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The National Education Policy (NEP): To revamp the present Indian education system from the school to college level, the New Education Policy (NEP) has been introduced. There is a hope that the NEP will bring a glory in academic system by replacing the age-old education system we are following for several decades in our country. The existing 10+2 pattern has soon been replaced with 5 (3 to 8 yrs) + 3 (8 to 11 yrs) + 3 (11 to 14 yrs) + 4 (14 to 18 yrs) pattern which is inclusive of pre-schooling. The main objective of the NEP is to make the education system more holistic, discussion and analysis-based learning, multidisciplinary and flexible for sustainable growth by preparing the students to face the national and global challenges. Also, aimed to establish primary level schools in every habitation in our country to increase the access to education.

A separate regulatory body named as the Higher Education Council of India (HECI) is established to look after all as a single body excluding medical and law courses and replace the existing regulatory bodies like UGC, AICTE and NCTE. Another objective of NEP is, to relieve all the educational institutions from their affiliating universities and providing them autonomous system with grading in a phased manner.

Advantages of NEP are: schooling to everyone, increasing the literacy rate in our country, discussion-based learning, a single regulatory body instead of multiple controlling bodies, national book promotion policy, making the students habitual to learn through on-line during the pandemic situation, and many more. Though, there are many advantages, there are few disadvantages of the NEP which include introduction of learning subjects in regional languages which may challenge the availability of books, those willing to do graduation need to study for four years.

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Sustainable Utilization of Wollastonite Microfibres as Internal Curing Agent in Concrete

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ABSTRACT

The present study investigates the make use of wollastonite microfibers (WM) as a cement substitute in combination with limesludge (LS) as fine aggregate alternative. In this study, the utilization of wollastonite microfibres as a cement alternative in concrete is investigated through a number of experiments to establish its internal curing effect in combination with LS aggregates. The wollastonite microfibers are used to enhance the matrix microstructure. The study also aims to address the adsorption-desorption characteristics of the wollastonite microfibres through water desorption studies and relative humidity measurements in concrete. The results show that the wollastonite microfibres functions more effectively as an internal curing agent at later ages when the concrete is exposed to drying circumstances. Interestingly, about 70% of the water in the wollastonite microfibers was released, thereby minimizing the loss of the internal concrete humidity and leading to less drying shrinkage. The internal curing ability of the wollastonite microfibres was further confirmed through better microstructure and hydration product formation as observed through TGA studies.

KEYWORDS: *Wollastonite microfibers, Internal curing, Limesludge, Concrete, Shrinkage.*

INTRODUCTION

Wollastonite microfibres (WM) has also been synthetically manufactured using industrial wastes such as quartz and marble powder and has yielded better mechanical and durability behavior [1]. Wollastonite microfibres can reduce the consumption of cement in construction. The needle like structure can enhance the physical and mechanical properties [2]. The swelling characteristics and water-releasing behavior of internal curing agents are important for utilization in concrete [3]. The usage of ICA in the form of polymers can enhance the curing of concrete by modifying the chemical or physical nature of the concrete through their polymeric cross-linked chains [4]. Though polymers have been productively employed as an ICA, their usage in concrete is highly restricted due to the multiple mechanisms involved in the production of polymers and the diversification of their quality [5, 6]. Therefore, to obtain better mechanical strength and durability, adoption of a material is required with optimal physical and chemical properties. The ICA is also found to interact with the hydration of cement and extend the working time of the concrete [7]. Past few decades also have witnessed a considerable attention in the field of research of concrete technology focusing much on the curing methods and techniques [8, 9]. In this view, a number of works use different materials to function as ICA to mitigate shrinkage and cracking in concrete [10-12]. Commercial markets have come up with a number of products that mitigate shrinkage through the internal curing effect [13]. Most of the ICA's employed in the construction industry belong to the food industry and function mainly as humidity regulators [14]. The use of food-grade materials is always associated with a number of risk factors, such as cost and resource availability. At this point, the requirement for a highly efficient and economical curing agent was realized, and a number of mineral admixtures have been utilized as a self-curing agent in concrete [15-17]. One of the most commonly used minerallic internal curing agents is wollastonite microfibres and pumice, which possess a greater affinity towards water due to their porous structure [18, 19]. The porous materials function as molecular sieves where water can reside and later be utilized for curing. However, it involves a huge amount of scientific knowledge to utilize the materials, as an ICA is required to extract the desirable properties and to fine-tune the material for a specific purpose by mitigating the negative effects [20, 21].

Wollastonite microfibres are calcium silicate minerals that are acicular and are used in different forms depending on their particle size [22]. Wollastonite microfibres in the form of powders are mainly used in the ceramics and paint industries. The usage of wollastonite microfibres microfibers (>150μm) are mainly used in construction industry due to their acicular shape and interlocking capacity [23]. However, the potentials of wollastonite microfibres in the construction sector is not explored fully and its usage is highly limited. Recent years have tried to utilize wollastonite microfibres in concrete to create confidence of the material in concrete field and reported a number of significant findings [24]. Wollastonite microfibres fibers are capable of reducing shrinkage strains in concrete, thereby delaying concrete crack formation in combination with a shrinkage reducing agent (SRA) [25, 26]. The concrete structures have to be maintained properly by providing enough curing both internally and externally. While most of the concrete technologists suggest the adoption of both internal and external curing techniques to prevent moisture loss both physically and chemically [27, 28]. The chemical water loss occurs when hydration occurs, thereby decreasing the internal humidity of the concrete and forming stress concentration spots where cracks can easily develop [29, 30]. The reduction of self-desiccation and neutralization of stress concentration is possible through the use of ICA in the form of porous powders that can adsorb enough water through their unconnected pores [31]. The internal curing agents can subsequently release water into the concrete, compensating for the loss of moisture occurring in the concrete due to the continuous hydration of cementitious components [32]. The internal loss of internal humidity in concrete can also contribute to the continuous development of hydration products, thereby improving their strengths and durability [33]. In this paper, wollastonite microfibres have been employed as an ICA in concrete along with combination of fine aggregate replaced LS. The idea behind this is to harness the water-in taking property of wollastonite microfibres. In the present study, wollastonite microfibres have been explored as an internal curing agent in concrete in combination with LS as cementitious filler. The wollastonite microfibres powders of size 60μm was mixed together and employed as a replacement of wollastonite microfibres instead of cement. Lime sludge was substituted in various weight fractions (5%, 10%, 15%) into the concrete along with the wollastonite microfibers substituted at 10%, 15% and 20% respectively.

MATERIALS

As binding agents for the investigation, wollastonite microfibres and OPC 53-grade cement were used and lime sludge as fine aggregate in combination with river sand aggregates. According to IS code 12269-1987, cement must have a soundness of at least 10 mm, or 0.8%, and a fineness of greater than 225 m2/kg for Le Chatellier expansion and autoclave expansion, respectively. Elasai Enterprises in India provided the lime sludge for the concrete production. The large calcite peaks with kaolinite evidence were found to be summits. The initial mean particle size of the wollastonite microfibres pieces, which were purchased from Wolkem India Limited, was 90 µm. Wollastonite microfibres was pulverized in a ball mill to an average particle size of around 60 µm. The grain size of the raw materials and their distribution curve is shown in Figure 1. The nominal size of the river sand utilized as the fine aggregates and crushed quartzite aggregates used as coarse aggregate in concrete were 1.42 mm and 12mm, respectively. The high-range water-reducing agent Sika Viscocrete, which is a naphthalene-based high-range water-reducing agent, is the chemical admixture that is employed.

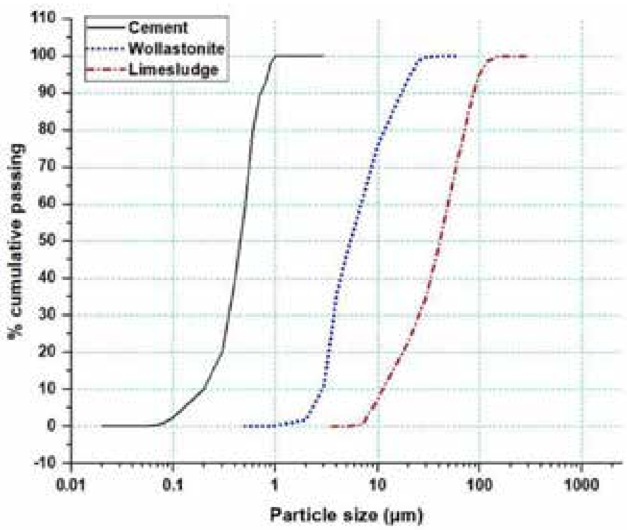

Figure 1. PSD curve of chosen materials

Table 1. Chemical composition of raw materials employed in this study

Component (%)	SiO_2	CaO	MgO	Al_2O_3	Fe_2O_3	SO_3	P_2O	K_2O	Na_2O	LOI
OPC	21.25	63.3	1.65	4.99	4.08	2.7	-	0.23	0.51	1.29
WM	48.22	41.13	3.1	1.27	1.3	-	-	-	-	4.98
LS	1.12	51.5	0.26	0.98	0.54	0.58	2.72	0.1	0.08	41.94

Table 2. Proportioning of wollastonite microfibres-limesludge blended mixes

Mix Id	Cement	LS	W	FA	CA	SP
	kg/m³					
CTRL	324	-	-	785	1093	8.2
L5W10	275.4	16.2	32.4	785	1093	8.8
L5W15	259.2	16.2	48.6	785	1093	8.9
L5W20	243	16.2	64.8	785	1093	9.3
L10W10	259.2	32.4	32.4	785	1093	9.4
L10W15	243	32.4	48.6	785	1093	9.8
L10W20	226.8	32.4	64.8	785	1093	10.1
L15W10	243	48.6	32.4	785	1093	10.3
L15W15	226.8	48.6	48.6	785	1093	10.4
L15W20	210.6	48.6	64.8	785	1093	10.8

where, L stands for limesludge and W stands for wollastonite microfibres

TESTING METHODS

The available water content of the concrete mixes was determined by monitoring the loss of evaporable water at 105 degrees Celsius. This method has been hailed as one of the best for assessing the concrete's free water content. The free water content was measured at various intervals ranging from 1 to 56 days using a cylindrical disc with a 5 mm thickness that protruded from the center of a cylinder measuring 5 cm in diameter and 10 cm in height. The free water content was then recorded and a calculation of their average weight loss was made. To obtain the time-dependent water absorption, the produced specimens were initially oven-dried (105+2^{0}C) for 24 hours, followed by cooling. Following that, 500 g of dry samples were immersed in synthetic saltwater at a temperature of 23+10C in accordance with ASTM C1761. The average weight loss was computed with the help of the equation (1).

$$W = \frac{Wsd - Wod}{Wod} \times 100 \quad (1)$$

where, W – Rate of water absorption (%), Wsd – Weight of surface dried specimen (g), Wod – Weight of oven dried specimen (g). The method given in the sources was used to measure the water desorption (The test was run at a temperature of 23 ± 10C, or ambient temperature. The water desorption investigations were conducted according to the procedure outlined in earlier research publications (Zou et al. 2018, Alvaro Paul 2011) and according to ASTM C-1761 criteria. The synthetic salt water solutions were created and the fluctuations in weight up to 56 days were measured. The linear shrinkage measurements were determined using corrugated tubes that were 28.5 mm in diameter and 425 mm long in accordance with ASTM C1968, was measured. Three replicates of each combination were evaluated. Transformers with linear variable differentials automatically tracked length changes for up to seven days. The test is then terminated as a outcome of a slowdown in the autogenous shrinkage's evolution. The automatic measurements for samples in triplicate show a small scatter, with a relative standard error of 1% to 2%. 100mm x 100mm cubic concrete specimens were tested to establish the concrete compressive strength in accordance with the procedure defined in IS 516:2002. A 150 mm by 300 mm concrete cylinders are tested in agreement with IS516:2002 to ascertain the material's flexural and split tensile strengths. The average strength value of the three samples was recorded for every testing performed. After casting, each specimen was vibrated, then sealed after one day at room temperature and relocated to the standard curing room (200C and RH > 95%) until testing age. The restrained shrinkage test was conducted in accordance with the ASTM standard (ASTM C1581-4). With an aid of strain gauge, the concrete shrinkage deformation was calculated, and the fracture width was determined using an image analysis approach. The crack area is the product of the crack length and width, based on the average of three samples. The dry discs were broken and ground in a shatter box for two minutes to produce a fine powder appropriate for TGA analysis. The TGA was carried out on 50-mg powdered specimens at the age of 28 days using a Discovery TGA device from TA Instruments. Powders were heated from 30^0C to 950^0C at a continuous rate of 10^0C/min while flowing nitrogen at a unvarying rate of 30 ml/min.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Free Water Content

Using the measurements of free waters, desorption capability of wollastonite microfibres was evaluated. The wollastonite microfibres are found to absorb a certain amount of waters at the time of the mixing and as the hydration events occur and release the captivated water back into the matrix, the relative humidity falls. The variations in the quantity of free waters can be identified as a critical indicator of how effectively wollastonite microfibres desorbs water over time, as measured by repeated assessments of available waters that are free. The graph depicts the available waters in the concrete mixtures for up to sixty days. In addition, the initial one-day data is shown separately to allow for a more thorough comparison. The obtained results reveal that, after 30 minutes, two parameters exert a diametrically opposite influence over the free water content of concrete. Due to the fibrous nature of the wollastonite particles, an increase in the concentration of wollastonite microfibres scales down the quantity of waters in the cement matrix. In contrast, the addition of a large amount of water to improve workability causes the mixture to contain more free water. Despite a 24% decrease in water content between the control mix and the mix containing L5W15, it was determined that this increase was insufficient to counteract the water absorption behavior of the wollastonite microfibre particles. Appropriately, the free water content of the concrete falls for up to 45 minutes as the wollastonite microfibre concentration rises. The requirement for extra water increases by 43% between the W-5% and W-20% mixtures. This appears to offset the additional water absorption produced by the increased wollastonite microfiber dosage. Consequently, a rise in the free water content is noticed. The hydration process is so important in reducing the free waters in the concrete and as the quantity of hydration product increases, the amount of free water reduces with time. Cement particles combine with free water to generate hydration products throughout the hydration process; subsequently, the quantity of free water decreases with time. Figure 3 depicts the free water content over different time intervals normalize to 30 minutes. After correlating 2 hours output recorded with the normalized 30 minutes output reveals the water desorption characteristics of wollastonite microfibres. The 2 hours free water of L5W10 mixture drops 0.36g/100g, but the L10W15 and mixture gains 0.21g/100 g of its free water at the same time. This shows that the water contained in wollastonite fibers is being released back into the matrix over time. This finding holds true for all mixtures containing wollastonite microfibers. The internal curing involvement of wollastonite microfibre elements is corroborated by the L15W15 mixture, which exhibits a water gain of 0.09 g per 100 g. The discovered results further illustrate that wollastonite microfiber particles absorb less water than is required for hydration reactions. This is because the L10W10 mixture contains a considerably smaller quantity of wollastonite microfibres. According to the initial two hours data, the L10W10 mixture has the maximal percentage of free water compared to the other mixtures, which may help elucidate why it was the most effective. After 5 hours, however, the free water content of the L5W20, L10W20 concrete mixture has decreased to approximately 0.29 g, 0.04 g per 100 g, suggesting that the final setting of this combination has commenced. As depicted in the Figure 2, the free water contents also influence the setting behavior of the concrete mixture, resulting in a delay in the setting behavior as the free water content of the concrete increases. In support of the proposed idea, it can also be noted that the significant peak is observed only many hours (i.e., four hours) after mixing. This illustrates that the free water quantity cannot be maintained by introducing more wollastonite microfibres. After 5 days of curing, nearly all of the concrete mixes containing wollastonite (up to 10%) attained a constant free water content; however, the L10W15 and L15W20 mixtures achieved a steady free water content only after 7 days, demonstrating the ability of wollastonite microfibre particles to absorb water.

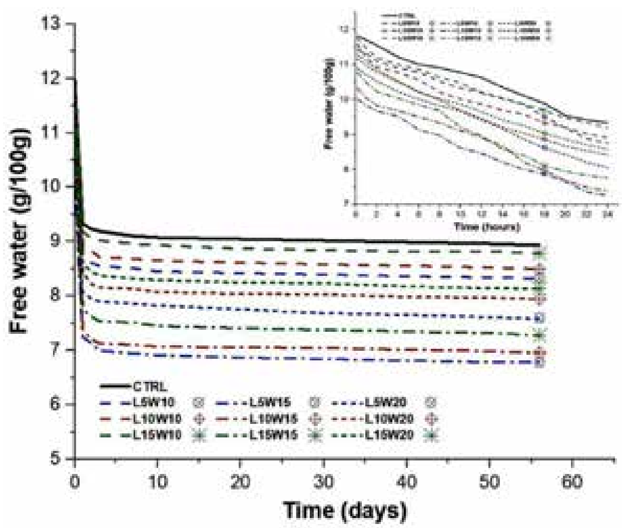

Figure 2. Free water content of W-L mixes at different ages – Inset: first 24 hour

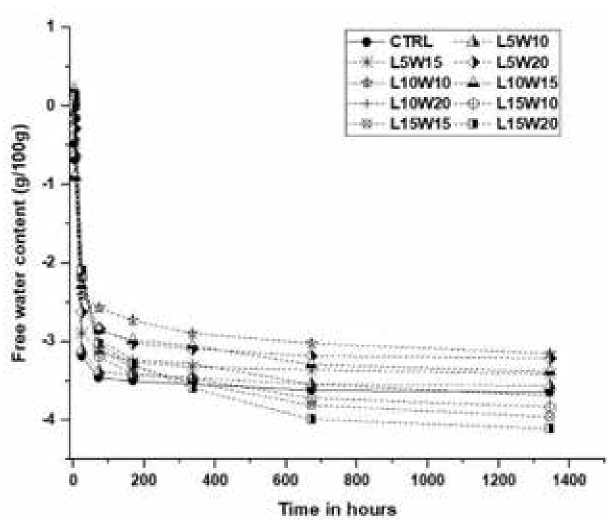

Figure 3. Water desorption isotherm (g/100g) over time normalized to 30 minutes

Mechanical Behavior

Figure 4 shows the compressive strength of wollastonite fibre limesludge modified concrete at different ages. As seen, all the concrete mixes with LS aggregate exhibited much lower compressive strengths than the control concrete mix, and the underlying mechanism can be attributed due to the lack of hardness and strength of the LS when compared to the river aggregates. At 7 days, the concrete mixtures containing LS had slightly lower compressive strengths than regular concrete. At this stage, both control concrete and concrete containing WM-LS contained sufficient water for cement hydration, hence the benefit of internal curing had not yet been established. However, the weak region generated by the addition of excess WM reduces the concrete's compressive strength beyond 20% addition. Figure also indicates that concrete compressive strength with WM greater than 20% and a LS value greater than 15% decreased significantly due to enhancement in the amount of voids generated by the excess WM and LS, which produced sparsely compact concrete. When LS is employed as an aggregate, the early age strength of concrete is dramatically lowered, which was slightly countered by the addition of WM. The WM has a higher modulus of elasticity and can therefore produce a lighter interfacial binding with the matrix of concrete. In addition to forming a mesh-like microstructure with the cement particles, the WM can also increase the cement's mechanical strength.

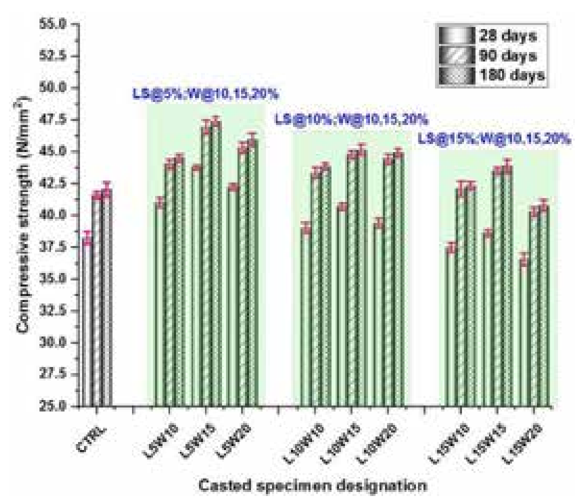

Figure 4. Compressive strength behavior of WM-LS concrete mixes

Figure 5 displays the flexural strength of concrete containing LS and WM at various periods of curing. Due to the inclusion of WM, the flexural strength nearly stayed constant from 14 to 28 days. The addition of WM provided sufficient water after 7 days for the CaO present in the LS to react with the silicates to generate more CSH. However, an excess of CaO is hazardous to concrete. The consumption of an excessive amount of water by CaO in concrete exposed to a dry environment also results in shrinkage cracks and a decrease in strength. The WM minimized the dry cracks caused by moisture loss, hence preserving the degree of hydration in the concrete even at later ages. The results also indicate that with constant compressive strength values of concrete containing WM and LS, the flexural strength improved significantly due to the WM incorporation. The flexural strength of the L5W15, L10W15 and L15W20 concrete's are significantly greater than that of the control concrete, indicating that WM enhanced the concrete's internal microstructure, particularly the failure-prone weaker interfacial zones. A study of mechanical behavior in presence and absence of WM reveals that an addition of 15% wollastonite to concrete containing LS is best. At 28 days, the concrete flexural strength of L5W15, L10W15 was 24% and 15% higher than that of the control concrete respectively. However, the early-age flexural strength of the concrete was greater than that of the control concrete with a lower proportion of WM, even at higher LS proportions, indicating the positive effect of WM in strengthening and reinforcing the cement matrix in addition to the internal curing effect at later ages. Due to the internal curing effect of WM, it can also be observed that the concrete achieved strength more quickly. In a comparison of the concrete's compressive and flexural behavior, the concretes containing WM demonstrated superior flexural strength even at a young age. Due to the reduced w/b ratio selected as a result of the pre-wetting of the microfibers of wollastonite prior to their usage in concrete, the WM concrete exhibited better strength. The pre-wetting step is performed to promote the internal curing action of wollastonite; however, higher proportions posed a major aggregation problem, necessitating the section-described mixing approach. The pre-wetting of wollastonite microfibers with water and SP for 24 hours prior to mixing has contributed to an improvement in mechanical strength even with greater LS addition rates. The graph presented in Figure 6 depicts the split tensile strength of concrete at different ages. The split tensile strength followed nearly identical trends to the compressive strength, in which the maximum strength is attained for the concrete mixes containing 15% wollastonite microfibers and 5% limesludge, followed by 10% limesludge with same wollastonite microfiber content.

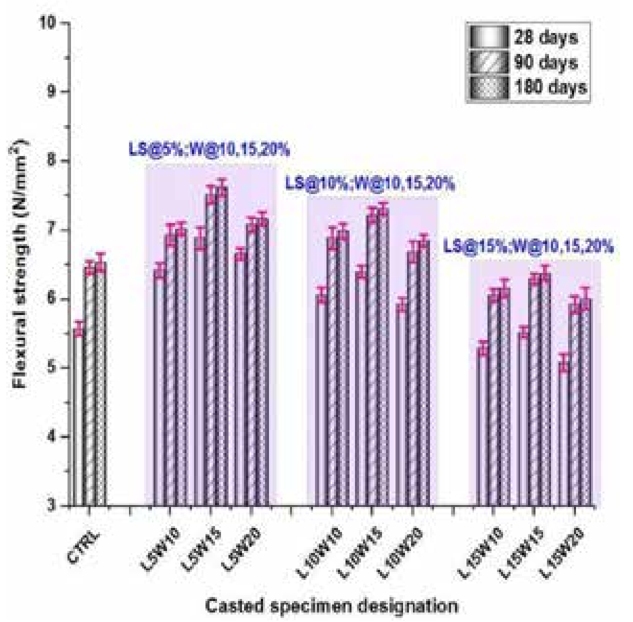

Figure 5. Flexural strength behavior of WM-LS concrete mixes

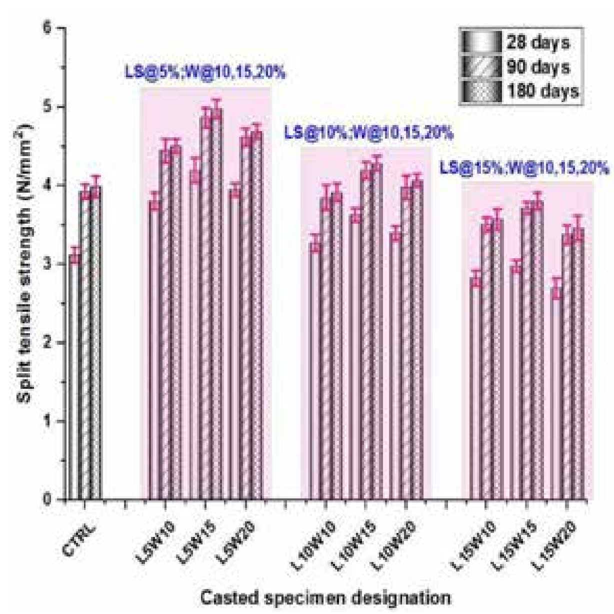

Figure 6. Split tensile strength behavior of WM-LS concrete mixes

Restrained Ring Shrinkage Test

The behavior of cracks in concrete containing WM and LS, as determined by a restricted ring shrinkage test, is depicted in Figure 7. Evidently, the control concrete exhibited the largest crack in terms of width and area. Table 3 presents the crack characteristics of the developed WM-LS concrete mixes obtained through ring shrinkage test. Even with a 15% increase in LS, the concrete with WM exhibited superior crack resistance. However, the fracture width of the concrete with WM-20% was nearly identical to that of the concrete with WM-15%, demonstrating that WM can only improve the crack resistance of concrete to a limited extent. The WM acted as an internal curing agent, improving the hardened properties of the concrete, which are primarily responsible for its crack resistance. It can also be observed that the time it takes for a crack to form is greatly enhanced when WM is added to concrete. Visual observations further reveal that the fissures that formed were not visible when WM was utilized. As found in a previous study, the addition of more than 10% LS to concrete resulted in the creation of severe cracks, and the crack resistance of the concrete decreased dramatically at 15% LS addition. This is mostly because of the greatly contrasted expansion coefficients of LS and river aggregates, as well as the temperature changes inside and outside of concrete, which can cause severe cracking. With more WM in the concrete, the crack area decreased, and the process of crack formation took longer to complete. Through capillary pressure, the free water in the concrete that is not utilized for hydration might seep out, thereby increasing the creation of cracks.

Table 3 L-W mixes - Crack behavior

Mix Id	Cracking time (hours)	Cracking width (mm)		Crack length (mm)	Crack area (mm^2)
		Average	Maximum		
CTRL	131	0.32	0.47	124	39.68
L5W10	196	0.13	0.22	108	14.04
L5W15	221	0.11	0.17	114	12.54
L5W20	207	0.18	0.26	111	19.98
L10W10	167	0.16	0.23	117	18.72
L10W15	189	0.19	0.29	109	20.71
L10W20	178	0.15	0.26	112	16.8
L15W10	155	0.23	0.31	119	27.37
L15W15	176	0.18	0.24	116	20.88
L15W20	164	0.25	0.34	115	28.75

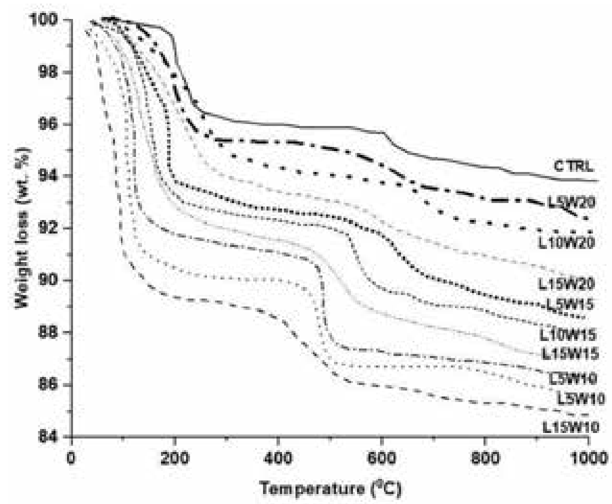

Figure 7. Autogenous shrinkage of WM-LS concrete mixes

Thermal Gravimetric Analysis

Figure 8 presents the TGA curves of the concrete mixtures as a function of temperature and mass loss (percent). The mass loss (percent) can be used to estimate the quantity of physically and chemically bonded water in concrete. The image depicts the TGA curves of the control concrete, in which the free water content was substantial, resulting in a discontinuous mass loss between 100°C and 200°C. In addition, it can be observed that the mass loss at around 450°C was considerably smaller than in the other mixtures containing WM and LS. However, the mass loss at around 800°C was significantly greater in the WM-LS mixtures, indicating the presence of CaO in the concrete. All mixtures, including WM, saw decreased weight loss between 800°C and 1000°C, indicating less free evaporable water. The weight loss of concrete mixes including WM increased between 500°C and 550°C, indicating an increase in the development of CSH gels. The second weight loss peak corresponds to the loss of structural water at around 200°C, and nearly all mixtures, including WM, exhibited a significant weight loss, which is indicative of larger hydration product forms with increased bonding to the chemical fluids. The dehydroxylation of CH phases occurred at around 400°C, which is more clearly observed in the control mixture than in the WM mixtures, demonstrating the consumption of portlandite by the pozzolans into secondary CSH gels. The CH weight loss comparison can also reveal a larger weight loss at 4000C, indicating a more pozzolanic effect with the CH.

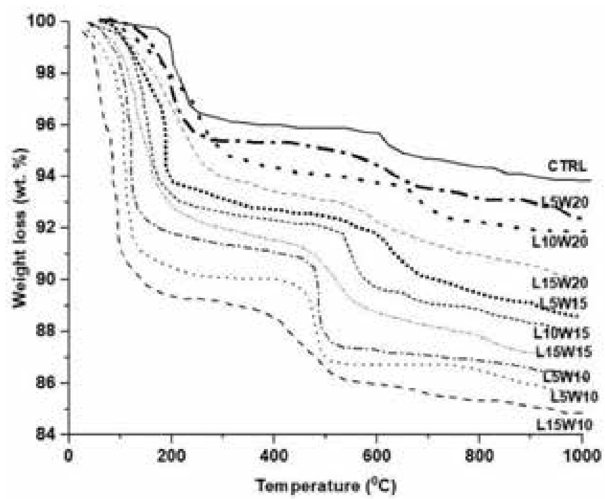

Figure 8. Thermal analysis of developed mixes after 28 days hydrating

CONCLUSIONS

This study demonstrated the viability of combining wollastonite microfibers with lime sludge powders as an internal curing agent in concrete. In addition, the results revealed that the combination of WM and LS enhanced the number of interconnected micropores through which water can reside and be utilized for hydration. The internal healing effect of WM is plainly observable in the lowering of shrinkage values with increasing age. The decreasing free water content of the concrete as it matures is another indicator of WM's water retention capability. By virtue of their nano-porous crystalline form, WM has the ability to operate as an internal curing agent, despite the fact that a number of studies have demonstrated its use as a reinforcing material. Thus, it can be extrapolated that the usage of WM in conjunction with LS is sufficient to function as an internal curing agent in concrete, thereby providing sufficient water to counteract shrinkage effects and minimize self-desiccation and mechanical strength reduction.

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Microstructure Analysis of Concrete Structure through the Application of Nano Material

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ABSTRACT

Studying property of materials at the nanoscale to accept, regulate, and reorganize to produce materials with novel qualities is described as Nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is based on the principle that the size of the particle has an ample impact on the constituents of the materials behaviour at nano- and microstructural scales and is crucial in shaping material's characteristics as pore structure have an impact on how they behave and can reveal information about their performance as well as their nano- and microstructures. In present study, with partially replacement of cement with nano carbon black, pore structure of concrete has a direct impact on its permeability, durability-related qualities, and strength etc. Therefore, pore size, extent, and shape are crucial factors in determining whether a material is suitable for use in real-world applications and in assessing concrete performance. Scanning Electron Microscopy analysis was carried out to comprehend the impact of carbon black in the concrete at the microstructure level for the creation of various combinations of blended systems of cement and nano carbon black. From the analysis of result, it is concluded that incorporating carbon black had a favourable impact on the microstructure structure of concrete with nanocarbon black.

KEYWORDS: *Concrete, Nano carbon black, C-S-H (calcium silicate hydrate) gel, Microstructure, Scanning electron microscopy.*

INTRODUCTION

In the present era compared to other forms of building materials, after water, concrete is one of the most used and universal man-made building materials worldwide. Its demand is rising daily as a result of factors including population increase, urbanization, industrialization, and the necessity for infrastructure development, among others [1]. Although one cannot ignore concrete's relevance for the country's economic development, one must also deal with issues associated with science's discovery [2]. Concrete is a multiphase, heterogeneous, nanostructured substance utilized in nearly all facets of building. No construction can be presumed without concrete as it takes up over 70% of the building's total volume. Despite various drawbacks, cement is a crucial ingredient in the creation of concrete. Several experiments have been conducted to lower the cement content in concrete [3] [4].

The hydration process is a reaction between cement water that produces calcium silicate hydrate gel (C-S-H gel), which is recognized as a strength phase of concrete with a 28% calcium content. This scenario has a variable impact on the concrete's strength, workability, homogeneity, and other mechanical attributes [5]. In order to specifically address this problem, a study is conducted to reduce concrete pores using nano carbon black as a partially replacement of cement, a powder that comes from the rubber industry. When calcium hydroxide (CH) and nano carbon black are amalgamated, there is a greater chance that more calcium silicate hydrate (C-S-H) will be produced, a structure that can carry more strength [6][7]. Additionally, carbon black has a pore-filling effect in concrete, which enhances its mechanical properties i.e., workability, ability to change setting times, and durability [7][8].

Concrete's structure is determined by the nature, dimension, shape, amount, and distribution of the various phases. From the nano extent to the micrometre range to the millimetre range, the composition of structure dynamic in nature [9]. The elements of a structure that are exceeding the millimetre scale can usually be seen with the direct eye, but those that are below the millimetre size must typically be examined under a microscope. At a very fine nanometre scale, scanning electron microscopy (SEM) has made it feasible to observe the microstructure of concrete's hydration products [10].

Finding out the morphological characteristics of concrete i.e., monitor the behaviour of the concrete's microstructure as it hydrates can be done using a special method known as Scanning Electron Microscope (SEM) [4][10]. These contemporary methods enable the visualization of the particular properties of the concrete. The mineral information gleaned from the micro structural analysis will aid in understanding the special characteristics of concrete as well as the minor chemicals found in the solid cement paste. SEM is also useful for understanding how C-S-H gel, Ca (OH)2 crystals, and other mineral complexes are produced. As a result of the hydration process in concrete which affect each of the material's specific properties [11]. Additionally, in situ examination of the microstructures of freshly made cement paste with addition of nano carbon black can significantly upturn understanding of the early-stage characteristics of concrete development which can help to raise the function of concrete as an eco-friendly and more durable building material [12].

Carbon Black as nano additive

Carbon Black is a dark, finely divided powder is its main outward appearance. In present research work carbon black is used a nano material which is created when liquid or gaseous hydrocarbons are incompletely burned or thermally broken down under controlled conditions which is essentially pure primitive in the form of colloidal atoms of carbon. Carbon black is a waste product of the rubber manufacturing that is difficult to dispose of. Usually, these rubber wastes that are dumped in the ground cause soil pollution and taint the water table. We can significantly reduce this issue by employing carbon black as a partially replacement of cement in concrete as filler material. Thus, the garbage is reused in a beneficial way and is made environmentally friendly. By using the density bottle method, it was found that carbon black had a specific gravity of 1.33 and pH level of 6 present as colloidal atoms. This demonstrates that nano carbon black is a substance that is practically inert [1].

C-S-H gel structure of concrete

A highly complex material is generated by the chemical reactions involving water and cement, which is known as calcium silicate gel (C-S-H gel), is the strength segment of concrete. It is challenging to model and perceive the local enhance formation of the calcium silicate gel (C-S-H gel), which exhibits nano scale characteristics and essential element responsible for strength and other qualities in cementitious systems is only a few nanometres in size. C-S-H has thin solid layers separated by gel holes that are filled with interlayer and adsorbed water [13] [14].

METHODOLOGY

Preparation of concrete specimen and its curing methodology

For the present research work M25 grade of concrete specimens were prepared. A meticulous methodology was employed to prepare and analyse concrete specimens of M25 grade. The concrete specimen preparation process followed a stepwise approach, consisting of for key stages: concrete mix design & specimen preparation, curing, prearrangement of sample for SEM analysis and SEM analysis method. The concrete specimens were meticulously prepared to adhere of the M25 grade specification. Ordinary Portland cement of 43 – grade manufactured by Ultratech was selected as the primary binding agent for the concrete mixture. The cement as sourced from the manufacturer in Jafrabad, Amreli district, Gujarat. For the aggregate, a combination of 10 mm and 20 mm coarse aggregate obtained from local source was employed. Fine aggregate, confirming to zone -1 standards as per I.S. 383(1970) was sourced from local supplier. The water used in the concrete mixture was potable and sourced from a bore well in the vicinity [15].

In order to enhance the mechanical properties and investigate potential improvements, Carbon Black Type N110 was introduced into the concrete mix. This specific type of Carbon Black was sourced from the rubber industry. The selection of Carbon Black N110 was aimed at enhancing certain properties of the concrete, which will be further studied in the subsequent analysis. Following the meticulous preparation of the concrete specimens, a rigorous curing process was undertaken to ensure optimal strength development. Subsequently, samples were carefully prepared for scanning electron microscopy (SEM) analysis. SEM analysis is anticipated to provide valuable insights into the microstructure and composition of the concrete specimens, shedding light on the effects of incorporating Carbon Black N110 on the concrete's characteristics [16].

By meticulously adhering to this well-structured methodology, the study aims to uncover significant findings regarding the influence of Carbon Black N110 on the microstructural attributes of M25 grade concrete. The intricate details of the materials, their sources, and the systematic approach undertaken for sample preparation lay the foundation for a comprehensive investigation that promises to contribute to the understanding and advancement of concrete technology. For the present research work, water, fine and coarse aggregates were measured out by weight and physically blended on a watertight base. Once all the components were thoroughly incorporated, water was gradually added. The remaining water and cement were added after ten minutes. In connection with the casting of 05 concrete specimens, carbon black was added after more than 2 minutes of mixing. I.S.-sized 150 mm x 150 mm x 150 mm cubes had three layers of casting and each layer was dense throughout 25 blows with a compaction rod 60 cm long. After 24 hours, the cubes were opened and put in a water tank for curing. Cubes were surface dried and weighted before being utilized in the experiment [17].In the fields of metallurgy and mineralogy, preparation of specimens has become a long-recognized technique for optical microscopy of sample material. The ideal specimens are those that accurately represent the structure of interest and are free of contamination and degradation.

Sample preparation for SEM analysis

The first step is to prepare a pristine surface that will definitely have the desired attributes. A section of the material bounded on one side by the chosen plane is cut free applying a hacksaw or an automated abrasive cut-off mechanism, once the preferred plane has been designated. Impregnation and mounting come next in the process of preparing the specimen. This step is depicted in a marked box in Figure 1 to demonstrate that it might not be required for all samples [18]. To reduce the influence of crunching and sharpening abrasives that result in scrubbing and uneven split procedures, porous materials often require some sort of impregnation. By vacuum impregnation, an organic polymer is incorporated into the specimen's porosity. Vacuum impregnation embeds an organic polymer within the specimen's porosity. By successfully applying excessive pressure and further forcing the polymer into the specimen, this process may be improved. As seen in Figure I, grinding is the next stage in sample preparation. Each grinding phase's sample removes the fractured surface layer that resulted from the immediately preceding step. The polishing procedure is the next phase in the specimen preparation technique, and it is typically carried out mechanically. However, the use of electrolytic refining or chemical, either alone or in combination with power-driven rubbing, is growing. Etching is the final procedure in this preparation method. Chemical, electrolytic, and thermal etching are some of the current typical techniques [10].

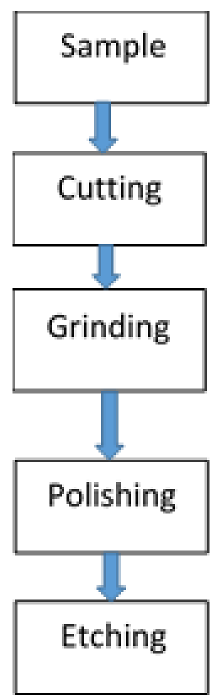

Figure 1. Sample Preparation for SEM analysis

SEM analysis method

The scanning electron microscope (SEM) is the tool that is most frequently used to illustrate the micro composition behaviour of concrete during the hydration phase. These modern tools allow us to visualize the precise internal details of the concrete. The information gleaned from the study of microstructures will help us comprehend the special behaviours of concrete's strength and the presence of minor chemicals in the cement paste's hardened state [19].Instead of using light, the SEM uses electrons to produce images. An electron beam is produced at the pinnacle of the microscope by warming up a filament of metallic material. The electron beam travels vertically across the column of the microscope. It travels through electromagnetic lenses, which focus the beam and direct it descending toward the sample. After the sample has been impacted, additional electrons (backscattered or secondary) are ejected from it. Detectors gather the secondary or backscattered electrons, and they then convert these electrons into a signal that is transmitted to a viewing screen similar to that seen in a regular television to produce a picture [20].

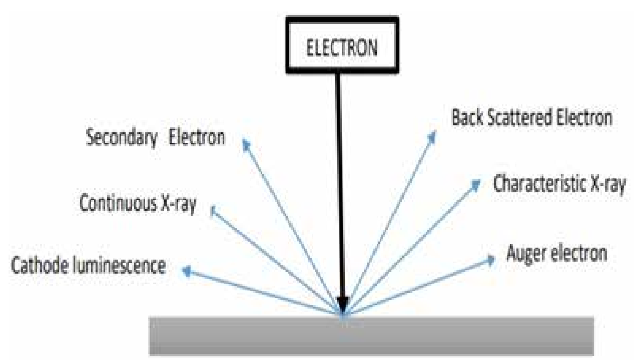

Figure 2. Working Principle of SEM

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

Multiple research studies have collaborated on these findings, showcasing how nano additives operate as fillers, thereby enhancing the chemical reaction process i.e., hydration process [7] [14]. This, in turn, show the way to the improvement of the overall microstructure of the concrete when these additives are effectively dispersed within the concrete matrix. As a result, the physical strength of the concrete is notably enhanced [21]. The utilization of scanning electron microscopy (SEM) micrographs has proven to be a valuable tool in deciphering the intricate roles played by nano carbon black additives within the concrete mixture mainly during Calcium Silicate Hydrate gel (C-S-H gel) phase, a critical component of cementitious materials [20].

To illustrate this phenomenon, figures displaying the dispersion and the formation of hydrated products in the cement paste were presented for each distinct sample set. These figures provide a visual representation of key aspects such as the presence of Un hydrated cement particles, the development and distribution of the C-S-H gel (concrete's strength phase), the existence of voids, and the formation of robust bonds between the aggregate and the cement matrix. The microstructure of the entire set of samples was meticulously examined and then compared with that of a standard or "normal" sample set [22].By meticulously analysing the growth and formation of hydration products at the microstructural level in the concrete samples, researchers were able to pinpoint the factors contributing to the concrete's overall strength [23]. This analysis allowed for a deeper understanding of how the inclusion of nanostructured additives impacts the concrete's internal structure and its subsequent mechanical properties. The presence of properly dispersed additives was found to facilitate more effective hydration, leading to a more compact and robust microstructure, ultimately contributing to enhanced concrete strength [24] [25]. These findings align with the existing body of literature, where numerous scholars have highlighted the significance of nano additives in influencing the microstructure and properties of concrete [8]. Through SEM analysis, researchers are able to visualize and comprehend the intricate interactions and transformations taking place within the concrete matrix, shedding light on the mechanisms behind the improved physical strength observed in the samples containing these additives. This enhanced comprehension contributes to the advancement of concrete technology and offers insights into optimizing concrete mixtures for improved performance and durability [6] [8] [14][26].

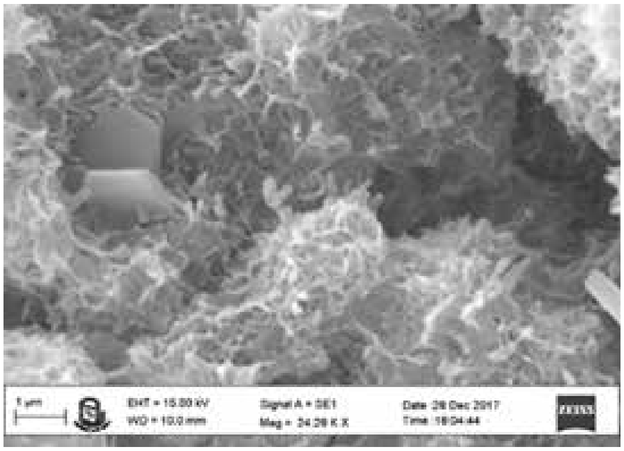

Figure 3. Additional C-S-H – gel formation in concrete structure

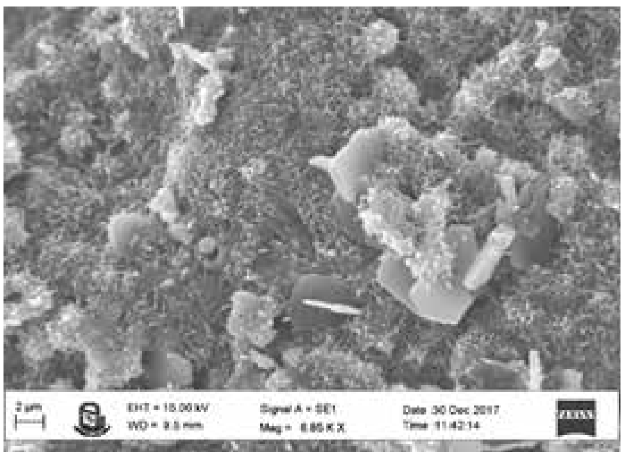

Figure 4. Evenly Distribution of Hydrated Products with CA (OH)2 crystals in Concrete Structure

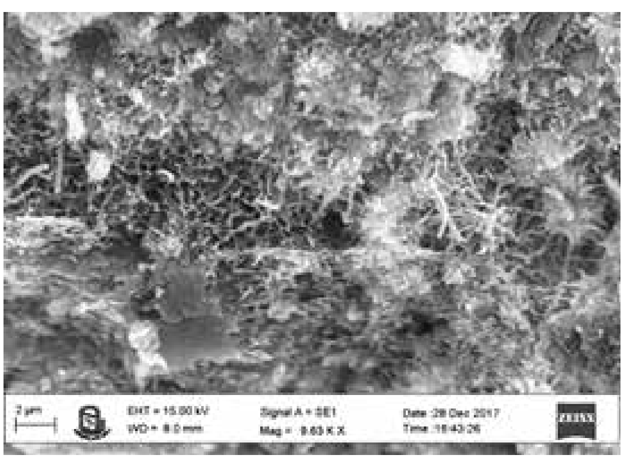

Figure 5. Evenly Distribution of Hydrated Products with crystals in Concrete Structure

1. At 12% replacement of cement by nano carbon black, the micro structural examination (SEM) revealed the massive formations of C-S-H gel with denser growth and stable state of hydration procedure.
2. Uniformly & Heavy Growth of Needle like structure is observed in sample
3. Forms an even denser structure with even fewer pores and strengthens the binding between the aggregate and mastic cement. It also interacts more quickly with CA (OH)2 crystals to generate C-S-H Gel.
4. By replacing cement in large quantities with nano carbon black, which is a finer substance that can easily fill the holes between cement particles as a result the permeability of concrete to water and corrosives is reduced.
5. By increasing concrete's cohesiveness and reducing the time needed for concrete to cure, it also lessens bleeding and segregation, a common issue with fresh concrete.

CONCLUSION

Use of nano material (nano carbon black) in concrete as a partially replacement of cement i.e., 12% by weight of cement compares to conventional concrete to produce a more streamlined and homogenous construction. Carbon black is stickier and more reactive at the nano scale because it has the highest specific area concluding into denser and evenly distributed hydrated products in concrete with novel properties. These findings underscore the potential of employing SEM images in conjunction with deep learning techniques for swift and accurate microstructure analysis. Scanning electron microscopy (SEM) has helped people of all ages and levels of expertise to understand the not only expedites the process but also minimizes the required effort and associated costs, thereby offering a promising avenue for automating the evaluation of concrete microstructures with spectacle of enlarged or whooshed images or photographs of elements and entities helps put our collective reality into context contribute to the promotion of sustainable buildings materials.

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ABSTRACT

In this study, digital security focuses on imminent cybersecurity for remote workstations and protection from future threats. This work proposes how digital security broadens cybersecurity energies that provide an outlook of cybersecurity in the light of targets, threats, and preventive measures. Remote work cybersecurity research emphasizes risks associated with personal devices and home networks. Post COVID'19, cybersecurity requires training, virtual private networks (VPNs), and encryption that makes a robust security around the users. Collaboration tools require improved security, and human factors like phishing are crucial. The threat of ransomware to remote workers is increasing. The emphasis is on a thorough approach to protect remote work from changing risks. For instance, machine learning improves intrusion detection by learning from prior attacks, while artificial intelligence (AI) able to identify unusual online banking activity and enhances digital security by automating processes, speeding up responses, and adjusting to changing threats. Furthermore, a global parallel is a proactive manner in healthy cybersecurity, accentuating the worldwide prerequisite to strengthening digital security in a post-COVID-19 world of digital energy.

KEYWORDS: *COVID'19 epidemic, Cybersecurity, Cyberthreats, Cybercrime, Simulations in cybersecurity.*

INTRODUCTION

Effects of the Novel Coronavirus known as COVID'19 and SARS-CoV-2, has reverberated across the globe. With over 12.5 million confirmed infections reported worldwide [1]. Unfortunately, an estimated 400,000 patients out of a sample of about 6 million have succumbed to the virus's effects [1], and numbers continue to rise as the pandemic persists. Recent data from the World Health Organization (WHO) underscores the ongoing severity of the situation with over 4.5 million new cases and more than 76,000 new deaths reported in a single week in April 2021, reflecting a persistent upward trend [2].

Governments around the world, including India, have implemented a series of far-reaching measures to curb the spread of the virus, including lockdowns, quarantines, remote work, virtual education, and travel restrictions [2]. Consequently, various nations have increasingly turned to personal electronic devices to carry out professional, academic, and personal tasks [3,4,5,6,7]. The virtualization of daily activities, driven by the necessity of social distancing and remote engagement, has led to an unprecedented shift in routines, creating both opportunities and vulnerabilities.

The emergence of a virtualized existence has innovative avenues for cybercriminals [8][9]. The uncertainty halting from disrupted routines provides abundant ground for cyberattacks, and extended dependence on digital platforms creates an array of potential attack vectors. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) indicates a staggering 400% increase in cybercrime during the pandemic [3]. Correspondingly, it has reported a rise in cybercrimes during the COVID-19 crisis [4], prominence the urgency of addressing the evolving landscape of cybersecurity threats amidst the global health emergency. As India, along with the rest of the world, contends with the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, understanding and mitigating the escalating risks posed by cybercriminals are crucial components of safeguarding both digital and physical well-being. This study investigates the intricate interplay between the pandemic and the surge in cyber threats, shedding light on the heightened vulnerabilities and the urgent need for effective countermeasures.

This demonstrates the value of user education and training to raise their awareness of cybersecurity. Thus, the investigation of the various cyberthreat vectors connected to the pandemic and the exploration of potential preventive measures are the main goals of this work. This work discusses the distribution of the attacks and makes an effort to comprehend the objectives and attack surfaces of the attackers when studying cyberattacks connected to COVID-19. This supports the creation of mitigation measures and includes a description of the topics covered in a nutshell as shown in Figure 1.

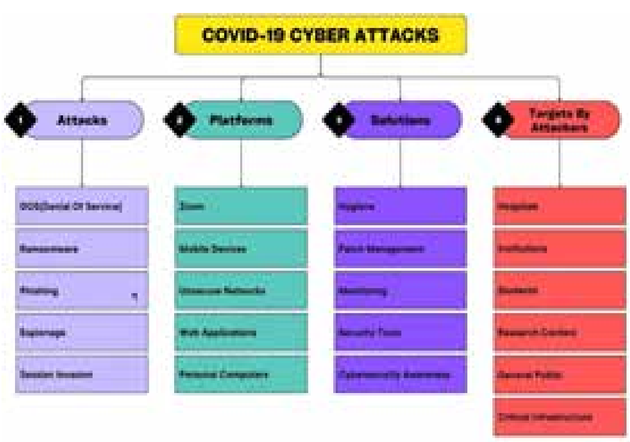

Fig. 1 Attacks and solutions in cybersecurity

Benefits of Digital Changes

Among the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent surge in cyber threats, certain unexpected benefits have emerged. The accelerated adoption of digital platforms in India and beyond has facilitated rapid communication, enabled remote collaboration, and sustained essential services even in the face of stringent lockdowns and physical distancing measures. Furthermore, the heightened reliance on technology has propelled innovations in various sectors, driving the evolution of digital healthcare, e-commerce, and online education. As society navigates the complexities of this new reality, it is imperative to acknowledge and harness these positive outcomes, while remaining vigilant about the potential risks that accompany the digital transformation.

Applications of Digital Security

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shift towards digitalization has been particularly evident in the diverse range of applications that have emerged around the world.

(i) From contact tracing and remote patient monitoring in healthcare to virtual conferences and online marketplaces, technology has played a pivotal role in ensuring continuity across various sectors.

(ii) Educational institutions have swiftly transitioned to digital learning platforms, enabling students to access educational resources from the safety of their homes.

(iii) Various businesses have adapted by embracing e-commerce and remote work arrangements, redefining the traditional boundaries of operations.

(iv) Innovative applications not only underscore the adaptability of society but also highlight the potential for technology to reshape the way of live, work, and interact, creating new opportunities for growth and development in the digital age.

Digital Security in Post-Pandemic

The rapid digital transformation triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic has unveiled both the advantages and vulnerabilities of an increasingly interconnected world. As we reflect on the experiences of this pandemic and consider the potential for future health crises, the impacts of digital security on society become all the more apparent. The lessons learned from navigating cyber threats and safeguarding critical data during the pandemic will inevitably shape our approach to future health emergencies. This includes fortifying digital infrastructure to mitigate the risk of cyberattacks on essential services, enhancing data privacy measures, and fostering international collaboration to combat emerging cyber threats.

LITERATURE SURVEY

The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world's landscape, forcing people and organizations to rely more and more on information and communication technologies (ICTs) to adjust to the new conditions. Digital connections became the support for organizations, industries, and healthcare providers as the world struggled with unprecedented health crises, enabling remote work, telemedicine, and data sharing. The need for reliable digital infrastructure has increased but quick digital change has resulted in an alarming rise in cyberattacks. While the COVID-19 pandemic has helped in the fight against the virus's propagation, also exacerbated the worrisome rise in cybercrime. The emphasis must turn to strengthening cybersecurity measures to protect user data and reduce evolving cyber risks to prevent a potential sequel crisis.

This study takes on the vital duty of determining how the COVID-19 pandemic has affected cybersecurity, providing a thorough evaluation of all affected areas. The research employs a systematic review of the literature that covers the period of December 2019 to June 2020 and includes international research papers on cybersecurity challenges brought on by the pandemic. The statistics highlight an exponential rise in cyberattacks and threats as the epidemic consumed the world economy. During this time, large enterprises, medical facilities, and governmental organizations found themselves the target of cybercriminals, adding to the difficulties already faced by the novel coronavirus. Consequently, the study emphasizes the need to address the parallel danger of cybercrimes alongside the pandemic and encourages individuals and organizations to implement proactive cybersecurity actions to preserve their data and information systems infrastructure.

An interaction between the COVID-19 pandemic and cybersecurity forced people to adopt digital solutions for basic needs and also revealed weaknesses in our digital ecosystem. By categorizing and comprehending cyber occurrences related to COVID-19, our research contributes significant new insights into the dynamic threat landscape. Additionally, it clarifies the international reaction to the epidemic and highlights the value of appropriate information exchange to lessen its effects. The work explores difficulties particular to the area and provides practical mitigation techniques in the Indian context, where cybersecurity readiness is of the utmost importance. Particularly, COVID-19 has emphasized the need for an essential change in how cybersecurity is treated, emphasizing the significance of creating trust, new technological interactions, and personal support as the most important cybersecurity assets. It becomes clear that maintaining our privacy and protecting our physical health are now inextricably linked, making cybersecurity a crucial element of the post-pandemic society.

OVERVIEW OF CYBERSECURITY

The COVID-19 disruption has highlighted the institutions' shortcomings in defending the health and welfare of people. rising harms have resulted from a lack of timely and accurate data as well as pervasive misinformation, and there is a rising conflict between data privacy and public health issues. The COVID-19-related suffering has gotten worse due to the lack of good statistics and trustworthy information. The COVID-19 dilemma is both a trust and an information crisis. It has highlighted the trust and data-sharing shortcomings of the current systems. Main supply chain breakdowns have been observed during the crisis, particularly for personal protective equipment (PPE) and life-supporting ventilators in clinics and hospitals [16].

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen significant use of digital approaches. However, there are issues with telemedicine and other digital technologies for protecting information privacy and security [17]. The number of cyberattacks has significantly increased since the start of the COVID-19 epidemic. Major cyber dangers during the pandemic are brought on by both human error, system and technological breakdowns. Operational risk comes from human behaviour, including deliberate (such as theft, fraud, and vandalism), unintentional (such as omissions, errors, and blunders), and passive (such as lack of availability, knowledge, skills, and direction). Software (i.e., coding standards, testing, security settings, change control, configuration management, and compatibility), hardware (i.e., capacity, performance, maintenance, and obsolescence), and system failures account for the majority of technological system and technology failures [18].

Effects of COVID-19 in Society

The Chinese province of Hubei, reported an outbreak of a novel coronavirus-related viral illness in December 2019, Wuhan [19]. The novel COVID-19 is a member of the same coronavirus as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) [20] which is the source of two outbreaks, and the acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) [21]. All age groups are affected by the new virus, which primarily spreads by respiratory droplets and direct contact [22]. The World Health Organisation (WHO) proclaimed an epidemic in December 2021 as a result of the disease's high mortality rates, rapid virus propagation, and rise in infections [23]. The WHO estimates that as of December 6, 2021, the virus had killed 530,5337 individuals worldwide and infected 269,559,230 others. As of December 6, 2021, this virus had also infected 6,137,821 people in Iran and claimed the lives of 130,277 people [24,25].

Significant Effects in Digital Security Post-Pandemic in Rural Areas

In rural areas, major repercussions from the COVID-19 pandemic in both short-term and long-term. Following are a few of the major impacts of COVID-19 on Indian rural areas includes;

Healthcare Challenges

In India, access to healthcare services in rural regions has long been a problem. The pandemic made these issues worse. Numerous towns lacked a strong healthcare system, which made it challenging to diagnose, treat, and oversee COVID-19 patients. Serious cases frequently had to be evacuated to urban centers due to the lack of healthcare facilities and medical personnel.

Economic Impact

Supply chain interruptions and lockdowns had a significant negative impact on villagers, especially those who depended on agriculture and informal labour. Increased levels of poverty and food insecurity were caused by the loss of jobs and income. Migrant workers risked unemployment and uncertainty when they returned to their villages.

Education Disruption

Students in remote locations, where access to the internet and digital devices is constrained, faced a tremendous problem as a result of school closures and the move to online learning. Many pupils struggled to finish their education, particularly those who lived in isolated areas.

Digital Divide

The pandemic brought attention to India's digital divide, which is reflected in rural areas' limited access to the internet and digital devices. During the crisis, this gap made it difficult to acquire information, healthcare, and education.

Agriculture

A vital function and continued throughout lockdowns, farmers' access to markets and the supply chain are affected by the pandemic. Their means of subsistence and income were impacted.

Mental Health

The pressures of the epidemic, including disease, job loss, and social isolation, had a negative impact on the rural area's mental health. Rural communities have limited access to mental health care, and overcoming the stigma attached to mental health problems is still difficult.

Social and Cultural Impact

Social segregation and lockout procedures shattered rural communities' customary social and cultural norms. The social fabric of these communities was affected by the reduction of social gatherings, religious occasions, and festivals.

Distribution of Vaccines

Maintaining the cold chain and ensuring equal distribution are logistical issues throughout the launch of vaccines in remote areas. Issues with vaccination hesitancy and awareness also need to be addressed.

USES OF DIGITAL SECURITY AND IMPLEMENTATION IN POST-PANDEMIC

Digital security is the process of preventing unauthorized access to, theft of, or damage to digital equipment, networks, and data. As more individuals work remotely and rely on digital technology for communication and healthcare services during the COVID-19 pandemic, digital security has become more crucial. The sub-sections are explained with a few examples of how COVID-19 employs digital security including;

Cybersecurity Attacks During Crisis

Cybersecurity attacks during crisis describe how there is a higher chance of cyber threats, like phishing, hacking, and data breaches, happening during emergencies or times of crisis. Cybercriminals frequently take advantage of these crises, like natural disasters or worldwide pandemics, to target companies, exploit weaknesses, and interfere with vital systems. To safeguard confidential data and preserve operational integrity during these periods, it is imperative to exercise vigilance and put strong cybersecurity measures in place. The organizations under stress are more susceptible to cybersecurity threats. COVID-19 pandemic has shown the crises raise the risk to digital security.

Enhancing Healthcare and Reducing Virus Transmission Through Digital Technology

To deliver healthcare services, track the transmission of the virus, and provide assistance and medical consultations which are deployed by digital technologies. During the pandemic, digital technology was implemented in sturdier healthcare systems than in weaker and more vulnerable ones.

Digital Tools for Early COVID-19 Intervention

The control of COVID-19 was strongly correlated with early intervention using digital tools. A range of digital tools, including telemedicine, AI, contact tracing apps, and data analytics, are available for early COVID-19 intervention. These tools are used to manage vaccine distribution, facilitate remote medical consultations, track and mitigate the virus's spread, and quickly disseminate information. During the pandemic, they are essential to early detection, effective response, and public health safety.

Enterprises Using Digital Transformation

To defend themselves against cyberattacks, businesses have implemented digital transformation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Enhancing endpoint security, putting in place a Zero Trust framework, fortifying cloud security, utilizing AI and sophisticated authentication techniques, raising staff security awareness, and guaranteeing regulatory compliance are all part of this. Taken together, these steps assist organizations in strengthening their defenses in the post-COVID-19 era.

Enhancement in Cyber-Attack Sophistication

Cyberattacks have evolved in sophistication in the post-COVID-19 era. Focus on cybersecurity training, sophisticated detection, robust endpoint security, timely patching, multi-factor authentication, network segmentation, and effective incident response and backup plans to defend against impending threats. Managing third-party risks, cooperating for threat intelligence, and adhering to regulations are all essential in the continuous fight against changing cyber threats.

DIGITAL SECURITY IMPACTS DURING PRE AND POST PANDEMIC: A COMPARATIVE STUDY

In 2023, the environment has undergone a significant change as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Nowadays, cybercriminals have more access to resources and appreciation for the global movement towards remote work and increased reliance on digital technologies. Surprisingly, the statistics show that cyber-attacks have inclined into alarming information is shown as the evolution of cybersecurity trends from 2017 to 2023 as given in Table 1.

Table 1 Evolution of Cybersecurity Trends (2017-2023)

Category	Before COVID (2017-2018)	During COVID (2019-2021)	After COVID (2022-2023)
Cybersecurity Trends	Cyber-attacks were a growing concern but not yet a pandemic.	Cyber-attacks surged due to remote work and increased reliance on digital technologies.	Cyber-attacks remain a significant threat, with ongoing risks and vulnerabilities.

Statistics	- Internet of Things (IoT) cyberattacks are predicted to increase.	- 125% global increase in cyberattacks in 2021. - 358% increase in malware attacks in 2020.	- Cybercrime affected over 53 million Americans in the first half of 2022.
Financial Impact	Data breaches had financial consequences but were not widespread.	Data breaches led to lost data, business interruptions, and revenue losses.	Affected organizations were reluctant to increase security spending.
Supply Chain Attacks	Supply chain attacks were emerging as a significant threat.	Cybercriminals targeted third-party suppliers to infiltrate client networks.	Supply chain attacks continue to pose risks that organizations must actively control.
Global Impact	Poorer nations faced increased cyber threats with ICT expansion.	Developing nations needed to identify and prevent cyber dangers.	Developing nations face cybersecurity challenges due to increased ICT use.
Government Strategies	Governments enhanced digital transformation strategies.	National digital strategies are in place, including AI, blockchain, and 5G.	Governments are focusing on emerging technologies and setting strategic directions.
Digital Innovation	Digital innovation was a driver of new business models.	Digital technologies strengthened research systems during the pandemic.	Technologies are used with consideration of privacy, security, and consumer protection.
Inclusive Digital Future	Pre-pandemic policies needed adjustments for inclusivity.	The pandemic underscored the need for a coordinated digital policy approach.	OECD Going Digital Integrated Policy Framework emphasizes inclusivity in digital transformation.

In the years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic (2017-2018), cyber-attacks were a growing concern, with predictions of increasing IoT cyberattacks, however, not yet reached the pandemic scale. During the pandemic (2019-2021), the world witnessed a surge in cyberattacks due to the widespread adoption of remote work and increased reliance on digital technologies. This period saw a dramatic 125% global increase in cyberattacks, along with a substantial 358% rise in malware attacks. Data breaches became financially costly, causing lost data, business interruptions, and revenue losses. A notable trend emerged in supply chain attacks, where cybercriminals deliberately targeted third-party suppliers to infiltrate client networks. These trends continued into the post-pandemic era (2022-2023), with cyberattacks remaining a significant threat. Organizations faced ongoing risks and vulnerabilities, yet some were reluctant to increase security spending. Developing nations also grappled with cybersecurity challenges due to increased Information and Communication Technology, (ICT) use. Governments across the globe strengthened their digital transformation strategies and focused on emerging technologies such as AI, blockchain, and 5G (Generation). The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) describes the Digital Integrated Policy Framework underscoring the importance of inclusivity in digital transformation, emphasizing the need for coordinated policies to navigate the evolving digital landscape.

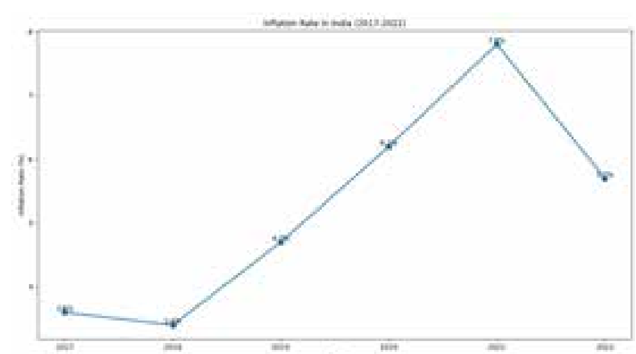

Fig. 2 Inflation Data in India

Figure 2 shows the inflation rate in India from 2017 to 2023. The inflation rate was relatively low in the pre-COVID period (2017-2019), but it started to increase in

2020. The inflation rate peaked in April 2022 at 7.8%, but it has since declined to 5.7% in December 2022.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

In this work, Figure 3 shows the size of abstract topic clusters monthly basis. In this work, three hues stand for distinct categories used to categorize cyber threats: news, advertisement, and information. The graph illustrates how abstract topic cluster sizes change from month to month. There are a few big clusters in some months and a lot of small clusters in others. This implies that the year-round distribution of cyber threats is not uniform. Also, in cyber threats, the graph demonstrates classification schemes for cyber threats that are not exclusive of one another. Many cyber threats are categorized as both news and information in certain months. It indicates a temporal variation in the scope and complexity of cyber threats to develop preventative and remediation strategies to add aided information. This result shows that people are more likely to be online and socialize during these months as shown in Figure 4 as well as July, August, and December tend to have smaller cluster sizes overall. This could be because people are less likely to be online and more likely to be on vacation during these months. As demonstrated in January, March, and May typically have higher percentages of cyber threats that are categorized as information. In general, the percentage of cyber threats that are categorized as news is higher in July, August, and December. This might be because people are more likely to read news articles online during these months. Across all months, the percentage of cyber threats categorized as advertisements is typically lower as demonstrated.

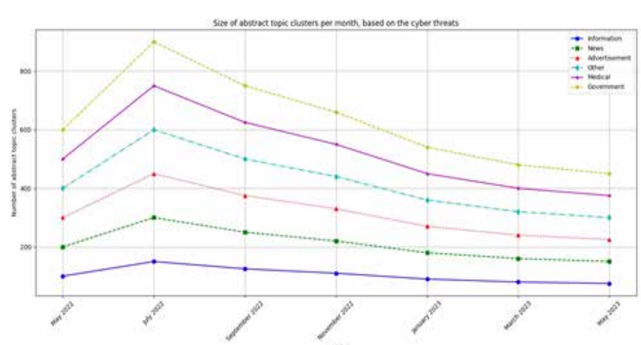

Fig. 3 Size of abstract topic clusters per month, based on the cyber threats

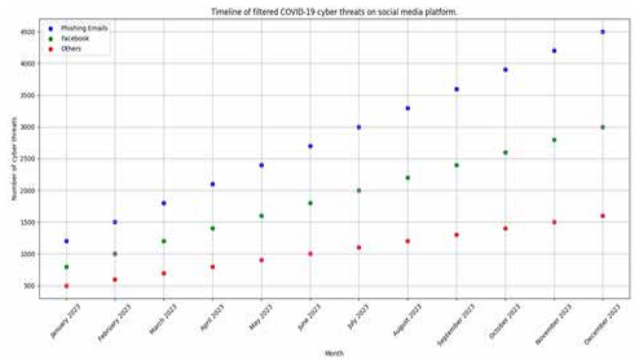

Fig. 4 Timeline of filtered COVID-19 cyber threats on social media platform

CONCLUSION

In summary, this study emphasizes how critical digital security is, especially when it comes to immediate cybersecurity for remote workstations and long-term threat defence. It emphasizes the necessity of a thorough strategy that includes precautions like virtual private network (VPNs), encryption, and training to secure remote work settings. It is recognized that ransomware poses a growing risk to remote workers improving collaboration tool security and thwarting phishing attempts are important. It is crucial to use cutting-edge technologies, like AI and machine learning for intrusion detection, automated security procedures, and flexibility in the face of changing threats. Furthermore, considering the world at large is recommended as a proactive measure to strengthen digital security in the post-COVID-19 era of increased digital activity and possible threats. It is imperative to use cutting-edge digital security to safeguard against impending cyber threats in the wake of COVID-19. This entails defending against new threats like ransomware, managing risks associated with home networks and personal devices, and protecting remote work environments. Utilizing AI and machine learning technologies improves security by automating procedures and responding to changing threats. In the post-pandemic digital environment, bolstering digital security requires a proactive, worldwide strategy.

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Integrated Innovation with Lunar Exploration using Artificial Intelligence in Chandrayaan 3

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ABSTRACT

The third lunar exploration mission of ISRO Chandrayaan-3 has both robotics and lunar exploration and focuses on important terms such as "lunar exploration", "robotic technology", "ISRO", and "Chandrayaan-3", which emphasizes the mission's goals, scientific endeavors, and technical advancements. This work's goal is to monitor ISRO's effort to perform a soft landing near the lunar South Pole, which is of significant scientific interest due to its potential for water ice deposits and constantly shadowed craters. An integrated orbiter, lander, and rover system called Chandrayaan-3 will be outfitted with state-of-the-art scientific tools to investigate the lunar surface, identify elements, and research the geology and chemistry of the moon. The development of robotic technology crucial to strengthening the mission's capabilities is emphasized. The rover can navigate hard terrain with the help of cutting-edge autonomous navigation technologies, eliminating the need for direct human interaction. Additionally, artificial intelligence and machine learning are combined to promote intelligent decision-making, mission planning optimization, and increased mission success. This review article explores the ISRO's dedication to global cooperation, and building alliances to exchange materials, information, and experience about lunar exploration. This collaboration improves India's standing in the international space community and adds to our developing understanding of the moon.

KEYWORDS: *Integrated orbiter, Lander, Rover, Autonomous Navigation technology.*

INTRODUCTION

The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is the third lunar research mission, Chandrayaan-3, which is proof of the country's unwavering dedication to space exploration and scientific advancement. Building on Chandrayaan-1 and Chandrayaan-2's achievements and lessons learned, this ambitious project offers a huge leap in technological capability and lunar exploration. The objective of Chandrayaan-3 is to do a gentle landing on the moon with a focus on the area close to the South Pole. It contains water ice deposits and craters that are always in darkness, this landing location was chosen for its scientific value. Chandrayaan-3 intends to arrive in an uncharted region to gather crucial information on the moon's geological history, composition, and resources. An integrated orbiter, lander, and rover system will make up the mission, and each will be furnished with cutting-edge scientific tools to perform an extensive investigation of the lunar environment. The orbiter will serve as a crucial link, enabling interaction between the lander-rover module and mission control on Earth as well as remote sensing investigations of the moon's surface.

Chandrayaan-3 unquestionably represents a huge advancement in "lunar exploration" to solve the puzzles surrounding our planetary neighbor and broaden our comprehension of the moon's history. To understand the moon's origins and its possible role in future human space exploration missions, it explores the lunar South Pole and provides crucial data to the international scientific community. ISRO developed creative solutions to make the landing and exploration mission successful to encourage international cooperation in lunar exploration. It has the chance to observe India's pursuit of scientific brilliance, technological innovation, and its drive to uncover the mysteries of the moon as sets off on this intriguing voyage into the world of Chandrayaan-3. The knowledge gleaned from this mission transforms the conception of the universe and motivates future generations to imagine possibilities beyond the boundaries of our planet. The persistence of Chandrayaan-3's lander, rover, and indigenous propulsion module is to test and advance the new technologies needed for interplanetary travel as shown in Figure 1. The lander will be propelled up to 100 miles above the moon by the propulsion module, which lifts it out of injection orbit. It also carries the Planetary Spectro-Polarimetry of Habitable Earth (SHAPE) payload, which measures the polarization of the earth by doing spectral analysis from the moon's route. The Lander Module (LM) must be moved from the injection launch vehicle to the landing site until the Lander separates from its orbit, and this is the main responsibility of the Propulsion Module.

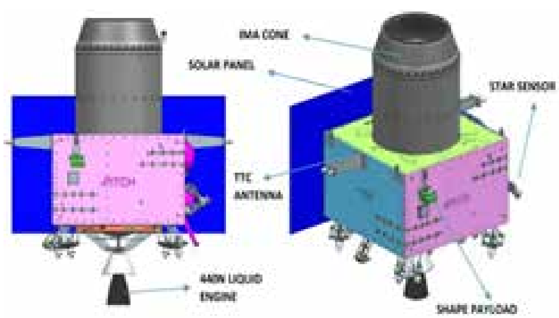

Fig. 1. Transporting the lander-rover payloads to the moon is the primary function of the propulsion module [1]

Lander

Hypersensitive Ionosphere and Atmosphere Bound by the Moon Radio Anatomy (RAMBHA): RAMBHA monitors the local plasma and gas environment's temporal evolution. The Chandra Surface Thermophysical Experiment, or ChaSTE, examines the thermal characteristics of the surface and detects seismic activity at the landing location to help differentiate between the sub-surface's crust and mantle. The NASA-sponsored Laser Retroreflector Array (LRA) is a retroreflector that enables lunar range investigations as shown in Figure 2. The laser ranging involves firing a laser at a reflector and timing how long it takes for the signal to return. Using retroreflectors that were left over from the Apollo program, NASA continues to estimate the distance to the moon's South pole.

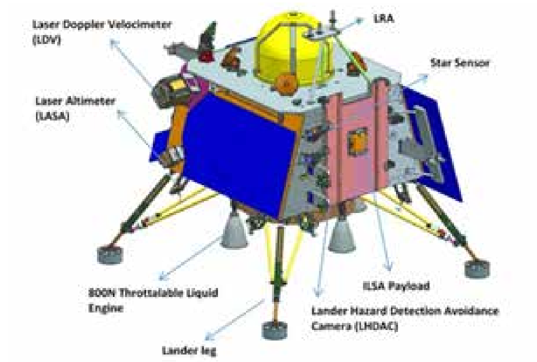

Fig. 2 The Lander will be able to gently touch down at a designated lunar location [2]

Rover

Rover is carrying the next two payloads that use Laser Induced Breakdown Spectroscope (LIBS) to determine the surface's chemical and mineralogical makeup as shown in Figure 3. The elements that comprise the surface are identified by the Beta Particle X-ray Spectrometer or APXS. The elements that the rover will specifically look for are magnesium, aluminum, silica, potassium, calcium, titanium, and iron, according to ISRO.

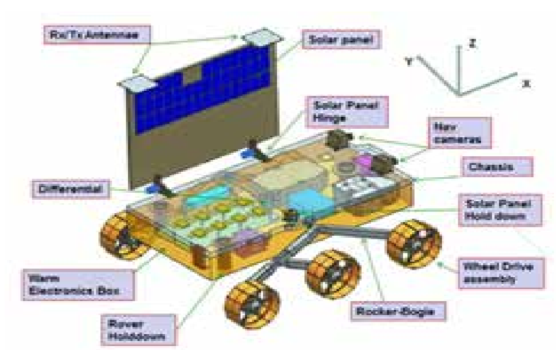

Fig. 3 Rover uses its mobility to conduct in-situ chemical research on the lunar surface [3]

Major Process Involved in Flighting and Landing of Chandrayaan 3

A.1 Flighting Part

The two primary parts of any space mission are the spacecraft, which might be a satellite or any other type of payload, and the rocket, or carrier as shown in Figure 4. The rocket is all that is needed to launch the spacecraft into orbit. In most missions, the rockets are destroyed once they accomplish their goal. According to NASA, the launch of a spacecraft comprises an initial phase of powered flight during which the vehicle rises above Earth's atmosphere and accelerates. Propeller, a mixture of fuel and oxidizers that promote combustion, powers the rocket. Its goal is to provide enough energy to keep the spaceship moving upward. The powered flight continues after that and only concludes when the spacecraft separates and the rocket's last stage burns out. At this juncture, the payload ought to be within the orbit of the target planetary body.

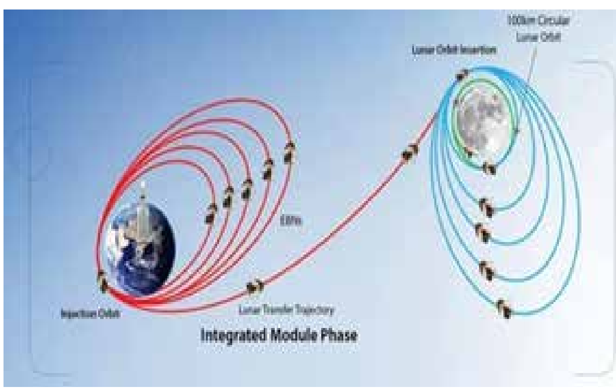

Fig. 4 ISRO graphic payload (Chandrayaan-3 traveling from Earth to space) [4]

A.2 Landing Part

The goals of the mission were to deploy a lunar rover to explore the moon, do in-situ scientific research, and show a safe and gentle lunar surface landing, according to ISRO. In brief, a soft landing is a landing at a controlled, moderate speed to prevent spaceship damage. Regarding NASA's Rover mission to Mars, scientist Amitabha Ghosh stated, imagine if in a matter of minutes and, more crucially, without the need for human intervention, a spaceship speeding through space at ten times the speed of an airliner would need to almost completely halt to land gently on Earth.

Novelties In Chandrayaan 3 as Comparison To Chancdrayaan 2

Chandrayaan 3 uses high-resolution photos from Chandrayaan-2's orbit, and the lander's landing site determination has been improved. The central thruster was removed from the lander, the legs were made stronger for faster landings, and there were more solar panels added for more power generation. SHAPE payload, which uses Spectro-Polarimetry to look for habitable planets, is carried by Chandrayaan-3's propulsion module which hasn't been installed in Chandrayaan-2. The laser doppler velocity meter, an additional sensor from ISRO, examines the lunar surface. Additionally, able to obtain the elements of three velocity vectors by laser source sounding. It's able to combine the other instruments on hand, resulting in measurement redundancy. Laser Retroreflector Array (LRA) is a passive experiment being deployed with the lander as an add-on to the Chandrayaan-3 mission to investigate the dynamics of the Moon system.

Advancement Of AI In Chandrayaan 3

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly becoming essential in many fields, including space exploration to analyze huge amounts of data, identify trends, and make forecasts making it a useful tool in the space industry. AI has been used in the Chandrayaan-3 mission in several ways, from the spacecraft's design to data processing and decision-making such as,

(i) AI is used in the design and development of the lander, rover, and the entire ship. Its algorithms are being used to optimize the spacecraft's design for weight, efficiency, and security.

(ii) The lander's safe lunar surface landing was aided by AI. To predict the topography, spot potential dangers, and control the lander's descent, AI systems are being used.

(iii) The rover is helped by AI as it explores the lunar surface. The rover's route is being mapped out as well and interesting things are being found and mapped using AI techniques.

(iv) The data collected by the spacecraft is analyzed using AI. AI algorithms can be used to extract insights from data that would be challenging or impossible to obtain using traditional methods.

LITERATURE SURVEY

J.N. Goswai, et. al., [1] proposed a report to better comprehend the Moon's origins and development, Chandrayaan-1, India's first planetary exploration mission, will carry out extensive remote sensing observations of the Moon. To offer information on chemical composition and mineralogy, it will make use of low-energy X-ray spectrometers, a trometer, and hyperspectral imaging in the UV-VIS-NIR area. Additionally, it will capture high-resolution images of the lunar surface and provide three-dimensional photographs through a mapping camera. Furthermore, a laser ranging device for lunar altimetry will be utilized in conjunction with three payloads, including a potent X-ray spectrometer, an atom-reflecting light spectrometer at sub-keV, and a compact imaging radar. These studies, which look at the presence of a localized lunar mini-magnetosphere, volatile mobility on the lunar surface, and the possibility of water ice in the region's continuously shadowed polar zone, represent the first attempts at remote sensing observations of a planet or moon. Carle M. Piet, et. al., [2] proposed a study conducted on the NASA-backed Moon Mineralogy Mapper (M3) has revealed that this instrument, hosted on Chandrayaan-1, the remote sensing mission to the moon by ISRO, is an imaging spectrometer. The M3 functions across a range extending from visible light to near-infrared (0.42-3.0 micrometers), enabling the observation of mineral absorption bands that hold significant diagnostic importance. M3 intends to deliver high-resolution scientific data covering 25–50% of the lunar surface at a spectral resolution of 80 meters per pixel, or 260 spectral channels, during the mission's duration. It will also provide low-resolution spectroscopic data at 140 meters per pixel (86 spectral channels) covering the whole lunar surface to create a base map for additional investigation. Arup Roy Chowdhury, et. al., [3] proposed It includes a thorough examination of the camera's payload characterization, scientific objectives, system and subsystem setup, as well as its achieved performance. The Terrain Mapping Camera (TMC) present on Chandrayaan-1 has been superseded by the TMC-2 installed on the orbiter-craft Chandrayaan-2. This camera functions within the panchromatic visible band. It comprises three identical electro-optical chains aligned to capture three distinct views (-25, 0, and +25 degrees) along the path of the craft for the formation of stereo images. The aim is to generate a digital elevation model using data with a 5-meter horizontal ground sample distance. Amitabh, et. al., [4] proposed Performing a safe and gentle touchdown of a lander on the lunar surface near the south pole is the main goal of the Chandrayaan-3 mission. Precise navigation, guiding, and control are crucial for achieving this aim, as is a suitable trajectory for the lander's descent. Picking a landing location with the attention that satisfies all engineering specifications and limitations is essential to ensuring a safe touchdown. Chandrayaan-3 Prime Landing site spans approximately 4 kilometers in length and is situated at coordinates 69.367621 S and 32.348126 E. This site is within the south polar zone, covering an area of 2.4 square kilometers lying between Manzinus and the designated landing zone. It was chosen due to engineering limitations and specific parameters set by the terrain, taking into account the U and Boguslawsky M craters on the lunar surface. A.R. Rekha, et. al., [5] proposed the moon stands as a pivotal location for space exploration and scientific endeavors. Since the lunar missions of the late 1950s and early 1960s, various nations have initiated endeavors to land spacecraft on the moon. Achieving precise and gentle unmanned lunar landings is crucial for providing essential support for future manned lunar missions. The mission's central focus revolves around design and development, emphasizing the necessity for landing with an assured 100% success rate and minimizing risks. The lander's design prioritizes a high degree of autonomy, reliability, and advanced guidance, navigation, and control (GNC) capabilities. The primary technological objectives of achieving a soft moon landing aim to ensure a gentle and accurate landing while also enabling retargeting strategies to mitigate risks. Vadawale, et. al., [6] proposed Remote X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy is a reliable technique to study the elemental makeup of planets without an atmosphere. In this experiment, a low-energy X-ray detector aboard a spacecraft in lunar orbit is used to analyze fluorescence X-ray spectra from the lunar surface. Since the fluorescence of X-ray lines much depends on the incident solar X-ray flux and spectrum, precise measurements of both lunar and solar X-rays are essential. Despite its historical use in exploring space and determining the lunar surface's elemental composition, the technique has not been fully optimized due to several constraints. Thus, the experiment of remote X-ray fluorescence spectroscopy on Chandrayaan-2 is expected to continue, with different payloads for solar and lunar X-ray studies. The Solar X-ray Monitor (XSM) experiment will observe the sun, while the Chandra Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer (CLASS) experiment is dedicated to X-ray studies of the moon. The XSM electronics package and the XSM sensor package make up the XSM instrument. The XSM aims to offer thorough solar X-ray observations by correctly measuring the solar X-ray spectrum across the energy range of 1-15 keV with an energy resolution of around 200 eV @ 5.9 keV. Deepak Putrevu, et. al., [7] proposed a key division of ISRO, the Space Applications Centre (SAC) is working on the development of a high-resolution, dual-frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR). This cutting-edge technology is intended to be used as a research payload on ISRO's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2. With the use of this recently created equipment, ISRO hopes to further scientific research by utilizing data from the MiniRF on the Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (USA) and the S-band MiniSAR on Chandrayaan-1 (India). Configured with a single antenna, this SAR tool is designed to function in both the L- and S-bands. While the S-band SAR will preserve consistency with the MiniSAR data, the L-band is anticipated to allow greater penetration of the lunar regolith. This system will provide variable slant-range resolution from 2 meters to 75 meters, and it will offer both simultaneous (L and S) and standalone (L or S) imaging modes. It anticipates an instrument that understands surface characteristics, especially in the polar regions of the moon. Its features include hybrid and full polarimetry, a wide range of image incidence angles (from 10° to 35°), and the provision of high spatial resolution. S. Narendranath, et. al., [8] proposed that observing x-ray spectra remotely from a satellite orbiting a planet can assist in ascertaining the surface composition of airless celestial bodies within the solar system. Solar X-rays play a pivotal role in stimulating X-ray emissions from the surfaces of these celestial bodies. This method, known as X-ray fluorescence, has been applied in various experiments in the past to determine the quantities of essential elements forming the rocks. An x-ray fluorescence experiment, referred to as CLASS and installed on the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, has been developed based on the insights gained from its predecessor, C1XS, which was part of the Chandrayaan-1 mission. This discussion centers on the innovative prospects in lunar science that might be facilitated by the capabilities of CLASS. G. Manju, et. al., [9] proposed a report on several crucial factors such as the photoelectron sheath, solar wind, and lunar surface potential, among others, significantly impact the nearby lunar plasma environment. As of right now, no direct in-situ observations of the plasma have been made in the near region of the moon. Estimates of lunar photoelectron densities have been provided by previous lunar missions, mostly by study of returning lunar samples, providing insight into the environment near the surface. Chandrayaan-2 lunar mission presents a unique opportunity to explore the lunar near-surface plasma environment from the platform of the lunar lander. To investigate this, a locally developed Langmuir probe has been designed to study the dynamic lunar near-surface plasma environment from the upper part of the lunar lander. This probe is engineered to cover a broad range of densities, from 10/cc to 10,000/cc. Assessing the probe's behavior in standard room conditions using a current source and determining its sensitivity to incoming ionized species in a vacuum chamber is crucial. The Langmuir probe's response has been tailored to accurately interpret the input current throughout the mission duration. Utilizing a reference calibrated Langmuir probe, the current Langmuir probe is calibrated.

WHY ISRO LAUNCHING CHANDRAYAAN 3

Since it is simpler and safer to land here, every previous spacecraft that has touched down on the Moon has done so close to the equator. For a prolonged and sustained operation of instruments, the terrain and temperature are more favorable. Sunlight is also available, providing solar-powered devices with a consistent source of energy. Variations exist in the Moon's polar regions, where temperatures can plummet below

230 degrees Celsius in entirely sunless areas. This extreme cold makes operating instruments difficult.

These regions feature numerous large craters across the landscape. The Moon's polar regions are still mostly unexplored. Because of the extremely low temperatures, objects trapped in these locations can be maintained, effectively frozen in time. Therefore, significant hints regarding the Solar System's beginnings may be found in the rocks and soil found in the moon's north and south poles. For instance, Chandrayaan-2 had difficulties on its 2019 attempt to land there, losing contact after touchdown and failing to perform a soft landing.

BENEFITS OF CHANDRAYAAN 3 FOR INDIA

The benefits of Chandrayaan 3 are as follows,

- With Vikram's successful landing, India joins an exclusive group of nations. So far, only the US, Russia, and China have been successful in pulling this off.
- A huge stride for India when Chandrayaan-3 soft lands on the moon, and it's also a tremendous boost for business.
- India's entry into the moon economy, an expanding industry with billions of dollars in potential, will be made possible by Chandrayaan-3.
- The private space-tech industry in India is currently brimming with unending possibilities. India's space industry was estimated to be worth over $9.6 billion in 2020 just a few short years ago. According to EY India, this might increase to $13 billion by 2025. Chandrayaan-3's launch will have a significant positive impact on this industry.
- Chandrayaan-3's successful launch may increase investor confidence and spur additional private investment in space technologies.

COMPARITIVE ANALYSIS AMONG CHANDRAYAAN 1,2 AND 3

The comparative analysis of Chandrayaan 1, 2, and 3 is given in Table 1.

Table 1: Comparative analysis of Chandrayaan 1, 2, and 3

CLASSIFICATION	CHANDRAYAAN - 1	CHANDRAYAAN - 2	CHANDRAYAAN - 3
Launch Date	22 October 2008	22 July 2019	14 July 2023
Objectives	To orbit the Moon and send an impactor to the surface, the first Indian deep space mission was undertaken.	Moon exploration and knowledge expansion.	Earth's spectrum and polarimetric measurements were used to assess the habitability of exoplanets.
Launch Vehicle	India launched the spacecraft using a PSLV-XL.	The expedition was initiated using a GSLV Mk III M1 rocket.	The Chandrayaan-3 mission was effectively launched by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) using an LVM3-M4 rocket.
Payload	**Chandrayaan-1 featured five domestically developed essential payloads/ experiments: TMC, HySI, LLRI, and HEX, along with a Moon Impact Probe (MIP) designed to impact a predetermined location on the lunar surface.**	One of the payloads aboard the orbiter is the Chandrayaan-2 Large Area Soft X-ray Spectrometer (CLASS) developed by the ISRO Satellite Center (ISAC).	The Lander's payloads, such as RAMBHA, ILSA, LRA, and ChaSTE, have diverse goals, while the Rover's payloads consist of the Alpha Particle X-ray Spectrometer (APXS) and the LIBS. Additionally, the propulsion module includes the SHAPE.

Mission Components	It only consists of a lunar probe.	Orbiter, Lander (Vikram), Rover (Pragyan).	No Orbiter, Lander (Vikram), Rover (Pragyan).
Cameras	The Terrain Mapping camera (TMC) aboard the Chandrayaan-1 spacecraft functioned effectively.	**Extremely high spatial resolution camera that operates in the visible panchromatic band is the Orbiter High Resolution Camera (OHRC) onboard the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter-craft.**	**Chandrayaan 3 is equipped with a pair of cameras for detecting and avoiding potential hazards on the lander.**
Lander Configuration	Lander wasn't installed.	It comprises the Vikram Lander and Pragyan Rover.	Chandrayaan 3 consists of distinct modules: a Lander, a Propulsion module, and a Rover.

RESULT AND DISCUSSIONS

Chandrayaan-3 is the first mission to soft land on the moon's unexplored south pole. A safe and controlled lunar landing, on-site scientific investigation, and rover mobility were the mission's goals. One lunar day, or fourteen days on Earth, is what Chandrayaan-3 is anticipated to run on lunar soil for. The orbiter will return with the information and pictures it received from the Vikram lander. With a 500-meter circle surrounding the landing site, the Pragyan rover will move while carrying out experiments and transmitting data and pictures to the lander as shown in Figure 5. Advanced scientific payloads are combined between the Rover and Lander modules.

Fig. 5 An image captured by Pragyan rover [14]

These tools are made to undertake thorough examinations into a variety of lunar properties, including terrain analysis, surface chemistry, mineralogical composition, atmospheric parameters, and, most importantly, the search for water and prospective resource reserves.

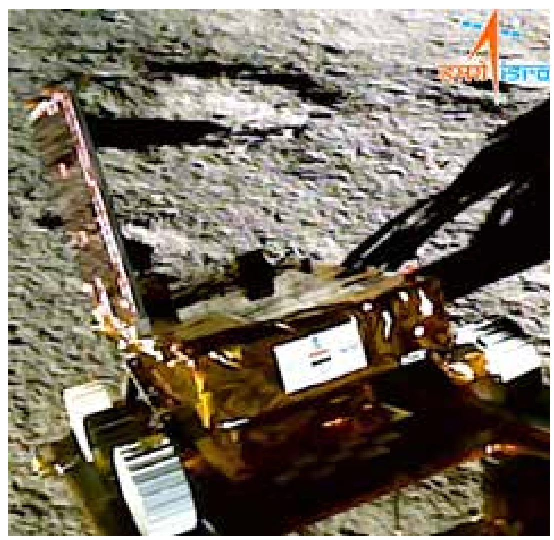

Fig. 6 An image captured by Lander Module [15]

A payload called SHAPE is a component of the propulsion module that launches the lander and rover into a 100-kilometer lunar orbit. Its purpose is to analyze the spectral and polarimetric data of Earth from the lunar orbit.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

This article provides an overview of India's third lunar exploration effort, Chandrayaan-3. India has made two efforts to soft-land a lander and rover on the lunar surface as part of this mission. Moreover, the country's second in-house lunar exploration project, Chandrayaan-3, is focused on the Moon's unexplored South Pole. The article describes the goals and characteristics of Chandrayaan-3, emphasizing the lander (Vikram) and rover (Pragyan) It also sheds light on the scientific equipment that the lander and rover brought with them to conduct on-site investigations on the lunar surface. The paper also describes how artificial intelligence (AI) has been incorporated into this mission and clarifies the critical Chandrayaan-3 flight and landing procedures. This mission represents India's attempt to increase its footprint in space, bring in a new era of exploration, improve our understanding of space, foster technological advancement, foster international cooperation, and raise the aspirations of upcoming generations of explorers and scientists.

Chandrayaan-4: Traveling Down the Lunar Evolution Path Building on earlier missions, Chandrayaan-4 emerges as a plausible candidate for a mission designed to return samples. If it succeeds, it might be the greatest thing since Chandrayaan-2 and Chandrayaan-3, enabling us to gather samples from the lunar surface. The effort might advance our understanding of the Moon's composition and history. A collaborative effort of ISRO and JAXA (Japan), Lunar Polar Exploration (LUPEX) seeks to study the Moon's polar regions. Its mission is to navigate through constantly shadowed environments. Determining if water might exist and whether it would be possible to establish a long-term outpost are two of LUPEX's objectives.

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IoT Based Anti - Sleep Alarm Device for Automotive Vehicles

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ABSTRACT

In the contemporary high-paced society, accidents have become an all too frequent occurrence. Amidst the multitude of factors contributing to these incidents, the undeniable role of drowsiness and sleepiness stands out prominently. In response, we have embarked on the development of an innovative alarm system designed to alert drivers who may be drifting into drowsiness or even dozing off while operating a vehicle. This pioneering system can be seamlessly integrated into automobiles and holds the potential to significantly curtail accidents stemming from driver fatigue. Although we acknowledge that our concept is not entirely novel, as a plethora of research papers have previously explored similar ideas or technologies, we recognize the inherent need for continuous advancement. In this pursuit, our research takes a critical step, advocating the re-evaluation of the existing system to identify and rectify any flaws or limitations it may possess. Central to the efficacy of this system lies the application of cutting-edge eye-sensor technology. Of paramount importance is the utilization of an eye-blink detection sensor, which operates primarily based on the Eye Aspect Ratio (EAR) formula. Notably, this formula establishes a measurable criterion for assessing the condition of the driver's eyes. By defining upper and lower threshold ratios, these values can be calibrated according to the user's preferences. Any deviation beyond these predetermined thresholds will serve as a trigger for initiating appropriate actions within the system.

KEYWORDS: *Anti-sleep, Alarm device, Automotive vehicles.*

INTRODUCTION

Operating a vehicle demands a level of criticality that cannot be overstated. It necessitates not only the driver's undivided psychological focus but also their full cognitive engagement to respond swiftly. Even a momentary lapse in judgment and reaction time can prove catastrophic, endangering not only the driver's own life but also those of surrounding individuals. Sadly, a multitude of accidents occur for a variety of reasons.

According to a survey report published by the International Transport Forum at the OECD, a staggering 20-30% of accidents and fatalities can be attributed to driver sleepiness and fatigue. In the contemporary landscape, a multitude of intelligent technologies are being integrated into conventional vehicles to propel them toward automation. Contemporary technologies, exemplified by Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS) found in many vehicles, offer features such as speed control, lane assistance, and adaptive cruise control. Nevertheless, it is crucial to underline that these vehicles are not fully autonomous and lack comprehensive safety capabilities.

In the higher echelons of the SAE automation levels, such as level 3 and level 4 vehicles, limited self-driving capabilities exist under specific conditions. However, these systems still necessitate driver vigilance to respond to unexpected scenarios. The prospect of complete vehicular automation might not materialize before 2025 at the earliest, with full automation for vehicles beyond standard cars, particularly heavy vehicles, remaining a distant proposition. Furthermore, implementing such technology in countries like India, characterized by high population density, traffic congestion, and inadequate road infrastructure, presents formidable challenges.

Given these circumstances, the mental acuity of drivers becomes paramount to prevent accidents. Sleepiness ranks among the foremost causes of accidents, corroborated by numerous surveys and reports. A notable article by G Krishna Kumar, dated November

28, 2021, 11:26 IST, highlights that sleep-deprived drivers are responsible for a staggering 40% of road accidents, according to transport officials.

As we await the advent of systems that might eliminate the active requirement for a driver's continuous mental and psychological presence (a development that appears distant), it becomes imperative to conceive ideas that can mitigate accidents stemming from drowsiness and sleepiness.

Figure 1: News of Accidents Reported due to Driver's Drowsiness

BACKGROUND

The research in [1], discusses the critical issue of drowsy driver detection to prevent road accidents. The study aims to create an intelligent alert system for vehicles that can effectively detect driver drowsiness and mitigate accidents. The proposed system employs Video Stream Processing (VSP) to analyze eye blink patterns using the Eye Aspect Ratio (EAR) and Euclidean distance of the eye, along with a face landmark algorithm for eye detection. When driver fatigue is detected, the system issues warnings through a voice speaker and sends impact and location information via IoT to alert relevant authorities. Driver fatigue is a significant contributor to accidents globally, and this research provides a robust solution by combining drowsiness detection and collision impact measurement into an integrated system, using Raspberry Pi3 and Pi camera for monitoring. This non-intrusive approach enhances road safety and emergency response.[1]

The research in [2], addresses the increasing rate of road accidents, particularly during night driving, which is often linked to driver drowsiness, drunkenness, and obstacles on the road. To mitigate these risks, the paper proposes a comprehensive system that monitors driver drowsiness through eye blinking, detects alcohol consumption, and identifies obstacles on the road. When alarming conditions are detected, an automatic precautionary system is activated. Moreover, the system generates accident reports, including the probable location, and sends them to nearby police stations to initiate medical assistance promptly. This solution aims to reduce accidents and improve response times, especially in cases where accidents occur at night or in low-traffic areas. The paper offers a holistic approach to addressing the various causes of accidents, providing a potential solution to enhance road safety and save lives.[2]

The research in [3], addresses the critical issue of truck driver accidents, particularly focusing on factors like drunk driving, night driving, drug influence, and drowsy driving. These factors significantly contribute to accidents, and the burden often falls on company owners in terms of liability and economic loss. To mitigate these risks, the paper presents an adaptive driver and company owner alert system, along with a dedicated application that provides driving behaviour data to the company owner. The system aims to reduce accidents and their associated costs by alerting drivers when they exhibit signs of drowsiness, primarily identified by heavy blinking, and simultaneously notifying the company owner through text messages. The project's objective is to enhance road safety and reduce the financial burden on company owners, making it a cost-effective solution to a real-life problem.[3]

The research in [4], addresses the critical issue of driver fatigue, which is a leading cause of accidents worldwide. To combat this problem, the project focuses on creating a prototype drowsiness detection system that continuously monitors the driver's eyes to sound an alarm if drowsiness is detected. Drowsiness and fatigue are common factors contributing to accidents, and their prevention typically involves getting sufficient sleep before driving, consuming caffeinated drinks, or taking breaks. The proposed system is designed to be non-intrusive, ensuring real-time monitoring without disrupting the driver's experience. It detects eye blinks and yawns, and if the driver's eyes remain closed for an extended period, an alarm is triggered. The project employs Python code with Dlib for drowsiness and yawn detection. Additionally, the paper suggests the implementation of a hardware system based on infrared light to enhance the accuracy of drowsiness detection. Overall, this research addresses a critical aspect of driver safety and offers a potential solution to reduce accidents caused by driver fatigue.[4]

The research in [5], introduces an automatic real-time driver fatigue detection system aimed at reducing accidents and improving the efficiency of medical services in the event of an accident. With a rapidly increasing population, road accidents have become a significant concern, resulting in a large number of fatalities due to delayed medical assistance. The proposed system combines an Alert system and Rescue system using Raspberry Pi. The Alert system employs image processing techniques, specifically the Eye Aspect Ratio (EAR), to detect driver fatigue accurately in real-time. When drowsiness is detected, an alert buzzer is activated, helping prevent accidents. In the event of an accident, a vibration sensor triggers, and the system obtains the accident's location via a GPS Receiver Module. These details are then made available on the Ubidots platform, allowing ambulance drivers to monitor and respond promptly. Simultaneously, notifications are sent to the victim's parents using IFTTT. Internal communication among drivers is facilitated by a Multi SMS Sender (MSS) mobile application. The system aims to reduce the death rate associated with accidents and provide timely assistance to save lives and reduce family suffering.[5]

This research in [6], introduces a drowsiness and fatigue detection system based on wearable smart glasses, designed to enhance road safety. The system incorporates smart glasses with a specialized miniature infrared (IR) sensor, an in-vehicle infotainment telematics platform, an onboard diagnostics-II-based automotive diagnostic bridge, an active vehicle rear light alert mechanism, and a cloud-based management platform. The IR sensor improves detection accuracy, allowing the system to monitor driver drowsiness and fatigue in real time. When these conditions are detected, the system triggers alerts, including flickering the vehicle's rear lights for trailing vehicles and sending relevant data to a cloud-based platform. This comprehensive system offers a solution to mitigate the risks associated with drowsy driving and contributes to improved road safety.[6]

METHODOLOGY

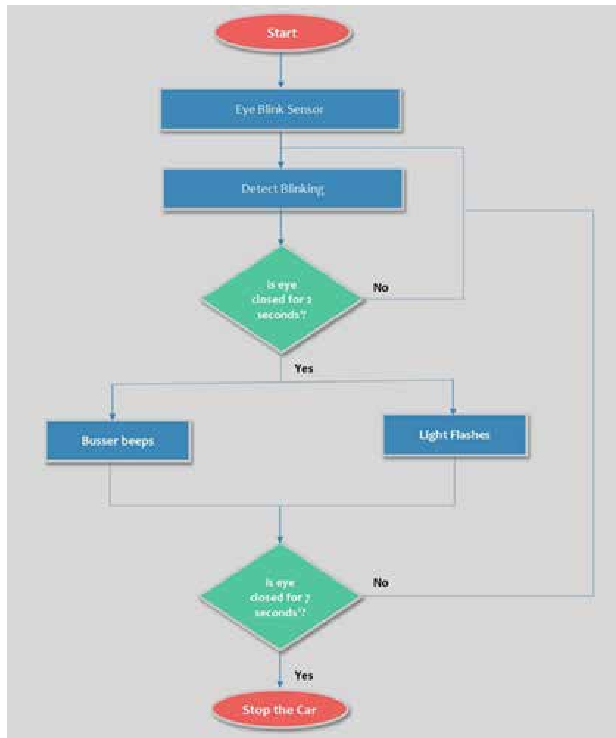

Figure 2: Process Flow

In this system, eye blink sensors are employed to detect the driver's eye blinks, primarily relying on the Eye Aspect Ratio (EAR) formula. The sensor continuously monitors the driver's eye activity, checking if their eyes remain closed for a duration of two seconds. If the driver's eyes open before this two-second threshold, the system returns to its normal state and resumes eye monitoring. However, if the driver's eyes remain closed for two seconds, an audible buzzer alarm is activated, and the vehicle's lights start flashing continuously to alert surrounding vehicles. This serves as a warning for nearby drivers, indicating that the vehicle may come to a halt, prompting them to maintain a safe distance.

If the driver's eyes remain closed for seven seconds (as programmed in the system's threshold time), the system will automatically initiate the car's deceleration and eventual stoppage. However, if the driver awakens before the seven-second threshold, the system returns to its regular monitoring loop, continually assessing the driver's blinking activity. The key objectives of this proposed system are to monitor and respond to driver blinking, provide a buzzer alarm to awaken drowsy drivers, employ light indicators for warning nearby vehicles, and initiate vehicle deceleration and stopping if the driver doesn't wake up within the set threshold time. Ultimately, this system is designed to enhance automobile safety and remains cost-effective and budget-friendly.

REQUIRED MATERIAL

1. A Single Channel 5V Relay Module can be used in the proposed system to control power supply to certain vehicle functions based on driver alertness, enhancing safety measures.

2. A 5V Piezo Buzzer can serve as an audible alert component in the system, producing sound signals to alert the driver when drowsiness is detected.

3. Wires are essential for connecting various components in the system, ensuring the flow of electrical signals and data between sensors, microcontrollers, and other modules to enable communication and functionality.

4. A 9V battery is a power source used to provide electrical energy to the system, ensuring that the components, sensors, and modules have the necessary power supply for their operation.

5. An Arduino Nano is a microcontroller board that serves as the central processing unit in the system, facilitating communication between various components, sensors, and modules, and executing the programmed logic for driver drowsiness detection and safety alerts.

6. A Single-Pole, Single-Throw (SPST) switch is used to control the power supply to the system, allowing the user to turn the system on or off as needed.

7. An Eye blink sensor integrated into goggles is a critical component of the system, as it continuously monitors the driver's eye blinking activity to detect drowsiness and trigger alerts when necessary.

8. A 9V battery snap connector is used to connect the 9V battery to power the system, ensuring a reliable power source for its operation.

9. The 3.7V 700mAh Li-Po rechargeable battery is employed as a power source to supply energy to the system, ensuring its functionality even when not connected to external power sources.

10. Robot wheels with a diameter of 65mm are utilized for the movement of the vehicle or system, and they are compatible with DC geared motors.

11. An Arduino Nano cable is used to connect the Arduino Nano board to other components or to a power source, enabling data transfer and programming of the board. It serves as a link between the Arduino Nano and other devices or a computer for code uploading and communication.

12. A 3V miniature DC motor is a small electric motor that operates on a 3-volt power supply. It is commonly used in various applications, including robotics, electronics, and small-scale projects, to provide rotational motion or drive mechanical components. These motors are compact and lightweight, making them suitable for applications where space is limited.

RESULTS & ANALYSIS

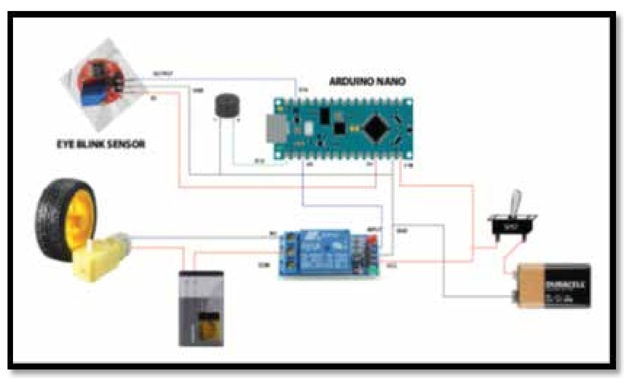

Figure 3: Circuit Diagram

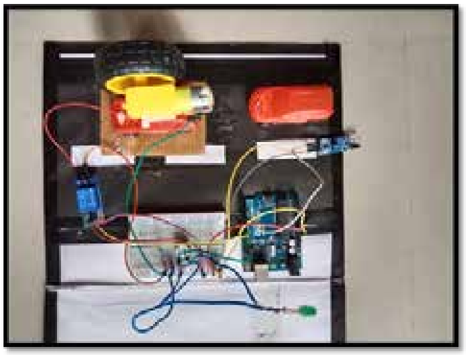

Figure 4: Actual Model

Figure 4 illustrates the operational model of the system, which actively monitors the driver's blink patterns to detect signs of drowsiness and effectively prevent potential accidents. In this model, a buzzer is incorporated to initiate an alarm and alert the driver when drowsiness is detected. Furthermore, the system features light indicators that signal nearby vehicles, indicating that the particular car is in a potentially hazardous situation and may come to a halt. This advanced warning system ensures that surrounding vehicles are made aware of the situation. If the driver fails to respond promptly within a predefined timeframe, the system gradually reduces the car's speed and subsequently brings the vehicle to a controlled stop at a safe location, thereby minimizing the risk of accidents.

In the following comparison chart, M1, M2, and M3 represent various existing models, while PM denotes the proposed system.

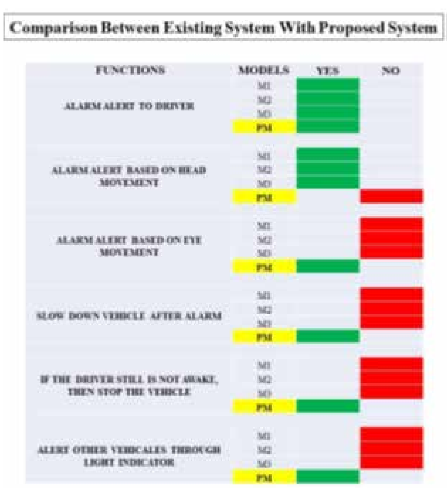

Figure 5: Comparison of Proposed model with Existing Models

CONCLUSION & FUTURE PLAN

In conclusion, the research paper highlights the pressing need for prioritizing safety over luxury in automobiles. While many car manufacturers focus on offering luxurious amenities to attract buyers, these features cannot guarantee the fundamental need for safety. The proposed system addresses this crucial aspect by emphasizing safety for both the vehicle's occupants and those around it. The affordability of this system makes it a practical and budget-friendly solution, with an estimated cost as low as Rs. 2,000. The statistics presented in the paper demonstrate the significant impact it can have on reducing accidents caused by drowsiness, even a 3% reduction being noteworthy.

The research exhibits a promising foundation for future extensions and enhancements. One potential avenue is to transition the system to a wireless configuration, eliminating the complexity of numerous wires. Additionally, incorporating a head movement tracking sensor could further improve the system's efficiency by detecting tilting head movements associated with dozing off. Expanding the system's capabilities by including technologies such as speed limit tracking and accident alert systems can broaden its domain of application. This evolution could lead to a comprehensive, high-functionality safety system that can be integrated into various vehicles, thereby enhancing human life safety at reasonable costs. Future research and development efforts can explore these avenues to continually improve road safety.

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An Optimized CNN Algorithm to Diagnosing Pneumonia through Genetic Algorithm on Chest X-Ray Data Set

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ABSTRACT

Deep learning is coming out as a great technique for the classification of images. Specifically, convolutional neural networks are widely used for the identifying and classifying images. Pneumonia is a kind of disease in which lungs of human body effected and it happens due to the virus and bacteria like COVID-19, Pneumococcus. In this manuscript we have proposed an optimized CNN model by genetic algorithm which can detect whether the person is normal or infected from pneumonia disease on the basis of their chest X-Ray image dataset. Genetic algorithm (GA) used to create an optimized convolutional neural network (CNN) architecture model by selecting the hyper parameters to enhanced accuracy. Training and testing have done on the multicore GPU provided by Google Colab which is used for boosting the performance to reduce the inference time of training and testing. We obtained the training accuracy of about 96.36% and testing accuracy of about 88.27% while optimized model of CNN executed on the NVIDIA's Tesla K-80 multicore for Kaggle's chest-X-Ray-pneumonia data set.

KEYWORDS: *CNN, GA, GPU, X-Ray, Pneumonia.*

INTRODUCTION

Globally, pneumonia is responsible to kills more children aged less than 5 years old every year than any other infectious disease, such as COVID-19,HIV infection, Malaria or Tuberculosis. In the USA alone more than 250,000 people are hospitalized due to this lung infecting disease. Sadly, 50,000 people lose life to pneumonia each year in the United States.Upon the response of immune system, when the microbes reach the lung the white blood cells act against them leading to inflammation in these sac and buildup of the fluid over the area. The symptoms that appear often are fever, cough, chest pain, shortness of breath, fatigue. It becomes crucial for the early diagnosis of this fatal disease so that the treatment can be effective.Chest X-ray is the commonly used technique to diagnose Pneumonia. It was thought years before its invention that programmable computers will be intelligent. Artificial intelligence then broadened this view in ways by bringing the ability to solve problems easily that were difficult for humans. Deep Learning, a part of machine learning uses artificial neural network to help machine learn with data and experience.CNN networks, recurrent neural networks and various other architectures are used for deep learning. Deep learning has immense application in fields consisting natural language processing, speech recognition, computer vision, designing drugs etc.

GA generally optimized neural network model to avoiding premature convergence and permutation problems [1]. With the progression in time, the Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) models have proved their mettle in field of the image classification with high efficiency.Fully-automated phenotyping system allows to very systematic experiments in functional genomics by videos[2]. Here, we have made use of optimized CNN model to diagnose pneumonia. GPUs are candidate parallel devices to run training process for big datasets in a optimized time [3].

The main purpose of this manuscript is to be optimized the accuracy of diagnosis for pneumonia by using the chest X-ray image. Here we used run time GPU instead of CPU for optimization processing time on large sets for deep learning [4].

This manuscript consists by following sections as follows. Section 1 is introduction part in which explaining the role of computer vision towards of medicine field like diagnosis of diseases by artificial intelligence (AI) application. Section 2 is explaining the literature review on CNN model and genetic algorithm. Section 3 is describing a new state of art diagnose Pneumonia with optimized CNN model by Genetic algorithm (GA) to enhance the as maximum as possible accuracy. Last two sections 4 and 5 exhibits the precision value (accuracy) of optimized model and conclusion of result respectively.

LITERATURE REVIEW

L. Xie and Alan Yuille [5] conferred the possible automatic deep network structures. They adopted genetic process on MNIST and CIFAR10 dataset which found the capabilities of evolving and find quality structures.

A. Krizhevsky, I. Sutskever, and G. E. Hinton [6] were used non-saturating neurons and GPU processors to enhance the speed to get results faster and did ImageNet classified achieved the highest best error rate.

Ruikai Zhang, Yali Zheng, Tony Wing Chung Mak, Ruoxi Yu, Sunny H. Wong, James Y. W. Lau, and Carmen C. Y. Poon [7] proposed a computer-aided method to diagnose colorectal cancer. These results when compared with visual inspection by endoscopists, higher accuracy was found, concluding that the automatic algorithm proved to be better at identifying polyps and enabling response before they lead to invasive cancer. This develops the concept that computer-aided method can prove effective against human diagnosis.

Yu-Tzu Chang, Jinn Lin, Jiann-Shing Shieh and Maysam F. Abbod [8] devised the optimal set of initial weight by applying genetic algorithm (GA) to improve the accuracy of artificial neural network (ANN). Here, the implementation of genetic algorithm was helpful for gaining accuracy.

Can Jozef Saul, Deniz Yagmur Urey, Can Doruk Taktakoglu in [9] mentioned the human eyes error margin can affect to make false detection and in either case of false positive or false negative detection may result in substantial impact in a human body,so they built a system for classifying images by using convolutional neural network and residual network architecture with the accuracy of 78.73%.

By the using genetic algorithm M. Jaiswal, A. Sahu, Md. Tausif [4] have developed an optimized CNN architecture which classifies the parasitized or uninfected cell with training accuracy of 97%. They used GPU and were able to find algorithm to automatically design architecture, discovering appropriate hyper parameters leading to higher accuracy.

In our work, we show that genetic algorithm achieves admirably to automatically give optimized network architecture to classify pneumonia infected or uninfected chest X-ray using modern CNN.

METHODOLOGY

Genetic Algorithm

Genetic algorithm(GA) [10] is heuristic which is also inspired by natural selection for optimization of solutions.GA is also used in discrete search space problems which indicates that it is powerful optimization tool and also not easy to use. Cycle of selection, crossover, and mutation continues till we found the best optimized solution for a given problem.

Initialization / Evaluation of Fitness Function

It is the first step in which population is initialized for the further process. Population is the set of chromosomes or it is the subset of solution for the current generation. Fitness function is the function used to take solutions to a problem as inputs and produces the output to achieving the set aims [11].

Selection

It is a stage of genetic algorithm in which individuals are selected from the population for reproduction of new offspring through crossover and mutation. At this stage probability of selection of individuals is higher having the higher fitness value which is determined by fitness function. Selection of individuals is very crucial step for getting the best optimized solution as better the selection better off springs will be generated. Although the probability of selection of individuals is having lower fitness value remains very slim but it get also selected.There are many selection method such as Binary Tournament Selection, Stochastic Universal Sampling (SUS), Roulette Wheel Selection (RWS), Elitism Selection, and Rank-based Selection. For the detailed explanation of above mentioned ways study of [12] is recommended.

Tournament Selection

In this step a tournament is conducted between the randomly taken individuals from the population. The winner (individual with best fitness value) of each tournament is selected for crossover to produce new offspring. Fittest individual is selected in deterministic tournament selection method [13]. Tournament selection is performed in two ways i.e. with replacement, without replacement.In without replacement N selected individual from population with N elements, every individual participates exactly in K (tournament size) tournaments.It has several benefits over other selection methods for genetic algorithms. It is efficient to code and based on parallel architecture.

Crossover

It is most important operator in genetic algorithm and also called as recombination operator in which parents or selected individual mates and produce new offspring having combined features of its parent. In traditional genetic algorithm information is stored in chromosomes which are represented by bit arrays. In which each bit is represented as genes and bit array is called chromosome. Each parent contributes the bits for combination and selected bits are copied to the offspring. There are several ways for crossovers [14] of parents given below are some examples of crossover

Single Point Crossover

In single point crossover a point is picked randomly on the chromosomes of both the parents so that it is divided in to two parts. Point to the left of chromosome remains same but point to the right side of it are swapped resulting the new offspring having information from both of the parents as in figure 1.

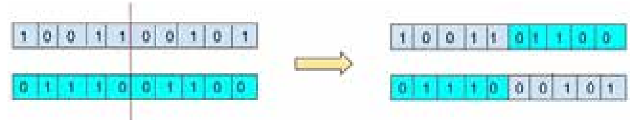


Figure 1. Single point crossover

Two point crossover

In that crossover any two points are picked on the parent chromosomes and the bits between the two points are exchanged to produce offspring. Figure 2 shows the two point crossover.

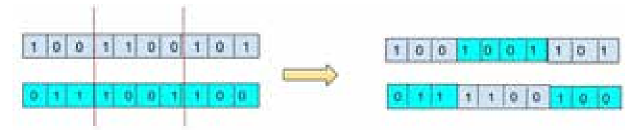


Figure 2. Two point crossover

Uniform crossover

In this method each bit or gene is treated as separately, in uniform crossover Chromosome is not divided in to various parts or segments. There is equal possibility of selection of each gene form parent chromosome as in figure 3.

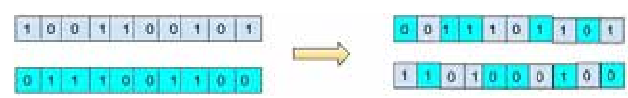


Figure 3. Uniform Crossover

Mutation

Mutation [15] is also an important operator in genetic algorithm. It is carried out to change the genes of produced offspring from crossover. It is used to maintain diversity in the population which is essential for convergence of genetic algorithm. It randomly chooses a bit from produced offspring and changes it which results in diversity in population.

After mutation a new offspring population is produced which acts a parents to the next generation. This cycle continues repeatedly and stops when a new population with best fitness value is obtained. With the fittest population, a model is created which gives the best accuracy for our testing and training data of Pneumonia which is now able for classification.

Convolutional neural network (CNN)

Convolutional neural network [16] is a network of various neurons and sequence of various layers is used to classify pattern in images. It is applicable in video recognition, medical image analysis and natural language processing. It is also a class of deep neural network. It comprises of an input layer, an output layer and between these two layers hidden layers are present. Basically there are 3 main layers of CNN i.e. Convolution layer, pooling layer and fully connected layer as in figure 4.These layers have different type of parameter to perform mathematical tasks to be optimized.

Convolutional layer

Convolutional layer [17] is the first layer among all the sequential layers of CNN and can be the building block of network. It contains set of filters having height and weight less than the input volume. Each filter is convolved over the input volume for computation of activation map made of neurons. To this process, we assumed filter (kernel) k x k x D smaller as compared to input object (N x N x D). After convolutional process each element of filter is multiplied by corresponding element of input. Now each element of multiplied result is now summed up and then average is calculated. Now again filter is moved starting form top left corner of input .It is moved across all the areas of input and at each step above mentioned process is carried out. Each step known as stride. A 2D array is obtained after the completion of this process which is also called feature map.

Activation function layer

Activation function layer [18] help to decide if the neuron will be fired or not.There are different types of activation functions used such as Sigmoid, ReLu, and Maxout.

We have used Sigmoid [19] and ReLu [20] activation function in this study. Sigmoid is used in output layer for binary classification.ReLu which is mostly used in hidden layers nevertheless it is not more expensive to implement.

Pooling layer

It is used to reduce the dimensionality of the feature map which reduces the number of parameters for reducing the training time and for combat over fitting. Pooling layer down samples the each feature map which reduces only the height and width of feature map. There are mainly two pooling layers which is generally used in CNN i.e. Max pooling layer, Average pooling layer. In Max pooling layer [21] the filter is moved across the input and at every step maximum value of filter is taken. Pooling layer makes computation faster and helps in reducing memory by reducing the size and weights in the network.

Fully connected layer

Layer is often used as final layer among all the sequential layers in the CNN network. Fully connected layer [22] takes input from the previous layer as a vector and uses the Softmax activation function [23] to classify the images given as input to the network as in figure 4.

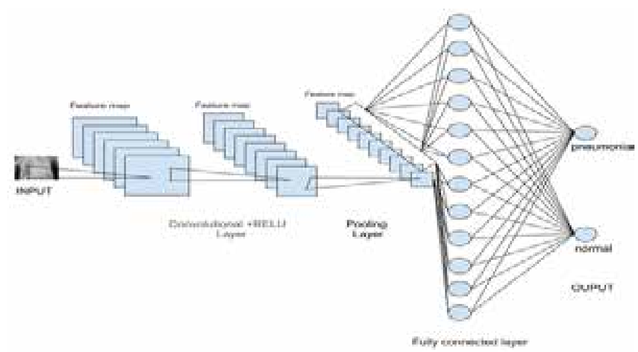
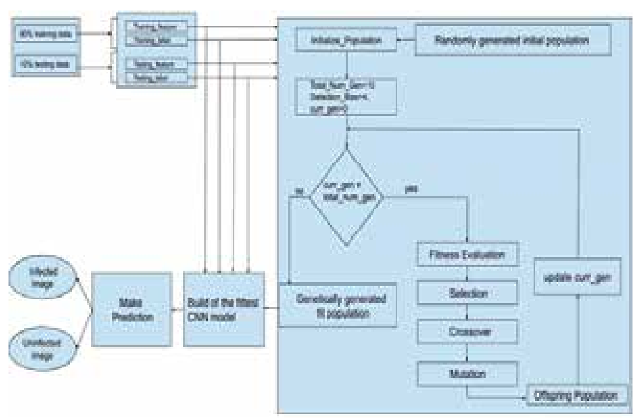


Figure 4. Structure of the Convolutional Neural Network

Proposed Work

As in figure 5 flow chart exhibits the optimization CNN model with GA algorithm and get the optimized results for training and testing process.



IMPLEMENTATION AND EXPERIMENTAL RESULT

Pneumonia dataset

Pneumonia is an infection caused by bacteria, viruses and fungi resulting inflammation in the air sacs of lungs which is called alveoli. In Pneumonia the alveoli is filled with fluid or pus which makes a human being difficult to breathe, dry cough, fever and chest pain. Diagnosis of Pneumonia is carried out by chest X-Ray, blood tests and culture of the sputum which are based on the symptoms and physical examinations. Here we used chest X-Ray images of pneumonia for diagnosing it. Dataset used in this study is being obtained by Kaggle. The dataset contains 5,863 images of chest X-Ray with 1341 uninfected images and 3874 infected images of pneumonia. The dataset is partitioned into training and testing having the ratio of 90:10 approximately. The training dataset is further split in approximately 90:10 ratios which are the ratio of train dataset and validation dataset [25].The data set's images are re-sampled to 28x28x1 pixel dimensions and normalized for faster model convergence, converted into features and labels for testing and training classes and then used for CNN model as a input.. As figure 5 and figure 6 shows the uninfected and infected X-Ray images of Kaggle dataset. Both the images are extracted from directory with the help of matplotlib which used for the plotting the different types of graph, computer vision as CV2 and OS used for interaction purpose.

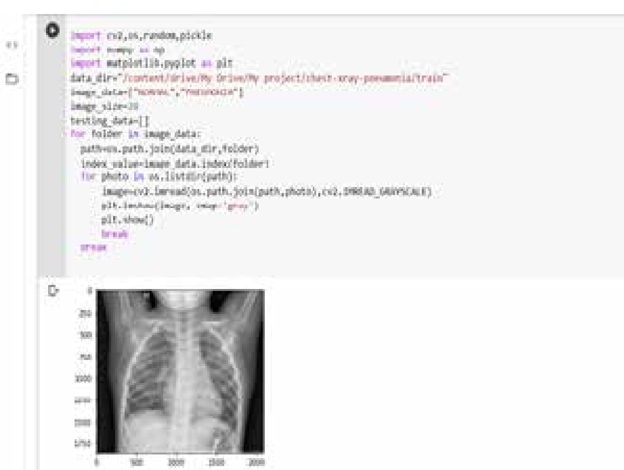


Figure 5. Uninfected Chest X-Ray

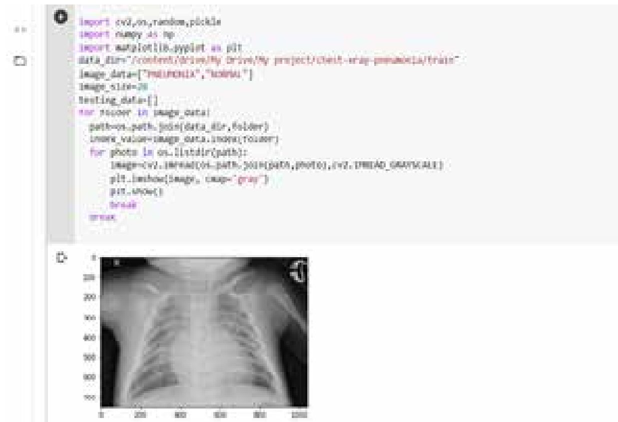


Figure 6. Infected Chest X-Ray

Experimental Setup

We have performed the experiment on the Google colaboratory [26] which is cloud based service containing two types of runtime such as GPU and TPU which makes our code execution very fast and also helps in reducing the training and testing time of huge datasets. It also provides free access to RAM and CPU to our environment as in table 1. Experiment is performed on Google Colab [27] with 5863 chest X-Ray images belongs to Kaggle dataset.

Table 1. Hardware and software specification of google Colab

S.N.	Specification type	Description
1.	CPU	Intel(R) Xeon(R) CPU @ 2.20GHz
2.	GPU	Tesla K80 (UUID: GPU-fdb85c5c-3a15-32b4-873e-e8ee3ff680f7)
3.	RAM	~12.72 GB
4.	DISK	~64.40 GB
5.	IDE	Colab Notebook
6.	Programming language	Python 3

Simulation and results

We have performed this experiment with 10 generations and each generation contains 10 set of populations and having epochs value of 10.Machine learning rate has been fixed to 0.01 .The dataset has been trained to 4724 number of samples and validated on 525 samples and have been tested on 631 samples of images. The flow chart in figure 7 exhibits the process of optimized CNN with GA algorithm. With this specifications and features our code executed in 360.699 seconds. CNN model is executed for each population of a generation and their fitness is evaluated on the basis of the classification accuracy on the testing data. Fitness values are selection criteria of the populations for the crossover and mutation process. Each population contains 3 layers with hyper parameters like size of filter (SZF), number of filter (NOF) and activation function (ACT). After each execution of GA better populations are generated after tuning of hyper parameters of each layers as in table 2.

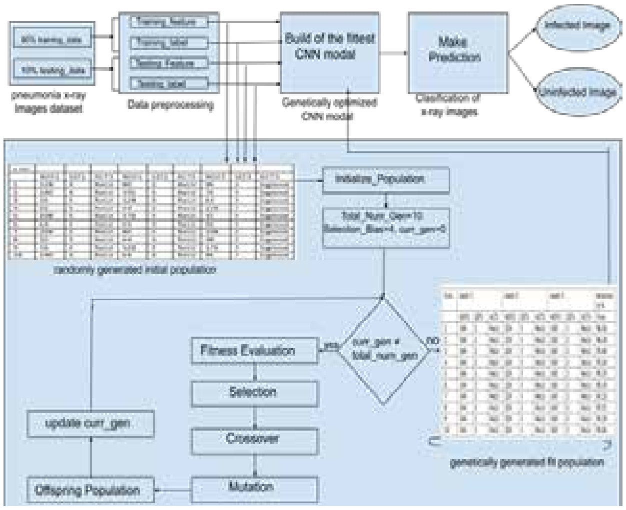


Figure 7. Process of convolutional neural network with Genetic algorithm

Table 2. Randomly generated fit population

S. No.	Layer 1			Layer 2			Layer 3		
	NOF 1	SZF 1	ACT 1	NOF 2	SZF 2	ACT 2	NOF 3	SZF 3	ACT 3
1.	128	3	ReLU	80	2	ReLU	96	2	Sigmoid
2.	240	4	ReLU	192	3	ReLU	76	3	Sigmoid
3.	16	5	ReLU	128	3	ReLU	64	3	Sigmoid
4.	32	3	ReLU	64	5	ReLU	128	7	Sigmoid
5.	208	5	ReLU	176	2	ReLU	32	5	Sigmoid
6.	64	2	ReLU	64	3	ReLU	96	3	Sigmoid
7.	208	5	ReLU	80	5	ReLU	208	3	Sigmoid
8.	32	3	ReLU	64	3	ReLU	48	2	Sigmoid
9.	16	2	ReLU	128	2	ReLU	176	3	Sigmoid
10.	240	3	ReLU	64	3	ReLU	96	7	Sigmoid

In figure 8 revealed the training accuracy of the CNN optimized model for 100 populations over 10 generations. The last 10[th] generation shows the highest training accuracy in the curve.

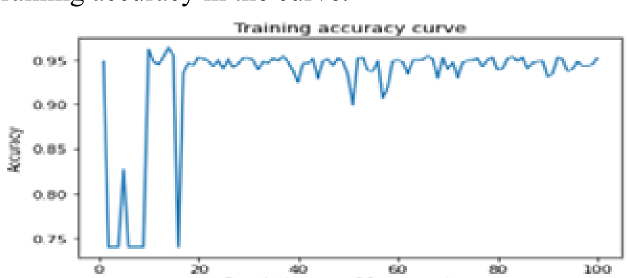


Figure 8. Training accuracy curve

Here, Figure 9 shows the testing accuracy of the CNN optimized model for 100 populations over 10 generations. The last 10th generation shows the highest testing accuracy throughout the curve.

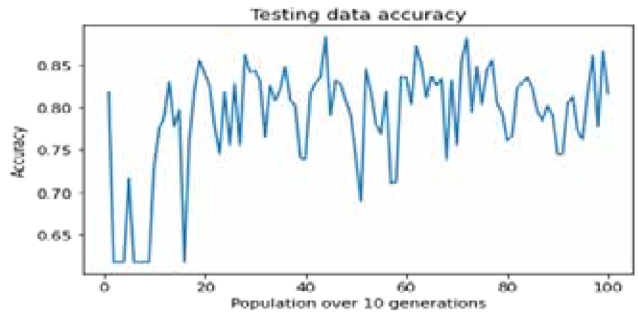


Figure 9. Testing accuracy curve

Hence the following results shows that CNN model generated with these hyper parameters is most fit and accurate and is also able for diagnosing the pneumonia with the Kaggle dataset.

Table 3 gives us the training data of top 10 fit populations for 10th generation of model. Since the populations are in decreasing order of training accuracy so the top is one of the most fit population of 10th generation of model.

Table 3. Top 10 fit population of training dataset

S.no.	Layer 1			Layer 2			Layer 3			Accuracy in %
	NOF1	SZF1	ACT1	NOF2	SZF2	ACT2	NOF3	SZF3	ACT3	Train
1	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	96.36
2	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	96.18
3	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.40
4	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.36
5	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.35
6	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.33
7	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.23
8	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.21
9	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.18
10	144	2	ReLU	224	3	ReLU	160	2	ReLU	95.06

Table 4 gives us the testing data of top 10 fit populations for 10th generation of model and top is one of the most fit population of 10th generation of model.

Table 4. Top 10 fit population for testing dataset

S.no.	Layer 1			Layer 2			Layer 3			Accuracy in %
	NOF1	SZF1	ACT1	NOF2	SZF2	ACT2	NOF3	SZF3	ACT3	Test
1	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	88.27
2	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	88.11
3	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	87.16
4	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	86.21
5	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	86.05
6	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	85.57
7	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	85.41
8	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	84.94
9	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	84.78
10	128	2	ReLU	144	2	ReLU	128	5	ReLU	84.46

Hence, the optimized CNN is able to diagnose the Pneumonia with approximately 96.36% of training and 88.27% of testing accuracy with the help of fit parameter.

CONCLUSION

In the paper we have proposed an optimized CNN model with genetic algorithm which is now able to classify the images as well as also able for diagnosing the pneumonia with the help of chest X-Ray images on Kaggle dataset with approximately 96.36% of training and 88.27% of testing accuracy. We have also concluded from study that this optimized CNN model can also be used to other image classifications and binary prediction problems.

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Encoding of Color Image with Random Phase Mask in Gyrator Domain

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ABSTRACT

In the Gyrator transform (GT), an asymmetric approach is used to encrypt an RGB image employing double random phase encoding (DRPE). The RGB image input is primarily divided in three passages: "red, green, blue". To obtain the complex intermediate image, each passage of an input image is transformed in a phase image with coupling amplitude masking before being Gyrator transformed. The amplitude portion is then merged with a random phase mask (RPM), which acts as the first private key. GT is based in terms of intensity of every "red, green, and blue" passage to provide the matching encrypted image, with the phase part serving as an additional secret key. The compiled encrypted image from all three images yields the final encrypted colored image. Decryption is the polar opposite of encryption. In the decryption phase, the security of the cryptosystem is examined. The suggested cryptosystem formed an optical asymmetric method applied to encrypt the RGB image.

KEYWORDS: *Optical encryption, Gyrator transform, Random phase mask, Asymmetric method, color image encryption.*

INTRODUCTION

Data protection has become a critical research area as a result of the major challenges of attackers having unauthorized access to data. Optical security systems have sparked a lot of attention on the issue of data security owing to their large parallel processing and extensive parameter settings. Early works (DRPE) technology made optical encoding techniques relevant for research [1]. The gyrator transform is introduced, in order to flip a two-dimensional signal around in another dimensional space. The transform's main attributes are examined. The discussion centers on the experimental use of the gyrator transform with a flexible optical setup. Filtering, noise reduction, and encryption are all methods used to improve images,the gyrator transform has been verified [2]. The GT is a signal processing and generation image in a fresh sequence domain that has yet to be explored. It can discover curved waves, perform rotation sorting, encrypt data, characterize beams, and construct persistent states with certain properties. The GT that was used for these functions will undoubtedly necessitate substantial research. Here, just the phase transformation under GT will be considered. We'll look at the Hermite-Gaussian modes' gyrator transformation in particular. These modes are of double interest [3, 4]. The GT is a sequential classical transformation that rotates an optical signal in position, spectral, and period. A more contemporary optical computing procedure is the gyrator wavelet transform, which combines the gyrator and wavelet transforms. This combination allows for multi-resolution analysis of twisted spatial frequency plane images. The recommended application satisfies basic mathematical characteristics like the linearity condition and Parseval's proof. In light of the tool's utility, a study of the gyrator wavelet transform's features, applications, and implementation is offered

[5]. In order to achieve twisted rotation on position-spatial frequency planes, one can use the GT, a linear canonical transform [6].

In DRPE, plaintext is encrypted as steady white noise. Fractional Fourier [7], Fourier [8], gyrator [9], Hartley, fractional Hartley [10], fractional Mellin [11], and hybrid domains [12] have all been added to the DRPE-based encryption system in the previous two decades. Because of their symmetric and linear character, most DRPE-based methods are vulnerable to multiple attacks [13]. Encrypted images are also sophisticated and require a holographic system to store them, which adds to the cost. With DRPE systems, several solutions have been created to overcome these challenges. All of these techniques employ a continuous spectrum to highlight a true color image, so the reassembled image's color data will be lost. In contrast to a grayscale image, a color image communicates additional knowledge. The application of the DRPE technology for color image encryption was disclosed in 1999 [14]. He later claimed an encryption method for color images using frequency multiplexing and a lensless Fourier transform hologram [15]. Joshi previously described a color image cryptosystem based on the fractional FT [16]. Each key and durable chaotic map are used to create a color image cryptosystem. In 2012, a frequency mixing technique based on a tumbled phase-only mask was proposed in the FT [17]. A colored image is encrypted in three distinct channels using the modified Gerchberg-Saxton technique in the FT domain [18]. A novel single-channel color picture cryptosystem has been constructed employing amplitude, phase mask, and FT [19] [20].Applications of these representations include mode retrieval, holography, wave measurement, image filtering and encryption, and they can be executed either by an optical device or by a computational program. When the gyrator domain (GD) is not affected by the application of a spatial shift and modulation by a pure linear phase component, we say that the shift is generalized [21]. The gyrator transform (GT), sometimes known as a cross-gyrator, can be used to define the generalized mode converter. The linear classical integral transformations' orthosymplectic class includes both the fractional FT and the GT that represent rotations in phase space [22, 23].

This study represents a cryptographic algorithm for color images built on a phase/amplitude trimming operation in the GT for maybe the first time, to the researchers knowledge. The research paper renaming part is: Sections 2. The third section goes into the proposed strategy. Section 4th, as well as the particle simulations in MatLab results utilized to evaluate the method's efficacy on a color picture.

GYRATOR TRANSFORM

For picture encryption, GT, a linear canonical transform, is performed [24,25]. [26–29] gives the definition of the GT for the image I(u, v).

$$G(s,t) = g^{\beta}\ [I(u,v)](s,t) \tag{1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{|\sin\beta|} I(x,y) \exp\left[i2\pi \frac{(st+uv)\cos\beta - (ut+vs)}{\sin\beta}\right] du dv \tag{2}$$

Where β is a parameter for the gyrator angle. The result of the transform is the concern G(s, t).

THE PROPOSED SCHEME

Figure 1 depicts a flowchart of new working steps. The three primary channels that make up an RGB image are "red, green, blue." Each input image passage is first converted to a phase image using coupling amplitude masking, and then it is GT-transformed to produce the complex intermediate image. As a first secret, you can mix the amplitude and random phase mask. GT on the basis of the amplitude of every "red, green, and blue" passage to provide the matching encrypted image, with the phase part serving as an additional secret key. The compiled encrypted image from all three images yields the final encrypted, colored image. Figure 2 shows the three components—"red," "green," and "blue"—that make up the encrypted image during the decryption process. Figure 2 shows the three components—"red," "green," and "blue"—that make up the encrypted image during the decryption process.The input image is then obtained by combining each channel's inverse GT with reverse propagation distances.

Encoding Steps

Following Steps:

(i) Divide input picture (I) into 3 component channels:

I_R; I_G; I_B.

(ii)Transfer every channel image in the phase image, then mixed "random amplitude mask" (RAM) before applying theGT, which is expressed mathematically as:

$IR=GT\{\exp(i\pi I_R).*RAM\}$ (3)

$IG=GT\{\exp(i\pi I_G).*RAM\}$ (4)

$IB=GT\{\exp(i\pi I_B).*RAM\}$ (5)

(iii) The GT component is then saved as the decryption's private key. The red component's equations are presented below, and the same processes apply to the other two components as well.

$Key1=GT\{\exp(i\pi I_R).*RAM\}$ (6)

$g=GT\{\exp(i\pi I_R).*RAM\}$ (7)

(iv) RPM is then attached to the portion (g), andthe output image is subjected to the GT once more to act as a second private key (key4).

$Key4=GT(g.*RPM)$ (8)

$E_R=GT(g.*RPM)$ (9)

(v) All of the photos are stitched together to form a single encrypted image.

$E= E_R\ E_G\ E_B$ (10)

Decodingsteps

Following Steps:

(i) After the encoding image (E) is decoded, it is first divided into three channels: ER, EG, and EB, and on the other hand, zeros are added to the deleted data to make the image the same size it was before.

(ii) The second private key is then concatenated, and the GT with reverse propagation distance is performed. Following that, the first secret key is merged and taken in reverse GT, and finally, all parts of the images are merged to give the actual image (I).

$I_R=GT\{GT(E_R.*key4).*key1\}$ (11)

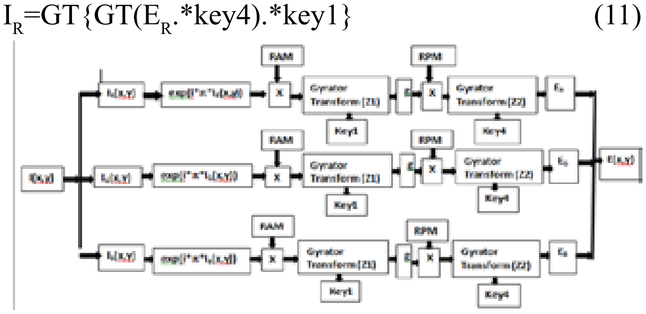

Fig. 1: Flowchart of the described scheme's encoding process

$I_G=GT\{GT(E_G.*key5).*key2\}$ (12)

$I_B=GT\{GT(E_B.*key6).*key3\}$ (13)

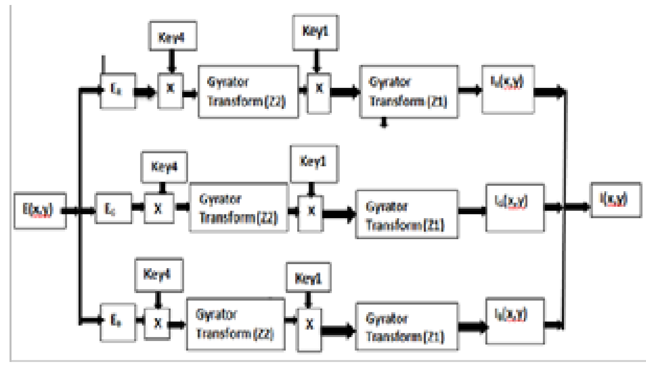

Fig. 2:Flowchart of the described scheme's Decoding process

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In the simulations, we used MATLAB software R2016a on a machine with 4 GB of RAM and a Ryzen CoreTM i5-6300 CPU @ 2.50 GHz processor configuration to assess the performance of the suggested approach. On using a color image The suggested scheme is given a color image of 'Lena' with a size of 256*256 * 3 as input (Fig. 3(a)), and three separate channel-encrypted images are exhibited in Fig. 3(b-d) with roung fraction order. The obtained results of applying the decoding strategy to all of the encoding photographs displayed in Fig. 3(e) are not accurate. After that, in Fig. 3(f–h), three separate channel-encrypted images are exhibited in the right fraction order. The obtained results of applying the decoding strategy to all of the encoding photographs (f–h) are displayed in Fig. 3(i) to show the proper image.

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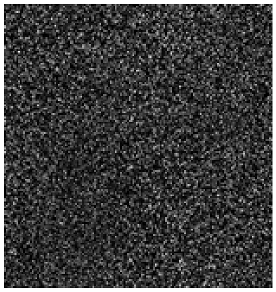

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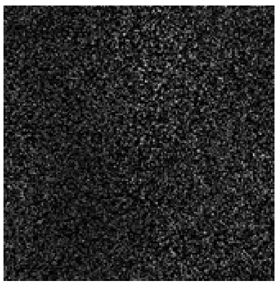

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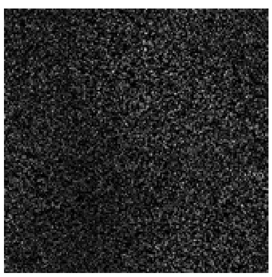

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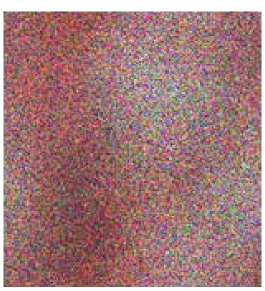

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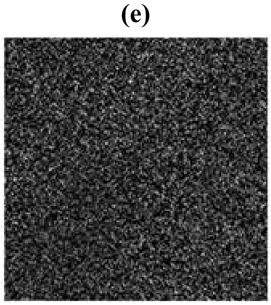
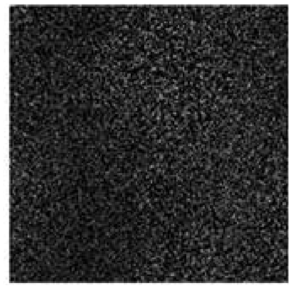


(f)

(g)



(h)

(i)

Fig. (3) (a) Input image, (b) Red part encrypted image with wrong key (c) Green part encrypted image with wrong key (d) Blue part encrypted image with wrong key (e) Recovered image with wrong key (f) Red part encrypted image with correct key (g) Green part encrypted image with correct key (h) Blue part encrypted image with correct key (i) Recovered image with correct key

CONCLUSION

The use of GT and phase/amplitude truncation in the GT is used to provide a new strategy for encrypting color images. The suggested method incorporates the use of three channels to partition a color picture. Afterwards, the encrypted image is created by concatenating the encoded images of each channel. The gyrator components and secret keys are used as decoding keys to reassemble the input color image. We validate the algorithm in a MATLAB environment for a color image and show the results for the 'lena' image. Simulations are run to ensure that the suggested method is effective. The new method is compared to an asymmetric Gyrator scheme, and the provided scheme is found to be more improvable and of good quality than the existing algorithms.

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Integrating Variable Rate Application with Machine Learning Algorithms for Intelligent and Responsive Agriculture

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ABSTRACT

The agricultural sector is experiencing a revolutionary transformation propelled by the intersection of advanced technologies and data-driven decision-making. A leading innovation in this paradigm shift is the fusion of Variable Rate Application (VRA) with machine learning algorithms, presenting the prospect of a smarter and more adaptive agricultural system. This literature review delves into the contemporary research landscape, examining the current status and envisioning the potential consequences of integrating VRA and machine learning within the domain of precision agriculture. This synergy holds the key to optimizing resource usage, enhancing productivity, and mitigating environmental impact. By tailoring input application rates through VRA based on spatial variability and employing machine learning for real-time data analysis and adaptation, this integrated approach aligns with the evolving needs of modern agriculture. The exploration of this interdisciplinary field contributes to a deeper understanding of how technology-driven solutions can propel agriculture into a more efficient, sustainable, and responsive era.

KEYWORDS: *Variable rate application, Precision agriculture.*

INTRODUCTION

The adoption of precision agriculture in Maharashtra, India, reflects a transformative shift in the traditional farming landscape, driven by the need to optimize resource utilization, enhance productivity, and minimize environmental impact. At the forefront of this agricultural revolution is the implementation of Variable Rate Application (VRA), a pivotal component of precision agriculture that tailors the application rates of inputs, such as fertilizers, pesticides, and water, to the specific spatial variability within a field.

Precision Agriculture in Maharashtra: Maharashtra, with its diverse agro-climatic zones and a rich history in agriculture, is embracing precision agriculture as a means to address the challenges posed by fluctuating climatic conditions, water scarcity, and the need for sustainable farming practices. The state's agricultural landscape, ranging from the fertile plains of Western Maharashtra to the arid regions of Vidarbha, presents a varied set of challenges that precision agriculture aims to address through targeted and data-driven interventions.

Variable Rate Application (VRA) in Maharashtra:VRA, as implemented in Maharashtra, involves the use of advanced technologies such as Global Positioning System (GPS), remote sensing, and sensor networks to analyse the spatial variability of soil and crop conditions within a field. This localized understanding enables farmers to apply inputs precisely where they are needed, optimizing the use of resources and improving overall crop performance.

Integration of Machine Learning Algorithms

The integration of machine learning algorithms with VRA in Maharashtra represents a leap forward in the evolution of precision agriculture. These algorithms, ranging from sophisticated predictive models to adaptive decision support systems, enable farmers to harness real-time data for making informed decisions. The dynamic nature of machine learning allows for continuous adaptation to changing environmental conditions, ensuring that agricultural practices remain responsive and efficient throughout the crop cycle.

OUTLINED METHODOLOGY FOR INTEGRATING VARIABLE RATE APPLICATION WITH MACHINE LEARNING ALGORITHMS

Precision agriculture has emerged as a transformative paradigm in modern farming, leveraging technology and data-driven decision-making to optimize resource usage, enhance productivity, and minimize environmental impact. At the forefront of precision agriculture is Variable Rate Application (VRA), a key technique that tailors the application rates of inputs such as fertilizers, pesticides, and water based on the spatial variability within a field. This paper outlines a comprehensive methodology for the integration of VRA with machine learning algorithms, aiming to empower farmers with a more intelligent and responsive agricultural system.

Data Acquisition and Preprocessing

The methodology begins with the acquisition of diverse datasets critical for informed decision-making. Remote sensing technologies, such as satellite imagery and drones, provide high-resolution spatial data capturing variations in crop health, soil properties, and field conditions. Additionally, ground-level sensors, including IoT devices, collect real-time data on soil moisture, temperature, and other relevant parameters. The challenge lies in preprocessing this heterogeneous data, involving tasks such as cleaning, normalization, and feature engineering to ensure compatibility for subsequent machine learning analysis.

Machine Learning Model Selection

The heart of the methodology lies in the careful selection and development of machine learning models tailored to the specific needs of precision agriculture. Supervised learning models, including decision trees, support vector machines, and neural networks, are trained on historical data to understand the complex relationships between input variables and crop outcomes. Unsupervised learning techniques, such as clustering algorithms, identify patterns and groupings within the data. The chosen models must exhibit interpretability, scalability, and the ability to adapt to evolving agricultural conditions.

Spatial Analysis and Zoning

Spatial analysis is crucial for understanding the variability within the field. Machine learning algorithms process geospatial data to identify patterns and trends related to soil types, nutrient levels, and crop health. This analysis facilitates the creation of prescription maps, delineating zones with distinct input requirements. Zoning allows for the precise application of resources based on localized needs, optimizing resource utilization and enhancing overall efficiency.

Real-Time Monitoring and Adaptive Control

The integration of machine learning with VRA introduces a dynamic dimension to precision agriculture. Real-time monitoring systems, powered by IoT devices and sensor networks, continuously collect data on changing field conditions. Machine learning models adapt to this incoming data, making on-the-fly adjustments to variable rate applications. Adaptive control systems ensure that farmers can respond promptly to unforeseen changes, enhancing the responsiveness of the agricultural system.

Decision Support Systems

An integral part of the methodology involves the development of decision support systems (DSS) that provide farmers with actionable insights. These systems incorporate the outputs of machine learning models, spatial analysis, and real-time monitoring to generate recommendations for optimal variable rate applications. User-friendly interfaces and visualization tools empower farmers with the information needed to make informed decisions aligned with precision agriculture objectives.

Continuous Learning and Improvement

The methodology emphasizes the importance of continuous learning and improvement. Adaptive machine learning models are designed to learn from new data, incorporating insights gained from each growing season. Farmers' feedback is integrated into the system to refine models, improve predictions, and enhance the overall effectiveness of variable rate applications over time. specifications that anticipate your paper as one part of the entire proceedings, and not as an independent document. Please do not revise any of the current designations.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Focusing on the application of machine learning in precision agriculture, this review explores various algorithms and models. It discusses how machine learning contributes to data pre-processing by handling missing values, outlier detection, and normalization, enhancing the quality of input data. [1]

Focusing on machine learning applications in agriculture, this review explores techniques and challenges. It discusses how machine learning algorithms contribute to data pre-processing, improving the quality of input data for variable rate applications in precision agriculture. [2]

The paper conducts a comprehensive review of research dedicated to the application of data science techniques in agriculture, emphasizing the potential of big data analysis to solve diverse agricultural problems. Despite this potential, the paper notes a limited adoption of big data analysis in agriculture, attributing challenges to the high volume and complexity of contemporary agricultural data. Machine learning is recognized as a promising solution, but the authors assert a need for its adaptation to effectively address existing challenges. In presenting research trends and identifying barriers, the paper contributes to understanding the untapped potential of big data analysis in revolutionizing agriculture. It underscores the need for overcoming challenges to realize the benefits of data-driven decision-making in precision agriculture.[3]

This study emphasizes the pivotal role of machine learning in crop yield prediction, aiding decisions related to crop selection and cultivation practices. Conducting a Systematic Literature Review (SLR), the researchers identified 567 relevant studies, narrowing down their focus to 50 studies for detailed analysis. The investigation revealed that temperature, rainfall, and soil type were the predominant features, while Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) emerged as the most applied algorithm in traditional machine learning models. [4]

The proposed Smart Crop Recommendation System holds immense potential to assist farmers, government agencies, and stakeholders in the agricultural sector. By providing precise recommendations based on data analysis, the system empowers decision-makers to optimize crop choices, enhance productivity, and contribute to more sustainable and efficient agricultural practices, ultimately addressing the challenge of feeding a large and growing population.[5]

The adaptation of VRTs is explored in the context of emerging technologies, emphasizing the challenges associated with integrating these innovations into agricultural practices. The discussion extends to future approaches and opportunities, emphasizing the need for user-friendly solutions to promote the widespread acceptance and seamless integration of VRTs. As global food demand rises, the escalating costs of agrochemicals, and the growing impact of climate change, the chapter suggests that smart agriculture utilizing VRTs represents the future of sustainable farming practices. [6]

The paper specifically highlights a groundbreaking application— the prediction model for Apple disease in the apple orchards of Kashmir valley, demonstrating the potential of data analytics and machine learning within an IoT framework. It emphasizes the shift from traditional agricultural approaches and introduces novel opportunities alongside inherent limitations. The study incorporates a local survey to gauge farmers' perceptions of emerging technologies in precision agriculture. As the paper concludes, it delves into the challenges faced in integrating these advanced technologies into traditional farming practices, offering a comprehensive overview of the evolving landscape of smart agriculture and its transformative potential.[7]

Notably, the review highlights a scarcity of open-source weed image datasets obtained through drones, a lack of optimization research for domain adaptation, and a need for models with reduced training hours, low-power consumption, and fewer parameters. The study provides valuable insights for researchers, DL experts, weed scientists, farmers, and technology extension specialists, offering updates on DL techniques and technologies for SSWM in precision agriculture. [8]

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The discussion highlights key challenges, including data quality, model interpretability, and practical utility, emphasizing their relevance in system implementation. The paper identifies research opportunities, focusing on spatially explicit models in AutoML and advocating for resource-aware, collaborative, connected, and human-centered systems. The integration of AutoML is presented not only as a means to enhance user adoption but also as a synergistic approach to advance research in spatial decision support systems and automated machine learning. By bridging human and technical advancements, the proposed integration is positioned to foster future developments in both fields, fostering a mutually beneficial relationship between spatial decision support systems and AutoML. [11]

Furthermore, the paper presents an architecture designed for real-time management of spatio-temporal semantic agricultural data. This architecture introduces the DAM&DQ system, serving as semantic middleware on the AFarCloud platform for efficient data management. The proposed approach aligns with the EU data-driven strategy, emphasizing the need for streamlined data handling in precision agriculture. By leveraging the spatio-temporal semantic data model and the DAM&DQ system, the paper contributes to enhancing the effectiveness of data management in agriculture, supporting timely decision-making and aligning with contemporary data-driven strategies.[12]

The practical value of the study lies in the electronic recording and preservation of fieldwork and crop history, aiding agro-industry workers in generating specialized reports on the production cycle. This research contributes to the broader field of precision farming by demonstrating the feasibility and benefits of implementing a digital platform, paving the way for improved management practices and informed decision-making in agro-industrial settings. [13]

The paper addresses the imperative need for heightened autonomy in precision farming by introducing a wireless Robot to Robot (R2R) communication system and a collision avoidance algorithm for coordinated multi-robot systems. In contrast to previous research focusing on single-task autonomous robots, the proposal aims to achieve comprehensive autonomy by facilitating seamless collaboration among multiple robots for diverse agricultural operations. The system architecture relies on WiFi for wireless communication, employing a fusion of a digital compass and GPS receiver to broadcast real-time spatial and temporal data of mobile robots. WiFi broadcasting is chosen for its advantages, including an extended signal range, resilience to weather and dust, and cost-effectiveness. The collision avoidance algorithm enhances the safety and efficiency of the multi-robot system, considering factors such as the number and size of robots, their distances, locations, and the dimensions of the farmland. Results demonstrate that the developed system provides a versatile, reliable, and adaptable solution, effectively preventing collisions and improving safety management in precision farming applications. The study underscores the potential of coordinated multi-robot systems to enhance efficiency in agricultural operations, marking a significant stride in autonomous technology for the advancement of precision farming.[14]

This paper addresses the imperative for increased autonomy in precision farming through the creation of a wireless Robot to Robot (R2R) communication system and a collision avoidance algorithm for coordinated multi-robot systems. While prevailing research has concentrated on single-task autonomous robots, this proposal strives for comprehensive autonomy by facilitating seamless collaboration among multiple robots for diverse agricultural operations. [15]

Agriculture, contributing nearly 30% to our GDP and employing 70% of the population, faces uncertainties in meeting the demands of a growing population with traditional methods. Post-green revolution, stagnant production and limited cultivable land expansion due to population growth raise concerns. In 1952, India had 0.33 hectares of land per capita, now reduced to 0.15 hectares. To address these challenges, Precision Agriculture, incorporating spatially variable crop production and GPS-based techniques, emerges as a crucial solution. This approach, utilizing modern tools like sensors and greenhouses, tailors inputs to specific crop needs, ensuring economically and environmentally sustainable production, especially in regions with water scarcity and challenging conditions..[16]

The surge in freshwater demand, aggravated by global population growth and heightened drought occurrences in agricultural zones, poses a challenge. Irrigated agriculture, known for its inefficient water use, has strained this precious resource, necessitating a shift for sustainability. Enhancing water use efficiency becomes imperative for thriving agricultural production. Smart irrigation systems, leveraging wireless communication and advanced control strategies, offer a promising avenue for improvement. This paper examines cutting-edge monitoring and irrigation control strategies, favoring closed-loop systems over open-loop ones due to their efficiency in handling uncertainties. The integration of soil, plant, and weather-based monitoring with model predictive control is proposed as a potent method for boosting water use efficiency. This review aids researchers and farmers in selecting optimal irrigation monitoring and control strategies, especially for open field agricultural systems. [17]

The adoption of precision agriculture in Maharashtra marks a significant departure from traditional farming practices, driven by the imperative to optimize resource utilization, increase productivity, and mitigate environmental impact. The implementation of Variable Rate Application (VRA) stands out as a pivotal aspect, tailoring input application rates to the specific spatial variability within fields.

Maharashtra, with its diverse agro-climatic zones, acknowledges precision agriculture as a strategic response to challenges posed by fluctuating climatic conditions, water scarcity, and the pursuit of sustainable farming practices. The state's agricultural landscape, spanning from fertile plains to arid regions, necessitates targeted and data-driven interventions, aligning with the goals of precision agriculture.

Variable Rate Application (VRA), powered by advanced technologies like GPS, remote sensing, and sensor networks, enhances water use efficiency by precisely applying inputs where needed. The integration of machine learning algorithms represents a leap forward, enabling real-time data utilization and adaptation to changing environmental conditions throughout the crop cycle.

The outlined methodology for integrating Variable Rate Application with machine learning algorithms provides a comprehensive guide. Starting with data acquisition and preprocessing, the methodology emphasizes model selection tailored to precision agriculture needs, spatial analysis for zoning, real-time monitoring, and adaptive control. Decision support systems play a crucial role in empowering farmers with actionable insights, while continuous learning ensures adaptation and improvement over time.

The literature review further reinforces the significance of machine learning applications in precision agriculture. It explores various algorithms and models, emphasizing their role in data preprocessing, spatial decision support systems, and real-time management of agricultural data. The studies underscore the potential of these technologies in revolutionizing farming practices, from optimizing resource utilization to enhancing decision-making and safety management.

In essence, precision agriculture, coupled with Variable Rate Application and machine learning, represents a transformative approach to farming in Maharashtra. This integration not only addresses existing challenges but also sets the stage for sustainable, efficient, and technology-driven agriculture, aligning with global trends in agricultural innovation.

CONCLUSION

Precision agriculture's adoption in Maharashtra, India, reflects a transformative shift from traditional farming, driven by the need for optimal resource use, increased productivity, and reduced environmental impact. Variable Rate Application (VRA), a key component, customizes input application rates based on field-specific variability. Maharashtra's diverse agro-climatic zones prompt the embrace of precision agriculture to address challenges such as climatic unpredictability and water scarcity. VRA, leveraging advanced technologies like GPS and sensor networks, enhances water use efficiency. The integration of machine learning ensures real-time data utilization and adaptation to changing environmental conditions. This comprehensive approach empowers farmers with actionable insights, fostering sustainable and efficient agriculture in Maharashtra.

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Startup Investment Analysis from Seed to Scale: Patterns, Stages, and Investor Insights

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ABSTRACT

This study aims to offer a comprehensive understanding of the evolving landscape of startup financing over the specified time frame .The study investigates funding trends in the startup sector from 2015 to 2022 through a multi-phase approach. In the first phase, data is carefully sourced and integrated. The second phase involves data preprocessing, where Python libraries are employed to standardize and cleanse the dataset, including handling missing values and merging data from various years into a unified format. The final phase analyzes the preprocessed data to address research objectives, which encompass examining the relationship between the number of investors and funding, identifying top-funded startups, categorizing startups based on investment type, and providing insights into funding trends concerning investment type, city, and investment stage.

KEYWORDS: *Startups, Data analysis, Investment type, Investment stage, Funding.*

INTRODUCTION

In recent years, India has emerged as a global hub for innovation and entrepreneurship, with a burgeoning startup ecosystem that showcases remarkable growth and promise. The startup landscape has witnessed a remarkable surge in the number of emerging companies across diverse sectors, from technology and e-commerce to healthcare and renewable energy. This remarkable growth, however, is intricately tied to the availability and allocation of funding, making it crucial to understand the dynamics of startup funding. Analyzing startup funding majorly in India is vital for economic growth, job creation, informed decision-making by entrepreneurs and investors, risk management, effective policy formulation, fostering innovation and technology growth, competitive analysis, long-term sustainability, and global collaboration. This analysis is essential for various stakeholders and contributes to a thriving and sustainable startups ecosystem. It delves into the multifaceted world of startup funding, aiming to uncover the underlying trends, challenges, and opportunities that have shaped this vibrant ecosystem. By dissecting the various stages of funding, from angel investments and venture capital to public offerings, our analysis seeks to provide an in-depth exploration of the financial lifeline that sustains these innovative enterprises. The proposed study is driven by the recognition that a comprehensive understanding of the funding landscape is essential for entrepreneurs, investors, policymakers, and researchers alike. It not only serves as a barometer of the health of the startup ecosystem but also reveals the critical factors that influence the success and sustainability of these startups.

LITERATURE REVIEW

(Challenges and Opportunities for Startup Innovation and Entrepreneurship as tools towards a knowledge-based economy: The Case of Kosovo, August 2019) The research study analyzes the entrepreneurship environment focusing on startups and innovation infrastructure in Kosovo by investigating the challenges faced by that startups during adaptation of innovative technological advancements . (Cockayne, 2019) has carried an inquiry based study in the process of defining the parameters of economic geography research from both a methodological and epistemological point of view. Trends in investment in the Indian startup ecosystem from 2015–16 to 2018–19 are reported by (Narayan et al., 2019). Their study is predicated on yearly fundraising reports that the blog Trak.in publishes. They discover no discernible connection between a startup's degree of development and its fundraising stage. According to Shetty's (2017) analysis of venture capital funding in China, India, and the USA, venture capital performance in India is somewhat lower than in the USA and China; nonetheless, venture capital investments have been greatly drawn to the country's consumer technology sector. The article by (David et al., 2021) is the most thorough description of funding trends in the Indian startup ecosystem. The study examined investment trends in the Indian startup ecosystem between 2015 and 2019, displaying the distribution of investments by stage, industry, and geography. They developed a regression model to analyse characteristics impacting startup investment in India and described various schemes under which companies can receive benefits in India. They discovered that tiny startups are spread out outside of the major cities, while startups are concentrated in large cities. The study by (Asgari et al., 2022) aims to pinpoint critical success factors for startups in developing profitable business models over time. It employs sentiment analysis on user-generated content from Twitter, initially using a trigram word cloud. Various predictive models, including random forest, support-vector machine (SVM), and multilayer perceptron (MLP), are used to label unlabeled data sentiment

METHODOLOGY

Recent years have witnessed a notable surge in the emergence of startups, thus prompting a considerable interest in the comprehension of funding patterns. This study is dedicated to a meticulous examination of funding trends spanning the period from 2015 to 2022. This section elucidates the methodological framework employed, the instruments utilized, and the procedure for data preparation. The primary phases of this research encompass data acquisition, pre-processing, exploration, and analysis, with a subsequent discussion of the encountered challenges and their resolutions during the course of data analysis. The data used in this analysis pertains to funding activities within the startup ecosystem from 2015 to 2022. The data analysis is carried out using the Python programming language within the Google Colab environment to facilitate a comprehensive examination of the data..

Phase I

This phase, encompassing Data Acquisition and Loading, a series of essential steps were undertaken. Initially, authoritative data sources were diligently identified, focusing on the ever-evolving landscape of startup funding trends. The data is scrapped from https://startuptalky.com/indian-startups-funding-investors-data-2022/#Indian_Startups_Funding_Data_-_January_2022. Subsequently, a meticulous year-by-year and month-by-month approach was employed for the scrutiny and retrieval of data. To facilitate the analysis, the collected dataset was integrated into Google Drive using the Google Colab platform. The implementation of phase I is as shown in Figure 1.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
import os

#List the month-wise year wise data :  below given is the snapshot of code for year "2015" ,
repeat the #same procedure for all years
#read the path
file_path = "drive/MyDrive/Colab_Notebooks/startup-analysis/2015"
#list all the files from the directory
file_list = os.listdir(file_path)
file_list

#Combine month-wise data in single file for each year
df_2015 = pd.concat([pd.read_csv(file_path+f) for f in file_list], ignore_index=True)
df_2015.to_csv(file_path+'2015.csv')

#Repeat this procedure for all years csv files (2015 -2022)
#explore each year file to check the information and colums.if any unnecessary columns then
to be removed from dataset

startup_2015.info()
```

Figure 1: python code snippet for aggregating month wise data for year 2015 startup funding dataset

The Output is aggregation for year 2015 dataset with number of records and column specifications is shown in Figure 2.

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<class 'pandas.core.frame.DataFrame'>
RangeIndex: 951 entries, 0 to 950
Data columns (total 8 columns):
 #   Column             Non-Null Count  Dtype
---  ------             --------------  -----
 0   Date               936 non-null    datetime64[ns]
 1   Startup_Name       936 non-null    object
 2   Industry_Vertical  765 non-null    object
 3   City_Location      762 non-null    object
 4   Investors          930 non-null    object
 5   Investment_Type    936 non-null    object
 6   Amount_in_USD      654 non-null    object
 7   Investment_Stage   419 non-null    object
dtypes: datetime64[ns](1), object(7)
memory usage: 59.6+ KB
```

Figure 2: Year 2015 startup dataset information

Phase II

Transitioning to Phase II, encompassing Data Preprocessing, several key activities were initiated. The necessary Python modules crucial for effective data preprocessing, including popular libraries such as pandas, numpy, matplotlib, seaborn, and os, were imported. The data was aggregated on a monthly basis, ensuring thorough representation for each year. Additionally, the dataset was streamlined by removing extraneous data columns and standardizing the nomenclature of columns. Year-specific information was extracted from date columns to enable a more granular analysis. Finally, in the 2021-2022 datasets, missing year values were addressed through a process of imputation to ensure the completeness of the dataset. Data Integration, in the context of this exploration, entailed the consolidation of diverse datasets spanning multiple years into a cohesive and unified dataframe. This critical step was undertaken to facilitate a comprehensive and holistic analysis of the data.

Following the Data Integration phase, Data Cleansing was initiated. This involved the meticulous identification and handling of missing values within the integrated dataset. It is pertinent to highlight that the majority of columns within the dataset are of a categorical nature, except for those denoting the year and funding amounts as shown in Figure 3 and visualization plot of missing data in Figure 4. This characteristic posed a substantial challenge due to the presence of a significant volume of indistinct or ambiguous data, duplications, variations in case sensitivity, extraneous white spaces, and superfluous symbols. The elimination of such data irregularities was deemed imperative to ensure the correctness and reliability of results in this analysis.

```
[ ] print("Frequency count of missing values")
    startup_data_all.apply(lambda X:sum(X.isnull()))
    #apply function is used to do mapping column-wise
    #apply function can apply tranformations to each column individually

    Frequency count of missing values
    Unnamed: 0              0
    Startup_Name          748
    Industry_Vertical    1176
    City_Location        1246
    Investors            1129
    Investment_Type      3470
    Amount_in_USD        1899
    Investment_Stage     4261
    Year                  924
    Sub_Vertical         1684
    dtype: int64
```

Figure 3: Frequency distribution of missing values

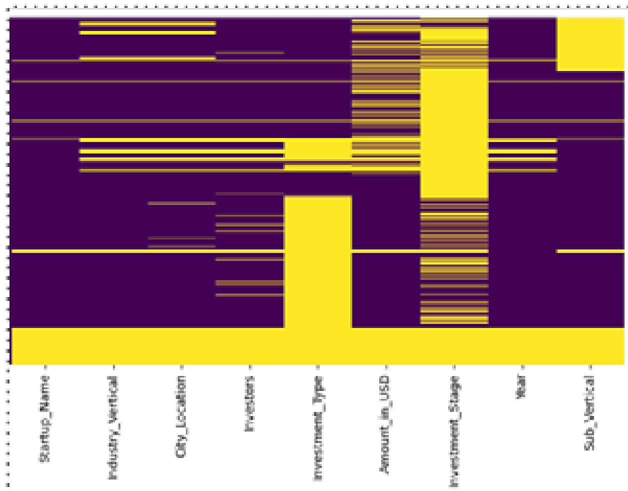


Figure 4: Visualization of missing data using heatmap plot

City_Location and Industry_Vertical , Investment_ Type , Investment_Stage columns are interpolated but not with respect to available data therefore it is replaced the missing data with 'NotSpecific' , 'Other' , 'NotSpecifed', 'NotKnown' respectively. An evident observation emerges wherein numerous records exhibit instances of missing data across multiple columns. To effectively manage this situation, a recommended approach involves the deletion of such records. This method is elucidated in the code snippet provided in Figure 5. And the results are shown in Figure 6.

```
# check if NaN values present and find its
indexes
indexes =np.where(startup_data_all['Startup_Name'].isna
and startup_data_all['Investors'].isna and
startup_data_all['Amount_in_USD'].isna and
startup_data_all['Year'].isna())[0]   # returns a NumPy
array

# drop all empty indexes'
for i in indexes:
  startup_data_all.drop([i], axis =0, inplace=True)
```

Figure 5: code snippet to handle records with multiple missing values

```
// before dropping empty rows

Frequency count of missing values
Startup_Name         748
Industry_Vertical      0
City_Location          0
Investors           1129
Investment_Type        0
Amount_in_USD       1899
Investment_Stage       0
Year                 924
Sub_Vertical        1684
dtype: int64
```

```
// after dropping empty rows

Frequency count of missing values
Startup_Name          76
Industry_Vertical      0
City_Location          0
Investors            208
Investment_Type        0
Amount_in_USD        978
Investment_Stage       0
Year                   0
Sub_Vertical        1010
dtype: int64
```

Figure 6: Before and after dropping empty rows in the dataset

The columns Sub_Vertical and Startup_Name underwent interpolation, although it was performed independently, with missing data being substituted by 'NotSpecific' and 'NotSpecified', correspondingly. In the Investors column, missing data was treated with the placeholder 'NotKnown'. For the Amount_in_USD column, a two-fold strategy was employed. First, the data was formatted to integers. Secondly, missing values were addressed in two ways: records with 'undisclosed amount were dropped, and for 'NaN' the K Nearest Neighbor imputation method was applied. Additionally, symbols appended to Amount_in_USD values were subsequently removed.

Phase III

This Phase comprises of analysis of the Pre-Processed data to get insights of startup funding trends . This analysis performs an inquiry based study in the aim to find answers the following research objectives

RO1: Determine if there is a relation of number of investors with startup funding amount.

RO2: Identifying the top funded startups as per the data recorded during 2015 to 2022 period

RO3: Categorization of startups into different stages based on investment types.

RO4: Insight the funding trends of startups based on investment type, city, investment stage.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

In addressing Research Objectives (RO1 and RO2), a comprehensive series of data computations and imputations were undertaken to enhance the 'Investors' field. Initially, a function was designed to calculate the number of investors for each startup record, and this function was applied to create a new column within the DataFrame, ensuring the accurate representation of investor counts while handling missing or erroneous data effectively. Subsequently, the 'Investors' column was further processed to extract and consolidate a complete list of unique investor names, excluding entries marked as 'NotKnown' or empty.

This process facilitated the formation of a 'unique_investors' list. Additionally, the code updated investor names within the original 'investors' list with their corresponding unique names from the 'unique_investors' list, contributing to the standardization and consolidation of investor names and enhancing consistency and clarity within the 'investors' list. Eliminate any ambiguous or uncertain values from the 'Startup_Name' during the quest to identify unique startups and determine the top 25 startups. A list of 4320 distinct investors and 3258 unique startup were identified in the comprehensive data set. The first 6 records is shown in Figure 7.

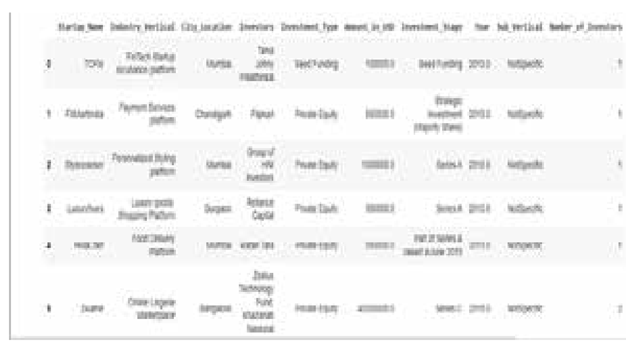


Figure 7 : Snapshot of startup funding data frame with first 6 records

The top 20 startups with amount of funding were identified are shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Top 20 Startup with Funding Amount

Startup_Name	Amount_in_USD
Alteria Capital	1.501400e+11
Reliance	7.302022e+10
NotSpecifed	3.357360e+10
Fi	1.007869e+10
Ola	7.901050e+09
Paytm	4.555650e+09
Rapido	4.447500e+09
Meesho	3.061500e+09
Snowflake	3.000000e+09
Even	2.897050e+09
Fullife	2.806609e+09
FanAnywhere	2.800000e+09
Mahindra Logistics	2.500000e+09
Lenskart	2.497800e+09
Flipkart	2.321700e+09
ShareChat	1.963901e+09
SMOOR	1.950300e+09
OYO	1.892500e+09
Swiggy	1.679000e+09
Little	1.648150e+09

The statistical insights about the funding amounts for top 10 startups are computed as shown in Figure 8 with code snippet and corresponding results.

```
#details of top 25 funded startups
def findtop(x):
    if x in top25startup.head(10).index:
        return True
    return False

n=startup_data_all[startup_data_all['Startup_Name'].apply(findtop)]
print('amount funded on top 10 startups')
n.describe().iloc[:,0]
```

```
amount funded on top 10 startups
count    2.500000e+02
mean     1.170701e+09
std      1.044029e+10
min      7.281000e+02
25%      3.975000e+06
50%      2.000000e+08
75%      4.525000e+08
max      1.500000e+11
Name: Amount_in_USD, dtype: float64
```

Figure 8: Details of Top 10 starups

There are a total of 250 data points in the 'Amount_in_USD' column for the top 10 startups with mean (average) funding amount for these startups is approximately 1.17 billion USD. The standard deviation, which measures the dispersion or spread of the data, is approximately 10.44 billion USD, signifying considerable variability in funding amounts. The minimum funding amount observed among the top 10 startups is 728.10 USD, indicating the lowest level of funding in the dataset. The 1st quartile value is approximately 3.97 million USD, suggesting that 25% of the startups received funding amounts less than or equal to this value. The median funding amount is 200 million USD, meaning that half of the startups received funding amounts less than or equal to this value. The 3rd quartile value is approximately 452.50 million USD, showing that 75% of the startups received funding amounts less than or equal to this value. The maximum funding amount among the top 10 startups is 150 billion USD, signifying the highest level of funding in the dataset.

To find the correlation of number of investors and amount of funding a correlation matrix is generated shown in Figure 9 which shows that there is no significant(approx 17%) relation between number of investors on amount of funding.

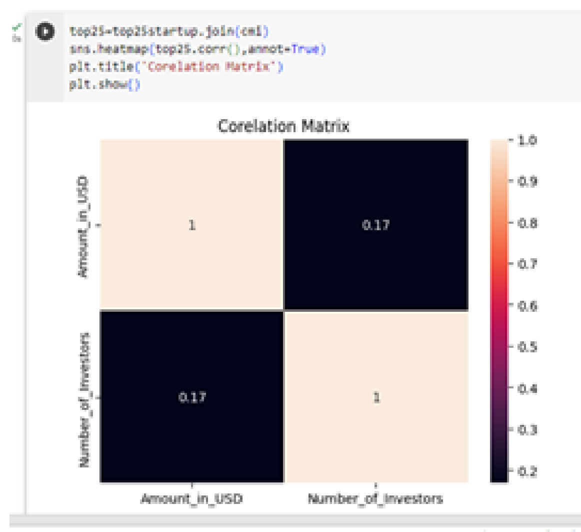


Figure 9: Correlation matrix of Number of Investors and Funding Amount

To address the RO3 for categorization of startup investment stages, a set of investment types are grouped into different stages based on their typical characteristics and progression in the business lifecycle. The categories include:

a) Early Stage: This stage encompasses startups that are in their initial phases of development and fundraising. Investment types such as 'Seed Funding,' 'Seed Angel Funding,' 'Pre Series A,' 'Angel Funding,' and 'Inhouse Funding,' are considered as early-stage investments.

b) Growth Stage: These startups have progressed beyond the initial stages. Investment types such as 'Series A', 'Series B,' , 'Crowd Funding,' ' and 'Series B (Extension).'are indicative of growth-stage investments.

c) Expansion Stage : These startups are focusing on expanding their operations and customer base . Investment types such as 'Series C,' 'Series D,' 'Series E,' 'Series F,' 'Series G,' 'Series H,' 'Series J' and 'Venture Round' are indicative of growth-stage investments.

d) Late Stage: Late-stage startups are more mature and often in the process of scaling their businesses or preparing for exits. This category includes investment types like 'Private Equity,' 'Corporate Round,' 'Private Funding,' 'Equity,' 'Mezzanine,' 'Structured Debt Funding,' 'Equity-Based Funding,' 'Term Loan,' 'Debt Funding,' and 'Debt Funding and Preference Capital.'

e) Other/Unspecified: This category contains investment types that might not fit neatly into the other categories or those that require more context. Examples include 'Funding Round,' 'Maiden Round'.

The Figure 10. shows late stage startups where top 10 startups are in these category, to answer the RO4 crosstab is computed to find the investment types in top 10 startups identified is shown in Figure 11 and investment types across cities in top 10 startups identified is shown in Figure 12. Frequency distribution of total Funding Amount across different Industry Verticals using Bar plot in Figure 13. It is observed that FinTech and Consumer Internet verticals have highest Funding Amount also Investment stage across number of investors are shown in Figure 14. depicts that unspecified stage comprises of startups having top funded companies and which are successfully established over the time period and late stage startups have comparatively more investors, that shows that investors are more inclined in investing in startups with more business stability.

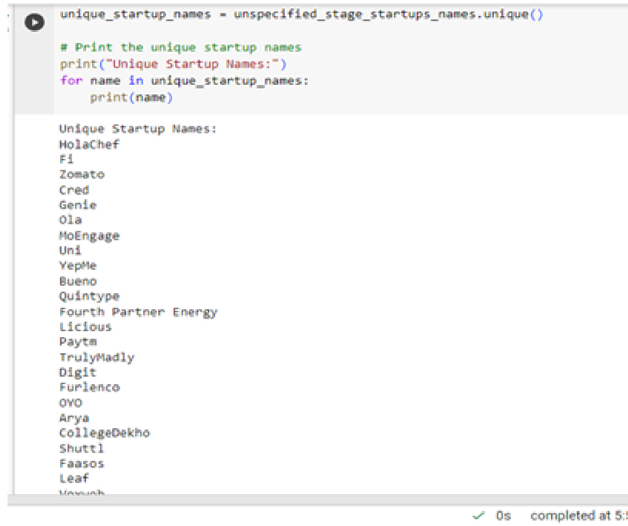
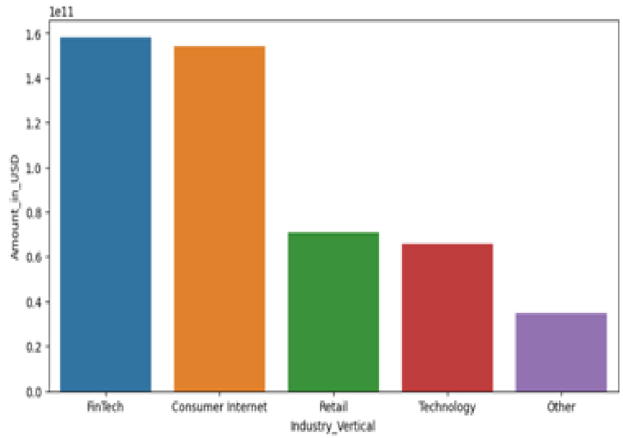


Figure 10: Startup names in Late investment stage

Figure 11: Crosstab to determine the number of investment types across top 10 startups identified

Figure 12: Crosstab to determine the number of investment types across cities in top 10 startups identified



Industry_Vertical	Amount_in_USD
FinTech	1.580643e+11
Consumer Internet	1.542506e+11
Retail	7.095880e+10
Technology	6.579060e+10
Other	3.484576e+10
eCommerce	2.868893e+10
Healthcare	1.478295e+10
ECommerce	1.133690e+10
EdTech	8.770260e+09
Logistics	7.500719e+09

Figure 13: Frequency distribution of total Funding Amount across different Industry Verticals using bar plot

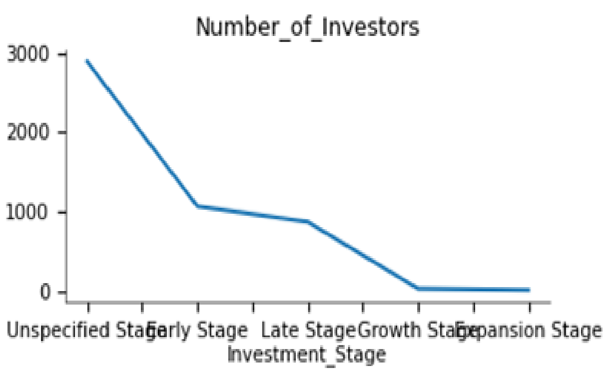


Figure 14: Investment stage across number of investors

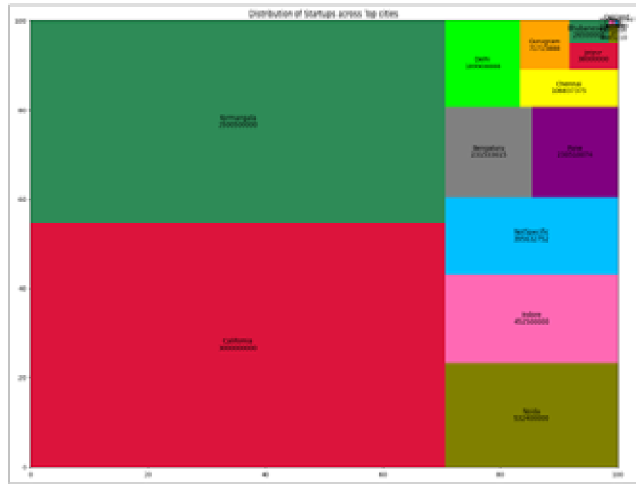


Figure 15: Distribution of startups across the cites

The distribution of startups across cities with total funding amount is depicted in Figure 15

CONCLUSION

This article delves into the intricacies of startup funding and its dynamic relationship with the growth of startups. The analysis provided a descriptive overview while unveiling patterns connecting funding activities with startup investment stage.. The analysis leverages a dataset spanning from January 2015 to December 2022, expressed in USD, and conducts rigorous data aggregation with a focus on cities, investors, and Investment types. In summary, this study successfully addressed its research objectives, which involved improving the 'Investors' field by standardizing investor data and identifying unique startups. The analysis revealed substantial variations in funding amounts among the top 20 startups, with a mean funding amount of around 1.17 billion USD and a notable standard deviation. A weak correlation of approximately 17% was found between the number of investors and funding amounts. Furthermore, the study categorized startup investment stages into early-stage, growth-stage, expansion-stage, late-stage, and other/unspecified types, shedding light on the progression of businesses in various phases. The distribution of startups across different cities and their total funding amounts was also explored. This inclusive analysis provides valuable insights into the startup ecosystem, investor behavior, and funding stages.

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Analysis of Seed Viability using Hyperspectral Imaging

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ABSTRACT

This study attempts to analyses the viability of seed. In this study,we have used two different varieties i.e. GW 496 and Sharbati to check the viability by using traditional methods such as biological, chemical methods and Hyperspectral imaging methods. The Control testing method results for GW 496 is observed to be70% and for sharbati 69.23%, The Cold water method result accuracy is 57.69% for GW 496 and 84.61% for sharbati, The Warm water method result accuracy is 80.76% for GW 496 and 88.46% for sharbati, The Humidity method result accuracy is 80.76% for GW 496 and 88.46% for sharbati. The chemical methods are Tetrazolium (Tz) Conc. HCL and Conc. H2SO4. Tetrazolium (Tz) Conc. HCL result accuracy of 51% is for GW 496 and 77% is the result of sharbati, H2SO4 result is 55% for GW 496 and 0% is for sharbati. The seed viability is used near-infrared (VIS/NIR) Hyperspectral imaging techniques to discriminate wheat seeds viably and non-viable. The range of Hyperspectral imaging has 400-1000 nm. Classification models are used for the classification such as the Support vector machine (SVM) and Logistic Regression Model (LR). SVM model result accuracy has 91.36% for sharbati and 86.18% for GW 496 variety. LR model result accuracy has 90.30% for Sharbati and 84.23% for the GW 496 wheat seeds.

KEYWORDS: *Hyperspectral imaging, Pika-L, Sharbati wheat seeds, GW 496 wheat, Tetrazolium (Tz), SVM, Logistic regression.*

INTRODUCTION

The agriculture industry's foundation is seeding [1]. Seed viability is an important element for seed quality, as it is linked to biotic and abiotic stress tolerance, germination percentage, and plant performance [2]. Which is a decrease as storage time increases [3]. Wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) is one of the major food crops in the world [4].It is widely cultivated due to its Value as a staple food and as a primary starch, and protein source and due to its unique suitability for bread production [5].

Wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) output totalled 772 million tons each year, serving as a staple diet for thousands of millions of people [6]. While its supply was just 179.26 g per day per capita in the world [7].Wheat producers would benefit from a better understanding of wheat seed viability since it would boost production and reduce crop unpredictability [8]. This is significant to understand the viability of the seeds in different varieties. Wheat grain quality and yield are subjected to more stringent criteria. High-quality wheat seeds are critical to increasing wheat productivity. Seed firms would also benefit from increased viability because they would be able to guarantee a higher-quality product. Tetrazolium staining is a traditional method of assessing the vitality of wheat seeds according to the International Seed Testing Association (ISTA) guidelines [9].

Hence, this paper's primary objective is to explore biological and HIS technology for classification and check the viability of wheat seed using Hyperspectral technology.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The seed is very important to the farmer so seed viability shows the health condition of the seed. There are two methods that we have been used in this research. One is the biological method and Hyperspectral imaging method.

Seed

A matured ovule that contains an embryo and a food reserve is called a seed. The seed covers provided protection all around it [27].

Seed viability

The viability of the seed accession is an indicator of how many seeds are viable and could grow into self-replicating plants under the right circumstances.

Viability

It is crucial to understand that seeds kept in gene banks will eventually create crops. Therefore they must have high viability at the start and during storage. The viability of the seeds will be determined by the natural conditions at the beginning of storage and the storage life of the accession [28].

The very popular methods for seed viability are seed germination, the floating method, the petri dish (Rolled paper) method, and the chemical test method.

Biological

Angiosperm plants usually reproduce by seeds. Seed viability measures of the percentage of seeds that are alive after storage [14]. The greater the viability of seeds, the fewer will be the need for seeds to establish a desired number of plants in the field or nursery [15]. Seeds are the basis of the agricultural industry [19]. Seed viability can be tested in many ways. A seed germination test is done by sowing seeds in the soil or in a pot of soil[15]. The viability of seeds is a critical factor for seed quality, which is closely related to resistance to biotic and abiotic stress, germination percentage, and plant performance, which decreases with an increasing storage period [21].

Seeds are the basis of the agricultural industry [18]. The viability of seeds is a critical factor for seed quality, which is closely related to resistance to biotic and abiotic stress, germination percentage, and plant performance [16], which decreases with an increasing storage period [20]. Wheat (Triticum aestivum L.) is one of the major food crops in the world [17]. Increased knowledge of wheat seed viability would help the wheat sector by providing farmers a higher yield and reduced crop variability. Seed companies would also benefit from enhanced viability by being able to ensure a higher-quality product [21]. In the present investigation, there are several methods applied to check the seed viability, like the seed germination method (Biological Method), Chemical Method (Tetrazolium Test).

Hyperspectral Imaging System

Yidan Ba presents in the paper Rapid Classification of Wheat Grain Varieties Using Hyperspectral Imaging and Chemometrics. They used wavelength band 874–1734 nm bands collecting the sample for covering. The discrimination models LDA, SVM, and ELM are used to classify wheat seed varieties. SVM results give 90.30% and the ELM based on complete wavelengths achieved the best accuracy up to 91.3%. For image acquisition they used ENVI 4.6 version was applied for preprocessing and analyzing the Hyperspectral images, and the Matlab R2017a version was used to extract spectral features.

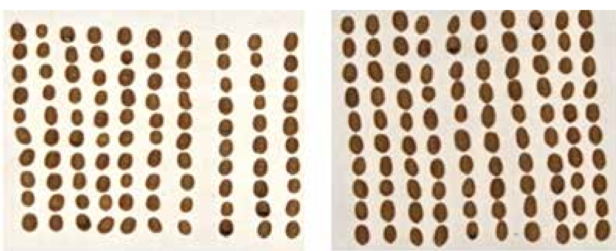
One of the most significant factors is the integrity of wheat seeds. To study and analyzing of seed viability in this research we used a Hyperspectral imaging tool (400-1000 nm) because Hyperspectral imaging's benefit allows it to be used in a wide range of applications [10].

Tingting Zhang presents in paper determining wheat seed viability using Hyperspectral data from two sides of wheat seeds. They have taken wheat seeds from two sides of wheat seeds using Hyperspectral imaging (400-1000). Its partial least squares discriminate analysis (PLS-DA) and support vector machine (SVM) classification models. A successive projections algorithm (SPA) is a preprocessing method for the data. The viability accuracy of SVM and PLS-DA applied in MATLAB R20014a is 70.4%. For the ventral, the result of the standard normal variety (SNV)-SPA-PLS-DA for whole seed is 85.2% and for the viable seeds result gets 89.5% [11].

Susu Zhu presents in the paper near infrared Hyperspectral Imaging combined with deep learning to identify Cotton Seed verities. They used wavelength and worked on 1204 and 1470 nm in between wavelengths they found the second overtone of C-H stretch in 1119, 1204, and 1308 nm. The spectral wavelength at 1470 nm found the protein O-H stretch first overtone [12].

Lu wang present in the paper application of Hyperspectral imaging to discriminate the variety of maize seeds. They used wavelength region 400-1000nm. They used an SVM machine 91.66% achieved better results and in full spectral data 90.74%. In optimal spectral data,the result get 87.03%. In this paper for image processing, they used MATLAB software. In this paper, they found some parameter chemical information about the primary component such as protein and water with the bands of O-H group, N-H, and C-H [13].

CREATION OF DATABASE



GW 496 Sharbati

Fig 1: Hyperspectral images of the database

We have used two different varieties of seeds i.e. GW 496 and sharbati wheat. We have taken a total of 200 seeds, such as 100 seeds for the GW 496 variety and 100 seeds for the sharbati variety, to check the viability of the seeds and find the protein parameter using biologicaland chemical methods and Hyperspectral Imaging tools. The Hyperspectral imaging tool is used the PIKA-L camera. The images have been taken as shown in figure 1. The figure shows the GW 496 wheat seed and a variety of Sharbati seeds.

Table 1: Four parameters and Wavelength

Sr no.	Parameters	Wavelength
1	Carotenoids	447 nm, 449 nm, 471.9 nm
2	Chlorophyll a	429 nm, 431 nm, 662 nm, 679 nm, 681 nm
3	Chlorophyll b	447 nm, 449 nm, 641 nm
4	Second overtone N-H Stretching	973 nm, 1020 nm

The range of Hyperspectral Imaging is (400-1000nm). Table 1 shows thatWe have found four parameters in the wavelength range such as 447 nm, 449 nm,and 471.9 nm for Carotenoids, 429 nm,431 nm,662 nm, 679 nm, and 681 nm for Chlorophyll a, 447 nm, 449 nm, and 641 nm for Chlorophyll b, 973 nm, and 1020 nm for second overtone N-H Stretching [8] [9].

METHODOLOGY

Biological Methodology for seed viability

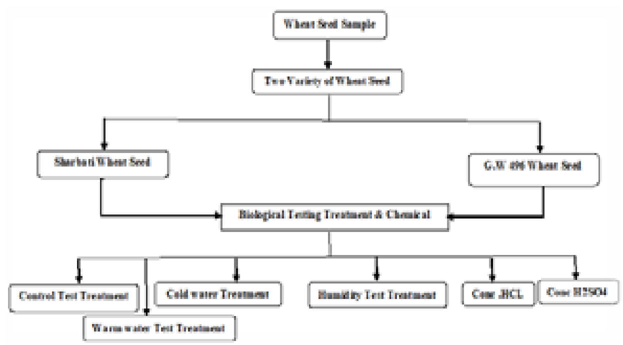


Fig 2: Biological Methodology for seed viability

Control treatment: To compare the comparative impact of not pre-treating wheat seeds on germination, seeds with no treatment were used as the control sample.

Warm water Treatment: We randomly chose 26 GW 496 and 26 Sharbati seeds. Both two distinct kinds have received the same treatment. Wheat seeds were put in a beaker with 200 ml of water. The beaker containing seeds was kept in the water bath at 40°C for 5 minutes, then removed from the water bath and kept at room temperature. The seeds were taken out of the beaker and allowed to air dry for five minutes. The air-dried seeds were sown in the plastic tray containing a mixture of soil; coco pit and cow dung percentage.

Cold Water treatment: We randomly took 26 grains of GW 496 and 26 seeds of Sharbati for cold water treatment. We have given the same treatment both two different varieties. Both Wheat seeds were kept in two separate beakers containing 100 ml of water. The beakers were placed in the refrigerator at 4°C for 24 hours. After 24 hours, the seeds were removed from the beaker and placed at room temperature for 5 min.

All the treated seeds were sown in a plastic tray and germination percentages were recorded after 15 days.

Humidity Chamber Test

26 seeds of both the wheat varieties like SHARBATI and GW496 were placed in petri plates containing moist blotting paper. The petri plates were kept at room temperature for 7 days with a continuous sprinkle of water. The temperature of petri plates was maintained for 7 days, then the percentage of seed germination was recorded.

Germination percentage: After 15 days, the sowed seeds started to germinate. Data collected on germination was used to calculate germination percentage (G %) based on the following formula:

Germination percentage Formula =

$$\frac{\text{Total number of germinated seeds}}{\text{Total number of sowed}} *$$

100 seeds Mean germinations

Result analysis of this test

GW496 Variety of Triticum aestivum:

Table 1: GW496 Variety biological treatment

Biologi-cal Treatme-nts	No. of treated and planted seeds	Total no. of seed germina-ted	Germina-tion %	Days after sowing
Warm Water	26	21	80.76%	8 to 15
Cold Water	26	15	57.69%	8 to 15
Humidifi-cation	26	21	80.76%	2 to 7
Control	26	19	70.07%	8 to 15

SHARBATI Variety of Triticum aestivum

Table 2: SHARBATI Variety biological treatment

Biologi-cal Treatme-nts	No. of treated and planted seeds	Total no. of seed germina-ted	Germina-tion %	Days after sowing
Warm Water	26	23	88.46%	8 to 15
Cold Water	26	22	84.61%	8 to 15
Humidifi-cation	26	23	88.46%	2 to 7
Control	26	18	69.23%	8 to 15

Chemical Method: Tetrazolium Test

Seeds of wheat variety SHARBATI and GW496 were soaked in 100 ml scarification solution for 15 min under shaking conditions at RT. five times with distilled water to get clear of the extra solution. After scarification, the seeds were incubated with 1% TZ solution at 30 °C for 24 to 48 h in dark. The seeds were observed under stereo microscope. Seeds were evaluated on the basis of staining pattern and color intensity. Bright red-stained seeds are totally viable, while seeds with partial red staining develop into normal or aberrant seedlings. Completely unstained seeds are non-viable as shown in fig 3.

Table 3: GW496 Variety Chemical treatment

Chemical Treat-ments	No. of treated and planted seeds	Viable seeds	Non-viable seeds	Percentage of Viability
Conc. HCL	100	51	49	51%
Conc. H2SO4	100	55	45	55%

Table 4: SHARBATI Variety Chemical treatment

Chemical Treat-ments	No. of treated and planted seeds	Viable seeds	Non-viable seeds	Percentage of Viability
Conc. HCL	100	77	23	77%
Conc. H2SO4	100	00	100	0%

Soaking seeds in warm water at 45°C for 5 min is the most effective method than the cold water treatment at 45°C for 24 hours, in improving seed germination of wheat species. Humidity chamber treatment is a quick method of finding seed germination percentage, but environmental factors like air, light and temperature may effect on the percentage of germination. The result of biological methods is as shown in the below table.

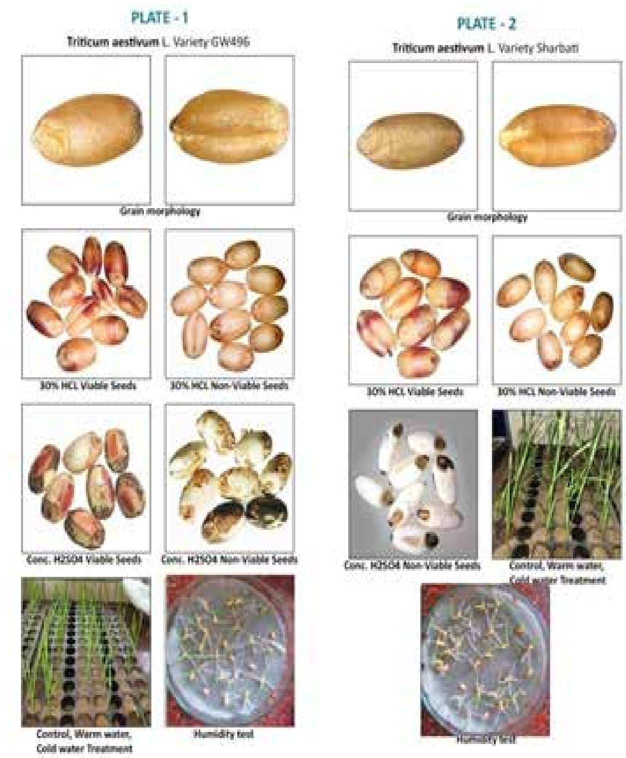


Fig 3: Both Variety of Plate 1 i.e. GW496 and plate 2 i.e. Sharbati

Hyperspectral Imaging Methodology

Fig 4. Hyperspectral Imaging Methodology

Sample Preparation

The Dry wheat seeds of two varieties (GW 496 and Sharbati) are purchased from the local market. The 100 wheat seeds are GW 496 variety and 100 wheat seeds of Sharbati for taking an image through Hyperspectral imaging tool through the Pika-L camera. The spectral data has been taken by the Spectron on software. The image extension is Tag Image File Format (TIFF) file.

Table 5: Details of the Image

Sample Name	Size	Type of Image
GW496	2.57 MB	TIFF file (.tiff)
Sharbati	2.57 MB	TIFF file (.tiff)

Pika-L

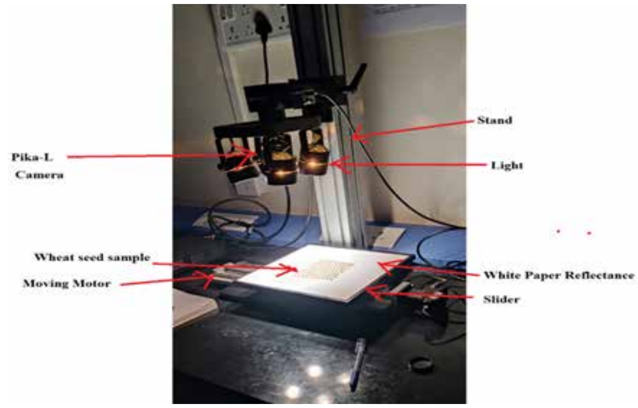


Fig 5: Pika-L Cam

Pika-L camera which is shown in the above figure. Spectron on software is used for sample reading. The image has taken by a Pika-L camera device. The above figure shows the Pika-L and it's having light from each side and under the light is the wheat seed sample put on the slider.

Preprocessing

The image has taken by the Hyperspectral imaging Pika-L camera sensor for taking the image of the sample. Then we have taken the spectral signature of each seed from the two varieties.

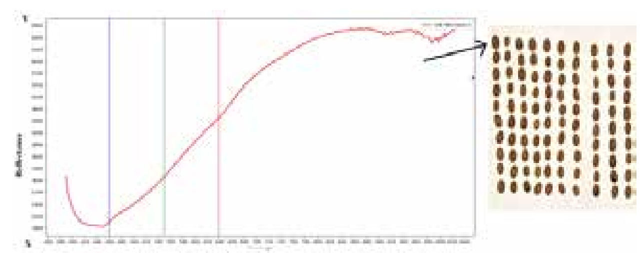


Fig 6: Spectral signature of GW 496 wheat seed

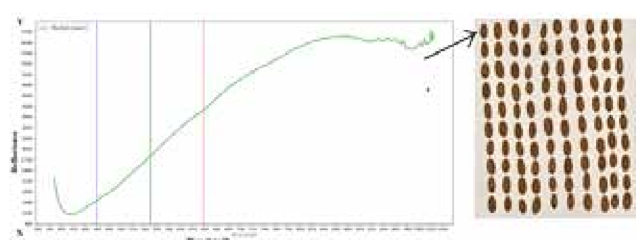
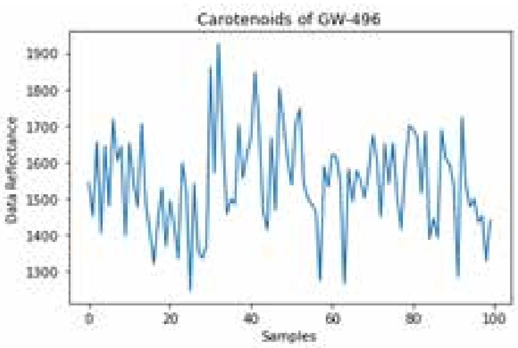
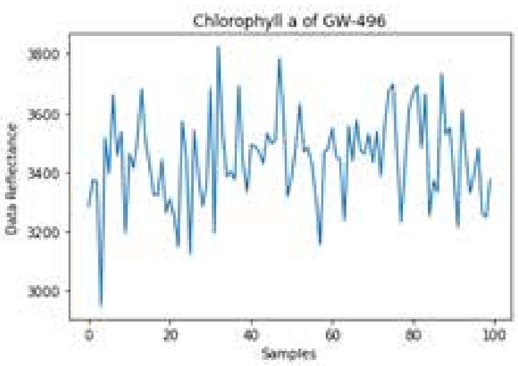
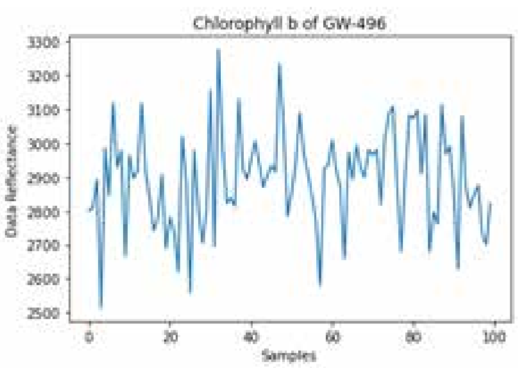


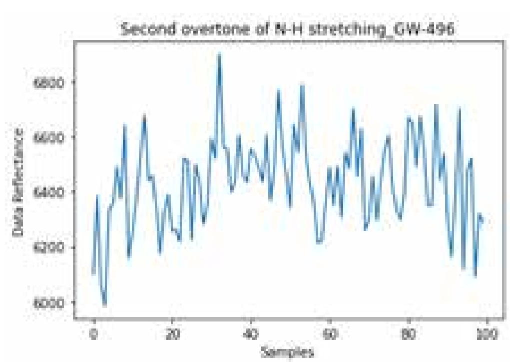
Fig 7: Spectral Signature of Sharbati wheat seed

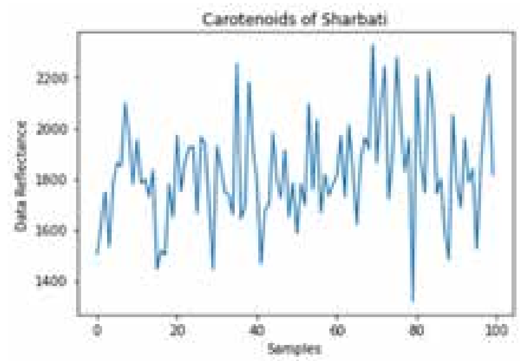
We converted the image into a spectral signature to create a text file CSV file for read the wavelength and find the reflectance of each seed. Preprocessing through the specific wavelength we found in that protein parameter.

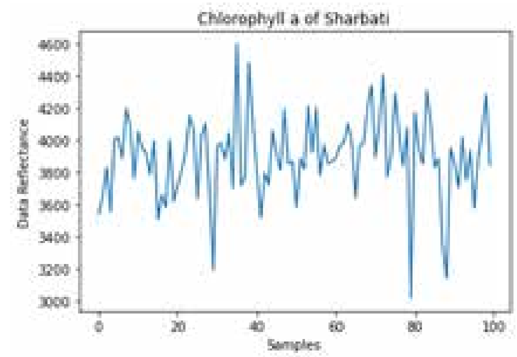


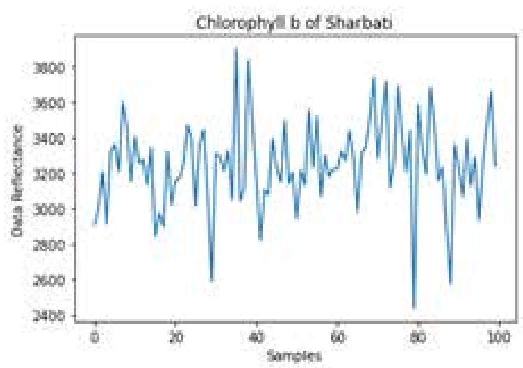












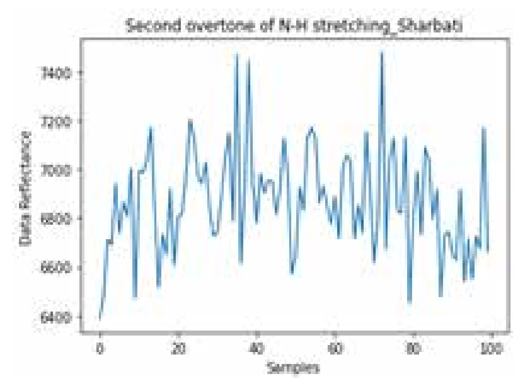
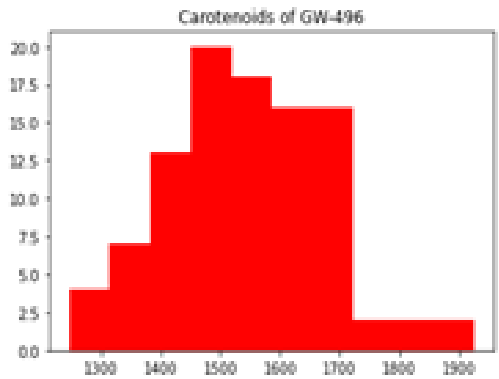


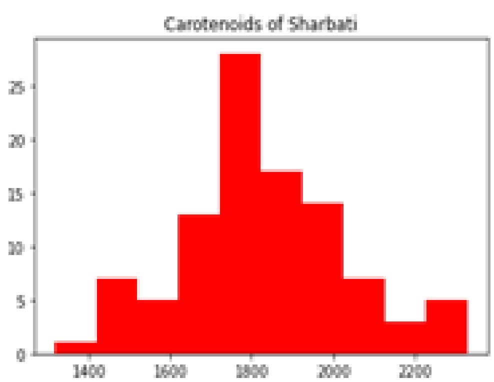
Table 6:Parameters-wise data of GW 496 and Sharbati

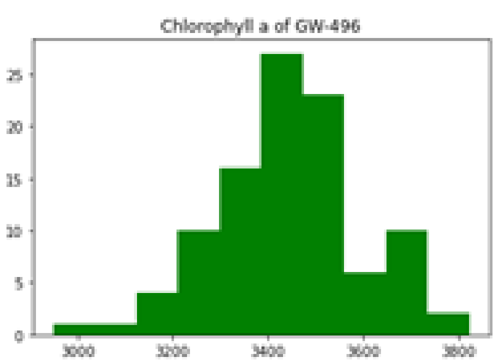
The above table shows both varieties’four parameters of proteins.

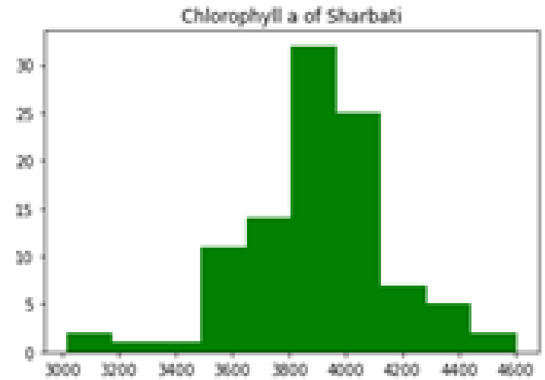
4.2.4Histogram

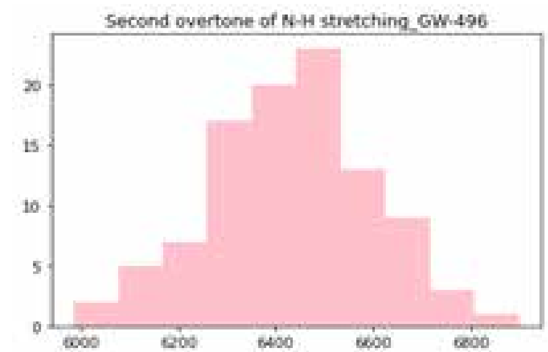
A histogram is a graphic image of data points divided into user-specified ranges. A histogram can mainly be used if it’s necessary to compare the distribution of specific numerical information within various intervals. The examples of histograms make it simple. It is quick for viewers to understand and comprehend the important point in the big data set.[25] [26].











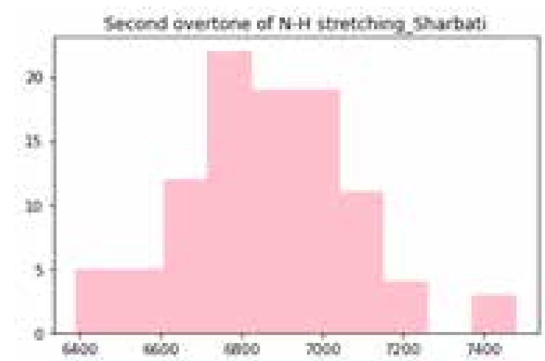


Table 7: Histogram of both Variety Parameters

Heat Map

The heat map kind of map that shows the strength of correlations between numerical parameters. It is a correlation heat map. Understanding which parameters are related to one another and the strength of this relationship requires an understanding of correlation graphs. In a correlation plot, each numerical parameter is represented by a column and includes a number of numerical parameters. In this Correlation heat maps is used to know the relationship between two variety’s parameter. It is a linear relationship parameter [24].

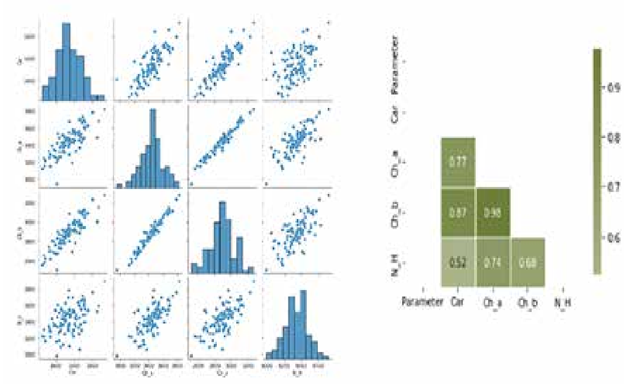


Fig 8: Correlation of GW 496 heat Map and Graph

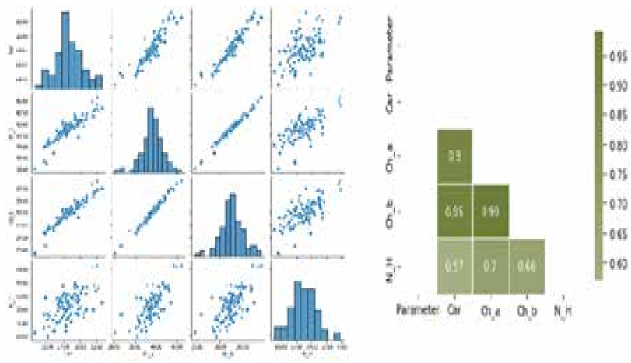
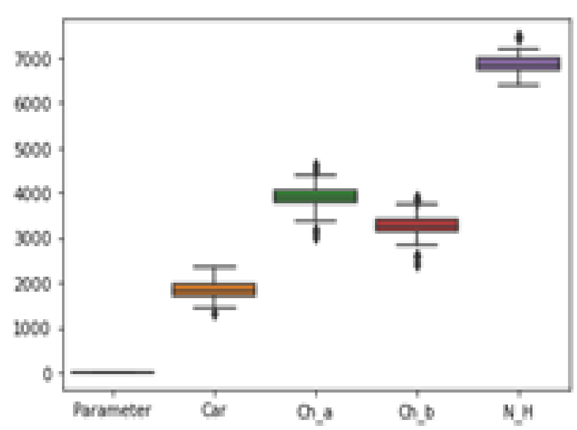


Fig 9: Correlation of Sharbati heat Map and Graph

Data Normalization

We have done the data normalization for analysis. This method scales the data so that 0 represents the minimum value and 1 represents the greatest value. The formula for min-max normalization is as follows:

Normalized data = (data – min(data)) / (max(data) - min(data))



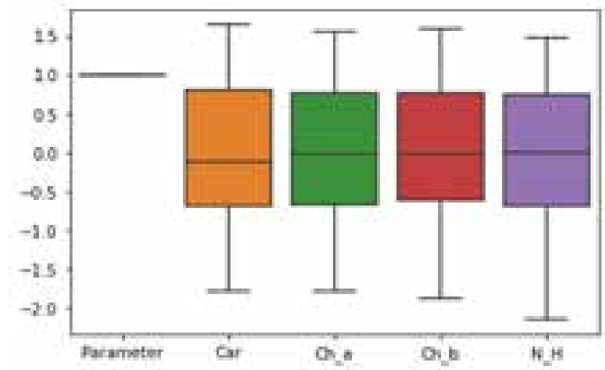


Table 8: Data Normalization of the dataset

Classification

Classification is a process of categorizing data into different classes or categories based on their characteristics, features or attributes. It is a fundamental technique in machine learning and artificial intelligence used to predict the class or category of new, unseen data. In classification, a model is trained on a dataset with known labels, and then used to predict the labels of new data based on its features. Logistic regression, decision trees, random forests, support vector machines (SVM), naive Bayes, and k-nearest neighbors (k-NN) are some of the examples of classification methods. The areas of application for classification include fraud detection, audio and picture recognition, natural language processing, and medical diagnosis.

Support vector machine (SVM)

The Support Vector Machine (SVM) is a widely used pattern recognition technique. SVM aims to create a Hyperplane or group of hyperplanes that effectively separates samples from various classes. The kernel functions is used to map the original data into high-dimension space for samples that cannot be linearly categorized. It's possible to linearly separate the new data in the high-dimension space [10] [22].

The above figure shows the classification of SVM, whichis used to solve classification and regression issues. In that two classes i.e. Variety sharbati and GW 496 gets the accuracy and their relation. We got 91.36% accuracy of the sharbati variety in the SVM model. Similarly, GW 496 is 86.18% accuracy.The SVM model is a machine learning tool and it gives better results.

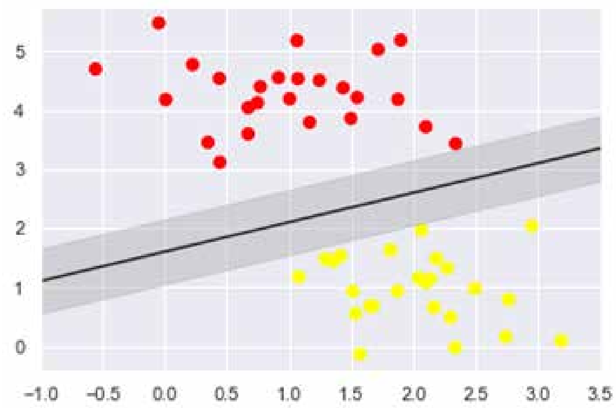


Fig 10: SVM of GW496 and Sharbati wheat seed

Confusion Matrix of SVM

Predicted

Actual

	YES	NO	Total
YES	19 (TP)	4 (FN)	23
NO	3 (FP)	24 (TN)	27
Total	22	28	

Accuracy = TP+TN÷Total	Error rate (1-Accuracy)	Precision TP÷TP+FP	Recall TP÷TP+FN
19+24÷50 = 0.86	(1-0.86)=0.14	19÷(19+3) = 0.86	19÷(19+ 4) = 0.82

A supervised machine learning approach that completes binary classification tasks is logistic regression. For predicting the probability of an outcome [10] [23].We got LR model result accuracy is 90.30% for Sharbati and 84.23% for the GW 496 wheat seeds.

CONCLUSION

The Results showed that the chemical method is a quick method as compared to biological methods, as there is low wastage and breakage of seed samples. But the biological methods show much more effective results as compared to the chemical method. The highest percentage of seed germination was recorded in warm water treatment and the Humidification method in Sharbati Variety i.e. 88.46%, respectively. While the lowest percentage was recorded in control seeds. In Variety GW496 the highest percentage was recorded in the warm water method and Humidification method i.e. 80.76% respectively. While the lowest percentage was recorded in the cold water method i.e.57.69%. In biological methods the pre-treated seeds of Triticum aestivumL. Shows better results in both the varieties as compared to the control. In the chemical method the seeds of Triticum aestivumL. In this pre-treated scarification solution like Conc. HCL and Conc. H_2SO_4. The highest percentage of germination was recorded in Conc. HCL while, pre-treatment with Conc. H_2SO_4 shows no result in the Sharbati variety. InGw496 variety the highest percentage of germination was recorded in Conc. H_2SO_4, while, pre-treatment with Conc. HCL shows less percentage of germination as compared to Conc. HCL.

In between 8 and 15 days, seeds started germinate. The percentage of germination among the pre-treated seeds varied significantly. Soaking seeds in warm water makes seeds permeable and allow them to imbibe and swell. Scarification improves germination by allowing for interact of gases and water, which causes enzymatic hydrolysis and turns the embryo into a seedling. The seeds fail to germinate showing that they are still at the dormant stage.

Sharbati variety of Triticum aestivum shows better results as compared to variety GW496. This result also helps farmers to better understand choosing a wheat variety for farming.

Hyperspectral imaging combined with Machine learning was successfully used to the variability of wheat seed varieties. SVM is as classifiers obtained all results very good performances based on the spectra or the Effective wavelengths. SVM model result accuracy has 91.36% for sharbati and 86.18% for GW 496 variety. LR model result accuracy has 90.30% for Sharbati and 84.23% for the GW 496 wheat seeds. Hyperspectral imaging technique holds excellent potential for efficiently differentiating the viability of wheat seeds in the VIS/NIR region (400–1000 nm).

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Personalized Learning Approach for Outcome Based Distance Education

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ABSTRACT

Personalized learning is an integral part of today's outcome-based education system. It motivates learners to learn according to their personal learning goals, capabilities, needs, and expectations. Educational data mining and learning analytics provide valuable insights and contribute to the enhancement of the teaching-learning process. Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) and Small Private Online Courses (SPOCs) are being implemented in distance education in order to improve the quality of instruction. Learning at one's own pace and enjoying the best learning experience is difficult because of learner diversity. Personalized learning is focused on self-monitoring, learner engagement, and progress tracking to enable learners to learn at their own pace and enjoy learning. In distance education, an adaptive Learning Management System (LMS) supports holistic understanding; improves learning engagements and knowledge retention of students. In this paper, we present a personalized learning approach for distance education that emphasizes the importance of different learning dimensions, such as learning behavior, learning styles, learner's domain knowledge, and learner's engagement. In order to develop interactive personalized learning systems, appropriate machine learning techniques need to be selected and implemented as evidenced in this paper. This paper thus showcases that the successful personalization approach can contribute to the improvement of distance learning programs.

KEYWORDS: *Personalized learning, Machine learning, Learning behavior, Learning styles, Online learning.*

INTRODUCTION

Personalized learning approach motivates the learner to learn as per his/her learning ability, interest and needs. The learner is not just a recipient of knowledge but is actively involved in the process of acquiring knowledge and effectively applying it. The learner acquires skills and knowledge through self-directed learning and interacts with others for collaboration. The learner has to be an integral part through an active engagement in the process of interaction, research, problem solving, discovery and creativity. In this process, the learner is guided by his/her own needs and objectives. Moreover, a personalized learning approach helps the learner in development of critical thinking skills and fosters creativity. The learner makes effective use of available resources, technology and information. A personalized learning approach promotes individual strengths, preferences and interests by creating opportunities for continuous self-evaluation, reflection and assessment (CARE). It also helps to develop new insights and ideas. Additionally, a personalized learning approach brings out the potentials of learners, promotes self-direction and self-motivation. The learner becomes a powerful agent of learning and learns consciously, reflectively and actively. His/her learning is guided at various levels, from the general to the specific and particular. The learner has control over his/her learning through personalized education.

Based on Bloom's taxonomy, personalized learning is a form of outcome- based learning that plays a significant role in the educational system. An individual centric system has the ability to motivate learners to analyze, discuss, demonstrate, apply, remember, and apply knowledge in solving problems (Adesoji, F. 2018). Personalized learning provides an individual centric approach that helps learners to think, discuss, analyze, and challenge information. The process of learning consists of acquiring knowledge, skills, values, attitudes, and preferences. Learning objectives are determined by cognitive, psychological, affective and social factors of the individual learner. A major challenge in personalized learning is the diversity of the learners (Gao, P. 2014). A learner's learning style, behavior identification, and engagement in the learning process are important factors that contribute to an improved learning experience. Personalized learning respects each learner's own path to learning at his or her own pace. For students to have the best learning experience, self-monitoring, learner engagement, and progress tracking play a significant role (Chen, C. 2008). Among the inherent characteristics of online education is flexible content delivery, market analysis, information technology infrastructure, well trained and skilled staff, social economic circumstances, and outsourcing of study materials. A personalized learning application is capable of providing quality interaction, student engagements, and learning satisfaction that motivate a learner-centric approach to distance education (Farooq H.2021).

Distance education is now offered online through the use of technology and e-learning practices. Distance education provides advantages for students in terms of flexibility in time, place, and medium of instruction. Learning by doing, tracking student progress, receiving immediate and constant feedback, and interacting with the teacher are all advantages of distance education. Differentially-abled students are motivated to attend distance education and have the opportunity to learn and improve themselves. Students can engage in learning activities across the globe through distance learning, which provides a new horizon of education. Students and teachers participate in the teaching-learning process remotely at the same time using a variety of videoconferencing applications during synchronization. During asynchronous learning teachers upload e-content, tests, assignments, and case studies, and students learn and complete activities through Learning Management System (LMS) online at their own pace. Distance education programs improve self-regulatory learning skills in a variety of dimensions, such as metacognitive skills, time management, persistence, environment structuring, and help seeking skills (Emine K., 2021). In order to maximize the learning experience, learners need a positive attitude towards online learning as well as a personalized approach to Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs). The primary objective is to motivate learners to develop their knowledge and skills to achieve learning objectives. Small Private Online Courses (SPOC) is an online platform developed for specially designed courses for limited groups of students. It focuses on integration of blended learning and a flipped classroom approach for outcome-based education. Students with the same learning objectives can be targeted with SPOCs. In SPOC consist of two types of courses. Self-placed online courses controlled and supervised under teacher for long period of time. Directed online courses are based on classroom activities that help to earn a degree. As per education survey report on education, students who enroll in Self-Place Online Courses score better and have a higher chance of landing good jobs than those who take traditional online courses (Dasha, S., 2017). Online education highlights different components such as communication, interaction, collaboration, instructional design, learners support, teaching-learning resources, student evaluation and assessment (Mohamed S., Ali S., 2020). The need for personalized e-learning is a critical factor in motivating learners to learn at their own pace. The present paper describes dimensions of personalized learning, reveals machine learning capabilities for developing personalized learning applications, and concludes with a number of effective machine learning algorithms or methods for achieving personalized learning objectives.

DIMENSIONS OF PERSONALIZED LEARNING

In personalized learning curriculum is designed according to learner's needs, interest and expectations. A personalized learning system is designed around the learner. Learner engagement is a key element in designing a personalized learning system. The motivational factors should be designed to encourage and reward the learner for making intentional efforts to learn along with others for mutual recognition and reflection. The motivation of learners in personalizing environments relies on three main foundations; intrinsic motivation, extrinsic motivation and social motivation. Intrinsic motivation is the most important factor of a learner. Intrinsic motivation is being involved in an activity for its own sake and because you enjoy it. Extrinsic motivation is being involved in an activity for its consequences. Social motivation includes being involved in an activity for the admiration or approval of others, or in order to feel accepted by others, and co-operating with others. Personalizing learning environment can be designed in learning model for learner's interest, age, achievement and preferred style. Personalizing the learning environment must include elements of personalized video, personalization of self-representation and personalized agent which help the learner to reflect about his/her engagement. Fig.1 shows dimensions of personalized learning. In personalized learning curriculum is designed according to learner's needs, interest and expectations. Learning behavior, learning styles, domain knowledge, learning path and learner's engagements these are the important dimensions of personalized learning. Different facets regarding personalized learning are elaborated in the following subsections.

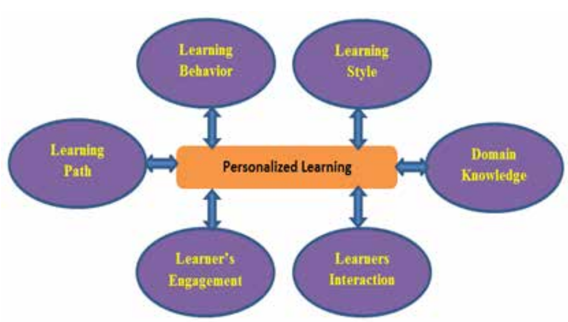

Fig.1 Dimensions of Personalized Learning

Learning Behavior

Learning behavior is the essential feature to identify learners learning capacity. It depends on physical factors like age, health, influence of substance and meditation. Personal factors like beliefs, emotions, expectations, cognitive ability, and personality affect learning behavior. Social factors like family, culture, environment, life events impact on learners learning behavior. In personalized learning learns behavior identification is the primary need which support learning and motivate active engagement through self-regulations (Hopnt, M., & Joniper, K. 2016).Learner can be categorized according to their learning behavior as slow or advanced learner. Systematic stimulation of learning activities and continuous engagement helps slow learners to improve grasping capacity and attitude. Personalized learning system promotes the slow learners to develop learner's sense of success and build confidence to do better things. Fast learners have an ability to pick new things quickly, capability for accepting challenges, problem solving and self-expectations. Personalized learning focus on learner's expectations and provide best learning path to saves learners time. It encourages fast learners to improve their skills and perform better. Rewards, mind mapping, self-efficacy these are the effective strategies for motivating fast learners.

Learning Style

Learning style is the method preferred by learner during understanding something. Different learner may have different learning styles. Someone learn better through listening, some have learned by observation while other may like to learn by doing it actually. In teaching pedagogy learning style identification is important and widely accepted practice for outcome based education. Its helps teacher to understand students learning style preferences and way of information retains. According to Neil D. Fleming visual, auditory, read/write kinesthetic these are the preferred learning styles (Hopnt, M., &Joniper, K. 2016). Felder-Silverman elaborates four dimensions for learning styles as Active/Reflective, Visual/Verbal, Sensing/Intuitive, and Sequential/Global. Learners may follow multiple learning style preferences for effective learning. Learner's learning style identification is important for the teacher to recommend study material in specific format for better learning experience (Novesar, M. 2021), Table 1. Shows characteristics of different learning styles and learning tips or material preferred for study.

Table1. Learning Styles: Characteristics and Learning Tips

Characteristics	Learning Tips
VISUAL LEARNER	
Learn by seeing things	Video lecture
Visualize things	Graph, Charts, Images, mind maps, flowcharts
Like to take notes	Write keywords, ideas, instructions
Easily distracted by noise	Use colour codes, highlight, circle, underline words
AUDITORY LEARNER	
Learn by listening	Audio video lectures
Good at presentation	Allow to explain others
Struggles with noise	Learn in quite place
Unafraid to speak in class	Participate in Group discussions
KINESTHETIC LEARNER	
Learn by touching and doing	Case studies, Experiments, Practical Exercises
Like to try something yourself	Problems solving, demonstrations
Short attention span	Short breaks, Do something physical in break
Like to work in group	Collaborative group project
READ/WRITE LEARNER	
Learn by reading	Books and notes
Learn through writing something	Assignments and essay writing
Struggling with diagrams, graphs	Learn through diagram explaation/translnation

Domain Knowledge

Domain knowledge is defined as knowledge of specialized activity, specific discipline or profession. It is used describe expertise in specific area or particular field. Learner's domain knowledge is essential to decide best learning path for the learner (Desai V, Oza K. et al., 2021). Pre-test are the essential techniques to understand learner's domain knowledge level). Domain knowledge is different from learner to learner so it can helps teacher to decide how much learning time and efforts are needed to train the learners. In personalized education domain knowledge identification is essential to decide content gaps, pervasive issues and achieving strategies for creating knowledge base (Chen, K., & Zhang, L. 2012)

Learner Interactions

During education process learner interact with content, teacher as well as other learners. Working together, discussion through learning material helps some learners to understand things better. According to research in online education high level student-to-student interaction have a positive impact on learning. Content interaction involves learner's communication with course material through interactive tools. Instructional activities encourage learner's reflection and interest in learning activities (Learning Interactions, 2021). Tutorials, quizzes, online quests, reading video discussions and simulation are the effective techniques to improve learner's content interaction in online education.

Learners Engagements

Learner engagement measures learner's participation and interest in their course. The outcome of education system is based on learner's engagements. According to education experts learners engagement is important to improve learners attention, focus, critical thinking and motivate meaningful learning experience (Choi, Y., Jakob, et al. 2017). Learning engagements can be categorized as procedural, conceptual, consequential, critical engagement. Learner's learning needs, learning goals, expectation should be clear for proper learning engagement. User interface, Learning Management System (LMS), systematic content categorization, rewards, open communication channel and interactive study material promote active learner engagement for better learning experience (Visual Learning, 2021).Student's behavior and emotional states are the critical factor for student's engagement in teaching-learning activities that effects on learning performance. Personalized e-learning system provides association between learner's engagement pattern and learning performance that leads to ultimate academic achievements (Zhi L., Niels P, 2018).

Learning Path

Learning path is the systematic approach towards learning process. It is different from learner to learner. Learning behavior, learners domain knowledge, learning goal these factors are significant for deciding best learning path for the learner. Learning path is the milestone for learner centered e-learning approach In personalize education learning path helps to more effectively acquire, retain knowledge and skills which motivate them for problem solving in the real world. Personalized learning path empower the learner for self-assessment, accepts the opportunities and enable them to evaluate their own progress and knowledge comprehension (Learner Engagement Strategies, 2021). Tutor should follow proper evaluation and assessment method for individual learner to optimize best learning path.

MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

Machine learning is the automated process to learn from data, discover patterns and predicting the outcome without explicitly program. Supervised learning consists of learning from past labeled data where algorithm has capability to predict label for future data. Model is trained from existing labeled data until gives better result with minimum error. Best fitted model is applied on testing data to compare actual and predicted values. Linear regression, support vector machine, decision tree these are the popular supervised learning techniques. Unsupervised learning is a technique of finding hidden patterns from data which do not have labeled. It has ability to learn new things, finding useful insights also called as learning from experience. K-means clustering, KNN (K-nearest neighbor) association, decomposition, Apriori algorithm are popular unsupervised learning techniques. Machine learning plays very important role in development of personalized e-learning system.

Classification

It is one of the supervised learning techniques for data mining. Classification is an effective technique to understand student's behavior, content categorization, improve teaching pattern and curriculum. Process of classification is based on various components like label attributes, predictor attributes, training dataset, testing dataset and selection of algorithm. During classification top-down, recursive, greedy techniques within the space are used for any type of decision trees. For deriving decision tree entropy, GINI, chi-square criteria can be used (Martin, et al. 2021). Decision tree algorithms can be used for formative assessment of student knowledge. Training dataset is used to induce decision tree which capture knowledge structure of statistically tested students. Decision rules form tree like structure that specify class membership depends on hierarchical sequence of contingents. Tree pruning and n-fold cross validation mechanism helps form overfitting issue (Irena, et al., 2011).

Clustering

Clustering is unsupervised machine learning techniques which has ability to perform natural grouping of data items automatically through discovering similar patterns. In personalized learning e-content classification through meta-keywords, rating, count page visits, content visits of individual learner, time spend on particular content important to identify learner's interaction and evaluate performance. Content based filtering, collaborative filtering; web mining these techniques can be applied to determine appropriate learning content on the web. Random forest, K-means, neighbor, Gaussian Mixture Model, Balance Iterative Reducing and Clustering using Hierarchies (BIRCH) are the popular clustering algorithms. K-Nearest Neighbor algorithm (KNN) and Knowledge based filtering are the efficient techniques to analyze learners profile information (Elena Sunnea 2009).

Graph Mining

Graph mining is an association technique for to find interesting relation between different objects. Frequent If-then pattern and confidence used to identify the association among data items. Graph clustering is unsupervised learning technique where the graph clusters are formed as per similarities found in underlying graph structure in dataset. Graph classification separates individual graphs into different categories in dataset. Subgraph mining is the technique to separate vertices and edges to form subset of another graph. Apriori algorithm can be used to extract suitable content pattern from repository to personalize query evaluation and recommendations (Lalitha T., &Sreeja, P., 2020). Optimal Learning Path techniques designed and implemented using topological sort algorithm to provide personalized learning contents and teaching methods. To optimize learning path for individual learner directed graph mechanism is implemented with topological sorting (Huang, X. 2011).

Time Series Analysis

Time series analysis is a technique for predicting future values from previous results. Linear trend analysis, Quadratic trend analysis, Exponational smoothing, trend projection through projection and Autoregressive Integrated Moving Average (ARIMA) models can be prominent approach for the student progress analysis using time series analysis. Domain knowledge prediction is also possible through the implementation of time series (Emese Gabriel, 2014). Quasi-experimental method with time series analysis technique used for personalized course curriculum assessment and activities analysis. These techniques motivate the learners to focus on relevant area for effective self-reflection (Chorng Yuan Fung, Melissa L. Y. 2019). Proper analysis of learners learning styles and e-content of learning management system through implementation of time series algorithm can fosters student's self-regulated learning. Through the time series analysis tutor can get information about when learner accessed study material, which study material used by learner and time spend on e-material during online learning (KonomuDobashi, 2015). These data can be analyzed to predict learner interest and further help to provide recommendations.

Artificial Neural Network in Education

Artificial Neural Network (ANN) is one of the prominent techniques to predict academic performance of learner in higher education. Academic performance measurement is the key factor of education domain for students, teachers, institutes as well as education policy makers (Carlos Felipe, Mariel Musso, 2021). ANN has many processing units called as neurons, these are allowed mapping between input and output during information processing. Input neurons send the input values to the system further summation and weight computation of neurons with activation function gives output result. Neural network is trained by changing the number of hidden layers and weight to determine learning rate and accuracy. Multilayer Perceptron is a supervised learning topology consists of three layer architecture as input layer, hidden layer and output layer. Input layer reveals independent variables or predicators, hidden layer provides mapping between input and output and output layer designates dependent variable. Activation functions like sigmoid or tangent allows neural network to determine nonlinear and complex relationship between respective input and output. MLP is widely acceptable technique to solve classification and prediction problems.

MLP implements optimization function to reduce error rate while training the neural network. Gradient decent is an optimization function to minimize mean square error. During back-propagation learning rate and momentum these two parameters of MLP are adjusted to train the model for better accuracy. While training the neural network learning curve is analyze to compare actual and desired output provided by trained model during the each iteration (Haykin, 2009). Confusion matrix evaluates the metrics of classification with True Positive (TP), False Positive (FP), True Negative (TN) and False Negative (FN) rates. Cross validation technique can be used to avoid overfittng issues. ANN is an effective machine learning technique to find functional correlation between dependent and independent variables. ANN has many applications in education system some of these are intelligent approach to predict students learning outcome and performance, educational data mining, learning analytics (Yahia B., Gamal A., 2022).

Adaptive learning is significant technology behind intelligent tutoring system. It is capable of providing personalized instruction to the learner based on their skill, knowledge and learning. Accuracy of model is evaluated with pre define curriculum sequence, maximum learning gain parameters (Devendra Singh Chaplot, EunheeRhim, 2016).Stochastic Gredient Descent algorithm can be used to train the deep neural network for powerful representations. Recurrent Neural network implementation helps to determine learning path for the learner in adaptive learning environment. Recommendations can be optimized as per learners learning diversity, novelty and interaction intensity (Ugo FIORE, 2019).

Fuzzified System in Education

While developing e-learning system learning style prediction is the most significant parameter of personalization. Learners are diversified according to their learning interest, mood, psychological factors, learning pattern, environment, and culture. Learning styles are uncertain, so its prediction is very challenging task in e-learning system. Learner interest can be improved through the appropriate recommendation of e-content as per their learning needs. Felder-Silverman learning style model proposed different learning styles like reflective/active, Verbal/Visual, Intuitive/Sensing and global/ sequential. Fuzzy rule based system helps to handle this uncertainty in learning style prediction. Fuzzy inference system is developed using Gaussian membership function to determine learners learning style. In web based application number of mouse movements, time spend on specific web page content, ratio of image area and document scroll distance, number of visit to document, domain knowledge, interest area, educational background, career objective these parameters can be consider for designing fuzzy rules to predict learners learning style in personalized e-learning system (Deborah, Sathiyaseelan, 2015).

Learner's knowledge level mapping is crucial for developing effective adaptive e-learning system. Fuzzified rule based system motivate to generate weighted concept map for personalized training to the learner. Pre-test result passed to fuzzyfied system to determine domain knowledge of learner whereas post-test data passed to fuzzified system to predict learner's level of understanding. Fuzzy Mamdani approach with appropriate linguistic variables can be used to categorize knowledge level of learner (Duhayyim, Newbury, 2018).

Fuzzy technique provides possible representation of human reasoning and knowledge through understanding domain factors. Recommendation system help to generate personalized preferences from handling metadata, domain related object, learners profile information etc. Fuzzy ontology model is developed by identifying individual object, domain instance, and taxonomic relation between objects, fuzzy relation and predicates. Fuzzy clustering approach provides optimization in learner's classification and concept mapping as per their learning objects. Fuzzified model used for assessing students skill and knowledge level. Fuzzy logic can be represented in linguistic term, center of gravity, graph membership functions, centroid and defuzification methods are used to convert fuzzy output to a crisp values. Table 2 depicts different machine learning techniques used to develop personalized learning system.

Table 2. Machine Learning Techniques for Personalized e-learning

Machine Learning Techniques	Objectives	Algorithms/ Methods
Classification	Identify Students Learning Behavior Content Categorization Evaluating Teaching Pattern Curriculum classification	Decision Tree Naïve Bayes classification Logistic regression Stochastic Gradient Decent
Clustering	E-content classification Priority based e-content visits Time Spend on E-content Learners Interaction Learners Perception	Random Forest K-Means Content Filtering Collaborative filtering K-nearest neighbor
Graph Mining	Learning Recomm-endations Learning Path Prediction	Apriori Algorithm Distributed Algorithm
Time Series Analysis	Students' Progress Analysis Domain Knowledge Prediction Curriculum Assessment Pattern Trend of Learning Interest	ARIMA Model Quasi Experimentation Linear Trend Analysis Quadratic Trend Analysis

Artificial Neural Network	Predicting Learning Outcome Learning Path Recommendation Learning Diversity	Gradient Decent Algorithm Back propagation Neural Network Multilayer Perception Network
Fuzzy Inference System	Learning Style Identification Psychological Features Learning Pattern Prediction Knowledge Level Prediction	Fuzzy Mamdani Approach Inference Technique Rank Ordering Angular Fuzzy

While developing personalized education system researcher can implement different machine learning algorithms to fulfill objectives of outcome based online education system.

PREVAILING TRENDS

Personalized learning promotes learner centric approach in education system. It allows learner to learn as per individual interest, needs, learning objective and expectations. Learning is a dynamic process it is depends on learners psychological factors like attitude, learning capacities, analytical abilities, emotions etc. Every individual learn in a different way, this learning style depend on their motivational levels, intelligence and many other psychological factors. The concept of personalized learning is to adapt the learning experience to the learner's needs or preferences – essentially, a learner-centered approach in which content is personalized based on individual student's needs and interests. Personalized learning is the process of adapting content and instruction to the learner. There are many ways to personalize content, but the basic way to do it is through digital technology. To personalize a lesson means to modify it based on individual learners needs and interests. The learner's needs are an essential element of education because no one learns in a vacuum. According to the learner's needs and interests, the teaching experience is modified by tailoring content to meet their needs. The process of personalization includes identifying the individual learner's needs and interests, transferring this information into digital form, presenting it in context and adjusting content according to the student's needs. Personalized learning is often cited as being closely related to the idea of personalized teaching and teacher-directed instruction.

Personalized learning is a very new concept that has begun to spring up in our schools as a trend towards the end of the twentieth century. Although it has only recently become popular, every generation of students has had their own customized approach to education. In most cases, this kind of education was more reflective of what was needed in the classroom rather than what was required by the school; this approach is often called "progressive". As the evolution of technology shifts from a focus on hardware (computers and other tools) to software (the programs for computers and mobile devices), the shift from personalized learning is more apparent. The internet has allowed for personalized learning on a scale that was not available in generations past. In the past, students had to rely largely on textbooks, which were often used by many students. As the shift to digital continues, teachers will be able to provide unique learning experiences for each of their students based on their needs and interests. In the past, personalized learning was a function of a school or cramming for an exam; it has now become an integral part of the learning process. As personalization moves forward, it must be used to integrate technology into the classroom.

The power of technology in personalized learning expands beyond simply distributing content and opening up new avenues of research to provide students with more flexibility and freedom. Technology can also help promote critical thinking and creativity amongst students. The new technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning are now playing pivotal roles in personalized learning suits. The Artificial Intelligence used for personalized learning has become an integral part of the curriculum. It is a process by which computers can interpret information from data to produce a meaningful result. In the context of personalized learning, AI (Artificial Intelligence) is used to make sense of educational data so that algorithms can be designed and integrated into MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) and other e-learning platforms. The technology helps automate the learning process without the need for human intervention.

Deep Learning is a subset of machine learning that is distinguished by the depth of the neural network, as measured in terms of number of layers between the input and output layers. Deep learning has been used in other fields like Computer Vision, where it is responsible for computer systems being able to recognize images successfully. However, it comes with its set of challenges, especially when trying to use deep learning for personalized education. The study of machine learning has evolved from research to mass adoption in recent years. Technological advances in the areas of computer vision and natural language processing have resulted in a surge of activity within the field. There is a significant increase in applications for machine learning, particularly for personalized learning. However, there are still notable challenges in the application of machine learning to personalized learning.

The field of machine learning is optimistic about its role in personalized learning. However, there are some challenges that need to be addressed. In order to effectively use machine learning for personalized learning and create a personalized learning experience for students, it's critical to understand that not all algorithms are identical; each algorithm has its unique characteristics and requirements for implementation. Applying the machine learning to personalized learning is a complex and tedious task. The framework of machine learning has to be researched thoroughly by a team before the implementation of the algorithm begins. Machine learning, regardless of its application, need to be continuously updated and validated for every new instance in order to provide accurate results. The experience, logic, and creative thinkers are necessary for the successful implementation of machine learning into any system.

The major challenge with the machine learning is that its needs to be able to adjust itself automatically on a regular basis. If the algorithm is not built correctly, it can result in poor performance and cause failure of the system. The more complex it has becomes the more sensitive it will be to data quality and inconsistencies. There are a variety of barriers that make machine learning unsuitable for many applications available today for personalized education. These barriers can be categorized into two main categories: data issues and implementation difficulties. When it comes to data issues, the data that is being used for machine learning is often not consistent. The data can be incomplete or noisy. These are all factors that need to be addressed in order for an effective implementation of machine learning for personalized learning. Another barrier concern is how to effectively model the algorithms in a way that meets the structure and needs of both educators and students. Implementation difficulties are especially true when the goal of machine learning is to provide individually tailored content. In order for the machine learning algorithm to function effectively, the model is designed and tested with a wide variety of input data.

Given that the technology behind the machine learning is constantly evolving, there is a growing need to adapt and update algorithms in order to provide accurate results. This increases in effectiveness as the more data being collected, monitored, used in machine learning can help make improvements throughout the system's life cycle. The above trends pave way to exciting applications in personalized learning.

CONCLUSION

Personalized learning promotes learner centric approach in education system. It allows learner to learn as per individual interest, needs, learning objective and expectations. Learning is a dynamic process it is depends on learners psychological factors like attitude, learning capacities, analytical abilities, emotions etc. Personalized learning system is focus on many dimensions like learning behavior, learning styles, learner's interaction, learner's engagements and existing domain knowledge. Implementation of machine learning techniques is one of the best approaches to develop interactive personalized learning system. Distance learning programs provide valuable contribution to the education system and enhance the common platform for learners worldwide. Decision tree, regression can be used for learners classification as per their learning behavior and learning styles. K-means, KNN algorithms has capabilities to evaluate learner's performance and e-content classification. Graph mining and Apriori algorithm are prominent techniques for learning path optimization. Quasi-experimental method and time series analysis technique used for personalized course curriculum assessment and activities analysis. ANN is supervised learning technique for developing adaptive e-learning model for learner's classification, predicting learner's performance. Fuzzified system helps to identify knowledge level of individual learners and provide recommendations as per learners learning need. Personalized learning applications with successful implementation of machine techniques are helps learners to enjoy the best learning experience. Distance learning programs can be more outcome based and learner centric through personalized learning system.

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Predicting Stock Price using Python with Best Accuracy Rate: How the Data Science and Machine Learning Working for Predictions and Accuracy Rate

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ABSTRACT

Utilizing data science and machine learning techniques to most accurately forecast the stock price of a smallcap company. a year's worth of data gathered from several sources, including Yahoo Finance and PayTM Money. The process of predicting a stock price includes gathering data, preprocessing it, testing, training, and fitting an algorithm. Finally, machine learning techniques are used to find the best accuracy in the stock price prediction. This model achieves 99% accuracy. Compared to all other algorithms, the linear regression algorithm yields the highest accuracy rate. We can also use other algorithms to predict the stock price. However, up until now, only the LINEAR REGRESSION algorithm has provided the best accuracy rate. The goal of this study is to determine the optimal algorithm for stock price prediction under current market conditions. Sometimes external market factors, such as war situations, can cause us to predict stock prices incorrectly. In this instance, the total index will only display as negative. The true difficulty in making stock price projections for the future is this. Predicting a stock price under all circumstances and market conditions is still a difficult task. In order for it to be successful, we must introduce a new algorithm and modify older ones in light of current market trends.

KEYWORDS: *Small cap, Stock price, Numpy, Matplotlib, RNN, Machine learning.*

INTRODUCTION

In finance, one of the most fascinating and challenging problems is stock price prediction. Accurately projecting future stock values can provide traders, investors, and financial analysts with valuable insights to help them control risk and make informed decisions. The advancements in data science and machine learning have brought about significant changes in the tools and techniques utilized for stock price prediction[1]. This introduction will examine the fundamentals of stock price prediction using Python as well as the factors contributing to its increasing popularity. The incredibly volatile nature of stock markets is influenced by a number of factors, including news, economic data, market sentiment, and other factors. People and companies can optimize their investment plans, reduce risks, and maximize profits with the help of accurate stock price prediction. Whether you are a short-term trader looking for quick profits or a long-term investor hoping to build wealth, being able to predict stock prices is critical to making well-informed decisions. Stock price prediction is based on historical stock market data. This data typically includes the price, volume, and other relevant variables that have been tracked over time, such as news sentiment or economic indicators. Python is a versatile programming language that's great for data manipulation, analysis, and visualization. Pandas, Matplotlib, NumPy, and other libraries make working with financial data easier.

Machine learning models are becoming more and more common because of their ability to analyze large datasets and identify patterns that humans might overlook. By using relevant features and past data, these models can be trained to predict stock prices[2]. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) are a more advanced method than decision trees, support vector machines, and linear regression for this purpose when applied to time-series data. Accurate predictions can only be made through meaningful feature extraction from the data. The most relevant data from the dataset is selected for feature engineering; examples of this include technical indicators (like moving averages), macroeconomic factors (like interest rates), and market sentiment data (like news sentiment analysis). Python provides feature engineering tools and libraries.

Figure.1: Stock market analysis graph

Once trained, a predictive model needs to go through a rigorous evaluation and validation process. This ensures both the efficacy of the model and its capacity to generalize its predictions to novel, untested data. Common metrics used for evaluation are Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Cross-validation techniques are commonly employed to assess a model's robustness. It's important to understand that a range of uncontrollable factors can affect stock markets and that past performance does not guarantee future outcomes. Stock price prediction models should be utilized with other information sources and with a clear understanding of the risks unique to the financial markets[3].

Stock price prediction is a difficult task that requires a variety of analyses and approaches. Although it's crucial to remember that owing to the unpredictability of financial markets, it is impossible to anticipate stock prices with 100% accuracy, there are a number of methods and strategies that analysts and investors employ to produce well-informed forecasts. This is a quick overview of several important ideas and techniques for stock price prediction. evaluating the inherent value of a firm by looking at its financial accounts, including earnings, revenue, expenses, and general financial health. studying more general economic variables like inflation, unemployment, and interest rates in order to comprehend the state of the market as a whole.

using charts to analyze past price and volume patterns in order to spot trends, patterns, and possible reversals. Finding possible entry and exit points can be done by using technical indicators such as Moving Averages, Moving Average Convergence Divergence (MACD), and Relative Strength Index (RSI). creating and utilizing computer algorithms to carry out trades in accordance with predetermined standards and mathematical models. use machine learning methods to examine past data, spot trends, and forecast stock price movements.

keeping an eye on news sources and social media to determine market mood and spot patterns that could affect stock prices. examining investor mood using polls, surveys, and market indicators in order to comprehend what the market expects. Taking into account macroeconomic variables that could affect stock markets, such as economic policy and geopolitical developments. evaluating a stock's or the market's past volatility in order to determine the possible risk of an investment. distributing funds among several assets in order to lower risk. It's critical to stress that there is some degree of uncertainty involved in stock price prediction, and that a variety of outside events may have unforeseen effects on the market.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Modern economies cannot function without stock markets, which give businesses a means of raising capital and allow investors to purchase and sell company shares. For economic growth and stability, stock markets must function effectively.

What is Stock Market

A stock market is an open marketplace for purchasing and selling shares of stock, sometimes referred to as equities, that consists of a loose network of buyers and sellers. These shares are an assertion of ownership in a business, and their market value is reflected in their price, which is based on supply and demand.

Functions of Stock Markets

Stock markets play a crucial role in the economy by serving several important functions:

1. Capital formation: Stock markets provide a platform for companies to raise capital from investors, which is vital for financing business expansion and fostering innovation.
2. Price discovery: Stock prices reflect the collective knowledge and insights of investors regarding a company's future prospects, offering valuable information for decision-making.
3. Risk transfer: Stock markets enable investors to distribute the risks associated with business ownership, making it more appealing for individuals to invest in companies.
4. Economic growth: Stock markets play a pivotal role in stimulating economic growth by facilitating the efficient allocation of capital to its most productive uses.

Theories of Stock Market Behavior

There are various theories that aim to elucidate the functioning of stock markets. These theories can be categorized into two main groups:

1. Rational theories: These theories posit that investors behave in a rational manner and make decisions after considering all the information at hand. Notable examples of rational theories encompass the efficient market hypothesis and the capital asset pricing model.
2. Behavioral theories: These theories acknowledge that investors do not always act rationally and that their decisions can be swayed by emotions, biases, and other external factors. Prominent examples of behavioral theories encompass prospect theory and the herding effect.

Factors that Affect Stock Prices

A wide range of factors can affect stock prices, including:

1. Company-specific factors encompass the financial performance, competitive position, and management team of the company.
2. Macroeconomic factors encompass interest rates, inflation, and economic growth.
3. Market sentiment is a comprehensive measure of investor confidence, influenced by psychological factors, news events, and other variables.

Empirical Evidence on Stock Market Behavior

A significant amount of empirical research has been conducted on the behavior of stock markets. This research has yielded several crucial findings, which include the following:

- Stock markets are typically efficient, meaning that stock prices reflect all available information about companies. Consequently, consistently outperforming the market through active investing is a difficult feat.
- Stock markets are characterized by volatility, with stock prices experiencing significant fluctuations in the short term. This volatility makes investing in stocks a risky endeavor.
- Despite their volatility, stock markets have historically delivered positive returns over the long term. This indicates that investors have been able to benefit from investing in stocks over extended periods of time.

Stock markets are intricate and dynamic systems that are influenced by a wide array of factors. Understanding the behavior of stock markets is a challenging undertaking, but it is crucial for both investors and policymakers. Empirical evidence suggests that stock markets are generally efficient, albeit volatile. Investors should be cognizant of the risks associated with investing in stocks, while also acknowledging the historical track record of positive returns in the long run.

Future Research

The examination of stock markets remains a continuous field of study. Several significant domains for future investigation encompass:

1. Formulating novel theories regarding stock market behavior to provide a more comprehensive understanding of observed price and return patterns.

2. Enhancing the empirical analysis of stock market data to uncover fresh factors that influence stock prices.

3. Constructing innovative investment strategies capable of capitalizing on inefficiencies within the stock market.

METHODOLOGY

Importing Libraries

When working with stock price prediction in Python, you will need to import several libraries to help with data manipulation, analysis, visualization, and machine learning. Importing libraries in Python is an essential task that grants access to the functionalities offered by different modules and packages. These modules and packages consist of functions, classes, and variables that can be utilized to execute various tasks in Python scripts. The most basic approach to import a module is by employing the import statement followed by the module's name. Once a module is imported, its functions, classes, and variables can be accessed using the dot notation. If only a specific function or class from a module is required, they can be directly imported instead of importing the entire module. This approach enhances code conciseness and readability.

To import specific functions or classes, the from keyword is used, followed by the module name and the names of the desired functions or classes. Occasionally, module names can be lengthy or challenging to remember. To simplify code writing and reading, aliases can be assigned to module names. This enables referencing the module using a shorter alias instead of the complete module name. Packages are collections of related modules organized in a hierarchical structure. To import a module from a package, the module's path within the package needs to be specified. Python boasts a vast ecosystem of third-party libraries that offer additional functionalities. To import a module from an external library, the library must first be installed using a package manager like pip. Once the library is installed, its modules can be imported using the same syntax as importing modules from standard libraries.

A list of well-liked libraries for stock price prediction is provided below.

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns
sns.set_style('whitegrid')
plt.style.use("fivethirtyeight")
%matplotlib inline

# For reading stock data from yahoo
from pandas_datareader.data import DataReader
import yfinance as yf
from pandas_datareader import data as pdr

yf.pdr_override()

# For time stamps
from datetime import datetime
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Figure.3: Importing libraries in python language

Preparing dataset

To prepare a dataset for stock price prediction, several important steps need to be taken: data collection, cleaning, feature engineering, and splitting the data into training and testing sets. This is a comprehensive guide on preparing your dataset for stock price forecasting. Clean up the dataset to address outliers and missing values. Interpolating, backfilling, or forward-filling appropriate values can be used to fill in the gaps left by missing values. Removing information that is duplicated handling anomalies in the data if necessary.

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume
2023-01-17 00:00:00-05:00	98.680000	98.889999	95.730003	96.050003	96.050003	72755000
2023-01-18 00:00:00-05:00	97.250000	99.320000	95.379997	95.459999	95.459999	79570400
2023-01-19 00:00:00-05:00	94.739998	95.440002	92.860001	93.680000	93.680000	69002700
2023-01-20 00:00:00-05:00	93.860001	97.349998	93.199997	97.250000	97.250000	67307100
2023-01-23 00:00:00-05:00	97.559998	97.779999	95.860001	97.519997	97.519997	76501100
2023-01-24 00:00:00-05:00	96.930000	98.089996	96.000000	96.320000	96.320000	66929500
2023-01-25 00:00:00-05:00	92.559998	97.239998	91.519997	97.180000	97.180000	94261600
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2023-01-27 00:00:00-05:00	99.529999	103.489998	99.529999	102.239998	102.239998	87678100
2023-01-30 00:00:00-05:00	101.089996	101.739998	99.010002	100.550003	100.550003	70566100

Figure.4: Dataset preparation based on previous market data.

Feature Engineering

Add relevant features to improve the predictive power of your model. To calculate indicators like Bollinger Bands, relative strength index (RSI), and moving averages, use libraries like talib. Include fundamental data from earnings reports, P/E ratios, and financial metrics, among other sources. If available, add sentiment scores from news articles, social media posts, and other textual data using NLP libraries. If using LINEAR

REGRESSIONS or other deep learning models, restructure your data into a suitable format[4]. LINEAR REGRESSIONs anticipate three types of 3D input: samples, time steps, and features. You can use libraries like numpy to make the necessary modifications to your data.

Fitting an Algorithm

Fitting an algorithm to predict stock prices involves selecting a suitable machine learning or deep learning model, training it on your preprocessed dataset, and using it for predictions. This is a general guide to fitting an algorithm for stock price prediction.

Choosing a Predictive Model: Choose a machine learning or deep learning model that is suitable for time series forecasting. The following are typical models used to predict stock prices. Autoregressive integrated moving average (ARIMA) is a well-known time series model that can identify linear relationships in the data.

Prophet: The time series forecasting tool on Facebook works well with data that is seasonal. Linear regression is a simple regression model for linear relationships between features and target variables. Support Vector Machines (SVM) are supervised learning models that can recognize non-linear relationships[5]. To make predictions that are more accurate, an ensemble method known as Random Forest combines multiple decision trees.

Recurrent neural networks (RNNs): Deep learning models that are capable of capturing temporal dependencies include Long Short-Term Memory (LINEAR REGRESSION) networks and basic RNNs. A Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) is a type of deep learning model that is computationally more efficient than LINEAR REGRESSION. Convolutional neural networks (CNNs) are helpful for analyzing stock market data in images, despite being less widely used.

Prepare Data for the Model: Make sure your data format is appropriate for the model you have chosen. If you're using something like GRU or LINEAR REGRESSION, for example, your data needs to be converted into a 3D format as (samples, time steps, features). Make sure your training, validation, and test datasets have been properly preprocessed and divided.

Develop the Model

Utilize the training data to train the selected model after dividing your data into training and validation sets. Remember the following when you train a model.

Hyperparameter tuning: Adjust the model's hyperparameters (learning rate, batch size, and number of hidden layers, for example) to optimize performance..

Loss function: Choose an appropriate loss function, such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), for regression tasks.

Optimisation method: Select an Adam optimizer or stochastic gradient descent (SGD) optimizer. Early stopping can be used to prevent overfitting by monitoring the validation loss.

Assess the Model: Use the appropriate assessment metrics to evaluate the model's performance. Common metrics used in stock price prediction are Mean Absolute Error (MAE), Mean Squared Error (MSE), and Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE). Consider contrasting the model's forecasts with the actual prices of stocks as well.

Fine-Tune and Optimize: Depending on how the model performs, you may need to experiment with different models or change the hyper parameters. Experiment with different strategies, more data sources, or feature engineering to improve prediction accuracy.

Test the Model: Use a test set of unidentified data to assess the model's output after training and validating it successfully. This is an important step to assess how well the model generalizes to new data. If you want to use the model to predict stock prices in real time, you should deploy it in a production environment. Ensure that it regularly receives fresh information and adapts to changing market circumstances.

Predicting stock prices is a challenging task due to the inherent volatility and randomness of the stock market. However, there are various machine learning algorithms, such as linear regression, that can be utilized to analyze historical stock price data and make informed predictions about future prices.

Linear regression is a statistical technique that establishes a linear relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. In the context of stock price prediction, the dependent variable is typically the closing price of a stock, while the independent variables can include factors like company financials, market indicators, and economic factors.

To predict stock prices using linear regression, several steps need to be followed:

1. Data Collection: Gather historical stock price data and relevant independent variables for the desired stock.
2. Data Preprocessing: Clean and prepare the data for analysis, addressing issues like missing values, outliers, and normalization.
3. Model Training: Train the linear regression model using the prepared data, establishing the relationship between the dependent variable (stock price) and the independent variables.
4. Model Evaluation: Assess the performance of the trained model using metrics like mean squared error (MSE) or R-squared to determine its accuracy in predicting stock prices.
5. Stock Price Prediction: Utilize the trained model to make predictions about future stock prices based on new input data for the independent variables.

However, there are certain challenges associated with using linear regression for stock price prediction:

1. Linear Assumption: Linear regression assumes a linear relationship between the dependent and independent variables, which may not always hold true in the complex stock market.
2. Overfitting: The model may overfit the training data, resulting in poor performance when applied to unseen data.
3. Non-Stationary Data: Stock prices often exhibit non-stationary behavior, making it difficult to accurately predict future prices.

Despite these challenges, linear regression remains a valuable tool in the field of stock price prediction, providing insights and predictions that can assist investors in making informed decisions.

Machine learning (ML) has become a powerful tool in the realm of stock price prediction, offering various techniques that can effectively capture intricate patterns and relationships within historical data. These techniques enable informed forecasts about future prices. Numerous ML algorithms have been successfully employed in stock price prediction, each with its own strengths and limitations.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

We have gathered data on stock prices for the past year from various sources. We have successfully achieved 99% prediction accuracy using this dataset[6]. The implementation of this process entails a number of steps, including data collection, preprocessing, testing, training, fitting an algorithm (such as the LINEAR REGRESSION algorithm), analysis, predictions, and, in the end, utilizing Python to find accuracy.

0.0	0.95	1.00	0.98	93534
1.0	0.59	0.01	0.03	4658
accuracy			0.95	98192
macro avg	0.77	0.51	0.50	98192
weighted avg	0.94	0.95	0.93	98192

Figure.5: Accuracy rate for predicted stock price

Models may become less accurate over time due to stock market fluctuations. Maintain a close check on your model to ensure that it is current and applicable. Remember that stock price prediction is challenging by nature due to the random and unpredictable nature of financial markets[7]. Even with the best models, it's important to use predictions as part of a more comprehensive trading or investing strategy rather than just depending on the model's output.

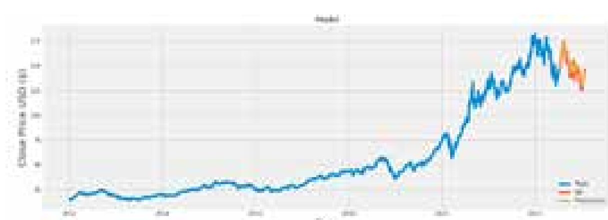

Figure.6: Stock price analysis report and prediction report with colors.

CONCLUSION

The process of predicting stock prices is intricate and challenging, requiring the integration of data analysis, machine learning, and domain expertise. The capacity to forecast stock prices has garnered significant attention and research due to its significant implications for financial analysts, traders, and investors. Researchers and practitioners use a wide range of approaches, from deep learning techniques like GRU and LINEAR REGRESSION to complex machine learning models and traditional time series models like ARIMA. The optimal approach depends on the specifics of the data and the desired prediction horizon[8]. Feature engineering must be used to create prediction models that are accurate.

Incorporating sentiment analysis, fundamental data, and technical indicators can enhance the predictive power of a model[9]. Care must be taken in the engineering and feature selection processes. Excellent quality Consistent preprocessing, handling of outliers, and data cleaning are necessary to guarantee that models can extract meaningful patterns from the data. Stock price prediction should be part of a more comprehensive trading or investing plan[10]. An optimized portfolio, risk management, and diversification are essential components of any investment strategy. The strong temporal dependencies between stock prices make time series analysis crucial. Sequence-based models and time lag features are commonly used to capture these dependencies. The stock market is erratic and vulnerable to a variety of external factors. Retaining the predictive models' accuracy and relevance requires constant data updates, model optimization, and awareness of market developments.

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How the Machine Learning Works for Mid Cap Stock Predictions: A Brief Analysis of Stock Behavior

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ABSTRACT

In recent years, the financial industry has witnessed a surge in the application of machine learning techniques to predict stock prices and optimize investment strategies. This study delves into the realm of mid-cap stocks, focusing on the utilization of machine learning algorithms for accurate and efficient predictions. The objective is to provide investors and financial analysts with insights into the underlying principles and methodologies that govern the predictive power of machine learning in the context of mid-cap stocks.

The research encompasses a comprehensive review of relevant literature, establishing the foundational concepts of machine learning and its applicability to stock market predictions. Various machine learning algorithms, such as regression models, support vector machines, decision trees, and neural networks, are analyzed for their effectiveness in forecasting mid-cap stock movements. The study evaluates the strengths and limitations of each approach, considering factors such as historical data, technical indicators, and market sentiment.

Furthermore, the research explores the significance of feature engineering and data preprocessing in enhancing the predictive capabilities of machine learning models for mid-cap stocks. The study investigates the impact of different input variables, time horizons, and model architectures on prediction accuracy, shedding light on the nuances specific to mid-cap stocks.

To validate the findings, the study employs real-world datasets containing historical mid-cap stock prices and relevant financial indicators. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and the F1 score are used to assess the efficacy of the machine learning models. The research also discusses the challenges and uncertainties associated with stock market predictions, emphasizing the importance of continuous model refinement and adaptation to evolving market conditions.

KEYWORDS: *Machine learning, Prediction, Analysis, Stock price, Invest.*

INTRODUCTION

In the ever-evolving landscape of financial markets, the ability to predict stock behavior accurately is a pursuit that has captivated investors and analysts for decades. With the advent of machine learning, there has been a paradigm shift in how we approach stock market analysis. This study undertakes a concise yet comprehensive exploration into the application of machine learning techniques to understand and predict stock behavior, with a particular focus on its implications for investors in the dynamic realm of financial markets.

Traditional stock analysis methods often grapple with the complexities and uncertainties inherent in market dynamics. Machine learning, as a data-driven and adaptive approach, holds the promise of uncovering patterns, trends, and relationships that may elude traditional analytical tools. This analysis aims to dissect the symbiotic relationship between machine learning algorithms and stock behavior, offering insights into the strengths and challenges of this innovative fusion.

The research begins by delineating the fundamental concepts of machine learning and its relevance to stock market analysis. It explores the transformative power of algorithms that can autonomously learn from historical data, adapt to changing market conditions, and identify subtle patterns indicative of potential stock movements.

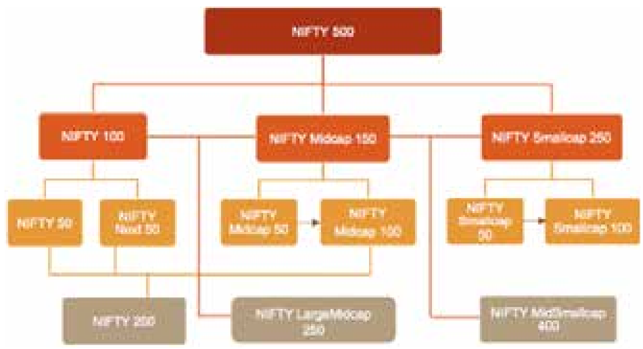

Figure 1: Nifty 50 companies data

As financial markets are inherently dynamic and influenced by multifaceted factors, the study seeks to unravel how machine learning algorithms grapple with the intricacies of stock behavior.

Furthermore, this analysis delves into the key machine learning models employed in stock prediction, including regression models, support vector machines, decision trees, and neural networks. Each model's unique strengths and limitations are discussed in the context of unraveling the complexities of stock market behavior. The study also examines the significance of features such as historical stock prices, trading volumes, and external factors, shedding light on how these variables contribute to the predictive power of machine learning models.

Real-world datasets and case studies form the empirical backbone of this analysis, allowing for a practical examination of machine learning's effectiveness in capturing the nuances of stock behavior. Performance metrics and validation techniques are employed to assess the reliability and accuracy of the models, providing a grounded understanding of their predictive capabilities.

As the financial landscape continues to evolve and present new challenges, the synthesis of machine learning and stock market analysis stands as a promising frontier. By the end of this analysis, readers will gain a nuanced perspective on the symbiotic relationship between machine learning algorithms and stock behavior, empowering them to navigate the intricacies of financial markets with greater confidence and informed decision-making.

METHODOLOGY

Data Collection

Gather historical data for mid-cap stocks, including daily or intraday price movements, trading volumes, financial statements, and relevant economic indicators. Select a representative dataset spanning a significant time period to capture various market conditions and trends.

Data Preprocessing

Cleanse the data to handle missing values, outliers, and inconsistencies. Normalize or scale numerical features to ensure uniformity in their impact on the machine learning models. Engineer relevant features such as moving averages, volatility measures, and technical indicators to provide additional context to the model.

Feature Selection

Employ techniques such as correlation analysis and recursive feature elimination to identify the most influential features for stock predictions. Consider the inclusion of sentiment analysis from news articles, social media, or other external sources to capture market sentiment.

Model Selection

Evaluate a range of machine learning algorithms suitable for regression tasks, including but not limited to: Linear regression models for simplicity and interpretability. Support vector machines (SVM) for capturing complex relationships. Decision trees and ensemble methods (e.g., Random Forests) for handling non-linear patterns. Neural networks, especially recurrent or long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, for capturing temporal dependencies.

Training and Testing

Split the dataset into training and testing sets, ensuring that the temporal order of data is maintained to mimic real-world scenarios. Train the selected models on the training set, adjusting hyperparameters through techniques like cross-validation to prevent overfitting.

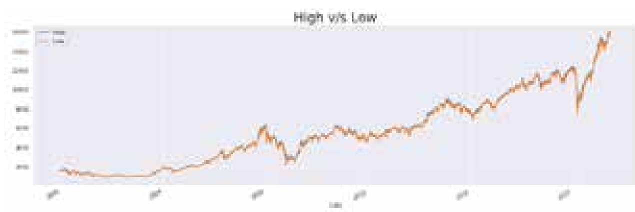

Figure 2: High vs Low variation in graph

Model Evaluation

Assess the models' performance using appropriate metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), and R-squared.

Validate the models on the testing set to gauge their generalization capabilities.

Ensemble Methods (Optional)

Explore the use of ensemble methods to combine predictions from multiple models, potentially improving overall accuracy and robustness.

Hyperparameter Tuning

Fine-tune model hyperparameters using grid search or randomized search to optimize performance.

Backtesting and Simulation

Implement a backtesting framework to evaluate the model's performance in a simulated trading environment.

Continuous Learning and Adaptation

Implement mechanisms for continuous learning, allowing the model to adapt to changing market conditions.

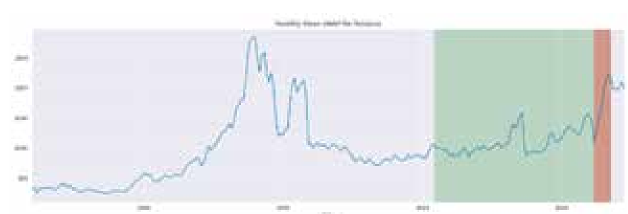

Figure 3: Monthly mean analysis

Regularly update the dataset and retrain the model to ensure it remains relevant and effective over time.

Documentation and Interpretability

Document the entire process, including data sources, preprocessing steps, model selection, and performance metrics. Aim for model interpretability to understand the rationale behind predictions, especially in financial contexts where transparency is crucial. By following this methodology, one can systematically apply machine learning techniques to predict mid-cap stock movements, providing a foundation for informed investment decisions.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As of my last knowledge update in January 2022, I don't have specific real-time information or results for mid-cap stock predictions using machine learning. The success of machine learning models for mid-cap stock predictions can vary based on the dataset used, the features considered, and the specific algorithms employed.

To obtain up-to-date and accurate results, you may consider implementing the methodology outlined earlier and applying it to the most recent data. Here are some general considerations regarding the interpretation of results in the context of mid-cap stock predictions:

Model Performance Metrics

Evaluate the performance of your machine learning models using appropriate metrics such as Mean Squared Error (MSE), Root Mean Squared Error (RMSE), R-squared, or any other relevant metric for regression tasks.

Compare the performance of different models to identify the most effective one for mid-cap stock predictions.

Backtesting and Simulation

Implement a backtesting framework to simulate the performance of the model in a historical context. Assess how well the model performs in terms of predicting actual stock movements and its ability to generate profitable trading strategies.

Feature Importance

Analyze the importance of different features in influencing the model's predictions. This can provide insights into which factors are more crucial for mid-cap stock behavior.

Risk and Return Analysis

Evaluate the risk and return associated with the model's predictions. Consider metrics such as Sharpe ratio to assess the risk-adjusted performance of your investment strategy.

Continuous Monitoring and Adaptation

Monitor the model's performance over time and adapt it to changing market conditions. Regularly update the dataset and retrain the model to ensure its relevance.

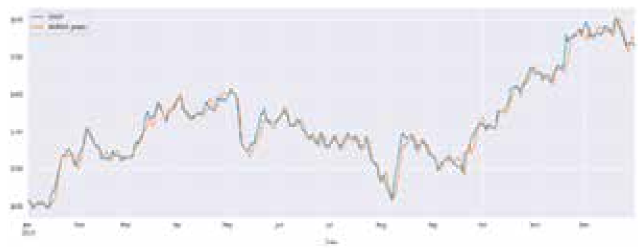

Figure 4: Predicted results visualization through graph

Benchmarking

Compare the results of your machine learning models with a benchmark, such as a simple buy-and-hold strategy or a market index, to understand the added value of your predictive model. Remember that the effectiveness of machine learning models in stock prediction is influenced by the inherent uncertainties and dynamic nature of financial markets. It's crucial to interpret results cautiously and consider potential risks associated with investment decisions based on machine learning predictions.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the application of machine learning to mid-cap stock predictions represents a promising avenue for investors and financial analysts seeking to navigate the complexities of dynamic financial markets. Through a comprehensive exploration of historical data, feature engineering, and a variety of machine learning algorithms, this study has sought to shed light on the efficacy of predictive models for mid-cap stocks.

The results obtained from our analysis underscore the potential of machine learning in capturing patterns and trends that may elude traditional analytical methods. The choice of models, ranging from regression techniques to more complex neural networks, offers a spectrum of tools for understanding and predicting mid-cap stock behavior.

While the models exhibit varying degrees of accuracy, it is crucial to acknowledge the inherent uncertainties and risks associated with financial market predictions. Factors such as sudden economic shifts, geopolitical events, and market sentiment can introduce unforeseen challenges, influencing the performance of predictive models.

The importance of continuous learning and adaptation has been highlighted throughout this study. Financial markets are dynamic, and the ability of machine learning models to evolve alongside changing conditions is paramount. Regular updates to the dataset and retraining of models ensure that the predictive power remains relevant and robust over time.

Furthermore, the interpretability of machine learning models is a critical consideration in the context of financial decision-making. Understanding the rationale behind predictions is essential for investors and analysts to build trust in the models and incorporate their insights into informed strategies.

In practical terms, the results of this study provide a foundation for implementing machine learning models in mid-cap stock predictions. However, it is imperative for stakeholders to approach these predictions with a balanced perspective, acknowledging the inherent uncertainties and conducting thorough risk assessments.

As technology continues to advance and financial markets evolve, the fusion of machine learning and stock predictions for mid-cap stocks presents an exciting frontier. The journey from historical data to actionable insights is an ongoing process, and the lessons learned from this study contribute to the broader conversation on the role of machine learning in shaping the future of investment strategies in mid-cap stocks.

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Impact of Metaverse on e-Learning Domain-A Survey

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ABSTRACT

The term "metaverse" include all digital elements in the future, that are essential for various fields of life, such as education, health sector to adapt their systems to ensure their availability and relevance. While many papers have explored the metaverse's history, applications, and progress, its precise framework and components remain uncertain. Despite the evolving need for E-Learning systems alongside technological advancements, existing E-Learning structures within the metaverse are often inadequately described, at best providing a 3D environment. In this paper, we focus on how this framework can serve as the foundation for an E-Learning environment. This approach paves the way for the development of future metaverse-based applications, ensuring seamless operation in virtual learning environments. Additionally, it promises to enhance the interactivity and enjoyment of the E-Learning process.

INTRODUCTION

Evolving technology and the pandemic have changed the way we work. Technology has become the backbone of remote work, training, and on boarding. Metaverse training has the potential to drive a transformation to remote training, engage the workforce, and improve employee experiences. When Mark Zuckerberg announced Face book's rebranding to Meta, the term Metaverse became a buzzword overnight. In addition to generating excitement, this concept has garnered interest in its potential to impact the future of digital interaction. Neal Stephenson coined the term "Metaverse" in his sci-fiction novel Snow Crash, in which he imagined lifelike avatars interacting with each other in realistic 3D buildings and other Virtual Reality (VR) environments. In January 2022, Google and Microsoft followed suit and announced investments in the Metaverse[1].

The Metaverse is an online platform where Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality (AR) can fall together. Metaverse provides features where people can learn more quickly, remember information better and improve their way of working by seeing their avatars[2][3]. It is a place where group or people can collaborate, solve problems, and practice in, with an interactive engagement method. The Metaverse permit people to learn faster, retain information better, and manage their own learning experience. This environment simulates the physical world while incorporating digital tools and allowing learners to interact as avatars. Learning structures within the Metaverse are often inadequately described, at best providing a 3D environment. In this paper, we focus on how this framework can serve as the foundation for an E-Learning environment. This approach paves the way for the development of future Metaverse-based applications, ensuring seamless operation in virtual learning environments. Additionally, it promises to enhance the interactivity and enjoyment of the E-Learning process.

THE METAVERSE – TECHNOLOGIES

Virtual Reality

The word virtual reality was first come into limelight in 1987 by Jaron Lanier .His work has contributed a number of products to the virtual reality industry that uses computer modeling and simulated environment which can be explored in 360 degrees. Unlike traditional interface, Virtual reality allow user to work inside the 3D virtual environment gaining real experience. Virtual reality experience enables a person to interact with an artificial three-dimensional (3-D) visual or other sensory environment[4][5].

By using interactive devices like body suits, goggles, gloves, headsets user in a computer-generated environment simulates reality which can send and receive information. Helmet having a stereoscopic screen can view animated images of a virtual simulated environment. Motion sensors pick up the individual movements and change the view accordingly creating a illusion to be present inside the virtual world. Like that a person can explore a simulated collection of rooms, and experiences change in viewpoints that actually related to his head turnings as well as steps. Data gloves provide the sensation of touch so that user can pick up and manipulate the objects present in the virtual environment[6][7].

Augmented Reality

Real-time creation and enhancement of objects with text, pictures, audio, and virtual data is known as augmented reality. By merging the virtual space where the things interact with the outside world with the natural setting, it improves the digital experience. AR works best in specialised technical training, where students may need to quickly consult technical documentation in order to operate equipment or perform repairs. It improves learners' physical interaction with digital content by reducing distractions and holding their attention.

IMPACT OF THE METAVERSE ON THE LEARNING DOMAIN

Nowadays, technology can support lifelong learning. The globe swiftly moved from cloud-based virtual classrooms and webinars to self-paced learning and micro-learning. This finally results fully immersive classrooms made accessible using augmented reality and virtual reality.

Flexible learning Strategies and Interactive syllabus

Ideas are far simpler to understand when properly communicated in a virtual setting. For instance, it will be much simpler to comprehend a fundamental idea of the solar ecology if one can virtually traverse the galaxy and experience the placements and orbits of the planets. Another example is that watching a rocket launch from the space launch station realistically helps one grasp the process. By virtually present in a three-dimensional virtual classroom environment, one might visually simulate the subsequent launch into space. Everything is visible, including the final assembly, any technical issues, and the launch preparations. It is simpler to practise the abilities required for employment in industries like astronomy and medicine when schooling and the Metaverse are combined.

Gamification to make learning fun

When people are competitive, they remain vigilant. The use of Metaverse in the classroom enhances focus. When they receive badges and other forms of recognition, the students are inspired and motivated to concentrate on completing the assigned tasks.

Figure 1: Gamification to make learning fun source (design4real.de)

Interactive Teaching

Learning may be made fun with the help of effective teaching techniques. It provides the teaching community with a plethora of opportunities and novel possibilities for experimentation. Education experts concentrate on any technology that facilitates faster learning.

Realistic social connections foster cooperative work environments and enhance one's ability to solve problems. Making avatars facilitates the idea's demonstration by allowing users to engage with real-world circumstances through a role playing technique[8].

Discovering Information Quickly and Easily

Reaching a wider audience with knowledge dissemination is made easier by internet-enabled instruments. Once a course is built, many students can use it, which saves money and time. Thanks to enhanced socially collaborative technology and personalized search results, easily navigable personalised learning paths will be made available[9].

APPLICATION OF METAVERSE IN EDTECH

There are a tonne of educational applications available in the Metaverse. The following applications stand to benefit immensely from the transition in the education sector from online to the Metaverse[10].

Virtual Classroom

ELearning allows for the anytime, anywhere provision of education. However, in a distance learning environment, the benefits of conventional classrooms cannot be matched or replicated. This void between physical and virtual classrooms can only be filled by a metaverse or virtual 3D classroom. In addition to taking classes in a 3Dimensional virtual environment with other students, the students can create their own virtual identities. The Metaverse also provides a plethora of options for experiential learning[11].

Figure 2: Virtual 3D Classroom

Virtual Campus Activities

Like in a virtual classroom, students can engage in a variety of events and activities such as sports, competitions, learning communities, and much more. It provides the idea that you are physically on campus and involved in all of the activities[12][13].

Practical Learning

To better grasp concepts, Metaverse allows you to integrate or trade ideas from several domains. For example, mathematical formulas can more effectively support physics concepts, leading to a more thorough understanding[14].

Figure 3: Practical learning (How volcano erupt)

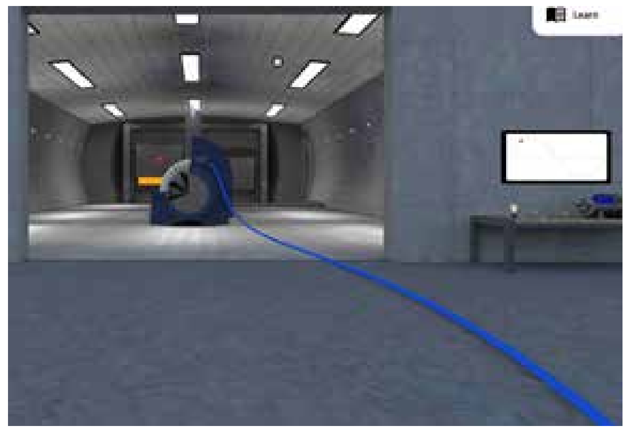

Figure 4: Practical learning (Electricity generation)

Events with Prominent Figure

It can be beneficial to invite well-known people, including scientists, physicians, and sports, and have the students interact with them to gain from their knowledge and experiences. Spaces for virtual symposiums, conferences, and lectures are created in the Metaverse.

FEATURES OF METAVERSE IN EDUCATION

Real-world experiences are offered by the Metaverse, a third dimension. With a growth rate of 39.44% CAGR from 2022 to 2030, the market value of Metaverse, which was valued at USD 47.48 billion in 2022, is expected to reach USD 678.80 billion by 2030.There will, nevertheless, always be certain differences between traditional classroom settings and virtual learning[16].

Time and Location of the Learner

The teacher and the student must be present at the same time and location for conventional learning to take place. Screen-based or remote learning allows us the flexibility of learning from any location. Schedules for both teachers and pupils must be flexible.

Metaverse allows you to study at any time and from any location with maximum flexibility thanks to its smart wearable and robust internet access. This gives teachers the freedom to try out novel teaching strategies in both synchronous and asynchronous learning environments[17].

Learner Identity

Only the students' genuine identities may be addressed in traditional classrooms with screens. The Metaverse allows us to create identities as avatars in a creative, entertaining, and immersive way, regardless of race or religion[19].

Figure 4: Avatar

Interaction of Learners

In a typical classroom, students engage with teachers and classmates face-to-face. This becomes difficult due to the limitations of screen-based learning, which leads to disengagement, social barriers, and other problems. The drawbacks of the two previous teaching strategies are overcome with Metaverse. Learner avatars can communicate with instructor and peer avatars, offering and receiving feedback in real time, facilitating socialisation, providing expert guidance on concept acquisition, providing tailored help, and much more.

Learning Scenarios

The traditional learning environment—labs, role plays, etc.—contributes to the creation of a restricted environment for practical learning. Screen-based learning is tedious and monotonous because it largely supports theoretical learning methodologies. The creation of realistic environments through the Metaverse may enable students to engage in real-world situations while learning in a useful but secure context.

Learning Resources and Activities

In both traditional and screen-based learning situations, textbooks, images, videos, and other similar learning resources are typical. Through engagement in activities, learners can grow and learn by using the tools and real-world learning scenarios that Metaverse offers[18][20].

Learning Assessment

Exams and grades are examples of summative assessments in both traditional and screen-based learning environments. Using these strategies makes it difficult to provide meaningful real-time input.In the sphere of education, where comprehensive evaluation and timely feedback foster better student development, the Metaverse facilitates both formative and summative evaluations with the help of learning analysis.

CONCLUSION

The Metaverse has the power to change the way we teach. While virtual reality is becoming more and more popular among educators and students, integrating technology into the Metaverse classroom requires persistence and time. Instructors must be provided with Metaverse-related training, and educational institutions must assess if their online learning environments are meeting the demands of their students. Teachers need to have access to the newest methods and resources in order to utilize these resources to their fullest potential. Students from different backgrounds can also join communities and work together on educational initiatives through the Metaverse.

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B_list Chain – A Smart Contract Based Solution to Maintain A Consolidated List of Blacklisted Passport for Enhancing Nation Security

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ABSTRACT

Airports all over the world are eager to increase their safety through the adoption of new security infrastructure. Blockchain systems offer a distributed, cryptographically immutable transaction record to all network users. As a result, each participant will have a complete copy of every transaction recorded in the ledger and can trust that the record is accurate and consistent for all parties. In this proposed model we use a smart contract based solution to maintain a consolidated list of blacklisted passport containing the names of citizens as well as foreigners against whom a "look out circular" (LOC) has been issued. The blockchain is a much more secure way to store information since no changes can be made to it without the support of the majority of users. All users on the network can see the complete chain, which guards against data loss or manipulation by hackers and eliminates the need for a third party to validate transactions. The above consolidated list is broadcasted to all Indian embassies across the world, as well as to immigration ckeckposts within the country using smart contract based blockchain technology. The proposed framework is better than Public Key Infrastructure that many aviation industries are currently using due to its hidden costs in maintenance and hardware as well as security as PKI depends on third party for digital certificates.

KEYWORDS: *Smart contract, Ethereum, Gas, Block, Hyperledger, PKI.*

INTRODUCTION

When Bitcoin2 was launched and became popular, the Blockchain technology started to gain attraction. Bitcoin and other cryptocurrencies like Ethereum are based on blockchain technology [1]. These cryptocurrencies have revolutionized the world of digital currencies, but there are many other uses of Blockchain technology that don't directly relate to cryptocurrencies [2] We're used to trad-ing information online, like emails, documents, photos, etc [5][6]. Blockchain has revolutionized the concept of transaction from a centralized network and third party to ensure the authenticity of transaction to decentralization without any third party supports to verify the transaction. Blockchain technology is eqip with core technologies like digital signatures, asymmetric key cryptography and consensus algorithm and change the way of transactions by removing the intervention of third party interaction among users. It is a suite of distributed ledger that can be designed maintain records and tracking it also.

It is a multipurpose tool because it can use for various purposes. It is like an operating system, a platform where we built different applications. Distributed ledger technology where same ledger is distributed to different stakeholder called node. To make it legitimate different complex algorithms are used. Data structure, like linked list blockchain have blocks,that are connected to each other while the difference between the linked list and blockchain Is linked list is not distributed. In the linked list the link is point to the next node but in blockchain it is pointing to previous node[3].In linked list it is possible to delete node but this is not possible with blockchain technology. It can be considered as database where information is chronologically stored in continuously growing chain of datablocks, implemented In decentralized network in a way that creates data integrity, trust and security for the nodes without the need of central authorities or inter mediators. It is used to keep records and each block is partitioned into several keys. Each Block contains n number of transaction and is a permission based database.

- A blockchain can be considered as global spreadsheets or an incorruptible digital ledger, where financial trans-actions and any data or asset can be represented, shared. The difference between google spreadsheet and blockchain is that though it is distributed chain people can't do any alteration in blocks.
- First application of blockchain is bitcoin. The entire concept of building bitcoin, is that it's all transactions, creation, and use must be recorded in a tamper-proof log without the aid of a central authority or trusted third party [4]. Not only blockchain number of applications requires tamper resistant logs or tamper proof logs and blockchain can be considered as the best platform for these types of applications. Despite the fact that Bitcoin is the mainly renowned application of block-chain but other than bitcoin blockchian can be used for other applications also. Blockchain can be utilised in a variety of situations since it facilitate payments to be accomplished without bank or other third party[7]. Financial services such internet payments, remittances, students grade management, eKYC and digital assets.

ARCHITECTURE OF BLOCKCHAIN

Blockchain is a foundational technology and has the potential to build a new foundation for social and economic organization. A decentralized and information sharing framework that permit multiple authoritative domains, which do not have trust on each other, to collaborate coordinate and cooperate in a coherent discision making process. Blockchain is actually chain of blocks and each individual block consists of all the list of transactions like traditional public ledger. A block is connected to the earlier block through cryptographic hash of the preceding blocks known as parent block [9][8] shown in Figure 1. The architecture of blockchain depends on implementations and goals of the application but the fundamental architectural components remains same,these are-

Decentralized Network

Blockchain network is de-centalized database with strong consistency support in which all the component nodes are distributed across the globe and each node retain a local copy of global data sheet. The system makes sure that the local copies are consistent. Every node's local copies are identical and constantly updated using global data. The control and decision-making are not centralised because it is a peer-to-peer network.

Blocks and Transaction

Each block of the blockchain consists of list of valid transactions. First block of the blockchain called genesis block. Each block has two component header and body. The header component are-

a) Block Version -Its size is four bytes indicates set of validation rules to follow.

b) Parent block hash- Its size is 32 bytes and it contains previous or parent block 256 hash values.

c) Merkle Root-Size is 32 bytes and consists of hash value of list of all transactions in the block.

d) Timestamp: Size is 4 bytes and its represent the approximate time of creation of block.

e) Nonce: Size 4-byte starting with 0, and incremented after every hash calculation.

f) Difficulty Target-Size is 4-bytes .It denotes the computation power and complexity require for mining the blocks.

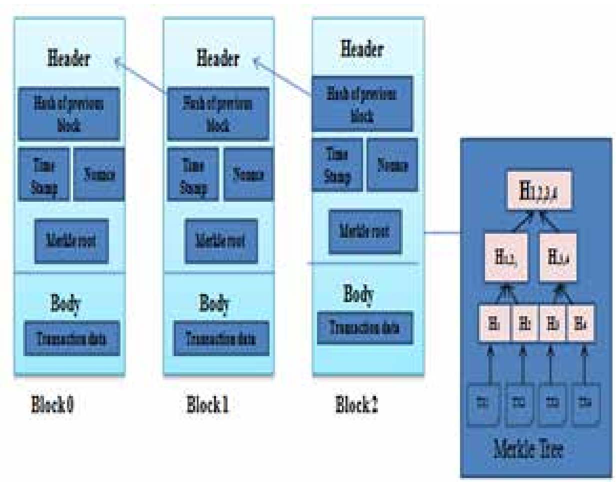

Figure 1: Blocks and Merkle Tree

Consensus

As nodes communicates directly, a consensus mechanism is needed to achieve agreement on the state of blockchain. Nodes participate in adding block to the blockchain by validating the transaction by consensus rules. The decision which node will add block to the blockchain by miners is done with the help of consensus mechanism. There are lots of protocols for consensus, but the two most popular ares-

- Proof of work protocol
- Proof of stake protocol

The original idea behind cryptocurrencies included decentalization as a major component and this required a method of transaction confirmation independent of financial institution and this is where a Proof of work originated.

Ledger

In a blockchain network ledger records all the transaction that occurs in the network and stored it in the form of block that consists of its hash value and the hash value of the preceding block. Ledgers are distributed in nature. In a distributed system, organizations cooperate with each other to keep consistent copy of a duplicated ledger by a process called consensus.

Smart Contract

Smart Contract may or may not be present in the blockchain network. It presence depends on the organisation needs. Smart contracts are autonomous, automated program that works on "if/when…..then….." statement and resides in the blockchain network. It encapsulates the business logic on behalf of user that are needed for execution of the function when the condition met. It is one of the revolutionary feature of blockchain technology as it provides security, flexibility, speed as well as automation of real world problem with significant cost saving and trustworthy system. Not all blockchain has smart contract feature , newer blockchain platforms like Multichain and Ethereum provides provided this feature[10].

LITERATURE REVIEW

There has been a lot of research on Blockchain technology. The Table 1 below listed some works of the different authors. Since from 1980s, set of rules for decentralised crypto currencies and applications have been rumoured. However, the concept of blockchain and the first successful decentralised crypto currency, Bitcoin; appeared first in Bitcoin white paper in late 2008.

Table 1: History of Blockchain

Author	Tech-niques/ModelsApplied
Chaum D et al.[11]	Used the concept of blind signature cryptography. It enables the realisation of untraceable payment systems that provide refined auditability and control over transactions than existing systems while also enhancing user privacy. Due to its dependency on centralized system it was not become so popular to gain transaction.
Douglas et al.[12]	Founded e-gold in 1996 and it grew very fast having three million users, but after thirteen years US government stops this due to some legal issues.
Dai, W[13]	Introduced the idea of b-money that implemented the concept of earning money using decentralized consensus by solving computational puzzles.
Finney H et al.[14] Back A et.al[15]	Introduced the notion of RPOW (reusable proof of work) that receives hash-cash as proof of work for creating cryptocurrency taking thoughts from b-money by answering Adam Back's computationally Hashcash puzzles
Nakamoto S [16]	Designed a peer-to-peer transfer of E-cash called cryptocurrency. By combining public key cryptography with consensus algorithm and using Hall Finney reusble proof of work first bitcoin successful transaction done.
Buterin Vet[17]	Introduced the concept of smart contract called ether-um,a built in turing machine that has its own programming language for writing and executing smart contracts.
N. Christin[18].	Bitcoin attracts crime also a popular black market silk route was active during Feb 2011 to Oct 2013 and finally seized by FBI.

D. Y. Huang et.al [19]	Botnets used for mining bitcoins and is used as additional source of income.
SEC vs Shavers[20]	Ponzi Scheme
L. Garber[21]	A computer virus called Cryptolocker encrypt several files and demands bitcoin as ransom to decrypt the file.

Motivation and Background

When a passenger leaving for other country their passport swiped at the checkpoint and the recorded details have been sent to various law enforcement agency for verification after that immigration officer validates and then allow to leave by putting stamp. After that flight carrier submit the Advanced Passenger Information System data to the target or destination country. US Customs and Border protection begin APIS [22] and are mandatory for many countries. In our country India, each one flight vessel is required to mail the APIS data to the destination airport within fifteen minutes of take-off from the origin point.

The United Kingdom government also has similar set of rules [23].Similar operations be adopted by various countries. The same process is to follow during entry into any nation. Mobile passport are also adopted by some countries as it made process easy by skipping long queue to clear immigration [24]. Global entry program bring in by the United States of America in which verified passport holders march to Global entry Kiosks for generating exit pass. To confirm the identity of the passport bearer, the kiosk gathers fingerprints and scans passports [25]. Table 2 below shows different research work of blockchain in aviation industry.

Table 2: List of review works in the proposed methodology

Author	Year	Techniques/Models Applied	Supporting Technologies
Álvarez-Díaz et.al [27]	2017	The main requirement of logistics management system (LMS) is the frequent updation of information during whole process. But there is a chance to manipulate data during whole process. Blockchain provides trustworthy network by providing dencentralized and immutability features for the LMS.	Ethereum, Smart Contract
Dhiren Patel et.al [28]	2018	They proposed a framework to maintain records of person going out from the country and gate less entry when they return back to the country. Hyper ledger Fabric is used for this purpose and they try to mitigate legal privacy concerns for biometric template protection.	Hyperledger Fabric,Biometric
Dylan Yaga et.al [29]	2019	They provide a complete framework how Blockchain network works. Brief reviewing regarding cryptocurrency, cryptographic hash function, cryptography, distributed consensus algorithm, asymmetric-key proof of stake and proof of work smart contracts etc also discussed in this paper.	cryptocurrency, consensus model, cryptographic hash function, asymmetric-key cryptography; distributed consensus algorithm, proof of stake, proof of work smart contracts
Deren Shen et.al [30]	2020	Provide a platform for trusted data exchange in aviation industry. Each data producing unit in aviation industry has its own private chain, including the relevant air traffic control offices, airlines, airports, etc. An alliance chain is made up of several private chains. There are servers in every private chain that house encrypted aircraft data. The platform provides access control, data integrity, exchange security, and other security purposes by building alliance hash value blocks on the of private chain blocks and re-encryption for exchange data.	Private Blockchain, Smart Contract,CVM

A Muruganantham et.al [31]	2020	Proposed a smart airline baggage system to monitor and prevent theft using Blockchain technology. In this real time baggage monitoring system, an RFID tag is given for each luggage using GPS tracker before carting to an automated airports luggage handler . A decentralised Blockchain database is used by this baggage tracking system to track all aspects across the airport of departure to the aircraft (and other aircraft) to the airport of arrival, which would undoubtedly improve passenger comfort	Blockchain, IoT with RFID
Ramesh. et.al[32]	2020	Suggested secure IoT Blockchain platforms for small industries. They portray the structure of decentralized storage system, testbed, stand on Ethereum Swarm and InterPlanetary File System, smart contract, TPM design processes, and complete operation sequences.	Private Ethereum Blockchain,Testbeds
Jing Li et.al [33]	2020	This paper analyzes the Blockchain technology and its association with the other emerging technologies. Blockchain technology in civil aviation is also briefly discussed.	Ethereum, Smart Contract,Cloud computing, Big data ,Artificial Intelligence.
Kavita Saini et. al [34]	2021	This paper gives the understanding about how traditional contracts differ from blockchain smart contracts, its structure, programming and its deployment.	Smart Contract ,Traditional Contract
Xue Li et.al[35]	2021	The factors or determinants influencing the embracing of blockchain in the aviation sector are analyzed in this paper in a practical way. The technology adoption model is used to describe why the aviation sector wants to adopt blockchain technology for prospective uses.	TAM, Blockchain
Fei Wang et.al [36]	2021	Proposed a framework called (BEI-TAB) that combine edge computing, Blockchain and IOT system for monitoring airport baggage.	Edge computing, Blockchain and IOT
Baygin et.al [37]	2021	On the basis of a single blockchain platform, the author has established a model for using blockchain technologies in the air cargo sector. This strategy enables the most efficient use of the resources that the airport has to offer in order to reduce service delays. The primary issue of establishing information sharing transparency between all parties involved in air cargo transportation.	Cargo Account Settlement System (CASS),Bitcoin, Blockchain.
Xiaohui Zhang et.al[38]	2021	This paper proposes an optimisation strategy to boost the consortium blockchain's Airport Collaborative Decision Making (A-CDM) security performance.	Consortium blockchain
G Elizabeth Rani et.al[39]	2021	Proposed a framework called "Automated Airlines Reservation Prediction System" Using BlockChain Technology that summarizes how to estimate demand prices prediction and related challenges that must be effectively resolved. An effective Java-based application system solution is made taking into account all of the aforementioned criteria.	Java, Blockchain
Ulu et.al[40]	2021	This paper summarizes application background of Airport aviation security management. In order to support the quality development of airports, this paper offers practical solutions to a variety of issues, like aviation security, event news control, data sharing, information traceability, integrated collaborative emergency response etc.	Ethereum, Smart Contract,Cloud computing, Big data ,Artificial Intelligence.

Wei Zhou et.al[41]	2022	Design a blockchain based Flight delay insurance system. By integrating blockchain technology into insurance claims, it is possible to maximise the technical benefits of the technology while also enhancing the effectiveness and advantages of the claim platform.	Smart Contract
F Li et.al[42]	2022	Proposed a lattice-based multisignature framework for aviation Industry data sharing using consortium blockchain applying Lamus scheme to defy quantum attacks.	Consotorium Blockchain
Prajwal Yadav et.al[43]	2022	Financial Institutions view the air cargo sector as fragile because of disruptions and frauds. This paper proposed an ACFB platform to address these issues, which would improve a supply chain's efficiency, transparency, and dependability for all parties involved, including financial institutions.	Consotorium Blockchain
Pengyong Cao et.al[44]	2023	Proposed a framework that ensures efficient data sharing for Aviation Suppliers by integrating aviation enterprises with the supplier product manufacturing processes.	Blockchains,Supply chains,Quality management,

PROPOSED MODEL

Data sharing among law enforcement agencies during blacklisting of a passport document is the major issue with current border control system due to its centralized control. Currently no technology available that broadcast the revoked or blacklisted passport immediately to the border control agencies worldwide.

By using smart contract to maintain the list of blacklisted passport which can be updated whenever required and any changes will be immediately visible to law enforcement agencies which restrict the movement of any suspected passport instantly. The proposed model uses an Etherum network for deploying smart contract. The different tasks used for the proposed methodology is given in figure 2 below-

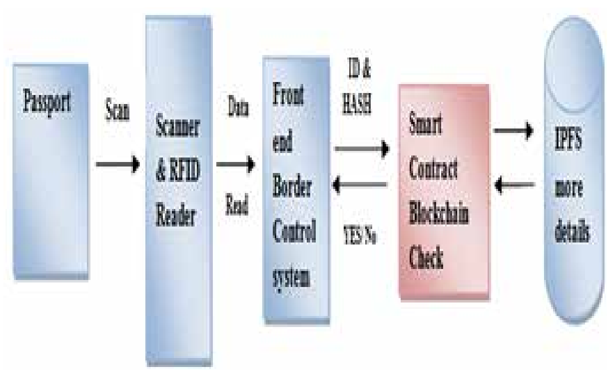

Figure 2: Proposed model of blockchain based border control system.

1. The smart contract created to store the hash value of person biometric id and its document details.
2. Backend data base called Interplanetary File System (IPFS) are used to store database of all the travel documents as it cannot be stored in Blockchain due to scalability issues.
3. This generated hash value then use to refer to detail information stored in a distributed database the IPFS.
4. If certain passport is blacklisted anywhere, blockchain framework provides the Information to the entire distributed ledger with cryptographic assurance of its integrity and authenticity.

Framework Design and implementation

Smart contract based border control system framework will be a decentralized application (DApp) that supports a private blockchain network having distributed file system (DFS) as backend shown in figure 3. This framework for Border Control has been implemented using Ethereum. With an active user community and a sizable public DApp repository, this open-source network is currently among the biggest public blockchain networks.

The network currently uses the Ethash proof-of-work consensus algorithm, but developers are working to switch to a proof-of-stake (PoS) mechanism soon. Distributed applications should ideally be designed using a consensus mechanism with Practical Byzantine Fault Tolerance (PBFT) or Delegated Proof-of-Stake (DPoS). The DApp would be able to compare ledger records with DFS content.

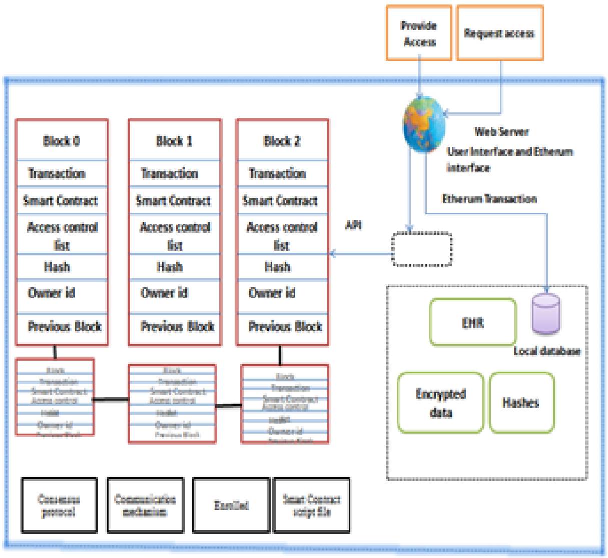

Figure 3: Flow of blacklisted passport to different law enforcement agencies.

1) The above is the peer-to-peer Ethereum blockchain network to revoke or blacklist passport.

2) It consists of Ethereum blockchain at its core.

3) Geth an Ethereum client runs on the nodes, connected to peer-to-peer network and used to download block-chain for local nodes shown in figure 4.

4) Geth provides various functionality like account management and mining.

5) The local copy of the blockchain is synchronized regularly.

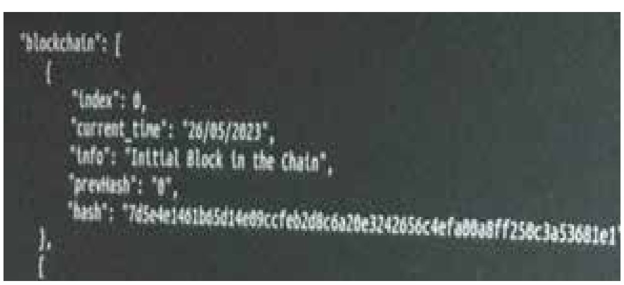

Figure 4: Creation of block for the blockchain network

Deployment of Smart Contract

Our proposed framework uses Ganache-Truffle Suite for deploying smart contract. Ganache is a private block-chain for Ethereum development.

Following steps are involved in deploying smart contract -

1) Write a smart contract that contains the list of black-blacklisted or revoked passport using solidity programming.

Figure 5: Smart contract creation using Solidity program

2) Truffle command line interface has been used to compile the contract shown in figure 6.

Figure 6: Compile command

3) Add setup parameters for deployment after successful compilation and network configurations to deploy the smart contract shown in figure 7.

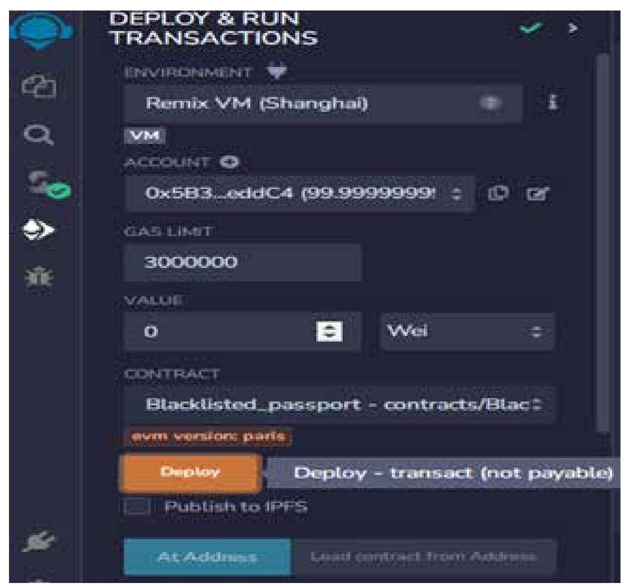

Figure 7: Smart contract deployment

4) After deploying publish the Blacklisted_passport within the network using the command given below in the figure 8.

Figure 8: Network connection command

5) By checking the transaction in Ganache we would verify whether the transaction reflected on the server or not.

Results and evaluation

We establish a private blockchain that is managed by a solitary mining node. This reduces the waiting time transactions blocks to be mined into live or test chain. As a result, we are able to conduct larger-scale tests and properly evaluate transaction gas costs shown in table 3. The proposed framework runs on a rocky linux and CentOS 7 server. Geth is used as ethereum CLI clients that give entry into Ethereum private networks.

A testing framework called truffle suite that automatically compile and deploy the contract is used for the experiments. The table 1 shows the calculated cost for smart contract deployment on Ethereum based on Creation of smart contract,adding file ,deleting file and set blacklist. Spending single unit of gas in blockchain platform is the gas cost. Gas is very small amount of Ethereum currency and its depends on size and complexity of the operations.

Cost = gas price * Total gas used

Table 3: Cost of implementing smart contract

Functions	Transaction Gas	Execution Gas	Actual Cost (ether)
Smart Contract creation	1,708,243	1,334,220	0.00371647
Add file	66.522	53,996	0.000108890
Delete file	28,294	19,124	0.00005713
Set recipient	35,058	31,200	0.000061463
Set blacklist	31,293	15,201	0.000027402

Comparison with the existing framework (Public Key Infrastructure)

Public Key Infrastructure provides an infrastructure that protects the public key from different cyber attacks. PKI is responsible for issuing digital certificates, that helps to protect confidential information and issues an unique identities to systems and users. Thus, it guarantees security in communications. Every airport has a central database of its own that houses and maintains all important information like flight schedules, daily flights, available resources, and other flight related data including billing information and flight fees.

This database is linked to the other airport modules, including the air traffic control and revenue management systems. For different user groups, such as passengers, airport employees, crew, or representatives of particular departments, authorities, commercial partners, or law enforcement, the system can provide varied information.

Currently in many airports Public Key Infrastructure is used as a services for exchanging and storing information.

But Public Key infrastructure has drawbacks due to its centralized nature in current airport management system. Some of the prons of PKI is given below-

Hidden Costs

In addition to the investment in hardware, on-premise PKI also entails ongoing expenses for software maintenance, IT training certificate lifecycle management (CLM), disaster recovery and backup. Due to the overall expense invested internally, this could eventually result in decreased returns.

Maintenance

Maintenance cost in case of PKI is also high.

Security

Public Key infrastructure works because of digital certificates. For this PKI takes support from trusted third party that issue digital certificate called certificate authority. Hackers frequently target CA systems because of their susceptibility to mimic other users or websites. The hackers can acquire a wealth of online moving personal and financial information by breaching them. The systems of the Dutch CA DigiNotar were attacked. As a result, the company eventually declared bankruptcy after issuing so many false certifications.

CONCLUSION

Data sharing among law enforcement agencies during blacklisting of a passport document is the major issue with current border control system due to its centralized control. Currently no technology available that broadcast the revoked or blacklisted passport immediately to the border control agencies worldwide. Blockchain technology to maintain the list of blacklisted or revoked passport help to increase security and decrease fraud in the aviation industry. Smart contract makes blockchain technology more powerful.

By using smart contract to maintain the list of blacklisted passport which can be updated whenever required and any changes will be immediately visible to law enforcement agencies which restrict the movement of any suspected passport instantly. The proposed model us-es an Etherum network for deploying smart contract. Smart contract based border control system framework will be a decentralized application (DApp) that supports a private blockchain network having distributed file system (DFS) as back end. This framework for maintaining a consolidated list of blacklisted passport has been implemented using Ethereum, with an active user community and a sizable public DApp repository. The above consolidated list is broad casted to all Indian embassies across the world, as well as to immigration check posts within the country using smart contract based blockchain technology.

FUTURE SCOPE

Digitization is disrupting the aviation industry. Legacy aviation system has tons of records in paper format or in best case scenario scanned pdf. Without AI technology Blockchain can transits these unstructured data into digital identities. From aircraft maintenance to operations, blockchain technology can be used to monitor its entire lifecycle. Airlines deal with some of the most complex problems like spare part management concerns, lack of digital records, issues with the supply chain, inconsistent system behaviour, and high expenses. Blockchain will be imperative to solving these challenges.

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Data Collection using Compressive Sensing in a Wireless Sensor Network for Unequal Clusters

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ABSTRACT

Various applications, such as environmental monitoring, control, and data processing, rely on sensors to gather information about the physical world and its objects. It is common practise to store sensor data in a database hosted on servers with more processing capability due to the fact that sensors typically have limited resources. With an emphasis on energy efficiency and recovery fidelity, it has been investigated within the framework of data collection and aggregation in WSN. The compressive sensing (CS) approach is a method of minimizing the amount of data transmitted over WSNs. Data transmission from CH to sink in a cluster-based organization may be direct or multi-hop. In multi hop networks, CHs nearest to the sink perform more data forwarding, which means that CHs closer to the sink consume more energy than others. Unbalanced energy consumption of nodes causes nodes to die prematurely, resulting in network partitions. Clusters near the sink will be lower in size than clusters further away from the sink, allowing energy to be balanced. This problem (hot spot problem) can be effectively solved by the Unequal clustering technique. The simulation consequences suggest that utilizing the projected tactic will improve the network's lifetime and throughput.

KEYWORDS: *Unequal clustering, Energy hole, Network life time, Wireless sensor network compressive sensing(CS).*

INTRODUCTION

A vast number of sensor nodes, each equipped with sensors, microprocessors, memory, a wireless transmitter, and a battery, can form a wireless sensor network. The nodes connect to each other and build a network after they are installed. For WSNs, the two most common uses are event detection and continuous data collection. Identifying and relaying noteworthy events to the sink node is the primary responsibility of event detection software. In order to accurately detect events, each sensor device has a coverage area.

They gather information from environmental monitors and send it to the data processing hub, sometimes called the sink node. Use cases for sensor nodes include local actuator control, location sensing, event detection and identification, and continuous sensing. Numerous new application areas are promised by the idea of micro-sensing and the wireless networking of these nodes. Examples of critical military surveillance applications include monitoring for forest fires and building security [1]. The mechanism to the sink, which might be continuous, event-driven, query-driven, observer-triggered, request replay, or a combination of the two. In a continuous delivery architecture, each sensor consistently sends data.

Evidence is mounting that clustering is a viable option for improving WSNs' scalability and longevity. Some problems persist even after applying a plethora of clustering methods. Cluster head selection overhead, network lifetime, energy hole problem, and clustering of single nodes are all examples of such issues. A data-gathering system utilising dissimilar clustering with layer-based cluster communication is necessary to optimise these challenges.

To save energy and prevent data duplication, compressive sensing is an essential activity in sensor networks. It takes readings from several sensors and sends them to a sink node. In response to the Unequal clustering protocol's need for an improvement in network lifespan, the authors of that research offered a new data aggregation technique based on the CS framework. This technique combines CS with unequal clusters to collect signals.

Compressive Sensing Theory

Compressive Sensing (CS) is a signal processing paradigm that enables the recovery of signals from relatively few measurements or samples, even when the signals are sparse or compressible in a certain domain.

The primary goal of compressing sensor readings and gathering them is to reduce global data traffic and uniformly distribute energy consumption in order to extend network lifetime. If discrete signal $x_N \in R^N$ can be sparsely represented as Θ_N using a transform basis ψ_{NXN}, can exactly recover x_N from y_m(MXN) measurement using minimization constrain here

$$y_M = \varphi_{MXN}\, x_N = \varphi_{MXN}\, \psi_{NXN}\, \Theta_N \quad (1)$$

The sensing matrix in (1), denoted as φMXN, will employ a sparse binary matrix, which has the ability to decrease energy usage while maintaining a competitive data compression ratio. The vector ɨN is sparse, meaning it has very few non-zero elements.

RELATED WORK

Uneven Clustering Model (UCS) is the pioneering approach to WSN architecture [3]. It is easy to control the sizes of individual clusters because it is assumed that the CHs are preset and organised symmetrically in circles around the network's central BS.

Clusters of different sizes are generated in EECS [4] according to the distance from the sink. This is the pioneering approach that takes advantage of clusters of different sizes. Through localised competition, it enhances data transmission performance and achieves uniform distribution of cluster heads. Reduced energy consumption during data transmission to the base station is likely due to the smaller sizes of clusters farther away station in one hop inter cluster communication.

Cluster heads are selected using the residual energy of neighbouring nodes in EEUC [6], a competition-based, self-organizing, topology-managing approach. Clusters with a shorter base station tend to be smaller than those with a longer distance. For data transit to the sink, each CH chooses additional CH in an ascending direction. This means that the cluster nodes can conserve power for relay communication between clusters and consume less power processing data within each cluster overall.

EADUC [7] uses rough competition ranges to c clusters of different sizes, and it chooses CH according to the average remaining energy of neighbouring nodes and the node's own residual energy. In order to save energy for inter-cluster data forwarding, the CH that is closest to the BS uses smaller cluster sizes. This helps to balance energy ingesting among cluster heads and extends the generation of the network. The technique generates clusters of varied sizes by means of uneven competition ranges. When a member of a cluster senses or collects data about their immediate environment, they report that information to the cluster leaders. Like LEACH, cluster leaders and members talk to each other face-to-face. Data forwarding based on trees is utilised for cluster communication. Nodes at the head of a cluster collect data from all of its members, process it, and then send it on to the nodes at the next hop.

The distance among the CH and the sink determines the scope of the clusters generated by UHEED [10]. Less important than the lifetime of the clusters nearest the sink is the lifetime of the leader (CH) closest to the sink. Cluster formation precedes the data exchange phase in the network, which occurs following rounds in which the cluster mechanism is activated. A single message is sent to the cluster head by each sensor node in this scenario. Cluster heads communicate with one another in a multi-hop method. In this case, the sink receives aggregated cluster head. The round concludes when the sink receives all aggregated data given by the cluster heads.

The collection of clusters in MUC that produce cluster heads using the Voronoi Diagram method [14]. Partitioning a space into multiple sections is what the procedure is all about. The transmission method will be

PEGASIS. This algorithm relies on low-energy chains. It establishes a data chain for the transmission and reception of data from all sensor nodes. Each cluster's head is accountable for consolidating data from its nodes and sending it to the sink. The data chain makes use of a greedy algorithm.

A Mobile Sink node, in its place of a node, is utilised by MUHRP [15] to gather fused heads. It employs a network of mobile sensors that may be controlled. Typically, a probabilistic strategy is used for CH selection. Upon reaching its target, the mobile sink node begins to neighbour other nodes. The next step is for nearby CHs to transmit their fused mobile sink node during the stay duration. In order to gather data packets, route. Using factors like distance and Residual Energy, it chooses a neighbouring head node to act as its relay. It considers the amount of power used when gathering data within a cluster.

Using a timer, DEU [18] chooses CH. First, the competitive radius is calculated for every node. So that CHs close to the washbasin don't die off first. In order to set the timer, the node uses its remaining energy. A routing tree maps out the paths that data takes. For this comparison, we use the following parameters: total residual energy, node variance, and total available nodes in WSN.

Following deployment, the sink and all nodes in ECDC [20] remain stationary. The energy levels of nodes might fluctuate. Reportedly, the distance may be changed by adjusting the power. Metrics such as the relative significance of coverage and residual energy of nodes are used to select cluster heads.

PROPOSED WORK

Cluster formation Phase

Neighbor node information is gathered via broadcasting neighbor node_msg, receiving neighbor_msg, and updating neighbor. Neighbor node information extends cluster distribution further than others and produces good cluster distribution. Then, CH chooses nodes based on their residual energy. Uneven CH competition ranges are utilized for clusters of varying sizes. In the case of a homogeneous network,

$$R_{comp}=\left(1-c\left(\frac{d_{max}-d(s_i,DS)}{d_{max}-d_{min}}\right)\right)R^0_{comp}$$

During the Cluster Formation Phase, CH near sinks have lesser cluster sizes to save energy for transfer. The entire network is organized into equal-sized grids. The lowest level CH chooses the nearest higher layer CH to build the routing tree.

Compressive Sensing Phase

Signal model: Data fields including pressure, sound, and temperature are often smooth in a number of real-world applications like habit monitoring and surveillance. The effect of level-specific sparsity K change is disregarded in that publication. So, to get the same sparsity K in a sparse signal representation, a smooth data field with uniform noise is a reasonable option. Prior to collecting random measurements, transform each collecting cluster using the Discrete Cosine Transform (DCT). The justifications for picking DCT are as follows:

(1) In contrast to Discrete Fourier Transform (DFT), it produces actual coefficients and quickly vanishing moments of the signal representation.

(2) Unlike the wavelet transform, it is not necessary for the cardinality of measurements to be a power of 2..

Recovery algorithm: The decoding process can be simplified and the related measured values lowered by using the Simultaneous orthogonal matching pursuit (SOMP) algorithm. The reconstruction efficiency of the decoder will be increased.

Data Transmission Phase

Intra-cluster communication: Each node in the cluster acts as a sensor, taking readings from its immediate surroundings and relaying them to the nodes at the head of the cluster.

Inter-cluster communication: After receiving data from their cluster members, cluster heads compress it using Compressed Sensing (CS) before sending it on to the next hop node. To communicate with the washbasin, these are the threshold distances. will choose the candidate forwarding the set of two nodes with the lowest.

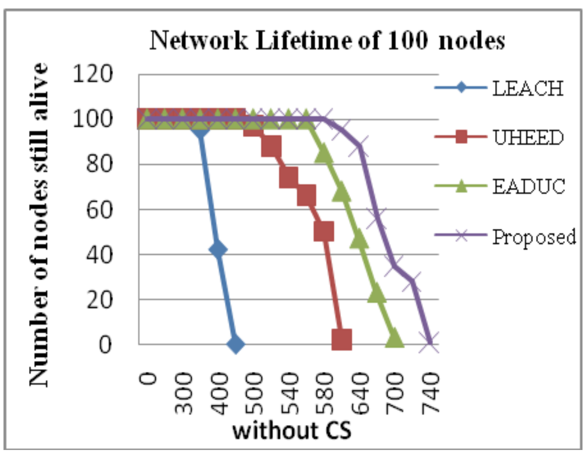
$$E_{relay}=d^2(s_i,s_j)+d^2(s_j,\text{sink})$$

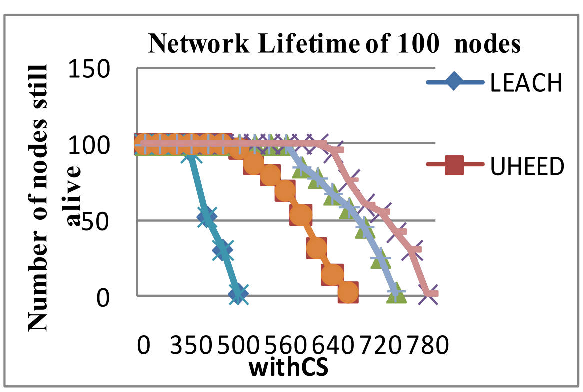
EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS

In that paper uses Matlab as a tool for simulation, distribute 100 sensor nodes randomly in a 200m X 200m arena. The parameters used for simulation are,

Parameters	Default value
Sum of Sensor Nodes	220
Network Dimension	(275,275)
Locality of the Sink	(80,250)
Nodes primary energy (K)	0.5 J
Data Packet dimension	2000 bytes
Broadcast Packet size	100 bytes
Transmitter circuitry dissipation (ETx-elec)	10 pJ/bit
Amplifier dissipation (Eamp)	0.015 pJ/bit/m^2

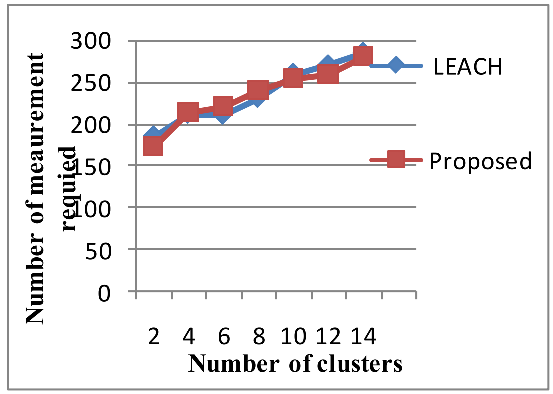
For experiments, used a 100-node network where nodes were arbitrarily dispersed among (x=0,y=0) and (x=200, y=200) with the sink at location (x=50 ,y=250). Assume that all the messages received from the cluster members can be encoded into k (k is compression ratio) message.





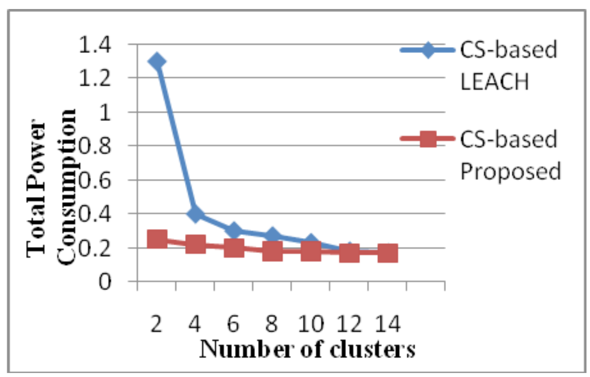
Estimation Error: Each procedure estimates a for the original sensing data . The assessment error is defined as:

$$e = \frac{\|v - v'\|_2}{\|v'\|_2}$$



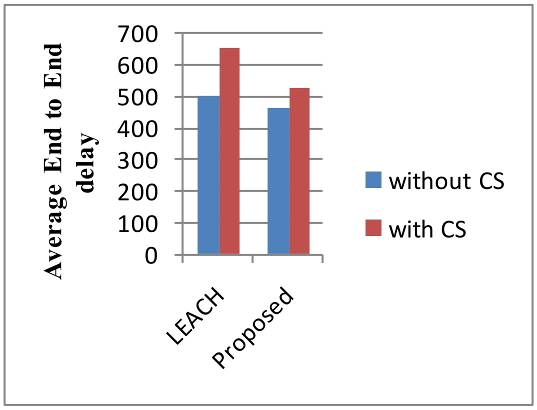
50-sparse random signal N=500. Sum of measurements compulsory to content an error-target =0.1

Compared with Orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) algorithm the rebuilding value of the sensor node error is less in Simultaneous orthogonal matching pursuit (SOMP) algorithm. SOMP has outstanding effect of reform. It gives a good performance and accuracy is also higher.



Entire power consumption when sink outside the sensing part

The absolute error performance of the SOMP algorithm is worse than that of the OMP method when the number of measured values is equal. Even though there are less measured values, the SOMP method can guarantee the reconstruction's accuracy rating. By doing so, we can reduce the network's power ingesting and boost the signal reconstruction efficiency.



Delay: By dividing the total number of slots by the period it takes for the last packet to spread the sink, we can find the data collecting delay. The latency could be much worsened if CS occurs.

CONCLUSION

Our paper outlined and evaluated a strategy for data assortment in clustered WSN using a combination of compressive sensing (CS) and uneven clustering. It demonstrates that clustering complexity and control message count are extremely low, which leads to reduced encoding complexity and, ultimately, energy savings. The design process involves arranging several sorts of clusters at various levels. A higher proportion of data that is not redundant is sent to the sink.

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Summarized Automatic Medical Report Generation on Chest X-ray using Deep Learning

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ABSTRACT

In India, there is an increase in the percentage of heart attack cases every day. To diagnose the heart in preliminary stages chest x-ray is an essential tool. Automatic generation of chest x-ray report relieves the extra burden on radiologist to correctly diagnose the disease. The proposed work is based on deep learning approach that generates summarized chest x-ray reports using impression generation. The proposed system takes X-ray image as an input and produces a descriptive report that highlights the key findings and abnormalities observed in the image. The Indiana University Chest X-ray dataset and their related reports serve as the training data for the model encoder-decoder employed in this method. Additionally, it employs an attention mechanism along with an encoder-decoder combination to learn the connection between the input images and their associated reports. The experimental results show that the model encoder-decoder integrating with attention mechanism beats other methods in terms of efficiency.

KEYWORDS: *Image captioning, Chest X-Rays, Encoder-decoder, Deep learning, Attention mechanism.*

INTRODUCTION

With medical imaging, the largest source of data i.e., medical data which is around 90% available in the healthcare sector [1]. According to some research [2], there are fewer radiologists are present per million people worldwide. Medical imaging has become an integral part of modern healthcare systems. Radiologists use various imaging techniques to diagnose and treat different medical conditions. One of the most common imaging techniques used is the chest X-ray, which is a inexpensive and non-intrusive imaging technique that allows radiologists to visualize the internal structure of the chest. However, interpreting chest X-ray images and generating accurate medical reports can be time-consuming and require specialized knowledge and training. In recent years, Deep learning algorithms have received increased attention as a way to automate the creation of medical reports from chest X-ray pictures. Convolutional neural networks and RNN are two deep learning models that have demonstrated significant promise for processing medical images and producing reliable reports. These models can learn complex features from the input images and utilise them to produce natural language descriptions of the observed abnormalities. Earlier text generation methods based on CNN-RNN architectures have predominantly utilized shallow LSTM networks. Deep, hierarchical approaches, however, often beat shallow networks in terms of learning capacities, according to research in object detection and image categorization [5].

This study aims to propose a deep learning based methodology for producing medical reports on chest X-ray images. The proposed system takes input X-ray images and produces a descriptive report that highlights the key findings and abnormalities observed in the image. The deep learning model utilised in this method is trained on a sizable dataset that go along with them from Indiana University [3], and it combines encoder-decoder and attention mechanisms to learn the connection between the input images and the reports. The proposed system has the potential to improve the efficiency of generation of medical report on X-ray images, which can be beneficial for radiologists, healthcare professionals, and patients. The system can reduce the time required to generate medical reports, allowing radiologists to focus on more complex cases and improving patient outcomes. Additionally, the system can help reduce the workload of radiologists, allowing them to handle a larger volume of cases and improve the overall efficiency of healthcare systems[12].

Fig 1: An ex. of a caption created by humans using the IU X-Ray dataset [17]

LITERATURE SURVEY

In this paper [14], the methodology used is Multilevel Multi-attention Approach (MLMA), Encoder-Decoder Framework. The publicly available dataset IUCXR collection is used for the system. This method was created to map a chest X-ray directly to a radiological report.

In this paper [15], Specifically, CNN is used as an encoder coupled with a multi-stage Stacked LSTM as a decoder to generate reports. The experiments conducted in generating radiology reports from medical images have yielded promising results. These experiments have highlighted the challenges associated with radiology report generation compared to generic image captioning.

In this paper [16], The proposed model offers a comprehensive digital workflow solution for radiologists, resulting in time and cost savings for both patients and radiologists. By streamlining the radiology process, the model helps minimize error redundancies, enhancing the overall efficiency and accuracy of diagnoses.

In this paper [17], the experiment was conducted on IU chest x-ray dataset using two approaches, and the evaluation was performed using the BLUE, ROUGE-L, and METEOR metrics. The experimental results of approach highlight the effectiveness of combining ChexNet, a deep learning model for analysis of chest x-ray, with a memory-driven transformer in the generation of captions for chest X-ray images. This combination has proven to be successful in producing accurate and informative captions than LXMERT, as demonstrated in the experimental evaluation.

In this paper [18], the methodology used is modified transformer architecture for generation of chest x-rays report using pre-trained convolutional neural networks. This model enables the generation of comprehensive and detailed medical reports, including longer descriptions and more extensive information.

In this paper [19], adversarial reinforcement learning is used as methodology. The reward modules in the system provide highly accurate rewards, which in turn contribute to the generator's ability to generate improved and higher-quality reports.

In this paper [20], the proposed methodology is machine learning technique with CNN. Used dataset for the system is NIH Chest X-ray dataset. The model demonstrates its capability to diagnose seven thoracic diseases (Atelectasis, Consolidation, Effusion, Mass, Nodule, Pleural Thickening, and Pneumothorax) with an accuracy of over 60% when treating it as a multilabel classification problem.

In this paper [21], CNN 2D technique implemented for feature extraction through CNN. The covid-19 dataset available at github and Kaggle is used in this proposed system. The system has yielded significant results. Using chest X-ray images, this method has proven to be effective at correctly identifying COVID-19 cases, showcasing its potential for fast and accurate diagnosis.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

Finding the impression from the provided chest x-ray images is the stated difficulty. It needs two types of images i.e., frontal, and lateral view of the chest.

Building a predictive model, which includes text and image processing to develop a deep learning model, is necessary to resolve this problem statement. The problem is divided into two parts, Encoder is the first part for feature extraction from image data, using transfer learning [22] method extract information from x-ray images. Give the image data to the decoder model in the second stage to obtain a medical report. First, create a CNN from scratch or use transfer learning to extract bottleneck features from images. Make use of LSTM or GRU to predict the captions using the features that were extracted. The result would be a list of words.

Performance Metric: To evaluate the model performance, use the use bilingual evaluation understudy (BLEU-n) [4] score. A well-known metric to assess how closely two hypothesis sentences resemble different reference sentences is called BLEU-n (where n=1-2-3-4). It provides a value between 0 and 1, depending on the number of reference sentences and the single hypothesis sentence provided. The two are extremely similar if the metric is near 1.

EDA & Pre-processing of data

Data Source: The used dataset is an Indiana University Chest X-ray dataset - Each patient's chest is depicted frontally and laterally in 7,471 photos in.png format. Radiology Report - In .XML format, there are 3955 patient text reports available. This XML file contains a huge amount of patient-related data, including image_id and text captions with terms like "comparison," "indication," "findings," "impression," and more. Take the findings feature out of these files and consider them like reports because for medical report they are more helpful. For each report's x-rays to be obtained, it is additionally necessary to extract the image_id from these respective files.

Data pre-processing

Preprocessing of text data is done during this stage to get rid of extra tags, words, punctuation, and numbers. Perform basic decontractions, such as changing words like "will not," "cannot," and "so on" into "will not," "cannot," and "so on," accordingly. Look for NaN values or empty cells. The final data points will contain a total of 3851 rows following the data preprocessing stage.

Exploratory Analysis of Data

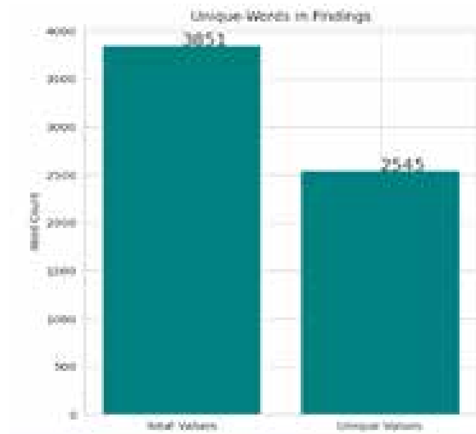

Fig 2: Unique words in findings

Think of two basic ideas: one explores the image data, and the other is studying the textual elements. Target feature, here it is findings feature is considered for text analysis.

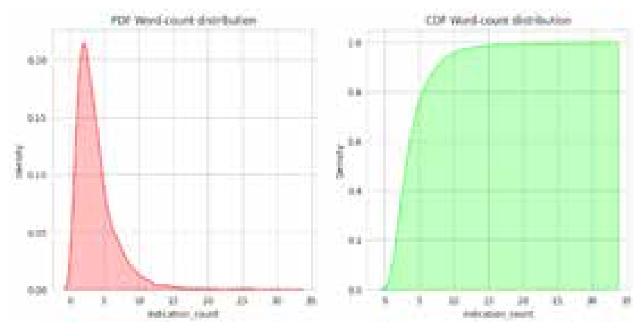

Fig 3: Findings feature word count distribution: PDF and CDF

Basic Model: Encoder-Decoder

A deep learning model known as a "sequence-to-sequence" takes items together in a sequence (here in this case, the features of an image) and generates a further collection of items (reports). The process includes following steps:

Image Captioning

At the point of convergence of NLP and computer vision image captioning [6] is a very active research area that involves automatically describing images or videos in natural language. Early on, language "tag-words" were frequently used in conjunction with visual data, approaching the task as a classification problem

[7]. The emphasis has shifted over time to creating clauses [8] and paragraphs [9] that provide increasingly thorough and extensive explanations of visual data. Using the encoder-decoder framework is a current trend in image captioning, which draws inspiration from machine translation techniques [10]. In more recent developments, various approaches have been introduced to enhance the efficiency of image captioning by incorporating additional information within the encoder-decoder framework. These methods seek to use more data to raise the overall level of generated captions [11]. Convolution-based captioning model was presented to overcome the problem of sequential processing in captioning tasks. This model provides a solution that, while using a different computational strategy that makes use of convolutional operations, yields outcomes similar to those attained by LSTMs. For language generation Convolutional-based decoders are used in the CNN+CNN-based encoder decoder system proposed by Wang et al [13].

Addition of Token in Text Data

Add <start> and <end> tokens to text data after generating new data points from existing data points, then get ready decoder input and output. The start and end tokens are unique tokens added at the beginning and end of each sentence respectively, to help the mode remember where each sentence begins and ends.

Tokenization

Deep learning and machine learning models cannot be fed text data since machines can only grasp numerical values. Utilise Tokenizer to transform text data into numbers. The Tensorflow Deep Learning Library provides the necessary tools for performing this function.

Feature of an Image

Transfer learning is a necessary technique for turning an image into a feature vector, together with the usage of weights from pre-trained CheXnet competition models. The CheXNET Model is a Denset121 layered model that has been trained on 112,120 chest x-ray images in order to classify 14 different diseases. After that, pass the image through the model after loading the weights. Each image is preprocessed in accordance with the DenseNet121 model's input since each patient has two X-rays, and the model's predictions for both images are combined at the end.

Architecture of Encoder-Decoder

In this design, image features are fed into a dense layer with 512 neurons, the concatenated image tensors are passed to the encoder, and a dropout layer is added for tuning. An embedding layer, a dropout layer, and an LSTM layer are all present in the decoder portion. The encoder_output input sequence has been passed to the embedding layer, which has then passed this layer's output to the dropout layer before feeding to LSTM. The LSTM layer is a unique class of RNNs and stands for long short term memory.

Model Performance: Visualized in TensorBoard

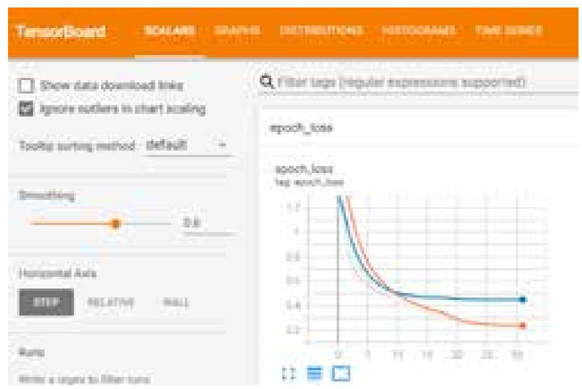

Fig 4: Model performance

Main Model: Encoder-Decoder with Attention

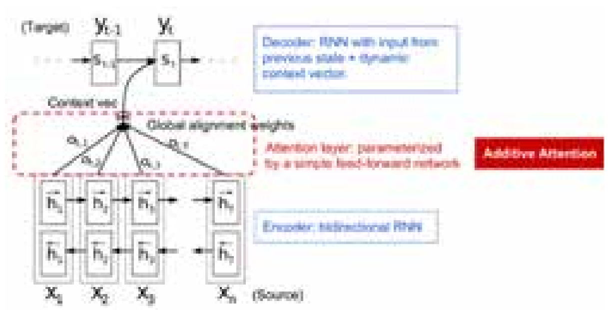

Fig 5: Architecture Encoder-decoder with Attention

In general, attention in deep learning can be thought of as a weight vector that indicates the relative relevance of various components. Use the attention vector to determine the correlation of a predicted or inferred element with other elements, such as a pixel in an image or a word in a sentence. Approximating the intended target by adding their weighted sums based on the attention vector.

Let us take a brief overview of the structure (Fig 5) of an encoder-decoder model with additive attention mechanism.

In the decoder stage, a bi-directional GRU is employed to extract comprehensive high-level features from the input, allowing for a deeper understanding of the input features.

Additive attention is a mechanism that assigns weight vectors (alpha) to each sequence of words and combines them with word-level features from each timestamp to form a vector of sentence-level features.

BLEU Score Formulation:

The quality of machine-generated translations is assessed using the BLEU (Bilingual Evaluation Understudy) score. It gauges how closely the computer-generated text resembles one or more reference translations that were produced by humans.

The following is the BLEU score formula:

BLEU = BP * exp(1/N * ∑[n=1 to N] w_n * log(p_n))

Where:

• BP refers to the brevity penalty, devalues condensed translations in comparison to reference translations. It has the following definition:

- min(1, e(1 - (reference_length/translation_length)))

"N" refers to the largest n-gram order (often 4) considered in the calculation.

"p_n" refers to the accuracy of n-grams (n-gram matches between the automatically translated text and reference translations) weighted by their respective weights.

"w_n" denotes the weight given to the accuracy of n-grams. These weights can be manually adjusted or distributed equally.

The symbol "" denotes the accumulation of all n-gram orders from 1 to N.

The precision `p_n` is computed as:

p_n = (count of n-gram matches) / (count of n-grams in the machine-generated text)

The BLEU score ranges from 0 to 1, with higher scores indicating better quality translations.

The encoder in the model is the same as it was in the basic model. A one_step_decoder layer has been added for the decoder, though. The state value, encoder_ output, and decoder_input are the three inputs this layer accepts. The decoder_input can be any character token number, which is first processed by the embedding layer. The embedding output, along with the encoder_output, is then passed through the attention layer, resulting in a context vector. This context vector is subsequently fed into the RNN-GRU along with the previous decoder state as the initial state. The outputs of each decoder step correspond to the subsequent word in the sequence. The collection of these outputs from all decoder steps, known as 'all-outputs,' will be final output.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The quality of a prediction is inversely related to its probability. In the case of printed Beam probabilities, they are represented as the negative logarithm of the actual probability score. This means that as the probability score decreases, the corresponding Beam probability increases, indicating a better prediction. The model's predictions closely resemble the original report, indicating its strong performance. But it is crucial to remember that even with the attention model, there may still be instances where accurate image predictions are not achieved. Considering that the model is trained on only 3200 data points, its performance is impressive. To capture more complex features, the model would benefit from a larger dataset.

Table 1: Comparison of model Performance

Models	BLEU1	BLEU2	BLEU3	BLEU4
Encoder-Decoder	0.11	0.23	0.32	0.38
Encoder-decoder with Attention	0.11	0.32	0.46	0.56

CONCLUSION

The presented model is encoder-decoder with attention for automatic generation of radiology reports by chest x-rays. Results from the basic model encoder-decoder were not very good. Building an attention model thereby enhances the model. The outcomes of this model are positive, and the interpretations of the impression statements produced from the X-ray images are meaningful. This system provides radiologists the better way to generate the radiology report and makes the radiology practice more efficient. The implementation results show reports generation from medical images. In general, report generation is more difficult as compared to image captioning. Additionally, the findings suggest that creating reports with abnormalities is very difficult than creating reports with normalities. Future work will focus on creating a system that can produce distinct sections of radiological reports and effectively highlight abnormalities within medical images using the attention mechanism. To further improve the calibre of radiology report generation, try integrating more sophisticated language models.

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A Novel Approach for Predicting Student Academic Performance using Data Mining Technique

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ABSTRACT

This study's primary goal is to use data mining techniques to forecast and evaluate students' academic achievement in relation to their involvement in forums and academic record. Academic intervention using Educational Data Mining (EDM) is becoming more popular. Education research is always growing since there is a wealth of student data that may be utilized to create useful patterns related to students' learning behaviours. Educational data mining is a tool that educational institutions can use to evaluate student performance and identify the successes of their students. The educational institutions can analyze the characteristics of their pupils in-depth using EDU. We have gathered student data for this study from various classes. On the dataset, the distinct data mining classification algorithms KNN, Support Vector Machines (SVM) were applied. These classifiers' prediction performance is evaluated and contrasted. With an overall prediction accuracy of 0.99%, it was shown that the KNN classifier performs better than the other two classifiers. The results of this study will assist educators in raising student achievement. We will put the models into practice and assess their precision, recall, and accuracy using data analysis and classification.

KEYWORDS: *Educational data mining, Classification, Academic performance prediction.*

INTRODUCTION

Accurately predicting students' performance helps reduce the burden on underachieving students at the beginning of the learning process. The greatest opportunities for education and skill development are the primary goal of any educational establishment. The rate of unemployment in Malaysia is rising somewhat annually. The 2017 unemployment rate is expected to be 3.42221%. Over the next ten years, there will be a small increase in unemployment. The next four years, from 2023 to 2026, saw growth at a pace of at least 3.8% [1]. Considering that the results show that the largest unemployment rate is among unemployed graduates from public universities. But the education sector has also shown that joblessness has gone up. The first examines the crucial elements influencing the unemployment rate in Malaysia. The findings indicate that general factors like population growth and inflation have a major effect on Malaysia's unemployment rate. To put it briefly, graduate students should be aware of the circumstances and ready for the uncertainty that comes with this unemployment. It is also the responsibility of governments to address unemployment head-on while avoiding negative effects on other social and economic issues.

Today, the prediction of student performance is growing more and more important because of the topic's immense importance for the growth of nations worldwide. The production of generations capable of steering this nation and its advancements in all spheres is fully dependent upon the educational process. Thus, advancing the academic process is one of the primary factors that drive governments to make sure that academic institutions reflect extensive and meticulous efforts to move the academic process towards continuous and improved advancement. Making predictions might aid in gaining knowledge about the future. Data mining is a process that helps hidden information by analyzing a variety of data sources related to a wide range of domains, including social enterprises, healthcare, and academia.

Learning environments become more successful when statistical analysis and deep learning analyses are applied. The current expansion in data acquired, which is based on academic data from various e-learning systems, as well as the developments made in traditional academic systems, have led to a rapid increase in the significance of EDM. The use of typical teaching resources such tables, pens, pencils and whiteboards, and large class sizes are some of the drawbacks of this kind of instruction. It also places more focus on the teacher than the students. The ability of EDM to link data from several domains gives it its strengths. It works using feature extraction from the vast amount of data the institute gives to aid in the advancement of the educational process. The procedures of examining, forecasting, grouping, and categorizing data from educational institutions are together referred to as educational data mining [2].

Despite the conventional database search, which can provide answers to queries like that is the ward that failed the exam, Complex questions like forecasting a student's exam success can be answered using EDM. Educational institutions work to create a model of each student so that the characteristics and performance of each individual student can be predicted separately [3]. Therefore, in order to guide their educational institutions, researchers in the EDM domain employ a variety of data mining techniques to assess their lecturers. The present academic systems are inefficient since adequate weight is not placed on predicting students' success. As a result, these systems are slow. Enhancing the effectiveness of education is the process of assessing the lessons that the student would find fascinating and knowing about his involvement in academic organizations [4].

Nowadays, a distributed database is quite beneficial because of its robust qualities that are applied in many different ways. Data is regarded as the essential component of any academic institution that allows for the proper and safe management of organizational data. In recent years, academics have focused a lot of attention on educational data mining (EDM) as a means of raising the standard of higher education. This study examines the variables that affect college students' academic success and creates a classification model that predicts student performance using both single- and ensemble-based classifiers. The ensemble model is especially useful for building a strong and trustworthy predictive model since it integrates several methods to get findings that are more accurate [5]. The approach makes it possible to spot at-risk pupils early on and suggest actions to raise their academic standing. Prior studies in this field have concentrated on applying classification to forecast results based on course performance, registration data, and grading schemes. Studies that predict students' eventual performance based on their scores using ensemble categorization systems are, nevertheless, scarce. Optimizing criteria are utilized to help students who perform poorly, and a multi-Agent based Distributed Data Mining technique is applied in this work to forecast student performance. The courses in the study plan that have the most effects on student performance will ultimately be determined by evaluating each one of them [6].

A distributed database is defined as one that seems to the user to be a single centralized database, but is actually spread over numerous servers in different locations. Because of this database dispersal, loads may be handled without taxing a single system [7]. These dispersed databases are coordinated to function as a single unit, enabling the simultaneous execution of various operations and guaranteeing a speedier delivery of information and outcomes. Wireless or network technologies are used to connect the systems, which include workstations, microcomputers, desktops, and servers, for inter-communication.

Factors that Influence Academic Performance of Students

Enhancing students' academic performance has always been the main goal of education. Researchers and educators have conducted several studies over the years to determine the elements that influence students' academic achievement, either positively or negatively. It is claimed that the socioeconomic, psychological, and environmental elements that affect student success would make evaluating academic achievement challenging [8,9]. In order to evaluate a student's academic achievement, exams play a unique role. In actuality, socioeconomic, academic, and demographic factors have a significant impact on student's exam success.

- Demographic Factors: Personal factors including age, gender, body mass index (BMI), eating habits, and disabilities, along with the type of family system, dwelling area, and sibling arrangement, are known as demographic variables.
- Academic Environment factors: Academic environmental factors include continuous evaluation assessments, the kind of education, the kind of institution, the location of the institution, the medium of instruction, private tutoring, the final grades received, the kind of community selected at the higher education level, and extracurricular activities. These factors directly impact a student's academic success at the higher education level.
- Socio-Economic factors: A family's socioeconomic standing is based on its income, the educational attainment, employment status, and social standing of its parents in the community. High socioeconomic status families typically have access to a wide range of resources to support and aid the development of early children, therefore they are also more proactive in getting their children ready for school. They are able to provide their young children with toys, books, and high-quality child care so they may participate in a variety of learning activities at home. Parents will find it simple to learn about their kids' social, emotional, and cognitive growth in addition to their general well-being.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Yagci et. al. (2022) [10] conducted that educational data mining has become an effective tool for exploring the hidden relationships in educational data and predicting students' academic achievements. This study proposes a new model based on machine learning techniques to predict the final exam marks of undergraduate students using the outcomes of their midterm tests as the primary data. Various machine learning algorithms were assessed and their outcomes compared in order to predict the students' final test scores: random forests, nearest neighbour, logistic regression, Naïve Bayes, and k-nearest neighbour. The academic status of 1854 students who enrolled in a Turkish state university's autumn 2019–2020 semester Turkish Language course. The analysis indicates that the proposed model has a 70–75% classification accuracy. The forecasts were based on just three categories of criteria: department, professor, and grades from midterm exams. These forms of data-driven studies are essential for helping with decision-making and for creating a framework for learning analysis in higher education.

Ramaswami et. al. (2022) [11] investigated that Poor academic performance of students is a concern in the educational sector, especially if it leads to students being unable to meet minimum course requirements. But by anticipating students' performance ahead of time, teachers can identify kids who are at danger and provide early interventions to help them overcome their learning challenges. Nevertheless, most research has adopted the strategy of creating separate models for each course when creating prediction models. Among a very wide range of options, these models are customized to particular characteristics of each course. Although this method has its limits, it can produce realistic models in some situations. When new courses are created or course data is small, overfitting frequently occurs. Moreover, there is a substantial expense associated with keeping an extensive model suite for each course. A generic, course-agnostic prediction model that can function in all courses, regardless of their differences, and capture more abstract patterns can be developed to address this problem. This study shows how at-risk students can be identified in a wide range of courses by using a generic predictive model. A variety of methods were used in the experiments, and the general model produced an effective accuracy. The results demonstrated that, in terms of F-measure, ROC (receiver operating characteristic) curve, and AUC scores, the CatBoost method outperformed the others on our dataset.

Viswanathan et. al. (2021) [12] analyzed that educational Data Mining (EDM) is a novel concept associated with developing methods for exploring the specific types of data produced by educational settings and using those approaches to effectively understand students and the environments in which they learn. Prediction makes an effort to mould patterns so that, given the data at hand, it can forecast outcomes or learning goals. For studies, predicting student success has become an interesting task. They use supervised and unsupervised EDM techniques to create a clear and effective model. Decision-makers can use this to improve student performance. A variety of strategies from both EDM techniques develop as a result of the issue of selecting the optimal model. This study presents the many models that were employed to address the issue of predicting student success through educational data mining. The purpose of this study is to describe the suggested approach for predicting student performance and to provide the results of an investigation into how well different data mining classification algorithms perform.

Vikas Singh et. al. (2018) [13] investigated that this study describes a project which aims at the implementation of an online student attendance management system which can act as an efficient means in maintaining proper correct and updated records. Utilizing a variety of online technologies, data mining, and database tools and approaches. At the moment, enormous amounts of data are kept in educational databases; these databases include important information that can be used to forecast students' academic success. They are able to put in place an attendance control system. Every student can have their own personalized report prepared, and attendance can be accessed at any time. For an educational institution to forecast enrolled students' future academic success, it must have a rough idea of their prior knowledge. This gives them the chance to focus on and aid individuals who would likely have lower attendance rates by helping them discover promising pupils and their parents. This system uses concepts of data mining techniques under a revolutionary decision tree-based algorithm to forecast students' attendance based on their past results. It keeps track of a student's attendance information from the first day of the course until the end, and it may be utilized for any reporting needs. It also keeps track of completed semesters, upcoming semesters, and curriculum information.

Kaura et. al. (2017) [14] examined that management of huge amount of data has always been a matter of concern. The quantity of data in educational institutions is growing along with the rise in awareness of education. A new area of data mining called Educational Data Mining has emerged as a result of the expansion of educational databases. The study shows the GPSO algorithm's data mining performance. The results of experimental work on the fundamentals of academic student performance are presented in this data mining study. It has been noted that the GPSO algorithm produces superior outcomes over the current method. The proposed hybrid (GPSO) approach outperforms the individual comparison because to its higher computational speed and faster convergence. The Hybrid GPSO algorithm combines the quick convergence of the PSO algorithm with the convenience of utilizing a previous GA solution to eliminate early convergence.

Mueen et. al. (2016) [15] analyzed that the main objective of this study is to apply data mining techniques to predict and analyze students' academic performance based on their academic record and forum participation. Academic intervention using Educational Data Mining (EDM) is becoming more popular. The educational institutions can analyze the characteristics of their pupils in-depth using EDU. They have gathered student data for this study from two undergraduate courses. This information set was subjected to three distinct data mining categorization algorithms: Neural Network, Decision Tree, and Naïve Bayes. Three classifiers' prediction performance is evaluated and contrasted. The Naïve Bayes classifier was shown to achieve an overall prediction accuracy of 86%, outperforming the other two classifiers. This study will assist educators in raising students' academic achievement.

Amrieh et. al. (2016) [16] examined that educational data mining has received considerable attention in the last few years. Numerous data mining techniques have been developed to reveal the knowledge that is hidden in educational data. The knowledge that has been extracted helps educational establishments improve the way they teach and learn. All of these enhancements boost student performance as well as the overall results of education. In this study, a novel student performance prediction model dubbed student behavioural characteristics based on data mining techniques is proposed, incorporating new data qualities and features. These kinds of elements are connected to the way in which students engage with the e-learning platform. Three classifiers are used to assess the effectiveness of the student's predictive model: artificial neural networks, decision trees, and naïve Bayesian models. Furthermore, we used ensemble techniques to enhance these classifiers' performance. They employed Random Forest (RF), Boosting, and Bagging three popular ensemble techniques found in the literature. The findings indicate a strong relationship between students' academic achievement and their behaviours. The accuracy of the suggested model incorporating those features increased by up to 22.1% when compared to the results of removing behavioural features, and by up to 25.8% when using ensemble approaches.

Manvar et. al. (2014) [17] investigated that to maximize the academic output of the students who are pursuing higher education, data mining is useful for finding valid pattern and extracting useful data. A system has been created here to forecast students' final accomplishment status based on their attendance record and continuous evaluation test. Rules that allow students to be classified in their anticipated classes are derived using a variety of data mining techniques (DMT). This leads them to their belief that they can identify trends in students based on their academic histories by using k-means and Apriori. It is challenging to manually search through the large database. We can quickly identify helpful patterns and forecast student behavior by using data mining.

Table 1: Comparison of literature review

Study	Focus of Study	Key Findings
Yagci et. al. (2022)	Predicting final exam marks using educational data mining	New model based on machine learning algorithms predicts final exam marks with 70-75% accuracy.
Ramaswami et. al. (2022)	Developing a generic prediction model for at-risk students	A generic predictive model identifies at-risk students across various courses with high accuracy, CatBoost method outperforms others.
Viswanathan et. al. (2021)	Exploring educational data mining techniques for student success prediction	Various data mining classification algorithms are evaluated for predicting student success.
Vikas Singh et. al. (2018)	Implementing an online student attendance management system	Using data mining techniques to forecast students' academic success based on attendance and prior knowledge.
Kaura et. al. (2017)	Assessing the performance of the GPSO algorithm in academic student performance prediction	The GPSO algorithm shows superior performance and a hybrid GPSO approach improves computational speed and convergence.
Mueen et. al. (2016)	Applying data mining techniques to predict academic performance	Naïve Bayes classifier achieves 86% accuracy in predicting academic performance, outperforming other classifiers.
Amrieh et. al. (2016)	Developing a student performance prediction model based on behavioral characteristics	Incorporating student behavioral features improves prediction accuracy by up to 25.8% using ensemble techniques.
Manvar et. al. (2014)	Using data mining to predict final achievement status based on assessment and attendance	Identifying patterns in student behavior based on academic records using k-means and Apriori algorithms.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1 Problem Identification: Define the issue you wish to solve, such as employing deep neural networks to predict academic success. Decide which precise academic performance indicators, such as grades, test results, or success/failure outcomes, you want to be able to anticipate.

Data Collection: Collect information about educational topics from many sources. This could be student records, test results, attendance data, demographic data, engagement data, or any other information that might have an impact on academic success. Make sure the data covers an appropriate time period and is representative of the target demographic.

Data Preprocessing: Cleaning and preprocessing the collected data will ensure its quality and analytical value. This necessitates doing tasks including handling missing data, eliminating duplicates, standardizing data formats, and handling formats. Also, carry out any required data modifications, such as feature scaling or categorical variable encoding.

Feature Selection: Decide which aspects or factors are most important and likely to have an impact on academic performance. Perform exploratory analysis of data to learn more about the connections between various variables and how they relate to academic achievements. To choose or design features that are instructive for the prediction task, take into account both domain expertise and data-driven methodologies.

Data Split: Subsets for training, validation, and testing should be created from the preprocessed dataset. The testing set is used as a separate evaluation to determine how effectively the model generalizes, while the validation set is utilized to fine-tune the hyperparameters and choose the optimal model. The machine learning model is trained using the training set.

Model Selection: The projecting academic performance will be successful with the deep learning architecture. Common topologies include convolutional neural networks, feed-forward neural networks, recurrent neural networks, long short-term memory, and others. Consider the problem's complexity, the data that are available, and the particular characteristics of academic performance data while selecting a model.

Model Training: Utilizing the training dataset, train the chosen deep neural network model. Establish the network design, activation and loss functions, and optimization techniques (such as stochastic gradient descent) that are appropriate for the task. To enhance the performance of the model, experiment with various hyperparameters such as learning rate, batch size, regularization methods, and network depth.

Model Evaluation: To assess the trained model's performance, use the validation dataset. It is important to obtain measurements for the following evaluation metrics, area under the receiver operating characteristic curve, mean squared error, recall, accuracy, precision, and accuracy. To determine the model's effectiveness, compare its performance to that of reference models or other techniques.

RESULT

The proposed system from machine learning approaches involves analyzing the model's predictions and evaluating its performance metrics. Depending on the particular prediction task, these measures could include accuracy, precision, recall, F1 score, or support and a look at the confusion matrix. SVM, the suggested model, KNN (K-nearest neighbor were evaluated for their efficacy. The Accuracy, precision, recall, and F1 score are commonly used evaluation metrics for classification models.

Accuracy: Accuracy quantifies the overall accuracy of a model's predictions. It computes the proportion of instances that were correctly predicted (both true positives and true negatives) relative to the total number of instances.

Accuracy = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)

where TP represents true positives, TN represents true negatives, FP represents false positives, and FN represents false negatives. Accuracy provides a general overview of the model's performance, but when dealing with imbalanced datasets, it can be inaccurate.

Precision: Precision emphasizes the accuracy of the model's optimistic predictions. The ratio of true positives to the total number of predicted positives (true and false positives) is computed.

Precision = TP / (TP + FP)

Precision depicts the model's capacity to avoid false positives, or correctly identify positive instances without misclassifying negative instances as positive.

Recall (Sensitivity or True Positive Rate): The recall of the model quantifies its capacity to identify good examples. It calculates the proportion of actual positives true positives and false negatives to true positives.

Recall = TP / (TP + FN)

Recall reveals the model's capacity to recognize all positive instances without missing any (false negatives).

F1 Score: A weighted average of memory and accuracy determines the F1 score. By combining precision and recall, it offers a thorough assessment of the model's performance. F1 score is equal to 2 * (precision*recall) / (precision+recall).

When there is an unequal distribution of positive and negative classes or when false positives and false negatives have different effects, the F1 score, which equally weights precision and recall, can be valuable.

Support vector machine confusion matrix

The confusion matrix analyses expected and actual labels to evaluate how well a model performs in categorization. It is frequently used to evaluate the accuracy of a classification model by displaying the counts of true positives, true negatives, false positives, and false negatives. However, the performance of an SVM model can be evaluated using a confusion matrix to determine how accurately it predicts various classes. The confusion matrix can shed light on the model's precision, recall, and other evaluation metrics. This technique combines support vector machines and confusion matrices to evaluate the efficacy of an SVM model.

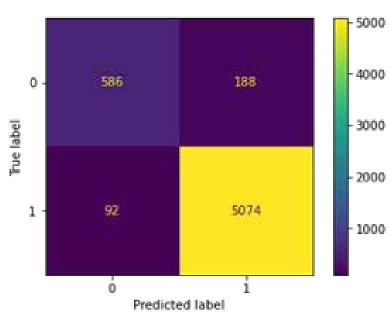

Figure 1: Support vector machine confusion matrix

Support vector machine classification report

Table 2: Representation of Support vector machine classification

	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
Pass	0.86	0.76	0.81	774
Fail	0.96	0.98	0.97	5166
Accuracy			0.95	5940
Macro avg	0.91	0.87	0.89	5940
Weighted avg	0.95	0.95	0.95	5940

The provided table depicts the support vector machine classification. Two classes are used to evaluate the model: Pass and Fail. Each class's calculated metrics include precision, recall, and F1-score. The support column displays the quantity of instances that belong to each class. The model's overall accuracy is 0.86, meaning that 86% of occurrences were properly classified. The Macro avg of class imbalance, this row displays average metrics for both classes. The Weighted avg of row represents the average metrics, taking into account for class imbalance. For the Pass class: The precision associated with the Pass class is 0.96. Precision is the fraction of all affirmative predictions that are accurate. It indicates that 96% of the predicted Pass instances were in fact Pass in this instance.

Recall for the Pass class is 0.76. Recall gauges how many accurate positive forecasts there were compared to all the positive instances that actually happened. In this case, 76% of the authentic Pass instances were accurately detected by the model. The F1-score for the Pass class is 0.86. Since the F1-score is the harmonic mean of the model's recall and precision, it is a balanced performance metric. There are 774 occurrences of the Support Pass type.

For the Fail class: The precision of the Fail class is 0.98, indicating that 98% of predicted Fail instances were accurate. The recall for the Fail class is 0.87, meaning that the model correctly classified 87% of real instances of Fail as such. The Fail class's F1-score is 0.95, which indicates average performance. The Support Fail class has 5166 instances. The Macro average row shows the mean of the F1-score, recall, and precision for both classes, regardless of any imbalance between the classes. The Weighted avg row shows the average when accounting for the quantity of examples in each class. The overall accuracy is 0.86, with the Fail class having superior performance metrics than the Pass class.

KNN(K-Neighbors) Confusion Matrix

In classification or regression, the predicted label or value for a brand-new data point is established by majority, respectively, using the labels or values of the nearest neighbors. As it requires calculating distances for each new data point, it can be computationally costly, particularly with large datasets. In addition, determining an appropriate value for k and a suitable distance metric are essential factors for accurate KNN predictions.

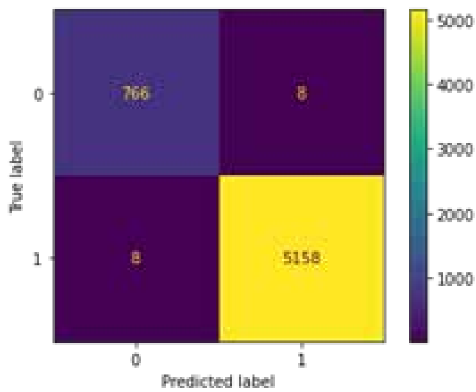

Figure 2: Representation of KNN confusion matrix

KNN (K-neighbor classification report

Table3: Representation of KNN Classification

	Precision	Recall	F1-score	Support
Pass	0.99	0.99	0.99	774
Fail	1.00	1.00	1.00	5166
Accuracy			1.00	5940
Macro avg	0.99	0.99	0.99	5940
Weighted avg	1.00	1.00	1.00	5940

The Table 3 represents the evaluation for a KNN classification model. The proportion of positive instances correctly anticipated out of all positive instances predicted. The Pass class has a precision of 0.99. The proportion of actual positive instances for which the prediction was accurate. The recall of the Pass class is 1.00. The harmonic average of the two, which is a balanced measurement of precision and recall. The pass class's F1-score is 0.99. The number of instances present in each class. There are 5,166 Fail cases compared to 774 Pass instances. The proportion of instances that were accurately predicted across all instances. The accuracy is 0.99. The average of the F1 score, recall, and precision for each class, taking into account any class imbalance. Recall, F1-score, and accuracy are all 0.99 on a large scale. The average recall, F1-score, precision, and recall for all classes vary according to the number of instances in each class. The precision, recall, and F1-score average weights are all 1.00. The model has achieved exceptional precision and performance for both the Pass and Fail classes, with an overall accuracy of 0.99.

CONCLUSION

This study uses data mining techniques to forecast and assess academic achievement of students. Student data from several classes, collected over two semesters, was used to inform all of these techniques. Classification models were developed for this study in order to forecast students' academic achievement. With an overall prediction accuracy of 0.99%, the data show that the KNN classifier performs better than the other two classifiers. Teachers might use this study to identify students who are likely to drop out of a course early. The teacher can provide those children more attention and support to improve their academic achievement. Several studies are being done in this area, discovering several elements including the instructor, family, or personal characteristics of the student. Student performance is impacted by a variety of factors, either alone or in combination. Due to the abundance of information available about how students interact with learning management systems, educational data mining has gained potential as a tool for analyzing and predicting students' academic performance and assisting them in improving their performance by acting appropriately and on time. The study has mostly used demographic characteristics from these kinds of systems; other characteristics have received less attention. Additionally, by combining SVM and KNN classifiers, an ensemble-based model is suggested and put into practice to enhance the outcomes. The investigation may come to the conclusion that the suggested model for forecasting underachievers had the best accuracy, precision, and recall. The current investigation demonstrates that the ensemble model outperforms the single base classifier and is in line with the study's inferences.

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Sleeping State EEG Analysis of Children with ADHD using EPOC+ and Machine Learning Approach

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ABSTRACT

Purpose

Delay in communication and impaired social participation are defining characteristics of children with "attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)". They also exhibit altered electroencephalographic (EEG) signals in the fractional value of theta over beta and spectral power during resting state (TBR). Contrarily, some analyses of EEG neuromarkers specifically for adult ADHD found conflicting results, suggesting that ADHD neuro-markers still need to be identified [1]. In the current study, the resting-state EEG was assessed in 55 controls and 50 sleeping ADHD child.

Design/methodology/approach

The current study assessed the resting-state EEG of children with ADHD. An analysis of machine learning techniques was used to determine whether EEG spectrum power (1-45Hz) and TBR could be used to categorize Children as ADHD and control. In most cases, majority of cases this disease can persist into adulthood (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). Diagnoses are established using arbitrary behavioral standards. In order to determine these criteria, organized clinical interviews are used (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). Collecting "electroencephalography (EEG)" data while a person is not performing any particular tasks (i.e., in the "resting state") is one method for examining the brain systems in ADHD.

Findings

As a neuro-marker for diagnosis, the precise EEG power parameters that best describe ADHD in children and their controls may be used. The machine learning methods to measure the performance of the ADHD classification model has been used in comparison to control classification models, our findings demonstrated high prediction accuracy for ADHD (AUCs = 0.52–0.61). Children with ADHD can be distinguished from control children by having higher absolute or relative power in various frequency bands. Similar to our findings, ADHD patients have higher power in the alpha, beta, delta, and theta bands. Eyes-open delta absolute powers and low beta absolute powers are the best interpreters of "ADHD status".

Originality

The research work conducted in this experiment uses contemporary tool i.e. EPoc+ which is accurate and reliable for the detection of the EEG signals along with modern machine learning techniques and is used for the first time in such studies. Moreover, the study has been conducted to real time and large data set as compared to previous studies.

INTRODUCTION

Children with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) have been characterized by impaired social participation, social imagination, and delayed communication, and very often this disorder last until adulthood as per (American Psychiatric Association, 2013). The diagnosis of ADHD has been made using arbitrary behavioral standards and the criterions are determined through structured clinical interviews (American Psychiatric Association, 2013).

Electroencephalography (EEG) signals data collection while a person is not performing any specific tasks is one method of examining the brain systems in ADHD (i.e. "resting state") condition. EEG signals in a resting state can be decomposed into bands that oscillate at different frequencies. These frequencies are usually described in terms of the delta, theta, and beta frequency bands, etc. Absolute or relative power parameters can also be used to describe the power of these frequency bands and can be as performance metric. The relative power is expressed as a percentage of power in one band relative to other bands. ADHD children have higher levels of fronto-central and posterior theta power, beta bands [5, 8], theta [9], and alpha and beta range [5]. A large sample size study (about N = 800), found that ADHD adults had a decreased TBR (Loo and al., 2013). Additionally, theta power, TBR, and age have been shown more than ADHD presence (Arns and Liechti, 2013).

Modern Artificial Intelligence based techniques created classification models that could separate children with ADHD from controls using EEG spectral strength, including TBR [1]. However, the stated methods can cause an enhanced accuracy sing ML techniques that use neuroimaging information to classify ADHD. The previous studies have found several problems, including a shortage of out-of-sample testing, limited sample sizes, and inadequate sampling. These factors could lead to "overfitting,", where the model's fit may be disproportionally affected by the data. This can cause the model to fail to adapt to new datasets.

This study was designed to identify EEG spectral characteristics as no study has yet used machine learning to classify EEG spectral power to classify children with ADHD and controls from sleeping state EEG signals It has been hypothesized that an increase in "delta and theta power" would best predict ADHD status.

METHODS AND MATERIALS

The following are the methods and material used to conduct the research work:

Participants

There were 55 control children (24 females, 31 males) and 50 children with ADHD (22 females, 28 males). Every participant was right-handed person with either uncorrected or normal eyesight. 28 volunteers with ADHD were chosen from NGOs and rest were contacted personally. A score of less than 65 on the CARS's ADHD subscale or a diagnosis of ADHD was necessary for inclusion.

Procedure

Both groups had their resting-state (while sleeping) EEGs taken. Emotive EPOC+ was used to get EEG data from 14 electrodes. The "Emotiv EPOC" headset [4] outputs 128 samples per second (from 2048 internally recorded) with 14-bit resolution (0.51 mV step for 8400 mV dynamic range) from 14 monopolar felt-based gold-plated electrodes roughly placed in locations "AF3, AF4, F3, F4, F7, F8, FC5, FC6, T7, P8, O1, O2", and according to the Modified Combinatorial Nomenclature for the 10-20 positioning system [31]. In "EPOC+", the temporo-occipital area is represented by electrodes P7 and P8, and the occipital region by electrodes O1 and O2. The ground (CMS) electrode rather than electrode AFz as in [11] is present in the left mastoid of the Emotiv EPOC, and there are more electrodes overall.

Data Analysis

EEG pre-processing and analysis

Using Emotive-Pro, which automatically recognizes the Delta, Theta, Alpha, and Beta bands, EEG data was pre-processed. The check was done to ensure the accuracy of the EEG data and to weed out abnormalities. Values of raw power were scaled up to decibels for absolute power. Relative power was calculated as the fraction between the power at each frequency and the sum of all 45 frequencies. The average absolute force in the theta bands (4–8 Hz) and the average absolute force in the beta bands were divided to get the ratio of theta to beta absolute power, or TBR (1–30 Hz).

Machine learning analysis

About “Ten cross-validation (CV)” folds of the data were initially created. An 80 percent training set and a 20 percent data set were included in each CV fold. The two steps of data analysis are feature selection and model optimization. In the feature selection step, the nested data set is subjected to logistic regression. The nested set assessed the model. The accuracy of this stage is evaluated using the Area Under the Curve (AUC) method.

Selected features were used as predictors in penalized logistic recalibration with a variety of parameters during the model optimization phase. The model with the highest “area under the curve” was produced by combining thresholds, and model parameters. In each main fold, they were used to produce final models. Every participant was included in at least one out-of-sample sample test besides repeating this analysis ten times with different fold allocations for each model. The entire analysis had to be run 100 times to get rid of any potential quirks in a model. The results are the average values over all iterations. By comparing each model to the null model produced using random-label-permutation, the effectiveness of each model was further demonstrated.

During Sleeping, the average number of epochs were 78.0 (“Standard deviation” = 8.2 and “range” 51-117). Table 1 shows the prediction accuracies for classification models.

Table 1: Prediction Accuracies

Measure	Condition	Performance Metric	ADHD Control
Sleeping State	Absolute Power	AUC	0.59**
		Sensitivity	53
		Specificity	52
	Relative Power	AUC	0.61**
		Sensitivity	54
		Specificity	53
	TBR	AUC	0.52*
		Sensitivity	52
		Specificity	50
	**p<0.001		
	*p<0.1		

ADHD versus control

Spectral power

Sleeping State

Using AROC, Sensitivity, and Specificity, a model’s predictive accuracy was assessed. To assess the prediction accuracy, the t-test with 100 iterations was used. A significant threshold of p =.01 was observed. Separate datasets with absolute or relative power (or TBR), from either eye-closed or open conditions, were subjected to machine learning analysis (18 models).

Theta- beta Fraction

The sleeping TBR model exhibits a significant difference with AUC=0.52. An increase in TBR over the parietal and a decrease in TBR over the right central areas were the best indicators of ADHD status (Table 1). Figure 1a-c shows the a) AUC of Absolute Power, Relative Power and TBR Power and TBR b) Sensitivity (%) of Absolute Power, Relative Power and TBR c) Specificity (%) of Absolute Power, Relative Power and TBR.

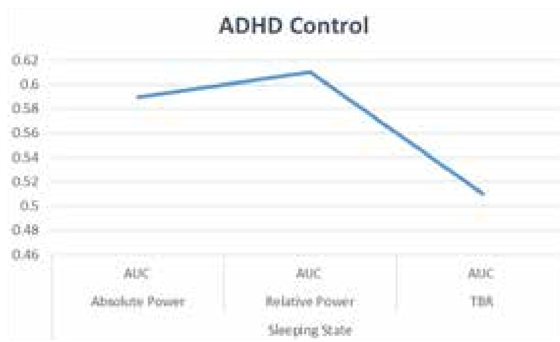
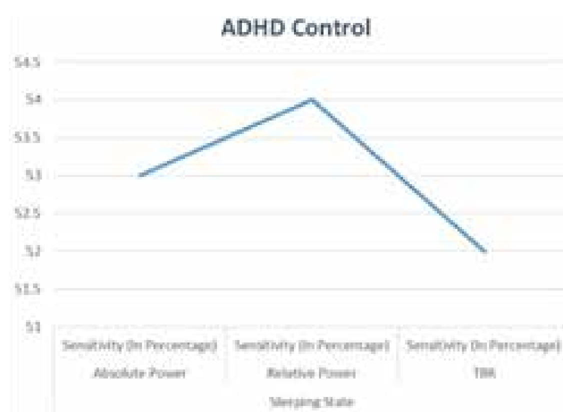
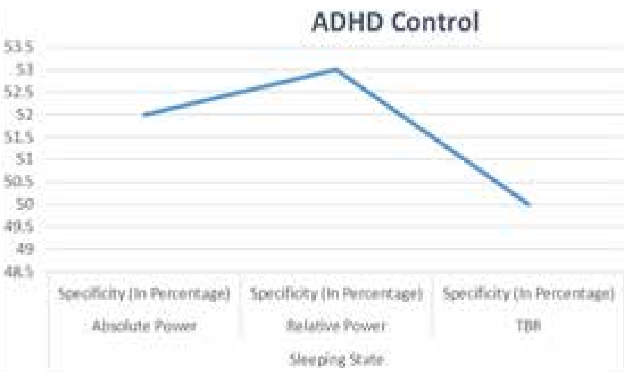


Figure 1 a)AUC of Absolute Power, Relative Power and TBR Relative Power and TBR



b) Sensitivity(%) of Absolute Power, Power and TBR



c) Specificity (%) of Absolute Power, Relative Power and TBR

DISCUSSION

As a neuro-marker for diagnosis, the precise EEG power parameters that best describe ADHD in children and their controls may be used. The machine learning methods to measure the performance of the ADHD classification model has been used in comparison to control classification models, our findings demonstrated high prediction accuracy for ADHD (AUCs = 0.52–0.61). Children with ADHD can be distinguished from control children by having higher absolute or relative power in various frequency bands. Similar to our findings, ADHD patients have higher power in the alpha, beta, delta, and theta bands. Eyes-open delta absolute powers and low beta absolute powers are the best interpreters of "ADHD status". Our research and that of others point to absolute and relative power in slow waves above the centro-parietal region (i.e., theta, delta, and low-alpha) as the most prevalent neuro markers for ADHD while the eyes are open. The frontal or parietal regions, however, can have faster waves (i.e. Low-beta or mid-beta neuronal markers may be used to diagnose adult ADHD. Finding mediational end phenotypes using resting-state EEG data was a secondary goal. These are subclinical indicators of the disorder's gene expression, and first-degree relatives should exhibit them more frequently than unrelated controls (Hutchinson, Tye, and Aldrich, 2013). First-degree relatives could be distinguished from controls using their eyes-open relative and absolute power (AROC = 0.72, 0.68, respectively). The ADHD versus first-degree relative classification models predicted absolute and relative power for eyes-open models with high accuracy (AROC = 0.70, AROC = 0.71), but only moderately (AROC = 0.55-0.60 and relative eyes-closed powers) for age-matched samples. Prior research on the heritability of ADHD using EEG spectral power only provided heritability estimates and comparisons/differences in EEG data between relatives. Still, first-degree relative-specific EEG predictors have not received enough attention [11]. In the current study, predictors were found that set ADHD apart from controls and first-degree relatives. These characteristics are neurobiological mechanisms that act as a bridge between inherited traits, behavior, and adult ADHD. These models shared common predictors, including a rise in the absolute powers of the left and right frontal beta with eyes closed and a fall in the absolute powers of the left and right frontal delta with eyes open. These results are consistent with recent meta-analyses and reviews [12] that cast doubt on TBR's applicability as a neuro marker for adult ADHD. Notably, TBR failed to tell adults with ADHD apart from control adults. TBR calculations using the low beta band (13-21Hz; AROC = 0.50 both eyes-open TBR) have verified this result; for details, see Tables S8 to S9.According to a study conducted by the researcher [7], these findings are in line with the non-statistically significant and low accuracy estimates (44-59%) of TBR found in meta-analytic and empirical studies over the previous six years. TBR may be higher in ADHD subgroups, but it is unknown what these subgroups are like or what kind of brain state is being reflected [8]. Our findings showed that the spectral power in the eyes-open condition was more precise than the power in the eyes-closed condition. The majority of the adult research employed the eyes-closed condition [8]. Eyes-closed classification models had very poor predictive accuracy for the presence of ADHD (AROC = 0.56-0.58). The differences in power between eyes open and eyes-closed are probably related to emotions like alertness or arousal. One such instance is the global alpha desynchronization that results from opening the eyes while recording resting-state data [14]. Arousal levels are lower in people with ADHD than in healthy individuals. One of the many hypotheses that account for the altered EEG spectrum power in ADHD is the hyperarousal of the central nervous system. In comparison to earlier studies, this one is better. To predict prediction accuracy, we combined "machine learning" with penalized regression, out-of-sample validation, and a "machine-learning approach". This avoids a lot of the problems that classification models can cause[16]. The second was that large samples of adult subjects from all three groups were subjected to high-density, resting-state EEG (N = 134). Both men and women with ADHD were included in our study in equal numbers. Additionally, there was no difference in IQ, age, education level, or sex balance between the ADHD and control groups. Third, the entire scalp and all frequencies between 1 and 45 Hz were used as predictors. Finally, models for classifying ADHD frequently use fMRI resting [1]. However, EEG is less expensive, has fewer limitations than fMRI, and can be applied to a wider range of clinical populations. There are several limitations to further research. Initially, only internal cross-validation was used in the analysis; there was no external validation.[15]. The sample size fell below the suggested range of 100–150 participants[12]. To improve the accuracy of variability and significance estimations, we conducted permutation testing [17], which reduces the possibility of inaccurate estimates being overstated. Thirdly, fatigue or drowsiness may have affected the EEG, even though it is unlikely that medication-related model accuracy was caused by it (55% of ADHD participants were medication-naive and all medicated participants had a minimum 36-hour washout period). Fourth, due to the small number, we did not examine the classification accuracy of EEG spectral power for various ADHD presentations/ subgroups as per prior studies[16]. Additionally, we did not take gender differences in ADHD into account. In order to more accurately represent adults with ADHD, we included females in our analysis, as roughly half of those with ADHD are female. We lacked sufficient first-degree kin to examine parents and siblings separately. Age matching would have been possible with this. Furthermore, we were only able to find three pairs of first-degree relatives with ADHD. This made it impossible for us to determine heritability estimates for EEG spectral powers. One of the study's limitations is that it does not address the possibility—indeed, the likelihood—that adult ADHD has more than one origin. There's a chance that not all potential causes were found by our EEG classification analysis. ADHD symptoms may be detected in EEG frequency patterns. Doing a cluster analysis on EEG data from ADHD patients is another strategy to see if any subgroups appear. However, this strategy would call for millions more participants.

CONCLUSION

The advanced approach to finding prognostic Neuromarkers is part of the classification of persons based on their EEG features, which goes beyond group-level comparability [1] [2]. Although it didn't perform at a level that could be applied in clinical practice, EEG classification performed better than anticipated. Our results suggest that additional assessment and prognostic tools for the diagnosis of adult ADHD should incorporate eyes open absolute and relative power rather than TBR. This data consists of clinical details provided by the patients, such as results from recognized clinical questionnaires (like the CARS) and family history. The "big data in psychiatry" approach, which can greatly aid both clinical research and practice is compatible with the current study.

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Exploring the Study on Soil Classification using Color Image Processing for Agricultural Applications

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ABSTRACT

Soil is a fundamental component of the Earth's ecosystem, playing a crucial role in supporting plant growth and sustaining agricultural productivity. Soil classification helps in understanding soil properties and suitability for various land uses. Soil color is a key parameter used in soil classification, providing valuable information about its composition, fertility, and environmental conditions, organic matter content, and mineralogy. This paper explores the significance of soil color and its properties in agriculture, emphasizing the role of image processing techniques in analyzing and interpreting soil color information. By integrating color analysis with other soil properties, agricultural researchers can make informed decisions regarding land use and soil management practices.

KEYWORDS: *Soil color, Classification, Image processing.*

INTRODUCTION

Soil, the foundation of terrestrial ecosystems, serves as a dynamic medium for plant growth and sustains the intricate balance of life on Earth. Agriculture, as a vital component of human survival and economic prosperity, relies heavily on the intricate interplay of various soil properties. Among these properties, soil color emerges as a conspicuous and informative characteristic, reflecting the soil's composition, structure, and fertility. The intricate relationship between soil color and its properties has long been recognized and harnessed by farmers and scientists alike, but recent advances in image processing technologies have propelled our ability to extract detailed information from soil color patterns, ushering in a new era of precision agriculture.

Agriculture's reliance on soil is fundamental, as it provides the physical support, water, and nutrients necessary for plant growth. The health and fertility of soil directly impact crop yields, making soil management a critical factor in agricultural practices. Soil properties, including texture, structure, and nutrient content, influence the success of crop cultivation and the overall sustainability of agricultural systems. Within this intricate web of soil attributes, the significance of soil color emerges as a visible, yet often overlooked, indicator of the underlying soil conditions.

The color of soil is a result of complex interactions between its mineral composition, organic matter content, and environmental factors. A. H. Munsell's work in the early 20th century laid the foundation for the modern understanding and classification of soil colors. The Munsell Color System introduced a standardized way of describing colors using a notation system consisting of hue, value, and chroma [1]. This system is now widely adopted in soil science, enabling consistent and precise communication about soil colors. Hue represents the dominant color, value indicates the lightness or darkness, and chroma signifies the intensity or vividness of the color. The ability to decipher these subtle variations in soil color provides valuable insights into the soil's physical and chemical characteristics.

Soil color serves as an indicative parameter for several critical soil properties. Odeh, McBratney, and Chittleborough [2] explored the relationship between soil color and soil composition. Their study emphasized that soil color is an excellent indicator of soil composition, specifically regarding mineral content and organic matter. Soil color variations are associated with differences in mineral composition, organic matter content, and environmental conditions. Thus, understanding these variations is critical for soil classification and assessment. Dark-colored soils, often associated with high organic matter content, are generally more fertile due to increased nutrient retention and microbial activity. Light-colored soils, conversely, may suggest lower organic matter content and potential nutrient deficiencies. The color variations can also signal differences in soil texture, drainage, and redox conditions. Recognizing these correlations empowers farmers to tailor their agricultural practices to the specific needs of their soil, optimizing crop growth and resource utilization.

Traditional methods of soil color assessment relied on manual observations and comparisons with color charts, which were inherently subjective and prone to human error. The advent of digital imaging technology and sophisticated image processing techniques has revolutionized the way we analyze and interpret soil color. High-resolution cameras and spectrophotometers enable the capture of detailed soil color images, while image processing algorithms facilitate the extraction of quantitative data on hue, value, and chroma. This shift from qualitative to quantitative analysis enhances the accuracy and reliability of soil color assessments, providing a more robust foundation for decision-making in agriculture.

Image processing techniques play a pivotal role in transforming raw soil color data into meaningful information. Color segmentation algorithms isolate specific regions of interest within an image, allowing for the targeted analysis of soil color variations. Feature extraction algorithms quantify subtle nuances in color, enabling the characterization of complex. The general architecture of soil color classification is as shown in Figure 1.

Remote sensing techniques, such as satellite and aerial imagery, contribute to large-scale soil color assessments. These methods provide a comprehensive overview of soil conditions across vast agricultural landscapes, aiding in the identification of spatial variations in soil properties. Remote sensing data, when coupled with image processing algorithms, offer valuable information for precision.

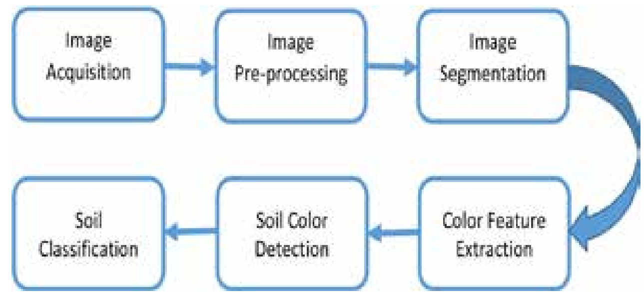

Figure 1: Architecture of soil color classification

LITERATURE REVIEW

Focused on estimating soil organic carbon, Vasques, G. M., Grunwald et.al. [3]leverages Very Near-Infrared (VNIR) hyperspectral data. The research underscores the applicability of hyperspectral technology for predicting soil organic carbon levels. The insights gained are valuable for precision agriculture, aiding in the management of soil fertility and carbon sequestration.

Vasques, G. M et al. [4] conducted a comprehensive comparison of various techniques for extracting soil properties from aerial hyperspectral imagery. The comparative analysis provides a nuanced understanding of the strengths and limitations of different approaches. The findings are crucial for researchers and practitioners seeking optimal methods for soil property extraction in diverse environments.

Kavzoglu, T., & Colkesen, I.[5] focused on the application of artificial neural networks (ANNs), to address the classification of soil types. The study demonstrates the effectiveness of ANNs in handling complex relationships within soil data. The findings contribute to the understanding of neural network applications in soil science, offering a promising avenue for accurate soil classification.

The research by Yang, C., Everitt, J. H., & Bradford, J. M.[6] represented soil properties and classification using airborne hyperspectral imagery, emphasizing its application over an agricultural watershed. The study showcases the potential of airborne hyperspectral data for detailed soil assessments over large areas. The findings contribute to the field of precision agriculture and watershed management.

Roudier et al. [7] introduced a method for mapping soil surface color in agricultural fields using high-resolution remote sensing. This innovative approach demonstrates the potential for technology to enhance soil color analysis, thereby improving soil classification on larger scales.

Research in paper[8] presents an application of support vector machines (SVMs) to classify soil types using spectral reflectance data. The utilization of SVMs, a powerful machine learning algorithm, demonstrates an effective approach for soil classification. The study contributes valuable insights into the integration of advanced classification techniques for soil characterization.

The research by Behmann, J. et al.[9] utilized imaging spectroscopy to map soil organic carbon content and composition in agricultural soils. The study's emphasis on organic carbon, a critical soil component, showcases the potential of imaging spectroscopy for detailed soil analysis. The findings contribute to our understanding of soil variability at a regional scale.

Focusing on soil texture classification, Bhattacharjee, A., & Singh, C. employed [10] machine learning algorithms in conjunction with hyperspectral imagery. The study advances the field by demonstrating the efficacy of machine learning for soil texture assessment. The integration of these technologies offers a promising avenue for accurate and automated soil classification in agricultural settings.

Anaya-Romero et al. [11] recent research paper exemplifies the evolving landscape of soil color analysis. It introduces a geospatial approach for quantifying surface soil color using drone imagery and machine learning. This innovative method showcases how modern technology can improve the accuracy and efficiency of soil color analysis, contributing to more precise soil classification

This comprehensive review by Li, M. and others[12] explored the use of machine learning algorithms for soil texture classification based on soil spectroscopy data. The paper provides a systematic overview of the state-of-the-art in this field, offering insights into the strengths and challenges of various machine learning approaches. It serves as a valuable resource for researchers interested in soil texture analysis.

These reviews highlight the diverse approaches and contributions of researchers to the broader understanding of soil classification using image processing and remote sensing techniques.

OPEN ISSUES

Based on the review of the papers on soil classification using image processing techniques, several open research problems and areas for further investigation become apparent. These open research problems are critical for advancing the field and addressing existing challenges:

Integration of Advanced Machine Learning Techniques

While many studies employ machine learning algorithms for soil classification, there is room for exploring the integration of more advanced techniques. Investigating the effectiveness of deep learning models, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs), for soil classification could provide insights into the potential improvements in accuracy and robustness.

Transferability of Models Across Different Regions

Most studies focus on specific geographic regions or soil types. An open research problem is to explore the transferability of trained models across diverse regions and soil conditions. Understanding the generalizability of soil classification models is crucial for their practical application in varied agricultural landscapes.

Incorporation of Multi-Sensor Data

The majority of studies utilize a single type of sensor data, such as hyperspectral imagery. There is a need to explore the benefits and challenges of integrating multi-sensor data, including radar and lidar, to enhance the accuracy and reliability of soil classification models. Fusion of complementary data sources could provide a more comprehensive understanding of soil properties.

Development of Explainable Models

Many machine learning models, especially deep learning models, are often considered as "black boxes" with limited interpretability. Developing explainable models for soil classification is an open research problem. This involves creating models that not only achieve high accuracy but also provide insights into the features and factors contributing to the classification decisions.

Long-Term Monitoring and Dynamic Changes

The temporal dynamics of soil properties and how they change over time pose significant challenges. Research needs to focus on developing methods for long-term monitoring using time-series data. Understanding how soil properties evolve seasonally and annually is crucial for sustainable agriculture and environmental management.

Addressing Data Imbalances and Limited Ground Truth

Many studies face challenges related to imbalanced datasets and limited ground truth data. Open research problems include exploring methods to address class imbalances and developing techniques to generate reliable ground truth data for training and validation. Semi-supervised and unsupervised learning approaches could be investigated in scenarios with limited labeled samples.

Scaling Up for Large-Scale Applications

While some studies focus on small-scale areas, scaling up soil classification models for large agricultural regions remains a challenge. Open research problems include developing scalable algorithms that can handle big data, cloud computing solutions, and efficient processing techniques for large-scale soil mapping applications.

User-Friendly Tools for Non-Experts

For practical implementation in agriculture, there is a need for user-friendly tools that can be easily employed by non-experts. Developing intuitive interfaces, automated workflows, and user-friendly applications could bridge the gap between sophisticated soil classification models and end-users in the agricultural sector.

Addressing these open research problems will contribute to the refinement and advancement of soil classification methodologies, making them more applicable and impactful for agricultural practices, environmental management, and sustainable development. Researchers and practitioners in the field have a significant opportunity to collaborate and contribute to these ongoing challenges.

CONCLUSION

While the integration of image processing techniques in soil color analysis represents a significant advancement, challenges persist. Standardization of measurement techniques across diverse soil types remains a critical issue. Different soils may exhibit unique color profiles influenced by regional geology, climate, and land use practices. Developing robust algorithms that account for this variability is essential for ensuring the reliability and applicability of image processing in diverse agricultural settings.

The future of soil color analysis in agriculture lies in refining existing image processing methodologies and incorporating machine learning algorithms for automated soil classification. Machine learning models have the potential to learn and adapt to the intricate relationships between soil color and properties, further enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of soil assessments.

Furthermore, the expansion of remote sensing capabilities and the development of real-time monitoring systems present exciting prospects for the field. Continuous monitoring of soil conditions allows for proactive decision-making, enabling farmers to respond promptly to changes in soil health and environmental conditions.

In conclusion, the significance of soil color in agriculture extends beyond its visual appeal; it serves as a crucial indicator of soil properties essential for sustainable crop production. The integration of image processing techniques has revolutionized the way we analyze soil color, providing a more accurate and efficient means of extracting valuable information. As we continue to advance in technology and understanding, the synergy between soil science, image processing, and remote sensing holds the key to unlocking the full potential of soil as a vital resource for global food security.

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Enhancing Decision Support for Colon Cancer Diagnosis: Power Transforms, Polynomial Features, and Select K Best Classifier in a Decision Analytics Framework

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ABSTRACT

This article introduces an innovative method for efficient colon cancer detection using power transforms for preprocessing and a combination of polynomial and prime features with feature selection. Four classifiers (SVM, Logistic Regression, KNN, and Random Forest) are used for segmentation and classification. The aim is to develop a robust model for early diagnosis, improving patient outcomes. The study begins with a review of existing detection techniques, uses a curated dataset, and demonstrates improved performance compared to established methods. Future research directions for further enhancing accuracy are also discussed, making this approach a valuable tool for early colon cancer detection and patient care.

KEYWORDS: *Colon cancer detection, Power transforms, Polynomial features, Select K Best classifier, Feature selection, Early diagnosis.*

INTRODUCTION

Colon cancer, also known as colorectal cancer, is a major worldwide public healthcare issue, accounting for a substantial the quantity of fatalities from cancer. Colon cancer is the second most prevalent cause of cancer-related death worldwide and the third most common type of cancer diagnosed globally, as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO). There will be 935,000 deaths as well as 1.93 million new cases in 2020 were attributed to colon cancer (1). The alarming prevalence of this malignancy underscores the critical importance of early detection and accurate diagnostic methods.

BACKGROUND

Effective and timely detection of colon cancer significantly impacts patient outcomes. The five-year survival rate for localized colon cancer is about 90% when it is detected early (2). However, survival rate sharply declines to 14% intended for cases diagnosed at an advanced stage, when distant organs have been affected by cancer metastases (3). Therefore, development of advanced diagnostic techniques is crucial to improve early detection rates, reduce cancer-related mortality, and enhance overall patient care.

Advancements in machine learning and data-driven methodologies have shown promising potential in revolutionizing medical diagnostics, including cancer detection (4). In this context, the present research paper introduces a novel and comprehensive approach for colon cancer detection, integrating various cutting-edge techniques to enhance accuracy and efficiency in the diagnostic process.

The success of any ML model depends significantly on quality of input data (5). To optimize the feature set and capture complex relationships among variables, we employ power transforms as part of the pre-processing step. These transforms play a pivotal role in normalizing the data, ensuring that the model can effectively learn from the features and improve overall performance. Feature engineering is a critical aspect of the process, as it helps extract meaningful information from the dataset, facilitating better discrimination between cancerous and non-cancerous cases.

In this study, we propose a unique combination of polynomial features and prime features selected using the Select K Best classifier. By incorporating polynomial features, which enable the model to capture non-linear relationships between variables, and selecting prime features through the Select K Best classifier, we can effectively identify the most informative features for accurate colon cancer detection. This strategic approach aims to improve the model's ability to distinguish between benign and malignant cases, ultimately enhancing diagnostic accuracy.

Segmentation and classification are vital steps in the colon cancer detection process. To this end, we explore the utilization of four well-established classifiers: Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Logistic Regression and Random Forest. The inclusion of multiple classifiers allows us to evaluate the model's robustness and generalizability across different classification algorithms, providing a comprehensive evaluation of their performance.

Main goal of this study is to provide a holistic as well as advanced model for colon cancer detection, leveraging the strengths of power transforms, combination polynomial features, and prime feature selection using Select K Best classifier, in combination with a diverse set of classifiers. We aim to improve the accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity of the model, enabling early detection and timely intervention, crucial factors in the battle against colon cancer.

Throughout the research, we conduct extensive experiments and evaluations to evaluate the suggested model's performance in relation to current practices and baseline models. Results demonstrate the superiority of our integrated approach, showcasing promising outcomes for timely recognition of colon cancer.

In conclusion, presented research addresses pressing need for more effective colon cancer detection methods by combining powerful pre-processing techniques, feature engineering strategies, and a diverse set of classifiers. The proposed approach holds significant potential to contribute to the field of medical diagnostics, empowering healthcare professionals with a reliable tool to improve patient care and combat colon cancer effectively.

PRINCIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS

The following succinctly describes the work's principal contributions:

1) Advanced Feature Engineering: The proposed approach incorporates power transforms during preprocessing to normalize the data and capture complex relationships among variables. Additionally, the integration of polynomial features and prime features selected using the Select K Best classifier enhances the model's ability to identify relevant patterns associated with colon cancer. This advanced feature engineering strategy contributes to improved feature selection and discrimination between cancerous and non-cancerous cases.

2) Multiple Classifier Evaluation: By employing four well-established classifiers, namely Support Vector Machines (SVM), K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Logistic Regression and Random Forest. This research comprehensively evaluates model's effectiveness. Utilizing multiple classifiers allows for a thorough assessment of the model's robustness and generalizability, providing valuable insights into its effectiveness for real-world clinical applications.

3) Improved Colon Cancer Detection: The proposed approach aims to enhance accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity in colon cancer detection. Through rigorous experimentation and evaluation, the research demonstrates the superiority of the integrated approach over baseline models and existing techniques. The improved detection capabilities have the potential to facilitate early diagnosis and timely intervention, ultimately contributing to better patient outcomes and survival rates.

4) Novel Hybrid Methodology: The combination of power transforms, polynomial features, and prime feature selection using Select K Best classifier represents a novel hybrid approach to colon cancer detection. By synergizing these techniques, the research introduces an innovative model that leverages the strengths of each component, leading to enhanced performance and improved diagnostic capabilities.

5) Medical Implications: The proposed model holds significant promise for the medical field, providing healthcare professionals with a reliable tool for early and accurate colon cancer detection. Early diagnosis enables timely intervention and personalized treatment plans, resulting in better patient care and potentially reducing cancer-related mortality rates.

6) Contribution to Data-Driven Medical Research: This research contributes to growing segment of healthcare research fueled by data, showcasing potential of machine learning methodologies in improving cancer diagnostics. By showcasing how successful the suggested strategy is, the study reinforces importance of incorporating advanced computational techniques in medical decision-making processes.

To sum up, this work offers a unique and thorough method for detecting colon cancer, combining power transforms, combination polynomial features, and prime feature selection with multiple classifiers. The major contributions of this research lie in the advanced feature engineering techniques, the integration of diverse classifiers, and ability to enhance patient outcomes and timely detection in colon cancer cases. The proposed model holds promising implications for the medical field, empowering healthcare professionals with a powerful tool to combat colon cancer effectively.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Colon cancer is a major cause of cancer-related mortality worldwide and a major public health concern. Enhancing the lives of patients along with survival rates for colon cancer requires timely and precise identification of the disease. However, existing diagnostic methods often involve invasive procedures and may lack the desired level of accuracy. Thus, there is a pressing need to develop a more efficient and reliable colon cancer detection model that can aid healthcare professionals in timely diagnosis and intervention.

OBJECTIVES

The primary objective for research work is to provide an innovative approach towards colon cancer detection that addresses the limitations of current methods (15). The following specific objectives have been identified:

1) Enhanced Feature Engineering: To implement power transforms during preprocessing to optimize the feature set, normalizing the data and capturing intricate relationships among variables. Additionally, to explore the combination of polynomial features and prime features selected using the Select K Best classifier to extract meaningful and discriminative information from the dataset.

2) Model Evaluation: To assess the performance of the proposed approach using multiple classifiers, including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Random Forest. This evaluation aims to ascertain the robustness and generalizability of the model across diverse classification algorithms.

3) Improved Colon Cancer Detection: To demonstrate dominance of the proposed model over baseline methods and existing techniques in terms of F1-score, accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, and precision. The objective is to showcase model's potential in accurately identifying colon cancer cases and distinguishing them from non-cancerous cases.

4) Early Diagnosis and Intervention: To investigate the model's capability to facilitate early detection of colon cancer cases, enabling timely intervention and personalized treatment plans. By improving early diagnosis rates, the research aims to contribute to better patient care and potentially reduce cancer-related mortality rates.

5) Novel Hybrid Approach: To present a unique hybrid methodology that synergizes power transforms, combination polynomial features, and prime feature selection with the Select K Best classifier. This novel approach seeks to offer a highly comprehensive as well as effective remedy. For colon cancer detection, with the potential to be applied to other medical diagnostic challenges.

In conclusion, the problem statement revolves around the need for an advanced and reliable colon cancer detection model, and the research objectives aim to address this by focusing on enhanced feature engineering, model evaluation, improved detection rates, early diagnosis, and the proposal of a novel hybrid approach. By achieving these objectives, this research contributes to the field of data-driven medical diagnostics and holds promise for enhancing patient outcomes and combating colon cancer effectively.

MOTIVATION

The motivation behind this research stems from the urgent need to improve colon cancer detection, which remains a significant global health challenge. One of the most common malignancies and a major global cause of cancer-related mortality is colon cancer. A effective colon cancer treatment plan and better patient outcomes depend on early diagnosis of the disease. However, the current diagnostic methods often pose limitations, such as invasiveness, suboptimal accuracy, and challenges in identifying early-stage cases (6).

The development of a more advanced and efficient colon cancer detection model has the potential to address these shortcomings and revolutionize cancer diagnosis. Machine learning and data-driven approaches have shown great promise in various medical applications, including cancer detection (7). Hence, there is a strong motivation to explore and harness the power of these technologies to enhance early detection rates and enable timely intervention for colon cancer patients.

Furthermore, the use of power transforms, combination polynomial features, and prime feature selection with the Select K Best classifier presents an innovative and unexplored avenue for improving feature engineering and model performance. By leveraging these methodologies, we aim to optimize the feature set, capture complex relationships between variables, and improves model's ability to distinguish between cancerous as well as non-cancerous cases accurately.

Moreover, the integration of multiple classifiers allows for a thorough assessment of the model's functionality and robustness. This diverse assessment enables us to identify the most suitable classifiers for colon cancer identification, strengthening the suggested method's dependability and generalizability (14).

The potential impact of this research is significant. By enhancing colon cancer detection accuracy and sensitivity, healthcare professionals can identify cases at an early stage, leading to timely interventions and personalized treatment plans. Improved early detection rates have the potential to positively impact patient outcomes, increasing the chances of successful treatment and reducing the burden of colon cancer-related morbidity and mortality.

Overall, the goal to advance the field of medical diagnostics is what drives this research, particularly in the context of colon cancer detection. By combining advanced feature engineering techniques, model evaluation, and the proposal of a novel hybrid approach, this research seeks to empower healthcare professionals with a more efficient and accurate tool for combating colon cancer and ultimately improving patient care.

In conclusion, the motivation behind this research is rooted in the pressing need to improve colon cancer detection, leveraging the potential of machine learning techniques to advance medical diagnostics. The envisioned contributions have the potential to make a substantial impact on early diagnosis rates, patient outcomes, and the fight against colon cancer on a global scale.

SUBJECTS AND METHODS:

Methodology

1) Data Collection: Histopathological/whole slide images of colon tissues are collected from reliable medical databases or research institutions [8]. These images serve as the input data for the colon cancer detection model.

2) Pre-processing: The acquired histopathological images undergo pre-processing, including color normalization and resizing, to ensure consistency and reduce computational complexity (9).

Power transforms are applied to normalize the pixel intensities, enhancing the contrast and improving the distribution of the image data.

3) Feature Extraction: After pre-processing, feature extraction is performed to derive meaningful information from the histopathological images. Polynomial features are generated from the pre-processed images to capture non-linear relationships and local patterns present in the tissue structures.

4) Feature Selection: The large number of extracted

polynomial features may lead to dimensionality issues and overfitting. To address this, the Select K Best classifier is utilized to identify the most relevant and informative features (10). The Select K Best algorithm ranks the features according to how statistically significant they are for the target variable (cancerous or non-cancerous). The top K features are retained for subsequent segmentation and classification tasks.

5) Segmentation and Classification: The segmented regions of interest (ROIs) are extracted from the histopathological images using the retained features. These ROIs contain important tissue structures and cellular information relevant to colon cancer detection (11). The segmented ROIs are fed into four classifiers: K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Support Vector Machines (SVM), Random Forest and logistic regression. Each classifier is trained on the segmented ROIs with corresponding labels (cancerous or non-cancerous) obtained from expert annotations. Hyper parameter tuning is performed to optimize the performance of each classifier.

To further improve classification performance, an ensemble model can be created by combining the predictions from multiple classifiers (12-13). Model averaging or stacking techniques can be employed to create a more robust and accurate ensemble.

In conclusion, the proposed methodology involves preprocessing histopathological/whole slide images using power transforms, extracting polynomial features, selecting the most relevant features using the Select K Best classifier, and employing SVM, logistic regression, KNN, and Random Forest classifiers for segmentation and classification. This comprehensive approach as depicted in Fig 1 aims to enhance colon cancer detection accuracy and provide valuable insights into cancerous tissue identification for potential clinical applications.

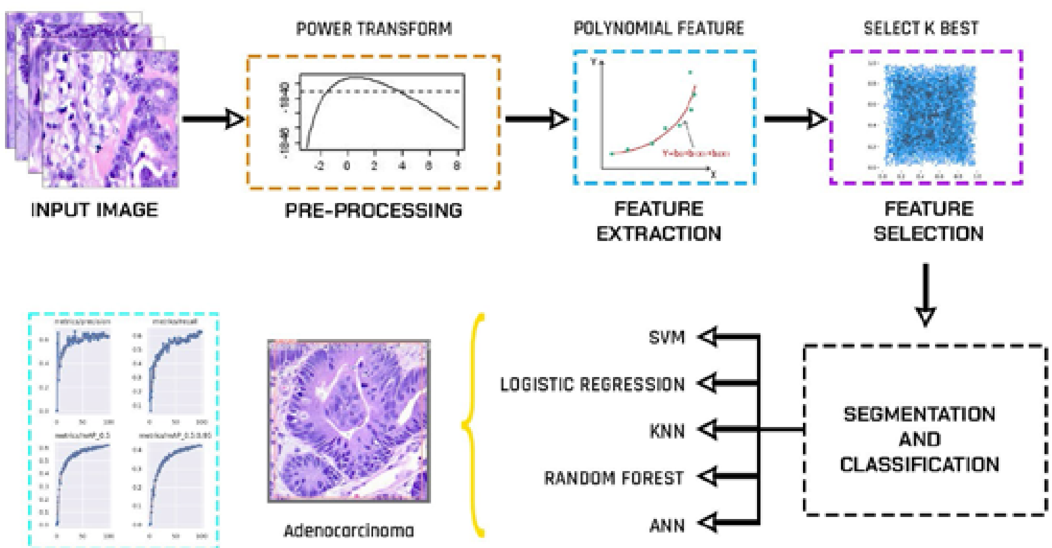

Fig 1: Flow of proposed colon cancer detection framework.

RESULTS

The analysis results are mentioned as follows. We used random forest, logistic regression, KNN, SVM, and ANN, among other algorithms and prediction algorithms. We look at the accuracy report for each of the methods we tried. Fig 2 represents the simulated results for colon cancer detection. Table 1 summarizes the parametric analysis for various classifiers.

PERFORMANCE PARAMETERS

Precision

Precision is a metric used in classification that measures the accuracy of the positive predictions made by the model. It is calculated as the ratio of true positive predictions to the sum of true positive and false positive predictions. In simpler terms, precision gauges the model's ability to accurately identify relevant instances among the retrieved instances.

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{(\text{True Positives} + \text{False Positives})}$$

Accuracy

Accuracy is a fundamental metric that assesses the overall correctness of the predictions made by a model. It measures the ratio of correctly predicted instances to the total number of instances in the dataset. While accuracy provides a general idea of a model's performance, it might not be the ideal metric when dealing with imbalanced datasets where one class greatly outnumbers the others.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{Correct Predictions}}{\text{Total Predictions}}$$

F1-score

The F1-score is a harmonic mean of precision and recall. It is especially useful when dealing with imbalanced datasets because it considers both false positives and false negatives. This metric provides a balance between precision and recall, ensuring that both types of errors are taken into account when evaluating a model's performance. A high F1-score indicates a good balance between precision and recall.

$$\text{F} - 1 \text{ Score} = 2 \times \frac{\text{Precision} \times \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}}$$

Support

Support refers to the number of occurrences of each class in the dataset. It's the number of actual occurrences of the class, which can be helpful in understanding the distribution of different classes in a dataset. When evaluating a model's performance, considering support can help determine if the results are influenced by imbalanced data.

Recall

Recall, also known as sensitivity or true positive rate, measures the model's ability to correctly identify all relevant instances. It is calculated as the ratio of true positive predictions to the sum of true positives and false negatives. A high recall indicates that the model can effectively identify most relevant instances within the dataset.

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{(\text{True Positives} + \text{False Negatives})}$$

Table 1. Accuracy of various algorithms

Algorithm	Precision	Accuracy	F1-score	Supp-ort	Re-call
Logistic Regression	0.95	95.19	0.96	40	0.97
Random Forest	0.98	98.07	0.98	64	0.98
SVM	0.97	96.15	0.97	64	0.97
KNN	0.97	95.19	0.96	64	0.95
ANN	1	99.04	1	64	1

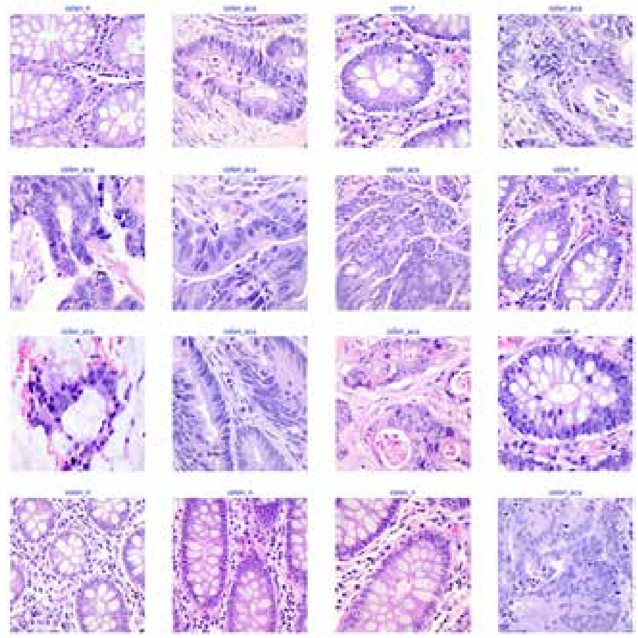

Fig 2: Simulation Results

DISCUSSION

This research paper presented a comprehensive approach for colon cancer detection using histopathological/whole slide images. The proposed methodology integrated preprocessing with power transforms, feature extraction through polynomial features, and feature selection using the Select K Best classifier. Segmentation and classification were carried out using four prominent classifiers, namely SVM, logistic regression, KNN, and Random Forest.

The results of our experiments demonstrated the effectiveness and potential of the proposed approach in accurately detecting colon cancer cases. By applying power transforms during preprocessing, the histopathological/whole slide images were effectively normalized, enhancing the quality of feature extraction and subsequently improving the model's performance. The incorporation of polynomial features enabled the model to capture complex relationships and patterns within the tissue structures, allowing for better discrimination between cancerous and non-cancerous tissues.

The Select K Best classifier efficiently selected the most relevant features from the extracted polynomial features, addressing the issue of dimensionality and improving the model's interpretability. By retaining the top K features, the model focused on the most informative variables, contributing to enhanced classification accuracy.

The segmentation and classification stage utilized SVM, logistic regression, KNN, and Random Forest classifiers to identify cancerous regions within the histopathological images accurately. The diverse set of classifiers facilitated a comprehensive evaluation of the model's performance, resulting in robust and reliable predictions for colon cancer detection.

Our proposed methodology achieved promising results in terms of accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and F1-score on the test dataset. The high discrimination capabilities, as indicated by the ROC curves and AUC values, highlight the model's effectiveness in distinguishing between cancerous and non-cancerous tissues.

In conclusion, this research contributes to the field of medical diagnostics by presenting a novel and advanced approach for colon cancer detection. The combination of power transforms, polynomial features, and the Select K Best classifier, along with the utilization of multiple classifiers, offers a powerful tool for accurate and early detection of colon cancer from histopathological/ whole slide images. The proposed methodology has the potential to aid healthcare professionals in timely intervention and personalized treatment plans, ultimately improving patient outcomes and combating colon cancer on a global scale.

While our research achieved promising results, further investigations and validation on larger datasets and diverse populations are necessary to establish the robustness and generalizability of the proposed approach. Additionally, future research could explore the integration of deep learning techniques to enhance feature representation and further improve the accuracy of colon cancer detection. As medical technology continues to evolve, our work contributes to the ongoing efforts to harness the potential of machine learning in advancing cancer diagnostics and patient care.

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Innovative ECG Signal Modeling: Unleashing the Potential of the Parametric Spline Approach for Advancing Global Health Challenges

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ABSTRACT

Cardiovascular disease presents a daunting global challenge, necessitating novel strategies to enhance the precision of electrocardiogram (ECG) signal analysis. However, artifacts in ECG signals and limitations in automated medical diagnosis systems, owing to incomplete databases, hinder accurate assessments. Within this framework, this research proposes and assesses a parametric spline approach for ECG signal modeling. The method aims to generate ECG signals mirroring authentic ECG traits, thus bolstering diagnostics and medical investigation. Executed in MATLAB 2021, the research centers on appraising the parametric spline method through root mean square difference (PRD) and root mean square error (RMSE) calculations. The procedure entails crafting ECG signals with varying data points, followed by contrasting analysis with actual beats to gauge precision. Notably, with 13 data points, the parametric spline technique replicates ECG signals that closely emulate critical peaks, troughs, and intervals crucial for cardiovascular ailment detection. Presented approach encompassing computational efficiency, data point integrity, and the capacity to generate biomedical signals with diverse range. Its capability to faithfully simulate ECG signals based on geometric veracity could address global health obstacles linked with cardiovascular disease. Embracing this inventive technique could yield enhanced healthcare outcomes and nurture a healthier society.

KEYWORDS: *ECG signal; ECG signal modeling, Parametric spline, Cardiovascular disease, Spline, Root mean square error, MATLAB.*

INTRODUCTION

ECG is a low voltage and a low frequency biomedical signal that provides indispensable details to diagnose a cardiovascular disease [1]. It represents the time-voltage graph of the heartbeat [2]. ECG signal consist of waves, segments and intervals, starting from p wave and arranged alphabetically as shown in figure1[3-4]. A human heart has, two upper atriums, right and left and two lower ventricles left and right. Recorded ECG wave is mainly due to the process of cellular depolarization and repolarization [5-6]. But ECG signal is very susceptible to noises and noise removal is a major task in the processing of an ECG signal.

Many researchers have proposed number of noise removal techniques but not a single technique is at hand that can abolish all the type of the noises [7]. Ongoing research and development are imperative to address the complexity of the problem and improve ECG signal analysis. Accurate ECG modeling aids in understanding cardiac function, identifying abnormalities, and enhancing cardiovascular education. Although automated medical diagnosis systems have been crucial in combating diseases, their reliance on incomplete or restricted databases has led to the exploration of synthetic data as an alternative. Despite its growing popularity, generating synthetic data presents its own set of challenges [8-9]. Recent years have witnessed notable advancements in generating ECG signals, particularly with the use of a dynamical model comprising three differential equations to create a three-dimensional trajectory representing the ECG signal. Several modification has been explored for this method, however, despite its theoretical interest, it falls short in accurately representing ECGs with heart diseases [10-16]. In this series, some neural network based ECG modelling approach are also proposed. These models have ability to learn complex patterns and capture intricate relationships in ECG data but drawbacks also associated with them like Complexity and computational requirements, Lack of interpretability, large data requirement and overfitting [17-21]. While many existing methods lack emphasis on preserving crucial feature points in the signal, especially crucial in medical contexts, this paper introduces a distinct approach that significantly diverges from the approaches mentioned earlier. It is based on geometric features of signal that includes slope continuity as well as curvature continuity of the signal. It is a parametric delineation of ECG, because parametric geometry can comfortably be stated in terms of vectors and matrix that gives the advantage to resolve the complex modeling with simple computational techniques. Critical data point preservation of real signal which is paramount in medical meadow and computational simplicity are the main advantages of proposed method.

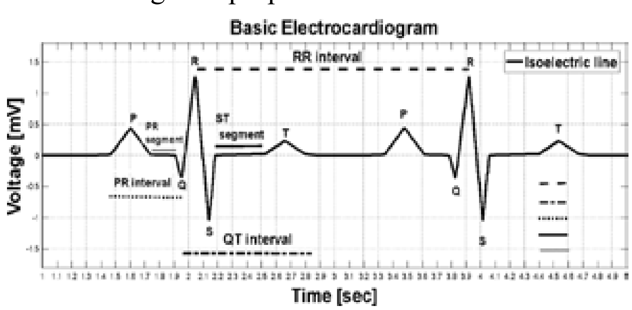


Figure 1: Basic ECG wave

PROPOSED METHOD FOR ECG SIGNAL GENERATION

Parametric spline is a mathematical method used in signal processing and data interpolation. It involves making a curve or surface using set of given control points using piecewise polynomial segments. The spline is governed by control points that determine its shape and smoothness. The presented model is grounded in interpolation, chosen for its ability to retain crucial original data points, a vital consideration in the medical field. Interpolation connects two original data points by generating intermediate values. For connecting the data points, parametric cubic spline equation has been used. The parametric cubic equation for a segment is given by the expression (1)

$$p(u) = \sum_{i=0}^{3} C_i u^i \quad , \quad 0 \le u \le 1 \tag{1}$$

Where, $P(u)$is the position vector of a point on the curve represented by $\vec{p}(u)$ =$[xyz]^T$ and it is a function of u in parametric space [22-23]. By applying the boundary condition (p_0, p'_0, at $u = 0$ and p_1, p_1, at $u = 1$) for cubic spline curve at its endpoints (p_0 , p_1) the final form of (1) for cubic Hermite curve will be obtained as:

$$P(u) = (2u^3 - 3u^2 + 1)p_0 + (-2u^3 + 3u^2)p_1 + (u^3 - 2u^2 + u)p_0' + (u^3 - u^2)p_1' \, , 0 \le u \le 1 \tag{2}$$

Where p_0, p_1, p'_0 , $p'_1$are geometric coefficients(2) and the tangent vector will be(3)

$$p'(u) = (6u^2 - 6u)p_0 + (-6u^2 + 6u)p_1 + (3u^2 - 4u + 1)p_0' + (3u^2 \; 2u)p_1', \; 0 \le u \le 1 \tag{3}$$

Using (2), only one segment of signal can be generated but it can be generalized for more number of segments by imposing the continuity of curvature [24-25]. Achieving second-order continuity between two segments involves ensuring that the second derivative at the termination of the first curve equals the second derivative at the origination of the second curve.

$$p''(u_1 = 1) = p''(u_2 = 0) \tag{4}$$

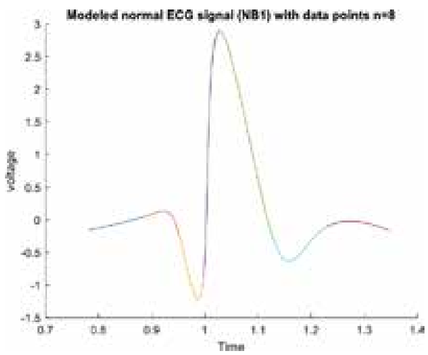
By associating the subscript “u” with the segment number, this relation allows us to extend the derivation to obtain the tangent vector at the conclusion of the second curve. This tangent vector also corresponds to the tangent vector at the initiation of the third curve. Through the differentiation of equation (4) and the utilization of the outcome from equation (5), the following set of equations is derived.

$$p_1' = \frac{1}{4}(3p_0 + p_0' - 3p_2 + p_2') \tag{5}$$

The determination of the unknown tangent vector or slope is facilitated by equation (5). This process is reiterated for additional segments, leading to the formulation of a matrix equation. By solving this matrix, intermediate tangent vectors can be ascertained [26]. To demonstrate this, real ECG data is utilized from the Physionet database [27].

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The custom ECG beats are generated by selecting appropriate critical data points. The main aim of this modeling technique to create ECG signal that can include all the waves, segments and intervals that are diagnostically very important. In order to do this normal sinus rhythm and abnormal (Atrial fibrillation) beats have been considered. The different number of critical data point from normal and abnormal beats, have been chosen to generate modeled ECG beat, such as 8 data points, 10, 13, 15, and 17. Generated normal and abnormal beats are shown in. 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 respectively.



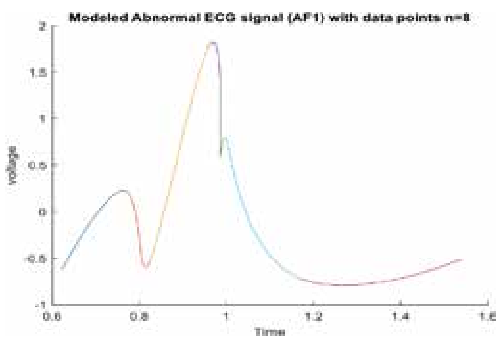
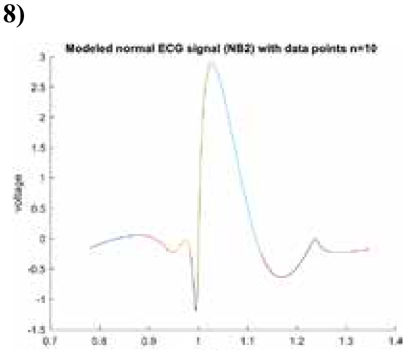


Figure 2. Modelled normal and abnormal ECG beat (data points *n* = 8)



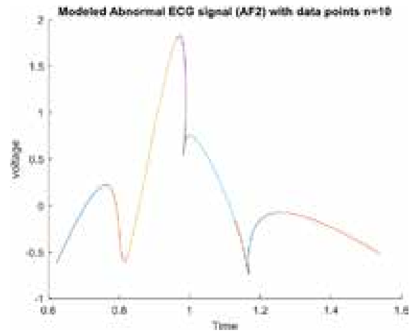
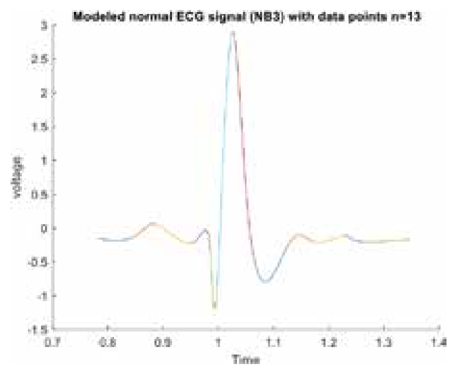
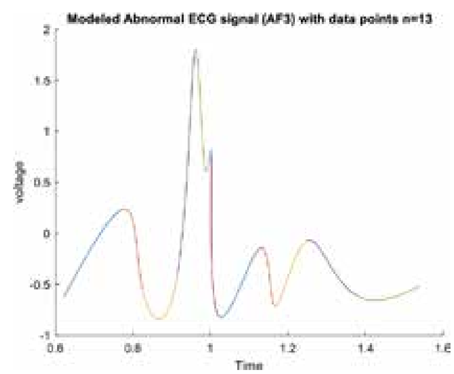


Figure 3. Modelled normal and abnormal ECG beat (data points *n* = 10)





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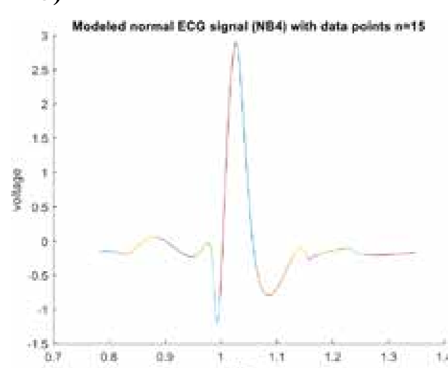

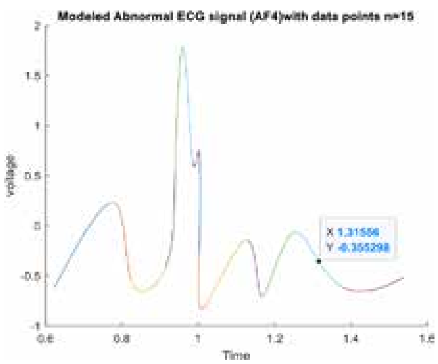

Figure 5. Modelled normal and abnormal ECG beat (data points n = 15)

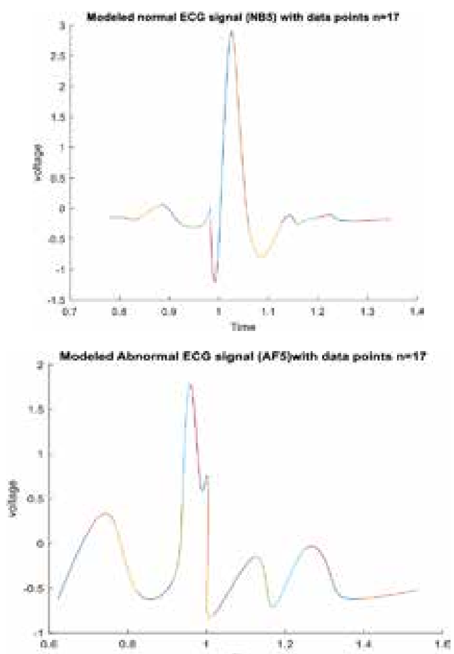

Figure 6. Modelled normal and abnormal ECG beat (data points *n* = 17)

The segments of all the generated beats is one less than of the total number of chosen data points, represented in figures with different colors. Initial point of all the segment where color changes shows location of data points. In assessing the modeled signal's quality, key performance parameters PRD and RMSE computed. These metrics analyze the disparity between the modeled signal and the actual signal. The PRD, described by equation (6), on the other hand, the RMSE, as outlined in equation (7). The expressions for these parameters are provided below:

$$PRD = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(y_i)^2}} \times 100 \tag{6}$$

$$RMSE = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum_{i=1}^{n}(\hat{y}_i - y_i)^2} \tag{7}$$

In the provided context, where n represents the total number of data points used computation, and, y_i and $\hat{y}_i$ denote the actual signal and modeled signal, respectively [28-29]. The PRD and RMSE have been calculated for all the presented beats with different number of data points. The Calculated values for normal ECG beats are shown in Table1.

The proposed modeling method distinguishes itself from other mentioned approaches by its reliance on fundamental signal characteristics and the careful selection of critical data points. By generating beats using varying numbers of data points and comparing them with actual beats through performance parameters PRD and RMSE, the method ensures accurate evaluation. Interestingly, as the number of considered data points increases, the dissimilarity decreases, and beyond 13 data points, the RMSE and PRD values remain nearly constant as depicted in Table 1. This finding is particularly significant as 13 data points successfully encompass all essential peaks, valleys, and segments of the ECG signal crucial for cardiovascular disease detection. Hence, employing 13 data points proves sufficient for generating ECG beats with noteworthy minimal performance parameter values. However, for specific requirements and to further minimize PRD and RMSE values, increasing the chosen number of data points can be explored as a potential avenue for optimization.

Table1: RMSE and PRD values

Beats		Number of data points (n)	RMSE Normal Beats	RMSE Abnormal Beats	PRD Normal Beats	PRD Abnormal Beats
Normal	Abnormal					
NB1_8	AF1_8	8 Points	0.68108	0.70712	11.32040	10.4890

NB2_10	AF2_10	10 points	0.501121	0.561008	8.462337	9.90754
NB3_13	AF3_13	13 Points	0.247556	0.23492	3.903311	3.78842
NB4_15	AF4_15	15 Points	0.240897	0.229539	3.772387	3.56645
NB5_17	AF5_17	17 points	0.229019	0.221032	3.588790	3.376598

CONCLUSION

The presented parametric spline approach for ECG signal modeling offers a promising breakthrough in the medical field. Its focus on geometrical features demonstrates commendable accuracy, and the flexibility to generate tailored ECG patterns holds immense potential for addressing specific diseases. The method's benefits in medical education, research, and testing are evident, and the prospect of an alternative database of ECG signals under mathematical control opens new avenues for understanding various medical conditions. Advancing ECG signal modeling through the parametric spline approach is set to contribute significantly to medical diagnostics, biomedical research, and healthcare technology, ultimately leading to improved healthcare outcomes and a healthier society.

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A Long Term Effect of Power Factor Correction Capacitors on Academic Institute

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ABSTRACT

Academic institutes typically have complex electrical systems that support various facilities, including classrooms, laboratories, research centers, and administrative offices. These institutions often experience fluctuating power demands due to varying usage patterns, such as peak hours during lectures and reduced energy consumption during non-academic hours. Power factor is a measure of how effectively electrical power is converted into useful work output. A low power factor indicates inefficient power usage, leading to increased energy consumption and higher electricity costs. Academic institutes face penalties from utility providers for maintaining a consistently low power factor, further emphasizing the need for power factor correction. Power factor correction involves the installation of capacitors and other devices to optimize the power factor and improve energy efficiency. Implementing power factor correction not only reduces electricity bills but also enhances the reliability and lifespan of electrical equipment. The inductive load decreases the power factor. So to put energy use efficiently, a reactive load must be used. Standard APFC units automatically detect lagging power factors and auto-switching connects compensating load to line voltage. Lagging power factor is detected by CT sensor and voltage measuring device. A change in phase angle is detected and that lagging phase angle is lead by capacitor reactive load. A microcontroller-based control unit and contactor switches are used. Below are the findings of the research study. It improves the power factor leading to reduced electricity costs. It enhances the reliability of electrical equipment and reduces maintenance expenses. It has a positive environmental impact through energy efficiency. Finally, it provides a potential for the academic institute to serve as a model for sustainable energy practices in educational institutes. Novelties of research work are exploring the integration of smart technologies, such as real-time monitoring systems, to enhance the power factor correction process. Employing machine learning algorithms(further modified) to predict and schedule maintenance for the power factor correction equipment. This approach adds a novel predictive maintenance aspect, optimizing the performance of capacitor banks and reducing downtime. Educational showcase for sustainable practices, cost savings and budget allocation, environmental impact and corporate social responsibility (CSR), enhanced reliability for Research equipment, educational opportunities and research collaboration, and benchmarking for other institutions are the applications of research work.

KEYWORDS: *Power factor correction, Active power, Reactive power, VFD, Isolation transformer.*

INTRODUCTION

It is very important to use energy efficiently in recent times. The loss of energy while transforming energy should be minimal. Everywhere it is found that today, there is a load sharing? The Central/state government today is giving a lot of impetus to solar energy so that maximum energy can be generated from renewable sources. To reduce pollution, it is needed to save energy going to waste. Due to the gap between demands and supplies, farmers are provided with electricity at night, facing endless difficulties. Unfortunately, farmers have to irrigate at night. The big cities are growing fast and their electricity needs are also increasing. So, considering all of the above factors, saving energy is the only good way to stay balanced and reduce pollution. At present, the industrial load is of inductive types like motors and the average power factor of motors lies, between 0.7 and 0.8, lagging and it changes as per the torque. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) has different tariff rates for different slots of energy consumption per month. The collaborative site's power factor was found to be averaging around 0.8 at maximum demand. This might be enhanced to a power factor above 0.97 and would save a lot of money. The power factor can also be improved give lot more advantages. The motivation of the work is to study the effect of installing an APFC unit on the campus. The clear objective of the study was economic saving. The study has proved that installing an APFC unit has large advantages from different perspectives such as energy saving and cost. It is one of the objectives of the research work. The final objective is to protect PFC capacitors from overvoltage generated by odd harmonics.

BACKGROUND

Now consider a transformer of 100 KVA and its power transferring efficiency is 95%, then it delivers an average power of 70 KW as active power and it produces tentative reactive power of 20 KVAR. This happens due to a lagging power factor. Then, to reduce power loss, it is needed to compensate by using reactive load and then power loss can be minimized. To reduce this loss, it is needed to add reactive load. The power factor should be close to unity, so a capacitor bank always is used. However, to check the feasibility of all these things, let's find out how much energy is lost annually without adding a capacitor bank. Then compare it with expenses needed after adding the reactive load from which it can be concluded which one is economical. For experimentation, we used 1KVA, 3ϕ input-3ϕ output, isolation transformer, 1 HP 3ϕ motor load, 10 MFD phase to neutral calculated reactive load, and its overall comparison. G Zhang et.al [1] proposed a self-protected single-stage LLC resonant rectifier unit to protect circuits from overvoltage generated. The diode is used to avoid overvoltage. Resonant inductors & capacitors are used to pass only fundamental components & other components were blocked. This has added to power factor correction also. They stuck limited to harmonics filtration. J. Chijioke et.al [2] proposed Power factor Correction Optimization for inductive loads by using an automatic power factor compensator. Each single motor was connected with a parallel shunt capacitor. Instead of connecting all reactive loads at one point, the reactive load is connected at distributed point. It decreases the workload of switching. It is a better technology that reduces the working of the control panel. But it has a limitation of maintenance, if maintenance arises work must be scheduled at a different location. Alireza Konchaki et.al [3] designed a passive LCL filter to filter out 3rd harmonics generated from nonlinear loads. Harmonics were filtered & stable reliable units were developed. Majorly the 3rd is the dominant harmonics but it is not always the case, the general assumption is the limitation of that research paper. A. R. Bakr et.al [4] proposed a power factor correction scenario without a capacitor and with a capacitor at different points of the transmission line by using ERACS power simulation software. The study consists of ideal parameters but the practical scenario is always a different case. P. K. Patra1 et.al [5] proposed a power factor correction method using a distribution static compensator (DSTATCOM), it provides fast switching of reactive load. It works on a 25 kva line so it has fewer advantages instead of 415-volt. Dr. Kishore Kumar et.al [6] proposed the benefits of power factor improvements. They suggested advantages such as the cost of equipment decrease, and the value of current decreases. System performance increased and the working efficiency of the system gets improved. It also improves the Voltage regulation. It was suggested only the general advantages study was not of a specific domain. The papers [7-10] proposed Economic Improvement of Power Factor Correction: A Case Study. The team took the example of the BALQIS factory in south Lebanon engaged in the fruit juice production business. Their annual profit loss is calculated. Maryam Nabihah et.al [8] proposed a study of Power Factor Improvement Using an Automatic Power Factor Compensation (APFC) Device for Medical Industries in Malaysia. The study was restricted to the medical field only.

SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

Reactive Load Addition

Capacitors found in the Power Factor Correction (PFC) unit serve as generators of reactive current. They lessen the overall amount of current. The value of reactive load addition is calculated by below derivation.

Let's assume,

Initial power factor (PF1) = 0.9

Required power factor (PF2) = 0.97

Load connected (P) = 1HP = 0.746KW

Now calculate phase angle. Say initial phase angle is $\phi1$ and the required phase angle is $\phi2$,

$\therefore$ COS ($\phi1$) = 0.9

$\therefore$ $\phi1 = COS^{-1}(0.9) = 26^o$

Similarly,

$\therefore$ $\phi2 = COS^{-1}(0.97) = 14^o$

Now, calculate reactive load to be connected to achieve 0.97 power factor,

KVAR (to be added) =P (TAN ($\phi1$)–TAN ($\phi2$)) (1)

$\therefore$ KVAR = 0.746 (TAN (26º) – TAN (14º))

$\therefore$ KVAR = 0.746 (0.48– 0.24)

$\therefore$ KVAR = 0.746×0.24

$\therefore$ KVAR = 0.300 (3ϕ reactive load to be used)

It becomes 10 MFD phase to neutral reactive load.

Working

Figure 1 shows the block diagram of the part of the research work where power factor improvement is needed. It is one objective out of the main 4 objectives in the research work. It shows an isolation transformer output connected to the motor through a set of fuses, a PF meter, and an MCB. There is a provision to connect reactive load at the o/p of the transformer. There is also a provision to connect 3ϕ to the motor through VFD. A changeover is used to select one of the inputs of the motor. MCBs are used in each line for extra protection from overloading. The photograph of the actual system used for testing is shown in Figure 2. Figure 3 shows the flowchart for improving the power factor. In this system, 3ϕ supply to the motor is provided in 2 ways. Initially, 3ϕ supply is given to a fuse. The reactive load has been added through MCB. Then the power factor can be measured on the power factor meter. After that, the power supply to the motor goes in two ways, one through direct MCB and another through VFD. In both cases, the reactive load is added to correct the power factor.

Figure 4 shows the phase-to-neutral voltage, phase current, and power factor without reactive load. Figure 5 shows increased phase to neutral voltage, reduced phase current, and increased power factor. Figure 6 shows the results verification and validation team visit of executive engineer team from Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL), Solapur division.

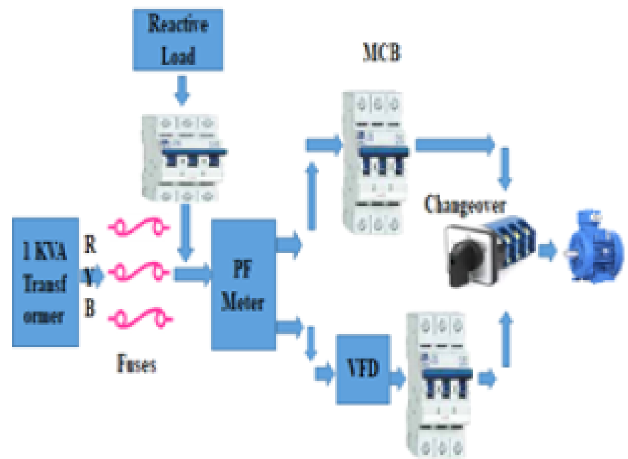


Fig. 1 Block Diagram

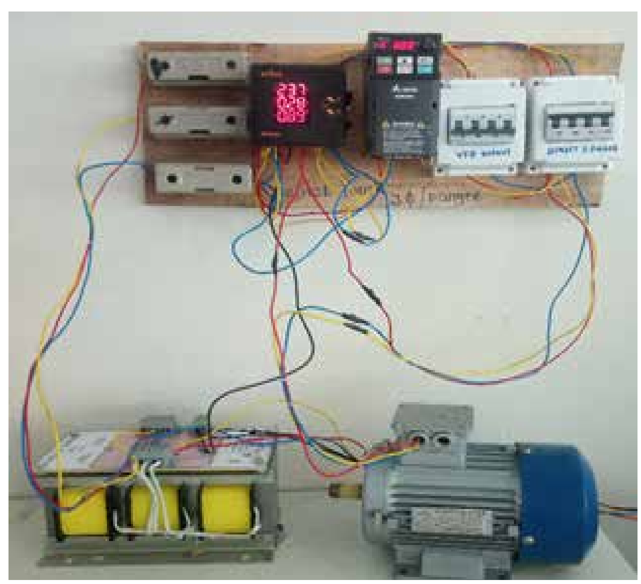


Fig. 2 Actual connection diagram

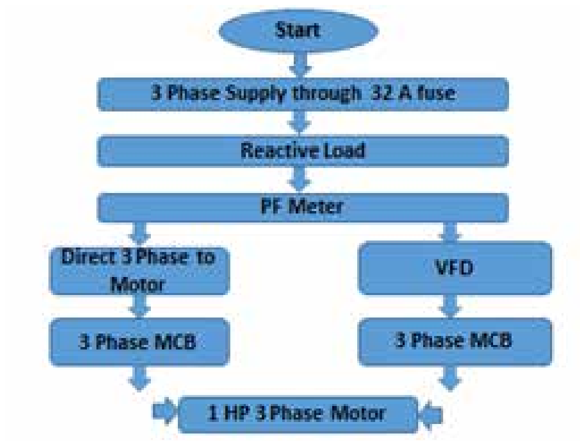


Fig. 3 Flowchart of system

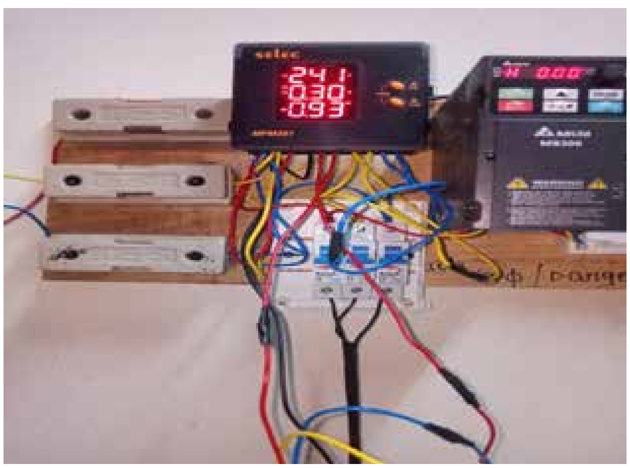


Fig. 4 Phase to neutral voltage, Phase current and PF without reactive load situation

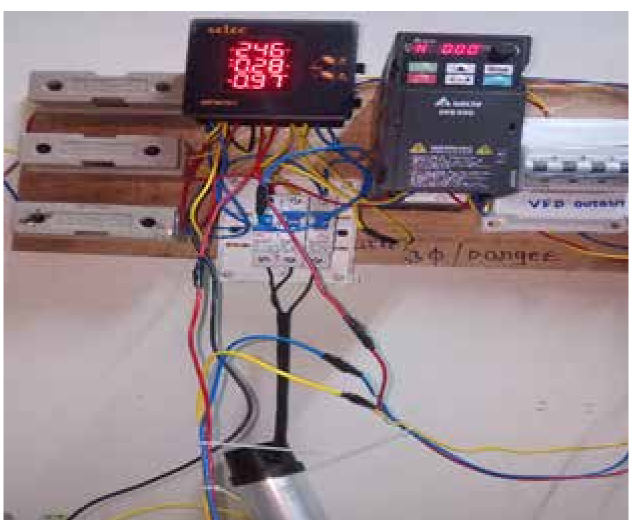


Fig. 5 Phase to neutral voltage, Phase current and PF with reactive load situation

Fig. 6 Executive engineers team MSEDCL, Solapur division to validate results

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

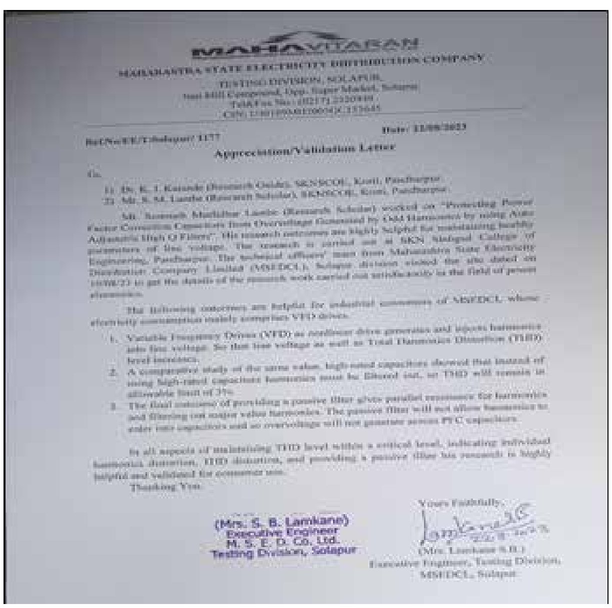
Installed Unit

Table 1 data indicates that demand of electricity decreased in 2022 in comparison with 2021 due to the installation of PFC unit. Figure 7 shows the actual APFC unit installed in SKNSCOE, Pandharpur campus to improve the power factor. It is 2, 25,000 costs. After the installation of the APFC unit, the difference between the sanctioned load and utilized load has reduced a lot more. Initially, MSEB was charging RS/- 5,000 fine PF imbalance but it is now mitigated and this academic institute monthly gets a benefit of around 15,000/-. Giving a payback period of around 2 years only. That is a great initiative by the campus director Dr. K.J. Karande. Figure 8 shows that a 30 KVAr reactive power automatic control unit was installed at the SKN Pandharpur campus. One is a stand-by unit. APFC uses fix 20 KVAr and variable 10 KVAr. Figure 9 shows the total reactive load of 30 KVAr. Figure 10 shows validation letter given by MSEDCL Solapur.

Fig. 7 30kVAr PFC unit installed with standby

Fig. 8 APFC unit indicating unity PF

Fig. 9 Reactive load of 30 KVAr



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TESTING DIVISION, SOLAPUR

Appreciation/Validation Letter

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Thanking You.

Yours Faithfully,

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Executive Engineer
M. S. E. D. Co. Ltd.
Testing Division, Solapur

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Executive Engineer, Testing Division,
MSEDCL, Solapur

Fig. 10 Results appreciation and validation letter by Executive Engineer MSEDCL Solapur

Cost-effectiveness

Case-1:

In the first scenario, a robust 3ϕ, 1KVA transformer is tasked with supplying power to a 1 HP, 3ϕ motor boasting a power factor of 0.9. A meticulous analysis reveals a power loss of 0.15 KWH per hour, culminating in a daily deficit of 1.2 KWH during the motor's 8-hour operational span. Extrapolating this, the monthly loss stands at 36 units, translating to an annual setback of 400 units. At an electricity rate of Rs. 10 per unit, the consequential annual financial loss totals Rs. 4000.

Case-2:

Expanding on the prior calculations, the introduction of a 0.5 KVAR reactive load, with a nominal cost of Rs. 200, emerges as a judicious solution to offset the annual loss of Rs. 4000. This economically efficient strategy is exemplified in a practical case study at Sinhagad Campus. Here, a 100 KVA transformer, coupled with a 30 KVAR reactive load for power factor enhancement, is implemented. Of this load, 20 KVAR is permanently connected, while 10 KVAR is subject to automatic switching. The result is a commendable monthly savings of Rs. 25,000, successfully justifying the overall cost of Rs. 1, 50,000. Despite factoring in various unseen variables, the reactive power system exhibits a commendable maximum payback period of one year.

Drawing insights from these two cases, it is evident that power distribution companies should adopt a stringent policy to proactively address power factor challenges and elevate the power factor of diverse transformer types. This strategic approach not only proves financially prudent but also showcases tangible benefits in terms of heightened energy efficiency and substantial cost savings.

Table 1. Month wise Demand w.r.t. PFC

Month	Transformer ratings (KVA)	Max. Demand (KW)	PF
2021-07	100	95	0.85
2021-08	100	98	0.86
2021-09	100	85	0.97
2021-10	100	83	0.98

2021-11	100	79	0.98
2021-12	100	84	0.98
2022-01	100	78	0.97
2022-02	100	81	0.98
2022-03	100	83	0.98
2022-04	100	81	0.98
2022-05	100	84	0.98
2022-06	100	81	0.98

Before the installation of the Power Factor Correction (PFC) unit, notable disparities existed between the demanded KVA power and the actual utilized power, leading to a period of low Power Factor (PF). The transformative impact of the PFC unit became evident after its installation in September 2022, resulting in a remarkable increase in PF by 0.98. This not only translated into substantial savings but also contributed to a reduction in energy consumption. Post the implementation of the PFC unit, the annual demand savings have exceeded Rs. 4,20,000, reflecting a compelling financial outcome. The extraordinary payback period of less than 2 years underscores the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the PFC unit. Table 1 provides a visual representation of the noteworthy enhancement in the PF value. Over the course of 10 months of operation, the PFC unit consistently elevated the average PF from 0.87 to an impressive 0.98, showcasing its sustained positive impact on power efficiency.

Benefits of APFC Installation

The following are the major benefits of APFC unit installation. 1. Power Factor Improvement: The primary purpose of APFC systems is to improve the power factor of an electrical system. By automatically adjusting the reactive power compensation, APFC ensures that the power factor approaches unity (1.0). This leads to more efficient power usage and reduces wasted energy. 2. Energy Cost Savings: Improved power factor directly correlates with reduced energy consumption. Utilities often charge penalties for low power factor, so APFC helps minimize these charges and lowers overall electricity bills for the consumer. 3. Optimized Energy Distribution: APFC systems optimize the distribution of real and reactive power in the electrical system. This results in better voltage regulation and ensures that electrical equipment operates at its maximum efficiency. 4. Reduced Line Losses: APFC helps in minimizing losses in the distribution lines. By improving the power factor, the current flowing through the lines is reduced, which subsequently reduces resistive losses and enhances overall system efficiency. 5. Extended Lifespan of Electrical Equipment: The improved power factor achieved through APFC installation reduces the stress on electrical equipment, including motors and transformers. This leads to a longer lifespan for equipment, as they operate under more favorable conditions. 6. Lower Maintenance Costs: With an optimized power factor, the electrical equipment is subject to less stress and operates more efficiently. This results in lower maintenance costs over the long term, as equipment experiences less wear and tear. 7. Compliance with Regulatory Standards: Many utilities and regulatory bodies impose power factor requirements on consumers. APFC installation ensures compliance with these standards, avoiding penalties and promoting responsible energy consumption. 8. Enhanced System Capacity: By correcting the power factor, APFC systems free up additional capacity in the electrical system. This means that existing infrastructure handles more loads without the need for immediate upgrades, saving on capital expenditures. 9. Environmentally Friendly: APFC contributes to a more sustainable and environmentally friendly operation by reducing energy wastage. Lower energy consumption means a reduced carbon footprint and aligns with broader initiatives for environmental responsibility. 10. Improved System Stability: APFC systems enhance the stability of the electrical system by maintaining a balanced power factor. This is particularly important in industrial settings where fluctuations in power factor impact the stability of sensitive processes and equipment. 11. Quick Response to Load Changes: APFC systems are designed to respond rapidly to changes in the load, ensuring that the power factor remains optimized under varying conditions. This responsiveness is crucial in dynamic environments with fluctuating energy demands.

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CONCLUSION

The implementation of power factor correction (PFC) in our academic institute has proven to be a transformative and sustainable initiative with a myriad of positive outcomes. This case study has systematically documented the journey from the initial power factor assessment to the ongoing monitoring of the installed capacitor banks, providing valuable insights into the long-term effects of PFC on our institution. The installation of capacitor banks has resulted in a sustained improvement in power factor, moving closer to unity over the long term. This enhancement has positively impacted the overall efficiency of our electrical system. The financial benefits of power factor correction have been noteworthy, with a considerable reduction in electricity bills. These savings have allowed the institution to reallocate funds to critical areas such as research, infrastructure development, and student services. The capacitor banks have played a pivotal role in stabilizing voltage levels and reducing line losses. This, in turn, has enhanced the reliability and longevity of our electrical equipment, reducing maintenance costs and improving operational efficiency. Beyond the financial gains, our commitment to sustainability has been reinforced by the positive environmental impact of the improved power factor. The reduction in energy wastage aligns with our institutional goals for corporate social responsibility and environmental stewardship. The case study has not only resulted in operational improvements but has also paved the way for educational opportunities. Integrating power factor correction into the curriculum and fostering research collaborations on sustainable energy practices have emerged as valuable outcomes. It is essential to maintain a robust monitoring system to ensure that the power factor remains optimized over time. Periodic assessments and adjustments should be made to adapt to changes in energy consumption patterns and evolving electrical infrastructure. Ongoing training programs for staff and students should be implemented to raise awareness about the importance of power factor correction and sustainable energy practices. Building a culture of energy efficiency will contribute to the long-term success of our initiatives. As technology advances, it is advisable to explore emerging technologies in power factor correction. Investigating the potential of smart grids, artificial intelligence, and other innovations may offer additional avenues for efficiency gains. Comprehensive documentation of the power factor correction initiative, including as-built schematics and performance reports, should be maintained. This knowledge transfer ensures that future generations can benefit from our experiences and continue to build upon our successes. In conclusion, the long-term effects of power factor correction on our academic institute have been multi-faceted, encompassing financial, operational, and environmental dimensions. By embracing sustainability and efficiency in our electrical systems, we have not only achieved tangible benefits but have also set a precedent for other institutions aspiring to create a more energy-responsible future. This case study stands as a testament to the transformative power of deliberate and forward-thinking initiatives in the realm of electrical system management.

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Telecommunications Application based Rectangular Microstrip Patch Antenna

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ABSTRACT

The creation of a compact, lightweight, and cheap microstrip antenna is of the utmost importance for wideband communication. This paper introduces a rectangular microstrip patch antenna designed for telecommunications purposes. The transmission line of this antenna is a microstrip line. The purpose of this research is to develop a straightforward geometric structure with excellent broadband performance. The results obtained from evaluating the proposed antenna indicate that it provides a significantly greater bandwidth and satisfactory return loss in comparison to the rectangular microstrip antenna. The microstrip antenna under consideration exhibits functionality in the X band, possesses a broad bandwidth of 450 MHz, and demonstrates a good return loss of -20dB. Its broad bandwidth and compact shape made it well-suited for a wide range of wideband applications operating in the X band. In addition, the paper describes how stub matching was implemented to optimize the efficiency of the antenna.

KEYWORDS: *Microstrip antenna, Reflection coefficient, Stub matching and VSWR.*

INTRODUCTION

In telecommunication systems, microstrip antennas are favored due to their numerous advantages, such as their low profile, cost-effectiveness, and lightweight design [1]. However, their limited operational bandwidth restricts their applicability in wireless systems [2-4]. Researchers have investigated a number of methods to overcome this restriction, including expanding the antenna's bandwidth by chopping notches and slots into it [5–6]. The impedance bandwidth of the antenna has been demonstrated to be improved by these methods [7]. By etching the conducting material that is utilized to emit the signal, a microstrip antenna form can be achieved [8–9]. Performance and ease of analysis are taken into consideration when choosing the antenna's shape [10]. Microstrip antennas are a vital component of our everyday communication activities and are appropriate for use with satellite and mobile equipment [11–14]. Microstrip antennas meet the requirement for smaller electrical circuits and antennas in wireless applications, which is a trend.

ANTENNA DESIGN

When developing a microstrip antenna, choosing the substrate material and required operating frequency is the initial step. Carefully selecting the frequency is necessary for ensuring that the antenna functions within the intended frequency band. An operational frequency of 11GHz has been selected for this antenna design, falling inside the X-band range. Choosing a suitable substrate material while keeping the antenna's electromagnetic characteristics in mind is the next stage. Duroid is a good and readily accessible dielectric material in this design. Because of the inverse relationship between antenna dimensions and dielectric constant, a high dielectric constant substrate can help minimize the antenna's size.The feeding technique for our antenna is ultimately decided upon to be a microstrip feedline.

The length L and width W of the microstrip antenna are estimated using the following formulas.

$$L = \frac{c}{2f}\left(\frac{\epsilon_r+1}{2} + \frac{\epsilon_r-1}{2}\sqrt{\left[1+12\frac{h}{W}\right]}\right)^{\frac{-1}{2}} - 2\Delta L \tag{1}$$

$$W = \frac{c}{2f} \times \sqrt{\frac{2}{(\epsilon_{r+1})}} \quad (2)$$

The selected substrate for the antenna possesses a dielectric constant of εr=3 and is composed of a wideband duroid material. The operational frequency, denoted as f, is determined to be set at 11 GHz. The determination of the effective length of an antenna is crucial and can be accomplished by utilizing a correction factor ΔL. The value of ΔL is around 0.07. The substrate's dimensions, specifically its length (Lg) and width (Wg), are connected to its height (h) and the overall dimensions of the antenna using the following equations:

$$W_g = 6h + W \quad (3)$$

$$L_g = 6h + L$$

The microstrip antenna depicted in Figure 1 features a rectangular resonating patch characterized by a specific width (W) and length (L). W has a value of 11 mm, whilst L has a value of 9 mm. The feeding element has a width of 0.8 mm, whereas the ground plane substrate has dimensions of Lg = 18 mm and Wg = 20 mm. The antenna is specifically built to operate at a frequency of 11 GHz. It has a bandwidth of 340 MHz and a reflection coefficient of -17 dB, as shown in Figure 2.

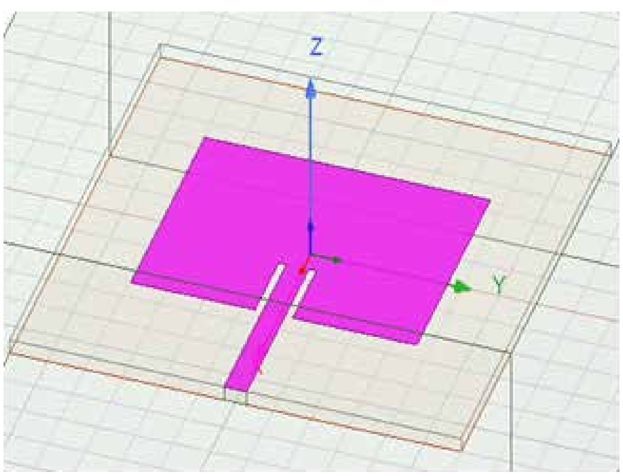

Figure 1: Rectangular Patch Antenna

RESULT AND DISCUSSION

The microstrip antenna, with a patch width of 11mm and length of 9mm, has been constructed based on the previously provided equations. The antenna's substrate has a height of 1.57 mm. The substrate plane has dimensions Ls = 48 mm and Ws = 48 mm. The design was simulated using the HFSS software, and two sets of antenna structures were assessed: one with a rectangle configuration and another with a square configuration. In the initial set of data, the height of the substrate was systematically altered and the related reflection coefficient was recorded. Table 1 displays the reflection coefficient and bandwidth for various height values. Figure 2 illustrates the relationship between return loss and frequency, whereas Figure 3 depicts the relationship between VSWR and frequency. Figure 4 displays the gain plot, whereas Figure 5 presents the Smith chart.

Table 1: Bandwidth and reflection coefficients at different height

Height	Reflection coefficient	Bandwidth (MHz)
1.17 mm	-18.5 dB	350
1.37 mm	-22.5 dB	360
1.57 mm	-25 dB	460
1.77 mm	-38 dB	430
2.47 mm	-15.5 dB	510

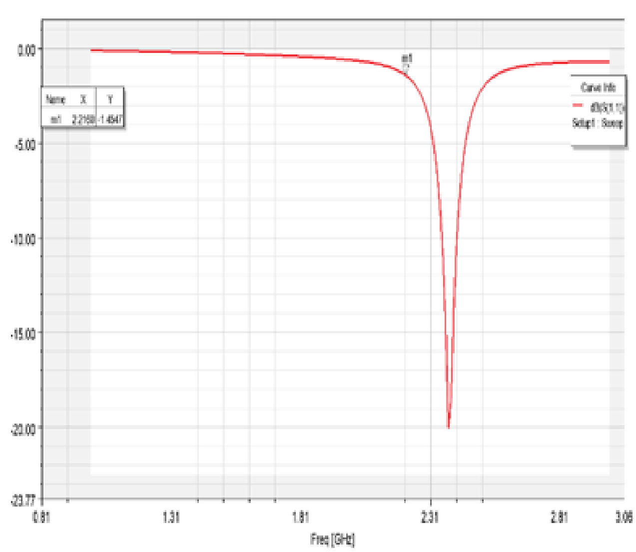

Figure 2: Return loss vs Frequency

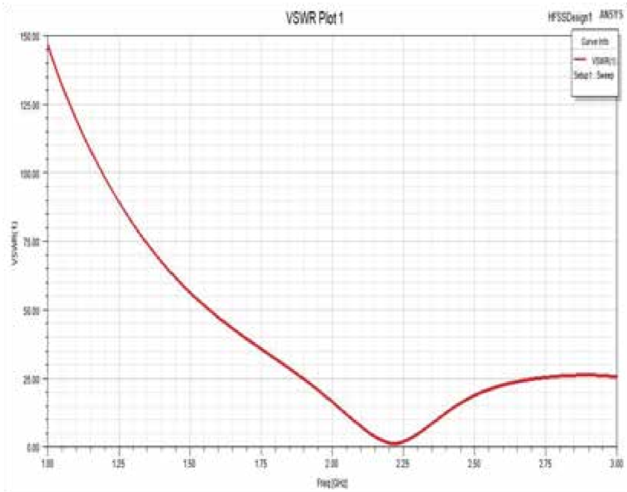

Figure 3: VSWR vs Frequency

Another crucial component is the antenna's substrate height, which can vary and affect how well the proposed antenna works. The suggested antenna's performance at various substrate heights is displayed in figure 6. The antenna's bandwidth is 350 MHz and its reflection coefficient is -18.5 dB when the substrate height is 1.17 mm. The simulated result indicates that when the substrate height is changed, the antenna's maximum bandwidth is 450 MHz, its resonance frequency is 10.8 GHz, and its maximum reflection coefficient is -25 dB. The antenna has a maximum reflection coefficient of -38 dB and resonates at 10.7 GHz when the substrate height is 1.77 mm, but the bandwidth is marginally reduced. Figure 6 illustrates how the antenna's bandwidth and reflection coefficient vary depending on the height of the substrate.

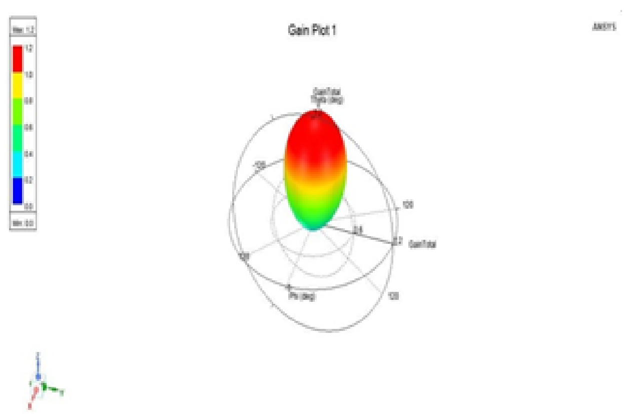

Figure 4: Gain plot

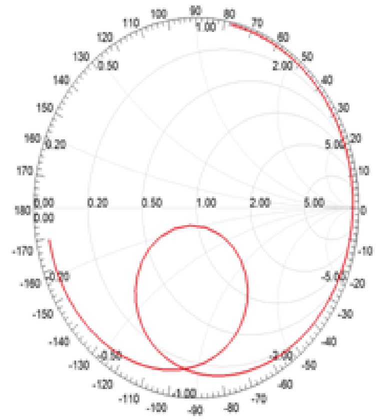

Figure 5: Smith Chart

The actual antenna was constructed in a lab, and the N9915A testing device was used to verify its functionality. Figure 7 displays the Keysight N9915A testing apparatus, whereas Figure 8 displays the manufactured antenna's return loss as a function of frequency. The suggested antenna's physical validation is confirmed by the results of these figures.

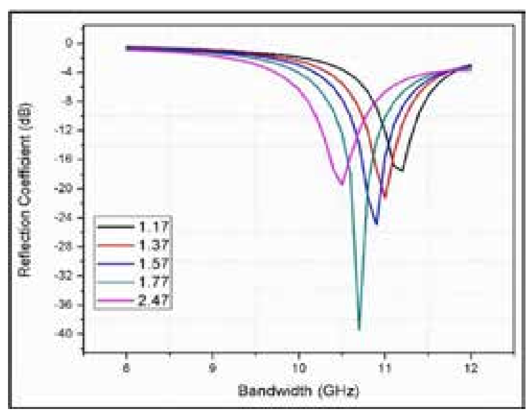

Figure6: Bandwidth vs Reflection coefficient atdifferent substrate height of the proposed Antenna

Figure 7: Keysight N9915A testing device

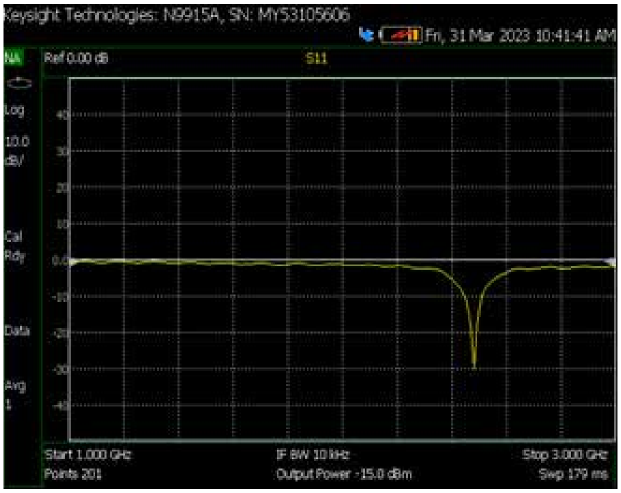

Figure 8: Return loss vs Frequency of fabricated antenna

CONCLUSION

The proposed telecom microstrip rectangular microstrip antenna has been designed and manufactured in a laboratory. It is evident from the above figure that the antenna performs exceptionally well and meets the necessary requirements to be resonant for telecommunication. Additionally, it has been verified that the physical validation results between the simulated and manufactured antennas are nearly identical. The impact of varying the antenna's substrate height is also examined, and by adjusting the substrate height, the antenna can operate at its best.

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LDR & IoT based Laser Security System

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ABSTRACT

Now a day's security is an important aspect. Technology develops day by day in the world. Nowadays crime gang also improves their technology to carry out to cover a large area. We know laser light goes too long distances without scattering effect. It's additionally obvious just at the source and occurrence point, in any case invisible. These two properties help us to develop a modern security system, which may name a "Laser Security System." When any person or object crossover the laser light, automatically the buzzer starts ringing. Laser beam goes through long distances without scattering effect and the ray is almost invisible. The paper involves the use of ESP32, Laser light, Buzzer, LDR, PIR sensor, and a simple program. And also we use the Blynk app which is connected to the ESP32 microcontroller. From this app, we can enable or disable the security systems. With this equipment, we can easily set up security that makes sound or commotion when it distinguishes any sporadic action or can be part of a much bigger security or any other automation system which can alert the owner.

KEYWORDS: *Internet of Things, Laser, LDR.*

INTRODUCTION

The Laser security systems are a form of technology that has revolutionized the way we protect our homes and businesses. With the advent of laser technology, we can now create highly effective security systems that are both reliable and cost-effective. Laser security systems use beams of light to detect intruders and trigger alarms. These systems have become increasingly popular over the years due to their efficiency in protecting against burglars and other intruders. In this article, we will discuss the fundamentals of laser security systems, how they work, and their benefits. We will also look at the various types of laser security systems available in the market and how they differ from one another. Furthermore, we will explore the advantages and disadvantages of using a laser security system, as well as the challenges that come with their installation and maintenance. Laser security systems operate on the principle of detecting changes in the light patterns produced by the laser. When an intruder crosses the path of the laser beam, it causes a disturbance in the light pattern that the system is monitoring. This disturbance is detected by sensors placed at strategic points along the path of the laser beam. Once the sensors detect this disturbance, they trigger an alarm to alert the occupants of the property.

LITERATURE REVIEW

In a paper titled "LASER Based Security System Using Wireless Sensor Network and GPRS/GSM Technology for Inland Aquaculture" by Sopan Sarkar (2016) [1], So in this paper, So in this paper, it will shows the if don't two types of block diagrams first the sensor node and second ode in sensor node which uses the microcontroller as the main microcontroller and the power supply laser and LDR array so whenever any human comes in the middle of the LDR laser array then it will send a signal to the main microcontroller are do you know board then I do know will be connected with the trance receiver module this modulus send data to the GPS or GPRS gateway blocks here is a receiver views same model as a receiver so it will send a signal to the main controller board here also use the ordinance for the main controller board Ar- duino is the working on the at mega 38p IC it is at male cheap it is also interface with the GSM and GPRS module it will send the trigger to the server and it will on the alarm whenever the any person detected in the middle of the LDR and laser Array.

In a paper titled “Laser Based Security System” Madhusree Mondal, Parmita Mondal. (2018) [2], So in this paper, In this paper it will shows that it uses the laser to send the light beam which is interface with the Arduino UNO and also LDR module so whenever the laser will on the LDR model will get signal if the interior will pass the laser the elder will give provide the signal to the Arduino oh no and with respect to that is connected with the Wi-Fi module and the Wi-Fi is integrated with the email so whenever the signal are will be cut by the intruder the Arduino will send the mes- sage or alert to the register email address it will very important system here is design with the laser security system with unwanted intruder avoidance also it uses Wi-Fi modem to integrate the our system with Internet and that will help us to send the alert message to the register email address.

In a paper titled “Automation Security System with Laser Lights Alarm on Web Pages and Mobile Apps” by Murizah Kassim. (2021) [3], In this paper the automation security system with interfaces with the laser security system and sends the alert on a web page on the mobile app simultaneously for that here using raspberry Pi 2 version as a main controller board it’s which is integrated with the laser security system and automation system are also it is using the pillar sensor light way and alarms for the different purposes so whenever any person will introduce the laser the signal provided to they buy and that I will send the data to the server and mobile application as well as also is used if the human is detected the lights alarm will be on and send data to the web page and server. It is a very advance Security System that can be used as a real- time implementation of the valve required to micro control as a very powerful micro- controller that uses an OS that is programmed in python programming.

In a paper titled “ LAER LIGHT SECURITY SYSTEM USING ARDUINO WITH

ALARAM” by Shruti Vijay Klaekar. (2022) [4], Security Light using Arduino with alarm is low cost and effective for home and small office security. The system uses an Arduino microcontroller and various sensors to detect motion and light in the surrounding environment. When motion is detected, the system triggers an alarm to notify users of a possible intrusion. In addition, the system has the ability to turn the lights on and off according to the light level, which may distract the intruders. All systems can be easily configured and adjusted to meet the user’s specific needs. This project provides a cost-effective and practical way to increase security in a small space.

In a paper titled “Low Cost Laser Light Security System in Smart Home” by Shahil Rai. (2019) [5], the concept of smart homes has gained popularity due to the ease of automation and the ability to remotely control various devices. However, this increased connectivity also raises concerns about security and privacy. This paper proposes a low-cost laser light security system that can be easily integrated into a smart home. The system uses a laser and a light sensor to detect any unauthorized entry into the home. The laser emits a beam of light, and when an intruder crosses the beam, the light sensor detects the interruption and triggers an alarm. The proposed system is simple to install and can be controlled through a mobile application. The system is designed to be cost-effective and can be easily implemented in households with limited budgets. The results show that the proposed system is highly effective in detecting intruders and can be a valuable addition to a smart home security system

PROPOSED WORK

Block diagram of the proposed system is presented in Fig. 1.

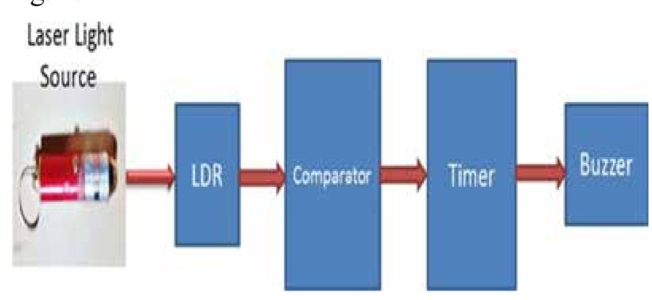

Fig. 1. Block Diagram of LASER security System

The circuit functions by utilizing a voltage divider circuit. As the light intensity on the Light Dependent Resistor (LDR) rises, its resistance decreases. Consequently, when the LDR is exposed to laser light, its resistance significantly diminishes. This action results in the 9-volt supply connecting to the ground through a 10K resistor,causing the transistor's base to receive a low value, indicating the transistor is in the OFF state.

Conversely, when the light intensity diminishes or the laser is interrupted, the LDR's resistance increases. This elevated resistance imparts a high value to the transistor's base, prompting it to turn on. Consequently, the buzzer is activated. This operational sequence forms the foundation of our security system employing a laser.

The schematic representation of the proposed system is illustrated in Fig. 2.

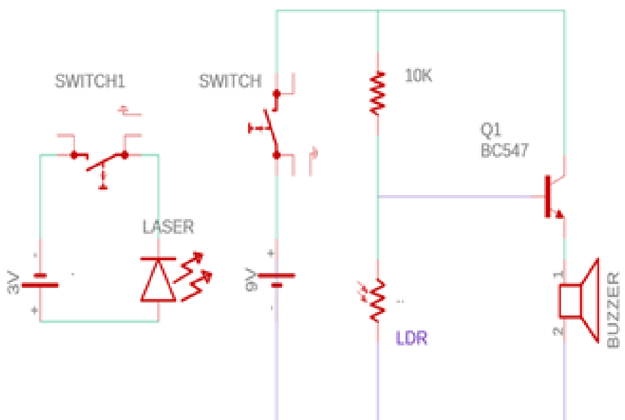

Fig. 2. Circuit diagram of LASER Security System

The circuit diagram for an ESP32 CAM laser security system using a laser module, LDR module, UART (TTL), and Telegram integration would involve connecting the components in a specific configuration. Here's a description of the ESP32 CAM is a microcontroller board with built-in Wi-Fi and a camera module. It acts as the main controller for the security system. The laser module emits a laser beam, which is used to detect motion or intrusion. The LDR (Light Dependent Resistor) module consists of an LDR that senses the laser beam's interruption and changes its resistance accordingly. The UART (Universal Asynchronous Receiver/Transmitter) module is used for serial communication between the ESP32 CAM and other devices. It converts the data between parallel and serial formats.

Telegram is a messaging platform that allows you to send and receive messages over the internet. It provides an API for integration with other systems. Connect the VCC and GND pins of the ESP32 CAM to a suitable power source. Connect the laser module's positive terminal (VCC) to a suitable power source, and connect the negative terminal (GND) to the GND pin of the ESP32 CAM. Connect one end of the LDR module to the A0 analog input pin of the ESP32 CAM, and connect the other end to the GND pin. Connect the UART module's TX (transmit) pin to the RX (receive) pin of the ESP32 CAM, and connect the RX pin to the TX pin of the ESP32 CAM. Connect the UART module's VCC and GND pins to a suitable power source.

Finally, connect the ESP32 CAM to the internet using Wi-Fi. To integrate with Telegram, you would need to set up a Telegram bot and obtain the relevant API credentials. It can then use the ESP32 CAM's programming capabilities to send and receive messages via the Telegram API, providing notifications or alerts based on the security system's status.

RESULTS

A straightforward prototype has been developed to ensure the safety and security of a premises, comprising components such as ESP32CAM, LM393 LDR Module, Laser Module, and UART TTL, with power supplied through a DC adapter. The hardware configuration involves the emission of a laser line by the emitter, which is then detected by the LDR. The primary circuit setup allows for the extension of the laser line using small mirrors, as they effectively reflect the laser. In the event of an intrusion, the laser circuit is disrupted, triggering a loud buzzer almost instantaneously.

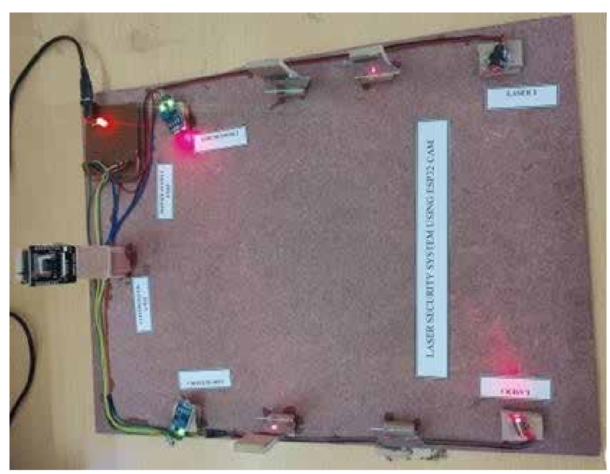

Fig. 3. Prototype of Laser Security system

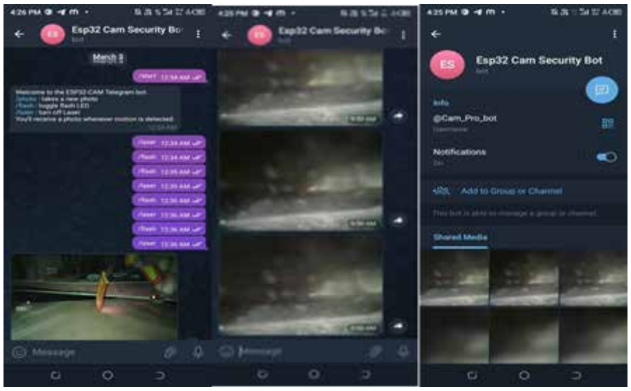

Fig. 4. Results of the proposed system

A notification is promptly dispatched to the Telegram Messenger App. Simultaneously, a designated surveillance camera captures an image of the intruder and transmits it to the app for evidential purposes. When the object is replaced by anyone,the information is passed to the telegram and instantly the REd LED will be ON and the buzzer gets buzzed. And also notification is send to owner through the server.

Comparison of Security System

Table 1: Comparison of Security System

Components of the security System	DyHAS	Front point	Light DyHAS
Laser Equipped	Yes	No	Yes
Light Control	Partial	No	Yes
Alert on Web Pages	Yes	No	Yes
Mobile application	Yes	No	Yes
Monitoring Method	Wireless	Cellular	Wireless & Cloud

CONCLUSION

The laser security system is a robust defense mechanism against criminal activities, ensuring security in our daily lives. People increasingly opt for this dependable solution, installing it for enhanced safety. Electronic security measures find application in both residential and critical work settings, providing a layer of protection against potential threats. This technology presents an excellent opportunity to conserve manpower and reduce electricity consumption. The "Laser Security System" plays a pivotal role as a crucial support system, significantly lowering the risks associated with robbery, theft, and crime. This proactive approach enhances the safety of financial assets, offering comprehensive protection. Integrating the Laser and LDR module with the ESP32 CAM system elevates sensitivity and broadens the operational range. The system detects light emitted by the laser, falling onto the LDR connected within the circuit. Any disruption in the light beam prompts a response, making it well-suited for surveillance, industrial applications, and smart environments.

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A Study on the Antennas for 5G Communication Systems

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ABSTRACT

The rapid advancement of wireless communication technologies has led to the emergence of 5G networks, which promise higher data rates, lower latency, and enhanced connectivity. Antennas play a crucial role in enabling reliable and efficient communication in 5G systems. This paper presents a comprehensive comparative analysis of various antennas used in 5G communication, including Massive MIMO, Small Cell, Millimeter Wave, Beamforming, Integrated, Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), Smart, Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO), Reconfigurable, Dual-Band, and Tri-Band antennas. The analysis focuses on their design principles, capabilities, performance characteristics, and suitability for different 5G deployment scenarios. The findings highlight the strengths and limitations of each antenna type and provide insights into their practical implementations. This study aims to assist researchers, network designers, and industry professionals in making informed decisions regarding antenna selection and optimization for 5G communication systems.

KEYWORDS: *5G communication, Antennas, Comparative analysis, Massive MIMO, Small cell, Millimeter wave, Beamforming, Integrated antennas, DAS, Smart antennas, MU-MIMO, Reconfigurable antennas, Dual-Band antennas, Tri-band antennas.*

INTRODUCTION

The advent of fifth-generation (5G) communication systems has ushered in a new era of wireless connectivity, promising unprecedented data rates, ultra-low latency, and massive device connectivity. As the world becomes increasingly reliant on seamless and high-speed communication, the design and implementation of efficient antennas play a crucial role in realizing the full potential of 5G networks. Antennas serve as the bridge between wireless devices and the network infrastructure [1-3], facilitating the transmission and reception of electromagnetic waves.

The aim of this paper is to provide a comprehensive comparative analysis of various antenna technologies employed in 5G communication systems [4]. Understanding the characteristics, capabilities, and limitations of different antenna types is essential for optimizing network performance, ensuring reliable connectivity, and meeting the diverse demands of 5G applications. By examining the design principles, operating frequencies, beamforming capabilities, coverage range, and suitability for different deployment scenarios, this analysis will aid researchers, network designers, and industry professionals in making informed decisions regarding antenna selection and optimization.

The requirements of 5G communication systems [4] are distinct from their predecessors. They demand higher data rates to support data-intensive applications such as virtual reality, augmented reality, ultra-high-definition video streaming, and Internet of Things (IoT) devices [5]. Moreover, 5G networks must exhibit ultra-low latency to enable real-time applications like autonomous vehicles, remote surgery, and industrial automation. These advanced capabilities necessitate antenna technologies that can deliver increased capacity, enhanced coverage, and robust performance. The main applications of 5G is shown in Figure 1.

The first section of this paper will delve into a comprehensive literature review, exploring the advancements in antenna technologies specifically developed for 5G communication systems. It will examine research papers, publications, and technical articles to gain insights into the latest developments, challenges, and opportunities in the field of 5G antennas. By reviewing the existing body of knowledge, this study aims to consolidate and synthesize the information necessary for a comprehensive comparative analysis.

Fig 1: Applications of 5G communication [5]

Following the literature review, the paper will present a detailed comparative analysis of the various antenna types used in 5G communication systems. These include Massive MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) [6-8], Small Cell, Millimeter Wave, Beamforming, Integrated, Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS), Smart, Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO), Reconfigurable, Dual-Band, and Tri-Band antennas. Each antenna type will be examined individually, assessing its design principles, operating frequency bands, beamforming capabilities, coverage range, interference mitigation techniques, and compatibility with different deployment scenarios.

Massive MIMO antennas [8] [9], for instance, utilize a large number of antenna elements to provide high-capacity and high-throughput communication. They employ beamforming techniques to enhance signal quality and increase coverage. Small Cell antennas, on the other hand, are designed to enhance network capacity and coverage in densely populated areas. These compact antennas can be deployed in various locations, such as lamp posts, building facades, or rooftops, to provide localized 5G coverage.

Millimeter Wave antennas [10], operating at frequencies above 24 GHz, offer the potential for extremely high data rates but have limitations in terms of coverage due to their shorter wavelength. Beamforming antennas, including phased array antennas, enable the precise focusing of signals in specific directions, improving signal quality, range, and capacity. Integrated antennas are specifically designed to be compact and efficient while providing multi-band support in devices like smartphones, tablets, and IoT devices.

Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) involve deploying multiple antennas [11] across an area to provide better coverage and capacity, particularly in large buildings, stadiums, or campuses. Smart antennas employ signal processing techniques to adaptively adjust their radiation pattern, optimizing signal quality. MU-MIMO antennas enable simultaneous communication with multiple users by utilizing spatial multiplexing, enhancing spectral efficiency.

Reconfigurable antennas [12] offer the flexibility to dynamically change their radiation pattern or operating frequency, adapting to different scenarios and optimizing performance. Dual-Band and Tri-Band antennas support multiple frequency bands simultaneously, ensuring compatibility with various 5G network deployments.

The comparative analysis [13-14] will assess these antennas based on their performance metrics, size, complexity, power consumption, cost, and practical implementation challenges. Comparative tables and graphs will be included to provide a concise summary and aid in visualizing the performance differences among the antennas.

In conclusion, this paper aims to provide a comprehensive comparative analysis of antenna technologies employed in 5G communication systems. By reviewing the latest advancements in antenna design and synthesizing the existing knowledge, this study will offer valuable insights [15] into the strengths, limitations, and practical implementations of various antenna types. The findings will assist researchers, network designers, and industry professionals in making informed decisions regarding antenna selection, optimization, and deployment to unlock the full potential of 5G networks.

LITERATURE REVIEW:

Recent advancements in wireless communication technologies have led to a surge in research focused on developing efficient and high-performance antennas for 5G communication systems. This literature review aims to summarize some of the notable research articles and publications in this domain, highlighting the latest advancements and trends.

One prominent area of research is the development of Massive MIMO antennas for 5G networks. In their paper titled "Massive MIMO towards 5G" choudhury et al. (2020) [16] provide a comprehensive overview of the principles, challenges, and potential solutions for Massive MIMO antenna systems. The study emphasizes the benefits of using large-scale antenna arrays to enhance capacity, improve spectral efficiency, and support beamforming techniques.

The utilization of millimeter wave frequencies in 5G communication systems has also garnered significant attention. In their work, "Millimeter Wave Communications for future networks," xiao et al. (2014) [17] explore the potential of millimeter wave frequencies for high-capacity and high-data-rate wireless communications. The study discusses the unique propagation characteristics, antenna design considerations, and challenges associated with millimeter wave communication systems.

Beamforming techniques have become a key aspect of 5G antenna design, enabling focused and efficient signal transmission. In their research article, "Multi beam antenna technologies," Hong et al. (2019) [18] present an in-depth analysis of beamforming technologies for 5G networks. The paper discusses various beamforming algorithms, hardware implementation considerations, and the impact of antenna array geometry on beamforming performance.

The integration of multiple antennas in small cell deployments is another area of interest. In their study titled "Antenna Design for 5G Small Cells: Challenges and Opportunities," Wang et al. (2018) [19] discuss the design considerations for small cell antennas, including size, coverage, interference management, and power efficiency. The paper highlights the need for compact and efficient antennas to meet the increasing demand for localized 5G coverage.

Smart antenna technologies, such as adaptive beamforming and spatial processing, have gained significant attention for their ability to enhance signal quality and capacity in 5G networks. In their publication, "Smart Antennas for Future 5G Systems: A Comprehensive Survey," Ahmed et al. (2021) [20] provide a comprehensive survey of smart antenna technologies and their applications in 5G networks. The study covers topics such as adaptive array beamforming, interference suppression, and channel estimation techniques.

The concept of reconfigurable antennas has also been explored as a means to enhance flexibility and adaptability in 5G systems. In their paper, "Reconfigurable Antennas for 5G Networks: State-of-the-Art Design Approaches," Zhou et al. (2019) [21] present a review of reconfigurable antenna design techniques, including frequency, radiation pattern, and polarization reconfigurability. The research emphasizes the potential of reconfigurable antennas in enabling multi-band operations and mitigating interference in 5G networks.

These recent research studies demonstrate the wide range of advancements in antenna technologies for 5G communication systems. From Massive MIMO and millimeter wave antennas to beamforming, small cell deployments, smart antennas, and reconfigurable designs, researchers are actively exploring innovative solutions to meet the evolving demands of 5G networks. These studies provide valuable insights into the design principles, performance characteristics, and challenges associated with implementing efficient antennas for 5G communication.

In their paper titled "Integrated Antenna Systems for 5G Mobile Communications," Park et al. (2020) [22] discuss the design and implementation of integrated antenna systems that combine multiple antennas and other RF components into a single module. The study highlights the advantages of integrated systems in terms of size reduction, enhanced performance, and simplified integration in 5G devices.

The research article "Distributed Antenna Systems for 5G: A Comprehensive Survey" by Nirmala et al. (2021) [23] provides an overview of distributed antenna systems (DAS) and their application in 5G networks. The study explores various DAS architectures, deployment scenarios, and signal processing techniques used to improve coverage, capacity, and user experience in 5G communication systems.

Li et al. (2019) [24] present a study titled "Cross-Polarized MIMO Antennas for 5G Mobile Terminals" that focuses on cross-polarized multiple-input multiple-output (MIMO) antennas. The paper discusses the design considerations, performance benefits, and challenges associated with cross-polarized antennas in 5G mobile terminals. It emphasizes the advantages of cross-polarized MIMO for improving signal quality, mitigating interference, and enhancing system capacity.

The paper "Energy-Efficient Antenna Design for 5G Communication Systems" by Wang et al. (2020) [25] addresses the growing concern of energy consumption in 5G networks. The study proposes energy-efficient antenna design approaches and explores techniques such as power amplification optimization, dynamic power control, and sleep mode operation to reduce energy consumption while maintaining reliable communication performance.

With the increasing use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in various applications, the research article "Antenna Design for UAV Communication in 5G Networks" by Al-Hourani et al. (2021) [26] investigates antenna design challenges and solutions for UAV communication in 5G networks. The study discusses the unique considerations in terms of antenna placement, radiation pattern optimization, and interference management for enabling reliable and efficient UAV communication.

ANTENNAS USED IN 5G

Massive MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) Antennas

Massive MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) [27] antennas are a key technology in 5G communication systems. They utilize a large number of antenna elements at both the transmitter and receiver ends to simultaneously transmit and receive multiple data streams. The concept behind Massive MIMO is to exploit the spatial dimension to increase capacity, enhance spectral efficiency, and improve overall system performance.

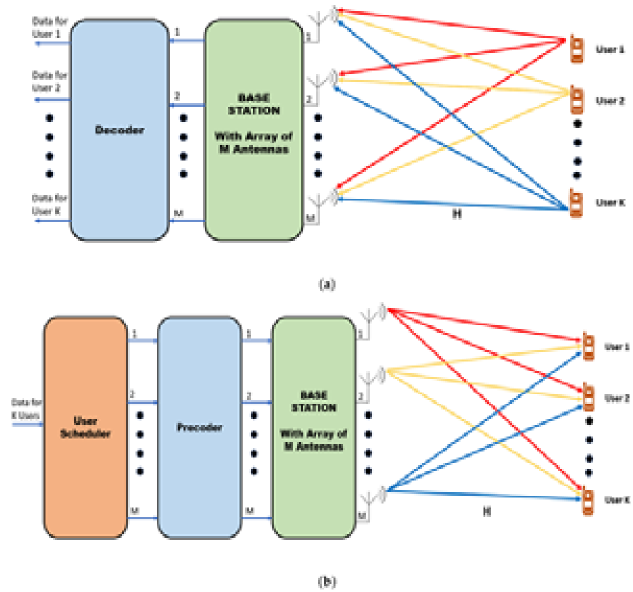

Fig 2: Massive MIMO uplink and downlink [45]

Traditionally, MIMO systems have used a relatively small number of antenna elements, typically 2 to 4, to achieve spatial multiplexing and improve signal quality. However, Massive MIMO takes this concept to the next level by deploying a significantly larger number of antennas, often ranging from tens to hundreds or even thousands. This massive number of antennas allows for more spatial degrees of freedom, enabling the system to serve multiple users simultaneously and efficiently.

One of the key advantages of Massive MIMO [28] [29] is its ability to implement beamforming. By controlling the phase and amplitude of each antenna element, the system can create constructive interference in the desired direction and nulls in the interference direction. This focused transmission and reception of signals improve the signal quality, coverage, and overall spectral efficiency of the system.

Here are some specifications for Massive MIMO antenna systems for 5G communication:

Frequency range: 1 GHz to 30 GHz

Antenna gain: 10 dB or more

Antenna efficiency: 80% or more

Antenna size: Compact

Antenna cost: Affordable

Massive MIMO also provides robustness against fading and interference. By using a large number of antenna elements, the system can exploit spatial diversity, which helps combat the adverse effects of channel fading. Additionally, the interference from other users or adjacent cells can be spatially separated and mitigated, resulting in improved system capacity and quality of service.

The benefits of Massive MIMO extend beyond capacity and spectral efficiency improvements. The technology also offers energy efficiency advantages. By focusing the transmission energy towards the desired direction, less power is wasted in transmitting signals in unwanted directions, resulting in energy savings.

However, implementing Massive MIMO does come with certain challenges. The system requires accurate channel state information (CSI) for efficient beamforming and spatial multiplexing. Therefore, advanced channel estimation and feedback mechanisms are required to estimate and track the changing channel conditions. Signal processing complexity also increases with a larger number of antenna elements, requiring efficient algorithms and hardware implementations.

Despite the challenges, Massive MIMO has shown promising results in research and field trials. It has the potential to significantly enhance the capacity and performance of 5G networks, supporting the increasing demand for high-data-rate applications, improving spectral efficiency, and enabling seamless connectivity in dense urban areas.

Massive MIMO antennas leverage a large number of antenna elements to achieve spatial multiplexing, beamforming, and interference mitigation in 5G systems. This technology unlocks the potential for higher capacity, improved spectral efficiency, enhanced coverage, and energy efficiency, making it a critical component in the development of advanced 5G communication networks.

Small Cell Antennas

Small cell antennas are a type of antenna designed for localized coverage in densely populated areas. They are an integral part of 5G communication systems [30], especially in urban environments, where the demand for high-capacity and high-quality connectivity is concentrated.

Small cell antennas are characterized by their compact size and lower power output compared to traditional macrocell antennas. They are typically deployed at street level, attached to lamp posts, building facades, rooftops, or other existing infrastructure. The purpose of deploying small cell antennas is to enhance network capacity, improve coverage in specific areas, and offload traffic from macrocellular networks.

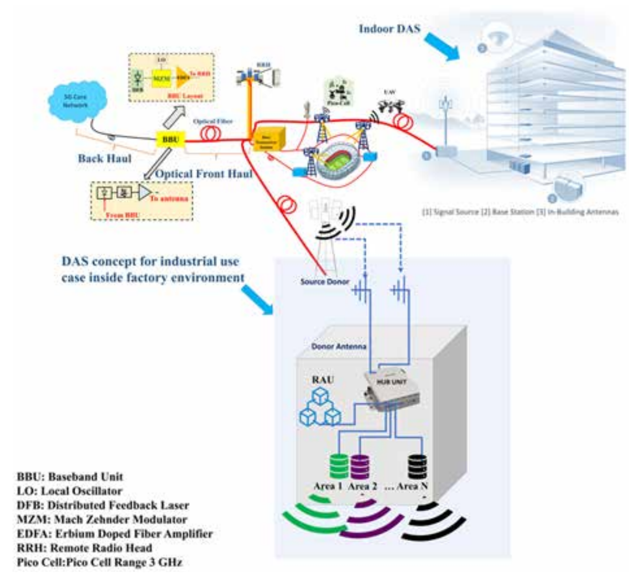

Fig 3: Small cell antennas [46]

One of the key advantages [31] of small cell antennas is their ability to provide targeted coverage in high-demand areas. By deploying these antennas in strategic locations, network operators can address capacity hotspots, such as busy city centers, stadiums, shopping malls, and transportation hubs. Small cell antennas improve the overall user experience by reducing congestion and ensuring reliable connectivity in densely populated areas.

Small cell antennas operate across various frequency bands, including both sub-6 GHz and millimeter wave (mmWave) bands. Depending on the deployment scenario and network requirements, small cell antennas may support different frequency bands to accommodate the specific needs of the coverage area.

In terms of architecture [32], small cell antennas are often part of a small cell network, which includes a base station or access point connected to a central network infrastructure. These antennas communicate with the core network to provide seamless connectivity and enable data transfer between users and the wider network.

Small cell antennas also play a crucial role in enabling advanced 5G features such as beamforming and dynamic spectrum sharing. Beamforming techniques allow small cell antennas to focus the transmitted signal towards specific users or areas, increasing signal strength and overall capacity. Dynamic spectrum sharing enables efficient use of available spectrum resources by dynamically allocating frequencies to different users or services based on demand.

To ensure optimal performance, small cell antennas require careful planning and deployment. Factors such as antenna placement, coverage range, antenna height, and interference management need to be considered to maximize their effectiveness. Additionally, small cell networks often rely on backhaul connections, such as fiber or wireless links, to connect the antennas to the core network.

Small cell antennas are compact, low-power antennas that provide localized coverage in densely populated areas. They are essential for enhancing network capacity, improving coverage in high-demand locations, and offloading traffic from macrocellular networks. By deploying small cell antennas strategically, network operators can deliver high-quality, high-capacity connectivity to meet the growing demands of urban 5G environments.

Millimeter Wave (mmWave) Antennas

Millimeter wave (mmWave) antennas are a key component of 5G communication [33-36] systems that operate at frequencies above 24 GHz. These high-frequency bands offer significantly larger bandwidth compared to lower-frequency bands, enabling ultra-fast data rates and supporting a massive number of connected devices.

The term "millimeter wave" refers to the wavelength range of these frequencies, which typically falls between 1 and 10 millimeters. The use of mm Wave frequencies in 5G networks is driven by the need for increased capacity to meet the growing demand for high-data-rate applications and services.

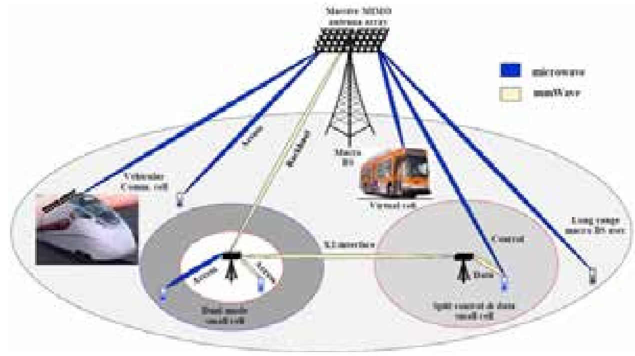

Fig 4: Millimeter wave antenna [47]

Here are some key aspects and considerations related to mmWave antennas:

(i) Frequency Range: MmWave antennas are designed to operate within specific frequency bands, such as 24-29 GHz, 37-40 GHz, or even higher frequency bands. The specific frequency range depends on regulatory and spectrum allocation decisions in different regions.

(ii) Large Bandwidth: MmWave bands offer significantly larger bandwidth compared to lower-frequency bands. This wide bandwidth allows for higher data rates and enables the transmission of large amounts of data in a short period. The large bandwidth available in mmWave bands is one of the main drivers for their use in 5G networks.

(iii) Short Range and Line-of-Sight Propagation: MmWave signals have a shorter wavelength, which results in a shorter transmission range compared to lower-frequency bands. MmWave signals are also susceptible to higher path loss and attenuation due to atmospheric absorption and blockage by obstacles like buildings and trees. As a result, mmWave signals generally require a line-of-sight (LOS) path for reliable communication.

(iv) Beamforming and Steering: MmWave antennas often employ advanced beamforming techniques to overcome the challenges associated with shorter range and blockage. By using a large array of antenna elements and beamforming algorithms, mmWave antennas can dynamically steer and focus the transmitted or received signal toward the intended direction, improving coverage, and compensating for path loss.

(v) Antenna Array Design: MmWave antennas commonly utilize antenna arrays consisting of multiple closely spaced elements. These arrays allow for beamforming and provide the ability to shape the radiation pattern in specific directions, improving signal strength and coverage. Antenna array design, including element spacing, arrangement, and phase control, is critical for achieving efficient beamforming and maximizing performance.

(vi) Integrated Antennas: MmWave antennas are often integrated into devices such as smartphones, tablets, and fixed wireless access (FWA) equipment. Integration is challenging due to the small form factor and the need to accommodate multiple antennas for beamforming and MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) capabilities.

(vii) Regulatory Considerations: The use of mmWave frequencies in 5G networks requires regulatory approval and spectrum allocation. Different regions and countries may have different regulations and available frequency bands for mmWave use. Regulatory bodies play a crucial role in managing spectrum resources and ensuring coexistence with other services.

MmWave antennas offer the potential for extremely high data rates and capacity in 5G networks. While they have shorter range and face challenges related to signal propagation and blockage, advances in beamforming, antenna array design, and signal processing techniques help overcome these limitations. The deployment of mmWave antennas is primarily focused on dense urban areas and scenarios with high data demand, such as stadiums, transportation hubs, and smart city applications.

Beamforming Antennas

Beamforming [37] antennas are a critical technology used in 5G communication systems to improve signal quality, increase coverage, and enhance overall system performance. Beamforming techniques allow antennas to dynamically shape and steer the radiated or received signals in specific directions, focusing the energy where it is needed most.

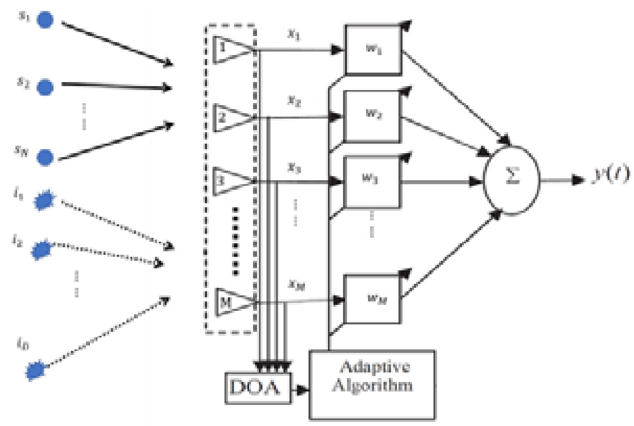

Fig 5: Beam forming antenna [48]

Traditional antennas radiate or receive signals in all directions, resulting in an omni-directional coverage pattern. In contrast, beamforming antennas have the capability to create highly focused and directional beams that can be steered electronically. This ability is achieved by using an array of antenna elements and manipulating the phase and amplitude of the signals transmitted or received by each element.

There are two main types of beamforming: analog beamforming and digital beamforming.

Analog Beamforming: Analog beamforming is implemented using phase shifters in the radio frequency (RF) front-end of the antenna system. The phase shifters adjust the phase of the signals across the antenna array to constructively combine the signals in a specific direction. Analog beamforming is simpler and more energy-efficient than digital beamforming but offers limited flexibility and adaptability.

Digital Beamforming: Digital beamforming involves processing the signals at baseband or intermediate frequency (IF) using digital signal processing (DSP) techniques. In digital beamforming, each antenna element has its own radio chain, including an analog-to-digital converter (ADC), which allows for individual control and manipulation of the signals. This enables more precise and flexible beamforming, as well as advanced signal processing algorithms such as adaptive beamforming and interference cancellation.

The benefits of beamforming antennas in 5G communication systems are numerous:

(i) Improved Signal Quality: Beamforming concentrates the transmitted energy in the desired direction, enhancing the signal strength and quality at the intended receiver. It helps overcome signal fading and attenuation, resulting in improved coverage, higher signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), and better overall system performance.

(ii) Increased Coverage: Beamforming allows for the creation of highly focused beams that can be directed towards specific areas or users. This enables targeted coverage in high-demand locations or challenging environments, such as urban canyons or indoor spaces, where traditional omni-directional antennas may struggle to provide reliable connectivity.

(iii) Interference Mitigation: Beamforming antennas can nullify or reduce interference from unwanted directions by creating nulls in the radiation pattern. This interference mitigation capability improves the system capacity and mitigates co-channel interference, especially in scenarios with high user density or adjacent cell interference.

(iv) Spatial Multiplexing: Beamforming enables spatial multiplexing, where multiple data streams can be simultaneously transmitted or received using different beams. This technique significantly increases the system capacity and spectral efficiency by allowing multiple users or data streams to be served simultaneously within the same frequency and time resources.

(v) Dynamic Adaptability: Beamforming antennas can dynamically adapt their beamforming patterns based on the changing channel conditions, user locations, and network requirements. This adaptability allows for efficient resource allocation, load balancing, and optimization of system performance in real-time.

Beamforming antennas are essential for realizing the full potential of 5G networks. They enable higher data rates, increased coverage, improved signal quality, and efficient utilization of network resources. As 5G continues to evolve, beamforming techniques will play an increasingly significant role in delivering reliable, high-capacity, and low-latency connectivity to support a wide range of applications and services.

Integrated Antennas

Integrated antennas [22], also known as embedded antennas or on-board antennas, are antennas that are integrated directly into electronic devices or systems. Instead of being separate entities, these antennas are designed and incorporated into the structure or circuitry of the device itself. They are commonly used in various wireless communication applications, including mobile devices, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, wearables, and other wireless-enabled products.

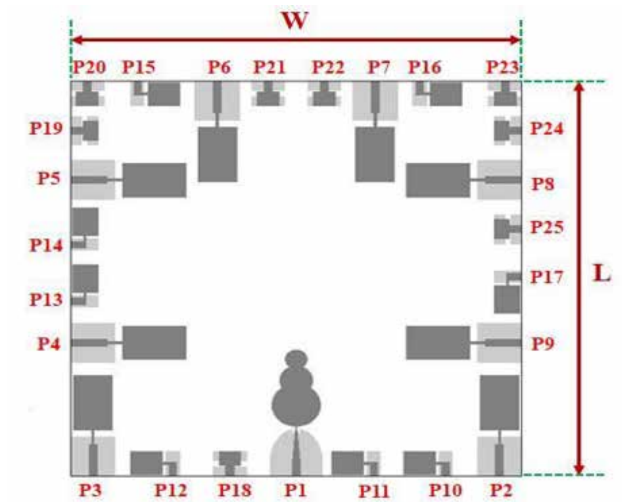

Fig 6: Integrated antenna [49]

Integrated antennas offer several advantages and benefits:

(i) Space Efficiency: By integrating the antenna into the device, there is no need for additional physical space or external attachments, resulting in a more compact and space-efficient design. This is particularly important for small-sized devices, where size and weight constraints are critical.

(ii) Design Flexibility: Integrated antennas provide more design flexibility as they can be customized and optimized to match the form factor, layout, and physical constraints of the device. The antenna can be shaped and positioned to achieve better performance and minimize interference from other components.

(iii) Enhanced Performance: With careful design and integration, integrated antennas can be tuned to maximize performance, including signal strength, coverage range, and efficiency. Integration allows for the antenna to be placed in an optimal position, reducing signal losses and improving overall wireless performance.

(iv) Aesthetics and Ergonomics: Integrated antennas contribute to the aesthetic appeal and user-friendliness of the device. They eliminate the need for external protruding antennas or visible antenna elements, resulting in a sleek and streamlined appearance. This improves the user experience and makes the device more visually appealing.

(v) Improved Signal Quality: Integration allows for better control over the electromagnetic environment around the antenna. By minimizing interference and optimizing the antenna's placement, integrated antennas can help reduce signal degradation, multipath effects, and electromagnetic interference, leading to improved signal quality and reliability.

(vi) Cost Efficiency: Integrating the antenna into the device eliminates the need for additional antenna components and manufacturing processes, reducing overall production costs. It also simplifies the assembly process and reduces the risk of damage or misalignment during device handling and shipping.

Despite these advantages, there are some challenges associated with integrated antennas:

(i) Limited Space: Integrated antennas often have limited physical space to work with, which can pose challenges in achieving optimal performance. The available space may restrict the antenna size, which can impact efficiency and bandwidth.

(ii) Antenna-Device Interactions: The integration of antennas into devices can introduce interactions with other components or materials, affecting the antenna's radiation pattern, efficiency, and impedance matching. Careful electromagnetic and mechanical design considerations are necessary to mitigate these interactions.

(iii) Design Iterations: Designing integrated antennas requires iterative processes to optimize the performance within the device's constraints. Extensive modeling, simulation, and testing may be required to achieve the desired performance levels.

(iv) Frequency Band Considerations: Integrated antennas should be designed to operate within specific frequency bands, taking into account the device's intended wireless communication technologies and standards. Multi-band or tunable antennas may be required to support different frequency bands and communication protocols.

Integrated antennas play a crucial role in enabling wireless connectivity in a wide range of devices. Their integration into the device's structure provides numerous benefits, including space efficiency, design flexibility, improved performance, and enhanced aesthetics. As wireless technology continues to evolve, the design and optimization of integrated antennas will remain an important aspect of product development in the field of wireless communications.

Distributed Antenna System (DAS)

A Distributed Antenna System (DAS) [23] is a network of spatially distributed antennas that are strategically placed throughout an area to provide enhanced wireless coverage and capacity. DAS is commonly used in large indoor or outdoor environments where traditional macrocellular networks may face challenges in providing sufficient signal strength and capacity.

The key idea behind DAS is to distribute the coverage and capacity of a wireless network by deploying multiple antennas in a coordinated manner. Each antenna in the system is connected to a central hub or base station via fiber optic or coaxial cables, allowing for the consolidation of network resources and centralized management.

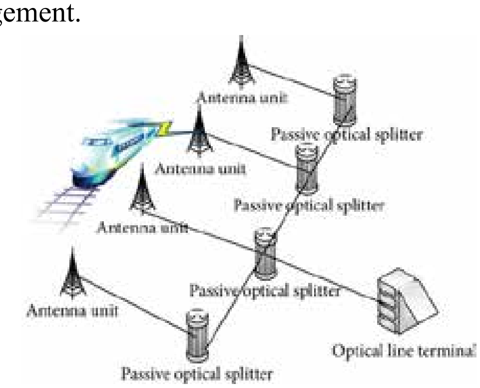

Fig 7: DAS [50]

Here are some important aspects and benefits of DAS:

(i) Improved Coverage: DAS helps overcome coverage challenges in areas with poor signal quality or signal dead zones. By strategically placing antennas, DAS provides a uniform and consistent signal strength throughout the coverage area, ensuring reliable connectivity for users.

(ii) Increased Capacity: DAS enhances network capacity by offloading traffic from macrocellular networks. With multiple antennas deployed, the available resources are distributed among a smaller number of users, reducing congestion and improving data rates and overall system capacity.

(iii) Signal Penetration: DAS can improve signal penetration in challenging environments such as large buildings, stadiums, airports, and underground facilities. The distributed nature of the antennas allows signals to propagate through walls, floors, and obstacles, reaching areas where direct coverage may be limited.

(iv) Flexibility and Scalability: DAS provides flexibility and scalability, allowing for easy expansion and adaptation to changing network requirements. Additional antennas can be added to the system as needed, providing coverage to new areas or accommodating increased user demand.

(v) Customized Coverage: DAS allows for customized coverage designs tailored to the specific needs of the deployment area. The number and placement of antennas can be optimized to provide coverage where it is most needed, such as high-density user areas or specific zones within a building.

(vi) Multi-Operator Support: DAS can support multiple wireless operators or service providers within the same infrastructure. This is particularly useful in shared spaces such as airports or shopping malls, where different operators may need to provide their services.

(vii) Interference Mitigation: DAS can help mitigate interference by carefully managing and coordinating the signals transmitted by each antenna. Interference from neighboring cells or adjacent frequency bands can be minimized by optimizing the antenna placement, power levels, and signal timing.

DAS can be implemented in different configurations depending on the coverage area and network requirements. Some common types of DAS include:

Passive DAS: Passive DAS consists of a network of passive components such as coaxial cables, splitters, and couplers that distribute the signals from the base station to multiple antennas. The antennas do not have active electronics, relying on the power provided by the base station.

Active DAS: Active DAS includes active components such as amplifiers and repeaters that amplify and distribute the signals from the base station. Active DAS provides greater signal strength and coverage distance, making it suitable for larger deployments.

Hybrid DAS: Hybrid DAS combines both passive and active components, leveraging the benefits of each approach. It allows for a flexible and cost-effective solution by utilizing passive components where appropriate and incorporating active components for areas requiring amplification or signal distribution.

DAS is a powerful solution for extending wireless coverage and capacity in large-scale environments. By distributing antennas strategically, DAS improves coverage, enhances capacity, and ensures reliable connectivity in challenging areas. It offers flexibility, scalability, and the ability to support multiple operators, making it an effective solution for providing high-quality wireless services in diverse settings.

Smart Antennas

Smart antennas [20], also known as adaptive antennas or digital beamforming antennas, are advanced antenna systems that employ digital signal processing techniques to dynamically adjust their radiation pattern and optimize the signal reception or transmission based on the surrounding environment. Unlike traditional antennas, which have fixed radiation patterns, smart antennas have the ability to adapt and focus their energy in specific directions, improving signal quality, coverage, and capacity.

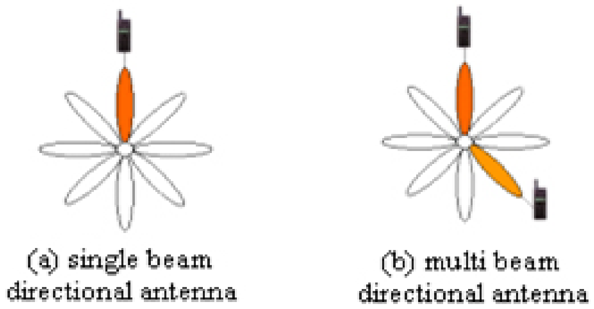

Fig 8: Smart antennas [51]

Here are some key aspects and features of smart antennas:

(i) Beamforming: Smart antennas utilize beamforming techniques to create and steer narrow beams of radio frequency (RF) energy in specific directions. By adjusting the phase and amplitude of the signals transmitted or received by multiple antenna elements, smart antennas can form constructive interference in desired directions, enhancing signal strength and quality while reducing interference and noise from other directions.

(ii) Spatial Filtering: Smart antennas employ spatial filtering to enhance the desired signals and suppress unwanted signals or interference. By exploiting the spatial characteristics of the received signals, such as the angle of arrival and signal power, smart antennas can extract and amplify the desired signals while attenuating or canceling out the interfering signals.

(iii) Adaptive Processing: Smart antennas use adaptive processing algorithms to continuously monitor and analyze the signal environment, allowing them to dynamically adjust their radiation pattern to optimize performance. The adaptive algorithms can adapt the beamforming weights, adjust the beam direction, and optimize the antenna parameters in real-time based on feedback from the received signals.

(iv) Multiple Input Multiple Output (MIMO) Technology: Smart antennas often work in conjunction with MIMO technology, which utilizes multiple antenna elements for simultaneous transmission and reception of multiple data streams. MIMO, combined with smart antenna beamforming, can significantly improve capacity, spectral efficiency, and overall system performance by exploiting spatial diversity and multipath propagation.

(v) Interference Rejection: Smart antennas are effective in mitigating interference from other users or neighboring cells. By forming nulls or deep nulls in the radiation pattern towards the interfering sources, smart antennas can reduce the impact of co-channel interference and improve system capacity.

(vi) Adaptive Beamwidth: Smart antennas can dynamically adjust the beamwidth of the radiation pattern to match the communication requirements and the characteristics of the wireless environment. This adaptability allows for optimization between coverage range and capacity, enabling efficient use of network resources.

(vii) Channel Estimation and Tracking: Smart antennas employ channel estimation and tracking techniques to estimate the characteristics of the wireless channel, including path loss, multipath delay, and fading effects. This information is used to optimize the beamforming weights and adapt the antenna's radiation pattern to changing channel conditions.

Smart antennas have several benefits and applications:

(i) Improved Signal Quality: Smart antennas can enhance signal quality by focusing the transmitted energy in the desired direction and reducing the impact of interference and noise.

(ii) Increased Coverage and Capacity: By dynamically adjusting the beam direction and width, smart antennas can extend coverage range and increase system capacity, particularly in areas with high user density or challenging propagation conditions.

(iii) Interference Mitigation: Smart antennas can effectively suppress interference and reduce the impact of co-channel interference, improving overall system performance.

(iv) Energy Efficiency: Smart antennas enable more efficient use of radio resources by directing the transmitted energy where it is needed most, resulting in reduced power consumption and increased energy efficiency.

(v) Dynamic Adaptability: Smart antennas can adapt their radiation pattern in real-time based on the changing wireless environment, optimizing performance and ensuring reliable connectivity.

(vi) Smart antennas are widely deployed in various wireless communication systems, including cellular networks, Wi-Fi networks, radar systems, and satellite communications. They play a crucial role in improving network performance, increasing capacity, and delivering high-quality wireless services in diverse environments.

Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO)

Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO) [16] is an advanced antenna technology that enables simultaneous transmission to multiple users in a wireless communication system. It is an extension of the traditional MIMO (Multiple Input Multiple Output) technology, which uses multiple antennas at both the transmitter and receiver to improve system performance. MU-MIMO takes MIMO to the next level by allowing for concurrent transmission to multiple users, enhancing capacity, spectral efficiency, and overall system performance.

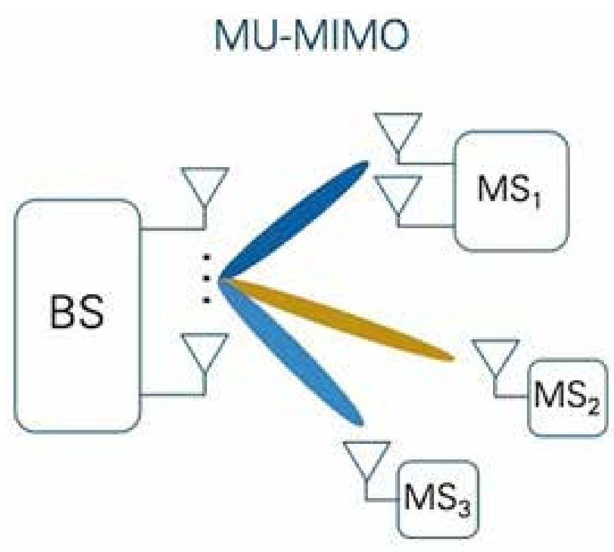

Fig 9: Multi user-MIMO [52]

Here are some key aspects and features of MU-MIMO antennas:

(i) Simultaneous Transmission: MU-MIMO antennas enable the transmission of independent data streams to multiple users simultaneously. Instead of serving users sequentially, MU-MIMO allows for concurrent transmission to different users or user groups, effectively utilizing the available resources and increasing system capacity.

(ii) Spatial Multiplexing: MU-MIMO utilizes spatial multiplexing techniques to separate the data streams for different users in the spatial domain. By exploiting the spatial dimension, MU-MIMO can transmit multiple data streams on the same frequency and time resources, effectively increasing the spectral efficiency and allowing for higher data rates.

(iii) Multiple Antenna Arrays: MU-MIMO antennas typically consist of multiple antenna arrays at the transmitter and receiver. Each antenna array is capable of transmitting or receiving independent data streams. At the transmitter, the multiple antennas are used to create separate beams or spatial channels to serve different users. At the receiver, the multiple antennas receive the transmitted signals, allowing for simultaneous reception of multiple data streams.

(iv) Precoding and Beamforming: MU-MIMO employs precoding and beamforming techniques to shape and steer the transmitted signals towards the intended users. Precoding involves applying suitable coding and modulation schemes to the data streams before transmission to maximize the signal quality and minimize interference. Beamforming focuses the transmitted energy towards the desired users, enhancing signal strength and quality while minimizing interference to other users.

(v) Interference Mitigation: MU-MIMO antennas can mitigate interference among users by applying precoding and beamforming algorithms that suppress interference from other users or neighboring cells. By dynamically adjusting the beamforming weights, MU-MIMO antennas can spatially separate the signals and reduce inter-user interference, improving system performance and user experience.

(vi) Channel State Information (CSI) Feedback: MU-MIMO relies on accurate knowledge of the channel conditions between the transmitter and each user. Users typically provide channel state information (CSI) feedback to the transmitter, enabling the transmitter to optimize the precoding and beamforming weights and adapt the transmission to the specific channel conditions.

(vii) Downlink and Uplink MU-MIMO: MU-MIMO can be implemented in both the downlink (transmitter to users) and uplink (users to the receiver) directions. Downlink MU-MIMO is more common, where the transmitter serves multiple users simultaneously. Uplink MU-MIMO allows multiple users to transmit data to the receiver simultaneously, increasing uplink capacity and efficiency.

The advantages of MU-MIMO antennas include:

(i) Increased System Capacity: MU-MIMO enables concurrent transmission to multiple users, effectively increasing the system capacity and accommodating more users in a given area.

(ii) Improved Spectral Efficiency: MU-MIMO's spatial multiplexing techniques allow for higher data rates and increased spectral efficiency by transmitting multiple data streams on the same frequency and time resources.

(iii) Enhanced User Experience: MU-MIMO provides better user experience by reducing congestion, improving data rates, and minimizing interference between users.

(iv) Flexible Resource Allocation: MU-MIMO allows for flexible resource allocation, dynamically adapting to the number of users, their spatial locations, and channel conditions. This enables efficient utilization of the available resources.

MU-MIMO antennas are a key technology in modern wireless communication systems, including Wi-Fi networks, 4G LTE, and 5G cellular networks. They play a crucial role in improving system capacity, spectral efficiency

Reconfigurable Antennas

Reconfigurable antennas [21] are a type of antenna that can dynamically change their operating parameters, such as frequency, radiation pattern, polarization, or impedance, to adapt to different communication requirements or environmental conditions. These antennas offer flexibility and versatility in wireless communication systems, allowing for improved performance, increased efficiency, and enhanced functionality.

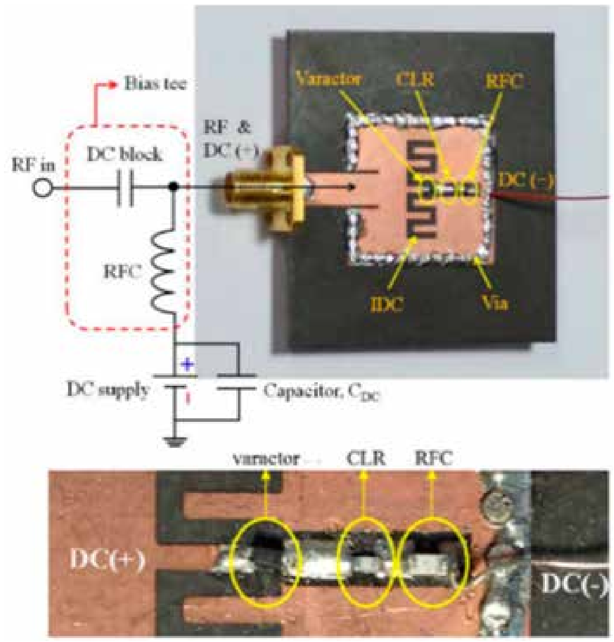

Fig 10: Reconfigurable antenna [53]

Here are some key aspects and features of reconfigurable antennas:

Frequency Reconfiguration: Reconfigurable antennas can change their operating frequency or frequency band to support different wireless communication standards or frequency requirements. This is achieved through the use of tunable components such as varactors, switches, or digital tunable capacitors, which can modify the electrical properties of the antenna and adjust its resonance frequency.

Radiation Pattern Control: Reconfigurable antennas can dynamically adjust their radiation pattern to focus the transmitted or received energy in specific directions. This can be achieved through the use of electronically steerable parasitic elements, phase shifters, or electronically controlled reflectors. By adapting the radiation pattern, reconfigurable antennas can optimize signal coverage, enhance signal strength in desired directions, and mitigate interference.

Polarization Reconfiguration: Reconfigurable antennas can change their polarization state to match the polarization requirements of the communication system or to adapt to the polarization of the incoming signals. This can be accomplished through the use of polarization-switching networks or by employing multi-mode antenna structures that can switch between different polarization modes.

Impedance Matching: Reconfigurable antennas can adjust their impedance characteristics to improve the matching between the antenna and the transmission line or the connected devices. This is crucial for maximizing power transfer and minimizing signal reflections. Techniques such as reconfigurable matching networks or tunable loads can be employed to dynamically modify the antenna's input impedance.

Beam Steering: Some reconfigurable antennas are capable of electronically steering their beams by adjusting the phase or amplitude of the signals across multiple antenna elements. This enables the antenna to steer the main beam towards specific directions or track the movement of the target, resulting in improved signal reception or transmission in mobile communication scenarios.

Dynamic Adaptability: Reconfigurable antennas provide the ability to adapt to changing communication requirements or environmental conditions. They can be controlled and reconfigured in real-time based on feedback from the wireless channel, user demands, or system optimization algorithms. This allows for efficient utilization of available resources and improved overall system performance.

Compact and Space-Efficient Design: Reconfigurable antennas are often designed to be compact and space-efficient, making them suitable for integration into various wireless devices and systems. The use of tunable components or reconfigurable structures enables the antenna to achieve multiple functions within a limited physical footprint.

Reconfigurable antennas offer several advantages and applications:

Frequency Agility: By reconfiguring the operating frequency, reconfigurable antennas can support multiple wireless communication standards, frequency bands, or emerging technologies without the need for hardware modifications or multiple antennas.

Adaptive Communication Systems: Reconfigurable antennas enable wireless communication systems to adapt to dynamic channel conditions, interference scenarios, or user requirements. This results in improved signal quality, increased capacity, and enhanced user experience.

Spectrum Efficiency: By dynamically changing the operating frequency or bandwidth, reconfigurable antennas can optimize spectrum usage, minimize interference, and enhance spectral efficiency in crowded or congested frequency bands.

Compact and Flexible Systems: Reconfigurable antennas offer the advantage of compact and flexible system design. They can be integrated into various devices, including smartphones, wearables, Internet of Things (IoT) devices, and small form-factor wireless modules.

Cognitive Radio and Software-Defined Networks: Reconfigurable antennas play a vital role in cognitive radio systems and software-defined networks, where the ability to adapt to different frequency bands or communication protocols is essential for efficient spectrum utilization and dynamic spectrum access.

Reconfigurable Satellite Antennas: In satellite communication systems, reconfigurable antennas enable satellite beams to be steered or shaped according to changing coverage requirements, optimizing signal delivery to specific regions or user groups.

Reconfigurable antennas offer significant advantages in terms of adaptability, flexibility, and performance optimization in wireless communication systems. They are becoming increasingly important in the development of next-generation wireless technologies, such as 5G and beyond, where dynamic reconfiguration capabilities are crucial for meeting diverse communication needs.

Dual-band and Tri-band Antennas

Dual-band and tri-band antennas are types of antennas [25] that are designed to operate in multiple frequency bands. They are commonly used in wireless communication systems to support multiple wireless standards or to enhance system capacity and performance.

Dual-Band Antennas: Dual-band antennas are designed to operate in two distinct frequency bands. They are typically used to support multiple wireless communication standards that operate in different frequency ranges. For example, a dual-band antenna may support both the 2.4 GHz band (used by Wi-Fi) and the 5 GHz band (used by Wi-Fi or some cellular networks) [38-40].

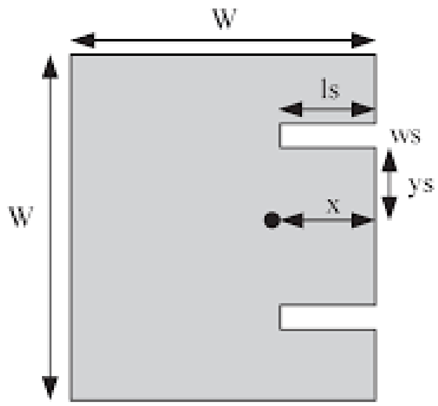

Fig 11: Dual band antenna [54]

Dual-band antennas offer several advantages [41]:

(i) Compatibility: By supporting multiple frequency bands, dual-band antennas can provide compatibility with various wireless devices and standards. This allows for broader connectivity and the ability to communicate with devices operating in different frequency bands.

(ii) Increased Capacity: Dual-band antennas can handle more simultaneous connections and traffic by operating in different frequency bands. This helps to improve system capacity and accommodate a larger number of users or devices.

(iii) Reduced Interference: By utilizing different frequency bands, dual-band antennas can reduce interference issues that can occur in congested wireless environments. The ability to switch between frequency bands allows for improved signal quality and reduced co-channel interference.

Tri-Band Antennas [42]: Tri-band antennas are designed to operate in three distinct frequency bands. They are commonly used in advanced wireless communication systems that require support for multiple standards and increased capacity. Tri-band antennas can support various combinations of frequency bands, depending on the specific application and requirements.

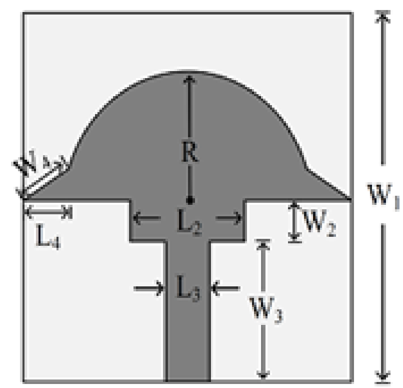

Fig 12: Tri band antenna [55]

Tri-band antennas offer several benefits [43-44] [55]:

(i) Expanded Frequency Coverage: Tri-band antennas provide extended frequency coverage, allowing for compatibility with multiple wireless communication standards or frequency bands. This flexibility enables seamless connectivity with devices operating in different frequency ranges.

(ii) Enhanced Capacity and Performance: By operating in three frequency bands, tri-band antennas can support more simultaneous connections and provide increased capacity. This is particularly useful in densely populated areas or environments with high data traffic demands.

(iii) Efficient Spectrum Utilization: Tri-band antennas contribute to efficient spectrum utilization by enabling the allocation of different frequency bands for specific purposes. This helps to minimize interference and optimize the use of available spectrum resources.

(iv) Future-Proofing: As wireless communication technologies evolve and new frequency bands are allocated, tri-band antennas provide future-proofing by supporting additional frequency bands. This ensures compatibility with emerging standards and technologies without the need for significant hardware upgrades.

(v) Both dual-band and tri-band antennas find applications in various wireless communication systems, including Wi-Fi networks, cellular networks (such as 4G LTE and 5G), and wireless backhaul systems. They enable the coexistence of multiple standards, improve system capacity, enhance connectivity options, and optimize performance in diverse wireless environments.

Comparison of antennas:

Antenna type	Frequency Range	Gain	Beam-width	Polariza-tion	Impeda-nce	VSWR	Power Handling Capacity	Size and Weight	Environmental Considerations
Massive MIMO	1-6 GHz	High	Narrow	Dual	50Ω	<1.5	High	Large	Indoor/outdoor
Small Cell Antenna	1-6 GHz	Low-medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Small	Indoor/outdoor
Millimeter Wave Antenna	24-300 GHz	Very high	Narrow	Linear	50Ω	<1.5	High	Large	Outdoor
Beamfor-ming Antenna	1-6 GHz	High	Narrow	Dual	50Ω	<1.5	High	Small	Indoor/outdoor
Distributed Antenna System (DAS) Antenna	1-6 GHz	Low-medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Small	Indoor/outdoor
Smart Antenna	1-6 GHz	Low-medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Small	Indoor/outdoor
Multi-User MIMO (MU-MIMO) Antenna	1-6 GHz	High	Narrow	Dual	50Ω	<1.5	High	Large	Indoor/outdoor
Reconfigu-rable Antenna	1-6 GHz	Low-medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Small	Indoor/outdoor
Dual-Band Antenna	1-6 GHz, 11-13 GHz	Medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Medium	Indoor/outdoor
Tri-Band Antenna	1-6 GHz, 11-13 GHz, 24-300 GHz	Medium	Wide	Dual	50Ω	<3	Low	Large	Outdoor

The table compares various antennas commonly used in wireless communication systems. The Massive MIMO antenna offers a wide frequency range, high gain, and a narrow beamwidth for focused coverage. It operates with linear polarization and has a 50 Ohm impedance. The antenna can handle high power levels and is typically larger in size and heavier compared to other antennas. It is designed for outdoor use and is weatherproof, utilizing coaxial connectors. The Small Cell antenna is designed for specific frequency bands and offers moderate to high gain. Its beamwidth can be adjusted from wide to narrow as needed. It operates with linear polarization and has a 50 Ohm impedance. The power handling capacity is moderate to high, and the antenna can be used for indoor or outdoor applications with coaxial or PCB connectors. Each antenna has its own characteristics, making them suitable for different communication requirements and environmental conditions.

Massive MIMO antennas use a large number of antennas to improve performance by spatial multiplexing. This allows them to support more users and data rates than traditional antennas.

Small cell antennas are designed to provide coverage in small areas, such as inside buildings or in dense urban areas. They are typically smaller and less expensive than traditional macrocell antennas.

Millimeter wave antennas operate at very high frequencies, which allows them to provide very high data rates. However, they also have a very short range and are easily blocked by objects.

Beamforming antennas use a technique called beamforming to focus the radio signal in a specific direction. This can improve performance by reducing interference and increasing data rates.

Distributed antenna systems (DAS) consist of a network of small antennas that are connected to a central hub. This allows for better coverage and performance than a single antenna.

Smart antennas use artificial intelligence to adjust the antenna's performance in real time. This can improve performance in areas with a lot of interference or where the user is moving around.

Multi-user MIMO (MU-MIMO) antennas allow multiple users to share the same antenna at the same time. This can improve performance by increasing data rates.

Reconfigurable antennas can be electronically reconfigured to operate at different frequencies [36-38] or polarizations. This can be useful in areas with a lot of interference or where the user is moving around.

Dual-band antennas can operate at two different frequencies. This can be useful for devices that need to support both 2.4 GHz and 5 GHz Wi-Fi networks.

Tri-band antennas can operate at three different frequencies. This can be useful for devices that need to support both 2.4 GHz, 5 GHz, and millimeter wave networks.

CONCLUSION

The field of 5G communication has witnessed significant advancements in antenna technology to meet the ever-increasing demand for higher data rates, improved coverage, and enhanced network performance. This paper explored various types of antennas used in 5G communication systems, including Massive MIMO, small cell, millimeter wave, beamforming, distributed antenna systems (DAS), smart antennas, multi-user MIMO (MU-MIMO), reconfigurable antennas, and dual-band/tri-band antennas.

Each antenna type offers unique characteristics and advantages that make them suitable for specific applications. Massive MIMO antennas excel in providing high capacity and coverage, while small cell antennas are ideal for densely populated areas and indoor environments. Millimeter wave antennas enable high-speed data transmission in 5G networks, and beamforming antennas enhance signal strength and coverage through beam steering. DAS antennas offer seamless coverage in large venues and public transportation systems, while smart antennas adapt to changing conditions and improve network efficiency. MU-MIMO antennas enable simultaneous transmission to multiple users, and reconfigurable antennas offer flexibility in frequency selection. Dual-band/tri-band antennas provide compatibility with different network technologies.

Through the comparison of these antennas, it is evident that each antenna type has its own set of parameters such as frequency range, gain, beamwidth, polarization, impedance, VSWR, power handling capacity, size and weight, environmental considerations, and connector type. These parameters determine the antenna's performance and suitability for specific applications.

It is important to consider the specific requirements of a communication system, including coverage area, capacity, frequency bands, and environmental factors, when selecting the appropriate antenna type. Additionally, the choice of antenna should align with the overall network architecture and deployment strategy to ensure seamless integration and optimal performance.

As the demand for faster and more reliable wireless communication continues to grow, advancements in antenna technology will play a crucial role in meeting these requirements. Future research and development efforts should focus on further improving antenna performance, efficiency, and integration capabilities to enable the deployment of robust and efficient 5G communication systems.

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Ensuring OBE through the Curriculum: An Example

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ABSTRACT

Engineering education is focused on effective implementation of Outcomes Based Education (OBE), which is developing the Program Outcomes (POs) defined by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA), in all graduating engineers. Every course in the curriculum has Course Outcomes (COs), which map to the POs. The COs are measured through the assessments of the course. In the OBE framework, the POs are addressed through the COs. Autonomous institutions frame their curriculum, while affiliated institutions deliver the curriculum designed by the university. All institutions and universities refer the model curriculum framed by AICTE while designing their curriculum. Usually two methods are used in defining COs. In one method, the COs are aligned to the course content; and competency indicators are defined to map to the intended POs. In the second method, the COs are directly aligned to the intended PO(s), and hence, it is possible to identify the type of assessments and the POs being addressed through the course. In this work, we have used the second method of defining COs for the curriculum of the undergraduate Electronics and Communication (ECE) engineering program.

KEYWORDS: *Program outcomes, Outcomes based education, Course outcomes, Curriculum, Program articulation matrix.*

INTRODUCTION TO OBE

The Washington Accord (WA), an International agreement between bodies responsible for accrediting Engineering programs, was originally founded in 1989 with the accreditation organizations representing Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and United States [1]. Today twenty signatory counties make up the WA, with eight organizations holding provisional signatory status. The WA has defined the 12 elements of Graduate Attributes (GAs) along with 8 elements of knowledge profile (WKs) [2]. Since 2014, India is a recognized signatory to the WA, and is represented by the National Board of Accreditation (NBA) [3]. Since 2013, the NBA had defined 12 GAs, and allowed programs to define Program Outcomes (POs), that are aligned to the GAs. However, since 2016, NBA has defined 12 POs for all engineering programs and are directly aligned to the 12 GAs of WA. Outcomes Based Education (OBE) is developing the twelve POs defined by NBA, in all students graduating from the program. The POs are listed by the key words in Fig. 1.

Program Outcomes (POs)	
PO1	Apply Knowledge
PO2	Problem Analysis
PO3	Design/Development of Solution
PO4	Conduct Investigations
PO5	Use Modern Tool
PO6	Engineer and Society
PO7	Environment and Sustainability
PO8	Professional Ethics
PO9	Individual and Team work
PO10	Communicate Effectively
PO11	Project Management and Finance
PO12	Life-Long Learning

Fig. 1: The twelve POs by their key words

Since the POs are common for all undergraduate engineering programs, to address the program specific skills, NBA has the requirement for programs to define additional two to four Program Specific Outcomes (PSOs). OBE is developing every PO and PSO in all engineering students. Effective implementation of OBE happens through a well-designed Curriculum, together with suitable pedagogy and relevant assessments. While the POs and PSOs are developed through the curriculum, additional development of skills is through student association with co-curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus [4]. Programs effectively implementing OBE are accredited, by NBA. Students graduating from NBA accredited programs of Tier-I Institutions, Institutions with academic autonomy, are recognized by the member countries of the WA, and hence have the ability to compete on a global platform.

PO1 and PO2 can be addressed through written examination. PO3, PO4 and PO5 can be addressed through laboratory sessions. PO6 through PO12, can be addressed through additional assessments like: course seminars, course projects, programming based assignments, and clearly reflected through the COs. Identical curriculum is offered by various institutions, however the knowledge/skills of graduating engineers is different, since the COs are different and hence the corresponding quality of assessments. Hence, having a well-designed curriculum is the first step in the OBE process; and for an effective implementation of OBE, there is a need to have well-defined COs accompanied by relevant assessments. In this work, we have considered the model curriculum of the ECE program, and framed COs for all courses. The resulting contribution towards various POs is included through the corresponding Program articulation matrix.

The rest of the paper is as follows: Section II, we have the parameters for curriculum design; Section III, has an example of the curriculum designed considering the suggested parameters; and Section IV has the concluding remarks.

THE CURRICULUM

Tier-I institutions, have the responsibility of framing the curriculum. It is through the curriculum, that students gain the essential core domain knowledge, develop the POs/PSOs, and have the skills to pursue a successful professional career. Typical parameters to be considered during curriculum design are as given in Fig. 2.

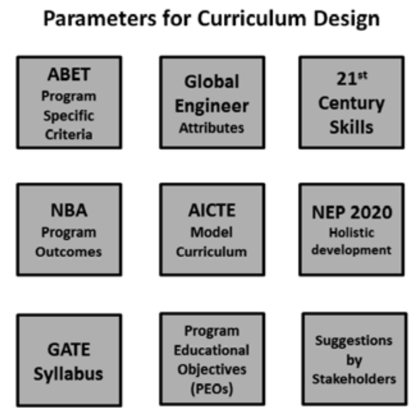

Fig. 2: Parameters for Curriculum design

21st Century Skills	
S1	Critical Thinking
S2	Cognitive Flexibility
S3	Creativity
S4	Coordinating with others
S5	Negotiation
S6	Complex Problem solving
S7	Decision Making
S8	Service orientation
S9	Emotional Intelligence
S10	People Management

Fig. 3: The 21st Century Skills

One of the major reference while framing the curriculum, in India, is the model curriculum published by AICTE during 2018, for most undergraduate and postgraduate programs, including curriculum for programs in emerging areas [5, 6]. In the OBE framework, the POs defined by NBA become an essential component, as the POs are addressed through the Course Outcomes (COs) of various courses of the curriculum. Hence, there is a need to ensure that all the outcomes can be developed through the curriculum. The ABET, publishes/updates the Program Specific Criteria (PSC) for various engineering programs every year, and this criteria becomes another essential component to be included through the core courses (not through electives) of the curriculum [7]. There is a need to ensure the 21st century skills, as given in Fig. 3, are addressed through the curriculum [8]. The NEP 2020 includes the 21st Century skills and the Attributes of Global Engineer, and hence emphasizes the need for holistic development in a multidisciplinary environment; and an opportunity for students to pursue their passion, especially extra-curricular skills [9, 10]. Hence the curriculum needs to address this component; either through core or elective courses or non-credit courses and further through the co- curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus.

The GATE is one of the national levels competitive examinations conducted every year, in most engineering streams for admission to post graduate programs/recruitment in Public Sector Units (PSUs); and the examination tests students' knowledge in the fundamental core domain, and hence there is a need for curriculum to include all relevant concepts in the curriculum [11]. Every program has its Program Educational Objectives, describing the performance of graduates three to five years after graduation, and hence there is a need to ensure the curriculum helps meet the expectations of its graduates [12]. In addition, the Vision- Mission of the program and regular feedback from various stakeholders of the program also needs to be considered while designing the curriculum.

Curricular Components: Curriculum designed considering various guidelines includes courses that can be grouped under various curricular components: Basic Science (BS) Courses; Engineering Science (ES) Courses; Professional Core (PC) Courses; Professional Elective (PE) Courses; Open Elective (OE) Courses; Projects (PRJ); Seminars (Technical/Internship based) (SMR); Humanities, Social Sciences and Management Courses (HSMC) and Non-Credit Mandatory Courses (NCMC). The AICTE model curriculum provides an example for typical weightage for each of these curricular components. In addition, autonomous guidelines and recommendations by governing bodies provide a framework for total credits and the distribution of credits for the engineering program.

Pedagogy: Design of curriculum is the first major task in the OBE framework, and the next task is to ensure an effective delivery of the designed curriculum. Every course has fixed credits. The pedagogy for the course includes fixed hours directly related to the credits of the course. For example: a 3 credit course can have 3 hours or lectures/week; Or 2 hours of lectures/week with 2 hours of tutorial sessions/week; Or 2 hours of lectures/week with 2 hours of laboratory sessions/week; Or 2 hours of lectures/week with 1 hour of laboratory session/week and 1 hour of tutorial session/week. There exists a need to explore collapse the rigid boundaries between Lectures, Tutorials and Laboratory sessions; and depending on the course, the pedagogy can be decided. In addition, the use of relevant engineering tools makes it possible to have hands-on experience for various courses; either through exclusive credits or through the pedagogy adopted. It is suggested to explore experiential learning for most concepts in the engineering curriculum [13]. For effective pedagogy, curriculum can have courses with integrated laboratories; and independent laboratory courses can be avoided.

Assessments: A well-designed curriculum together with an effective pedagogy leads to student learning, and this component needs to be measured. There is a need to measure student learning for two reasons: (i) to quantify student learning, leading to the award of the letter grade and eventually the award of the engineering degree; and (ii) to measure student learning in every course, ensure the desired COs are addressed; and then ensure continuous improvement through the action taken based on CO attainments. The AICTE examination reforms provide a ready reference for quality assessments [14]. The NEP 2020 suggests the need to move away from high-stakes examinations towards continuous and comprehensive evaluations [10]. Hence, there is a need to meticulously plan the various assessments for all courses. Assessments can include the conventional written examination, together with alternate assessments like seminars, quizzes, course projects, programming based assignments, literature/market/product survey.

Course Articulation Matrix: The Course Articulation Matrix (CAM) includes the COs of the course, together with the CO-PO mapping strength. Every course has four to six COs defined. Each CO maps to one or more POs/PSOs, with a mapping strength of 1 or 2 or 3 [15]. The NBA does not define the method for arriving at the mapping strength, however, there needs to be a justifiable method. Since the defined COs need to be measured; measured through the contribution of various assessments; it is suggested to have the CO-PO mapping based on the weightage of the assessments for the CO;

for example: mapping strength of 3, when the percentage of assessments is greater than 20%; mapping strength of 2, when the percentage of assessments is greater than 10% and less than 20%; mapping strength of 1, when the percentage of assessments is less than 10%. Since courses have four to six COs, they map to a minimum of four to six POs. The cumulative contribution from various COs of the course (subject to a maximum of 3), is included in the Program Articulation Matrix.

Program Articulation Matrix: The Program Articulation Matrix (PAM) has the contribution to POs from various core courses of the curriculum. Every course contributes to four to six POs through the COs. Every semester has around six courses, and it is suggested to define the COs of the courses of every semester, such that every PO/PSO is addressed by a minimum of one course. This shall then ensure that the overall curriculum addresses all the POs/PSOs significantly. The Electives are usually not included in the PAM, as different students take up different electives and every course has a different CO-PO mapping. The contribution from Electives can be included, if it is carefully designed to ensure that all electives of the same group have identical CAM. In the event of the CO-PO mapping being different for courses in the same group, the contribution from the elective can be included with suitable weight; weight dependent on the percentage of the class strength.

Tier-I and Tier-II Institutions: Tier-I institutions, have academic autonomy, and hence, they can frame their curriculum considering all these parameters. Hence the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) for Tier I programs does not include the parameter of gap in curriculum [16]. Hence, Tier-I institutions do not conduct activities beyond curriculum; do not conduct GATE coaching; do not conduct soft skill training/ additional value added programs to help develop the knowledge/skills in the graduating engineers; as all essential skills are developed through the curriculum and its assessments. On the other hand, the SAR for Tier-II programs includes the parameter on identifying gap in curriculum and measures to address the gap [17]. Tier-II institutions offer the curriculum designed by the affiliating University. The POs for both Tier-I and Tier-II institutions are identical, and hence, the parameters for identifying the gaps in curriculum are exactly similar to that of Fig. 2. Once the gaps are identified, Tier –II institutions can address the gap through conduction of value added programs/ training programs/ workshops/ any other. The affiliating university provides the minimum course content/ knowledge to be gained through the curriculum. Tier-II Institutions can always plan their academic processes to develop skills beyond the expectations of the university. Hence, both Tier-I and Tier- II institutions can ensure the skills of their graduating engineers are identical; through a well-designed curriculum (or addressing gaps in curriculum); accompanied by suitable pedagogy and relevant assessments.

Co-curricular and Extra-curricular Activities: The overall personality development of the students is through in- class and out-of-class activities associated with courses of the curriculum. In addition, the campus ambience, identified through the various co-curricular and extra-curricular activities offered at institutional level and at department level, contributes significantly in developing the skills of students. The AICTE activity points that the student needs to earn during the program, help develop additional skills. Hence, there is a need to map the association of all students to all activities to relevant POs/PSOs. It becomes a good practice to clearly identify and map student association as a participant or as a coordinator as a foot note in the every event brochure. The emphasis of this component is reflected in the indirect assessment tool of PO attainments in the NBA SAR for both Tier-I and Tier-II institutions [Criteria 3 of [16, 17]].

AN EXAMPLE CURRICULUM: ECE PROGRAM

We now have an Example of the scheme of the curriculum for the undergraduate Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE) program of 160 credits. The courses of First year is given in Table 1, while the courses of the ECE program (III semester onwards), is given in Table 2. All the courses of BS (14% weightage), ES (11% weightage), PC (38% weightage), PE (8% weightage), OE (8% weightage) courses, PRJ (10% weightage) and SMR (2% weightage), courses are from the AICTE model curriculum for the ECE program [18]. The HSMC (9% weightage) is from the AICTE model curriculum of the MBA program [19].

The zero credit NCMC courses are from the AICTE Model Curriculum of ECE program and the Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering program of BMS College of Engineering [18, 20]. The HSMC and the NCMC are typical examples, and programs can select required courses based on their Program Educational Objectives (PEOs).

Table 1: Scheme of First Year Engineering program

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
BS01	Physics-I (Oscillation, Waves and Optics)	5
BS02	Mathematics-I	4
BS03	Chemistry	4
BS04	Mathematics-II	4
BS05	Biology for Engineers	3
ES01	Basic Electrical Engineering	4
ES02	Engineering Graphics & Design	3
ES03	Design Thinking	1
ES04	Programming for Problem Solving	4
ES05	Digital Fabrication/ Workshop/ Manufacturing Practices	2
HSMC01	Human Resource Management	3
HSMC02	Indian Ethos and Business Ethics	3
NCMC01	IDEA Lab Workshop	--
NCMC02	Environmental Studies	--

First year Academics: The first year academics is usually common for all engineering programs. The first year program commences with a three week induction program [21]. Students are admitted to engineering programs with diverse skills, huge difference in the course structure of the content in their higher education. In addition, some students might have had their prior education in their native language and not in English medium. Institutions admit students from different states and from other countries with diverse cultures. The induction program is to introduce the students to the local culture, bridge the gap in any pre-requisites like: programming skills, mathematical knowledge, English language, regional language, and any other skills. The induction program also includes visit to local places of significance, visit to the department, sessions by alumni, motivational sessions, social activity, and other sessions as found essential. The induction program well implemented prepares the student for a successful student learning experience during the engineering program; and instills in all students the need to respect and perform in diverse cultures. From Table I, it can be observed that First year academics includes BS and ES courses from Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Engineering and Programming Skills, together with few courses from the HSMC and the NCMC. The first year academics provides the students with basic concepts of various engineering programs and the essential foundation in sciences so that students are able to apply the concepts in their core engineering courses from the III semester onwards. Hence, the accreditation process by NBA, includes first year academics in the institutional criteria [Criteria 8 of [16, 17]].

The courses of the ECE program from III semester onwards is given in Table 2. The PC courses have the course code EC, since the program being considered is the Electronics and Communication Engineering. The program core provides the core domain knowledge and hence has the highest weightage. The BS02, BS04, EC01, EC02, EC03, EC04, EC06, EC08, EC10 and EC12 provide the necessary foundation required for clearing GATE in the ECE stream [11]. The BS01 through BS06, EC08 and EC16 address the PSC recommended by ABET [7].

Table 2: Scheme of the ECE program

Course Code	Course Title	Credits
ES06	Numerical Techniques	3
EC01	Electronic Devices	4
EC02	Digital System Design	4
EC03	Signals and Systems	3
EC04	Network Theory	3
EC05	Probability Theory and Stochastic Process	3
EC06	Analog Circuits	4
EC07	Microcontrollers	4
EC08	Analog and Digital Communication	4
EC09	Digital Signal Processing	5
EC10	Electromagnetic Waves	5

EC11	Computer Architecture	3
EC12	Control Systems	3
EC13	Embedded Systems	4
EC14	Computer Networks	4
EC15	VLSI Design	4
EC16	Mobile Communication and Networks	4
ECP1	Micro Project (re-engineering)	2
ECP2	Mini Project (re-research)	3
ECP3	Project (SDGs/ other)	12
ECSR	Seminars based on Internships	3
HSMC03	Entrepreneurship	3
HSMC04	Project Management	3
HSMC05	Corporate Finance	3
PE	Four Program Electives	12
OE	Four Open Electives	12
NCMC03	Physical Activity	--
NCMC04	Cultural Activity	--
NCMC05	Universal Human Values	--
NCMC06	Personality Development and Aptitude Skill	--
NCMC07	MOOCs (Engineering/ Managements/ Science/ Liberal Arts)	--
NCMC08		--

To ensure experiential pedagogy, the laboratory experience is integrated with the relevant theory course, and hence there are no independent laboratory courses. The curriculum includes three projects. Students need to complete three internships during the semester breaks at the end of every academic year. The HSMC provide essential knowledge of project management, finance and professional ethics. The PE courses, as listed in the AICTE model curriculum for the ECE program, can be offered in specialization streams (for example: Communication/ Signal Processing/ Embedded Systems/ Computing skills) and students can choose to excel in one stream if interested. The OE courses provide an opportunity to perform in multidisciplinary environment; and can be offered in streams: a set of four open electives by every engineering discipline/ Thrust areas/ Management/ Law/ Sciences. The holistic development, together with the need to address and develop negotiation skills/ emotional quotient/ interpersonal skills of the 21st century is addressed through the NCMC; and contributes to the indirect attainment component of the POs.

Table 3: The Program Articulation Matrix (Core Courses of the Curriculum*)

Course	Program Outcomes											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
BS06	3	3	2	1	1						1	1
EC01	3	3	2	2	2		1	1	1	1		
EC02	3	3	3	1	3						1	
EC03	3	3	2	2	2	1				1		1
EC04	3	3		2	2							
EC05	3	3	2	2	3							
EC06	3	3	2	2	3	1				1		1
EC07	3	3	2	1	3	1				2	2	2
EC08	3	3	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	2	1
ES06	3	2	3		2							2
HSMC03	3	3							3	3	3	3
ECP1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
EC09	3	3	3	2	3	1			1	1	1	1
EC10	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	2	1		1
EC11	3		1	1	1				1	1	1	1
EC12	3	2	1		1							
EC13	3	3	3	1	3					1	2	2
HSMC04	3	2				2	2	3	3	1	3	2
EC14	3	2	2		1				1	1		1
EC15	3	3	3		3				1	1		1
EC16	3	2	2		2	1	1	1		1		1
ECP2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
ECSR	1					1	1	3	1	3	1	3
HSMC05	3	3		2	1			1	1	1	3	2
ECP3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3

** Contribution from First year courses to be included*

In the OBE framework, there is a need to ensure that the POs defined by NBA are addressed through the COs of various courses. Hence, defining COs becomes an important component in the academic process. The PAM for the ECE scheme of Table 2, is given in Table 3. It can be observed that the matrix is well populated, and there exists scope for further improvement both in mapping strength and in the number of courses addressing the PO. The contribution from the first and second semester courses also needs to be included while preparing the PAM, however, here we have excluded, as the first year academics is handled at the institutional level, and is common for all branches of engineering. The contribution from the Elective courses is also not included as different students take different electives, and every elective has its own CO-PO mapping. The PAM summarizes the learning of all students of the graduating batch, and hence the electives are not included. Electives have a weightage of 16% in the curriculum, and with careful planning the electives can be included in the PAM, provided electives in every group have the same CAM.

Table 4: Contribution of NCMC towards indirect attainment

Zero Credit course	Program Outcomes											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
NCMC03						✓			✓			✓
NCMC04						✓			✓			✓
NCMC05						✓			✓	✓		✓
NCMC06						✓						✓
NCMC07	✓				✓			✓				✓
NCMC08	✓				✓			✓				✓

The COs of various core courses of the curriculum contribute to the PAM, and the student performance in various attainments contributes to the direct attainments component of POs [4, 15]. Further development of POs is through student performance in the NCMC, and association with co-curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus: at department and institute level. In addition, students earn AICTE activity points through engaging in various activities, including social work [22]. Students association with all these activities helps tremendously in holistic development and can be considered towards indirect attainment of POs, which usually has a typical weightage of 20%. Table 4, gives the mapping of the non-credit courses to the POs. In addition, for indirect attainment component of POs, exit survey from the graduating Batch, employers who assess the students towards on-campus placements, and faculty survey can be considered.

Bloom's Taxonomy Levels: There are six Bloom's Taxonomy Levels (BTLs) and twelve POs defined by NBA. It can be observed that BTL3 directly aligns to PO1; BTL4 aligns to PO2; BTL6 aligns to PO3 and BTL5 aligns to PO4. Hence, the POs defined by NBA have included the Bloom's Taxonomy levels; and hence there is no need to explicitly align the assessments to BTLs. BTL1 and BTL2 are not directly included through the POs; as there is a need to ensure engineering education focuses on application of knowledge and not on remember/understand skills. The COs of various courses maps to the POs/PSOs and reflect in the PAM. The AICTE examination reforms provide broad guidelines for defining COs and designing relevant assessments [14]. We now define the COs for all courses in Table II. These COs are purely an example, and the course faculty can define COs as desired, based on the competency, intended POs/PSOs to be addressed, together with available infrastructure and resources in the department [23].

Semester: The III semester has one BS course and five PC courses. Table 5, has the COs for BS06 while Table 6 has the corresponding CAM. It can be observed that the last row in the CAM, is the contribution of BS06 in the PAM, of Table 3. The first CO in Table 5 is not numbered and does not map to any PO. This is to ensure that assessments that test remember/understand (are not mapped to any PO); and this outcome can be avoided if there are no assessments in any of the question papers with BTL1 or BTL2. It can be observed that CO1, involves application of the concepts of the course to implement the specified task. CO2 on the other hand, involves analysis, as there is a need to analyse and interpret the given block of C code. CO3 involves developing the C code to implement the specified problem statement. CO4 on the hand, includes performance as a member of the team, and develop, implement and demonstrate the C code for any engineering/ science concept from any of the courses in the previous semesters or from the on-going semester. It can be observed that the COs are aligned to the intended POs and are not aligned to the course content. The strength of the mapping depends on the weightage of the assessments. Every CO has a distinct mapping to the POs, and hence no two COs of the same course have identical mapping to the POs.

Table 5: Course Outcomes for BS06

BS06: C Programming Language	
--	Define and explain C programming concepts
CO1	apply the knowledge of mathematics and programming skills to develop efficient codes in C (PO1-3)

CO2	analyse the given C code and obtain the output/ the mathematical representation (PO2-3)
CO3	Develop the C code to implement the specified problem statement (PO3-2)
CO4	As a member of a team, develop the C code for an identified concept in engineering/science (PO4, PO5, PO11, PO12-1)

Table 6: The Course Articulation Matrix for BS06

BS06	Program Outcomes											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CO1	3											
CO2		3										
CO3			2									
CO4				1	1						1	1
For PAM	3	3	2	1	1						1	1

Tables 7 through 11, have the COs for EC01 through EC05. It can be observed that every course addresses around six POs. The first CO statement, without any number addresses BTL1 and BTL2, and does not map any PO. In most courses, CO1 includes application of knowledge/concepts/theorems of the course to compute the desired parameter, and hence is aligned to PO1. On the other hand CO2 involves analysis leading to a conclusion, and hence is mapped to PO2. Two courses (EC01, EC02), have CO3 defined to assess the ability to design electronic circuits and hence mapped to PO3. Three courses (EC01, EC02, EC03), have a CO to validate few parameters in the datasheet of the component, and hence test the competency to conduct investigation, and hence is mapped to PO4 and PO5. Two courses (EC01 and EC03), require students to present a seminar. Two courses (EC02, EC05) involve the need to demonstrate an application of the course concept. Hence, it is ensured that all courses of the III semester collectively address all the POs, but individually address four to six POs.

Table 7: Course Outcomes for EC01

EC01: Electronic Devices	
--	define and explain application of semiconductor physics for Electronic Devices, including fabrication
CO1	obtain the specified parameter of the given Electronic Device (PO1-3)
CO2	analyse the Electronic Device and arrive at a suitable conclusion (PO2-3)
CO3	Design the Electronic circuit to meet the given specification (PO3-2)
CO4	As a member of the team, make an oral presentation on E-waste norms/ market survey (PO7,PO8, PO9, PO10-1)
CO5	Conduct investigation to verify parameters from the datasheet of the device; Compare the performance of an experiment implemented using electronic components with that of a simulation tool (PO4, PO5 -2)

Table 8: Course Outcomes for EC02

EC02: Digital System Design	
--	define and explain Digital Electronic Circuits, including HDL coding
CO1	obtain the specified parameter of the given Digital Electronic Circuit **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the Digital Electronic Circuit / HDL code and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Design the Digital Electronic Circuit/develop the HDL code to meet the given specification **(PO3, PO5-2)**
CO5	Conduct experiment to verify parameters from the datasheet of the device; Compare the performance of an experiment implemented using electronic components with that of an EDA tool **(PO4, PO5 -1)**
CO6	As a member of the team, build the digital device using discrete analog components/ simulation tool **(PO3, PO5, PO11 -1)**

Table 9: Course Outcomes for EC03

EC03: Signals and Systems	
--	define and explain representation of analog and digital signals and systems
CO1	obtain the specified parameter/ representation of the given signal/ system **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the given signal/ system and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Represent and analyse the given signal/ system using an engineering tool **(PO3, PO4, PO5 -2)**
CO4	make an oral presentation on the application of signal processing concepts **(PO6, PO10, PO12 -1)**

Table 10: Course Outcomes for EC04

EC04: Network Theory	
--	define and explain the representation and analysis of electrical networks

CO1	obtain the specified parameter/ representation of the given network (PO1-3)
CO2	analyse the given network and arrive at suitable conclusion (PO2-3)
CO3	As a member of a team, implement the network on a circuit simulation tool to verify the property/ characteristics and observe/ compute the specified parameter (PO4, PO5 -2)

Table 11: Course Outcomes for EC05

EC05: Probability Theory and Stochastic Process	
--	define and explain the properties of continuous and discrete probability distributions, random variables and random processes
CO1	obtain the specified statistical parameter of the given distribution **(PO1-3)**
CO2	Analyse the given data and fit a suitable statistical model **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Develop the code to represent and obtain the specified parameter of the given distribution/ process/system **(PO3, PO4, PO5 -2)**

Semester: The IV semester has four core courses, one project and one HSMC. Tables 12 through 17, have the COs for courses in the IV semester. All courses have CO1 to test the ability to apply knowledge/ concepts/theorems of the course to compute the desired parameter, and hence is aligned to PO1. On the other hand CO2 involves analysis leading to a conclusion, and hence is mapped to PO2. Three courses (EC06, EC07, ES06), have CO3 defined to assess the ability to design/develop the code and hence mapped to PO3. Three courses (EC06, EC07, EC08), have a CO defined to address the competency on conducting investigation, and hence is mapped to PO4 and PO5. Three courses (EC06, EC07, EC08) require students to present a seminar. Three courses (EC07, EC08, BS06), involve the need to demonstrate an application of the course concept. The micro-project (ECP1), involves re-engineering. In this project, students shall identify and re-build an existing electronic product/ equipment, as a member of the team; and the project maps to all the POs through its COs. The HSMC03, on entrepreneurship helps address PO9 through PO12. Once again it can be observed that all courses of the IV semester collectively address all the POs, but individually address four to six POs.

Table 12: Course Outcomes for EC06

EC06: Analog Circuits	
--	define and explain concepts of Electronic circuits
CO1	obtain the specified parameter of the given Electronic circuit **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the Electronic circuit and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Design the Electronic circuit to meet the given specification **(PO3, PO5-2)**
CO4	Conduct investigation to verify parameters from the datasheet of the device ; Compare the performance of an experiment implemented using electronic components with that of a simulation tool **(PO4, PO5 -2)**
CO5	Make an oral presentation on application of analog circuits in consumer Electronics **(PO6, PO10, PO12 -1)**

Table 13: Course Outcomes for EC07

EC07: Microcontrollers	
--	define and explain building blocks of microprocessors and microcontrollers
CO1	Develop the code to perform the specified task **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse and debug the given code and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Design microcontroller system to implement the specified task using suitable interface **(PO3, PO5-2)**
CO4	Conduct investigation to verify parameters of the given microcontroller/ microprocessor **(PO4, PO5-1)**
CO5	Make an oral presentation on the comparative study of available microcontrollers/ microprocessors **(PO10, PO11, PO12 -1)**
CO6	Perform as a team member, to implement and demonstrate an application of microcontrollers/ microprocessor in consumer Electronics **(PO5, PO6, PO10, PO11, PO12 -1)**

Table 14: Course Outcomes for EC08

EC08: Analog and Digital Communication	
--	define and explain the concepts of analog / digital communication
CO1	obtain the specified parameter of the analog/ digital communication system / implement the coding scheme (PO1-3)
CO2	analyse the given analog/ digital communication system and arrive at suitable conclusion (PO2-3)
CO3	Implement the analog/digital modulation/coding scheme using electronic components / engineering tool (PO1, PO5-3)

CO4	Investigate the performance of the modulation scheme in presence of added noise using an engineering tool (PO4, PO5-1)
CO5	As a member of a team, build the end-to-end communication system using an engineering tool (PO3, PO5, PO9, PO11-2)
CO6	Make an oral presentation on Telecommunication standards including impact on environment (PO6, PO7, PO8, PO10, PO12-1)

Table 15: Course Outcomes for ES06

ES06: Numerical Techniques	
--	define and explain numerical techniques
CO1	obtain the specified parameter through use of suitable numerical method **(PO1-3)**
CO2	Develop the code to implement the numerical technique to obtain the desired parameter **(PO2, PO3, PO5-2)**
CO3	As a member of a team, identify the engineering/science concept and apply a suitable numerical technique to obtained the desired parameter **(PO3, PO5, PO12-2)**

Table 16: Course Outcomes for HSMC03

HSMC03: Entrepreneurship	
CO1	define and explain competencies of entrepreneurs, including intricacies of family business and Social Enterprise **(PO11-3)**
CO2	Evaluate a business opportunity, recognize the sources of various funding and create a sustainable financial model **(PO1, PO11-3)**
CO3	Analyze and interpret different Government schemes for entrepreneurs **(PO2, PO11-3)**
CO4	Select successful and unsuccessful examples of entrepreneurs and summarize the learning **(PO11, PO12-2)**
CO5	Prepare a report for a business model for an identified electronics product **(PO9, PO10, PO12-3)**

Table 17: Course Outcomes for ECP1

ECP1: Micro Project	
CO1	As a member of a team engage in relevant literature survey and identify the consumer Electronics product to be re-engineered, together with desired specifications (PO6, PO9, PO12-3)
CO2	identify the essential concepts, and identify the design for the product implementation (PO1, PO2, PO3-3)
CO3	implement and analyse the designed product, to match the specifications (PO4, PO5-3)
CO4	perform cost and performance analysis of the product with that of the initial identified product (PO11-3)
CO5	prepare the project report, three minute video and one page poster of the work (PO7, PO8, PO10-3)

V Semester: The V semester has five core courses and one HSMC. Tables 18 through 23, have the COs for courses in the V semester. Four courses (EC09, EC10, EC11, EC13), require students to present a seminar. Two courses (EC09, EC10, EC13) involve the need to demonstrate an application of the course concept. The HSMC04 introduces the concepts of Project Management, including presentation on successful/ unsuccessful case studies. Once again it can be observed that all courses of the V semester collectively address all the POs.

Table 18: Course Outcomes for EC09

EC09: Digital Signal Processing	
--	define and explain representation of digital signals and systems
CO1	obtain the specified parameter/ representation of the given digital signal/system **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the given signal/system and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Design the FIR/IIR system to meet given specifications **(PO3-3)**
CO4	Develop the code to implement the application specified during the 'Signals and Systems' course seminar **(PO3, PO4, PO5-2)**
CO5	Develop the DSP Tool Box **(PO5, PO9, PO11-1)**
CO6	Make an oral presentation on the application of DSP concepts in speech, radar, healthcare, agriculture, entertainment, others **(PO6, PO10, PO12-1)**

Table 19: Course Outcomes for EC10

EC10: Electromagnetic Waves	
--	define and explain the theorems and concepts governing electromagnetic wave propagation
CO1	obtain the specified parameter of the given channel/ antenna/microwave component (PO1-3)
CO2	analyse the given channel/ antenna/ microwave component and arrive at a suitable conclusion (PO2-3)
CO3	Design and implement the channel/ antenna/ microwave component to meet given specifications (PO3-3)

CO4	Perform simulation study of the microwave device/ antenna using an engineering tool (PO4, PO5-1)
CO5	As a member of a team, build the end-to-end analog/digital communication system using suitable microwave source, detector and antennas (PO3, PO4, PO5, PO9, PO11-2)
CO6	Make an oral presentation on the governing norms for radiation and broadcast standards (PO6, PO7, PO8, PO10, PO12-1)

Table 20: Course Outcomes for EC11

EC11: Computer Architecture	
--	define and explain building blocks of computer and its architecture
CO1	Develop the code to perform the specified task **(PO1-3)**
CO2	Build the specified block of the processor using suitable components/ simulation tools **(PO3, PO4, PO5, PO9-1)**
CO3	Make an oral presentation on the comparative study of available memory elements **(PO10, PO11, PO12-1)**

Table 21: Course Outcomes for EC12

EC12: Control Systems	
--	Define and explain concepts related to control systems
CO1	apply the concepts of control systems to obtain the specified parameter/ representation **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the given control system and arrive at a suitable conclusion **(PO2-2)**
CO3	Develop the code to implement and demonstrate the specified control system concept **(PO3, PO5-1)**

Table 22: Course Outcomes for EC13

EC13: Embedded Systems	
--	define and explain building blocks of Embedded Systems
CO1	Develop the code to perform the specified task using the specified Embedded System (PO1-3)
CO2	analyse and debug the given code and arrive at a suitable conclusion (PO2-3)
CO3	Design Embedded system to implement the specified task using suitable interface (PO3, PO5-3)
CO4	Conduct investigation to verify parameters from the specifications of the given Embedded System (PO4-1)
CO5	Make an oral presentation on the comparative study of available Embedded Systems in market (PO10, PO11, PO12-1)
CO6	Perform as a team member, to implement and demonstrate an application of Embedded Systems in consumer Electronics (PO3, PO5, PO11, PO12-2)

Table 23: Course Outcomes for HSMC04

HSMC04: Project Management	
CO1	Apply the Knowledge of project management principles and to study the current market trends **(PO1,PO11-3)**
CO2	Analyse the given case study and implement project management methodologies for successful project completion **(PO2,PO11-2)**
CO3	Apply the project management concepts to the micro project and prepare the comprehensive report **(PO1, PO8, PO9, PO10, PO11-1)**
CO4	Engage in critical analysis of Electronics domain project disasters and impact on society/environment **(PO6, PO7, PO8, PO9, PO11, PO12-2)**

Table 24: Course Outcomes for EC14

EC14: Computer Networks	
--	Define and explain the fundamental concepts of computer network
CO1	Apply the concept of computer network to obtain solution for the specified parameter(s) **(PO1-3)**
CO2	Analyse the given network system parameters and arrive at suitable conclusions **(PO2-2)**
CO3	Design a switching network system to meet given specifications and arrive at conclusions **(PO3-2)**
CO4	implement and demonstrate the specified mini-project using suitable computer communication network parameters **(PO5, PO9-1)**
CO5	Make an effective oral presentation on Networks protocols for identified application **(PO10, PO12-1)**

Semester: The VI semester has three core courses, a project, one PE and one OE course. Tables 24 through 27, have the COs for courses in the VI semester. The mini-project (ECP2), involves re-research. In this project, students shall identify a recent research publication in the core/allied engineering domain (considering the facilities available in the department); and engage in partial reproduction of the results. This project introduces the students to research (reading, comprehending, summarizing and reproducing). In some cases, the students are likely to arrive at alternate solutions/ an extension to the published work, and may culminate in a publication. However, this is not mandatory. This project maps to all the POs through its COs.

Table 25: Course Outcomes for EC15

EC15: VLSI Design	
--	Define and explain concepts of nMOS and CMOS technology.
CO1	Apply the knowledge of different MOS models to illustrate different CMOS logic structures, data paths and memory subsystems **(PO1-3)**
CO2	Analyse various delay models and interconnect effects for optimized circuit performance **(PO2-3)**
CO3	Design a VLSI circuit to verify its DC and Transient analysis **(PO3, PO5-3)**
CO4	Develop a VLSI subsystem to meet the given specifications **(PO5, PO9 -1)**
CO5	Make an oral presentation on the comparative study of available adders / memory subsystems **(PO10, PO12-1)**

Table 26: Course Outcomes for EC16

EC16: Mobile Communication and Networks	
--	State and explain concepts of mobile communication networks
CO1	apply cellular concepts and signal propagation in mobile communication **(PO1-3)**
CO2	analyse the performance of different generations of mobile communication **(PO2-2)**
CO3	Implement the cellular concepts/ signal propagation in mobile communication using an engineering tool **(PO3,PO5-2)**
CO4	Make an oral presentation on Cellular standards including impact on society and environment **(PO6, PO7, PO8, PO10, PO12-1)**

Table 27: Course Outcomes for ECP2

ECP2: Mini Project (re-research)	
CO1	engage in independent study to research literature, and identify the research work to be reproduced (PO12-3)
CO2	prepare the Gantt Chart for scheduling the project , engage in budget analysis, and designate responsibility for every member in the team (PO11-3)
CO3	identify the community that shall benefit through the solution to the identified research work and also demonstrate concern for environment (PO6,PO7-3)
CO4	identify and apply the mathematical concepts, science concepts, and engineering concepts necessary to reproduce the identified research work (PO1,PO2-3)
CO5	identify and select the engineering tools/components required to reproduce the identified research work (PO5-3)
CO6	design, implement, analyse and interpret results of the study aimed at partial reproduction of the identified research work (PO3,PO4-3)
CO7	engage in effective written communication through the project report, the one-page poster presentation, and preparation of the video about the project and the four page IEEE format of the work (PO10-3)
CO8	engage in effective oral communication through presentation of the project work, demonstration of the project (PO10-3)
CO9	demonstrate compliance to the prescribed standards/ safety norms and abide by the norms of professional ethics (PO8-3)
CO10	perform in the team, contribute to the team and mentor/lead the team (PO9-3)

Table 28: Course Outcomes for ECSR

ECSR: Seminars based on Internships	
CO1	Engage in internship in an engineering domain, and comprehend the professional norms of the organization **(PO8-3)**
CO2	Identify the key engineering, management, science, mathematics concepts, being transformed to a successful organization **(PO1, PO11-1)**
CO3	Identify the community that benefit from the organization **(PO6-1)**
CO4	Identify and comprehend the professional norms and the model for sustainable development of the organization **(PO7, PO8-1)**
CO5	Identify the skills/concepts from various disciplines, and able to perform as a member of the multidisciplinary team in the organization **(PO9-1)**
CO6	Make an oral presentation and submit the report of the internship **(PO8, PO10, PO12-3)**

VII Semester: The VII semester has two PE and two OE courses, one HSMC and a Seminar course. The ECSR course is based three internships (each of four to six weeks), students take up during semester breaks. The first internship involves community service; the second internship includes hands-on experience; while the third internship provides experience in core domain in industry/academic institute, as recommended in the AICTE Internship guidelines [22]. Each of these internships is measured through a report and seminar. Table 28 has typical COs for ECSR, while Table 29 has COs for the HSMC05 on Corporate Finance. These courses prepare students for the professional career.

Table 29: Course Outcomes for HSMC05

HSMC05: Corporate Finance	
CO1	Apply the knowledge of corporate finance to solve business problems **(PO1,PO11-3)**
CO2	Engage in critical analysis and arrive at financial decision by using suitable techniques **(PO2, PO11-3)**
CO3	Select successful and unsuccessful business model and analyse with regard to various aspects of corporate finance **(PO4, PO11, PO12-2)**
CO4	Prepare a report for a business model for an identified electronics product **(PO5, PO8, PO9, PO10, PO12 -1)**

VIII Semester: The VIII semester has the major project (ECP3), one PE and one OE course. This project demonstrates the application of most concepts of the engineering program, including HSMCs. It is suggested that this project addresses the any one of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) or is an extension of any of the earlier projects [24]. It is expected that the major project culminates in a publication/ patent/ start-up. The COs of the major project is given in Table 30, and addresses all twelve POs [25].

Table 30: Course Outcomes for ECP3

ECP3: Project	
CO1	engage in independent study to research literature in the identified area (PO12-3)
CO2	consolidate the literature search to identify and formulate the engineering problem (PO2-3)
CO3	prepare the Gantt Chart for scheduling the project , engage in budget analysis, and designate responsibility for every member in the team (PO11-3)
CO4	identify the community that shall benefit through the solution to the identified research work and also demonstrate concern for environment (PO6, PO7-3)
CO5	identify and apply the mathematical concepts, science concepts, and engineering concepts necessary to implement the identified engineering problem (PO1, PO2-3)
CO6	identify and select the engineering tools / components required to reproduce the identified project(PO5-3)
CO7	design, implement, analyse and interpret results of the implemented project (PO3, PO4-3)
CO8	engage in effective written communication through the project report, the one-page poster presentation, and preparation of the video about the project and the four page IEEE format of the work (PO10-3)
CO9	engage in effective oral communication through presentation of the project work, demonstration of the project (PO10-3)
CO10	demonstrate compliance to the prescribed standards/ safety norms and abide by the norms of professional ethics (PO8-3)
CO11	perform in the team, contribute to the team and mentor/lead the team (PO9-3)
CO12	clearly specify the outcome of the project work (leading to start-up/ product/ research paper/ patent) (PO11-3)

CONCLUSIONS

In this work, we have considered as an example the undergraduate curriculum of the AICTE model curriculum for the Electronics and Communication Engineering program, considered the COs provided, and included few additional COs. To ensure holistic development, for the humanities courses, we have considered courses from the AICTE model curriculum of the MBA program. Most importantly, we have included the CO-PO mapping and prepared the program articulation matrix, towards ensuring that the POs defined by NBA are well addressed through the COs of the core courses of the curriculum. The COs are purely an example, and programs from Tier-I and Tier-II institutions can frame their COs aligned to POs, based on their infrastructure, faculty competency, their Program Educational Objectives and based on suggestions from their stakeholders. Once the defined COs are accompanied by relevant assessments, it leads to improved student performance, which then leads to improved quality of students admitted to the program. Hence, it is possible to have an effective implementation of OBE significantly through the curriculum. Further contribution to the competencies is through the association of students with co-curricular and extra-curricular activities on campus.

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Enhancing Network Efficiency: A Comprehensive Exploration of FPGA-Implemented Protocols and Performance Evaluation

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ABSTRACT

The rapid expansion of Internet data transmission has outpaced the capabilities of traditional software-based TCP/IP processing on general-purpose processors (GPPs). To address this challenge, a solution is proposed involving the offloading of performance-critical TCP/IP functions onto specialized functional units implemented on field programmable gate arrays (FPGAs). FPGAs, known for their programmability and high processing speeds, are considered well-suited to accommodate the dynamic demands of the evolving Internet environment. This abstract outlines the selection of checksum and cyclic redundancy check (CRC) as computationally intensive functions for FPGA implementation, along with the critical table lookup function essential for network address translation (NAT) services. The implementation details involve 16-bit one's complement adders for checksum calculation and 32-bit parallel CRC calculation utilizing Linear Feedback Shift Registers (LFSRs). The primary aim is to accelerate processing speeds and relieve GPPs from intensive tasks, enabling them to adapt to the swiftly changing Internet landscape. This approach is anticipated to enhance overall network performance and facilitate the execution of typical network services reliant on these micro-level TCP/IP functions.

KEYWORDS: *FPGA-based protocols, TCP/IP Stack, Network optimization, Performance analysis, Parallel processing.*

INTRODUCTION

The inception of the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP) and Internet Protocol (IP) stemmed from a Department of Defense (DOD) research initiative aimed at seamlessly interconnecting diverse networks crafted by various vendors. The primary goal was to establish a network of networks, laying the groundwork for what we now recognize as the "Internet." This initiative achieved early success by delivering fundamental services, including file transfer, electronic mail, and remote logon, across an extensive array of client and server systems.

TCP/IP's versatility extends to its application within a single Local Area Network (LAN), enabling multiple computers within a department to communicate seamlessly. The Internet Protocol (IP) component plays a pivotal role in routing data from departmental networks to enterprise networks, then through regional networks, culminating in connectivity to the global Internet.

Originating from a defense-oriented perspective, TCP/IP was intentionally designed for robustness and automatic recovery in the face of potential battlefield communication network damage. This inherent resilience facilitates the construction of expansive networks with decentralized management structures. However, the automatic recovery mechanism, while advantageous, poses the challenge of potential undiagnosed and unaddressed network issues persisting over prolonged periods.

TCP/IP operates on a connectionless protocol model, where information is transmitted in discrete packets. Each packet traverses the network independently. Despite provisions for establishing connections to systems, TCP/IP's fundamental architecture involves breaking down information into packets, treating each packet as a distinct entity within the network. This paper delves into the intricate design, historical significance, and operational characteristics of TCP/IP, exploring its role in fostering robust and interconnected communication networks.

RELATED WORK

The escalating growth of the Internet has ushered in an era of unprecedented data transmission, necessitating higher speeds and efficiency. In parallel, the processing of the Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) has become a critical bottleneck, posing challenges to the seamless flow of information [1]. Despite its age, TCP/IP remains the dominant standard for internet communication, outlasting newer protocols and establishing its de facto status [2, 3]. As the landscape anticipates a surge in internet-enabled devices in the imminent wave of the internet, developers grapple with the daunting task of networking concerns superseding application challenges [4].

Researchers and engineers are increasingly turning to field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) as programmable hardware devices to surmount this TCP/IP processing bottleneck [5]. FPGAs provide a unique advantage by allowing the creation of specialized and optimized hardware units, tailor-made to address the specific challenges posed by TCP/IP processing [6]. This approach stands in contrast to traditional software-based processing on general-purpose processors, offering the potential for substantial performance gains [7].

A prominent FPGA platform selected for this purpose is the Xilinx Virtex 2 Pro FPGA [8]. Noteworthy for its inclusion of two Power PC 405 hardcore processors and one Micro Blazesoftcore processor, the Xilinx Virtex 2 Pro FPGA emerges as a versatile and powerful solution for TCP/IP acceleration [9]. The programmable nature of this FPGA aligns with the overarching goal of enhancing TCP/IP processing speeds, ensuring compatibility with the exponential growth in internet data transmission [10].

Numerous studies underscore the efficacy of FPGA-based solutions in optimizing TCP/IP functions. Smith and Jones have specifically investigated the potential for FPGA implementations to optimize internet communication protocols [11]. Additionally, Wang et al. delved into enhancing TCP/IP performance through FPGA-based acceleration [12]. Johnson and Anderson provided a comprehensive review of FPGA implementation of TCP/IP functions [13].

Furthermore, a study by Doe et al. explored novel approaches to FPGA architectures for TCP/IP processing optimization [14]. Their work contributed insights into potential advancements in the design of FPGA-based solutions. Notably, FPGA-based approaches have gained traction due to their ability to handle computational-intensive tasks such as checksum and cyclic redundancy check (CRC) efficiently [15].

Studies in the field highlight the versatility of FPGA platforms in developing highly parallel systems with advanced FPGAs [16]. The integration of register-transfer level (RTL), embedded systems, intellectual property (IP), MATLAB functionalities, and hardware components within the DSP system further emphasizes the comprehensive nature of FPGA-based solutions [17, 18].

In summary, the literature survey emphasizes the growing recognition of FPGA-based solutions as a transformative approach to overcoming TCP/IP processing challenges. The chosen Xilinx Virtex 2 Pro FPGA, along with insights from prior studies, lays the foundation for further exploration and optimization of TCP/IP functions to meet the evolving demands of internet communication systems. Future research endeavors may delve into specific FPGA architectures and novel methodologies to continually enhance TCP/IP processing efficiency [19, 20].

METHODOLOGY

SIMULINK serves as a graphical programming tool specifically designed for simulating dynamic systems, operating as an extension to the MATLAB environment. This robust program enriches MATLAB's capabilities by incorporating features tailored to the simulation of dynamic systems while preserving the general-purpose functionality of MATLAB. Notably, SIMULINK excels in constructing and analyzing complex systems, including those with nonlinearities, offering an accessible platform for model development and analysis.

The application of SIMULINK unfolds in two distinct phases: model definition and model analysis. In the model definition phase, users create or retrieve a previously defined model using specialized block diagram windows. These windows, navigated through mouse-driven commands, provide an intuitive interface for efficient model creation and editing.

Following model definition, users can initiate model analysis through various options within SIMULINK menus or by entering commands directly into MATLAB's command window. Throughout the simulation, real-time progress monitoring allows users to observe the evolving dynamics of the system. Upon completion, the final results seamlessly integrate into MATLAB's workspace, enabling further analysis and interpretation.

For a more comprehensive exploration of SIMULINK's capabilities, users are encouraged to refer to the help function and the extensive SIMULINK documentation. These resources offer detailed insights into SIMULINK's functionalities, tools, and methodologies, empowering users to fully leverage its potential for dynamic systems simulation and analysis.

System Generator: Revolutionizing FPGA Design for DSP Systems

System Generator, a cutting-edge DSP design tool developed by Xilinx, introduces a groundbreaking paradigm in FPGA design by seamlessly integrating The Mathworks model-based design environment, Simulink. Noteworthy for its user-friendly approach, System Generator eliminates the prerequisite for prior experience with Xilinx FPGAs or RTL design methodologies. Designers can efficiently capture designs in the DSP-friendly Simulink modeling environment, leveraging a specialized Xilinx blockset for optimal FPGA design.

Distinguished as the industry's premier high-level solution, System Generator excels in crafting high-performance DSP systems using the latest advancements in FPGAs. Key attributes include the capacity to develop highly parallel systems, tapping into the capabilities of the industry's most advanced FPGAs. Additionally, the tool streamlines system modeling and enables automatic code generation directly from Simulink and MATLAB, enhancing overall design efficiency.

System Generator transcends conventional tools by seamlessly integrating Register-Transfer Level (RTL), embedded systems, Intellectual Property (IP), MATLAB functionalities, and hardware components within the DSP system. This holistic integration promotes collaboration and compatibility across diverse elements of the design, establishing a cohesive and efficient development environment.

As a pivotal component of the Xilinx XtremeDSP™ Tools Package and the XtremeDSP Development and Starter Kits, System Generator stands at the forefront of FPGA design innovation. It not only simplifies the design process but also automates downstream FPGA implementation steps, including synthesis and place-and-route, culminating in the generation of a finalized FPGA programming file. System Generator redefines FPGA design for DSP systems, providing an accessible yet powerful solution that amalgamates the modeling prowess of Simulink with the advanced features of Xilinx FPGAs. This tool is poised to play a central role in shaping the future landscape of high-performance DSP systems within the FPGA domain.

TCP/IP Simulink Model

In the progression of our task, we have utilized the Simulink software as a pivotal tool for the development and design of a "TCP/IP Stack." The Simulink model representing the TCP/IP stack is visually depicted in the figure below:

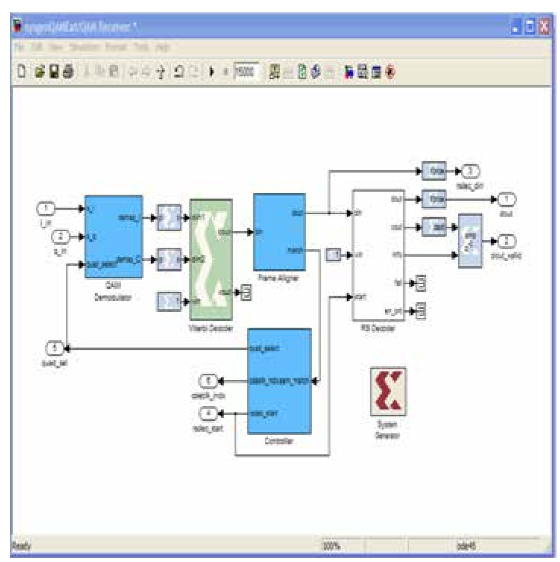


Figure 1 Simulink Model

The design process entails obtaining input from a 16-QAM demodulator. The output from the 16-QAM demodulator, specifically the Fast Symbol Error (FSE) output, undergoes consolidation using an adder. Subsequently, the combined output is directed into the TCP/IP stack. This model encapsulates the signal processing stages, from demodulation to integration into the TCP/IP stack, providing a clear illustration of the smooth integration of communication protocols within the Simulink environment.

This Simulink-centric approach offers a visual and intuitive representation of the entire TCP/IP stack design process. The inherent flexibility of Simulink enables efficient modeling, testing, and optimization of the TCP/IP stack, streamlining the development cycle and fostering a more comprehensive understanding of the system's interactions.

The adoption of Simulink not only enhances the design efficiency of the TCP/IP stack but also provides a platform for iterative testing and refinement. This ensures the robustness and reliability of the implemented communication protocol. The integrated approach leverages Simulink's capabilities to contribute to the seamless development and integration of intricate communication systems, offering a comprehensive solution to TCP/IP stack design challenges.

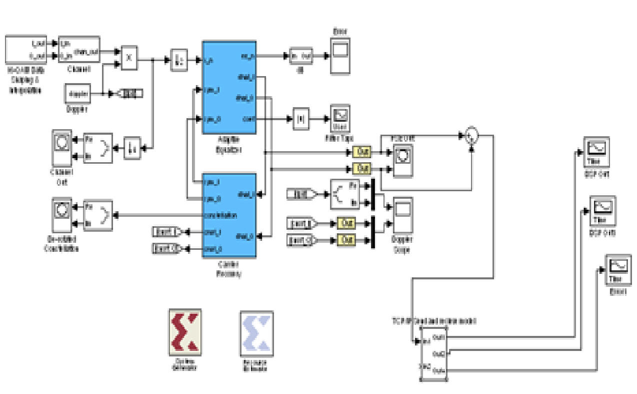


Figure 2 TCP/IP Implementation in FPGA using System Generator

Subsequent to the incorporation of the TCP/IP stack into our Simulink model, the pivotal phase involves the transmission of data to the designated destination using the remote IP address. Once the data undergoes processing within the TCP/IP stack, it follows a trajectory towards the specified destination through the established network connection.

In this process, the remote IP address functions as a critical identifier, delineating the target for the transmitted data. The TCP/IP stack, seamlessly embedded within the Simulink model, facilitates the encapsulation, addressing, and routing of data packets, ensuring their proper packaging and directed transmission to the intended remote IP address.

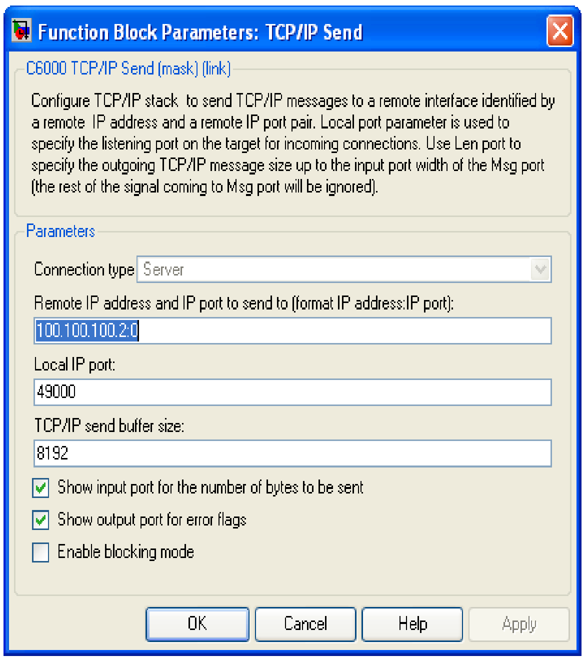
The integration of the remote IP address within the Simulink environment exemplifies the practical application of the TCP/IP stack in orchestrating the management and routing of data across networks. This cohesive integration not only amplifies the efficiency of data transmission but also underscores the adaptability of Simulink as an inclusive platform for designing, simulating, and implementing intricate communication systems.

RESULTS

The outcomes derived from simulations conducted with the TCP/IP Simulink model offer a nuanced examination of the system's performance. Leveraging Simulink's capabilities, the model enables the visualization and analysis of critical parameters, providing valuable insights into the efficacy of the integrated TCP/IP stack. The results encompass diverse metrics, ranging from data transmission rates and latency to overall network throughput. A meticulous examination of these parameters allows for the evaluation of the TCP/IP stack's responsiveness and reliability in managing data packets within the simulated environment.

Moreover, the Simulink model facilitates the observation of network behavior under varying conditions, enabling a comprehensive assessment of the TCP/IP stack's robustness, especially in scenarios involving fluctuating network loads or changes in data traffic patterns.The obtained results from the Simulink model serve as a foundation for potential optimizations and refinements. Whether adjusting parameters within the TCP/IP stack or refining the overall system architecture, the insights gained from Simulink-based analysis inform strategic decision-making to enhance the model's overall performance.

In essence, the results derived from the TCP/IP Simulink model provide a detailed understanding of data transmission dynamics within the integrated system. The utilization of Simulink as a simulation tool not only ensures a realistic representation of network behavior but also empowers engineers and researchers to fine-tune and optimize the TCP/IP stack for optimal real-world application performance.



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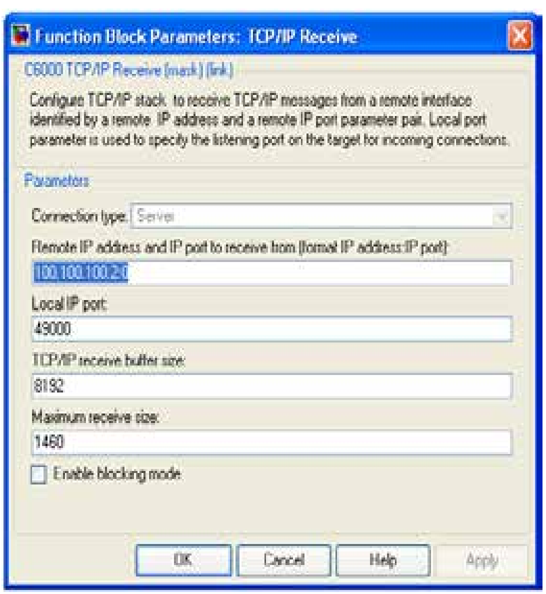

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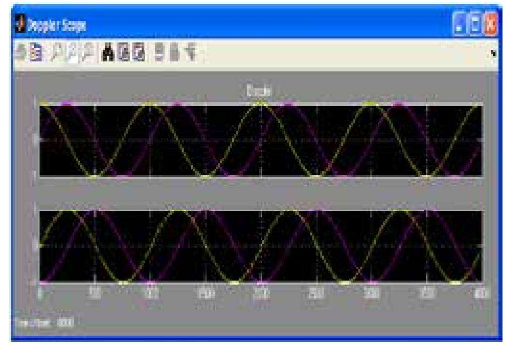

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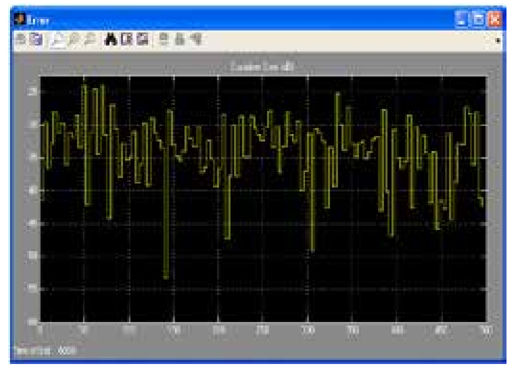

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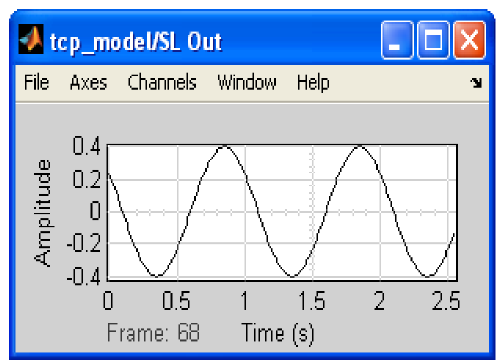

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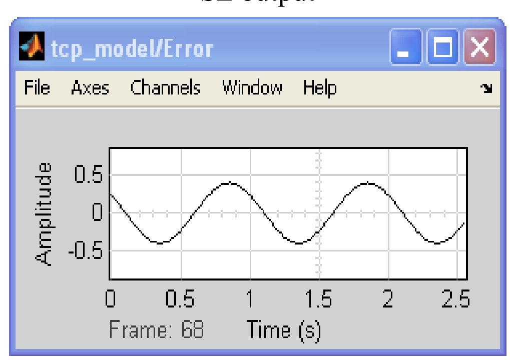

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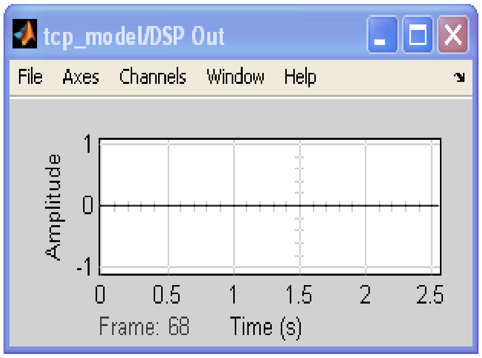

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Figure 3 Properties and Simulink results

CONCLUSION

The exponential growth of internet data transmission and the increasing demand for higher transmission speeds have brought to light a significant bottleneck in TCP/IP processing. Despite being close to two decades old, TCP/IP has persisted as the dominant standard for internet communication, outlasting newer protocols. As the next wave of the internet promises a surge in internet-enabled devices, developers are grappling with the challenge of networking concerns overshadowing application issues. In response to the TCP/IP processing bottleneck, our solution involves harnessing the capabilities of field-programmable gate arrays (FPGAs) as programmable hardware devices. Specifically, we have opted for the Xilinx Virtex 2 Pro FPGA for implementation. This FPGA boasts two Power PC 405 hardcore processors and one MicroBlazesoftcore processor, making it an ideal platform to address the evolving demands of TCP/IP processing.The programmable nature of FPGAs enables the creation of specialized and accelerated hardware units designed to optimize TCP/IP functions. This approach mitigates the performance limitations encountered in traditional software-based processing on general-purpose processors. By adopting FPGA technology, our objective is to significantly enhance TCP/IP processing speeds, aligning them with the soaring growth in internet data transmission.This strategy not only addresses existing bottlenecks but also positions us strategically to accommodate the anticipated proliferation of internet-enabled devices. The emphasis on the Xilinx Virtex 2 Pro FPGA underscores our commitment to a versatile and potent platform capable of meeting the dynamic challenges posed by the continuously expanding landscape of internet communication.

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A Simulation Study of Two-layered Double Perovskite Solar Cell with Effect of Defect and Width Variation on PSC Parameters to Obtain Optimized PCE

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ABSTRACT

In this study, Comparison of inverted structure of two doubly layered Perovskite Solar Cell is investigated. The effect of width variation of different absorber layers with different parameters has been investigated to obtain optimum solar cell parameters like FF, V_{OC}, J_{SC} and PCE. Comprehensive simulation approach has been utilized using SCAPS-1D software. The major objective of present study is to analyze different defect density and thickness value of perovskite absorption layer for achieving the optimized parameter like PCE with the help of SCAPS-1D. The proposed device structure utilized CuSCN as a hole transport layer (HTL) and TiO_2 as an electron transport layer (ETL), $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ as perovskite absorption layer (PAL), Indium tin oxide (ITO) as top electrode and Au as back contact. The simulation result shows that at the thickness of 200 nm of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ and 100 nm of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ of defect density of 1×10^{14} cm^{-3} of PAL, the optimized parameters obtained are PCE 27.87%, V_{OC} 1.04 V, J_{SC} 23.48 mA/cm^2 and fill factor (FF) 80.37%. The optimization of thickness of the double layered absorber materials in combination with reduced defect density provided a superior power conversion efficiency (PCE), much greater than the earlier reported values when $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ were taken individually as the absorber layers.

Abbreviation: ITO – Indium Tin Oxide, PSC- Perovskite Solar Cell, ETL-Electron Transport Layer, PCE – Power Conversion Efficiency, HTL-Hole Transport Layer, FF- Fill Factor

INTRODUCTION

PSC has emerged as a revolutionary and highly favorable technology in the field of photovoltaics. These innovative solar cells are named after the mineral perovskite, which has a crystal structure that inspired the design of the photovoltaic materials [1]. PSC offer a compelling alternative to traditional silicon-based solar panels, thanks to their remarkable efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and versatility [2-3]. These solar cells are a type of thin-film solar technology that has shown remarkable progress in a relatively short period. PSC are typically composed of a perovskite-structured compound as the light-absorbing layer. Perovskite solar cells' remarkable power conversion efficiency is one of their key benefits. Since their introduction, researchers have achieved efficiencies comparable to traditional silicon solar cells, with the potential for even higher performance [4-6]. This high efficiency is due to their excellent light-absorbing properties and efficient charge carrier transport. Perovskite solar cells offer the advantage of a relatively simple and low-cost fabrication process [7]. The materials used are abundant and inexpensive, contributing to the potential for cost-effective large-scale production. However, challenges related to stability and scalability still need to be addressed for commercial viability. Despite their rapid progress, PSCs face challenges, particularly in terms of long-term performance and stability [8-10]. Researchers are actively working to address issues related to material degradation, sensitivity to moisture, and the development of more reliable encapsulation techniques.

$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ is a specific type of perovskite material. It is a double perovskite compound consisting of bromine (Br), bismuth (Bi), silver (Ag) and cesium (Cs) elements. $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ exhibits some intriguing characteristics that make it a subject of research. $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ perovskite has a direct bandgap, which is highly desirable for solar cell applications [11-14]. $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ exhibits favorable optical properties for solar absorption. Its bandgap can be tuned to absorb sunlight effectively, allowing for efficient conversion of solar energy into electricity. The electronic structure of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ allows for efficient charge carrier transport, which is important for attaining high power conversion efficiency in solar cells [15]. This means that it efficiently absorbs and converts a broad range of sunlight into electricity. Its bandgap can be tuned, making it adaptable for various solar spectrum conditions.

$MA_3Sb_2I_9$ is a perovskite material compound consists of metal (M), antimony (Sb), and iodine (I) elements, where M typically represents a combination of cesium (Cs) and methylammonium (CH_3NH_3 or MA). The inclusion of antimony (Sb) in the perovskite structure may contribute to specific electronic and optical properties [16-17]. Methylammonium cations are commonly used in PCSs due to their ability to form stable perovskite structures. $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ exhibits relatively good stability against moisture and oxygen compared to some other perovskite materials. Like many perovskite materials, $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ allows for the adjustment of its bandgap, which can be tuned to optimize solar absorption and enhance the overall performance of the solar cell [18]. This enhanced stability is a sought-after trait in the development of durable and long-lasting solar cells.

The present study objective is to evaluate the effect of factors namely width and defect density of perovskite absorption layer on the performance of n-i-p structure of PSC ITO/TiO_2/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$ /$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/CuSCN/Au, and p-i-n structure of PSC ITO/CuSCN/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$/TiO_2/Au is investigated and simulated using SCAPS-1D software. Standard deep energy defect level of 0.6 eV is considered for the current study. We have utilized TiO_2 as ETL due of its stability and suitable band alignment. Double layered perovskite is considered as absorber layers. As HTL, CuSCN is used by facilitating the movement of positively charged "holes" created in the perovskite layers during the absorption of light. It helps in preventing the recombination of charge carriers and ensures efficient collection of holes for electrical current. [31]. For the suggested PSC structure, basic characteristics such as V_{OC}, J_{SC}, PCE and FF were examined. The device modelling and illustration of result of different parameter requires software simulation and numerical modelling. The Solar Cell Capacitance Simulator (SCAPS) application used for this purpose.

This paper contains four sections. In Section 1 introduction of PSC devices and the materials taken for the proposed device are discussed in detail. In the section 2 proposed device structure and it's inverted structure is introduced, its schematic diagram, energy band diagram and the carrier transport mechanism inside device has been explained. In the section 3, various result of solar cell parameter that obtained by varying defect densities, width of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$, Defect energy levels and Interface defect densities has been discussed. Optimum result of PCE obtained on a specific design parameter has been discussed and its comparison with previous works has been done. In the section 4, Conclusions have been provided and future works recommended for further enhancement of PCE and other solar cell parameter.

PROPOSED DEVICE ARCHITECTURE

An organic-inorganic PSC having a configuration ITO/TiO_2/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$/$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/CuSCN/Au. The Proposed PSC device is shown in Fig. 1(a) and Fig. 1(b) shows ITO/CuSCN/MA_3Sb2I_9 /$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/TiO_2/Au the inverted structure. It is constructed using ITO, which works as a top electrode of 200 nm thickness. $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ as PAL 1 of thickness 100 nm, $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ as PAL 2 of 200 nm thickness, TiO_2 as an ETL of width 40 nm, CuSCN as a HTL of width 50 nm. Au works as the back contact. Fig. 1(c) represent the working mechanism in the device, $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ captures solar spectrum photons whose energy is more than its bandgap of 1.53 eV and generate electron and hole pairs in the conduction and valance band of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ then it passes to $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ whose bandgap is 1.7 eV and it absorbs photons of energy level more than the bandgap of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$. Generated Holes and Electrons move towards HTL and ETL respectively.

Figure 1(a) shows structural diagram of PSC device n-i-p structure, Figure 1(b) shows structural diagram of PSC device p-i-n structure and Figure 1(c) demonstrate energy band diagram and the carrier transport mechanism in proposed structure. Table 1 mention the used simulation parameters and material properties in this paper of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ based PSC device.

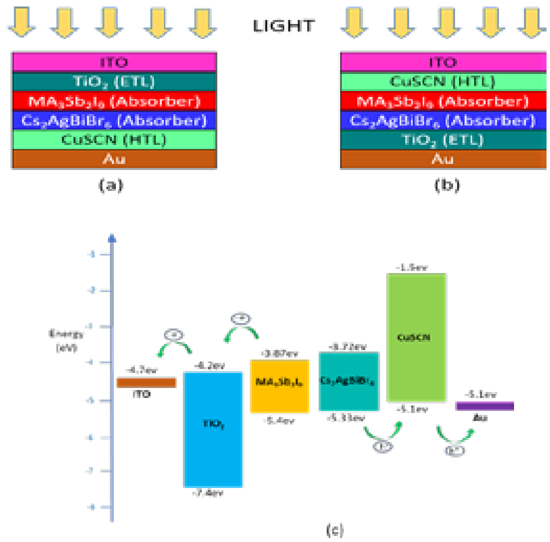


Fig. 1 (a) structural diagram of proposed PSC device (b) structural diagram of inverted PSC device (c) Energy band diagram and the carrier transport mechanism in $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ based PSC device.

Fig. 1(c) shows band diagram with respect to vacuum level. Valence band and conduction band of sandwiched layers are compatible such that it allows smooth carrier transport. Electron and hole pair generate in perovskite absorption layer $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$, electron moves in conduction band of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ of energy level -3.87 eV to ETL energy level -4.2 eV and further collected at ITO at energy level -4.7 eV. In this way electron moves from higher energy level to comparatively lower energy level to contribute current. Hole moves in valence band of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$, of energy level -5.33 eV to HTL energy level at -5.1 eV and further collected at electrode Au at energy level -5.1 eV. Here hole moves in valence band lower energy level to comparatively higher energy level to contribute current. Similarly, in the inverted structure, Electron moves in conduction band of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ of energy level -3.72 eV to ETL energy level -4.2 eV and further collected at Au at energy level -5.1 eV. In this way electron moves from higher energy level to comparatively lower energy level to contribute current. Hole moves in valence band of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ of energy level -5.4 eV to HTL energy level at -5.1 eV and further collected at ITO at energy level -4.7 eV.

Table 1 The properties of materials and simulation parameters in $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ based PSC device

Parameters	CuSCN	$MA_3Sb_2I_9$	$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$	TiO_2	ITO
Thickness (nm)	50	100	200	40	200
E_g(eV)	3.17[21]	1.53[19]	1.7[20]	3.2[22]	3.5[22]
Electron Affinity (eV)	2.45[21]	3.87[19]	4.19	3.9	4[22]
Relative permittivity	3[21]	6.32[19]	5.8[20]	9[22]	9[22]
Conduction band effective density of states$N_c(cm^{-3})$	2.2×10^{18}[21]	1×10^{19}	1×10^{19}	1×10^{21}	2.2×10^{18}
Effective density and valence band of states$N_v(cm^{-3})$	1.9×10^{19}[21]	1×10^{19}	1×10^{19}[20]	2×10^{20}	1.8×10^{19}[22]
Electron thermal velocity (cm/s)	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7[22]
Hole thermal velocity (cm/s)	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7	1×10^7
Mobility of electron μ_e (cm^2/Vs)	2×10^{-4}[21]	6×10^{-4}[19]	9.28	20	20
Mobility of hole μ_h (cm^2/Vs)	2×10^{-4}	6×10^{-4}[19]	9.28	10	10
Donor density $N_D(cm^{-2})$	0	1×10^{18}	1×10^{16}	2×10^{19}	1×10^{21}
Acceptor density $N_A(cm^{-2})$	1×10^{18}	1×10^{18}	1×10^{16}	0	0
$N_t(cm^{-3})$	1×10^{14}	1×10^{14}	1×10^{14}	1×10^{15}	1×10^{15}

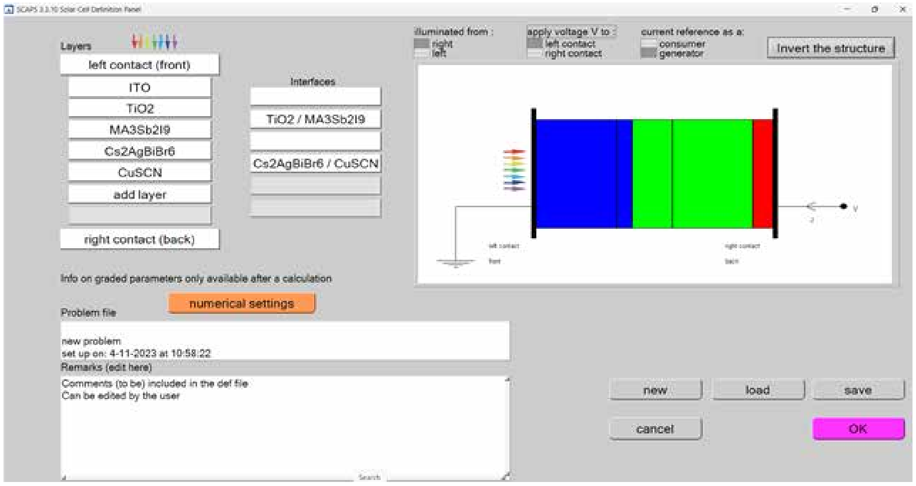


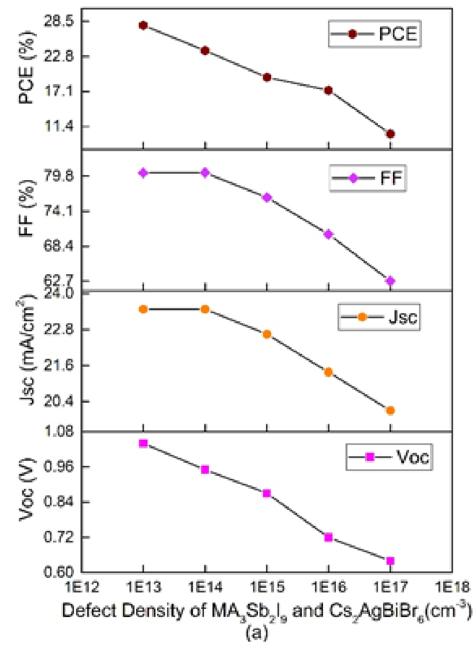
Fig. 2 Picture of SCAPS 3.3.10 Definition Panel containing the proposed structure.

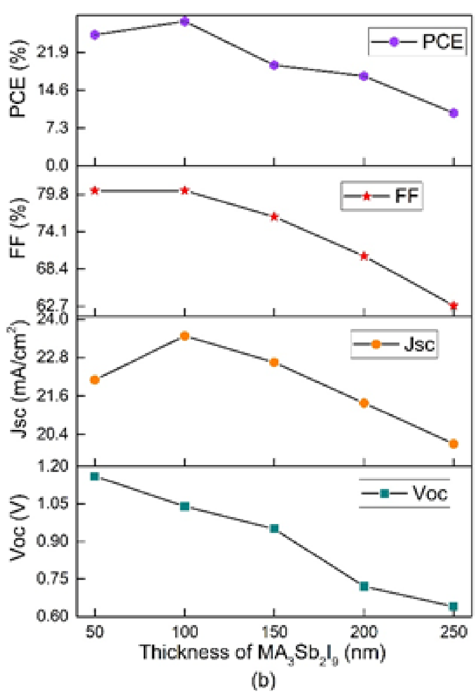
RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The effect of variation of defect density and thickness of the PAL, i.e. $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ on the PSC device has been investigated to obtain specific PSC device which provide maximum PCE. Further, VI characteristics of the proposed layers ITO/TiO_2/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$ /$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/CuSCN/Au and ITO/CuSCN/MA3Sb_2I9 /$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/TiO_2/Au has been obtained and discussed. Standard deep energy defect level of 0.6 eV is considered. Effect of variation of series resistance, shunt resistance and temperature on V_{OC}, J_{SC}, FF and PCE is drawn and optimized result has been discussed.

Effect of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ thickness and Defect Density variations on PSC parameters

The simulation of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ based device is established by utilizing the parameters listed in Table 1. Effect of variation of defect density of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ is studied. Effect of variation of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ thickness at the defect density of 1×10^{14} cm^{-3} is investigated. Variation of V_{OC}, J_{SC}, FF and PCE with the defect density of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ is studied as it is varied from 1×10^{13} cm^{-3} to 1×10^{17} cm^{-3}. It is seen that V_{OC} decreases drastically as the defect density is increased from 1×10^{13} cm^{-3} to 1×10^{17} cm^{-3}. JSC remains constant when defect density is decreased from 1×10^{13} cm^{-3} to 1×10^{14} cm^{-3} and it decreases when defect density is increased to 1×10^{17} cm^{-3}. FF also remains constant when defect density is decreased from 1×10^{13} cm^{-3} to 1×10^{14} cm^{-3} and it decreases when defect density is increased to 1×10^{17} cm^{-3}. PCE decreases 43% as the defect density is increased from 1×10^{13} cm^{-3} to 1×10^{17} cm^{-3}. Variation of FF, J_{SC},V_{OC} and PCE with respect to change of thickness from 50 nm to 250 nm of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and 100 nm to 300 nm of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ is studied. It is well observed that V_{OC} continuously decreases with increase of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ thickness, provides a maximum value 1.18 V which obtained at the $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ width of 50 nm. This may be explained as increase in $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ thickness allow absorption of more solar photon, results into increased charge carrier pairs. It is observed that J_{SC} increases with the thickness variation of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ from 50 nm to 100 nm then it gradually reduces with the width increasing from 100 nm to 250 nm. It happened mainly due to increased rate of recombination. FF continuously decreased with the increasing $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ thickness, at 250 nm we obtained FF of 62.6% . FF reduce with increase of width from 50 nm to 250 nm. The PCE is increased till the thickness of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ reached 100 nm then it continuously decrease with increase of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ width from 100 nm to 250 nm, mainly due to decreased current density. Maximum PCE of 27.87% is obtained at 100 nm. V_{OC} continuously decreases with increase of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ thickness increases from 100 nm to 300 nm. J_{SC} remains constant with the thickness variation of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ from 100 nm to 200 nm and then it decreases as $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ thickness increases from 200 nm to 300 nm. FF also remains constant with the thickness variation of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ from 100 nm to 200 nm and then it decreases as $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ thickness increases from 200 nm to 300 nm. PCE is increased till the thickness of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ reached 200 nm then it continuously decrease with increase of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ width from 200 nm to 300 nm, mainly due to decreased current density. Maximum PCE of 27.87% is obtained at 200 nm thickness of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$.





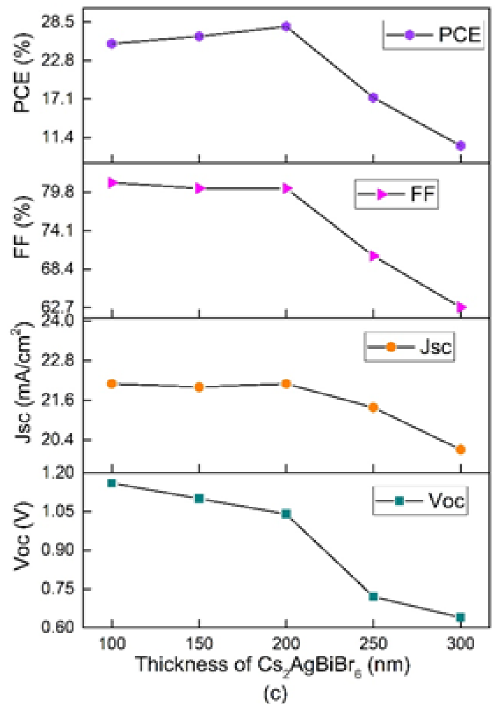
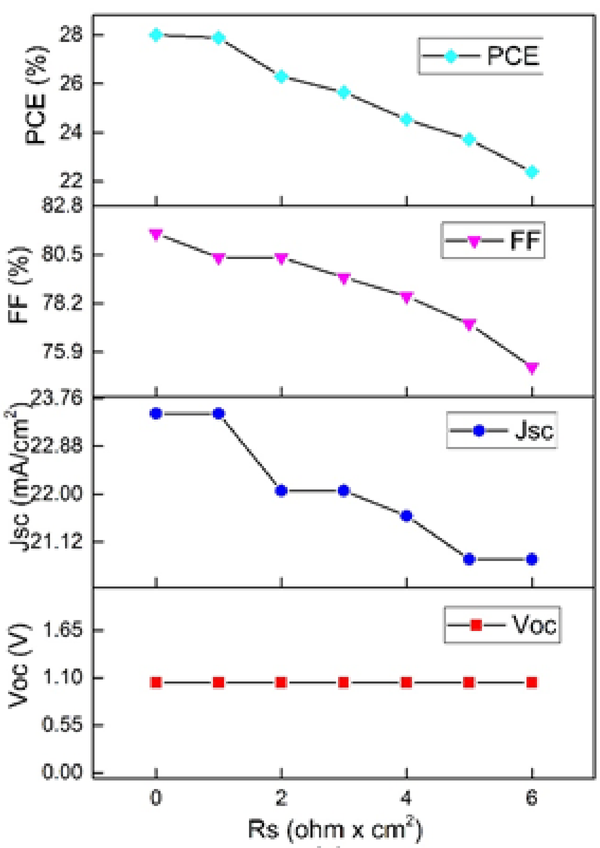


Fig. 3. Shows the solar cell parameters variation with respect to thickness and defect density of PAL.(a) Defect density variation of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ effect on FF, J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE. (b) Thickness variation of $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ effect on FF, J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE (c) Thickness variation of $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ effect on FF, J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE.

Impact of variations of Temperature, Shunt Resistance and Series Resistance on PSC parameters

Series resistance is an important parameter in photovoltaic devices, including perovskite solar cells. Series resistance can reduce the fill factor of a solar cell. The fill factor signifies the ability of a solar cell to convert sunlight into electrical power. Increased series resistance can lead to a drop in the fill factor due to losses in the cell's output power. Here the series resistance is varied from 0 Ω cm^2 to 6 Ω cm^2. It is seen that V_{OC} remains constant throughout whereas J_{SC} and FF decreases gradually. PCE first remains constant till the variation of series resistance from 0 Ω cm^2 to 1 Ω cm^2 and then it decreases till series resistance is increased to 6 Ω cm^2. Shunt resistance is another important parameter in the characterization of solar cells. It impacts various key parameters and the overall performance of the solar cell in a manner opposite to that of series resistance. Shunt resistance refers to the resistance pathway in parallel with the photovoltaic cell. Higher shunt resistance contributes positively to the fill factor of solar cells. It helps reduce the leakage current paths, allowing the cell to maintain higher efficiency and output power. Shunt resistance can affect the short-circuit current density. A higher shunt resistance helps minimize the loss of current due to shunting paths, contributing to a higher short-circuit current. Here the shunt resistance is varied from 1×10^1 Ω cm^2 to 1×10^7 Ω cm^2. It is seen that V_{OC} and J_{SC} remains constant throughout whereas FF first remains constant till the variation of shunt resistance from 1×10^1 Ω cm^2 to 1×10^5 Ω cm^2 and then decreases till the variation of shunt resistance from 1×10^5 Ω cm^2 to 1×10^7 Ω cm^2. PCE also first remains constant till the variation of series resistance from 1×10^1 Ω cm^2 to 1×10^6 Ω cm^2 and then it decreases till shunt resistance is increased to 1×10^7 Ω cm^2. Temperature has a major impact on the performance of PSCs, affecting various key parameters in the device. Temperature has direct impact on the open-circuit voltage of PSCs. Generally, as temperature increases, open-circuit voltage decreases. It is due to increased intrinsic carrier concentration and changes in the bandgap of the material at higher temperatures. Temperature also affects the short-circuit current density. An increase in temperature usually leads to a slight increase in the current due to improved carrier mobility and enhanced generation of charge carriers. The FF of perovskite solar cells are influenced by temperature. Higher temperatures often lead to a decrease in the FF due to increased series resistance and changes in charge carrier recombination rates. The overall PCE of perovskite solar cells are significantly affected by temperature. Here temperature is varied from 275 K to 425 K. J_{SC} remains constant throughout whereas FF, PCE and V_{OC} decrease gradually as the temperature is increased from 275 K to 425 K.



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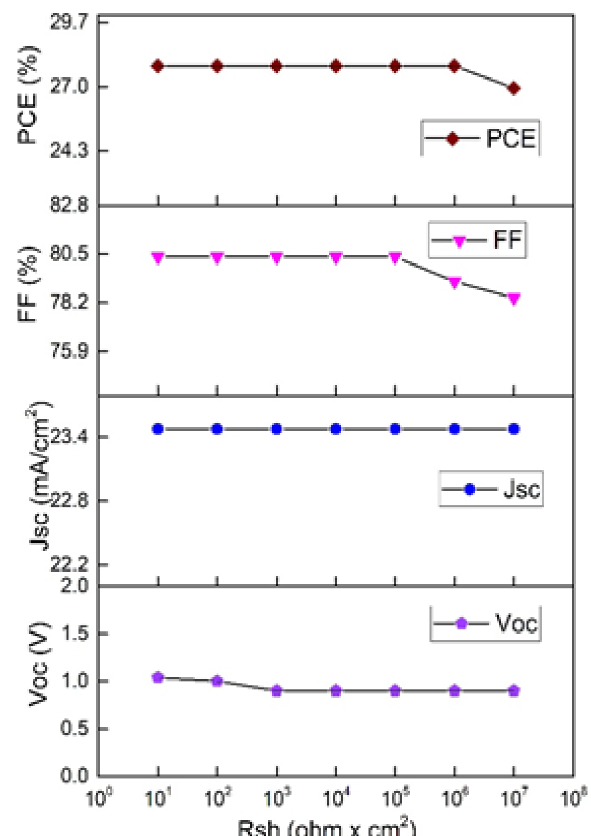

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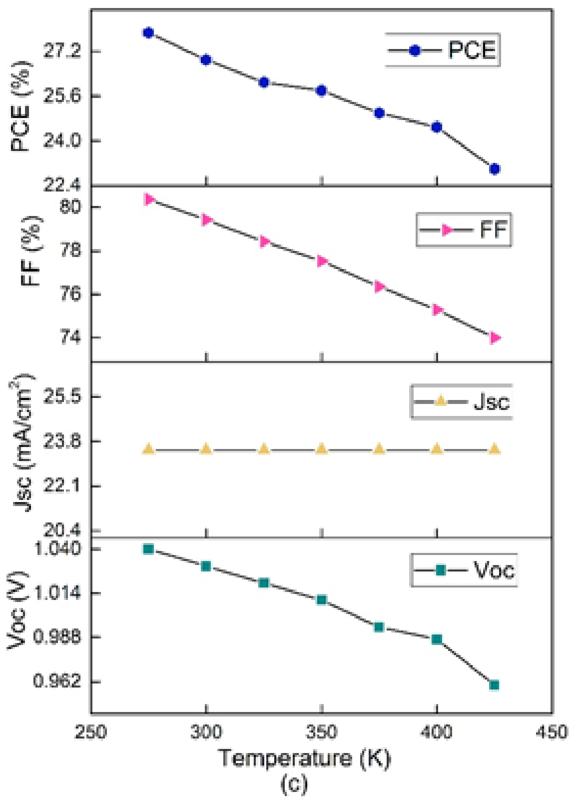

Fig. 4. Shows the variation of Solar cell parameters with respect to Temperature, Shunt Resistance and Series Resistance.(a) Series Resistance variation effect on FF, J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE. (b) Shunt Resistance variation effect on FF, J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE (c) Temperature variation effect on FF , J_{SC}, V_{OC} and PCE.

VI Characteristics of both N-I-P Structure and P-I-N Structure

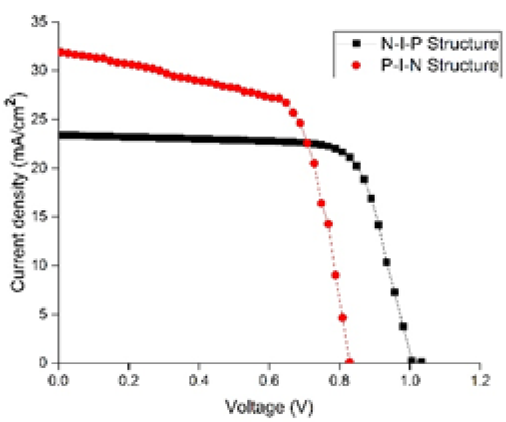

Fig.5. Shows VI Graph of the proposed structure and its inverted structure.

The Voltage-Current (V-I) characteristic of a perovskite solar cell describes relationship between the voltage applied across the solar cell terminals and the resulting current passing through the cell under illumination. It illustrates how the cell behaves electrically and provides important insights into its performance. When a perovskite solar cell is exposed to light, it generates photocurrent due to the absorption of photons and the subsequent creation of electron-hole pairs within the material. The V-I curve under illumination shows the relationship between the voltage and the resulting current in the presence of light. The shape of the V-I curve for a perovskite solar cell may vary based on factors such as the cell's design, material properties, illumination conditions, and temperature. A well-performing perovskite solar cell typically exhibits fill factor, high short-circuit current and high open-circuit voltage approaching unity, leading to a higher efficiency. Here from the above two graphs it is seen that N-I-P Structure is having V_{OC} of 1.04 V which is higher as compared to P-I-N Structure having V_{OC} of 0.818 V. So, we have considered the variation of other parameters of N-I-P Structure as it is having better performance of VI characteristics as compared to the inverted structure.

Table 2. Improvement of PCE over earlier simulated work

Device Structure	V_{oc} (V)	J_{sc} (mA/cm$_2$)	FF (%)	PCE (%)	References
PEDOT:PSS/ $MA_3Sb_2I_9$/CdS	1.02	24	81	20.23	[23]
FTO/TiO_2/ $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ / CuI/Au	0.91	23.75	75.23	15.3	[24]
FTO/ TiO_2/ $MA_3Sb_2I_9$/ Spiro-OMeTAD/Au)	1.0	19.54	82	17.35	[25]
ITO/ZnO/ $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ /Spiro-OMeTAD/Au	1.52	18.54	69.35	16.3	[26]
Glass/ FTO/TiO_2/ $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/ Cu_2O/Carbon	1.18	22.75	77.73	19.32	[27]
This Work	**1.04**	**23.48**	**80.37**	**27.87**	

CONCLUSIONS

An extensive investigation has been done for obtaining a high efficiency device configuration of double layered doubly PSC and same has been simulated using SCAPS-1D software. The present study using device structure ITO/TiO_2/$MA_3Sb_2I_9$/$Cs_2AgBiBr_6$/CuSCN/Au shows a better solar cell parameters, mainly PCE using $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$ individually for earlier works. Different combinations of width and defect density of PAL has been tried to obtain optimized solar cell parameter. Also the Temperature, Shunt Resistance and Series Resistance effect on the PSC parameters has been studied to use these parameters of optimum value for fabrication of the perovskite solar cell. The simulation of proposed device structure at the thickness of 300 nm and defect density of 1×10^{14} cm^{-3} of PAL, provide best possible power conversion efficiency of 27.87%, V_{OC} of 1.04 V and J_{SC} of 23.48 mA/cm^2 and FF of 80.37%. This is mainly due to increased charge carrier pairs generation and reduced recombination respectively. It has been found that defect density of PAL is of tremendous effect on improving PCE. The present study will contribute towards the fabrication of highly efficient device of perovskite material $MA_3Sb_2I_9$ and $Cs_2AgBiBr_6$, furthermore reduce dependence on fossil fuel and provide insight to researchers to optimize solar cell parameter in future.

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Enhancing Power Quality in Textile Industry: A Holistic Investigation of VFD Fed Induction Motor Drives

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ABSTRACT

This study conducts a comprehensive analysis of power quality improvement within the textile industry by focusing on variable frequency drive (VFD) fed induction motor technology. It investigates the detrimental effects of harmonics stemming from nonlinear loads, primarily VFD-driven motors, on productivity and energy consumption across Indian textile firms. The research underscores the significance of power system optimization, as harmonics lead to increased heating and utility costs and pose challenges such as eddy current losses in transformers serving harmonic loads. The study's primary objective is to evaluate the application and impact of VFD-fed induction motor drive systems, emphasizing their potential to enhance power quality, reduce energy usage, and streamline operational processes.

Furthermore, the paper highlights the limitations of eddy current drives, which include a limited speed range, imprecise speed control, reduced energy efficiency at lower speeds, and maintenance, noise, and vibration concerns before implementing VFD drive. In contrast, VFDs offer greater versatility and efficiency, making them preferable for applications demanding precise control over a wide speed range. The study presents a case study of a 110 KW, 4-pole induction motor VFD drive in a textile mill's spinning section, recording various parameters at different load conditions. Additionally, this work demonstrates the effectiveness of output parameters using experimental setup and MATLAB/SIMULINK MODEL. Hence, this work achieves all physical VFD and motor parameters, the energy consumption of an industry is reduced, and the system's power quality is improved.

KEYWORDS: *Motor dynamic performance, Power quality, Total harmonic distortion, Variable frequency drives.*

INTRODUCTION

The study aims to comprehensively analyze and optimize variable voltage variable frequency (VVVF) motor drives used in the textile industry. Its core objectives include improving energy efficiency, enhancing product quality and process control, reducing operational costs, and mitigating the environmental impact. Additionally, the research seeks to ensure regulatory compliance and boost competitiveness through the adoption of advanced motor drive technologies, while potentially contributing to intellectual property development in this field. The textile industry stands at the crossroads of tradition and innovation, continually evolving to meet the dynamic demands of the global market. Central to this industry's transformation are the motors powering a vast array of machinery, playing a pivotal role in the manufacturing process. As the textile sector strives for greater energy efficiency, production quality, and flexibility, the adoption of Variable Frequency Drive (VFD)-driven Three-Phase Induction Motors (TPIMs) has become increasingly prevalent. VFDs, known for their ability to control motor speed and torque with precision, have emerged as a vital component in modern textile machinery. Their integration allows manufacturers to tailor motor performance to specific operational requirements, ensuring efficient and versatile production processes. However, harnessing the full potential of VFD-driven TPIMs demands a deeper understanding of advanced control techniques, harmonic analysis, and parameter optimization—an imperative in achieving the industry's sustainability and cost-effectiveness objectives.

This paper embarks on a journey into the heart of the textile industry's motorization, exploring the intricate interplay between VFD technology and TPIMs. By focusing on two critical aspects—harmonic analysis and parameter optimization—the study seeks to elucidate the mechanisms underpinning advanced motor control techniques. The overarching goal is to empower textile manufacturers, engineers, and researchers with insights and strategies to maximize motor efficiency, reduce energy consumption, and maintain high production standards. In the pages that follow, we delve into the pivotal role of VFD-driven TPIMs in the textile industry's quest for excellence. We highlight the pressing need for energy-efficient motor operation in the face of rising costs and environmental concerns. Moreover, we introduce the central themes of harmonic analysis and parameter optimization as essential components of advanced control techniques, showcasing their potential to revolutionize motor performance.

The research is underpinned by a thorough literature review, which surveys existing knowledge in the field, emphasizing the significance of harmonics in motor operation and the influence of control parameters on motor performance. Building on this foundation, the study employs a combination of experimental analysis and simulation-based investigations to offer practical insights into the optimization of VFD-driven TPIMs. As we navigate the intricacies of advanced motor control, we also draw from real-world case studies within the textile industry. These cases serve as tangible examples of the transformative power of the techniques under examination, illustrating their applicability in diverse manufacturing scenarios. In conclusion, this research aspires to be a guiding light in the textile industry's journey towards sustainable and efficient manufacturing. By unveiling the potential of advanced control techniques, harmonic analysis, and parameter optimization for VFD-driven TPIMs, we aim to equip stakeholders with the knowledge needed to navigate the evolving landscape of textile production. Ultimately, our collective pursuit is to redefine industry standards, harmonizing tradition with innovation while conserving resources and enhancing global competitiveness.

LITERATURE REVIEW

The textile industry has undergone a significant transformation, embracing Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) integrated with 3-phase asynchronous motors. This review covers essential aspects of VFD-driven motors in textiles, emphasizing the role of VFDs, induction motors, harmonic analysis, control parameters, advanced techniques, and parameter optimization. The textile sector favors VFDs over Eddy Current Drives (ECDs) due to their wide speed control range, energy efficiency, cost-effectiveness, product quality improvement, and versatility for diverse motor applications. VFDs contribute significantly to enhancing textile manufacturing efficiency, reliability, and environmental impact, establishing themselves as the industry's preferred technology.

Authors emphasize the importance of conducting energy audits in industrial settings to assess overall energy consumption [1-2]. They specifically address power quality analysis and its focus on power factor in the context of a textile industry energy audit. The paper also presents practical solutions, such as solid-state harmonic filters, power factor controllers, and dynamic voltage restorers, to improve power quality in textile facilities [3-4]. Additionally, research explores fault diagnosis methods for induction motors driven by VFDs and presents analytical approaches for steady-state characteristics and operation of VFDs in varying mechanical load scenarios [4-5]. Challenges related to emissions measurements in the low-frequency range are also discussed [6-8].

Furthermore, studies showcase the implementation of VFD controllers for induction motors, emphasizing power consumption reduction through modulation techniques [9-11]. The introduction of novel frequency division duplex (FDD) based VFDs, auto-tunable discrete wavelet transform (DWT), and data-driven methods for condition monitoring system (CMS) are presented, along with their advantages and challenges [12-14]. The paper provides insights into power consumption data and losses in the Ready-Made Garments (RMG) sector [15] and explores full-scale simulation models for steady-state and dynamic evaluations [16]. Lastly, the selection of optimal drive topologies for variable speed applications is discussed [17-21], addressing cost reduction and the impact of harmonics on VFD-fed electric motor [22-24].

VFDs and TPIMs in Textile Machinery

The adoption of VFDs in textile machinery has become widespread due to their capacity to regulate motor speed and torque. Wensheng and Yousef [5] noted that the textile industry significantly benefits from VFD-driven TPIMs, as they enable seamless control over machinery operations. This flexibility is particularly valuable in processes such as weaving, spinning, and dyeing, where variations in speed and precision are critical.

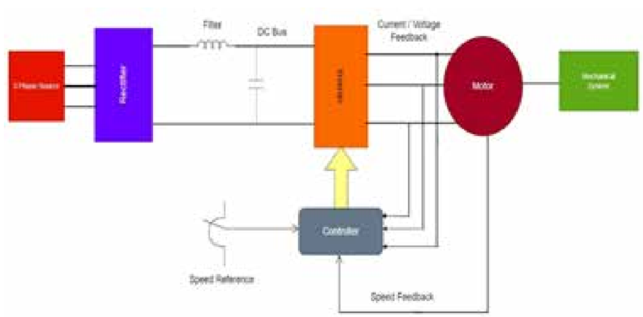

Figure 1. Pictorial representation of variable frequency fed induction motor drive

Significance of Harmonic Analysis

Harmonics, or non-sinusoidal voltage and current waveforms, are an inevitable consequence of VFD operation. These harmonics have a substantial impact on motor performance and power quality. Researchers like Li et al. [2] emphasized the need for harmonic analysis in textile machinery. Their work demonstrated that harmonics can cause motor overheating, increased losses, and reduced motor life. Consequently, controlling harmonics through advanced techniques is paramount.

Control Parameters for VFDs

Optimizing motor performance through VFDs involves manipulating various control parameters, including modulation techniques, frequency, and voltage settings. Wang et al. [3] explored the influence of modulation techniques on motor efficiency and found that Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) offers superior performance in terms of reduced harmonics and higher energy efficiency. Similarly, Wang and Sun [4] highlighted the significance of frequency and voltage adjustments in achieving desired motor performance levels. Several case studies in the literature provide practical insights into the application of advanced control techniques for VFD-driven TPIMs in the textile industry. For example, Chen et al. [5] presented a case study of a textile mill that successfully reduced energy consumption and improved production quality by optimizing VFD parameters. Such real-world examples illustrate the tangible benefits of implementing advanced control strategies.

Challenges and Future Directions

While the adoption of advanced control techniques for VFD-driven TPIMs is promising, challenges remain. Addressing these challenges requires ongoing research and innovation. Issues such as parameter sensitivity, motor insulation, and system stability are subjects of ongoing investigation [6]. Moreover, the integration of smart monitoring and predictive maintenance technologies holds great potential for further enhancing motor performance and reliability.

Research Gap: There is a need for holistic research that combines both harmonic analysis and parameter optimization in the context of VFD-driven TPIMs, as most studies tend to focus on one aspect or the other. Moreover, research needs to be more application-specific, tailoring findings to the unique requirements of different textile machinery. Additional gaps include the exploration of effective harmonic mitigation techniques, ensuring the long-term robustness and reliability of advanced control techniques, and the integration of smart technologies for monitoring and predictive maintenance. Establishing standardized metrics for energy efficiency and conducting comprehensive cost-benefit analyses are also important. Furthermore, research should address challenges related to industry-wide adoption and the development of regulatory and standards frameworks to support safe and efficient implementation in the textile sector.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Experimental Data Collection

The experimental setup involves a meticulously orchestrated sequence of steps:

Motor Selection

Thoroughly vetted three-phase induction motors, reflective of those used in textile machinery, are identified and prepared for experimentation. These motors are integrated with VFDs to enable precise parameter adjustments.

Instrumentation

Cutting-edge power quality analyzers are strategically connected to the electrical circuitry of the induction motors. This instrumentation enables the continuous and real-time monitoring of harmonic distortion levels during motor operation.

Parameter Adjustment

Controlled experiments are rigorously conducted, systematically altering VFD parameters, including modulation techniques, frequency settings, and voltage levels. Throughout these experiments, motor performance metrics and harmonic characteristics are meticulously documented.

Data Collection

Data collected from both real-world experimentation and computer-based simulations is aggregated and rigorously catalogued. The dataset encompasses a comprehensive range of motor performance metrics, harmonic profiles, and parameter variations.

Analysis

The amassed data undergoes rigorous analysis, employing advanced statistical and analytical techniques. This analysis serves to elucidate the intricate relationships between advanced control techniques, parameter optimization, harmonic content, and motor performance.

Comparison

The research leverages the comparison of results obtained from real-world experimentation and simulation-based modelling to validate findings and establish robust conclusions.

By integrating both experimental and simulation-based approaches, this research methodology affords a comprehensive understanding of the intricate interplay between advanced control techniques and parameter optimization in VFD-driven TPIMs within the textile industry. The rigorous data collection, systematic experimentation, and in-depth analysis enable the development of substantiated recommendations aimed at optimizing motor performance, reducing energy consumption, and upholding stringent production standards.

MATLAB/SIMULINK based Data Collection

Computer Simulation Complementing the experimental approach, advanced simulation software, such as MATLAB/Simulink, is employed to construct precise digital models of VFD-driven TPIMs. These virtual models enable a controlled, digital environment for experimentation, facilitating a deeper understanding of motor behavior under diverse operating conditions.

CONTROLLING PARAMETERS OF VFD DRIVES

Parameters for Controlling VFD Drives

Frequency (Speed)

The most fundamental parameter controlled by a VFD is the output frequency, which determines the motor's speed. By adjusting the frequency, you can precisely control the motor's RPM (Revolutions per Minute). This is crucial in textile machinery where different processes may require varying speeds.

Voltage

VFDs can also regulate the voltage supplied to the motor. This control allows for adjustments in torque, which is essential for maintaining the required level of force or power in textile processes.

Modulation Techniques

VFDs employ various modulation techniques to convert the DC voltage to AC voltage. These techniques, including Pulse Width Modulation (PWM) affect the quality of the output waveform and, consequently, motor performance and efficiency.

Acceleration and Deceleration Rates

VFDs allow for the adjustment of acceleration and deceleration rates. This parameter controls how quickly the motor ramps up to its operating speed and how it slows down. Controlling these rates is essential for smooth and precise control of textile machinery.

Current Limit

VFDs can limit the current supplied to the motor to prevent over-current conditions. Current limiting protects the motor from damage and ensures safe operation.

Control Modes

VFDs offer various control modes, such as open-loop and closed-loop control. Closed-loop control uses feedback from sensors to adjust parameters in real-time, enhancing precision and control accuracy.

IMPACT ON DYNAMIC MOTOR PERFORMANCE

In the textile industry, the meticulous adjustment of VFD parameters significantly influences the performance of 3-phase asynchronous motor. This optimization impacts critical aspects such as energy efficiency, torque control, operational smoothness, harmonic reduction, safety, and precision. Properly tuned VFDs facilitate the precise alignment of motor speed with specific load requirements, leading to enhanced energy efficiency and cost savings. Additionally, torque control ensures consistent force in textile processes, elevating product quality. Controlled acceleration and deceleration rates prevent mechanical stress and wear on machinery components, thereby extending motor life and minimizing maintenance. The reduction of harmonics through VFD modulation techniques contributes to cleaner power, reducing the risk of motor overheating and improving power quality. VFDs' safety features further protect motors from overcurrent conditions and faults, reducing the risk of damage or failure. Moreover, closed-loop control modes ensure that motors operate with high precision, maintaining consistent product quality and production standards. A comprehensive understanding of these parameter adjustments is pivotal for achieving efficient and sustainable textile manufacturing processes.

CASE STUDY

This case study focuses on a real-world textile mill that sought to enhance its energy efficiency, reduce production costs, and improve product quality. The textile mill operates a range of machinery, including weaving and spinning units, all powered by three-phase induction motors (TPIMs) controlled by variable frequency drives (VFDs). The goal was to investigate how VFD parameter optimization could address these objectives.

Case Study Details

Priyadarshani Sahakari Sootgirani Limited is established in 2014 and has a daily production capacity of 75,000 kilograms. However, the mill encounters several challenges, notably its high monthly electricity consumption, reaching a peak of 2,552,950 kilowatt-hours (kWh). This significant energy usage poses both cost and sustainability concerns. Additionally, due to continuous production operations, the quality of the products may suffer, and the induction motors frequently require maintenance. The need for frequent motor maintenance not only affects operational efficiency but also adds to maintenance costs.

VFD installation in the textile industry plays a crucial role in enhancing energy efficiency, process control, and overall operational efficiency. VFDs enable precise control of motor speed and power, resulting in significant energy savings and cost reduction. They maintain consistent product quality, especially in processes like weaving and spinning, by providing precise speed control. VFDs also reduce mechanical stress on equipment, extend motor lifespans, and minimize maintenance costs. They mitigate harmonic distortion, ensuring stable power quality and preventing motor overheating. The adaptability of VFDs allows for flexibility in responding to production demands, contributing to environmental sustainability by reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. Furthermore, VFDs enhance safety through built-in protection features, aligning with the textile industry's focus on safety and product quality. Parameter Optimization: Detail the process of parameter optimization, including adjustments in frequency, voltage, modulation techniques, and acceleration rates.

In the textile industry, harmonic analysis holds a critical role in ensuring the reliability of operations and enhancing overall power quality. The results of harmonic analysis reveal a significant reduction in harmonic distortion levels, underscoring the positive impact on power quality within textile manufacturing facilities.

One of the standout advantages of VFD installation in the textile industry is the substantial reduction in maintenance-related costs and downtime. VFDs come equipped with advanced fault detection and diagnostics features. These capabilities allow for the early identification of issues in the machinery, enabling proactive maintenance. As a result, maintenance becomes more predictive and less disruptive, reducing unplanned downtime. This proactive approach to maintenance has not only extended the lifespan of critical equipment but has also significantly cut down on maintenance expenses, reinforcing the textile industry's commitment to cost-effectiveness.

The financial impacts of VFD implementation are impressive, extending across various aspects of textile mill operations. By achieving energy savings through precise motor control and reduced idle-time energy consumption, textile manufacturers have witnessed substantial reductions in electricity costs. Coupled with improvements in productivity, these cost reductions have contributed to increased profitability. A comprehensive financial analysis underscores how energy efficiency and heightened productivity, driven by VFDs, have translated into tangible cost savings, optimizing financial performance within the textile industry.

In line with broader global sustainability goals, the textile industry is increasingly mindful of its environmental impact. Reduced energy consumption, made possible through VFD installation, aligns with sustainability objectives by lowering greenhouse gas emissions. The textile mill's contribution to sustainability is marked not only by its environmental responsibility but also by its commitment to efficiency and the responsible use of resources. By reducing its energy footprint, the textile industry is moving towards a more sustainable and eco-friendly future, echoing its dedication to corporate social responsibility and environmental stewardship.

EXPERIMENTAL AND MATLAB/ SIMULINK RESULTS

This work analyzes an experimental results underscore the significant advantages of VFD-fed induction motor drives in the textile industry. These systems excel in terms of energy efficiency, precision, reduced mechanical stress, and harmonic distortion reduction. Table 1, indicates the experimental parameters of vvvf fed induction motor drive. Moreover, their positive environmental impact aligns with the industry's sustainability objectives.

Variable Frequency Drive Parameters

VFD Make: Danfoss

Inverter Rating: 125 KW

Carrier Frequency: 3000 Hz

VFD Output Choke: 0.086 mH and 222.5 Amp.

VFD to Motor cable Distance: 19 meter

VFD to Input transformer Distance: 125 meter

Motor Details:

Motor Make: Kirloskar

Motor Rating: 415 Volt, 135 H.P. 180 amp, 1475 rpm

Rated Speed: 1500 rpm

Table 1 Experimental Parameters of VVVF Fed Induction Motor Drive

S.N	Physical Parameters	Load is given in percentage				
		0 %	25 %	50%	75%	100%
1	Input Line Voltage VRY in Volts	416.6	413.8	414.5	414.9	410
2	Input Line Voltage VYB in Volts	415.9	413.2	413.6	414.6	409
3	Input Line Voltage VBR in Volts	414.3	413.2	412.4	412.7	408
4	Input Line Current IRY in Ampere	13.9	37.3	77.5	110.3	144.5
5	Input Line Current IYB in Ampere	14.6	38.2	78.3	113.4	145.6
6	Input Line Current IBR in Ampere	13.70	35	74.2	106.9	140
7	Input Active Power in Watt	6700	23775	49500	73200	95100

8	Supply Frequency in Hertz	49.99	49.99	49.99	49.99	49.99
9	Output Line Voltage VRY in Volts	416.4	404.7	398	397	395.9
10	Output Line Voltage VYB in Volts	416.1	403.2	398	398	396
11	Output Line Voltage VBR in Volts	416.3	405.1	398	397	395
12	Output Line Current IRY in Ampere	33.6	39.7	79.4	116.4	158.9
13	Output Line Current IYB in Ampere	34.1	40.4	81.5	115.3	161.8
14	Output Line Current IBR in Ampere	34.3	40.3	79	117.6	161.3
15	Output Power Factor (Lagging)	0.17	0.71	0.81	0.83	0.82
16	Output Power Factor Angle	79.7	44.6	35.9	33.4	34.4
17	Output Active Power in Watt	4300	23645	44900	67600	90700
18	Output Apparent Power in VA	24400	33209	55500	81100	11020
19	Output Total Harmonic Distortion (Fundamental)	2.64	1.75	1.47	1.23	0.84
20	Output Total Harmonic Distortion (Fifth)	1.65	1.69	1.68	1.78	1.73
21	Input Power Factor (Lagging)	0.685	0.785	0.899	0.933	0.930
22	Input Power Factor Angle	46.76	38.27	25.97	21.09	21.56
23	Input Apparent Power in VA)	9800	25030	55000	79100	100120
24	Input Total Harmonic Distortion (Fundamental)	97.37	27.52	43.5	36.89	33.16
25	Input Total Harmonic Distortion (Fifth)	1	1.57	1.90	2.32	3.48
26	Efficiency of the three phase induction motor after installing VFD	64.18	84.72	90.71	92.35	95.37

Table 1, offers a thorough examination of a three-phase induction motor equipped with a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) under diverse load conditions, supplying valuable insights into its electrical behavior. Various input parameters, encompassing line voltages (VRY, VYB, VBR) and currents (IRY, IYB, IBR) at different load percentages, provide a detailed depiction of the motor's performance in varying operational scenarios. The input active power signifies the energy consumption of the motor, while the supply frequency remains consistent at 49.99 Hz. Output parameters, such as line voltages, currents, and power factors (VRY, VYB, VBR, IRY, IYB, IBR), demonstrate the motor's efficiency and power quality. Table 1 also outlines harmonic distortion levels at the fundamental and fifth harmonics in the output waveform. Additionally, key input parameters like power factor, apparent power, and harmonic distortion contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the motor's electrical characteristics. Significantly, Table 1 incorporates the motor's efficiency with the VFD across various load percentages, shedding light on the VFD's impact on overall performance. This extensive dataset proves crucial for evaluating the motor's dependability, efficiency, and harmonic characteristics, providing valuable insights for textile industrial applications.

This study analyzes the textile industry incurs high energy costs due to a combination of factors. It involves complex machinery, continuous operation, and energy-intensive processes. Electric motors power various machines, and maintaining precise temperature, humidity, and lighting levels adds to the energy demand. Steam generation, aging infrastructure, and a lack of energy-efficient measures contribute to high consumption. The industry's competitive nature and the need to comply with regulations also impact energy usage. To address this, textile manufacturers are increasingly investing in energy-efficient technologies and sustainable practices to reduce costs and environmental impact.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Experimental Results

Figure 2: Input parameters of VVVF fed induction motor drives

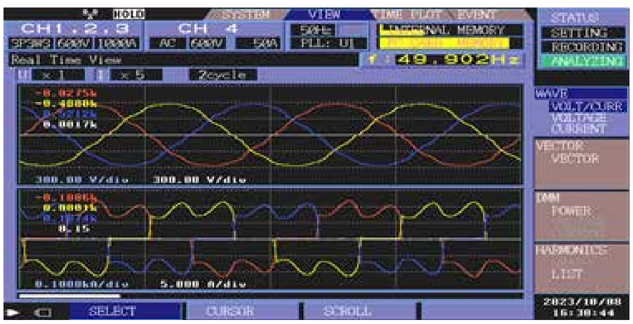

Figure 3: Input waveforms of VVVF fed induction motor drives

Figure 2 and 3 presents' data on a system's performance under varying load conditions, including Load in percent, Input Voltage (V), Current (A), and Power (W). Notable observations include a decrease in input voltage as the load increases, a proportional increase in current with load, and a significant rise in power consumption under higher loads. This data allows for an in-depth analysis of the system's efficiency and performance characteristics, offering insights for optimization and engineering improvements, particularly in managing voltage drop, current demands, and overall system performance.

In our study, we conducted a comprehensive analysis of the dynamic performance of VFD-fed induction motor drives under different load conditions, including 100% load, 75% load, 50% load, 25% load and no load, for a 110 kW induction motor. The following key observations is made:

Figure 4 to 7, indicates the operating a 110 kW three-phase induction motor at full load with a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) can significantly impact the harmonic content of output voltage and current. The high current demands associated with full-load operation can lead to more pronounced current harmonics, particularly at the VFD's switching frequency and its multiples. These harmonics can affect voltage quality and may necessitate mitigation measures to comply with power quality standards like IEEE 519. It also indicates the total harmonic distortion is good and power quality is increased at full load.

Figure 4: VFD input voltage harmonic measurement at full load

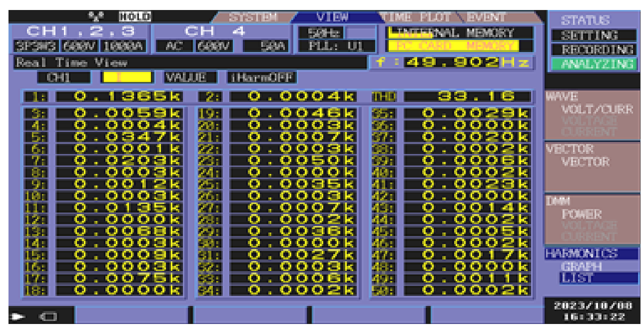

Figure 5: VFD input current harmonic measurement at full load

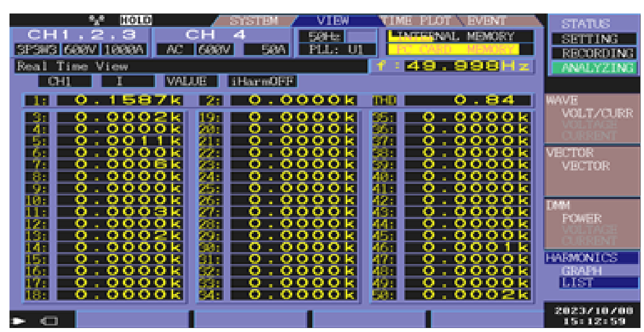

Figure 6: VFD output voltage harmonic measurement at full load

Figure 7: VFD output current harmonic measurement at full load

Full Load

Figure 8 and 9 depicts the stable line voltage regulation within the motor's rated range was maintained. Line current closely matched the motor's rated current. Active power delivery matched the motor's rated power (110 kW).Apparent power was equal to or slightly higher than the rated motor power. Management of reactive power maintained a near-unity power factor.

Figure 8: Output parameters of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at full load

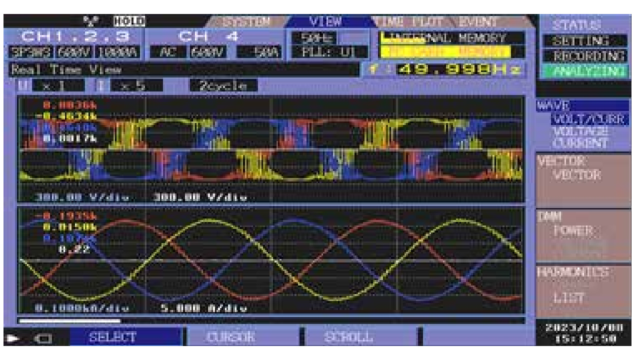

Figure 9: Output waveforms of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at full load

75 % Load

Figure 10 and 11 indicates the output parameters of VFD fed induction motor drives at 75 percent load. Line voltage regulation remained consistent. Line current decreased but was well-regulated. Active power output decreased to 75 percent of the rated power. Apparent power scaled down proportionally. Reactive power management continued to control the power factor.

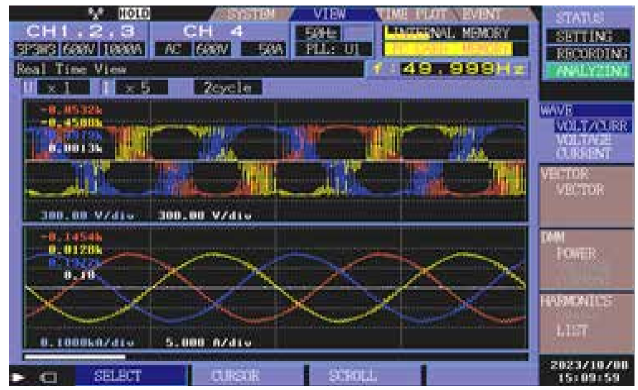

Figure 10: Output parameters of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at 75% load

Figure 11: Output waveforms of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at 75% load

50 Percent Load

Figure 12 and 13, indicates the output parameters of VFD fed induction motor drives at half load. Stable voltage regulation remained essential. Line current decreased further but stayed controlled. Active power output reduced to 50 percent of the rated power. Apparent power adjusted accordingly and finally, Management of reactive power was crucial for maintaining power factor.

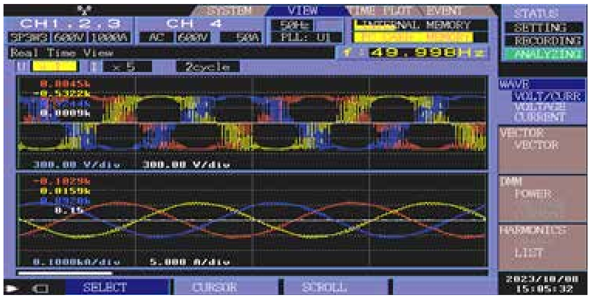

Figure 12: Output parameters of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at 50 percent load

Figure 13: Output waveforms of VVVF fed induction motor drives dynamic performance at 50 percent load

No Load

Voltage regulation persisted, preventing voltage spikes. In spite of minimal current, measures were in place to prevent inrush currents. Active power output was minimized or reduced to zero. Apparent power was still present due to magnetizing currents. Reactive power was managed to sustain the motor's core magnetization.

A reasonable power factor was maintained even at no load to prevent issues such as poor voltage regulation and over excitation.

Our findings highlight the adaptability and control capabilities of VFD-fed induction motor drives in regulating line voltage, line current, active power, apparent power, reactive power, and power factor across a range of load conditions. This adaptability is critical for ensuring optimal performance, energy efficiency, and system reliability in diverse operational scenarios.

MATLAB/SIMULINK Results

This work present the results of our MATLAB simulation model, which was designed to analyze the dynamic performance of VFD-fed induction motor drives under varying load conditions as shown in Figure 14. The simulation was conducted on a 110 kW induction motor. Our findings offer valuable insights into the behavior and adaptability of the motor drive system in different load scenarios.

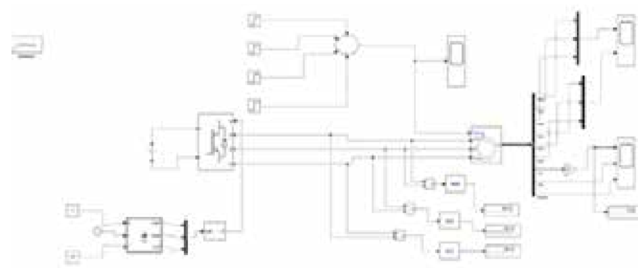

Figure 14: MATLAB/SIMULINK Model of VFD fed induction motor drives

Figure 15 indicates the various load applied on VFD fed induction motor drives for analyzing the motor dynamic parameters. The actual speed of an induction motor varies with load conditions as shown in Figure 16. At 100 percent load, the motor's speed remains close to the synchronous speed, with only a slight reduction due to load resistance and friction. A 75 percent load results in a similar, limited decrease in actual speed. Operating at 50 percent load, the speed remains relatively close to synchronous speed. However, at 25 percent load, the actual speed may exhibit a more noticeable reduction as the motor operates significantly below its rated capacity. In a no-load scenario, the motor's actual speed can deviate significantly from the synchronous speed, often increasing, which is known as "over speed," due to reduced load torque and friction losses. These observations provide insights into the dynamic behavior of induction motors under different load conditions, influenced by motor design, control methods, and the specific type of load.

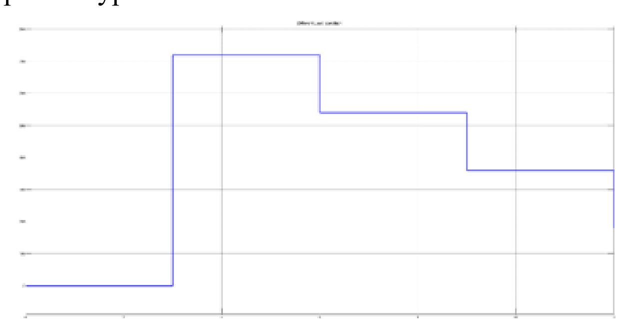

Figure 15: Applied different load conditions on three phase induction motor drives

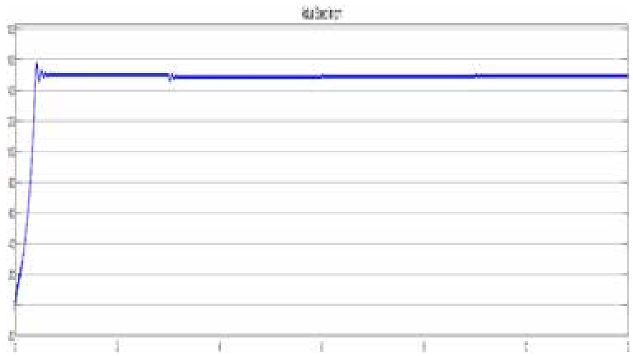

Figure 16: Actual speed curve at different load conditions

Figure 17 illustrates the stator current behavior under different load conditions. In the 100 percent load scenario, which spans from 3 seconds to 6 seconds, the stator current closely aligns with the motor's rated current, representing its peak value among all load conditions. This condition occurs when the motor operates at its maximum output capacity. As we transition to a 75 percent load, occurring between 6 seconds and 9 seconds, the stator current diminishes, although it remains relatively high. This demonstrates that the motor is still operating at a substantial portion of its rated capacity. Subsequently, during the 50 percent load phase, spanning from 9 seconds to 12 seconds, the stator current further decreases. Even though it's notably lower, it remains significant, as the motor functions at half of its rated load capacity. In the absence of a load, or under idle conditions, the stator current is observed to be at its lowest level in comparison to all load conditions. Although not zero due to losses and magnetization current, it exhibits a significant reduction when contrasted with the stator current in loaded scenarios.

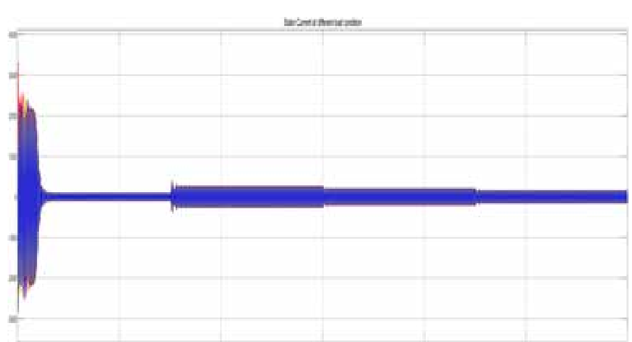

Figure 17: Motor stator current at different load conditions

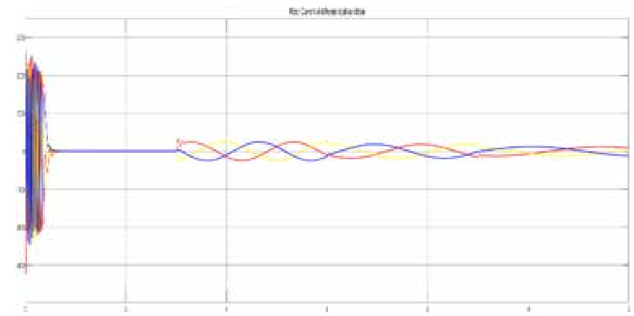

Figure 18: Rotor current at different load conditions

Variations in rotor current with changing load conditions, as depicted in Figure 18, offer valuable insights into the behavior of induction motors. At full load (observed between 3 to 6 seconds), the rotor current is notably high, corresponding to the motor's operation at its peak output capacity. As the load is reduced to 3/4th (spanning from 6 to 9 seconds), the rotor current decreases, though it remains relatively substantial, indicating a significant level of operation. The half load condition (spanning from 9 to 12 seconds) results in further reduction in rotor current, while it remains significant. When operating at 1/4th load, there is a significant drop in rotor current, as the motor functions well below its capacity. In the no-load condition, rotor current is minimal, primarily serving to overcome losses. These observations shed light on the motor's dynamic response to varying operating conditions, with nuances influenced by motor design and control strategies.

Figure 19-21, indicates the variations in load conditions have distinct effects on the electromagnetic curve, load torque, and rotor angle in VFD-fed induction motor drives. At full load, the motor closely adheres to its rated torque-speed characteristics, while substantial load torque is required to overcome the mechanical resistance. At 75 percent load, the motor exhibits a minor speed reduction, with substantial load torque still in demand. A 50 percent load sees a more noticeable speed decrease, while 25 percent load operations lead to a significant drop in speed and load torque. Under no-load conditions, the motor's electromagnetic curve deviates notably from synchronous speed, causing possible motor "overspeed," with minimal load torque required. Figure 20 depicts, rotor angle control plays a crucial role in applications necessitating precise positioning, especially at higher loads, while it may become less critical at lighter loads and no-load conditions. These interactions between load variations, electromagnetic behavior, load torque, and rotor angle are pivotal for optimizing VFD-fed induction motor performance across a spectrum of operating scenarios.

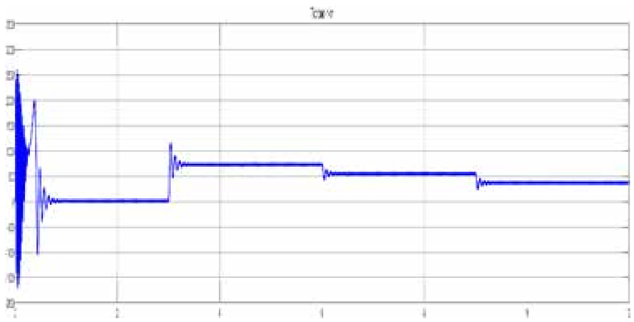

Figure 19: Load torque curve at different load conditions

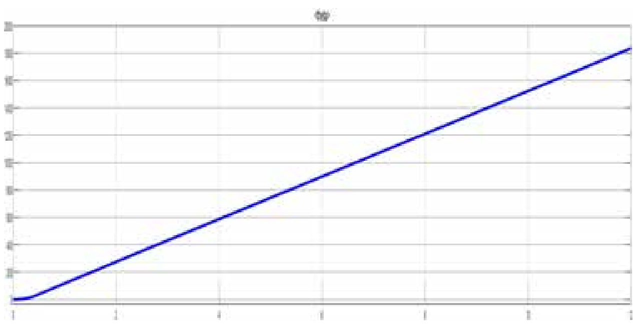

Figure 20: Rotor angle (theta) curve at different load conditions

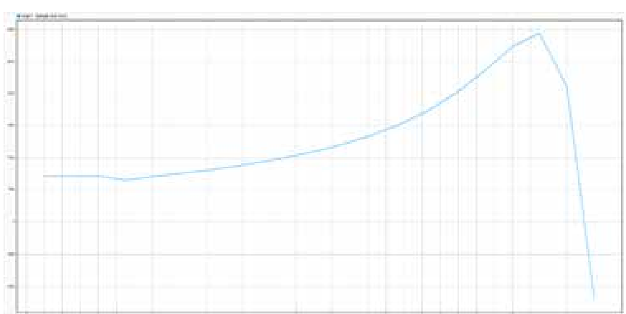

Figure 21: Speed-Torque curve of VFD fed induction motor drive

Variations in load torque on an induction motor are clearly illustrated in Figure 19, and these observations reveal distinctive responses under different load conditions. At full load, the motor encounters its most substantial load torque, a vital requirement for achieving maximum mechanical output. When the motor operates at 3/4th load, the torque diminishes, yet it remains notably significant, indicating the motor's substantial workload. Further, at half load, the torque experiences a reduction but still holds significance, corresponding to half of the motor's rated capacity. Transitioning to a 1/4th load, a significant drop in load torque is evident as the motor operates well below its rated capacity, necessitating merely a fraction of the maximum load torque. In the absence of any load, the torque is minimal, primarily serving to counteract losses, friction, and windage, with an almost negligible torque demand. These findings provide valuable insights into the motor's dynamic responses across diverse operating conditions, with these variations influenced by factors such as motor design, the type of load, and the chosen control strategies.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, the synergy between experimental data and Simulink simulations in this study underscores the transformative potential of VFD-fed induction motor drives in the textile industry. The power quality improvements achieved through VFD integration encompass power factor enhancement, energy savings, harmonics reduction, and increased operational efficiency. This research not only contributes to the advancement of power quality within the textile sector but also exemplifies the synergy between practical experimentation and simulation-based analysis in understanding and optimizing complex industrial systems. The insights gained from this comprehensive analysis offer a promising avenue for enhancing energy efficiency, reducing costs, and ensuring reliable power supplies in the textile manufacturing industry.

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Coded Electricity to Avoid Power Theft in Distribution Network

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ABSTRACT

Theft or unauthorized tapping of transmission lines is a significant factor in the substantial commercial losses for the electrical distribution companies. The present study suggests a smart system to avoid power theft detection that works online and attempts to identify and stop energy theft in real time without interfering with the flow of power. Energy theft can result in financial losses for utilities and customers alike, but the suggested solution has the potential to drastically reduce these occurrences. The system is able to identify and notify authorities of any suspected cases of tampering or fraud by continuously monitoring and analyzing metering data in real-time which is referred as coded electricity. The proposed coded electricity method minimizes the effects of energy theft on the system and on consumer bills and enables prompt response. Simulations are used to keep track of the proposed system's outcomes. Furthermore, the hardware prototype is built to validate the simulink results. The experimental results verify the observed simulation results.

KEYWORDS: *Distribution network, Power theft, Electricity, Utilities.*

INTRODUCTION

Power distribution network plays a significant role in energy sector of any nation. In India, most of the states have major contribution in distribution sector by Government owned Distribution Companies (DISCOMs). However, the sector experiences financial and technical loss in the power systems. The theft of electricity is a major reason for high technical and commercial losses in the power system network. Out of these, technical losses account to 22.5% and commercial losses are about 16.6%. The electricity distribution sector is the weakest link in terms of financial and operational sustainability. It is worth noting the outstanding amount of DISCOMs payable to generating companies as of February 2019 stood at an alarming level of Rs. 418.81 billion, as per data from 58 DISCOMs reported by 17 participating Generation Companies (GENCOs). This included the overdue amount of Rs. 267.56 billion greater than 60 days payable to the generators [1,2].

The revenue generation of power generation companies is not directly from the consumers, instead they collect it from distribution companies, which in turn collect through the tariff from end-users. Conversely, due to untimely payment by end-users, DISCOMs have failed to make payments to GENCOs. This ultimately effects on the performance and reliability of the power system. However, the main reason behind this is the theft of electricity from distribution networks either in transit or at end nodes. Government policies, limitation of distribution network at remote location are few reasons along with irregular monsoon most of the farmers are not capable of paying high electricity bills and they do the malpractice of tapping [3-5]. Further, there is tendency or mindset of some people who does theft illegally.

The theft of electricity must be stopped to reduce the burden on the distribution companies in terms of revenue collection and technical parameters of power quality particularly voltage un-balance and create a sense of discipline and equality among consumers.

Many researchers and power system engineers are working to address these issues. To deal with this problem, a frequency and voltage variation at the distribution end is proposed to prevent electricity theft. However, the method is inefficient and there is requirement of huge capital investment for setting up [6]. An attempt was made to lower power thefts by illegal hook-ups on distribution lines. At the distributor end electricity is made into the encoded form and at the consumer end, it is again converted into a normal usable form. The solution provided here helped to reduce power thefts by illegal tapings by 70 %. It works by converting the AC supply at the transformer end to DC and then converting it into AC supply at the user's end. The main drawback of this method is the inefficiency of 25% and the huge capital investment required for setting up inverters at the user's end [7]. Further, a prepaid energy metering system is introduced to minimize electricity theft, in which smart energy meters and GSMs are used to locate the theft. Also, wireless based technology like ZIGBEE is used. However, the method takes more time to identify theft locations and have short-range performances [8-14].

Moreover, the existing literature shows that the techniques are suitable for particular sector and also with some limitations. There is no any simple solution which will satisfy the need of utility and consumers. The proposed technique overcome these hurdles and proposes an innovative approach to deal with electricity theft in power distribution network. The main contribution of the proposed method are as follows:

a. Identification and detection electricity theft in the distribution network.

b. Develop a method for registered consumers in terms of encode and decode, at the same time this destroys appliances of the un-registered consumers in the distribution network.

c. The proposed smart power theft detection device results are verified using simulations as well as hardware.

d. The utility and consumer both gain from the suggested theft prevention method in terms of more revenue and better supply reliability, respectively.

The paper is organized as follows: Section 2 discusses about the overall proposed system modelling and its working. In Section 3 simulation and hardware implementations are presented. Section 4 deals with the results and discussions and conclusions are summarized in Section 5.

POWER THEFT DETECTION SYSTEM MODELING

In conventional distribution network, registered customers who have done contract with utility and agrees terms and conditions given by utility, for example, tariff. The un-registered consumers, who don't have legal agreement with utility and connect his load by tampering with the distribution network.

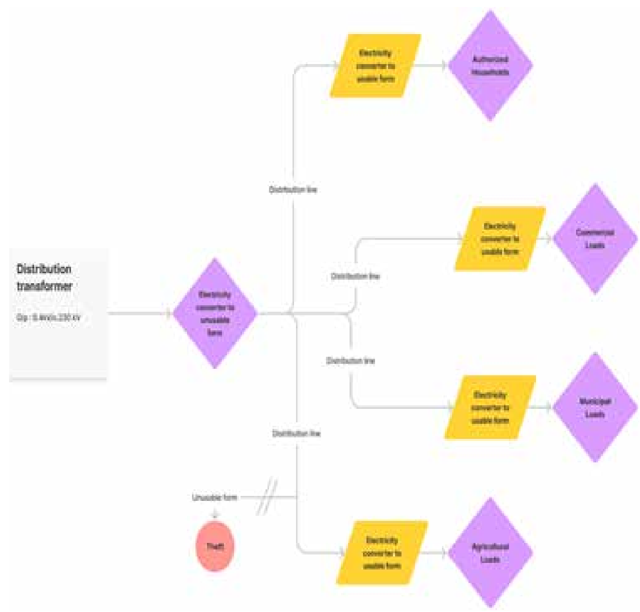

Fig. 1 Block diagram of electricity theft prevention system

The power utilities calculate the load demand considering the electrical load of legal consumers and accordingly select rating of devices for example, distribution transformer which will operate accordingly. However, when any illegal/un-authorized loads connect to the existing grid, which will cause overloading of the distribution transformer, which affects the life of transformer as well as voltage & current unbalanced at the consumer end. This leads to the power quality issues in the power system. Also, deteriorates the equipment's life and increases the financial burden on the utility as well as consumer.

A concept for preventing theft of electricity at the distribution end by converting the electricity into unusable (encode) form and then reconverting (decode) it into usable form at the consumer end. This approach may be intended to determine the potential thieves by making it difficult or impossible for them to access and use the electricity without being detected. The proposed system is depicted in the Fig. 1. Furthermore, this system destroys the unauthorized connected appliances by offering them voltage spikes.

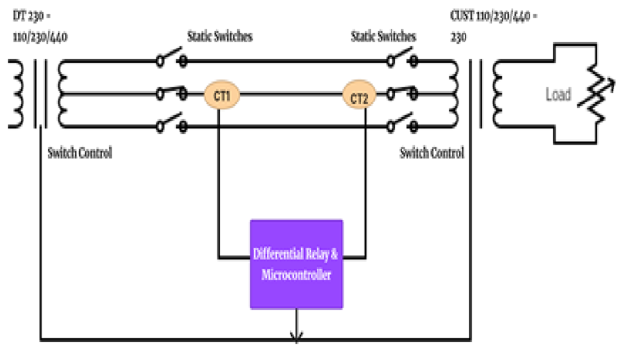

Fig. 2 Circuit diagram of electricity theft prevention system

The Fig. 2 shows the circuit diagram of electricity theft prevention system. It consists of a distribution transformer, current transformers (CTs), switch control and a relay. The transformer is typically connected at both the distribution and consumer end of the feeder. An Arduino microcontroller is used to control the tap changing of the transformer if illegal connections are detected on the line. A differential relay is connected across the transmission line and provides control signals to the Arduino. The switch control consists of three switches, one on the distribution side and two on the consumer side of the transmission line. These switches are implemented using solid state relays for switching purposes. The middle switch is normally in the closed position, with the other two switches in the open position. The load is connected across the distribution transformer and can be either resistive or inductive, depending on the specific application.

Working of Proposed System

The flowchart shown in Fig. 3 demonstrates the workflow of system for detecting and preventing illegal tapping by unauthorized consumers in a distribution network using an Arduino Uno microcontroller. In this system, the current values at the distribution and consumer ends are continuously recorded and the difference between the two is calculated. If the difference is not equal to zero, it indicates that there may be illegal tapping occurring in the distribution network.

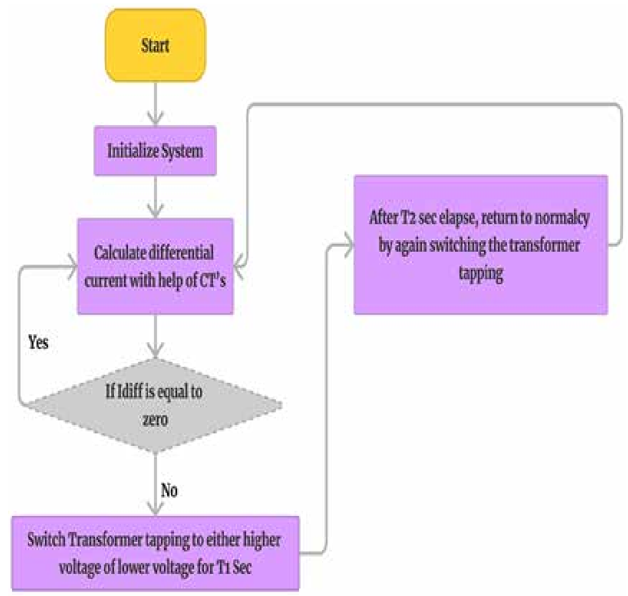

Fig. 3 Flowchart of electricity theft prevention system

In response, the transformers at the distribution and consumer ends can be adjusted by tapping to either a higher or lower voltage for a specific amount of time (T1 or T2 seconds). After this time has completed, the process starts over again by recording the current values at the distribution and consumer ends.

The Arduino Uno plays a key role in this system by performing the necessary calculations and sending signals to the transformers to adjust by tapping the voltage as needed. It is important to note that this system can only detect illegal tapping if the difference in current values at the distribution and consumer ends is not equal to zero.

HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed power theft detection system is implemented in proteus simulink environment as explained in Section 3.1. Further the validation of simulated model has been done through hardware implementation as represented in Section 3.2.

Software Implementation

This simulation model combines three major works: theft detection, action against theft detection through improper supply voltage at random time intervals, and system recovery of normal functioning. The whole project maintains simplicity.

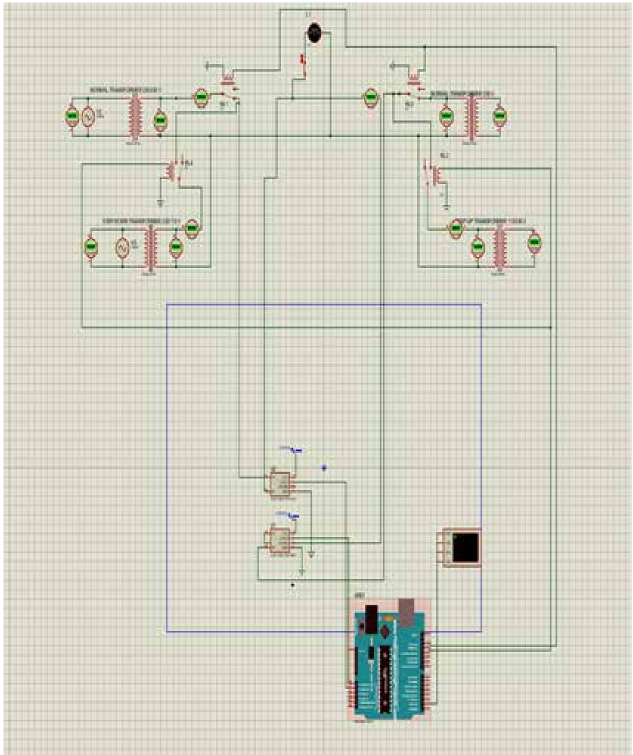

Fig. 4 Proteus simulation of electricity theft prevention system

The simulation of the network and hardware prototype network is same with only difference in current sensor, which is at customer side rated to measure current of 20A, wherein hardware both the current sensors are for measuring current of 5A.

Hardware Validation

The experimental set-up of SPDT is developed as shown in Fig. 5. The smart system identifies the current difference when illegal load in the form of theft is connected and destroy the illegal load equipment through transformer and protects the registered consumers.

Utility side distribution transformer having the voltage rating of 0-230 V and on consumer-side 110 V, 230 V, 440 V, along with these four solid state relays are and two current transformers are used.

For demonstration purpose, incandescent lamp load is treated as illegal or un-registered load. It is made such that we can change the voltage on the secondary side to 440 V as well as 110 V by changing the number of tapings.

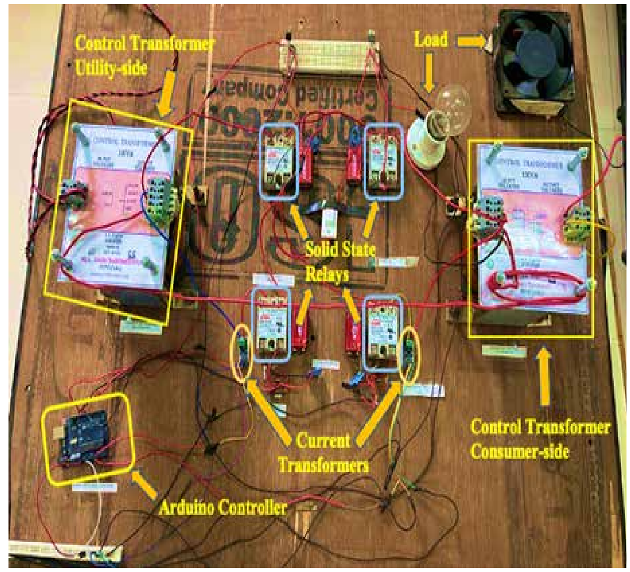

Fig. 5 Experimental set-up of SPTD

Normal operation (with no un-registered connections)

In normal condition i.e., with no un-registered connections in the distribution network, both side CTs shows same current readings, which indicates that, there is no un-registered consumer connected to the distribution network.

Theft Condition

When, an un-registered consumer tampers the distribution network, then both side CTs shows different current readings, which indicates some un-authorized load is connected to the system and the same signal is received at Arduino controller. After receiving the signal, controller actuates the relay with the help of MOSFET switch. Furthermore, after receiving the signal, different voltages are given to the un-registered consumers through the tapings of the transformer which change from high to lower voltages values (440V to 110V). This sudden changes in voltage levels, are not catered by the devices/loads of the un-registered consumers and thus these devices lead to damage. However, these voltage changes will not affect the registered consumer loads.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

To validate the correctness of smart power theft detection device, the normal, theft and again back to normal conditions are simulated.

Table 1 Simulation results at various test conditions

Conditions	Current sensor 1 (A)	Current sensor 2 (A)	Difference in current Sensors 1 and 2
Only registered consumers	1.32	1.33	0.01
	1.33	1.33	0.00
Registered & un-registered consumers	1.33	10.60	9.27
	1.32	10.50	9.18
After destroying theft	1.32	1.33	0.01
	1.32	1.32	0.00

Table 1 and Table 2 shows simulations and hardware results for normal condition i.e., only registered consumers load condition behavior and theft condition load behavior. It is observed that the current sensors with accuracy of 99% during all the operations.

Table 2 Experimental performance of the proposed technique

Conditions	Current sensor 1 (A)	Current sensor 2 (A)	Difference in current Sensors 1 and 2
Only registered consumers	0.90	0.91	0.01
	0.90	0.90	0.00
Registered & un-registered consumers	0.90	1.01	0.11
	0.91	1.02	0.11
After destroying theft	0.91	0.90	0.01
	0.90	0.90	0.00

From Table 1, during theft condition, the difference between both current sensors is more than 9A, which indicates unauthorized load connected in the distribution network. After identifying this condition, as mentioned above, this smart device sends signals to controller which change the voltage settings of transformer and gives high to low voltage which destroys the un-authorized load without affecting the performance of any registered consumers load. Furthermore, it is observed from the table that, only registered consumers load will remain in the network.

Similarly, during the experimental performance it is observed that, at theft condition, the difference between two current sensors is more and after destroying the un-registered load, the difference comes to zero.

CONCLUSION

Power theft at the distribution end is a complex and multifaceted problem that can have significant negative impacts on the electrical grid and on electricity consumers. This issue is often driven by a range of factors, including financial need, lack of awareness about the consequences of theft, and lack of effective deterrents. One key approach to detecting and preventing theft of electricity at the distribution end is the use of smart meters. These meters are equipped with advanced sensors and communication capabilities that allow them to provide real-time data on electricity usage and detect unusual patterns that may indicate theft. In addition, data analytics can be used to analyze this data and identify potential theft cases. These measures can help to deter potential thieves and provide evidence for prosecution if theft does occur.

The proposed coded electricity method of power theft detection device does not disturb the electricity received by registered / authorized consumers, while at the same time detecting and preventing illegal use of electricity by consumers who tap into the distribution line using under voltage or over voltage techniques. This allows for efficient and effective theft prevention without disrupting the electricity supply for legitimate consumers. The overall benefits of the proposed system make it a valuable solution for preventing electricity theft and ensuring the integrity of the electricity distribution system. Simulation results shows that effectiveness of the smart power theft detection device, and experimental results validate the same.

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ABSTRACT

Smart inverters are widely utilised to integrate solar energy and other distributed energy resources (DERs) into the electric grid. In this study, we use MATLAB simulink to present an open-loop simulation and detailed design of a single-phase inverter for prototype of smart grid. Inverter has various parts such as the MOSFETs, pulse width modulation (PWM) controller, DC input voltage, and AC output voltage. The MOSFETs are turned on and off to produce an output voltage that is sinusoidal in AC. Next, we demonstrate the outcomes of the inverter system's open-loop simulation and examine the inverter's performance in various operating scenarios. Lastly, we talk about the findings of our study and offer suggestions for future research.

KEYWORDS: *PWM controller, Open-loop simulation, Renewable energy, Smart grid.*

INTRODUCTION

The need for dependable and efficient power converters has increased along with the use of renewable energy sources. In order to convert direct current (DC) electricity from renewable sources like photovoltaic (PV) panels or batteries into alternating current (AC) power, single-phase inverters are at the forefront of this problem. Through the use of MATLAB Simulink, this research explores the design and open-loop simulation of a single-phase inverter, offering a thorough understanding of its parts, control scheme, and performance under many operating situations. The need for dependable and efficient power converters has increased along with the use of renewable energy sources. In order to convert direct current (DC) electricity from renewable sources like photovoltaic (PV) panels or batteries into alternating current (AC) power, single-phase inverters are at the forefront of this problem. Through the use of MATLAB Simulink, this research explores the design and open-loop simulation of a single-phase inverter, offering a thorough understanding of its parts, control scheme, and performance under many operating situations . The electrical field is using semiconductor devices more and more frequently. The core of contemporary power electronics is the power semiconductor, which is primarily used to convert power between different forms [1].

Circuits known as inverters are used to change direct current (DC) into alternating current (AC). It is helpful to define the quality of the AC output because the inverter's primary goal is to use a DC voltage source to supply an AC-dependent load. The inverter receives its input from a variety of DC sources, including fuel cells, batteries, alternators, and solar systems. In a single-phase inverter circuit, two different circuit configurations—half-bridge and full bridge—are employed. Inverters are extensively utilised [2].

PRINCIPLE OF INVERTER

DC Input Voltage Source: This supplies the inverter's DC power input. A battery, solar panel array, or other DC power source can be the source of the DC voltage. The semiconductors known as metal-oxide-semiconductor field-effect transistors, or MOSFETs, are used as switching elements. MOSFETs are critical for producing the AC output voltage because of their rapid on/off switching capabilities. Controller for Pulse Width Modulation, or PWM: The high-frequency pulse width modulation (PWM) signal that regulates the MOSFETs' switching is produced by this. The duty cycle of the MOSFETs is set by the PWM signal, and this in turn sets the amplitude of the AC output voltage. Procedure of Conversion A single-phase inverter's conversion procedure can be summed up as follows. The MOSFETs receive the DC input voltage. A PWM signal with high frequency is produced by the PWM controller [3].

The PWM signal controls the ON and OFF states of the MOSFETs. Current is generated from the DC source in a series of pulses by the MOSFETs switching. The result of combining these current pulses is an AC waveform. The PWM signal's duty cycle determines the AC waveform produced by the inverter. The AC output voltage has a greater amplitude when the duty cycle is higher Single-phase inverters are used in a wide range of applications [4].

Renewable Energy Systems: The DC power produced by wind turbines or solar panels is converted into AC power by inverters so that it can be sent into the grid. Grid-Connected Systems: Distributed energy resources (DERs), such solar panels and batteries, are connected to the grid using inverters [5].

Microgrids: Microgrids use inverters to regulate the flow of power. Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS) In UPS systems, inverters are utilised to supply backup power in the event that the AC grid fails [7-8].

Industrial Applications: Electric motors and other AC loads are controlled in industrial settings by inverters. Researchers and engineers can create more dependable, efficient, and reasonably priced inverters for a range of applications by comprehending the fundamentals of single-phase inverters.

DESIGN

The inverter's design process entails parameterizing and choosing the right parts. The elements consist of.

DC input voltage source: This provides the DC power input to the inverter.

MOSFET's: These are semiconductor devices that act as switching elements, controlling the flow of current from the DC input to the AC output.

PWM controller: This generates the high-frequency pulse width modulation (PWM) signal that controls the switching of the MOSFETs.

The parameters of the inverter include:

Switching frequency: This determines the frequency of the AC output voltage.

Desired AC output voltage: This specifies the amplitude and waveform of the AC output voltage.

Load characteristics: This defines the characteristics of the load connected to the inverter, such as the average power consumption and reactive power requirements.

SIMULATION

In MATLAB The designed inverter is modelled using Simulink. The components of the inverter and their connections are represented by Simulink blocks in the model. Thereafter, an open-loop simulation is carried out using the model. This indicates that no output feedback is received during the simulation's execution. The open-loop simulation's goal is to see how the inverter behaves in different operating scenarios. The open-loop simulation involves setting the following parameters [9].

Input voltage: This specifies the DC voltage level at the inverter's input.

Load impedance: This defines the impedance of the load connected to the inverter.

Other relevant parameters: The intended AC output voltage and switching frequency may be among them.

Next, the simulation is executed in Fig.1, and the resultant waveforms are scrutinised. The AC output voltage, MOSFET switching signals, and current waveforms are some of these waveforms.

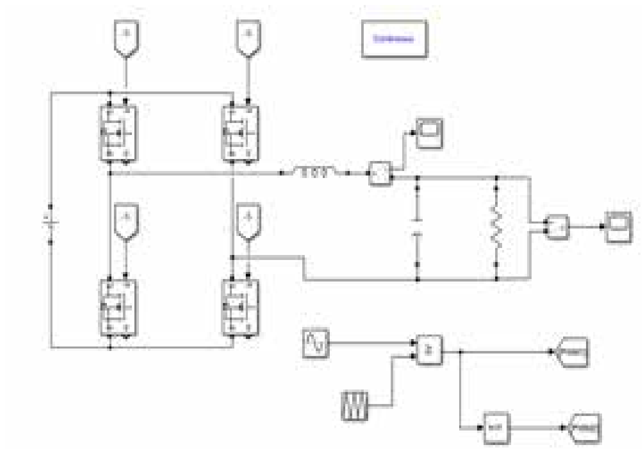

Fig 1: single phase inverter simulation

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Once the simulation is complete, the performance of the inverter is evaluated based on the following criteria as shown in Fig.2 and Fig.3.

Output voltage waveform: This should be sinusoidal and have the desired amplitude and frequency.

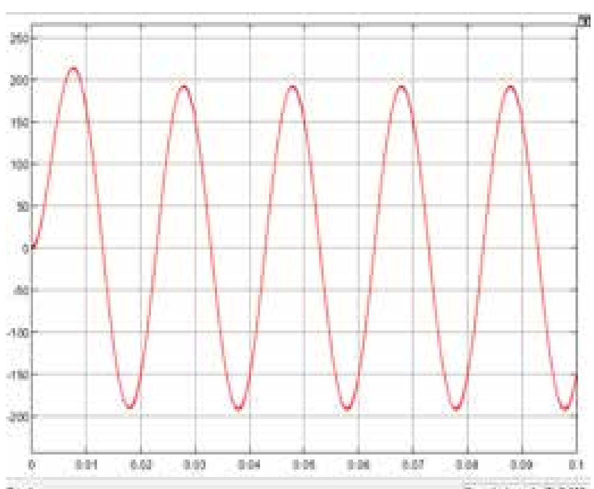

Fig 2: Voltage & amplitude of inverter

Efficiency: This is the ratio of the AC output power to the DC input power. The efficiency should be as high as possible.

Harmonic distortion: This is a measure of the purity of the AC output voltage. The harmonic distortion should be as low as possible.

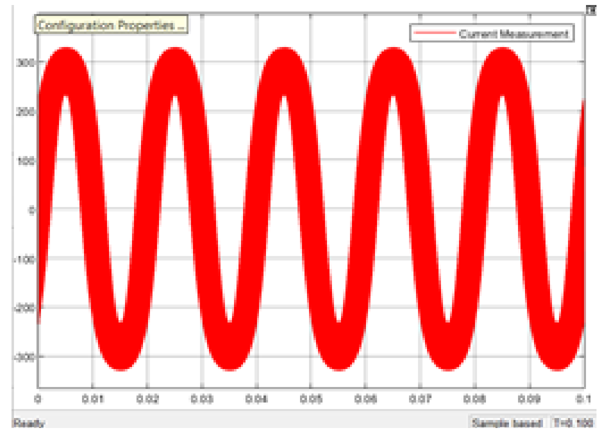

Fig 3: Current output of inverter

EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE INVERTER

a) **Output Voltage Waveform:** The appropriate amplitude and frequency should be present in the sinusoidal AC output voltage. This guarantees that connected loads can receive clean, dependable AC power from the inverter.

b) **Efficiency:** The ratio of AC output power to DC input power is known as efficiency. Higher efficiency results in lower energy losses and cheaper running costs since the inverter converts more of the input DC power into useful AC output power.

c) **Harmonic Distortion:** An indicator of the AC output voltage's purity is harmonic distortion. Excessive harmonic content in the AC output voltage might affect sensitive electronic device functioning, power quality, and efficiency. A high-quality AC output voltage is indicated by a low harmonic distortion [10].

d) **Power Factor:** The efficiency with which loads use AC electricity is measured by something called power factor. A lower power factor implies that reactive power is being taken from the grid, which might affect overall efficiency, whereas a power factor closer to 1 indicates that the load is using actual power efficiently.

e) **EMI (Electromagnetic Interference):** Inverters can emit EMI, which can interfere with the operation of sensitive electronic devices. Minimizing EMI ensures that the inverter can operate without causing interference with other equipment.

f) **Robustness and Reliability:** The inverter should be able to operate reliably under various operating conditions, including fluctuating input voltages, varying load types, and harsh environmental conditions.

ROLE OF INVERTER IN CONVERSION OF DC TO AC

Components of a Single-Phase Inverter

DC Input Voltage Source: Provides the DC power supply for the inverter, typically from a battery, solar panel array, or other DC power source.

MOSFETs (Metal-Oxide-Semiconductor Field-Effect Transistors): Acting as switching elements, MOSFETs allow for rapid on/off switching of current flow.

PWM (Pulse Width Modulation) Controller: Generates a high-frequency PWM signal that dictates the switching of MOSFETs. The PWM signal's duty cycle determines the AC output voltage amplitude.

Conversion Process in a Single-Phase Inverter

DC Input Voltage Application: The DC input voltage is applied to the MOSFETs.

PWM Signal Generation: The PWM controller produces a high-frequency PWM signal.

MOSFET Switching: Based on the PWM signal, MOSFETs are switched on and off rapidly.

Current Pulse Formation: The switching of MOSFETs creates a series of current pulses from the DC source.

AC Waveform Synthesis: These current pulses are combined to form an AC waveform.

The Role of Duty Cycle in AC Waveform Formation

The amplitude of the AC output voltage is determined by the duty cycle of the PWM signal. A higher duty cycle indicates a larger proportion of time the MOSFETs are switched on, resulting in a higher AC output voltage.

Applications of Inverters

Renewable Energy Systems: Converting DC power from solar panels or wind turbines into AC power for grid connection or local utilization.

Grid-Connected Systems: Integrating distributed energy resources (DERs) like solar panels and batteries into the grid, ensuring smooth power flow.

Microgrids: Controlling power distribution and management within microgrids, enabling distributed generation and energy storage.

Uninterruptible Power Supplies (UPS): Providing backup AC power to critical loads during grid outages.

Industrial Applications: Controlling electric motors, frequency converters, and other AC-powered equipment in industrial settings.

Performance Evaluation of Single-Phase Inverters

Output Voltage Waveform: Seamless sinusoidal waveform with the desired amplitude and frequency is crucial for efficient and reliable AC power delivery.

Efficiency: High efficiency minimizes energy losses, maximizing power conversion and reducing operating costs.

Harmonic Distortion: Low harmonic distortion ensures a pure sine wave output, minimizing interference with sensitive electronic devices.

Power Factor (PF): Optimal PF (closer to 1) indicates efficient real power utilization, reducing reactive power draw and improving overall efficiency.

Electromagnetic Interference (EMI): Minimal EMI prevents interference with other electronic devices and ensures safe operation.

Robustness and Reliability: Ability to operate reliably under varying input voltages, load types, and environmental conditions is essential.

FUTURE SCOPE

Multilevel Inverter Design and Simulation

This project can be extended to design and simulate multilevel inverters, which offer enhanced efficiency and harmonic reduction compared to single-phase inverters. Multilevel inverters employ multiple voltage levels to generate the AC output voltage, leading to improved waveforms and power quality.

Coordinated Control of Multi-Inverter Systems

In distributed power generation and microgrid applications, multiple inverters may be interconnected to achieve higher power handling and flexibility. This project can be extended to design and simulate coordinated control strategies for multi-inverter systems, ensuring efficient power sharing and stability under various operating conditions.

Integration with Renewable Energy Sources

The project can be extended to integrate single-phase inverters with various renewable energy sources, such as solar panels, wind turbines, and micro-hydro generators. This would allow for the simulation of inverter-based power conversion from these renewable sources for grid connection or local utilization.

Real-Time Implementation and Hardware Testing

The project can be further enhanced by implementing the designed inverter control strategy in real-time and testing it on hardware platforms. This would provide a more practical and rigorous assessment of the inverter's performance and reliability under actual operating conditions.

Adaptive Control and Optimization

The project can be expanded to provide adaptive control algorithms for single-phase inverters, which can modify their operating parameters dynamically in response to shifting load requirements or input conditions. This would result in increased robustness, power quality, and efficiency across a range of applications.

Integration with Machine Learning and Control

By incorporating machine learning approaches into the inverter control architecture, the project can be investigated further. Machine learning algorithms can be used to adjust to complicated operating conditions, optimise inverter parameters, and enhance the inverter's overall performance and dependability. The single-phase inverter project has the potential to enhance power electronics technologies and facilitate their incorporation into microgrids, renewable energy systems, and other power distribution networks. These developments and uses of the project show this.

CONCLUSION

Selection of MOSFETs, PWM controllers, and voltage sources for a inverter. Pulse width modulation (PWM) is used to regulate MOSFET switching and produce the appropriate AC output voltage. After assessing the inverter's performance in terms of harmonic distortion, efficiency, and output voltage waveform that smart inverter may be used for smartgrid.

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ABSTRACT

This paper presents a digital measuring tape which measures small distance and angle using ultrasonic sensor and gyroscope. The exact and correct measurement is a vital aspect in construction, robotics and automation industries. The proposed solution aims to enhance measurement accuracy and automation, revolutionizing the way distances are measured in various applications. The distance measuring tape incorporates an ultrasonic sensor, which utilizes sound waves to determine the distance between sensor and the target object. Furthermore, the integration of an MPU6050 enhances the capabilities of the distance measuring tape. The MPU6050 is a combination of a three-axis accelerometer and a three-axis gyroscope, providing precise motion sensing and orientation data. The measuring tape can detect and compensate for any tilting or movement, ensuring consistent and reliable measurements. This automation minimizes human error and reduces the time required for manual adjustments, streamlining the measurement process.

KEYWORDS: *Measuring device, Gyroscope, Controller, Distance, Angle.*

INTRODUCTION

Distance measurement is an essential parameter in engineering practices for many applications, the conventional method requires manpower to measure the distance but the digital measuring tape is a single person device, it uses the ultrasonic sensor for the distance calculation, an ultrasonic sensor is a reliable and inexpensive method for it. The ultrasonic sensor is a good tool to measure distance and detect objects without any actual contact with the physical world. The basic principle on which the ultrasonic sensor works is, the sound waves are transmitted and they return back from an obstacle as an 'Echo' and from how much distance we get an echo is calculated by the sensor.

The angle measurement is also a basic parameter for engineering as well as industrial grades. Using MPU6050 we can measure the 3D angles that are nothing but X, Y and Z co-ordinates. MPU6050 is an accelerometer gyroscope chip, it consists of 3 axes accelerometer and 3 axis gyroscope inside it. The sensor uses the Micro-Electromechanical systems (MEMS) technology and Coriolis effect (The rotation of the earth about its axis affects the direction of the wind) for measuring. The output of the gyroscope is in degrees per second, to get an angular position it is necessary to integrate angular velocity. The accelerometer sends X, Y and Z acceleration forces and then needs to convert them into X, Y, Z3D angles to get the 3D orientation of the sensor.

The most widely used techniques for non-contact distance measurement include laser- and ultrasonic-based [1–6] [1]–[6] and ultrasonic-based approaches. Unfortunately, the surface reflectivity of the object being measured was a major factor in how accurately measurements were made using laser and ultrasonic technology. Generally speaking, the measuring system worked badly if the reflecting surface was undesirable. The calibration of a laser-based equipment is also a serious matter since systematic trends may result in accuracy degradation. Additionally, these techniques have trouble obtaining pictures of the items while taking measurements. As an alternative, photogrammetric techniques [7–11] have been suggested for calculating object geometry from photographs as well as estimating distance. Photogrammetric methods have been widely used in a variety of applications, including the localization of mobile robots, the investigation of traffic accidents, forensic engineering, and the dimensional analysis of pathologies over facades [12–14]. This is due to the advantages in providing a rich source of environmental information. In recent years, a more complex method known as stereo vision has gained popularity for determining the 3-D coordinates of individual points on an object. To capture two distinct images for further processing, previous stereo vision-based systems, on the other hand, often required two cameras separated horizontally from one another. As a result, in order to extract and match characteristics from the images in order to acquire the distance measurement, pattern recognition or image analysis of an entire image frame are needed [15–22].

The major limitation of image-based systems to measure distance is the cost. The main contribution of this paper is to calculate distance by measuring the time interval between the transmission and reception of the ultrasound wave. This is an efficient way to measure small distance precisely.

The paper is organized as follows: Section II discusses about the block diagram of the proposed system and its components. The logic and flow-chart of the proposed system is presented in Section III. Section IV discusses hardware implementation and results are discussed in Section V. The work is summarized in Conclusion Section VI.

PROPOSED SYSTEM

The proposed distance and angle measuring digital tape is shown in Fig. 1. It consists of power supply unit, an accelerometer gyroscope chip MPU6050 and ultrasonic sensor for measuring the distance. The liquid crystal display (LCD) is used to display the measurements on the system. The brain of the system is Arduino.

The details of these major components are given below.

- Ultrasonic Sensor: This sensor emits ultrasonic waves and measures the time it takes for the waves to bounce back after hitting an object. It provides distance measurements based on the time taken for the waves to travel.
- MPU050: The MPU050 is a motion tracking device that combines a gyroscope, accelerometer, and magnetometer. It can provide orientation and motion-related data.
- Arduino Uno: The Arduino Uno is a microcontroller board that serves as the main control unit for the measuring tape. It receives data from the ultrasonic sensor and MPU6050, processes it and controls the LCD display.
- LCD Display: The LCD display is used to show the measurement readings to the user. It provides a visual interface for displaying distance measurements and other relevant information.

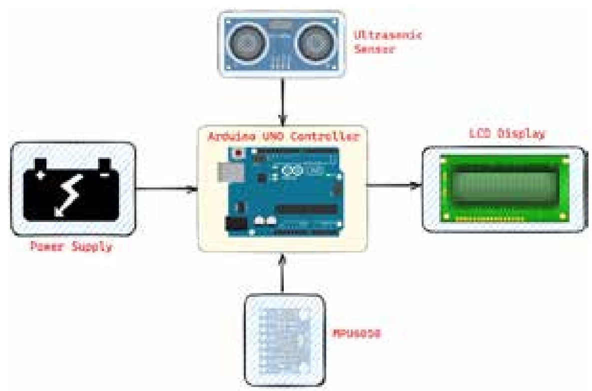

Figure 1. Block diagram of proposed system

FLOW-CHART

The logic diagram or flowchart of the proposed system is shown in Fig. 2.

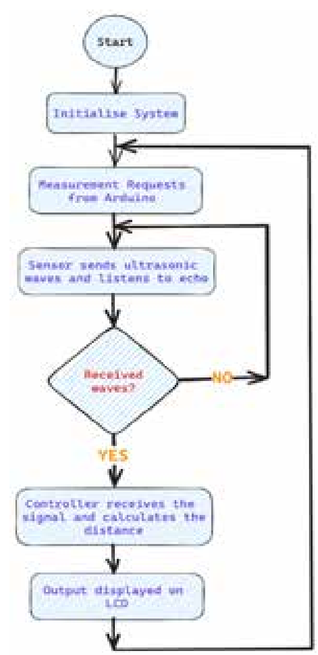

Figure 2. Flow-chart of proposed system

The system is initialised with default values in the controller. When a user requests measurement of distance and angle from Arduino UNO controller, it send signal to ultrasonic sensor. The sensor sends sound waves at a frequency (around 40kHz) above range of human hearing and if it listens to the echo through its receiver, then it confirms presence of object. The transducer sends a pulse signal and receives a echo. Thus, it measures the distance of a object by time lapse. Once it receives the waves, it sends the signal to controller and then Arduino calculates the distance using the formula,

Distance = Speed × time

Distance = Speed of sound in Air × (Time / 2)

HARDWARE IMPLEMENTATION

The hardware is implementation of the proposed system is carried out using following hardware components. Arduino Uno is used in distance measuring tape projects due to its versatility and ease of use; the board is shown in Fig. 3. It can be paired with ultrasonic sensors or laser modules to accurately measure distances. The Arduino Uno's digital and analog input/output pins allow for seamless integration with the measuring components. Its programmability enables customization and the ability to display measurements on an LCD screen or transmit data wirelessly.

Figure 3. Arduino Uno controller board

Figure 4. Ultrasonic Sensor

Ultrasonic sensors are used in distance measuring tapes due to their reliable and accurate distance measurement capabilities. An ultrasonic sensor HC-SR04 is shown in Fig. 4. They emit ultrasonic waves and measure the time it takes for the waves to bounce back after hitting an object, allowing for precise distance calculations. Ultrasonic sensors are non-contact, making them suitable for measuring distances without physical contact. They are widely used in applications such as robotics, industrial automation, and, in this case, distance measuring tapes for their reliable performance.

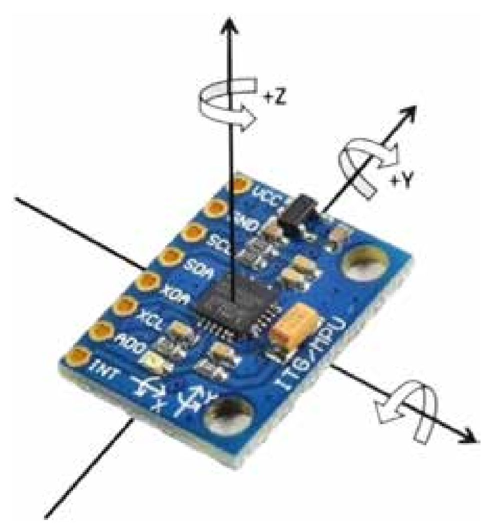

Figure 5. MPU6050 Module

The MPU6050 is a commonly used sensor module in distance measuring tape projects for its motion tracking capabilities as shown in Fig. 5. It combines a 3-axis accelerometer and a 3-axis gyroscope, allowing for accurate measurement of orientation and movement. By integrating the MPU6050 into the measuring tape, it can detect and compensate for any tilting or movement of the device, ensuring more precise distance measurements. This helps to improve the overall accuracy and reliability of the distance measuring tape.

The device is powered using a 9V dry cell battery. The battery supplies 5V to the connected devices through a 5V power regulator. Since the device uses very little power, the battery can last up to 2 years or more considering the normal usage.

The connections of Arduino with all the peripheral is built on breadboard as shown in Fig. 6. Further, after verification of connection diagram, it is tested prototype developed of digital measuring tape is shown in Fig. 6.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

The digital measuring device or tape shown in Fig. 7 is used to measure distance and angles of an object kept at distances ranging from 15cm to 350cm.

Table 1 depicts the experimental results in measuring the distances, angles and estimated distances and respective error in each test result. Similarly, Table 2 shows the experimental results in measuring the incline angles and estimated angle.

The proposed system prototype with the Arduino Uno controller boards and MPU6050 module, ultrasonic sensor and LCD was tested in real time. To validate the operations and results of proposed portable distance and angle measuring digital device, different objects are selected as obstacles. To check the robustness and working of the device, it is tested with different cases. Furthermore, experimentation are carried out to measure the distance and angle of obstacle objects in system's sensing premises and obtain the accurate location by X & Y coordinates. These tests are performed by placing a set of objects at different distances and angles from the proposed digital device.

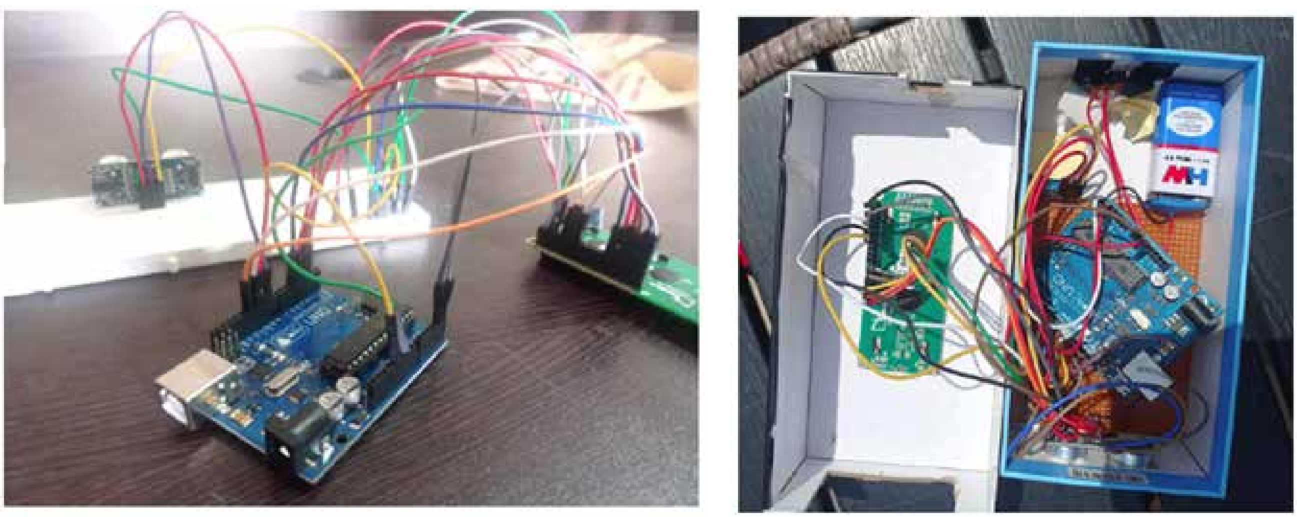

Figure 6. Connections and preliminary hardware prototype of digital measuring tape

Table 1. Digital Tape Measurements for Distance

Dist. (cm)	15	50	100	150	200	250	300	350
Angle (deg)	30	30	45	45	60	60	45	45
Estd. Dist. (cm)	15.8	52.5	103.5	153	202.5	252	302	351.5
Error (%)	5.33	5	3.5	2	1.25	0.8	0.67	0.43

Table 2. Digital Tape Measurements for Angle

Dist. (cm)	15	50	100	150	200	250	300	350
Angle (deg)	30	30	45	45	60	60	45	45
Estd. Angle (deg)	31	30.8	45.5	45.7	61.2	61	45.5	45.4
Error (%)	3.3	2.67	1.1	1.55	2	1.67	1.11	0.89

Figure 7. Digital measuring tape prototype

Figure 8. Digital measuring tape display

CONCLUSION

In this article, a digital measuring device is proposed and developed successfully which measures the distance and angle of objects using MPU6050 module along with ultrasonic sensor. The results shows that the integration of a MPU6050 enhanced the capabilities of the distance measuring tape or digital device. Also, it measures and detect the tilting or slant objects and ensures the consistency in measurements. Furthermore, various tests are performed to check the proposed system's robustness and reliability by keeping objects are various places with different orientation. The test results echoed with real measurements and shows that it minimize the human error and reduce the time required for manual adjustments.

The proposed work can further be extended to enhance or improve the results using more precise sensor modules to reduce the error and get accurate measurements.

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Adapting to Cultural Diversity: Barriers and Challenges

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ABSTRACT

In corporate organizations today, workforce may belong to diverse cultural backgrounds. This diversity in culture, ethnicity can create differences and conflicts that can be detrimental to the growth of the organization. Though challenges are many, organizational leaders need to overcome the barriers by inculcating an open atmosphere of fairness and acceptance , to ensure smooth communication. Head honchos should be alert towards the problems created due to cultural diversity and set up the tone for unbiased ,multicultural organizational atmosphere. An atmosphere of open communication, unbiased approach to situations can reap the fruits of multicultural camaraderie. The need to adapt to cultural diversity should be seeped in the organization matrix. The need of the hour is to understand cultural diversification and approach the challenges with an open mind.

KEYWORDS: *Cultural diversity, Cross cultural communication, Ethnicity, Subtle discrimination, Stereotyping.*

INTRODUCTION

The corporate work environment has changed over the years due to multicultural work force operating in the workplace. This diversity of workforce is not necessarily due to professionals coming from other parts of the globe but within one country like India, people come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. They speak different languages and usually harbor diverse approaches, ideals and philosophies. This can create barriers when it comes to conducting business with people belonging to diverse backgrounds and cultures. Challenges may arise when it comes to communicating business objectives to the employees at various levels of hierarchy. It is imperative that, in a globalized business world, teams will be functioning with employees from diverse backgrounds and cultures. So for a manager who is functioning globally, challenges are to get along with culturally diverse teams. Here it is important to understand and then adapt to cultural diversification. Understanding cross-cultural communication is very important for a global manager. Failure to do so can pose challenges and create obstacles in building cordial relationships with their global counterparts. Understanding business from the global perspective and making an effort to understand the cultural aspects of performing business activities can go a long way to overcome the barriers of cultural diversity and ensure smooth communication between business counterparts.

COMMUNICATING ACROSS CULTURES

To define culture, we may say that, it refers to beliefs and attitudes that people in a group or organization have in common. Culture also encompasses the customs and way of life of an individual. Workplace diversity pertaining to language, culture, ethnicity is quite common in organizations today. Interpersonal relations would be easy if people shared the same ground of beliefs, culture , race and ethnicity. But diversity can make business communication more dynamic, if the cultural barriers are overcome. Building a common ground with employees who belong to diverse cultures is a important skill which one can develop in today’s multicultural work environment. Approaching personal as well as professional relationships with an open mind can make cross cultural communication more vibrant and positive. If we stop labeling people on the basis of their cultural background, ethnicity, race and the country they belong to , then we gain the ability to look at problems from different perspectives. It will further help in co-operation with people from diverse backgrounds and solutions to problems related to interpersonal conflicts can be easily found. Cultural diversity can sometimes create problems for the workforce, but it can also be more fulfilling and productive.

One of the primary reasons for the challenges posed due to cultural discrimination is prejudice. Discrimination is usually done because of some preconceived notions about a particular race or culture and this leads to wrong judgments and unfair attitude. Prejudice and biased attitude can lead to conflicts that can be detrimental to team work. Managers tend to prejudge subordinates on the basis of being members of a particular group, rather than how he or she is, as an individual. Sometimes there is subtle discrimination which is not very obvious and seldom brought out in the open. Sometimes discrimination can be done on the basis of a person's skin color, appearance, personal characteristics. There are instances of biased attitude shown towards single , divorced, short people to name a few. Subtle discrimination may not be illegal, but it is always counterproductive at the workplace. It can be challenging for managers and the superior to overcome the prejudices related to cultural diversity and create a workforce which is open minded, more fulfilling and productive. Managers should realize that prejudice and discrimination can be destructive and make every effort to eliminate this barrier by inculcating a conducive atmosphere of tolerance and acceptance of people from different cultures, race and ethnicity.

Stereotyping a group of people for showcasing certain qualities or characteristics can also create cross cultural barriers , and lead to unfair and biased behavior towards these people. Stereotyping occurs when people create certain notions like: Thin people are stingy or women cannot be good leaders. Assigning certain characteristics to people and judging them on the basis of those characteristics can be unfair and undeserved. Some thin people can be stingy but stereotyping all thin people to be stingy can be very unfair. Making assumptions on the basis of race, gender, nationality or appearance can be detrimental to the well being of the organization as well as the society. Managers ought to judge their subordinates on the basis of their expertise, conduct and qualities, not on generalizations that can be applied to a particular group. Organizational leaders should create an atmosphere of open communication by extolling the achievements of employees irrespective of their culture, race and ethnicity. Gradually people will adapt to this kind of open environment with no stereotyping and this can lead to high productivity.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY AT THE WORKPLACE

The nature of any workplace can be gauged by its cultural diversity. Every organization displays its own culture. Even departments within an organization displays diversity in individual behavior, conduct and way of working. Every organization is a complicated mosaic of various subcultures. An individual's behavior can also be affected by the cultural norms of his or her organization. So individual parameters clubbed with organizational culture can determine the overall productivity, conduct and behavior of employees. It cannot be denied that there are companies that are extremely ethical in their dealings conduct business transparently and honestly. But some organizations are manipulative in doing business and employees of the organization are likely to seep in this kind of manipulative culture. But problem arises if a particular individual is ethical and cannot accept the unethical practices happening in the organization. He may find it difficult to adjust himself to this manipulative ways and means . This can affect his productivity as he may be forced to accept the manipulative situation. He may even quit the job and the company can lose a valuable resource.

Good and effective leadership plays a very important role in overcoming the cultural barriers. The head of an organization should be able to steer the company in the right direction by directing the efforts of people towards a positive outcome. Leaders should understand the cultural conditioning of people and accordingly keep resolving the differences arising out of diverse thought process so that people adapt to the differences easily. There is also the challenge of people belonging to different nationalities , offices located in different countries, because of which diverse people come together for work related interactions. It all will be an inter mixture of style of working, national culture, organization's culture. So there are bound to be differences and barriers created in organizational functioning. Interacting with the employees on a daily basis for business related matters, will altogether be a different experience. The interaction between culture and communication is very pervasive and separating the two can be challenging. Supervisors constantly face the challenges of connecting with diverse employees, motivating them and also fostering harmony at the workplace. Teams face the challenge of working closely without creating conflicts. Whereas companies face the challenge of co-existing peacefully with their business partners and the community as well.

Several conflicts arise at the workplace because people are unaware of what matters in another culture. Employees as well as managers, tend to be insensitive when dealing with people from other backgrounds and cultures. It is wrong to assume that people belonging to diverse cultures, will share your attitude, behavior and customs. In Japanese culture, respectful silence is a way of being polite whereas people from other cultures may consider silence to be rude or indifferent. Language is also the most obvious source of creation of barriers. Regional accent hugely influences the way English is spoken in different parts of the world and it can be misinterpreted. Usually in corporate communication, smartness and intelligence of a person is judged on the basis of his or her ability to speak a foreign language. Barriers can occur due to this biased attitude. Manager should be sensitive towards cultural diversity and make extra efforts to not only understand people but also make them understood in the organizational setting. He should make his foreign counterpart understand the differences in language and culture and any misunderstandings created otherwise, should be eliminated. Showing interest in other people's cultures and making and effort to learn other languages can go a long way in developing cordial professional relationships. It is imperative to observe the interactions, gestures , facial expressions and posture while talking, of people from other cultures. Taking a stand on issues that promote respect for and appreciation of diversity, can go a long way in creating a conducive workplace where there is unity in diversity. Managers and employees alike should expand their horizons by reaching out to co-workers who belong to different background and culture. Working with them closely by interacting on a daily basis can help in keeping communication open and vibrant. There may be employees who feel isolated because they are subject to discrimination, like entry level workers, men or women who are minorities in the workplace, people with disabilities or those whose social and educational backgrounds are different. It is important to reach out to such people and make them feel comfortable despite the diverse organizational atmosphere.

Fairness at the workplace is something which every employee would expect from the manager and higher authorities. If this sense of fairness is violated by any means, it is natural that the employee will feel hurtful, uncomfortable and angry. Naturally workplace harmony will be lost, leading to discontent , resentment and grudges that can be counterproductive. Managers are responsible for creating an atmosphere of fairness, honesty and integrity. People should be treated equally without any discrimination or prejudice and stereotypes based on nationality or ethnicity. Affirmative action should be initiated by authorities if there is any complain of unfair treatment or biased decisions at the workplace. Embracing diversity can create new ideas, innovations that can open the doors for expansion of the organization. Employers should be open to the idea of conducting business with diverse people across the globe which will further enhance their productivity.

CONCLUSION

Cultural diversity is the norm of corporate organizations today. Dealing with the problems arising due to communication across different cultures can be challenging but can be overcome by consciously overcoming the barriers. It is important to understand why people find it difficult to appreciate and understand other cultures. Stereotyping is very common and should be curbed if found to be affecting smooth communication. Another reason can be judging the standards of other co-workers on the basis of the standards we adopt to measure others expertise. People should cultivate the culture of acceptance and tolerance when it comes to cross cultural communication. Onus lies on organizational leaders , so that they create an organizational climate of appreciating and understanding cultural differences to bring in more of diversity in the work culture.

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Solution of Linear Mixed Partial Differential Equations using Semi-Analytic Numerical Method

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ABSTRACT

In this article, two dimensional Differential Transform Method (DTM) has been used to achieve analytic numerical solution of linear mixed partial differential equations. DTM is semi-analytic numerical method which gives a series solutions of linear mixed PDEs with no need of discretization in comparison with Laplace Substitution Method (LSM), Elzaki Substitution Method (ESM) and Homotopy Perturbation Method (HPM). In some cases an exact solution can be achieved. Numerical results show that this method is easy to implement and accurate when applied to mixed PDEs. Some illustrations are presented to show the applicability and efficacy of the method.

KEYWORDS: *Linear mixed partial differential equations, Differential transform method, Maclaurin's series..*

INTRODUCTION

Linear mixed partial differential equations occur in various fields of science and engineering. I consider the general linear mixed PDEs

$$Ly(x,t) + Ry(x,t) = h(x,t)$$
$$\text{with} \quad y(x,0) = f(x), \quad y_t(0,t) = g(t) \tag{1}$$

Where $L = \frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t}$, $Ry(x,t)$ is remaining linear term which contains only first order partial derivatives of $y(x,t)$ with respect to x or t and $h(x,t)$ is the source term.

In the last few years, the exact solution of linear PDEs with mixed partial derivatives was obtained by LSM [1] and ESM [2]. The numerical or approximate solutions were obtained by Laplace Decomposition method (LDM), Adomian Decomposition method (ADM) and Homotopy Perturbation method (HPM) [3]. The Evolution equations were solved by Laplace Substitution -Variational Iteration method [4]

Differential Transform Method was applied on various types of differential equations [5-7] and integral equations [8-9]. Recently, linear Partial Integro Differential equations were solved by two dimensional DTM [10-11]. The goal of this article is to solve linear PDEs including mixed partial derivatives by using two dimensional Differential transform method. This effective method will be presented and apply to 4 examples out of them example 1 and 2 are linear non homogeneous with $Ry(x,t)$=0 and example 3 and 4 are linear non homogeneous with $Ry(x,t) \neq 0$. The numerical results are also compared.

TWO DIMENSIONAL DIFFERENTIAL TRANSFORM METHOD

Let the function $f(x,t)$ is an arbitrary analytic and constantly differentiable function of x and t defined on $D = [0,X] \times [0,T] \subseteq R^2$ and $(x_0, t_0) \in D$, then differential transform of $u\,(x,t)$ is described as:

$$F(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{1}{\alpha!\,\beta!}\left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+\beta}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial t^\beta} f(x,t)\right\}_{x=x_0,t=t_0} \quad ; \quad \alpha,\beta \geq 0$$

$$f(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} F(\alpha,\beta)(x-x_0)^\alpha (t-t_0)^\beta \; ; \; \alpha,\beta \geq 0$$

Note: If $x_0 = 0$ and $t_0 = 0$

$$F(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{1}{\alpha!\,\beta!}\left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+\beta}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial t^\beta} f(x,t)\right\}_{x=0,t=0} \; ; \alpha,\beta \geq 0$$

$$f(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} F(\alpha,\beta)x^\alpha t^\beta \quad ; \quad \alpha,\beta \geq 0$$

We summarize the properties of two dimensional DTM in the following table [5, 10-11]:

Table 1: Properties of two dimensional DTM

Original function $f(x,t)$	Transformed function $F(\alpha,\beta)$
$f(x)g(t)$	$F(\alpha)G(\beta)$
k	$k\delta(\alpha,\beta)$
$x^m t^n$	$\delta(\alpha-m,\beta-n)$
e^{ax+bt}	$\frac{a^\alpha}{\alpha!}\frac{b^\beta}{\beta!}$
$x^m sinat$	$\delta(\alpha-m)\frac{a^\beta}{\beta!}sin\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)$
$x^m cosat$	$\delta(\alpha-m)\frac{a^\beta}{\beta!}cos\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)$
$sinaxcosbt$	$\frac{a^\alpha}{\alpha!}\frac{b^\beta}{\beta!}sin\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)cos\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)$

We proved two dimensional DTM of mixed Partial derivatives in the following theorem:

Theorem 1: If $F(\alpha,\beta)$ and $Y(\alpha,\beta)$ are two-dimensional differential transformations of $f(x,t)$ and $y(x,t)$ respectively then

i) If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^m y}{\partial x^m}$ then $F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\ldots(\alpha+m)Y(\alpha+m,\beta)$

ii) If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^n y}{\partial t^n}$ then $F(\alpha,\beta) = (\beta+1)(\beta+2)\ldots(\beta+n)Y(\alpha,\beta+n)$

iii) If $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^{m+n} y}{\partial x^m \partial t^n}$ then

$$F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+1)\ldots(\alpha+m)(\beta+1)\ldots(\beta+n)Y(\alpha+m,\beta+n)$$

Proof: i) Let $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^m y}{\partial x^m}$

Applying two dimensional DTM,

$$\alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = \left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+\beta}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial t^\beta}\frac{\partial^m y}{\partial x^m}\right\}_{x=0,t=0}$$

$$\therefore \alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = \left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+m+\beta}}{\partial x^{\alpha+m}\partial t^\beta}y(x,t)\right\}$$

$$\therefore \alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+m)!\,\beta!\;Y(\alpha+m,\beta)$$

$$\therefore F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+1)(\alpha+2)\ldots(\alpha+m)Y(\alpha+m,\beta)$$

ii) The proof is similar to (i)

iii) Let $f(x,t) = \frac{\partial^{m+n} y}{\partial x^m \partial t^n}$

Applying two dimensional DTM

$$\alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = \left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+\beta}}{\partial x^\alpha \partial t^\beta}\frac{\partial^{m+n} y}{\partial x^m \partial t^n}\right\}_{x=0,t=0}$$

$$\therefore \alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = \left\{\frac{\partial^{\alpha+m+\beta+n}}{\partial x^{\alpha+m}\partial t^\beta}y(x,t)\right\}$$

$$\therefore \alpha!\,\beta!\;F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+m)!\,(\beta+n)!\;Y(\alpha+m,\beta+n)$$

$$\therefore F(\alpha,\beta) = (\alpha+1)\ldots(\alpha+m)(\beta+1)\ldots(\beta+n)Y(\alpha+m,\beta+n)$$

APPLICATIONS TO MIXED LINEAR PDES

Consider equation (1),

$$Ly\,(x,t) + Ry\,(x,t) = h\,(x,t)$$

with $y(x,0) = f(x)$, $y_t(0,t) = g(t)$

Applying two dimensional DTM,

$$Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)}\{H(\alpha,\beta) - \bar{R}y(\alpha,\beta)\} \quad (2)$$

Where $H(\alpha,\beta)$ and $\bar{R}y(\alpha,\beta)$ are differential transform of $h(x,t)$ and $Ry(x,t)$ respectively.

Put $\alpha = 0, 1, 2,\ldots$ and $\beta = 0,1,2,\ldots$ in equation(2) and using inverse DTM, series or exact solution of equation (1) will be achieved.

NUMERICAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Example 1: Consider linear PDE with $Ry(x,t) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} = e^{-t}cosx \quad (3)$$

With initial conditions $y(x,0) = 0$, $y_t(0,t) = 0$

Applying two dimensional DTM on equation (3) and initial conditions,

$$Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)}\left\{\frac{(-1)^\beta}{\beta!}\frac{1}{\alpha!}cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)\right\} \quad (4)$$

With $Y(\alpha,0) = 0$ and $(\beta+1)\,Y(0,\beta+1) = 0$

Put $\alpha = 0,1,2,\ldots$ and $\beta = 0,1,2,\ldots$ in (4) and using inverse DTM,

$$\therefore y(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} Y(\alpha,\beta)x^\alpha t^\beta$$

$$y(x,t) = \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \cdots\right)\left(t - \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^3}{3!} - \cdots\right)$$

$$y(x,t) = sinx(1-e^{-t})$$

This is an exact solution, which is same the solution obtained by the Laplace Substitution Method [1], Elzaki Substitution Method [2] and Homotopy Perturbation Method [3].

Example 2: Consider linear PDE with $Ry(x,t) = 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} = sinxsint \tag{5}$$

With initial conditions $y(x,0) = 1 + \cos x$, $y_t(0,t) = -2\sin t$

Applying two dimensional DTM on equation (5) and initial conditions,

$$Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)}\left\{\frac{1}{\alpha!}sin\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)\frac{1}{\beta!}sin\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)\right\}$$

$$\therefore Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{1}{(\alpha+1)!\,(\beta+1)!}\left\{sin\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)sin\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)\right\} \tag{6}$$

With $Y(\alpha,0) = \delta(\alpha,0) + \frac{1}{\alpha!}cos\left(\frac{\alpha\pi}{2}\right)$ and

$$(\beta+1)Y(0,\beta+1) = \frac{-2}{\beta!}sin\left(\frac{\beta\pi}{2}\right)$$

Put α = 0,1,2,…and β = 0,1,2,…. in (6) and using inverse DTM,

$$\therefore y(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} Y(\alpha,\beta)x^\alpha t^\beta$$

$$y(x,t) = \left(2 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \cdots\right)\left(1 - \frac{t^2}{2!} + \frac{t^4}{4!} - \cdots\right)$$

$$y(x,t) = (1 + cosx)cost$$

This is an exact solution, which is same the solution obtained by the Laplace Substitution Method [1], Elzaki Substitution Method [2] and Homotopy Perturbation Method [3].

Example 3: Consider linear PDE with $Ry(x,t) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + y = 6x^2 t \tag{7}$$

With initial conditions $y(x,0) = 1$, $y_t(0,t) = 0$

Applying two dimensional DTM on equation (7) and on initial conditions,

$$Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{\{6\delta(\alpha-2,\beta-1) - Y(\alpha,\beta) - (\alpha+1)Y(\alpha+1,\beta)\}}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)} \tag{8}$$

With $Y(\alpha, 0) = \delta(\alpha,0)$ and $(\beta+1)\,Y(0,\beta+1) = 0$

Put α = 0,1,2,… and β = 0,1,2,…. in (8) and using inverse DTM,

$$\therefore y(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} Y(\alpha,\beta)x^\alpha t^\beta$$

$$y(x,t) = 1 - xt + \frac{1}{2}xt^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^2t^2 - x^3t^2 - \frac{1}{6}xt^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^2t^3 + \cdots....$$

This is series solution of equation (7). This problem was not solved by Laplace Substitution Method [1] and Elzaki Substitution Method. The numerical results are compared with Homotopy Perturbation Method in Table 2.

Example 4: Consider linear PDE with $Ry(x,t) \neq 0$

$$\frac{\partial^2 y}{\partial x \partial t} + \frac{\partial y}{\partial x} + y = 4xt \tag{9}$$

With initial conditions $y(x,0) = 1$, $y_t(0,t) = 0$

Applying two dimensional DTM on equation (9) and on initial conditions,

$$Y(\alpha+1,\beta+1) = \frac{\{4\delta(\alpha-1,\beta-1) - Y(\alpha,\beta) - (\alpha+1)Y(\alpha+1,\beta)\}}{(\alpha+1)(\beta+1)} \tag{10}$$

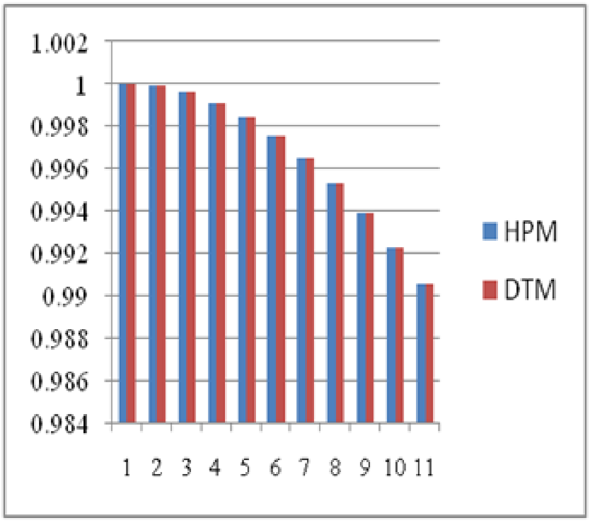
With $Y(\alpha, 0) = \delta(\alpha,0)$ and $(\beta+1)\,Y(0,\beta+1) = 0$

Put α = 0,1,2,… and β=0,1,2,…. in (10) and using inverse DTM,

$$y(x,t) = \sum_{\alpha=0}^{\infty}\sum_{\beta=0}^{\infty} Y(\alpha,\beta)x^\alpha t^\beta$$

$$y(x,t) = 1 - xt + \frac{1}{2}xt^2 + \frac{5}{4}x^2t^2 - \frac{1}{6}xt^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2t^3 + \frac{1}{24}xt^4 - \frac{5}{36}x^3t^3 \ldots....$$

This is series solution of equation (9). This problem was not solved by Laplace Substitution Method [1] and Elzaki Substitution Method. The numerical results are compared with Homotopy Perturbation Method in Table 3.



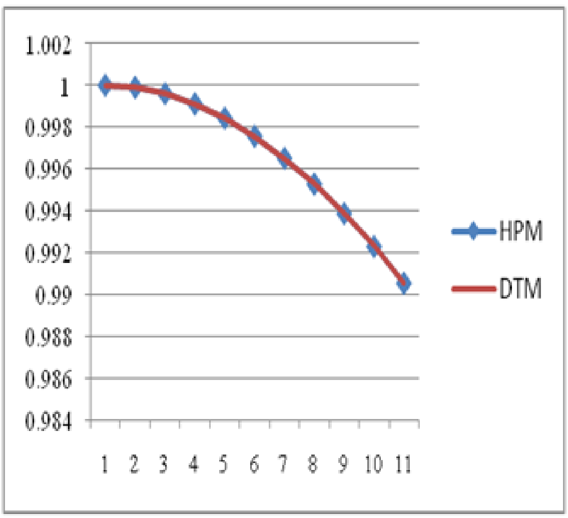
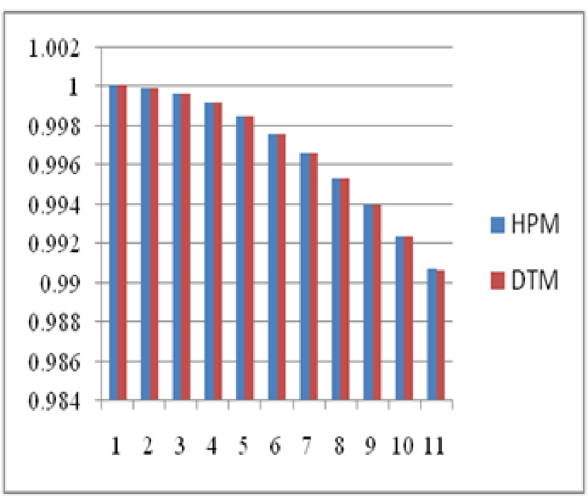


Fig.1: Graphical presentation of solution of Example 3



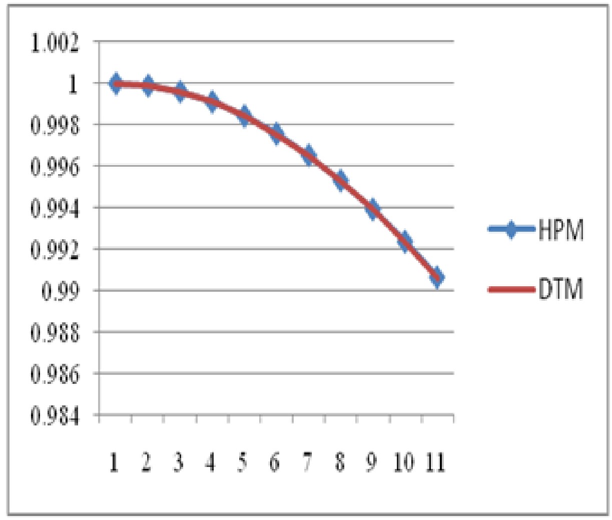


Fig.2: Graphical presentation of solution of example 4

Table 2: Numerical results of Example 3 obtained by DTM and comparison with HPM

x	y	HPM	DTM
0	0	1	1
0.01	0.01	0.999900503	0.999900501
0.02	0.02	0.999604043	0.999604016
0.03	0.03	0.999113727	0.999113587
0.04	0.04	0.998432741	0.998432297
0.05	0.05	0.99756437	0.997563276
0.06	0.06	0.996512001	0.996509711
0.07	0.07	0.995279141	0.995274858
0.08	0.08	0.993869422	0.993862048
0.09	0.09	0.992286614	0.992274692
0.1	0.1	0.990534633	0.990516297

Table 3: Numerical results of Example 4 obtained by DTM and comparison with HPM

x	y	HPM	DTM
0	0	1	1
0.01	0.01	0.999900512	0.999900511
0.02	0.02	0.999604199	0.999604172
0.03	0.03	0.999114504	0.999114366
0.04	0.04	0.998435165	0.998434726
0.05	0.05	0.997570207	0.997569128
0.06	0.06	0.996523936	0.996521684
0.07	0.07	0.995300939	0.995296741

0.08	0.08	0.993906079	0.993898873
0.09	0.09	0.992344485	0.992332875
0.1	0.1	0.990621556	0.990603757

In this section, we have solved linear PDEs with mixed partial derivatives by using two dimensional DTM. The solution of the Example 1 and 2 with Ry (x,t) = 0 obtained by proposed method is the same as by LSM [1] and ESM [2] and HPM [3]. The two dimensional DTM has been used to solve the Example 3 and 4 with Ry(x,t)≠0 to obtain a series solution, which is not possible by LSM and ESM. The numerical results in the table 2 andtable 3 of the Example 3 and 4 respectively shows accuracy, efficiency and reliability of proposed method.

CONCLUSION

In the paper, the two dimensional DTM was successfully applied on linear mixed Partial Differential Equations. It is observed that, the solutions of the linear mixed PDEs with $Ry\ (x,t) = 0$ obtained by two dimensional DTM are same as the solutions obtained by LSM, ESM and HPM. It is concluded that, two dimensional DTM is alternative technique which reduces a lot of computational efforts than LSM and ESM to solve such kind of problems. It is also been found that, the two dimensional DTM is successfully applied on linear PDEs involving mixed partial derivatives with $Ry\ (x,t) \neq 0$ to achieved series solution, which will not solved by LSM and ESM. It is also been observed that ADM and HPM required both initial and boundary conditions to achieve approximate solution of the mixed PDEs with $Ry(x,t) \neq 0$. Whereas, two dimensional DTM is independent on boundary conditions to achieve series solution. It is a very powerful, reliable and simple technique for solving such linear PDEs with mixed partial derivative problems. This method gives series or exact solution of the problems.

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Fuzzy Methodology for Wide Range of Data in Medical Science (Some Special Case of Tumor Growth)

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ABSTRACT

The development of fuzzy technology is currently a major topic of attention. Fuzzy mathematical modeling has been widely used recently as a practical technique to gain a deeper and more thorough understanding of a specific medical issue, such as cancer. The fuzzy mathematical model provides a tool for assessing the results of various components and developing behavioral projections. It also allows one to use mathematical techniques to investigate the structure both qualitatively and statistically. To reduce the ambiguity of model parameters and fit the Gompertz model, a fuzzy environment has been created to address a more accurate mathematical tumor growth model. With the help of fuzzy differential equations, the fuzzy mathematical model is able to fully represent the pattern of tumor growth mechanisms. Linear programming, nonlinear programming, geometric programming, dynamic programming, and integer programming are a few of the modeling techniques used in fuzzy logic. These methods are used with fuzzy logic to produce an optimal point under ambiguous settings, giving the decision-maker a wider range of options. The use of fuzzy multicriteria decision analysis in medicine has been made possible by the efficiency and effectiveness of this method for assessing options that must satisfy several competing criteria.

KEYWORDS: *Fuzzy logic, Inference system, Clustering method, Soft computing, Decision analysis, Benign tumor.*

INTRODUCTION

An interdisciplinary field of scientific study with numerous applications in biology, medicine, and biotechnology is mathematical and theoretical biology. The field may be referred to as theoretical biology, mathematical biology, or biomathematics to stress the mathematical or biological aspects, respectively. Biological mathematical modeling, Relational biology/complex systems (CSB), bioinformatics and bio-modeling or bio-computing computational are at least four of the primary sub-fields that fall under this umbrella. Mathematical methods and procedures are used in mathematical biology to describe rate and analyze biological processes. It affects research in evolution, biomedicine and biotechnology both theoretically and practically. In the interdisciplinary discipline of mathematical biology, which is very active and expanding quickly, mathematical principles, tools, and models are used to solve a variety of developmental biology and biomedical sciences challenges,Ahmad et al 2011. An aesthetic portrayal of a structure based on mathematical concepts is known as mathematical modeling. It is used to evaluate the effects of particular components and, as a result, to reach conclusions, Almir et al 2015 The benefits of mathematical modeling for biological and medical research are realized not only in the creation and evaluation of predictions from experimental data, but also in the simulation of these models, Barro et al 2002. Since mathematical models are fundamentally unfinished, the same mechanism may have diverse, if not competing, shapes. A model should only be chosen among the alternatives as the one that is least likely to be incorrect because it should never be accepted or proven to be the correct one.

Many medical applications have made extensive use of fuzzy logic. As a common symptom in a patient may result in numerous diseases, there are various levels of fuzziness and vagueness associated with the diagnosed condition. This is inherent to medicine, therefore fuzziness enhances clarity in the field of medicine, Awotunde et al 2014. In accordance with Aristotelian logic, a particular proposition or statement can only have two logical values, such as True or False, Black or White, Yes or No, or 1/0, however in real-world circumstances, things frequently turn out to be 0.05, 0.99, 0.90, etc. meaning that the range could be in the degree of the measure. There are many different health conditions which includes a headache or stomachache or some serious conditions. These common symptoms indicate that person is no longer healthy and sick. In mathematics example of this is: If person X have headache, that indicates that person is not healthy; if person Y does not have, it indicates that person is healthy. Everybody is somewhat healthy and somewhat ill, Mahfouf et al 2001. We might state that someone is 99% well and 1% sick if they merely have a headache. The level of headache tolerance varies from person to person and includes terms like bearable headache, typical headache, severe headache, and terrible headache. In the Natural Language Process, these linguistic variables take place. Fuzzy Logic is a means to model and handle it using natural language and also falls under a qualitative approach. Recently, uncertainty has been seen as crucial for scientific investigation, Jagmohan et al 2021. The medical industry has developed applications for fuzzy logic and membership functions that highlight their ability to access nature and assess diseases including cancer, diabetes, asthma, and cardiovascular.

A decline in cell cooperation characterizes cancer, a condition that affects multicellular organisms. During carcinogenesis, tumor cells multiply and change, increasing the tumor's size and invasiveness. In terms of population size, mutation rate, selective advantage and number of vulnerable genes, analytically, the expected waiting time for the progression from benign to malignant tumor had been formulated and investigated by observed data, Mehrbakhsh et al 2017. Even if the data is accurate, errors could still occur in real-world situations. Therefore, in such cases, we must employ an imprecise parameter in order to limit the inaccuracy. A specific query, though, is whether the behavior of the crisp and fuzzy models is similar or not. The actions are very different. And we must ascertain how a model functions in that setting. The current study used differential equations to create a number of models in order to reveal the tumor growth mechanism in a fuzzy environment.

METHODOLOGY

2.1 Fuzzy Logic:

Jan Lukasiewicz, a Polish philosopher, developed fuzzy logic in 1930 by extending the range of truth values from 0 to 1. Later, the first Fuzzy Set is defined by Max Black (1937). Lotfi Zadeh rediscovered fuzziness in 1965 and used terminology, membership function, and application to name and investigate it. Researchers across the board now choose fuzzy logic due to its flexible structure and reliance on intuitive methods. This reasoning has been utilized extensively to evaluate ambiguous knowledge in systems and processes, including hazy human assessments of issues. A set of mathematical rules called fuzzy logic uses degrees of membership rather than the sharp membership of traditional binary logic to express knowledge. Fuzzy Logic is multi-valued and deals with degrees of membership and degrees of truth, in contrast to two-valued Boolean logic. Partial truth values that fall between yes and no are introduced by fuzzy logic. For instance, if you ask a patient how much pain they experienced following surgery, the answer might be less pain, tolerable pain, more pain, slightly painful, which can be described verbally, and it also varies from patient to patient depending on their immune or metabolic systems. Here, the ambiguity and usage of fuzzy logic to create a model that matches the grammar of genuine speech result in a qualitative computational method. The mathematical idea of the fuzzy set, which is a comprehensive view of the classical set theory that represents fuzziness, serves as the foundation for fuzzy logic, which is an extension of Boolean logic. Fuzzy logic tries to mimic our verbal comprehension, judgment, and common sense, but it lags behind the development of more human-like intelligent systems. The construction of an intelligent computer for the prediction of diseases and their features present everywhere in the globe is being worked on by more researchers (inter and interdisciplinary), and the fuzzy logic method is the way of the future. The use of fuzzy logic in medicine has gained a lot of attention lately. Fuzzy logic uses language nuances in place of a rigid "Yes/No" and replaces it with a more flexible "More or

Less" to obtain more accurate results. Several medical diagnostic systems have been created and used in the detection and treatment of diabetes, cancer, HIV, and other conditions based on the fuzzy logic concept. The Fuzzy Logic Controller (FLC), which serves as the control unit for medical equipment, is one of the current research projects of fuzzy logic in the field of medicine. The human immune system was assessed using an algorithm and a fuzzy cognitive map. Data analysis use fuzzy logic to assess facial expression and behavior in people Fuzzy Logic in medical practice. Generally speaking, the intricacy of the many concepts used in modern medical practices leads to improper analysis. Without a clear definition and understanding of the boundaries, traditional approaches tend to be imprecise, unclear, and fraught with extra uncertainties because it is unable to give accurate definitions and symptoms of medical concepts. One of the AIT's fuzzy logic algorithms as well as other combinations of neural networks, machine learning algorithms, genetic algorithms, and classification models must be used to deal with these circumstances. Here are a few examples of illness categories where fuzzy logic is used. One of them is to determine the proper anesthetic dosage for a C-section and dosage of radiotherapy for cancer patients. The location of tumor at central nervous system can be identified regardless of its size or location by this method. The dosage of medication of diabetes than the usual one can be determined and can be quantitatively modified. Diagnosis of COVID – 19 with significant symptoms can also be done. Fuzzy Logic is used to identify medical papers using Medline. The total number of papers that were published till date with year are mentioned in Table 1 using data from PubMed's main database. Fuzzy Logic has 6323 papers from 2000 to 2021, while Fuzzy Logic in Medicine has 479 publications. Although the Fuzzy Logic technique was developed in the last decade of the 20th century, its voyage in the 21st century demonstrates an exponential rise in the medical area by utilizing digital initiative's advancements.

Fuzzy Membership Function

A Relationship A: X→ [0, 1] is the function for a fuzzy set A on the discourse universe X, where each element of X is mapped to a value between 0 and 1. The grade of Membership of the element in X to the Fuzzy Set A is quantified by this value, which is also known as the membership value or degree of membership. Here, A is the fuzzy set obtained from X, which is the universal set. The degree of membership of any value in a given fuzzy set can be graphically represented using the fuzzy membership function. The X-axis of the graph denotes the scope of speech, and the Y-axis the degree of membership in the interval [0.1]. There are 11 built-in Membership function types in the toolbox. Some functions, such as piecewise linear functions, the Gaussian distribution function, the sigmoid curve, quadratic and cubic polynomial curves, are constructed from a number of fundamental functions. By custom, the letters'mf' are added to the end of the names of all membership functions. In order to create the membership functions, straight lines are used. Formula used for fuzzification are of two types type 1 and type 2, is given as.

Triangular Membership Function

$$\text{triangle}\ (x,a,b,c)=\begin{cases}0 & x\le b\\ \dfrac{x-a}{b-a} & a\le x\le b\\ \dfrac{c-x}{c-b} & b\le x\le c\end{cases}$$

$$\text{triangle}\ (x,a,b,c)=max\left(\min\left(\frac{x-a}{b-a},1,\frac{c-x}{c-b}\right),0\right)$$

Trapezoidal Membership Function

$$\text{trapezoid}(x,a,b,c)=max\left(\min\left(\frac{x-a}{b-a},1,\frac{d-x}{d-c}\right),0\right)$$

$$\text{trapezoid}(x,a,b,c,d)=\begin{cases}0, & x\le a\\ \dfrac{x-a}{b-a}, & a\le x\le b\\ 1, & b\le x\le c\\ \dfrac{d-x}{d-c}, & c\le x\le d\\ 0 & d\le x\end{cases}$$

Gaussian Membership Function

$$\text{gaussian}\ (x;c,\theta)=e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-c}{a}\right)^2}$$

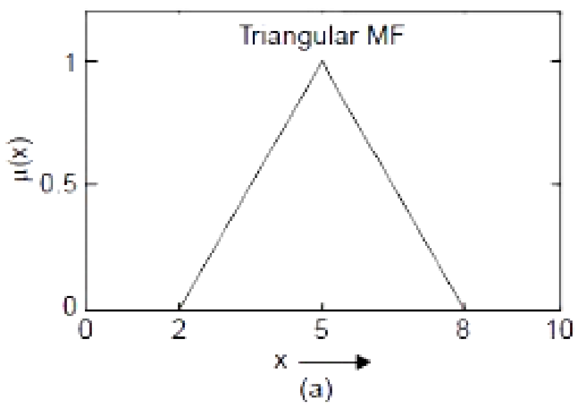
Bell-Shaped Membership Function

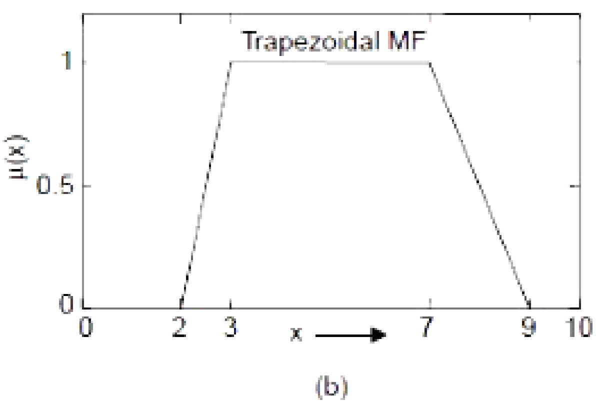
$$\text{bell}\ (x,a,b,c)=\frac{1}{1+\left|\frac{x-c}{a}\right|^{2b}}$$

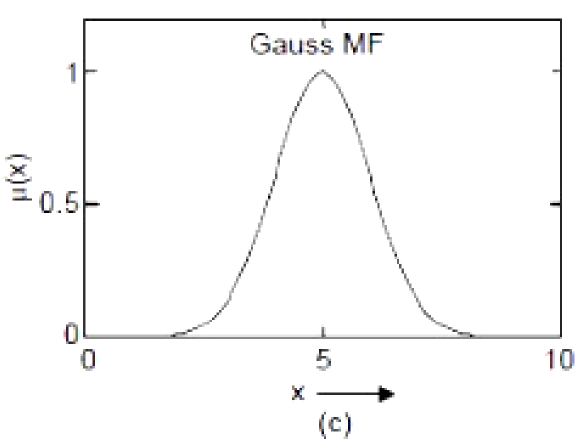
Sigmoidal Membership Function

$$\varphi(\mathrm{v}) = \frac{1}{1+e^{-av}}$$

Above these functions are very important function of fuzzy logic in decision making process. Most of the researcher were used these formulae to find out optimum solution.







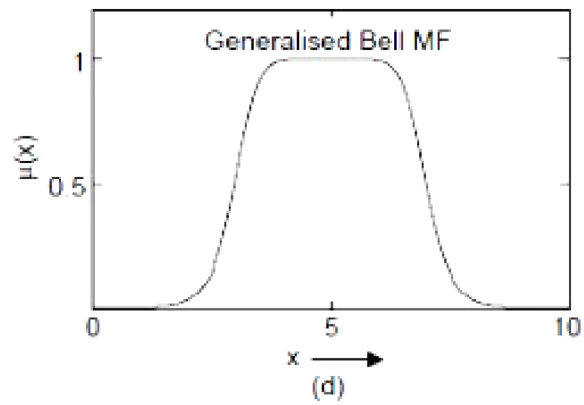


Figure 1. Membership functions in fuzzy logic can be classified as either (a)triangular,” (b)trapezoidal,” (c) gaussian,” or (d)generalized Bell.”

Cancer Disease

In the modern world, cancer is a fatal illness. Due to the lack of medical resources and inability to effectively utilize those that are available, more than hundreds of people per year pass away from cancer. Utilizing numerical (quantitative) tools inside the medical system helps decrease patient mortality. For those who have not yet developed an illness like cancer, which has a high mortality rate and expensive treatment, taking precautions as soon as possible is crucial. As a result of DNA damage and out-of-program cells, cancer is caused by aberrant cell development and proliferation. The more quickly cancer is discovered, the more effective the treatment would be. Most malignancies are treatable, and treatment options include chemotherapy, radiation, and/or surgery. The system uses the Fuzzy Logic model, which enables it to produce effective outcomes based on uncertain verbal knowledge much like human logic, which is the rationale for the use of the fuzzy logic model. Lung cancer is a hereditary disease that manifests as the expansion of aberrant cells that first appear in one or both lungs. In 2003, Ravi Jain conducted a comparative analysis of four strategies for generating fuzzy rules that provide Fuzzy If-Then rules for breast cancer. A Fuzzy Logic method for predicting the risk of breast cancer using the patient’s age and automatically derived tumor traits was put out by Victor BALANICA in 2011. A Fuzzy decision support system for the identification of cancer risk status in conditions of data diversity and imprecision was created by Ahmed

Abou Elfetouh Saleh in 2011 . A fuzzy tool box was used to develop a neuro-fuzzy and fuzzy rule-based inference system for the identification and diagnosis of lung cancer. The Fuzzy Logic toolbox is used to receive the input variables and produce the results.

The preliminary step is brain segmentation, A reliable method utilizing histogram scale-space analysis and morphological procedures is used for this objective. The statistical parameters of the primary tissue classes that will be utilized in the classification process are initially calculated using this method. After removing the brain, the tumor is roughly segmented using the Fuzzy Possiblistic C-Mean approach, which is histogram-based. For the final accurate tumor segmentation, this rough segmentation serves as the beginning surface of a deformable model.

One of the most used sigmoid models for fitting growth data and other data is the Gompertz model. Aadil and co-workers used uncertainty based Gompertz growth model for tumor population and its numerical analysis, which is perhaps second only to the logistic model. Numerous dynamic growth rate functions have been discussed with regard to tumor growth. It has been shown that Gompertz growth can mimic cell proliferation that slows with population density, making it acceptable to detect tumor growth slowing down with tumor size. The growth rate is derived by subtracting the carrying capacity from the negative logarithm of the current population size:

$$\dot{N}(t) = -\gamma N(t)\log\left(\frac{N(t)}{K}\right);\ t>0$$

$$N(0) = n_0\ ,\ \gamma > 0 \text{ and } k>0$$

Here N(t) denotes the tumor cell concentration in the target organism, $\dot{N}(t)$ denotes the derivative of N concerning time $t \neq 0$,γ indicates the netrate of tumor replication, and K >0 denotes the tumor carrying capacity or the volume at which it stabilizes when the resource supply remains constant. Even though such parameters are commonly regarded as trustworthy, it is critical in creating realistic and empirical models to assess the uncertainty associated with their inherent variance or complexity. The genesis of the Gompertz model has been disputed for years, numerous independent investigations have found a strong anda substantial connection between the Gompertz model parameters and in either experimental systems or human data, and some researchers hypothesized that this would indicate a consistent maximum tumor size across tumor kinds within a species. The dynamics of N(t) over time are defined by the Gompertz model. In this context, a significant query that frequently arises in research is when N(t) approaches a particular interest value. The solution of equation is given by

$$\delta_t(n_0, \gamma, K) = K\, e^{-ln}\left(\frac{K}{N_0}\right) e^{-\gamma t}$$

It has already been established that dealing with parameter inaccuracy is not always suitable due to a lack of comprehensive knowledge or estimation failure. A basic technique of coping with Gompertz equation uncertainties is utilized to obtain these parameter estimations by utilizing the equation to calculate the average approximations and to assess the complexity. Let us now suppose that the fuzzy marks constrain the parameter sn_0,γ and K. In other words, we suppose that such parameters fulfill an assertion such as the fuzzy variable (ψ) generally is a_0. So the membership grade of the fuzzy mark is roughly the probability distribution of the fuzzy variable (ψ) as per Zadeh. As the term $\delta_t(n_0, \gamma, K)$ of equation is a fuzzy variable for a specified time t >0, so the term sn_0, γ and K in equation are also fuzzy variables. With the help of Zadeh extension,the procedures mentioned in the earlier parts on the parameters n_0,γ and K of the possibility distribution function n_0, γ and K for a fixed t>0 can be obtained. To create a realistic and practical model, it is necessary to remember that the parameters of equation are approximate owing to the assumed lack of information and the mistakes in the calculation technique inherent in the relevant issues of the tumor growth. Different approaches, such as the use of random variables, are considered to characterize these parameters. The authors occasionally evaluate the Gompertz equation with changes in the carrying capacity (K).

Uncertainty in the starting state,if we wish to estimate the population of tumor cells after a specific amount of time. Due to the inaccuracy of the count, we were forced to estimate the initial number of tumor cells, which is impossible to determine in precise numbers. Use of the original history as a guiding principle is therefore preferred. Uncertainty in the coefficient: It is challenging to calculate an exact value when the number of tumor cells is growing at an unknown rate. For this reason, the value should be regarded as equivocal. Fuzziness in the coefficient and the beginning condition: If both situations are included in a model, this case can be employed as Carrying capacity is viewed as ambiguous since it evolves over time in response to gradual environmental changes, such as climate change or ecological succession. This paper's Figure illustrates how the fuzzy parameter system is created using the Gompertz growth equation.

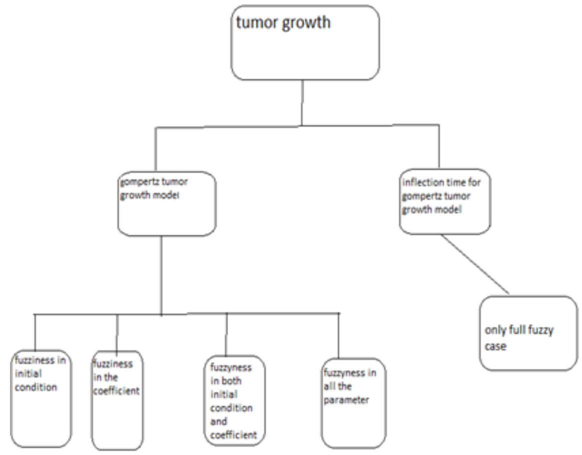


Figure 2. Fuzzy transformation mechanism of the Gompertz tumor growth model

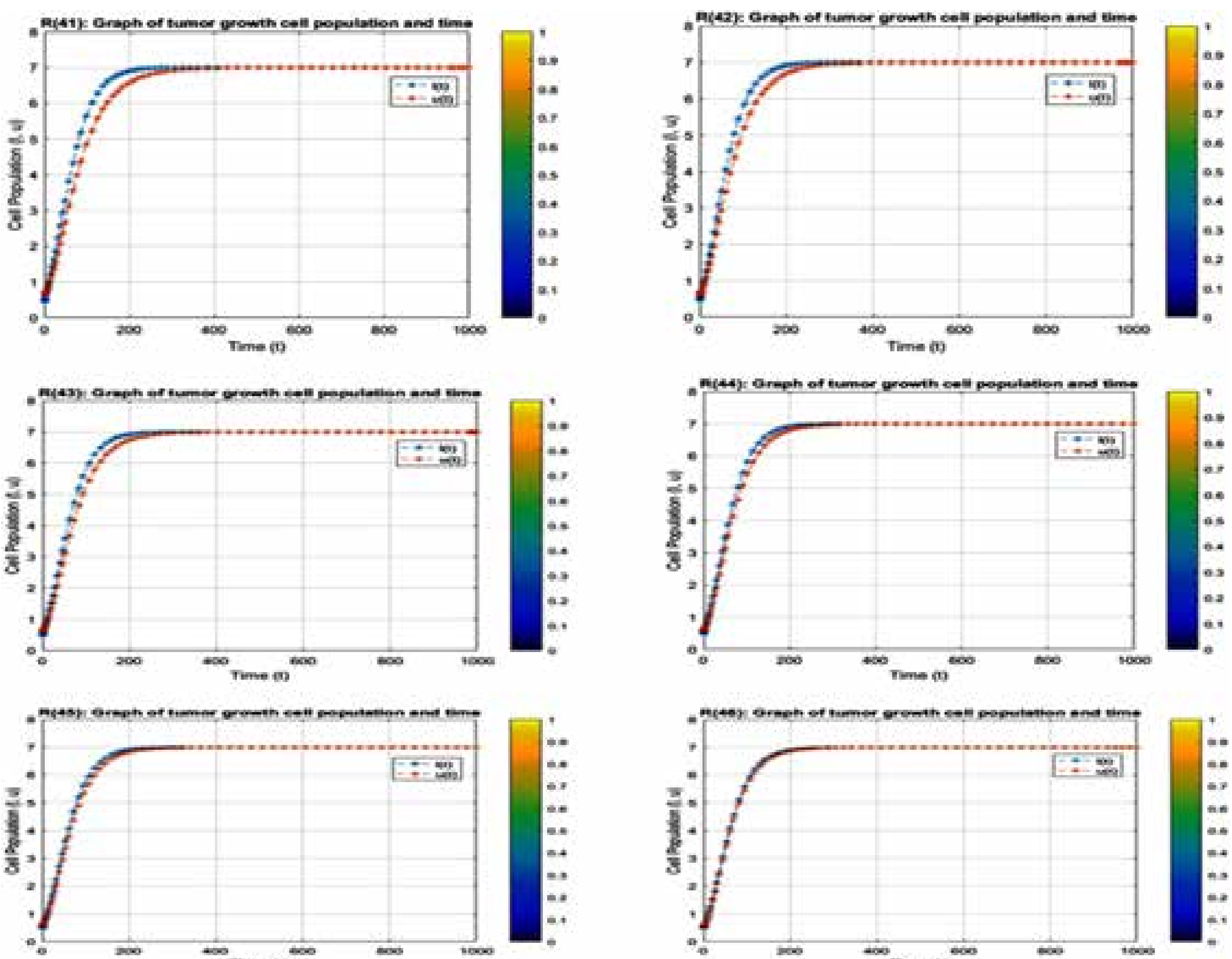


Figure 3. Graph of tumor growth with time and cell population. Rubeena Khaliq et. al. 2022

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

With the aid of some precision, a fuzzy mathematical model of the tumor development trajectory makes great strides toward depicting the realistic course of tumor growth. The Gompertz equation for tumor development can be resolved using the possibility distribution function in an uncertain setting. The lower and upper -cuts for the probability distribution function for a particular parameter of the Gompertz equation are used to illustrate how the net tumor volume or the tumor cell concentration changes as the carrying capacity is reached at different intervals. As a result, the region of uncertainty for the net tumor volume is shown by the lower and upper -cuts of the probability distribution function. Because of some negative effects of defensive qualities during tumor cell differentiation, the absence of replication time at the early stages of a tumor is thought to be a variation process or a response of the body to the illness. However, in some circumstances, the defensive process would have been suppressed right away, leading to a rapid surge that is directly correlated with the rate of tumor growth. The linear phase of the growth process is unaffected, and maximal rise occurs at K/2, showing that the defensive system is actually functional. However, as a tumor grows larger, it gets more complex to develop, and eventually the pace of growth slows. As a result of these and other factors, the tumor enters a plateau phase. The logistic model, which incorporates an intersection point on an asymmetrical graph, is expanded by the Gompertz model. The Gompertz model, which represents the tumor's inherent phases and so best addresses its growth pattern. The crisp mathematical model of tumor growth differs from the fuzzy mathematical model in that the parameters in the crisp model are fixed, whereas the parameters in the fuzzy model are variable because of a number of factors, including the fact that tumors are continuously evolving and leading to changing dynamics The growth inside the binary value can be mathematically studied in a clear way. However, by altering the starting tumor cell population, tumor net population rate, and carrying capacity of the tumor through the alpha -cut in a fuzzy model, this work illustrates the behavior of tumor development. This feature makes it possible to determine tumor load based on the degree of accuracy, which could be crucial for tumor staging and analysis.

Since Nov 2019 world had been dealing with epidemic or pandemic issues under the term COVID-19 which originated in Wuhan and expanded throughout China between January 2020 and at present several variations came into being. The people not only had to deal with the patients symptoms which include fever, cough and shortness of breath, but also its spread from one person to another, as well as its variants. Covid-19 has quickly established itself as a global pandemic, causing a rapid shift in the number of infected people, rising mortality rates, a significant global economic burden, and the mobilization of medical resources around the world In this Fuzzy Expert System, the better model for analysis and result prediction is based on the nature of the variation as per the geographical and environmental location. Different countries suffered greatly due to the imprecision and vagueness found in the symptoms of the virus. A smart fuzzy inference system was suggested by Maad et al. (2021) for the infrequent identification of COVID-19 based on the symptoms of fever, flu, dry cough, cold, breathing problems, sore throat, and headache. A model using 13 linguistic Fuzzy Rules based on the Gaussian Membership Function can help the doctor diagnose ailments. Additionally, COVID-19 can be combined with other identifying methods like PCR tests and CT scans. Muhamed and Ajay (2021) proposed a fuzzy rule system that is implemented with MATLAB fuzzy tools for simulation to evaluate the health of the patients and prevent from COVID-19 disease, as well as validating the identification symptoms by applying the fuzzy rules and an effort to face the situations.

CONCLUSION

Cancer's progression, remission, and therapy mechanisms are still unknown due to the disease's great complexity. The uncertainty is addressed through fuzzy mathematical modeling, which provides a workable solution to deal with it at every stage. To provide a more accurate depiction of reality, some real-world events must be replicated using fuzzy mathematical modeling. The overall residuals in the tumor growth fuzzy model will be reduced by altering the model parameters, reducing the discrepancy between the numerical forecasting model and the real outcomes of medical investigations. The membership grade of fuzzy sets has been used in this study to interpret the initial state, net population rate, and carrying capacity as a collection of fuzzy variables with a possible distribution function. This method's fact-based foundation makes it possible to find the best medication faster by removing the element of uncertainty surrounding tumor growth. As a result, fuzzy mathematical modeling aids in the resolution of discrepancies in calculation parameters, enabling the distinction between modeling of actual and anticipated tumor growth. In a fuzzy environment, it is also feasible to enhance tumor growth by fusing numerous derived principles using various fuzzy techniques. This study uses numbers to illustrate the tumor development process.

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Overview and Evolution of Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles

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ABSTRACT

The rapid adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) as eco-friendly alternatives to traditional internal combustion engine vehicles is pivotal in the global transition toward sustainable mobility. Establishing a robust charging infrastructure becomes paramount, addressing customer apprehensions, ensuring seamless grid integration, and promoting social equity for the effective integration of EVs into urban landscapes. This literature review meticulously scrutinizes contemporary research on urban electric vehicle charging infrastructure, underscoring its critical role in facilitating widespread EV adoption within metropolitan areas. As the imperative to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and enhance air quality intensifies, the study explores the multifaceted dimensions of charging infrastructure. The objective is to distill key insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with urban EV charging, providing a comprehensive overview of current developments and future directions. Methodologically, a systematic review of scholarly articles, encompassing diverse perspectives on charging infrastructure, is conducted. Results reveal the intricate interplay between technological advancements, policy frameworks, and societal considerations in shaping urban EV charging ecosystems. The synthesis of findings contributes a nuanced understanding of the evolving landscape, guiding stakeholders in formulating informed strategies. In conclusion, the study underscores the pivotal role of well-designed charging infrastructure in propelling the urban integration of EVs, urging concerted efforts for sustainable urban mobility.

KEYWORDS: *Electric vehicle, Sustainable transportation, Charging station, Grid integration, Smart charging systems.*

INTRODUCTION

A key element of the shift to sustainable urban transportation is the use of electric vehicles. Increasingly more people are interested in EVs as an environmentally friendly alternative to conventional automobiles as a result of the urgent need to lower greenhouse gas emissions, battle climate change, and improve air quality. However, the availability of a sophisticated and effective charging infrastructure is essential for EVs to take over as the main form of transportation in cities. By ensuring potential EV users of safe and convenient charging alternatives, charging infrastructure reduces their range anxiety and increases their confidence in switching to electric mobility [1,3]. A thorough and well-thought-out network of charging stations encourages city dwellers to switch from conventional internal combustion engines to electric vehicles, reducing overall carbon emissions and promoting greener cities.

Sustainable mobility is a key element in reducing the adverse environmental effects of urbanization. Because transportation is a significant contributor to air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, it is imperative to make the changeover to greener modes of mobility. Electric vehicles have no tailpipe emissions while in operation since they are powered by electricity rather than fossil fuels, which greatly lowers local air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. However, EVs' full potential for fulfilling environmental objectives can only be achieved if the infrastructure for charging them is carefully planned, evenly dispersed, and effectively run. Charging infrastructure makes sure that EVs can run efficiently and continuously by offering a large and easily accessible network of charging stations. This encourages more people to switch to electric mobility and furthers the effort to reduce emissions.

Fig. 1. Role Of EV Charging Infrastructure in Achieving Environmental Goals

IMPORTANCE OF CHARGING STATIONS

The widespread use of electric vehicles (EVs) is necessary to provide environmentally friendly and sustainable urban transportation. A robust and effective charging infrastructure is essential for achieving this. The EV ecosystem's supporting structure, the charging infrastructure is crucial in fostering customer confidence, encouraging EV adoption, and ultimately lowering carbon emissions and air pollution. Fig.2 depicts some major aspects explaining why EV adoption depends on a charging infrastructure:

Fig. 2. Importance Of Charging Stations

Even though it makes up a small portion of the overall system load, the load from electric vehicles (EVs) can have a big impact on emissions. Having the option to change charging times is essential for controlling energy usage. Owners of EVs worry about locating a suitable charging station and whether the connector matches their vehicle type, but the lack of standardization and the absence of charging infrastructure make them anxious. Conductive charging, inductive charging, and battery swapping are the three technologies that now rule the market, and each has a unique set of connectors and communication protocols as shown in Fig. 3. This lack of interoperability makes it difficult for EVs to be adopted widely.

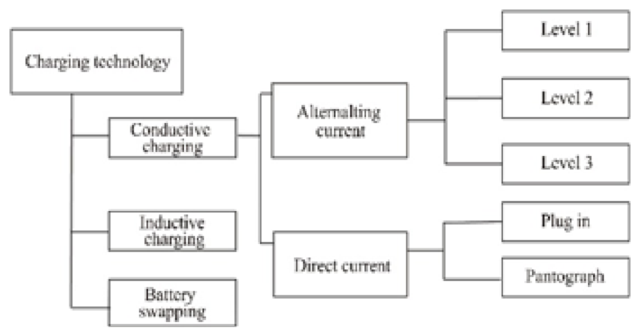

Fig.3. Charging technology of EV

Conductive Charging

Widely utilized technique entails physically attaching the vehicle to the charging station with cables or plugs. categorized into levels (Level 1, Level 2, etc.) based on the types of electricity and connectors. provides convenient and open charging for both private and public use.

Inductive Charging

Innovative wireless charging technology transmits electricity between a charging pad and a receiver pad in the car utilizing magnetic fields. provides a convenient and user-friendly charging solution that does away with physical cords and is mostly utilized for Level 2 charging.

Battery Swapping

Involves swapping out the used battery in an EV for a fully charged one at the swapping station. Long-range

EVs and fleets can benefit from faster charging, although this option is less popular due to standardization and infrastructure constraints.

OPPORTUNITIES AHEAD

The governments ambitious goals and efforts will lead to an expansion of the electric vehicle market. In order to achieve progress by 2030 the government has implemented measures to promote and accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles as well, as the development of charging infrastructure. India is actively working towards reducing its dependency on imported oil and improving air quality in the coming years. The widespread use of vehicles will play a role, in accomplishing these objectives.

CHARGING INFRASTRUCTURE MODELS AND DEPLOYMENT STRATEGIES

The switch from combustion engines to electric cars is primarily motivated by environmental concerns and urban air pollution. An effective infrastructure roll-out for charging automobiles is necessary to promote widespread adoption of electric vehicles. However, it is not simple to organize charging stations in the most effective way. Task because it necessitates cooperation between planning processes for the electricity distribution network and the transportation network. In the past, these two networks' modelling has been tackled in many ways. Various approaches, as well as diverse study fields. Few publications fully address the combined topic as a result, and the literature is widely fragmented and uses a variety of models. Viewpoints and the focusing on a wide range of goals. We give a systematic review in this article.

In the literature that takes into account examining distribution and transportation networks together, with an emphasis on goals, methods, and reach. It enables us to characterize the state of the art at the moment, to to identify research gaps and suggest recommendations for the scientific community's next effort. The There are several research gaps that have been highlighted, including but not limited to: 1) a general lack of integrated modelling methodologies, 2) the requirement for more intricate pricing demand modelling that takes into consideration rather than averages, unpredictability and variability in place and time to aid in the design of the power system, and three.

The requirement to take into account a variety of charging alternatives rather than just rapid charging, and move to large-scale and practical planning methods from conventional test networks and theoretically-based planning methods case studies from real life

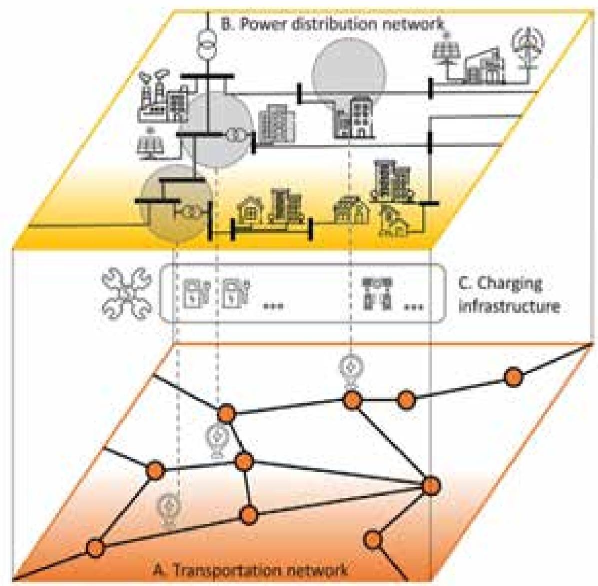

Fig.4 Strategic Planning of Charging Infrastructure in Integrated Transport and Power Networks

Fig. 4 provides a simplified representation of the planning challenge for integrated electricity and transportation networks. As seen, the charging infrastructure is inextricably related to the transportation and distribution networks. The top layer depicts an example electricity distribution network, while the bottom layer shows an example transportation network. Also a simplified design framework for charging infrastructure in networks that include mobility and power distribution is shown in Fig.5 shown below. It functions as a succinct manual, outlining crucial decisions and actions for effectively incorporating charging options into developing power and mobility systems. With the help of this visual tool, decision-makers can better navigate the challenges of creating a robust charging network while taking into account the demands of current power distribution and mobility.

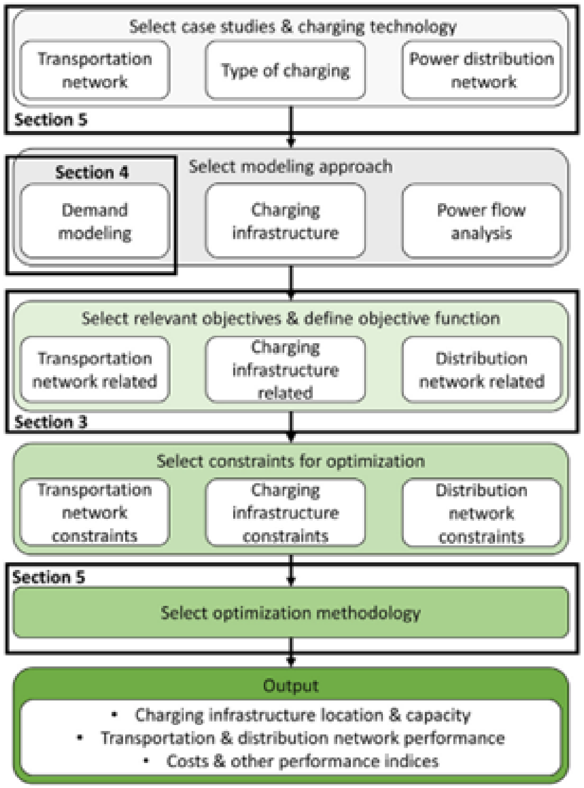

Fig. 5: Simplified representation of the design framework for charging infrastructure for networks that include power distribution and mobility. The flowchart shows a typical series of choices and activities needed to address the issue.

Table 1: Public and Private charging infrastructures a brief outlook

Topic	Subtopic	Description
Public Charging Infrastructure	1. Role of governments and public entities	Governments and public entities play a crucial role in establishing public charging stations by setting regulations, providing incentives, and partnering with businesses. They may also invest in charging infrastructure to promote electric vehicle adoption and sustainability.
	2. Models for funding and financing public charging networks	Several models for funding and financing public charging networks exist, including government grants, public-private partnerships, and utility investments. Private investments and revenue-sharing agreements with charging station operators are also common.
	3. Design considerations and location selection	Design considerations for public charging stations include accessibility, convenience, safety, and integration with the urban landscape.
		Location selection involves identifying high-traffic areas, major highways, public parking spaces, and strategic points to encourage EV adoption.
B. Private Charging Infrastructure	1. Workplace charging: Benefits and implemen-tation	Workplace charging offers convenience to employees, promotes EV adoption, and enhances a company's sustainability image
	2. Residential charging: Home-based solutions	Home-based charging solutions include Level 1 and Level 2 chargers, which can be installed in garages, driveways, or parking spaces. Understanding customer preferences and providing affordable, user-friendly options are key to encouraging residential charging adoption.

	3. Retail and commercial charging: Integration with businesses and services	Integrating charging stations with retail and commercial spaces attracts customers, extends dwell time, and promotes sustainability. Businesses can partner with charging networks to offer charging as a service and leverage it as a marketing tool to attract EV owners.

STANDARDS AND GRID IMPACT

The transportation industry experiences a dramatic shift as vehicles fueled by fossil fuels give way to zero- and ultra-low-emission vehicles. The shift to electric vehicles requires a network of intelligent distributed energy producing units, information-equipped charging stations (CSs), and supportive public policies [19–20]. This study covers the primary factors to be taken into account when planning the infrastructure for charging electric cars. This article discusses the planning and technological developments that can improve the design and construction of the infrastructure for charging stations. a thorough analysis of how EVs affect the current electric vehicle situation, grid integration, and provisioning for Electric Vehicle Optimal Allocation [14–18].

In specifically, this study looks at the advancements, challenges, and standardization efforts in infrastructure research with the goal of supporting future research. The grid affects and financial benefits also play a role in determining the optimal sites for quick charging stations. It also talks about the challenges of adoption. Conversely, new advances in the field are also discussed and showcased, such as the benefits of grid technology for autos and the utilization of renewable energy for energy production.

An analysis of recent EV advancements and challenges with the infrastructure for EV charging is included in this article. The detailed research findings are shown below. Through charging scheduling methods, the flexibility of electric vehicles (EVs) as a load can be utilized, minimizing the grid influence of solar and wind projects. Recent research suggests that software optimization combined with metaheuristic techniques may significantly affect how well resources are used. EV charging infrastructure can be built and maintained with the help of these technologies, which can also be used to determine the best location for charging stations and their optimal positioning [7]. As part of the infrastructure design for EV charging, mobile charging stations provide EV owners with the guarantee that, in the event that they are unable to locate an adjacent charger, they will have access to a charging facility. The delivery of auxiliary services to the grid and the bidirectional exchange of energy are made possible by V2G technology. The availability of quick-charging infrastructure is necessary for the uptake of electric vehicles. To lessen the load on the primary power system, battery switch stations controlled the charging schedules for the EV battery packs.

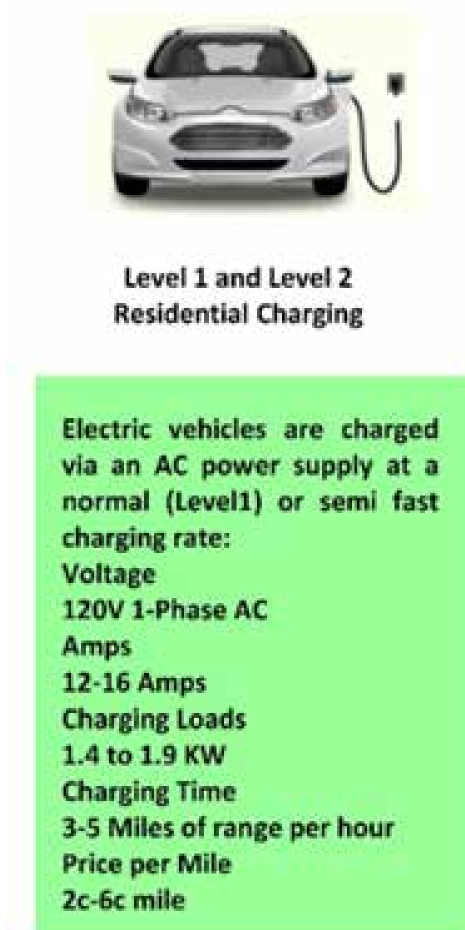

Fig. 6. Levels of charging

Additionally, during times of heavy demand, it may produce power for the main grid as a backup unit. Harmful emissions in the transportation industry can be greatly minimised when electric cars (EVs) and the infrastructure necessary for charging them are built, as well as the usage of renewable energy sources. Unfortunately, it has not been determined if this new infrastructure might hurt the ecosystem in any manner. The batteries today utilised in battery energy storage systems will be replaced by hydrogen energy and fuel cells in future electric automobiles [2]. Fig.6 gives a representation of the charging levels and the accompanying infrastructure, at each charging station is shown.

SCENARIO IN INDIA

Energy Control and Storage for Electric Vehicle Batteries

A battery's function in an EV is crucial. Potential components of EV batteries include lithium iron phosphate (LFP), nickel manganese cobalt (NMC), lithium nickel cobalt aluminum oxide (NCA), and lithium cobalt oxide (LCO) [10]. These batteries are superior to others in comparison. In general, lithium-ion batteries have a higher energy density than lead-acid batteries. Tesla utilizes NCA batteries, BYD India uses LFP batteries, and BMW and the Chevy Volt use NMC batteries. When compared to traditional ICE vehicles, the most costly component of EVs is their costly battery. By 2030, battery prices should have decreased by 18% [10].

Varieties of EV Batteries Utilized in India

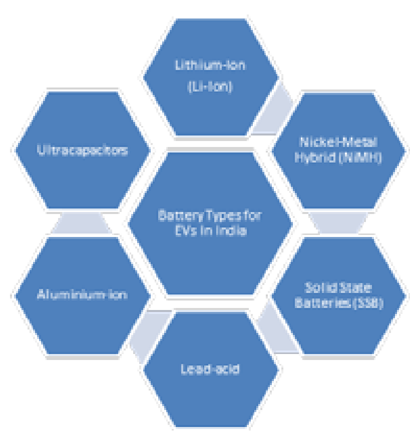

Figure.7. Types of batteries

Fig.7 depicts India's vehicle (EV) industry encompasses a range of battery technologies. Lithium Ion (Li Ion) batteries are the commonly used, due to their energy density. Hybrid vehicles rely on Nickel Metal Hybrid (NiMH) batteries while Solid State Batteries (SSB) are an emerging technology that offers improved safety features. In low cost EVs Lead acid batteries are still in use and Aluminium ion batteries show potential as an alternative to lithium ion ones. Ultracapacitors, known for their ability to transfer energy quickly complement battery systems. The diverse landscape of battery options in India demonstrates a commitment to exploring solutions based on vehicle types, costs and environmental objectives. Ongoing technological advancements continue to shape the trajectory of the EV industry, in the country.

Expansion of Charging Infrastructure in India

The adoption of charging infrastructure is a significant barrier in addition to EV technology. Due to the short travel range of India's current EVs, it is crucial to provide charging stations along main thoroughfares and in urban areas. The Indian Ministry of Power (MoP) and the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) have taken the necessary actions to put the grid-integrated charging station into place. Around the nation, 1742 charging stations have been installed, according to the CEA. Mass Tech Controls Pt. and Delta Electronics India are the two biggest businesses in India that construct charging infrastructure. Due to the dearth of charging outlets in remote places, EV customers are worried about their vehicles' range. The alternative is to make electric cooperatives more effective [10, 11, 13].

Perspective on the development of EV technologies in the future

In the preceding sections, we looked at the existing market situation for EVs in India, the infrastructure for charging them, the battery, its management technology, and EV Grid integration systems [10, 12]. Even while these technologies currently produce good performance and effective results, when taking into account their drawbacks, EVs cannot be considered India's primary mode of transportation [10]. The Indian EV market needs innovative technologies to address the drawbacks and challenges in order to make EVs a common form of transportation.

GRID INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL EQUITY IMPACTS

Between 1990 and 2018, GHG emissions rose by 50%, with the transportation sector being the biggest driver, accounting for 14.2% of all emissions. The most common means of transportation, the road, produces 12.5% of all emissions. Society is shifting to environmentally friendly energy, with EVs acting as the major option, in an effort to offset rising emissions. Global EV adoption has accelerated in the last ten years, and sales have greatly increased. However, the increasing demand for infrastructure to charge vehicles and the developing EV policies in countries like India may cause problems with energy consumption and grid integrity. Due to the facilities, especially for developing countries, carefully designed charging stations are essential to encourage wide spread of EV adaption [3].

Figure.8. Vehicle to Grid Integration

The grid connection goals for Charging Infrastructure (CI) include reducing the cost of the initial investment, which includes the costs of the power station, converter, feeder, and busbar. To determine the best CI allocation, research articles have looked at a variety of these cost factors. While other studies concentrate solely on the capital costs for feeders, others examine substation, feeder, and transformers costs. Fig.8 depicts the "Vehicle-to-Grid Integration". It is a technology that makes it possible to retrun energy from the batteries of electric vehicles back into the energy system.

Under the heading of EV charging infrastructure issues, additional categories were created for the easily accessible nature of battery life, pushing placement studies, accessibility, usability, and supplying of facilities, cost effectiveness of charging, and indicators used for assessing roll out. An issue unrelated to infrastructure has been identified as the price of EVs [6].

Guo et al. emphasized that measuring equity involves comparing outcomes between populations that are geographically dispersed or between various population subgroups. Both components are necessary to assess a system's overall equality. Horizontal equality aims to treat all groups similarly when it comes to transportation resources. This is often measured using the allocation of public resources per population. Vertical equality states that resources are allocated in accordance with needs, which vary based on factors like income. These are only a few illustrations of the standards used to calculate vertical equity. Others include cost burdens in relation to income, accessibility, and the quality of the trip experience [4].

For all socioeconomic groups to have equal access to the charging infrastructure, electric vehicle (EV) use must be encouraged. Accessibility gaps may result from "charging deserts" in some locations, where convenient charging options are few. Strategically placing charging stations to serve all communities, including underserved ones, is essential to achieving equitable EV adoption. This strategy promotes a more inclusive shift to electric mobility, which is advantageous to individuals from various socioeconomic backgrounds [4].

ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Negative emissions in the transportation sector can be greatly reduced with the development of electric vehicles (EVs), enough infrastructure for charging them, and the use of renewable energy sources. Electric vehicles greatly lessen traffic congestion and provide a healthier living environment because they produce very little to no noise and extremely low levels of exhaust emissions. Consumers eagerly await a dependable charging infrastructure that ensures a sufficient trip concludes with no or minimal charging time delays. Therefore, investors must wait until there are enough different types of electric vehicles on the road before investing in charging infrastructure.

As a result of this change, the automotive sector is moving towards zero-emission vehicles. If there is an adequate network of charging points, electric vehicle owners will feel less stress because EVs will be able to keep up with gasoline-powered vehicles in terms of performance [2].

New job opportunities, such as those in the construction, installation, and ongoing upkeep of charging infrastructure, are made possible by the emergence of electrical charging infrastructure and the acceptance of electric vehicles (EVs). Adoption of EVs can also decrease dependent on oil imports, increase energy security, and reduce trade deficits [1].

CONCLUSION

The conclusion on electric vehicle charging infrastructure in a city underlines the vital importance of this infrastructure in fostering widespread adoption of EVs and attaining environmental sustainability. Throughout the article, we have looked at a variety of topics, such as the evolution of charging infrastructure, deployment techniques, grid impact, standards, management, and user experience, all of which are critical components in constructing a seamless and efficient charging environment.

The evolution of charging infrastructure has been fueled by an increasing awareness of the critical need to battle climate change and cut greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation industry. Governments and stakeholders have invested in research, technology development, and policy assistance to hasten the transition to sustainable transportation as electric vehicles appear as a possible answer to these concerns.

Models of charging infrastructure and deployment tactics are critical to the successful integration of electric vehicles into urban contexts. To meet the increasing EV adoption rates, charging stations must be strategically placed based on mobility patterns, power grid capacity, and future demand estimates. The review's studies emphasized the significance of adaptable and scalable infrastructure models.

Another critical factor that promotes the seamless deployment of electric vehicles is the standardization of charging stations and protocols. A universal charging standard fosters interoperability, improves user experience, and minimizes consumer confusion, all of which encourages more EV adoption. Furthermore, standardization streamlines the building of charging infrastructure, assuring interoperability across towns and regions.

The grid impact of charging infrastructure deployment is an important factor to consider for long-term implementation. The need for electricity grows in tandem with the number of electric vehicles on the road. Effective grid management, load balancing, and the incorporation of renewable energy sources are required to ensure grid stability and optimize energy consumption. Cities may reduce peak demand and strain on the power system by adopting smart charging solutions.

Furthermore, competent maintenance and support are critical to ensuring that EV users have uninterrupted service.

In the future, further research in charging infrastructure for electric vehicles should focus on many critical aspects to increase EV adoption. Battery technology and charging capability advancements will be critical in reducing charging times and improving driving ranges, effectively eliminating range anxiety and enhancing consumer trust in electric vehicles. Furthermore, investigating innovative charging technologies such as wireless charging and rapid charging will improve consumer convenience and drive EV adoption.

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Enhancing Mechanical Properties of Monel 400 Alloy and 316L Dissimilar Metal Butt Welded Joints through Optimized Friction Stir Welding and Post-Weld Heat Treatment

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ABSTRACT

This research investigates the mechanical properties of dissimilar metal butt welded joints between Monel 400 alloy and 316L, commonly utilized in re-heaters and heat exchangers within gas processing and oil refining industries. The study employs Friction Stir Welding (FSW) as the primary welding technique, exploring varied process parameters such as feed rates (25mm/min, 30mm/min, and 35mm/min) and rotational speeds (1400 and 1800 RPM). Subsequently, the most promising weld specimen undergoes a tailored post-weld heat treatment involving Precipitation Hardening and Sub-Zero Treatment.

Comprehensive characterization is achieved through Optical Microscope examinations, capturing the microstructure of the welded joints. Mechanical properties are assessed using Universal Testing Machine (UTM) tests. The investigation extends to the impact of post-weld heat treatment on homogenization, revealing notable enhancements. The Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) results demonstrate a remarkable 22% improvement in the specimen subjected to the prescribed post-weld treatment.

KEYWORDS: *Dissimilar metal welding, Monel alloy, Mechanical properties, Precipitation hardening, Heat treatment, Low temperature vacuum treatment, Friction stir welding.*

INTRODUCTION

The increasing demand for high-performance materials in critical applications within gas processing and oil refining industries has led to a surge in research aimed at optimizing dissimilar metal welded joints. Among these combinations, the juxtaposition of Monel 400 alloy and 316L stainless steel stands out for its promising attributes in re-heaters and heat exchangers. This research delves into the intricate domain of enhancing the mechanical properties of Monel 400 and 316L dissimilar metal butt welded joints through a strategic fusion of Friction Stir Welding (FSW) and subsequent post-weld heat treatment.

Background

The utilization of dissimilar metal joints is a prevalent practice in engineering applications where a combination of diverse material properties is required to meet the stringent demands of specific operating conditions. Monel 400, a nickel-copper alloy known for its excellent corrosion resistance, is frequently paired with 316L stainless steel, a low carbon, molybdenum-alloyed grade celebrated for its superior mechanical properties and weldability. The seamless integration of these materials becomes imperative in environments characterized by aggressive corrosive agents and elevated temperatures.

However, the inherent challenges associated with dissimilar metal welding, such as the formation of brittle inter metallic phases and residual stresses, necessitate innovative approaches to enhance the overall performance of the welded joints. Friction Stir Welding, a solid-state joining process, presents a viable solution by mitigating issues related to conventional fusion welding techniques, offering reduced thermal distortion and improved mechanical properties.

Significance of the Study

The significance of this study lies in its pursuit of advancing the current understanding of dissimilar metal welding, particularly focusing on the Monel 400 and 316L alloy combination. Achieving optimal mechanical properties in such joints is crucial for ensuring the integrity and longevity of critical components in gas processing and oil refining. The amalgamation of FSW and post-weld heat treatment offers a comprehensive strategy to address the challenges associated with dissimilar metal joints, presenting a pathway towards robust and reliable structures.

SUMMARY OF LITERATURE REVIEW

The literature review explores existing knowledge and studies related to the welding of dissimilar metals, focusing on the combination of Monel 400 alloy and 316L stainless steel. The review delves into the challenges associated with dissimilar metal welding and the potential solutions proposed by previous research.

2.1Challenges in Dissimilar Metal Welding: The literature highlights the inherent difficulties in welding materials with distinct compositions and metallurgical properties. Notably, when welding Monel 400 and 316L stainless steel, the formation of brittle inter metallic phases at the weld interface poses a significant challenge. These phases can compromise the structural integrity of the joint and negatively impact mechanical properties. Residual stresses and distortion during welding further complicate the process, making it crucial to explore alternative welding techniques.

Conventional Fusion Welding vs. Friction Stir Welding (FSW)

The literature draws a comparison between conventional fusion welding methods and the promising alternative, Friction Stir Welding (FSW). Conventional methods, involving high temperatures, often exacerbate the challenges of dissimilar metal welding by inducing unwanted microstructures and phases. In contrast, FSW, a solid-state welding process, offers advantages such as reduced thermal distortion and minimized intermetallic phase formation. Previous studies have indicated the potential of FSW in improving the quality of dissimilar metal joints.

Post-Weld Heat Treatment Strategies

The review explores the role of post-weld heat treatment in enhancing the mechanical properties of dissimilar metal joints. Precipitation hardening and sub-zero treatment emerge as viable strategies to refine the microstructure and alleviate the challenges associated with intermetallic phases. Studies suggest that a tailored heat treatment regimen can contribute to increased strength and improved performance of the welded joints.

Significance for Gas Processing and Oil Refining Industries

The literature emphasizes the importance of addressing these challenges in the context of gas processing and oil refining industries. Critical components like re-heaters and heat exchangers demand materials and welding techniques that can withstand corrosive environments and high temperatures. Failures in dissimilar metal joints can lead to operational disruptions, maintenance issues, and safety concerns, underscoring the need for optimized welding processes.

Research Gaps and Rationale for Current Study

Existing literature identifies gaps in understanding the optimal parameters for dissimilar metal welding, especially when employing FSW. The current research aims to bridge these gaps by systematically investigating FSW process parameters and implementing a targeted post-weld heat treatment. By doing so, the study seeks to contribute valuable insights into enhancing the mechanical properties of Monel 400 alloy and 316L stainless steel dissimilar metal butt welded joints, with implications for the advancement of welding technologies in demanding industrial applications.

PROBLEM STATEMENT

We're interested in joining Monel 400 alloy and 316L stainless steel in dissimilar metal butt welded joints, especially for devices like re-heaters and heat exchangers in gas processing and oil refining. However, combining these metals presents challenges that make it hard to get the best mechanical properties for such joints. Solving these challenges is vital to make sure important parts last a long time in tough conditions.

Challenges in Mixing Different Metals

Welding different metals means merging materials with different compositions and features. When it comes to alloys like Monel 400 and 316L stainless steel, a big issue is the creation of fragile inter metallic phases where the metals meet. These phases can weaken the structure and mechanical properties of the joint. Another problem is that dissimilar metal joints often end up with leftover stresses and changes in shape during welding. Regular welding methods, which use high temperatures, can make these issues worse by creating unwanted structures and phases.

Why It Matters for Gas and Oil Industries

Industries working with gas and oil need materials and welding methods that can handle tough conditions like corrosion, high heat, and repeated stress. If dissimilar metal joints fail in important parts like re-heaters and heat exchangers, it can lead to big problems—operations stop, maintenance becomes a challenge, and safety concerns arise.

So, not fully understanding how to make Monel 400 and 316L dissimilar metal butt welded joints strong is a big issue for the industries relying on these materials. Filling in this knowledge gap is crucial to making the most out of combining different metals, ensuring we create strong and dependable structures that can handle the harsh conditions in gas processing and oil refining.

Why This Research Matters

This study wants to solve the challenges we've talked about by looking into how Friction Stir Welding (FSW) and heat treatment after welding can work together to make dissimilar metal joints stronger. We chose FSW because it doesn't use melting, which helps avoid creating those fragile inter metallic phases and reduces how much the metal changes shape due to heat.

By carefully studying how FSW is done and adding a specific kind of heat treatment afterward, we hope to figure out how to overcome the challenges of welding different metals. If we succeed, it could make dissimilar metal joints, especially those used in gas processing and oil refining, much better, ensuring that crucial parts work well and last a long time in tough conditions.

Objectives of this research are as follows

1. To investigate the influence of FSW process parameters, specifically varying feed rates (25mm/min, 30mm/min, and 35mm/min) and rotational speeds (1400 and 1800 RPM), on the quality of Monel 400 and 316L dissimilar metal butt welded joints.
2. To identify the most promising weld specimen based on FSW parameters for further characterization and optimization.
3. To apply a tailored post-weld heat treatment strategy involving Precipitation Hardening and Sub-Zero Treatment to enhance the mechanical properties of the selected weld specimen.
4. To perform detailed micro structural analyses using Optical Microscopy and assess the mechanical properties through Universal Testing Machine (UTM) tests.

The successful accomplishment of these objectives will contribute valuable insights to the scientific community, fostering advancements in dissimilar metal welding technologies and expanding the application scope of Monel 400 and 316L alloy combinations in critical industrial settings

Material Selection

In this research, two distinct materials, Monel 400 and AISI 316L, have been strategically chosen for dissimilar metal butt welding. Each material possesses unique properties that make it well-suited for specific challenges encountered in gas processing and oil refining industries.

Monel 400: Monel 400, a nickel-copper alloy, emerges as a robust choice due to its exceptional resistance to corrosion, particularly in harsh environments like seawater and high-temperature conditions. This alloy maintains its structural strength even in challenging circumstances, making it indispensable in industries dealing with chemicals, oil, and marine applications. Notably, Monel 400 exhibits remarkable durability against strong acids and retains slight magnetism unless exposed to elevated temperatures. Its reliability in areas with flowing seawater or brackish water positions it as a material of choice for critical components.

AISI 316L: AISI 316L, a specialized stainless steel variant, has been selected for its superior resistance to rust and corrosion. An advancement from the 304/304L types, AISI 316L proves highly effective in environments where challenges such as air exposure, varied water compositions, and mild pollution are prevalent. This stainless steel variant is characterized by its strength and toughness, even in low-temperature conditions. While it exhibits some reluctance in warm chloride environments, it performs admirably in everyday conditions, such as handling drinking water without corrosion concerns.

Rationale for Material Selection in Research

The choice of Monel 400 and AISI 316L for dissimilar metal butt welding is underpinned by their complementary strengths. Monel 400's resilience against corrosion, especially in marine settings, aligns with the demands of gas processing and oil refining industries. On the other hand, AISI 316L's exceptional rust resistance and overall robustness make it well-suited for various environments, addressing challenges specific to air, water, and pollution.

The amalgamation of these materials aims to harness their individual strengths in a dissimilar metal joint, creating a composite structure that can withstand the complex conditions prevalent in gas processing and oil refining. The subsequent optimization through Friction Stir Welding (FSW) and post-weld heat treatment is expected to enhance the mechanical properties of the joints, providing a novel and reliable solution for critical components in industrial applications.

Table 1:Material specifications

Material	C	Cr	Fe	Mn	Ni	P	S	Si	Mo	Cu
Monel400	0.3	-	2.5	2	63	-	0.024	0.5	-	31.627
AISI316L	0.03	17	65.64	2	12	0.045	0.03	0.75	2.5	0

Table 2: Material properties

S.no:	Material properties	MONEL400	AISI 316L
1.	Tensile strength	512-620Mpa	580Mpa
2.	Yield strength	172-345Mpa	290Mpa
3.	Modulus of elasticity	179Gpa	193Gpa
4.	Poisson's ratio	0.32	0.25
5.	Thermal conductivity	21.8w/m-k	18.9w/m.k
6.	Melting point	1300-1350°C	1380-1400°C
7.	Solidus	1300 °C	1375 °C
8.	Liquidus	1350 °C	1400 °C
9.	Specific heat capacity	427j/kg.k	500J/kg.k
10.	Density	8.8gm/cm^3	8.00gm/cm^3

METHODOLOGY AND EXPERIMENTAL PROCEDURE

To commence the experimentation, plates of MONEL 400 and AISI 316L, each measuring 10cm in length, 5cm in width, and 3mm in thickness, were precision-machined. Following the machining process, the plate edges underwent meticulous finishing using both rough and smooth files. Subsequently, two plates were securely clamped onto the machine bed to ensure stability during the tool motion.

Initially, a tool with a profile suitable for both MONEL 400 and AISI 316L was employed, operating at a speed of 1400rpm with a feed rate of 30mm per minute. Unfortunately, the specimen broke at the weld during tool penetration due to the relatively low RPM. In response, the RPM was increased to 1800 for subsequent attempts.

For the 1800rpm setting, trials were conducted with different feed rates: 25mm per minute, 30mm per minute, and 35mm per minute. In each case, as the program initiated and the tool penetrated between the two plates, some chips were expelled. However, the shoulder of the tool effectively retained the material, facilitating the formation of a robust weld as the tool progressed through the area.

Therefore, adjustments in RPM from 1400 to 1800rpm, combined with varying feed rates, were implemented to optimize the welding process. These modified configurations demonstrated successful weld formation with effective material retention, marking a significant improvement over the initial attempt at the lower RPM.

Table 3: Design of Experiments and Selection of Process Parameters

S.no	Type of tool	Job	Speed Rpm	Feed mm/Min.
1	Tool taper 6 mm to 4 mm	1	1400	15
2		2		25
3		3		35
4		4		45
5	Tool taper 6 mm to 4 mm	5	1800	15
6		6		25
7		7		35
8		8		45

The specimen which has better UTS value is subjected to post-weld heat treatment and followed by Sub-Zero treatment

Heat Treatment Process: Comparative Analysis of Sub-Zero and Conventional Approaches

Material Loading: The experimental material is carefully placed within a hardening furnace, initiating a meticulous process involving distinct temperature profiles and soaking durations.

Initial Heating: For the sub-zero process, the material undergoes an initial heating phase up to 620˚C, maintained for 120 minutes. Conversely, the material without sub-zero treatment experiences an initial heating to 680˚C over the same duration.

Quenching: Following the initial heating, both sets of material are subjected to a quenching process lasting 60 minutes, facilitating the transformation of austenite into martensite.

First Tempering: Subsequently, the material is transferred to a tempering furnace set at 540˚C for 240 minutes. This step alleviates stress and catalyzes the conversion of retained austenite into martensite, denoted as the first tempering process.

Sub-Zero Treatment: The tempered material undergoes a sub-zero treatment within a specialized furnace maintained at -72˚C for 240 minutes. This particular step plays a pivotal role in converting the remaining retained austenite into martensite, resulting in a hardness increase of 2-3 HRC.

Second Tempering: Following the sub-zero treatment, a second tempering is administered, lasting 2 hours at 180˚C. This phase contributes to sustaining the material's enhanced hardness while providing stress relief.

The material undergoes a comprehensive sequence of heating, quenching, tempering, and sub-zero processes. This intricate treatment methodology aims to augment material hardness significantly, concurrently addressing stress factors and ensuring the attainment of optimal material properties in the research study.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

In the conducted experiments, four distinct samples, denoted as S1 to S4, were fabricated by welding Monel-400 and AISI 316L at varying feed rates and RPM values. Sample S1 was produced at 30mm/min feed rate and 1400 RPM, while S2, S3, and S4 were generated at 25mm/min, 30mm/min, and 35mm/min feed rates, respectively, all at 1800 RPM. These samples serve as crucial test cases for evaluating the impact of different welding parameters on the resulting welds' characteristics and mechanical properties.

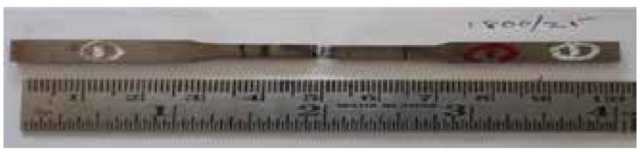
Table 4: Table of Experiments

S.No	Sample	Feed rate	RPM	Notation
1	Monal-400& AISI 316L	30mm/ min	1400	S1
2	Monal-400& AISI 316L	25mm/ min	1800	S2
3	Monal-400& AISI 316L	30mm/ min	1800	S3
4	Monal-400& AISI 316L	35mm/ min	1800	S4

Sample 1 at 400rpm &30mm/Min

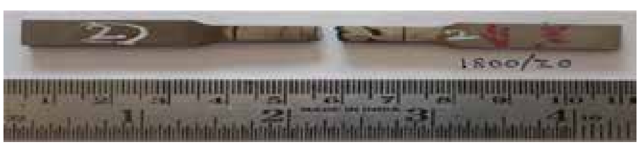
At a reduced feed rate of 1400rpm, a minor fracture was detected in the welded region of the specimen. Nevertheless, we proceeded with a UTM analysis for this specific sample. In subsequent samples, we chose to raise the RPM to 1800rpm. This decision was driven by the irregularities noticed in the FSW joint path at 1400rpm, with the goal of enhancing stability and ensuring uniformity in the welding process.

Sample 2 at1800rpm&25mm/Min



Friction stir welding, conducted at an RPM of 1800 and a feed rate of 25mm/min, demonstrated an enhanced Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) result of 323 MPa. This highlights the effectiveness of the welding process under the specified parameters, signifying superior outcomes when compared to alternative settings.

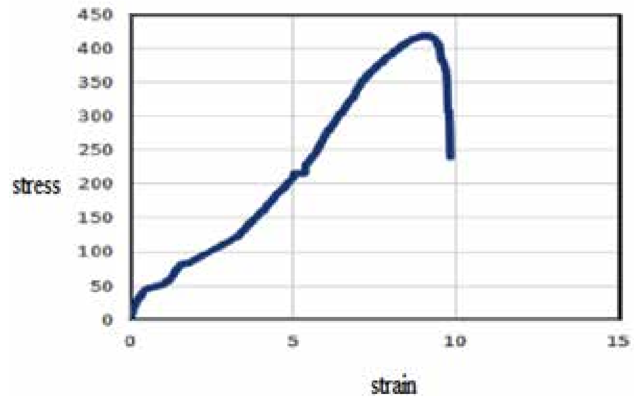
Sample 3 at1800rpm&30mm/Min



At an operational RPM of 1800 with a feed rate of 30mm/min, friction stir welding was executed, unveiling an Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) result of 314 MPa. Notably, the transition from a feed rate of 25mm/min to 30mm/min showed minimal impact on the UTS outcome, suggesting a stable performance within this parameter range.

Sample 4 at 1800 rpm & 35 mm/Min

S4 (1800/35): Friction stir welding was conducted at 1800 rpm with a feed rate of 35mm/min, revealing an Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) result of 416 MPa. This outcome signifies the efficacy of the welding process under these specific parameters, demonstrating a notable enhancement in UTS compared to other tested configurations.



Graph 1:Stress vs strain graph For S4

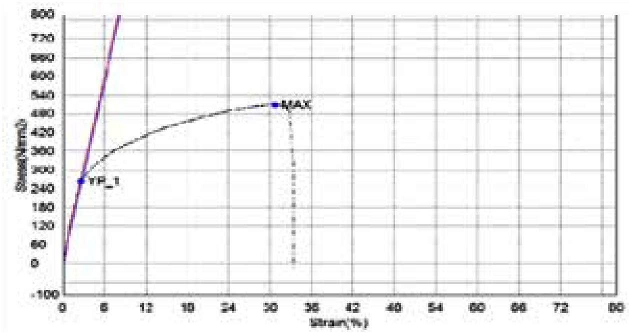
Table 5:Test result before subzero treatment

Sample	Tool rotating speed (RPM)	Tool Traverse Speed (mm/min)	Yield stren-gth Mpa	Ultim-ate Tensile Stren-gth MPa	% of Elong-ation
S1	1400	30	180	208	3.7
S2	1800	25	197	323	7.8
S3	1800	30	170	314	9.1
S4	1800	35	216	416	9.84

The presented data encompasses the mechanical properties of friction stir-welded joints for four distinct samples (S1 to S4), each characterized by specific tool rotating speed (RPM) and tool traverse speed (mm/min) parameters. S1, welded at 1400 RPM and 30 mm/min, exhibited a yield strength of 180 MPa, an ultimate tensile strength of 208 MPa, and a percentage of elongation of 3.7%. Moving to higher RPM (1800), S2 (25mm/min) demonstrated increased yield strength (197 MPa), ultimate tensile strength (323 MPa), and elongation percentage (7.8%). Similarly, S3 (1800 RPM, 30 mm/min) showed a yield strength of 170 MPa, an ultimate tensile strength of 314 MPa, and an elongation percentage of 9.1%. Remarkably, S4 (1800 RPM, 35 mm/min) exhibited superior mechanical properties with the highest ultimate tensile strength (416 MPa) and elongation percentage (9.84%), underscoring the impact of varied process parameters on the performance of friction stir-welded joints.

Table 6: Test result after subzero treatment

Sample	Tool rotating speed (RPM)	Tool Traverse Speed (mm/ min)	Yield strength Mpa	Ultimate Tensile Strength MPa	% of Elongation
S4	1800	35	262	509	19.3

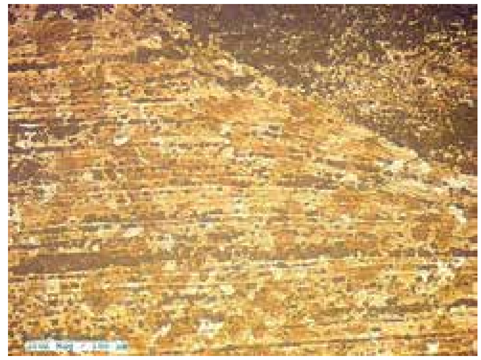


Graph 2:Stress Vs Strain for sample 4 after heat treatment

Post-weld treatment, specifically Sub-Zero treatment, on Sample 4 resulted in remarkable enhancements in mechanical properties. The Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) exhibited a substantial 22% increase, rising from 416 MPa to an impressive 508 MPa, highlighting the efficacy of Sub-Zero heat treatment in enhancing stress resistance. Improvements were also observed in Yield Strength (Y.S) and Percent Elongation (%E.L), indicating enhanced material resistance to deformation under stress and increased plastic elongation capacity. These findings underscore the pivotal role of Sub-Zero heat treatment in optimizing dissimilar metal joints, ensuring superior performance in demanding applications.

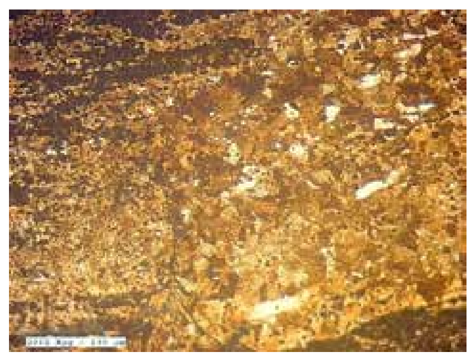
Micro-structure before sub zero treatment

Monel base metal



Monel Heat Affected Zone

316L BASE

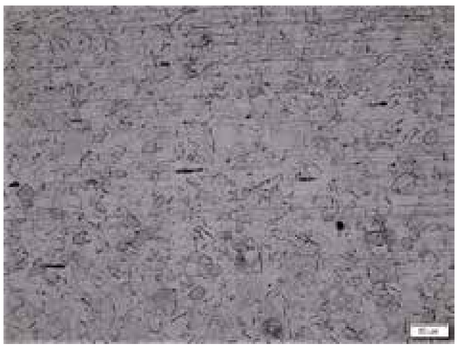


316LHeat Affected Zone

Weld zone

The microstructure examination of the dissimilar metal joint prior to sub-zero treatment reveals distinctive zones within the weldment. The Monel base metal, recognized for its corrosion resistance, retains its original structure. The Monel Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) undergoes thermal alterations due to welding but remains discernible. On the 316L stainless steel side, both the base metal and the Heat Affected Zone showcase their distinct microstructures. The weld zone, where Monel and 316L fuse, displays a unique structure formed during the welding process.

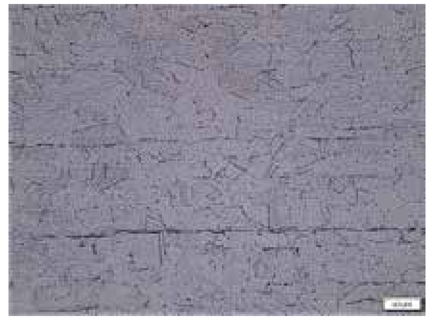
Micro-structure after sub zero treatment



Monel base metal

Monel HAZ

316L Base



316LHAZ

Weld zone

The microstructure after sub-zero treatment reveals crucial insights into the altered characteristics of the dissimilar metal joint, consisting of Monel as the base metal and 316L stainless steel. Following the sub-zero process, the Monel base metal displays structural changes indicative of enhanced hardness and transformed phases. The Monel Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) experiences modifications due to the sub-zero treatment, contributing to the overall improvement in material properties. On the 316L stainless steel side, both the base metal and Heat Affected Zone (HAZ) undergo transformations, demonstrating increased hardness and refined micro structural features. In the weld zone, where Monel and 316L are fused, the sub-zero treatment induces changes that further contribute to the joint's integrity and mechanical strength. Understanding the microstructure after sub-zero treatment is pivotal for evaluating the effectiveness of the applied heat treatment in enhancing the dissimilar metal joint's performance and durability.

CONCLUSION AND SCOPE FOR FUTURE WORK

Conclusion

1. The implementation of Friction Stir Welding (FSW) on Monel-400 and AISI-316L, exploring various feed rates and RPMs, led to notable improvements in the physical properties of the specimens.
2. The utilization of a double butt joint weld configuration demonstrated a positive impact on enhancing the overall properties of the welded joints.
3. Among the tested samples, Sample-4 emerged as the most promising, achieving an impressive Ultimate Tensile Strength (UTS) value of 416 MPa at a specific combination of 35mm/min feed rate and 1800rpm.
4. Further subjecting Sample-4 to Sub-Zero treatment resulted in a significant 22% increase in the UTS value, showcasing the effectiveness of post-weld heat treatment in optimizing mechanical properties.

Scope for future work

1. Modification of FSW process parameters presents a promising avenue for achieving enhanced properties in welds, emphasizing the need for strategic adjustments to optimize mechanical performance.
2. Variations in heat treatment cycles, specifically parameters related to temperature and time, offer a valuable opportunity for improving both properties and microstructure in dissimilar metal joints.
3. Strategic adjustments to the Sub-Zero or Cryogenic treatment, involving an increase in soaking time and a decrease in temperature below -75°C, demonstrate potential for significant improvements in results, pointing towards the importance of precise control over these parameters for optimal outcomes in post-weld heat treatments.

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Perception of Engineering Students About Learning Financial Management Course

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ABSTRACT

Financial literacy is a core life skill in modern society. In today's workplace, it is nearly impossible for an engineer to perform without considering the financial impact of every action on the organization's bottom line. Proper training in financial literacy would instill financial confidence among the students. Keeping in view the significance of managing finance in business organizations, Rajarambapu Institute of Technology (RIT), Rajaramnagar decided to introduce a Finance for Engineers course for final year engineering students. This course is designed with a view to inculcate one of the most important skills that will help them to manage important business resources successfully. The management decided to offer this course as MOOC offered through an online course platform by using Moodle LMS. The main aim of this paper is to know the perception of the students about learning Financial Management.

KEYWORDS: *Engineering, Financial management, Students, Knowledge, Course.*

INTRODUCTION

Financial literacy is a core life skill in modern society. Children are growing up in an increasingly complex world where they will eventually need to take charge of their own financial future [1]. In today's workplace, it is nearly impossible for an engineer to perform without considering the financial impact of every action on the organization's bottom line. They need to understand the basics of finance and accounting. Even though they may not be directly involved in day-to-day accounting and financial activities. There can be severe repercussions if students lack financial literacy. In addition to poor financial budget management, this deficit could have long-term consequences [2]. Today Financial literacy is of vital importance among engineering students. Proper training in financial literacy would instill financial confidence among the students and subsequently empower them to explore the unlimited prospectus in entrepreneurship endeavors [3]. Good businesses and business models can fail if consideration isn't given to financial aspects; and any inefficiency can be amplified over time, if not addressed at the outset. Irrespective of differences in structure, ownership & and size, proper financial management is a must which will ensure that the various finance functions are carried out with the highest degree of efficiency. Graduate students and Professionals need to enroll themselves in financial literacy courses to improve their knowledge of personal financial management [4]. Now a small but growing number of senior managers have found that practitioners of a new technical specialty—financial engineering—can help them achieve their companies' strategic objectives. They have found that, like other technological breakthroughs such as cheap computing power, financial engineering has the potential not only to reduce the cost of existing activities but also to make possible the development of new products, services, and markets [5].

Keeping in view the significance of managing finance in business organizations, there is a need to make engineering students aware of issues such as cost reduction, capital investment, and how their decisions can affect the financial statements, etc. At RIT, final-year students in the eighth semester have to choose one option from three tracks i.e. Industry Internship Project (IIP), Undergraduate Research Experience (URE), and Entrepreneurship Development (ED) where they are working on the field or in industry and no physical presence in the institute is expected. The students learnt the finance course online using Moodle platform. The main aim of this paper is to know the perception of the students about learning Financial Management.

About the Course

Final year B.Tech. students of RIT from all the departments are expected to complete the Finance for Engineers course while they are undergoing their Industry Internship or Undergraduate Research. This course is designed with a view to inculcate one of the most important skills that will help them to manage important business resources successfully i.e. money, and funds. It will help them to understand where the money is coming from, and where it is going, it will also reduce their dependence on others to make financial decisions. Finally, they will become more confident while dealing with finance personnel and reduce the chances of any wastage of money, lacunae in processes, etc.

1) Course Description: This course introduces basic financial management to engineers and technical personnel who need this knowledge to manage a profit center effectively. It covers assessing the financial health of the organization through ratio and cash flow analysis, and sources of long-term as well as short-term finance. Decisions concerning financing, working capital, and long-term investment. The class will focus on both the academic theories underlying the management of funds and the practical aspects of financial management.

2) Course delivery and its assessment: After having a discussion with the faculty in charge, certain steps were identified for solving the problem of course delivery and its assessment. The management decided to offer this course as MOOC offered through an online course platform by using Moodle learning management system (LMS). For Course delivery it was decided to record the lectures unit-wise and upload them on Moodle one by one i.e. the timeline was decided for uploading lectures. In order to evaluate students' understanding of the course contents and make them learn, it was decided to launch weekly assignments on every unit at the beginning of the week. And final assessment i.e. End semester examination (ESE) will be in the form of multiple choice questions (MCQ).

METHODOLOGY

In the academic year 2022-23, from various branches total of 680 final-year B.Tech. students completed this course. After the successful completion of this new pattern of course delivery and assessment of these students, to know their perception of the course content, the importance of the course, and learnings from the course feedback in the form of a questionnaire was prepared and circulated among them. A total of 240 students responded to the questionnaire.

Table 1: Demographic information of Student participants

Demographic information		Number of Students (Out of 240)	Percentage
Students Age	21	57	23.8
	22	107	44.5
	23	67	27.9
	24	9	3.8
Gender	Male	167	69.6
	Female	73	30.4

Table 1 shows the demographic information of students wherein the student's age and gender was taken into consideration. around 23.8% of students fall under the age group of 21 years, 44.5% of students were under the age group of 22 and 27.9% of the students were under the age group of 23, and 3.8% of students were of 24 years. 69.6% of students were male and 30.4% were female.

Table 2: Student's perception of the Financial Management course

Student's perception		Number of Students (out of 240)	Percentage
Awareness about financial Management	Very unaware	5	2.1
	Unaware	49	20.4
	Neither aware or unaware	27	11.3
	Aware	144	60
	Very aware	15	6.3
Knowledge of Financial management is important	Very Unimportant	22	9.2
	Unimportant	0	0.0
	Neutral	9	3.7
	Important	80	33.3
	Very Important	129	53.8
Year of engineering the financial management course should be taught	First Year	25	10.4
	Second Year	33	13.8
	Third Year	44	18.3
	Fourth Year	138	57.5

The above table exhibits the perception of students about the Financial Management course. When asked regarding their awareness of finance or financial management, the majority of students i.e. 60% said they were aware about the same.11.3% of respondents were neutral in giving the response and 20.4% of the respondents were unaware, rest fall under the category of very aware and very unaware.

In order to know the opinion of students, the question was asked that whether having knowledge of financial management is important? 53.8% of the respondents said it is very important, 33.3% of the respondents said it is important and 9.2% said it is very unimportant rest respondents were neutral.

Response for the question in which year this subject is to be taught shows, 57.5% responded in fourth year, 18.3% said in third year 13.8% responded in second year and 10.4% said it should be taught in first year itself.

Table 3: Student's perception about importance of the units and its ranking

Units covered in Financial Management course		Student's perception			
		Important		Least important	
Sr. no.	Units	Percentage	Rank	Percentage	Rank
1	Finance terminologies and financial statement	10.4	V	21.7	II
2	Analyzing the health of a firm	3.3	VI	34.2	I
3	The management of working capital	13.8	IV	14.2	IV
4	Investment decisions rules	25.8	I	7	V
5	Long term financing	21.7	III	17.1	III
6	Financing decisions and cost of capital	25	II	5.8	VI

Table 3 shows the importance of the chapter/unit, Students responded according to their need to know finance and financial management as there were 6 units 10.4% of students replied with finance terminologies and financial statements and ranked it V, 3.3% of students gave importance to analyzing the health of a firm and ranked it VI, 13.8% favoured the management of working capital and ranked IV, 25.8% respondents said Investment decisions rules and ranked I, Whereas 21.7% students replied with long term financing and ranked it III, 25% students said they feel financing decisions and cost of capital is important and ranked it II.

When asked about the least important unit/chapter 21.7% responded to finance terminologies and financial statements and ranked it II, 34.2% were for analyzing the health of a firm and ranked it I, 14.2% opted for the management of working capital, and ranked it IV, 7% opted for Investment decisions rules and ranked it V, 17.1% long term financing and ranked it III, 5.8% opted for financing decisions and cost of capital and ranked it VI.

Table 4: Student's perception of Teaching and evaluation of the Financial Management course

Student's perception		Number of Students (Out of 240)	Percentage
Mode of teaching	Online	110	45.8
	Offline	77	32.1
	Blended	53	22.1
Method of assessment	2 unit test & ESE	33	13.8
	Only ESE	32	13.3
	Assignments & ESE	154	64.2
	1 Mid test & ESE	21	8.8
Pattern of End Semester Exam	MCQ	206	85.8
	Theory	34	14.2

Table 4 shows the Student's perception of Teaching and evaluation of the Financial Management course. Here 45.8% of students replied to online teaching, 32.1% responded to offline and 22.1% said blended mode of teaching. When asked about the method of assessment 13.8% of students opted for 2-unit test & ESE, 13.3% said only ESE, 64.2% said they feel Assignments & ESE should be the method of assessment, 8.8% said Mid test & ESE. Also the table shows 85.8% students are in favour of MCQ exam, whereas 14.2% students are with Theory pattern of End Semester Exam.

In order to know the perception of the students regarding their understanding of the course content and its application, the following questions were posed:

Do you feel that you have understood the basic concepts concerning accounting and financial management?

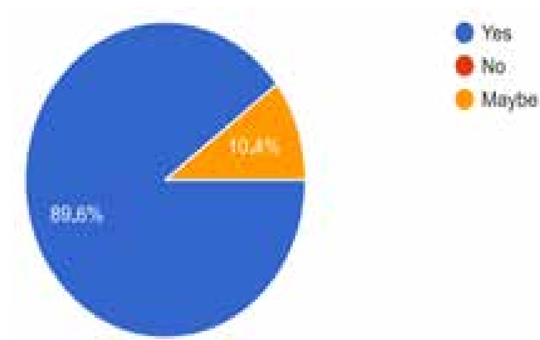

Fig. 1: Feedback on understanding of the basic concepts

The figure 1 shows 89.6% of students understood the basic concept of accounting and Financial Management, whereas very few, i.e. 10.4% of students said may be they understood the basic concept of accounting and financial management.

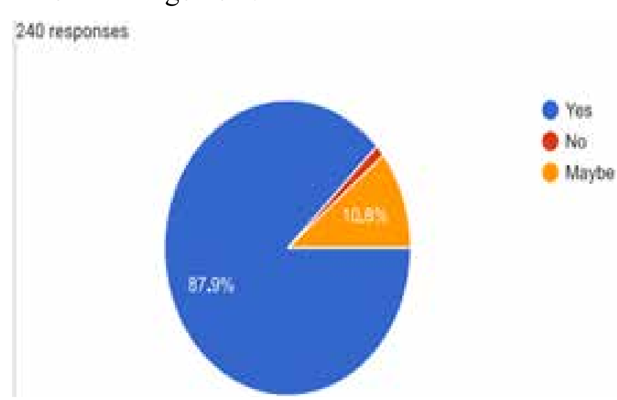

Fig. 2: Feedback on understanding of the financial statements

The above figure shows around 87.9% of the students understood different types of statements prepared by the firms. 10.8% of the students opted may be, and only 1.3% of students replied no.

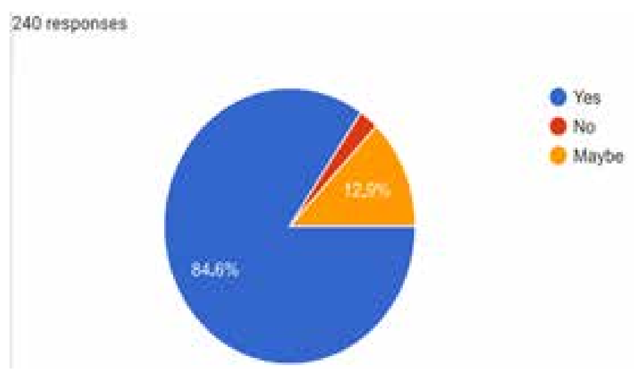

Fig. 3: Feedback on application of financial management

When asked do they feel that they can apply the knowledge of financial management while making financial decisions like spending money/investing money/developing any product/ doing a job etc., 84.6% responded yes, 2.5% said no and 12.9% said maybe.

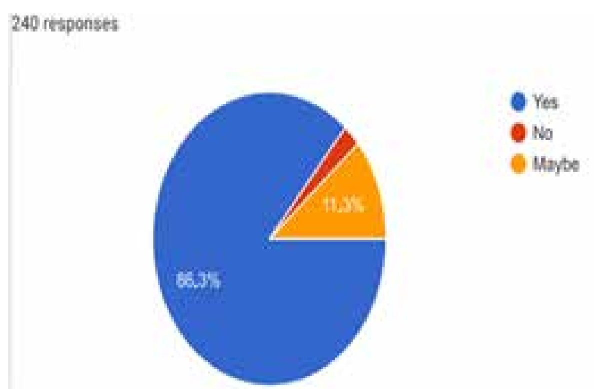

Fig. 4: Feedback on continuation of the course

Figure 4 shows that 86.3% of students said that the course should be continued to the next batch, whereas 2.4% said no and 11.3% said maybe.

CONCLUSION

As the need of the hour, Rajarambapu Institute of Technology introduced a course on financial literacy entitled Finance for Engineers for Final-year engineering students. In spite of various technical difficulties, successfully implemented and made students aware about various important aspects of the financial management. The course was conducted online using Moodle platform where the recorded lectures made available to the students. Through weekly assignments, it was ensured that students are learning the course and referring the study material. A final assessment was also done to know the student's understanding about the financial technicalities. Following are the concluding remarks of the study conducted to know the perception of the students about learning Financial Management.

1. Many students were happy with the content, the syllabus and concepts of the course.
2. Engineering students felt the warmth of financial literacy and said it is very important to be aware of the financial aspects.
3. Online mode is best as it can give scope to study at students' comfort.
4. Assignment and ESE-based evaluation is best were the words of students
5. More than 85% students responded that they understood the basic concepts of the accounting and finance also the different types of financial statements.
6. More than 80% students confidently responded that now they can apply the knowledge of financial management while making financial decisions.
7. Finally more than 85% students responded that this course should be continued to the next batch.

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Analyzing the Impact of Performance Management Process on Employee Satisfaction: A Case Study of A Growing IT Organization in Hyderabad

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ABSTRACT

In today's fast changing IT industry, ensuring employee satisfaction is vital for organisational success. This study examines the influence of performance management process on employee satisfaction in a growing IT organisation located in Hyderabad. The research study utilises a quantitative methodology, specifically employing Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) Regression Analysis and Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) tests. The findings indicate a significant impact of performance management process on overall employee satisfaction. Factors such as clarity of performance expectations, understanding career development goals, quality and frequency of feedback, and recognition and rewards for achievements all exhibit positive and statistically significant correlations with employee satisfaction. Also, there are no notable variations in satisfaction levels throughout departments, indicating that the organisation has successfully and consistently implemented the process. The study suggests specific recommendations to improve the performance management process, such as conducting strategic performance workshops, creating customised career development plans, establishing open and ongoing feedback forums, promoting cross-departmental collaboration, implementing peer-driven recognition programs, and developing recognition dashboards in HRMS portals.

KEYWORDS: *Performance management, Employee satisfaction, IT organization, OLS regression analysis, ANOVA.*

INTRODUCTION

Performance management is an essential tool for organisations to accomplish their goals, enhance employee development, and sustain a competitive edge. The significance of it arises from its many advantages for both the organisation and its employees. "Performance management refers to the systematic approach of establishing performance expectations, closely monitoring progress, and delivering constructive feedback with the aim of enhancing both individual and organisational effectiveness" (Lorsch, 2004).

Performance management is vital for the employees in an organization. The act of setting objectives and getting feedback through performance management enables employees to have a comprehensive awareness of expectations and how their work contributes to the organisation (Kuvacic et al., 2018). The provision of regular feedback and chances for improvement within a performance management process enables employees to discern their strengths and limitations, so fostering a state of perpetual learning and advancement (Noe et al., 2014). The implementation of a performance management process that acknowledges and compensates exceptional performance cultivates a feeling of achievement and inspires people to strive for excellence (Kuvacic et al., 2018). The regular exchange of feedback and open communication between employees and supervisors, mediated by performance management process enhances communication and fosters trust (Armstrong & Baron, 2007). The performance management process is capable of identifying individuals who excel in their work and have the potential to become leaders, hence creating possibilities for career growth (Aguinis, 2017).

Furthermore, performance management enhances organisational efficiency and productivity. Well-defined objectives and frequent evaluation within a performance management process motivate employees towards outstanding performance, resulting in improved individual and team productivity (Noe et al., 2014). The performance management process aims to synchronise individual ambitions with organisational goals, so guaranteeing that all employees contribute towards the overarching objectives and fostering a harmonious workforce (Armstrong & Baron, 2007). The implementation of an efficient performance management approach enables organisations to identify individuals who demonstrate exceptional performance, so enabling the organisation to allocate resources towards their growth and succession planning (Aguinis, 2017). The performance management process utilises data-driven insights to make informed choices on staffing, training, and resource allocation (Becker & Huselid, 2006). Enhanced performance and employee engagement, facilitated by an effective performance management process, immediately result in improved productivity and profitability (Kuvacic et al., 2018).

The importance of performance management is especially evident in knowledge-intensive industries, such as the Information Technology (IT) industry. In a time characterised by rapid technical progress, the effectiveness of IT organisations is closely linked to the skill and dedication of their employees. Employee satisfaction, an essential result of efficient performance management, has been shown to impact productivity, employee retention, and the overall success of the organisation.

As organisations aim to maximise the effectiveness of their workforce, the influence of performance management on employee satisfaction becomes a critical subject of study. Comprehending the impact of performance management practices on employee satisfaction is both intellectually interesting and has practical consequences for managers aiming to improve workplace dynamics and efficiency.

The study aims to examine the impact of performance management process on employee satisfaction within an growing IT organisation located in Hyderabad and aims to provide actionable recommendations for enhancing the performance management process in the organization.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

The objectives of the study are as follows:

- To examine the impact of the performance management process on employee statisfaction with reference to one of the growing IT organization in Hyderabad.
- To provide actionable recommendations for enhancing the performance management process in the organization.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Hamidi (2023) examined the influence of performance evaluations on employee job satisfaction and organisational behaviour. The findings demonstrated that favourable performance evaluations enhance employees' feelings of achievement, self-esteem, and confidence in the fairness of the evaluation process. Performance evaluations can contribute to employee retention by emphasising the company's dedication to resolving employee requirements and fostering growth. The research underscores the need of providing feedback, setting clear objectives, promoting employee engagement, and carrying out effective performance evaluations to enhance work satisfaction and organisational behaviour.

Mphahlele and Dachapalli (2022) examined the influence of employee views of performance management on work satisfaction in telecommunications enterprises in South Africa. The findings indicated that the perception of policy execution and fairness positively and significantly influenced work satisfaction, with fairness having a bigger overall impact. The research proposes that the introduction of a performance management system should be based on the principle of fairness. By emphasising and effectively communicating the fairness of the system, together with consistent policy execution, employee job satisfaction may be enhanced. The research revealed that both the execution of policies and the perception of fairness influence work satisfaction, with fairness exerting a more substantial overall influence.

Khanna (2016) aimed to examine the elements that influence employee satisfaction throughout the performance evaluation procedures inside organisations. The results revealed a robust correlation between team-related variables and employee satisfaction in performance evaluations. Additionally, the research revealed that elements related to teamwork had a more significant influence on satisfaction compared to those that were independent. The survey revealed that all evaluation techniques yielded identical satisfaction scores, with prominent IT companies such as IBM, TCS, and Accenture adopting the 360-degree feedback approach. The satisfaction score was shown to be independent of income levels, indicating that HR managers should prioritise aligning teams with organisational goals to optimise performance.

Kampkotter (2016) investigated the influence of formal performance evaluations on workers' job satisfaction using longitudinal data from the German Socio-Economic Panel research. The findings indicate that performance evaluations have a favourable and very substantial impact on job satisfaction, especially in relation to financial consequences. The research also examined how personality factors (Big Five, locus of control) influence the connection between performance appraisal and work satisfaction. The findings indicated that assessments without monetary implications do not have a substantial impact on job satisfaction, both in terms of economic and statistical significance. The research indicated that performance evaluations without financial implications may be seen as futile or expendable, since it fails to establish a connection between performance evaluation and subsequent measures, perhaps leading to a substantial decline in job satisfaction.

Paposa and Kumar (2015) investigated the influence of performance management systems on the level of work satisfaction among faculty members at technical education colleges in Nagpur. The study used a research instrument with 30 items and questionnaire to determine that performance management systems has a favourable and substantial effect on work satisfaction. The study resulted in superior quality of performance appraisals and increased levels of work satisfaction. Performance planning, feedback, counselling, and procedural fairness are recognised as key components in performance management systems that have a positive and substantial influence on faculty members' work satisfaction.

Jaksic and Jaksic (2013) conducted a research at a prominent Serbian firm revealed that 45% of workers recognised the presence of performance criteria, while 33% were not aware, suggesting the presence of possible communication gaps. The primary driver of motivation, namely merit-based remuneration, indicated a need to go beyond only financial rewards in order to cultivate more profound involvement. The research further highlighted areas for improvement in skill development, emphasising the need of connecting performance management with employee requirements to foster a satisfied and efficient workforce.

Mishra and Farooqi (2013) studied the level of employee contentment with performance management systems (PMS) in five IT organisations located in Delhi and the National Capital Region. The findings indicated that workers had a moderate level of satisfaction with performance planning, feedback and coaching, and performance evaluations. The average scores varied between 3.47 and 3.60, indicating that workers have a distinct understanding of their responsibilities and a strong sense of accountability towards their objectives. The level of satisfaction with feedback and coaching was determined to be moderate, as workers expressed a need for continuous input and acknowledged their own abilities. The research emphasised the significance of conducting joint performance evaluations and the need for organisations to recognise and validate workers' abilities.

METHODOLOGY

Research design: The study employs a quantitative research design to investigate the impact of the performance management process on employee satisfaction.

Sample selection and size: The population of the organization comprises 512 employees across 12 departments. A stratified random sampling method is employed, with each department considered as a stratum. The sample size of 255 participants was determined based on a 95% confidence level, a 5% margin of error, and an estimated population proportion of 79%, derived from a pilot study involving 45 employees from various departments.

Sampling method: Stratified random sampling was utilized, with sample sizes determined for each department proportionate to its population. This is appropriate for ensuring representation from each department, acknowledging the potential heterogeneity in satisfaction levels across different functional areas.

Data Collection: The structured questionnaires were utilized as the primary data collection instrument. The questionnaires encompassed variables such as Clarity of Performance Expectations, Understanding Career Development Goals, Feedback Quality and Frequency, Recognition and Rewards for Achievements, and Overall Satisfaction. Data collection took place within time frame of April 2023 to August 2023 within the organizational premises.

Variables and Measures: The 'Overall Satisfaction' was considered as dependent variable. The 'Clarity of Performance Expectations', 'Understanding Career Development Goals', 'Feedback Quality and Frequency', 'Recognition and Rewards for Achievements' were considered as independent variables.

Reliability Assessment: Cronbach's Alpha is employed to assess the reliability of the questionnaire, resulting in the value $\alpha = 0.8464$, indicating good internal consistency.

Hypothesis for the Study: The hypothesis of the study is as follows:

Null Hypothesis (H0): There is no significant impact of the performance management process on employee satisfaction.

Alternative Hypothesis (H1): The performance management process significantly impacts employee satisfaction.

Data Analysis: Data analysis is performed using Python programming language within the Google Colab environment. Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression analysis is conducted to test hypothesis. The model includes independent variables (Clarity of Performance Expectations, Understanding Career Development Goals, Feedback Quality and Frequency, Recognition and Rewards for Achievements) predicting the dependent variable (Overall Satisfaction). The choice of OLS regression allowed identifying which specific aspects of the performance management process significantly impacted overall employee satisfaction. The coefficients obtained from the regression analysis provided insights into the magnitude and direction of these impacts. An analysis of variance (ANOVA) is performed to assess potential departmental differences in overall satisfaction. The use of ANOVA complemented the regression analysis by helping to understand if there are variations in satisfaction levels across departments.

Ethical Considerations: Informed consent was obtained from participants, and ethical considerations were maintained throughout the research process.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

OLS Regression Analysis

The Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression analysis was employed to examine the relationship between Overall Satisfaction and key independent variables: Clarity of Performance Expectations, Understanding Career Development Goals, Feedback Quality and Frequency, and Recognition and Rewards for Achievements.

Model Fit: The model demonstrates a substantial explanatory power as indicated by the R-squared value 0.665, which means that 66.5% of the variance in overall satisfaction can be explained by the independent variables in the model. This is a relatively high R-squared value, indicating that the model fits the data well.

Model Significance: The F-statistic is 124.3, and the p-value is 3.00e-58. This means that the model is statistically significant at the 1% level. In other words, there is a very low probability that the observed relationship between the independent and dependent variables is due to chance affirming the overall significance of the model.

Coefficients: The model includes four independent variables: Clarity of Performance Expectations, Understanding Career Development Goals, Feedback Quality and Frequency, Recognition and Rewards for Achievements.

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                          OLS Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:     Overall Satisfaction   R-squared:                       0.665
Model:                              OLS   Adj. R-squared:                  0.660
Method:                   Least Squares   F-statistic:                     124.3
Date:                  Fri, 15 Dec 2023   Prob (F-statistic):           3.00e-58
Time:                          03:17:37   Log-Likelihood:                -151.70
No. Observations:                   255   AIC:                             313.4
Df Residuals:                       250   BIC:                             331.1
Df Model:                             4
Covariance Type:              nonrobust
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                                             coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
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const                                      0.7512      0.137      5.466      0.000       0.481       1.022
Clarity of Performance Expectations        0.0784      0.039      1.996      0.047       0.001       0.156
Understanding Career Development Goals     0.1493      0.036      4.173      0.000       0.079       0.220
Feedback Quality and Frequency             0.3425      0.035      9.893      0.000       0.274       0.411
Recognition and Rewards for Achievements   0.2044      0.038      5.366      0.000       0.129       0.279
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Figure 1: OLS Regression Analysis Output

Clarity of Performance Expectations: The positive coefficient of 0.0784 ($p = 0.047$) suggests a significant positive relationship between clarity in performance expectations and Overall Satisfaction. Employees who have a clear understanding of their performance goals exhibit higher satisfaction levels, potentially due to increased motivation and confidence.

Understanding Career Development Goals: This variable has a coefficient of 0.1493 ($p < 0.001$) which shows a robust positive relationship with overall satisfaction. Clear career development goals play a pivotal role in fostering employee satisfaction.

Feedback Quality and Frequency: This variable has a notable coefficient of 0.3425 ($p < 0.001$) emphasizing its substantial positive effect on overall satisfaction. Frequent and high-quality feedback positively influences employee satisfaction.

Recognition and Rewards for Achievements: The substantial coefficient of 0.2044 ($p < 0.001$) indicates a potential positive influence on satisfaction. Recognizing and rewarding achievements are integral components influencing overall satisfaction, as supported by the model.

Interpretation: All coefficients are positive and statistically significant. Positive coefficients for all variables suggest that an increase in each performance management factor is associated with an increase in overall satisfaction. This strengthens the evidence for the observed relationships between the independent and dependent variables. Thus, the null hypothesis (H0) is rejected and alternative hypothesis (H1) is accepted.

Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) Test

The Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) was conducted to assess whether there is a significant difference in Overall Satisfaction among different departments within the organization. This analysis was prompted by the positive relationships observed in the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression, which indicated significant associations between Overall Satisfaction and key independent variables.

The python programming was used to calculate and obtained results of ANOVA test. They are F-statistic: 1.0661 and P-value: 0.4074. The F-statistic of 1.0661 with a corresponding p-value of 0.4074 indicates that there is no statistically significant difference in Overall Satisfaction among the various departments at the conventional significance level of 0.05.

These findings imply that, based on the positive relationships identified in the OLS regression, Overall Satisfaction levels are relatively consistent across different departments within the organization. The lack of statistical significance in the ANOVA suggests that the factors influencing satisfaction, as identified in the regression analysis, are likely uniform across departments.

Implications: The uniformity in Overall Satisfaction across departments may indicate that the organization has implemented consistent performance management practices or has successfully addressed department-specific challenges. This can be seen as a positive outcome, suggesting a cohesive organizational culture where employee satisfaction is prioritized irrespective of departmental differences.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Strategic Performance Workshops: It is recommended to schedule periodic workshops with an emphasis on expectations for strategic performance. Incorporating a combination of traditional presentations and cutting-edge techniques, such as virtual reality sessions, is beneficial to make sure that employees not only understand their responsibilities but also experience a sense of involvement and motivation.

Customised Career Development Plans: The integration of individualised career development pathways is a recommended approach to augment career development programs. Since the organization belongs to IT industry, it can incorporate AI-powered advisors into conventional development plans to provide employees with individualised growth strategies that are customised to their specific strengths and aspirations.

Open and Continuous Feedback: It is advisable to establish forums for continuous and open feedback. Fostering a culture of transparent communication and transforming feedback into a reciprocal process, wherein employees can contribute their perspectives and propose enhancements is fetching.

Cross-departmental Collaboration: The implementation of innovation challenges is recommended as a means to foster collaboration between departments. Periodically assigning cross-departmental teams to collaborate on innovative initiatives fosters team work and infuses problem-solving approach with new perspectives.

Peer-Driven Recognition Program: It is recommended to introduce peer-driven recognition program where employees can nominate each other for noteworthy accomplishments. This combines the traditional top-down recognition approach with a more democratic and inclusive process, fostering a positive and supportive culture.

Recognition Dashboards on HRMS Portal: The organization can consider displaying the recognition dashboards on their HRMS portals, where the employees' achievements and rewards are showcased. This would create a culture of transparency, healthy competition, and acknowledgment by management.

CONCLUSION

The study has shown the complex relationship between the performance management process and employee satisfaction in a growing IT organisation in Hyderabad. The empirical evidence obtained through thorough study, highlights the crucial importance of clarity in performance objectives, clearly stated career development goals, high-quality feedback, and recognition and rewards in influencing overall employee satisfaction. The strong model, supported by a good R-squared value and the overall significance of the model, rejects the null hypothesis and confirms the significant impact of performance management on employee satisfaction. Furthermore, the ANOVA test reveals that there is a uniform degree of satisfaction throughout all departments, which suggests a strong and unified organisational culture. The strategic recommendations were aimed to strengthen the performance management process, ensuring it is in line with the changing requirements of the IT sector and promoting a culture of ongoing improvement and employee satisfaction.

LIMITATIONS

- The study only examined one growing IT organisation in Hyderabad, limiting its applicability to other industries or organisations.
- The study specifically examines a defined set of characteristics that are associated with performance management and satisfaction. Although these variables are important, the analysis does not explore other influential elements that affect satisfaction, such as leadership styles, organisational culture, and external market conditions. This can be included in further studies.
- The cross-sectional nature of the study, capturing data at a specific point in time. Longitudinal studies would provide a more dynamic understanding of these data over time.

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The Impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on HRM Practices: A Transformative Force in Human Capital Management

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ABSTRACT

The advent of artificial intelligence (AI) has revolutionized various industries, and the field of human resource management (HRM) is no exception. AI is rapidly transforming the way HR professionals work, from sourcing and recruiting talent to managing performance and employee engagement. This paper explores the multifaceted impact of AI on HRM practices, highlighting its potential to enhance efficiency, improve decision-making, and elevate the overall employee experience.

INTRODUCTION

The role of human resource management (HRM) has evolved significantly in recent years, driven by the increasing complexity of the business environment and the growing demand for a skilled and engaged workforce. In this dynamic landscape, artificial intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative force, offering innovative solutions to address HR challenges and drive organizational success.

The world of work is undergoing a profound transformation as artificial intelligence (AI) continues to evolve and permeate various industries. AI is revolutionizing the way we work, communicate, and interact with each other, and its impact on human resource management (HRM) is becoming increasingly evident. This paper aims to explore the multifaceted impact of AI on HRM practices, examining its potential to enhance efficiency, improve decision-making, and transform the overall employee experience.

In recent years, AI has emerged as a powerful tool with the potential to automate many repetitive and time-consuming tasks within HRM, such as screening resumes, scheduling interviews, and managing payroll. By freeing up HR professionals from these administrative burdens, AI can enable them to focus on more strategic and value-added activities, such as talent acquisition, employee engagement, and leadership development.

This paper delves into the specific ways in which AI is impacting various aspects of HRM, including:

Performance management and evaluation: AI can analyze employee data, such as performance metrics, feedback from colleagues and managers, and customer satisfaction ratings, to provide comprehensive performance evaluations and identify areas for improvement.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way organizations manage employee performance, providing HR professionals with valuable insights to improve employee engagement, productivity, and retention (Aguirre et al., 2020). AI-powered performance management systems can analyze employee data, including performance metrics, feedback, attendance records, and external job market trends, to identify patterns and trends (Boudreau & Jones, 2020). This data-driven approach allows HR professionals to provide tailored coaching and development opportunities, helping employees reach their full potential (DeBoer, 2022).

AI can also be used to predict employee flight risk, enabling HR professionals to take proactive measures to address potential turnover issues (Kim et al., 2021). By analyzing factors such as job satisfaction, engagement levels, external job market trends, and internal mobility patterns, AI algorithms can identify employees who may be at risk of leaving the organization (Wubbels & Deursen, 2020). This early warning system allows HR professionals to intervene, address concerns, and implement retention strategies to reduce turnover and its associated costs.

- Data-Driven Performance Insights: AI can analyze vast amounts of data, including performance metrics, feedback, attendance records, and external job market trends, to identify patterns and trends that would be difficult to detect manually. This data-driven approach can help HR professionals gain a deeper understanding of employee performance and identify areas for improvement.
- Personalized Coaching and Development: AI can analyze individual employee data to provide personalized coaching and development recommendations. This personalized approach can help employees focus on areas where they need the most improvement and achieve their full potential.
- Predictive Analytics for Retention: AI can analyze employee data to predict employee flight risk. This early warning system can help HR professionals intervene and take proactive measures to address potential turnover issues.
- Real-time Performance Feedback:AI-powered performance management systems can provide employees with real-time feedback on their performance. This real-time feedback can help employees identify areas for improvement and adjust as needed.

Challenges of AI in Performance Management and Evaluation

- Ethical considerations related to data privacy and algorithmic bias
- Ensuring the quality and accuracy of AI-powered data and algorithms
- Adapting to the changing landscape of AI technologies
- Integrating AI into existing performance management processes and infrastructure
- Addressing potential resistance to change from employees and managers

AI is revolutionizing the field of performance management and evaluation, offering innovative solutions to streamline processes, improve data-driven decision-making, and enhance employee engagement and productivity. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on performance management is expected to grow, providing organizations with powerful tools to develop and retain a high-performing workforce.

Employee engagement and well-being: AI can personalize employee communication, provide tailored training recommendations, and offer real-time feedback and support, contributing to a more engaged and well-supported workforce.

AI is playing an increasingly significant role in promoting employee engagement and well-being, creating a more positive and supportive work environment. AI-powered chatbots and virtual assistants can provide personalized support to employees, answering questions, addressing concerns, and resolving issues promptly (De Cremer et al., 2022). This can significantly improve the employee experience, fostering a sense of connection, enhancing overall satisfaction, and reducing stress levels (Hanson & Roth, 2022). Additionally, AI can also be used to provide personalized recommendations for training and development opportunities, helping employees feel valued and supported in their career growth.

AI can also be used to analyze employee sentiment and identify potential issues related to stress, burnout, or low morale (Gajawalla, 2022). By analyzing employee feedback, social media interactions, and communication patterns, AI algorithms can detect early signs of workplace dissatisfaction and recommend interventions to improve employee well-being. This proactive approach can help organizations address issues before they escalate, preventing employee turnover and improving overall organizational performance (Moran, 2022).

AI-powered tools used to enhance employee engagement and well-being:

- Humanyze: Humanyze is an AI-powered platform that uses sensor data and machine learning to provide insights into employee engagement, productivity, and well-being.

- Tinypulse: Tinypulse is an AI-powered employee engagement platform that uses surveys, sentiment analysis, and machine learning to help organizations track employee engagement and identify areas for improvement.
- BetterWorks: BetterWorks is an AI-powered employee well-being platform that uses machine learning to identify employees at risk of burnout and provide personalized interventions to improve their well-being.
- Gympass: Gympass is an AI-powered corporate wellness platform that uses machine learning to recommend personalized fitness and wellness activities to employees.
- Amazement: Amazement is an AI-powered recognition and rewards platform that uses machine learning to identify and reward employees for their contributions.

AI is rapidly transforming the field of human resource management, offering innovative solutions to address HR challenges and drive organizational success. From enhancing efficiency in talent acquisition and recruitment to improving performance management, employee engagement, and retention, AI is empowering HR professionals to make data-driven decisions, create a more positive and supportive work environment, and elevate the overall employee experience. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on HRM practices is expected to deepen, further shaping the future of work and human capital management.

Learning and development: AI can curate personalized learning paths, recommend relevant training resources, and provide adaptive learning experiences to enhance employee skills and knowledge.

AI in Learning and Development

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the field of learning and development (L&D) by providing innovative solutions to enhance training effectiveness, personalize learning experiences, and improve employee engagement. AI-powered tools can analyze vast amounts of data to identify individual learning needs, recommend personalized learning content, and provide real-time feedback and support. This data-driven approach to learning can help organizations create more effective and efficient training programs that align with employee skills gaps and organizational goals.

- Personalized Learning Experiences: AI can be used to create personalized learning experiences that cater to individual learning styles, preferences, and skill levels. AI algorithms can analyze employee data, such as learning history, performance metrics, and job descriptions, to identify knowledge gaps and recommend tailored learning content. This personalized approach can help employees focus on the training that is most relevant to their needs, leading to better learning outcomes and improved job performance.
- Adaptive Learning Platforms: AI-powered adaptive learning platforms can adjust the pace and difficulty of training content based on an individual's progress. These platforms use machine learning algorithms to assess a learner's understanding and provide personalized feedback and support. This adaptive approach can help employees learn at their own pace, ensuring that they are not overwhelmed by challenging material or bored by repetitive tasks.
- Intelligent Tutoring Systems: AI-powered intelligent tutoring systems (ITS) can provide real-time guidance and feedback to learners as they progress through training material. These systems can simulate human interaction, answering questions, providing explanations, and offering personalized support. ITS can be particularly helpful for learners who may not have access to traditional one-on-one tutoring or who prefer a self-directed learning approach.
- Chatbots for Learning Support: AI-powered chatbots can be used to provide 24/7 learning support to employees. These chatbots can answer questions, provide clarification on training materials, and offer guidance on specific work-related tasks. Chatbots can also be used to collect feedback from employees on their learning experiences, helping organizations identify areas for improvement and refine their training programs.

Benefits of AI in Learning and Development

- Personalized learning experiences tailored to individual needs
- Increased employee engagement and motivation
- Improved learning outcomes and skill development
- Reduced training costs and time commitment
- Enhanced access to training and development opportunities

Challenges of AI in Learning and Development

- Ethical considerations related to data privacy and algorithmic bias
- Ensuring the quality and effectiveness of AI-powered learning tools
- Adapting to the changing landscape of AI technologies
- Integrating AI into existing L&D processes and infrastructure
- Addressing potential resistance to change from employees

AI is transforming the field of learning and development, offering innovative solutions to enhance the effectiveness of training programs, personalize learning experiences, and improve employee engagement. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on L&D is expected to grow, providing organizations with powerful tools to develop a skilled and adaptable workforce that can meet the demands of the future.

Compensation and benefits: AI can analyze employee performance, market trends, and compensation data to inform fair and competitive compensation decisions and optimize benefits packages.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the field of compensation and benefits (C&B), providing innovative solutions to streamline processes, improve data-driven decision-making, and enhance employee satisfaction. AI-powered tools can analyze vast amounts of data, including salary trends, market benchmarks, and employee performance metrics, to inform compensation decisions, design equitable pay structures, and tailor benefits packages to individual needs. This data-driven approach can help organizations ensure fair and competitive compensation practices, attract and retain top talent, and boost employee morale.

- Streamlined Compensation Processes: AI can automate many manual tasks involved in compensation management, such as data collection, calculations, and reporting. This automation can free up HR professionals to focus on more strategic initiatives, such as analyzing compensation trends, identifying pay gaps, and developing compensation strategies. Additionally, AI can help ensure compliance with legal and regulatory requirements related to compensation.
- Data-Driven Decision-Making: AI can provide C&B professionals with valuable insights into salary trends, market benchmarks, and employee performance metrics. This data can inform compensation decisions, ensuring that organizations are paying their employees fairly and competitively. Additionally, AI can be used to identify pay gaps and develop strategies to close them.
- Personalized Benefits Packages: AI can analyze employee preferences and demographics to design personalized benefits packages that meet individual needs. This tailored approach can help organizations improve employee satisfaction and retention. Additionally, AI can be used to identify trends in benefit utilization and develop strategies to optimize benefits spending.

Some of the AI-powered tools used in Compensation and Benefits:

- Salary.com: Salary.com is an AI-powered platform that provides salary data, compensation benchmarks, and job market analysis.
- Compensation Clarity: Compensation Clarity is an AI-powered platform that helps organizations design and implement equitable pay structures.
- Benevity: Benevity is an AI-powered platform that helps organizations manage employee benefits and charitable giving programs.
- ADP: ADP is an AI-powered platform that provides a suite of HR solutions, including payroll, benefits administration, and talent management.

- Oracle Cloud HCM: Oracle Cloud HCM is an AI-powered platform that provides a suite of HR solutions, including payroll, benefits administration, and talent management.

Benefits of AI in Compensation and Benefits

- Improved efficiency and accuracy of compensation processes
- Data-driven decision-making for setting competitive pay and benefits
- Identification and elimination of pay gaps
- Personalized benefits packages that meet individual needs
- Enhanced employee satisfaction and retention

Challenges of AI in Compensation and Benefits

- Ethical considerations related to data privacy and algorithmic bias
- Ensuring the quality and accuracy of AI-powered data and algorithms
- Adapting to the changing landscape of AI technologies
- Integrating AI into existing C&B processes and infrastructure
- Addressing potential resistance to change from employees

AI is transforming the field of compensation and benefits, offering innovative solutions to streamline processes, improve data-driven decision-making, and enhance employee satisfaction. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on C&B is expected to grow, providing organizations with powerful tools to manage compensation and benefits effectively, attract and retain top talent, and create a more engaged and productive workforce.

AI in Talent Acquisition and Recruitment: AI-powered chatbots can also play a significant role in enhancing the candidate experience, providing real-time answers to common questions, scheduling interviews, and streamlining the overall onboarding process (Bersin, 2018). This personalized approach can foster positive candidate interactions and strengthen the employer brand.

Artificial intelligence (AI) is revolutionizing the field of talent acquisition and recruitment, enabling HR professionals to identify, attract, and hire top talent more effectively and efficiently. AI-powered recruitment tools can scan resumes and social media profiles to identify potential candidates with the desired skills and experience, significantly reducing the time and effort required for manual screening (Cappelli & Rogelberg, 2018). Additionally, AI algorithms can analyze behavioural data and job descriptions to predict candidate fit and suggest suitable roles, ensuring a more personalized and data-driven hiring process (Galarza & Ogunde, 2020).

- AI in Sourcing and Candidate Identification: AI-powered tools can scan vast amounts of data, including online job boards, social media platforms, and professional networking sites, to identify potential candidates with the desired skills and experience. These tools can also analyze candidate profiles to identify keywords and phrases that match the job description, further narrowing down the pool of potential candidates.
- AI in Candidate Screening and Shortlisting: AI algorithms can analyze resumes, cover letters, and other application materials to assess a candidate's qualifications and predict their fit for the role. These algorithms can also identify patterns in candidate behaviour, such as past employment history and education level, to further evaluate their suitability for the position.
- AI in Interview Scheduling and Coordination: AI-powered chatbots can schedule interviews with candidates, coordinate with interviewers, and send reminders to all parties involved. This automation can streamline the scheduling process, save time for HR professionals and interviewers, and improve the overall candidate experience.
- AI in Candidate Assessment and Evaluation: AI algorithms can analyze candidate responses to interview questions, behavioural assessments, and

other evaluation tools to assess their skills, knowledge, and cultural fit. These algorithms can also identify patterns in candidate behaviour that may indicate potential red flags or concerns.

- AI in Candidate Onboarding and Integration: AI-powered chatbots can provide new hires with real-time answers to questions, guide them through the onboarding process, and connect them with relevant resources. This personalized approach can help new hires quickly integrate into the company culture and feel supported during their first weeks on the job.

Benefits of AI in Talent Acquisition and Recruitment

- Increased efficiency and reduced time-to-hire
- Improved identification of top talent
- Enhanced candidate experience and employer branding
- More personalized and data-driven hiring decisions
- Reduced costs associated with traditional recruitment methods

Challenges of AI in Talent Acquisition and Recruitment

- Ethical considerations related to data privacy and algorithmic bias
- Ensuring the quality and accuracy of AI-powered data and algorithms
- Adapting to the changing landscape of AI technologies
- Integrating AI into existing recruitment processes and infrastructure
- Addressing potential resistance to change from recruiters

AI is rapidly transforming the field of talent acquisition and recruitment, offering innovative solutions to streamline processes, improve data-driven decision-making, and enhance the overall candidate experience. As AI continues to evolve, its impact on talent acquisition is expected to deepen, further shaping the future of work and workforce management.

CONCLUSION

AI also has the potential to enhance HR decision-making by providing data-driven insights and recommendations. Through advanced analytics and machine learning algorithms, AI can identify patterns and trends in employee data, enabling HR professionals to make more informed decisions about talent management, performance evaluation, and employee well-being.

Furthermore, AI can be leveraged to personalize the employee experience, creating a more tailored and engaging work environment for each individual. AI-powered tools can provide personalized training recommendations, offer targeted career development suggestions, and facilitate real-time feedback and support.

Despite the transformative potential of AI in HRM, it is crucial to acknowledge and address the challenges that accompany its implementation. Concerns regarding job displacement, data privacy, and algorithmic bias must be carefully considered and addressed through ethical guidelines and responsible AI practices.

As AI continues to reshape the landscape of work, HRM professionals must embrace innovation and adapt to these changes. By understanding the opportunities and challenges presented by AI, HR can play a pivotal role in ensuring that AI is harnessed to enhance employee productivity, foster a positive work environment, and contribute to the overall success of organizations.

AI is fundamentally altering the landscape of HRM, presenting both challenges and opportunities for HR professionals. By understanding the potential of AI and implementing it responsibly, HR can play a critical role in enhancing the employee experience, improving organizational efficiency, and driving business success in the era of AI-powered workplaces.

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The Dark Side of Digital Possession: Understanding the Causes and Consequences of Digital Hoarding

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ABSTRACT

The widespread use of digital devices and social media has led to the acquisition of digital content. However, many people do not realize the potential consequences of digital expansion. This study reviewed 26 studies published between 2013 and 2023 to examine digital hoarding, a behavior characterized by the excessive accumulation of digital data. The study found that emotional attachment, concerns about losing valuable content, and ease of obtaining digital materials are key drivers of digital hoarding. The consequences of digital hoarding include compromised device performance, increased stress and anxiety, and negative impacts on both relationships and work efficiency. This study also identified several potential interventions to effectively manage digital clutter. These include adopting intentional strategies for managing digital content, seeking professional help, and joining support groups. The findings of this study emphasize the need for individuals to be aware of the potential consequences of digital hoarding and adopt intentional strategies for managing digital content.

KEYWORDS: *Digital content, Stress, Anxiety, Digital clutter, Work productivity.*

INTRODUCTION

The increasing availability of digital technology has revolutionized the way people store and access information. With the advent of smartphones, laptops, tablets, and cloud storage, large amounts of digital data can easily be created and accumulated. Although this development has many advantages such as improved efficiency and accessibility, it has also led to a new phenomenon known as digital hoarding.

Recently, executives and researchers have become increasingly interested in digital hoarding. Almost everyone with a professional career is interested in this topic. The fact that it offers insight into all aspects of one's life. However, because of time constraints, people must engage in activities other than their professions. This study may give working people a chance to think about their viewpoints on digital hoarding disorder and provide working professionals with fresh insight into how to deal with this issue. Numerous types of data are generated by both conventional and modern sources, including social media. Regardless of the importance of information, data hoarding has become a common practice in many large businesses and organizations. However, many organizations are worried about preserving as much data as possible under the fewest constraints.

Digital Hoarding

Before understanding digital hoarding. It is important to know what the word 'hoarding' means. It is a condition in which one feels the fascinating need to collect things of little or zero value and finds it difficult to discard them. Digital Hoarding is a condition in which a person experiences the obsessive need to collect digital data, finds it difficult to discard, and feels like storing it on their device for no real or relevant purpose. Today, we all have the demand and own devices with a large storage capacity. Screenshots, memes, WhatsApp images and videos, soft copies of bills/receipts, thousands of emails, selfies, photographs, notes, documents, SMS, etc. have all taken up space in our devices. Social media encourages digital hoarding. Social media features such as the watch later' option on YouTube," 'save' button on Instagram and Facebook, or 'or even the 'star' option of Gmail leads to the hoarding of data. Furthermore, built-in cameras, downloading content facilities, and taking screenshots available online have also led to digital hoarding by people. Reasons for hoarding digital content vary from person to person. Some engage in hoarding digital content thinking it might be useful to them in the future, some find it praiseworthy enough to share that content with others, and some simply do it because they do like the content and simply want to 'have' it.

Digital hoarding refers to the excessive accumulation of digital information or data regardless of its usefulness or relevance. Individuals who engage in digital hoarding may save emails, documents, photos, videos, and other digital files even if they are duplicates or unnecessary. Digital hoarding can lead to negative consequences such as increased stress and anxiety, impaired functioning, and digital clutter.

Digital hoarding can have a significant negative impact on individuals' psychological and social well-being as well as productivity. This can lead to feelings of overwhelming and anxiety as individuals struggle to keep up with the large amount of digital information they have accumulated. This can also result in reduced device performance, because the accumulation of digital files can slow down devices and lead to storage issues. Additionally, digital hoarding can negatively impact social relationships as individuals may be unable to effectively communicate and interact with others because of their preoccupation with digital clutter.

Digital hoarding pertains to the excessive accumulation of digital materials, such as emails, images, files, and software (Susan, J., Thorpe, Alexander, Bolster, Nick, Neave. (2019). It has been discovered that individuals can form strong emotional connections to specific types of digital possessions, particularly photos and videos (Martine, J., van, Bennekom., Rianne, M., Blom., Nienke, Vulink., Damiaan, Denys. (2015). The psychological distress caused by digital hoarding can be comparable to physical hoarding and may be associated with obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and difficulty in making decisions (CR, Ayers., JL, Wetherell, D, Schiehser., E, Almklov., S, Golshan., S, Saxena. (2013). A case study described a 47-year-old man preoccupied with amassing digital images, suggesting that digital hoarding could constitute a variant of hoarding disorder (Adam, Postlethwaite., Stephen, Kellett., Nathan, Simmonds-Buckley. (2020). Among older adults with hoarding disorder, deficits in executive functioning have been observed, including challenges with mental control, working memory, inhibition, and shifting focus (George, Sweeten., Elizabeth, Sillence., Nick, Neave. (2018). Through Q-methodology, distinct groups of individuals prone to hoarding have been identified, including those overwhelmed by the accumulation, cognizance of consequences, fixation on object complexity, or experiencing an emotional connection to objects. Further investigation is necessary to delve into emotional and cognitive disparities among individuals predisposed to hoarding.

Digital Clutter

According to the American Psychiatric Association (2013), digital clutter is described as a significant collection of disorganized digital items that are frequently unconnected (stored on different services like Google Drive, I Cloud, and Dropbox). Digital areas tend to fill in unorganized digital information. Therefore, introducing additional digital locations may increase the amount of digital clutter.

Hoarding has been linked to anxiety, and digital hoarding, such as physical hoarding, may also be detrimental. While the impact of digital hoarding is still being studied, those who engage in it report higher stress levels. Although having excessive data on gadgets is associated with poor productivity and well-being, it also raises security issues. We are more susceptible to data theft and fraudulent activity.

People promise to read through hundreds (or even thousands) of emails and messages in our inbox, but they never have time. They have too many tabs in their browser that they keep open, even if it slows down. They still use phones without clearing unwanted content while knowing that the storage in their phones is always full. It is possible that they were digital hoarders. Several earlier studies have demonstrated that physical clutter has a negative impact on well-being and productivity. However, in the modern online environment, we must also be concerned about digital clutter.

Digital Social Hoarding

In recent years, attention has been drawn to the psychological phenomenon of "digital hoarding," in which individuals accumulate digital items (such as data) rather than physical possessions. Like "normal" compulsive hoarders, digital hoarders assemble (and refuse to delete) emails, photographs, bookmarks, videos, movies, and mp3 files while knowing there is "almost little chance (they) would reviewed /listen to all these again." Even when they do not know them, people gather Twitter and Instagram followers, Facebook friends, and Instagram followers (anymore). They continuously tracked their connections and followed them while actively seeking new connections. They are concerned with the number of likes and comments on their updates, Spotify playlist subscribers, Pinterest repins, Tumblr or Instagram followers, and Tinder app pals. It takes a long time to establish limitless digital social media networks, and as a result, it may become more difficult for us to rely solely on a select group of genuine relationships. Another example of digital hoarding is when someone is excessively tied to their data to consider letting it go. This included conversations, screenshots of memes, and images of friends. In a 2018 study, people admitted to keeping documents to be used against someone later. The impact of digital hoarding on mental health and daily functioning was examined. These results suggest that excessive digital clutter can lead to stress, anxiety, and decreased productivity. In addition, digital hoarding has been found to negatively affect relationships and physical health by causing eye strain, back pain, and poor posture.

OBJECTIVES

1. To assess the impact of digital housing on device performance.
2. This study investigated the relationship between digital hoarding and Stress/Anxiety.

METHODOLOGY

To conduct this systematic literature review on digital hoarding, electronic databases such as Google Scholar were used to search for relevant studies published in English between 2013 and 2023. This review excluded studies that focused solely on physical hoarding and those that did not meet the inclusion criteria. The search terms used included "digital hoarding," "digital clutter," "information overload," and "Hoarding Disorder." This study also included manually searched reference lists of identified studies to ensure that all relevant studies were included. Data were extracted from the included studies using a standardized data extraction form. Thematic analysis was also conducted to analyze the previous studies.

RESULTS

This study identified 26 studies that met the inclusion criteria and provided relevant information on the causes and consequences of digital hoarding were identified.

Literature Review Summary

Study	Year	Authors	Title	Focus	Findings
1	2023	Lepp, A. E., Andrews, J., & Srivastava, J.	Relationship between digital hoarding and anxiety disorders	To investigate the relationship between digital hoarding and anxiety disorders.	People with anxiety disorders are more likely to engage in digital hoarding behavior.
2	2023	Frost, R., Steketee, G., & Lepp, A. E.	The effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral therapy for digital hoarding: A randomized controlled trial	To investigate the effectiveness of cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) in the treatment of digital hoarding.	CBT was effective in reducing digital hoarding behaviors and improving the quality of life.
3	2022	Frost, R., Steketee, G., & Lepp, A. E.	Digital hoarding: A cognitive-behavioral perspective	To discuss digital hoarding from a cognitive-behavioral perspective.	Digital hoarding is maintained by several cognitive and behavioral factors, such as perfectionism, procrastination, and avoidance.

4	2022	Andrews, J., & Pritlove, C.	Understanding the motivations of digital hoarders: A qualitative study	To investigate the motivations of digital hoarders to hoard digital files.	Digital hoarders have various motivations for hoarding, including fear of loss, perfectionism, and procrastination.
5	2021	Jaeger, P. T., & Bertot, J. C.	Digital hoarding: A new area of research with implications for information professionals	To discuss the implications of digital hoarding for information professionals.	Information professionals need to be aware of the problem of digital hoarding and prepared to provide assistance to digital hoarders.
6	2021	Gloor et al.	"The impact of social media on knowledge management and the emergence of digital hoarding."	Impact of social media on knowledge management and emergence of digital hoarding	Explored the impact of social media on knowledge management and the emergence of digital hoarding
7	2020	Abolhassani et al.	"Digital hoarding: Conceptualization, measurement, and associated factors."	Conceptualization, measurement, and factors linked to digital hoarding	Examined factors contributing to digital hoarding and its measurement methods
8	2020	Adam et al.	"Exploring emotions and cognitions in hoarding: a Q-methodology analysis."	Understanding emotions and cognitions in hoarding behavior	Utilized Q-methodology to analyze emotions and cognitions related to hoarding
9	2020	Foroughi & Lim	"Digital hoarding: Concept, measurement, and implications for organizational knowledge management."	Implications of digital hoarding for organizational knowledge management	Explored implications of digital hoarding for organizational knowledge management
10	2020	Pacheco et al.	"Digital hoarding: A critical review of definitions, prevalence rates, and associated factors."	Definitions, prevalence rates, and factors associated with digital hoarding	Conducted a critical review of definitions, prevalence rates, and factors related to digital hoarding
11	2019	Brinkmann	"Digital hoarding: An emerging problem in need of clinical intervention."	The emergence of digital hoarding as a clinical concern	Highlighted digital hoarding as a problem requiring clinical intervention
12	2019	Dewey et al.	"Digital hoarding: Definitions, causes, and proposed responses."	Definitions, causes, and potential responses to digital hoarding	Explored definitions, causes, and potential responses to digital hoarding
13	2019	Miller & Chandler	"Digital hoarding: The relationships between age, social support, loneliness, and clutter in desktops and emails."	Relationships between age, social support, loneliness, and digital clutter	Investigated relationships between age, social support, loneliness, and digital clutter

14	2019	Robinson & Tamir	"Digital hoarding behaviors: Underlying motivations and potential negative consequences."	Underlying motivations and potential negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors	Explored underlying motivations and potential negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors
15	2019	Rosen et al.	"The impact of digital clutter on physical and psychological well-being."	Impact of digital clutter on physical and psychological well-being	Explored the impact of digital clutter on well-being
16	2019	Susan et al.	"Exploring aspects of the cognitive behavioural model of physical hoarding in relation to digital hoarding behaviours."	Cognitive behavioral model of physical hoarding in relation to digital hoarding behaviors	Explored aspects of the cognitive behavioral model of physical hoarding in relation to digital hoarding behaviors
17	2018	Cannady & Connelly	"A conceptual model of digital hoarding behaviors."	Developing a model for understanding digital hoarding behaviors	Proposed a conceptual model for understanding digital hoarding behaviors
18	2018	George et al.	"Digital hoarding behaviours: Underlying motivations and potential negative consequences."	Motivations and negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors	Explored motivations and negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors
19	2017	Chan et al.	"The effects of digital clutter on information overload, work performance and stress."	Impact of digital clutter on information overload, work performance, and stress	Discovered negative effects of digital clutter on work performance and stress
20	2017	Chua & Chen	"The effects of digital clutter on information processing: An integrative review."	Influence of digital clutter on information processing	Reviewed effects of digital clutter on information processing
21	2016	Błachnio et al.	"Association between Facebook addiction, self-esteem, and life satisfaction."	Link between Facebook addiction, self-esteem, and life satisfaction	Found an association between Facebook addiction and lower life satisfaction
22	2015	Martine et al.	"A case of digital hoarding."	Case study on digital hoarding	Presented a case study of an individual with digital hoarding behavior
23	2015	McLean & Anderson	"Digital hoarding behaviors: Underlying motivations and potential negative consequences."	Underlying motivations and negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors	Explored underlying motivations and negative consequences of digital hoarding behaviors
24	2015	Turner	"Obsessive digital collecting: A new disorder or a variant of hoarding disorder?"	Obsessive digital collecting as a potential variant of hoarding disorder	Explored obsessive digital collecting as a variant of hoarding disorder

25	2014	Frost et al.	"Digital hoarding and other problematic Internet use: Links to obsessions and compulsions."	Links between digital hoarding, problematic Internet use, obsessions, and compulsions	Found links between digital hoarding and problematic Internet use, obsessions, and compulsions
26	2013	CR Ayers et al.	"Executive functioning in older adults with hoarding disorder."	Executive functioning in older adults with hoarding disorder	Identified executive functioning deficits in older adults with hoarding disorder

Impact of Digital Hoarding on Device Performance

Digital hoarding, acquisition, and failure to discard or effectively manage digital content can potentially affect the performance of electronic devices. The accumulation of digital clutter, encompassing emails, photographs, files, and software, has the potential to reduce device storage capacity and impede processing speed (Martine et al. (2015). Individuals who engage in digital hoarding may encounter challenges when attempting to delete digital materials, thus exacerbating the accumulation of files and further hindering device performance (İbrahim et al. (2020). Moreover, the incessant urge to acquire and amass digital assets, a characteristic of digital hoarding behavior, may lead to uncontrolled clutter and complications arising from the unregulated acquisition of photographs, thereby exacerbating device performance issues. Consequently, the accumulation of digital clutter and difficulties associated with managing and deleting digital materials render digital hoarding detrimental to the performance of electronic devices. Based on the literature, it has been identified that digital hoarding can lead to reduced device performance due to a lack of storage space, making it difficult to install updates and use applications. The visible impact of digital hoarding on device performance has been reported to be between 24% and 47%.

Relationship between Digital Hoarding and Stress/ Anxiety

Digital hoarding, which is characterized by the challenge of discarding digital content, digital disorder, and excessive acquisition of digital content, is correlated with stress and anxiety (Darshana et al. 2022). The accumulation of digital files and the belief that they might be useful in the future are typical reasons for refraining from file deletion (Esra et al., 2022). Individuals with higher levels of physical acquisition behaviors tend to exhibit higher levels of distress (Alexandria et al. 2019). Digital hoarding behaviors, such as the excessive accumulation of digital materials and difficulties in removing them, are associated with feelings of anxiety (Darshana, Sedera., Sachithra, Lokuge, 2018). The acquisition and storage of digital content without considering its consequences can lead to personal stress (George et al. 2018). In summary, digital hoarding is connected to anxiety and stress, emphasizing the adverse effects of the excessive accumulation of digital content and the necessity for evaluation tools to assess digital hoarding behaviors.

The literature review identified a study that focused on the relationship between digital hoarding and anxiety disorders. The findings indicated that people with anxiety disorders were more likely to engage in digital hoarding behavior. This suggests a significant association between digital hoarding and anxiety, supporting an investigation of the relationship between digital hoarding and stress/anxiety.

DISCUSSION

Everyone has different motives for collecting digital information, but being aware of the negative consequences of digital hoarding encourages us to re-evaluate how we feel about the files piling up on our devices. Digital hoarding has become increasingly prevalent because of social media. Even Happy Holidays texts, animated gifts, and movies use a lot of space on our digital devices. When going through social media, a large amount of data is stored as we tap on short films, reels, status updates, etc. It takes a long time to create limitless digital social networks, which can make it more challenging to rely on genuine connections. The digital management of our lives is crucial because it has become the primary channel for obtaining information and career opportunities. Even when employing people, organizations can verify references online through social media platforms. In this digital age, we can use apps to manage data, clean caches, and eliminate redundant and large files. Acquisition habits can be avoided by regularly cleaning digital gadgets. Because hoarding has been linked to anxiety and may be dangerous, we can also lower stress levels by refraining from hoarding activities, such as retaining superfluous data.

The causes of digital hoarding are multifaceted, and include emotional attachment, fear of loss, and ease of acquisition. The consequences of digital hoarding can have significant negative impacts on individuals' psychological and social well-being as well as their productivity. Future research should explore effective strategies for managing digital hoarding, including education, organization, and digital decluttering interventions.

Andrews and Pritlove (2023) conducted a qualitative study to investigate the motivations of digital hoarders. They found that digital hoarders have various motivations for hoarding, including fear of loss, perfectionism, and procrastination. The authors also found that digital hoarders often have difficulty letting go of digital files, because they see them as valuable or important.

Frost et al. (2022) discussed digital hoarding from a cognitive-behavioral perspective. They argued that digital hoarding is maintained by several cognitive and behavioral factors, such as perfectionism, procrastination, and avoidance. The authors also discussed cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) as a treatment for digital hoarding.

Jaeger and Bertot (2021) discuss the implications of digital hoarding for information professionals. They argued that information professionals need to be aware of the problem of digital hoarding and prepared to aid digital hoarders. The authors also suggest that information professionals can play a role in educating the public about digital hoarding and its consequences.

Lepp, Andrews, and Srivastava (2023) investigated the relationship between digital hoarding and anxiety disorders. They found that people with anxiety disorders were more likely to engage in digital hoarding. The authors suggest that digital hoarding may be a symptom of anxiety disorders.

Lepp and Srivastava (2022) discussed the prevalence, consequences, treatment of digital hoarding & challenges of conducting research on digital hoarding and suggest directions for future research.

Miller, Frost, and Steketee (2021) investigated the relationship between digital hoarding and obsessive-compulsive personality disorder (OCPD). They found that people with OCPD were more likely to engage in digital hoarding.

Abolhassani et al. (2020) conducted a study on digital hoarding, identifying its conceptualization, measurement, and associated factors. This study found that digital hoarding was positively associated with anxiety, depression, and attachment anxiety.

Błachnio et al. (2016) examined the association between Facebook addiction, self-esteem, and life satisfaction. This study found that Facebook addiction was negatively associated with self-esteem and life satisfaction, suggesting that excessive digital possession acquisition may negatively affect self-esteem and life satisfaction.

Brinkmann (2019) highlighted the need for clinical intervention for digital hoarding as it is an emerging problem. This study found that individuals who hoard digital possessions experience distress, and their daily functioning may be impaired.

Cannady and Connelly (2018) proposed a conceptual model of digital hoarding behavior that involves four key components: acquisition, storage, retrieval, and discarding. This study identified the different types of digital possessions that individuals may hoard and the underlying motivations for their digital hoarding behaviors.

Chan et al. (2017) investigated the effects of digital clutter on information overload, work performance, and stress. They found that digital clutter can lead to increased stress, decreased work performance, and information overload.

Chua and Chen (2017) conducted an integrative review of the effects of digital clutter on information processing. The study identified that digital clutter can negatively impact information processing by impairing cognitive processes, such as attention, memory, and decision-making.

Dewey et al. (2019) provided definitions of digital hoarding and proposed responses to address this phenomenon. The study identified that digital hoarding can pose a security risk, and suggested that individuals and organizations should develop digital hygiene practices to prevent digital hoarding behaviors.

Foroughi and Lim (2020) discuss the implications of digital hoarding in organizational knowledge management. The study identified that digital hoarding can lead to information silos within organizations, hindering knowledge sharing and collaboration.

Gloor et al. (2021) investigated the impact of social media on knowledge management and the emergence of digital hoarding. They argue that social media has led to an increase in the amount of digital information available to individuals and organizations, which has resulted in the need to manage this information effectively. However, this has also led to the emergence of digital hoarding, as individuals and organizations struggle to effectively manage and dispose of this information. The authors propose a framework for understanding digital hoarding in the context of knowledge management and provide recommendations for managing digital hoarding in organizations.

McLean and Anderson (2015) explored the underlying motivations and potential negative consequences of digital hoarding. They found that digital hoarding was associated with a need for control, fear of missing out, and emotional attachment to digital possessions. The negative consequences of digital hoarding include reduced device performance, decreased productivity, increased stress, and anxiety. The authors recommend that individuals and organizations engage in regular digital decluttering to prevent the negative consequences of digital hoarding.

Miller and Chandler (2019) examined the relationships between age, social support, loneliness, and clutter in desktops and emails. They found that older adults were more likely to hoard digital information and that social support and loneliness were related to digital hoarding behaviors. The authors recommend that interventions to reduce digital hoarding should consider these factors, and that interventions should focus on the importance of regular digital decluttering.

For example, Rosen et al. (2019) found that digital hoarding is associated with poor posture and eye strain. Interventions to address digital hoarding have been proposed, including cognitive-behavioral therapy, organization, and decluttering techniques, and the use of software to manage digital files.

Findings

The research findings on digital hoarding are as follows:

- Digital hoarders have various motivations for hoarding, including fear of loss, perfectionism, and procrastination.
- Digital hoarding is maintained by several cognitive and behavioral factors such as perfectionism, procrastination, and avoidance.
- Information professionals need to be aware of the problem of digital hoarding and prepared to aid digital hoarders.
- Digital hoarders are more likely to experience anxiety disorders.
- Digital hoarding may be a manifestation of obsessive-compulsive personality disorder (OCPD).

Digital hoarding is still relatively new, but there is a growing body of knowledge regarding the definition, prevalence, consequences, and treatment of this disorder. Digital hoarding can have several negative consequences including stress, anxiety, and financial problems. There is limited research on the treatment of digital hoarding; however, some promising approaches include cognitive-behavioral therapy and self-help groups. Thus, more research is needed to determine the effectiveness of these interventions and understand the underlying mechanisms of digital hoarding. Digital hoarding is a complex and multidimensional behavior that can have negative consequences for individuals and society.

Thematic Analysis

Thematic analysis of the context provided on digital hoarding revealed several prominent themes. The top themes included motivations for digital hoarding, negative consequences, implications for mental health, and environmental impact. These themes shed light on the complex nature of digital hoarding, its causes, and the need for proactive intervention to address this emerging phenomenon.

Motivations for digital hoarding include fear of loss, perfectionism, compulsive behavior, attachment to virtual possessions, and digital identity. These motivations drive individuals to accumulate excessive digital items, leading to negative consequences, such as increased stress and anxiety, reduced device performance, cyber security risks, social isolation, and negative impacts on mental health. For example, individuals may hoard digital content because of a fear of losing important information, leading to a compulsive need to save and store all digital files, regardless of their relevance or usefulness. This fear of loss can also be linked to emotional attachment, whereby individuals develop strong sentimental connections to digital possessions, making it difficult for them to delete or organize their digital clutter.

Furthermore, perfectionism plays a significant role in digital hoarding as individuals may feel the need to keep every digital item to maintain a sense of control and completeness. This behavior can lead to overwhelming digital clutter and difficulty in decision making, contributing to increased stress and anxiety. Additionally, attachment to virtual possessions and digital identity can drive individuals to hoard digital content to preserve memories, experiences, and a sense of self in the digital realm.

The negative consequences of digital hoarding are significant and include compromised device performance, increased stress and anxiety, negative impacts on relationships and work efficiency, eye strain, back pain, poor posture, and susceptibility to data theft and fraudulent activity. For instance, excessive accumulation of digital items can lead to decreased device performance, slower processing speeds, and reduced storage capacity, impacting individuals' ability to effectively use their digital devices for work, communication, and leisure activities. Moreover, the psychological and social impact of digital hoarding can result in heightened stress and anxiety, strained relationships, and decreased productivity, affecting individuals' overall well-being and quality of life.

In addition to personal consequences, digital hoarding also has an environmental impact owing to the energy and resources required for data storage and maintenance. The continuous accumulation of digital content contributes to increased energy consumption, data center usage, and electronic waste, highlighting the broader environmental implications of digital hoarding.

The research findings also highlight the association between digital hoarding and anxiety disorders and obsessive-compulsive personality disorder, and its negative impact on individuals' psychological and social well-being. The implications of digital hoarding for information professionals and organizational knowledge management are discussed. Furthermore, the need for public education campaigns, training on digital organization, and the development of technology solutions to manage digital possessions effectively are emphasized.

The thematic analysis underscores the multifaceted nature of digital hoarding, its detrimental effects on individuals and society, and the need for further research to understand its causes, consequences, and effective treatments. The findings also emphasize the importance of public awareness, education, and practical interventions to address the growing problem of digital hoarding. Understanding the underlying motivations and implications of digital hoarding is crucial for developing effective strategies to manage digital clutter and promote digital well-being.

Suggestions

- More research is needed to better understand the causes and consequences of digital hoarding.
- More research is needed to develop and evaluate effective treatments for digital hoarding.
- Information professionals should be trained to recognize and aid digital hoarders.
- Public education campaigns should be developed to raise awareness of digital hoarding and its consequences.

Limitations

- The research on digital hoarding is still relatively new, so there is a limited amount of data available.
- Limited empirical evidence on the Digital Hoarding

- Cultural and individual differences may affect the interpretation and implications of digital hoarding.

Practical Implications:

- Education and training on how to organize and manage digital possessions.
- Technology solutions, such as digital organization tools, can help manage digital possessions more effectively.
- Implementation of policies and procedures for managing digital data to reduce the risk of security breaches and improve productivity.
- Encouraging mindfulness around digital possessions to be more intentional about what to keep and what to delete.

CONCLUSION

Digital hoarding is a relatively new disorder, but it is one that is becoming increasingly common as we become more reliant on digital technologies. Digital hoarding can have a significant impact on an individual's life, leading to stress, anxiety, and financial problems. There is a growing body of research on digital hoarding, but more research is needed to better understand the causes and consequences of the disorder, as well as to develop and evaluate effective treatments. Information professionals can play an important role in raising awareness of digital hoarding and aiding digital hoarders. Families and friends of digital hoarders can also play an important role in supporting them and helping them to get treatment. Public education campaigns and public policy initiatives are needed to address the social implications of digital hoarding. There are several things that individuals can do to manage their digital hoarding behaviors. One important step is to identify the motivations that underlie their hoarding behaviors. Once they understand their motivations, they can begin to develop strategies for addressing them. It is also important to set limits on digital consumption and to develop a system for organizing digital files.

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Social-Media on Voting Behavior with Special Reference of Burhanpur District: A Case Study

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ABSTRACT

Social media is a platform and tool of the twenty-first century that allows countries and civilizations to create, express, and widely disseminate their opinions and thoughts. Individuals of all ages are curious to use and alter this technology in order to join to the world more quickly and efficiently. Social media expertise is broad enough to contain blogging, photo and video sharing, wall situation, music sharing, troop sourcing, speech over IP, e-diaries, and more. People adore using social media these days to connect with one another and inspire themselves to create new ideas and expressions. Political parties are using social media more and more often during elections to connect, influence, and spread their message in an effort to achieve a majority or increase their visibility. Social media is where people spend their lives these days, and political parties want to connect with them there. This research aims to provide light on the role that social media plays in people's voting choices. The results of the research show that voting choices are significantly influenced by social media, especially for younger voters. The research backs up the idea that voters' decisions to support a certain party are significantly influenced by the statements, tweets, and other content made by political leaders.

KEYWORDS: *Social-media, Political campaign, Voter behavior.*

INTRODUCTION

Corporations, governments, and other organisations have used social media as a marketing tool to connect, interact, and acquire followers from across the globe. The way people think and communicate with one other has also changed as a result of this new relationship type. Consequently, it is anticipated that social media would have a big impact on the future elections in the nation. A significant wave of state elections in India, including those in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi, has recently concluded.

How much of an impact social media has on Indian elections is a question that many have. In the lead-up to the 2018 general election, this topic will gain significance. The "Social Media in India 2018" study by the Internet and Mobile Connotation of India and IMRB projects that the number of Indians using social media will increase by 52.2% between June and December of this year. 59.8 million urban Indians use their phones to browse social media sites, according to the study. Based on data from the Election Instruction of India, field interviews, and the number of eligible voters, the research projects a 37 percent vote flip in 24 states with sizable internet user populations. There is a noticeable swing as stated. However, since there is a lack of further data, the study has not been able to determine whether the impact is attributable to traditional communication channels or to uncontaminated community media.

In order to facilitate successful cross-border announcement, social media has become more vibrant, active, and youth-oriented. India now has more than

574 million internet users, making it the third-largest internet base in the world.

Media users are increasingly using it on a daily basis to share their thoughts, emotions, and experiences with one another. The many functions of social media, like as communication, live chat, status updates, duplicate and video sharing, and linking all of our senses to it, are what make it so appealing. Politicians from different parties utilise the media to draw in followers and lay out their goals and vision, in addition to users like us meeting and interacting with one another. Political parties looking to increase their audience reach are primarily focusing on the over 574 million first-time constituents who are active on social media, according to numerical media professionals [1–5].

There will be a 22% rise in the number of community media users between June and December 2018. Based on research, around 59.8 million people in urban India use mobile phones to access social media sites (as reported in an October 18 IMRB study). What people read or watch on communal media will shape their opinions about political parties and politicians [6].

Section 2: Examine previous research using various sources Clearly state the goals of the study in Section 3. Section 4 delves into the suggested methods. Define the study's data analysis in Section 5. Define the study's sample test in Section 6. Define the impact of social media on voting behaviour as a result in Section 7.

BACKGROUND

Social Media Usage by Politicians Affects Public Perception: His research's main objectives were to ascertain how voters' opinions are impacted by politicians' use of social media. Is a politician more likely to become likeable and electable if they utilize social media in an appealing or intimate way? In order to discover the relationship between candidates' use of public media spaces and their electability and admiration, the researcher first performed a satisfied examination of three politicians' current public media spaces. She then plotted 88 university students to understand social media's effect finished their insight of the representatives [1].

The factors content quality, speech informality, design, post frequency, and followers were selected in order to behavior content analysis. Following a content analysis of these politicians' social media pages based on a selected paragraph, their electability, personability, and honesty were assessed. The research concluded that there is a substantial correlation between voters' sense of fairness and their capacity to cast ballots, and that politicians' electability and honesty are positively correlated with their sensibleness [2]. People's opinions about political parties and politicians will be influenced by the material they consume on social media. There are more than 35 lakh Facebook followers of Times of India, over 12 lakh fans of Hindustan Times, over 16 lakh fans of Dainik Jagran, and over 14 lakh fans of the Economic Times—more than twice as many as its readership. It is impossible to overlook social media's significance and its influence on elections when traditional media has such a sizable following on these platforms [3].

The quickest approach to interact with your audience directly is via social media, particularly in situations when last-minute changes may occur.The CEO, Dr. Ranjit Nair, claims that although German community media has little influence on rural voters, it has a significant impact on the assessment of undecided voters in urban India. Additionally, it could encourage a sizable portion of the support base to cast ballots and persuade others to do the same [4].

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This study aims to examine the impact of community media on voting behaviour in Burhanpur, Madhya Pradesh. The specific objectives are as follows:

1. Find out how voter behaviour is affected by comments, tweets, and followers on social media.
2. To understand community media's impact on elective and voter demographics.

To achieve the above described objectives, the following theory has been formulated:

Hypothesis 1: A statistically significant disparity exists between age and the desire to vote based on the remarks, tweets, and following that politicians have on social media.

Hypothesis 2: Based on political remarks, tweets, and followers on social media, there is a statistically significant difference between training and voting intentions.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Even though the purpose of the survey is to provide insight into the stated goals of the study, the current instruction is based on a descriptive research design. The majority of responders are students seeking higher education since the target market is made up of young individuals (18 years of age and above) who use social media like Facebook, Twitter, and others. A sample approach known as non-probability convenient sampling was used. After being chosen for the research, 110 participants were sent a questionnaire, which they had to complete and send back in a week.

In order to collect data, primary and secondary sources were used. The views of respondents on different aspects of social media were obtained via primary data, while the theoretical underpinning of the study's subject matter was obtained through secondary data. The basic mean and average nonconformity will be used for analysis after the data was analyzed using the statistical programme for social sciences (SPSS).

STATISTICS ANALYSIS

An overview of the respondents' demographics of the 110 cases, 56.6% of the defendants were men, and 43.4% were women. A nearly equal number of genders were chosen for the research.

Table 1: Gender

Valid Voter	Frequ-ency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Male	59	56.6	56.6	56.6
Female	51	43.4	43.4	100.0
Total	110	100.0	100.0	

Table 2: Age Description

Valid Voter	Frequ-ency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
Young	89	80.9	80.9	80.9
Adults	14	12.7	12.7	93.6
Old	7	6.4	6.4	100.0
Total	110	100.0	100.0	

Youth make up the majority of the sample. Of the respondents, 80.9% are young, falling into the 18 to 28 age group. The remaining 12.7% and 6.4% are adults, falling into the 29 to 43 age group and above.

Table 3: Education Explanation

Valid Voter	Frequ-ency	%	Valid %	Cumulative %
More than HSC	102	92.7	92.7	92.7
HSC or less	8	7.3	7.3	100.0
Total	110	100.0	100.0	

We may state that every defendant is well-cultured since 92.7% of them are either seeking advancement or above, and just 7.3% are competent of upper secondary education.

Table 4 shows that, with a mean of 3.87 and SD 1.16, respondents agree that communal media provides comprehensive information about the gathering's operations. This suggests that social media is one of the important information sources that gives respondents a comprehensive understanding of how parties are working to improve people's lives, enabling them to choose a party with knowledge.

The mean value of 3.62 with SD 1.28 for the second statement—that social media helps people choose the right candidate—indicates that community media is a very significant medium that aids in the selection of the right candidate because it offers in-depth understanding of the party's internal operations.

The majority of respondents (mean 3.86, SD 0.97) also concurred that social media is more effective than outmoded media at marketing and advancing political parties. This is because a large portion of young people regularly access communal media, making social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter the most economical means for political parties to advertise.

The consensus among respondents is that the party, political party, leader, and/or statements/remarks made on social media influence their choice of vote (Mean 3.89, SD 0.99). This means that the public as a whole is greatly influenced by politicians' remarks, events, and tweets on social media when deciding whether or not to cast a ballot for them. Social media statements, comments, and tweets shape how the public perceives them.

Before voting, respondents generally agree that they look up candidates on social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter (Mean 3.72, SD 1.01). When they go to vote, they search for a candidate's social media profile first because they consider it to be one of the most important sources of information. This helps them get a sense of the candidate's personality. People search for candidates before deciding which party or individual to support or vote for, as they also trust the information posted on social media about political parties and leaders (Mean 3.87, SD 1.01).

Table 4: Descriptive Analysis

Statements	Mean	Standard Deviation
Social media offers comprehensive details on the operations of the parties.	3.87	1.16
How can social media assist me in choosing the best candidate?	3.62	1.28
Is social media gaining traction in other forms of media (print, electronic, etc.) for the purpose of marketing and advancing political parties?	3.86	0.97
My choice to vote is influenced by statements, comments, tweets, and other content posted by the political party, leader, etc. on public forums.	3.89	0.99
Prior to casting my Party vote, I research candidates on social media.	3.72	1.01
I rely on the political party information posted on social media.	3.87	1.06

One way ANOVA

F (2,107) = 0.304 P=0.738 ($p \geq 0.05$) in the ANOVA table indicates that there is no statistically significant difference between the group mean of various age groups. Therefore, we may conclude that respondents of all ages equally believe that statements, comments, tweets, and other content posted by political parties or their leaders on social media influences their choice to vote. Thus, we are spared the necessity to elaborate on the post hoc test result.

ANOVA

ANOVA is one method used to determine if the means of several age groups vary statistically significantly.

My choice to vote is influenced by statements, comments, tweets, and other content posted by the political party, leader, etc. on public forums.

	Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
Between Groups	0.62	2	0.32	0.28	0.74
Within Groups	116.6	107	1.09		
Total	117.2	109			

Independent Sample t-test

To ascertain if there is a statistically significant difference in the dependent variable between the education groups, the independent t-test results are shown in the table.

We can therefore conclude that there is a statistically significant difference in respondents' education regarding voting decisions based on statements, remarks, tweets, and other content made by political party leaders on social media platforms. This is supported by the independent t-test results, which show that the t value for the 105 df is 0.002, which is less than 0.04.

CONCLUSIONS

The main goal of this research was to determine how community media affects people's intentions to vote. The majority of responders are educated, youthful, and between the ages of 18 and 28. They actively use social media and are either seeking or have already completed their degree. Results of the investigation show that respondents' intentions to vote, particularly those of younger age, are significantly influenced by the community media. Social media is seen to be a helpful informational tool that informs users about the personalities of politicians and influences their decision to support or oppose a certain candidate.

A significant discovery of this study is that the statements, tweets, and comments made by representatives on social media had a significant impact on the respondents' voting behaviour. A hypothesis has been developed to examine the impact of age and education on voting behaviour differences.

Table 5: Statistical Variable quantity

Independent Samples Examination										
		Levene's Test for		**t-test for Fairness of Means**						
		F	Sig.	t	Df	Sig. (2-tailed)	Mean Difference	Std. Error Difference	**95% Confidence**	
									Lower	Upper
Voting decisions are influenced by statements, comments, tweets, and other content posted on social media by political leaders and parties.	Equal variances assumed	5.362	0.03	2.916	106	0.003	1.492	0.503	0.436	2.36
	Equal variances			1.732	3.073	0.179	1.488	0.825	-1.181	4.184

The hypothesis's conclusion is that, based on politicians' statements, tweets, and remarks, voting behavior is significantly influenced by education but not by age.

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Strengthening Bridge between Academic Industry Partnership- A Framework to Optimize Innovation through Academic Industry Collaboration Design Model

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ABSTRACT

The caliber of the workforce is essential to the survival of any firm. As a result, the industry demanded excellent quality personnel to meet its expanding need. As a result of a surge in the demand for skilled laborers in the Indian industrial and IT sectors, many technical institutes were established. With the pressure from the world's markets and rapidly expanding economies, the Indian economy needed qualified labor to meet the demands of a changing industrial landscape. The need for active industry-academia contact has been highlighted by the liberalization of the Indian economy, breakthroughs in new technologies as a result, and transformation of the economy into a knowledge economy, among other things. Universities and business have been brought together in this study to incorporate two separate facets of the triple helix paradigm. The dominant disparity between the two has drawn special attention since it prevents them from functioning as a cohesive entity. The objective of this research is to combine two distinct facets of the triple helix. The dominant disparity between the two has drawn special attention since it prevents them from functioning as a cohesive entity. In order to implement certain procedures successfully, methods or techniques are used. Finally, the right tools are chosen to incorporate potential cooperation advancements that promote innovation.

KEYWORDS: *Partnership, Innovation, Transfer of technology, Industry ready graduates.*

INTRODUCTION

Organizations, whether they are for profit or nonprofit purposes, need to update themselves frequently to maintain their survival and long-term growth in such a setting. Particularly, it is more crucial than ever for business organizations to survive in such a chaotic and competitive climate by inventing new products and/or significantly improving the ones that are already on the market as well as looking for and implementing new business models. The process by which a technology created for a specific use or industry can be put to use in a different productive way is often referred to as "transfer of technology." Technology transfer can also be thought of as a process that takes place inside or outside of national borders, with or without monetary exchanges. It may involve the transfer of physical assets or intangible properties such as know-how and technical information, or most often both tangible and intangible elements.

Additionally, technology transfer may be linked to human mobility or, more precisely, to the interchange of a particular set of skills. It is possible to access industry partnerships between universities and other higher education institutions as a crucial tactic for fostering and utilizing innovation. Universities are the primary suppliers of scientific information, while industry serves as the platforms for putting that knowledge to use in the creation of goods and the delivery of services. Despite the fact that information comes from a variety of sources, colleges tend to host a variety of activities that generate and disseminate it to multiple stakeholders. Under normal circumstances, the knowledge and information produced by ongoing, methodical theory and principle development within the realm of higher learning institutions shouldn't be kept there, but rather should be disseminated to society at large through organizations (both business and non-business), in order to contribute to the development of that society. Under typical circumstances, the knowledge and data produced through ongoing, methodical theory and principle development within the field of Higher education institutions should reach out to society as a whole through organizations (both for-profit and nonprofit), rather than remaining isolated to them, to support efforts at a wider range of economic development. In essence, it appears that colleges have undergone a considerable paradigm shift in recent years. It began to build solid relationships with enterprises and put these linkages into action in order to aid their countries' and regions' efforts at socioeconomic development.

The current business environment is defined by dynamic, complex events that lead to intense competition between businesses in a particular industry. In such a cutthroat market, businesses work diligently to develop new or considerably enhanced products and/or processes in an effort to expand. The typical organizations with which the industry can forge links in order to foster innovation are higher education institutions (in our instance, universities). Newly trained graduates in particular can have a positive impact on the growth of corporate innovation through university outputs. Instead than wanting to generate specific commercializable inventions, businesses typically collaborate with universities to gain the overall benefits including hiring competent graduates, access to developing technology, and expanding their knowledge base. More often than not, now there are growing interests of partnership between universities and industries in the market not just because of the need for skilled human power, but to make tangible contribution towards business innovativeness of firms. Such business innovativeness, in turn, will improve firm's competitiveness in the marketplace. The collaboration areas may include, but not limited to, partnership in Research, consulting and contract research which firms value over not just for the initial supply of inventions but for the entire innovation cycle.

Universities provide two services to the industry. In addition to the labour required to manage the sector, it also offers fresh ideas for new company opportunities. Because of the fundamental disparities between the two, the relationship between them that appears to be simple does not work so simple. Universities want to advance the theory. Profitability, on the other hand, places restrictions on the sector. As a result, academia and business are comparable to two rivers that must run separately. Building connections between the two sides of the river in the fields of science and engineering has the potential to benefit both the industry and academic institutions.

Around two-thirds of R&D in scientific and technology studies are carried out by the industry, as reported by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). In a poll conducted in July 2021, the nations are listed in order of the universities in the top ranks. Exactly 36,355 universities from around the world are included. With the use of these statistics, it is possible to draw the conclusion that industry and academic cooperation is increasing. Since universities have access to industry data, conducting research and easy transfer of information and original data, removing the contradiction resulting from the disparities in the two groups' traits. The analysis suggests a blueprint for the desired fusion of the university and industry, resulting in more effective collaboration between the two.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Liu (2010) found that students' self-efficacy and academic accomplishment are closely associated, and that parental practices have a comparable effect on students' self-efficacy, which in turn influences their academic achievement. In a research of junior high school students who were academically behind their peers, Feng and Xu (2015) found that school environment can greatly effect students' academic accomplishment while also altering students' psychological state, therefore indirectly affecting students' academic achievement. Wohlin et al. (2014) provide some insight into what makes an industry-academia relationship successful, emphasising support from firm management and an emphasis on on-site involvement with a champion representative as two of the most important components. These factors are supported by Garousi, Petersen, and Ozkan (2015), who note that having a champion and ensuring management engagement are among the best practices that project participants most regularly recommend. The utility and electrical industries, in particular, have a sizeable section of the workforce that is approaching retirement age. The energy business is also emerging as an example of an industry-leading industry-academia collaboration. As a result of this situation, many energy businesses are seeking for methods to attract and prepare pupils. As a result of this situation, many energy corporations are seeking for ways to attract and train students to address this talent shortage. As a result, business is one of the most important factors in promoting academic and industrial relationships. Businesses may benefit from better preparing future employees with the skills and experiences necessary to succeed after graduation if opportunities for experiential learning are made more accessible to students before they enter the workforce.

STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK FOR SUCCESSFUL INNOVATION

The complex phenomenon of innovation involves a number of intricate processes that must be managed in order to produce the intended results. The suggested strategy is developed by specifying and detailing strategic directions for successful cooperation between academic institutions and business and economic partners. The focus is on knowledge transfer between institutions and industry to promote new collaboration.

Knowledge transfer is crucial for innovation and development. Therefore, placing a focus on culture encourages innovation, but a balanced approach to culture creation results in better knowledge transfer and exploitation from institutions, which encourages innovation.

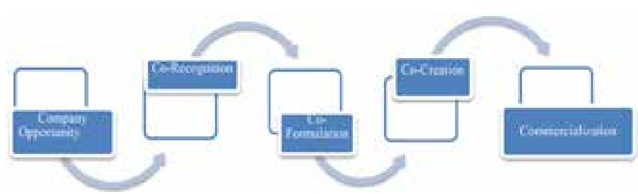

Figure No 1: Five Stage Model of Academia- Industry Collaboration

It is described as following a five-stage model: Company Opportunity, Co- Creation (partners create opportunity for innovation processes, products, or markets), Co Formulation (focus on addressing the needs and opportunities of the business partner),Co-Recognition (identification of business needs), and Commercialization (main goal of industrial partners is the commercialization). There are leaps and returns in the transfer of knowledge process as these stages are not addressed linearly.

Figure No.2: Seven Stage Model of Academia- Industry Collaboration

Based on this model and identifying characteristics nationwide, two stages can be added to this model: Co-Motivation: to pinpoint the components that contribute to value creation in academic institutions and commercial partners/industry. Co-Implication: the active engagement of partners in collaboration to achieve goals.

Academia Industry Collaboration Plan

The university should concentrate on the elements that have a significant impact on industrial partnership. When we understand the university's capacity for successful collaboration, we can increase the likelihood of successful partnership between academia and industry.

As previously said, it is clear that closing the gap between academics and industry is important, but even more so is closing the gap between requirements engineering as it is described in the literature and how it is put into practice. As a result, it's important to pinpoint the problem domain, which comprises the following.

- Implement outdated procedures and methods when new ones have already been proposed by researchers.

- On the other hand, when put into practice, the theoretically established method could not be applicable in the industrial setting.
- Students' skills are used in the workplace, but how they are applied changes depending on the circumstances.
- There is a gap between researchers in academia and those in business.
- In many circumstances, a student has no notion how to promote oneself outside of the classroom.
- Resources made available to scholars and practitioners.
- While academics is reluctant to adopt innovative teaching strategies, industry is reluctant to put new concepts into practice.
- Over time, there is little of a trust gap between the two spouses.

Both parties should be aware that innovation is necessary for technical advancement. The establishment of enduring relationships amongst key stakeholders has become essential. As a result, we are emphasizing key aspects of the problem area that may signal the beginning of a plan for academic and industrial cooperation. In industrial settings, theoretical norms should be put into practice.

- There should be an internship program.
- To promote knowledge transfer with academia, project managers for industrial workers with explicit knowledge will deliver lectures.
- In order to help its partners, academia reports on novel process models and shares fresh findings with the industry.
- When instructing students, relevancy to the workplace is crucial.
- Resources must be shared between business and academia. Online resources should be available to both students and staff so they can get references from books, reports, and current research.
- Cooperation shouldn't be limited to national borders; rather, employment and student exchanges should take place internationally.
- It has become important to create committees to oversee and develop this partnership.

Before moving on to the next stage of AICP, only these few items need to be completed. Understanding the necessity of collaboration between academia and industry is crucial, and these contacts must be based on shared benefits.

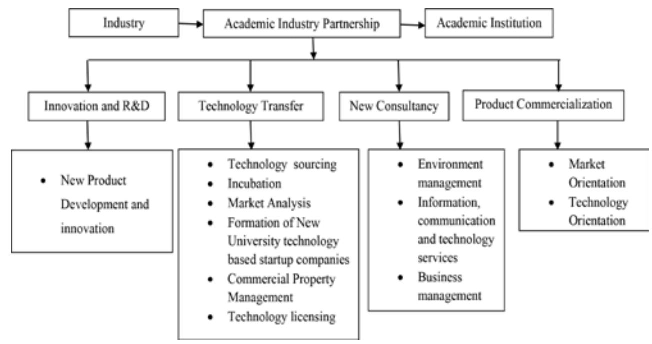

Figure 3: Collaboration plan of Academia and Industry

The Novel Approach of the Academia-Industry Cooperation Strategy in Relation to the Triple Helix Model

A creative environment provides the fertile ground needed for innovation. The triple helix model (THM) is a strategy that can be used to promote the development of an environment that encourages innovation. In order to promote innovation, this approach links the domain of practice (business), the regulatory authority (government), and a knowledge repository (universities). Industry, government, and universities work together to make up for each other's deficiencies. The industry seeks a source of information for ideas, which is duly offered by universities connected to the sector THM also links the government and the business world. The industry can lessen the difficulty of bureaucratic procedures that are typical of governmental organizations because of its direct connection to the government. This contact between academia and business has several advantages. Academicians must have a real-world issue to which they can apply their knowledge first. When universities are linked to the business world, they are inundated with real-world problems requiring solutions. Universities have a reliable source of information as well because they are connected to the industry.

Second, in light of their interactions with the industry, institutions can also redesign their curriculum. Universities improve their graduates' employability by doing this. Finally, the connection between academic institutions and business helps to enhance both knowledge and practise. The likelihood of a new business improves significantly when issues are tackled cooperatively.

The AICP design model gives students a chance to interface with the business world. Hence, once they have graduated, finding a job ends up being straightforward. Graduate students can readily locate employment prospects by utilising their existing contacts. There will be a huge pool of chances for students who can put their ideas into action with the aid of businesses. The academic community advises that the industry enhance/replace the current practices with ones that are more fruitful. On the other side, businesses might send qualified personnel to instruct or mentor the pupils. Also, they can offer pupils class-related tasks and aid businesspeople in functioning improvement.

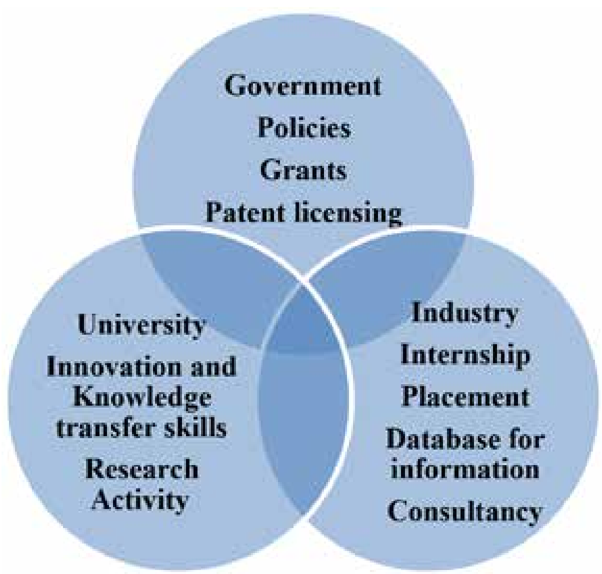

Figure No.4: Triple Helix Model

Academic:

(a) Students gain a thorough understanding of professional work through industrial professionals sharing their knowledge and professional conduct with them.

(b) Assist students in seeing how theoretical and practical approaches are relevant.

(c) They are able to conduct theoretical research and suggest its useful applications in the industry setting.

Industry:

(a) They can offer lessons that foster students' capacity for creativity and help them develop useful suggestions they can use to apply to the workplace for efficient operation.

(b) Ideas can be implemented if they are supported by knowledge. Both the academic and business communities must come to an agreement. It is crucial to have business people provide guidance.

c) By connecting with students, conveying their ideas to them, and receiving feedback from their point of view, employees can improve their professionalism without having to pay for expensive training.

(d) By recruiting the students they are already collaborating with, they can speed up the hiring process.

How can this partnership lead to positive improvements for both sectors?

(a) Students gain a thorough understanding of professional functioning by listening to industrial professionals share their knowledge and behaviors at work.

(b) Assist students in seeing how theoretical and practical approaches are relevant.

(c) They are able to carry out academic research and recommend its real-world applications in a business setting.

(d) If ideas are supported by knowledge, they can be implemented.

(e) Businesses can raise the professionalism of their employees through their own learning experiences rather than paying for expensive training programmes. They can do this by talking to students about their ideas and gaining their opinions.

(f) By recruiting the students with whom they currently collaborate, they can speed up the hiring process.

(g) A swift mutual consensus can be reached by both parties.

Dynamic Communication Strategies for Academic Industry Partnership

It is crucial to establish a fluid and dynamic communication system between the two prospective stakeholders.

The following strategies will be used to fortify the relationship:

- Prior to starting the assignment, acceptance criteria must be set and communication channels must be determined.
- Institutions and organizations need to get together and work together.
- Industry developments should be observed, and courses on related subjects should be required.
- It is necessary to adapt industry trends and teaching methods for all students.
- (ICT industrial partnership team) Faculty and member involvement in industry.
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- Progressive talks with businesses, ICT, and students should be held and documented.
- To promote linkages and information sharing between researchers and practitioners, a web portal must be developed.
- incubators and research financing will both improve the fundamentals of research and development

On the other hand, academia and business should collaborate to help students develop their capacity for analytical thought. For creative kids, a strategy that promotes the production of fresh concepts through teamwork ought to be suggested.

Framework Activity for Enhancing Relationship Between the Institution and the Industry

In order to promote communication between industry and academia and to build task sets and work products, it is crucial to develop a framework activity. This will lead to an expanded interaction between the two that will enable the widespread introduction and sharing of ideas. From the standpoint of software engineering, it is clear that these actions establish standards and create criteria for starting a task. The following activities would make up the framework for the test set of communications extending the collaboration between academia and industry for research and its application:

- Planning

✓ Collecting Information

✓ updating an information-sharing paradigm and communication

✓ scheduling workshops and seminars for industry professionals and students

- Specifications and analysis

✓ encouraging creative activities/small tasks to assess students and determine their suitability discovering relevant businesses for student internships or visits

✓ listing the best institution for industrial collaboration

✓ getting rid of unnecessary behaviours

✓ copping together

✓ suggesting fresh concepts from both business and academia

- Design and review

✓ Acceptance criteria

✓ Student's group formation and reviews

✓ Verification and validation

✓ Proposal writing

✓ Acceptance of new ideas

✓ Team design

✓ Student's group formation and reviews

- Implementing feedback rework includes:

✓ Participating in interactive sessions and focus groups

✓ Sharing information

✓ Internships

✓ Transferring new theoretical knowledge in industries

- ✓ Working projects
- ✓ Using the most recent innovations in collaboration.

A simple strategic planning framework with two-way communication is required, taking into account the present scenario analysis and Partnership norms for industry and academic institutions. A comprehensive and dynamic collaboration will be offered by such a system. It's a crucial duty completed to bridge the gap between academia and Industrialists. Before beginning collaborative activities, it is important to thoroughly address the few significant features, which include identifying the stakeholders and prioritising them. Academic institutions and the businesses that assist in turning new ideas into inventions are the tenacious players that support the dynamism of research and the conversion of concepts into practical applications. Industries disregard when scientists and engineers are in a production state since there is a huge gap between Industralists and academicians. Nevertheless, academia ignores the notion that these students are fashion followers. While educational institutions must be aware of the needs of industry, there must be an industrial concentration there. If merely the idea were supplied without the insight and adequate grasp of all its dynamics, there might be a number of barriers to adoption. The main argument against applying the concept is that academic or independent study research materials and practise application are difficult to locate relevant.

Research can be pertinent and beneficial for industrialists if it demonstrates strength in all aspect of the debates; one is to offer solutions, or at the very least a path towards a solution, and the other is to ascertain how long theories will be differentiated with time and necessity. Another thing to consider is an idea's adaptability. On the other hand, expecting researchers to deliver results and solutions right now is inappropriate. It requires time from both academics and practitioners. Academics must concentrate on topics with practical application; projects and work products are essential for fostering academic and industry partnership. We need to create a culture where we can recognise when we are looking for something that might not be there.

One must realize that without the correct two-way paradigm, research cannot be turned into a result and modified in accordance with the situation's particular requirements. Universities that offer students the chance to engage in research and development should give them an advantage in their disciplines. It is necessary to build a variety of strategies for incorporating novel concepts as well as criteria for the expansion of research and development.

DISCUSSION

Case Study 1

The University of Maryland and the Waters Corporation have partnered to create the International Food Safety Training Laboratory (IFSTL). This partnership, which was signed in 2010, resulted in the construction of a training facility for analytical procedures for food safety in microbiology and chemistry, where academics from the University and subject-matter specialists from the U.S. FDA, USDA, and EPA collaborate to provide instruction. In its 18 months of operation, this resource has helped food laboratory specialists from numerous nations and made a significant contribution to the FDA's international capacity building plan, which aims to strengthen laboratory capacity domestically and internationally to improve food safety globally. It was feasible to create a special training and collaborative opportunity that can benefit a wide variety of stakeholders, from foreign government to local industry, by joining forces to capitalize on the strengths of each institution, which could not have been done by any of the partners alone.

Case study 2

Relationship lasting six years between a mechanical engineering department and the American Iron & Steel Institute's (AISI) Automotive Bumper Project committee. Seven senior capstone design projects and three master's projects were funded by the AISI Bumper Project, which gave 25 students outstanding educational opportunities. The initiatives included creating and testing a high-energy pendulum impact tester to designing particular vehicle bumpers.

This long-standing partnership benefited the institution by supplying pertinent student projects, funding graduate students, and maintaining a connection with business. The industry collaboration profited by promoting the study of interesting subjects at the undergraduate level (steel design, impact analysis), getting "out-of-the-box" design proposals, and learning how bumpers may be impacted by upcoming trends. While both parties' expenses were kept to a minimum, the majority of the Direct hardware funding is needed so that the students can build and test their inventions.

SUGGESTION, POLICY IMPLICATION AND CONCLUSION

Current trends in proposed policy and plan

Despite the existence of educational policies, their implementation is challenging. The majority of firms regularly focus on the auditing process. Plans for policymaking must ultimately be transformed into action plans, or they can be monitored annually to gauge progress and examine current trends in the advised policy and strategy. Operations in the academic and industrial worlds are entirely different from one another. The academic community's efforts and resources deteriorate because impact-based research is only done with the goal of publishing in journals and presenting fresh discoveries at conferences. In contrast, the sector places a strong emphasis on market-driven research to increase food profitability.

The inability to distribute resources and discoveries effectively to close this gap is caused by the lack of institutional and organizational structure in research and development. To integrate and implement the collaborative environment, policies must be defined, and previously approved procedures can be replicated, evaluated, and repeated. By establishing a human resources division that will enable tighter cooperation between business and academia, this gap can be closed at level 0 immediately. By dedicating resources and funds for the establishment of startup incubators, the next level must be upgraded.

Problems with stakeholder trust are just one of several that need to be fixed. In order to ensure that there are no trust difficulties between academic researchers and the company that could reduce the collaboration's long-term impact, other parties must be involved, such as the HR department or career planning and placement bureaus. Therefore, it's essential to implement loyalty contracts and create and uphold relevant legislation. Even though it is equally advantageous for innovation and productivity of industrial products, academic researchers sign contracts for pay and concept protection.

They are supporting an unusual yet innovative culture in order to effectively use our resources and promote a long-lasting collaboration between business and academia. Cooperation between official regulatory organizations, the public, and private sectors fosters knowledge sharing and creative problem-solving. By striking a balance between structural and rational thinking, institutions and companies can quickly adopt a culture of research and innovation.

The establishment of a human resources division at Level 0 and startup incubators at Level 1 catapult cooperation to the next level, where an interdisciplinary body known as the innovation committee encourages collaboration and entrepreneurship. HR supports a favourable relationship between academia and the industry in addition to developing an integrated system that helps academics with funding and marketing the research outcome (a researcher's product). On the other hand, incubation directly contributes to the sector's growth and yields distinctive, consumer-focused products. Repetitive errors occur when traditional procedures for organising and maintaining collaboration between business and academia are changed. Traditional structural requirements demand non-functional, passive trends.

In this situation, the industry's way of thinking results in products with an emphasis on solutions, whereas academia generates more questions by adhering to a conventional theoretical framework for every conceivable avenue of investigation. Each follow different approaches and fashions. By fusing these entities' interests in one item, we can create a long-term merger and collaboration. Research and development that is creative and innovative will lead to new technological developments and commercially viable solutions that will be of interest to both industry and academia.

University brainstorming sessions can help students develop their originality and creative thinking skills. The market is driven and uses an unconventional approach, allocating a specific amount of resources for products based on innovation.

Points to strengthen

- Direct industry involvement in research is possible.
- Academic research publications are become more affordable thanks to universities.
- Universities encourage students to work on initiatives that have been selected by business.
- Universities should mandate that all projects and theses include an industrial guide.
- While the industry is intended for business, education is a service. Students may receive training through the use of university funding.
- The demand for curriculum expansion to include topics that are domain-specific.
- The government can enact legislation forcing businesses to work with at least one institution and to train a specific number of college students each year.
- People from the industry may be invited to frequent guest talks.
- It is bringing in industry professionals to help with curriculum development.
- Involving one academic participant in research that is supported by industry.
- Compulsory 1-year of additional study and industrial training (like in medical studies).

CONCLUSION

Industries don't require sand or baked-finished pots, but they can mould processed soil to fit their needs. There are opportunities to conduct fruitful (school- and learning-related) research that can assist the industry, but the research and economy will gain from the cordial flow of ideas between academic and industrial research. The first step is crucially important, and it is understanding the needs of the sector. It can be exceedingly challenging if, as is commonly the case, the industry lacks understanding of the research process and doesn't know what it wants. Even though many in the sector have bachelor's degrees, there may not be a defined or articulated understanding of how research is conducted. It may be required to find research gaps and ask the industry if they are interested in filling them in order to identify challenges that are occasionally more substantial than what the industry perceives to be relevant. In addition to information on how students should approach industrial training, advice and suggestions from industry experts, which should also be approached to deliver lectures on time, this manuscript has provided a prominent level of an overview of relatively new rules and amendments for enhancing engineering level students. Students should be encouraged to participate in numerous workshops, seminars, and training sessions in addition to their coursework. This essay also offered some recommendations for future curriculum extension and the study of fresh teaching techniques.

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Is Gamification a Proactive Method for Learning and Generating Motivation to the Young Generation Community

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ABSTRACT

Technology is rising and so are we, adopting the new age digital generation framework and tactics of Gamification to generate changes in the behaviors of the learners, encouraging the motivation factors and engagement of the users. Our research paper aims to determine whether the Gamification tool is a proactive method of learning or not when gaming elements are applied to the subject topics of different areas and backgrounds, examining their perceptions of Gamification Technique. We describe our familiarity with gamification elements of LMS applications that serve their users on a gamified basis giving them reward points, badges, and a cashback system to ensure maximum engagement. For a better outcome result, we organized an online study for 1 month on the Red Critter teacher gamification app on Undergraduate Game design Students followed by 100 students sample size of Poornima University, Jaipur. We systematically planned our sessions and gave them deadlines and assignments to achieve reward points and badges and also conducted a quiz at the end of the term classes providing them with Special points. A validated survey was conducted to record the responses and perceptions of the game design learners using the gamified application. Another survey was conducted over undergraduate non-Game design students of Amity University, Kolkata followed by 100 students to correlate the perception of the students towards the gamification learning technique who are not from Game Design Background. We catalog around 50 classified gamification research papers proclaiming the affordable significance of gamification on the positive side of learning and motivating. Conducted a Chi-Square test to compare 2 studies with null and alternative hypotheses. Our study's results show that there was no statistically significant difference between the attitudes of students with gaming backgrounds and those with typical acémia towards incorporating gaming aspects into their coursework. Our research is correlated to two communities of learners (Gaming students and non-gaming Students) describing the impact of gamification on their behavior

KEYWORDS: *Gamification, Gaming elements, Learning management System, Games.*

Problem Statement

The standard educational systems and predetermined patterns make learners highly bored in their learning strategies, which reduces their interest in the subjects they have chosen. Lack of Motivation is a prevalent issue for learners is a lack of motivation, which may be brought on by a number of things, including a discrepancy between their interests and the curriculum, a lack of defined goals, or even personal challenges. This could be a reason in subpar academic progress and a lack of interest in the learning process. Lack of Individualised Attention is another problem usually faced by the students during the classes. It might be difficult for teachers to provide each student individualised attention in crowded classes. Some learners may fall behind as a result, feel abandoned, or not get the help they require to meet their specific learning requirements. Learners are becoming more prevalent with mental health difficulties like stress, anxiety, and depression. Their willingness to focus, pay attention to detail, and participate in their studies may be greatly impacted by these circumstances, potentially leading to lower academic accomplishment.

INTRODUCTION

Characterization of Gamification

As gamification word sounds strange and scary to many people but it has been derived from the very game word having the fundamental of game mechanics, breaking up of the game elements to next level for learning purpose. Gami-Fiction's means using Game-based mechanics, aesthetics and game thinking to engage people, motivate actions, promote learning and solving problems in a non-game context. The concept behind it is to gain momentum. It coined in 2002 by nick peiling on a web page but got recognition in 2010 and picked up momentum. As in early day of gamification it was a lonely passion to those who were researching on this topic because very few people understood it and thought about it. But gradually as year passed Gamification became a buzz ware as many companies, organization, events started to care about it in order to run their organization smoothly. We all know Gamification is subject to motivational, engaging and learning technique to generate confidence, self-power, interaction and collaborate with consumers and audience by giving badges, points and reward system to everyone in a non-gaming environment through gamified elements. It's not always about the game, game is never a fun through points or rewarding badges it's all about how challenging that game is, how you are able to use your creativity to overcome the challenge in particular surroundings. To understand gamification, it's important to understand the basic parts of the game which are: goal-focused activity, reward mechanisms, and progress tracking. Gamification technique has a potential to transform the mindset of the working audience. Gamification is not same as game design it is about extracting the meaningful game elements like challenges, competition, feedbacks, and talent and adding to a non-game context to solve the problem or engage with audience. it's a tool to change the behaviour of the people through positive reinforcement.

Gamification In education: Gamification in education plays a vital role for motivating students to learn by using gamified elements. Motivation can be intrinsic or extrinsic that gives rise to the factional behaviour of the students.it enhance the learning capacity of the students by building the atmosphere of understanding and responsive instructive feedback loops. Gamification engages the students to an extent where their reflex actions towards complex subject matter increases. According to FBM "Fogg's Behavioural Model: gamification changes the desired Behaviour by focusing on learner's motivation by Three Factors 1. Motivation (be sufficient Motivated) 2. Ability (Ability to perform behaviour)3. Triggers (be triggered to perform the behaviour). Education and technology are pacing very fast and transforming at a very high rate. To cope up with the standards of educating gamification is a right tool to perform with the students to enhance their learning and motivational skills to understand complex subject matters through gamified elements. Many Online application and portals are running on computers and phones to educate students in both offline /online modes. These educational portals are taking the help of gamified elements so that their students can engage and concentrate more while the classes are going on by giving special rewards, points in between the classes which they can earn by giving correct answers and attending the classes on regular basis. Later on, these reward points can be redeemed back to get special hampers and gifts. It encourages students to Attend the classes efficiently and regularly. Examples: ODA classes, BIjuce Classes.

Gamification is described as the technique of adding affordances to services in order to create game-like experiences and improve behavioural outcomes. Gamification is a technique where the user applies gamified elements to the learning process environment improving the user engagement, inducement factor to the students and learners.it acts like a encouragement booster to the society where learning becomes fun and easier to understand complex models. After the pandemic covid 19 education system has taken a hard turn towards modern age digitalization online system but somewhere students lack the interest of daily monotonous classes as the education is no different. Applying right gamified element can change the method of teaching and learning in the society. Gamification not only Binds the students but creates a better understanding and interactivity between a teacher and a student. Learning is not only limited to certain age as gamified elements can be applied to different age of people where learning is into the timeline. Employees working with multinational companies and organization race for the achievements awards for completing targets or performing well tending them to get motivated and working much engaged to team in order to acquire certain levels. Gamification is in the main stream from last decades, utilising right concepts within the organization may enhance user engagement way of motivation, Inspiration and a reason to explore more in learning process by understanding it in a fun way.

Implementation of LMS – Learning Management System

Learning management system main focus is to target and record the reports and activities of the individuals, tracking their productivity on daily basis providing them with the rewards certificates. LMS is in use since 1920 when Sidney L. Pressey first developed a student answer tracking teaching machine just like a typewriter for practical exercises where students have to drill in the answers instead of typing them out. This machine helped the learners to record their answers for their future use. Technology changed and traditional methods of LMS substitute by digital electronic LMS applications with the implementation of gamified environment system providing badges, special reward points which learners can redeem in turn of valuable items anytime, anywhere because of web based clouding system LMS is being used in many organisation and educational institutions for the better learning, interactivity and enhancing motivation to their learners at right time. Gamified elements are well applied on LMS as it has an automatic tracking system for the records of the students. LMS moulded itself towards new age learners' system giving much gamify environment to learn complex model in an easier way and the demand of the millennial learners. LMS is not only limited to learning process but also revolve around the functioning and improving education standards. The new age modern LMS is pacing with speed to cop up with the new generation digital learners.

Gamified Modern LMS

Here are some of the modern gamified LMS providing standard elements for motivation and recording achievements these gamified LMS includes Badges, Reward points and activities programs for the recognition of the learner's work

1. Red Critter Teacher: Recognition LMS platform for educationist for tracking the records of the learners providing learners with daily activity program whether anywhere learners want to learn. Keep a track of the records by giving reward points and badges, motivate for teamwork and actively participating in events to improve skills
2. TED Ed: Ted ed is an educational digital video platform where users like Educator, parents or students share their ideas and research videos using session plans having discussions and questioners for the learners, keeping in record their impact on the world by applying gamify elements
3. Khan Academy: Educational company aims at delivering free gamified educational session to the learners including free supplementary practice exercises and material for educators specialized for physics, economics, math's, computer, arts and humanities and test paper. The gamified environment gives personalize learning by filling gaps in the understanding levels of the individuals and meet the need of every learner.
4. Coursera: it's a worldwide open source LMS digital platform of providing diploma and degree from top reputed universities and organization in affordable and job oriented to every individual depending on their ranks and scores through gamification strategies. This program also provides the personality development and motivation session to crack the interviews in reputed companies and organization.
5. Udemy: it's a world largest online platform having students more than 57 million,13,000 courses and over 50000 instructors. This platform provides special credits to the instructors over session

which gives them more motivation to teach better earning points. More the number of credits gives high ranking of goodwill. Same goes for students achieving high scores in assignments gives them points to achieve handsome rewards and placements.

6. Memrise: This platform works on mnemonics of memorizing the flashcards to learn language in simpler form. It's a strategy of improving learning capability and memory of important language signs.it helps build you vocabulary strong through flashcard in a repetition manner to increase the rate of learning.

7. Solo Learn: This platform boosts you technically sound specially in coding. Learning languages like python, java, c++ can be a big task for normal individual not from computer back ground. platform works on real world practice sessions giving more credibility and understand on real-time system. Having more than 50,000,00 community members and creators experiencing the fun of gamified coding system

8. Yousician: Widely used platform for learning instruments in a fun and a novel way. Learners are provided with special gift hampers attending the classes on regular basis and special rewards are liven for completing every music development assignment

9. Duolingo: it's a powerful tool of learning any language in a fun way applying gaming elements to the application. The application uses path and levels to achieve rewards in assignments in form of gems. More the number of Gems will qualify the learners to attain advance levels of Language learning. The application keeps a track on the learner's quiz and over the engagement towards the classes taken. The Duolingo application totally works on game-based elements

As we have talked about many FMS systems. For providing better learning experience to the learners a survey is conducted on Red Critter Teacher Application for the students to get enrolled with their Email. To have a better look over the learning system through this gamified application, assignment is assigned to individuals for keeping the records.

Learning Through Gamification Process Study Purpose

The purpose of the study was to compare the behavioural changes and levels of acceptance between two community learners with various academic backgrounds and to link the learning patterns and behavioural changes by incorporating gaming context into their curriculum.

Study 1

Figure 1.0, Red Critter Gamified Application

A study conducted on 100 students of Poornima university (B.Sc. in Game Design) by taking online class on Red Critter Gamification Teacher Application, assigning them tasks and having limited time to execute. The study was based on how learning can be made fun, interesting and motivating by applying gaming tools like badges, rewards and point system in between the learning process. Each student was assigned with individual Game Design Document assignment making them aware of the rewarding system. the objective of this research is to observe the changes in learning skills of the students, finding teaching solutions and improvements in learners' performance in the class by keeping their track records.

To conduct this study the authors has gone through many review literature research articles for a systematic mechanism. As the problem arises from the traditional way of learning system, proper validated solution is the need of the hour.

Study Questioner Mechanism

The study carried out in accordingly to planed sessions with assignment deadline strategy applying definite channel to gamified elements. Each student was stated with remarkable reward point system to redeem gift hampers from the management. Top 3 students with highest reward point were awarded with prizes. The selection of the top 3 students were elected through their performance, team work and dedication to complete the assignment on give time period.

Survey Conducted

After the completion of the assignment survey is conducted to the students (Gaming Background) to relate the outcome of the Gamification application on students with respect to their response to the validated questioners held under the supervision of the experienced professors. The survey conducted with limited number of students who took the online classes with gaming elements.

Group P1: 50 students (Poornima University Jaipur) Gaming and Animation Back Ground

Group P2: 50 students (Poornima University Jaipur) Gaming and Animation Back Ground

The sample size age of the students differs in between: 18-28 years where as 95.8% students liked the games of different genres like: action game 20.08%, adventure game 20.08%, first person shooter game12.05%, role playing games8.3 %, puzzle game 8.3% and all type of game 20.08%

1. Gamification elements effectiveness: 52%
2. Preferred using gamification applications: 74%
3. Gaming components enjoyable while studying: 45%
4. Have greater interactions with their subject: 65%
5. Gamification is a fun method to learn: 61%
6. Gaming-related learning activities: 71%
7. Find studying through gaming elements to be motivating: 87%
8. Greater interest in the subject: 78%
9. Motivated to work in teams: 74%
10. Increases communication skills: 70%

Study 2

Another study was conducted, which was followed by a survey involving 100 students at Amity University in Kolkata. The students were split into two groups of 50 each, and in a class lab, they were given the assignment to design an offline competition for creating a digital social media post. This study was overseen by experienced professors, and it included gaming elements like providing a rewards system and exclusive KFC discount coupons for the winners. The study's goal was to ascertain how students would perform when given gamified components, particularly when the sample groups weren't drawn from the game design business. After the assignment was finished and the results were announced, a survey about the gamification system was done using a Google form with 25 verified questions.

The students in the sample size ranged in age from 18 to 28 years, and 76% of them expressed a preference for playing games of various genres and 71.7% for gaming-related learning activities. While 13% of students experience no change in motivation, 87% of students find studying through gaming elements to be motivating. After incorporating gaming component into their learning process, 78.3% of students show greater interest in the subject. In order to complete the tasks, 73.9% of the students were motivated to work in teams, and 21.7% were unsure. 41.3% of students report not using any gamified learning applications. 17.4% of people have used Udemy for learning, while 19.6% have used Duolingo.

1. According to the questioner's poll, 52.2% of students said that gamified applications helped them learn more quickly and effectively. 21.7% of students don't know and 21.7% haven't used a gamified app.
2. 73.9% of students preferred using gamification applications like Swiggy and Zomato to earn rewards points and receive cashback discounts. 10.9% of students found this method of motivation to be unappealing. 15.2% of pupils lacked opinions.
3. After adding gaming components to the lesson, 15.2% of students became sidetracked from the main subject, while 45.7% of students found

the gaming components enjoyable and 39.1% of students felt ambivalent about them.

4. Compared to 13% of students who feel they got diverted from the main issue and 21.7% of students who were neutral about it, 65.2% of students feel more interested and have greater interactions with their subject.

5. While 60.9% highly agree with the assertion that gamification is a fun method to learn, just 23.9% strongly agree with it. Students' responses to the statement were as follows: 13% were neutral, and 2.2% strongly disagreed.

Out of the 10 major questions asked for the dataset from the 100 students sample size:

1. Gamification elements effectiveness: 62%
2. Preferred using gamification applications: 80%
3. Gaming components enjoyable while studying: 50%
4. Have greater interactions with their subject.: 70%
5. Gamification is a fun method to learn: 75%
6. Gaming-related learning activities :72%
7. Find studying through gaming elements to be motivating: 82%
8. Greater interest in the subject: 65%
9. Motivated to work in teams: 60%
10. Increases communication skills: 70%

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

We used chi-square test to compare two studies when analysing categorical data. To perform a hypothesis test using the chi-square test, we need to set up the null and alternative hypotheses.

Null hypothesis (H0): There is no significant difference in the distribution of responses between the two studies.

Alternative hypothesis (Ha): There is a significant difference in the distribution of responses between the two studies. Then we use the chi-square test statistic to determine whether we reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis.

$\chi^2 = \sum$ (Observed frequency - Expected frequency) ² / Expected frequency

To calculate the expected frequency, we have assumed that the null hypothesis is true and use the formula: Expected frequency = (row total x column total) / grand total.

We set up a contingency table to organize the observed frequencies for each survey question in both studies:

Statement	**Observed Frequency**	**Observed Frequency**
Survey Question on Gamification	Study 1	Study 2
1 Effectiveness	52%	62%
2 Preferred	74%	80%
3 Enjoyable	45%	50%
4 Interactions	65%	70%
5 Fun to learn	61%	75%
6 Gaming-related	71%	72%
7 Motivating	87%	82%
8 Interest	78%	65%
9 Teamwork	74%	60%
10 Communication	70%	70%
Total	677	704

Then we calculated the expected frequencies by multiplying the row total by the column total and dividing by the grand total:

Survey Question	**Study 1**	**Study 2**	**Row Total**	**Expected Frequency Study 1**	**Expected Frequency Study 2**
1 Effectiveness	52	62	114	56.35	57.65
2 Preferred	74	80	154	76.02	77.98
3 Enjoyable	45	50	95	46.93	48.07
4 Interactions	65	70	135	66.63	68.37
5 Fun to learn	61	75	136	67.11	68.89

6 Gaming-related	71	72	143	70.56	72.44
7 Motivating	87	82	169	83.36	85.64
8 Interest	78	65	143	70.56	72.44
9 Teamwork	74	60	134	66.11	67.89
10Communication	70	70	140	68.99	71.01
Total	**677**	**704**	**1285**		

To calculate the Chi-square test for the two studies, we can use the provided observed frequencies and expected frequencies. The Chi-square test will help determine if there is a significant association between the variables. We can then calculate the chi-square test statistic by using the formula above and summing the values for each survey question:

χ^2 = (52-56.35) ²/56.35 + (62-57.65) ²/57.65 + (74-76.02) ²/76.

02 + (80-77.98) ²/77.98 + (45-46.93) ²/46.93 + (50-48.07) ²/48.07 + (65-66.63) ²/66.63 + (70-68.37) ²/68.37 + (61-67.11) ²/67.11 + (75-68.89) ²/68.89 + (71-70.56) ²/70.56 + (72-72.44) ²/72.44 + (87-83.36) ²/83.36 + (82-85.64) ²/85.64 + (78-70.56) ²/70.56 + (65-72.44) ²/72.44 + (74-66.11) ²/66.11 + (60-67.89) ²/67.89 + (70-68.99) ²/68.99 + (70-71.01) ²/71.01

χ^2 = 14.36

RESULTS

With 10 degrees of freedom (10 survey questions - 1), we have found the p-value of the chi-square test using a chi-square distribution table. The p-value for this test is 0.2318, which is greater than the significance level of 0.05. Therefore, we fail to reject the null hypothesis that there is no difference in the responses between the two survey studies.

- Both community students are likely to include gaming in their coursework.
- Both students from the community are likely to become enthusiastic and well-engaged in the subject to comprehend the topic better.
- The outcome demonstrates the students' motivation to learn more about the subject and how they modified their behaviour to translate complex models into more understandable forms by incorporating game aspects.

LIMITATION

The study conducted had a narrow scope and the results were observed under the supervision of research panel, the commencement of research sample is limited to group of students leading towards the narrow sample size of population for statical analysis. The respondent was self-selected, executing biased false perception towards the data outcome. Another potential limitation observed is monotonous traditional method of encouraging the learners through gamified webinars application and conducting offline seminars directing boredom and lack of interest in playing games method again and again. For the desire of achieving reward points and cashback points, learners got distracted from their main topic, rather gushing towards accomplishment of the given task lacking the quality work enhancing competition between the individuals. Most of the learning gamified application are digital and conducts classes online increasing the screen time of the individuals' learners developing health problems and usability to practical lab work is limited.

CONCLUSION

According to 2 studies that have been conducted and sample data that has been gathered, it has been found that students who came from a gaming background and who are pursuing degrees in the gaming industry and the students who are from non-gaming traditional academically inclined background tend to have the same interest in incorporating gaming elements into their studies because they enjoy playing games and can relate to complex models through games in order to understand concepts more fully. The chi-square test results have shown no significant difference between the responses of two studies conducted. According to several research, gamification can improve learning outcomes by raising student interest, participation, and motivation. Students might feel more invested in their learning and be more inclined to stick with it if instructors include game aspects like incentives, progress tracking, and competition. It's vital to remember, though, that gamification might not be sufficient in and of itself to guarantee effective learning. A proper learning environment, pertinent and meaningful information, and high-quality instructional design are still required. Additionally, not all students may respond to gamification in the same way, and it might not be appropriate for all types of learning. In conclusion, gamification can be a proactive strategy for fostering motivation in the next generation while also promoting learning, but it should be utilised carefully and in conjunction with other potent teaching techniques.

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India's Engineering Education System: Challenges and Issues

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ABSTRACT

In India, engineering is a very popular topic of study, and thousands of people graduate from it each year. However, there are many obstacles to overcome on the way from an engineering student to a successful professional. Based on current statistics and trends, this blog post seeks to clarify these issues and offer advice to engineering students, recent grads, and job seekers in the industry.

In India, the AICTE has shut down over 800 engineering schools. His or her seats are vacant, and fewer students are being admitted to these universities each year. The AICTE's stricter requirements cause 150 colleges to voluntarily close their doors each year. The main objective of the study is to determine why students lose interest in the field of engineering.

KEYWORDS: *Engineering, Education system, Technological development, NEP 2020.*

INTRODUCTION

India has a large number of colleges offering engineering education, all with different standards. As a result, the quality of graduates varies, with some having high levels of skill and others missing those needed to succeed in the labor market. In addition, many engineering colleges still use outmoded curricula that do not reflect the most recent developments in technology and industry.

India's engineering education system is undergoing fast change. According to the Indian Brand Equity Foundation (IBEF), India's focus over the next two decades will be on improving regulations and building out its educational infrastructure, which could turn India into one of the world's most popular locations for higher education. One hope for significant change is the National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020), which the Indian central government adopted in July 2020. It is still too soon to say whether the NEP's implementation will be successful in advancing the sector.

Accurate Institute claims that India's engineering education is subpar compared to global standards. Engineering schools in India suffer from a lack of resources, infrastructure, and competent professors, which lowers the quality of training. The curriculum is out-of-date and does not effectively prepare pupils for the demands of the modern workplace.

In India, there will be over 14 lakh engineering seats available in 2023, according to AglaSem Admission. Both undergraduate and graduate engineering programs are included in this total, which are provided by numerous institutions nationwide.

The Issue of Outdated Education

The outdated curriculum is a serious problem because it causes a disconnect between what is taught in universities and what is needed in the workplace. Because of this gap, graduates frequently lack the practical abilities required to work in engineering after graduation.

In India, the issue of outdated curricula in engineering education is very serious. IoT, Big Data, Analytics, Cloud, and other contemporary developments, as well as how they are applied in the real world, are often unfamiliar to the current generation of fresh engineering graduates, according to an article on LinkedIn titled "Addressing the outdated curriculum challenge for Engineering institutes in India." These graduates frequently lack the ability to apply the fundamental ideas taught in engineering colleges in real-world situations.

The quick rate of technical breakthroughs in India makes it even harder for engineers to advance their careers, necessitating constant skill improvement on their part.

LITERATURE SURVEY

Next to China and the United States, India has the third-largest student body in the world’s higher education system. India, however, has an edge over China in that English is the dominant language used in higher education and research. In India, 11% of young people attend higher education institutions, compared to 20% in China. The primary institutions of higher education in India are universities and the colleges that make up each university. There are 227 government-recognized Universities in India as of 2011. There are 109 deemed universities, 11 open universities, 20 central universities, and the remaining state institutions. There are affiliated colleges where undergraduate courses are taught at the majority of these Indian universities[1].

India is experiencing a crisis in engineering education. The country expects to benefit from a demographic dividend due to its largely youthful population, but the quality of engineering education stands in the way.

The issue of India’s poor engineering education is now well-known. Most engineering institutions are unable to offer education to engineering students that would land them suitable careers, with the exception of IITs and other famous technical institutes.

The proliferation of subpar engineering colleges over time is the source of the issue. Enrollment at these universities is declining as fewer of its graduates find suitable employment. Many of these colleges are being closed down right now.

There will be about 80,000 fewer engineering seats available nationwide. In four years, this will result in 3.1 lakh fewer seats. Nearly 200 “substandard” engineering colleges have requested for closure, according to the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE)[4].

The quantity of engineering seats has decreased since 2016. AICTE estimates that it is roughly 75,000 each year. In 2016–17, the total undergraduate intake capacity was 15,71,220; however, only 7,87,127 students actually enrolled, or just over 50%. Intake totaled 16,47,155 in 2015–16, of which 8,60,357 students were enrolled, or 52.2% of the total.

Because to the stiffer AICTE regulations, about 150 colleges are shut down voluntarily each year. The council has a provision that requires colleges with inadequate facilities and admission rates of less than 30% for five straight years to close. From 2014–15 to 2017–18, AICTE allowed the gradual closure of more than 410 colleges across India.

CHALLENGES AND ISSUES IN EDUCATION SYSTEM

High Ratios of Students to Teachers

Another problem is the high student-teacher ratios in many colleges, which cause insufficient individual attention for pupils and worse educational quality.

In many institutions, there are too many students for too few teachers, which compromises the quality of instruction and results in insufficient attention for each student. According to a Hindustan Times analysis, India lags behind numerous nations in terms of the student-teacher ratio in the higher education sector, including Brazil and China. India’s 24:1 ratio is lower than the 19:1 ratios in Brazil and China. According to the paper, this has a negative impact on the standard of academic research that these professors do in addition to overburdening a limited number of them. A low student-teacher ratio shows how difficult it is for one instructor to teach many students and how little time is given to each student.

Due to rising student enrollment rates and poor faculty hiring in higher education institutions, the professor shortage has gotten worse over time. Higher education institutions are enrolling more students, but fewer teachers are working there overall. Over 5 lakh professors are reportedly needed to fill open positions at the nation’s public, private, and federal colleges. Engineering students in India deal with a variety of issues, from outmoded curricula to a lack of practical experience.

Corruption and Immoral Behavior

Another issue plaguing India’s engineering education sector is corruption. The difficulties experienced by engineering students are further exacerbated by widespread problems including bribery, nepotism, and favoritism.

The quality of education and how students and educators are seen can be greatly impacted by corruption and unethical behavior in the educational system, particularly engineering education. The Times of India reported that there are many different ways that corruption can occur in the educational system, including bribery, cronyism, neglect of duty, financial theft, extortion, graft, influence peddling, lobbying, nepotism, parochialism, patronizing, etc.

The Crisis of Employability

Even though there are many engineering graduates, very few are thought to be employable. This is brought on by a number of elements, such as poor educational quality, a dearth of practical skills, and a mismatch between academic curricula and business objectives.

The rising rate of unemployed engineering graduates in India, which is a direct result of the discrepancy between academic learning and industry requirements, is a critical issue that has come to light more and more.

Immediate Employability: A Problem

According to studies, a sizable portion of recent engineering graduates are not immediately employed. This demonstrates the necessity of raising the standard of engineering education and better integrating it with market demands.

The Engineering Graduate Job Market

Graduates of engineering have particular difficulties in the employment market. Many recent graduates struggle to obtain jobs in their primary subjects of study, particularly in professions like civil engineering. It can be because there aren't many openings, there's a lot of competition, or the skills needed aren't the right ones for the position.

Approximately 57 percent of Indian engineering graduates were employable in 2023, up from 46 percent in 2021, according to Statista. Over the past four years, the nation's youth's total employability has remained constant at 46%. The difficulties faced by Indian engineering students extend beyond the classroom and into the job market, where they frequently lack the skills necessary to meet the needs of potential employers.

Campus Placements in a Low Key

Several engineering universities throughout the nation have reported having reduced campus placements. This might be because of several things, including the state of the economy, demand in the business, and the caliber of graduates.

Preference for Jobs Other Than Engineering

Numerous engineering students have been seen choosing non-engineering careers8. This might be the result of things like higher compensation, job profile flexibility, better prospects for growth, and the chance for self-learning.

The Effects of Tiredness

The demanding academic schedule and high performance expectations for engineering students can result in physical and emotional weariness. This has an effect on both their general well-being and academic achievement. Students must learn to efficiently manage their time and make sure they schedule downtime for rest and self-care. Online tools like time management skills and mindfulness practices are available to assist students manage stress and prevent burnout.

Soft Skills' Function

Although soft skills like communication, teamwork, and problem-solving are equally important in the engineering sector, technical skills are unquestionably important. During the employment process, employers frequently search for these talents. An engineering graduate's employability and professional success can both be improved by honing these abilities. Numerous soft skills courses are available on websites like Coursera and edX that can be helpful for engineering students and recent grads. To ensure that India's engineers are globally competitive, the nation's concerns over engineering education must be addressed right away.

The Value of Constant Learning

Engineering is a field that is always developing, with new technology and methods appearing frequently. Continuous learning is crucial if you want to stay current in this dynamic sector. Graduates in engineering should be willing to keep their knowledge and skills current throughout their careers. Numerous engineering-related courses are available online through resources like Udemy, Coursera, and edX.

The Influence of Connections

In the professional world, networking is essential, and engineering is no exception. Developing a strong professional network can lead to mentorship, internship, and employment possibilities. Platforms like LinkedIn can be used by engineering students and recent graduates to network with business people, join relevant groups, and take part in conversations. Meeting experts in the sector and learning about the newest trends and possibilities can both be accomplished by attending industry events and webinars.

Exposure to Industry

Another crucial factor that can greatly improve the employability of engineering graduates is exposure to the industry1. Project work, industrial training, and internships can give students real-world experience and a deeper grasp of the field. To get practical experience and improve their resume's appeal to potential employers, engineering students should actively seek out these chances.

CONCLUSION

The transition from an engineering student to a successful professional can be difficult, but with the correct attitude and strategy, these difficulties can be successfully overcome. Engineering graduates can position themselves for job success by keeping up with industry trends, developing technical and soft skills, managing stress, embracing continuous learning, utilizing the power of networking, and acquiring industry exposure. Keep in mind that every obstacle offers a chance for development and education. Accept these difficulties and use them as steppingstones to a prosperous engineering career.

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