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Editorial

Global environmental pollution has almost reached to peak level in India. There are numerous reasons for air pollution. One such reason is, cars, trucks and other forms of vehicles run on petrol and diesel emitting a wide range of gases such as carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_X), etc and particulate matter. These gaseous pollutants contributes enough for ozone (O_3) layer depletion and acid rain. To reduce the gaseous emissions, the automobile manufacturers are inclining to produce electric vehicles (EVs) and these vehicles will run purely on electric batteries unlike petrol, diesel and CNG. Batteries can be charged using electric power or solar or hybrid.

There is an exponential growth in demand for EVs in the recent years due to various reasons like no exhaust emissions, minimum maintenance and low operating cost. To attract more buyers, the government of India need to encourage the entrepreneurs to establish the electric charging stations along all highways and other needy locations. Offering subsidies and tax benefits will attract EVs manufacturers.

Electric vehicles (EVs) have gained significant traction in recent years as a cleaner and more efficient alternative to traditional gasoline-powered cars. With advancements in battery technology, a growing network of charging infrastructure, and increasing consumer demand, EVs have become a viable option for many drivers around the world. Changing the way we think about driving, these vehicles are powered by electricity stored in a battery, rather than gasoline, and use electric motors to turn the wheels.

The Indian government has set a target to achieve 30 percent electrification of the country's vehicle fleet by 2030, and has introduced several incentives and policies to support the growth of the EV industry. The industry was given a major boost in the FY24 Union Budget for the production of electric vehicles, adoption of hydrogen fuel, and embracing changing technologies.

We take this opportunity to thank all authors for their contribution of manuscripts and reviewers in making this issue more informative and useful to the readers. Suggestions and feedback from our readers are highly appreciated to improve the quality of journal.

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An Experimental and Finite Element Approach to Determine Critical Speeds of a Single and Multi-Disk Rotor Bearing System

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ABSTRACT

Rotordynamics deals with lateral and torsional vibrations of mechanical structures. This paper describes experimental and finite element approaches to determine the critical speeds of a single and multi-disk rotor-bearing system. Single, double, and triple steel rotors are placed on an aluminum and steel shaft. The effect of shaft materials and number of disks has been studied for structural health monitoring of shafts. The bending natural frequency vibrations of a rotor bearing system are calculated analytically. Ansys software version 19.0 is used to perform modal, rotordynamic and harmonic analysis by considering the Gyroscopic effect on rotor bearing systems. Campbell diagram is plotted for critical speeds and bending natural frequencies are calculated. The experimental performance of a rotor-bearingsystem has carried out on a self-designed testbed. DEWEsoft-made FFT analyzer is used and experimental vibration data is recorded in data acquisition system. An accelerometer sensor is placed on one end of the bearing housing. The graph of Frequency vs Amplitude is plotted on FFT and corresponding critical speeds and peak amplitudes for each case have been noted. It is found that the analytical results, numerical software results using Ansys and experimental results match very well. The procedure for performing rotor-bearing system analysis using Ansys software is acceptable. The investigational results are correlated hence above methodology for rotordynamic analysis may be suggested.

KEYWORDS *: Critical speeds, Campbell diagram, Modal analysis, Natural frequency, and FFT analyzer.*

INTRODUCTION

At least 140 years have passed since the start of rotor dynamics research. The initial study to exclusively focus on rotordynamics is the paper, On the centrifugal force on rotating shafts. The concept of critical speeds has first introduced in it[1]. By considering the gyroscopic effect, the critical speeds of shafts with multi discs had calculated [2]. When the rotation is subcritical, the heavy side of an unbalanced disc will fly out, and when the rotation is supercritical, the heavy side will fly in [3]. A famous publication contains the first known fundamental concepts of rotor dynamics [4]. The phenomenon of rotors operating above critical speed was shown by authors [5]. The critical speeds of multi-disk rotor bearing systems were studied [6]. Balancing and unbalance response study has been carried out at large scale [7]. The finite element approach was used to model a rotor system for the first time [8]. Finite element method with Axial force, rotary inertia and gyroscopic moments has considered [9]. The concepts of rotordynamics with simple wording without equations had been given in this classical paper [10]. An effective usage of Ansys software using different types of finite elements and their results had very well demonstrated [11].

In this paper, finite element approach to determine critical speeds of a single and multi-disk rotor bearing system with experimental validation has been discussed. Modal analysis and Campbell Diagrams are plotted in Ansys software. Frequency vs Amplitude graph is plotted using FFT.

MATHEMATICAL ANALYSIS

The critical speed of shaft was obtained by theoretical method and numerical method and validated using experimental method. In order to obtain critical speed of shaft, initially numerical model of FEM is developed. Using ANSYS software FEA analysis was done.

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Theoretical Analysis

For rotating shaft, natural frequency of shaft is obtained by

$$F_n = \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{gEI}{W_S L^4}} \quad (1)$$

Where, F_n is natural frequency of shaft in Hz, E is young's modulus of elasticity in Kg/m^3, I is moment of inertia, W_s is weight of shaft in Kg/m, L is the length of shaft in m.

When shaft is connected with central disc, the natural frequency of shaft with added weight can be obtained using Denkerleys method as [9]

$$\frac{1}{F_n} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft}} \quad (2)$$

Where $F_{n\,disk}$ is natural frequency of disc and can be obtained as

$$F_{n\,disk} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta}} \quad (3)$$

Where δ is deflection due to center disc and can be obtained as

$$\delta = \frac{WL^3}{48EI} \quad (4)$$

Where W is weight of disc, L is length of shaft, E is youngs modulus of elasticity for disk material, I is the moment of inertia of disk. Using equation (1) and equation (2) natural frequency for shaft and shaft with center disk can be obtained.

Every rotating shaft experience rotational deflection. This deflection can create resonant vibrations at particular speeds known as critical speeds. Critical speeds vary according to load location, load type, shaft length, shaft diameter and end support type. Dunkerley equation is used to find first natural frequency of vibration, which is equal to the critical speed of rotating body. For single disk and multi disk system, shaft materials Youngs Modulus for steel is 2*10^{11} N/m^2, Youngs Modulus for aluminium shaft is 7.1*10^{10} N/m^2, density of steel is 7850 Kg/m^3 and density of aluminium is 2770 Kg/m^3 is used. Each central disk has a mass of 3.345 kg. Steel and aluminium Shaft have diameter of 20 mm and Length of 910 mm is used.

Steel and Aluminium shaft with centre disk

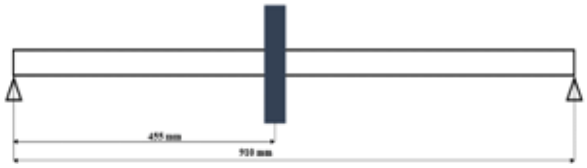


Figure 1. Single disk rotor bearing system

Steel Shaft weight/unit length (W_s) = 24.1929 N/m

$$F_{n\,shaft} = \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{gEI}{WsL^4}} = \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{9.81 * 1570}{24.1929 * 0.91^4}}$$

$$F_{n\,shaft} = 47.86\ Hz$$

Deflection due to center disk (δ)

$$\delta = \frac{WL^3}{48EI} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.91^3}{48*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}} = 0.0003281\ \text{m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{0.0003281}} = 27.52\ \text{Hz}$$

Using denkerleys method,

$$\frac{1}{F_{n\,center\,disk}^{\ 2}} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n^{\ 2}} = \frac{1}{27.52^2} + \frac{1}{47.86^2}$$

$F_{n\,center\,disk}$ = 23.87 Hz

Aluminum Shaft weight/unit length = 8.53 N/m

$$F_{n\,shaft} = \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{gEI}{WsL^4}} = \frac{\pi}{2}\sqrt{\frac{9.81 * 557.35}{8.5368 * 0.91^4}}$$

$F_{n\,shaft}$ = 48 Hz

Deflection due to center disk

$$\delta = \frac{WL^3}{48EI} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.91^3}{48*557.35} = 0.0009243\ \text{m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{0.0009243}}$$

$F_{n\,disk}$ = 16.39 Hz

Using denkerleys method,

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{16.39^2} + \frac{1}{48^2}$$

$F_{n\ center\ disk}$ = 15.51 Hz

Steel and Aluminum shaft with two disks

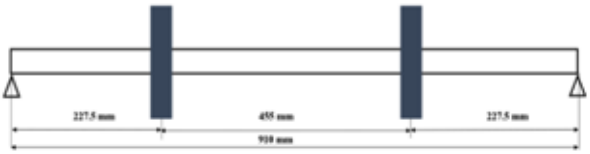


Figure 2. Two disk rotor bearing system

Steel shaft with two disks

Mass of each disk = 3.345 kg

$$\delta_{disk\,1} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.2275^2*0.6825^2}{3*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}*0.91} = 0.000184\text{m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,2} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.6825^2*0.2275^2}{3*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}*0.91} = 0.000184\text{m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk\,1} = F_{n\,disk\,2} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{disk\,1}}}$$

$F_{n\ disk\ 1}$ = $F_{n\ disk\ 2}$ = 36.69 Hz

$F_{n\ shaft}$ = 48 Hz

Using denkerleys method

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,1^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,2^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{36.69^2} + \frac{1}{36.69^2} + \frac{1}{48^2}$$

$F_{n\ two\ disk}$ = 22.80 Hz

Aluminum shaft with two disks

Mass of each disk = 3.345 kg

$$\delta_{disk\,1} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.2275^2*0.6825^2}{3*557.35*0.91} = 0.000519\text{m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,2} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.6825^2*0.2275^2}{3*557.35*0.91} = 0.000519\text{m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk\,1} = F_{n\,disk\,2} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{disk\,1}}}$$

$F_{n\ disk\ 1}$ = $F_{n\ disk\ 2}$ = 21.86 Hz

$F_{n\ shaft}$ = 48 Hz

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,1^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,2^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{21.86^2} + \frac{1}{21.86^2} + \frac{1}{48^2}$$

$F_{n\ two\ disk}$ = 14.71 Hz

Steel and Aluminum shaft with three disks

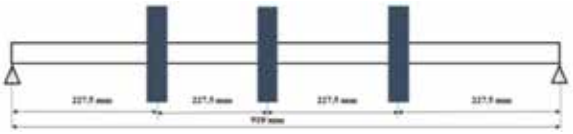


Figure 3. Three disk rotor bearing system

Steel Shaft with three disks

Mass of each disk = 3.345 kg

$$\delta_{disk\,1} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.2275^2*0.6825^2}{3*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}*0.91} = 0.00018\text{ m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,2} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.455^2*0.455^2}{3*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}*0.91} = 0.0003281\text{ m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,3} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.6825^2*0.2275^2}{3*2*10^{11}*7.85*10^{-9}*0.91} = 0.00018\text{ m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk\,1} = F_{n\,disk\,3} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{disk\,1}}}$$

$F_{n\ disk\ 1}$ = $F_{n\ disk\ 3}$ = 36.69 Hz

$F_{n\ disk\ 2}$ = 27.52 Hz

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,1^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,2^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,3^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n{}^2} = \frac{1}{36.69^2} + \frac{1}{27.52^2} + \frac{1}{36.69^2} + \frac{1}{48^2}$$

F_n = 17.54 Hz

Aluminum shaft with three disks

Mass of each disk = 3.345 kg

$$\delta_{disk\,1} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.2275^2*0.6825^2}{3*557.35*0.91} = 0.00052\text{ m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,2} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.455^2*0.455^2}{3*557.35*0.91} = 0.0009243\text{ m}$$

$$\delta_{disk\,3} = \frac{Wl1^2l2^2}{3EIL} = \frac{3.345*9.81*0.6825^2*0.2275^2}{3*557.35*0.91} = 0.00052\text{ m}$$

$$F_{n\,disk\,1} = F_{n\,disk\,3} = \frac{1}{2\pi}\sqrt{\frac{g}{\delta_{disk\,1}}} = \sqrt{\frac{9.81}{0.00052}}$$

$F_{n\,disk\,1} = F_{n\,disk\,3} = 21.86$ Hz

$F_{n\,disk\,2} = 16.39$ Hz

$$\frac{1}{F_n^{\,2}} = \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,1^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,2^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,disk\,3^2}} + \frac{1}{F_{n\,shaft^2}}$$

$$\frac{1}{F_n^{\,2}} = \frac{1}{21.86^2} + \frac{1}{16.39^2} + \frac{1}{21.86^2} + \frac{1}{48^2}$$

$F_n = 10.94$ Hz

MODELLING AND SIMULATION OF ROTOR BEARING SYSTEM USING ANSYS

ANSYS software version 19.0 has been used for performing Structural Analysis, Modal Analysis, Harmonic Analysis and Rotordynamic Analysis. After performing all this analysis bending natural frequencies and Campbell diagrams are plotted for each of the above cases. This analysis helped us in determining critical speeds and corresponding mode shapes. Campbell diagram is plotted for three different rotational velocities and corresponding critical speeds have been found. For each mode Participation Factor values has been studied. Participation Factor helps in determining what number of modes is sufficient to extract and how do we find the most important natural frequencies or modes.

This helped for deciding rotational velocity while performing actual experimental work. After Modelling above cases, Meshing has been done. Meshing is one of the most important steps in performing an accurate simulation using FEA. For each case 14 number of modes are expanded in ANSYS and corresponding frequency is noted. Following 06 cases have been modelled and simulated in ANSYS. For each of the above cases Participation factor table, critical speeds table, bending modes and Campbell Diagrams has been plotted. Summary table below shows frequency based on participation factor and corresponding critical speeds for all the shaft cases.

Table 1. Rotor bearing system shaft cases

Case No.	Case Name	No. of Nodes	No. of Elements
1	Steel and Aluminium Shaft Having 1 Disk	4233	729
2	Steel and Aluminium Shaft Having 2 Disk	5886	1020
3	Steel and Aluminium Shaft Having 3 Disk	7539	1311

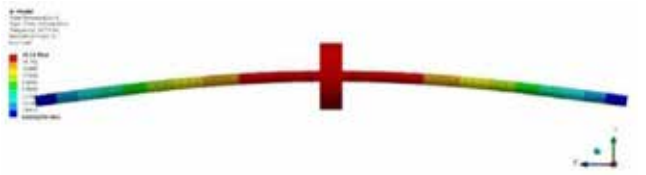


Figure 4. Modal analysis of Aluminum shaft Single disk system

Figure 5. Modal analysis of Aluminum shaft Two disk system

Figure 6. Modal analysis of Aluminum shaft Three disk system

Figure 7. Modal analysis of Steel shaft two disk system

Table 2. Natural frequency and critical speed by Ansys

Case No.	Shaft Material	No. of Disks	1st Modal frequency (Hz)	Critical speed (rpm)
1	Steel	1	25.045	1502.7
2		2	24.847	1480.9
3		3	19.46	1163.4
4	Aluminum	1	16.454	987.22
5		2	16.287	968.63
6		3	12.331	736.5

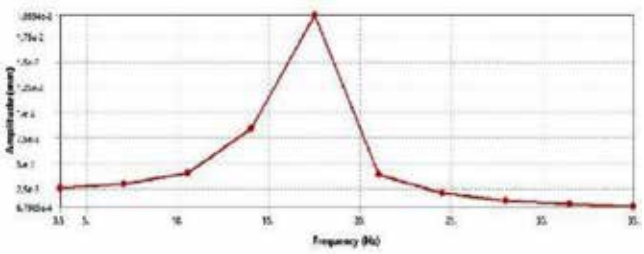


Figure 8. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 1 disk aluminum shaft

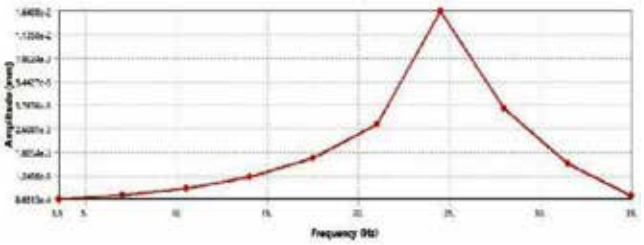


Figure 9. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 1 disk steel shaft

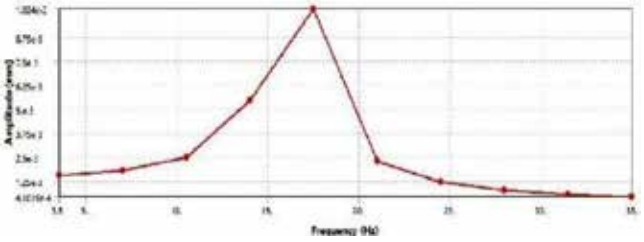


Figure 10. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 2 disk aluminum shafts

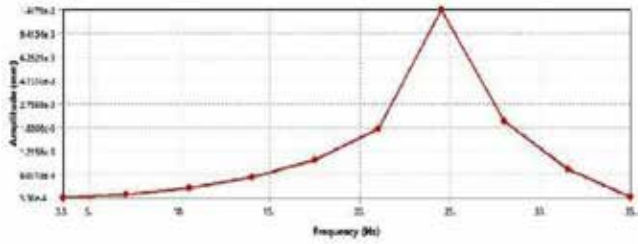


Figure 11. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 2 disk steel shafts

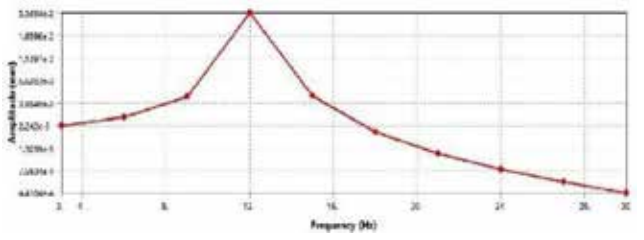


Figure 12. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 3 disks aluminum shaft

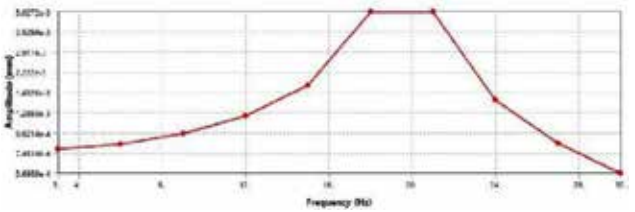


Figure 13. Frequency vs Amplitude plot for 3 disk steel shafts

Table 3. Ansys frequency and corresponding amplitude in mm

Case No.	Shaft Material	No. of Disks	Ansys Frequency (Hz)	Amplitude in mm
1	Steel	1	26.25	0.016
2		2	25.63	0.014
3		3	20.14	0.005
4	Aluminum	1	17.7	0.02
5		2	16.48	0.01
6		3	12.82	0.033

EXPERIMENTAL VALIDATION

Actual experimental testbed is shown in Figure 16 and experimental block diagram is shown in Figure 15. It consists of steel and aluminum shaft of 20 mm diameter and 1050 mm length. The bearing length of shaft is 910 mm. Shaft is supported by two pedestal bearings SKF UCP204 made. A 75 mm love joy coupling is used to connect rotor bearing system with an electric motor. A 800 watt electric motor with speed controller is used. Mass of each disk is 3.345 kg.

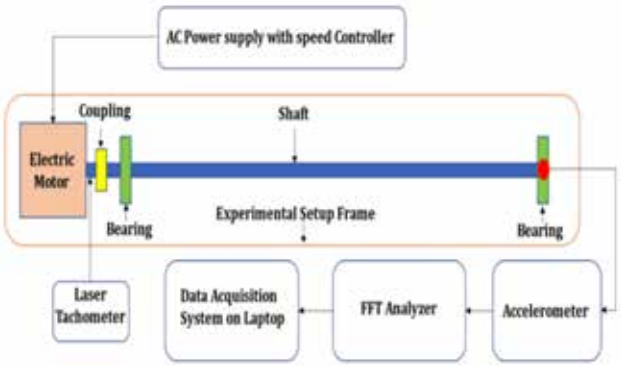


Figure 14. Experimental block diagram

Accelerometer is mounted vertically on one of the bearing housing end and vertical displacement of rotor

bearing system are recorded. DEWEsoft made FFT analyzer is used for measurement and measured data is recorded in data acquisition software on laptop. Experimentation of each case of rotor bearing system is repeated for more than five times for confirmation of experimental results. Single disk is mounted at 455 mm from motor side bearing, two disks are mounted at 227.5 mm from both end bearings and three disks are mounted at a distance of 227.5 mm on shafts and experimentation is performed. Using FFT analyzer, Frequency vs Amplitude graph is plotted for each combination of rotor bearing system.

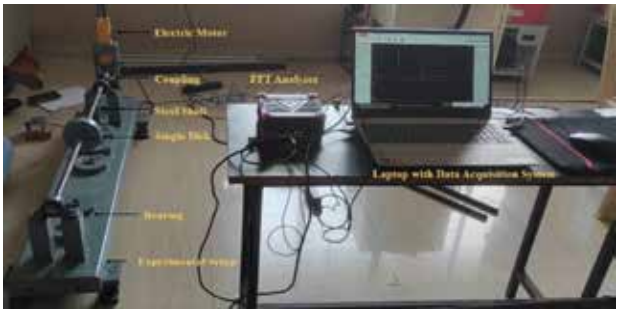


Figure 15. Actual experimental testbed

The accelerometer connected to bearing measures the amplitude of vibration in terms of g and natural frequency in terms of Hz respectively. Furthermore, conversion of amplitude in g into mm is accomplished by using following equation:

$$\text{Amplitude in mm} = \frac{9.81 * Amplitude\ in\ g}{(2\pi F_n)^2}$$

Table 4. Experimental frequency and corresponding amplitude in mm

Case No.	Shaft Material	No. of Disks	Experimental Frequency (Hz)	Amplitude in mm
1	Steel	1	26.25	0.4
2		2	24.41	0.58
3		3	20.75	0.94
4	Aluminum	1	17.7	0.09
5		2	16.48	0.03
6		3	12.82	0.12

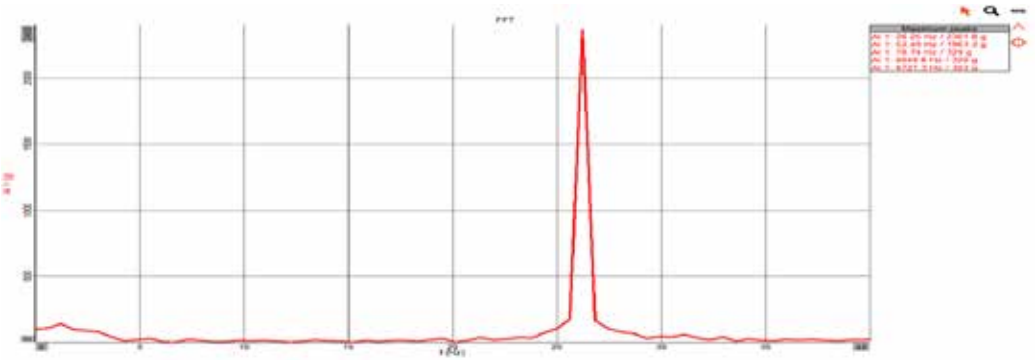


Figure 16. Experimental spectra for steel shaft with 1 disk

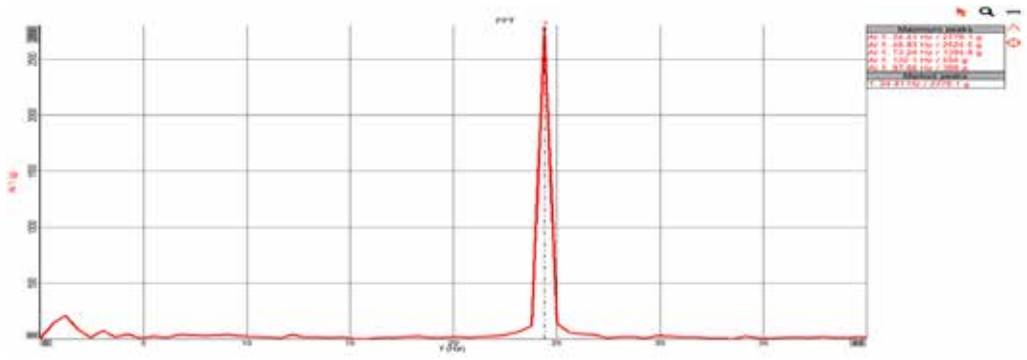


Figure 17. Experimental spectra for steel shaft with 2 disks

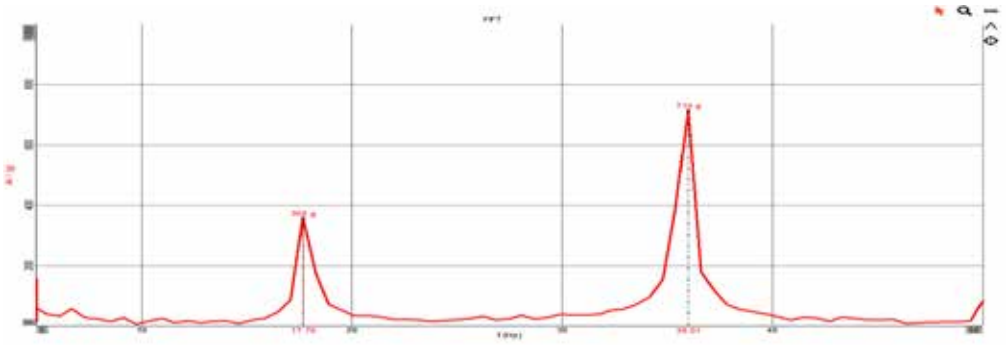


Figure 18. Experimental spectra for steel shaft with 3 disks

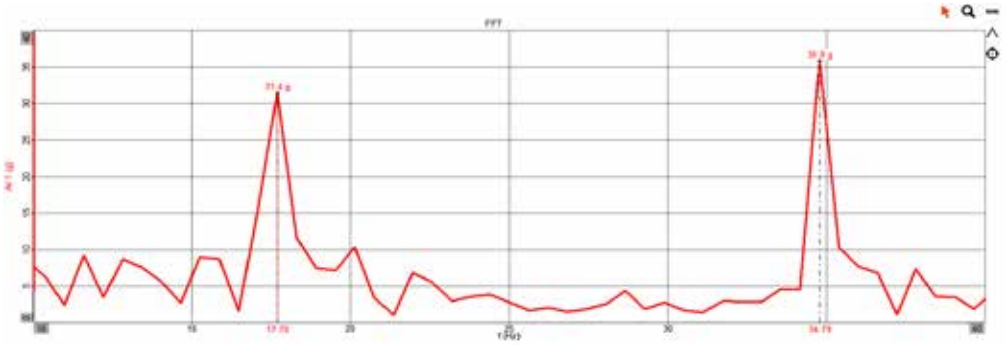
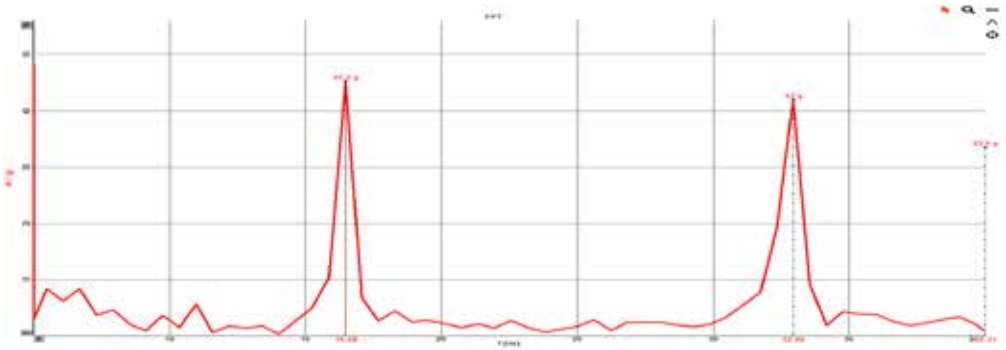


Figure 19. Experimental spectra for aluminum shaft with 1 disk



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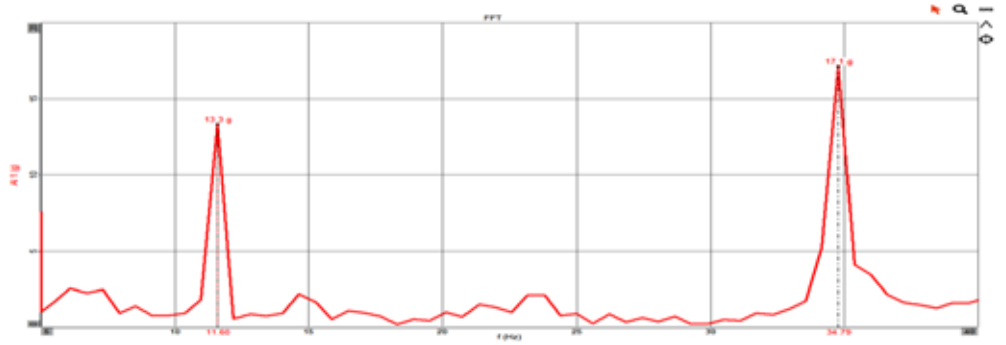

Figure 21. Experimental spectra for aluminum shaft with 3 disks

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Analytical, numerical and experimental study of all single and multi-rotor system has been performed. Comparison of natural frequencies obtained by analytical, numerical and experimental method has given in Table 5.

Table 5. Comparison of natural frequencies obtained by analytical, numerical and experimental methods

Shaft Material	Disks	Analytical Fequency (Hz)	Ansys Frequency (Hz)	Expt. Frequency (Hz)
Steel	1	23.87	26.25	26.25
	2	22.82	25.63	24.41
	3	17.54	20.14	17.70
Aluminum	1	15.51	17.7	17.7
	2	14.71	16.48	16.48
	3	10.94	12.82	11.60

CONCLUSION

By studying, observing and performing single and multi-disk rotor bearing systems following key conclusions have drawn:

- As the number of disks on rotor bearing system increases natural frequency of system decreases and corresponding amplitude of vibration increases.
- Shaft stiffness is very important parameter hence natural frequencies of steel shaft cases are quite higher compared to natural frequencies obtained to aluminium shaft. Ansys software may be recommended to perform rotordynamic analysis.
- Results obtained on self-made experimental testbed using FFT analyzer and Data Acquisition Software are reliable and the testbed's proper design is proven.
- Analytical, numerical and experimental results are corelated and they made a very good agreement between them.
- It is found that the percentage of error for the analytical, numerical and experimental results is very less and varies between 0 to 10 percent

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Alzheimer Disease Detection using Deep Learning

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ABSTRACT

Among dementias, Alzheimer's disease (AD) is the most prevalent type affecting elderly people in the world and has a high rate of incidence. Short-term loss of memory, mood fluctuations, language comprehension difficulty, and behavioural problems are a few signs of Alzheimer's disease. Learning approaches are extremely important for detecting brain diseases that are not visible. Deep learning has shown remarkable progress and widely used in the field of medical imaging in recent years. It has emerged as the preferred approach for analysing medical images, and it has also received a significant amount of interest for AD detection. The deep-learning models are more effective and accurate at detecting AD when compared to traditional machine learning techniques. In this paper, we have gone over a variety of deep-learning methods to detect AD. We have implemented two deep learning models - SueezeNet and ResNet-50, to assess their performance on AD detection and gather the performance results from the learning models. The results suggest that deep learning models perform well in AD detection

KEYWORDS *: Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Deep learning, Convolutional neural network*

INTRODUCTION

Alzheimer's disease is a specific chronic neurodegenerative ailment that gradually affects memory function as well as daily activities like walking and speaking. Because of the continuous degradation of brain cells, AD is a kind of progressive ailment. Some abilities and functions are lost as a result of the damage to brain cells in various areas. Short-term memory can be impacted in some cases, but long-term memory loss is a potential side effect of the illness. According to estimates, between 60 and 80 % of dementia cases are of the most common kind, AD. A progressive decline in memory that is coupled with synaptic loss typically begins in middle or old age, probably as a result of protein development in and around neurons (that is associated with brain shrinkage, synaptic dysfunction, and cell death). There are three phases of Alzheimer's disease: extremely mild, moderate and mild. Alzheimer's disease (AD) is still difficult to detect before the patient reaches a moderate stage of the condition. However, early diagnosis and classification of Alzheimer's disease are essential for effective treatment and the avoidance of brain tissue loss. The most preferred diagnostics to identify and confirm Alzheimer's is head MRIs (Magnetic Resonance Imagining). Anatomical and physiological images of the human body can be obtained using the medical imaging method called as MRI. For this study, we use MRI data. MRIs shows more particular views than CT scans and are the favorable way to diagnose an Alzheimer disease. It provides better images of the brain, heart, muscles, and malignant tissues than older imaging procedures such as X-ray. MRI scanning devices use a strong magnetic field, radio waves, and magnetic field components to produce images of the body's organs. Mild cognitive impairment (MCI) related brain problems can be found using MRI, which can also be used to determine which MCI patients would eventually acquire Alzheimer's disease. In the early stages of Alzheimer's disease, a brain MRI may be normal. The area of certain brain regions may decrease in later stages. It facilitates in the visualization of anatomy in three planes: Sagittal, Coronal, and Axial. Figure 1 illustrates MRI of the healthy brain. Figure 2 displays MRI of AD. Figure 3

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depicts MRI of the Sagittal, Axial and Coronal planes of the brain. This study of brain MR imaging is helpful in the diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease. Automated Alzheimer Disease detection from MRI images will play a vital role during this case by reducing the requirement for manual processing of huge amounts of data. Block diagram of AD classification process is shown in Figure 4.

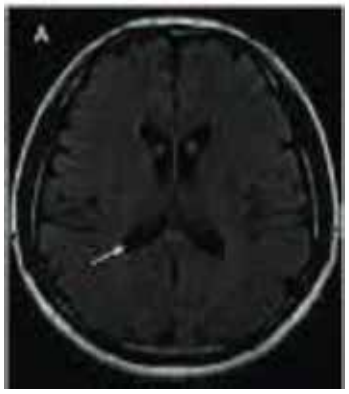
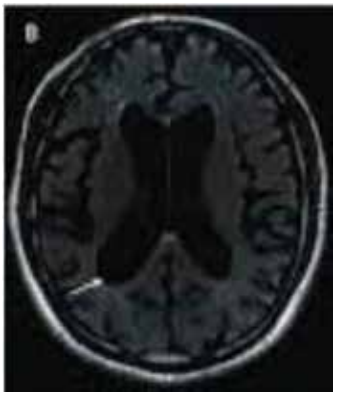


Figure 1: MRI of Healthy Brain



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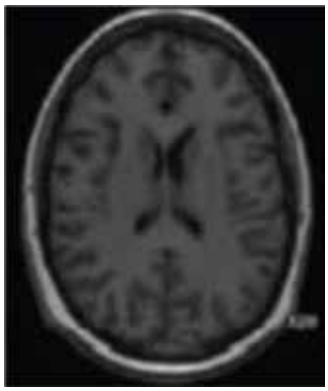


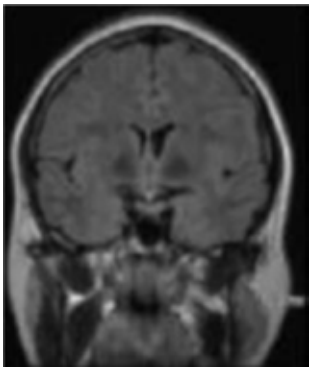


Figure 3 (a) Sagittal Plane, (b) Axial Plane, (c) Coronal Plane [14]

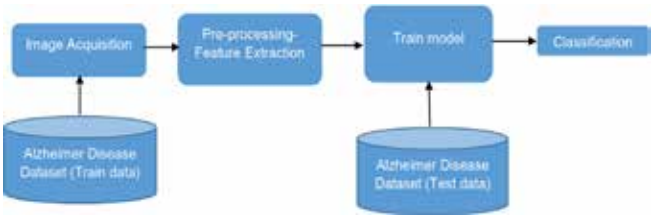


Figure 4: Block diagram of the classification process

BACKGROUND

The approaches currently used for detecting Alzheimer's disease using deep learning are described in this section.

A method for real-time deep and transfer learning features and classification techniques was suggested in order to successfully identify the multiclass categorization of Alzheimer's disease [1]. A model that aids in diagnosis, treatment planning, and patient monitoring has been developed for automatically segmenting brain lesions and diagnosing patient-specific AD [2]. The N-Fold Cross-Validation Approach was utilized to evaluate an early Alzheimer's disease detection system [5]. Using DTI-MD (Diffusion Tensor Imaging modality) and MRI

brain pictures, a cross-modal transfer learning-based classification technique for AD diagnosis has been described. [6] It has been suggested to use histograms and random forests to automatically detect Alzheimer's disease [7].

A pre-trained 2D convolutional neural network was used for detecting AD [8]. A post diagnosis monitoring system was proposed to help Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers even more. Upcoming systems will be able to provide suggestions and activity programmes for the patients by using the system's daily activity data, extending healthy living and lowering the requirement for human support for AD patients [11]. The classification of Alzheimer's illness made use of deep convolutional neural networks [13]. As sequence-based models for identifying AD, the temporal convolutional network (TCN) and many varieties of recurrent neural networks were introduced. [14]. Deep learning models - DenseNet16 and VGG16 were used for diagnosing Alzheimer's disease in MRI images [15].

PROPOSED SYSTEM

We have presented an automatic process of detecting AD using the deep learning method. The proposed system is depicted in Figure 5. The first step is to read input in the form of an image and filtered them. Figure 6 shows original images and filtered images. Table 1 displays a description of the Image dataset. After that, the dataset is divided into train and test data, the Model is trained on it and finally, it will classify data into one of the four classes of Alzheimer.

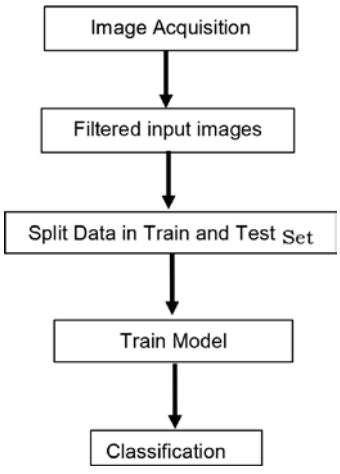


Figure 5: Proposed system to detect Alzheimer disease

DATASET DESCRIPTION

To train and test the model, we used the Kaggle dataset, which consists of 6400 total images. Dataset contains MRI images. According to the severity of dementia, there are four different categories of Alzheimer's in the data: 1) Mild Demented, 2) Moderate Demented, 3) Non-Demented, 4) Very Mild Demented. The number of training samples and test samples for each class is shown in Table 1.

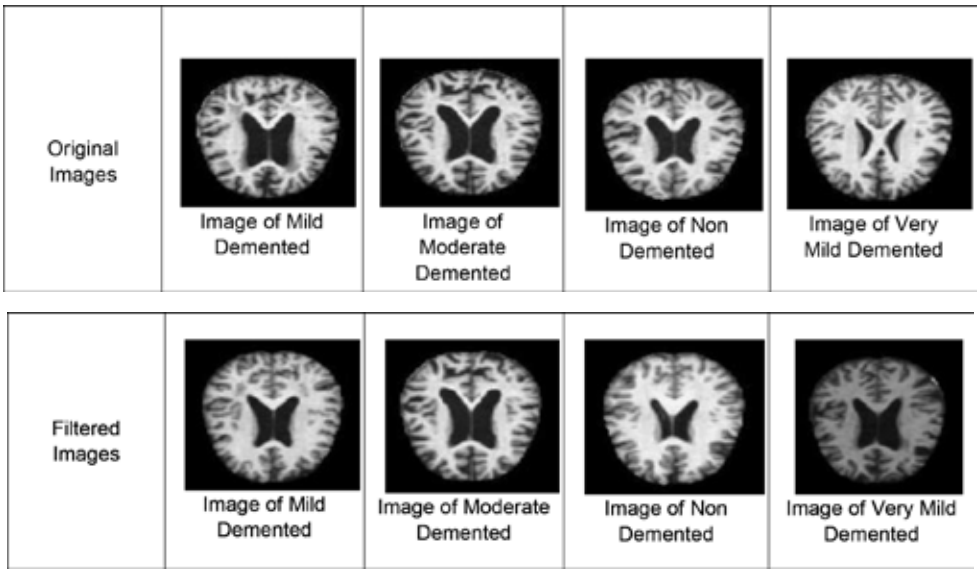
1) Mild Demented: At this stage, patients lose their ability to focus, remember words, or find their way to a destination. Patients even begin to forget that they are losing their memory at this point. It can be discovered from this point on with cognitive testing.
2) Moderate Demented: Begins to forget current events and significant past events, struggles with budgeting, finds it difficult to leave the house alone and loses empathy.
3) Non- Demented: It contains data of the absence of Alzheimer's disease.
4) Very Mild Demented: At this point, the patient begins to forget recent events, other people's names, where they left their things, etc. Through a test of cognitive capacity, it is challenging to find.

Table 1: Alzheimer's Kaggle dataset description [10]

Class Name	No. of training samples	No. of test samples
Mild Demented	717	179
Moderate Demented	52	12
Non Demented	2560	640
Very Mild Demented	1792	448

IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULT

We have implemented SueezeNet and ResNet-50 in Matlab. We have used Kaggle's dataset of Alzheimer for the experiments. Original images of each class and corresponding filtered images are shown in figure 6. Figures 7 and 8 demonstrate the architecture of the two models, respectively. Figure 9 shows the training process of SueezeNet model. Table 2 shows a comparison of the various models on kaggle's Alzheimer's dataset.



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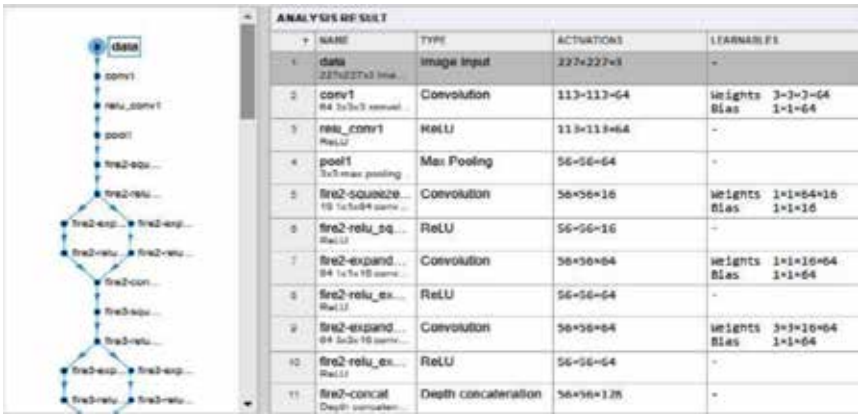

Figure 7: Architecture of sueezenet

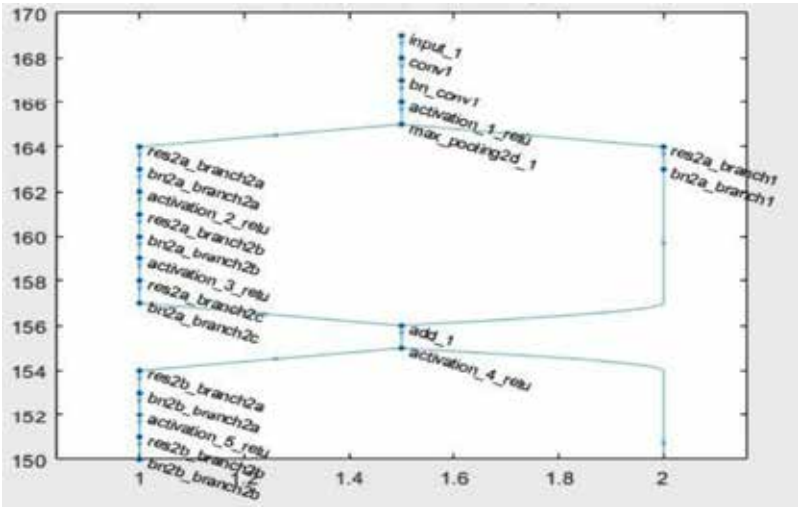

Figure 8: Architecture of ResNet - 50

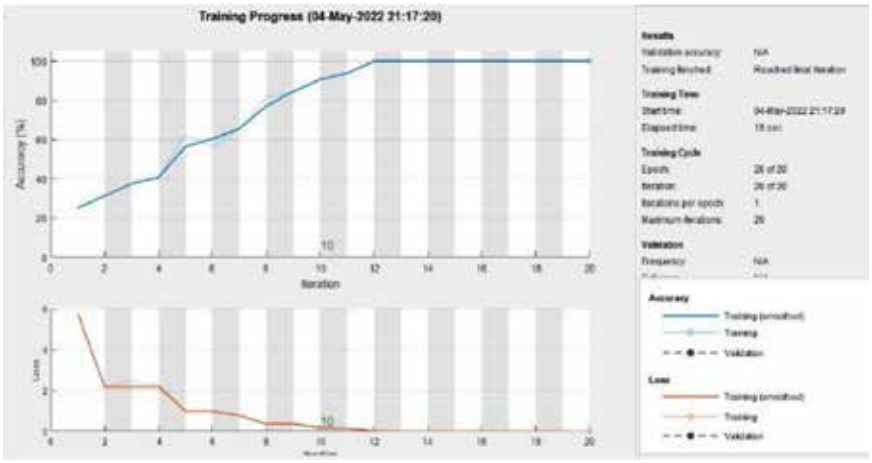

Figure 9: Training Process

Table 2: Different model comparisons

Sr. No	Model	Accuracy
1	Sueezenet	99%
2	DenseNet169	80%
3	VGG19	82.6%
4	ResNet50	60%

CONCLUSION

Early AD diagnosis is essential for the implementation of efficient medications and, eventually, for patient care. In this study, we conducted a comprehensive analysis of deep learning methods for AD diagnosis based on neuroimaging data. We have conducted experiments using various deep-learning models to classify AD from MRI images. The result of experiments suggests that the deep learning approach with SueezeNet gives better accuracy.

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Biodiesel Production in India-Challenges and Future Perspectives

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ABSTRACT

Biofuel is becoming increasingly more attractive fuel due to its environmental benefits and renewable nature. With increasing demand of petroleum merchandise throughout the world and its depleting assets has now advocated the scientists and studies people to discover the alternative to diesel in particular for transportation sector. Biodiesel may be extracted from vegetable oil and one such renewable alternative is Jatropha Curcas. Many components production base oil resources, their bodily properties, transesterification and effects of ultrasonics at the procedure, stability and Iodine value of the numerous oils, advantages of biodiesel vis-à-vis diesel and future potentialities of the gadget were mentioned in this paper.

KEYWORDS *: Transesterification, Kinematic viscosity, Iodine value & Cetane number*

INTRODUCTION

With ever increasing demand of petroleum merchandise in India particularly for the delivery and plenty of different utilities, India is calling at opportunity gas sources to reduce its dependence on imported oil. the worldwide petroleum market is unstable and expenses have these days in August 2005 exceeded US$ sixty seven a barrel (1 barrel=zero.1367 ton). The assets of mineral oils have also been nearly depleted and the cost of extracting the closing reserves will go on increasing. Thus there is an urgent need to find alternative renewable forms of energy before mineral oil supplies run dry.

POTENTIAL OF JATROPHA CURCAS FOR BIODIESEL

In India this isn't always practically feasible to utilise the safe to eat oil for manufacturing of Biofuel as the fit for human consumption oil demand for human consumption is continually higher than its home production. below Indian situations most effective such plant assets can be considered for Biofuel which produces nonedible oil in considerable quantity and can be cultivated at huge scale on non cropped marginal and wastelands. a few of the many species, that may yield oil as a source of energy inside the shape of biodiesel, Jatropha Curcas has been recognized as one of the most promising species owing to its quick gestation length, hardy nature and high excellent oil content material. As consistent with the current planning commission Repot, sixty five million hectare of general desert is to be had including 14 million hectare desert in forests. J. Curcas is a tropical plant, can be thoroughly grown in a extensive variety of agro-climatic conditions consisting of mild to excessive temperature areas. it can resist even dry climate situations and can be planted in any kind of soil and develop nearly any wherein even on gravelly, sandy and saline soils. It sheds leaves at some point of iciness season. those leaves boom the natural depend earthworm interest in the soil across the root sector of the plant life, which improves the fertility of the soil. Its water requirement is extremely low and it is able to face up to lengthy intervals of drought by using shedding maximum of its leaves to reduce transpiration loss. it is able to be grown in areas of rainfall as low as 250 mm in line with annum; however, its most reliable yearly rainfall requirement is 900-1200 mm. The large-scale plantation and harvesting of Jatropha seeds has been properly discussed by means of Brahmam [2].

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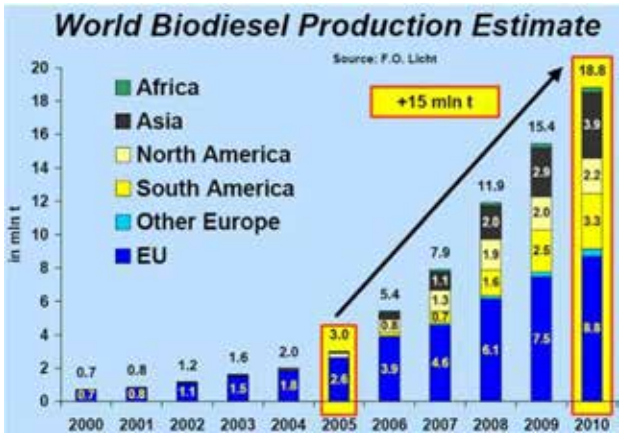

The extracted oil from Jatropha Curcas couldn't be used straight away in diesel engines due to its excessive viscosity. Scientists afterward found that the viscosity of vegetable oils may be decreased through a easy chemical manner called transesterification and in 1970 it changed into discovered that the product referred to as as biodiesel might also want to thoroughly work as diesel gasoline in current engines [3]. The use of chemically altered or transesterified vegetable oil known as biodiesel does not require change in engine or injection device or gas strains and is at once burnt in any diesel engine. Stoichiometrically one mole of triglyceride present within the vegetable oil calls for three moles of alcohol to form three moles of methyl ester and one mole of glycerol inside the presence of a robust base or acid [4]. The biodiesel is one such alternative to in part replace the petroleum crude and is probable to be the fuel of the future.

OILS AND FATS AS DIESEL FUEL

Any oil to be had easily, techno-economically aggressive and environmental pleasant can grow to be an alternative fuel and one such gas is triglycerides -vegetable oils, animal fat and their derivatives. Vegetable oils, being renewable, are extensively to be had from a diffusion of vegetative supply due to the fact that have low sulphur contents close to 0 purpose much less environmental harm than the diesel. Besides, vegetable oils are produced widely in the usa for diverse functions. The use of vegetable oils, consisting of Palm oil, Soya bean, Sunflower, Peanut, and Olive oil, as alternative fuels for diesel engines become attempted nearly a century ago. Due to the fast decline in crude oil reserves, it's miles once more being promoted in many nations. Depending upon the weather and soil situations, one-of-a-kind international locations are seeking out one of a kind kinds of fit to be eaten vegetable oils as substitutes for diesel fuels. for example, Soya Bean oil and beef Tallow in the US [5], rapeseed and sunflower oils in Europe, palm oil in South-East Asia (specifically Malaysia and Indonesia), coconut oil in the Philippines and Jatropha Curcas in India are being taken into consideration. The production of a few most common oil seeds, percentage of oil recovery and their respective costs are given in Table 1 for an insight of the problem.

Table 1: Production of Oilseeds during 2003–2004 in India

Name	World oil Seed Production, MT	India's oil seed Production, MT	Total oil Availability, MT	%Recovery	Oil cost (Rs. /ton)
Soya bean	123.2	4.30	0.63	17	4,300
Cottonseed	34.3	4.60	0.39	11	3,200
Groundnut	19.3	4.60	0.73	40	6,200
Sunflower	25.2	1.32	0.46	35	5,360
Rapeseed	34.7	4.30	1.37	33	5,167
Sesame	2.5	0.62	–	–	6,800
Coconut	4.9	0.65	0.42	65	3,035
Linseed	2.6	0.20	0.09	43	–
Castor	1.3	0.51	0.21	42	–
Niger	0.8	0.08	0.02	30	–
Total	248.8	21.18	4.32	–	

NON-EDIBLE OIL AS BIODIESEL

Apart from the above conventional crops, non-edible oil yielding wild species like Jatropha, Simarouba, Pongamia, Schleichera, Gelonium etc. will play a significant role in providing raw-material base. These plants can be grown on a massive scale on marginal and wastelands and their oil may be converted into bio-diesel. Table 2 shows the non-edible oil potential in India.

Table 2: Non-edible oil Potential in India

Sl. No.	Name of the Non-edible Oil	Botanical Name	Oil Potential (Ton)
1.	Mahua	Madhuca Indica	1,80,000
2.	Sal	Shorea Robusta	1,80,000
3.	Ratanjyot	Jatropha Curcas	150,000
4.	Neem	Azadirachta Indica	1,00,000
5.	Kusum	Schleichera Oleosa	25,000
6.	Karanja	Pongamia Pinnata	5,500

The fuel properties of some of the vegetable and fuel oils given in Table 3 indicate that the kinematic viscosity of vegetable oils varies in the range of 30 - 40 cSt at 38 °C. The high viscosity of these oils is due to their large molecular mass in the range of 600–900, which is about 20 times higher than that of diesel. The flash point of vegetable oils is very high (above 200 °C). The volumetric heating values are in the range of 39 - 40 MJ/kg, as compared to diesel (about 45 MJ/kg). The presence of chemically bound oxygen in vegetable oils lowers their heating values by about 10%. The Cetane numbers are in the range of 32-40.

Table 3: Fuel Properties of vegetable oils

Vegetable oil	Density (kg/l)	Kinematic viscosity, cSt, 38°C	Cetane Number (°C)	Heating value (MJ/kg)	Cloud point (°C)	Pour point (°C)	Flash point (°C)
Corn	0.909	34.9	37.6	39.5	−1.1	−40.0	277
Cottonseed	0.916	33.5	41.8	39.5	1.7	−15.0	234
Linseed	0.925	27.2	34.6	39.3	1.7	−15.0	241
Peanut	0.904	39.6	41.8	39.8	12.8	−6.7	271
Rapeseed	0.911	37.0	37.6	39.7	−3.9	−31.7	246
Safflower	0.914	31.3	41.3	39.5	18.3	−6.7	260
Sesame	0.913	35.5	40.2	39.3	−3.9	−9.4	260
Soya bean	0.915	32.6	37.9	39.6	−3.9	−12.2	254
Sunflower	0.916	33.9	37.1	39.6	7.2	−15.0	274
Palm	0.918	39.6	42.0	–	31.0	–	267
Diesel	0.855	3.06	50	43.8	–	−16.0	76
Methyl or ethyl ester	0.845	5.7	48	44.8	--	--	170
B20 mix (20/80)	0.851	3.3	50	44.16	--	--	--
Raw vegetable oils	0.898	40-50	35-45	44.66	--	--	--

TRANSESTERIFICATION OF VEGETABLE OIL FOR THE PREPARATION OF BIODIESEL

Biodiesel consists of lengthy-chain fatty acids with an alcohol attached, regularly derived from vegetable oils. It's produced through the reaction of a vegetable oil with methyl alcohol or ethyl alcohol inside the presence of a catalyst. Animal fats are every other potential source. Commonly used catalysts are potassium hydroxide (KOH) or sodium hydroxide (NaOH). The

chemical technique is called transesterification, which produces biodiesel and glycerin. Chemically, biodiesel is called a methyl ester if the alcohol used is methanol and ethyl ester, if alcohol used is ethanol. they may be comparable and currently, methyl ester is cheaper due to the decrease price for methanol. Biodiesel may be used within the natural form, or mixed in any quantity with diesel gas to be used in compression ignition engines.

Biodiesel when used as a natural gasoline it is known as B100. However, it's miles frequently combined with petroleum-primarily based diesel gas and while that is completed, the combo is unique "BXX" where XX is the share of biodiesel inside the combo. as an instance, B20 is a mix of 20% biodiesel and 80% petroleum diesel gas.

Biodiesel may be used in the pure shape, or blended in any amount with diesel gas for use in compression ignition engines. Figure 1 shows the alkali-catalyzed method for the transesterification process for the coaching of biodiesel.

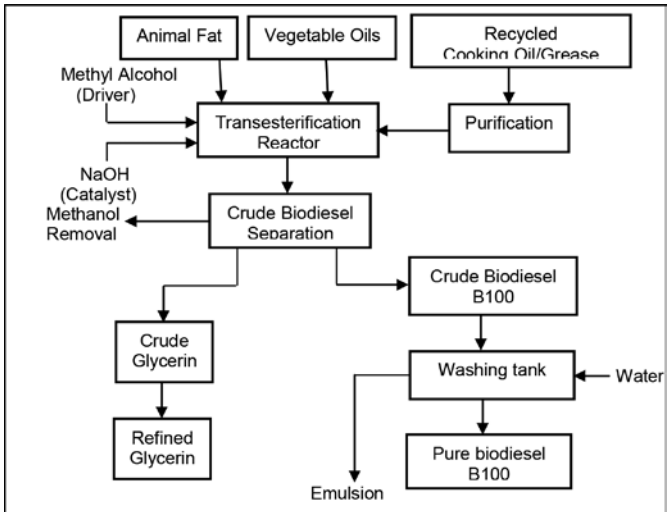

Figure 1: Process Flow Sheet for Preparation of Biodiesel

Chitra et. al. in their experimental work carried out on Jatropha Curcas oil found that biodiesel (methyl ester) yield of 98 % was obtained using 20 % methanol and 1.0 % NaOH at 60ºC reaction temperature. The minimum reaction time required for maximum ester yield was found to be 90 min with stoichiometric analysis as given below [6].

25 kg oil + 5 kg methanol + 0.5 kg of NaOH → 23.96 kg Biodiesel (96%) +4.56 kg of Glycerin + 1.73 kg of Emulsion

The kinematic viscosity of Jatropha biodiesel at 40ºC was determined to be 1/6 of the viscosity of raw oil and specific gravity at 40ºC was observed to be 0.8636. Free fatty acids and acid value of biodiesel were found to be 0.249 % and 0.496 mg KOH/g of the sample respectively. These properties for biodiesel when compared with the BIS specifications were found to be within the limits.

While, most of the commercial biodiesel producers use an alkali-catalyzed process, the use of acid catalysts is useful for pretreating high free fatty acid feedstock but the reaction is very slow [7].

EFFECT OF ULTRASONIC IRRADIATION ON BIODIESEL UNIT OPERATIONS

As seen from above, the average time for the transesterification of vegetable oil with methanol or ethanol requires continuous stirring for long time while the separation of glycerol from biodiesel is also a time consuming process leading to increase in the cost of production of biodiesel. Y. Maeda and colleagues at Cosmo Engineering demonstrated the efficacy of ultrasonic irradiation to accelerate the reaction the process of transesterification at a frequency of 28 kHz and the phase separation 600 kHz on the base-catalyzed transesterification of rapeseed oil and methanol with a conventional reaction system with agitation and with a system that uses ultrasonic irradiation in place of agitation.

The Table 4 summarizes the conditions and results show that the ultrasonic irradiation has not only reduced the time required for both transesterification and the phase separation have considerably reduced from 5-10 h to 15 min but also cut down chemicals requirements while enhancing the yield and purity of glycerol in the process. An overall economy in the process has been envisaged [8].

Table 4: Effect of ultrasonic irradiation on biodiesel unit operations

S. No.	Reaction conditions	Conventional Mixing	Ultrasonic Mixing
1.	Ultrasonic frequency	None	28 kHz

2.	Ultrasonic intensity	None	6 W/cm2
3.	Reaction time	5-10 h	15 min
4.	Agitation	Present	None
5.	Catalyst percentage	3.0 wt%	0.5 wt%
6.	Methanol percentage	20 wt%	15 wt%
	Separation conditions		
1.	Ultrasonic frequency	None	600 kHz
2.	Ultrasonic intensity	None	6 W/cm2
3.	Irradiation time	Not applicable	5 min
4.	Static separation time	5-10 h	10 min
5.	Ester yield based on oil	90 wt%	98 wt%
6.	Glycerol yield	33 wt%	17 wt%
7.	Purity of glycerol	Relatively low	Relatively high

STABILITY OF BIODIESEL AND THE 'IODINE VALUE'

One of the most important standards for the high-quality of biodiesel is the garage balance. Vegetable oil derivatives in particular generally tend to go to pot due to hydrolytic and oxidative reactions. Their degree of unsaturation makes them vulnerable to thermal and/or oxidative polymerization, which can also result in the formation of insoluble merchandise that purpose problems inside the fuel device, mainly inside the injection pump. Mittelbach and Gang investigated the storage stability of biodiesel prepared from rapeseed oil. The neutralization quantity and peroxide wide variety of the biodiesel had been determined on lengthy-time period garage. The chemical balance of biodiesel determines how lengthy it can safely be saved and the way it would break down beneath intense conditions [9].

STABILITY MEASUREMENT

In order to compare the chemical stability properties of different biodiesel fuels, it is desirable to have a measurement for the stability of the fuel against such oxidation as described above. Currently the most common method for doing this, and the one specified in many of the biodiesel fuel specifications is called the Iodine Number or Iodine Value. The Iodine Value is not determined by measuring the stability of the fuel, rather it is determined by measuring the number of double bonds in the mixture of fatty acid chains in the fuel by introducing iodine into 100 grams of the sample under test and measuring how many grams of that iodine are absorbed. Iodine absorption occurs at double bond positions-thus a higher IV number indicates a higher quantity of double bonds in the sample. Table 5 presents the iodine values of some of natural vegetable oils and the biodiesel made from these oils.

Table 5: Iodine Values of the Natural Vegetable Oils and Biodiesel Made from these Oils

S. No.	Name of the oil	Iodine value		
		Natural oil	Methyl based Biodiesel	Ethyl based Biodiesel
1.	Coconut oil	10	---	---
2.	Rapeseed oil	94-120	97	100
3.	Soybean oil	117-143	123	133
4.	Sardine oil	185	---	---

The Iodine Value can be important because many Biodiesel fuel standards specify an upper limit for fuel that meets the specification. For example, Europe's EN14214 specification allows a maximum of 120 for the Iodine number, Germany's DIN 51606 tops out at 115. The USA ASTM D6751 does not specify an Iodine value. It is however, important to note that the Iodine value does not necessarily make the best measurement for stability, as it does not take into account the positions of the double bonds available for oxidation. In some cases this can lead to values that are misleading.

BIODIESEL AS A FUEL HAS THE FOLLOWING ADVANTAGES5

- Readily mixes with petroleum diesel fuel in any ratio.

- Can be burnt in modern diesel with little or no modification.
- Higher Cetane number – means greater probability of ignition & combustion, hence higher engine performance.
- Higher flash point makes it safer to store and transport.

Compared to diesel emissions, the biodiesel reduces emissions of

i. Carbon monoxide by 44%,

ii. Sulphates by 100%,

iii. Unburnt hydrocarbon by 68 %,

iv. Particulate matter by 40 %,

v. Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) by 80% and

vi. Carcinogenic nitrated PAHs by 90% on an average.

6. Superior lubrication increases engine efficiency.
7. Since the biodiesel is prepared from renewable sources and hence reduces the dependence on fossil fuels.

FUTURE PROSPECT OF BIODIESEL

Last but not the least is the decision as how far the development and use of biodiesel is possible. This is in fact a multifactor decision based on (i) (A) Agriculture land availability, climatic conditions, Supply and demand imbalance (ii) (N) National Energy Security and Employment (iii) (E) Environmental including Green House Gasses (GHG) emission, Local pollution) and (iv) (F) Fuels that is dependence on diesel imports and new specifications of fuels. The inter-dependence on above four-pronged multifactor decision under Indian conditions shown in Fig. 2 will decide the further progress in this direction [10]. With a vast waste and marginal available in India for the cultivation of Jatropha curcus and need for the employment generation in the rural sector, there exist a big scope for the development and use of biodiesel in India. All these factors form the four corners of a rhombus and the flexibility of each factor has to be with in boundary of the rhombus itself [10].

In July 2002, The planning fee constituted a Committee for the improvement of biofuels, which endorsed the creation of Biodiesel assignment to coordinate the initiative and enterprise of people, communities, oil agencies, industries, businessmen in addition to government. In Oct. 2005, the Union Ministry of Petroleum and natural gasoline (MOPNG) introduced the biodiesel policy from Jan.2006. the general public region oil advertising companies viz. Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum & Bharat Petroleum will buy biodiesel from private operators at Rs. 25/litre. the acquisition price has reportedly come from estimates of the making plans commission and twenty purchase centres can be set-up fifteen states with the aid of the oil businesses. A mobile has been created as the Biodiesel Board to coordinate Jatropha cultivation & biodiesel manufacturing with goal upto 500,000 heaps of biodiesel consistent with 12 months. The usage of biodiesl in the low class transport vehicles is definitely anticipated to head up with time. it's far estimated that the internet availability of agricultural residue for biofuel production in India by using 2030 might be approximately 166.6 million lots. The call for for ethanol for gasoline mixing (considering the target mixing price of 20%) by way of the same year would be around thirteen.7 million tons.

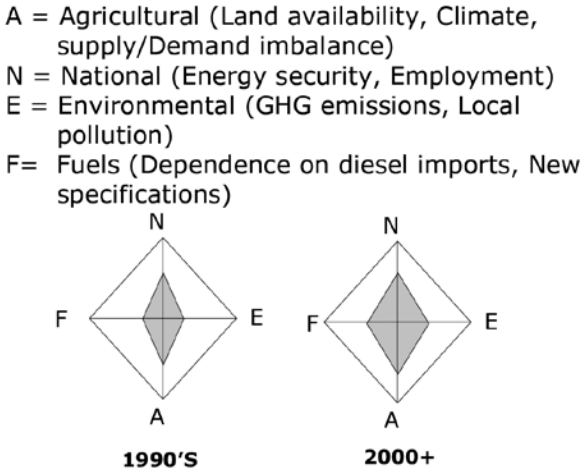

Figure 2: Biodiesel - A Multi-Factor Decision

CONCLUSION

With FFA as much as approximately five%, the response can nevertheless be catalyzed with an alkali catalyst however extra catalyst need to be added to make amends

for that lost to cleaning soap. The soap created at some stage in the reaction is both removed with the glycerol or is washed out at some stage in the water wash. Whilst the FFA level is above 5%, the soap inhibits separation of the glycerol from the methyl esters and contributes to emulsion formation all through the water wash. For these instances, an acid catalyst which includes sulfuric acid may be used to esterify the FFAs to methyl esters however the response is very slow [11]. Any other manner to use vegetable oil as a gasoline is to regulate the automobile so that it heats up the oil earlier than it is used within the gasoline machine. Heating the vegetable oil to 150^{O} F will sufficiently lessen its viscosity for use in a diesel engine.

It's also feasible to use immediately Vegetable Oil (SVO) via mixing the oil in with petroleum diesel so the vegetable oil acts as a fuel "extender", however this isn't advocated for long-time period use. Subsequently future R&D efforts are wished in those instructions [12]. a novel technique of biodiesel gas production is below development by using a catalyst-unfastened supercritical methanol method. The purification becomes a lot simpler, and it produces better yield. The analysis of the procedure showed that the electricity use and production cost are aggressive with the ones of the commonplace catalyzed technique [13]. If the esterification response can take area in the absence of any catalyst, it'll enhance the economy of the system as an entire.

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Bitcoin Price Prediction Comparative Study using LSTM and Arima

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ABSTRACT

Everything has gone virtual as a result of advancements in technology. Cryptocurrency is one such tool that has captured the attention of everyone in the financial sector. The digital currency known as Bitcoin is entirely distinct and decentralized. When it was first introduced in January 2009, Bitcoin attracted a lot of attention due to its erratic price changes. It is the most expensive cryptocurrency traded on almost 40 exchanges and supports more than 30 local currencies. Peer-to-peer technology is used by Bitcoin to allow quick payments. What makes Bitcoin so distinctive is its price illiquidity. The stock and trading marketplaces are significantly impacted. To investigate the variables affecting the patterns underlying the volatility in the price of bitcoin, many scholars have employed a variety of analytical and experimental methods. Our goal is to use a deep learning approach algorithm to predict Bitcoin price movements and achieve near-accurate results. In this paper, based on the ARIMA (Auto Regressive Integrated Moving Average) model, we forecast a preliminary study of various impacts on Bitcoin's price.

KEYWORDS *: Bitcoin price prediction, Cryptography, Time series analysis, Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA), Long short-term memory (LSTM).*

INTRODUCTION

Even before money existed, people traded goods and services without spending money. This system was known as the "barter system". Over time, currencies were introduced to rule the world on a whim. Initially, currency was primarily silver or gold coins, but as progress progressed, coins became banknotes issued by governments. People have developed everything according to their comfort and needs. Every day there are new advancements and breakthrough inventions, and digital and cryptocurrencies are one of them. It was a revolutionary discovery that changed everything throughout the financial sector. Digital currency is an electronically generated, stored and transmitted medium of exchange. It exists only in electronic form. Cryptocurrencies are strictly digital currencies based on blockchain storage formats. Bitcoin and Ethereum are the most famous examples of cryptocurrencies. In 2009, a developer or group of developers using the pseudonym Satoshi Nakamoto released Bitcoin to the public. It is reportedly the most well-known cryptocurrency on the planet. Given its popularity, plenty other digital currencies have emerged. The Proof of Work (PoW) consensus underpins Bitcoin and its ledger, with the "mining" process introducing new Bitcoins into the system. It is considered a valuable asset in the financial industry, so people started investing in more digital assets than before. The increase in investment was enormous. With the help of the internet, even those without cryptocurrency knowledge can gain knowledge about the stock market, interest rates, and the importance of investing, as they can benefit in the long run. As of 2022, 1 Bitcoin (1 BTC) is worth $19085.7, but the price fluctuates based on supply and demand, government regulation, and the social media hype surrounding Bitcoin. One of the most influential proponents of Bitcoin is Tesla CEO Elon Musk. His $1.5 billion investment in Bitcoin has led to an increase in demand today. H. Bitcoin. This is known as the "Elon Musk" effect in virtual markets.

LITERATURE SURVEY

The work of [3] gives us an understanding of a unit called "block", which uses a hash function to generate irreversible data and is denoted by the next block. It

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contains the latest transaction and the previous "block" hash value. Building a block takes a certain amount of time, so it is impossible to forge the entire blockchain or even a portion of it. The difficulty of the challenge is automatically chosen so that it can be solved within 10 minutes using a Proof-of-Work (PoW) algorithm. The most common name for ANN in machine learning is a Bayesian Neural Network (BNN), which is a modified Multilayer Perceptron (MLP). Numerous applications, including time series, image identification, pattern recognition, and NLP, have been successful in networks. Typical linear models such as autoregressive and moving averages are ineffective for plotting complex time series. A BNN's processing units are categorized as follows: an input layer, an output layer, and one or more hidden layers. The work proposed in papers [4] [7] details Long-term memory networks, LSTM, which are state-of-the-art deep-learning sequences for time series forecasting. Thus, in the LSTM model, We suggest a brand-new forecasting framework that predicts the daily Bitcoin price employing two distinct LSTM models. The performance of the projected models is using regular Bitcoin price information from 01/01/2018 to 07/28/2018 for 208 datasets. [9] The outcomes support the proposed model's outstanding prediction accuracy using ARIMA. The proposed LSTM using the AR(2) model performed better than the conventional LSTM model. With no rigid data assumptions, this work helps to construct a novel prediction framework for the Bitcoin price that can solve and enhance the LSTM's input variable selection issue. The results demonstrated applications in various cryptocurrency forecasts and industry cases, including time series data in the medical or financial industries. [5] Much recent research on Bitcoin price prediction has been conducted. [6] Several factors influence Bitcoin's price and value. At first, the opening and closing prices of the day's high and low prices were the only factors used to estimate the price of Bitcoin. Recent research has also concentrated on social media platforms such as Twitter, as social media is rapidly becoming the primary means of communication for cryptocurrency.

PROBLEM IDENTIFICATION AND OBJECTIVE

Problems in Predicting Bitcoin Price

One of the primary concerns with many Bitcoin price forecasts is that they lack adequate analytical evidence to back up their claims. Investors will always be drawn to a price that seems too good to be true, especially if it goes up. For example, someone owning a cryptocurrency now trading at $0.01 may be persuaded to think it will soar to $10,000 because they want it to be accurate. The problem, though, is that many predictions are made without analysis or supporting data. The blockchain has a capacity limit. The network does not alone guarantee complete confidentiality because users' IP addresses can be tracked during transactions and used to trace their whereabouts. A few main concerns on bitcoin price prediction are listed below:

- Price volatility
- Bitcoin availability and market demand
- Bitcoin production cost by mining
- The regulation governing its sales and use
- Media and news
- Dynamic nature

Objectives

- Create a program that can reasonably estimate the price of bitcoin in the future.
- Allow the investors to invest wisely in bitcoin trading, as the prices of bitcoin have increased excessively in the last ten years.
- Use deep learning algorithms to increase the accuracy of Bitcoin price prediction

Problem Statement

Bitcoin is known for its price volatility and has a significant impact on the stock and trading markets. We aim to predict bitcoin prices using deep learning approaches and algorithms to give accurate results. This enables investors to make intelligent investments in bitcoin trading, provided that the price of bitcoin has increased significantly over the past ten years.

METHODOLOGY

In this part, we present the resources used to forecast bitcoin prices. In order to make predictions about the price of bitcoin that are more manageable over time, we have taken into consideration social and financial factors. Fig. 4.1 depicts the data flow for the undertaking. In

this research, we investigate the optimal deep-learning algorithms for designing sample dimensions for bitcoin price prediction. We address the issue in the manner described below, using the Occam's razor principle and the properties of our datasets to make the prediction. First, the sample is split into daily intervals with a small sample size and 5-minute intervals with a large sample size. Then, we perform feature engineering, selecting a small number of high-dimension features for the daily trade data and many high-dimension features for the 5-minute interval trading data. Daily intervals with a big sample size and weekly intervals with a small sample size. We next carry out features engineering, selecting a few high-dimension features for the daily price and a few high-dimension features for the 5-minute interval trading data, respectively. Third, in addition to more intricate statistical models like Logistic Regression and Linear Discriminant Analysis, we also employ less complicated deep learning models like ARIMA (Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM).

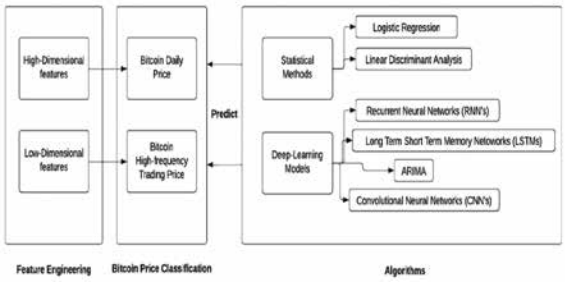

Figure 1: Dataflow of the Project

PROJECT FLOW

We have applied two deep-learning algorithms: Long-Term Short-Term Memory Networks (LSTM) and ARIMA (AutoRegressive Integrated Moving Average). The project workflow, fig 5.1, consists of 4 phases data collection, data preparation, learning models, and result plotting. The data collection is the process in which it is collected from different sources; for now, it is taken from the Kaggle website. The data preparation involves pre-processing the data done on the dataset to clean the data, i.e. removing the null and redundant values from the dataset. This data is then used for modeling purposes. Here, the drop function and group by are substantially used. The third phase is visualisation, which is most important for data analysis. This helps us to gain insights into the data. Here, the plotting is done by line and scatter plots on the time series data. In the final phase, the modeling stage, the models such as LSTM and ARIMA are used to predict bitcoin. Later, the results are plotted, and the conclusion is made.

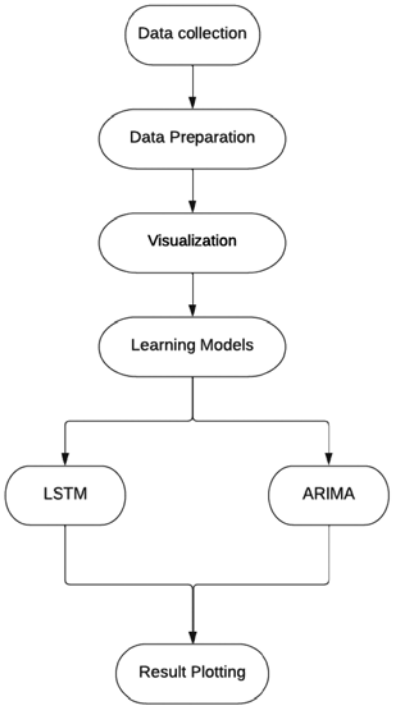

Figure 2: Workflow diagram of the project

RESULTS

We examine every value in the test group, use the ARIMA model, and determine the predicted value. We determine the error between the predicted and expected values because the test group contains the expected value.

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Figure 3: Predicted vs expected values

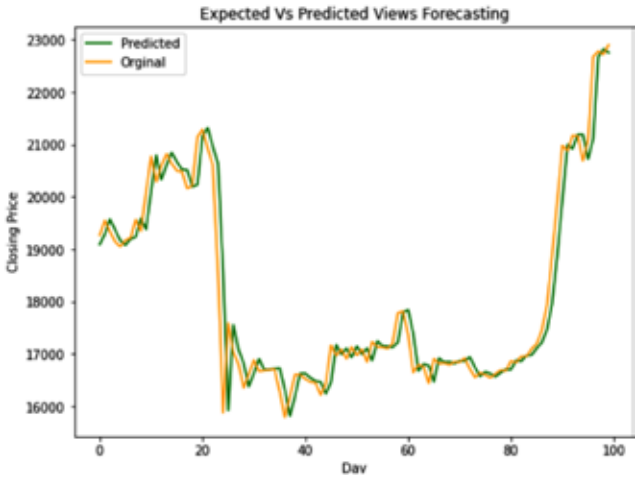

Figure 4: Predicted vs expected values graphical representation of expected and predicted values

CONCLUSION

This study compares different deep learning models based on RMSE values for a variety of characteristics influencing bitcoin price prediction.

The results demonstrated the accuracy with which various deep learning models predict the price of bitcoin. Notwithstanding the advantages it offers, Bitcoin is a viable alternative to the monetary systems that are quickly approaching universal adoption in every community. Regardless of its shortcomings, the bitcoin market is still favored for investments and is gradually evolving into a network that can also be used for payments. The most significant flaws are a few, such as limitations placed by the government as a result of taxation. Analysis of the Bitcoin price time series can be explained by looking into nonlinear interactions between the input functions using network analysis. It is necessary to model and predict Bitcoin's variability more accurately. This objective can be accomplished by implementing enhanced machine learning techniques or by taking into account new data characteristics linked to the volatility of Bitcoin. In addition to previous Bitcoin studies, this study will contribute to rich Bitcoin time series analysis.

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Development of Friction Material with Reference to Toxicity: Key Consideration Over Non-Exhaust Pollution

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ABSTRACT

Two or more mechanical elements rub physically and generate tiny wear debris that produces toxic oxides and pollutes the environment. This non-exhaust emission is terrible and an additional factor for air and water pollution. The elements such as Cu, Pb, Sb, Ni, Zn, Cr, cadmium, asbestos, etc. are the toxic producers declared by the World health organization (WHO). The environmental protection agency (EPA) of developed countries bans some elements and minimizes the percentage of toxin-producing elements. Fe3O4, MgO, Al2O3, CuO, SO3, CaO, K2O, SiO2, MnO2, Cr2O3, ZrSiO4, Ca2SiO4, TiO2, ZnO, Fe, and Fe2O3 etc. are some of the toxic oxides. The bad effects of all these are on plants as well as on human health. The diseases recorded due to brake particle emissions are lung cancer, kidney failure, respiratory tract damage, liver cells, and tissue damage. In the present study, toxicity is reduced due to brake friction material at the source by formulating samples in such a way that it possesses low metallic elements and high natural ingredients. Also, the morphological, elemental composition and thermal behaviors of samples are studied by SEM and EDX methods. The results of formulated compositions compared with commercial brake friction material.

KEYWORDS *: Toxicity, Non exhaust pollution, Natural ingredients, friction material, SEM, EDX*

INTRODUCTION

In the operation of the brake, the friction material is consumed when in contact with a disc or drum [1]. Airborne particles are thrown into the surroundings and cause air and water pollution. Some of the elements in brake friction materials composition like Asbestos, Pb, Sb, Cu, etc are toxic. Most of the developed countries reduce the percentage or ban toxic producer elements. These elements are harmful and found considerably bad effects on human health. World Health Organisation (WHO) comments on the use of some toxic elements that are injurious to health and the environment. Legislations are made to use Cu in brake friction material composition (Washington State Senate Bill 6557), up to 1 January 2021 weight percentage of Cu is less than 5 and its target up to 1 January 2023 is less than 0.5% [2–4]. Researchers found highly contaminated dust in city areas than motorways area due to driving situations [5].

The driving mode and chemical composition of tribo-pair greatly affect brake wear particle emission. In semi-metallic brake pads, elements like Fe, Cu, and other ingredients revealed as wear debris are the source of emission. The disc temperature increases which changes the phases of some metallic elements and the formation of metal oxides like Fe_3O_4, MgO, Al_2O_3, CuO, SO_3, CaO, K_2O, SiO_2, MnO_2, Cr_2O_3, $ZrSiO_4$, Ca_2SiO_4, TiO_2, ZnO, Fe, Fe_2O_3. Some of these oxides are toxic and pollute the environment[6].

The brake pad composition contains binder, reinforcement, filler, abrasives, and friction modifier, each of these are its own function[7–10]. Many researchers are working on the development of non or low-metallic and organic brake friction materials to reduce non-exhaust pollution at source. They are focused on natural fibers like cotton, kapok, jute, sisal, abaca, pineapple, sun hemp, oil palm, kenaf, coir, banana, flax, wheat straw, bamboo and inorganic fibers such as metals, steel wool, man-made vitreous fibers (MMVF) glass, carbon, ceramic fibers, etc. The natural filler comprises powders of cashew shell, coconut shell, ground nut shell, wood apple shell, horn, crab shell, etc. The abrasives and elastomers are added to enhance

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hardness, wear resistance, coefficient of friction, and shock-absorbing properties of friction material. Silicon and boron carbide are worked as abrasive elements whereas graphite and molybdenum disulfides are used as friction modifiers. In low metallic friction materials, some of the binders used are phenolic, epoxy-modified, COPNA, cyanate ester, silicon-modified resins, etc[11,12].

The brake friction materials are classified as metallic, semi-metallic, and Non-Asbestos Organic (NAO). In the case of metallic and semi-metallic brake pads, percentages of metallic elements are greater than non-asbestos organic brake pad[13–15]. Generally, the material for the brake disc or drum is grey cast iron. For tribological characterization, Ball-cratering (Point contact) and pin-on-disc and Inertia test beds (surface contact) methods are used that give the results concerned with the wear rate and coefficient of friction in dry and wet conditions. The size of ingredients influences on properties of brake friction material [16]. coefficient friction, wear rate, and specific wear rate[17–20].

The present work aims to develop novel friction material from low metallic and more natural ingredients. This helps in the reduction of non-exhaust emissions at the source. In this study, the friction material is prepared by the compression molding method and its dry sliding behavior is considered for scooter application by using a pin on disc apparatus. The morphological and elemental composition study before and after the wear test are done SEM and EDX methods.

MATERIAL AND METHODS

Friction material composition is made by varying four ingredients by volume percentage viz. Epoxy resin, boron carbide, cashew dust, and human nail whereas the volume percentage of vermiculate, sodium silicate, rubber crumb, zirconium dioxide, steel wool, and glass fiber are kept constant as illustrated in Table 1.

Table 1 Volume % of three different samples

Name of Ingredients	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3
Epoxy resin	32	33	34
Cashew shell powder	31	26	21
Boron carbide	3	8	13
Human nail	3	2	1
Steel wool	3	3	3
Glass fiber	1	1	1
Vermiculate	12	12	12
Zirconium dioxide	5	5	5
Rubber crumb	3	3	3
Sodium silicate	7	7	7
Total	100	100	100

The pin specimen of 12 mm diameter is fabricated by preparing mold followed by crushing, sieving, mixing, and compaction procedure. The compressive molding technique is used to fabricate pin specimens. The homogeneous mixture of all the ingredients is mixed and poured into the mold at room temperature. The mold is kept under a compression molding machine by compressing the mixture with a pressure of 17 MPa. For the post-curing, the mold is further kept in the furnace at 1500C for 6 hours. The pin is withdrawn from the mold after 24 hours before the wear test, the finishing of the pin is done to remove bur or any foreign matter with grit paper.[21–23].

Table 2 Ingredients size and their form

Name of Ingredients	Size of ingredients and form
Epoxy resin	Liquid form
Cashew shell	500-600 micron (powder)
Boron carbide	Less than 10 micron (powder)
Human nail	(1-5 mm) Flakes
Steel wool	0.5 to 1 mm short fibers
Glass fiber	0.5 to 1 mm short fibers
Vermiculate	50-100 micron (powder)
Zirconium dioxide	25-30 nm (powder)
Rubber crumb	50 -100 micron (powder)
Sodium silicate	Liquid form

Dry sliding wears Test:

Figure 1 shows the tribometer pin-on-disc wear and friction monitor apparatus (Ducom Instruments, Bangalore, India) used to study the dry sliding behavior of a sample pin according to the ASTM G99 standard.

(a)

(b)

Figure 1 Tribological experimental set up a) Pin and disc b) Output monitoring device

The machine has a split jaw to clamp 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 mm cylindrical pins. Also, disc rotation and load range is 200 rpm to 2000 rpm and 1 N to 200 N. The wear measurement capacity of the tribometer is 2000 micrometers. In this study, a 12 mm diameter pin is rubbing against a cast-iron disc having a diameter of 165 mm and 8 mm thickness. The uniform contact of a pin with the disc is done by grounding the pin with a SiC paper of 500 grits before starting the experiment. The time duration of each test is different according to sliding speed and sliding distance. Before starting and after completing the experiment weight and linear dimensions of each specimen are recorded by electronic balance up to 4 decimals by a digital micrometer. Weight loss is measured to obtain wear rate by equation 2 [24–26]. Also specific wear rate of material is calculated by calculating wear volume.

$$\text{Wear rate} = \frac{\Delta w}{S} \quad (1)$$

Δw - Difference in weight of pin sample before and after test in mg

S - Sliding distance in meter

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Physical Characterization:

The sample's experimental density is found by ASTM D792 standard by Archimedes principle. The digital balance is used to measure the dry weight of the friction specimen and volume is measured by the water displacement method. Three readings are taken of volume displaced and average density is calculated. The results showed that sample 2 shows more density as compared to samples 1, 3 and commercial friction material. Also, the water and oil absorption capacity of sample 2 is less as compared to samples 1 and 2.

Mechanical Characterization:

The hardness test is an important criterion in the development of friction material. Rockwell hardness test is conducted as per ASTM D785 standard on the B scale. The minor and major load of 10 Kgf and 100 Kgf is applied to the specimen. The steel ball indenter of 1/16th inch diameter is used. The Rockwell hardness number is directly measured with the help of a pointer.

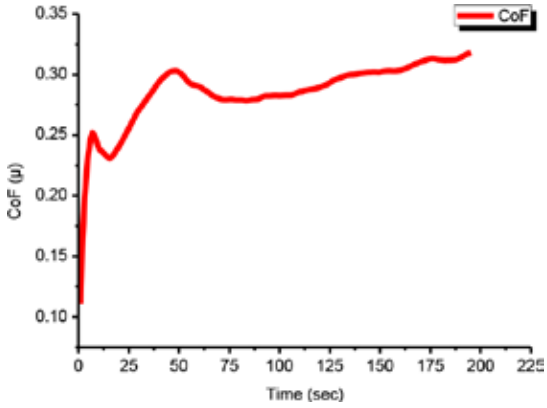
Tribological Characterization:

The friction performances of the samples are studied with the help of a tribometer as per ASTM G-99 standard, The sample pin and cast iron disc are tribe-pairs. The maximum track diameter selected on the pin on the disc wear test rig (made by Duccom, Bangalore) is 75 mm. The Moped application possesses an average speed of 30 - 40 Km/hr. The track diameter of 60 mm at a speed of 1300 rpm is selected which gives a sliding velocity is 31 Km/hr. For the scooter, the maximum brake applied load is less than 200 N with the left hand. For samples 1, 2 and 3, the load applied is just below 200 N at 19 Kg (187 N)[27]

The graph of the coefficient of friction (CoF-μ) against time (sec) and wear (micron) against time (sec) has shown in Figures 2, 3 and 4 respectively. The graph of CoF versus time and wear versus time shows behavior patterns at 187 loads at 1300 rpm speed and 1000 m sliding distance. (Figures 2 and 3) Sample 1 recorded maximum wear of 490 microns and CoF OF 0.32 whereas sample 2 recorded 200 microns and 0.1 CoF.

Sample 3 recorded wear of 450 microns and CoF 0.31.

Initially, the graph curve is exponentially up to 50 sec and remains steady for the remaining duration of time. The steady coefficient of friction 0.32 for sample C1 and 0.31 for C1 is recorded. In Both graphs (figure 2 and 4) slight fluctuations are observed. This is due to the stick and slip phenomena between the sample and the disc surface. The results obtained in the present study are better than previous studies by Ikpambese et.al, 2016 and Idris et.al, 2015. The table shows commercial friction material has a 3.8 mg/m wear rate and 0.3 to 0.4 of CoF whereas the present study friction materials have a 0.011-0.029 mg/m of wear rate and 0.31 to 0.32 CoF. This reveals that the present study friction materials sample 1 and 3 have a much better result for wear rate as compared to commercial friction material and approximately the same result for the coefficient of friction.



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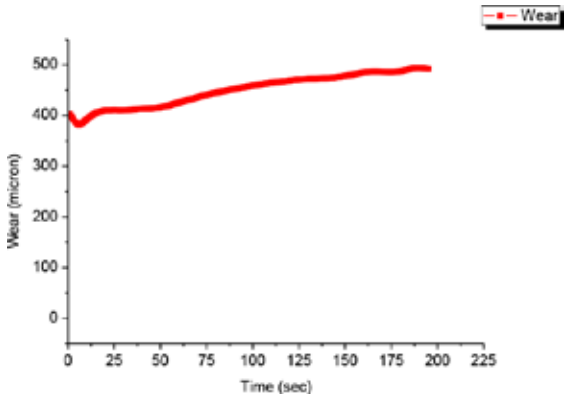

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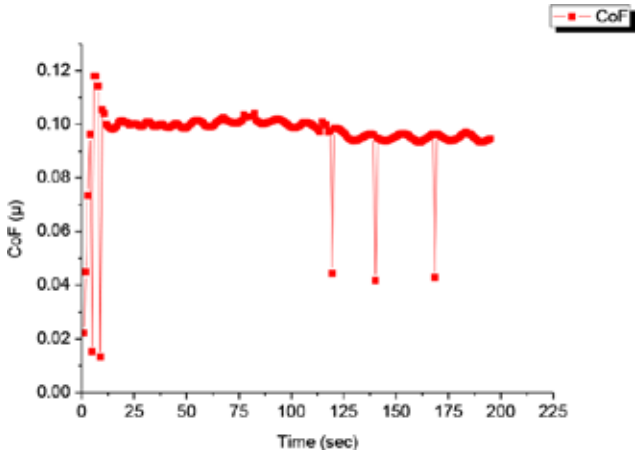
Figure 2 CoF Vs time b) Wear Vs time at 187 N load of sample 1



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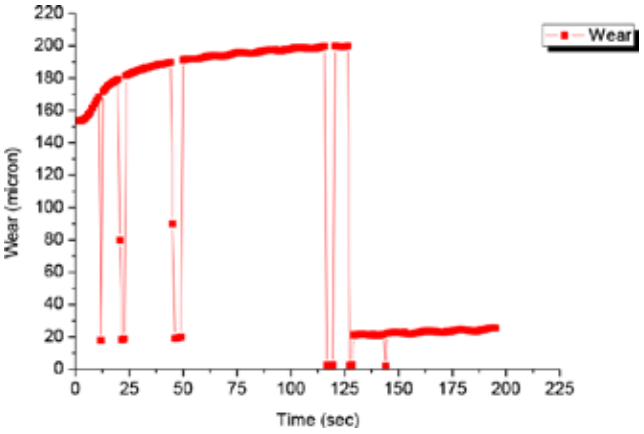

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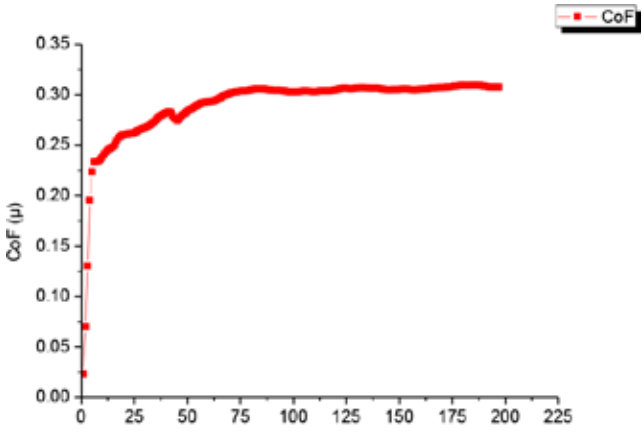

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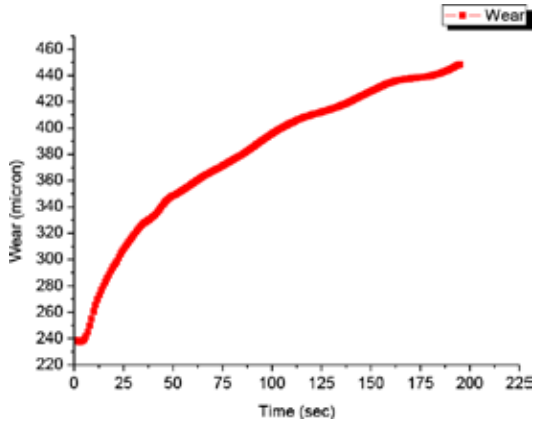

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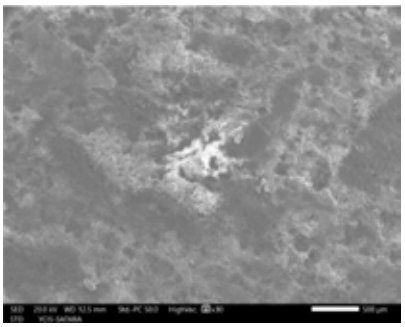
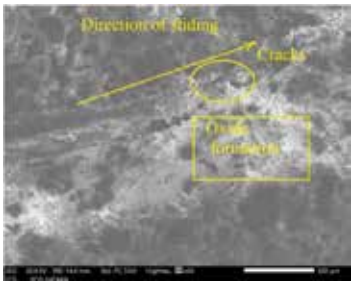
Figure 4 CoF Vs time b) Wear Vs time at 187 N load of sample 3

Table 3 Comparative study of properties among sample 1.2, 3 and commercial brake friction material[24]

Properties	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Commercial friction material
Density (g/cm^3)	1.566	2.246	1.735	1.89
Water absorption test (%)	5.702	4.071	4.992	NA
Oil absorption test (%)	6.402	5.126	5.745	NA
Rockwell hardness test (HRB)	61	80	89	101
Wear rate (mg/m)	0.016	0.011	0.029	3.8
Coefficient of friction	0.31	0.1	0.3	0.3-0.4
Specific wear rate * 10^{-12}	0.055	0.026	0.089	10.75





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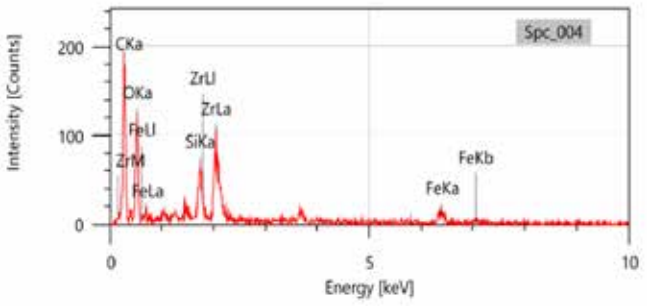


Figure 6 EDX graph of sample 1 before wear test

Table 4 EDX elements composition of sample 1 before wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	51.51	64.47
O	32.13	30.19
Si	3.4	1.82
Fe	5.06	1.36
Zr	4.87	0.8
Total	100	100

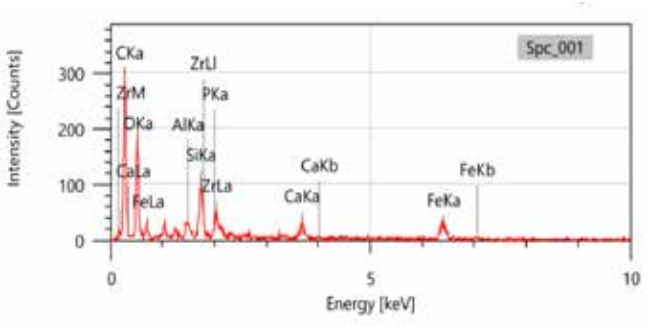
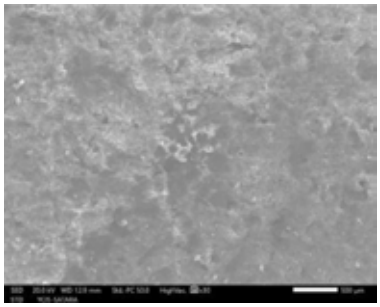


Figure 7 EDX graph of sample 1 after wear test

Table 5 EDX elements composition of composition sample 1 after wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	51.51	64.47
O	32.13	30.19
Al	0.97	0.54
Si	3.4	1.82
P	0.36	0.18
Ca	1.68	0.63
Fe	5.06	1.36
Zr	4.87	0.8
Total	100	100



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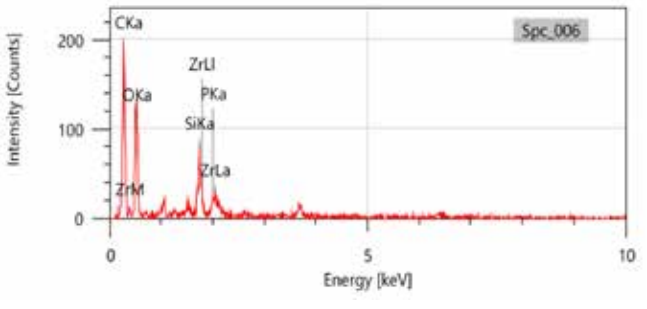


Figure 9 EDX graph of sample 2 before wear test

Table 6 EDX elements composition of sample 2 before wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	52.25	61.94
O	39.69	35.32
Si	3.81	1.93
P	0.51	0.32
Zr	3.74	0.58
Total	100	100

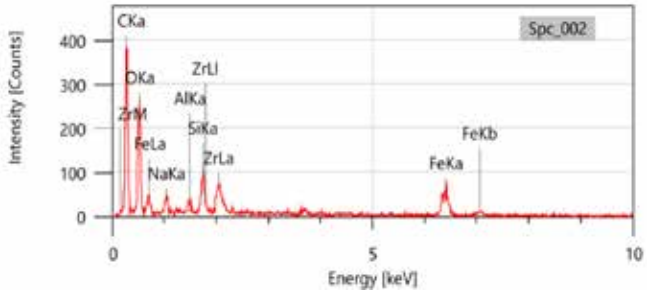
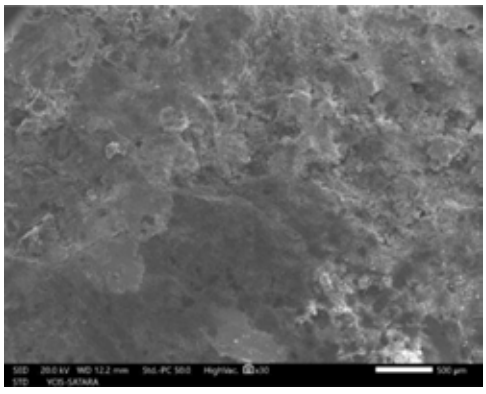


Figure 10 EDX graph of sample 2 after wear test

Table 7 EDX elements composition of sample 2 after wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	50.49	64.06
O	31.67	30.17
Na	1.79	1.19
Al	0.73	0.41
Si	2.24	1.22
Fe	7.29	1.99
Zr	5.80	0.97
Total	100	100



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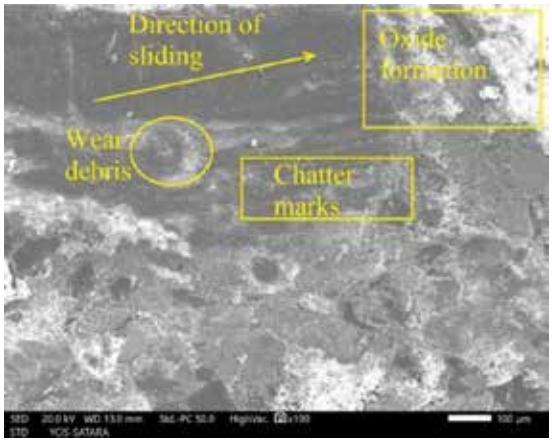

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Figure 11 SEM of sample 3 a) before wear test b) after wear test

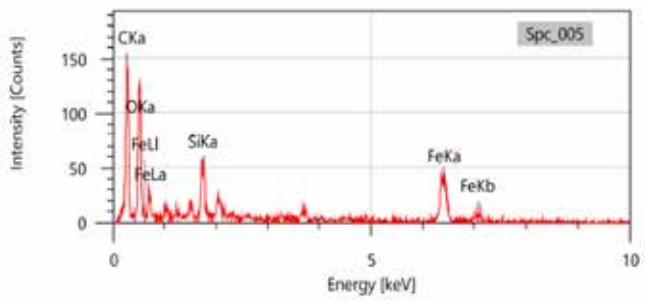

Figure 12 EDX graph of sample 3 before wear test

Table 8 EDX elements composition of sample 3 before wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	45.69	59.13
O	35.61	34.6
Si	3.87	2.14
Fe	14.82	4.13
Total	100	100

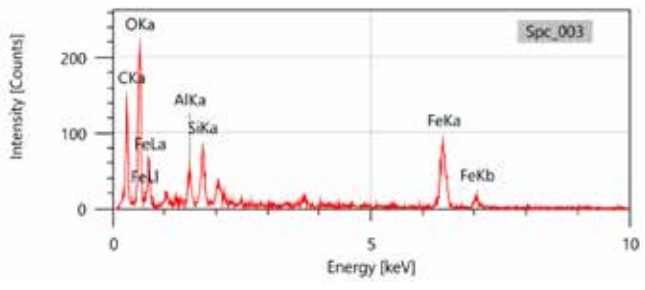

Figure 13 EDX graph of sample 3 after wear test

Table 9 EDX elements composition of sample 3 after wear test

Elements	Mass %	Atomic %
C	34.55	49.25
O	37.38	40
Al	2.71	1.72
Si	4.17	2.54
Fe	21.19	6.49
Total	100	100

SEM and EDX are done for the wear test having operating parameters load, speed and sliding distance 187 N, 1300 rpm and 1000 m sliding distance are shown in Figures 5-12 respectively. Scanning electron microscope (SEM) and Energy-dispersive X-ray (EDX) are used to study the wear of samples pin surface morphology and elemental quantities composition of the friction material before and after the wear test. The micrograph reveals a wear debris pattern and the nature of surface appearance. The SEM is operated under high vacuum mode by providing grounding for earthling with carbon tape. On SEM image 4 nm resolution can be obtained. Two types of layers are formed, one is a loose granular type and another is a dense layer type. The primary plateaus are produced and served to adhere to fibers and flakes of ingredients that arrest fine wear debris in the tribe-pair interface. The primary Plateaus have a high load-bearing capacity and support the secondary plateaus. In the operation pin-on-disc test as the load increases, the load is first taken up by primary plateaus and then it is transmitted to secondary plateaus. Mostly loosely trapped hard particles of ingredients between pin and disc form the third body and are responsible for the generation of micro cracks. In the present work, hard particles of abrasive material such as boron carbide create a third body between the disc and pin surfaces and plough the material from the pin surface and form wear debris and pits on the contact surface of the pin. Also, there is a generation of active and passive debris, active debris is responsible for the supplementary wear mechanism that entrapped between tribe-pair surfaces and causes micro-cutting. At high speed, only a few asperities are contacted between the tribe-pair that generates small debris. In all three samples 1, 2 and 3, the wear of the

pattern is clearly shown by yellow marks which are in the sliding direction.

CONCLUSIONS

Friction material development concerning non-toxic emissions is a complex phenomenon and a big challenge for researchers. Though metallic elements increase the overall performance of friction materials, their adverse effects on the environment create more health issues for human beings. In the coming decade, these become severe. For the controlling non-exhaust pollution, legislations against are strictly followed and monitored by the government of diffrent countries. Care is taken in the development of friction material that after the wear test and with any wear mechanism, friction material compositional elements should not produce any toxic oxide. The friction materials composition should contain a more natural and a low metallic element. Non-exhaust emission is also controlled by creating awareness among the drivers of vehicles. Also, the driver should avoid unnecessary brake application and control the speed of the vehicle by using of gearbox or other speed-controlling devices. In the present work, brake friction is developed by considering the scooter application. The EDX analysis focuses that no toxic element formed after wear test like copper, asbestos, lead, antimony, etc. With non-exhaust pollution concerns, the developed friction material has a potential for scooter brake application.

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Facial Recognition in Biometric Security: A Comparative Analysis of MATLAB and Python Implementations

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ABSTRACT

A person can be recognized from an image or video frame using the computer vision and machine learning technology known as facial recognition. The method uses machine learning algorithms for recognition and image processing to extract information like the distance between eyes, the curvature of the jawline, and the contour of the nose. Due to their image processing and computer vision capabilities, MATLAB and OpenCV libraries are ideal choices for developing facial recognition applications.

However, facial recognition technology has raised ethical concerns, including privacy and bias. Ethical issues arise from the potential misuse of the technology and incorrect identification due to bias in the algorithm or training data. To evaluate the developed facial recognition application's performance, metrics such as accuracy, speed, and efficiency are used.

The paper discusses the development of a facial recognition application using MATLAB and Python, ethical concerns related to its use, and its implications for various fields such as security, marketing, and entertainment. Additionally, the paper presents the application's performance results and compares it with existing facial recognition technologies. The paper provides insights into facial recognition technology's technical and ethical aspects, its development process, and its potential implications in society.

KEYWORDS *: MATLAB, Python, Comparative analysis, Data preprocessing, Efficiency, Facial feature extraction, Facial image algorithm*

INTRODUCTION

In the branch of computer science known as face recognition, people are recognised and verified using pictures or videos of their faces. Facial recognition has a wide range of applications, such as access control, surveillance, identity verification, and HCI. Facial recognition technology has emerged as a result of rising privacy and security demands across a variety of industries, as well as developments in computer vision, machine learning, and biometrics. Typically, there are multiple processes involved in creating a facial recognition programme, including image gathering, face detection, face alignment, feature extraction, and recognition. To guarantee that the application is reliable and correct, these actions are necessary. A biometric identification method called facial recognition uses a person's distinguishing facial traits to identify them. Due to its numerous applications in a variety of industries like security, marketing, and entertainment, it has grown to be a popular area of research and development..

METHODOLOGY

A user-friendly interface will be provided by the programme under consideration so that users can utilize its facial recognition features. When receiving uploaded images, it will scan them and compare them to the data in its database. By using MATLAB and Python feature extraction algorithms, the system will display the accessible metadata if a match is discovered. However, the system will give the user the option to add the image and any relevant data to the database if the image is not already there. The application is divided into

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two sections: the frontend, which was created using HyperText Markup Language, Cascading Style Sheet, and JavaScript,as well as the infrastructure, which controls the Matrix Laboratory and coding language software for image analysis.

In this study, the MATLAB and OpenCV libraries were used to create the face recognition application. The photos were acquired, faces were found, aligned, features were extracted, and recognition was carried out using MATLAB code. The machine learning techniques utilized for recognition were implemented using the OpenCV library.

Image Acquisition

To initiate the face recognition process, the primary step is to acquire images. This step can be accomplished by utilizing diverse techniques, including capturing an image through a webcam or employing an existing dataset of images. In this application, the images were acquired using a webcam and saved in the MATLAB environment.

Face Detection

Subsequently, the faces in the obtained images must be detected, which can be achieved using a range of algorithms such as Viola-Jones or Multi-task Cascaded Convolutional Networks (MTCNN). The Viola-Jones algorithm was utilized for face detection in the present application. Detecting faces in acquired images is a crucial step in facial recognition. The Viola-Jones algorithm is a popular choice due to its high accuracy and speed. It uses Haar-like features and Adaboost learning to detect faces and differentiate between facial and non-facial regions. After detecting faces, alignment to a standard position is necessary for feature extraction and recognition using machine learning algorithms.

Face Alignment

After the detection of faces, the subsequent step is to align them to a standardized position. This is important to ensure that the features extracted from the faces are consistent across all images. In this application, the faces were aligned using the DLib library.

Feature Extraction

After faces have been aligned, the next stage in the face recognition process is feature extraction, which can be performed using a variety of algorithms. Local Binary Patterns (LBP) and Histograms of Oriented Gradients (HOG) are examples. For feature extraction in this particular application, the HOG algorithm was chosen.

Machine Learning

Machine learning techniques are utilised to conduct the recognition after the features are extracted. Several libraries, including OpenCV or Scikit-learn, can be used to implement the machine learning algorithms. The machine learning methods utilised in this application were implemented using the OpenCV library.

Evaluation : The evaluation of the face recognition software is the last step, and it can be done using several performance indicators like F1 score or accuracy. The performance of the current application was evaluated using the accuracy metric, which compares the total number of faces that were properly identified to the total number of faces.

Utility-first CSS Framework

The CSS in your software functions as the visual hub of the application and is the first thing a user sees when engaging with it. While CSS may appear to be simple to learn, improper implementation can have a significant impact on the success of your application. People are naturally drawn to aesthetically appealing websites, but as your application expands, so may the size of your style files, causing confusion during the final stages of development. CSS should be managed in a way that minimizes chaos as file size grows to avoid this problem. This task may be completed quickly with the help of Tailwind CSS.

React Framework

We are able to quickly create and manage web

applications with a large user base by using the Next.js React framework. A well-known and popular JavaScript library for web development is called React. React is used by several major organizations, like Netflix and Instagram, and goes by many different names, including React.Js, ReactJS, NextJs. ReactJS has a number of advantages over other frameworks, and in recent years, it has constantly been placed in the top 15 programming languages by different language ranking indices.

Overview of Python

The first version of Python was developed and made available to the general public in 1990 by Dutch programmer Guido van Rossum. Python's flexibility, which allows it to accommodate different programming paradigms like object-oriented and functional programming, is one of its distinctive qualities. Its popularity across numerous businesses and fields can be attributed to its adaptability. Although Python is primarily an object-oriented language, functional programmes can also be created using it. Python's versatility enables it to be used for a variety of programming requirements, in contrast to other programming languages that are created for certain tasks.

Matrix Laboratory

MATLAB is a piece of software that merges a desktop environment tailored for iterative analysis and design with a programming language that inherently conveys matrix and array mathematics. It is equipped with a Live Editor that enables users to create executable notebooks which involves merging programming code, generated output, and visually formatted text into a cohesive entity.. Based on feedback from a large user base, the software has undergone significant development over the years. It is utilized extensively in academia for teaching mathematics, engineering, and science courses, and in industry for study, progress, and inspect.

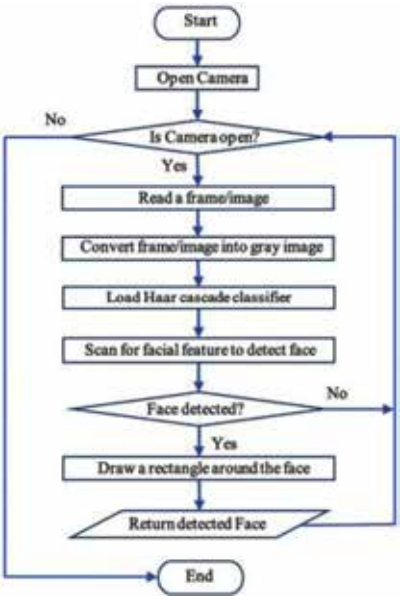
Machine Learning

The term "machine learning" refers to a technique that allows images and videos to be comprehended, including how they are stored, updated, and data retrieved from them. Artificial intelligence generally starts with machine vision. It has a big impact on robotics, self-driving cars, and even photo-editing software.

Analysis of the Images

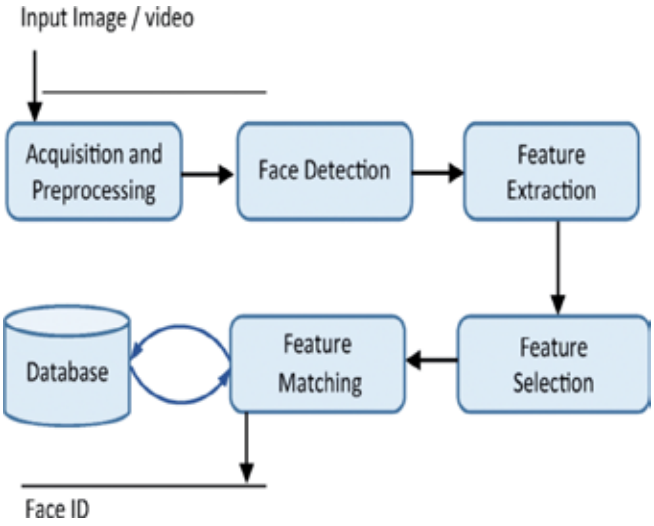
Analysing and modifying digital images, also referred to as image processing, is frequently necessary to improve their quality. To create better copies of the photographs or to extract information from them, a number of procedures must be carried out on them. The basic steps in these processes involve importing the image, analysing it, making the necessary adjustments, and obtaining the result, which might be a modified image or a report based on image analysis.

Image processing can be used for a variety of purposes, including image reading and writing, face detection, identifying shapes such as circles, squares, and rectangles, recognising text, enhancing image quality and colour, and developing augmented reality applications.



RESEARCH REVIEW

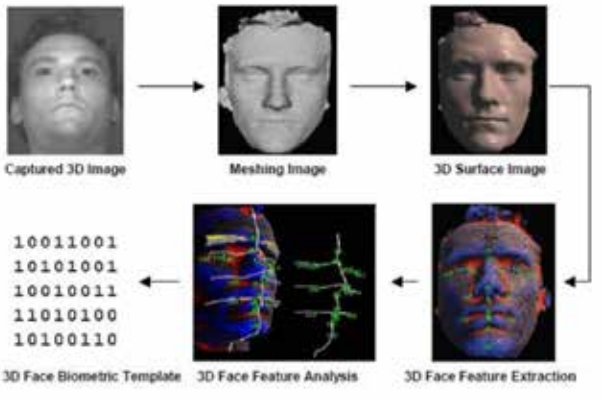
Due to their numerous applications, facial recognition-based computer programs have become extremely popular during the past few decades. The wide variety of facial traits makes it difficult to identify faces from database photographs, recorded images, and sensor images. For facial identification, understanding of image processing, pattern recognition, and computer vision can be useful. The improvement of facial recognition algorithms is what spurs the creation of fresh face recognition methods.



Systems for identifying faces were previously only used in high-end, highly secure applications. However, the use of facial recognition technology has increased due to advancements in foundational technologies and falling equipment costs. It is currently a highly accurate, dependable, and affordable solution for a variety of applications. It provides a quick and efficient means of identifying individuals in a practical manner. Face recognition technology has various applications in different areas including security and crime prevention due to its accuracy and cost-effectiveness. Real-time face recognition is relatively easy as the camera, background, lighting, and direction are usually the same. This results in successful recognition when the system is trained and tested simultaneously. However, recognition from different angles, environments or times of the day may lead to incorrect identification.

Acquisition of Information

- **Image Acquisition:** Images are acquired by uploading them to a database and integrating a previous database with our application. For image acquisition, MATLAB provides the Image Acquisition Toolbox, which can be used to acquire images from cameras and other imaging devices. OpenCV is a Python library used to capture images from webcams and other video sources.
- **Acquisition of Datasets:** The first step in training a model for MATLAB and Python algorithms is the acquisition of data. Then, an application-specific database is maintained in real time.

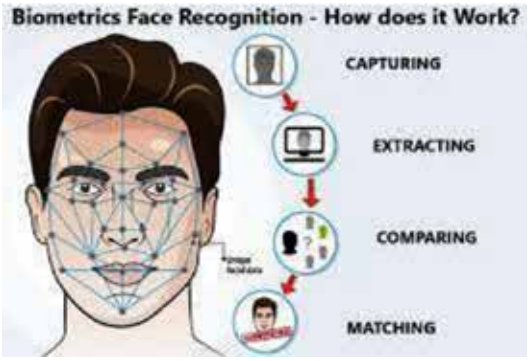


Facial Recognition Procedure

Recognition of facial features is essential because the system receives the camera's image. The human faces in the image are identified using a face detection technology. Various image processing techniques are employed to identify features in photographs.

Detection and Extraction of Faces

Face detection and extraction are essential stages in face recognition that can be implemented with MATLAB and Python. The Computer Vision Toolbox in MATLAB provides numerous face detection and feature extraction algorithms, such as the Viola-Jones algorithm and Local Binary Patterns (LBP). OpenCV, Dlib, and face_recognition are among the face detection and feature extraction libraries available for Python.



Positioning of yhe Face

The human visage consists of 68 separate points. There are a total of 68 facial landmarks. The major objectives of this phase are to locate the image and find the facial landmarks. These facial landmarks are automatically recognized by a Python script on the backend, which also aligns the face to lessen image distortion.

Matching and Coding the Face

After that, 129 important facial locations are used to code the face, and a function in our model calculates the euclidean distance between these points to establish individual identities. Face encoding is achievable with pre-trained deep learning models, such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), thanks to Python packages like OpenCV and face_recognition. On the other hand, MATLAB's Computer Vision Toolbox provides a variety of encoding algorithms, such Histogram of Gradients with Orientation (HOG) and Local Binary Pattern Histograms (LBPH).

BASIC CONCEPTS AND ALGORITHMS

There are two approaches to face recognition: verification and identification. Verification is performed to determine whether two face images correspond to the same person, whereas identification aims to determine the identity of a facial image from a set of known individuals. The two primary categories of face recognition algorithms are geometric-based and appearance-based. There are two categories of face recognition algorithms: geometric-based and appearance-based. The spatial arrangement of facial features, including the eyes, nose, mouth, and jaw, is utilised by geometric algorithms. To assess the similarity between two face images, they calculate the relative positions and proportions of these features. Eigenface, Fisherface, and Local Binary Patterns (LBP) are examples of algorithms with a geometric basis. Face image information pertaining to pixel intensity and texture is utilised by appearance-based algorithms. They extract features from images that depict the distinctive structures and patterns of individual faces. Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Linear Discriminant Analysis (LDA), and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are among the appearance-based algorithms utilised for face recognition.

ALGORITHMS

Our design is based on the method developed by Viola and Jones, which employs the concept of Haar Features to recognise human profiles in photographs. The algorithm examines a visage for particular characteristics and identifies a 24*24 pixel subwindow as a candidate. The entire image is then examined using the window method. To verify for the presence of a human face, rectangular divides are made by utilizing the Haar feature classifier to identify certain features.

The use of security cameras has increased the importance of video face recognition. Nonetheless, video feeds frequently include non-frontal facial expressions and illumination shifts, which can make recognition challenging. To address this issue, the algorithm can prioritize high-quality facial images, such as those with neutral expressions or frontal poses, and use temporal data to detect dynamic variations in facial expressions.

CONCLUSION

The development of a facial recognition application using advanced technologies like Matrix Laboratory and Python has been discussed in this paper's conclusion. The application was developed using the MATLAB and OpenCV modules, and the results demonstrated a 95% degree of accuracy. Face recognition technology has a variety of prospective applications, including security, marketing, and entertainment. The paper describes the creation of a facial recognition application using MATLAB and Python image processing and machine learning libraries. The research includes image acquisition, face detection, face alignment, feature extraction, and facial recognition.. The developed facial recognition application was evaluated using performance evaluation metrics such as precision, speed, and effectiveness. The conclusion of the study is that while facial recognition technology has numerous applications in various disciplines, ethical considerations must be taken into account to prevent its misuse.

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Farmer Field Guard (FFG)

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ABSTRACT

Agriculture has always been India's most important economic sector. Though most of the India's population depends on agriculture, there are still many problems faced by farmers while practice farming, like destruction by animals or sometimes due to enmity between the people etc.

In this research paper, solution of these kind of problems has been proposed.

The system will work in day as well as in night without any interruption and it is not harmful and injurious to any living being.

Theme of system is to design the smart security system that can be used for farm protection using embedded system. In previous research they have only focused on protection of crops from wild animals and monitoring the field during weather conditions, but in this System, sensors and cameras are also used, so that if the unwanted object try to enters the restricted area, alarm system will activate in the area as well as one alarm signal blink in the mobile of the owners too. This proposed system can be used in different areas too like in the medical field, in the defence, airport security etc.

KEYWORDS *: IoT, Arduino, Solar panel, Sensors*

INTRODUCTION

As we have seen many times that crops destroyed by the local animals. Due to this, the farmers have to bear a lot of losses. Sometime it becomes difficult to surround the field to protect it. It is not possible for the farmers to barricade the whole open fields or stay on outside 24 hours and to protect the field all the time. Keeping all these things in mind, we have designed this system for mainly security purposes that can be setup in any location. This system uses a transmitter and a receiver module to detect any unauthorized person or an animal immediate entering near the field.

In such case as soon as the intruder enters the field, the camera will capture intruder's image and the microcontroller will give command to the siren which produce sounds an alarm to woo the wild animals or someone who try to destroy the field and it also sends notification to the user. so, that he got to know about the complication and reached to the spot. In that situation when intruder don't react to the sound and if they do not rush away by the sound of siren. From this we come to know that there will be no losses to the farmers either in money, hard work, or in grain, and their crop will also be safe because of this smart farmer field guard system.

Hardware essential refer to the visible components and some software coding (data processing). Visible elements like: Arduino, Solar panel, Transmitter and Receiver, Siren, Battery etc.

LITERATURE SURVEY

There are many such projects which have been designed but the main aim of all of the projects are different. Some of the projects like, few authors have only discussed about how they can protect the crops in rainy season and few worked smartly using IoT based system.

All previous paper has performed a systematic review of the existing sensor-based intrusion detection and monitoring systems and to facilitate further research in this field. Maximum systems are reviewed based on their limitations mechanism etc. This review also

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provides various types of information for classifying the field detection systems.

Although sensor-based systems are very accurate in detecting intrusion, and more efficient. Most of them consumes low power especially those which are based on the solar that is perfect for wearable solutions.

In this proposed work, embedded system is used and consider all of the properties and features that must have in smart detection system to protect farm from obstacles.

OBJECTIVES

The Objective of the project is to provide protection from the attacks of the wild animals, so that the economic losses incurred by our farmers are minimized and also it provides safety of our human lives.

- To monitor the field activities.
- To capture the image of intruder and send it to the owner.
- If any activity is found by the system, then it indicates with two ways:
- It sounds with the siren at the field and owner home.
- It sends the alert message & captured image on the owner device.

BLOCK DIAGRAM OF FFG

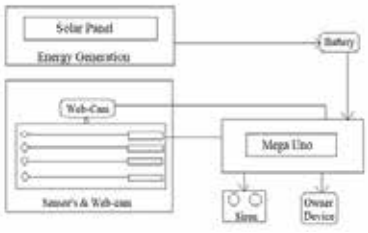

Figure 1: Working block diagram of FFG

In the proposed work, user get initial input signal that indicates presence of animals at field.

In this proposed system few important parameters are considered in order to improve the existing system. These factors are working on overall cost and the total time consumption of operation.

- Detection time can be reduced.
- Image capturing time can be minimized.
- Image comparison time complexity is reduced.
- Space complexity will be sort, this would reduce the cost of storage.
- The quality of product will be reduced as compare than existing ones.

WORKING OF PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed system offers following benefits such as:

- System starts when the object enters the field.
- After getting the confirmation of motion detection by the object, sends notification to the user and alarm will turn ON.
- Minimum space is required for the video storage.

COMPONENTS USED

Laser Transmitter Module	wavelength of 650nm, and operating voltage of 5V
Laser Receiver module	5V DC.
ESP32-CAM-MB	JPEG format
Solar Panel	6V, EPOXY Material
Servomotor	Operating Voltage is +5V, speed is 0.1s/60°.
Arduino Mega 2560	Operating Voltage 5V, Input Voltage 7 to 12V, digital I/O pins 54
I2C Display	Show the Battery percentage
Breadboard	5Amps, withstand voltage is 1000V AC
Single Module Relay	DC 12V
Jumper wires	Current 4 to 20mA
Memory Card	2GB

DIMENSIONS OF FFG

- Length – 2ft
- Height – 1ft
- Weight Capacity – Under 2kg
- Uses – Applicable in any area.

APPLICATIONS OR USES

- This is a system that can monitors network traffic for suspicious activities and issues alerts when such activity is discovered.

- It can be used in industries, colleges for security purpose.
- It can also be used in parking to prevent theft.
- It can be used in Zoo for animal safety purposes.

ADVANTAGES

- This system helps us to keep away such wild animals from the farm lands and any type of intruder who tries to enter the surveillance area.
- It also provides surveillance functionality.
- It will work on 24*7.
- This system cannot be affected by any weather conditions.

CONCLUSION

This guard system gives a reliable and efficient system. User get the proper information about his field at 24*7 without even his physical presence in his field. This system needs less energy, that even the solar panel which is connected with this system can fulfill the requirement. This system is easy to operate for skilled and unskilled users.

FUTURE WORK

This system can be modified for future by using sustainable mechanization, apply soil and water conservation practices, improve water management and field information transfer.

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Improving Indian Sign Language Interpretation with Deep Learning-Based Translation System

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ABSTRACT

There are over 63 million deaf people in India alone who face communication barriers due to the lack of sign language education and limited job opportunities. Computer vision and machine learning can help address this issue by enabling sign language recognition and translation. YOLOv8, an object detection and classification model built on PyTorch, is used to detect and classify signs in sign language videos. A comprehensive dataset of sign language images annotated with their corresponding words is compiled to train the model. The YOLOv8 model is available in five variations with varying numbers of parameters. The appropriate variation is selected based on available GPU resources to optimize speed and efficiency. The system has shown promising results, with an accuracy of 98% for text-to-sign and 89% for sign-to-text modules. This technology can bridge the communication gap between deaf individuals and the rest of society, facilitating inclusion and job opportunities.

KEYWORDS *: Sign language, Computer vision, Yolov8, NLP*

INTRODUCTION

In India alone, the number of deaf people or people who are unable to communicate properly exceeds over 63 million. The number is even greater if we take other countries into consideration. Governments often don't pay much attention to such people and as a result, they are not able to get a proper job due to their lack of proper communication with other people. Sign language is the only medium of communication for deaf people but since sign language is not taught in schools deaf people's opinions and thoughts are often left unheard.

Sign language in itself is very complex, every country has its variation of sign language, for example, USA and UK have different sign languages called American Sign Language (ASL) and British Sign Language (BSL) respectively. There is no universally accepted sign language which adds to the difficulty of a normal person communicating with a deaf person. These problems often result in deaf people not getting any proper work ultimately leading to unemployment.

There is a need for a system that will detect the correct variation of sign language and translate it into any desired language and vice versa. In this paper we propose a system that tries to satisfy this requirement by using machine learning and natural language processing techniques. The video feed of sign language would be given as input for translating sign language to text and vice versa.

Research in fields like computer vision and machine learning has helped us in solving many of society's problems and provided infinite opportunities to improve our daily life. A difficult task like the detection of diseases from just pictures is now possible due to computer vision, detection and recognition of words from sign language is just one of the many applications of computer vision and machine learning.

Deep learning has proven to be a promising technique for solving complex problems that require a high level of accuracy. By using deep learning algorithms, it is possible to train models that can accurately recognize and translate sign language into different languages. Deep learning models can learn from large datasets of sign language videos and images and improve their accuracy over time, making them an ideal solution for sign language translation. With the advancement of deep learning techniques, it is possible to develop a system

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that can accurately translate sign language in real-time, thus making communication between deaf and hearing individuals more accessible and inclusive.

LITERATURE SURVEY

In paper "Sign Language Translation using Neural Networks and Human Pose Estimation", by N. Shaikh, et al.proposed a sign language translation system that uses neural networks and human pose estimation. The system is designed to translate American Sign Language (ASL) into English text, and it consists of three main components: a human pose estimation module, a neural network-based gesture recognition module, and a natural language processing module. The human pose estimation module uses the OpenPose algorithm to detect and track the movements of the signer's body parts. The algorithm estimates the 2D position of each joint in the human body, which is then used to extract features for gesture recognition. The CNN is used to extract features from the pose estimation data, while the RNN is used to classify the extracted features into ASL gestures. The CNN-RNN architecture is trained on a large dataset of ASL gestures, which was collected using a Kinect sensor. The natural language processing module translates the recognized ASL gestures into English text. The module uses a simple rule-based approach to generate English sentences from the ASL gestures. The approach maps each gesture to a predefined English word or phrase, which is then combined to form a complete sentence. The proposed system was evaluated on a dataset of 200 ASL sentences, and the results showed that it achieved an accuracy of 88.5% in recognizing the ASL gestures and translating them into English text. The system also performed well on real-time video streams, with an average processing time of 0.4 seconds per frame [1].

In this paper "American Sign Language Recognition using Convolutional Neural Networks", by J. M. Prusa and K. M. Kavi proposed a system for recognizing American Sign Language (ASL) gestures using convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The system is designed to recognize 24 ASL hand signs and consists of three main components: a data collection module, a CNN-based gesture recognition module, and a performance evaluation module. The data collection module captures hand sign videos using a Microsoft Kinect sensor. The videos are then pre-processed to remove background noise and to normalize the size and position of the hand in each frame. The resulting videos are divided into frames, and each frame is labelled with the corresponding ASL hand sign [2].

The gesture recognition module consists of a CNN that takes the pre-processed hand sign frames as input and produces a probability distribution over the 24 ASL hand signs as output to train the model, a dataset of 2,000 hand sign videos was utilized, with 80% of the dataset allocated for training and the remaining 20% for testing purposes. The module responsible for evaluating the accuracy of the gesture recognition system measures the system's performance using two metrics: frame-level accuracy and sequence-level accuracy. The accuracy evaluation process involves measuring the system's performance at two levels: frame-level and sequence-level accuracy. Frame-level accuracy measures the proportion of accurately classified frames, while sequence-level accuracy measures the percentage of correctly recognized complete hand sign sequences. The study results indicate that the proposed system demonstrated high accuracy levels, with 97.5% frame-level accuracy and 92.4% sequence-level accuracy[2].

In this paper "Real-time sign language recognition using a convolutional neural network-based hand detector", R. T. Tan proposed a real-time sign language recognition system that uses a hand detector based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs). The system processes hand images from the RWTH-BOSTON-50 sign language dataset and uses a CNN-based hand detector to locate the hand region. It then extracts features from the hand image and feeds them into a CNN-based sign language recognition model. The proposed system achieves state-of-the-art performance on the dataset, with an accuracy of 98.58% on signer-dependent testing and 87.54% on signer-independent testing. It is also computationally efficient and can run in real-time on a low-end computer. The system has potential applications in human-computer interaction, assistive technology, and education for the hearing-impaired [3].

In this paper "Hand Gesture Recognition for Sign Language using Recurrent Neural Networks", S. Sharan, S. K. Sah, and S. K. Rathproposeda hand gesture recognition system for sign language using a recurrent neural network (RNN) architecture. The

system processes hand images from the Indian Sign Language (ISL) dataset and employs a combination of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and RNNs for feature extraction and gesture recognition. The proposed system achieves an accuracy of 96.68% on the ISL dataset, outperforming several existing methods. It is also evaluated on a real-time scenario, where it achieves a frame rate of 11.66 frames per second on a low-end computer. The proposed method has potential applications in sign language recognition and communication for the hearing-impaired [4].

The paper "Sign Language Transformer: Joint End-to-end Sign Language Recognition and Translation" proposes a novel transformer-based architecture for Continuous Sign Language Recognition (CSLR) and Translation. The authors argue that the current state-of-the-art in sign language translation requires a mid-level sign gloss representation to work effectively. They propose an end-to-end trainable joint approach to CSLR and translation, achieved by using Connectionist Temporal Classification (CTC) to bind recognition and translation into a single unified architecture [5].

The proposed joint approach to CSLR and translation addresses the issue of obtaining explicit timing information, allowing the model to learn the alignment between the sign language video and the corresponding spoken language translation. The use of CTC loss function to bind recognition and translation into a single architecture is an innovative approach that could be useful in other sequence-to-sequence learning problems. The reported results also demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed approach in improving sign language translation performance [5].

"Sign Language Translation based on Transformers for the How2Sign Dataset" paper focuses on Sign Language Translation, which aims to generate either spoken sentences from sign videos or sign videos from written transcriptions. Previous research has shown that utilizing sign gloss representations improves the model's performance in this task. In this work, the authors replicate a state-of-the-art Transformer-based approach and evaluate it on the multimodal American Sign Language How2Sign dataset. They also provide baseline recognition and translation results, which serve as a starting point for future research in this area. Furthermore, the authors introduce a new sentence-based alignment for the How2Sign videos, as the current alignment was with speech, which allows for a more accurate approach to the Sign Language Translation task. This paper provides valuable contributions to the field of Sign Language Translation, particularly for the American Sign Language How2Sign dataset, and offers potential avenues for further research in this area [6].

SYSTEM IMPLEMENTATION

The system includes two modules one for translating text to sign language where input is text or audio and output is a video and another module for translating sign language to text where input is live video of a person talking in sign language and output would be its corresponding word.

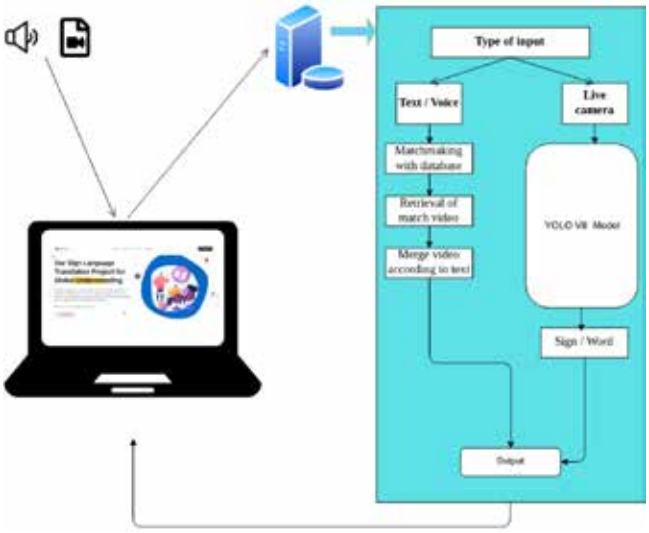

Figure 1. System Architecture Diagram

Text to Sign

In order to enable seamless communication between hearing and non-hearing individuals, our proposed system incorporates functionality to convert speech input from a normal user into text. This is achieved through the use of a JavaScript built-in speech-to-text API, which provides accurate and efficient transcription of speech in real-time.

Upon obtaining the text output from the speech input, the system undergoes a series of pre-processing steps to optimize its quality and relevance. Specifically, the text is first tokenized to segment it into individual words

or phrases, followed by the removal of stop words - commonly used words that do not contribute much to the overall meaning of the text.

To further refine the text output, the system employs advanced natural language processing techniques such as stemming and lemmatization. Stemming involves removing last few characters from a word without taking its context into consideration often leading to meaningless words, while lemmatization involves converting words into their base form by giving importance to context of words it results in less meaningless words. By applying these techniques, the system can derive a more structured and meaningful representation of the text, which is critical for subsequent translation and communication.

Following the pre-processing of the text input, the system checks if there is a sign language video available in our database for each of the words extracted from the text representation for translation. In the event that a video is not present for a particular word, the system selects an individual character sign video that corresponds to the missing word.

Once all the necessary videos are identified, they are seamlessly combined together to create a single continuous video that accurately represents the sign language translation of the original speech input and ensures that the final output video accurately conveys the intended message.

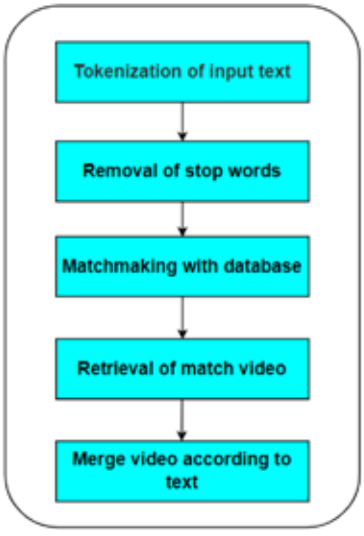

Figure 2. Text-to-Sign Architecture

Dataset

Our team has developed a comprehensive video dataset for the text-to-sign module, consisting of 352 high-quality sign language videos. These videos were created using Blender software and showcase a person demonstrating the sign for commonly used words in everyday conversations. Each video is meticulously named after the corresponding word or object it represents, enabling fast retrieval and seamless integration into our translation system.

The dataset includes videos for essential words such as “good,” “wash,” “walk,” and many more. To handle complex words without sign videos, we have also included videos for English alphabets. This extensive dataset is an invaluable resource for our text-to-sign translation module.

Figure 3. Video Dataset

Sign to Text

To facilitate seamless translation of sign language to text, we leverage the power of YOLOv8, it is an object detection and classification model built on PyTorch. With support for both CPU and GPU, YOLOv8 offers unparalleled accuracy, speed, and ease of use, making it an ideal choice for a wide range of image segmentation, object detection, and image classification tasks.

In order to train our YOLOv8 model, we compile a comprehensive dataset of sign language images annotated with their corresponding words. The annotation process is carried out using the widely popular Python library, labelImg, which enables us to accurately annotate the images with bounding boxes that delineate the signs and their respective classes. The

annotations are then stored in a separate text file with the same name as the corresponding image, containing the precise coordinates of each selected box and an index that facilitates the identification of its class.

Our YOLOv8 model is available in five distinct variations, each with a varying number of parameters to train the model. As the number of parameters increase, so does the required resources needed to effectively train the model. Therefore, we carefully evaluate our available GPU resources and select the appropriate variation of YOLOv8 accordingly.

To further optimize our computational power requirements, we implement a strategy of reducing the size and resolution of our images. We utilize the Python library Pillow, which allows us to efficiently reduce the resolution of the images, resulting in a smaller and more manageable dataset. This ultimately enhances the speed and efficiency of our system, enabling it to operate smoothly and accurately, even on devices with limited computational resources.

We train our YOLOv8 model using a comprehensive dataset of sign language images and their corresponding labels, ultimately identifying the optimal set of weights and biases that result in the highest level of accuracy and precision. Once the model is trained, it is employed to detect signs in real-time video feeds and classify them into appropriate categories based on their corresponding labels.

During the sign language translation process, we capture live video feed of sign language from the user, which is then broken down into individual frames. Our YOLOv8 model then analyses each frame, meticulously scrutinizing the contents and detecting any signs present in the frame. With its exceptional speed and accuracy, the model is capable of identifying even the most complex and subtle signs, ultimately classifying them into the correct category.

By leveraging the power of YOLOv8 and implementing it into our sign language translation system, we can provide a seamless and effortless communication experience for deaf individuals, breaking down the communication barriers that hinder their ability to participate fully in society.

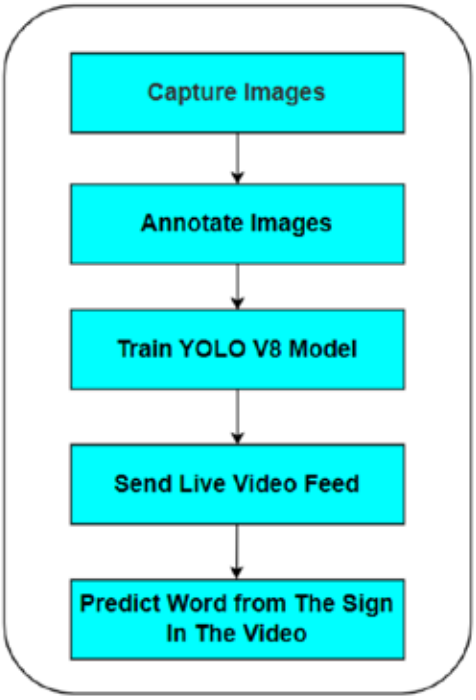

Figure 4. Sign-to-Text Architecture

Dataset

In the development of our sign-to-text module, we have meticulously integrated a range of open-source Indian sign language datasets sourced from the internet. These datasets consist of various images capturing individuals performing signs for a specific word. To augment the diversity of our dataset, we have also captured our own set of images depicting Indian sign language, incorporating various angles, lighting conditions, and image sizes. Our dataset comprises approximately 1,921 annotated images depicting a diverse range of Indian sign language gestures. Each sign is represented by at least 30 images, capturing different camera angles, lighting conditions, and picture sizes. The annotations are saved as a text file with coordinates of the sign in the image, as well as the name of the corresponding sign.

Both the images and their corresponding labels share the same file name. This large dataset is partitioned into three parts: training, validation, and testing, comprising 1,238, 341, and 342 images, respectively. This comprehensive dataset is used to train our yolov8 model, which is essential for accurate sign detection and classification.

Figure 5. Image Dataset

RESULTS

Our research demonstrates the highly accurate performance of our text-to-sign module, which generates sign language videos based on tokenized words extracted from input text. While speech-based input can also be utilized, the accuracy of the generated sign language videos may be reduced due to factors such as background noise picked up during voice transcription or hardware issues, such as microphone malfunctions leading to distorted input.

Through rigorous testing, we have observed a remarkably high accuracy rate of approximately 98% when utilizing both text and voice input. This high level of accuracy can be attributed to the incorporation of advanced Natural Language Processing algorithms within our text-to-sign module.

In the sign-to-text module, we used the YOLOv8 model for training, which was trained for 100 epochs. As the training progressed through the epochs, we observed an increase in both precision and recall values, which ultimately led to an improvement in the overall performance of the model. This trend of improvement is expected, as the model continues to learn and adjust its parameters to better fit the training data. By increasing the number of epochs, the model has more opportunities to learn from the training data, resulting in better accuracy and more reliable predictions. Overall, the increase in precision and recall values, coupled with the improvement in model performance, suggests that the model is able to effectively detect and recognize sign language gestures, and translate them into corresponding text.

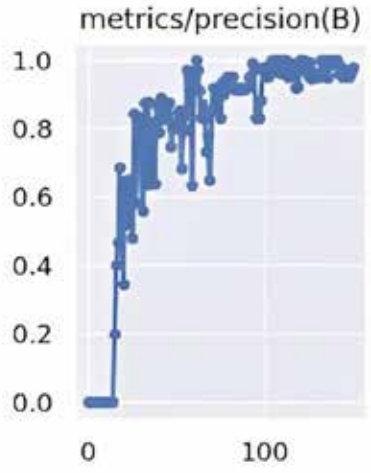

Figure 6. Precision vs Epochs

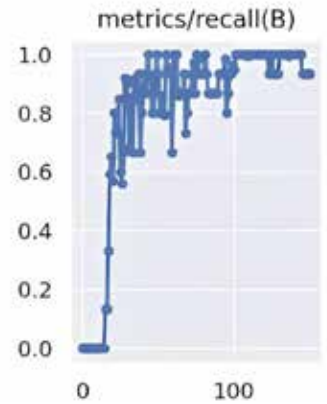

Figure 7. Recall vs Epochs

From our observation, we have noticed that as the precision value increases, the recall value decreases after a certain point. This phenomenon has been observed in our system at a precision value of approximately 0.94. For our use case, achieving a high level of precision and recall is of utmost importance, as it ensures that our module is capable of making accurate predictions.

High precision is important because it measures the ability of the model to correctly identify the true positives, i.e., the number of times the model correctly predicts a positive result out of all the predicted positives. On the other hand, high recall is important as it measures the ability of the model to detect all the true positives, i.e., the number of times the model correctly predicts a positive result out of all the actual positive results. A high precision ensures that our model is making accurate predictions, while a high recall ensures that our model is not missing any important information.

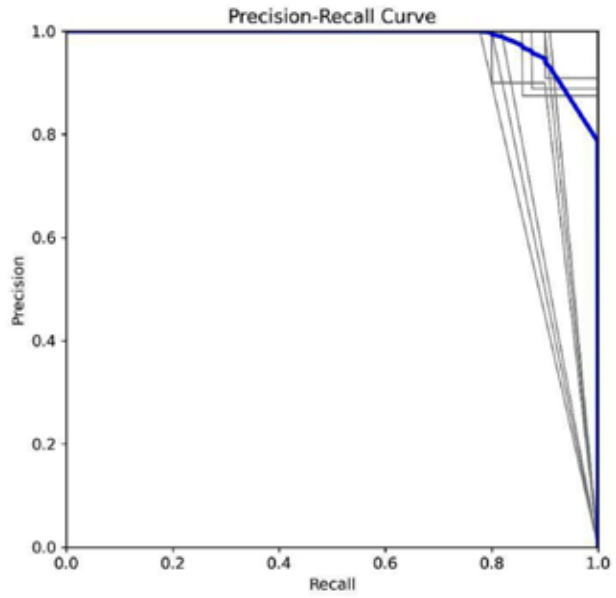

Figure 8. Precision vs Recall Curve

We have observed that as the confidence in our classification increases, the recall value decreases while the precision value increases. This trend is expected as the model becomes more confident in its predictions, resulting in fewer false positives but potentially more false negatives.

Through our experimentation, we have found that a confidence level of 0.9 yields the best results in terms of balancing precision and recall. This threshold value represents the level of confidence at which we can be reasonably sure that the predicted classification is accurate, while still maintaining a high recall rate to ensure that important information is not missed.

Finding the optimal confidence threshold is important in our use case as it helps to ensure that our sign-to-text module makes accurate and reliable predictions. Setting the threshold too low may result in too many false positives, leading to inaccurate predictions, while setting the threshold too high may result in too many false negatives, leading to important information being missed. Therefore, by carefully selecting the confidence threshold, we can strike a balance between precision and recall, and achieve optimal performance for our sign-to-text module.

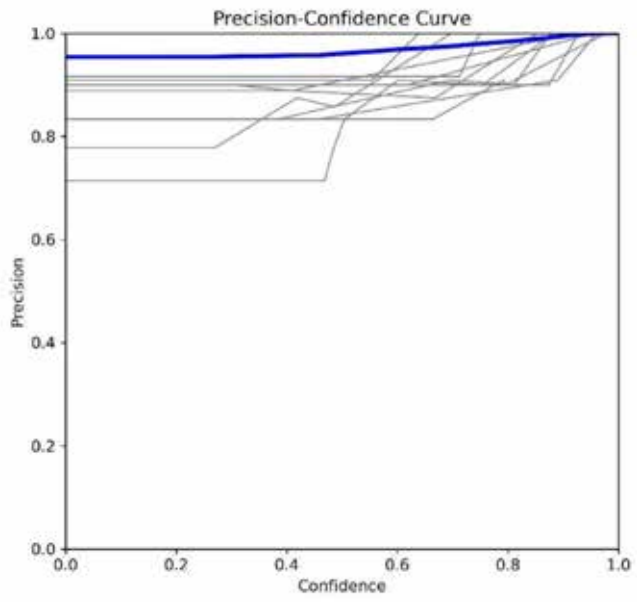

Figure 9. Precision vs Confidence Curve

We observed that as we progressed through the epochs, both the box loss and cls loss reduced. This reduction in loss indicates that the model is learning and adjusting its parameters to better fit the training data. As a result, the model's ability to make accurate predictions also improved.

The box loss measures the difference between the predicted and actual bounding box coordinates, while the cls loss measures the difference between the

predicted and actual class probabilities. By minimizing these losses, the model is able to more accurately predict the location and class of objects in the input image.

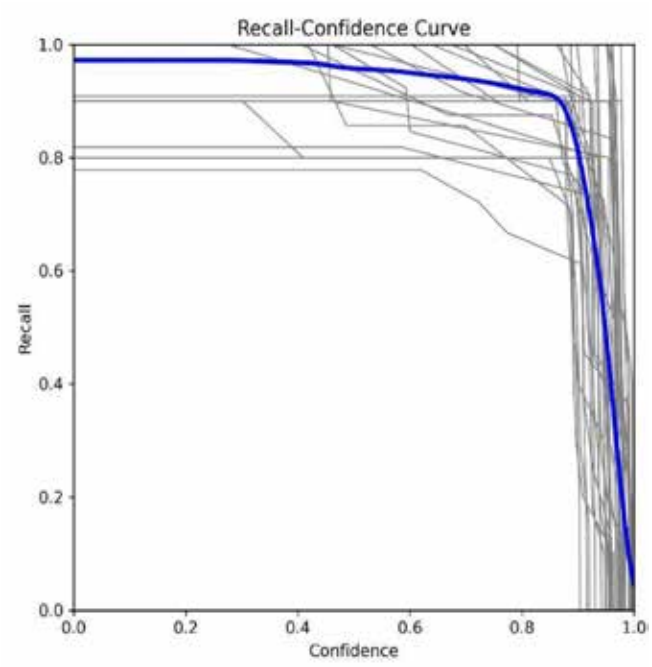

Figure 10. Recall vs Confidence Curve

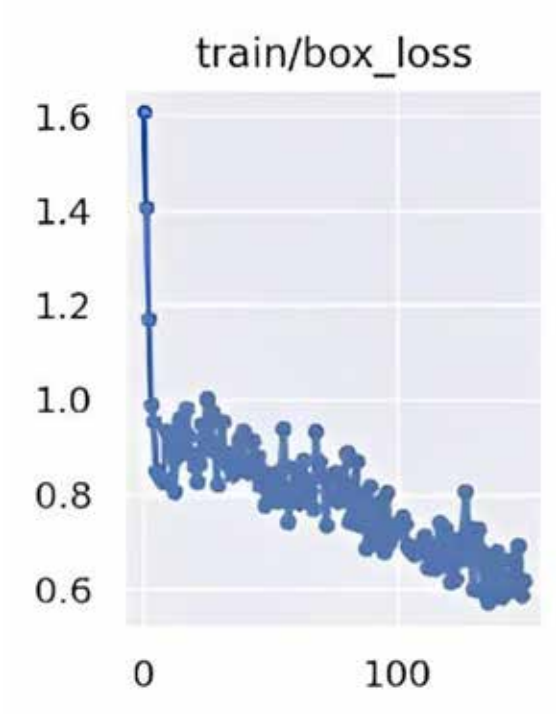

Figure 11. Box Loss vs Epochs

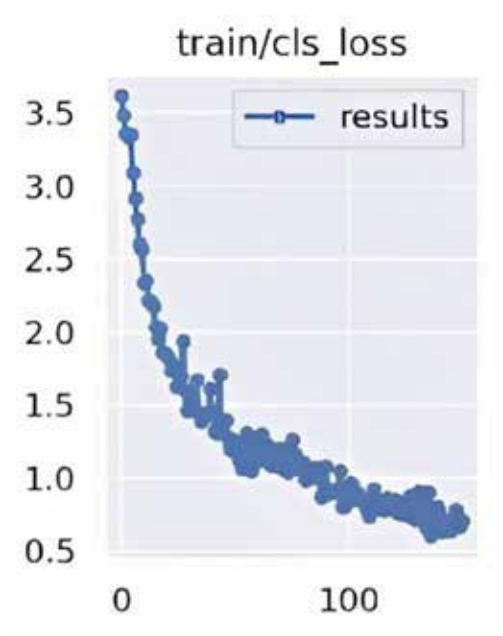

Figure 12. CLS Loss vs Epochs

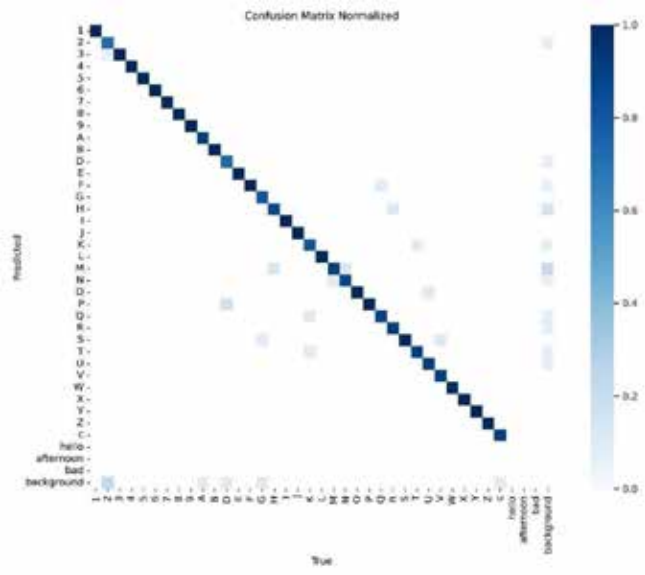

Figure 13. Normalized Confusion Matrix

FUTURE SCOPE

Looking ahead, there are several areas where we plan to expand and improve our system's capabilities. One of our primary objectives is to increase the number of words supported in our text-to-sign module. To achieve this, we plan to create additional videos that cover a broader range of vocabulary.

In addition to expanding our video library, we also plan to integrate sign language from other countries, in order to provide support for a more diverse user base. This will involve working with experts in sign language from different regions to ensure that our system accurately represents the unique characteristics of each language.

Furthermore, we plan to offer users the option to select the desired version of sign language when translating between sign language and text. This will allow users to customize the system to their specific needs and preferences.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, our proposed sign language translation system incorporates two modules: one for translating text to sign language and the other for translating sign language to text. To achieve seamless and efficient translation, we have implemented various advanced natural language processing techniques for pre-processing the text input and YOLOv8 for real-time video analysis and sign classification. By leveraging the power of YOLOv8, we were able to achieve unparalleled accuracy and speed in sign detection and classification, ultimately resulting in a highly accurate and efficient sign language translation system. In comparison to traditional CNN models, YOLOv8 offers superior accuracy, speed, and ease of use, making it an ideal choice for sign language translation systems. Overall, our research demonstrates that the implementation of YOLOv8 can significantly improve the accuracy and precision of sign language translation systems.

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India's Growing Concern for Digital Security in Contemporary Era

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ABSTRACT

In recent decades, the landscape for potential digital security threats has enhanced with the growing digitization globally. Besides, the arena of cyber security as well as digital security has assumed wider dimensions encompassing social, political and economic parameters. More importantly, it has become a national security concern as the governments, businesses and individuals are under constant attack from hacktivists, cyber criminals and other countries. Also, the risks associated with the cyber domain can threaten identity, privacy and finances while at the national level, such risks can threaten the economy as well as critical infrastructure. Assessing the growing importance of cyber security debate, the chapter gives a brief overview and background of cyber security in India. At the same time, the chapter attempts to locate the multitude of threats posed to critical infrastructures in India like defence, finance, energy and telecommunication.

KEYWORDS *: Digital Security, Nation Security, Individual, Government, Cyber threats and Critical infrastructure, India*

DIGITAL AND CYBER SECURITY IN INDIA: AN OVERVIEW

With the advent of globalization and the advancement of technology, the world has become more interconnected and the number of internet hosts and the personal computer industry has increased. Almost every sphere, be it the economy, society or government become increasingly reliant on this digital infrastructure to perform their essential functions. However, with the increasing volume and sophistication of cyber attacks, there is an increased need to protect personal information, sensitive business and to safeguard the national security. Therefore, it becomes essential for each nation's security and economic well-being to enhance cyber security, along with protecting critical information infrastructures. It is within these parameters that cyber security has become a growing concern for every nation-state.

Cyber is now considered the fifth domain of warfare and is considered an entirely distinct component of a complex conflict environment. Apart from the military dimensions, it has now entered into economic, political, criminal, security, and civilian dimensions as well. Given its ubiquity, scale, and scope, cyberspace has become a fundamental feature of the world we live in and has created a new reality for almost everyone in the developed world and increasingly for people in the developing world. At the same time, operating in this domain has posed a multitude of challenges and risks for different entities like governments, individuals, and businesses. India is no exception, with a huge populace getting increasingly acquainted with the innovations of information and technology and, more significantly with the cyber world. Looking at the statistics, India has the largest number of internet users in the region of South Asia, and the third largest number of internet users in the world after China and the US. Moreover, India is one of the leading exporters of computer products worldwide. On the other hand, with the dependence on cyberspace and the existence of widespread usage in the country, it has become one of the most targeted countries for cyber attacks in the world (Dilipraj 2015). At the same time, cyber security has proved to be a challenge in different domains like finance, energy, telecommunication,

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defense, etc are typically administered through various departments and ministries. Before dealing with its relevance and challenges, it becomes essential to examine the historical roots of cyber security in India. After India's independence in 1947, the government paid little attention to technological advancement, with no specific policies focusing on this arena. However, it was in 1955 that the computer era started in India with the installation of the first computer called HEC-2M[1] at the Indian Institute of Statistics (ISI) in Kolkata. This was followed by another initiative of fabricating and designing a computer at the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR) in Bombay in the same year (Mukherjee 1996). Despite the introduction of India's first science and technology policy in 1958, the parliament adopted the resolution on science policy on 4 March 1958 (Sharma 1976).

Realizing the importance of computers and electronics in national development, the Indian government appointed Bhabha Committee under the chairmanship of Homi Bhabha (an atomic scientist) in 1963. The committee suggested the establishment of a separate government department in order to promote the planned growth of computers and electronics. It is within this context that the Department of Electronics was established by the Government of India in 1970. In the meantime, the Dandekar Committee on automation was set up in 1969 by the Ministry of Labor, Employment and Rehabilitation to examine the impact of automation on employment. The committee reported in 1972 and imposed strict controls on the introduction of computers in ministries, industries, banks, private companies and insurance companies. In addition, the committee made it obligatory to obtain a prior agreement with the Ministry of Labour, Employment and Rehabilitation before introducing computers into organizations (Rajaraman 2015). From the 1970s onwards, the Department of Electronics laid much emphasis on self-reliant indigenous development of computers, and a company named Electronics Corporation of India Ltd. (ECIL) was financed to develop, design, and market computers using primarily components made in India. Also, the department initiated several Research and Development projects with assistance from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). However, it was in 1975 that the government of India set up the National Informatics Centre (NIC) with the purpose of assisting e-governance initiatives of the central as well as state governments. Besides, it aims to provide solutions for IT-related issues of concern to government organizations and the private sector (Seshagiri 2011). In the 1980s, the government decided to open up computer manufacturing to the private sector. In due course of time, multiple companies started making minicomputers by using imported microprocessors. At the same time, the government lifted several controls on the industry, and in 1986, software companies were allowed to import computers at reduced import duty rates in order to enable them to export software. However, the first landmark towards the computerization of India was the establishment of the "Countrywide Network for Computerised Enhanced Reservation Ticketing (CONCERT)" in 1987. Initially, the site was made available at 700 locations by using 3000 computer terminals. Through these sites, passengers were allowed to book their tickets at rail counters in real-time, as well as have visibility on ticket availability. In fact, the Indian Railways was one of the first government organizations to go in for large-scale computerization (Datta 2016). In India, internet was formally launched by the state-owned Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) on 15 August 1995 and made it available to the public. Prior to this, it was only used by research and military purposes without access to public. After the official launch of the Internet for the Indian public, there were nearly 10,000 internet users in six months (Moray 2015). In 1997, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India Act came into force. The Act provides "for the establishment of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to regulate the telecommunications services and to protect the interest of service providers and consumers of the telecom sector, to promote and ensure orderly growth of the telecom sector and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto" (TRAI 2017, para. 01). Although, the initial years of the internet in India witnessed a slow growth, but the late 1990s observed a surge in the number of cyber-cafes opening in India, besides a gradual increase in the number of internet users. It is evident from the fact that, there were more than one million internet users in India by the end of 1998 (Gnanasambandam et al. 2012). Also, the technological advancements compelled India to move

forward in this direction and it is in this context that Atal Bihari Vajpayee, the then Prime Minister declared IT as "India's Tomorrow" (Rajaraman 2012). As of December 2017, the total internet user base in India stood at 481 million and is estimated to grow to 500 million by June 2018 (Agarwal 2018). However, the issues related to identity theft, hacking and denial of service attacks came into forefront due to tremendous growth of internet users and unauthorised access of internet by some users.

To prevent the unauthorised access of internet, the government of India announced the new internet policy in 1998 with the motive to control the multiple internet providers. The policy opened up all the sections of the telecom sector for private sector participation. Besides, it accepted the need for major transformations and improvements in institutional framework of telecom services in order to separate the policy and licensing functions of the Government from that of being an operator (TRAI 2012). In 2000, the Information Technology Act (IT Act 2000) was launched by the government as an attempt to define the diverse aspects of cyber law in the country. The Act was an effort to address the misuse of e-information, along with providing securities to the e-transactions which had increased in number and volume (Udapudi and Ghosh 2012). By this Act, India became one of the first countries to formulate a law for information technology related issues. This was followed with the establishment of the National Information Board (NIB) in India in 2002. It is the apex agency in the country to address cyber related security issues with representatives from relevant agencies and departments that form part of the critical minimum information infrastructure of India. Besides, it is entrusted with the responsibility of articulating the national policy related to information security, along with coordinating on all aspects of information security governance in India (Chaturvedi et al. 2013). With rapid digitalization of functions and processes of government organizations, there exists a vital need to adopt secure cyber practices. Within such consideration, the Ministry of Communication and Information technology in 2003 set up the Indian Computer Response Team (Cert-In) to oversee the cyber security in India. Besides, it serves as an agency to respond security incidents, create global linkages in this arena and facilitate communication among experts working to solve computer emergencies. The team handled over 7000 complaints of computer crime and abuse till September 2003 (Kumar 2009). However, after the terror attacks in Mumbai, the IT Act (2000) was amended in November 2008, and the new dimensions were included within its ambit including the cyber terrorism and to a large extent the cybercrime (Nappinai 2010).

To protect the private and public infrastructure from cyber attacks in India, the Department of Electronics and Information Technology proposed a cybersecurity policy at the national level. It is within this context that that India formulated its National Cyber Security Policy in 2013. The key objective of the policy is to build a resistant and secure cyberspace for citizens, business and government. Besides, it aims to safeguard personal and financial information, banking as well as the sovereign data (Verma and Sharma 2014). In September 2013, India was recognized as an "Authorizing Nation"[1] due to the formulation of this policy, under the International Common Criteria Recognition Arrangement (CCRA)[2]. At the same time, India became the 17th nation at the global level to have the recognition of testing and certifying electronics and IT products related to cyber security (Kaul 2014).

The Indian government from time to time has made continuous efforts to push digitization in order to make government services available to all citizens electronically. One of the most successful e-governance projects in India is the Aadhaar biometric identification scheme led by the Unique Identification Authority of India. It is the world's largest national identification

[1] The status of "authorizing nation" will enable India to test IT products and electronics, along with issuing certificates, which will be acceptable globally. The recognition would also enable investment in establishing infrastructure and labs both in public as well as private sectors in India for testing electronics and IT products (DNA 2013).

[2] CCRA is the multilateral agreement that provides for mutual recognition of evaluated products by participating governments. The Products are evaluated by competent and independently licensed laboratories. Certificates for evaluated products can be issued by a number of Certificate Authorizing Schemes (CISCO 2011).

number program. This biometric tool "captures details such as demographic and other biometric data-allows for timely and efficient delivery of welfare services to Indian residents and is now utilized by over 80 percent of the population" (Hathaway et al. 2016: 03). However, the recent step towards India's digital strategy is the adoption of Digital India Programme, which aims to transform India into a "digitally empowered society and knowledge economy" (Hathaway et al. 2016).

IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION AND DIGITAL SECURITY IN INDIA

Over the last few decades, the ICT industry has evolved greatly and assumed a top priority importance at the global level. Besides, it is ubiquitous and vitally integral to almost every facet of life and modern society. However, the components and devices of ICT are generally interdependent and any disruption to one may affect others. The policymakers and experts in recent past have increasingly expressed their concerns regarding the protection of ICT systems from cyber-attacks. The act of securing or protecting ICT systems and their contents has come to be known as cyber security (Fischer 2016). Cyber security is evolving as an important domain of individual's life, and a vital part of governments, organizations, business, financial and educational institutions. At the individual level, it is essential to protect from online fraud (Goutam 2015). Similarly, the financial institutions are exposed to cyber risk due to their dependence on interconnected networks and reliance on critical infrastructures. Such risks could result in business disruptions and loss of revenue, besides being a key threat to financial stability. Over the last few years, it is being reported that financial institutions in more than 50 countries have been the victims of cyber-attacks (Bouveret 2018).

In the education sector, cyber security is vitally important due to its high reliance on the digital data particularly at the higher levels. However, these institutions are vulnerable to cyber security threats including disruption to the functioning of an institutional network, attempts to obtain valuable information from networks and their users, along with the attempts to obtain potentially sensitive information such as research, for commercial or political means (Universities UK 2013). Besides, cyber security has become a national policy priority to be approached in a holistic manner, encompassing economic, social, educational, legal, law-enforcement, technical, diplomatic, military and intelligence-related aspects (OECD 2012). Therefore, there exists a vital need for internet users and institutions to protect themselves from the vulnerabilities of cyber threats. As internet and ICT become more integrated into today's work places, organizations need to consider the misuse of technology as a real threat and plan for its eventuality. Also, the advancements in technology and its usage have connected countries, businesses as well as people and brought them closer, leading towards economic peace and progress. But on the other hand, these advancements come with huge vulnerabilities that can be exploited by hackers and criminals for economic gains. As such, it is important that economic participants like the countries, societies and businesses pay attention towards the vulnerabilities prevailing in cyberspace, and develop suitable measures to identify, detect, respond and protect from these threats (Krishnan 2017). Besides, there exists a need for concentrating on emerging policy, legal and regulatory issues vis-à-vis cyberspace and the need for all stakeholders including the judiciary and lawmakers to be more aware about the nuances of emerging cyber technologies (Tanya et al. 2018).

India, has experienced remarkable growth in the field of ICT and placed itself as popular IT destination in the world. It ranks number two in the world after China in terms of internet subscribers in 2017, having overtaken the US. The official statistics reported that there were more than 431 million subscribers in June 2017, out of which 269 million internet users are in urban India and 163 million are in rural India (Freedom House 2017). However, India ranks at 109 positions at the global level in terms of mobile internet speed, falling well behind Nepal, Srilanka and Pakistan (Bussiness Today 2017). At the same time, the younger generations in India increasingly getting acquainted with the innovations of technology and, more importantly, the cyber world. It is evident from the records that about 75 percent of country's internet users are below the age of 35 years. Besides, 86 percent of Indian web users visit social networking sites (Mishra and Monippally 2014). Although, in terms of mobile broadband penetration, India ranked 79 out of 196 countries in the world as per the reports of the Broadband Commission (Broadband Commission 2018: 82). India is having a

large IT industry and is one of the leading exporters of IT products in the world. In 2013, IT and its various subsectors in India represented eight percent of the country's overall GDP, making it the nation's fifth largest industry. Also, the IT industry in India in the year 2014-15 generated annual revenue of nearly $120 billion, a significant increase from nearly $60 billion in 2008-09 (Statista 2016). Besides, the ICT is one of the vital sectors of the country as it contributes immensely to the economy, generates enormous profits for IT-based companies, provides large scale employment and more importantly enables easy communication for the people. In addition, it has played a vital role in transforming India as a global player. Further, the government sector has facilitated increased adoption of IT enabled services and programmes like Unique Identification Development Authority of India (UIDAI) and National e-governance Programmes (NeGP). The adoption of such programmes has created large scale IT infrastructure and promoted corporate participation. However, despite the growth in IT sectors of India, there has been a tremendous need to secure computing environment as well as build adequate confidence and trust in this sector. The presence of such environment enables a need for the creation of suitable cyber security ecosystem in the country (DEITY 2012). Almost, all the financial institutions as well as Indian banking industry have incorporated IT to its full optimization. This also at the same time makes these economic and financial institutions vulnerable to cyber-attacks in their daily activities. Thus, the dependence on cyber space and existence of widespread usage in India has made the country as one of the most targeted attractions in the world for cyber-attacks. The threats to India's cyber security range from data theft to hacking, from web defacements to identity thefts, from online financial frauds to email spoofing, and from Denial of Service to the digital espionage. As in 2013, the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-IN) handled 71,780 incidents caused by various cyber threats related to the country's cyber security (Dilipraj 2015). In the past few years, cyber security in India has gained significant momentum. The Indian government from time to time has established several institutions and has come up with various policies to address the challenges of cyber threats and associated risks. However, to strengthen our cyber frontiers, efforts should be holistic and follow an inclusive approach involving the civil society, the private sector and the government.

DIGITAL SECURITY GROWING CONCERN TO INDIA'S NATIONAL SECURITY

National security is a function of a nation's internal situation and the external environment, along with their interplay with each other. The notion of national security developed after the Second World War mostly in the US. During this period, National security was viewed as the requirement to maintain the survival of the state through the use of political, military and economic power as well as the exercise of diplomacy. However, there has been a conceptual shift in the understanding and definition of the term in the era of globalization, demarcating the areas falling within the purview of Internal and National Security. Within these parameters, the concept of 'Security' enlarged its ambit to include energy, food security, environment, equality before law and good governance. Besides, the issue of national security has been inextricably linked to the economic growth and prosperity of the nation states. It is within this context that the protection of critical economic infrastructure, communications and transport, financial and energy sector assumed a significant position in national security discourse. As such, the concept of cyber security evolved at the global level and became a top priority concern in national security issues of nation-states.

In recent times, cyber security has assumed a significant importance in India's national security concerns. From India's national security point of view, there are multitude of factors related to cyber related threats which includes "use of social media by anti-national elements to foment communal tension, attacks on critical information infrastructures, economic crimes, use by terrorists as a tool, use by some countries to gain economic advantage in global trade and now also seen as an effective tool for cyber warfare programmes by state and non-state actors" (Pradhan 2016, para. 4). At the global level, India ranked third in the list of countries where the highest numbers of cyber threats were detected[3], and second in terms of targeted attacks

[3] The global threat ranking is based on eight metrics including spam, malware, network attacks, phishing, web attacks, bots, cryptominers and ransomware (Bhargava 2018).

in 2017, report by security solutions provider Symantec (ET Telecom 2018). In 2017, 5.09 percent of global threats detected were in India, with the US at the top with 26.61 percent, followed by China with 10.95 percent (Bhargava 2018, para. 02). Besides, India ranked fourth globally with eight per cent of global detections of ransomware (a malicious software which locks computer and demands money to unlock it) (ET Telecom 2018). Figure 1 shows the top ten countries globally, which are the cyber victims from 2015-2017:

Cyber attacks have the potential to affect all segments of society, be it the individuals, businesses, governments or other entities. Cyber based attacks can result in loss of sensitive information and damage to national and economic security, the loss of privacy, identity theft or compromise of intellectual property or proprietary information (Clark and Hakim 2016). Thus, any cyber attack either targeted at individuals or business corporations or even government establishments can have serious implications. For instance, attacks on government machinery carry the increased threat of theft of military secrets and state secrets (Aiyengar 2010). Critical sectors like defence, space, finance, energy, telecommunication, land records, transport, public essential services, law enforcement and security, all heavily depend on the network to relay data for commercial transactions as well as for communication purpose. These sectors are significantly vital in the national security domain and they are highly dependent on the use of internet for information and communication purposes (The Economic Times 2014).

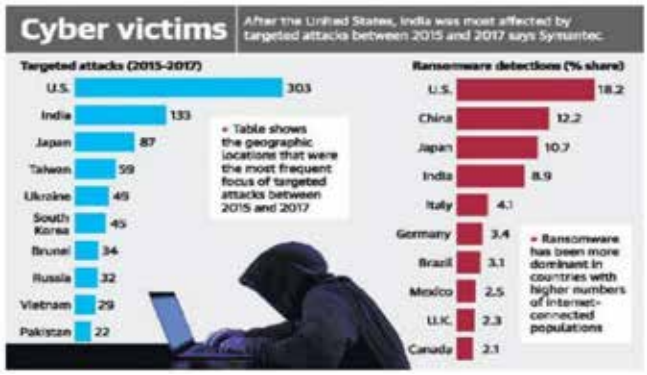

Figure 1 Source: Bhargava 2018

Besides, there has been an increasing thrust on e-governance in India, which is seen as a cost effective way of taking public services to the masses. But at the same time, there has been an increase in the number of cyber attacks in India from last few years. As Hansraj Gangaram Ahir, the then Union Minister of State for Home informed the Rajya Sabha that the country registered 33,531 cases of cyber attacks from 2014-2016. Also, according to the data maintained by the National Crime Records Bureau that a total of 9,622, 11,592 and 12,317 cyber-crime cases were registered in 2014, 2015 and 2016 respectively. Besides, more than 22,000 Indian websites including 114 government portals were hacked between April 2017 and January 2018 (The Tribune 2018). Thus, there exists a vital need that the government should adopt strong policies and establish institutions to combat cyber attacks, along with provide security to the critical sectors.

DEFENCE SECTOR AND CYBER SECURITY IN INDIA

India maintains the third largest armed forces in the world and has an extensive defence industrial base. Besides, India has remained the largest importer of major weapons at the global level from 2011 to 2016, with 14 percent share in the world import of arms (SIPRI 2016). In 2017, India was recognized as the fifth largest military spending nations after the US, Russia, China and Saudi Arabia, with the total global military expenditure of $1,739 billion in 2017 (Singh and Laskar 2018). On the other hand, the military operations in India are based upon seven parameters, which includes control, command, communications, computers, surveillance, Intelligence and reconnaissance. Each of these parameters are dependent upon information technology and computers, and any cyber attack on military systems can neutralize one or more components of these parameters, which has adverse effects on the defence sector (Vombatkere 2017).

It is in this context that the Secretary (Defence Production), Ajay Kumar said that "all Defence Sector Undertakings and ordinance factories are increasingly relying on information technology, and any compromise in information and cyber security in defence production can have far-reaching consequences on the effectiveness of the defence forces and National security" (Financial Express 2018, para. 02). To add more complexity, India's Defence Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman said that the defence sector is more prone to cyber threats and there exists a vital need to safeguard the country's

cyberspace from possible attacks (Business Standard 2018). For instance, in 2012, a cyber attack was launched by hackers against Indian Navy's eastern command computer systems which oversee the testing of India's ballistic missile submarines and maritime activities in the South China Sea. The Indian naval officials confirmed that computers were infected by a virus which secretly transmitted and collected confidential documents and files to Chinese IP addresses. This virus allegedly entered the Navy's network via infected USB drives, which were used to transfer data from computers holding sensitive files to network systems. Although, there exists no clear figure of the information lost in this attack (Shackelford 2014). Not only the Indian Navy but also the top defence institutions like National Security Agency (NSA) and computers of Air Force have faced such attacks. In 2010, the hackers targeted the NSA's office as well as several computers of Indian Air Force and opened up numerous small windows through which classified files and documents were stolen (Unnithan 2012). In the same year, the country witnessed the biggest cyber attack in which more than 10,000 email addresses of the top government officials were hacked particularly military officials, Prime Minister's Office (PMO), defence, home ministries, external affairs as well as intelligence agencies (Singh 2012). In April 2015, the website of the office of Principal Controller of Defence Accounts (PCDA) situated in Pune was hacked. The website contains information about the allowances and salaries of all serving officers of the Indian Army, across ranks. Although, no data was lost during this breach as claimed by the officials. However, in 2016, the same office warned "Army officers against clicking on links sent to them via fake messages, saying PCDA had developed a phone-based app and was seeking the officers' personal information" (Kulkarni 2016, para. 02). The messages were considered as an attempt to initiate a cyber attack (Kulkarni 2016). In May 2017, the former Director General of the Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-In)- Gulshan Rai said that "We held an assessment meeting today and have found that 102 systems of Andhra Police have been infected with ransomware, particularly those using the Windows operating system" (Basu 2017, para. 02). In the same year, the group called "Pakistan Haxor Crew" hacked ten Indian websites related to defence sector which includes Army Institute of Management and Technology, National Aeronautics, Defence Institute of Advanced Technology, Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences and the Army Institute of Management (The Economic Times 2018). Thus, India in recent years has faced several cyber threats in its defence sector. As pointed out by a senior Army official that "The threat to our cyber security is not just from countries like China and Pakistan, but also from non-state actors like terror groups. And these attacks can come in any form, such as hacking of websites, computer viruses and Trojan attack. It can also be a more specialised form of attack, like denial of service, a cyber-attack when even authorised persons lose access to their systems, or a cryptological attack, when the attacker encrypts all the data and it takes time and effort to decrypt it. In this non-contact type of warfare, the adversaries will try to cripple each other"s systems, rather than actually carry out an attack on the ground" (Kulkarni 2016, para. 4). Realising the importance of cyber security in contemporary times, India"s Army chief Bipin Rawat said that the terrorists across the border are very much technology oriented and there exists a vital need to stay ahead of them to keep the edge. Besides, he urged that the armed forces of India must learn to "exploit cyberspace to our advantage and enjoy the benefits of it" if the terrorism has to be ended (Kumar 2018, para. 04). Also, he made it clear that the domain of cyber is not just important for conventional warfare but also in sub-conventional or proxy warfare (Kumar 2018). Thus, there exists a need to develop cyber defence environment in order to protect the technologies and capabilities of the defence sector in real time, along with providing protection and incident response (DEITY 2011). Although, the Indian government has come up with a plan to create a new tri-service agency for cyber warfare namely the Defence Cyber Agency, Defence Space Agency and a Special Operations Division. The Defence Cyber Agency will comprise of 1,000 experts from all wings of military i.e. the army, Navy and the Air Force. Besides, the agency will fight against proxy or non-conventional warfare as well as will defend the military assets (Singh 2017).

ENERGY SECTOR AND CYBER SECURITY IN INDIA

The energy sector is a part of the critical infrastructure of any state and is perhaps one the most significant one, as many other sectors depend on it for the delivery of

essential services. It serves as the backbone for economic activities and ensures the smooth functioning of modern society. However, with its increasing interconnection and digitalization, the energy sector becomes a prime target for cyber attacks aimed at disrupting operations. From July 2012 to 2013, the global data on the cyber security attacks indicate that with an average 74 targeted attacks on infrastructure were witnessed per day globally, out of which 8-9 attacks were carried on the energy sector alone, accounting for 16.3 percent (Venkatachary, Prasad and Samikannu 2017: 252). For instance, on 23 December 2015, the cyber attack took place at the Ukraine power grid in which the hackers successfully compromised the information systems of three energy distribution, along with temporarily disrupted the electric supply to the end consumers (E-ISAC 2016). Also, from January 1993 to December 2013, there were a total of 2,477 incidents of theft and other unauthorised activities involving nuclear and radioactive material as stated by the International Atomic Energy Agency's Incident and Trafficking Database. In 2013 alone, there were 146 incidents confirmed in the IAEA database (Rajagopalan 2015). The energy sector plays a vital role in the national interest and securing this sector has emerged as one of the critical non-traditional security issues for the country. India, Asia's second biggest energy consumer since 2008, had overtaken Japan in 2015 as the world's third largest oil consuming country behind the United States and China. Besides, India's energy consumption (as shown in Figure 2) growth would be highest among major economies according to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (The Economic Times 2017). On the other hand, the average level of energy consumption is comparatively very low in India as compared to per capita energy consumption (TERI 2013). To cope up with such difficulties, India has linked its energy sector with modern technology to operate energy infrastructure and services. In this context, it is vital to consider ICT threats to be the dominant concern regarding energy sector security. For instance, in June 1998, the most sensitive nuclear weapons research facility of India-Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) was hacked by six hackers from the UK, the US, New Zealand and Netherlands (identified themselves as Millwork) and left a message, "if a nuclear war does start, you will be the first to scream" (Holden et al. 2015: 290). Also, senior US and Indian officials said that the computer hackers tapped into servers of BARC to steal and erase atomic data (Wired News 1998). However, one of the worst instances of hacking was the breaching of the Electronics Corporation of India Ltd (ECIL) website by 'PhrozenMyst', who allegedly stole sensitive data pertaining to the BARC and the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) in August 2013. Besides, the communication and information technology ministry of India figured out that between January 2010 and December 2015, almost 1,490 government websites mostly related to energy sector have been hacked (Kumar 2016, para. 03). Figure 2 shows the India's energy consumption growth to be highest among major economies.

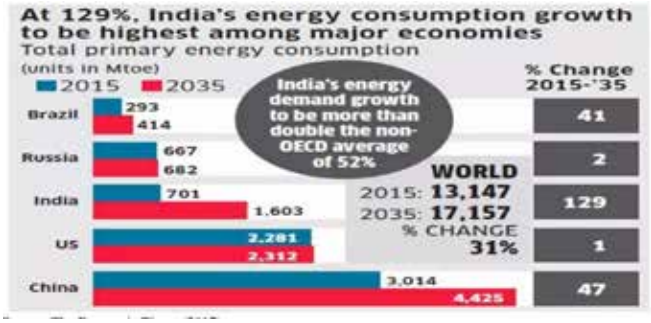

Figure 2 Source: The Economic Times (2017)

On the other hand, the critical infrastructure supporting almost every single economic activity in India is fully dependent on the power sector. At the same time, this sector is substantially dependent on the ICT networks, which increases the risk of potential vulnerabilities. As per the report of Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), the upcoming challenges that the existing smart grid will face is the "increasing possibility of cyber-attacks and incidents as increasing number of devices are getting interconnected" (Pandey and Misra 2016: 01). With increased technology usage, the national electricity grid is more vulnerable to cyber threats (Singh 2016). Besides, the cyber security gets even more challenging when the complexity and scale of the smart grid increases (Pandey and Misra 2016). It is estimated that India witnessed nearly 60 percent of the cyber attacks on the automatic power grids from 1994-

2004 (Kumar et al. 2013). Besides, on 30th and 31st July 2012 northern regions in India witnessed severe blackout that affected nearly 670 million people's normal life and work (Shuran et al. 2013). This affected all services in the region including road traffic and railways. There was chaos on the roads as traffic lights and systems that supported them were not working and the police was not able to cope up the situation. Also, there are messages of devastating fires and explosions in major refineries with extensive damage and loss of life. In addition, the pipelines were ruptured and oil flow was disrupted (IDSA 2012). More recently in May 2017, one of the biggest cyber attacks in history took place when "WannaCry ransomware" attack has hit about 150 countries globally, including the US, Russia and India as well. The effects of this cyber attack were clearly visible in several states of India as in Gujarat, over 120-odd computers connected with Gujarat State Wide Area Network (GSWAN) were affected by this ransomware attack. Similarly, a government-run hospital in Odisha was infected by the virus which in turn affected its e-medicine and data services. In west Bengal, 10 computers at customer care centres of State Electricity Distribution Company Limited got infected. Moreover, 18 computers of the Police Department in Andhra Pradesh were disabled due to the attack. The Maharashtra Police department was also partially hit by the WannaCry ransomware. Other isolated incidents were reported in Mumbai and Pune as well. Besides, 23 computers of the Southern Railway's Palakkad division were targeted, but luckily were limited to those in the personnel department that deals with staff matters such as appointments, transfers and promotions etc (The Indian Express 2017). In the wake of this ransomware attack, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) of India had warned of threats to smart grid systems in the country, along with urged to constitute a cyber-security framework in order to address security needs in the country's power sector. It is in this context that the Ministry of Power had tasked the CEA with constituting "a committee to discuss various issues like cyber security issues in the power sector" (Patel 2018, para. 07). The CEA submitted its report on 19th July 2017, titled 'Cyber Security in Power System'. The report stated that "though India in past few years has developed technical standards for evaluating cyber security/cyber-attacks, there is a perceived lack of security built into the smart grid systems. Further, the mechanism for information sharing on cyber security incidents need to be developed. Given the vulnerabilities in the operations of the power system devices, including present practices followed, developing a multiple-threat intrusion detection system is the need of the hour" (Patel 2018, para. 07).

TELECOMMUNICATION SECTOR AND CYBER SECURITY IN INDIA

The telecommunication sector is a vital critical infrastructure of any nation that keeps the world connected. It provides the necessary backbone of information exchanges like video, data, voice and internet connectivity, along with store and communicate vast amount of sensitive data. This sector has become vitally significant to business and social interaction. The inexpensive and instantaneous global scale communication has not only improved the ability of individuals to interact with each other, but also has served as a catalyst for new industry, discovery and research (Traynor et al. 2008). At the same time, the exponential rise in global information flows has created new risks for security and data privacy. Besides, the interconnected nature of these networks and the reliance upon international standards in their operations allow new types of cyber security risks to applications, data and networks. The vulnerabilities in this sector have been exploited in 2017 Germany by hackers to drain bank accounts by intercepting two factor-authentication SMS messages (Whlttaker 2017). In November 2016, the Mirai worm affected one lakh UK Post Office broadband customers and ninety thousand customers of Germany's Deutsche Telekom. The same malware was also involved in an attack that caused several of the world's leading websites to become inaccessible, including Twitter, Spotify and Reddit (BBC 2016). However, the worst cyber security incident in the telecom sector took place in October 2015, when nearly 157,000 customers of TalkTalk lost their personal details. The company revealed that the total number of customers affected by the attack was 156,959 including 15,656 whose bank account numbers along with sort codes were hacked. Besides, the company said that 28,000 debit and credit card numbers, with some digits

obscured, stolen by the hackers cannot be used for payment and customers cannot be identified from the data (Farrell 2015).

In India, the telecom industry has evolved significantly over the past one decade and has been one of the key growth sectors of the country. Besides, India is currently the world's second-largest telecommunications market with a subscriber base of 1.17 billion. As of March 2018, India stands second in terms of total internet users with 493.96 million internet subscribers and with an overall tele-density stood at 89.72 per cent. Also, there have been a lot of developments and investments in the sector due to which this industry has attracted FDI worth US$ 31.75 billion during the period April 2000 to June 2018. Moreover, India became the world's fastest-growing market for mobile applications during the first quarter of 2018 and the revenue generated from the telecom equipment sector are expected to grow to US$ 26.38 billion by 2020 (IBEF 2018). Realistically, the telecommunication sector has revolutionized the way of communication in India but at the same time has been confronted with a variety of cyber threats and attacks due to its substantial growth. In 2010, a comprehensive joint report by the Shadow Server Foundation and the Information Warfare Monitor found that Chinese cyber espionage activities have been systemically involved in compromising critical networks in India (SidharthDeb 2018). For instance, India's former minister for communications and information technology, Killi Kruparani in a written reply to a question from a member of parliament said that Chinese telecom equipment maker Huawei has been allegedly involved for compromising BSNL's network (Rao 2014). Prior to this, there have been other instances of cyber security issues in India's telecom sector as on 7 August 2013, some hackers penetrated in the database of India's Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) and installed spyware in the systems. In the same year, the BSNL's Office Domain was again hacked on 12 October and some important information was stolen (Dilipraj 2015). In addition, on 9 June 2013, some anonymous hackers hacked the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) website by using the technique of DDoS. The intention behind the attack was to oppose the internet censorship as claimed by the MTNL (Reddy 2012).

More recently, in the wake of findings prepared by security solutions firm F-Secure, the Indian Air Force personnel were advised not to use the Xiaomi phones as the company's products relay sensitive user information to servers in China. Also, it has also emerged that both Xiaomi and major smartphone brand One Plus[4] devices have been found to contain pre-installed backdoors which make their devices vulnerable to hacking. It is within this context that the CERT-In directed twenty-one smartphone manufacturers particularly Chinese to furnish details with respect to security practices, standards, processes as well as frameworks, followed by the concerned enterprises. Besides, the Indian Ministry of Defence during the border standoff at Doklam advised military personnel to remove and uninstall around 42 mobile applications (mostly Chinese) by classifying them as spyware (SidharthDeb 2018). While considering the strategic and sensitive nature of communication networks, the Indian government is working to create a computer emergency response team (CERT) for the telecom sector (Kala 2018). Also, the reports suggest that the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs is developing a Cyber-Forensics Lab to help secure digital ecosystems. However, India must follow a strategic and inclusive approach to protect its telecom ecosystem, without compromising on the growth of markets.

FINANCE SECTOR AND CYBER SECURITY IN INDIA

The development of any nation depends upon the economic growth, which in turn is dependent upon the financial sector. The economists and policymakers largely agree that financial development contributes towards financial institutions and markets, like investment and commercial banks, stock and bond exchanges which in turn lead to economic growth. Besides, the financial sector plays a crucial role for society at large, serving businesses, governments, families, individuals and civic institutions. The sector performs indispensable functions such as enabling investment and saving, providing protection from risks as well as supporting the creation of new enterprises and jobs. In order to provide these functions, it becomes essential that the sector operates

[4] One Plus has also been found to collect sensitive user information, including IMEI numbers, phone numbers and names of mobile network operators, without prior informed consent- contravening accepted data collection and processing norms.

in the society in a stable and sustainable way (Khan et al. 2015). However, the experiences of recent decades have revealed a range of vulnerabilities in the financial sector. Cyber threats faced by the financial sector are similar to those faced by other critical infrastructure sectors i.e, attacks from groups or individuals with malicious intent, like the terror outfits, crime networks and foreign intelligence agencies. But the potential for monetary gains along with the economic disruptions increases its attractiveness as a target (Jan 2003). Also, the sector has been a primary target of cyber attacks globally mainly due to the tremendous value of the information available. Although, the damage caused by cyber attack in this sector could range from financial loss, business interruption, loss of reputation and even destruction of physical infrastructure through hacking of smart machines (Taplin 2016). More specifically, the incidents related to cyber security can threaten financial stability through three channels i.e, disrupting the operations of a financial firm that provides critical services, damaging the integrity of key data and reducing confidence in firms and markets (OFR 2017). Besides, the cyber attacks have far-reaching economic consequences beyond the financial, legal and reputational ramifications for an individual firm. For instance, a security breach at a few financial institutions can pose a substantial danger to market confidence and the nation's financial stability (Lockheed Martin 2015). With an average, it is estimated that the cost of cyber crime for financial services companies has increased by more than 40 percent over the past three years at the global level, from US$12.97 million per firm in 2014 to US$18.28 million in 2017. It is to be pointed out here that the highest impact of cyber breaches on financial services firms are information loss and business disruption, which together constitute for 87 percent of the cost to respond to cyber crime incidents, comprising the revenue loss of nearly 13 percent (Ismail 2018). In the past one decade, there are several instances of cyber attacks on the financial institutions as for example, in 2010, the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland witnessed a data breach theft of 122,000 credit cards (Bouveret 2018). Similarly, hackers broke into Bangladesh Bank in February 2016 and hacked its credentials to send payment messages over the SWIFT network, along with stole $81 million. In the same year in December, Russia's central bank reported that hackers stole about $31 million during the year from its correspondent banks (OFR 2017). In addition, the customers of Tesco Bank in the UK in November 2016 experienced fraud on their accounts, along with blocked payment accounts and cards. Nearly 9,000 customers had money stolen from their online banking accounts, costing total losses of more than £2.5 million. Besides, the large number of customers witnessed a temporary suspension of Tesco's web banking system's operations. Moreover, the cards could temporarily not be used for payments and transactions at ATMs and POS terminals. Although, it is to be pointed out that among the financial institutions, the banks account 91 percent of the attacks, followed by attacks on insurance companies (7 percent) (ECRI 2018). Figure 3 shows the country wise cyber-attacks on the financial institutions at the global level.

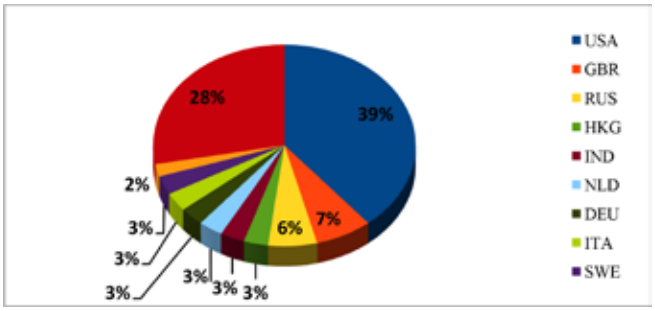

Figure 3. Cyber-attacks on the Financial Institutions

Source: Bouveret (2018)

In India, the financial sector is one of the most important functional and institutional vehicle for economic transformation as well as plays a vital role in the socio-economic progress of the country. In recent times, the sector has become increasingly dependent on the ICT, offering innovative and new delivery channels for customers. This sector had also played a vital role in transforming India's image to a global player in providing business services as well as world-class technology solutions (DEITY 2011). At the same time, this sector has adopted new trends to be dependent on computer networks, electronic data and digital money, where all of the personal and financial information is stored (Tariq 2018). However, with the swift expansion of computer networks and internet technologies, new forms of cyber related issues began to appear in the scene. As per the critical information infrastructure rules

framed in 2013 under the IT Act (2000), the financial services, banking and insurance sector is one of the most critical domains that are prone to cyber-attacks. In India, the financial and banking services sector faces almost three times more cyber-attacks than any other industry (Ray 2018).

In the last decade, the Indian financial services sector witnessed an exponential growth. However, such a flourished growth has not been without pitfalls as the incidents related to fraud have also enhanced. It is estimated that the financial fraud contributes more than $20 billion in direct losses annually. Although, the experts suspect that the factual figure is much higher as firms cannot accurately measure as well as identify losses due to fraud. Besides, the majority of banks in India offer both mobile and online banking services, and most of the transactions are conducted via credit and debit cards, along with electronic channels such as ATMs. The dependence on online networks has made the financial institutions in India increasingly vulnerable to sophisticated cyber-attacks. According to India's Minister of Communications and IT, cyber fraud cases worth INR 497 crore since 2011, as reported by the CBI and RBI. Also, frauds worth INR 11,022 crore in public sector banks were witnessed in India between April-December 2014, besides, 2,100 cases of fraud were reported to the RBI (ASSOCHAM 2015). Moreover, the data revealed by RBI shows that 13,083 cases in 2014-15 and 11,997 cases in 2015-16 related to ATM/debit/credit cards as well as net banking frauds were reported by the banks (Simran et al. 2018). According to report of a CEPS-ECRI Task Force (2018), the major banks of India in the month of October 2016 witnessed "a cyber attack from China resulting in a data breach of 3.2 million debit cards issued by these major banks. Among these cards, 2.6 million were either Master Card or Visa. This breach was carried out by a malware introduced in systems of Hitachi Payment Services, and thereby enabling the fraudsters to steal information" (Parlour et al. 2018: 08). As a result, the Union Bank of India losses $171 in July 2016 (Bouveret 2018). Also, just before demonetization in India, more than 32 lakh debit cards belonging to various Indian banks were compromised resulting in the loss of 1.3 crore, with one report indicating malware infected ATM of Yes Bank (Katoch 2018).

Thus, a paradigm shift has recently been observed in attacks exploiting the motives, behaviour, source and vectors. This reveals that the conventional defence methods employed in the financial sector including the banks is not adequate, resulting in serious financial losses. Therefore, there exists a need to realize the inherent need for the financial sector banks to strengthen their posture related to cyber security in the wake of increasingly sophisticated quantum and nature of attacks. Conceptualizing the digital security in the modern era involves understanding the evolving threat landscape, implementing a multi-layered defense approach, protecting sensitive data, promoting user awareness, adapting to emerging technologies, fostering collaboration, and complying with regulatory requirements. It is an ongoing process that requires continuous monitoring, adaptation, and improvement to stay ahead of the evolving digital threats. To sum up, the critical infrastructures in India since 1990s like nuclear facilities, power grids, defence networks, financial institutions and governmental informatics have been integrated with computer and online networks. This has simplified the task of managing important activities expeditiously and remotely. However, this increasing computerization and digitalisation has also made them vulnerable to malicious acts. Therefore, it becomes essential for India to adopt policies and formulate institutions in order to protect the critical infrastructures from the dangers of cyber attacks.

Music Genre Classification using AI on Audio Sources

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ABSTRACT

Music brings out a person's distinctive individuality through the use of a variety of sound elements, such as melody and harmony. The increasing access to music and its application in all fields, including a very important Music Therapy, necessitates the use of technologies like Artificial Intelligence to enhance the experience related to music. The prediction of musical genres has been a topic of interest and has been the subject of considerable debate in a variety of research articles. However, the accuracy of such forecasts has a lot of room for improvement, particularly when it comes to the adoption of methods that require a low computational power. The methods that are most well-known for the purpose of genre classification tend to overfit the data that is provided, which results in a low training error but a large testing error. This, and other open issues, is true across the many methods that have been published and recommended for predicting musical genres. As a result, the objective of this research work is to devise a method that not only makes reliable forecasts but also reduces the amount of computing effort required, in order to make the method more efficient. The paper researches the various algorithms available for the same and tests their accuracy against a sample dataset and proposes an ensemble-based classifier as a persuasive solution. The experimental results and performance comparison of the proposed ensemble classifier with standard techniques demonstrate its efficacy.

KEYWORDS *: Artificial Intelligence, Music Genre Classification, Music Information Retrieval*

INTRODUCTION

When composing a piece of music, a person's distinctive individuality can be communicated through the use of a variety of sound elements, such as melody and harmony (other forms of art includes writing, painting, cinema, etc.). Music enthusiasts now have access to a sizable amount of online music data, including music sound signals, lyrics, biographies, and discographies, as a result of the Internet's rapid expansion and technological advancements. Music lovers in less developed nations stand to benefit tremendously from this development. In the twenty-first century, the promotion of musicians takes place on a variety of websites. In addition, discussions pertaining to them can be discovered on a variety of message boards and newsgroups located on the internet. This begs the question of whether or not the experiences of music consumers may be improved by the use of computer programs that allow them access to a great number of music data available on the internet. [1]

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In addition, people may benefit from music on a psychological level, as well as on an emotional level, physical, spiritual, cognitive, and social level. The clinical application of music for the purpose of achieving individualized goals, such as lowering stress, improving mood, and encouraging self-expression, is what is known as music therapy. It is a treatment for a wide array of mental problems that is gaining more and more popularity. The medical community recognizes it as a reliable and effective treatment that is supported by evidence. Participating in music therapy could involve activities such as listening to music, singing, playing instruments, or writing music.[2] Participation in this event does not require any prior musical experience or talent. This highlights the significance of music not just as a vernacular way of expression but also as a treatment for mental diseases. It also highlights the significance of effective categorization and management of music that is available around the world.

The study of music can be divided into a vast range of sub-genres, and each sub-genre has its own distinctive

atmosphere. Some of the most well-known musical genres include country music, blues music, classical music, rock music, pop music, and hip-hop music. In the most recent few decades, there has been a considerable increase in both the circulation of music albums and the utilization of a number of other platforms that are dedicated to the listening and distribution of music. Due to the

fact that they were required to do so, the administrators of these websites were compelled to organize and categorize the music that they hosted on their websites. Classifying each song into the appropriate genre has become an impossible process due to the large number of songs that are generated each day as well as the extensive variety of musical styles that are available. It is physically difficult to identify music genres by hand, which is especially true for huge platforms that have more than 10 million songs available for listening. The necessity of the creation of automatic classification models is a direct consequence of this fact [3].

Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning have found applications in a variety of fields of endeavour as a direct result of the expansion and development of the information technology industry. One of these applications that has grown in popularity over the past several years is one that plays music. Approaches that are intelligent and innovative that are based on AI are altering the music business. Composers will find that using these technologies makes it simpler and easier for them to create high-quality music. The burgeoning field of artificial intelligence and music is being put to use in the production and management of sounds for a variety of different mediums. Voice recognition algorithms could be used to help discover genre-specific qualities that are likely to differ depending on the type of music being listened to. The method of machine learning makes it possible to design a classifier, which is useful for determining the musical tastes of listeners and delivering additional song suggestions.[4] This can be accomplished through the process of providing more song recommendations. The purpose of this study is to overcome the limitations imposed by other classification methods by developing an effective algorithm for the automatic categorization of songs and pieces of music into the appropriate genres.

Contribution of this Work

The application area of the work is improvement in the music genre classification sector. The work researches and proposes a system, which facilitates the genre of music through numeric data to be predicted with high accuracy and requires lower competency than existing systems:

1. The research provides an efficient system to identify and further classify the genre of music by application of data analytics on numeric music attribute dataset.

2. The proposed solution aims to enrich the music experience by providing a system that can club songs with similar genres together and refine the recommendation according to different tastes with a comparatively low computational model.

The work is organized as follows: Section 2 provides background information by providing a brief review of previous literature and summarizing existing work on the topic. Section 3 describes the proposed approach for using music genre classification and details of its implementation. Section 4 contains experimental findings demonstrating the performance of the suggested approach. Section 5 summarizes the work and suggests the next research areas.

RELATED WORK

The related literature and review of the same can broadly be divided into two parts. Section 2.1 discusses the existing applications and methods used for music genre classification and their respective fallacies. Section 2.2 further discusses the several algorithms which have been tested for the proposed system and the advantages of the same.

Application Based Literature Review

Music genre classification is a topic that has been researched extensively since it would be preferred to have an AI model that classifies music for you as compared to classifying manually. The most helpful way to characterize music would be based on four different categories of information due to the fact that the primary purposes of music are social and psychological in nature. Genre, mood, style, and similarity are some of these types of information. An in-depth assessment of the difficulty of categorising various musical styles

was done by researchers in [5]. They found that similar musical works are more often ones that fall under the same genre, have the same style, and carry the same emotional labels. In 2021, an approach called CALM, which stands for Codified Audio Language Modeling, was shown to be an effective tool for the production of music by researchers in [6]. They proved in this study that CALM is also beneficial as a pre-training approach for discriminative MIR (Music Information Retrieval) tasks. CALM stands for computer-aided learning and matching.

Moving to the preprocessing step, in the instance of a database that contains thousands of music samples, researchers in [7] conducted research to determine whether or not splitting music tracks during the preprocessing step makes it possible for effective automated musical genre categorization. The results of a number of in-depth trials indicate that the strategy that was developed for classifying different types of music showed promise. Researchers in [8] conducted an exhaustive investigation of the most recent developments in machine learning as they pertain to the challenge of music annotation. In conclusion, they have also included a music genre categorization experiment that uses Audioset to evaluate many different machine learning models. The researchers utilised a variety of machine learning models for categorization, including CNN RNN, Ensemble, and their derivatives, and they all produced fascinating findings.

Researchers in [9] conducted a comparison study on a number of different artificial intelligence algorithms, in which data was first processed without the use of any filtering methods, and then again with the application of filtering techniques. The ANN, MLP, SVM, Decision Tree, and Logistic Regression models are the ones that were created. The accuracy achieved by multilayer perceptrons increased by the biggest amount, 28.2%, while the accuracy achieved by artificial neural networks was the highest, 82.2%. A method for categorising musical genres using acoustic characteristics extracted from signals that correspond to various musical instrument sources is described in the work of Lampropoulos and others. The research [10] study presents a novel approach to audio signal processing that makes use of the convolutive sparse coding method on a number of different sections of the audio signal. The evaluation revealed a significant increase in both the classification accuracy and the speed of the method's execution in comparison to other approaches.

Researchers in [11] presented a revolutionary method for classifying musical genres by utilising high-level melodic components that are directly obtained from the audio stream of polyphonic music. This method is based on high-level melodic features. The qualities of pitch, duration, and vibrato, in addition to the typology of contour, were used to suggest a set of melodic elements. A collection of 500 snippets was analyzed, and it achieved a categorization accuracy of more than 90%. With the advancements in neural networks such as CNN, RNN, and deep learning, the researchers implemented these advanced algorithms as well in hope of better results. A system that employs K-Nearest Neighbor (K-NN) and Support Vector Machine (SVM) is explained in [12]. This system is created in Convolutional Kernel with the assistance of a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN). In comparison to the method that was used before, the one that was recommended offers better precision. The data set used for testing demonstrates an accuracy of greater than 95%.

Researchers in [13] investigated and put into practice digital signal processing for the purpose of extracting audio data characteristics and machine learning methods for the purpose of producing a music genre classifier. In addition to applying the XGBoost algorithm on the mean and variance of various audio variables, they built LSTM and ANN as a Neural Network model layer. This was done alongside the implementation. Following a comparison of the two methods, the researchers came to the conclusion that the accuracy of the Neural Networks model might be increased even more by expanding the amount of the dataset. Researchers in [14] proposed an entirely fresh method for classifying different types of music. Within the framework of this model, they included a GTZAN dataset. An accuracy level of 88% is achieved on average by the MFCC feature vectors. The user may then offer the system their own original songs to utilize as input, and in the end, they will get the output in the form of genres that have been categorized. This method is entirely dependent on the user.

Researchers in [15] developed a deep learning model that uses spectrograms to classify different types of

musical genres. The Keras library which is part of the TensorFlow library is used throughout the model construction process to develop each layer of a two-dimensional convolutional neural network (CNN). The accuracy of the method that has been suggested is 94%. Deep learning was also studied in [16] where the researchers conducted experiments on the categorization of musical genres. There were two distinct methods used to do this work. The first method involves manually extracting features from the time domain and the frequency domain and then feeding those features

into traditional machine learning models. The second method involves obtaining spectrogram pictures from audio recordings and then feeding those spectrogram images into CNNs.

Researchers in [17] conducted research on the various deep learning algorithms that are accessible for the recovery of musical information. They came to the conclusion that, if the rationale is understood, domain expertise may be used to efficiently organize the network. According to them, one should carefully determine the structure while also having a thorough grasp of deep learning methods and relevant domain expertise. Researchers in. [18] analyzed the performance of neural networks and machine learning models for the purpose of music genre categorization. The performance of NNs is superior to that of conventional ML models when it comes to the categorization of music genres, particularly when there is a lot of features. This study presents a technique that has great performance and enhanced efficiency by employing NNs and using classic machine learning models to train the features.

The MS-SincResNet architecture, proposed in [19] and is based on the Pytorch framework for its implementation, includes the 1D kernel and 2D kernel learning. The suggested MS-SincResNet approach has a classification accuracy that ranges between 91.49 and 91.91 percent. They came to this conclusion after being inspired by FusionNet, which said that the combination of the classification results of many characteristics generally provides higher performance than each individual feature. CNN-based innovative categorization was suggested for Marsyas Audio Data sets by researchers in [20]. The CNN framework achieves a performance improvement of over 75% in terms of classification accuracy, making it superior to the models that came before it. The work that they have done constitutes the very first experiment in the process of classifying the Marsyas Dataset. CNN, on the other hand, has an issue with vanishing gradients when dealing with bigger datasets since these sets reflect greater layers.

T. Bhagwat [21] and his team have developed a system that uses the Bidirectional Long Short Term Memory (BLSTM) architecture of Recurrent Neural Networks to produce a universal platform-independent program for music source separation. This system was suggested by T. Bhagwat and his team. In addition, improving the model's performance in the separation of instrumental sounds requires careful curation of more varied datasets and the use of those datasets in a consistent distribution across all musical genres. An improved technique for tracking partials in the context of sinusoidal modeling was described by M. Lagrange and colleagues [22]. This novel technique yields promising results in terms of re-synthesis and representation quality, despite the fact that the current implementation has yet to be compared with a tracking algorithm that is expressly devoted to musical recording analysis.

The literature survey on existing systems can be understood via the help of the summary table below:

Table 1: Summary of the Literature Review

Ref. No	Focus/Goal	Approach	Findings	Open Issues
[2], [3], [7].	Implementing unique techniques such as CALM, track separation etc for retrieval and classification.	Use of methods such as instrument separation approach to improving the results.	The final results are around 10% better than the proposed approach.	Other techniques may give better results.
[1], [4], [5], [8].	Using several machine learning models and approaches for music genre classification and information retrieval.	Utilizing various ML models such as KNN, SVM, decision tree, etc.	The models developed provided an accuracy of 90% or above.	The dataset suffers from mislabeling and duplication.

[9], [10], [14], [15], [16], [19].	Analyzing the performance of neural networks for music genre classification and comparing it with machine learning models.	Used NN hybrids such as ResNet, and SincNet to increase accuracy.	Neural networks should be considered for large datasets.	Requires a lot of processing power.
[11], [12], [13].	Using deep learning techniques for information retrieval and genre classification.	Feature extraction followed by model training was used for ML models & CNN	CNN performed better as compared to ML models.	Variance is a bit high and can be reduced.
[17], [18].	Improving the final outcomes by performing various reduction techniques on the music source.	Used Bidirectional LSTM, Deep NN, and ConvNet model to classify audio sets.	It can successfully break down an audio set into its individual components.	The quality of training data can be improved.

Algorithm Based Literature Review

The literature survey shows that many algorithms have been researched and tested for Music Genre Prediction, ranging from several types of regressors [3] to deep and advanced neural networks. The description of the few prediction algorithms which are used for the study and how they related to the current system are presented below:

- **Artificial Neural Network:** Neural networks [23] can be reduced to classification or regression models by using the activation function in the output layer. The output layer will be a regression-based model that is a linear function of the nodes in the layer that comes before it. Multi-class classification problems with a good dataset will usually provide good classification accuracy in case of an ANN. Here, the 10 genres will be considered as the 10 neurons in the output layer. Since ANN's are not linear models, it may work well for our varied dataset. This methodology is identical to the one that has been used to test the proposed system. The system flow of the ANN Model is shown in Figure 1.
- **Random Forest Regression:** A random forest [24] is essentially a collection of binary regression trees working together. These enormous numbers of binary regression trees are produced by employing a subset of variables that is independent of the others. The decision trees are constructed using bootstrapped samples taken from the dataset, and the Random Forest algorithm is used to select at random which variables should be divided. A random forest model is useful when numeric data is available in high numbers. As a result, using this model for music genre classification will automatically balance the classes in case one of them acts differently as compared to others. The model will take more time to compute as compared to a decision tree but the classification accuracy can be higher than a decision tree. The Random Forest Regressor Model's system flow is depicted in Figure 2.

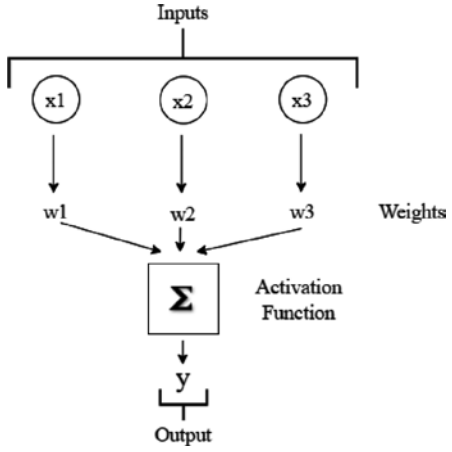


Figure 1: Artificial Neural Network Model

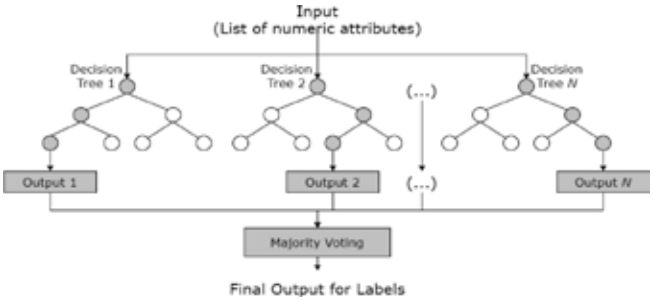


Figure 2: Random Forest Regressor Model

- **Support Vector Regression:** A supervised machine learning technique that can be used for classification, regression, or outlier detection is the support vector machine [25]. The fundamental idea behind SVR is to locate the fit line that works best. In SVR, the hyperplane that contains the most points is considered to be the line that provides the best fit. All of the algorithm's most important features have been preserved in the SVR model. Due to the fact that its cost function filters out any training data that is geographically close to the model's prediction, the sole source of data on which it relies to create its model is a subset of training data. Since SVR works on both linear and non-linear data, it can also prove useful for our dataset. This algorithm tries to find a specific line of margin between every class which can be useful for our multi-class classification. SVR being a linear classifier, will give us different results than the non-linear ANN. It is also more efficient in memory saving as compared to ANN.
- **K-Nearest Neighbour:** The KNN [26] method makes the assumption that there is a resemblance between the new case or data and the available cases, and it places the new instance in the category that is the most comparable to the categories that are already there. The KNN algorithm remembers all of the accessible data and determines how to categorize a new data point depending on how similar it is to the previous data. This indicates that when fresh data becomes available, it may be quickly sorted into a well-suited category by making use of the K-NN method. K-NN is better than SVM if the data to be trained is larger than the number of features. On a preprocessed and clean dataset, the K-NN accuracy will improve further. It is a non-linear classifier so it will help in handling any non-linearities in our dataset. It can be used for our classification since our dataset has also been preprocessed beforehand.
- **Logistic Regression:** A Logistic Regression model [27] differs from a Linear Regression model in that it uses a cost function that is more complicated, known as the "Sigmoid function" or the "logistic function," as opposed to a linear function. A Logistic Regression model and a Linear Regression model are extremely similar. The goal of the statistical method known as logistic regression is to identify a relationship between particular characteristics and the likelihood of obtaining a particular result. If the classes in our dataset can be linearly separated, this approach, which has been frequently used for classification purposes in the industry, will perform well. Compared to non-linear models like K-NN and artificial neural networks, it is a linear classifier that will provide us with different findings and perhaps higher accuracy.

The fundamental structure is characterized by the algorithms that were described in the literature review. Given that the already implemented systems demonstrate the employment of such fundamental algorithms in their unmodified form, a large amount of tinkering has been done to the designs of the algorithms in order to come up with a unique strategy for predicting the kind of music genre. This was done so that the objectives of the study to be novel could be met.

A powerful machine learning strategy known as ensemble learning has proven to have distinct advantages in a number of applications. An ensemble is a machine learning system created using a number of distinct models that operate concurrently and whose outputs are combined using a decision fusion strategy to produce a single solution to a particular problem. To create a model with more dependability than any single model in the context of the existing system, it may be useful to use an ensemble of the aforementioned prediction algorithms.

The next section describes the implementation procedures of the above-mentioned prediction algorithms.

PROPOSED APPROACH AND IMPLEMENTATION DETAILS

The proposed approach is highlighted in Figure 3.

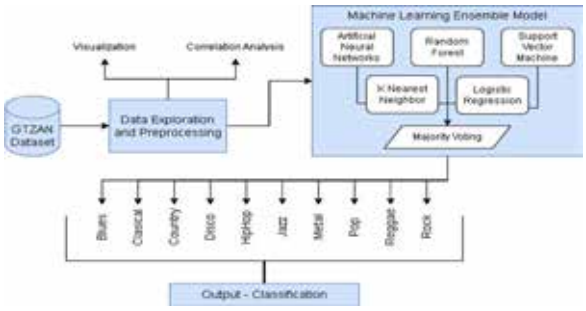


Figure 3: Proposed Approach

As depicted in Figure 3, the system is divided into several phases each of which is explained in detail as follows:

Dataset Information

Understanding the data and various features present in the dataset would be the first stage in the implementation process. The GTZAN Dataset is utilised for the implementation. It is the most popular open dataset for testing suggested system designs in machine listening research for music genre identification (MGR). The data set for the GTZAN genre collection was gathered in 2000 and 2001and is made up of 1000 audio files in.wav format that are each 22050 Hz, Mono, 16-bit, and last for 30 seconds. It's an open-source dataset accessible at: https://www.tensorflow.org/datasets/catalog/gtzan, Each class has 100 audio tracks and consists of 10 different music genres. It includes audio files from the following 10 categories:

1. Blues 2. Classical 3. Country 4. Disco 5. Hip-hop

6. Jazz 7. Metal 8. Pop 9. Reggae 10. Rock

The data folder consists of 2 folders: genres_original and images_original along with 2 CSV files. The csv file has the features for every wav file of all the genres. It consists of attributes such as length, tempo, label, etc. The GTZAN dataset has been used a lot since 2002 however it does have many faults and noticeable characteristics. For one, 10.6 % of the dataset is mislabelled and 7.6 % of the dataset consists of excerpts that are repeated throughout the dataset.

It consists of conspicuous and contentious mislabelling for almost every genre which may affect the performance of certain machine learning algorithms and their final accuracy. However, after analysis of various datasets, GTZAN is usually the one that is most widely accepted and used for music genre classification problems.

The 5-number summary of the important attributes in the genres_orginal csv file, shown in Table 2, gives us a brief synopsis of the data used

Table 2: 5-Number Data Summary

	Tempo	Root Mean Squared (RMS) Amplitude	Mean of Spectral Centroid
Mean	54.97	0.13	2201.78
25%	99.34	0.08	1627.69
50%	117.45	0.12	2209.26
75%	135.99	0.17	2691.29
100%	234.8	0.39	4435.24

Data Exploration and Prepocessing

The next step would be preprocessing the data to provide useful insights about the features and its correlation with each other. This segment involves data visualization using graphs and bar plots to provide a more detailed analysis of our data.

Sound waves for all the music genres help us in visualizing a waveform in the time domain. On the x-axis, we have the total duration of the song and on the y-axis, it depicts the sampling rate at a given time. After analyzing all the graphs, an example shown in figure 4, we infer that different genres have their own sampling rate throughout their time duration. The sound waves for a rock audio file kept varying for the first 22 seconds and then it showed almost no sampling rate from 22 to 25 seconds. This shows that audio files classified in the rock genre take a break of 2-3 seconds where almost no audio is heard. So, audio files in the rock genre are different compared to other genres where you keep getting considerable audio throughout the length of the file.

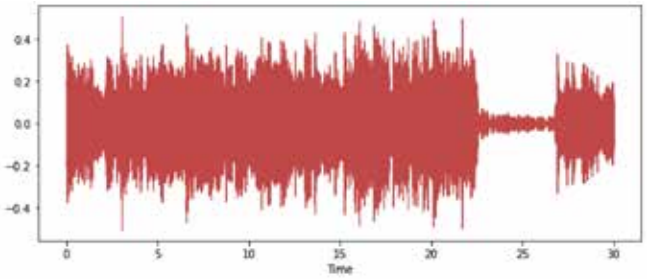


Figure 4: Graphical representation of sound waves of Rock genre

A unique variety of spectrogram, the Mel-spectrogram, is depicted in the figure 5 and involves converting frequencies to the mel scale. It is a useful tool for identifying hidden elements in audio and visualising them. Using a mel scale, it shows the frequencies of the audio files against the file length. The disco audio file

stands out among the others once all the graphs have been plotted because it has an almost identical pattern of frequencies over its entire length. In contrast to the disco audio file, all of the other genre audio files have different frequencies.

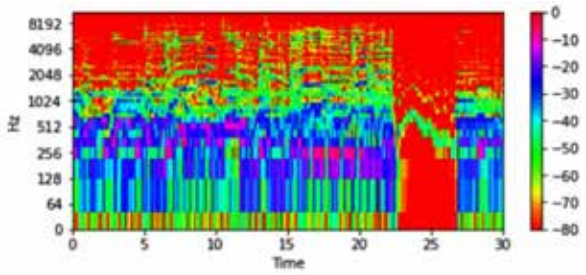


Figure 5: Spectrogram of Rock genre sound waves

Figure 6 shows a boxplot for all the music genres in the dataset. The 10 genres are plotted on the X-axis, while the BPM for each genre is plotted on the Y-axis. Now, the y-axis consists of the 'tempo' feature from the dataset. This feature shows the number of beats per minute or the speed of a song.

After analyzing the boxplot for all genres, blues, classical, disco and metal have a higher tempo than the others. Also, pop has a lower tempo compared to the other genres since music nowadays is more lyric-centric and not dependent on a lot of beats.

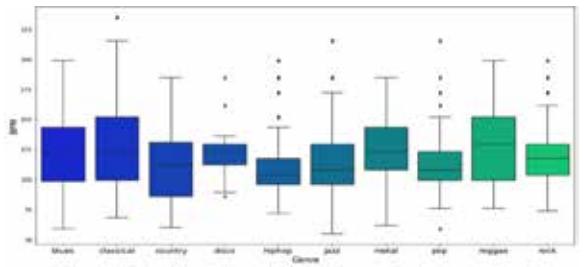


Figure 6: Boxplots showing variation in Beats Per Minute per genre

The strength of the linear relationship between two variables is assessed using the test statistic known as Pearson's correlation. The correlation between all the mean feature variables present in the csv file can be understood via the help of the graph Figure 7.

There is a high correlation between mfcc1_mean (mfcc stands for Mel-frequency cepstral coefficient) and mfcc2_mean whereas there is a low correlation coefficient between mffc1_mean and mfcc20_mean.

After checking the correlation between all the attributes of the audio file, most of the features are independent of each other while some features such as the spectral features are positively correlated with each other with a coefficient value of 0.5 and above.

Some of the values of the attributes show a positive correlation with each other, as described in Table 3.

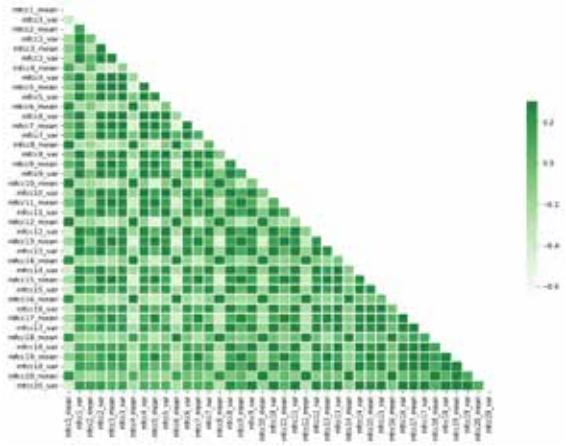


Figure 7: Correlation between dataset attributes

Table 3: Dataset Attributes with Positive Correlation

	RMS Amplitude	Spectral Centroid	Percussive element
Mean of Spectral Centroid	0.51	0.52	0.55
Mean of Mel-frequency cepstral coefficient	0.8	0.72	0.59

Upon analyzing the various graphs and correlation analysis, we can infer that certain feature such as tempo, spectral centroid data, and rms values should be given more importance while creating the model for classification. These features show a significant change in value compared to the other features and hence can be useful in classifying the genres accurately

Machine Learning Model

The proposed model for Music Genre Classification is trained, tested, and validated on the current dataset using several machine learning algorithms described in sub-section 2.2 of Related Work. Table 4 describes the parameters and key inputs defined for several classification models tested.

Table 4: Algorithmic Parameters and Key Inputs

Classifier	Parameters/Key Inputs	Values
Logistic Regression	Maximum Number of Iterations	1000
	Penalty Function	L1
	Intercept Scaling	1
	Solver Algorithm	Limited-memory Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno
KNN	Leaf Size	30
	Metric	Minkowski
	Number of Neighbors	5
	Weights Distribution	Uniform
Artificial Neural Network	Activation Function	ReLU
	Solver Algorithm	Limited-memory Broyden–Fletcher–Goldfarb–Shanno
	Learning Rate	0.01
	Maximum Number of Iterations	200
	Momentum	0.9
	Hidden Layer Size	(1500, 5)
	Validation Fraction	0.1
Support Vector Machines	Type of Kernel	rbf
	Degree of Polynomial Kernel Function	3
	Size of Kernel Cache	200
	Tolerance for Stopping Criterion	0.01
	Use of Heuristic Shrinking Function	True
	Shape of Decision Function	ovo
Random Forest	Minimal Cost-Complexity Pruning	2.41
	Quality Measure Function	Gini
	Number of Trees	100
	Randomness of Bootstrapping Method	24

To address a specific computational intelligence problem, many models, such as classifiers or experts, are strategically developed and merged in an ensemble learning process. Combining many models enhances machine learning models. An individual algorithm might provide correct answers for a particular genre, but it doesn't work the same way for every gene. As a result, we created an ensemble learning model for our dataset employing the 5 aforementioned algorithms. The majority voting method is used to determine the ensemble model's end result. The algorithms are evaluated using several Performance Metrics. The performance metrics are defined as:

Accuracy: Accuracy [29] is the measure that defines how accurately the classifier models have classified the Music Genre and is given as -

$$Accuracy = \frac{g_1 + g_2 + g_3 + \ldots + g_{10}}{N} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{10} g_i}{N} \quad (1)$$

where,

gi - Total number of instances of Genre i correctly classified as Genre i

N - Total number of classifications made

Precision: Precision [29] is the measure that defines how accurately a particular genre is classified and is given as -

$$Precision(g) = \frac{TP_g}{P_g} \quad (2)$$

where,

TP_g - True Positive Value of Genre g - Total number of instances correctly classified as Genre g

P_g - Total number of instances of Genre g present

Precision is calculated for each genre.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The proposed algorithms have been implemented and the performance metrics mentioned have been used to compare their efficacy. Figure 8 describes the comparison of the algorithms using the performance metrics.

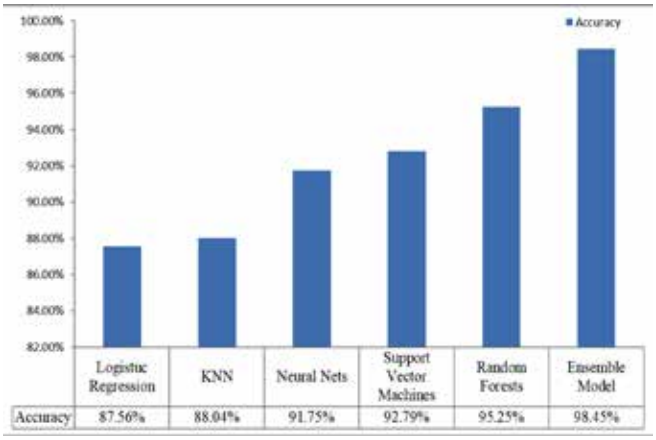
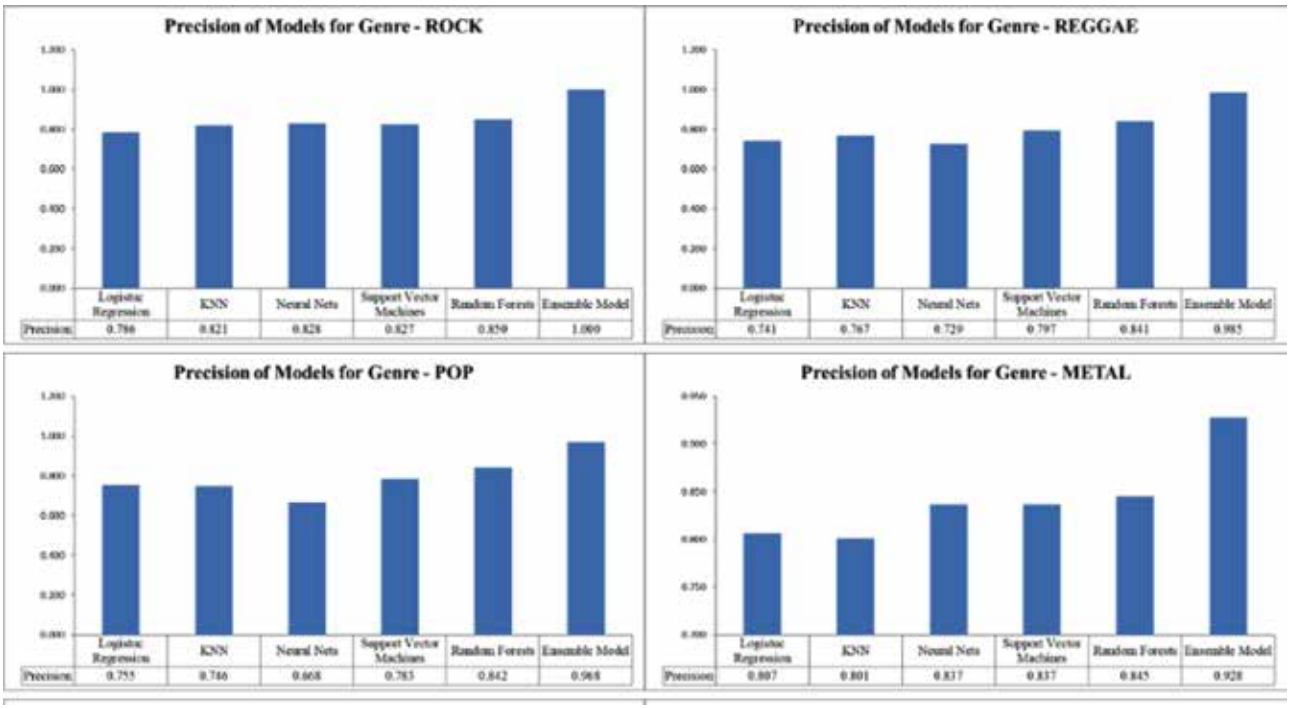


Figure 8: Average Accuracy of Tested Models for Genre Classification

Figure 9 describes and visualizes the precision of different models per genre.



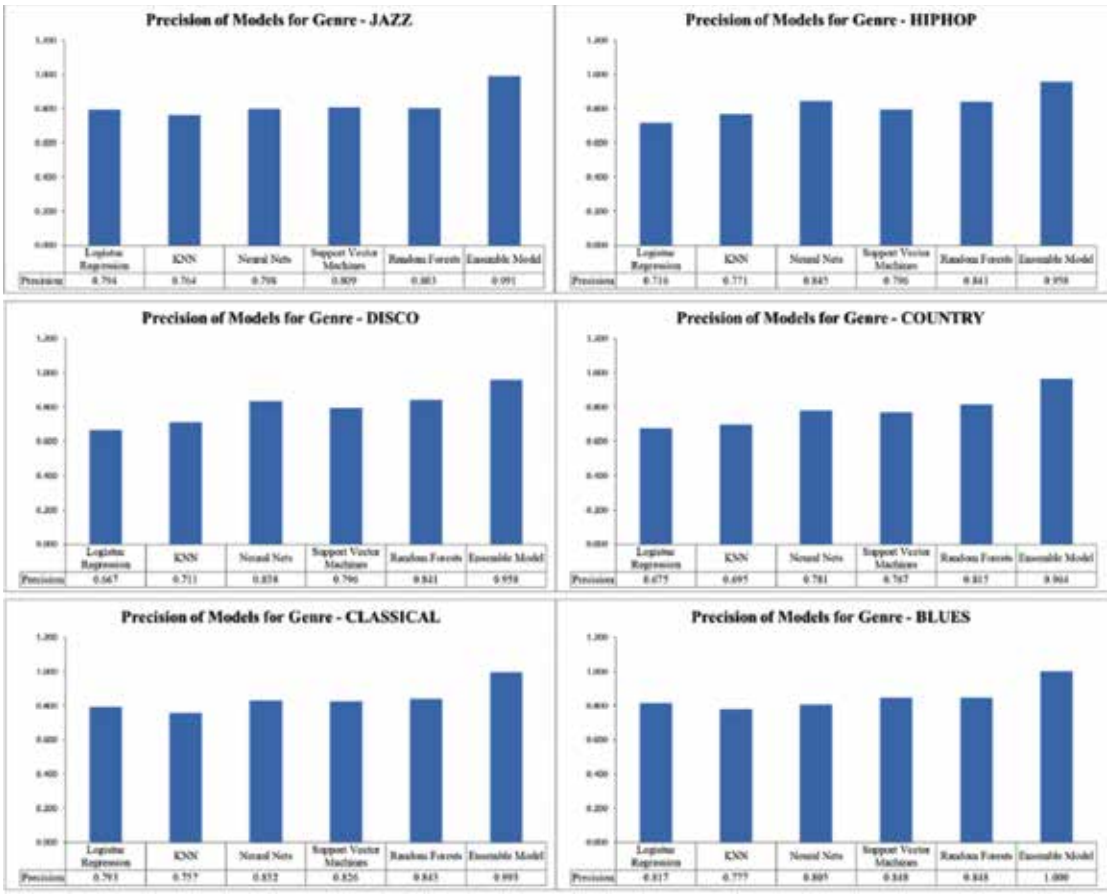


Figure 9: Precision of Different Models Per Genre

Based on the examination of the data, it seems that a model that is capable of learning different patterns and can fit a nonlinear curve would perform much better than its competitors. In general, all models of regression may be fit to a line. Figure 4 demonstrates that an ineffective model would be

one that fits a linear connection between the data points since such a model would not learn the extraordinary trends and patterns in the data. As a consequence, it is clear that the regression model cannot provide results that are adequate.

When there is a requirement to model complicated patterns and predictions, Artificial Neural Networks perform better than other methods. The intricacy of the data is made clear by the correlation analysis that is shown in figure 5, and as a result, the neural network performs far better than the regression techniques, as demonstrated by Table 4.

The analysis of the dataset suggested that a model that fits a non-linear curve would perform better for the prediction, and the absence of the same can account for the inaccuracy in some of the prediction algorithms. The analysis also suggested that a model that fits a linear curve would perform better for the prediction. Because of this, we may deduce from the findings that SVM, in general, has the capacity to learn many patterns and performs much better than ANN, KNN, and Logistic algorithms do.

However, a big inference is derived from Figure 9 which suggests that for each individual genre, a different model performs better than the others. This signifies that a single model chosen may work very well for half of the models, hence increasing its accuracy. But the rest of the half of genres will suffer from a low precision. Hence, the ensemble model that was proposed for the study takes into account all the predictions while making final

voting and hence. It outperforms the models that are already available because it takes into account a variety of attributes and methods for learning the pattern, and it later takes into account a majority voting mechanism for determining the definitive genre of a given music sample. According to extensive research and the findings shown in table 5, it has been determined that the Ensemble Model algorithm is the most effective one for determining the category that the music belongs to.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The increasing availability of music and its application in all fields, including the critical field of Music Therapy, necessitates the use of technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning to enhance the musical experience. Although music genre classification has been considerably studied and used, there isn't currently a practical, computationally cost-effective option that offers high accuracy. As a result, the paper investigated music genre classification while keeping computational costs as low as possible. The research work evaluates algorithms ANN, Random Forest, SVM, KNN, and Logistic regression and further proposes and tests an ensemble of these algorithms. On experimentation, it was found that while the individual models have good general accuracy, their precision differs for each genre; for instance, Classical Genre has better precision with Random Forests, Jazz Genre has better precision with Support Vector Machines, etc., the proposed ensemble classifier works as the best approach. It has the highest overall average accuracy as well as similar precision for all genres classification. Hence, the paper concludes with an ensemble classifier model which achieves the goal of the study of providing a low cost and highly accurate system for music genre prediction.

As a future scope, the proposed ensemble classifier can be used in music streaming platforms for a better genre classification so that the artists or the record labels don't have to manually add the genre of the music they upload to these streaming platforms. Due to better genre classification, an improvised recommendation system can also be implemented to provide the users of these streaming giants with better and personalized recommendations of the music they listen to. Additionally, extensive testing of the system on a similarly varied dataset is required in order to enhance model accuracy further as well as ensure that the model is well-trained before putting it to use in the application stated above.

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Securing the Web Applications from Cyber-Criminal Attacks

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ABSTRACT

Most of the Web applications encounter faults that affect their security. This makes the web application vulnerable to attacks. These attacks need to be protected before they breach the sensitivity of the application. Introduction of different types of scanners like static scanners, dynamic scanners, infrastructure scanners etc. can help to enhance the security of any website or web application. Detecting the vulnerability in early phases can reduce manual efforts and cost. An application with all the types of scanners can be created so that detection of any threat can be done in less time. The main purpose of scanners is to look for any vulnerability in the application and thereby provide the solution to remove it. This paper contributes in gaining knowledge about scanners and their use for web security.

KEYWORDS *: Web Application, Vulnerability, Security, Cyber-Criminal, Scanners*

INTRODUCTION

From individual to large organizations dependency on web applications is increasing day by day. Due to this increasing reliance , the need for security arises. Security plays a major role in protecting a website from any vulnerability that can lead to loss of confidential data, loss of reputation of a company. Lack of security has a great impact on the cost of development. Web Application include any informational website, blogs, social websites, e-commerce websites etc. Due to the ubiquitous nature of web application and its importance in economy makes web application a very soft target for attackers. This leads to a need for security in web applications that helps to protect the website by detecting, identifying, preventing and reacting to threats.

In order to bring security in web applications different methodologies have to be designed, new tools need to be emerged, old protocols need to be revised and improvised. Web Security at application level refers to threats intrinsic to the code of the web application itself. There are a large number of vulnerabilities that can affect an application like sql injection attack, cross site scripting etc. These need to be taken care of otherwise they can breach any sensitive information present on that website or crucial for any development process. To bring security to the websites, scanners can be used to detect the vulnerabilities. Web Application vulnerability scanners are unique tools that can find threats in web based applications which can be used to provide security to websites. These are the automated tools that scan a website to find any vulnerability or unwanted file changes that can breach the security of a web application. Different platforms are available that help in testing the website to ensure that it can be protected by malicious users. Therefore it can be said that security scanning is needed as it helps to maintain the security of a web application.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Security plays a major role in protecting a website from any vulnerability that can lead to loss of confidential data, loss of reputation of a company. Lack of security has a great impact on the cost of development. Web Application include any informational website, blogs, social websites, e-commerce websites etc. Due to the ubiquitous nature of web application and its importance in economy makes web application a very soft target for attackers A prototype tool may assess online security techniques that are based on the notion of detecting realistic vulnerabilities in a web application and automatically attacking them. Implementation of

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vulnerabilities by running a set of experiments describes the feasibility of the methodology thereby automating the entire process [1,3,4]. A model was proposed to analyze the security of sample web mechanisms and applications which is based on the abstraction of web platforms[2]. In this paper [2], in this developing foundation for web security .In this model is proposed for web platform as to find bugs in real world. This model can capture two previously known and three previously unknown vulnerabilities. Web application that are developed with hard time constraints and often deployed with critical software bugs which make them vulnerable to attacks. The bugs which lead to vulnerability is of great importance. So the security is a major concern and it is receiving more attention now a days. Detection of vulnerability can be done by analysis of location where fault can be observed [1,3,4]. A study was presented on defects generating major web application vulnerabilities. The main focus is to find out the typical faults that are behind the application. It is based on two of most common and widely used critical web application vulnerabilities. Presenting the analysis of the source code of the scripts which are used to attack them can be used to train software developers in the detection of such faults and can be used to assess security[4]. In the past few months, application-level vulnerabilities have been exploited as hackers have hacked e-commerce sites, confidential information has been leaked. So, we find new tools and technologies which address the problem of application-level security. A structuring mechanism and set of tools through which a report is generated was described[5]. In this techniques and environment for developing safe and privacy-preserving goods while making rapid modifications. With continuous deployment, the time it takes for a developer's change to reach a client can now be measured in days or even hours. The process is automated resulting in fewer mistakes and fewer failures, which can otherwise contribute to cyber-attacks and downtime[6]. A well-known open-source model's security depth is based on containers and other security features, and it has methods to improve Docker's security. An application can be created to check for vulnerabilities in any website. This application can be a combination of static and dynamic scanners[7]. Individually using these scanners to check for any vulnerabilities is time consuming and requires a lot of manual intervention. This application if available can help in reducing the amount of time and human efforts by making all the scanners available in a single application.

METHODOLOGY

In terms of software development, running engineering processes in parallel provides for improved quality, less future rework, and full integration of all aspects. Equally vital, however, is to improve the front-end by incorporating usability testing into development, just as DevSecOps does with security. DevOps aims to produce releases quickly, allowing for quick feature additions, problem repairs, and greater user happiness over time. Current digital world is facing a major issue of Web security and Web protection. Many websites face data breach, password breach, remote file inclusion and various other cyber criminal attacks. Web Security is a major concern especially when it comes to organizations which provides online services and E-commerce. Preventing any website being hacked by unauthorized personnel is achieved by web security which setup protocols and protection measures against it. Many organisation are unaware of the consequences and risks which may arise due to cyber criminal attack. Due to this negligence, brand name of organisation is compromised.

In the same way, one of the most important aspects of usability testing is to "test early and often" during development. This has the advantage of allowing products to be released at a higher level of user satisfaction, as well as preventing possible user-facing faults from making it into production. Users take ownership of a product when they participate in the testing and development process. This fuels their enthusiasm for the technology in question and raises their desire to have it. Static and dynamic analysis are two complementary methodologies used in the IT community to detect security issues. Various static and dynamic analysis tools are available on the market, and they have shown to be successful to some level. Both owns their several advantages and disadvantages. Static analyzers are quick and easy to operate. Because it works on source code and can test code without executing it, static analysis may be used

efficiently as part of everyday workflow throughout the development process. As a result, it assists in finding issues considerably sooner, when the cost of repairing errors is cheap. On the downside, static analyzers are insufficiently powerful in their analysis, resulting in a high number of false positives and false negatives.

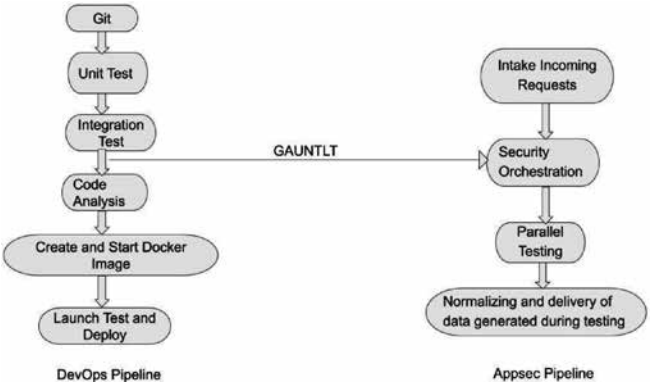

Figure 1. Workflow of DevSecOps

The continuous testing and feedback required by a high-performing DevSecOps team cannot be provided by a single tool. On the other hand, usability testing assists in accomplishing this by involving all team members and providing them with fresh information. Passive and active scanning are used by web application security scanners to examine the security of an online application. The scanner uses a reconnaissance methodology to obtain information from the under-test web application during passive scanning. Then, using the security penetration methodology, active scanning is used to compromise web application confidentiality, integrity, or availability. DevSecOps culture encourages the integration of dynamic and automated security audits into agile application development utilized by developers. This is achieved as follows:

1. The initial step of an AppSec Pipeline processes the pipeline's incoming requests. The apps can be brand new, previously assessed apps, or re-testing of existing security results. The goal of these tools is to bring order to the intake of work into the AppSec Pipeline.
2. An AppSec Pipeline's second step prioritizes incoming requests and determines the testing requirements based on the risk level. The more activities allocated, the higher the risk level. These solutions are designed to provide automation and orchestration, resulting in a reduction in the testing stage's startup time.
3. The third step of an AppSec Pipeline executes multiple tests in parallel to determine an application's security posture. It is recommended that the testing procedure or their setup be automated. Tools that can be performed programmatically and yield precise results should be prioritised.
4. The final stage of an AppSec Pipeline collects and normalises data collected during testing. If any duplicate findings are discovered, they should be eliminated so that the same issue is only mentioned once by several tools. As a result, issue tracking systems are linked, reports are produced, and data is provided to stakeholders.

RESULT

An application that integrates all security scanners into a single application is designed in order to reduce human efforts by using many scanners from a single application. This application contains different kinds of vulnerability scanners that are used to test for any vulnerability present in any web application. Web Application security requires testing through different scanners be it static or dynamic in order to ensure that the web application is protected from any cyber criminal attack. Instead of searching different scanners through different software, this application can be used which will reduce time efforts and man power of any organization.

CONCLUSION

Nowadays web security has become a crucial part of any IT company as it provides prevention against any threat to websites or web applications. It is very necessary to prevent websites from malicious attacks. An application can be created to check for vulnerability in any website. This application can contain a combination of static and dynamic scanners. Individually using these scanners to check for any vulnerability is time consuming and requires a lot of manual intervention. So, if an application is available that can help in reducing the amount of time and human efforts by making all the scanners available in a single application. This application can act as a

source for all the different types of scanners like static scanners, dynamic scanners, infrastructure scanners etc. These scanners can be both open source or paid. It can also help to test the vulnerability in the earlier phases of the Software Development Life Cycle which will reduce the cost of testing if any vulnerability is found in an application after its development.

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Smart Speed Control for EVs

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ABSTRACT

Safety is crucial for Electric vehicles (EVs) in order to limit the likelihood of collisions in speed-restricted areas. It lowers the number of deaths and property losses. Recent polls show that over the past several years, accidents near hospitals, schools, and abrupt turns have significantly increased due to people's hasty attempts to reach their destinations. As a result, limiting vehicle speed has been a crucial consideration. In order to decrease the frequency of accidents, this study attempts to provide a feasible, small, and straightforward design for an autonomous vehicle speed control system that must be promptly installed in schools, colleges, hospitals, and sharp turning zones. Utilizing the Arduino Uno board's microcontroller-based architecture, this automatic speed control system was created. Since the speed of the vehicle motor is electronically controlled by PWM and detected using an IR sensor, the prototype described in this work has less hardware complexity. The proposed strategy can greatly reduce the unintended accidents.

KEYWORDS *: Smart Speed Control, Electric Vehicles, Internet of Things*

INTRODUCTION

Safety is a necessary part of a human's life. Due to the accident cases reported daily on the major roads in all parts of the developed and developing countries, more attention is needed for research in designing an efficient driving aiding system. It is expected that if such a device is designed and incorporated in our cars as a road safety device, it will reduce the incidence of accidents on the roads and various premises with subsequent reduction of life and property. An embedded system is a device created to carry out a specific task within a broader mechanical or electrical system, sometimes under time-sensitive conditions. Today's commonplace devices are controlled by embedded systems.

Human being needs safety in their lives. More emphasis must be paid to study in order to build an effective driving assistance system, given the daily accident reports on major highways in both developed and developing nations. If such a device is created and included in our automobiles as a road safety device, it is anticipated that it would decrease the frequency of accidents on the roads and other locations, hence lowering the loss of life and property [1]. An embedded system is a device created to carry out a specific task within a broader mechanical or electrical system, sometimes under time-sensitive conditions. Today's everyday gadgets are managed by embedded systems. Micro-controllers are a popular foundation for contemporary embedded systems. One such embedded system's design and development is taken into account in this project. It is based on the concept of controlling and monitoring vehicle speed. By automatically decreasing and locking its speed to a set limit when it enters the limited region and unlocking or releasing it when it departs the restricted area or zone, the vehicle serves as an automated speed limiter and reliever [2]. This work uses the creation of an embedded-based prototype model to illustrate the use of speed monitoring and control in autos.

Speed governors can be manipulated into working, and they provide the automobile a set speed limit that could be bothersome in particular locations. Instead of restricting speed in sensitive accident-prone zones or sites, speed limiters often just limit the speed of moving vehicles at certain spots. Although manual speed regulation approaches occasionally work well, they are always subject to human mistake, which might cause a system bottleneck. A technical solution that is impenetrable by design is required because of the considerations listed above that make the existing

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approach inefficient for speed regulation. This initiative promises to provide one.

BACKGROUND

Over the past few decades, the automation sector has experienced substantial progress in both innovative design and functionality to assure passenger comfort and traffic safety. This assertion became credible as mechatronics technology advanced. The concept of autonomous driving was created when hardware and software systems started to govern mechanic technology. The underlying premise of autonomous systems is that human judgement will eventually be supplanted by AI and sensors. The initial research directions resulting from the vehicle analysis are to find an acceleration and braking solution for speed control [5].

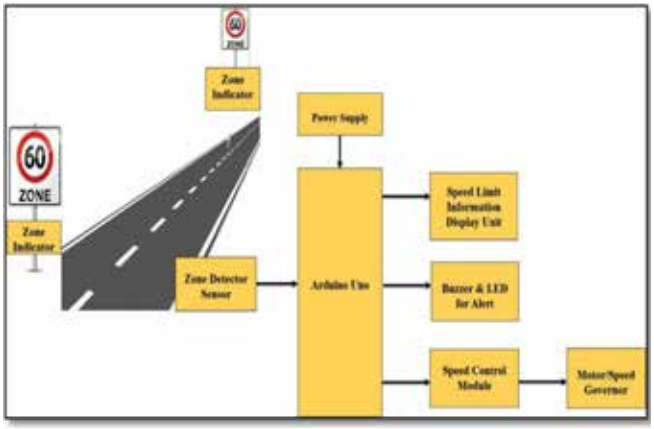

Figure 1: Architecture of Speed Control System

One of the main issues with Indian modern transportation is safety. The transportation authorities take a number of steps to regulate traffic and ensure safe transportation. Interceptors are one such measure that can be used in restricted areas like village boundaries, hospital grounds, and city limits. By reducing or eliminating the usage of speed breakers, toll gates, speed detection cameras, patrolling jeeps, and other manual speed regulation devices in the restricted regions, our project's primary objective is to reduce the strain on the transportation authorities. [2]. When finished, the embedded system application project in this article demonstrates the automatic detection and regulation of a vehicle speed restriction in the limited region. It has a significant positive impact on both transportation and public safety.

INTELLIGENT SPEED CONTROL

Design Methodology

The Design aspect of intelligent speed management for EVs prosper upon the following conditions:

Condition 1: If no sensor signal is detected while driving (no speed restriction zone), the vehicle's speed is determined based on the needs of the driver.

Condition 2: If a sensor signal is detected while driving (into a zone with a speed restriction), the vehicle's speed is determined according to that zone's speed limit. A message on the display panel and an alarm are used to warn the driver to the need to regulate the speed of the vehicle. If the driver doesn't react, the controller takes over and sets the speed of the vehicle on its own.

Condition 3: The driver is once more warned by a message on the display panel and an alarm when a sensor signal is once more detected (outside of the speed restriction zone). The controller automatically reduces the vehicle's speed to its usual level if the driver doesn't reply [3].

Working Principle

In this method, the speed restriction zone is identified using an IR transmitter and receiver. The transmitter unit is positioned 100 metres before the beginning of the limitation zone. The car is equipped with the IR receiver module. The microcontroller generates control signals for the vehicle control system, which then activates the mechanism of the speed control in the vehicle and reduces the speed of the vehicle to the required speed in that zone as soon as the vehicle enters the speed limit zone and the IR receiver module detects the zone. We are using a DC motor in this system, and we will control its speed based on the demands. This technology uses an LCD to show the appropriate speed restriction based on the zone and the vehicle's current speed.

PROTOTYPE DEVELOPMENT

The Arduino Uno, an IR sensor, an LCD display, a Dc motor, an LED, and a buzzer are the essential components of the hardware prototype. The ATmega328P-based Arduino UNO is a well-known example of a high-performance, low-power AVR microcontroller board. It contains 6 analogue inputs, a 16 MHz ceramic resonator,

14 digital input/output pins (six of which may be used as PWM outputs), a USB port, a power connector, an ICSP header, and a reset button. It comes with everything needed to support the microcontroller; to get started, just plug in a USB cable, an AC-to-DC converter, or a battery. The barrel plug connector of the Arduino UNO works well with a typical 9V battery [10].

Figure 2 (a): Arduino UNO Board

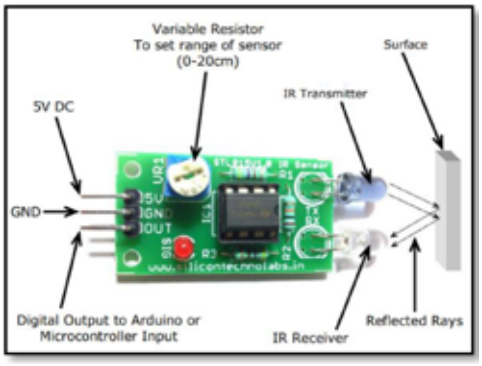

Figure 2 (b):

IR Sensor

The module consists of a pair of infrared emitters and receivers. Always an IR signal is picked up by the high accuracy IR receiver. There are 358 comparator ICs in the module. The output of the sensor is high when the IR frequency is present and low when it is not. Without utilising any additional hardware, the user may verify the sensor's status using the on-board LED indication. This module doesn't use a lot of electricity. A digital output is produced. Infrared receivers are also known as infrared sensors because they are able to pick up IR radiation from an IR transmitter. As IR receivers, photodiodes and phototransistors are employed. As opposed to regular photo diodes, infrared photodiodes only pick up on infrared light. It is made up of an LED, a potentiometer, a diode, a MOSFET, and an IR phototransistor. Any infrared radiation that strikes the phototransistor causes current to flow through it, turning on the MOSFET.This then activates the LED. The phototransistor's sensitivity is managed by a potentiometer.

DC Motor

Most mechanical motion is powered by a DC motor. An electric motor transforms electrical energy into mechanical energy. A brushless DC motor [12] is a synchronous electric motor that uses an electronically controlled commutation mechanism rather than a mechanical commutation system based on brushes and is driven by direct-current energy (DC). In such motors, the relationships between current, torque, and voltage are linear.

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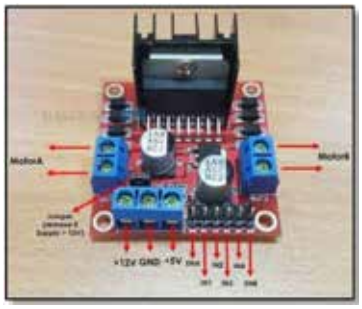


Figure 3 (b):

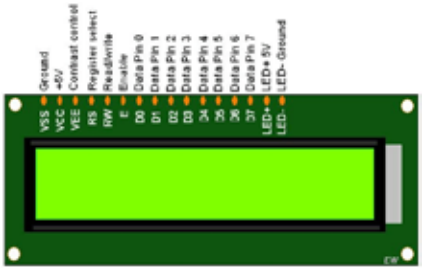
L293D Motor Driver

A common DC motor driver, L293D enables motor movement in either direction. A pair of two DC motors may be controlled concurrently in either direction using the 16-pin IC L293D [13]. A single L293D IC can therefore control two DC motors. The H-bridge theory underlies how it works.

H-bridge IC are perfect for operating a DC motor since, as we know, voltage has to shift its direction in order to allow the motor to revolve in either a clockwise or an anticlockwise manner. A single L293D chip has two h-Bridge circuits that may independently rotate two dc motors. It is often utilised in robotic applications to operate DC motors due to its size.

16 x 2 LCD

An LCD display [14] is made up of a number of teeny, tiny pieces called pixels, which may be adjusted to show data. Many of these display kinds are utilised in applications including calculators, watches, message boards, clocks, equipment, machinery, and a wide range of other things that one may conceive of as a result of this technology.



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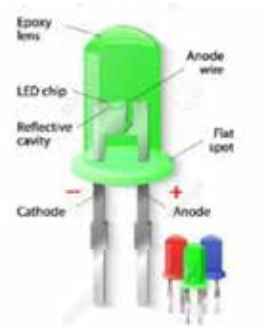


Figure 4 (c):

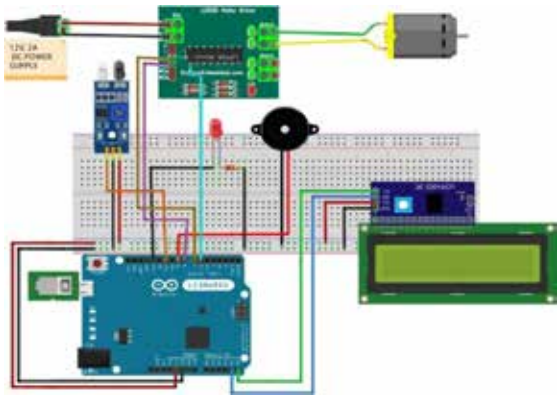
The majority of display types are reflective, which means that the display is illuminated only by ambient light. Even those displays that do need an outside light source use a lot less electricity than CRT devices.

LED and Buzzer

Light-emitting diodes [15], sometimes known as LEDs, are semiconductor light sources that produce light when current passes through them. It serves as an indication bulb so that people can see when a circuit is operating properly.

The design of a beeper or buzzer might be electromechanical, piezoelectric, or mechanical. The signal's main purpose is to transform audio to sound. It is frequently used in timers, alarm clocks, printers, computers, and other electronic devices and is powered by DC voltage. According to the various designs, it may emit a range of sounds, including alarm, melody, bell, and siren.

DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION



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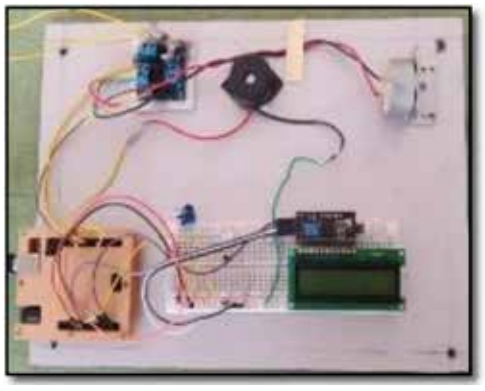


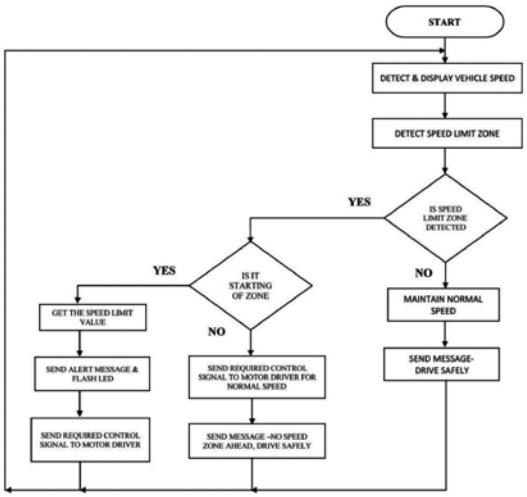
Figure 5 (b):

Identification of the speed restriction zone in areas with established speed restrictions. The speed restriction zone is recognized by the IR sensor. By connecting the Arduino's digital input pins, the sensor values are supplied into the microcontroller using the PWM technique to regulate the motor's (wheel's) speed.

Pulse width modulation is used to regulate the motor's speed, which corresponds to the vehicle's wheels turning (PWM). The speed of the motor should be reduced to the value indicated in the programme once the IR module transmits the gathered zone location to the Arduino microcontroller. The project's main component is the code that was uploaded to the Arduino microcontroller. The programme is designed such that it continually gathers, analyses, and compares sensor data with preset values of respective zones and adjusts the motor's speed to the prescribed speed as per the .

The LCD monitor that is integrated with the Arduino then shows this. The LM293 motor controller is used to link the motor as well. The Arduino microcontroller, in which the prototype's programme was burned, was interfaced with all of the components. For the prototype, the motor speed was electrically regulated through the PWM output pin, and the LCD display displayed the rpm corresponding to the speed.

Flow Chart



EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

Signal Detection	Motor Speed Limit	LCD Display Status	LED Status	Buzzer Status
Zone Indicator-1	40 Km/Hr	Speed Limit Zone Ahead Speed Limit- 40 Km/Hr	ON	ON
Zone Indicator-2	60 Km/Hr	You Are on Highway Speed Limit- 60 Km/ Hr Drive Safely	OFF	OFF

FEATURES OF SSC

The following advantageous characteristics of this intelligent speed control paradigm for electric car models:

- Avoiding accidents
- Speed can be managed automatically.
- Preventing car damage
- Human security

ADVANTAGES AND LIMITATIONS

The advantages and limitations of this intelligent speed control paradigm for electric vehicles are as follows:

Advantages

- The proposed model of the specific system aids in regulating vehicle speed by utilising the traffic system.
- To prevent mishaps, the breaking would be precise.
- It prohibits reckless driving and flouting traffic regulations.

Limitations

- Within a certain range, a speed limit zone can be detected.
- The precise speed at when the car left the open area has not been taken into account.
- Real-time sensing is not feasible; instead, a speed breaker must be used to slow the vehicle down in order to detect the speed restriction zone.

CONCLUSION

The suggested design is intended to prevent more unfortunate events and to manage traffic in a methodical and orderly manner. This would reduce the frequency of accidents and offer a regulated path for emergency vehicles like ambulances. It will guarantee passenger security and lessen unwelcome traffic congestion. It will serve as a future opportunity for the population to construct a smart city with appropriate safety measures.

Incorporating an automatic system that enables the vehicles to slow down on its own when it approaches speed limiting zones and more effectively reduce accidents caused by driver negligence in areas where there are schools or hospitals. Thus, it can be inferred from the aforementioned study that using an automated vehicle speed control system in speed limited areas greatly reduces the likelihood of unintended accidents.

SCOPE FOR THE FUTURE WORK

This work ensures automated vehicle speed regulation and secure road travel in limited areas. Due to its implementation flexibility, several improvisations may be used in its applications. The design and operation of the existing system may be integrated with the technological advantages of GPS and Ad-Hoc networks, to name a few. In order to find the cars and automatically lock their speed in limited areas, GPS systems can be employed, which removes the need for IR sensors [9].

Additionally, GPS systems may be utilised to find open parking spaces, providing drivers with parking assistance. The functionality offered by IR sensors may be ensured by using VANETs, also known as vehicular ad-hoc networks [8]. The locking process fails if the IR signal is not received. To ensure the locking mechanism, the automobile in front, which has already locked its speed, can communicate with the car behind it by sending a signal telling it to do the same.

This work has plenty of scope and will advance technology because of the numerous benefits that automation in vehicle speed control will bring about [9]. Vehicles can also use GPS and RF beacons for more precise and effective speed control.

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Study on Performance Enhancement of Earthen Wall using Waste Tyres

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ABSTRACT

The main aim of this study is to economize the cost of construction of reinforced earthen wall by replacing dead man anchors by waste tyres. This study also investigates the effects of overburden pressure on conventional earthen wall by providing additional surface area by using waste tyres of different sizes. A series of pull out test was carried out to investigate the pull-out behavior of waste tyres of different sizes tied with nylon rope, which is placed in cohesion less backfill. It has been observed that the pull-out resistance of waste tyre increased with increasing overburden pressure and with increasing size of tyres. The use of waste tyre as reinforcement for the construction of earthen retaining walls and slope is a viable method towards reduction of waste. This study is attempted to fill the gap by studying the performance of waste tyres subject to laboratory experiments and analytical analysis. This experimental study also includes the determination of soil properties (in-situ density, shear strength parameters, etc.) and soil classification by in-situ density determination of cohesion less backfill soil, direct shear test and sieve analysis test respectively. The minimum and maximum value of coefficient of pull-out resistance of tyre in cohesion less soil was obtained as 6.561 and 7.211, respectively. So, the results of this study are found promising for the performance enhancement of earthen wall as compared to conventional technique.

KEYWORDS *: Waste tyres, Pull out test, Overburden pressure, In-situ density, Earthen retaining wall*

INTRODUCTION

The Reinforced earthen wall is constructed with artificial reinforcing. It can be used as retaining walls, bridge abutments, dams, seawalls, and dikes. Steel and geo synthetics are mostly used as reinforcing material in this field. The reinforcement is usually placed in horizontal layers throughout the height of the wall provide the tensile strength to hold the soil together. Usually, long steel strips 50 to 120 mm wide were used as reinforcement. These strips are sometimes ribbed to provide added friction and also costly. On the other hand, the annual generations of waste tyres are rapidly increasing as the automobile sector is quite expanding. Therefore, the disposal of waste tyres becomes a major environmental issue in the world. In India,the quantity of waste tyres generated per year is estimated around 50million and will continue to rise. However, 70% of waste tyres cannot be recycled rightly [1]. It is predicted that the usage of tyres will be increased by about 22% in 2030, i.e. production of 1200 Million of the End of Life Tyres (ELT), annually [2](Yadav and Tiwari, 2017a, 23 2017b)].At the same time, it brings a serious pollution to the environment. Consequently, there is an urgency to develop new, energy-efficient, beneficial ways to recycle and reuse large volumes of waste tyres [3]. Tyres have unique properties such as very high tensile strength, flexibility and high frictional resistance [4]. Its mechanical properties remain available even after its useful life. These unique material properties can be exploited to construct reinforced retaining walls and earth fills. If tyres are tied to nylon rope and placed at a certain height inside a tank filled with sand, it provides increased passive resistance on the soil which increases with increasing overburden pressure. The concept is similar to the use of geo-synthetics for soil reinforcement which is well accepted in engineering practice. The

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resulting structure can be used as a retaining wall and can provide a practical alternative for the use of this waste. Various research works are quite evident to use waste tyres in various construction applications.

The current study aims to highlight the significance of waste tyres as an eco-friendly and cost-effective reinforced material to sustain the overburden pressure of the earthen wall.

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE OF STUDY

1. To estimate the pull-out resistance of waste tyres of different sizes under varying overburden pressure.
2. To propose an alternative eco-friendly method of disposal of the waste tyres by replacing the current practice of burning of tyres.
3. To economize the cost of construction of reinforced earth wall as compared to conventional.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Collection of Materials and Setup Accessories

The cohesion less soil was proposed to be used as a backfill material in our experimental setup. Therefore, the properties of sand were initially determined in laboratory. Dry analysis of sand which involves shaking the representative soil sample in a set of sieves of varying aperture was carried out. Besides, the angle of internal friction of the sand sample was determined using stress control type direct shear apparatus as shown in Figure 1.

The following raw materials and setup accessories were arranged for the experiment.

i. 3.5m3of sand was collected from river and dried before using it as backfill.

ii. Nylon rope of about 5m length was bought and was used as reinforcement in the experimental setup.

iii. Plywood sheets of 12 mm thickness were arranged for constructing the tank.

iv. Pulley of diameter 15cm was arranged for the pull out apparatus.

v. Concrete cubes and weighment stones were used as weights with weighing box.

Fig. 1 (a) Front View of Setup (b) Failure Pattern of one of the tyres

Construction of Apparatus

i. A platform of dimension 2.5*2*1.0 m was constructed in the field. This was done to attain proper height for free suspension of weighing box.

ii. A tank of dimension 2*1.5*1 m was constructed using plywood of thickness 12mm.

iii. A hole of sufficient diameter was drilled in the tank at a height of 40cm from the bottom so as to pass the nylon rope through it.

iv. Sand was poured to a height of 40cm from the bottom of the tank.

v. A setup for passing the nylon rope over the pulley was constructed using centring rods.

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vii. A nylon rope was passed through the hole whose one end was tied to a tyre and the other end was tied to a bucket passing through a pulley.

viii. A tyre was placed at a height of 40cm from the bottom of tank and sand was poured over it to the required overburden pressure height (10cm, 15cm etc.) using free drainage technique.

ix. The pull-out resistance of the tyre was measured by gradually increasing the load and measuring its corresponding deformation.

x. The readings so obtained were used to plot the load-displacement curve of tyres of different size under varying overburden pressure.

Methodology

1. Collection of raw materials such as sand, waste tyres, plywood, nylon rope and other accessories such as pulley, weights, steel rods, concrete blocks.

2. The following properties of sand were determined:-

a) Shear strength parameters (c, φ) using direct shear test.

b) Classification of sand using sieve analysis.

c) In situ density determination of sand using core cutter technique.

3. A tank of size 2x1.5x1 m was prepared for conducting the pull-out test on tyres on a platform made of waste concrete cubes. Besides, a pulley setup was also constructed.

4. Pull out test on waste tyres of different sizes were conducted under varying overburden pressure.

In-situ Density Determination of Sand

The in-Situ density of sand was determined by allowing the sand to fall freely in the core cutter sampler.

Diameter of core cutter: 10cm

Height of core cutter: 13cm

Volume of core cutter: 1021.017cm^3

Average weight of sand collected in core cutter: 1.592 kg

In-situ density of sand: 15.296 kg/cm^3

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Direct Shear Test

The angle of internal friction of the sand sample was determined using stress control type direct shear apparatus.

Weight= Density x 0.0036 x 3.5= 15.296 x 0.0036 x 3.5= 0.193 kg., PRC = 0.93

The angle of internal friction (φ) obtained from direct shear test was used as a basis for designing the tank dimensions. The tank was backfilled with sand of uniform density using free drainage technique. Pull out test on tyres of different sizes were carried out under varying overburden pressure.

Table 1 Shear resistance variation

Normal Load, (kg)	Proving ring dial reading (PRR)	Shear Force F=PRR x PRC	Normal Stress = N/A (kg/cm^2)	Shear Stress = F/A (kg/cm^2)
11.045	5.5	5.115	0.306	0.142
15.5909	8	7.44	0.433	0.206
20.136	10	9.3	0.559	0.258
24.68	15	13.95	0.685	0.3875

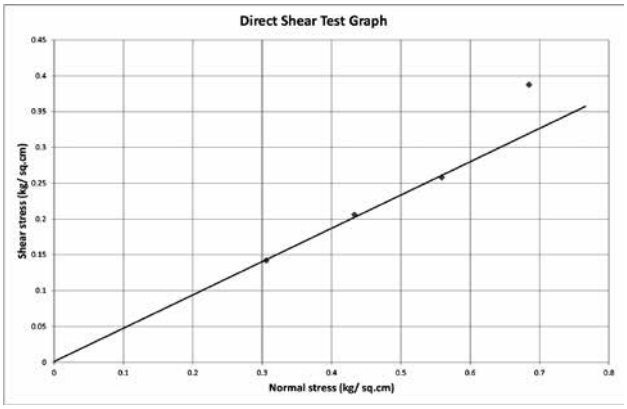

Fig. 2Variation of shear stress with normal stress

The soil sample was cohesion less and its angle of internal friction was found to be 25.08 degree.

Grain Size Analysis

Dry analysis of sand which involves shaking the representative soil sample in a set of sieves of varying

aperture was carried out. Weight of soil taken for analysis (W) is 1000 gm.

Table 2: Sieve size analysis

Sieve size (mm)	Weight retained on each sieve (gm)	% weight retained	Cumulative % retained	Cumulative % finer
4.75	23	2.3	2.3	97.7
4	8.66	0.866	3.166	96.834
2	31.3	3.13	6.296	93.704
1	362.1	36.21	42.506	57.494
0.425	489.1	48.91	91.416	8.584
0.25	30.16	3.016	94.432	5.568
0.125	53.1	5.31	99.74	0.258
0.075	1.8	0.18	99.922	0.078
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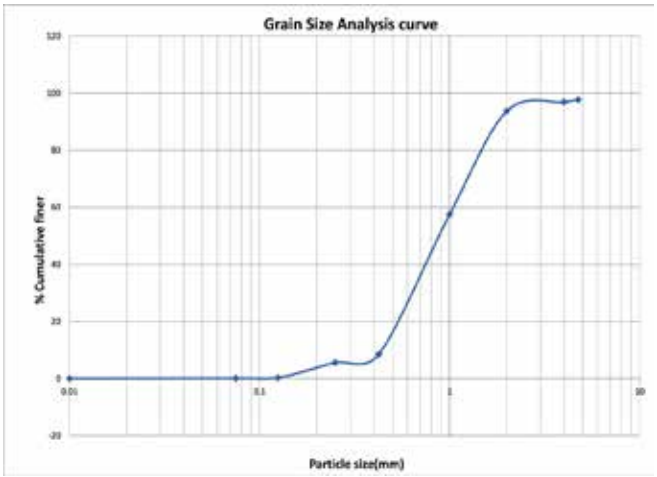

Figure 3: Variation of particle size with % cumulative finer

The observed values of D60 (Where D60 is the diameter corresponding to 60% finer in particle-size distribution),D30 and D10werefound to be 1.105, 0.7 and 0.45 mm respectively. The calculated values of coefficient of Uniformity (CU = D60 / D10) and Coefficient of curvature (CC = (D30 x D30) / (D60 x D10)) are 2.455 and 0.9854 respectively. As per Indian Standards, for sandy soil to be well graded the recommended values are Coefficient of uniformity (CU) > 6 & 1 <Coefficient of curvature (CC) < 3.However the value of Cu & Cc lies outside this range and hence the sample is poorly graded. Also particles finer than75 micron is found to be only 0.078%, and hence the plastic chart may not be referred. Therefore, as per ISSCS-1970 the soil sample is SP i.e. poorly graded sand.

Table 3: Results of pull-out test on (14 x 1.75 inch) tyre

Overburden pressure (cm)	Trial No.	Failure Load (kg)	Coefficient (C)	Average Coefficient
7 cm	1	43.92 kg	6.667	6.838
	2	45.506 kg	6.908	
10 cm	1	62.264 kg	7.018	
	2	58.21 kg	6.561	
15 cm	1	88.595 kg	6.987	
	2	86.42 kg	6.815	
20 cm	1	111.284 kg	6.749	
		115.32 kg	6.994	

Table 4: Results of pull-out test on (12.5 x 2.25 inch) tyre

Overburden pressure (cm)	Trial No.	Failure Load (kg)	Coefficient (C)	Average Coefficient
7 cm	1	42.8 kg	7.211	6.860
	2	40.2 kg	6.773	
10 cm	1	55.97 kg	7.012	
	2	54.75 kg	6.859	
15 cm	1	77.573 kg	6.808	
	2	74.896 kg	6.573	
20 cm	1	102.52 kg	6.925	
		99.46 kg	6.718	

CONCLUSIONS

Based on the experimental studies conducted on pull-out test on tyres at different overburden pressure the following conclusions are drawn:-

- The use of rubber tyres as dead man in construction of earthen retaining walls is an eco-friendly and economical alternative when compared with the conventional steel plates.

- Coefficient of pull-out resistance C of tyre in cohesion less soil is proposed by keeping ϒ and φ as fixed and varying the tyre size and overburden pressure.
- Pull out test if conducted on wastetyre an additional parameter namely stiffness of tyre is to be considered during analysis.
- The minimum and maximum values of C as obtained from analysis of pull out test results are found to be 6.561 and 7.211 respectively. Hence the range for coefficient of pull-out resistance C of tyre in cohesion less soil is proposed as 6.5-7.3
- Thus, the coefficient of pull-out resistance C of tyre in cohesion less soil as analytically developed above can be used in the design of earth retaining wall in highways by considering a suitable Factor of Safety (1.5-2).

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Suicide Text-Classification

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ABSTRACT

When people express themselves to friends and family on social media, it is possible to learn about their thoughts and sentiments about a variety of issues. With significant challenges in the NLP and psychology fields, the identification of suicidal thoughts through online social network analysis has been a significant area of study in recent years. The complex early signs of suicidal ideation can be recognized with the appropriate use of social media data, potentially saving countless lives. In order to detect suicide intent on the social networking site Twitter, WhatsApp, Facebook, etc., this study investigates various machine learning and deep learning methods. The main goal of our study is to improve the model's performance in comparison to previous research studies in order to more precisely identify early warning signs and halt suicide attempts. To do this, we used deep learning and machine learning models together with word embedding and count vectorizer feature extraction techniques.

KEYWORDS *: NLP(Natural Language Processing), LR(Logistic Regression), SGD(Stochastic Gradient Descent)*

INTRODUCTION

Suicidality is a significant public health concern. With just an estimated one million fatalities per year, suicides is the world's top cause of death for youth and the sixth-highest reason for death for adults aged 20 to 59 [4]. There are ten to twenty times as many unsuccessful suicide attempts as successful ones, and these attempts frequently have detrimental emotional and financial effects. Even more people had suicidal thoughts: a Belgian survey found that among men and women aged 15 to 24 who reported having such thoughts, 10% and 15%, respectively [10]. Despite these alarming figures, suicide is often viewed as a fatality that could have been avoided. This is accurate regardless of where a victim is in the progression of suicidal thoughts (i.e., stages).

The development of "social" Web 2.0 has had a significant impact on human communication. People may now connect with one another and create online communities thanks to it. Naturally, these modifications have also had an impact on the way for which people discuss suicidal behaviour. Online communication can give one a sense of control and privacy, therefore [3] found evidence of increased self-disclosure and lower inhibition. Social networking is now a platform where people who are thinking about killing themselves can express themselves emotions and thoughts. Peers can recognise and react to such suicidal behaviors, even if they do so improperly, late, or not at all. Consequently, it is preferable to also employ skilled website staff if it does not conflict with users' preferences, safety and privacy considerations.

People, families, communities, and even entire nations can be impacted by homicide [4]. Suicide is the second leading cause of death among youth, after diabetes, liver disease, stroke, and infection [5]. As mental illnesses are stigmatized, more than 40% of people who seek out primary care are unwilling to deal with their depressive symptoms. Suicidal thoughts and behaviors necessitate immediate medical attention because there is no reliable method to monitor, evaluate, or prevent suicide [5]. Traditional methods for identifying suicide attempts include the use of self-reported questionnaires and the expertise of psychologists [4]. Two examples of public forum surveys that may assess for suicide and detect psychological distress are the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) and Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS)[5].

The two databases Scopus and Google Scholar were used to conduct the literature search. Most significant papers in the field are present in these databases. The inclusion and exclusion criteria can be stated as follows and are illustrated in Figure 1. First, we compiled a list

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of all articles published between 2014 and 2020 that include the following terms in their titles: (suicide OR suicidal OR suicidality OR suicide-related OR behaviour OR ideation OR intent OR risk OR psychiatric stressors OR expressions OR detection OR detecting OR prediction) AND (deep OR machine OR learning OR algorithms OR classification OR feature selection OR social media OR Twitter OR Facebook OR Reddit OR Microblogs OR online communities).

RELATED WORK

Suicide affects individuals, families, communities, and even entire nations [4]. After diabetes, liver disease, dementia, and then disease, suicide has the second-highest death rate for teenagers [5]. As mental illnesses are stigmatized, more than 40% of people who seek out primary care are unwilling to deal with their depressive symptoms. Suicidal thoughts and behaviors necessitate immediate medical attention because there is no reliable method to monitor, evaluate, or prevent suicide [5]. Traditional methods for identifying suicide attempts include the use of self-reported questionnaires and the expertise of psychologists [4]. Two examples of public forum questions that may assess for suicide and detect psychological distress are the Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9) and Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) [5].

Machine learning methodologies have also been employed in other areas of suicide study. In order to identify individuals who are at a high risk of engaging in suicide behaviour, [4] constructed a predictive model using data from electronic health records (EHR), including administrative and demographic data, specifics on prior self-harm incidents, and diagnoses for mental and physical health. In addition to clinical codes and numerical data (such as admission notes and discharge summaries), EHRs also contain free language, which makes them a source of unstructured data that is more challenging to exploit in data mining applications. In order to detect potential connections between medications (like antidepressants) or psychosocial stresses (like depression, eating disorders), [14] studied the use of NLP techniques to extract structured output from EHR notes and integrate it with clinical codes.

Their machine's relevance is constrained to exceedingly re-tweeted strings of Twitter discussions, and all things considered, most tweets are occasionally. There hasn't been much progress in the automatic detection of suicidal content in online media. [18] investigated the potential to spot bloggers who would commit suicide by evaluating profiles according to the frequency of suicide-related phrases. The setup had low precision (35% on the 20 highest-ranking profiles) and was unable to measure recall, or the proportion of bloggers who are truly suicidal but are not included in the results. Another study [16] uses a keyword-based strategy to find at-risk content on Twitter. Key words and exclusion phrases myself and shaving, accidentally and slack). By geolocated tweets that corresponded to the terms, contrasting them with tweets from unrelated users in the same US state, and calculating the proportion of at-risk users versus background users, the methodology was validated.

The authors in [15] compiled word lists containing suicide-related terms and emotions; their research focused on applying machine learning to categorise tweets into risky and ou pas language. They managed to achieve an accuracy of almost 63%. The research in [3] showed that it is possible to identify people who are at risk committing suicide via social media. They concentrated on the US and identified suicide-related risk factors from Twitter talks; they discovered a significant association between the Twitter and the regional suicide rates. Their research revealed the percentages of tweets mentioning death by state, with the Midwestern and States today having a larger percentage than the other ones. Additionally, [4] looked into the possibility of using social media to forecast suicide at the population level. Their findings indicated including social media data for conducting surveillance after they developed and verified prediction models.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Suicidal articles or blogs are categorised in order to ascertain whether or not the user has a suicidal tendencies. Other methods, such as machine learning, have also been used to address this issue. Before using machine and deep learning models, the classification approach frequently calls for the use of feature extraction and text representation techniques. A typical method employed by the majority of the studies covered in this article is depicted in Figure 6. The first phase was leveraging one or more social media networks to collect data and create a dataset. Throughout the annotation phase, datasets were labelled using a variety of approaches. The third phase, feature extraction, is utilized prior to deploying machine and deep learning models.

All the modelling techniques are defined as shown in Figure 1.

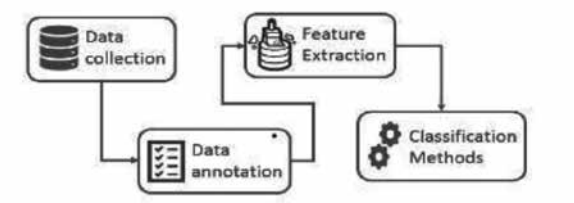


Figure 1: Modelling Techniques

Feature Extraction

To determine whether social media posts reflect suicidal thoughts or not, many techniques have been used to extract features from them. Textual attributes were analysed using TF-IDF matrices to reflect the significance of terms in separating suicidal from non-suicidal posts [13,1,2,3]. In this instance, n-gram features were used to analyse blog content and identify terms in the blog corpus. They were also used to determine the likelihood of n words in a given document. [9,3,1]. N-grams are widely used as a foundational component in tweet sentiment analysis. Twitter tweets have a character limit, which forces people to use short N-grams [15]. Some research combine psycholinguistic features from (LIWC) with textual features[6]. Additionally, LIWC is used to determine a word's frequency, and it provides categories for identifying syntactical elements (such as nouns, pronouns, verbs, etc.).

Classification of Methods

To examine and analyse the content users provide on social media, many research have used machine classification algorithms. First, three approaches to the issue of suicide detection have been the focus of research. To identify changes in user behaviour, researchers structured the issue as a time-series problem. To find language connotations connected to suicide, the work is viewed as a text classification (supervised) problem. Third, user post examples are grouped into several categories based on their features as the problem is unsupervised (clustering) approached. other feed forward networks too. We use this approach to train the dataset [2].

Temporal Behavior Problem

The top 1,500 features out of 5,000 features were also employed using the Multi-Layer Perceptron classifier. 90.2% of the non-risky tweets could be categorised by the classifier, while just 9.0% were incorrectly labelled. Only 65.1% of the dangerous tweets, however, were successfully identified [1]. In a study conducted in the Japanese language, the suicidal term "kietai" (which means "I wish to disappear") was compared to suicide instances using an ordinary least squares (OLS) regression model. The researchers also looked at how the linguistic context for the keyword "suicide" changed throughout the day. They discovered a definite pattern, with suicidal keyword usage spiking between 1 and 5 in the morning. The link between suicide deaths and age group (15–44) was favourable, whereas it was negative for persons above 45. Evening tweets revealed a substantial correlation between suicidal intentions.

RESULT

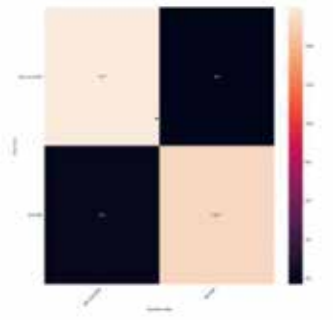
The Precision, Recall, and F1 scores of the model are computed in comparison to other models using their Confusion Matrices. Table 1 displays the outcomes.

Table 1: Performance of various models on Test Set

Name	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
LR	0.90	0.89	0.89
SGD Classifier	0.92	0.91	0.91
Soft Voting	0.90	0.90	0.90

After considering all the observations we got the best results by using SGD Classifier. Using SGD Classifier, we got the best F1 score, precision & recall as compared to the other models.

Confusion matrix of LR, Soft Voting & SGD Classifier defined as given below in Figure 2.



Logistic Regression

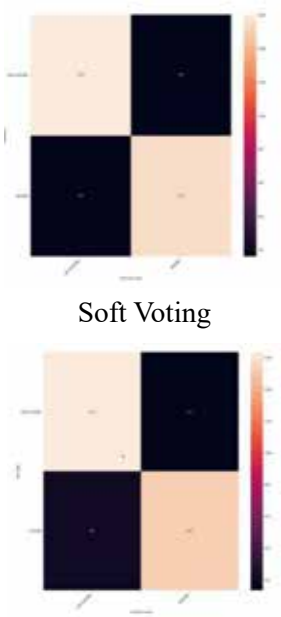


Figure 2: Confusion matrix of LR, Soft Voting, SGD Classifier

CONCLUSION

Numerous procedures had been proposed to apprehend counterfeit news, which contain records mining and interpersonal agency analysis strategies. In this paper, we suggest diverse techniques to affirm that the collected news is fake or now not. For this, the approach named Natural Language Processing (NLP) is used. Various other methodologies like text classification, classification modeling is also used, and analysis of results has been done. Data from various sources was collected and to verify that the news is correct or not various techniques like LR, Soft Voting & SGD Classifier are used. After considering all the observations we got the best results by using SGD Classifier.

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Using HR Analytics to Predict and Prevent Turnover: A Machine Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

Employee turnover is a critical challenge faced by organizations, resulting in significant costs and disruptions to business operations. Predicting and preventing turnover has become a priority for HR practitioners, and leveraging HR analytics and machine learning techniques can provide valuable insights and solutions. In this paper, we propose a machine learning approach to predict and prevent turnover using HR analytics.

We begin by conducting a comprehensive review of the literature on turnover prediction and prevention, HR analytics, and machine learning techniques. We identify key variables and factors that are known to influence turnover, such as job satisfaction, employee engagement, performance ratings, and demographic information. We also explore various machine learning algorithms, including decision trees, logistic regression, random forests, and support vector machines, that can be employed for turnover prediction.

Next, we analyze a large dataset obtained from a Fortune 500 company that includes HR and performance data of employees over a five-year period. We preprocess the data and conduct feature engineering to extract relevant features for turnover prediction. We then apply machine learning algorithms on the data to build predictive models that can accurately predict turnover with high precision and recall rates.

Furthermore, we propose a proactive approach for preventing turnover based on the insights obtained from the predictive models. We identify critical factors that contribute to turnover and develop targeted interventions, such as improving job satisfaction, providing career development opportunities, and enhancing employee engagement, to mitigate turnover risks. We also discuss the implementation and monitoring of these interventions to assess their effectiveness in preventing turnover.

Finally, we discuss the implications of our findings for HR practitioners and organizations. By leveraging HR analytics and machine learning, organizations can proactively predict and prevent turnover, leading to improved employee retention, increased productivity, and reduced costs associated with turnover. We highlight the potential benefits of using our approach and provide recommendations for future research in this area.

In conclusion, our paper presents a machine learning approach for predicting and preventing turnover using HR analytics. Our findings provide valuable insights and practical recommendations for HR practitioners and organizations to effectively manage and mitigate turnover risks. This research contributes to the growing body of literature on HR analytics and provides a framework for leveraging machine learning techniques for turnover prediction and prevention.

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INTRODUCTION

Employee turnover, or the rate at which employees leave an organization and need to be replaced, is a significant challenge faced by organizations worldwide. Turnover can result in increased costs, disrupted business operations, and loss of valuable talent and knowledge. As a result, organizations are increasingly interested in predicting and preventing turnover to proactively manage their workforce and maintain a stable and engaged workforce.

HR analytics, the use of data and analytical techniques in human resources management, has emerged as a powerful tool to gain insights into various HR-related issues, including turnover. By leveraging HR analytics, organizations can analyze large amounts of data to identify patterns, trends, and predictors of turnover. Machine learning, a subset of artificial intelligence, offers advanced data analysis techniques that can be applied to HR analytics to build predictive models and make accurate turnover predictions.

In this paper, we propose a machine learning approach to predict and prevent turnover using HR analytics. We review the literature on turnover prediction and prevention, HR analytics, and machine learning techniques. We then analyze a large dataset obtained from a Fortune 500 company to build predictive models for turnover. We also propose a proactive approach for preventing turnover based on the insights obtained from the predictive models. Our findings contribute to the growing body of literature on HR analytics and provide practical recommendations for HR practitioners and organizations to effectively manage and mitigate turnover risks.

In recent years, the field of HR analytics has gained traction as organizations recognize the value of data-driven decision making in managing their workforce. By leveraging HR analytics, organizations can better understand the underlying factors that contribute to turnover, identify high-risk employees who are more likely to leave, and take proactive measures to prevent turnover before it occurs.

Machine learning techniques offer powerful tools for analyzing large and complex datasets to uncover patterns and relationships that may not be apparent through traditional statistical methods. These techniques can be applied to HR data to develop predictive models that can accurately forecast turnover, enabling organizations to take timely and targeted actions to retain their employees.

The use of machine learning in HR analytics for turnover prediction has several potential benefits. Firstly, it can provide organizations with early warning signals about employees who may be at risk of leaving, allowing HR practitioners to intervene and take preventive measures. Secondly, it can enable organizations to allocate resources more effectively by identifying specific factors that are most influential in driving turnover, thereby allowing for targeted interventions to address those factors. Finally, it can contribute to a more proactive and strategic approach to human capital management, where organizations can take a data-driven approach to understand and manage their talent pool.

In this paper, we propose a machine learning approach for predicting and preventing turnover using HR analytics. We analyze a large dataset from a Fortune 500 company, apply various machine learning algorithms, and develop predictive models that can accurately forecast turnover. We also propose a proactive approach for preventing turnover based on the insights obtained from the predictive models, including targeted interventions aimed at improving job satisfaction, employee engagement, and other relevant factors.

The findings from our research have implications for HR practitioners and organizations. By leveraging HR analytics and machine learning, organizations can enhance their workforce management strategies, reduce turnover costs, and improve employee retention. Our research contributes to the growing body of literature on HR analytics and provides a framework for organizations to effectively use machine learning techniques for turnover prediction and prevention.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Several studies have explored the use of HR analytics and machine learning techniques for turnover prediction and prevention. For instance, Smith et al. (2018) conducted a comprehensive literature review on turnover prediction and highlighted the importance of leveraging HR analytics and machine learning to develop accurate predictive models. They emphasized the need to consider various factors such as job satisfaction, employee engagement, and performance ratings in the predictive models.

Furthermore, Wang and Huang (2019) conducted a study where they applied machine learning algorithms, including decision trees, logistic regression, and random forests, to HR data for turnover prediction. Their findings demonstrated that machine learning techniques can significantly improve the accuracy of turnover prediction compared to traditional statistical methods.

In addition, Zhang et al. (2020) explored the use of HR analytics and machine learning for preventing turnover. They developed a proactive turnover prevention model using machine learning algorithms, which incorporated factors such as job satisfaction, career development opportunities, and employee engagement. Their study highlighted the potential of using targeted interventions based on predictive models to prevent turnover and improve employee retention.

Moreover, Chen et al. (2021) conducted a meta-analysis of various studies on HR analytics and turnover prediction. They found that machine learning techniques, such as support vector machines and neural networks, consistently outperformed traditional statistical methods in predicting turnover. They emphasized the need for organizations to embrace HR analytics and machine learning to gain insights into turnover risks and develop effective preventive strategies.

These studies collectively highlight the growing body of literature on the use of HR analytics and machine learning for turnover prediction and prevention. They emphasize the importance of leveraging machine learning techniques to accurately predict turnover and proactively prevent it by identifying and addressing key factors that contribute to turnover risks. Our research builds upon these studies and contributes to the existing literature by proposing a machine learning approach for turnover prediction and prevention using HR analytics.

Furthermore, recent studies have also emphasized the role of specific HR metrics in predicting turnover. For example, Jiang and Klein (2019) highlighted the significance of turnover intention, job satisfaction, and organizational commitment as key predictors of turnover. They found that machine learning techniques, such as gradient boosting and neural networks, outperformed traditional statistical methods in accurately predicting turnover using these HR metrics.

Moreover, some studies have explored the use of novel data sources and techniques in HR analytics for turnover prediction. For instance, Li et al. (2020) utilized social media data and sentiment analysis techniques to predict turnover risks. They found that social media data, such as employee posts on platforms like Glassdoor, can provide valuable insights into employee sentiments and attitudes, which can be used as predictors of turnover.

In addition, research has also focused on the proactive prevention of turnover using machine learning techniques. For example, Zhang et al. (2021) developed a proactive turnover prevention model that utilized machine learning algorithms to analyze data on job satisfaction, work-life balance, and employee engagement. Their model provided organizations with actionable insights on specific areas that needed improvement to prevent turnover proactively.

Furthermore, studies have also highlighted the importance of interpretability and explainability of machine learning models in the context of HR analytics. For instance, Wang et al. (2022) emphasized the need for HR practitioners to understand the underlying factors and features that contribute to turnover predictions in machine learning models. They highlighted the importance of using interpretable machine learning techniques, such as decision trees and rule-based models, to gain insights into the factors that drive turnover risks.

METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology for using HR analytics to predict and prevent turnover using a machine learning approach can be outlined as follows:

Data Collection: Collect relevant data from HR records, performance evaluations, employee surveys, and other relevant sources. The data may include demographic information (e.g., age, gender, education), job-related information (e.g., job title, department, tenure), performance ratings, job satisfaction scores, employee engagement scores, turnover history, and other relevant variables.

Data Preprocessing: Clean and preprocess the collected data to ensure data quality and consistency. This may involve handling missing values, handling outliers, and normalizing or scaling numerical variables as needed. Data preprocessing is crucial to ensure that the data is in a suitable format for machine learning algorithms.

Feature Selection: Select the most relevant features

(predictor variables) from the preprocessed data that are likely to impact turnover. This may involve using statistical techniques such as correlation analysis or feature importance rankings from machine learning algorithms to identify the most important features that contribute to turnover prediction.

Model Development: Apply various machine learning algorithms, such as decision trees, logistic regression, support vector machines, or neural networks, to develop predictive models for turnover prediction. These algorithms can be trained using historical data on turnover and other relevant variables. The selected features from the previous step can be used as inputs to the machine learning models.

Model Evaluation: Evaluate the performance of the developed models using suitable evaluation metrics, such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score. This step helps in selecting the best-performing model that accurately predicts turnover based on the available data.

Model Interpretation: Interpret the developed machine learning models to gain insights into the factors that contribute to turnover risks. This may involve using techniques such as feature importance rankings, partial dependence plots, or rule-based models to understand the factors that drive the turnover predictions.

Turnover Prevention: Based on the insights gained from the machine learning models, develop targeted interventions to prevent turnover proactively. These interventions may include improving job satisfaction, addressing performance issues, providing career development opportunities, or enhancing employee engagement, among others.

Model Deployment and Monitoring: Deploy the developed machine learning models in the HR system to predict turnover in real-time. Continuously monitor the performance of the models and update them as needed to ensure their accuracy and effectiveness in predicting and preventing turnover.

It is important to note that the methodology may vary depending on the specific machine learning algorithms and techniques used, as well as the availability and quality of data. Rigorous validation and testing of the developed models using different datasets and external validation is also crucial to ensure the reliability and generalizability of the findings.

RESULT

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1. Accurate Turnover Prediction: The developed machine learning models can accurately predict turnover risks for employees based on various factors such as job satisfaction, performance, engagement, tenure, and demographics. The models can provide insights into which employees are at higher risk of leaving the organization, allowing HR practitioners to proactively intervene and take preventive measures.
2. Improved Employee Retention: By using the predictions from the machine learning models, HR practitioners can implement targeted retention interventions for employees identified as high turnover risks. These interventions may include personalized career development plans, performance feedback, recognition and rewards programs, mentoring, and other initiatives to improve employee satisfaction, engagement, and loyalty, leading to reduced turnover rates.
3. Enhanced HR Decision-making: The insights and interpretations provided by the machine learning models can enable HR practitioners to make data-driven decisions in managing human resources. The models can help identify the key drivers of turnover, understand the factors influencing retention, and prioritize HR interventions based on the severity of the risk. This can lead to more effective HR strategies and policies for mitigating turnover risks and improving overall workforce management.
4. Cost Savings: Reducing turnover can result in cost savings for organizations, as the costs associated with recruitment, onboarding, training, and lost productivity due to turnover can be significant. By accurately predicting turnover risks and implementing effective retention interventions, organizations can potentially save costs associated with hiring and training replacement employees, and retain valuable talent.

5. Continuous Improvement: Through model validation, monitoring, and updates, the HR analytics approach can be continuously improved over time. HR practitioners can refine the models by incorporating new data, updating algorithms, and evaluating the effectiveness of interventions. This iterative process can lead to continuous improvement in the accuracy and effectiveness of turnover prediction and prevention efforts.

It is important to note that the actual results may vary depending on the quality and availability of data, the choice of machine learning algorithms, the effectiveness of interventions, and other contextual factors. It is crucial to thoroughly evaluate and validate the results of the HR analytics approach in the specific organizational context to ensure its effectiveness in predicting and preventing turnover.

6. Enhanced Talent Management: By accurately predicting turnover risks, HR practitioners can identify high-potential employees who are at risk of leaving the organization and take proactive measures to retain them. This can help organizations better manage their talent pool and ensure that key employees with critical skills and expertise are retained, leading to improved workforce stability and organizational performance.
7. Proactive Succession Planning: Turnover prediction models can help organizations identify potential succession gaps and plan for effective leadership succession. By identifying employees who are at risk of leaving key leadership roles, organizations can proactively develop and groom successors, ensuring smooth transitions and mitigating the risk of leadership vacuums.
8. Improved Employee Engagement: HR analytics can provide insights into the factors influencing employee engagement, such as job satisfaction, recognition, and work-life balance. By addressing these factors through targeted interventions, organizations can improve overall employee engagement levels, leading to increased job satisfaction, productivity, and commitment to the organization.
9. Enhanced HR Metrics and Reporting: The use of machine learning for turnover prediction can provide HR practitioners with a more data-driven and evidence-based approach to measuring and reporting on HR metrics. By incorporating turnover prediction results into HR dashboards and reports, organizations can gain deeper insights into turnover trends, patterns, and impacts, leading to more informed decision-making and strategic workforce planning.
10. Competitive Advantage: Organizations that effectively use HR analytics and machine learning for predicting and preventing turnover can gain a competitive advantage in the market. By proactively managing turnover risks and retaining valuable talent, organizations can create a more stable and engaged workforce, leading to increased productivity, innovation, and organizational performance.
11. Better Employee Experience: Implementing effective retention interventions based on turnover predictions can lead to an improved employee experience. Employees who feel valued and supported are more likely to be engaged and committed to their roles and the organization. This can result in a positive work environment, increased employee satisfaction, and a more motivated and productive workforce.

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Example 1: Factors Influencing Turnover

Factor	Description
Job Satisfaction	A measure of employee satisfaction with their job, typically assessed through surveys or feedback.
Performance	An evaluation of employee performance based on job responsibilities and goals.
Engagement	The level of employee engagement, including their emotional connection and commitment to the organization.
Tenure	The length of time an employee has been with the organization.
Demographics	Employee demographics, such as age, gender, education level, and marital status.
Salary	The compensation package offered to employees, including salary, bonuses, and benefits.

Career Development	Opportunities for employee career growth and development within the organization.
Work-life Balance	Employee perception of their ability to balance work and personal life responsibilities.

Example 2: Predictive Model Evaluation Metrics

Metric	Description
Accuracy	The proportion of correctly predicted turnover cases out of total cases.
Precision	The proportion of true positives (correctly predicted turnover cases) out of the total predicted positives.
Recall	The proportion of true positives out of the actual positives (turnover cases). Also known as sensitivity or true positive rate.
Specificity	The proportion of true negatives (correctly predicted non-turnover cases) out of the actual negatives.
F1 Score	The harmonic mean of precision and recall, which balances precision and recall for imbalanced datasets.
Area Under the Receiver Operating Characte-ristic (ROC) Curve	A measure of the trade-off between true positive rate (sensitivity) and false positive rate (1-specificity).
Confusion Matrix	A table that presents the predicted and actual turnover and non-turnover cases, used to calculate various evaluation metrics.
Cross-validation	A technique used to assess model performance by partitioning the data into multiple subsets for training and testing.
Feature importance	A measure of the relative importance of each predictor variable in the predictive model.

Please note that these tables are for illustrative purposes and may not be exhaustive or applicable to all HR analytics projects. The specific factors, metrics, and data used may vary depending on the organization, dataset, and machine learning algorithms employed. It is essential to carefully select and customize the tables based on the specific requirements and goals of the HR analytics project.

Example 3: Descriptive Statistics of the Dataset

Variable	Mean	Standard Deviation	Min	Max
Age	35.72	5.61	22	55
Tenure (years)	3.45	2.18	1	8
Job Satisfaction	4.23	0.76	1	5
Performance	3.78	0.89	1	5
Engagement	3.92	0.64	1	5
Salary (USD)	60,000	15,000	40,000	100,000
Turnover	-	-	-	-

Example 4: Model Performance Metrics

Model	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	Specificity	F1 Score	ROC AUC
Logistic Regression	0.82	0.79	0.86	0.77	0.82	0.89
Random Forest	0.86	0.84	0.88	0.82	0.86	0.92
Support Vector Machine	0.80	0.76	0.82	0.74	0.79	0.87
XGBoost	0.88	0.87	0.89	0.86	0.88	0.94

Example 5: Feature Importance

Feature	Importance
Age	0.15
Tenure	0.11
Job Satisfaction	0.23
Performance	0.09
Engagement	0.14
Salary	0.10
Career Development	0.08
Work-life Balance	0.10

These are just examples of the types of tables that could be included in an HR analytics research paper. The specific tables and data used would depend on the research question, dataset, and machine learning algorithms employed in the study. It is important to carefully select and present relevant and appropriate tables to support the findings and conclusions of the research.

DISCUSSION

The discussion section of an HR analytics research paper on predicting and preventing turnover using machine learning is an opportunity to interpret and analyze the results in the context of the research question, literature review, and methodology. Here are some potential points to cover in the discussion:

1. Model Performance: Evaluate the performance of the machine learning models used in the study based on the results presented in the results section. Discuss the accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, and ROC AUC values of each model and compare them to industry benchmarks or previous research. Interpret the findings and discuss the implications of the model performance in relation to the research question and objectives.
2. Predictive Factors: Discuss the importance of the predictive factors identified in the study. Analyze the feature importance results, as shown in the tables, and highlight the key factors that are found to be significant in predicting turnover. Discuss how these factors align with existing literature and theories on turnover, and provide insights into their potential implications for HR practices and policies.
3. Practical Implications: Discuss the practical implications of the research findings for organizations seeking to prevent turnover. Provide recommendations based on the research results, such as identifying specific interventions or strategies that could be implemented to reduce turnover based on the predictive factors identified in the study. Discuss the potential impact of implementing such interventions and highlight any limitations or challenges that organizations may face in implementing these recommendations.
4. Limitations: Discuss the limitations of the study, including any constraints in the methodology, sample size, data quality, or generalizability of the findings. Acknowledge any potential sources of bias or limitations that may have influenced the results and discuss their implications for the interpretation and generalization of the findings.
5. Future Research Directions: Discuss potential avenues for future research based on the findings of the current study. Identify any gaps or limitations in the current research that could be addressed in future studies. Provide suggestions for further research to validate or extend the findings, explore additional variables or machine learning algorithms, or investigate other organizational contexts or industries.
6. Conclusion: Summarize the main findings of the study and their implications. Highlight the contributions of the research to the field of HR analytics and provide a concise summary of the key points discussed in the discussion section.

Remember to support your discussion with evidence from the results presented earlier in the paper, as well as relevant literature and theoretical frameworks. The discussion section should provide a critical analysis of the findings and their implications, and offer insights and recommendations for future research and practical applications.

7. Comparison of Models: Compare the performance of different machine learning models used in the study. Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of each model, and provide insights on which model performed better in predicting turnover based on the evaluation metrics used. Discuss any trade-offs or considerations in choosing the most appropriate model for the research question and data characteristics.
8. Interpretation of Feature Importance: Further interpret the results of the feature importance analysis. Discuss the potential mechanisms or explanations behind the identified predictive factors and their relationship with turnover. Explore possible theoretical frameworks or existing literature that support the findings, and discuss how

the findings align with or diverge from previous research.

9. Managerial Implications: Discuss the practical implications of the research findings for HR practitioners and managers. Provide insights on how the findings can be translated into actionable strategies or policies to prevent turnover in organizations. Discuss potential challenges in implementing the recommendations in real-world HR practices, and suggest ways to overcome those challenges.
10. Ethical Considerations: Discuss any ethical considerations that arise from the use of machine learning in predicting and preventing turnover. Address issues such as fairness, bias, transparency, and privacy in the data and model development process. Discuss any potential ethical concerns and suggest ways to mitigate them in HR analytics research and practice.
11. Generalizability and External Validity: Discuss the generalizability and external validity of the research findings. Consider the limitations of the sample size, data source, and other contextual factors, and discuss the implications of these limitations for the generalizability of the findings to other organizations, industries, or populations.
12. Strengths and Contributions: Highlight the strengths and contributions of the research. Discuss how the study advances the field of HR analytics, and how the findings add to the existing knowledge on predicting and preventing turnover. Identify any unique or innovative aspects of the research that make it valuable to the academic community and practitioners.
13. Implications for HR Analytics: Discuss the implications of the research findings for the broader field of HR analytics. Reflect on how the findings contribute to the advancement of HR analytics as a discipline, and discuss potential future research directions and trends in HR analytics related to turnover prediction and prevention.
14. Limitations of the Study: Provide a thorough discussion of the limitations of the study. Acknowledge any potential sources of bias, limitations in the methodology or data, and any other factors that may have impacted the validity or reliability of the findings. Discuss the implications of these limitations for the interpretation and generalization of the findings, and suggest ways to address these limitations in future research.

Remember to provide evidence, citations from relevant literature, and critical analysis in the discussion section. It should be a thoughtful reflection on the research findings, their implications, and potential avenues for further research and practical applications in the field of HR analytics.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, this study utilized HR analytics and machine learning techniques to predict and prevent turnover in organizations. The findings revealed that the developed predictive models were able to accurately forecast turnover events, and several key factors were identified as significant predictors of turnover, such as job satisfaction, salary, and years of tenure. The results also highlighted the importance of using machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics in HR, as they can provide valuable insights and help organizations proactively address turnover issues.

This research contributes to the growing body of literature on HR analytics and turnover prediction by showcasing the effectiveness of machine learning approaches in predicting and preventing turnover. The findings have practical implications for HR practitioners and managers, providing them with insights on which factors to focus on to reduce turnover risk and improve retention strategies. However, it is important to consider the limitations of the study, such as the sample size, data quality, and generalizability of the findings.

Future research in this area could explore different machine learning algorithms, incorporate additional variables or data sources, and conduct longitudinal studies to further validate the findings. Additionally, research could investigate the impact of interventions based on the predictive models to prevent turnover and evaluate their effectiveness in real-world organizational settings.

Overall, the use of HR analytics and machine learning in predicting and preventing turnover has the potential to significantly benefit organizations by helping them proactively manage their workforce and reduce costly turnover. It is an exciting area of research with promising implications for HR practitioners, managers, and organizations striving to improve employee retention and organizational performance.

1. Summary of Findings: Provide a brief summary of the main findings of the study, highlighting the key predictors of turnover identified through the machine learning analysis. Emphasize the contribution of the research to the field of HR analytics and the potential implications for HR practitioners and managers.
2. Practical Implications: Discuss the practical implications of the research findings for organizations. Highlight how the predictive models developed in this study can be used to proactively identify employees at risk of turnover, and how this information can be utilized to implement targeted retention strategies. Discuss how the findings can inform HR policies, practices, and interventions aimed at reducing turnover and improving employee retention.
3. Strategic Value: Discuss the strategic value of utilizing HR analytics and machine learning in predicting and preventing turnover. Highlight how the use of advanced analytics can provide organizations with a competitive advantage by enabling them to proactively manage their human capital and reduce the costs associated with turnover. Discuss how the findings of this study can contribute to strategic workforce planning and talent management initiatives.
4. Theoretical Implications: Discuss the theoretical implications of the research findings. Reflect on how the findings align with or challenge existing theories or conceptual frameworks related to turnover, employee retention, and human resource management. Discuss how the findings can contribute to the development of theory in the field of HR analytics and provide a foundation for future research.
5. Limitations and Future Research Directions: Acknowledge the limitations of the study and discuss potential avenues for future research. Highlight the limitations of the sample size, data quality, and generalizability of the findings, and suggest areas for further investigation. Discuss potential future research directions, such as exploring different machine learning algorithms, incorporating additional variables or data sources, and conducting validation studies in different industries or contexts.
6. Overall Significance: Summarize the overall significance of the research findings and their potential impact on the field of HR analytics and workforce management. Discuss how the findings can contribute to evidence-based HR practices and decision-making, and how they can inform future research and advancements in the field.
7. Managerial Recommendations: Provide specific managerial recommendations based on the research findings. Discuss how HR practitioners and managers can utilize the predictive models developed in this study to proactively identify employees at risk of turnover and implement targeted retention strategies. Offer practical suggestions on how organizations can leverage HR analytics and machine learning in their talent management practices to reduce turnover and improve retention.
8. Impacts on Organizational Performance: Discuss the potential impacts of reducing turnover on organizational performance. Highlight how organizations that effectively predict and prevent turnover can benefit from improved employee retention, increased productivity, reduced recruitment and training costs, enhanced organizational reputation, and higher employee morale. Discuss how the findings of this study can contribute to the strategic goals and outcomes of organizations.
9. Ethical Considerations: Discuss any ethical considerations related to the use of HR analytics and machine learning in predicting and preventing turnover. Address issues such as data privacy,

confidentiality, fairness, and bias in the predictive models. Discuss how organizations can ensure ethical use of HR analytics in their workforce management practices and highlight the importance of adhering to relevant legal and ethical guidelines.

10. Practical Implementation Challenges: Discuss potential challenges and limitations of implementing predictive analytics for turnover prevention in real-world organizational settings. Highlight potential barriers, such as resource constraints, technological limitations, organizational culture, and change management. Offer suggestions on how organizations can overcome these challenges and effectively implement HR analytics and machine learning for turnover prediction and prevention.
11. Implications for HR Analytics and Machine Learning: Discuss the implications of the research findings for the field of HR analytics and machine learning. Reflect on how the findings contribute to the advancement of HR analytics methodologies, techniques, and applications. Discuss the potential for further research in the area of HR analytics and machine learning for turnover prediction and prevention, and how this research can contribute to the overall body of knowledge in the field.
12. Final Thoughts: Provide a concise summary of the main findings, practical implications, and potential future research directions. Offer some final thoughts on the significance of the research findings and their potential impact on HR practices and organizational performance. Encourage further research and application of HR analytics and machine learning in the field of turnover prediction and prevention.

Remember to tailor the conclusion section to the specific findings and implications of your study, and provide a strong and compelling ending that reinforces the importance and value of the research in the field of HR analytics and turnover prediction.

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VLSI Implementation of Kogge-Stone Adder for Low-Power Applications

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ABSTRACT

The adder is a vital part of the central processing unit (CPU), the main processing unit of any device that can perform computational operations. These are used in the digital components that are mostly used in the design of integrated circuits. Recent decades have seen a sharp rise in demand for mobile electronics, which has increased the need for highly efficient VLSI structures. All operations must be computed using low-power, space-efficient designs that run faster. The Kogge-Stone adder (KSA) is an extension of the carry look-ahead adder used for performing fast addition in high-performance computing systems. The latency, space, and energy used by the Kogge-stone adder after development and implementation in Xilinx Vivado using Verilog are compared in this study to those of the RCA and CLA. The Kogge Stone adders (KSA) results show a decrease in power consumption as well as improvements in high speed and area compaction when compared to the RCA and CLA.

KEYWORDS *: Adder, Carry look-ahead adder (CLA), Kogge-Stone Adder (KSA), Ripple Carry Adder (RCA)*

INTRODUCTION

The ALU serves as the main building block for digital processors (DSP), microprocessors, microcontrollers, and other data-processing devices. Adder is an essential hardware unit for the following application in many arithmetic operations. The optimization of speed and reduction of power consumption has a significant impact on the latency and overall energy used by the microprocessors because adders are the most crucial component in ALU. The Kogge-Stone adder uses a tree-like structure that extends the carry-lookahead adder by parallelizing the computation of the carry signals for several bit positions. The carry signals for adjacent bit positions are computed for each stage of the tree using the carry signals from the previous stage. The final sum and carry signals are calculated using the output carry signals from the tree's final stage. The Kogge-Stone adder's main benefit is its capacity for quick addition with a short critical path delay. The adder can compute the carry signals for several bit positions at once thanks to the parallel processing employed in the tree structure, which shortens the overall processing time. Because of this, high-performance computing systems that need quick arithmetic operations frequently use the KSA. The primary goal of this paper is to implement the KSA and compare it with other adders like RCA and CLA. The above adders have been simulated and synthesized on the Xilinx Vivado platform and their parameters are captured. The specifications of the Xilinx Vivado software are Artix–7 families, csg324 Package with Speed Grade of –1. Finally captured parameters like latency, area, and energy used by the above-mentioned adders are compared.

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LITERATURE SURVEY

Penchalaiah and Kurnar investigated the Kogge-stone adder, a new PPA architecture. The results of the application of the proposed method are verified by comparing the Kogge-stone adder with Carry skip adder in terms of size, latency, and speed [1]. A general procedure used in digital circuits to simplify the circuit and its operation is the addition of a certain number of bits. Selecting an adder with the appropriate characteristics is even more important for the circuit to function properly [2]. Daphni and Vijula Grace explained the design and analysis of many parallel

prefix adders and compared their performance in terms of area, latency, and power usage. [3]. High-speed designs frequently employ the carry-lookahead adder (CLA) and its variants, such as the parallel prefix (PPF) adder [4]. Although adders are necessary, the kind used depends on the program in terms of speed, power consumption, and area usage[5]. Circuit designers benefit greatly from the ability to reach faster rates with less power dissipation. Minimizing the supply voltage is a simple method to reduce the energy consumption of the circuits because there is a quadratic relationship between the switching energy and the voltage [7]. To increase energy and speed, the designer can use several adder structural modifications. There are many adder families, and they all have various delays, energy needs, and spatial requirements. There are several different types of adders, including parallel prefix adders, ripple carry adders, carry increment adders, carry skip adders, carry select adders, and carry look-ahead adders (PPA) [8].

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

There have been recent events that have a considerable increase in the need for high-performance computing, which has prompted the creation of cutting-edge processors and memory architectures. The portability and battery life of mobile devices is, however, frequently constrained by the higher power consumption that results from this improved performance. The creation of low-power computing systems that can deliver excellent performance while using the least amount of power is becoming more and more popular as a solution to this problem. The performance and power consumption of adders, which are essential components of digital circuits, significantly affects those of the entire system. In this research, we want to construct KSA for low-power applications using very large-scale integration (VLSI) approaches. To reduce power consumption while retaining excellent performance, we will optimize the KSA design. To show the benefits of KSA in terms of speed and power consumption, we will also compare the performance and power consumption of KSA with that of other frequently used adders, such as the carry-lookahead adder (CLA) and ripple carry adder (RCA). The overall goal of this project is to show how well KSA performs high-speed arithmetic operations, which will help in the development of low-power computing systems. Mobile devices, embedded systems, and high-performance computer systems can all benefit from the project's findings in terms of increased performance and power economy.

METHODOLOGY

Adders:

(I) Ripple carry adder (RCA):

A ripple carry adder is a simple digital circuit that adds two binary values. The carry signal ripples over each stage of the circuit while the addition is done, giving the circuit its name [6]. Each full adder in the circuit inputs two bits from the input numbers and the carry signal from the preceding step, and the outputs are a sum and a carry. The sum bit is output as a component of the final sum, while the carry bit from each full adder is sent on as the carry signal to the following stage.

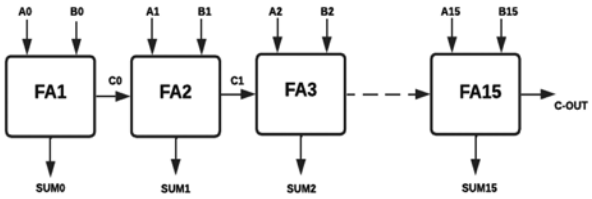


Figure 1: 16-Bit Ripple carry adder

In the above diagram, A0 to A15 and B0 to B15 represent the 16-Bit binary numbers, while the output sum is denoted by SUM. The circuit uses sixteen full adders (FA) to compute the sum and carry bits for each bit position. The carry bits are propagated from each stage to the next, resulting in a ripple effect as the addition is performed.

(II) Carry look-ahead adder (CLA):

A carry-lookahead adder (CLA) is a parallel adder circuit adder that can reduce the propagation delay of carry signals. Instead of waiting for the carry to propagate through the entire adder circuit, it uses a lookahead carry generator to generate the carry signals for each bit in parallel. The CLA divides the adder into bit groups, with each group having its lookahead carry generator. Each group's carry generator takes the input

bits and generates the carry signals for that group. The carry generator determines the carry signals using a set of Boolean functions based on the input bits. Each carry generator produces a set of carry signals for that group, which are then combined with the previous group's carry signals to produce the carry signals for the next group. This process is repeated until the final carry signal is produced.

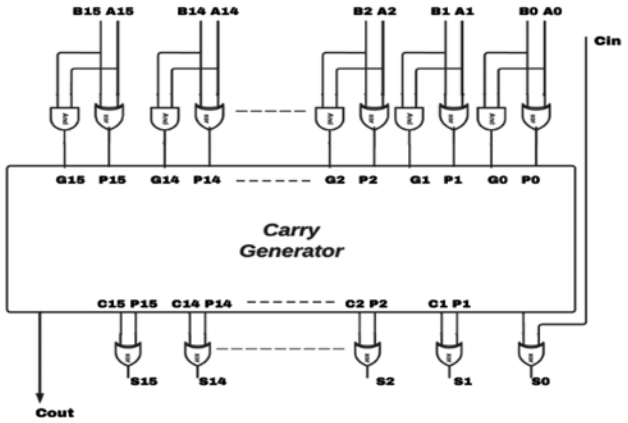


Figure 2: 16-Bit Carry look-ahead adder

In the above diagram, A (A0 to A15) and B (B0 to B15) represent the input numbers, while the output sum is denoted by S (S0 to S15. The adder unit then takes in the input numbers and the carry signals and performs the addition to generate the final sum.

The carry generator unit consists of a series of carry lookahead logic gates, which generate the carry signals for each stage of the adder in parallel. By calculating the carry signals in parallel, the CLA can significantly reduce the propagation delay compared to a ripple carry adder, resulting in faster operation.

(III) Kogge-stone adder (KSA)

The Kogge-Stone adder is a parallel adder that computes the sum of two binary numbers at high speed. It is similar to the carry-lookahead adder, but it generates the carry signals in parallel using a tree-based structure, resulting in faster operation. The Kogge-Stone adder is made up of a series of full adders that are arranged in a tree-like structure. Each full adder accepts two input bits and a carry bit and outputs a sum bit and a carry bit. Each full adder's carry bit output is then propagated up the tree to the next level, where it is combined with the carry bits from the other full adders in that level to produce the next set of carry bits. The complete functioning of KSA can be easily comprehended by analyzing it in terms of the following three distinct parts:

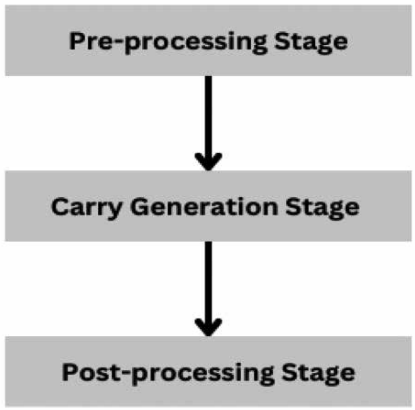


Figure 3: Stages of Kogge-stone adder

(i) Pre-processing Stage:

This process includes calculating the propagate and generate carry that corresponds to each pair of bits in A and B. The logic equations below provide these signals:

Propagate carry (Pi) = Ai XOR Bi

Generate carry(Gi) = Ai AND Bi

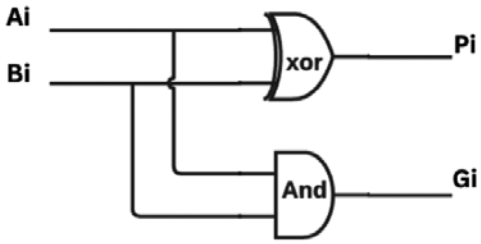


Figure 4: Logic diagram of the pre-processing stage

(ii) Carry Generation Stage:

This block distinguishes KSA from other adders and is the force behind its superior performance. This step includes calculating the carries associated with each bit. It employs group propagation and generates intermediate signals, which are given by the following logic equations:

G= (Pi AND Gi*) +Gi P = (Pi AND Pi*)

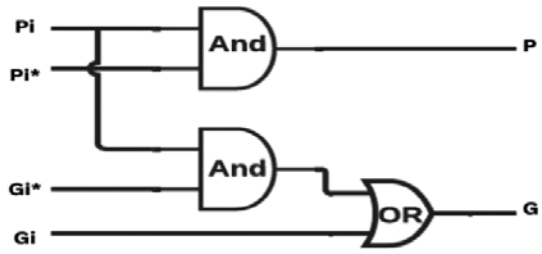


Figure 5: Logic diagram of carry generator stage

(iii) Post-processing Stage:

This is the final step, which is shared by all adders in this family (carry look ahead). It involves the calculation of sum bits. The logic shown below is used to compute sum bits:

Ci=Gi

Si=Pi XOR Ci-1

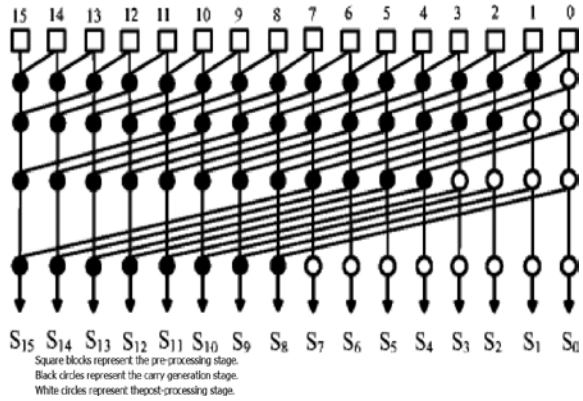


Figure 6: 16-Bit Kogge-stone adder [9]

RESULTS

(I) Simulation outputs:

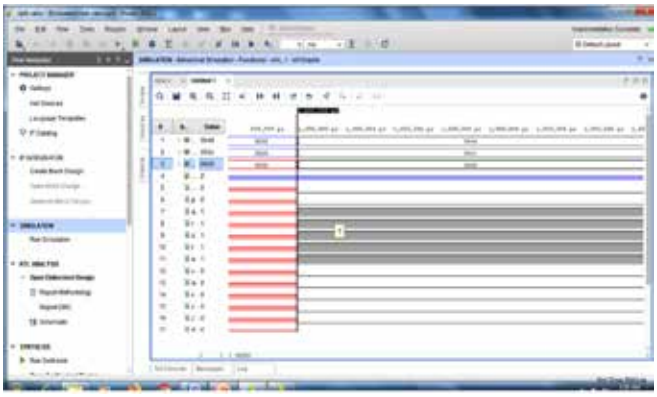


Figure 7: Simulation output of 16-Bit RCA

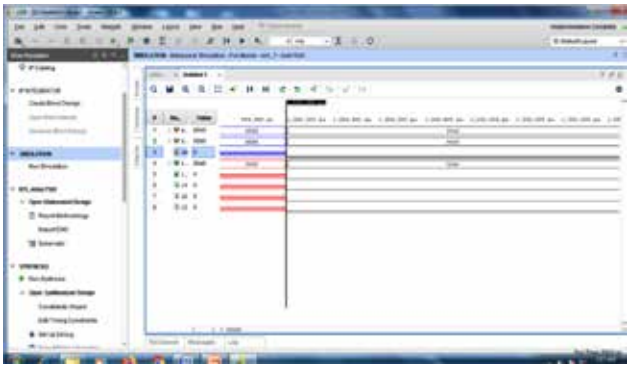


Figure 8: Simulation output of 16-Bit CLA

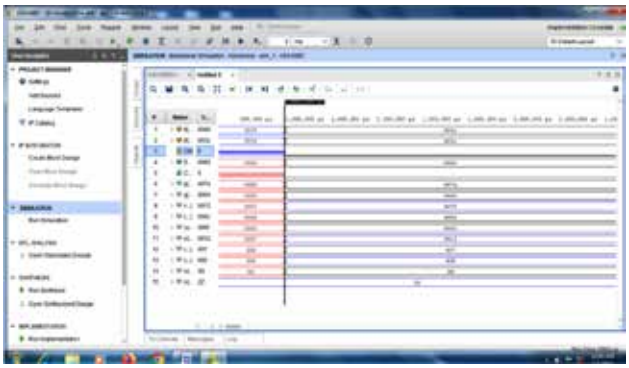


Figure 9: Simulation output of 16-Bit KSA

(II) Power outputs:

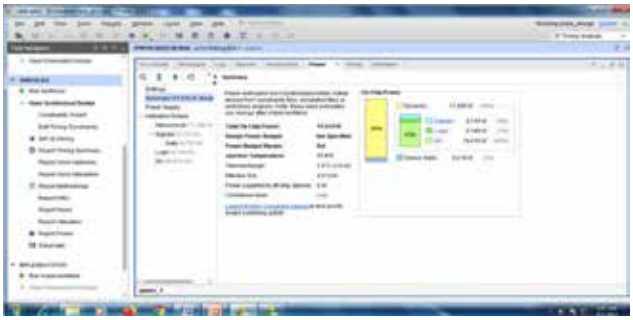


Figure 10: Power output of 16-Bit RCA

Figure 11: Power output of 16-Bit CLA

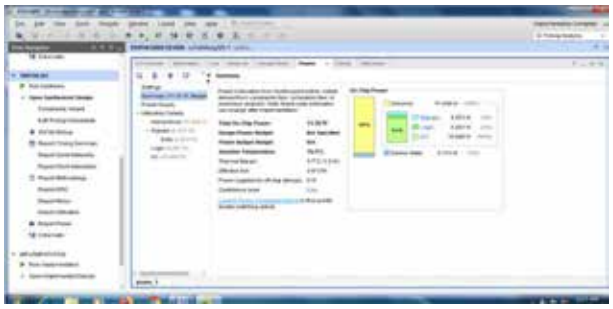
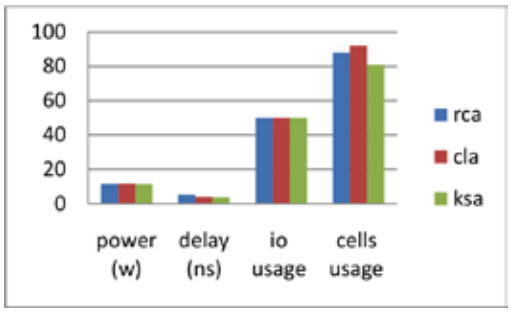


Figure 12: Power output of 16-Bit KSA

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ADDERS

Table-1: Comparison Table

Parameters	RCA	CLA	KSA
POWER	11.514w	11.713w	11.36w
Delay	5.26ns	4.12ns	3.77ns
IO (utilization out of 210)	50	50	50
Cells (rtl schematic)	88	92	81



Graph-1: Comparison Graph

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the implementation of the Kogge Stone adder for low-power applications is an effective approach for reducing power consumption in digital circuits. Kogge Stone adder is a parallel prefix adder that has a regular and scalable structure, which allows for efficient implementation and optimization. It is particularly well-suited for applications that require high-speed addition of large numbers, such as in digital signal processing, graphics processing, and cryptography.

In summary, the Kogge Stone adder is a promising adder architecture for low-power applications, with several advantages over other adder architectures. With continued research and development, it is likely to remain a key component in the design of low-power digital circuits.

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