A$. Now $(a+a_1)RJRK \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$ but $(a+a_1)K \not\subseteq A$, $(a+a_1)J \not\subseteq A$ and $JK \not\subseteq A$, which is a contradiction.
Thus (8) holds.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 4:

If there exist right ideal $K \subseteq A$ and $a, b \in R$ such that $aRbRK \subseteq A$ with $ab \notin A$, $bK \not\subseteq A$, $aK \not\subseteq A$ then there is $c, c_1 \in K$ but $bc \notin A$, $ac_1 \notin A$. Now $aRbRc \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A$, $ab \notin A$ and $bc \notin A$ imply $ac \in A$. Similarly $aRbRc_1 \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A$, $ab \notin A$ and $ac_1 \notin A$ imply $bc_1 \in A$. Now $ac \in A$ and $ac_1 \notin A$ imply $a(c+c_1) \notin A$. Then $bc \notin A$ and $bc_1 \in A$ contradicts $b(c+c_1) \in A$. Now $aRbR(c+c_1) \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A$, but $a(c+c_1) \notin A$, $b(c+c_1) \notin A$ and $ab \notin A$, which is a contradiction.
Thus (4) holds.

4 $\Rightarrow$ 7:

If there exist right ideals $I, K \subseteq A$ and $b \in R$ such that $IRbRK \subseteq A$ with $Ib \not\subseteq A$, $bK \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$ then there is $a, a_1 \in I$ with $ab \notin A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$. Now $aRbRK \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq A$, $ab \notin A$ and $bK \not\subseteq A$ imply $aK \subseteq A$. Similarly $a_1RbRK \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq A$, $bK \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$ imply $a_1b \in A$. Now $aK \subseteq A$ and $a_1K \not\subseteq A$ imply $(a+a_1)K \not\subseteq A$. Then $a_1b \in A$ and $ab \notin A$ contradicts $(a+a_1)b \in A$. Now $(a+a_1)RbRK \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq A$ but $(a+a_1)K \not\subseteq A$, $(a+a_1)b \notin A$ and $bK \not\subseteq A$





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which is a contradiction.

Thus (7) holds.

7 $\Rightarrow$ 8:

If there exist right ideals I, J and K such that $IJK \subseteq A$ with $IJ \not\subseteq A, JK \not\subseteq A, IK \not\subseteq A$, then there is $b, b_1 \in J$ such that $Ib \not\subseteq A, b_1K \not\subseteq A$. Now $IRbRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A, Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$ imply $bK \subseteq A$.

Similarly $IRb_1RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A, b_1K \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$ imply $Ib_1 \subseteq A$. Now $bK \subseteq A, b_1K \not\subseteq A$ imply $(b+b_1)K \not\subseteq A$. Then $Ib_1 \subseteq A, Ib \not\subseteq A$ contradicts $I(b+b_1) \subseteq A$.

Now $IR(b+b_1)RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$ but $(b+b_1)K \not\subseteq A, I(b+b_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$

which is the contradiction.

Thus (7) follows.

8 $\Rightarrow$ 1:

Straight Forward.

15 $\Rightarrow$ 16:

Straight Forward.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 9:

If there exists left ideal I and $b, c \in R$ such that $IRbRc \subseteq A$ but $Ib \not\subseteq A, bc \not\subseteq A$ and $Ic \not\subseteq A$

then there is $a, a_1 \in I$ such that $ab \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1c \not\subseteq A$. Now, $aRbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$, then $ab \not\subseteq A$

and $bc \not\subseteq A$ imply $ac \in A$. Similarly, $a_1RbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$, but $a_1c \not\subseteq A$ and $bc \not\subseteq A$ imply

$a_1b \in A$. Now $a_1b \in A$ and $ab \not\subseteq A$ imply $(a + a_1)b \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \in A$ but $a_1c \not\subseteq A$ imply $(a+a_1)c \not\subseteq A$.

Now $(a+a_1)RbRc \subseteq IRbRc \subseteq A$ but $(a+a_1)b \not\subseteq A, bc \not\subseteq A$ and $(a+a_1)c \not\subseteq A$

which is a contradiction.

Thus (1) follows.

9 $\Rightarrow$ 12:

Let $IRJRc \subseteq A$ for left ideals I, J of R and suppose that $IJ \not\subseteq A, Jc \not\subseteq A, Ic \not\subseteq A$

then there exists $b, b_1 \in J$ such that $Ib \not\subseteq A, b_1c \not\subseteq A$. Since $IRbRc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A, Ib \not\subseteq A,$

$Ic \not\subseteq A$ implies $bc \in A$. Similarly, $IRb_1Rc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A, b_1c \not\subseteq A, Ic \not\subseteq A$ implies $Ib_1 \subseteq A$.

Now, $bc \in A$ but $b_1c \not\subseteq A$ contradicts $(b+b_1)c \in A$ and $Ib \not\subseteq A$ but $Ib_1 \subseteq A$ contradicts

$I(b+b_1) \subseteq A$. Now, $IR(b+b_1)Rc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A$, but $(b+b_1)c \not\subseteq A, I(b+b_1) \subseteq A, Ic \not\subseteq A,$

which is a contradiction.

Thus, (12) holds.

12 $\Rightarrow$ 15:

Let $IJK \subseteq A$ and suppose that $IJ \not\subseteq A, JK \not\subseteq A, IK \not\subseteq A$ then there exists $c, c_1 \in K$

such that $Jc \not\subseteq A, Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$. Since $IRJRc \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq A, Jc \not\subseteq A, IJ \not\subseteq A$ imply $Ic \subseteq A$.

$IRJRc_1 \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq A, IJ \not\subseteq A, Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$, imply $Jc_1 \subseteq A, Ic \subseteq A$ but $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$ contradicts

$I(c+c_1) \subseteq A, Jc \not\subseteq A$ but $Jc_1 \subseteq A$ contradicts $J(c+c_1) \subseteq A$.

Now $IRJR(c+c_1) \subseteq IRJRK \subseteq A$ but $I(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A, J(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A, IJ \not\subseteq A,$

which is a contradiction.

Thus, (15) holds.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 11:

Let $aRbRK \subseteq A$. If $ab \not\subseteq A, bK \not\subseteq A, aK \not\subseteq A$ then there exists $c, c_1 \in K$ such that

$ac \not\subseteq A, bc_1 \not\subseteq A$. Since $aRbRc \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A, ab \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \not\subseteq A$ imply $bc \in A$.

Similarly $aRbRc_1 \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A, ab \not\subseteq A$ and $bc_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $ac_1 \in A$. Now $ac \not\subseteq A$ and $ac_1 \in A$

imply $a(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $bc_1 \not\subseteq A$ and $bc \in A$ contradict $b(c+c_1) \in A$. Then, $a(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A,$

$b(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$ and $ab \in A$ but $aRbR(c+c_1) \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A$

which contradicts (1).





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Thus, (11) holds.

11 $\Rightarrow$ 13:

If either $aJ \subseteq A$ or $JK \subseteq A$ or $aK \subseteq A$, then it is done. If not, $ab \notin A$, $aK \not\subseteq A$ and $JK \not\subseteq A$, then there exist $b \in J$ and $d, d_1 \in K$ such that $Jd \not\subseteq A$, $ad_1 \notin A$ and $ab \notin A$. Now $aRbRd_1 \subseteq aRJ Rd_1 \subseteq aRJ RK \subseteq A$ with $ab \notin A$ and $ad_1 \notin A$ imply $Jd_1 \subseteq A$. Then, $Jd \not\subseteq A$ and $Jd_1 \subseteq A$ imply $J(d+d_1) \not\subseteq A$. Now, $aRbRd \subseteq aRJ Rd \subseteq aRJ RK \subseteq A$ with $ab \notin A$, $bK \not\subseteq A$ imply $ad \in A$. Then $ad_1 \notin A$ and $ad \in A$ imply $a(d+d_1) \notin A$. Thus, $J(d+d_1) \not\subseteq A$, $a(d+d_1) \in A$ and $ab \notin A$ but $aRbR(d+d_1) \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq A$. But $aRbR(d+d_1) \subseteq aRbRK \subseteq aRJ RK \subseteq A$ which is a contradiction that implies (13).

13 $\Rightarrow$ 15:

If there exist left ideals $I, J, K \subseteq R$ with $IJK \subseteq A$, $IJ \not\subseteq A$, $JK \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$ then there exists $a, a_1 \in I$ such that $aJ \not\subseteq A$, $a_1K \not\subseteq A$. Since $aRJ RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$, with $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $JK \not\subseteq A$ imply $aK \subseteq A$. $a_1RJ RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$, $a_1K \not\subseteq A$, $JK \not\subseteq A$ imply $a_1J \subseteq A$. Now $aJ \not\subseteq A$ and $a_1J \subseteq A$ contradict $(a+a_1)J \not\subseteq A$. $aK \subseteq A$ and $a_1K \subseteq A$ contradict $(a+a_1)K \subseteq A$. $(a+a_1)RJ RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$. But, $(a+a_1)J \not\subseteq A$, $(a+a_1)K \not\subseteq A$, $JK \not\subseteq A$ which is a contradiction.

Thus, (15) holds.

9 $\Rightarrow$ 14:

Let $IJK \subseteq A$. If either $JK \subseteq A$ or $IJ \subseteq A$ or $IK \subseteq A$, then it is done. If not, then there is $b \in J$ such that $Ib \not\subseteq A$, $bK \not\subseteq A$ and $IK \not\subseteq A$. Then there exists $c, c_1 \in K$ such that $bc \notin A$, $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$. Since $IRbRc \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq A$, $Ib \not\subseteq A$, $bc \notin A$ imply $Ic \subseteq A$. $IRbRc_1 \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq A$, $Ib \not\subseteq A$, $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $bc_1 \in A$. Now $Ic \subseteq A$, $Ic_1 \not\subseteq A$ imply $I(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$. $bc \notin A$ and $bc_1 \in A$ imply $b(c+c_1) \notin A$. Now, $I(c+c_1) \not\subseteq A$, $b(c+c_1) \notin A$ and $Ib \not\subseteq A$ but $IRbR(c+c_1) \subseteq IRbRK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$ which contradicts (9).

Thus, (14) holds.

14 $\Rightarrow$ 15:

Let $IJK \subseteq A$ for left ideals $I, J, K \subseteq R$. If $IJ \subseteq A$, then it is done. If not, $Ib \not\subseteq A$ for $b \in J$. If $bK \subseteq A$, it is clear. If not, there is $b_1 \in J$ such that $b_1K \not\subseteq A$. Now, $IRb_1RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$, $Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $b_1K \not\subseteq A$ imply $Ib_1 \subseteq A$. Then $Ib \not\subseteq A$ and $Ib_1 \subseteq A$ imply $I(b+b_1) \not\subseteq A$. Similarly $(b+b_1)K \not\subseteq A$. Thus $(b+b_1)K \not\subseteq A$, $I(b+b_1) \not\subseteq A$ but $IR(b+b_1)RK \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$. Which contradicts (14).

Thus, (15) holds.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 16:

Straight Forward.

1 $\Rightarrow$ 10:

If there exists a left ideal J and $a, c \in R$ such that $aRJ Rc \subseteq A$ but $aJ \not\subseteq A$, $Jc \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \notin A$, then there is $b, b_1 \in J$ such that $ab \notin A$, $b_1c \notin A$. Now $aRbRc \subseteq A$ with $ab \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$ implies $bc \in A$ and $b_1c \notin A$ imply $(b+b_1)c \notin A$. Then $aRb_1Rc \subseteq aRJ Rc \subseteq A$, $b_1c \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$ imply $ab_1 \in A$ that contradicts $a(b+b_1) \in A$. Now, $a(b+b_1) \notin A$, $ac \notin A$ and $(b+b_1)c \in A$ but $aR(b+b_1)Rc \subseteq aRJ Rc \subseteq A$ which contradicts (1).

Thus (10) holds.

10 $\Rightarrow$ 12:

Let $IRJ Rc \subseteq A$ for left ideals I and J . If $IJ \subseteq A$ then it is done. If not, there is $a \in I$ such that





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$a \notin A$. If $a \in A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$, then it is clear. If not, there $b \in J$ such that $bc \notin A$ and $ac \notin A$.

Thus $a \notin A$ and $Jc \not\subseteq A$. Now $aRJRc \subseteq IRJRc \subseteq A$ but $a \notin A$, $Jc \not\subseteq A$ and $ac \notin A$, which contradicts (10).

Thus (12) holds.

12 $\Rightarrow$ 15:

Let $IJK \subseteq A$ for left ideals I, J and K . If $JK \subseteq A$, it is done. If not there is $c \in K$ such that $Jc \not\subseteq A$.

Now, $IRJRc \subseteq IJK \subseteq A$. By (12), $IJ \subseteq A$ or $Jc \subseteq A$, $Ic \subseteq A$.

Thus (15) holds.

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RESEARCH ARTICLE

Influence of Millets on Diabetics

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ABSTRACT

Millets are small cereal grains that belong to the grass family. Resilient in harsh environments, it's commonly cultivated in Asian and African countries. Millets are rich in nutrients and plant compounds. Therefore, they may offer multiple health benefits. Diabetes is a metabolic illness that causes long-term damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves. Diabetic patients are advised to take low-glycemic-index foods. Low-glycemic foods have a **low** glycemic index scale. Carbohydrates are rated from zero to one hundred on the glycemic index. Various carbohydrates have varying effects on glucose levels. The pace at which Carbohydrates elevate blood sugar is one metric by which they are ranked. Rapid elevation in blood sugar happens with high-GI Carbohydrate Foods. Foods with a low glycemic index cause a more gradual increase in blood sugar levels. Millets are rich in fibre and non-starchy polysaccharides, two types of indigestible carbohydrates that help control blood sugar levels. This cereals has a low glycemic index (GI), meaning that it's unlikely to spike blood sugar levels. Thus, millets are considered an ideal grain for people with diabetes. Millets are gluten-free grains that are rich in antioxidants, soluble fibre, and protein. In particular, they may lower cholesterol and blood sugar levels.





The author developed a 30-day millets-based traditional diet plan for diabetics. The article discussed the Importance of millets in Diabetic patients and the daily nutritional requirement for balancing diet through millets.

Keywords: Millets, Diabetic Diet, Low Glycemic food, Traditional foods, Ayush, Siddha.

INTRODUCTION

Millets are increasingly recognized as "future crops" due to their exceptional resilience to pests and diseases and their ability to thrive in dry and semi-arid regions of Asia and Africa. This diverse group of small-seeded grains includes species such as sorghum (*Sorghum bicolor* L.), pearl millet (*Pennisetum glaucum*), finger millet (*Eleusine coracana*), teff (*Eragrostis tef*), proso millet (*Panicum miliaceum*), kodo millet (*Paspalum scrobiculatum*), foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*), little millet (*Panicum sumatrense*), and fonio (*Digitaria exilis*) [1]. These grains are distinguished by their hardiness and nutritional superiority, which position them as pivotal elements in the quest for sustainable agricultural and nutritional solutions. In India, a major producer of millets, which contributes 40.62% of the global output, there has been a resurgence of interest in these ancient cereals after a prolonged period of neglect. The country produces approximately 10.91 million tonnes of millets annually. This renewed focus on millets is driven by the rising prevalence of diabetes and obesity, which have exacerbated malnutrition and necessitated a reevaluation of dietary staples. Millets offer substantial advantages over conventional cereals such as rice (*Oryza sativa*), wheat (*Triticum aestivum*), and maize (*Zea mays*) due to their superior nutritional profile. They are gluten-free and significantly richer in essential nutrients, including vitamins, fiber, proteins, and minerals such as calcium and iron [2].

The nutritional benefits of millets extend to their role in enhancing food security and improving public health. Their rich composition of vitamins, minerals, and dietary fiber, along with their ability to provide sustained glucose release and satiety, makes them an ideal food source for individuals with diabetes and those seeking to manage metabolic disorders. Millets are characterized by a favorable fatty acid profile and a higher content of protein- and sulfur-containing amino acids, such as methionine and cysteine, compared to other cereals. Although millets generally contain lower levels of lysine and tryptophan, their nutrient density can mitigate a range of health issues, including cancer, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, gastrointestinal disorders, migraines, and asthma [3-9]. Despite their significant dietary value, the consumption of millets, particularly in India, remains low. This is attributable to several factors, including inadequate processing technologies, limited investment and market incentives, a dominant focus on rice and wheat production, and rapid urbanization. Nevertheless, millets are emerging as a key ingredient in the burgeoning start-up revolution, which seeks to enhance nutrient-rich food availability and create employment opportunities. Processing techniques play a crucial role in making millets suitable for consumption. These methods, including dehulling, soaking, germination, roasting, drying, polishing, and milling, are designed to remove inedible parts, extend shelf life, and improve both nutritional and sensory qualities. Additionally, contemporary secondary processing technologies—such as fermentation, parboiling, frying, puffing, popping, malting, baking, flaking, and extrusion—are employed to develop millet-based value-added products. While these processing techniques enhance digestibility and nutritional bioavailability, they may also lead to the loss of certain nutrients. This review aims to critically examine how various processing methods impact the nutritional value of five prominent Indian millets: pearl millet, proso millet, kodo millet, foxtail millet, and little millet.

Millets and Nutritional fulfillment

1. **Protein-46-56g/day-** milk, curd, paneer, eggs, lean cuts of chicken, soy and beans
2. **Iron-** 18g/day- green leafy vegetables, nuts, beans and pulses, whole grain, pomegranate.
3. **Calcium-1g /day-** dairy products like milk, curd, paneer and green leafy vegetables like spinach, broccoli, etc to your diet.
4. **Fibre-40g/day-** fruits, vegetable, whole grains and legumes
5. **Magnesium-410mg/day-** nuts, whole grains, wheat germ, fish, and green leafy vegetables





6. Vitamin E-15mg/day- nuts, vegetable oil, eggs and green leafy vegetables
7. Vitamin C-75-90mg/day- citrus fruits, nuts, vegetables
8. **Vitamin A-** 600-900 µg/day- sweet potato, carrot, spinach, Green leafy vegetables
9. **Vitamin D-** 600 IU/day- milk, egg, salmon, tuna and mushrooms.
10. **Potassium-** 4.7g/day- bananas soybeans, Swiss chard, lima beans, potatoes and yams

Food nutrition contributes to maintaining metabolism and health. Nutrition helps humans achieve their biological potential. Millet, like rice, wheat, and maize, is rich in carbs, protein, dietary fibre, minerals, vitamins, and phytochemicals. Millets provide 320–370 kcal per 100 g. Millets contain 65–75% carbs and more non-starchy polysaccharides and fibre than basic grains. High-fibre millets improve gastrointestinal health, the blood lipid profile, and glucose clearance. Celiac and diabetic millets are low-gluten and low-glycemic. Millets include phytosterols, polyphenols, phytocyanins, lignins, and phytoestrogens, which promote health. Antioxidants, immunological modulators, and detoxifiers—phytochemicals—protect age-related degenerative diseases, including cardiovascular disease, type-2 diabetes, and cancer. Millets contain around 50 antioxidant-rich phenolic groups and their derivatives, including flavones, flavanols, flavononols, and ferulic acid, according to research. Proso, finger, and pearl millet contain phenolic antioxidants in confined and free forms, respectively. Another study found syringic acid, chlorogenic acid, ferulic acid, caffeic acid, and p-coumaric acid in proso millet. Nearly 65% of phenolics are bonded. Millets' phytochemicals and antioxidants suggest health advantages.

- ❖ In particular, proso millet is better to consume than grains. Proso millet contains niacin, folic acid, zinc, magnesium, calcium, potassium, phosphorus, iron, and zinc. Compared to lysine, proso millet has more amino acids. Compared to wheat, proso millet has 51% more amino acids. Products made from proso millet lessen glycemic response. Products made from Proso millet have a lower GI than those made from wheat and maize [12].
- ❖ Pearl millet has the energy of grains. The high levels of dietary fibre and amylose starch (20–22%) in pearl millet lower the glycemic response. Pearl millet protein, which is gluten-free and rich in prolamin, can be used by those who are gluten-sensitive. Sulfur-containing amino acids like lysine, threonine, tryptophan, and others are absent from pearl millet. Omega-3, alpha-linolenic, eicosapentaenoic, and docosahexaenoic acids are found in pearl millet. Micronutrients also include Fe, Zn, Cu, K, Mg, P, Mn, and the B vitamins.
- ❖ Like other millets, kodo millet has energy. Except for finger millet, most millets offer higher protein than kodo millet. Kodo millets include B6, niacin, folic acid, Fe, Ca, Mg, K, and Zn. In product formulations for infants and the elderly, kodo millet is digestible.
- ❖ Compared to other grains, foxtail millet has higher vitamins, minerals, essential amino acids, dietary fibre, resistant starch, lysine, and methionine. Foxtail millets provide a lot of protein. Stearic and linoleic acids found in foxtail millet aid in controlling lipid levels.
- ❖ The most carbohydrates are in finger millet. Compared to rice and wheat, carbohydrates—mostly slowly digesting starch, dietary fibre, and resistant starch—have a lower glycemic index. Compared to other millets, finger millet has higher levels of threonine, lysine, and valine but only 7% protein. There are plenty of B vitamins and micronutrients including Ca, Fe, Mg, K, and Zn [13].
- ❖ Similar to other cereal and millet crops is little millet. It contains balanced amino acids, lysine, and 8.7% protein. Its high fibre content, resistant starch, and delayed starch digestion reduce the glycemic response. Niacin, Fe, and P are all part of it. Little millet is used to create a number of goods with additional value.

Glycemic index and Millets

Foods containing carbohydrates have a wide range of effects on the Glycemic Response (GR), with some resulting in a rapid rise followed by a rapid fall in blood glucose concentrations, while others show an extended rise and a slow, extended fall in blood glucose.





The concept of the glycemic load (GL) was introduced as a means of predicting the GR; it takes into account the GI and the amount of available carbohydrate in a portion of the food eaten ($GL = GI \times \text{available carbohydrate in a given amount of food}$) [14].

Millet's low-medium glycaemic index makes it valuable to reduce the risk of diabetes and to help people with diabetes manage their blood sugar levels. Gut health is crucial to preventing diabetes, and studies show that millet promotes gut health. Finger millet, in particular, contains pro-biotics that feed gut bacteria such as *Faecalibacterium* and *Eubacterium*, and probiotic *Bifidobacterium* and *Lactobacillus*, allowing them to generate short-chain fatty acids (SCFAs) with anti-diabetic properties. Finger millet also produces various antioxidants that stop the growth of harmful bacteria, such as *Shigella* and *Clostridium histolyticum*, reducing gut inflammation and the risk of diabetes [16]. Fonio, teff, and Barnyard millet are the varieties that raise blood sugar the least, suggesting they may be the best types to prevent and manage diabetes. A study comparing the impact of millet-based dosa and rice-based dosa on blood sugar levels in people with type 2 diabetes found that post-meal blood sugar levels were significantly lower after eating the millet-based dosa [17].

DISCUSSION

Diabetes mellitus, a chronic metabolic disorder characterized by elevated blood glucose levels, has become a global health crisis. The condition poses significant health risks, including cardiovascular disease, neuropathy, nephropathy, and retinopathy. Traditional dietary approaches to managing diabetes emphasize the consumption of low-glycemic index foods that help regulate blood sugar levels. In this context, millets offer promising benefits due to their unique nutritional profile and functional properties.

Glycemic Control and Satiety

Millets are renowned for their low glycemic index (GI) and high dietary fiber content. The low GI of millets means they have a slower rate of digestion and glucose absorption, leading to more stable blood sugar levels compared to high-GI foods like white rice or refined wheat products. This slow release of glucose into the bloodstream helps in reducing postprandial hyperglycemia, a critical factor in diabetes management. Additionally, the high fiber content in millets enhances satiety, which can aid in weight management—a key component in diabetes control. Nutritional Composition: Millets are rich in essential nutrients that contribute to overall health and can aid in diabetes management. They are high in complex carbohydrates, which provide sustained energy release and help maintain steady blood glucose levels. Millets also contain substantial amounts of proteins and essential amino acids, including methionine and cysteine, which are often limited in other cereals. Their micronutrient profile includes significant amounts of vitamins (such as B vitamins), minerals (such as magnesium, potassium, and calcium), and antioxidants, which play a role in reducing oxidative stress and inflammation—a common issue in diabetes.

Dietary Fiber and Its Role

The soluble and insoluble fibers present in millets contribute to their beneficial effects on glucose metabolism. Soluble fiber helps to slow down the digestion of carbohydrates and the absorption of glucose, leading to better glycemic control. Insoluble fiber improves gastrointestinal health, enhances the excretion of bile acids, and helps in reducing cholesterol levels, which is beneficial for cardiovascular health—a concern for many diabetic patients.

Impact of Processing Methods

While millets offer numerous benefits, the processing methods used to prepare millet-based foods can influence their nutritional value and efficacy in diabetes management. Traditional processing methods such as dehulling and milling may reduce the fiber content and the levels of some micronutrients. Contemporary processing techniques, such as fermentation and extrusion, can enhance the digestibility and bioavailability of nutrients but may also lead to nutrient loss. Therefore, it is crucial to balance processing techniques to retain the health-promoting properties of millets while making them more acceptable and palatable for consumption.





Clinical Evidence and Studies: Clinical studies have shown that incorporating millets into the diet can positively impact glycemic control and overall metabolic health. Research indicates that millet-based diets may reduce fasting blood glucose levels, improve insulin sensitivity, and lower HbA1c levels in individuals with diabetes. The incorporation of millets into traditional diets, which are often high in refined grains, can offer a practical approach to managing diabetes through dietary means.

Practical Considerations and Recommendations

Despite their benefits, millets face challenges in widespread adoption due to factors such as limited availability, lack of awareness, and traditional preferences for rice and wheat. Public health initiatives and educational programs are necessary to promote the consumption of millets and their integration into mainstream dietary practices. Additionally, the development of convenient and appealing millet-based products can enhance their acceptance among the general population. Millets present a valuable dietary option for managing diabetes due to their low glycemic index, high fiber content, and rich nutritional profile. Their integration into the diet, supported by appropriate processing methods and educational initiatives, could play a significant role in improving glycemic control and overall metabolic health in diabetic individuals. Further research and development in millet-based products and their impact on long-term diabetes management are warranted to fully realize their potential benefits.

CONCLUSION

Millets offer a valuable dietary option for managing diabetes due to their low glycemic index, high fiber content, and rich nutritional profile, which collectively contribute to better glycemic control and overall metabolic health. Their ability to maintain stable blood glucose levels, combined with essential nutrients like proteins, vitamins, and minerals, makes them particularly beneficial for diabetic individuals. Although traditional processing methods may result in some nutrient loss, modern techniques can enhance the nutritional value of millets. To fully leverage these benefits, educational initiatives to promote millet consumption and further research into millet-based products are essential. Integrating millets into daily diets, supported by appropriate processing methods, holds promise for improving diabetes management and overall health.

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Table 1. Nutritional Requirement of Human per Day

Nutrient	Updated Daily Value
Calcium	1300mg
Dietary Fiber	28g
Fat	78g
Magnesium	420mg
Manganese	2.3mg
Phosphorus	1250mg
Potassium	4700mg
Vitamin C	90mg
Vitamin D	20mcg (1)
Vitamin K	120mcg

Nutrient	Original Daily Value	Updated Daily Value
Biotin	300mcg	30mcg
Chloride	3400mg	2300mg
Chromium	120mcg	35mcg
Copper	2mg	0.9mg
Folate/Folic Acid	400mcg	400mcg DFE (1)(2)
Molybdenum	75mcg	45mcg
Niacin	20mg	16mg NE (1)
Pantothenic Acid	10mg	5mg
Riboflavin	1.7mg	1.3mg





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Selenium	70mcg	55mcg
Sodium	2400mg	2300mg
Thiamin	1.5mg	1.2mg
Total carbohydrate	300g	275g
Vitamin A	5000 IU	900mcg RAE (1)
Vitamin B6	2mg	1.7mg
Vitamin B12	6mcg	2.4mcg
Vitamin E	30 IU	15mg alpha-tocopherol (1)(3)
Zinc	15mg	11mg

Table 2. Nutritional profile of millets (per 100 g) [10-11]

Grains	Energy (kcal)	Protein (g)	Carbohydrate (g)	Starch (g)	Fat(g)	Dietary Fiber (g)	Minerals (g)	Ca (mg)	P (mg)
Sorghum	334	10.4	67.6	59	1.9	10.2	1.6	27	222
Pearl millet	363	11.6	61.7	55	5	11.4	2.3	27	296
Finger millet	320	7.3	66.8	62	1.3	11.1	2.7	364	283
Proso millet	341	12.5	70.0	-	1.1	-	1.9	14	206
Foxtail millet	331	12.3	60.0	-	4.3	-	3.3	31	290
Kodo millet	353	8.3	66.1	64	1.4	6.3	2.6	15	188
Little millet	329	8.7	65.5	56	5.3	6.3	1.7	17	220
Barnyard millet	307	11.6	65.5	-	5.8	-	4.7	14	121
Maize	334	11.5	64.7	59	3.6	12.2	1.5	8.9	348
Wheat	321	11.8	64.7	56	1.5	11.2	1.5	39	306
Rice	353	6.8	74.8	71	0.5	4.4	0.6	10	160

Table 3. Foods have been classified by GI and GL

Classification	Glycemic index	Glycemic load
Low	Equal and below 55	Equal and below 10
Medium	56–69	11-19
High	Equal and Above 70	Equal and Above 20

Table 4. Influence of millets on diabetics [15]

Grains	Glycemic index
Sorghum(Solam)	70
Pearl millet (Kammbu)	54
Finger millet(கேழ்வரகு)	61.1
Proso millet(பனிவரகு)	52.7
Foxtail millet(திணை)	54.5
Kodo millet(வரகு)	65.4
Little millet (சாமை)	64.2
Barnyard Millet(குதிரைவாலி)	42.3
Fonio	42.0
Teff	35.6





Depression Detection Using Deep Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

Depression detection is a critical challenge in mental health research due to the increasing prevalence of mental disorders and the limitations of traditional diagnostic methods. Conventional approaches, such as interviews and PHQ scores, often suffer from low accuracy and delayed diagnoses. In this study, we propose a hybrid deep learning framework for depression detection, leveraging the power of transformer models and ensemble learning techniques. Specifically, we utilize the RoBERTa transformer model to extract high-quality textual features from patient responses and integrate these with an XGBoost classifier to improve detection performance. The proposed method is evaluated using a publicly available depression dataset from hugging face, achieving an accuracy of 92.8%, significantly outperforming traditional methods. The findings demonstrate the potential of combining transformer-based architectures with ensemble learning for efficient and accurate depression detection, paving the way for early intervention and improved mental health outcomes.

Keywords: Depression Detection, Deep Learning, Roberta, XGBoost Classifier, Hugging Face, Transformer, Ensemble learning, accuracy

INTRODUCTION

Mental health issues, including depression, affect a significant portion of the global population, with over 264 million people suffering from this condition worldwide [1]. Depression can stem from various factors such as sudden environmental changes, imbalances in neurotransmitter levels, or even genetic predispositions [2]. Effective



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treatment options include therapy sessions and medication. However, many individuals remain undiagnosed due to a lack of awareness about depression, leading to adverse outcomes such as social withdrawal, erratic behavior, suicidal thoughts, or dependence on antidepressants. Left untreated, depression can severely impact daily activities, reducing focus and interest, and eventually causing harm to both the mind and body. With technological advancements, social media usage has surged, with approximately 3.8 billion active users worldwide [3]. Social media platforms have become spaces for individuals to express emotions, thoughts, and opinions, often providing relief by sharing unsettling feelings. These platforms enable users to post textual content that offers valuable insights for various real-world applications, including healthcare, politics, and entertainment [4]. Researchers can analyze this data to gain an understanding of users' mental health, offering opportunities for timely intervention [5].

Twitter, a popular micro-blogging platform, allows users to post concise updates, known as tweets, limited to 140 characters [16]. Its simplicity and accessibility make it a widely used platform for sharing emotions and opinions. Most tweets are publicly accessible and can be retrieved using Twitter's API, which supports complex queries, such as retrieving tweets on specific topics [6]. Additionally, Twitter supports more than 35 languages, broadening its global reach. The data shared on Twitter provides researchers with a valuable resource for analyzing mental health conditions and identifying opportunities for support and recovery [21]. Social media, while offering a platform for self-expression and connection, can also pose significant risks in certain circumstances [8]. For example, users may send, post, or share harmful content targeting others, leading to cyber bullying or harassment. Additionally, social media activity can reflect offline risks; for instance, adolescents experiencing depression might begin posting suicidal thoughts online, signaling potential dangers [11].

In recent years, natural language processing (NLP) and deep learning have emerged as powerful tools for analyzing textual data and identifying mental health concerns [13]. These technologies have been successfully applied to detect depression, anxiety, and suicidal ideation from user-generated content [15]. By leveraging computational methods, researchers can develop automated and scalable tools to identify individuals experiencing mental health issues or at risk of harm [8]. This approach holds great promise for timely intervention and support, making social media a valuable resource for addressing mental health challenges. In recent years, the emergence of social media has opened new avenues for monitoring mental health. The proliferation of user-generated content on platforms like Twitter and Facebook offers rich data for analysis, enabling the identification of emotional imbalances and depressive tendencies. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) techniques have evolved significantly, providing tools that can enhance emotional intelligence in machines. These technologies facilitate text-based emotion recognition [6], which can analyze posts and tweets to gauge users' moods and potentially predict suicidal thoughts. Such early detection can lead to timely interventions, significantly impacting user well-being. Recent advancements in transformer-based models [15], such as RoBERTa, have demonstrated remarkable performance in natural language understanding tasks, making them invaluable for sentiment analysis in textual data related to mental health. RoBERTa's ability to capture nuanced emotional expressions enhances the detection of depressive signals in social media content. Additionally, tree-based algorithms like XGBoost offer robust solutions for classification problems, allowing for efficient processing of large datasets and improving prediction accuracy [16]. These algorithms can be evaluated through metrics such as precision scores and confusion matrices to determine their effectiveness in sentiment prediction [9].

Beyond textual analysis, emotions can also be inferred from facial expressions, gestures, and vocal tones, further enriching the potential for accurate detection of depression. [13]. For instance, AI applications can monitor drivers for signs of drowsiness, potentially preventing accidents. Similarly, emotion detection systems can enhance user interactions with chatbots, allowing for personalized responses that aim to improve mood and mitigate distress [23]. Furthermore, the application of emotion detection technologies can play a pivotal role in educational settings [20]. For example, identifying signs of depression in students through their interactions in online learning environments can help educators provide timely support [17]. By analysing engagement levels, communication patterns, and emotional cues, AI systems can alert educators to students who may be struggling, facilitating early intervention and promoting mental well-being in academic contexts [11]. As these technologies continue to develop, they hold



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promise not only for individual mental health monitoring but also for fostering supportive environments in various sectors [15]

LITERATURE REVIEW

Depression has become a serious problem in this current generation and the number of people affected by depression is increasing day by day. However, some of them manage to acknowledge that they are facing depression while some of them do not know it. On the other hand, the vast progress of social media is becoming their “diary” to share their state of mind. Several kinds of research had been conducted to detect depression through the user post on social media using machine learning algorithms [1]. Through the data available on social media, the researcher can able to know whether the users are facing depression or not. Machine learning algorithm enables to classify the data into correct groups and identify the depressive and non-depressive data. Research work aims to detect the depression of the user by their data, which is shared on social media. The Twitter data is then fed into two different types of classifiers, which are Naïve Bayes and a hybrid model, NBTree. The results will be compared based on the highest accuracy value to determine the best algorithm to detect depression. The results show both algorithm perform equally by proving same accuracy level. [2] proposed method consists of three components; first, a textual CNN model in which a CNN model is trained with only text features, second, an audio CNN model in which CNN model is trained with only audio features and third, a combination of audio and textual model named as hybrid model in which LSTM algorithms are applied. An improved version of LSTM model named as Bi-LSTM model is also used in the proposed work. In results, training accuracy, training loss, validation accuracy and validation loss is calculated for all the mentioned models [2]. The results shows that deep learning is a better solution for depression detection in which accuracy of textual CNN model is 89% whereas accuracy of audio CNN model is 91% and loss of textual CNN is 0.2 whereas loss of audio CNN is 0.1. These results show that audio CNN is a good model for depression detection [2]. It performs better as compared to textual CNN model. It is also observed that Bi-LSTM has better learning rate as compared to other models with accuracy 88% and validation accuracy 78%. There are some parameters such as precision, F1-score, recall and support are found for evaluation of models. In results, graphs for training loss, validation loss, training accuracy and validation accuracy are plotted. At last, by using confusion matrix depression can be detected for textual CNN Model, audio CNN model, LSTM model and Bi-LSTM against true label and predicted label. [3] proposes depression detection among individuals we have conducted a survey with 21 questions based on Hamilton tool and advice of psychiatrist. With the use of Python's scientific programming principles and machine learning methods like Decision Tree, KNN, and Naive Bayes, survey results were analyzed. Further a comparison of these techniques is done [3]. Study concludes that KNN has given better results than other techniques based on the accuracy and decision tree has given better results in the terms of latency to detect the depression of a person. At the conclusion, a machine learning-based model is suggested to replace the conventional method of detecting sadness by asking people encouraging questions and getting regular feedback from them [3]. [4] Propose a depression detection model that utilizes both audio and video features extracted from the vlogs (video logs) on YouTube. We first collected vlogs from YouTube and annotated them into depression and non-depression. We then analyze the statistical differences between depression and non-depression vlogs. Based on the lessons learned, we build a depression detection model that learns both audio and visual features, achieving high accuracy [4]. We believe our model helps detect depressed individuals on social media at an early stage so that individuals who may need appropriate treatment can get help. [5] proposes the early screening of depression is highly beneficial for patients to obtain better diagnosis and treatment. While the effectiveness of utilizing voice data for depression detection has been demonstrated, the issue of insufficient dataset size remains unresolved. Therefore, we propose an artificial intelligence method to effectively identify depression [5]. The wav2vec 2.0 voice-based pre-training model was used as a feature extractor to automatically extract high-quality voice features from raw audio. Additionally, a small fine-tuning network was used as a classification model to output depression classification results. Subsequently, the proposed model was fine-tuned on the DAIC-WOZ dataset and achieved excellent classification results [5]. Notably, the model demonstrated outstanding performance in binary classification, attaining an accuracy of 0.9049 and an RMSE of 0.1875 on the test set. Similarly, impressive results were





obtained in multi-classification, with an accuracy of 0.7881 and an RMSE of 0.3810. The wav2vec 2.0 model was first used for depression recognition and showed strong generalization ability. The method is simple, practical, and applicable, which can assist doctors in the early screening of depression. [6] Study that trained and tested classifiers to distinguish whether a user is depressed or not using features extracted from his/her activities in the network and tweets. The results showed that the more features are used, the higher are the accuracy and F-measure scores in detecting depressed users [6]. This method is a data-driven, predictive approach for early detection of depression or other mental illnesses. This study's main contribution is the exploration part of the features and its impact on detecting the depression level [6].

[7] Conduct Detecting depression from user-generated content on social media platforms has garnered significant attention due to its potential for the early identification and monitoring of mental health issues. This paper presents a comprehensive approach for depression detection from user tweets using machine learning techniques [7]. The study utilizes a dataset of 632,000 tweets and employs data preprocessing, feature selection, and model training with logistic regression, Bernoulli Naive Bayes, random forests, DistilBERT, SqueezeBERT, models. Evaluation metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are employed to assess the models' performance [7]. The results indicate that the BERT model achieves the highest accuracy ratio of 0.87 and the highest mean accuracy of 0.77 (across 10 cross-validation folds) in detecting depression from tweets. This research demonstrates the effectiveness of machine learning and advanced transformer-based models in leveraging social media data for mental health analysis. The findings offer valuable insights into the potential for early detection and monitoring of depression using online platforms, contributing to the growing field of mental health analysis based on user-generated content. [8] Research work, a hybrid model has been proposed that can detect depression by analyzing user's textual posts. Deep learning algorithms were trained using the training data and then performance has been evaluated on the test data of the dataset of reddit which was published for the pilot piece of work, Early Detection of Depression in CLEF eRisk 2017 [8]. In particular, Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (BiLSTM) with different word embedding techniques and metadata features were proposed which gave good results.

Dataset

The dataset used for this study is sourced from hugging face, a platform renowned for providing diverse and high-quality datasets for research and development. This particular dataset contains user-generated content, including social media posts, tweets, and comments, focusing on mental health-related discussions. It is rich in textual data that reflects various emotional states, such as depression, anxiety, and general well-being. The dataset includes labeled examples, distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content, which serves as the foundation for supervised learning. Preprocessing steps such as noise removal, tokenization, stop word elimination, and lemmatization will be applied to ensure the data is clean and structured. Additionally, augmentation techniques will enhance the dataset's robustness by introducing variations, helping the model generalize better to unseen data. This Hugging Face dataset provides a comprehensive and diverse resource for training and evaluating the proposed hybrid model, enabling accurate and efficient depression detection.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed methodology for depression detection involves a detailed and systematic process to ensure accurate and efficient identification of individuals at risk. The dataset will be sourced from Kaggle, comprising user-generated content such as posts, tweets, and comments related to mental health. This data will undergo preprocessing to ensure quality and consistency. Noise removal techniques will be applied to eliminate special characters, URLs, hashtags, mentions, and redundant spaces. All text will be converted to lowercase for uniformity, followed by tokenization to split the text into manageable components. Stopwords that do not add semantic value will be removed, and lemmatization will reduce words to their base forms, minimizing redundancy. To further enhance the dataset, data augmentation techniques like synonym replacement, random insertion, and back-translation will be employed, increasing diversity and robustness. After preprocessing, RoBERTa, a transformer-based model, will extract contextual embeddings from the text. These embeddings will capture the semantic and emotional nuances, serving as input features for the XGBoost classifier. The XGBoost model will then classify the text into depressive or non-





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depressive categories. The model's performance will be optimized through hyperparameter tuning, adjusting factors such as learning rate, tree depth, and the number of estimators. The dataset will be split into training, validation, and test sets to ensure reliable evaluation. The training set will build the model, the validation set will guide hyperparameter adjustments, and the test set will assess the model's generalization to unseen data.

The entire process will be automated as a scalable pipeline, integrating data preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification into a unified workflow. This design will facilitate the model's deployment for real-world applications, such as monitoring social media content for early depression detection. By leveraging the contextual strength of RoBERTa and the classification efficiency of XGBoost, the proposed methodology aims to provide a robust and reliable solution for identifying individuals at risk of depression. Google Colab is used as the primary platform for implementing the proposed hybrid model for depression detection. This online, open-source platform provides a user-friendly interface for writing and executing Python code, making it ideal for developing and testing machine learning and deep learning models. In Colab it deals with the various accelerator type example CPU, GPU. GPU provides the most flexible processing with seconds of execution. Usually, neural networks deal under the GPU. It has 100x power seamless execution power. As a cloud-based tool running on Google servers, it integrates seamlessly with Google Drive, where the dataset and resources for the project are stored. This eliminates the need for additional setups, downloads, or installations, simplifying the development process.

For implementing the work Google Colab offers access to GPU and TPU accelerators, which significantly enhance the computational efficiency required for training deep learning algorithms such as RoBERTa and XGBoost. The platform also includes a variable panel, allowing real-time monitoring of variables, their values, and data types during code execution, aiding debugging and evaluation. Although it lacks a kernel menu, the runtime can be restarted effortlessly to refresh the environment. Another key advantage of Google Colab is its ability to facilitate collaboration. Notebooks can be easily shared as it has interface like jupyter notebook, and updates can be made in real time, streamlining collaborative development. For the proposed work, which combines RoBERTa and XGBoost, Google Colab provides the computational resources and flexibility required to preprocess data, train models, and evaluate results effectively, making it an ideal platform for this research. For implementing python programming language is used. Python is a powerful and flexible programming language widely used across various domains due to its simplicity and robust ecosystem of libraries. Libraries such as NumPy, Pandas, and Matplotlib support efficient data manipulation and visualization, while machine learning frameworks like TensorFlow, PyTorch, and Scikit-learn enable the development of complex models. Python's versatility makes it a go-to language for fields ranging from web development to artificial intelligence, providing tools that streamline workflows and enhance productivity.

Evaluation Parameters and Significance

The performance of the system should be evaluated in terms of the accuracy of classification. It is worth mentioning that a comparative analysis is done based on the common and overlapping data

Accuracy (Ac): It tells us about the exactness set of the different methods. The critical parameters are:

The classification accuracy is computed as:

$$Ac = \frac{TP+TN}{TP+TN+FP+FN} \quad (1.1)$$

The precision is computed as

$$Pr = \frac{TP}{TP+FP} \quad (1.2)$$

The F-measure or F-Score is computed as:

$$F - Measure = 2 \cdot \frac{Precision \cdot Recall}{Precision + Recall} = F - Measure = \frac{TP}{TP + \frac{1}{2}(FP + FN)} \quad (1.3)$$

Here,

(TP): True Positive

(TN): True Negative

(FP): False Positive

(FN): False Negative





EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

The evaluation of the proposed hybrid model for depression detection, which integrates RoBERTa and XGBoost, demonstrates its effectiveness in identifying depressive tendencies based on textual data. The model was assessed using a test dataset after being trained and validated on labeled examples. The primary metric used for evaluation was accuracy, reflecting the proportion of correctly classified instances to the total instances in the dataset. The hybrid model achieved an accuracy of 92.8%, indicating a high level of reliability in distinguishing between depressive and non-depressive content. The performance of the model was observed to be consistent across both training and validation phases, showcasing its ability to generalize well to unseen data. The results highlight the superiority of the hybrid approach, as it combines RoBERTa's contextual embedding capabilities with the robust classification power of XGBoost. Furthermore, the automated pipeline ensured a streamlined process from data preprocessing to final evaluation, making the system efficient and scalable for real-world applications. Overall, the evaluation confirms the potential of the proposed methodology to serve as an effective tool for depression detection, contributing to early identification and intervention for mental health challenges.

CONCLUSION

The RoBERTa-XGBoost model for depression detection demonstrated a high classification performance, achieving an overall accuracy of 92.8%. The model effectively distinguished between depressed and non-depressed individuals, with an F1-score of 0.88 for both classes. Specifically, it attained a precision of 0.84 and recall of 0.94 for the non-depressed category, while the depressed category recorded a precision of 0.93 and recall of 0.82. These results indicate that the model is highly capable of identifying depression while maintaining a balance between precision and recall. The high recall for non-depressed individuals suggests a low false negative rate, ensuring that most non-depressed cases are correctly identified. Conversely, the high precision for depressed individuals minimizes false positives, improving the reliability of depression detection. The integration of RoBERTa's deep contextual embeddings with XGBoost's powerful classification capabilities contributed to the model's robustness and effectiveness. Overall, the findings highlight the potential of hybrid deep learning and machine learning approaches in automated mental health assessment.

Future Scope

In future enhancing model generalized by incorporating larger and complex dataset. More fine tune hyperparameters could further improve classification performance.

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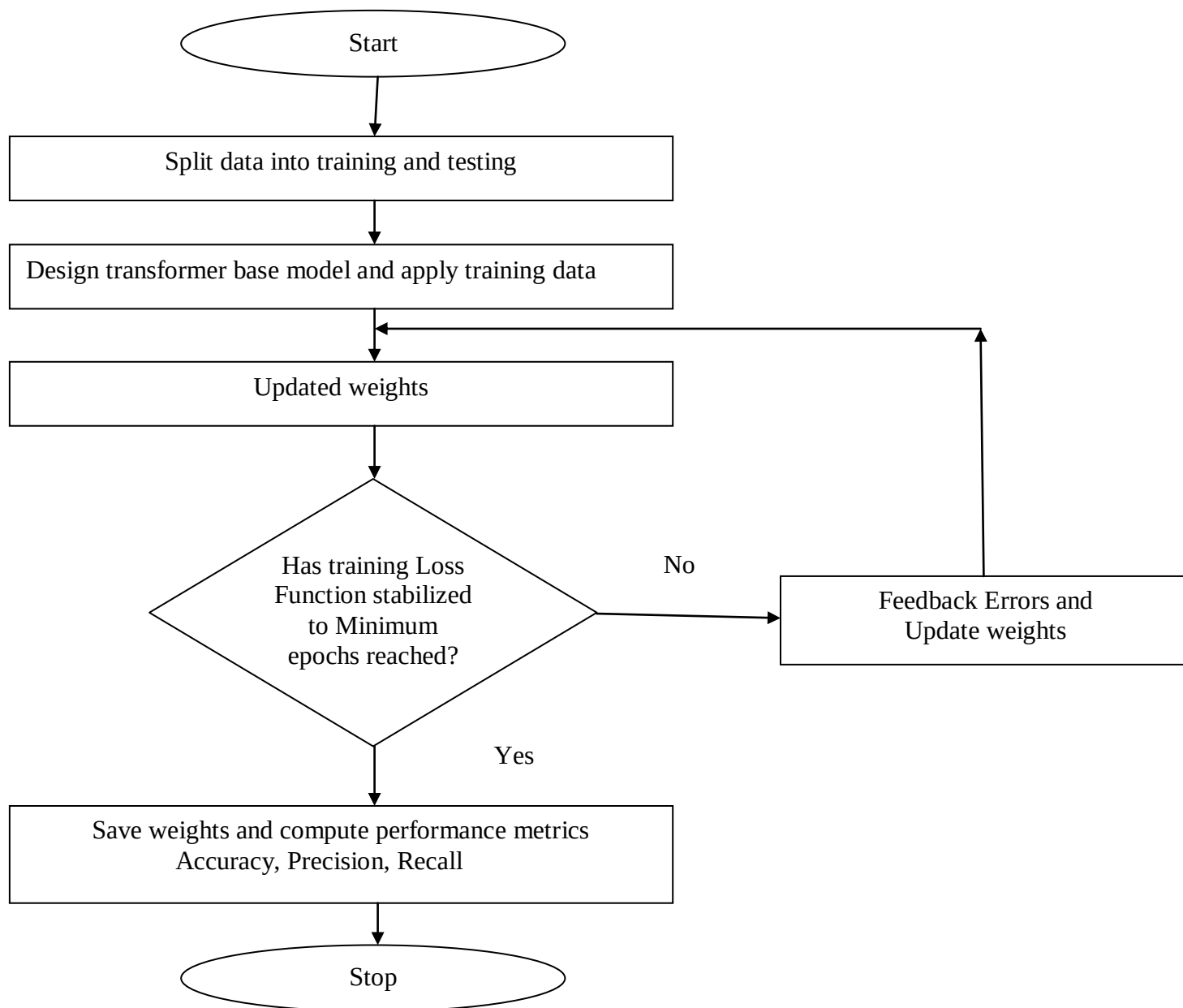




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from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaModel
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from xgboost import XGBClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import accuracy_score
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Fig.5 Imported Libraries

```
# Install necessary libraries
!pip install transformers datasets torch

# Import libraries
from transformers import RobertaTokenizer, RobertaForSequenceClassification, AdamW, pip
from datasets import load_dataset
import torch
from torch.utils.data import DataLoader

# Step 1: Load Tokenizer and Model
tokenizer = RobertaTokenizer.from_pretrained('roberta-base')
model = RobertaForSequenceClassification.from_pretrained('roberta-base', num_labels=2)

# Step 2: Load Dataset from Hugging Face
from datasets import load_dataset

dataset = load_dataset("ziq/depression_tweet") # Example: IMDB dataset for sentiment analysis
train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Use a subset for training
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Use a subset for testing
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Fig.6 Code Screenshot

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train_dataset = dataset['train'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(1000)) # Subset for training
test_dataset = dataset['test'].shuffle(seed=42).select(range(100)) # Subset for testing

def extract_embeddings(texts, batch_size=16):
    embeddings = []
    model.eval()
    with torch.no_grad():
        for i in range(0, len(texts), batch_size):
            batch = texts[i:i+batch_size]
            inputs = tokenizer(batch, return_tensors="pt", padding=True, truncation=True, max_length=128)
            outputs = model(**inputs)
            cls_embedding = outputs.last_hidden_state[:, 0, :].cpu().numpy()
            embeddings.append(cls_embedding)
    return np.vstack(embeddings)
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Fig.7 Dataset Embedding and Tokenization





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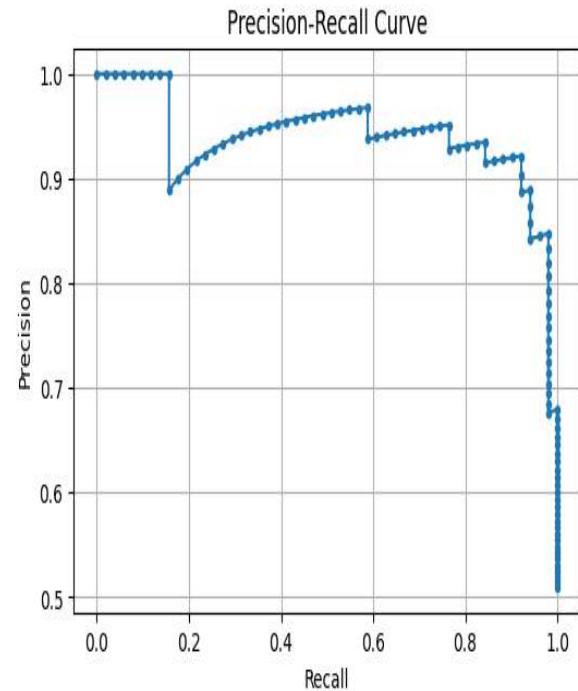


Fig. 8 Model Learning Rate

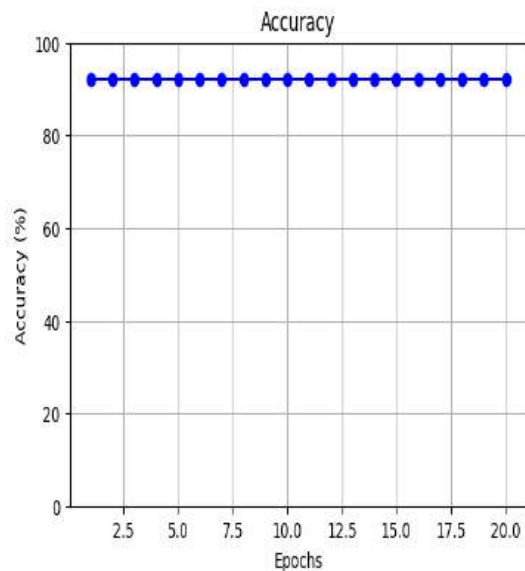


Fig. 10 Accuracy Graph

Fig. 9 ROC Curve

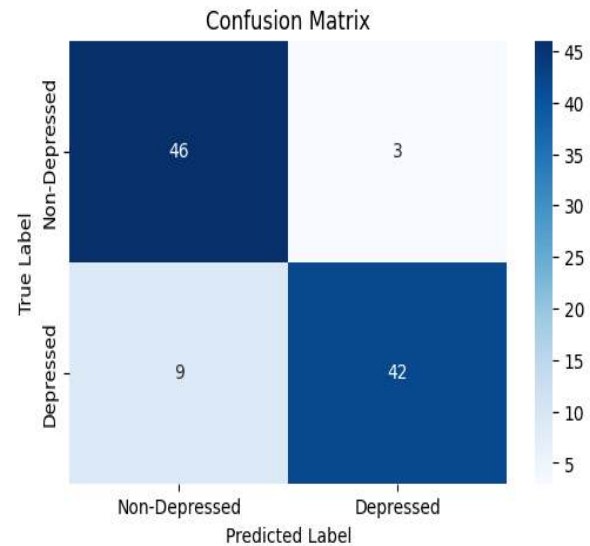


Fig. 11 Confusion Matrix





RESEARCH ARTICLE

Siddha Preventive Medicine - Oral Hygiene for Overall Hygiene in Siddha System of Medicine

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ABSTRACT

According to siddha text there are nine entrance organ in the body out of nine head consist seven entrance organ that is mouth,nose, eyes and ears. Mouth is primary entrance organ through it food substances consumed, so mouth is one of primayr organ for human living.Maintenance of oral hygiene important in the prevention of many diseases in eyes, ears, nose, throat, gastrointestinal tract and major joint diseases because they are interlinked[1,6]. Oral health has impact on physical,psychological and social wellbeing.Brushing the teeth with suitable material will the help the cleanliness of teeth,throat and firmness of gums. Ancient siddha text recommend a material for cleaning a teeth are astrigent in taste used as powders, leaf and twigs. They are preventing the disease of teeth and a gums. This leaves ,herbal powders and twigs have many medicinal properties .In modern world many people using brush made from bristies, after using it even washing with hot water some dirt may remain in between the Bristies, it cause disease .So twigs are superior than that modern brushes in the siddha system of medicine. Siddha system help the oral hygiene in good in manner if you follow the system for the oral hygiene it has many many beneficial effect to the body. The proverb "Aalum Velum Pallukkurudhi" says that, "Ficus bengalensis and Acacia arabica trees make the teeth strong",Neem twigs makes the teeth very clean and hygiene , Achyranthus aspera twig make the teeth cleen and





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magic charmer[2,7-9], when use Aerva lanata twigs for dental clean it has additional benefit that is it promote the reproductive health [9,2]. Additionally the leaves and the herbal powders used for cleaning the teeth have a many medicinal value and not harm to the body the body compared to chemical tooth powders and tooth paste.

Keywords: Siddha, Twigs, Oral hygiene, Mouth, Teeth, Herbal powder

INTRODUCTION

Mouth and Tongue

Tongue is the organ for taste it is a component of the element water. With the help of the teeth and tongue in the mouth which is like a sea with sweet water which never dries up, the food that is taken is mixed with saliva then ground well and swallowed. Because of this, the first thing that is produced in the mouth in the morning is waste fluid. If this is not properly cleaned bad odour is produced in the mouth and the consumed food get spoiled and this may affect the blood and many diseases may occur. Therefore keeping the mouth clean is the best way of preventing many diseases. Further, there is a close relationship between the mouth, eye, nose and the ear. Therefore, if oral health is affected, the health of the other three organs will also get affected. Therefore it is very important to keep the mouth clean. In the morning, food should be taken only after cleaning the teeth. After taking food the mouth must be gargled several times and spit out. Mouth must be gargled always before and after taking food. Cleaning the mouth The teeth must be cleaned after passing stools and urine in the morning. If the teeth are not cleaned, dirt collects in the crevices between the teeth and will produce bad smell and several germs grow there with offensive smell causing teeth and gum diseases. If they are swallowed along with food they cause indigestion, gastric ulcer, arthritis etc. Therefore it is very important to keep the teeth clean always and prevent from dirt. Realising this our ancestors considered brushing of teeth as one of the important morning duties to be done immediately after waking up in the morning. Nothing should be consumed before brushing the teeth. Brushing the teeth with suitable materials will help the teeth clear and the gums become firm, besides, the cleanliness of the tongue mouth and throat as a whole is achieved.

Materials suitable for brushing the Teeth

As stated in Pathartha Guna Chinthamani, if the teeth are cleaned with the materials of astringent taste such as powders, leaves and twigs, they remain firm without shaking till the last besides preventing the diseases of teeth and gums. Among these materials the twig is the best which should be taken from trees which are not decayed, without nodes, holes and cracks in between. The twig should be about a thickness of the little finger and a span in length.

Method of using the Twigs

The twig must be cleaned and one end must be bitten and crushed well to make it a soft flubby brush. Biting the twig helps to secrete more saliva so as to dissolve more dirt. Each tooth must be rubbed and brushed well by moving the brush up and down and from left to right so that the dirt particles in the gaps between the teeth are removed. As the end is soft there will be no harm or hurt to the gums. After this, the twig must be split into two lengthwise and each piece should be bent with both hands and inserted upto the uvula, The tongue coating must be scraped, removed and cleaned and then mouth should be gargled for twelve times, Further, the dried secretions, sputum, mucous of the nose and the dirt in the eyes, and naval should be removed. After that the hands, feet, face and other parts should be washed and cleaned. The teeth should not be brushed while standing or walking[2,6]. Brushing should be done in Kukkuda asana position.

Suitable Twigs and their Uses

Tamil siddha texts say, the twigs of the following can be used by the common people. *Acacia arabica*, *Azadiracta indica*, *Phyllanthus reticulatus*, *Ficus benghalensis*, *Tectona grandis*, *Eugenia jambolana*, *Mimusops elengi*, *Bauhinia racemosa*, *Achyranthus aspera*, *Terminalia arjuna*, *Ficus microcarpa*, *Lan Mangifera indica*, *Anthocephalus cadamba*, *Feronia ciephantum*,





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Saraca indica, *Michelia chempaca*. Twigs with astringent taste as well as bitter taste shall be used. But the teeth become very clean with the twigs of bitter taste, according to Pathartha Guna Chinthamani verse 1323. The proverb "Aalum Velum Pallukkurudhi" says that, "*Ficus bengalensis* and *Acacia arabica* trees make the teeth strong", and hence among the twigs the banyan and black babool are mostly used. *Achyranthus aspera* twig make the teeth clean and magic charmer, when use *Aerva lanata* twigs for dental clean it has additional benefit that is it promote the reproductive health.[1-5].

Restriction for using the twigs their ways to clean the teeth

Person suffering from one or more of the following diseases should not use twigs for brushing the teeth: Spongy gums due to disease, stomatitis, indigestion, dyspnoea, fever, thirst, chest pain, eye disease, tuberculosis, paralysis and headache. Roast 35 gms of *Carum copticum* with moderate heat till it turns into golden colour and make into a fine powder. Then prepare the powder of salt, *Acacia catechu*, *Quercus infectoria*, dyers oak, cinnamon bark, *Caryophyllus aromaticus* and *Piper nigrum*. Take a pinch in each of the above two powders for cleaning the teeth. There are also several other methods for preparing tooth powders. Person suffering from eye diseases, vomiting, dryness of mouth, indigestion can use combination of roasted clove, cumin and salt powder. Person suffering from soft gums and oral ulcer can use the neem tender leaf and thiripala powder for cleaning the mouth.[2,10,11]

Substances unsuitable for cleaning the Teeth

Brick powder, mud, charcoal, flower sheath of palm tree, straw and twigs from decayed trees should not be used to clean the teeth. If used, the teeth will get damaged soon and the gums will also be affected. As stated in the texts, the facial attraction and prosperity will be lost leaving one in poverty. Therefore the teeth should not be cleaned with the above mentioned substances.[2]

CONCLUSION

Owing to modernism, many people use brush made from bristles, to brush the teeth. But as they are long and made of hairs it is not possible to brush every tooth separately. The same brush has to be used daily and cleaned for reuse. After using it, it should be rinsed well with hot water. Even then some dirt may remain between the bristles, which may cause harm to the teeth. Therefore modern brushes are not superior than twigs. At times the bristles get hardened and injure the gums causing 'Anthrax' and moreover brushes are not used to brush directly but along with a paste. So, the cost of both is very high. However, these artificial brushes may be used in countries where twigs are not available. If jute fibre is used in brushes instead of hair, there is no possibility for diseases of teeth.[2,7,8,9]

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A Novel RP-HPLC Method Development Validation and Identification of Impurities in Sertraline Hydrochloride

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ABSTRACT

A simple, rapid, precise, sensitive and reproducible reverse phase high performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) method has been developed for the quantitative analysis of Sertraline hydrochloride and its impurities in pharmaceutical dosage form. Chromatographic separation of Sertraline hydrochloride and its impurities was achieved by Kromasil C18, 250×4.6 mm, 5 μ and the mobile phase containing Acetonitrile and Buffer in the ratio of (ACN/Buffer-60/15) v/v. The flow rate was 1 ml/min; detection was carried out by absorption at 225nm using a photodiode array detector at ambient temperature. Retention time of Sertraline hydrochloride (SRT), Impurity-A and Impurity-B was found to be 7.521 min, 5.081 min and 11.451 min respectively. The %RSD of impurities A & B was found to be within the acceptance criteria. The total percentage of impurities in the sample was found to be 0.006%. The proposed method was validated according to ICH guidelines. The method was found to be novel, simple, economical, suitable, precise, accurate and robust method for quantitative analysis of Sertraline hydrochloride and its impurities.

Keywords: Sertraline hydrochloride; RP-HPLC; Kromasil C18; Impurity analysis.





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Unwanted chemicals that remain with the active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs), develop during the formulation process, or emerge as the APIs and formulated APIs to medicines age are known as pharmaceutical impurities. Within the pharmaceutical industry, an impurity is defined as any residual solvent or inorganic material that is not part of the drug substance or ingredient, or as any unwanted chemicals that are left behind after synthesis with APIs[1]. Identification, clarification of the structure, and quantitative assessment of impurities and degradation products in pharmaceutical formulations and bulk drug materials are all included in impurity profiling [2]. Because unknown, potentially toxic impurities are harmful to health and because selective methods should be used to identify and determine impurities in order to increase the safety of drug therapy, impurity profiling has become more important in modern pharmaceutical analysis [4]. Limits on the permissible levels of impurities present in APIs or formulations are gradually being added by various pharmacopoeias, including the United States Pharmacopoeia (USP) and the British Pharmacopoeia (BP) [5]. The study of impurity profiling aims to monitor the drug manufacturing process, identify the source of the drug sample, determine the specific relationship between two or more samples, and determine the pattern of drug distribution. Because contaminants have the potential to be teratogenic, mutagenic, or carcinogenic, their effects on health can be profound [3].

Sertraline hydrochloride (SRT) is chosen as drug of interest in this research study. Sertraline is a medication used to manage and treat the major depressive disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder, premenstrual dysphoric disorder, and social anxiety disorder. It is in the SSRI (Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor) class of medications. Sertraline mechanism of action makes it highly efficacious when used in the treatment of various psychiatric conditions. Sertraline selectively inhibits there uptake of serotonin (5-HT) at peripheral nervous system. This inhibition of serotonin reuptake results in an accumulation of serotonin. Thereby increased serotonergic activity is seen. An increased synaptic concentration of serotonin in the CNS, leads to numerous functional changes associated. Also enhanced serotonergic neurotransmission is observed. These changes are believed to be responsiblefortheantidepressantactionandbeneficialeffectsinoobsessive-compulsive [8]. It has been hypothesized that obsessive-compulsive disorder, like depression is also caused by the dysregulation of serotonin. Sertraline is shows better efficacy and acceptability when compared to other SSRI's. As we know every drug is associated with certain type of impurities which are known or unknown in case if we don't specify them. Even in marketed formulations the risk of unwanted substances which are nothing but the impurities are present which are in acceptable range. Several analytical techniques are needed to identify or estimate this kind of impurity. Various kinds of contaminants, it's crucial to create a solid procedure during process development that can be transferred and validated later on for use in quality assurance and quality control[4]. The type of impurity and the amount of data needed from the analysis are taken into consideration when choosing the right technique [7].Pharmaceutical development involves a number of complex analytical problems that call for the application of multiple analytical techniques to solve [6]. Analytical methods that can quickly address these issues include HPLC, LC/UV, LC/MS, GC/MS, CE/MS, and LC/UV. These methods also offer orthogonal detection and complementary information [9]

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Reagents and chemicals

All the materials used were either AR/GR grade or the best possible Pharma grade available as supplied by the manufacturer or supplier without further purification or investigation. HPLC analysis was carried out on a KromasilC18, 250×4.6 mm, 5μ.Sertraline hydrochloride, Impurity-A & Impurity-B were obtained from Aha laboratories, Vizag. Other chemicals used in the study are Orthophosphoric acid (GR grade), Methanol (GR grade), Acetonitrile (HPLC grade) and Water (Milli-Q- grade).





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Preparation of Buffer

Transfer 1.0 mL of Orthophosphoric acid into 1000 mL of water and mixed well. Filter through 0.45 μ or finer porosity membrane filter using vacuum filtration kit.

Preparation of mobile phase

Prepare a degassed mixture of Acetonitrile: Buffer in the ratio of 60:15% v/v. Filter through 0.45 μ or finer porosity membrane filter using vacuum filtration kit.

Preparation of Diluent:

Diluent-1: Water is used as a diluent.

Diluent-2: Prepare a degassed mixture of Acetonitrile: Buffer in the ratio of 60:15% v/v. Filter through 0.45 μ or finer porosity membrane filter using vacuum filtration kit.

Preparation of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard Stock solution:

Accurately weigh and transfer 10.12 mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution:

Accurately weigh and transfer 10.14 mg of Impurity-A Standard into 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution

Accurately weigh and transfer 10.19 mg of Impurity-B Standard into 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

HPLC Optimized Chromatographic Conditions

Good chromatographic separations were achieved only on amylase based Kromasil C18, 250 $\times$ 4.6 mm, 5 μ , (Make: Shimadzu corporation Ltd, Japan) using the mobile phase system consisting of an acetonitrile-OPA 60:15 (V/V) The flow rate was kept at 1.0 mL/min. The sample concentration was 0.1 mg/mL in diluent (acetonitrile/OPA). The column temperature was maintained at 30 $^{\circ}$ C and the elution was monitored at 225 nm. The injection volume was 10 μ L. Good separations were observed column USP resolution > 7.5. The typical retention times of Sertraline and its impurities A & B were 7.521, 5.081 & 11.451 min, respectively. (Fig1), Table 2

System suitability

The standard solutions of SRT and impurities are injected six times to evaluate the system suitability of the method; the results (retention time) reported in Table 2, are within the limit specifications.

Specificity

Separately inject Blank, 6 replicate injections of 10 μ L each of the Standard solution, one injection of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard solution, one Injection of Impurity-A Standard solution and one Injection of Impurity-B Standard solution, one injection of Spiked sample and record the chromatograms.

Linearity**Preparation of 50% Linearity level solution:**

(0.0005125 mg/mL Sertraline Hydrochloride, 0.0005110 mg/mL Impurity-A and 0.0005145 mg/mL of Impurity-B)

Transferred 0.50 mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard stock solution, 0.50 mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50 mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution into 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of 80% Linearity level solution:

(0.0008200 mg/mL Sertraline Hydrochloride, 0.0008176 mg/mL, Impurity-A and 0.0008232 mg/mL of Impurity-B)

Transferred 0.80 mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard stock solution, 0.80 mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.80 mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution into 100 mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.





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Preparation of 125% Linearity level solution:

(0.0012813mg/mL Sertraline Hydrochloride, 0.0012775mg/mL Impurity-A and 0.0012863mg/mL of Impurity-B) Transferred 1.25mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard stock solution, 1.25mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 1.25 mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution into 100mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of 150% Linearity level solution: (mg/mL)

(0.0015375mg/mL Sertraline Hydrochloride, 0.0015330mg/mL Impurity-A and 0.0015435mg/mL of Impurity-B) Transferred 1.50mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard stock solution, 1.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 1.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution into 100mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of 50% Accuracy level preparation:

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.25mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.25mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.25mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of 100% Accuracy level preparation:

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.18mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of 150% Accuracy level preparation

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.27mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.75mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.75mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Precision**Preparation of Spiked sample preparation**

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.18mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Limit of Detection and Limit of Quantification (LOD & LOQ)**Preparation of LOD Solution:**

Transferred 3.0mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard solution, 3.1mL of Impurity-A Standard solution and 3.3mL of Impurity-B Standard solution into 100mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of LOQ Solution:

Transferred 9.0mL of Sertraline Hydrochloride Standard solution, 9.5mL of Impurity-A Standard solution and 9.9mL of Impurity-B Standard solution into 100mL volumetric flask, dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Robustness**Preparation of Spiked sample preparation-1:**

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.34mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

Preparation of Spiked sample preparation – 2:

Accurately weighed and transferred 50.39mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.



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Accurately weighed and transferred 50.40mg of Sertraline Hydrochloride into 50mL volumetric flask, added 0.50mL of Impurity-A Standard Stock solution and 0.50mL of Impurity-B Standard Stock solution dissolve and dilute to volume with diluent.

CONCLUSION

The developed HPLC method for the identification of impurities in selected drug is simple, rapid, accurate, precise, robust and economical. The mobile phase and solvents are simple to prepare and economical, reliable, sensitive and less time consuming. Since the system validation parameters of HPLC method used for identification of impurities in sertraline hydrochloride have shown satisfactory, accurate and reproducible results (without any interference of excipients) as well, it is deduced that the simple and short proposed methods be most useful for analysis purpose.

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Table 1: Data for optimized chromatogram

S. No	Name	Retention Time	Area	USP Resolution	USP Tailing	USP Plate Count
1.	Impurity-A	5.081	98248	---	1.25	10045
2.	Sertraline Hydrochloride	7.521	100528	5.547	1.12	11024
3.	Impurity-B	11.451	95368	8.458	1.24	9548

Table 2: System suitability parameters

Parameters	Impurity - A	Sertraline Hydrochloride	Impurity-B	Acceptance Criteria
Retention time	5.128	7.508	11.466	---
No. of theoretical plates	11564	11056	10564	NLT 3000
Tailing factor	1.15	1.20	1.05	NMT2.0
%RSD of Peak area	0.25	0.03	0.2	NMT2.0
Resolution	10.235	10.235	NMT2.0	---

Table: 3 Retention time from Blank, Individual solution and Spiked Test Solution:

Component	Blank	Individual solution	Spiked Test solution
Sertraline Hydrochloride	Not detected	7.505	7.505
Impurity-A	Not detected	5.124	5.125
Impurity-B	Not detected	11.458	11.469



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Table 4: Data of Accuracy

S.No.	Sertraline hydrochloride	Impurity A	Impurity B			
	RT	Peak area	RT	Peak area	RT	Peak area
1	7.504	99148	3.525	100458	14.758	95368
2	7.502	99156	3.524	100524	14.754	95487
3	7.503	99147	3.523	100418	14.752	95128
4	7.507	99152	3.521	100639	14.753	95228
5	7.504	99163	3.524	100417	14.756	95214
6	7.503	99145	3.526	100584	14.752	95841
Average	7.504	99152	3.524	100507	14.754	95378
Standard Deviation	0.0017	6.7355	0.0017	91.7206	0.0024	260.0943
%RSD	0.02	0.01	0.05	0.09	0.02	0.27

Table 5: Data of Precision

Spiked solution	Impurity-A	Impurity-B
Spiked sample solution-1	0.1035	0.1022
Spiked sample solution-2	0.1046	0.1053
Spiked sample solution-3	0.1022	0.1051
Spiked sample solution-4	0.1028	0.1052
Spiked sample solution-5	0.1026	0.1025
Spiked sample solution-6	0.1025	0.1029
Average	0.1030	0.1039
Standard deviation	0.0009	0.0015
%RSD	0.87	1.44

Table 6: Data of LOD & LOQ

Name of the compound	LOD (%)	S/N Ratio	LOQ (%)	S/N Ratio
Sertraline Hydrochloride	0.0030 (0.000030mg/mL)	3.59	0.0091 (0.000091mg/mL)	12.6
Impurity-A	0.0033 (0.000033mg/mL)	3.65	0.0100 (0.000100mg/mL)	11.7
Impurity-B	0.0034 (0.000034mg/mL)	3.42	0.0102 (0.000102mg/mL)	10.8

Table 7: Data of Robustness (Flow rate Plus)

Spiked test solution	Impurity-A (%)	Impurity-B (%)
Robustness flow plus		
Spikedtestsolution-1	0.1028	0.1041
Spikedtestsolution-2	0.1063	0.1065
Spikedtestsolution-3	0.1045	0.1063
Average	0.1044	0.1053
Standard deviation	0.0013	0.0015
%RSD	1.25	1.42





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Table 8: Data of Robustness (Flow Rate Minus)

Spiked test solution	Impurity-A(%)	Impurity-B (%)
Robustness flow minus		
Spikedtestsolution-1	0.1011	0.1012
Spikedtestsolution-2	0.1014	0.1047
Spikedtestsolution-3	0.1015	0.1033
Average	0.1033	0.1044
Standard deviation	0.0018	0.0019
%RSD	1.74	1.82

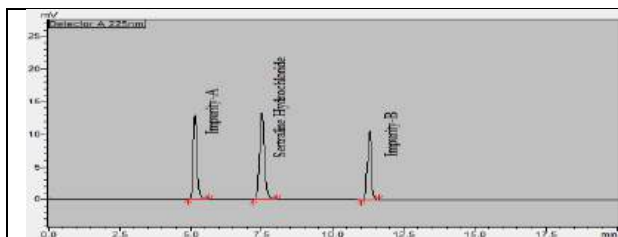


Figure-1: Typical HPLC chromatograms of SRT and its impurities ICH standard using acetonitrile-OPA as mobile phase.

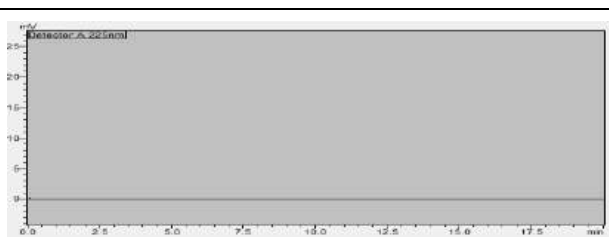


Figure 2: Blank chromatogram

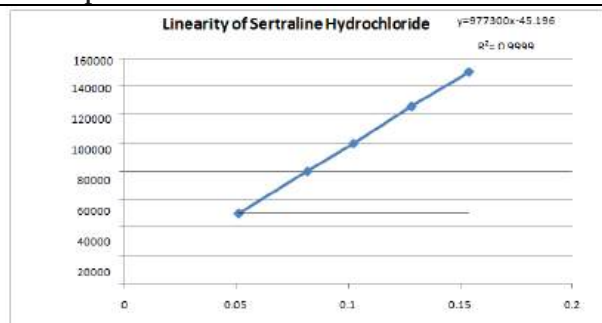


Figure 3: Linearity of Sertraline Hydrochloride

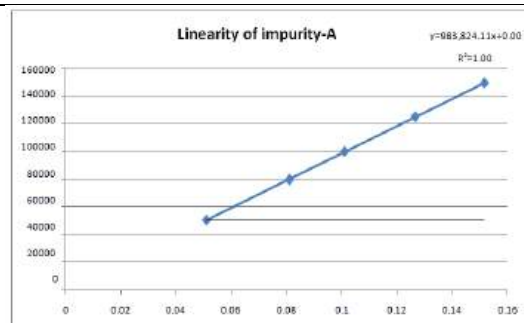


Figure 4: Linearity of Impurity - A

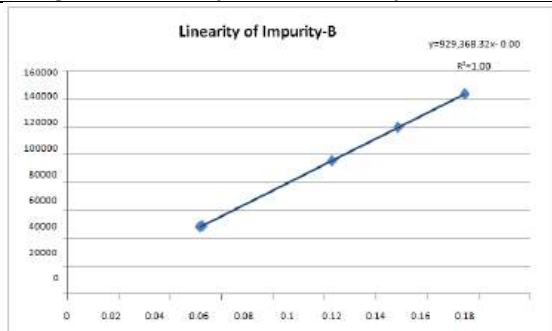


Figure 5: Linearity of Impurity - B

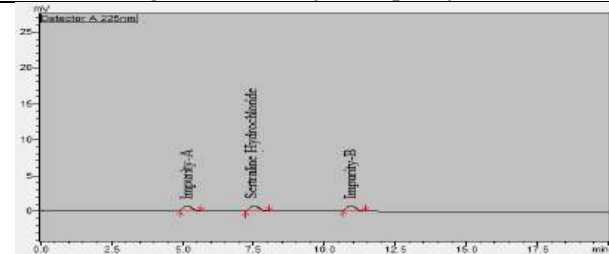


Figure-6: LOD chromatograms of SRT and its impurities





Advances in Novel Drug Delivery Systems using Starch: A Review on Its Application and Chemical modification

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ABSTRACT

Like other naturally occurring polysaccharides, starch has a growing appeal as a potential material for new drug delivery systems because it is biodegradable and can be modified relatively easily. However, in recent times, starch has come into focus in pharmaceutical technology; most recently because of recent advances for such technology on starch's potential to improve medicine stability, change release rates or target specific tissues or cells. Several changes, e.g. cross linking, grafting, and blending with other polymers, were investigated to adapt starch's characteristics for specific drug delivery applications. Starch based carriers used in programmed drug delivery can be designed strategically to meet targeted and sustained release (of the drug) in response to environmental cues, e.g., pH and temperature. The state of starch mediated drug delivery system's growth is reviewed up to present: their process details, advantages and drawbacks are reviewed. The invention of starch-based carriers is a big step toward more efficient and patient friendly.

Keywords: polysaccharides, environmental, temperature, Starch.

INTRODUCTION

The second most common substance found in nature is following some starch. This is a naturally occurring, renewable, biodegradable polysaccharide that is abundant throughout the plant world. In general, plants utilize photosynthetic process to make starch, while non photosynthetic species like humans can gain from that since solar chemical energy can be stored in various plant and algal organism. Starch is formed by many units of amylose and



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amylopectin that are glycosidic bonded to one other to form a starch. Very few photosynthetic algal sources have a minimal level of starch, but potatoes, sweet potatoes, yams and many other foods have very abundant amounts of starch. [1] Starch is a low cost, widely available carbohydrate that has multiple health benefits when consumed on a regular basis. Starch presents excellent physicochemical and functional qualities and is suitable for industrial, medicinal and biological applications. Starch possesses a wide range of uses in many fields including the textile industry as a fabric stiffener, food industry as a preservative, additive, thickener and packaging, biofuel production, pharmaceutical industry as a drug carrier and excipient, and has recently been of considerable interest in the cosmetic, bioplastic, paper industries. [2],[3],[4]. From ancient times to the present, records of archaeology, as well as reviews of literature, show humans from a variety of ecosystems were consuming starch rich foods as parts of their diet (5). Natural polymers, such as cellulose, alginate, agar, carrageenan, and starch are being investigated as potential DDS without much human impact [6].

Starch is appealing as a macromolecule because of its physical, chemical and functional properties, namely ease of water dissolution, water retention properties, gelatinization, pasting behaviour on increase of temperature, ease of modification to specialise in attributes for functional value. Starch has a wide geographic distribution, is low in cost, and abundant [7]. It is unfortunately exceedingly hydrophilic, brittle, retrogrades and deteriorates on heating thus severely limiting its applicability in industrial polymer applications requiring the impartation of mechanical integrity. Accordingly, in the majority of cases, the functional group of starch, i.e. the single bond OH group, is substituted to overcome the previously cited drawbacks so that the obtained starches are suitable for manufacturing uses. Amylose is a linear glucose chain linked by α 1,4 glucosidase and amylopectin is a branched glucose chain with α 1,6 branching and both are considered native starch granules. [8]. Researchers investigate starch based micro and nano immobilization techniques as a drug delivery system (DDS) for treatment of various illnesses. In this methodology, the idea of synthesizing micro and nanocarriers is to deliver medications to parts within living organisms that are initiated with dissimilar physicochemical properties including, pH, temperature, pressure, surface area, conductivity, and solubility dependent on the elements of living anatomies that are framed. Properties, like pH, temperature, pressure, surface area, conductivity, and solubility, based on the affected/infected parts of living organisms. To mediate the release of medicinal medicines at specific physicochemical parameters, the DDS has been developed. Higher bioavailability is achieved by targeted release of medicines from micro and nano carriers, exposing higher drug concentrations in the biological fluids in humans. The rapid release kinetics of DDS composed of metal, metal oxide, and polymeric nanomaterials have made them useful for biological and medicinal applications. The characteristics of starch are influenced by the structure and composition. On a botanical source, growth climate, cultivation site and soil type basis, amylose to amylopectin ratio and starch structure differ [9]. To optimize the application of starch in drug delivery and other industries, the physiochemical and physio mechanical properties can be improved to satisfy the required properties of the generated system.[10]

Starch has an important part in food quality and has many industrial uses, like thickening, colloidal stabilization, gelling, bulking, water retention, and adhesion. Many studies have been conducted on the morphological, rheological, thermal, and textural characteristics of corn and potato starches due to the industry's need for new value-adding goods.[11] Starches are found in separate plant cell granules. Granules of common starches can be categorized as either partially crystalline or partially amorphous polymeric systems; crystalline portion of the granules of the common starches comes from the placement of the amylopectin molecules within the granules, whereas the amylose is, or atleast the amorphous parts thereof, mainly the amorphous and randomly distributed in the clusters of the amylopectin. For example, the Brabender Visco-amylograph, rapid Visco-analyser (RVA) and Rotating viscometers are all used to determine Starch paste viscosity. The viscoelastic and rheological properties of starches have been studied by researchers using a dynamic rheometer.[12] Modified starches provide greater functional quality than native starches and therefore are often used in processed foods. Physical techniques, which include annealing (ANN) and heat moisture treatment (HMT) alter starches without gelatinizing or damaging the granules. Both treatments had different effect on internal granule structuring, though it did not disturb the size or shape (because they do not). Starch chain interactions, granule swelling, amylase leaching, viscosity, gelatinization temperatures, retrogradation, and acid/enzyme hydrolysis are influenced by osmotically treated starches – and



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industrial starches come from costly natural sources like potatoes, corn and rice. The composition of Taro as provided in raw form includes 13–29 % starch; 63–85 % moisture; and other miscellaneous items such as riboflavin, vitamin C and ash. The effort was to extract starch from plant underutilized plant such as taro which is cheaper than other natural sources. For comparison with potato and maize starch, its physical and chemical qualities were compared. Starches of potato, corn and taro have been modified in order to improve their qualities for industrial use.[13] A simple, cost effective and safe technique that does not rely on chemical or biological agents, physical alteration is a simple and inexpensive means of changing the appearance of the surface without effect on the underlying cell structure. Physical changes to starches of different kinds of plants can be used to categorize starches according to molecular integrity. Hydrothermal processes like ANN and HMT preserve the molecular integrity of starches by restraining the pre-gelatinization processes (drum drying, spray drying, extrusion cooking) which disperse in starch granular order and partially dissolve starch components.[14]

Classification

Starch is classified into three types based on its nutritional value: slowly and resistant starch, and rapidly digestible starch. Industrial applications of starch require modification of natural starches through oxidation, esterification, hydroxy methylation, dextrinization or [15] cross linking. These changes exceed the natural starch properties. In food application these modified starches are used as thickness and emulsification agent in food processing, especially in confectionery and baking operations or as adhesive gums, biodegradable substances and as sizing agent in clothing and paper industries [16]. The production of modified starch using common techniques is difficult, expensive, time consuming, and often harmful to human health.[17]. Raw materials in their natural form are called native starch. Modified starches are starches to which chemical, physical or enzymatic modifications have been completed. A hydrolysis event is the one where hydrolysed starch is a starch chain which is broken down into smaller chains of glucose. Native starches have few industrial applications because of unfavourable characteristics, such as low shear resistance, high retrogradation, and syneresis, and are commonly modified by physical, chemical, or enzymatic or combinations thereof to give desirable functional properties for specific uses. Starch is a natural, and very safe, substance that is physically modified.[18]

Source of starch

Producers of starch use a variety of plants. Climate and location as well as intended use of the starch play the predominant role in plant selection. Maize in temperate (and even subtropical) zones, cassava (manioc or tapioca) and banana in the tropics, rice in flood-prone areas, and potatoes in freezing climes may produce starch no matter what the temperature or agricultural conditions. In addition to conventional crops, cassava offers great promise because it readily adapts to tropical conditions, and as such, is an important crop in developing countries worldwide. There are new sources of starch, including the banana, which produces a high-quality starch. The development of new commercial sources of starch as well as a rising need of products of renewable resources will simplify to increase demand for starch production and hence the emergence of new starch applications.[20] From a food processing point of view, non-traditional starch sources may well offer new products with novel features and applications. This is so because of the many types of the plants that produce starch. Two major sources are uncommon starches. One source of underutilized crops are sago palm, quinoa (*Chenopodium quinoa*), young bamboo culm, canna and bore. Unconventional starch is also formed in non-conventional varieties of crops. About 4,000 potato varieties of which 98 percent are whole plants grown by smallholder farmers in Peru highlands are used exclusively for human consumption and not for starch production. [21]

Starch extraction Method

The methods of new extraction methods should be enhanced for non-conventional starches based on modifications to the previously described method. As peripatetic species explored are not native for starch patterns, comparative investigations are not always comfortable. Small changes to obtained starch can be caused by reagent used in chemical extraction and grinding operations. Tubers are cleaned from mucilage with alkaline solutions [29] or supplied with sodium bisulphite which prevents enzymatic browning, protein hydrolysis, bacterial growth and



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oxidation. Starch can be degraded by milling techniques which cause impairment of the starch's pasting qualities.[30] Extraction procedures cause changes in the viscosity of the Yam starch paste and natural granule size. In order to evaluate starches in their natural state, the extraction procedure should be smooth using water and multiple washes to remove the starch to a level of purity greater than 98%, and less than 2% other nutrients. If the resulting product is of a quality the commercial use, then it is of paramount importance to caustically extract the product and the associated optimization of the process is a requirement. [31]

Structure & Properties of Starch

The world's second biggest biomass after cellulose, starch is green plants' primary type of stored carbohydrates. Starch is a polymer of glucopyranose glucose units of 6-member ring. The molecular weight of starch is between 104 to 107 Daltons.[32] As opposed to a substance like glucose units in starch the α -1-4 bonds attach them together instead of the β -1-4 bonds. The structure of the α -1-4 linked starch is random coil and β -1-4 linked cellulose is wrinkled linear shaped. Almost all of the molecules of starch (up to 100 percent in wax starches, 72 percent in standard maize starch, 80 percent in potato starch) have extremely branched structures called amylopectin. Based on the α -1,4 organization of the spine, it consists almost entirely of an amylopectin. About 5% of the branches are α -1,6 connected. In amylopectin the branch chains are crowded and [34] the branch chain sizes vary with starch type and genetic history. However, double spherical, crystallographic formations are seen as branch networks.[35] Starch granules from different plant sources have different dimensions and form. Amylose and amylopectin concentrations, however, also vary. Most grain starches are 20 to 30 percent amylose. High amylose corn or wrinkled-pea starch, for example, are some variations in genes, with 50-70 percent amylose. Wheat, rice and shiny corn contain 1 % of or less amylose. The botanical origin of starch determines the temperature at which the starch will gelatinize. The distinctiveness of these discrepancies imply starch structures and granules are also different. There is another third element in most starches, especially amylase starches, intermediary substance. This substance occurs in most grain starches at 5–10 per cent. Intermediary substance is 0.4% in smooth pea starch (33% amylase); 18.9% in wrinkled pea starch (71% amylase).[36]

Starch Modification Techniques

Ingestion of starch occurs rarely, and enterprises apply starch rarely in its unprocessed state. Unfortunately, most organic starches are restricted because they may breakdown or change when subjected to high temperatures, acid or mechanical abuse. In some cases, some starch granules will not dissolve in cold water so some starch granules are resistant to enzyme destruction and thus some component of starch powder is not available. Industrial applications routinely modify native starches to enhance qualities such as solubility and softness, and adhesiveness, and or heat resistance. Several methods to manufacture modified starches with different properties and application have been developed. These methods modify the starch structure to increase flexibility and improve chemical and physical characteristics. The result is that these altered starches become more valuable in both the food and non-food industry.[37][38]

Physical Method**Hydrothermal modification**

Two commonly used processes for changing starches without affecting the granules are annealing (ANN) and high moisture treatment (HMT). Even when compared with temperatures that will gelatinize starch, these processes take place at temperatures below that, preserving the granule shape. During these treatments the starch granules have to be flexible, and quick changes in their characteristics can be noticed. The two approaches modify to varying degrees the structure and characteristics of starch. They need to be precise temperatures and moisture levels at which to work properly. Low moisture level HMT is used and ANN is used for starches of low to medium moisture [39].

Heat-moisture treatment

The heat-moisture treatment (HMT) of pulse starches at temperatures ranging from 100 to 120°C for 16 hours results with alterations in the structure and properties of the starches obtained from smooth peas, wrinkled peas, navy beans, lentils, pigeon peas. Heat moisture treatment (HMT) of pulse starches was found to reduce amylose leaching,



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granular swelling and peak viscosity. α -amylase and acid hydrolysis improve thermal stability and gelatinization temperatures, and starch breakdown.[40] The changes are due to a blend of variables including:

- 1 amylose content,
- 2 interactions between starch chains,
- 3 arrangement of amylose chains within the amorphous domains and
- 4 lipid-amylose complexes.

Annealing

Annealing is a method used to modify starch by changing its characteristics through moisture, temperature, and heating time. In this process, starch granules are soaked in water (around 40% moisture) and heated at a temperature higher than the glass transition temperature but lower than the gelatinization temperature. This treatment increases the crystallinity of starch, improves its mechanical properties and heat stability, and reduces structural relaxation. It helps starch molecules move more freely and prevents gelatinization by keeping the temperature close to the glass transition point in the presence of water or glycerol. In a study, annealing was conducted at 50 °C for 72 hours with 75% moisture on different types of hull less barley. The results showed that annealing raised the temperatures at which starch starts to gelatinize and narrowed the temperature range for gelatinization. It had little effect on the energy change (ΔH) in the starch, but it did change the starch from the B type crystal structure to the A type crystal structure [41].

Retrogradation

Starch chains can retrograde and make structured crystals. In particular, this process is particularly effective against the linear component of starch, amylose. Amylose crystals are very stable, because of this it does not breakdown when subjected to water at very high temperatures (120-150°C) and because they have not broken down, they are resistant to the enzyme amylase. Retrograding occurs more slowly in the branching portion of starch, amylopectin. Typically, it forms the blow crystalline form on the surface of the starch granule, beginning slowly above 40°C and rapidly below 70°C temperature, which renders the starch more vulnerable to amylase action than amylose.[42] Where the starch comes from a lot of which depends on the amount and qualities of retrograded starch.[43] the length of the end chains in amylopectin[44 chemistry & physical[45] the presence of other substances[46] Starch recrystallizes most easily at about 0°C, but can do so at temperatures above 100°C, mainly affecting amylase. Repeated thawing and freezing of the starch paste promotes retrogradation. Resistant starch is produced by this process that is hard for amylase enzymes to breakdown. It is the perfect material for diabetic patients as well as to use in drug delivery systems to control how fast the drug distributes.[47]

Pre-gelatinization

Physical modification of starch is most frequently realized by pre-gelatinization. Pre-gelatinised starches, or PGS, are starches that are cooked and dried. This means for example slowly gelatinizing the starch by means of drum drying, spray drying or extrusion, and drying the resulting gelled starch. In industry, PGS are most often produced by drum drying. [48] These starches are cooked and dried to avoid molecular re association. They hydrate quickly and dissolve in cold water, so without cooking, they can be used. During drum drying one or several gels are induced before starch pre-gelatinization. In the one step method the drums are the surface on which the starch slurry is deposited and cooked and dried simultaneously. The slurry is first cooked in a heat exchanger and then dried onto drums in the two-step process [49]. Currently, spray drying is used most commonly to microencapsulate ingredients that can provide high degree of solubility, good drying and emulsifying properties, non-hygroscopic behaviour, bland taste, inertness and is cost effective [50]

Ultra-High-Pressure Treatment

The UHP treatment of the starch-water mixture hydrates the softer sections of the granules, allowing them to expand and alter shape. This allows water to more easily reach the crystalline components.[51]When pressure reaches a specific level, starch granules can be modified without the use of heat; this level is determined by the type of starch and the arrangement of its crystals. Also, starch that is only partially altered by ultra-high pressure retains some of its



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original granular shape.[52],[53],[54]After being treated with UHP, the starch's crystallite pattern changes from A-type to B-type. The qualities of the modified starch and how the starch responds during chemical modifications are probably going to be impacted by these alterations in the starch granules.[55],[56]Also, UHP-treated starch that is only partly gelatinized retains its granule shape and reduces the loss of amylose and swelling of the granules.[57]

Osmotic-Pressure Treatment

The so-called osmotic pressure treatment (OPT) was performed leading to optimal treatment by use of high osmotic pressures fluids. Regarding cooling, they used sodium sulphate to add in order to enhance the conditions for making a suspended homogenous solution and for distributing heat in an even manner. The gelatinization temperature of potato starch was changed from B type to type A after treatment. The industrial scale production of the modified starch is in consequence made possible, with a better distribution of heat in comparison with heat moisture treatment.[58]

Chemical Modification

Chemical modification changes the chemical content and structure of the functional groups of starch molecules when chemical and physical characteristics of starch are changed. That is how starch gelatinises, pastes and even retrogrades. This is how starch gelatinizes, pastes and even retrogrades. But it has been observed that the final results depend on the kind of substrate embraced, the reaction environment, consisting of pH level, concentration, reaction time with applicable catalysts RNA Interference and the sort of the substituent incorporated or the level of substitution which can be calculated through the ratio of degree replacement or the molar replacement and the distribution of these substituents on the starch molecules.[59],[60]

Cross-linked starch

It is crosslinked by a crosslinker. The reagents produce ether or ester linkages once the hydroxyl groups of the starch molecule are formed. Thanks to this alteration, we can make the network three dimensional, and therefore increase its stiffness of starch. This starch crosslinking increases polymerization and the molecular mass; therefore, this leads the molecules to be no longer water soluble, but soluble in organic solvents. Product can be termed mono starch or phosphate distarch phosphate (combination of the two).[61]

Dual Modifications

Using these results, a series of dual modifying approaches have been developed to improve starch properties and applications. Dual modifications are chemical and physical or chemical and enzymatic procedures. The most common form of dual chemical modification is a combination of two chemical processes, for example acetylation and oxidation; acetylation and cross linking; cross linking and hydroxy propylation [62]. The food industry uses them extensively as thickeners, binders, emulsifiers, and chemically dual modified starches. Absorption of heavy metals in non-food applications are also available. It is also known that properties of native plantain starch can be made better by application of a dual chemical modification including oxidation and acetylation. [63] Swelling power is the main factor determining the final product when using the dual Hydroxy propylation and crosslinking system. [64]

Acetylated starch

Starch molecules are acetylated (have acetyl groups (CH_3CO) added to them). Certain esters of the free hydroxyl groups in the branched chains of starch are produced when these groups react on free hydroxyl groups.[65] The enzyme's function has been blocked on starch using new technology. In their use to acetylate native starch they are based on the addition of acetyl groups by means of reactive chemicals, mainly vinyl acetate or anhydrous acetic acids in combination with an alkaline catalyst [66],[67]. Starch molecules break when acetyl groups break the bonds between the starch molecules. Acetylated starch swells more than native, and it dissolves poorly. As acetylated starch, electrostatic repulsion within the molecule prevents formation of hydrogen bonds.[68] In acetylated starch, acetyl groups replace hydroxyl and glucose anhydrous groups.[69]



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Starch oxidation is a chemical process wherein starch is allowed to react with an oxidizing substance such as sodium hypochlorite under conditions of temperature, pH and time carefully controlled. The structural, chemical and physical characteristics of the starch are changed by the addition of carbonyl and carboxyl groups. During growth, the active chlorine content of barley starch rises in parallel with increases in the carbonyl concentration of the starch. Retrograded starch oxidation increases its melting point and reduces swelling power, viscosity and the heat required for gelatinization. It also degrades the content of amylose and amylopectin.[70]

Etherification of starch

Starch ethers such as cationic, anionic, amphoteric and non-ionic starch are made when the hydroxyl groups in starch react with charged groups. By etherification, reheated hydroxyl groups are replaced with positively charged groups, which creates cationic modified starch. Tertiary or quaternary ammonium, amino, butyl, sulfuric and phosphate groups are among the common compounds used for this usually in conjunction with organic or inorganic bases.[71],[72],[73],[74],[75],[76],[77],[78] Recently, dry or wet processes have been using monomers such as 2,3 epoxy propyl trimethyl ammonium chloride (ETA) and 3 chloro 2 hydroxypropyl trimethylammonium chloride In industry a standard dry process is used where a cationic agent is sprayed onto dried starch during extrusion. Here, a semi-dry procedure is used: the cationic agent is added to the starch before the heat treatment. The starch reacts with an alkaline solution, like sodium hydroxide or in dimethyl sulfoxide in the wet process, and gives a mixed reaction while in an alkaline solution as in sodium hydroxide or a uniform reaction in the dimethyl sulfoxide.[80] Homogeneous etherification tends to be much more efficient than heterogeneous methods. That's because in heterogeneous reactions the cat ionizing agent has trouble diffusing, but in homogeneous processes the starch granules dissolve in helping the cat ionizing agent spread better.[81]

Esterification of starch

Starch esterification is an important process to change the structure and properties of starch, in order to apply it to different industrial uses. Modifications of starch with various organic acids (e.g. anhydrides or chlorides) or inorganic acids (phylate or sulphate) form starch esters. Like a starch phosphate, inorganic starch esters have higher viscosity and clarity, and are good adhesives, thickeners, stabilizers, and drug bulking agents. For starch to be used in thermoplastic polymers a high level of substitution of the –OH groups through esterification is often required. This process can also increase the hydrophobicity of this starch to improve processability, decrease its crystallinity and improve its flexibility.[82]

Acid Treatment

During acid modification, the glycosidic oxygen atom of the glycosidic group is attacked by a hydroxonium ion, breaking the glycosidic bond. After first affecting the surface of the starch granule, the acid gradually penetrates an interior of the starch granule. This technique modifies the granule structure of the starch without affecting its characteristics. In fact, depending on where acid-thinned starches come from, they can have quite different properties. [83] Both the gelatinization temperature and the width of the gelatinization endotherm are raised by acid hydrolysis. It also accelerates the rate at which acid-thinned starch retrogrades as hydrolysis proceeds. Depending on the needed viscosity or degree of modification, the concentrated starch slurry may be treated with mineral acid at temperatures below the gelatinization point for predetermined time of acid thinning of starch. Researchers have examined the same effects of many acids (HCl, HNO₃, H₂SO₄, and H₃PO₄) on the molecular weight, alkali fluidity number, iodine binding capacity and intrinsic viscosity of different starches under comparable circumstances.[84]

Applications of starch in novel Drug Delivery Systems

Bakery goods, sweets, puddings, cake fillings, biscuits, candies and gum are made from starches. A very large number of applications in the industry rely on their use also in glues, paper, in sustainable packaging (and other substances, for example dextrin, hydrocolloids). [85]



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The dependence of starch granules utilization on their size. Rice starch grains are so tiny (7–9 microns) that they are ideal for use as powdered medications and cosmetics. The small size of this starch exposes it to a much larger surface area and it feels velvety. It's the silky matte surface rice starch generates on your skin to blur the visibility of wrinkles, blemishes and fine lines. It is used in dry shampoos because it absorbs oil in the hair, gives volume and can be brushed out easily. For instance, the surface area of 1.0 g of rice starch is 1.6 m², [86],[87] indicating great potential for other substances to be absorbed and retained allowing for 1.0 g of rice starch to be readily used as a powder suitable for skin applications. Similarly, sago starch has been studied for its properties because it comes from sago palms. In some surgical and diagnostic tools, it could prove useful as a body powder and lubricant.[88]

Starch as a pharmaceutical excipient

Excipients are becoming important in both innovative and conventional pharmaceutical medicines. They help in development of sophisticated drugs, reliable, secure and efficient. Starch is frequently employed as an excipient in medicine, either natural or altered.[89] Starch excipients serve many advantages when producing medications: they are safe and inexpensive, and they are good for product quality. In regulated delivery systems they have also been researched as medication carriers [90][91].

Starch as a Binder

Many firms use freshly manufactured starch mucilage (made by heating a mixture of starch and water) as a binder when making tablets and capsules by the wet granulation method. This gel holds the powder particles together to form clumps following a process similar to glue. It encourages controlled drug release and provides for the even dispersion of active substance. These clusters are then combined under the right compression force to produce strong, stable tablets.[92] The second unique advantage of using starch as a binder is that it is compatible with other constituents and active pharmaceutical ingredients (APIs) found in a variety of formulations. The powder combination is usually made of granulated APIs and other excipients, to ensure consistent API dispersion and a regulated release. Starch gel is used as a binder and powders combined form a wet mass when starch gel is used to form granules. This mass is then passed with the desired granule size through sieves with mesh diameters from 1000 to 1700 microns [93].

Starch as a Glidant

Glidants increase the velocity of granules and powders by reducing friction between particles. Managing the movement of powders is crucial for meeting the weight accuracy and uniformity requirements of pharmacopeia. Effective glidants are needed in large amounts of powder, tablet, and capsule manufacturing to improve granule flow from the hopper to the packing chamber, tablet die, or capsule shell fill chamber. Starch can be used as a glidant in traditional tablet and capsule manufacturing, with a concentration of 2-10% w/w. [94]

Starch as a Lubricant

Lubricants are added in trace amounts to powders and granules used to make tablets and capsules. Their three main purposes are to reduce wear on punches and dies, minimize friction between the tablet surface and the die wall during ejection, and stop tablets and granules from sticking to the punch and dosing apparatus.[95] A good lubricant fulfills all of these requirements. Starch functions as a lubricant via glidant and anti-adherent actions, and it is typically added at a concentration of 2-10% of the weight of the granules or powder mix.[96]

Challenges and Limitations

The drawbacks when utilizing starch as a drug delivery system include: i) the lengthy process of extraction from natural sources, ii) variances in amylopectin and amylose content based on the plant and how it is processed, iii) fluctuations in starch production, iv) the danger of contamination by bacteria, and v) humidity sensibility, that may impact starch circulation, strength, and attaching ability.[97],[98]





CONCLUSION

Starch represents a promising material in the development of novel drug delivery systems due to its unique properties and versatility. Continued research into its modification and application will enhance its role in the pharmaceutical industry, leading to improved therapeutic strategies and patient outcomes.

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Table 1: - Starch sources and their yield %

Source	Plant part Harnessed	Scientific Name	Yield %	Reference
Tarap	Fruits	<i>Artocarpus adonatisimus</i>	17.8	22
Breadfruit kernel	Fruits	<i>Treculia Africana, Decne</i>	69.6	23
Seed annatto	Seeds	<i>Bixa orellana L</i>	66	24
Adlay	Cereals	<i>Coixlachryma-Jobi L</i>	43.2	25
Quinoa	Pseudocereals	<i>Chenopodium quinoa</i>	48.5	26
Pea	Legumes	<i>Pisum sativum L</i>	62.5	27
Bamboo	Culms	<i>Bambusa vulgaris</i>	19.15	28

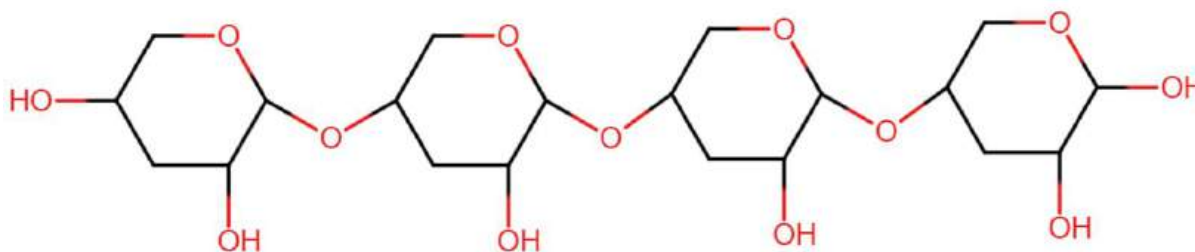


Figure 1. Structure of Starch

