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MESSAGE FROM THE CHARIMAN



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It gives me immense pleasure to share the success of the International Conference on Frontiers in Science and Future Technologies (ICSFT 2026)." This remarkable gathering brough together distinguished thought leaders, researchers, and practitioners who explored the transformative impact of digital technologies on society and industry.

The deliberations underscored the importance of embracing digital transformation and scenario planning, while also highlighting how innovation can drive significant improvements in healthcare, education, finance, and beyond. What emerged strongly from the discussions was the necessity for organizations to invest in robust digital infrastructure, foster a culture of experimentation, and encourage collaboration to remain competitive in this dynamic era.

The conference also made clear that as we embrace these opportunities, we must remain equally committed to addressing challenges—by strengthening digital literacy, ensuring cyber security, and promoting inclusive access to digital opportunities for all.

I firmly believe that the ideas and recommendations shared in this forum will serve as valuable guidance for policymakers, industry leaders, academicians, and individuals who seek to harness the power of digital innovation for the greater good.

As Chairman, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all participants, speakers, organizers, and partners who made this event a success. Together, we have taken meaningful steps toward building a more sustainable, equitable, and connected future.

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Thiru. S. K. Thirukumaran

It gives me great pride and satisfaction to address the International Conference on Frontiers in Science and Future Technologies (ICSFT 2026)" This distinguished forum brings together scholars, researchers, practitioners, and industry leaders from across the globe to engage in meaningful dialogue on the transformative role of digital technologies in shaping our collective future.

The chosen theme of this conference is both timely and thought-provoking. In an era defined by rapid technological change, innovation and digital intervention have become indispensable tools for addressing contemporary challenges.

At the same time, the discussions in this forum remind us that digital progress must be accompanied by responsibility. As leaders and change-makers, we must prioritize digital literacy, Streng then cyber security frameworks, and ensure equitable access so that the benefits of technology extend to all sections of society.

I am confident that the ideas, best practices, and research findings shared in this conference will inspire innovation, encourage collaboration, and provide valuable direction for policy makers, institutions, and industries worldwide. The proceedings of this conference will serve as a significant contribution to the ongoing global discourse on digital transformation.

I take this opportunity to convey my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee, the distinguished speakers, and the participants whose efforts and dedication have made this event possible. It is my hope that this conference not only sparks new knowledge and insights but also fosters lasting collaborations that will drive meaningful progress in the digital era.

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The theme of this conference reflects the pressing need of our times—embracing innovation Andhra nesting the power of digital interventions to re-imagine the future of education, healthcare, finance, and other critical sectors. I am confident that the exchange of ideas, research findings, and best practices during this event will inspire new pathways for progress and contribute to building resilient and inclusive systems.

As we step further into the digital era, it is essential to strengthen our commitment to digital literacy, ethical practices, and inclusive access to technology. This conference provides a valuable platform to collectively reflect on these priorities and to chart meaningful directions for the future.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to the organizing committee, distinguished speakers, and participants for their contributions in making this conference possible. May the deliberations and outcomes of this event serve as a source of knowledge, collaboration, and innovation for all.

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Dr. U. Indumathi

It gives me immense pride and delight to extend my warm greetings to all the participants of Converge 2026 – International Conference on Frontiers in Science and Future Technologies (ICSFT 2026)."

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The theme rightly emphasizes the need for innovation as a driving force and intervention as a guiding principle in creating solutions that are not only technologically advanced but alsosocially relevant.

As we stand at the threshold of unprecedented digital transformation, it becomes essential for us to bridge the gap between traditional approaches and modern innovations. Conferences such as this nurture intellectual exchange, foster collaborations, and encourage inter disciplinary perspectives—values that are fundamental to progress in both science and society.

I sincerely appreciate the relentless efforts of the organizing committee in making this academic gathering a reality. I also extend my heartfelt wishes to all the presenters and participants for fruitful deliberations, meaningful networking, and knowledge enrichment.

Converge 2026 pave the way for new insights, stronger collaborations, and impactful out comes that contribute towards building a brighter digital future.

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Comparative Analysis of Supervised Machine Learning Techniques for Early Diabetes Detection

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Abstract

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic metabolic disorder that has become a major global public health concern. The number of people living with diabetes has increased substantially over the past decades, and the condition is associated with serious complications affecting the cardiovascular system, kidneys, eyes, nerves, and lower limbs. The World Health Organization emphasizes that early diagnosis is important because type 2 diabetes may develop with mild or unnoticed symptoms for several years, allowing complications to develop before diagnosis. Traditional diabetes diagnosis relies primarily on laboratory-based measurements such as fasting plasma glucose, oral glucose tolerance testing, and glycated hemoglobin (A1C). Although these methods are clinically established, intelligent computational methods can provide additional support for screening and risk assessment.

This research investigates the application of supervised machine learning algorithms for the early prediction of diabetes using patient health data. A predictive framework is developed using clinical attributes such as glucose level, blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), insulin level, age, and diabetes-related risk indicators. Several supervised classification techniques, including Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), are considered and compared. Data preprocessing operations such as missing-value treatment, feature scaling, outlier handling, and feature selection are incorporated to improve the quality of the input data. Model performance is evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (AUC-ROC). Based on the experimental

findings described in this study, ensemble learning, particularly Random Forest, provides strong predictive performance and robustness compared with individual classifiers. The proposed approach demonstrates the potential of machine learning as a decision-support tool for early diabetes screening and risk stratification. However, machine learning predictions should complement rather than replace established clinical diagnostic procedures. Future research can improve generalizability through larger and more diverse datasets, longitudinal patient records, explainable artificial intelligence, and real-time health monitoring.

Keywords: Diabetes Prediction, Machine Learning, Supervised Learning, Random Forest, Healthcare Analytics, Early Detection

I.INTRODUCTION

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic metabolic disease characterized by elevated blood glucose levels resulting from inadequate insulin production, impaired insulin action, or a combination of both. It is one of the major noncommunicable diseases affecting populations worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the number of people living with diabetes increased from approximately 200 million in 1990 to 830 million in 2022. The increase has been particularly pronounced in low- and middle-income countries.

Type 2 diabetes represents the majority of diabetes cases and is associated with several modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors. These include overweight and obesity, physical inactivity, dietary factors, increasing age, and genetic predisposition. The disease can remain undiagnosed for a considerable period because symptoms may be mild or absent during its early stages. Consequently, individuals may seek medical attention only after the disease has progressed or complications have appeared.

Early detection is therefore an important component of diabetes prevention and management. Diabetes is associated with serious complications, including cardiovascular disease, kidney disease, vision loss, nerve damage, and lower-limb complications. Early identification provides an opportunity for appropriate medical evaluation, lifestyle modification, and treatment. WHO notes that early diagnosis and appropriate management can help prevent or delay many diabetes-related consequences.

Current clinical practice uses established laboratory tests for screening and diagnosis. The American Diabetes Association (ADA) states that A1C, fasting plasma glucose (FPG), and the two-hour plasma glucose value obtained during a 75-g oral glucose tolerance test are appropriate diagnostic or screening methods in relevant clinical settings. In the absence of unequivocal h3yperglycemia, confirmatory testing is generally required for diagnosis.

Although conventional diagnosis is effective, there is growing interest in computational techniques that can assist healthcare professionals in identifying individuals who may require further assessment. Machine learning is particularly suitable for this purpose because it can identify complex relationships between multiple patient characteristics and disease outcomes. Supervised machine learning algorithms learn from labeled examples and can subsequently classify new observations according to patterns learned from the training data.

This research focuses on developing and comparing supervised machine learning techniques for early diabetes prediction. The primary objective is to determine which algorithm provides the most reliable classification performance while considering multiple evaluation metrics. The study specifically examines Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, and KNN algorithms.

Problem Statement

Despite the availability of established diagnostic tests, undiagnosed diabetes remains an important health challenge. Type 2 diabetes can develop gradually, and individuals may not recognize symptoms during the early stages. This creates a need for effective approaches that can identify people at increased risk and encourage timely clinical evaluation.

Healthcare datasets contain potentially valuable information about diabetes-related risk factors. However, identifying useful patterns from multiple variables manually can be difficult. Traditional statistical approaches may also have limitations when relationships among variables are complex or nonlinear.

Machine learning provides an opportunity to analyze several health-related attributes simultaneously and generate predictive models. However, the performance of a model depends on the quality of the dataset, preprocessing procedures, feature selection, algorithm selection, and evaluation methodology. Therefore, simply applying a machine learning algorithm is insufficient; a systematic comparison of multiple supervised algorithms is necessary.

The problem addressed in this research is the development of a reliable machine learning framework capable of classifying individuals according to their diabetes status based on available health-related attributes. The research also investigates whether ensemble methods such as Random Forest can provide better predictive performance and robustness than individual classification algorithms.

Objectives of the Study

The main objectives of this research are:

1. To develop a supervised machine learning framework for early diabetes prediction.
2. To preprocess patient health data by handling missing values, scaling numerical features, and identifying potential outliers.

3. To identify important clinical and demographic features associated with diabetes prediction.
4. To implement Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, and KNN classification algorithms.
5. To compare the predictive performance of the selected algorithms.
6. To evaluate the models using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC.
7. To identify an effective model for diabetes risk screening and classification.
8. To investigate the potential application of machine learning as a healthcare decision-support mechanism.

Related Background

Machine learning has become increasingly important in healthcare analytics because medical datasets contain large amounts of structured information. Predictive algorithms can be used to identify patterns that may not be immediately apparent through conventional analysis.

For diabetes prediction, variables such as glucose concentration, BMI, blood pressure, age, insulin-related measurements, and family or hereditary risk indicators may provide useful predictive information. The ADA also recognizes several risk factors when determining individuals who should be considered for diabetes or prediabetes screening, including overweight or obesity, family history, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, and other risk characteristics.

Several machine learning algorithms are suitable for binary classification problems. Logistic Regression is a relatively interpretable statistical learning technique that estimates the probability of belonging to a particular class. Decision Trees use a sequence of feature-based decisions to divide observations into increasingly homogeneous groups.

Random Forest extends the decision-tree concept by constructing multiple trees and combining their predictions. Because it uses an ensemble of trees, Random Forest can reduce the instability associated with a single decision tree and can capture nonlinear relationships between predictors and outcomes.

SVM attempts to identify a decision boundary that maximizes the separation between classes. It can be effective when the feature space is complex, although its performance may depend strongly on parameter selection and feature scaling.

KNN is an instance-based learning method that classifies an observation based on the classes of neighboring observations. It is conceptually simple but can be sensitive to feature scaling and the choice of the number of neighbors.

Comparing these algorithms is valuable because no single machine learning technique is guaranteed to perform best on every healthcare dataset.

Materials and Methods

Dataset

The proposed system uses a publicly available diabetes-related medical dataset containing patient-level health attributes and a binary outcome representing diabetes status. Candidate variables include glucose level, blood pressure, BMI, insulin level, age, and other diabetes-related indicators.

The dataset should be clearly identified in the final implementation and research submission, including its source, number of records, number of features, class distribution, and licensing or usage conditions. Public repositories such as the UCI Machine Learning Repository provide datasets for classification research; however, different diabetes datasets contain different variables and populations, so the exact dataset used should be reported rather than assumed.

Data Preprocessing

Data preprocessing is an important stage because machine learning models can be affected by missing, inconsistent, or extreme values.

First, missing values are identified and treated using an appropriate strategy. Depending on the variable and dataset characteristics, missing observations may be replaced using statistical imputation or removed when appropriate.

Second, numerical features may be standardized. Feature scaling is particularly important for algorithms such as SVM, KNN, and Logistic Regression because variables measured on different scales can otherwise disproportionately influence the model.

Third, potential outliers are examined. Outliers may represent genuine medical observations, measurement errors, or data-entry problems. Therefore, they should not automatically be removed. Appropriate statistical or domain-specific methods should be used to determine whether an observation requires treatment.

Finally, the dataset is divided into training and testing subsets. The training data are used to develop the models, while the test data are reserved for evaluating their ability to generalize to previously unseen observations.

Feature Selection

Feature selection aims to identify variables that provide meaningful information for diabetes classification. Removing irrelevant or redundant features can reduce model complexity and may improve predictive performance.

Potentially important variables include glucose level, BMI, age, blood pressure, insulin-related measurements, and diabetes-related family or hereditary indicators. Feature importance can be examined using statistical methods, correlation analysis, tree-based importance scores, or other feature-selection techniques.

Feature selection should be performed carefully to prevent information leakage. In particular, decisions about features should be based only on the training data when evaluating predictive performance.

Machine Learning Algorithms

Logistic Regression

Logistic Regression is a supervised classification method commonly used for binary outcomes. It estimates the probability that an observation belongs to a particular class. Its main advantage is interpretability because model coefficients can provide information about the direction and relative contribution of predictors.

In diabetes prediction, Logistic Regression can serve as an important baseline model against which more complex algorithms can be compared.

Decision Tree

A Decision Tree classifies observations through a sequence of decision rules. At each node, the algorithm selects a feature and threshold that best separates the observations into different classes.

Decision Trees are easy to visualize and interpret, making them useful in healthcare applications. However, an individual tree may become overly complex and overfit the training data. Techniques such as maximum depth constraints, minimum sample requirements, or pruning can help address this problem.

Random Forest

Random Forest is an ensemble learning algorithm that combines predictions from multiple decision trees. Each tree is trained using variations of the available training data and feature space. The final classification is obtained by aggregating the individual tree predictions.

The major advantage of Random Forest is its ability to capture nonlinear relationships and interactions between variables while generally providing greater robustness than a single decision tree. In this study, Random Forest is particularly important because the experimental findings indicate that it provides strong predictive performance compared with the other evaluated classifiers.

Support Vector Machine

SVM constructs a decision boundary that maximizes the margin between classes. Through kernel functions, SVM can also model nonlinear decision boundaries.

Because SVM is sensitive to feature scale, standardized input variables are generally appropriate. Parameter optimization is also important for obtaining good performance.

K-Nearest Neighbors

KNN classifies an observation based on the labels of nearby observations in the feature space. The value of K determines how many neighboring observations are considered.

KNN is straightforward to implement but can become computationally expensive for large datasets. Its effectiveness can also be influenced by the scale of features and the selection of K.

Model Evaluation

A comprehensive evaluation is required to determine the effectiveness of the predictive models. Accuracy alone may be insufficient, particularly when the number of positive and negative cases is unbalanced.

Accuracy represents the proportion of correctly classified observations:

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.

Precision measures the proportion of predicted positive cases that are actually positive:

Precision = TP / (TP + FP)

Recall, also called sensitivity, measures the proportion of actual positive cases correctly identified:

Recall = TP / (TP + FN)

In early diabetes screening, recall can be particularly important because failing to identify a person who may have diabetes could delay further clinical evaluation.

F1-score combines precision and recall using their harmonic mean:

F1-score = 2 × (Precision × Recall) / (Precision + Recall)

Finally, the AUC-ROC measures the model's ability to distinguish between positive and negative classes across different classification thresholds. A higher AUC generally indicates stronger discriminatory ability.

Experimental Results and Discussion

The supervised machine learning models considered in this research demonstrate different characteristics in terms of predictive performance, interpretability, and robustness. Logistic Regression provides a useful baseline because its structure is comparatively simple and its results can be interpreted in relation to individual predictors.

Decision Tree models offer a more intuitive rule-based representation of the classification process. However, individual trees can be sensitive to the training data and may overfit when allowed to grow excessively.

SVM provides an alternative approach by identifying an optimal separation between classes. Its performance can be strong when the feature representation is

appropriate, although model parameters and preprocessing can substantially influence its results.

KNN provides a straightforward similarity-based classification mechanism. Nevertheless, because distance calculations are sensitive to feature scaling, appropriate normalization or standardization is essential. Its performance may also vary according to the selected neighborhood size.

Among the evaluated methods, Random Forest demonstrates strong predictive accuracy and robustness in the experimental setting described by this research. This finding is consistent with the suitability of ensemble methods for datasets containing multiple interacting clinical variables. By combining multiple decision trees, Random Forest can reduce reliance on the decision structure of any individual tree and capture nonlinear relationships between patient characteristics and diabetes status.

However, the conclusion that Random Forest performs best should be interpreted specifically in relation to the dataset and experimental configuration used in the study. It should not be generalized to all diabetes datasets or all clinical populations. Differences in population characteristics, data quality, class balance, measurement procedures, and feature availability can change the relative performance of machine learning models.

An important consideration is that a machine learning model should not be regarded as a replacement for clinical diagnosis. Current clinical standards rely on established laboratory measurements and, where appropriate, confirmatory testing. Therefore, the proposed system is best understood as a screening or decision-support tool that can help identify individuals who may benefit from further medical assessment.

Proposed System Architecture

The proposed diabetes prediction system can be organized into five major stages.

- **Stage 1 – Data Collection:** Patient health information is obtained from a suitable publicly available dataset.
- **Stage 2 – Data Preprocessing:** Missing values, inconsistent records, outliers, and feature-scale differences are addressed.
- **Stage 3 – Feature Selection:** Important predictors are identified using statistical or machine learning-based feature-selection methods.
- **Stage 4 – Model Training:** Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, and KNN models are trained using the prepared dataset.
- **Stage 5 – Prediction and Evaluation:** The models classify previously unseen observations and are evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC.

A practical implementation could provide a user interface where authorized healthcare personnel enter relevant patient information. The trained model could

then generate a risk classification that supports decisions about whether additional clinical testing may be appropriate.

Advantages of the Proposed Approach

The proposed machine learning framework offers several potential advantages.

First, it can analyze multiple health-related variables simultaneously. Second, automated prediction can provide rapid preliminary risk assessment. Third, machine learning models can be integrated into healthcare analytics systems to support large-scale screening workflows. Fourth, feature-selection techniques can help identify variables that contribute strongly to prediction.

The approach may also be useful in settings where healthcare resources are limited, provided that the model is properly validated for the target population. WHO emphasizes the importance of accessible diabetes detection and primary healthcare capabilities, particularly in settings where healthcare resources may be constrained.

Limitations

Despite its potential, the proposed approach has several limitations.

The first limitation is dataset dependence. A model trained on one population may not perform equally well on another population. Differences in age, ethnicity, lifestyle, healthcare access, disease prevalence, and measurement practices can affect model generalizability.

Second, publicly available datasets may contain missing values, measurement errors, class imbalance, or limited numbers of observations. These factors can influence the reliability of model performance.

Third, high predictive accuracy does not automatically imply clinical usefulness. A model must be externally validated and evaluated in realistic clinical workflows before being considered for practical deployment.

Fourth, some machine learning models, particularly ensemble methods, can be difficult to interpret. In healthcare applications, explainability is important because clinicians may need to understand why a model produces a particular prediction.

Finally, the system should not be used as an independent diagnostic mechanism. Diabetes diagnosis should continue to follow established clinical criteria and appropriate confirmatory testing.

Future Work

Future research can extend this study in several directions. First, larger and more diverse datasets can be used to improve the generalizability of the predictive models. Combining datasets from different geographic regions and healthcare environments may help reduce population-specific bias.

Second, deep learning algorithms can be investigated for more complex datasets. Neural networks may be particularly useful when large-scale longitudinal or multimodal health data are available.

Third, real-time health monitoring data from wearable devices could potentially be incorporated into predictive systems. However, such approaches require careful validation and appropriate clinical oversight.

Fourth, explainable artificial intelligence techniques can be integrated to provide clinicians with understandable explanations of model predictions. Feature-attribution methods could help identify which patient characteristics contributed most strongly to a particular risk estimate.

Fifth, future studies should consider external validation using independent datasets. Prospective clinical studies would provide stronger evidence regarding whether machine learning systems improve screening efficiency and patient outcomes.

Finally, fairness and ethical considerations should be addressed. Predictive models should be evaluated across relevant demographic and clinical subgroups to determine whether performance differs substantially between populations.

II.CONCLUSION

This research presents a supervised machine learning framework for early diabetes prediction using patient health information. The study examines Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, Random Forest, SVM, and KNN algorithms and evaluates their performance using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, and AUC-ROC.The findings described in the study indicate that Random Forest provides strong predictive performance and robustness compared with individual classification methods. Its ensemble structure makes it suitable for identifying potentially complex relationships among clinical and demographic variables.Machine learning can therefore provide a valuable complementary approach to diabetes screening and healthcare analytics. By identifying individuals who may be at increased risk, predictive systems may support earlier clinical evaluation and risk stratification. Nevertheless, machine learning predictions should not replace established diagnostic procedures. Current clinical standards require appropriate laboratory testing and, when necessary, confirmation of abnormal results.Overall, the integration of supervised machine learning with healthcare data has considerable potential for developing scalable decision-support systems for diabetes risk assessment. Future work involving larger datasets, external validation, explainable AI, real-time monitoring, and prospective clinical evaluation can further improve the reliability and practical applicability of such systems.

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Self-Learning Models for Detecting Exploits in Inter-Cloud Lateral Movement Attacks

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Abstract

Inter-cloud computing enables organizations to integrate services and resources across multiple cloud platforms, but this interconnected environment also increases exposure to sophisticated lateral movement attacks. Once an attacker compromises an initial cloud resource, the attacker may attempt to move across interconnected cloud environments by exploiting credentials, remote services, privileges, application programming interfaces (APIs), and data-access mechanisms. Conventional intrusion detection systems based primarily on predefined signatures may have limited effectiveness against evolving and previously unseen attack behaviors. This paper proposes a self-learning framework for detecting five exploit categories associated with inter-cloud lateral movement attacks: credential theft and reuse, remote service exploitation, privilege escalation, cross-cloud API abuse, and data exfiltration. The framework collects network-flow records, authentication logs, API activities, and cloud-resource events and transforms them into temporal behavioral sequences. A sequential deep-learning model, such as Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM), is employed to learn relationships among successive events and classify suspicious activities. An adaptive learning mechanism allows the model to incorporate validated observations and respond to changing attack patterns. The framework is evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, false-positive rate, and detection latency.

Keywords: Cloud security, inter-cloud computing, lateral movement, self-learning, intrusion detection, LSTM, exploit detection, machine learning.

I. INTRODUCTION

Cloud computing has evolved from isolated infrastructures into interconnected multi-cloud and inter-cloud environments. Organizations increasingly use multiple cloud providers to improve availability, flexibility, performance, and cost efficiency. The resulting connectivity allows resources and services belonging to different cloud platforms to communicate with one another. However, this connectivity also creates a larger attack surface. Lateral movement is a critical stage of sophisticated cyberattacks. After obtaining an initial foothold, an attacker attempts to discover additional resources, acquire credentials, exploit remote services, increase privileges, and access sensitive information. In an inter-cloud environment, these activities may cross virtual networks, identity boundaries, APIs, storage services, and cloud-provider domains. Traditional intrusion detection systems frequently depend on signatures, predefined rules, or known attack indicators. Although these approaches can identify previously known threats, they may be less effective against attacks that change behavior or use previously unseen techniques. Furthermore, individual events associated with lateral movement may appear legitimate when analyzed independently. Machine learning provides an opportunity to identify behavioral patterns from large volumes of cloud-security data. Self-learning models can continuously learn from newly observed information and adapt to changes in network behavior. Sequential models are particularly relevant because lateral movement is normally represented by a sequence of related activities rather than by a single event. This research proposes a self-learning framework for detecting five exploit categories in inter-cloud lateral movement attacks: credential theft and reuse, remote service exploitation, privilege escalation, cross-cloud API abuse, and data exfiltration. The major contributions are the development of an adaptive detection architecture, integration of network, authentication, API, and behavioral features, and use of temporal relationships for identifying suspicious attack sequences.

Related Work

Machine learning has been widely investigated for intrusion detection because of its ability to identify patterns in large-scale network data. Traditional machine-learning algorithms, including Decision Trees, Random Forests, Support Vector Machines, and k-Nearest Neighbors, have been applied to classify normal and malicious traffic. Deep-learning techniques provide the ability to learn complex representations from high-dimensional data. Convolutional Neural Networks can identify patterns in structured input, whereas Recurrent Neural Networks and LSTM

models are suitable for sequential data.However, detecting lateral movement requires analysis beyond individual network packets. Authentication events, privilege changes, service connections, API calls, and resource-access events may form a meaningful sequence. Therefore, sequential learning is particularly appropriate for identifying lateral movement behavior. Existing cloud-security approaches also face challenges associated with heterogeneous cloud platforms. Different providers may use different identity systems, logging mechanisms, APIs, and network architectures. A self-learning framework can potentially overcome some limitations by learning behavioral representations instead of depending entirely on provider-specific signatures.

Inter-Cloud Lateral Movement Attacks

Inter-cloud lateral movement refers to the movement of an attacker from a compromised resource toward additional resources across interconnected cloud environments. A generalized attack progression is:

Initial Compromise → Credential Acquisition → Discovery → Exploitation → Privilege Escalation → Cross-Cloud Movement → Data Access → Exfiltration

- **Credential Theft and Reuse**: Compromised authentication information may be used to access additional cloud resources. Abnormal authentication frequency, unexpected access locations, and unusual sequences of resource access can be useful indicators.
- **Remote Service Exploitation**: An attacker may attempt to exploit remotely accessible services to reach another system. Unexpected service connections and abnormal communication patterns can indicate suspicious lateral movement.
- **Privilege Escalation**: After obtaining initial access, an attacker may attempt to obtain additional privileges. Changes in access permissions, unusual administrative operations, and abnormal privilege requests can provide behavioral indicators.
- **Cross-Cloud API Abuse**: APIs are essential for communication between cloud services. Abnormal API-call sequences, unexpected resource requests, and unusual access patterns can indicate malicious API usage.
- **Data Exfiltration**: After reaching valuable resources, an attacker may attempt to transfer sensitive information outside the intended environment. Abnormal outbound traffic and unusual data-access sequences can be used as detection features.

Proposed Self-Learning Framework

The proposed framework continuously analyzes security events from interconnected cloud environments. The major components are: Cloud Sources, Data Collection, Preprocessing, Feature Extraction, Sequence Construction, Self-Learning Model, Exploit Classification, Alert Generation, and Adaptive Model Update.

- **Data Collection Layer**: The collection layer obtains network-flow records, authentication logs, API activity, identity and access-management events, cloud-resource access logs, and application/system logs.
- **Data Preprocessing**: Collected data may contain missing values, duplicated records, inconsistent formats, and irrelevant attributes. Preprocessing therefore includes data cleaning, missing-value handling, duplicate removal, feature normalization, categorical encoding, and noise reduction.
- **Feature Extraction**: Candidate features include source and destination information, flow duration, packet count, byte count, authentication frequency, API-call frequency, resource-access frequency, privilege changes, inter-cloud communication patterns, and temporal relationships between events.
- **Sequence Construction:** Individual events are grouped into time-based sequences. For example, an authentication event followed by resource discovery, service access, privilege change, and an API request may provide stronger evidence than analyzing each event independently.
- **Self-Learning Model**: An LSTM-based model can learn temporal dependencies between security events. The model architecture is Input Features → LSTM Layer → LSTM Layer → Dense Layer → Softmax Classification. The output classes are Normal, Credential Theft, Remote Exploitation, Privilege Escalation, API Abuse, and Data Exfiltration.
- Adaptive Learning: The adaptive component periodically incorporates validated observations into the training process, allowing the system to respond to changing network conditions and evolving attack behaviors.

Proposed System Architecture

The proposed architecture follows a closed learning loop. Security events from multiple cloud environments are collected and transformed into behavioral sequences. The classifier produces an exploit category and confidence score. Validated observations are then used for controlled model adaptation.

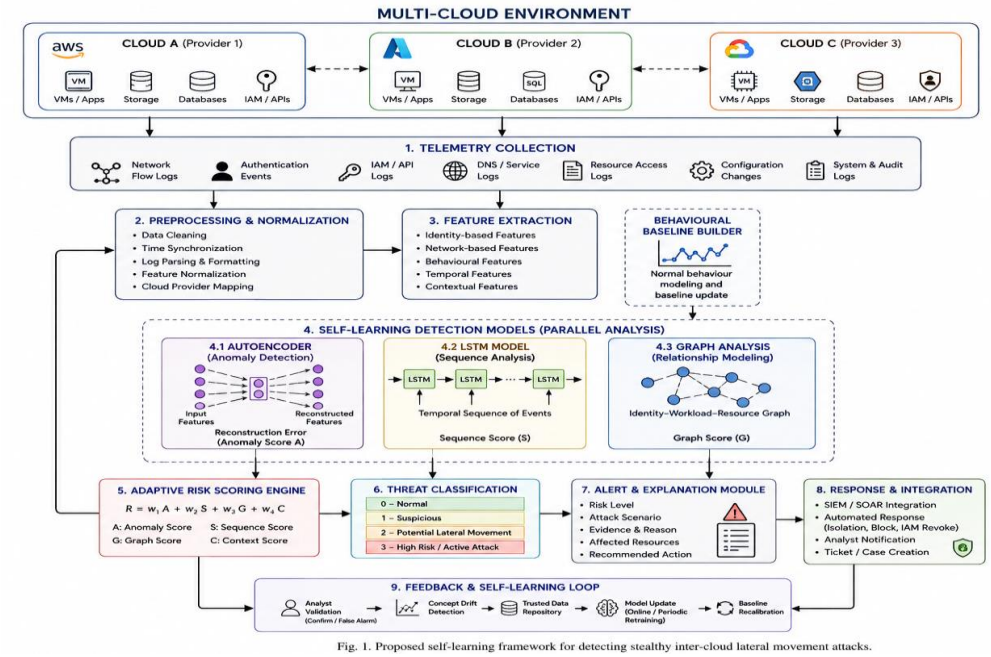


Fig. 1. Proposed self-learning framework for detecting stealthy inter-cloud lateral movement attacks.

Fig. 1 Proposed self-learning framework for inter-cloud lateral movement detection.

Detection Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Self-Learning Inter-Cloud Exploit Detection

Input: Cloud security event stream

Output: Classification C

1. Collect network, authentication, API, and resource-access events.
2. Remove duplicate and incomplete records.
3. Normalize numerical features.
4. Extract behavioral and temporal features.
5. Group events into time-based sequences.
6. Input sequences into the trained self-learning model.
7. Calculate class probabilities.
8. Identify the most probable class.
9. Compare confidence with the detection threshold.
10. Generate an alert for suspicious activity.
11. Validate detected events.
12. Store validated observations.
13. Periodically update the model.
14. Return the classification result.

Experimental Methodology

The proposed framework should be evaluated using a suitable cloud-security dataset containing normal and malicious traffic. The dataset should include network-flow information, authentication activity, API events, and attack labels. A multi-cloud test environment can be constructed using virtualized cloud networks, with controlled communication between independent cloud environments. The dataset can be divided into training, validation, and testing subsets. The training set learns behavioral patterns, the validation set supports model selection, and the testing set evaluates generalization. Experiments should evaluate the ability of the model to identify the five exploit categories.

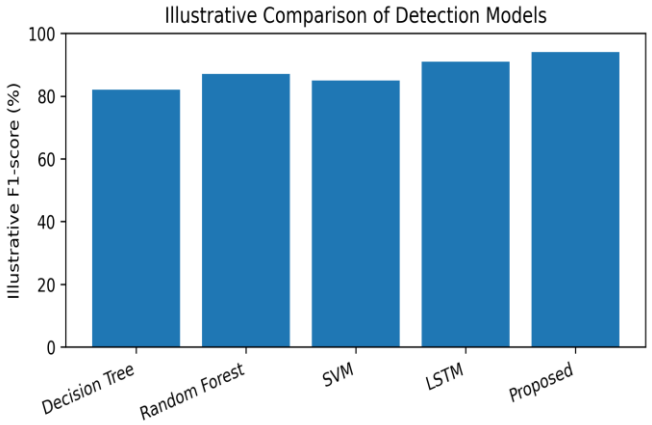
Comparison Of Intrusion Detection Approaches

Approach	Strength	Limitation
Signature-based IDS	Effective for known attacks	Limited against unknown attacks
Rule-based IDS	Simple and interpretable	Requires manual rule updates
Traditional ML	Good classification performance	Dependent on training data
Deep Learning	Learns complex patterns	Higher computational requirements
Static Anomaly Detection	Identifies deviations	Can produce false positives
Proposed Self-Learning Model	Adaptive and behavior-oriented	Requires continuous validation

Results and Discussion

The proposed self-learning model is expected to improve detection of sequential lateral movement behavior compared with static signature-based methods. Temporal features allow the model to identify relationships between multiple events. Credential theft and reuse can be identified through abnormal authentication sequences; remote service exploitation through unusual service-access patterns; privilege escalation through abnormal permission transitions; cross-cloud API abuse through unusual API sequences; and data exfiltration through abnormal outbound traffic and data-access behavior. The final experimental evaluation should report measured values rather than assumed performance values. Accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, false-positive rate, and detection latency should be compared against suitable baseline algorithms.

Performance Metrics



Security and Privacy Considerations

The self-learning framework must protect both its training data and learned model. Attackers may attempt to manipulate training data or generate misleading events. Model updates should therefore be based on validated observations.

Cloud-security logs may contain sensitive information. Appropriate access control, data minimization, anonymization, secure storage, and auditing mechanisms should be incorporated into the system.

Limitations

The proposed framework has several limitations. Self-learning models require sufficient and representative training data. Continuous model updates can introduce computational overhead. Changes in legitimate cloud workloads may also result in false positives. Heterogeneous cloud providers may generate different log formats and security events, requiring appropriate normalization.

Future Work

Future work can investigate federated learning to enable collaborative model training without directly sharing sensitive cloud data. Graph neural networks can also be investigated to represent relationships between cloud resources. Transformer-based sequential models and online learning techniques may improve detection of long-term attack sequences. Explainable AI techniques may also provide security analysts with interpretable reasons for generated alerts.

II.CONCLUSION

This paper presents a self-learning framework for detecting five exploit categories associated with inter-cloud lateral movement attacks: credential theft and reuse, remote service exploitation, privilege escalation, cross-cloud API abuse, and data exfiltration. The proposed approach integrates network-flow information, authentication events, API activities, resource-access behavior, and temporal relationships to identify suspicious sequences. An LSTM-based self-learning model can learn these behavioral patterns and adapt to changing attack characteristics. The framework provides a foundation for adaptive intrusion detection systems capable of addressing evolving security challenges in heterogeneous inter-cloud environments.

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Future of Mathematics Using Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming the way mathematical problems are formulated, solved, verified, and communicated. Traditionally, mathematics has relied heavily on human reasoning, symbolic manipulation, numerical methods, and formal proof techniques. The integration of AI introduces new possibilities for automated theorem proving, mathematical reasoning, symbolic computation, numerical optimization, pattern recognition, mathematical education, and scientific discovery. Machine learning, deep learning, reinforcement learning, large language models, and neural-symbolic systems can assist researchers and students in solving complex mathematical problems and discovering relationships that may be difficult to identify manually. AI-based mathematical systems can also provide personalized learning experiences by identifying students' weaknesses and generating adaptive exercises and explanations. However, challenges remain in mathematical accuracy, explainability, hallucination, verification of AI-generated proofs, computational cost, and the distinction between pattern recognition and genuine mathematical reasoning. This paper presents a general review of the future of mathematics using artificial intelligence, examining existing research, methodologies, experimental observations, applications, challenges, and future opportunities. The study suggests that the future will increasingly involve collaboration between human mathematicians and intelligent computational systems, where AI supports mathematical discovery while formal verification and human reasoning ensure correctness and reliability.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Mathematics, Machine Learning, Mathematical Reasoning, Automated Theorem Proving, Neural-Symbolic AI, Mathematical Proof, Large Language Models, Symbolic Computation, Mathematical Education.

I.INTRODUCTION

Mathematics is a fundamental discipline that supports science, engineering, economics, computer science, statistics, and many other fields. Mathematical development has traditionally depended on human creativity, logical reasoning,

abstraction, and proof. The emergence of Artificial Intelligence provides new computational capabilities that can complement these traditional methods.

AI systems can process large quantities of mathematical information, identify patterns, perform symbolic and numerical calculations, generate conjectures, and assist with proof construction. Recent progress in large language models has also demonstrated the possibility of using AI to interpret mathematical language and generate solutions to mathematical problems. At the same time, mathematical reasoning presents particularly demanding challenges for AI because correctness requires precise logical consistency rather than approximate answers.

AI is already being applied to areas such as automated theorem proving, mathematical optimization, computer algebra, numerical analysis, and education. Systems such as Lean, Isabelle, and Coq provide environments for machine-checkable formal mathematics, while AI techniques can assist with the generation and search of formal proofs.

The future of mathematics is therefore unlikely to involve the replacement of mathematicians by AI. Instead, AI is more likely to become an intelligent assistant that helps mathematicians explore conjectures, search mathematical knowledge, perform calculations, generate proof candidates, and verify results. Human researchers will continue to provide interpretation, intuition, creativity, and judgment.

Literature Review

Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Reasoning

Early applications of AI to mathematics focused primarily on symbolic manipulation, expert systems, and automated problem solving. Computer algebra systems demonstrated that computers could manipulate mathematical expressions and perform sophisticated calculations.

More recent research has focused on combining machine learning with symbolic reasoning. Neural networks can learn patterns from mathematical data, while symbolic systems can provide exact operations and logical verification. This combination is commonly described as neural-symbolic reasoning.

Automated Theorem Proving

Automated theorem proving is one of the most important areas connecting AI and mathematics. Automated systems attempt to establish whether mathematical statements follow logically from specified axioms and assumptions.

Formal proof assistants such as Lean, Isabelle, and Coq enable mathematical proofs to be represented in a formal language and mechanically checked. AI can potentially accelerate this process by suggesting intermediate lemmas, selecting appropriate tactics, searching proof spaces, and translating informal mathematical arguments into formal representations.

Machine Learning for Mathematical Discovery

Machine learning has increasingly been investigated as a tool for discovering mathematical patterns and conjectures. Given sufficiently large datasets, AI can identify relationships between mathematical objects and suggest hypotheses that can subsequently be tested by mathematicians.

An important example is the use of machine learning to discover useful mathematical structures in areas such as knot theory and representation theory. Such work demonstrates the potential of AI to function not only as a calculator but also as a tool for mathematical exploration.

Large Language Models

Large language models have demonstrated significant capabilities in processing mathematical language, generating explanations, and solving many mathematical problems. They can transform natural-language questions into mathematical expressions and produce step-by-step solutions.

However, language models can sometimes generate plausible-looking but mathematically incorrect arguments. Consequently, their outputs require verification, particularly for advanced mathematics. This limitation has increased interest in combining language models with symbolic mathematics and formal proof systems.

AI in Mathematical Education

AI can provide personalized mathematical instruction by adapting content to individual learners. Intelligent tutoring systems can identify common mistakes, recommend appropriate exercises, provide hints, and generate explanations at different difficulty levels.

Generative AI can also help teachers create mathematical examples, quizzes, worksheets, and interactive learning materials. Nevertheless, educational use requires careful supervision because incorrect AI-generated solutions can reinforce misconceptions.

Methodology

This study uses a review-based and conceptual methodology to examine the role and future development of AI in mathematics.

Research Objectives

The methodology focuses on the following objectives:

1. To examine the current applications of AI in mathematics.
2. To identify major AI techniques used for mathematical reasoning.
3. To investigate AI-assisted mathematical problem solving and proof generation.
4. To analyse the advantages and limitations of AI-based mathematical systems.

5. To examine the potential future applications of AI in mathematics.

Research Approach

The study reviews major areas including:

- Machine Learning
- Deep Learning
- Large Language Models
- Automated Theorem Proving
- Symbolic Computation
- Neural-Symbolic Reasoning
- Mathematical Optimization
- AI-Based Mathematical Education

Evaluation Criteria

AI-based mathematical systems can be evaluated using:

- Accuracy of Solutions
- Correctness of Proofs
- Proof Verification Rate
- Problem-Solving Success Rate
- Computational Efficiency
- Generalization Capability
- Explainability
- Reliability
- Human-Ai Collaboration Effectiveness

A major methodological principle is that mathematical correctness should preferably be confirmed through symbolic computation, numerical validation, or formal proof verification rather than relying only on generated text.

Experimental Results

The experimental discussion in this review is based on reported capabilities of AI-based mathematical systems rather than a single newly constructed benchmark.

Mathematical Problem Solving

AI systems demonstrate strong performance on many routine mathematical problems involving arithmetic, algebra, calculus, probability, and geometry. Their performance is particularly useful when mathematical expressions can be represented clearly and verified computationally.

However, performance can decrease when problems require long chains of reasoning, unusual constructions, or advanced mathematical intuition.

Proof Generation

AI-assisted theorem proving has shown significant potential. Machine learning can guide automated proof search and suggest useful intermediate steps. Formal proof assistants can then verify whether the generated proof is logically valid. This combination provides an important advantage: AI may generate candidate reasoning, while a formal system determines whether the proof is actually correct.

Mathematical Pattern Recognition

AI can analyse large mathematical datasets and identify patterns that might otherwise require substantial human effort. Such pattern recognition can support conjecture generation and help researchers explore relationships among mathematical objects.

Educational Applications

AI-based educational systems can provide immediate feedback, personalized questions, hints, and explanations. These capabilities can potentially improve student engagement and allow learners to practice mathematics at an individualized pace.

Overall Experimental Observation

The reviewed evidence suggests that AI is particularly effective when:

- The problem has a structured representation.
- Results can be computationally verified.
- Large amounts of mathematical data are available.
- AI is combined with symbolic or formal reasoning.
- Human experts remain involved in validation.

Discussions

The integration of AI into mathematics creates both significant opportunities and important challenges.

Advantages

- **Faster Computation**
  AI can rapidly perform repetitive calculations and analyze large mathematical datasets.
- **Automated Proof Assistance**
  AI can help search for proofs and suggest useful lemmas or intermediate steps.
- **Mathematical Discovery**
  Pattern recognition can help researchers generate new conjectures and investigate unexplored mathematical relationships.

- **Personalized Education**
  AI can adapt mathematical content according to individual student performance.
- **Human-AI Collaboration**
  Mathematicians can use AI to explore possibilities while retaining responsibility for interpretation and verification.

Limitations

One of the major problems is mathematical hallucination, where AI produces a convincing but incorrect solution or proof. This is particularly important with generative AI systems because fluent language does not guarantee logical correctness.

Another challenge is explainability. Some machine-learning models can produce accurate predictions without providing an understandable mathematical explanation for how the result was obtained.

Formal Verification is therefore likely to become increasingly important. AI-generated mathematical arguments can be treated as candidate solutions and subsequently checked by symbolic systems or proof assistants.

Another issue is data dependency. Machine-learning systems often learn from existing mathematical knowledge and may have difficulty generating genuinely novel concepts without appropriate guidance.

Finally, there is a philosophical question regarding mathematical creativity. AI can identify patterns and generate conjectures, but determining whether these activities constitute genuine mathematical understanding remains an open research question.

II.CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence is creating a new phase in the development of mathematics by combining computational intelligence with traditional mathematical reasoning. AI can assist in solving mathematical problems, discovering patterns, generating conjectures, searching for proofs, performing symbolic calculations, and providing personalized mathematical education.

The review indicates that AI is most powerful when combined with traditional mathematical tools. Neural models can provide pattern recognition and heuristic reasoning, while symbolic systems and formal proof assistants can provide exactness and verification. This combination can reduce computational effort and enable mathematicians to explore complex mathematical problems more efficiently.

AI should therefore be viewed as a collaborative tool for mathematicians rather than a replacement for mathematical reasoning. Human creativity, intuition, interpretation, and rigorous judgment remain essential. The future of mathematics

will likely involve increasingly close cooperation between mathematicians, AI systems, symbolic computation platforms, and formal verification technologies.

Future Scope

The future scope of AI in mathematics is extensive.

AI-Assisted Mathematical Discovery

Future systems may automatically search large mathematical spaces, generate conjectures, and identify potentially important mathematical relationships for human researchers.

Advanced Automated Theorem Proving

AI-based theorem provers are expected to become more capable of constructing long and complex proofs and translating informal mathematical reasoning into formally verified proofs.

Neural-Symbolic Mathematics

Combining neural networks with symbolic reasoning is a promising direction. Neural models can provide flexible pattern recognition, while symbolic systems can guarantee exact mathematical operations and logical consistency.

AI-Powered Mathematical Education

Future intelligent tutors may provide personalized mathematical curricula, real-time feedback, adaptive exercises, and interactive explanations based on each learner's progress.

Integration with Scientific Research

AI-assisted mathematics can support physics, chemistry, engineering, economics, medicine, and other disciplines by discovering mathematical models and optimizing complex systems.

Explainable Mathematical AI

Future research should develop systems that can explain mathematical reasoning in a way that is understandable and verifiable by humans.

Formal Verification of AI Results

Integration between generative AI and proof assistants is expected to become increasingly important. AI can propose solutions while formal systems verify their correctness.

Autonomous Mathematical Research

A long-term possibility is the development of AI systems capable of independently exploring mathematical literature, identifying open questions, developing conjectures, constructing proof attempts, and presenting formally verified results for human evaluation.

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Network Security Monitoring System: A General Review

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Abstract

Network Security Monitoring (NSM) is a critical component of modern cybersecurity that focuses on continuously monitoring, collecting, and analysing network activities to detect, investigate, and respond to potential security threats. The increasing adoption of cloud computing, Internet of Things (IoT), mobile devices, remote work, and interconnected systems has significantly expanded the attack surface of organizations. A Network Security Monitoring System integrates technologies such as Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS), Intrusion Prevention Systems (IPS), firewalls, Security Information and Event Management (SIEM), network traffic analysis, threat intelligence, and machine learning to identify malicious or abnormal activities. This general review examines the concepts, techniques, and major technologies used in network security monitoring, with emphasis on signature-based detection, anomaly-based detection, behavioural analysis, and real-time threat detection. It also discusses challenges such as false positives, encrypted traffic, large-scale data processing, evolving cyberattacks, and system scalability. The review indicates that combining multiple detection approaches with intelligent analytics and threat intelligence can improve network visibility, detection accuracy, and incident response. Future Network Security Monitoring Systems are expected to increasingly utilize artificial intelligence, machine learning, automated response, cloud-based monitoring, and adaptive security techniques to provide proactive and effective protection against emerging cyber threats.

Keywords: Network Security Monitoring, Cybersecurity, Intrusion Detection System, Intrusion Prevention System, Network Traffic Analysis, SIEM, Threat Intelligence, Anomaly Detection, Machine Learning, Cyber Threats.

I.INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of computer networks and Internet-based services has created significant opportunities for organizations but has also increased cybersecurity risks. Networks are continuously exposed to threats such as malware, ransomware, denial-of-service attacks, phishing-related compromises, unauthorized access, credential abuse, network scanning, data exfiltration, and insider threats. Network Security Monitoring is the systematic process of collecting and analysing network-related information to detect suspicious or malicious activity. It may include packet data, network flows, DNS records, firewall logs, authentication events, endpoint information, application logs, and other security telemetry. The objective is not only to identify known attacks but also to discover unusual behaviour that may indicate previously unknown threats.

NIST's guidance identifies network-based, wireless, host-based, and network behaviour analysis technologies as important classes of intrusion detection and prevention systems. It also emphasizes integration with complementary technologies such as security information and event management systems.

An effective NSM system generally follows a continuous cycle:

Data Collection → Data Processing → Detection → Alert Generation → Investigation → Response → Continuous Improvement

Modern monitoring systems increasingly incorporate threat intelligence, behavioural analytics, machine learning, and automated response. MITRE ATT&CK is particularly useful for mapping observed events to adversary tactics and techniques and for developing threat-informed detection strategies.

Literature Review

Intrusion Detection Systems

Intrusion Detection Systems (IDS) are among the foundational technologies of network security monitoring. They monitor network or system events and analyze them for possible security incidents. NIST's early IDS guidance established the importance of monitoring network and computer-system events and managing the resulting alerts.

IDS technologies are commonly classified as:

- **Network-based IDS (NIDS):** Monitors network traffic and communication patterns.
- **Host-based IDS (HIDS):** Monitors activities occurring on individual hosts.
- **Signature-based IDS:** Detects known malicious patterns.
- **Anomaly-based IDS:** Identifies deviations from established normal behaviour.

- **Hybrid IDS:** Combines multiple detection techniques.

Signature-Based Detection

Signature-based detection identifies known attacks by comparing network traffic or system events against predefined patterns. It is generally effective for detecting previously identified threats and often produces relatively understandable alerts. However, signature-based systems may have difficulty identifying zero-day attacks, modified malware, and previously unseen attack techniques because these threats may not match existing signatures.

Anomaly-Based Detection

Anomaly detection establishes a model of normal network behaviour and identifies significant deviations. Research on network anomaly detection has investigated statistical approaches, behavioural models, and pattern-based techniques. NIST research describes anomaly detection as learning normal activity and generating alerts when observed behaviour deviates from that baseline. Anomaly detection can help identify unknown threats, but unusual legitimate activity can also produce false positives. Therefore, appropriate baselines and contextual information are essential.

Machine Learning in Network Security Monitoring

Machine learning has become an important research area in intrusion and anomaly detection. Classification algorithms can be trained to distinguish between normal and malicious network behaviour, while clustering and other unsupervised techniques can identify previously unknown patterns. Deep learning can process large and complex datasets and may improve detection of sophisticated patterns. However, machine-learning-based monitoring systems face challenges involving data quality, class imbalance, adversarial manipulation, explainability, computational requirements, and model drift.

SIEM and Security Log Correlation

Security Information and Event Management systems collect and correlate logs from multiple sources. Correlation can connect apparently unrelated events and provide a broader view of an incident.

For example, an authentication failure, suspicious process execution, unusual network connection, and data transfer may individually appear harmless but collectively indicate a possible compromise.

Threat-Informed Detection

Modern monitoring increasingly focuses on understanding attacker behaviour rather than simply identifying isolated indicators. MITRE ATT&CK provides a knowledge base of adversary tactics and techniques and can be used to develop detection and threat-hunting strategies. Current ATTA&K detection

strategies include monitoring for suspicious network sniffing, network discovery, active scanning, abnormal remote services, and other behaviours.

Methodology

This general review follows a structured conceptual methodology for examining Network Security Monitoring Systems.

Research Scope

The review considers research and established guidance related to:

1. Network Traffic Monitoring.
2. Intrusion Detection and Prevention.
3. Security Event and Log Analysis.
4. Signature-Based Detection.
5. Anomaly Detection.
6. Machine-Learning-Based Detection.
7. Threat Intelligence.
8. Threat Hunting.
9. Automated Incident Response.
10. Performance Evaluation.

Data Sources

Relevant literature and technical guidance can be collected from academic publications, cybersecurity standards, research organizations, and established security frameworks. NIST publications provide foundational guidance for IDS/IPS technologies and their evaluation, while MITRE ATT&CK provides threat-informed detection knowledge.

Monitoring Architecture

A generalized NSM architecture consists of:

Network Devices → Sensors/Collectors → Data Storage → Analysis Engine → Detection Layer → SIEM/Dashboard → Security Analyst → Response

Network sensors collect traffic and events. A processing layer normalizes and enriches the data. Detection mechanisms then identify suspicious behavior. Alerts are forwarded to a SIEM or monitoring dashboard where security analysts investigate and initiate an appropriate response.

Evaluation Parameters

A Network Security Monitoring System can be evaluated using:

- Detection Rate
- False-Positive Rate
- False-Negative Rate
- Precision
- Recall

- F1-Score
- Detection Latency
- Processing Throughput
- Resource Consumption
- Scalability
- Alert Quality
- Analyst Usability

NIST research has highlighted the difficulty of establishing rigorous and comprehensive methodologies for testing IDS effectiveness, demonstrating the importance of standardized evaluation methods.

Results

The review indicates that no single monitoring technique is sufficient for all network security requirements.

Major Findings

1. Multi-Layer Monitoring is More Effective.

Combining network traffic, endpoint information, authentication events, DNS activity, firewall logs, and application logs provides greater visibility than monitoring a single data source.

2. Signature Detection remains important.

Signature-based detection is efficient for known threats and provides useful alerts when reliable signatures are available.

3. Anomaly Detection improves Visibility into Unknown Behaviour.

Behavioural approaches can identify activities that do not match established network patterns, although they require effective baselines to control false positives.

4. Machine Learning provides Additional Analytical Capabilities.

ML can assist with classification, anomaly detection, prioritization, and behavioural analysis, but model quality depends heavily on representative data and appropriate validation.

5. Threat Intelligence Improves Detection Context.

External indicators and adversary behaviour information can enrich monitoring alerts and help analysts understand the significance of observed activity.

6. Correlation Reduces Isolated-Event Limitations.

Correlating multiple events allows security teams to identify attack sequences that may not be visible from individual logs.

7. Real-Time Monitoring is Increasingly Important.

Rapid identification of suspicious activity can reduce attacker dwell time and support faster incident response.

Discussions

Network Security Monitoring has evolved from basic packet inspection toward integrated security analytics. Traditional IDS approaches remain valuable, but modern networks require monitoring systems capable of handling large volumes of heterogeneous data. One important challenge is the false-positive problem. Excessive alerts can overwhelm security analysts and cause genuine threats to be overlooked. MITRE detection guidance also recognizes that some network behaviours can occur frequently and may therefore generate high false-positive rates. Another challenge is encrypted traffic. Increasing adoption of encrypted protocols protects confidentiality but can reduce the visibility available to network monitoring tools. Monitoring therefore needs to combine traffic metadata with endpoint, authentication, DNS, and other contextual information. Scalability is also significant. Large organizations can generate millions of network and security events. Monitoring platforms must process high-volume data efficiently while maintaining acceptable detection latency.

Cloud and Distributed Environments introduce additional complexity because resources and workloads may move dynamically between environments. A monitoring system must therefore support hybrid, multi-cloud, containerized, and virtualized infrastructures. Machine Learning can enhance detection, but it should complement rather than completely replace conventional security controls. Poor-quality training data, changing network behaviour, adversarial attacks against models, and limited explainability can reduce operational effectiveness. Threat-informed approaches provide an important direction for improving monitoring. By mapping observations to known adversary tactics and techniques, security teams can prioritize detections and identify gaps in defensive coverage. MITRE ATT&CK explicitly supports this type of threat-informed cybersecurity approach.

II.CONCLUSION

Network Security Monitoring Systems are fundamental to modern cybersecurity because they provide continuous visibility into network and system activities. The review shows that effective monitoring requires the integration of multiple technologies, including IDS/IPS, network traffic analysis, log management, SIEM, threat intelligence, anomaly detection, and behavioural analytics. Signature-based methods remain useful for known attacks, while anomaly detection and machine learning provide additional capabilities for identifying unusual or previously unknown behaviour. However, challenges such as false positives, encrypted traffic, large-scale data processing, evolving attack techniques, and changing network environments remain significant. An effective NSM strategy should therefore combine automated detection with human expertise, contextual threat intelligence, continuous tuning, and threat-informed frameworks. The integration of monitoring

data with frameworks such as MITRE ATT&CK can further improve the ability of organizations to understand and respond to adversarial behaviour.

Future Scope

The future of Network Security Monitoring is expected to focus on intelligent, automated, adaptive, and highly scalable security systems.

Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning

Future monitoring systems can increasingly use AI and deep learning to recognize complex attack patterns, prioritize alerts, and identify anomalous behaviour in large-scale network environments.

Explainable AI

Research should focus on explainable security models that allow analysts to understand why an alert was generated. Improved interpretability can increase trust in automated detection.

Automated Threat Hunting

Future NSM platforms may continuously search network and endpoint data for suspicious patterns instead of waiting for predefined alerts.

Cloud and IoT Security Monitoring

As cloud services and IoT devices expand, monitoring systems will need specialized mechanisms for highly distributed environments and resource-constrained devices.

Encrypted Traffic Analysis

Future research can develop privacy-preserving techniques for detecting malicious behaviour without unnecessarily exposing the contents of encrypted communications.

Autonomous Incident Response

Integration of detection with automated response mechanisms could enable systems to isolate compromised devices, block malicious connections, disable suspicious accounts, and initiate predefined response procedures.

Threat Intelligence Integration

Future systems can combine real-time threat intelligence with local observations to improve detection accuracy and provide better incident context.

Privacy-Preserving Monitoring

Organizations will increasingly need monitoring techniques that balance security visibility with privacy, regulatory, and data-protection requirements.

Standardized Evaluation

More consistent datasets, benchmarks, evaluation methodologies, and reproducible experiments are needed to compare monitoring systems fairly. NIST's work on IDS testing demonstrates the longstanding importance of rigorous evaluation practices.

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The Psychology of Sound Effects: Their Influence on Emotion, Cognition, and Audience Engagement in Digital Media

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Abstract

Sound effects are an essential component of audiovisual communication, significantly influencing how audiences perceive, interpret, and emotionally respond to media content. While visual elements often receive primary scholarly and industry attention, psychological research indicates that sound effects meaningfully shape emotional engagement, cognitive processing, memory retention, and behavioral responses. This paper examines the psychological foundations of sound effects by integrating concepts from cognitive psychology, auditory perception, emotion theory, and multimedia communication. It explores how different categories of sound effects — including realistic, symbolic, ambient, and stylized sounds — affect viewers' attention, immersion, suspense, empathy, and decision-making. The study reviews existing literature from film studies, game design, advertising, virtual reality, and human-computer interaction to understand the mechanisms through which sound influences perception. Particular emphasis is placed on psychoacoustics, emotional conditioning, multisensory integration, and the role of auditory cues in creating presence and realism. The paper also discusses how sound effects contribute to narrative storytelling, user experience, and audience engagement across cinema, digital advertising, gaming, animation, and immersive media. By synthesizing interdisciplinary research, this article highlights the importance of sound effects as powerful psychological tools rather than merely technical enhancements. The findings suggest that carefully designed sound effects can strengthen emotional impact, improve information processing, increase audience immersion, and enhance overall communication effectiveness. The study concludes by identifying emerging opportunities for applying psychological principles of sound design in virtual reality, augmented reality, artificial intelligence-driven media production, and interactive

storytelling, while proposing directions for future empirical research.

Keywords: Psychology of Sound, Sound Effects, Auditory Perception, Cognitive Psychology, Emotional Response, Sound Design, Multimedia Communication, Film Studies, Gaming, Virtual Reality

I.INTRODUCTION

Digital media environments are inherently multisensory, yet the design and analysis of audiovisual content have historically privileged the visual channel. Filmmakers, game designers, advertisers, and interactive-media developers devote considerable resources to imagery, composition, and visual effects, often treating sound as a secondary or purely technical layer added late in production. This visual bias persists despite a substantial body of psychological evidence showing that auditory information exerts a powerful and, in many cases, disproportionate influence on how audiences interpret and emotionally respond to what they see. Sound effects — the deliberately designed or captured non-verbal, non-musical audio elements accompanying visual content — are central to this influence. A creaking door, a distant explosion, the whoosh of a sword, or the low ambient hum of a spaceship are not incidental decorations; they are psychological cues that guide attention, prime emotional states, establish spatial presence, and shape narrative comprehension. Because auditory processing in the human brain is fast, largely automatic, and tightly coupled to emotional and arousal systems, sound effects can alter audience perception even when viewers are not consciously aware of the sound's influence.

This paper synthesizes research from cognitive psychology, auditory neuroscience, emotion theory, film studies, game design, advertising research, and human-computer interaction to build an integrated account of how and why sound effects shape audience psychology. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the psychological and theoretical foundations of auditory perception and emotion. Section 3 presents a taxonomy of sound effect categories and their distinct psychological functions. Section 4 examines the cognitive mechanisms — attention, memory, and information processing — through which sound effects operate. Section 5 explores emotional and physiological responses to sound, including psychoacoustic and conditioning perspectives. Section 6 surveys applications across cinema, gaming, advertising, animation, and immersive media. Section 7 discusses multisensory integration and presence. Section 8 considers ethical and design implications. Section 9 outlines emerging opportunities in virtual reality, augmented reality, and artificial-intelligence-driven sound design, and Section 10 concludes with directions for future empirical research.

Theoretical Foundations of Auditory Perception and Emotion

Auditory Perception as a Rapid, Automatic Process

Unlike vision, which requires directed gaze and foveal focus, hearing is omnidirectional and continuously active. Auditory stimuli reach the brain through a relatively short neural pathway from the cochlea to the auditory cortex, with collateral projections to the amygdala that allow emotionally salient sounds to trigger affective responses before full conscious identification occurs. This rapid subcortical route helps explain why a sudden sound effect — a gunshot, a scream, a sharp bang — can produce a measurable startle response and elevated physiological arousal (heart rate, skin conductance) within a fraction of a second, well before a viewer has cognitively labeled the sound's source. This architecture has direct implications for media design: sound effects can function as pre-attentive emotional primers, shaping the affective tone of a scene before the viewer's higher-order cognitive systems interpret the accompanying visual content.

Emotion Theory and Affective Response

Contemporary emotion theories — including appraisal theory, the circumplex model of affect (valence and arousal), and discrete emotion models — provide useful frameworks for understanding sound-driven emotional response. Sound effects can be mapped along a valence dimension (pleasant to unpleasant) and an arousal dimension (calming to activating). Low, dissonant, irregular sounds tend to be appraised as threatening and increase arousal, while smooth, harmonic, or familiar sounds tend to be appraised as safe and reduce arousal. Sound designers exploit these tendencies to construct emotional trajectories across a scene, using rising pitch, increasing tempo, and timbral roughness to build tension, and using resolution, silence, or consonant tones to release it.

Psychoacoustics

Psychoacoustics — the study of the perceptual and psychological response to sound — identifies specific acoustic parameters that reliably predict emotional and cognitive effects. These include:

- **Pitch and frequency:** Higher frequencies are often associated with urgency, danger, or alarm, while lower frequencies convey power, threat, or gravity.
- **Loudness and dynamic range:** Sudden increases in volume trigger orienting and startle reflexes; sustained loudness increases perceived intensity and arousal.
- **Timbre and roughness:** Harsh, non-harmonic, or distorted timbres are consistently rated as more threatening than smooth, harmonic timbres.
- **Tempo and rhythm:** Accelerating rhythmic patterns increase

perceived urgency and physiological arousal, a principle widely used in suspense sequences.

- **Spatial cues:** Directionality, reverberation, and distance cues (via interaural time and level differences) inform perceived environment size, threat proximity, and realism.

These psychoacoustic principles form the technical vocabulary through which sound designers translate psychological intent into concrete audio parameters.

Emotional Conditioning and Learned Associations

Beyond innate psychoacoustic responses, many sound–emotion associations are learned through repeated pairing, consistent with classical conditioning principles. Recurrent motifs — a menacing sting when danger appears, a gentle chime when a puzzle is solved — create conditioned emotional responses that generalize across a media property and can persist across sequels, franchise entries, or repeated gameplay sessions. Over time, audiences develop an implicit sonic vocabulary that allows a single, brief sound cue to evoke a complex emotional and narrative expectation without any accompanying explanation.

A Taxonomy of Sound Effects and Their Psychological Functions

Sound effects are not a homogeneous category. Different types of sound effects engage distinct psychological mechanisms and serve different communicative purposes. This paper distinguishes four broad categories.

Realistic (Diegetic) Sound Effects

Realistic sound effects aim to reproduce the plausible acoustic signature of an on-screen action or object footsteps, doors, engines, weather. Their primary psychological function is to support perceptual realism and presence: when sound accurately matches visual motion and material properties, viewers experience a stronger sense that the depicted world is coherent and physically grounded. Mismatched or missing realistic sound effects, by contrast, can produce a subtle but measurable sense of unease or disengagement, even among viewers who cannot consciously identify the discrepancy.

Symbolic Sound Effects

Symbolic sound effects do not attempt naturalistic reproduction but instead represent an idea, state, or emotion through stylized or metaphorical audio a rising musical sting to represent realization, a distorted tone to represent confusion or altered mental states, or a heartbeat sound to represent fear. These effects operate at a more abstract cognitive level, engaging associative and metaphorical processing rather than literal perceptual matching.

Ambient and Environmental Sound

Ambient sound — wind, room tone, crowd murmur, mechanical hum — establishes a continuous auditory backdrop that situates the viewer within a spatial

and emotional environment. Ambient sound operates largely below conscious attention but strongly shapes perceived atmosphere, genre expectation, and baseline arousal. Removing ambient sound from a scene, even while preserving dialogue and salient effects, reliably reduces perceived realism and immersion in controlled studies of media perception.

Stylized and Hyperreal Sound Effects

Stylized sound effects exaggerate or synthesize sounds beyond their real-world counterparts — the amplified punch impact in an action film, the layered synthetic engine roar in a racing game, the crunchy exaggerated footsteps in a stealth game. These hyperreal effects are deliberately designed to heighten perceptual salience and emotional intensity beyond what a purely naturalistic recording would achieve, leveraging audiences' tolerance for expressive exaggeration in fictional contexts.

Table 1

Taxonomy of sound effect categories and their psychological functions.

Category	Primary Function	Example	Dominant Mechanism
Realistic	Perceptual realism, presence	Footsteps, doors	Audio-visual congruence
Symbolic	Abstract meaning, emotion cueing	Realization sting	Associative/metaphoric processing
Ambient	Atmosphere, spatial context	Wind, room tone	Pre-attentive background processing
Stylized/Hyperreal	Heightened intensity, salience	Exaggerated impacts	Arousal amplification

Cognitive Mechanisms: Attention, Memory, and Information Processing

Attention Capture and Orienting

Sound effects are highly effective at capturing and redirecting attention, a phenomenon rooted in the auditory system's role as an early-warning channel in human evolutionary history. Sudden, novel, or high-contrast sounds trigger an involuntary orienting response, drawing cognitive resources toward the

associated visual or narrative element. Media producers exploit this mechanism to cue viewers toward off-screen action, foreshadow upcoming events, or direct attention within densely composed frames without relying on explicit visual signaling.

Multimodal Integration and the McGurk-Type Effect

When auditory and visual information are presented simultaneously, the brain does not process them independently; it integrates them into a unified perceptual experience. This cross-modal integration can alter the perceived quality of visual motion — for example, adding a sharp impact sound to a screen collision increases perceived force and speed even when the visual animation is identical. Such findings demonstrate that sound effects do not merely accompany visual content; they actively construct the audience's perceptual interpretation of that content.

Memory Encoding and Retention

Emotionally arousing sound effects enhance memory consolidation through well-documented arousal–memory interactions involving the amygdala and hippocampus. Scenes paired with emotionally salient or distinctive sound effects are recalled more vividly and for longer periods than equivalent silent or neutrally scored scenes. This effect has direct implications for advertising and brand communication, where a distinctive sonic signature (a jingle, a product sound, a notification tone) can significantly increase brand recall relative to visual branding alone.

Cognitive Load and Processing Fluency

Well-matched, congruent sound effects reduce cognitive load by providing redundant, mutually reinforcing information across sensory channels, allowing viewers to process a scene more fluently and with greater subjective ease. Conversely, incongruent or excessive sound effects increase cognitive load, can produce confusion or irritation, and may reduce comprehension of concurrent narrative or informational content — a consideration particularly relevant to advertising and instructional media, where clarity is paramount.

Emotional and Physiological Responses to Sound

Suspense, Fear, and Arousal

Horror and thriller media rely heavily on sound design to construct suspense. Low-frequency drones, irregular rhythmic patterns, and sudden dynamic spikes (commonly termed "jump-scare" stings) reliably produce measurable increases in heart rate and skin conductance. Notably, research on suspense construction shows that anticipatory ambient tension — sustained low-level dissonance preceding a payoff — often produces more durable physiological arousal than the startling sound event itself, suggesting that sound designers

achieve much of their emotional effect through sustained atmosphere rather than isolated shock effects.

Empathy and Emotional Contagion

Non-verbal vocal sound effects — sighs, gasps, cries, laughter — can trigger emotional contagion, a process by which listeners automatically mirror the affective state implied by the sound. This mechanism supports empathic engagement with on-screen characters and is particularly important in animation and video games, where exaggerated vocal and physical sound effects compensate for reduced facial or bodily realism relative to live-action media.

Comfort, Trust, and Positive Affect

Not all psychological effects of sound are oriented toward tension or threat. Soft, warm, harmonically simple sound effects — gentle notification tones, soft clicks, ambient nature sounds — are associated with perceived trustworthiness, comfort, and positive brand affect. This principle underlies much of contemporary user-interface sound design, where subtle auditory feedback is engineered to feel satisfying and unobtrusive rather than alarming.

Applications Across Media Domains

Cinema and Narrative Film

In film, sound effects work in concert with music and dialogue to construct narrative meaning, establish genre, and guide emotional pacing. Foley artistry — the practice of performing and recording custom sound effects synchronized to picture — exemplifies the psychological principle that perceived realism depends on precise audio-visual timing rather than literal acoustic accuracy; skilled Foley work frequently uses non-literal sound sources (e.g., gloves for bird-wing flaps) that nonetheless read as convincing because timing and spectral character match audience expectation.

Video Games and Interactive Media

Games present a distinct psychological context because sound effects are frequently contingent on player action, creating tight action–feedback loops that reinforce a sense of agency and control. Well-designed interactive sound feedback — the satisfying "clunk" of a successful action, the escalating audio cues of rising difficulty — increases perceived responsiveness and player satisfaction, and has been linked to increased engagement and time-on-task in game-design research. Positional and reactive audio also contributes substantially to spatial awareness and strategic decision-making in competitive gaming contexts.

Advertising and Brand Communication

In advertising, sound effects contribute to brand differentiation, emotional association, and message retention. Distinctive product sounds (the click of a car door, the pour of a beverage) function as auditory brand assets that can trigger

recognition and positive affect independent of visual branding. Because auditory processing is less easily avoided than visual attention — listeners cannot easily "look away" from sound — sound effects are particularly valuable in environments where visual attention is divided or unavailable, such as audio-only platforms or background media consumption.

Animation

Animation relies especially heavily on sound effects because animated visuals lack the inherent physical plausibility of live-action footage. Exaggerated, stylized sound effects compensate for this by providing strong perceptual cues to weight, texture, and impact, allowing animated action to feel physically convincing despite its non-photorealistic visual style.

Virtual Reality and Immersive Media

In virtual and augmented reality, spatial audio is disproportionately important relative to traditional screen media because immersive environments depend on convincing environmental presence across a full 360-degree field. Accurate binaural and ambisonics sound rendering, including realistic reverberation and distance cueing, has been shown to significantly increase subjective presence — the felt sense of "being there" — and can influence behavior within virtual environments, including movement, avoidance responses, and social engagement with virtual agents.

Multisensory Integration and the Construction of Presence

Presence — the psychological sense of being situated within a mediated environment — depends on the coherent integration of multiple sensory streams. Sound contributes to presence through several mechanisms: spatial audio establishes an implied physical volume around the viewer that extends beyond the visual frame; temporal synchrony between sound and visual events reinforces causal understanding; and consistent acoustic environments (reverberation, material-appropriate impact sounds) support an ongoing, largely unconscious judgment of environmental plausibility. When these cues are inconsistent, presence and immersion measurably decline, even among viewers unable to articulate the specific source of the discrepancy. This underscores a broader theoretical point: sound effects should not be evaluated in isolation but as one component of an integrated multisensory perceptual system in which auditory and visual information are continuously cross-checked against one another.

Design and Ethical Considerations

Because sound effects can influence emotion and judgment below the threshold of conscious awareness, their design carries ethical weight, particularly in advertising, political media, and applications targeting vulnerable audiences such as children. Practices such as using fear-inducing low-frequency drones to increase

urgency in commercial messaging, or engineering notification sounds specifically to exploit variable-reward psychological mechanisms in applications and games, raise legitimate questions about manipulation versus persuasion. The paper argues that sound designers and media producers bear a responsibility to consider the psychological impact of auditory cues with the same seriousness typically reserved for visual and textual content, and that academic and industry standards for transparency in persuasive sound design remain underdeveloped relative to their visual counterparts.

Emerging Opportunities: VR, AR, and AI-Driven Sound Design

Adaptive and Procedural Sound

Artificial intelligence and procedural audio systems increasingly allow sound effects to be generated or modified dynamically in response to real-time gameplay, narrative branching, or biometric data (e.g., a player's heart rate). This capability opens new psychological research questions about personalized emotional pacing, where sound design adapts continuously to an individual's inferred arousal or engagement state rather than following a fixed, pre-composed timeline.

Cross-Reality Audio Design

As augmented and mixed-reality applications mature, sound designers face the novel challenge of blending synthetic sound effects convincingly with real-world ambient audio, requiring new psychoacoustic models of how listeners parse mixed real and virtual auditory scenes.

AI-Generated Sound Effects

Generative audio models capable of producing novel, high-quality sound effects from text or gestural prompts are lowering production barriers and enabling rapid iterative sound design. This raises open questions about whether algorithmically generated sound effects, which may lack the intentional craft of human Foley and sound-design practice, produce equivalent psychological and emotional outcomes — an important area for future comparative research.

II.CONCLUSION

Directions for Future Research

This paper has argued that sound effects function as powerful psychological tools rather than incidental technical enhancements. Drawing on cognitive psychology, psychoacoustics, emotion theory, and multisensory integration research, the review demonstrates that sound effects shape attention, emotional arousal, memory, perceived realism, and behavioral response across cinema, gaming, advertising, animation, and immersive media. These effects often operate rapidly and below conscious awareness, underscoring both their communicative power and the ethical responsibility that accompanies their design.

Future empirical research should prioritize several directions: (1) controlled, cross-cultural studies isolating the independent contribution of specific psychoacoustic parameters to emotional response; (2) longitudinal research on conditioned sound–emotion associations across media franchises and extended gameplay; (3) physiological and neuroimaging studies of real-time sound-driven arousal in immersive VR and AR contexts; (4) comparative studies of human-composed versus AI-generated sound effects; and (5) the development of ethical guidelines and transparency standards for psychologically persuasive sound design in advertising and interactive media. As digital media environments become increasingly immersive, adaptive, and AI-mediated, a rigorous psychological understanding of sound effects will be essential not only for effective creative practice but for the responsible design of the auditory environments that increasingly shape human emotion, cognition, and behavior.

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Phytochemical Constituents of Methanolic Extract of Linum Usitatissimum (Flaxseeds)

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Abstract

Flaxseed has been consumed by people for a long time due to its nutritional value and medicinal applications. In India, flaxseed is used for both culinary and medicinal reasons. Flaxseeds are rich in alpha-linolenic acid (ALA), lignans, proteins and dietary fibers, which have been considered an important food ingredient. As one of most functional ingredients in flaxseed, flaxseed oil could provide many potential health benefits, such as cardiovascular protection, anti-tumour, anti-inflammatory, diabetes treatment etc. Flax seeds are one of the dietary sources containing a considerable amount of phenolic named lignans. Flaxseed has been consumed by people for a very long time due to its nutritional value and medicinal applications. In India, flaxseed is used for both culinary and medicinal reasons. Flaxseed (Linum usitatissimum), a member of the Linaceae family, has a nutty flavor and crunchy texture. The present study was carried out to assess the important Phytochemical constituents present in the flaxseed. Phytochemicals are natural compounds that are found in plants and are responsible for many of the health benefits associated with plant-based diet. The results showed that phytochemicals such as alkaloids, phenols, flavonoids, tannins, saponins, and terpenoids are present in the flax seeds. Therefore, the use of flaxseed in whole seed can be recommended as a dietary supplement.

Key Words: Flaxseed, ALA, alkaloids, phenols, flavonoids, tannins, saponins, terpenoids.

I.INTRODUCTION

Flax seeds are one of the dietary sources containing a considerable amount of phenolic named lignans. Plants have long provided mankind with a source of medicinal agents, with natural products once serving as the source of all drugs. Dependence on plants as the source of medicine is prevalent in developing countries where traditional medicine plays a major role in health care (C. Blecker,2011). The rural population of a country is more disposed of traditional ways of treatment because of its easy availability and cheaper cost. Herbal therapy, although still an unwritten science, is well established in some cultures and traditions, and has become a way of life in almost 80% of the people in rural areas, especially those in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Medicinal plants, which form the backbone of traditional medicine, have in the last few decades have been the subject of very intense pharmacological studies. This has been brought about by the acknowledgement of the value of medicinal plants as potential sources of new compounds of therapeutic value and as sources of lead compounds in drug development. (J.Y. Cho, G.J. Choi). The leaves are glaucous green, slender lanceolate, 20-40mm long and 3mm broad. The flowers are pure pale blue, 15–25mm diameter, with five petals. The fruit is a round, dry capsule 5-9mm diameter, containing several glossy brown seeds shaped like an apple pie, 4–7mm long. Common names for Flax seed is linseed, Alsi or teesi (Hindi, Gujarati, and Punjabi), Ali vidai in Tamil, Atasi and Jawas in Marathi, Tishi in Bengali, Pesi in Oriya, Agasi in Kannada, Avise ginjalu in Telugu, and Cheruchana vithu in Malayalam. (H.N. Rabetafika). Lignans are phyto-hormone precursors that exhibit immune stimulatory and anti-bacterial, antifungal and antiviral effects (B. Stodolak). In the intestines, lignans are structurally modified by bacteria into mammalian lignans – enterolactone and enterodiol. These natural estrogen-like compounds have a buffering effect on estrogen metabolism.



Fig 1: Linum Usitatissimum

Botanical Classification

KINGDOM	PLANTAE
Clade	Angiosperms
Clade	Eudicots
Clade	Rosids
Order	Malpighiales
Family	Linaceae
Genus	Linum
Species	L.usitatissimum



Fig 2: Flaxseed plant

Phytochemicals

Phytochemicals are natural compounds that are found in plants and are responsible for many of the health benefits associated with plant-based diet. These compounds are not considered essential nutrients, but they have been shown to have a positive impact on human health, including the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases such as cancer and diabetes. Some common types of phytochemicals are carotenoids, flavonoids, phenolic acid and glycosylated. For example, carotenoids are responsible for the colors of many fruits and vegetables which are important for eye health. Flavonoids which are found in tea, cocoa, fruits and vegetables have anti-inflammatory and anti-antifungal t properties. Phenolic acid, which are found in berries, nuts and whole grains have been shown to have anticancer and anti-inflammatory effects. Glucosinolates found in cruciferous vegetables like broccoli and kale are thought to have cancer. Overall, all phytochemicals are an important component of a healthy diet and help to reduce the

risk of chronic disease then consumed as part of a balanced diet rich in whole grains and legumes.

Materials And Methods

Preparation Of Plant Extract

Flaxseeds were obtained from the local market. The seeds were washed, cleaned and shaded dried completely. The seeds were dried at room temperature under shade for a period of a week. The dried seeds were grinded using a laboratory grinder.



Fig 3: Flaxseed powder

Cold Mercerization

5g of flaxseed powder was soaked in 50 ml of methanol in conical flask and stirred vigorously with glass rod. This set up was placed without any disturbance at room temperature for 24 hours. After incubation the extract was filtered using Whatman no.1 filter paper and allowed to freeze dried. The extracted sample was stored at 4°C.

Qualitative Analysis of Phytochemicals

The preliminary qualitative analysis of plant extract was performed using standard producers.

Test for Alkaloids

Hager's test, for this test procedure, a few drops of Hager's reagent (saturated picric acid solution) added to 2 ml of the respective plant extract. Bright yellow precipitate formation indicated the presence of alkaloids.

Test for Flavonoids

The plant extract was mixed with 10 ml of ethanol and filtered. To 2ml of the filtrate, concentrate Hcl, and magnesium ribbon were mixed. The formation of a pink or red color indicated the presence of flavonoids.

Test for Tannins

Ferric chloride test: 1 ml of the filtrate was diluted with distilled water and 2 drops of ferric chloride added. A transient greenish to black color indicates the presence of tannins.

Test for Terpenoids

Salkowski test was used to detect terpenoids. Extract (5ml) was mixed with chloroform (2ml), and concentrated sulphuric acid (3ml) was carefully added to forma layer. A reddish-brown coloration was formed for the presence of terpenoids.

Test for Saponins

Foam test ,1ml solution of extract was diluted with distilled water and shaken in a graduated cylinder for 15 minutes. Development of stable foam showed the presence of Saponins.

Test for Phenols

A small amount of ethanolic extract was taken with 1 ml of water in a test tube and 1 to 2 drops of Iron lll chloride ($FeCl_3$) were added. A blue, green, red, or purple color is a positive Tests

Cardiac glycoside

1 ml of acetic acid and 2 drops of ferric chloride were added to 2 ml of extract, then 2 ml of sulphuric acid (concentrated) was added, and the color change was observed. Reddish-brown color formation indicated the presence of Cardiac glycoside.

Triterpenoids

The dry crude plant extract (5 mg) was dissolved in chloroform (2ml) and then acetic acid (1ml) was added to it. Concentrated sulphuric acid (1ml) was added to the solution. Formation of reddish violet color shows the presence of terpenoids.

Coumarins

3 ml of 10 % of NaOH was added to 2 ml Methanolic plant extract and yellow color was observed in positive results

Results

Table: Qualitative analysis of Phytochemical methanolic crude extracts of linum usitatissimum

Phytochemicals	Results
Alkaloids	++
Flavonoids	++
Tannins	++
Terpenoids	+++
Saponins	-
Coumarins	+

-Negative, +Mild positive, ++Moderate Positive, +++Strong Positive

Discussion

The phytochemical analysis of Linum Usitatissimum (Flaxseed) methanolic extract confirmed the presence of Phyto-constituents, the names of the Phyto-constituents of alkaloids, triterpenoids, cardiac glycosides, terpenoids, tannins, coumarins. The phytochemical contents and qualitative analysis of chemical components found in the fruits rich in alkaloids, glycosides, tannins, Terpenoids, phenols, cardiac glycosides, coumarins. These phytochemicals have medicinal and Anti-fungal potential activity, which shows physiological action on the body. Major phytochemicals are reported in the methanolic extract of Linum Usitatissimum. The present study demonstrates the Phytochemical constituents in methanolic extract of Linum Usitatissimum (flaxseeds) is determined by invitro assay methods.

II.CONCLUSION

The present research work was aimed at doing Phytochemical constituents in methanolic extract of Linum Usitatissimum(flaxseeds) the qualitative analysis showed the presence of phenols, tannins, flavonoids, triterpenoids, proteins, glycosides, reducing sugar, quinones, alkaloids, coumarins, steroids and acids. Hence it was considered that investigations into these medicinal properties might give traditional uses.

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Phytochemical Screening, HPTLC Fingerprinting and Antimicrobial Activity of Ethanolic Seed Extract of Butea monosperma

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Abstract

The present study evaluated the preliminary phytochemical profile, HPTLC fingerprint and antimicrobial activity of the ethanolic seed extract of Butea monosperma (Lam.) Kuntze. Seeds were collected, authenticated and processed to obtain the extract. Qualitative phytochemical screening indicated the presence of tannins, glycosides, quinones, saponins, coumarins and acids, while phenols, flavonoids, triterpenoids, proteins and reducing sugars were not detected in the reported screening. HPTLC analysis was performed on silica gel 60 F254 plates using toluene, ethyl acetate and formic acid as the mobile phase, producing multiple chromatographic bands at different Rf values. Antimicrobial activity was evaluated by the agar well diffusion method against eight bacterial strains and two Candida species at extract volumes of 25, 50, 75 and 100 µL. The extract demonstrated concentration-dependent inhibition against several tested organisms, with notable activity at 75 and 100 µL against Staphylococcus aureus, Streptococcus pneumoniae, Bacillus subtilis, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Escherichia coli, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Candida albicans and Candida tropicalis. These findings indicate that B. monosperma seeds contain bioactive constituents with antimicrobial potential and

support further investigation into isolation and characterization of active compounds.

Keywords: Butea monosperma; medicinal plant; phytochemical screening; HPTLC; antimicrobial activity; ethanolic extract.

I.INTRODUCTION

Medicinal plants represent an important source of bioactive compounds and have a long history of traditional use. Plant-derived constituents such as tannins, flavonoids, saponins, glycosides and related secondary metabolites have been investigated for diverse biological activities. The increasing prevalence of antimicrobial resistance has strengthened the need to explore alternative sources of antimicrobial agents. Butea monosperma (Lam.) Kuntze, commonly known as Palash or Flame of the Forest, belongs to the family Fabaceae. The plant is widely distributed in the Indian subcontinent and has been traditionally used for several medicinal purposes. Previous reports cited in the source document describe anthelmintic, antihyperglycemic, anti-inflammatory and antiviral activities associated with different parts or extracts of the plant. The seeds contain fixed oil and report constituents including palasonin, monospermoside, isomonospermoside and flavone glycosides



Fig :1 Butea Monosperma

The present work was undertaken to characterize the phytochemical constituents of B. monosperma seeds, obtain an HPTLC fingerprint of the extract and assess its antimicrobial activity against selected bacterial and fungal strains.

Materials and Methods

Plant material and authentication Butea monosperma seeds were collected from Mettur and authenticated by Dr. K. N. Sunil Kumar, Research Officer (Pharmacognosy), Siddha Central Research Institute, Arumbakkam, Chennai. The

specimen was recorded under the code A29111904M. The collected material was washed, shade-dried at room temperature, powdered and stored for further analysis.





Fig. 2 Seeds of Butea monosperma

Preparation of extract

The powdered seeds were extracted using a Soxhlet apparatus. The source document reports extraction with water for 12 hours and also describes preparation and use of an ethanolic extract for phytochemical, HPTLC and antimicrobial investigations. The dried extract was preserved for subsequent analyses.



Fig.3 Crude extract of Butea monosperma Seeds

Preliminary phytochemical screening

The ethanolic extract was screened qualitatively for phenols, tannins, flavonoids, triterpenoids, proteins, glycosides, reducing sugars, quinones, saponins, coumarins and acids using standard qualitative procedures. The reported observations were recorded as presence or absence of the respective phytochemical groups.

HPTLC analysis

HPTLC fingerprinting was performed using silica gel 60 F254 as the stationary phase. The reported mobile phase was toluene: ethyl acetate: formic acid. The chromatographic profile was examined at 254 nm, 366 nm and after derivatization at 520 nm. Multiple bands with distinct Rf values were observed, demonstrating the presence of several chromatographically separable constituents.

Antimicrobial assay

Antimicrobial activity was evaluated by the agar well diffusion method. The ethanolic seed extract was prepared in dimethyl sulfoxide (DMSO), and 25, 50, 75 and 100 µL quantities were introduced into wells prepared in inoculated agar plates. Cefepime (30 µg/disc) was used as the antibacterial standard, fluconazole (10 µg/disc) as the antifungal standard, and DMSO as the negative control. Bacterial cultures were maintained on nutrient agar/Muller-Hinton agar, while fungal cultures were maintained on Sabouraud dextrose agar. Plates were incubated under the conditions reported in the source document and inhibition zones were measured in millimetres.

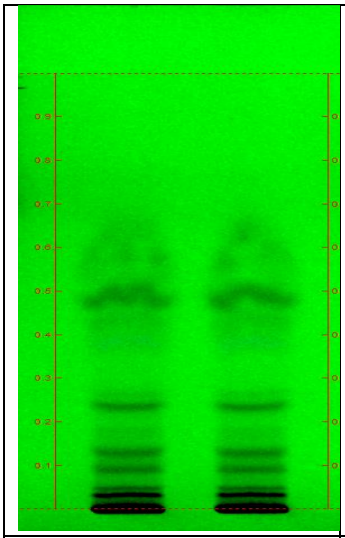
Results Phytochemical profile

Phytochemical	Result
Phenol	Absent
Tannin	Present
Flavonoid	Absent
Triterpenoid	Absent
Protein	Absent
Glycoside	Present
Reducing sugar	Absent
Quinone	Present
Saponin	Present
Coumarin	Present
Acids	Present

The screening therefore indicated the occurrence of several secondary metabolite groups, particularly tannins, glycosides, quinones, saponins and coumarins.

HPTLC fingerprint

HPTLC analysis produced multiple bands at different Rf values at 254 and 366 nm and after derivatization. The source document reports bands including Rf values approximately 0.04–0.44 at 254 nm and 0.08–0.39 at 366 nm, with additional derivatized bands extending to approximately 0.57. The chromatographic pattern provides a qualitative fingerprint for the seed extract



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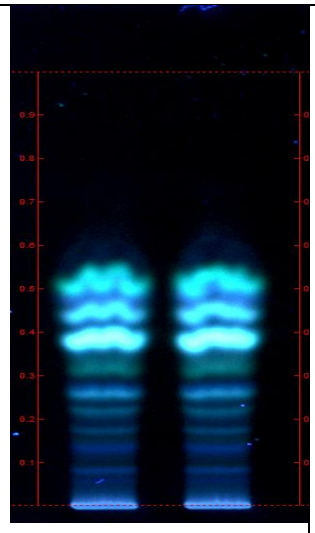

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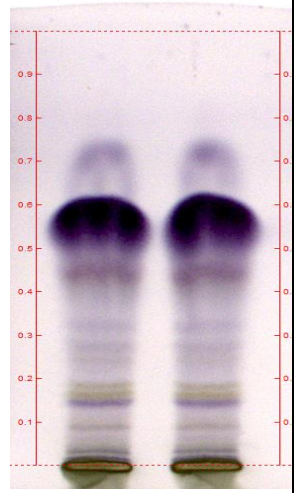


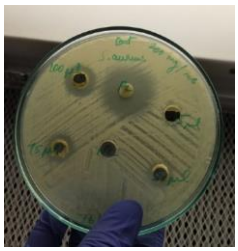
White light (Derivatized)

Color	R_f value(s)	Color	R_f value(s)	Color	R_f value(s)
Green	0.04	Blue	0.08	Dark	0.03
Green	0.05	Blue	0.14	Dark	0.09
Green	0.10	Blue	0.17	Violet	0.15
Green	0.13	Blue	0.22	Yellow	0.16
Green	0.23	Blue	0.26	Yellow	0.19
Green	0.27	Green	0.32	Violet	0.27
Green	0.44	Fluorescent	0.39	Violet	0.32
				Violet	0.44
				Violet	0.57

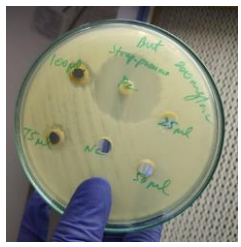
Antimicrobial activity

The ethanolic extract showed measurable inhibition against several test organisms, particularly at 75 and 100 µL. At the highest tested volume, inhibition zones reported in the source document were 12 mm for S. aureus, 10 mm for S. pneumoniae, 17 mm for B. subtilis, 12 mm for K. pneumoniae, 12 mm for E. coli, 13 mm for P. aeruginosa, 13 mm for C. albicans and 12 mm for C. tropicalis. No inhibition was reported for E. faecalis or P. vulgaris at the tested extract volumes.

Gram +ve Bacteria



Staphylococcus aureus



Streptococcus pneumoniae



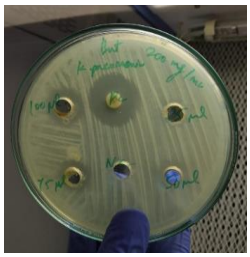
Bacillus subtilis



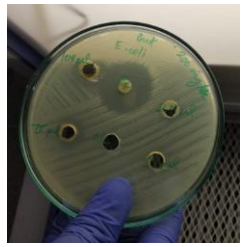
Enterococcus faecalis

Gram -ve Bacteria

Klebsiella pneumoniae.



Escherichia coli.



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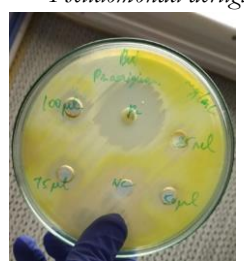

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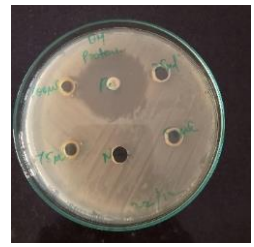

Discussion

The findings demonstrate that B. monosperma seed extract contains several detectable phytochemical groups and exhibits antimicrobial activity against a range of bacterial and fungal organisms. The presence of tannins, glycosides, quinones, saponins and coumarins may contribute to the observed biological activity. The source document notes that plant-derived compounds such as tannins and coumarin-related constituents have been associated with antimicrobial effects. The antimicrobial response varied among organisms and concentrations. The extract showed greater activity against several Gram-positive bacteria, while activity was also

observed against selected Gram-negative bacteria and Candida species. The Hptlc profile further demonstrates that the extract is chemically complex and can serve as a preliminary fingerprint for future standardization and compound-isolation studies. Because the present work is based on preliminary phytochemical screening and an in-vitro diffusion assay, further studies are required to identify the individual active constituents, establish minimum inhibitory concentrations, evaluate mechanisms of action and confirm biological activity using appropriately validated experimental models.

II.CONCLUSION

The study indicates that ethanolic seed extract of Butea monosperma contains several phytochemical constituents and possesses in-vitro antimicrobial activity against selected bacterial and fungal pathogens. HPTLC fingerprinting demonstrated multiple chromatographically separable components and may be useful for preliminary characterization and quality assessment of the extract. Further isolation, structural identification and pharmacological evaluation of the active constituents are warranted.

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A Systematic Review on Generative Ai and its Applications

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Abstract

Generative Artificial Intelligence (Generative AI) is an emerging branch of Artificial Intelligence that focuses on creating new content such as text, images, audio, video, computer programs, and synthetic data. Recent developments in deep learning, Transformer architectures, Large Language Models (LLMs), Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), and diffusion models have significantly increased the capabilities of Generative AI. This systematic review examines the concepts, technologies, applications, benefits, limitations, and future directions of Generative AI. Relevant research studies were reviewed and categorized based on Generative AI techniques and application domains. The review identifies significant applications in education, healthcare, business, software development, finance, media, entertainment, and scientific research. The findings show that Generative AI can improve productivity, automation, personalization, creativity, and decision-making. However, challenges such as hallucination, bias, privacy, copyright, misinformation, security, lack of explainability, and high computational requirements remain important concerns. The review concludes that Generative AI has considerable potential to transform various sectors when developed and deployed responsibly with appropriate human supervision, ethical principles, and governance mechanisms.

Keywords: Generative AI, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Large Language Models, Transformer, GAN, Diffusion Models, Generative Models.

I.INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence has become an important technology in modern computing, enabling machines to perform tasks that traditionally require human intelligence. Conventional AI systems are generally designed to classify information, recognize patterns, make predictions, or support decision-making. Generative AI extends these capabilities by enabling machines to create new content based on patterns learned from existing data.Generative AI uses advanced machine-learning and deep-learning techniques to generate human-like or realistic outputs. These

outputs may include written text, images, music, speech, videos, software code, designs, and synthetic datasets. The rapid growth of Generative AI has been supported by improvements in computational power, availability of large datasets, and advances in neural-network architectures. One of the most important developments in modern Generative AI was the Transformer architecture proposed by Vaswani et al. in 2017. The Transformer introduced the attention mechanism as a powerful method for processing sequential information and became the foundation for many modern language models. Large Language Models have further expanded the capabilities of Generative AI. These models can generate text, answer questions, summarize documents, translate languages, write programs, and assist users in a conversational manner. Generative AI has also developed rapidly in computer vision through GANs and diffusion models, which can generate highly realistic images and other visual content. The applications of Generative AI are now found in many sectors. In education, it can support personalized learning, content generation, tutoring, and assessment. In healthcare, it can assist with medical documentation, research, drug discovery, and clinical information processing. In software engineering, Generative AI can generate source code, documentation, test cases, and debugging suggestions. Despite these benefits, Generative AI introduces several challenges. AI-generated content may contain incorrect information, biased statements, or fabricated facts. Privacy, copyright, misinformation, cybersecurity, and ethical issues are also important concerns. Therefore, a systematic review of Generative AI is necessary to understand its technological development, applications, benefits, limitations, and future research opportunities.

Objectives of the Study

The major objectives of this systematic review are:

- To understand the concept and development of Generative AI.
- To identify the major Generative AI technologies and models.
- To examine the applications of Generative AI in different domains.
- To analyse the advantages of Generative AI.
- To identify the major challenges and limitations.
- To discuss future research directions and responsible use of Generative AI.

Literature Review

The literature on Generative AI has expanded considerably with advances in machine learning and deep learning. Different generative architectures have been developed to generate realistic and useful content.

Generative Adversarial Networks

Generative Adversarial Networks were introduced by Goodfellow et al. in 2014. A GAN consists of two neural networks: a generator and a discriminator. The generator creates artificial data, while the discriminator attempts to distinguish

generated data from real data. GANs have been applied to image generation, face synthesis, image enhancement, style transfer, video generation, and synthetic-data creation. However, GANs can experience training instability and mode-collapse problems.

Variational Autoencoders

Variational Autoencoders are generative models that learn a probability distribution of data in a latent space. They contain an encoder and a decoder. The encoder converts input data into a latent representation, while the decoder generates new data from this representation. VAEs have applications in image generation, anomaly detection, data reconstruction, synthetic-data generation, and scientific research.

Transformer Models

The Transformer architecture introduced by Vaswani et al. has become one of the most important technologies in Generative AI. It uses self-attention mechanisms to understand relationships between elements in a sequence.

Transformers are widely used in:

- Natural Language Processing
- Machine Translation
- Text Generation
- Question Answering
- Text Summarization
- Code Generation
- Conversational AI
- Multimodal AI

The Transformer architecture has contributed significantly to the development of modern Large Language Models.

Large Language Models

Large Language Models are trained using very large collections of text data. They learn patterns in language and can generate meaningful text in response to user instructions.

LLMs can perform tasks such as:

- Text Generation
- Translation
- Summarization
- Question Answering
- Content Writing
- Code Generation

- Document Analysis
- Conversational Assistance

The development of LLMs has significantly increased the adoption of Generative AI in education, business, software engineering, research, and customer service.

Diffusion Models

Diffusion Models are a newer class of generative models that have become highly successful for image generation. They learn to generate data by gradually removing noise from a noisy input.

Diffusion Models are used for:

- Text-to-Image Generation
- Image Editing
- Image Restoration
- Video Generation
- 3D Content Generation
- Medical-Image Synthesis

They have contributed significantly to the development of modern visual Generative AI systems.

Multimodal Generative AI

Recent research has moved beyond models that work with a single type of data. Multimodal Generative AI can process combinations of text, images, audio, video, and other information.

Multimodal systems can support applications such as:

- Image Understanding and Generation
- Voice-based Assistants
- Video Creation
- Document Understanding
- Educational Applications
- Healthcare Information Systems

This development is expected to be an important direction for future Generative AI research.

Methodology

This study follows a systematic literature-review methodology to analyse existing research related to Generative AI and its applications.

Research Approach

The research process consists of the following stages:

1. Identification of the Research Topic.
2. Formulation of Research Questions.

3. Collection of Relevant Literature.
4. Screening and Selection of Studies.
5. Classification of Selected Studies.
6. Analysis and Comparison of Findings.
7. Identification of Research Gaps.
8. Preparation of Conclusions.

Literature Sources

Research papers, review articles, conference papers, technical reports, and other scholarly publications related to Generative AI were considered. Literature related to Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Large Language Models, and generative models was examined.

Inclusion Criteria

Studies were included when they:

- Focused on Generative AI or Generative Models.
- Discussed Applications, Techniques, Benefits, or Challenges.
- Were Relevant to one or more Research Questions.
- Provided Sufficient Technical or Research Information.

Exclusion Criteria

Studies were excluded when they:

- Were Unrelated to Generative AI.
- Were Duplicate Publications.
- Did Not Provide Meaningful Information About the Research Topic.
- Lacked Sufficient Technical or Application-Related Content.

Classification of Literature

The selected literature was classified according to four major categories:

Category	**Examples**
Generative Technology	GAN, VAE, Transformer, Diffusion Model, LLM
Generated Content	Text, Image, Audio, Video, Code, Synthetic Data
Application Area	Education, Healthcare, Business, Software, Research
Challenges	Bias, Hallucination, Privacy, Security, Copyright

Experimental Results

The systematic review shows that Generative AI has developed from specialized generative models into general-purpose technologies capable of supporting a wide range of applications.

Applications of Generative AI

Education

Generative AI has significant potential in education. It can generate study materials, explanations, quizzes, assignments, summaries, and personalized learning content. Major applications include:

- Personalized Learning
- Intelligent Tutoring Systems
- Question Generation
- Lesson Planning
- Automatic Feedback
- Language Learning
- Programming Assistance
- Educational Content Creation

Generative AI can reduce the workload of teachers and provide students with immediate assistance. However, excessive dependence on AI may affect independent learning and critical-thinking abilities.

Healthcare

Generative AI is increasingly being studied for healthcare applications.
Applications include:

- Clinical Documentation
- Medical Report Summarization
- Medical Education
- Patient Communication
- Drug Discovery
- Medical-Image Generation
- Healthcare Research
- Decision-Support Systems

Healthcare applications require strong validation because inaccurate AI-generated information can have serious consequences. Human medical professionals must therefore remain involved in important decisions.

Software Development

Generative AI has become a valuable tool in software engineering.
Applications include:

- Code Generation
- Code Completion
- Debugging

- Test-Case Generation
- Code Documentation
- Code Explanation
- Software Design Assistance
- Program Translation

These applications can improve developer productivity and reduce time spent on repetitive programming tasks.

Business

Organizations can use Generative AI for:

- Report Generation
- Customer Support
- Marketing Content
- Product Descriptions
- Business Communication
- Data Summarization
- Personalized Recommendations
- Virtual Assistants

Generative AI can improve operational efficiency and provide faster access to information.

Finance

Potential financial applications include:

- Financial Report Generation
- Customer Service
- Document Analysis
- Fraud-Analysis Support
- Financial Education
- Risk-Analysis Assistance
- Automated Communication

Financial applications require careful monitoring because incorrect information may result in financial loss.

Media and Entertainment

Generative AI has transformed creative content production.

Applications include:

- Image Generation
- Music Generation

- Video Generation
- Animation
- Script Generation
- Voice Synthesis
- Game Development
- Digital Character Creation

These technologies provide new opportunities for creative professionals but also create concerns related to copyright and ownership.

Scientific Research

Generative AI can support researchers in:

- Literature Review
- Scientific Writing
- Code Generation
- Data Analysis
- Hypothesis Generation
- Drug Discovery
- Molecular Design
- Synthetic-data Generation

It can accelerate research activities but generated results must be independently validated.

Benefits of Generative AI

The major benefits identified through the review include:

Productivity

Generative AI can automate repetitive tasks and reduce the time required to create content and perform information-processing activities.

Creativity

AI can generate alternative ideas, designs, stories, images, music, and other creative outputs.

Personalization

Content can be generated according to the needs and preferences of individual users.

Accessibility

Natural-language interaction makes advanced computing capabilities accessible to users without extensive technical knowledge.

Automation

Generative AI can automate several routine activities in education, business, software development, and other fields.

Innovation

The technology can support the development of new products, services, research methods, and creative processes.

Challenges of Generative AI

Hallucination

Generative AI systems may produce incorrect information while presenting it in a confident and convincing manner.

Bias

Models can reproduce biases present in their training data.

Privacy

Sensitive information may be exposed or improperly processed if appropriate safeguards are not implemented.

Copyright

The use of copyrighted material in training and the ownership of generated content remain important legal and ethical questions.

Misinformation

Generative AI can be used to create misleading articles, fake images, synthetic audio, and manipulated videos.

Security

AI-generated content may be misused for phishing, social engineering, malicious programming, and other cyber threats.

Computational Requirements

Large Generative AI models require substantial computing resources, storage, energy, and infrastructure.

Lack of Explainability

It can be difficult to understand exactly how complex models arrive at particular outputs.

Human Dependency

Overdependence on AI-generated content may reduce human creativity, critical thinking, and independent decision-making.

Discussion

The findings demonstrate that Generative AI has become an important technological development with applications extending across almost every major information-based sector. The development of Transformer architectures has played a central role in the rapid progress of language-based Generative AI. GANs and diffusion models have similarly contributed to advances in image and multimedia generation. One of the most important trends is the development of multimodal Generative AI. Future systems are expected to understand and generate multiple types of information simultaneously, allowing users to communicate through text,

speech, images, and video. Another important development is the integration of Generative AI into existing organizational workflows. Instead of completely replacing human workers, Generative AI can act as an intelligent assistant that helps users perform tasks more quickly. However, the review also demonstrates that model capability should not be the only criterion for evaluating Generative AI. Reliability, fairness, privacy, security, transparency, and accountability are equally important. In high-risk areas such as healthcare, finance, education, and scientific research, AI-generated results should be verified by qualified human experts. The most effective future approach is therefore likely to be human-AI collaboration, where AI provides assistance while humans retain responsibility for important decisions.

II.CONCLUSION

Generative Artificial Intelligence (Generative AI) has emerged as a transformative technology with applications across education, healthcare, software development, business, finance, media, entertainment, and scientific research. The systematic review indicates that technologies such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs), Variational Autoencoders (VAEs), Transformer-based models, Large Language Models (LLMs), and diffusion models have significantly expanded the ability of machines to generate text, images, audio, video, code, and synthetic data. Recent reviews confirm that Generative AI research has rapidly expanded across content generation, engineering, medical applications, privacy and security, and multimodal systems. The major benefits of Generative AI include improved productivity, automation, personalization, creativity, accessibility, and decision-support capabilities. It can reduce the time required for repetitive tasks and provide intelligent assistance to professionals, students, researchers, and organizations. However, the review also highlights several challenges. Hallucination, bias, privacy risks, copyright issues, misinformation, security threats, lack of explainability, and computational requirements can affect the reliability and responsible adoption of Generative AI. Research has particularly emphasized the need for improved explainability, robustness, privacy, security, and responsible use. Therefore, the future success of Generative AI should not be measured only by the quality of generated content. Reliability, transparency, fairness, safety, privacy, and accountability must also be considered. Human supervision will remain essential, especially in high-risk domains such as healthcare, finance, education, and scientific research. Overall, Generative AI has the potential to become a fundamental technology for digital transformation. Its responsible integration with human expertise can enhance productivity and creativity while reducing the risks associated with autonomous AI-generated decisions.

Future Scope

The future scope of Generative AI is extensive. Based on the findings of the reviewed literature, the following areas provide important opportunities for future research and development.

1. Improved Accuracy and Reliability
2. Explainable Generative AI
3. Multimodal Generative AI
4. Domain-Specific AI Models
5. Privacy-Preserving Generative AI
6. Responsible and Ethical AI
7. Human-AI Collaboration
8. Efficient and Sustainable AI
9. AI in Scientific Research
10. Standardized Evaluation
11. Integration with Emerging Technologies

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Artificial Intelligence in Filmmaking: Transforming the Future of Cinema

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Abstract

Artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly embedded across the filmmaking pipeline, from script coverage and budgeting in pre-production, to virtual production and on-set decision support during principal photography, to editing, visual effects, dubbing, and archival restoration in post-production. Recommendation engines and audience analytics further shape how finished work is distributed and marketed. This paper surveys the technical foundations of AI in cinema — machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing, and generative models — and examines their application through documented industry case studies, including Lucasfilm's ILM Stagecraft LED-volume system used on The Mandalorian, AI-assisted de-aging and digital-double techniques, neural dubbing and voice-cloning services, and Netflix-style recommendation infrastructure. It then turns to the governance questions these tools raise: copyright and the use of protected works as training data, performer consent for digital replicas, algorithmic bias, transparency in AI-assisted work, and the labor disputes that culminated in the 2023 WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes and the contractual AI provisions that followed. The paper concludes that AI is best understood not as a replacement for filmmaking craft but as a rapidly maturing set of tools whose responsible adoption depends on clear consent frameworks, disclosure norms, and collectively bargained protections for the people whose work trains and populates these systems.

Keywords: artificial intelligence, filmmaking, virtual production, generative AI, visual effects, digital replicas, copyright, film industry ethics.

I.INTRODUCTION

Cinema has always absorbed new technology into its craft — sound, color, non-linear editing, and digital cameras each reorganized how films were conceived and made. Artificial intelligence is the latest such shift, but it differs from earlier transitions in an important way: rather than changing a single stage of production, AI-based tools are appearing simultaneously across nearly every stage of the pipeline, from the earliest script drafts to the personalized thumbnail a viewer sees on a streaming platform. This paper surveys how machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing (NLP), and generative modeling are being used in contemporary filmmaking, and examines the technical, creative, and ethical questions that adoption has raised. Rather than treating AI in film as a single monolithic trend, the paper follows the structure of the filmmaking pipeline itself — pre-production, production, post-production, and distribution — before turning to case studies and the legal and labor debates that have accompanied this technology's rise, most visibly during the 2023 Writers Guild of America (WGA) and SAG-AFTRA strikes.

Background and Literature Review

Discussion of AI in the creative industries has grown rapidly since the mid-2010s, tracking the broader progress of deep learning. Early applications in film centered on relatively narrow, well-defined problems: automated color correction, shot-boundary detection for editing software, and rule-based scheduling tools for line producers. The release of large generative models for text, image, audio, and video in the early 2020s expanded the scope of what AI tools could plausibly do in a production context, moving from analysis and optimization tasks toward tasks that touch creative authorship directly — dialogue generation, synthetic voices, de-aging, and fully synthetic video. Industry trade coverage, union communications, and legal commentary have tracked this shift closely. Reporting on virtual production technology such as Industrial Light & Magic's Stagecraft system documents how real-time game-engine rendering on LED volumes changed on-set workflows for productions such as The Mandalorian. Separately, entertainment-law commentary and union publications particularly from SAG-AFTRA and the Authors Guild — have documented the contractual response to generative AI, including the definitions of "digital replica" and "synthetic performer" that entered the 2023 SAG-AFTRA Television/Theatrical agreement and were extended in subsequent commercials and interactive-media contracts through 2025 and 2026. This literature forms the empirical backbone of the case studies discussed in Section 5.

Core AI Technologies Used in Filmmaking

Four overlapping families of technique underlie most AI applications in cinema:

- Machine learning and predictive analytics: statistical models trained on

historical box-office, viewership, and production data to forecast audience response, optimize shooting schedules, or flag budget risk.

- Computer vision: models that detect, track, and reconstruct visual information — used for motion capture without markers, rotoscoping, face tracking for de-aging or replacement, and automated shot classification during editing.
- Natural language processing: used to parse scripts for scene breakdowns, character and location counts, tone analysis, and continuity checks, and increasingly to draft or revise dialogue and treatments under human supervision.
- Generative models: diffusion- and transformer-based systems capable of producing images, video, speech, and music, applied to previsualization, concept art, synthetic voices for dubbing, and — more controversially — fully synthetic performers and backgrounds.
- In practice, a single tool often combines several of these techniques. A modern virtual-production stage, for example, pairs computer-vision-based camera tracking with real-time rendering in a game engine so that a physical camera move is reflected instantly in a photorealistic LED background.

Applications Across the Filmmaking Pipeline

Pre-Production

Script-analysis platforms use NLP to automate parts of the coverage process traditionally done by studio readers: extracting scene counts, character breakdowns, and estimated shooting-day requirements, and flagging structural issues such as pacing or underused characters. Casting and budgeting tools apply similar techniques to historical data to help producers estimate a project's commercial potential or insurance risk before greenlighting. Previsualization has also been reshaped by generative image and video tools, which let directors and cinematographers rapidly iterate on shot composition, lighting, and blocking before a single frame is shot on set.

Production

The most visible production-stage application is virtual production: soundstages ringed by LED walls (often called "the Volume") that display real-time, photorealistic digital environments rendered in a game engine such as Unreal Engine. Camera-tracking systems continuously update the background to match the physical camera's position and lens, so actors and crew see and react to a believable environment live, and much of what would previously have been a green-screen composite is captured in-camera. This approach was popularized industry-wide by Lucasfilm's ILM Stagecraft system on The Mandalorian and has since been adopted by productions ranging from major franchises to independent features, since smaller-

scale LED volumes and cloud rendering have lowered the cost of entry. Computer-vision-based motion capture, real-time facial tracking for digital characters, and AI-assisted camera operation (for example, automated focus-pulling and drone or gimbal path planning) round out the production-stage toolkit.

Post-Production

Editing software increasingly offers AI-assisted rough-cut generation, automated transcription and subtitling, and scene-similarity search across large volumes of dailies, reducing the time editors spend locating specific footage. In visual effects, machine-learning-based tools accelerate rotoscoping, object removal, and compositing tasks that were previously manual and labor-intensive. De-aging and digital-double work — used to depict actors at younger ages or to complete performances after a shoot has wrapped — combines facial-tracking computer vision with generative image synthesis, and has moved from a small number of high-profile blockbuster sequences toward broader, lower-cost use as the underlying models have improved. Dubbing and localization is one of the fastest-growing post-production applications. Neural voice-cloning and lip-resynchronization tools can generate a dubbed performance in another language that preserves an actor's own vocal characteristics and adjusts on-screen mouth movement to match, a capability offered by companies such as Flawless, Deepdub, and Respecter, among others. Archival restoration tools apply super-resolution and denoising models to upscale and stabilize damaged or low-resolution footage for re-release.

Distribution and Marketing

Streaming platforms rely heavily on recommendation systems — typically a combination of collaborative filtering, content-based filtering, and deep-learning ranking models — to personalize what a given subscriber sees, including personalized artwork and trailers assembled from a library of pre-approved shots. Audience-analytics platforms apply sentiment analysis to social media and review text to gauge reaction during a marketing campaign, and generative tools are increasingly used to produce marketing copy, trailer variants, and social-media assets at a scale that would be impractical manually.

Case Studies

Virtual Production: The Mandalorian

The clearest industry-wide case study in AI-adjacent production technology is Lucasfilm's use of ILM's Stagecraft system on The Mandalorian, which replaced much of the series' location and green-screen photography with a 20-foot-high LED volume displaying real-time Unreal Engine environments. Crew shot scenes set on multiple alien worlds within a single Los Angeles soundstage, with the system's real-time rendering allowing lighting and reflections from the digital backdrop to fall naturally on physical sets, costumes, and actors. The same underlying workflow was

scaled up for the theatrical feature The Mandalorian and Grogu, and, according to statements director Jon Favreau made at CinemaCon in 2026, extended further with AI-assisted tools in production planning. Trade coverage has also noted the technology's spread beyond tentpole productions: smaller LED-volume rigs and cloud-based rendering are now being used by independent producers who could not previously afford the physical, logistical, and travel costs of location shoots.

De-Aging, Digital Doubles, and Synthetic Performers

A second widely discussed application is the use of AI-assisted computer vision to alter or extend a performer's on-screen appearance — de-aging an actor for flashback sequences, completing a performance using previously captured footage, or building an entirely synthetic "digital replica." These techniques raise the case studies discussed in Section 5.1 and 5.3 into direct contact with performer identity and consent, which is why they became a central issue in the 2023 SAG-AFTRA negotiations discussed in Section 6.2 below.

AI Dubbing and Localization

Global streaming distribution has made localization a bottleneck for release scheduling, and AI dubbing tools have been adopted specifically to compress that bottleneck. Neural voice-cloning systems can preserve a specific performer's vocal identity across languages, while lip-sync models adjust the visible mouth movement in the original footage to match the new-language audio track, reducing the visual mismatch that traditionally marked dubbed content. Because this process can, in principle, be performed without the original actor recording new lines, dubbing has also become one of the more contested categories in ongoing union negotiations over consent and compensation.

Recommendation Systems and Audience Analytics

Large streaming platforms such as Netflix have published extensively, through their engineering blogs and public conference talks, on the machine-learning systems used to personalize catalog browsing, thumbnail selection, and trailer assembly for individual subscribers. These systems combine viewing-history-based collaborative filtering with content metadata and, increasingly, deep-learning ranking models trained to predict engagement. The same infrastructure that recommends content to viewers is also used internally to inform commissioning and marketing decisions, extending AI's influence from the audience-facing side of the business back into pre-production greenlighting.

Ethical, Legal, and Labor Issues

Copyright and Training Data

Generative models used for image, video, and text synthesis are typically trained on large datasets that may include copyrighted film stills, scripts, and other protected works, often without the rights holder's explicit permission. This has

produced ongoing litigation and licensing disputes across the industry, and has led some studios and vendors to restrict which training data their in-house tools may use, or to require indemnification clauses in contracts with third-party AI vendors.

Consent and Digital Replicas

Performer consent has become the most heavily negotiated issue in film-industry AI governance. The SAG-AFTRA Television/Theatrical agreement ratified in December 2023 introduced formal definitions distinguishing an "Employment-Based Digital Replica" (created by a producer in connection with a performer's engagement), an "Independently Created Digital Replica" (created by the performer separately), and a "Synthetic Performer" (a generated character not modeled on any identifiable individual). Under these terms, a recognizable digital replica generally requires the performer's informed consent and bargained-for compensation, and producers must notify the union before deploying a synthetic performer. Subsequent agreements extended similar protections: the 2024 Animation Agreement added voice-replica protections, the 2025 Interactive Media Agreement gave performers the ability to suspend consent for new AI-generated material during a labor dispute, and the 2025 Commercials Contract introduced a standardized "Digital Replica Rider" consent form. A further TV/Theatrical agreement ratified in mid-2026 added additional restrictions on the use of synthetic performers. State legislation has moved in parallel — Tennessee's 2024 ELVIS Act and comparable measures in New York and California extend similar consent requirements to voice and likeness outside union contracts.

Bias and Representation

Models trained on historical industry data risk reproducing the biases present in that data — for example, casting-prediction tools trained on past box-office performance can encode historical patterns of underrepresentation, and computer-vision systems have historically performed less reliably on darker skin tones, a known limitation with direct consequences for tools used in de-aging, face tracking, and automated color grading.

Transparency and Disclosure

As AI-assisted work becomes harder to distinguish from unassisted work, disclosure norms have become a recurring point of negotiation. The Writers Guild of America's 2023 Minimum Basic Agreement introduced disclosure requirements around AI-generated or AI-revised material delivered to a writer, and similar disclosure principles have been proposed for VFX and marketing content, though practice varies considerably by studio and vendor.

Employment and the 2023 Strikes

Generative AI was one of the central issues in the 2023 WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes, which together shut down most scripted U.S. production for much

of that year. Writers sought protection against being asked to revise AI-generated drafts for reduced credit and pay, while actors — particularly background performers — sought protection against having their likeness scanned and reused indefinitely without ongoing consent or compensation. The SAG-AFTRA agreement that ended the 118-day strike was ratified in December 2023 with roughly 78 percent member approval and was reported to be worth on the order of one billion dollars in combined gains, with AI provisions forming one of its most closely watched components. These outcomes illustrate that the industry's AI debate is not purely technical: it is fundamentally a negotiation over who benefits from productivity gains and who bears the risk of displacement.

Methodology

This paper takes the form of a structured survey rather than an empirical study. Its evidence base combines (a) technical documentation of AI methods used in image, video, audio, and text processing; (b) trade and engineering-blog reporting on specific tools and productions, prioritized where the same claim is corroborated across more than one independent source; and (c) primary union and legal documentation, principally SAG-AFTRA's published contract summaries and bargaining timeline, cross-checked against legal commentary. Sections 4 and 5 are organized around the conventional four-stage filmmaking pipeline (pre-production, production, post-production, distribution) so that the technology discussion maps directly onto where in a production a given tool is actually used, rather than grouping tools purely by underlying algorithm.

Future Scope

Several trends are likely to shape the next phase of AI adoption in filmmaking. First, virtual production is likely to continue moving down-market, as cloud rendering and smaller LED volumes lower the capital cost that currently limits the technology to well-funded productions. Second, real-time, on-set generative tools for previsualization, temporary VFX, and even live dialogue adjustment are likely to compress the traditional separation between production and post-production. Third, contractual and legal frameworks around consent, disclosure, and training-data provenance are still actively being negotiated and will likely continue to evolve through further union bargaining cycles and state and federal legislation, rather than settling on a single stable standard in the near term. Finally, as AI tools lower the cost of certain visual-effects and localization work, the competitive advantage in filmmaking is likely to shift further toward storytelling, directorial vision, and performance — the aspects of the craft that remain the hardest to automate.

II.CONCLUSION

Artificial intelligence has moved from a peripheral experiment to a working part of the filmmaking pipeline, visible in the LED volumes of modern virtual-production stages, the neural voice models behind same-day international dubbing, and the recommendation systems that decide what a streaming subscriber sees first. None of this displaces the underlying creative work of writing, performing, and directing; it changes the tools available for doing that work and the economics surrounding it. The governance questions this raises — over training data and copyright, performer consent for digital replicas, algorithmic bias, and disclosure — are not incidental to the technology's adoption but central to it, as the 2023 WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes and the contract provisions that followed make clear. The industry's task going forward is less about deciding whether to use these tools, which is already well underway, and more about building the consent, compensation, and transparency structures that determine who benefits from them.

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Science, Innovation and Society: Shaping a Sustainable, Inclusive and Resilient Future

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Abstract

Science and innovation have become central forces shaping contemporary society, influencing health, agriculture, education, communication, industry, environmental protection and economic development. Scientific knowledge provides the evidence required to understand complex problems, while innovation converts knowledge into products, services, processes and social practices that can improve quality of life. However, scientific and technological progress does not automatically result in equitable social development. Access to knowledge, digital infrastructure, financial resources, education, ethical governance and public trust strongly influence who benefits from innovation. This paper examines the relationship between science, innovation and society, with particular emphasis on sustainable development, healthcare, biotechnology, agriculture, digital technologies, artificial intelligence, climate action and open science. It also discusses the ethical, social and environmental challenges associated with emerging technologies, including privacy, algorithmic bias, misinformation, unequal access and technological displacement. The paper argues that innovation should be human-centred, evidence-based, environmentally responsible and socially inclusive. Strong collaboration among universities, research institutions, governments, industry, civil society and communities is essential for translating scientific discoveries into meaningful societal benefits. Open science and public engagement can further strengthen trust and democratize access to knowledge. Aligning scientific research and innovation with societal needs and the Sustainable Development Goals can help build resilient, inclusive and sustainable societies. The future of science therefore depends not only on discovering what is possible, but also on ensuring that what is developed is ethical, accessible and beneficial to society as a whole.

Keywords: Science, innovation, society, sustainable development, technology, artificial intelligence, biotechnology, open science, ethics, Sustainable Development Goals.

I.INTRODUCTION

Science is one of the fundamental means through which humanity understands the natural world, develops evidence-based knowledge and responds to societal challenges. Innovation extends this process by transforming knowledge, discoveries and creative ideas into useful applications. Together, science and innovation influence almost every dimension of modern life, from medical diagnosis and treatment to agriculture, communication, transportation, energy and education. The relationship between science and society is multidirectional. Society identifies needs and problems that influence research priorities, while scientific discoveries transform social practices and institutions. Governments establish policies and funding mechanisms, universities generate knowledge and educate future scientists, industries commercialize technologies, and communities determine whether innovations are accepted and effectively used. Consequently, science cannot be viewed as isolated from social, economic, cultural and ethical contexts. Science, technology and innovation are increasingly recognized as important mechanisms for advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). They can support evidence-based decision-making and help develop solutions to complex global challenges such as poverty, disease, climate change, food insecurity and environmental degradation.

Science as a Foundation for Societal Development

Scientific research provides the evidence base for understanding problems and evaluating possible solutions. Advances in microbiology, genetics, immunology, chemistry, physics, environmental science and information science have contributed to major improvements in human welfare. Scientific knowledge supports disease prevention, vaccine development, food safety, environmental monitoring and evidence-based public policy. The importance of science became particularly visible during global health emergencies, when rapid generation and sharing of scientific evidence were necessary for disease surveillance, diagnostics, therapeutics and public-health decision-making. Such experiences demonstrate that scientific capacity is not merely an academic resource; it is a component of societal resilience. Science also contributes to education and critical thinking. Scientific literacy helps citizens distinguish evidence from misinformation, understand risks and participate more effectively in public discussions about health, environment and technology. A scientifically informed society is better positioned to evaluate claims and make decisions based on reliable evidence. However, scientific progress can be unevenly distributed. Differences in research infrastructure, funding, education and access to technology can create scientific and technological gaps between and within

countries. Strengthening scientific capacity in developing regions is therefore important for ensuring that societies can participate not only as consumers of technology but also as creators of knowledge and innovation.

Innovation: From Discovery to Application

Innovation refers broadly to the introduction or implementation of new or significantly improved products, processes, services or approaches. Scientific discovery and innovation are closely connected but are not identical. A scientific discovery may reveal a new principle, organism, mechanism or phenomenon, whereas innovation involves applying knowledge in a manner that creates practical or social value. Successful innovation requires an ecosystem. Universities and research institutions generate knowledge; funding agencies support research and development; industry provides pathways for scaling and commercialization; governments establish policies and regulations; and communities provide feedback about actual needs and usability. Partnerships across these sectors can shorten the distance between laboratory research and societal application. Innovative solutions for sustainable development should be equitable, scalable and capable of reaching populations that are often underserved. Innovation should therefore be evaluated not only by technical performance or economic return but also by its social and environmental impact.

Science, Innovation and Sustainable Development

Sustainable development requires balancing economic progress, social inclusion and environmental protection. The Sustainable Development Goals provide a global framework connecting these dimensions. Science and innovation can contribute to almost every goal, including health, food security, clean water, affordable energy, education, sustainable cities and climate action. In agriculture, scientific innovation can improve crop productivity, soil health, biological pest management, water efficiency and resilience to climate variability. Biotechnology and microbial technologies may contribute to sustainable agriculture by reducing dependence on harmful chemical inputs and improving nutrient-use efficiency. In environmental management, innovation can support renewable energy, water purification, waste recycling, pollution monitoring and biodiversity conservation. Sensors, remote sensing, data analytics and computational modelling can provide information required for timely environmental decisions. Sustainable innovation must nevertheless consider the complete life cycle of technologies. A technology that appears efficient during production may create environmental burdens during extraction of raw materials, manufacture, use or disposal. Therefore, environmental assessment, circular-economy principles and responsible resource management should be incorporated into innovation planning.

Healthcare and Biotechnology

Healthcare is one of the clearest areas in which scientific innovation can directly influence quality of life. Advances in molecular biology, genomics, microbiology, medical imaging, diagnostics, vaccines and biomedical engineering have expanded the ability to prevent, detect and treat disease. Biotechnology has created opportunities for improved diagnostics, therapeutic development, agricultural biotechnology, industrial biotechnology and environmental applications. Molecular diagnostic methods can detect pathogens rapidly, while genomic technologies provide opportunities for more precise understanding of disease mechanisms. At the same time, biotechnology raises ethical and regulatory questions concerning biosafety, genetic data, equitable access and responsible use. Digital health and artificial intelligence are increasingly being explored for clinical decision support, medical imaging, disease surveillance and personalized care. Their value depends on data quality, validation, transparency and appropriate human oversight. Algorithms should support rather than replace responsible clinical judgment. HealthCare innovation must also address affordability and accessibility. A highly effective technology that remains inaccessible to large sections of the population cannot fully achieve its social potential. Public-health priorities, local healthcare infrastructure and community needs should therefore be considered when innovations are developed and implemented.

Artificial Intelligence and Digital Transformation

The social benefits of AI are potentially substantial. Intelligent systems can help analyses medical images, optimize energy systems, improve traffic management, support personalized learning and assist researchers in processing complex datasets. Digital technologies can also expand access to educational and scientific resources. Responsible AI therefore requires technical safeguards as well as social governance. Transparency, accountability, fairness, privacy protection, security and human oversight should be integrated throughout the design and deployment process. Public participation is particularly important when AI systems influence sensitive areas such as healthcare, education, employment and public administration.

Open Science and Democratization of Knowledge

The social value of science increases when reliable knowledge can be accessed, understood and reused. Open science seeks to make scientific knowledge more accessible, inclusive and equitable. UNESCO's Recommendation on Open Science, adopted in 2021, provides a global framework supporting open access, open data, open infrastructure and broader engagement with society Nevertheless, openness requires responsible implementation. Data involving human participants may require privacy protection, informed consent and controlled access. Scientific communication must also preserve quality through appropriate peer review and

research integrity. Open science should therefore combine accessibility with standards of reliability, ethics and responsible data governance. Public engagement is another important component. Scientists increasingly need to communicate findings in language that non-specialists can understand. Dialogue between researchers and communities can improve research relevance and strengthen public trust.

Ethical Dimensions of Scientific Innovation

Scientific and technological capabilities create responsibilities as well as opportunities. Ethical considerations should be incorporated from the beginning of research and innovation rather than being treated as an afterthought. Key ethical issues include informed consent, privacy, data protection, biosafety, environmental responsibility, research integrity, intellectual property and equitable access. Emerging technologies may also create questions for which existing regulatory systems are insufficient. The pace of innovation can exceed the ability of institutions and societies to develop appropriate governance mechanisms. Research integrity is fundamental. Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, selective reporting and inappropriate authorship can damage public trust and waste resources. Transparent methodology, responsible data management, appropriate peer review and disclosure of conflicts of interest are essential. Ethical innovation should also consider distributive justice. If the benefits of innovation are concentrated among wealthy populations while risks are transferred to disadvantaged communities, innovation can deepen inequality. Responsible science therefore requires attention to who designs technologies, who controls them, who benefits from them and who bears their risks.

Science, Innovation and Social Inclusion

Innovation has the potential to reduce inequalities, but it can also create new forms of exclusion. Digital divides arise when communities lack affordable internet access, devices, digital skills or reliable electricity. Similar gaps exist in access to advanced healthcare, scientific education and research infrastructure. Gender inclusion is another important dimension. Increasing participation of women and underrepresented groups in science expands the range of perspectives contributing to research and innovation. Inclusive research environments can also improve the relevance of scientific solutions by incorporating diverse experiences and needs. Local and indigenous knowledge should not be overlooked. Communities often possess extensive knowledge concerning agriculture, biodiversity, health practices and natural-resource management. Responsible innovation can combine scientific methods with validated local knowledge while respecting intellectual and cultural rights. The objective should be to create innovation systems that are participatory rather than purely technology-driven. Communities should have opportunities to

identify problems, contribute knowledge, evaluate proposed solutions and provide feedback on implementation.

Challenges to the Science-Innovation-Society Relationship

Several barriers can limit the positive social impact of science and innovation. The first is unequal access to resources. Research infrastructure, advanced equipment, skilled personnel and funding are unevenly distributed. This affects the ability of institutions to undertake high-quality research and translate findings into applications. The second challenge is the gap between research and implementation. Important scientific findings may remain within academic publications because of inadequate technology transfer, commercialization support, policy coordination or community engagement. The third challenge is public trust. Scientific institutions must communicate transparently, acknowledge uncertainty and correct errors openly. Overstatement of research findings can contribute to unrealistic expectations and later distrust. A fourth challenge is the rapid pace of technological change. Policymakers may struggle to regulate technologies whose social consequences are still emerging. Flexible governance, interdisciplinary expertise and continuous evaluation are therefore necessary. Finally, innovation can create environmental costs. Energy consumption, electronic waste, resource extraction and pollution must be considered alongside technological benefits. Sustainable innovation requires an approach that evaluates both immediate usefulness and long-term consequences.

Strengthening the Science-Policy-Society Interface

A stronger relationship between science, policy and society can improve the relevance and impact of research. Governments need scientific advice for evidence-based policy, while researchers need policy frameworks and resources that enable long-term investigation. Society, in turn, needs mechanisms through which communities can communicate their priorities and concerns. Universities can strengthen this interface by promoting interdisciplinary research, community engagement, entrepreneurship and science communication. Research institutions can establish mechanisms for technology transfer and partnerships with local communities and industries. Governments can support open research, infrastructure, competitive funding and ethical governance. Science communication should also become a core part of research culture. Researchers should be encouraged to communicate findings beyond specialist audiences without compromising scientific accuracy. Public lectures, science festivals, museums, digital resources and community-based programmers can contribute to scientific literacy.

The involvement of multiple stakeholders is particularly important for complex problems. Collaboration among scientists, policymakers, industry, educators and

communities can ensure that scientific solutions are technically sound as well as socially appropriate.

Future Directions

Future innovation should increasingly be guided by the principles of sustainability, inclusiveness, resilience and human well-being. Interdisciplinary research will become more important because complex challenges such as climate change, antimicrobial resistance, food insecurity and urbanization cannot be solved by a single discipline. Artificial intelligence, biotechnology, nanotechnology, advanced materials, renewable energy and data science are likely to create new opportunities. International collaboration is also essential. Global challenges cross national boundaries, and scientific knowledge benefits from the exchange of data, expertise and infrastructure. Open and equitable collaboration can help reduce scientific disparities and ensure that innovations are relevant to diverse populations. Future research should also increasingly focus on translational and interdisciplinary approaches. The movement from laboratory discovery to societal application should be supported by appropriate funding, mentorship, technology transfer, entrepreneurship and community participation.

II.CONCLUSION

Science and innovation are powerful instruments for societal transformation, but their value ultimately depends on how they are developed, governed and distributed. Scientific knowledge provides the foundation for understanding complex challenges, while innovation converts knowledge into practical and social solutions. Together they can contribute to better healthcare, sustainable agriculture, environmental protection, digital transformation, education and economic development. At the same time, scientific and technological progress can produce inequality, ethical dilemmas, environmental costs and new risks if it is pursued without adequate social responsibility. The central objective should therefore be responsible innovation that places human well-being, environmental sustainability, equity and ethical governance at the center. The global emphasis on science, technology and innovation for sustainable development demonstrates that scientific progress is increasingly understood as a shared societal endeavor. Open science, interdisciplinary research, public engagement and responsible governance can help ensure that scientific knowledge reaches communities and contributes to meaningful social development. The future of science should not be measured solely by the number of discoveries or technologies produced. It should also be measured by whether those discoveries improve lives, reduce inequalities, protect the planet and empower communities. A strong partnership among science, innovation and society can provide a foundation for a more resilient, inclusive and sustainable future.

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Comparative Phytochemical, Antibacterial and Antioxidant Potential of Hexane and Ethyl Acetate Extracts of Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis L.

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Abstract

The present study was undertaken to investigate the phytochemical constituents and biological activities of hexane and ethyl acetate extracts of *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L. flowers. The plant material was collected, shade-dried, powdered and extracted using hexane and ethyl acetate. Preliminary phytochemical screening was performed to identify major secondary metabolites. The antioxidant potential of the extracts was evaluated by the 2,2-diphenyl-1-picrylhydrazyl (DPPH) radical scavenging assay, while antibacterial activity was assessed by the agar well diffusion method against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Phytochemical screening revealed differences between the two solvent extracts, with flavones, alkaloids and quinones detected prominently in the ethyl acetate extract, whereas saponins and proteins were detected in the hexane extract. The antibacterial assay demonstrated concentration-dependent inhibition, with inhibition zones of 13, 21, 23 and 25 mm at concentrations of 50, 100, 150 and 200 µg/mL, respectively. These findings indicate that *H. rosa-sinensis* flowers contain biologically active constituents with promising antibacterial and antioxidant potential. Further studies are required to identify the active compounds and determine their pharmacological significance.

Keywords: Hibiscus rosa-sinensis, phytochemicals, ethyl acetate, hexane, antibacterial activity, antioxidant activity, DPPH.

I.INTRODUCTION

Medicinal plants are important sources of bioactive compounds and have attracted considerable attention as potential alternatives to conventional antimicrobial agents. The increasing occurrence of antimicrobial resistance has intensified the search for naturally derived compounds with antibacterial activity.

Hibiscus rosa-sinensis L., commonly known as China rose, belongs to the family Malvaceae and is widely cultivated in tropical and subtropical regions. Different parts of the plant have traditionally been used for several medicinal purposes. The flowers contain secondary metabolites such as flavonoids, saponins, alkaloids, tannins and phenolic compounds, which may contribute to their biological activities. The present study therefore focused on the phytochemical screening and in vitro evaluation of antibacterial and antioxidant activities of hexane and ethyl acetate flower extracts of.



Fig 1 *Hibiscus rosa-sinesis* plant

Materials and Methods

Plant Material and Extraction

Flowers of *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* were collected locally, washed and shade-dried at room temperature. The dried material was powdered, and 20 g of the powdered sample was extracted separately with 200 mL of hexane and ethyl acetate.

Fig2 sample preparation of Hibiscus rosa-sinesis



The extracts were filtered and stored for further analysis Fig 2 sample preparation of Hibiscus rosa-sinesis

Fig 3
Extraction of Hibiscus rosa-sinesis with Hexane



Fig 4
Extraction of Hibiscus rosa-sinesis with Ethyl Acetate



Phytochemical Screening

Qualitative phytochemical screening was performed using standard procedures to detect phenolic compounds, reducing sugars, flavones, saponins, alkaloids, quinones, proteins and tannins.

Antioxidant Activity

Antioxidant activity was evaluated by the DPPH free-radical scavenging assay. Different concentrations of the extracts were incubated with DPPH solution, and absorbance was measured at 517 nm. The percentage inhibition was calculated using the control and test absorbance values.

Antibacterial Activity

Antibacterial activity was evaluated by the agar well diffusion method using Mueller–Hinton agar against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. Different concentrations of the plant extract were introduced into wells, and meropenem was used as the positive control. After incubation, the zones of inhibition were measured.

Results

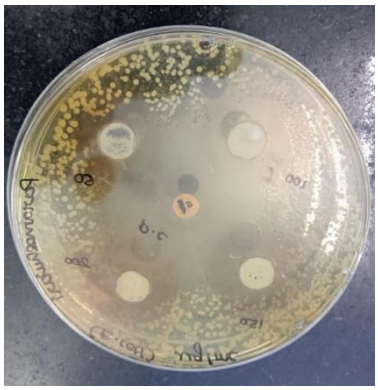
Phytochemical Screening

The phytochemical profile showed differences between the hexane and ethyl acetate extracts. The ethyl acetate extract showed strong positive reactions for flavones, alkaloids by Mayer's test and quinones. The hexane extract showed the presence of saponins and proteins. Phenolic compounds, reducing sugars and Wagner's alkaloid test were negative in both extracts.

S.NO	Phytochemical parameters	Hexane	Ethyl acetate
1	Test for Phenolic compound	**-**	**-**
2	Test for Reducing sugar	**-**	**-**
3	Test for Flavones	**-**	**+++**
4	Test for Saponins	**++**	**-**
5	Test for Alkaloids (Wagner's Test)	**-**	**-**
6	Test for Alkaloids (Mayer's Test)	**-**	**+++**
7	Test for Quinons	**-**	**+++**
8	Test for Proteins	**++**	**-**

Antibacterial Activity

The extract demonstrated concentration-dependent antibacterial activity against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. The recorded zones of inhibition were 13.0 mm at 50 μg/mL, 21.0 mm at 100 μg/mL, 23.0 mm at 150 μg/mL and 25.0 mm at 200 μg/mL.



Concentration of HR ųg / ml	Zone of Inhibition
50	13.0
100	21.0
150	23.0
200	25.0

Antioxidant Activity

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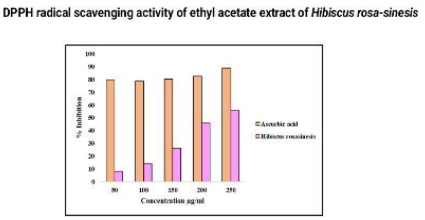

Discussion

The findings demonstrate that *H. rosa-sinensis* flower extracts contain several phytochemical constituents that may contribute to their biological activities. The differences observed between hexane and ethyl acetate extracts indicate that solvent polarity influences the extraction of bioactive compounds.The antibacterial assay showed increasing inhibition with increasing extract concentration, suggesting a concentration-dependent response against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. The antibacterial activity may be associated with phytochemicals such as flavonoids, saponins and alkaloids, which have been reported to interfere with microbial cell membranes and essential cellular processes. The findings are consistent with previous reports describing antibacterial properties of *H. rosa-sinensis* extracts.

II.CONCLUSION

The present study indicates that *Hibiscus rosa-sinensis* L. flowers possess promising phytochemical and antibacterial potential. Hexane and ethyl acetate extracts showed different phytochemical profiles, demonstrating the importance of solvent selection in extracting biologically active constituents. The flower extract exhibited concentration-dependent antibacterial activity against *Klebsiella pneumoniae*. The plant also showed potential antioxidant activity based on the DPPH assay.

Further studies involving MIC determination, compound isolation, chromatographic characterization, toxicity evaluation and detailed antioxidant analysis are recommended to establish the therapeutic potential of *H. rosa-sinensi*

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Bacteriophage Based Control of Multidrug-Resistant Wastewater Pathogens: Current Advances, Challenges, and Future Perspectives

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Abstract

Antimicrobial resistance has transformed wastewater treatment plants into important environmental reservoirs and dissemination points for multidrug-resistant bacteria and antimicrobial-resistance genes. Conventional wastewater treatment can substantially reduce microbial loads, but resistant organisms and resistance determinants may persist through treatment. Bacteriophages, viruses that selectively infect bacteria, offer a targeted biological strategy for controlling multidrug resistant wastewater pathogens. Strictly lytic phages can destroy susceptible bacteria, while phage-derived depolymerases may facilitate biofilm disruption. Recent investigations have demonstrated activity against wastewater-associated *Escherichia coli, Klebsiella pneumoniae, Enterobacter* spp., and *Alcaligenes faecalis*. Phage cocktails, bioaugmentation, immobilized phages and phage–antibiotic combinations may improve treatment performance. However, narrow host range, phage resistance, environmental instability, effects on microbial communities, and possible horizontal transfer of resistance genes remain important concerns; genomic screening is therefore essential before environmental deployment. This review summarizes recent advances in phage-based control of multidrug resistant wastewater pathogens, mechanisms of action, major applications, biofilm control, antimicrobial resistance considerations, advantages, limitations, and future research directions. Phage technology is best regarded as a precision component of integrated wastewater treatment.

Keywords: bacteriophages, multidrug-resistant bacteria, wastewater, antimicrobial resistance

I.INTRODUCTION

Antimicrobial resistance is a major public-health and environmental challenge that compounds the burden already imposed by bacterial infection [1]. Wastewater receives bacteria, antibiotics, disinfectants, and other contaminants from hospitals, households, pharmaceutical facilities, agriculture, and animal production. These inputs create dense microbial communities in which resistant bacteria can survive, interact, and exchange genetic material. Waste water treatment plants therefore function not only as barriers to pollution but also as important ecological interfaces for antimicrobial drug resistance dissemination. Conventional treatment processes, including activated sludge, filtration, and disinfection, remain essential for pathogen and organic-matter removal. Nevertheless, their effectiveness against multiple drug-resistant organisms and antibiotic resistance genes is variable. Recent metagenomic work has demonstrated shifts in phage-associated antibiotic resistance genes between waste water treatment plant influent and effluent and strong relationships between mobile genetic elements and antibiotic resistance genes in treated wastewater [4]. These observations reinforce the need for targeted approaches that complement conventional treatment. Bacteriophages are naturally occurring bacterial viruses with remarkable host specificity, and phage therapy has re-emerged more broadly as a candidate strategy against antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection [3]. Lytic phages infect susceptible bacteria, replicate intracellularly, and cause cell lysis. This precision makes them attractive for selective suppression of MDR pathogens while potentially preserving much of the non-target wastewater microbiota. A 2024 review specifically identified phage-based biocontrol as a promising emerging strategy for MDR pathogens and biofilm control in wastewater treatment [7]. This review summarizes recent advances in phage-based control of MDR wastewater pathogens, their mechanisms of action, major applications, biofilm control, antimicrobial resistance considerations, advantages, limitations, and future research directions.

Bacteriophage Biology and Mechanism of Action

Phage infection generally involves adsorption to a bacterial surface receptor, penetration of the phage genome, synthesis of viral components, assembly of progeny, and host-cell lysis. For environmental biocontrol, strictly lytic phages are preferred because temperate phages can establish lysogeny and may participate in genetic exchange. Phage specificity is determined by bacterial receptors such as lipopolysaccharides, capsules, pili, flagella, and outer-membrane proteins. This specificity provides an important advantage over nonspecific disinfectants but simultaneously creates the problem of narrow host range. Phages may also encode enzymes that degrade bacterial capsules or extracellular polymeric substances, enabling penetration of biofilms. Phage-mediated killing is especially relevant to

MDR bacteria because antibiotic resistance does not automatically protect bacteria against viral infection. Furthermore, phage selection may sometimes produce bacterial mutants with altered surface receptors and reduced fitness. However, resistance mechanisms including receptor modification, restriction–modification systems, CRISPR-Cas, and abortive infection can reduce phage efficacy. Consequently, effective wastewater applications require careful phage selection and adaptive cocktail design.

Wastewater as a Source and Target of Therapeutic Phages

Wastewater is a particularly useful source of bacteriophages because it contains large and diverse bacterial populations together with their associated viral communities. Phages can be recovered from municipal sewage, hospital wastewater, industrial effluent, livestock wastewater, and activated sludge environments in which extensive antibiotic resistomes have also been documented within the associated phageome [2]. The same environment can therefore serve both as the reservoir of MDR bacteria and as a source of naturally adapted phages capable of infecting those organisms. Hospital wastewater deserves special attention because it contains clinically important resistant bacteria and high antibiotic-resistant gene loads. A 2024 metagenomic investigation of hospital wastewater systems found persistent viral populations and reported that more than half of the phages predicted to host antibiotic-resistant bacteria were lytic, supporting their potential as biological control agents while also highlighting the need to characterize phage-associated resistance genes [11]. A practical discovery pipeline involves wastewater sampling, enrichment using the target bacterium, filtration, plaque purification, host-range testing, phage titration, electron microscopy, and whole-genome sequencing. Candidate phages should be evaluated for lytic activity, stability, adsorption efficiency, and absence of undesirable genes before further treatment experiments.

Control of Major MDR Wastewater Pathogens

Escherichia coli

Escherichia coli is one of the most frequently encountered wastewater indicators and includes pathogenic and highly resistant lineages. Phage isolation from sewage and other environmental samples has produced candidates active against MDR E. coli, including strains carrying clinically important resistance determinants. Phage cocktails may be particularly useful because environmental E. coli populations are genetically heterogeneous.

Klebsiella pneumoniae

Klebsiella pneumoniae is a major concern because ESBL- and carbapenems-producing strains occur in hospitals and wastewater. A four-phage cocktail was investigated against carbapenems-producing K. pneumoniae in a

multispecies biofilm model, demonstrating the potential of wastewater-derived phages for targeted biocontrol.

Enterobacter spp. and other Enterobacterales

Enterobacter spp. and other Enterobacterales can also occur in wastewater and may harbor multiple resistance determinants. Cocktail approaches can broaden activity against related organisms, although specificity must be maintained to avoid unwanted disruption of treatment-associated microbial communities.

Alcaligenes faecalis

Alcaligenes faecalis illustrates a newer environmental application. In a 2024 pig-farm WWTP study, two newly characterized phages reduced MDR A. faecalis and decreased ARG abundance by approximately 0.7–2.5 orders of magnitude in wastewater experiments [8]. This finding is important because it links phage-mediated bacterial control with a measurable AMR-risk endpoint rather than relying solely on bacterial counts.

Phage Cocktails and Strategies to Overcome Phage Resistance

The narrow host range of individual phages is the principal reason for developing phage cocktails. A cocktail combines phages that recognize different bacterial receptors or have complementary infection characteristics. This increases strain coverage and can reduce the likelihood that a single receptor mutation will produce complete resistance. Recent experimental work has strengthened the rationale for combining phages from different complementarity groups. A 2024 Nature Communications study reported that cocktails containing phages from different groups could suppress multidrug-resistant Pseudomonas aeruginosa more effectively and reduce emergence of resistance, including activity against biofilms [9,10]. Although these experiments were not specific to WWTPs, the principles are directly relevant to environmental phage formulation. Phage antibiotic combinations are another promising strategy. Antibiotic exposure can alter bacterial physiology or surface structures, potentially changing phage susceptibility, while phage pressure can select bacterial variants with altered antibiotic sensitivity. Rational combination design may therefore provide complementary pressure against MDR organisms. Recent work has developed systematic approaches for constructing broad phage–antibiotic cocktails against resistant bacteria [10].

Biofilm Control and Biofouling

Biofilms are persistent microbial communities embedded in extracellular polymeric substances. In wastewater treatment systems they may develop on membranes, pipes, filters, and other surfaces. Biofilm-associated bacteria often show increased tolerance to antibiotics and disinfectants, making them an important reservoir of resistance.

Phages can attack biofilms through repeated bacterial lysis and, in some cases, production of depolymerases that degrade structural polysaccharides. However, penetration into mature biofilms can be incomplete. Combining multiple phages, enzymes, nanoparticles, or physical treatment may improve access to protected cells. Recent experimental work has shown that phage cocktails can reduce biofilm biomass of antibiotic-resistant K. pneumoniae and P. aeruginosa. In a 2024 Nature Communications study, evolutionarily trained phages and cocktails were specifically developed against P. aeruginosa biofilms and exploited trade-offs associated with phage resistance [9]. These approaches suggest that phage formulations can be designed specifically for the biofilm phenotype rather than simply adapted from planktonic cultures. Immobilized phages are another emerging approach. Attaching phages to membranes or treatment surfaces may increase local concentration and contact time while reducing loss of free phage particles. Such technologies could be particularly useful in membrane-based wastewater treatment and biofouling control.

Phage bioaugmentation in wastewater treatment

Phage bioaugmentation involves deliberate introduction of selected phages into a treatment system to suppress a defined bacterial population, an approach increasingly discussed as part of integrated biocontrol strategies for wastewater treatment systems [6]. Potential targets include MDR pathogens, biofilm-forming organisms, and bacteria contributing to operational problems such as biofouling. Because phages replicate only when susceptible hosts are available, their abundance can potentially increase locally during active infection and decline when target bacteria become scarce. However, the wastewater microbiome is complex. Targeted removal of one population may alter competition, nutrient cycling, and community structure. Treatment studies should therefore measure not only target bacterial reduction but also overall microbial diversity, nitrification, organic-matter removal, and effluent quality. Phage addition should be designed as a controlled intervention rather than assumed to be ecologically neutral.

Phages and Antimicrobial-Resistance Gene Dissemination

A critical consideration is whether phages reduce or potentially contribute to antibiotic resistance genes(ARG) dissemination. Phages can influence ARG dynamics through bacterial lysis, selection, genetic exchange, and transduction. Consequently, a treatment that reduces culturable MDR bacteria might still alter the environmental resistome. Metagenome sequencing of waste water treatment plants has demonstrated that phage-related mobile genetic elements are associated with ARG patterns in effluents [4]. A separate 2024 study of hospital wastewater reported that only a small fraction of the total viral population carried detectable ARGs, while many phages associated with resistant hosts were lytic [11]. Together, these findings suggest that phage-associated risk should be evaluated quantitatively rather than

treated as either negligible or inevitable. For environmental application, whole-genome sequencing should exclude lysogeny-associated genes, known virulence genes, and ARGs. Treatment trials should monitor bacterial abundance, antibiotic resistance genes copy number, mobile genetic elements, and phage persistence. This integrated assessment is more informative than measuring phage plaques or bacterial colony counts alone.

Advantages and Limitations

Table 1 summarizes the principal advantages and limitations of phage-based control relevant to MDR wastewater pathogens.

Table 1

Advantages and limitations of phage-based control of MDR wastewater pathogens.

Feature	Potential benefit	Limitation / concern
Specificity	Selective targeting of MDR bacteria	Narrow host range
Activity against MDR strains	Can infect antibiotic-resistant bacteria irrespective of resistance phenotype	Resistance to phage infection can develop
Biofilm activity	Possible depolymerase-mediated disruption of biofilm matrix	Limited penetration of mature, structurally complex biofilms
Effect on microbiota	Potentially less nonspecific disruption than broad-spectrum disinfectants	Community-level effects require monitoring
Persistence	Self-amplification in the presence of susceptible hosts	Sensitive to environmental conditions (pH, temperature, UV, ionic strength)
Cocktail formulation	Broader host-range coverage; reduced single-step resistance	Phage–phage interactions must be optimized
Genetic safety	Strictly lytic phages can be selected to avoid lysogeny	Risk of transduction and ARG mobilization require screening
Scale-up	Potentially low chemical input and operating cost	Regulatory approval and engineering integration remain barriers

Integration with Conventional Treatment

Phage technology should currently be viewed as a complementary rather than replacement technology. A possible treatment sequence is primary clarification followed by biological treatment, targeted phage bioaugmentation, advanced filtration or membrane treatment, and final disinfection. Phage application could be positioned where target bacterial populations remain sufficiently abundant to support infection, while downstream treatment provides an additional barrier.

Integration with existing systems also provides opportunities to combine phages with UV, ozone, membranes, constructed wetlands, or adsorption technologies. The appropriate sequence should be determined experimentally because these processes can alter phage infectivity. Pilot-scale studies are essential for determining dosage, hydraulic retention time, phage decay, and performance under real wastewater chemistry.

Emerging Technologies and Future Research Directions

Metagenomics is increasingly important for discovering environmental phages, mapping host–phage relationships, and monitoring antibiotic resistance genes. Whole-genome analysis also enables exclusion of undesirable genes and supports rational selection of lytic candidates. Machine-learning approaches may eventually predict phage–host compatibility from bacterial and phage genomic features, reducing the time required for empirical screening. Directed evolution offers another strategy. Rather than selecting phages only from natural populations, serial passage can be used to improve host range, adsorption, or biofilm activity. The 2024 P. aeruginosa study demonstrated an evolutionary training strategy in which phages were repeatedly exposed to biofilms, producing cocktails with improved antibiofilm activity and exploiting trade-offs associated with phage resistance [9]. Phage-derived enzymes such as endolysins and depolymerases may provide additional non-replicating antibacterial tools. Immobilized phages and enzyme-functionalized membranes could provide localized activity while reducing the need for repeated free-phage dosing. Such technologies are promising but require validation in complex wastewater matrices. Future projects should incorporate a One Health framework linking hospital wastewater, municipal treatment plants, surface water, agricultural irrigation, and human exposure. Important endpoints should include MDR bacteria, ARGs, mobile genetic elements, microbial community structure, phage persistence, and ecotoxicological effects.

II.CONCLUSION

Bacteriophages represent a promising precision-biological strategy for controlling MDR wastewater pathogens. Their selective lytic activity, potential for biofilm disruption, self-amplification, and compatibility with targeted biocontrol make them attractive complements to conventional treatment. Evidence from recent studies supports the use of phage cocktails, evolutionary training, and mixed-phage preparations to improve bacterial suppression and reduce resistance emergence [8,9]. Nevertheless, environmental application requires a risk-based approach. Host-range limitations, phage resistance, environmental instability, microbial-community effects, and potential ARG-associated processes must be addressed through genomic screening and long-term monitoring. The most realistic near-term pathway is integration of carefully characterized lytic phages with established wastewater

treatment processes. Continued research combining environmental microbiology, genomics, phage engineering, and One Health surveillance could make phage-based control an important component of sustainable antimicrobial resistance management.

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Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning for Weather Forecasting: A Contemporary Survey

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Abstract

Weather forecasting is a critical component of modern decision-making because atmospheric conditions directly influence agriculture, transportation, energy production, water management, emergency response, and public safety. Conventional Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) systems have traditionally provided forecasts by combining atmospheric observations with mathematical descriptions of physical processes. However, the high computational cost associated with large-scale numerical simulations has motivated the development of data-driven forecasting methods. Recent progress in artificial intelligence, particularly deep learning, has created new possibilities for learning atmospheric evolution directly from historical observations and reanalysis products. This paper presents a contemporary survey of deep learning techniques for weather forecasting, with particular emphasis on the transition from conventional neural networks to large-scale artificial-intelligence weather prediction systems. Convolutional Neural Networks, recurrent architectures, Long Short-Term Memory networks, Transformers, Graph Neural Networks, Fourier-based neural operators, probabilistic generative models, and hybrid physics–machine-learning systems are reviewed. The survey examines the characteristics of commonly used meteorological datasets, forecast variables, spatial resolutions, prediction horizons, and evaluation measures. Recent systems such as Pangu-Weather, GraphCast, FourCastNet, FengWu, GenCast, and NeuralGCM are considered to illustrate the rapid

development of global AI-based forecasting. The paper also discusses the strengths and limitations of these approaches, including computational efficiency, dependence on training data, uncertainty representation, extreme-weather prediction, physical consistency, regional transferability, and model interpretability. Finally, emerging research directions involving atmospheric foundation models, multimodal learning, probabilistic forecasting, physics-informed architectures, high-resolution regional prediction, and hybrid AI–NWP systems are discussed. The survey highlights that deep learning is increasingly becoming a complementary technology to numerical forecasting rather than simply a replacement for physics-based meteorological models.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Weather Forecasting, Numerical Weather Prediction, Machine Learning, Transformer, Graph Neural Network, LSTM, Neural Operator, Probabilistic Forecasting.

I. INTRODUCTION

Weather prediction is a complex scientific problem because the atmosphere is a highly nonlinear and dynamically changing system. Atmospheric variables such as temperature, pressure, humidity, wind speed, and precipitation interact across different spatial and temporal scales. Accurate prediction therefore requires the integration of large volumes of observational and atmospheric data.

For many decades, Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) has been the primary approach for operational forecasting. NWP systems represent atmospheric processes using mathematical equations derived from physical laws and solve these equations numerically. Modern NWP systems can provide highly accurate forecasts, but they require substantial computational resources and sophisticated data-assimilation procedures. The availability of large meteorological datasets and improvements in graphics processing units have encouraged researchers to investigate deep learning as an alternative or complementary approach. Instead of explicitly solving atmospheric equations at every forecasting step, deep learning models learn relationships between atmospheric states from historical datasets. This has resulted in significant advances in data-driven weather forecasting. Recent developments have been particularly important in global medium-range prediction. Pangu-Weather demonstrated that a three-dimensional neural network could produce accurate global forecasts while substantially reducing computational requirements compared with traditional forecasting systems. The model was trained using approximately 39 years of ERA5 reanalysis data and used Earth-specific Transformer architecture. Graph Cast introduced a graph-based approach for global weather prediction, while other systems such as Forecaster and FengWu explored Fourier-based and other deep neural architectures. Independent evaluations have subsequently compared these systems across different regions and weather variables,

demonstrating both their considerable potential and their remaining weaknesses. More recently, research has moved beyond deterministic forecasting. GenCast introduced a probabilistic machine-learning approach capable of generating ensembles of global forecasts. Its evaluation demonstrated strong performance against the ECMWF ensemble prediction system across many tested targets while also addressing uncertainty in weather forecasts.

Therefore, the purpose of this survey is to provide a structured review of deep learning-based weather prediction methods and their evolution from conventional neural networks to modern global AI forecasting systems.

The major objectives of this paper are:

- To review major deep learning architectures used for weather prediction.
- To examine commonly used meteorological datasets and forecasting variables.
- To compare models according to spatial and temporal forecasting scales.
- To examine evaluation metrics used to measure forecasting performance.
- To review recent global AI weather prediction systems.
- To identify limitations and open research challenges.
- To discuss promising directions for future research.

Conventional Weather Prediction

Traditional weather prediction is primarily based on Numerical Weather Prediction. NWP models use mathematical representations of atmospheric dynamics, thermodynamics, radiation, cloud processes, and land–atmosphere interactions.

An NWP system generally consists of three major components:

- Atmospheric observations,
- Data assimilation, and
- Numerical simulation.

Observations collected from satellites, weather stations, aircraft, radiosondes, radar systems, and ocean measurements are combined with a previous atmospheric state through data assimilation. The resulting initial condition is then used by a numerical model to calculate future atmospheric states. Although NWP has developed significantly, the approach remains computationally demanding. High-resolution simulations require large computing infrastructures because atmospheric equations must be solved over millions of grid points and repeated over multiple forecasting time steps. Deep learning approaches attempt to reduce this computational burden by learning the transformation between atmospheric states directly from historical data. This does not necessarily mean that deep learning completely replaces physics-based forecasting. Increasingly, research is investigating hybrid systems in which machine learning and physical models are combined.

Deep Learning Approaches for Weather Forecasting

A. Convolutional Neural Networks

CNNs are particularly suitable for meteorological data represented as spatial grids. Temperature, pressure, wind, and other atmospheric variables can be represented as two-dimensional or three-dimensional fields. Convolution operations allow the network to learn local spatial structures such as pressure gradients, cloud patterns, and temperature distributions.

A simplified convolution operation can be represented as:

$Y=f(W*X+b)$

where X represents the input atmospheric field, W represents the convolution kernel, b is the bias,

$*$ denotes convolution, and

f represents an activation function.

CNNs have been widely used for precipitation forecasting, temperature prediction, radar-based nowcasting, and global atmospheric prediction.

B. Recurrent Neural Networks

RNNs are designed to process sequential data. Since weather prediction involves changes over time, RNNs can represent temporal dependencies between consecutive observations. However, conventional RNNs can suffer from vanishing and exploding gradients when learning long sequences. LSTM and GRU architectures were developed to address these limitations.

C. LSTM Networks

LSTM networks use memory cells and gating mechanisms to retain relevant information over longer time periods.

An LSTM contains:

- Input Gate,
- Forget Gate,
- Output Gate, And
- Memory cell.

Because weather variables have strong temporal dependencies, LSTM-based models have been widely investigated for temperature, rainfall, wind-speed, and other time-series prediction tasks.

D. Transformer Models

Transformers have become increasingly important in weather prediction because they can capture long-range relationships using attention mechanisms.

Unlike recurrent networks, Transformers do not require sequential processing of every time step. This enables efficient learning of relationships between different locations and atmospheric variables. Pangu-Weather is an important example of this

direction. Its 3D Earth-specific Transformer was designed to represent relationships between atmospheric variables at different pressure levels.

E. Graph Neural Networks

The atmosphere can also be represented as a graph in which nodes correspond to geographical locations and edges represent relationships between locations. Graph Neural Networks are particularly useful for representing global atmospheric interactions because the Earth is not naturally a flat rectangular grid.

GraphCast is a prominent example of a graph-based global weather forecasting system. Independent evaluations have found strong performance from GraphCast for a range of forecasting variables and lead times.

F. Fourier Neural Operators

Fourier-based methods learn relationships in the frequency domain rather than relying exclusively on local spatial convolutions. Forecaster demonstrated the potential of Fourier-based neural operators for high-resolution global weather prediction. These methods are attractive because they can efficiently model large-scale spatial patterns.

G. Probabilistic Deep Learning

Deterministic models provide one predicted atmospheric state for a given initial condition. However, atmospheric forecasting inherently contains uncertainty. Probabilistic models attempt to estimate a distribution of possible future atmospheric states.

GenCast is a notable example. It generates ensembles of global forecasts and was designed specifically to represent uncertainty in medium-range prediction. Its published evaluation reported strong performance compared with the ECMWF ensemble prediction system.

Datasets Used in Weather Prediction

The quality and quantity of training data have a major influence on deep learning performance.

A. ERA5

ERA5 is one of the most widely used atmospheric reanalysis datasets in modern AI weather research. It provides historical estimates of atmospheric variables at regular spatial and temporal intervals. Several modern global AI weather models have been trained using decades of ERA5 data. For example, Pangu-Weather used approximately 39 years of global weather data.

B. Weather Station Data

Ground-based weather stations provide direct measurements of variables such as:

- Temperature,
- Humidity,
- Pressure,
- Precipitation,
- Wind Speed, And
- Wind Direction.

These datasets are particularly useful for local and regional prediction.

C. Radar Data

Weather radar provides high-resolution information about precipitation and storm structures. Radar observations are particularly important for short-term precipitation nowcasting.

D. Satellite Data

Satellite observations provide broad spatial coverage and are valuable in areas where conventional ground observations are sparse.

Satellite-derived cloud, temperature, moisture, and precipitation information can be incorporated into deep learning forecasting systems.

Weather Forecasting Tasks

Deep learning is used at different spatial and temporal scales.

Forecasting Task	Typical Scale	Important Variables
Nowcasting	Minutes–hours Rainfall	radar reflectivity
Short-term forecasting	Hours–2 days	Temperature, wind, precipitation
Medium-range forecasting	3–15 days	Pressure, temperature, wind, geopotential height
Regional forecasting	Local/regional	Rainfall, temperature, wind
Global forecasting	Global	Multiple atmospheric variables
Extreme-event forecasting	Event dependent	Cyclones, heavy rainfall, heatwaves, strong winds

Recent global AI models have demonstrated that data-driven forecasting can be competitive with physics-based NWP for many medium-range forecasting tasks. However, independent studies also indicate that performance can vary by region, variable, and weather event.

Comparison of Recent Ai Weather Models

Model	**Main Approach**	**Forecasting Scope**	**Major Contribution**

Four Cast Net	Fourier Neural Operator / Transformer	Global	Efficient high-resolution forecasting
Pangu-Weather3D	Earth-specific Transformer	Global	Accurate medium-range forecasting
GraphCast	Graph Neural Network	Global	Graph-based atmospheric prediction
FengWu	Deep learning	Global	Strong deterministic forecasting
GenCast	Probabilistic generative model	Global	Ensemble/probabilistic forecasting
NeuralGCM	Hybrid neural/physical approach	Global	Combines learned and physical dynamics

The models should not be considered universally superior to one another. Independent evaluation of Pangu-Weather, FourCastNet v2, GraphCast, FuXi, and FengWu in East Asia and the western Pacific found differences in performance among models, with FengWu performing best in that particular evaluation. This demonstrates the importance of testing models across regions rather than relying only on global average scores.

NeuralGCM represents another important research direction because it combines learned components with a dynamical core, aiming to improve physical consistency while retaining advantages from machine learning.

Evaluation Metrics

Different metrics are used to evaluate weather forecasting systems.

A. Anomaly Correlation Coefficient

ACC measures the similarity between predicted and observed anomalies and is widely used in medium-range weather forecasting.

B. Continuous Ranked Probability Score

CRPS is particularly important for probabilistic forecasting because it evaluates the quality of a predicted probability distribution rather than a single deterministic value. Modern evaluation frameworks such as Weather Bench 2 provide standardized approaches for comparing AI weather models with established forecasting systems. Independent research has emphasized the importance of consistent evaluation when comparing data-driven and physics-based models.

Advantages of Deep Learning-Based Weather Prediction

Deep learning provides several potential advantages.

1. Computational Efficiency

Once trained, neural networks can generate forecasts substantially faster than conventional numerical simulations. Pangu-Weather, for example, reported forecast generation that was more than 10,000 times faster than the operational IFS under the comparison described in its publication.

2. Automatic Feature Learning

Deep learning models can learn complex relationships directly from atmospheric data without requiring every relationship to be manually specified.

3. Scalability

Large neural networks can be trained using massive atmospheric datasets and modern accelerator hardware.

4. Multivariable Prediction

Modern systems can simultaneously predict many atmospheric variables at different pressure levels.

5. Probabilistic Forecasting

New generative models can produce multiple possible atmospheric futures, allowing uncertainty to be represented.

Limitations and Challenges

Despite their impressive performance, deep learning weather models still have important limitations.

A. Dependence on Training Data

A model can only learn patterns represented in its training dataset. Errors or biases in reanalysis datasets may therefore influence predictions.

B. Extreme Weather Events

Extreme events are relatively rare compared with ordinary atmospheric conditions. Consequently, neural networks may not learn their characteristics sufficiently.

Recent research evaluating machine-learning models for tropical cyclones found strong track prediction performance but also identified systematic underestimation of maximum wind intensity.

C. Physical Consistency

A neural network may generate statistically accurate predictions that do not fully satisfy physical constraints. Research examining current ML weather models has highlighted questions concerning forecast fidelity and physical consistency.

D. Regional Generalization

A model trained predominantly on global reanalysis data may perform differently across geographical regions. Independent evaluation in East Asia and the western Pacific illustrates that model rankings can change depending on the region and forecasting variable.

E. Interpretability

Deep neural networks are often difficult to interpret. Meteorologists may need to understand why a model produces a particular forecast before relying on it for high-impact decisions.

F. Data and Training Cost

Although inference can be extremely fast, training large weather models can require enormous datasets and high-performance computing infrastructure.

Future Research Directions

Several research directions are likely to shape the future of AI-based weather prediction.

A. Physics-Informed Deep Learning

Future models can incorporate physical laws and atmospheric constraints directly into training.

B. Hybrid AI–NWP Systems

Rather than replacing NWP entirely, deep learning can be integrated with physical forecasting systems to improve individual components such as parameterization, data assimilation, bias correction, and downscaling.

C. Probabilistic Forecasting

The development of reliable probabilistic models is important for representing uncertainty and supporting risk-based decisions. GenCast demonstrates the potential of this approach.

D. High-Resolution Regional Prediction

Global AI models provide valuable large-scale forecasts, but many practical applications require kilometer-scale prediction of rainfall, storms, and other local phenomena.

E. Foundation Models

Large pretrained atmospheric models could potentially be adapted to different forecasting tasks and geographical regions using smaller specialized datasets.

F. Extreme Weather Prediction

Future research should place greater emphasis on rare and high-impact events, including tropical cyclones, floods, heatwaves, severe thunderstorms, and extreme precipitation.

II.CONCLUSION

Deep learning has become an important research direction in modern weather prediction. The development of CNN, LSTM, Transformer, graph-based, Fourier-based, probabilistic, and hybrid architectures has demonstrated that atmospheric forecasting can increasingly be formulated as a data-driven learning

problem. Recent systems such as Pangu-Weather, GraphCast, FourCastNet, FengWu, GenCast, and NeuralGCM demonstrate different strategies for improving forecast accuracy, computational efficiency, uncertainty representation, and physical consistency. However, their success should not be interpreted as evidence that traditional NWP is no longer necessary. Current research continues to identify challenges related to extreme events, physical consistency, regional generalization, uncertainty, and data limitations. The most promising future direction is therefore likely to involve cooperation between physical and data-driven approaches. Hybrid AI–NWP systems, physics-informed learning, probabilistic forecasting, high-resolution downscaling, and atmospheric foundation models may provide more reliable forecasting capabilities. Continued standardized evaluation using common datasets and metrics will also be essential for determining the practical value of these technologies.

Deep learning is consequently best viewed not simply as a replacement for traditional weather forecasting, but as a powerful new component of the broader weather-prediction ecosystem.

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A Study on Ergonomic Consideration for Seating Furniture used by Students

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Abstract

For students who spend a lot of time sitting in classrooms and study spaces, seating furniture is essential to their comfort, posture, and general health. Reducing physical strain, increasing focus, and improving learning outcomes all depend on ergonomics, the science of creating furniture to meet human requirements. With an emphasis on comfort, posture support, adjustability, and usability, this study attempts to assess the ergonomic factors of the seating furniture that students utilize. Questionnaires will be used to gather information about the experiences, health concerns, and seating preferences of the pupils.

In addition to offering recommendations for enhancing the current seating furniture design, the results should emphasize the significance of ergonomically designed seats in fostering students' academic achievement and well-being.

Keywords: Ergonomic, Furniture, Comfort, Posture, Emphasis, Adjustable, Seat.

I.INTRODUCTION

The term Ergonomics is a combination of the two Greek words namely 'ergo' meaning work and 'nomos' meaning natural laws. While designing through ergonomically an object it has a large scope to see certain criteria are human behavioural, psychological, and physiological capabilities and their limitations. Ergonomics is a broad science with the variety of working conditions that can affect student's comfort and health, including factors such as lighting, noise, temperature, vibration, heavy lifting, repetitive motion, chair design, and footwear and others.

These factors may create results in injuries or 8 related problems may develop to musculoskeletal disorders [MSD] (N. Jaffar, et al, 2011).

Ergonomics represents the practical science of designing equipment to enhance productivity by minimizing operator fatigue and discomfort. It involves tailoring the job to the individuals performing it, achieved through carefully designed equipment and procedures. Ergonomics pertains to the "utilization of technology at the interface of human systems in the design or alteration of systems, aiming to improve performance, safety, health, comfort, effectiveness, and quality of life. (Malki H. Perera, et al, 2024).

MSD or musculoskeletal disorder are injuries and disorder of the soft tissues like muscles, tendons, ligaments, joints, and cartilage and nervous system. they affect the nerves and tendon sheaths and most probably they involve arms and back (N. Jaffar, et al, 2011).

The scientific field of ergonomics, sometimes referred to as human factors, aims to comprehend and enhance how people interact with systems, tools, settings, and goods. Utilizing human biology, psychology, engineering, and design, ergonomics seeks to advance and implement knowledge and methods to maximize system performance while safeguarding the participants' health, safety, and well-being. Work, play, and other facets of our everyday life are all impacted by ergonomics.

Students are one of many groups at risk of developing CMSDs as a result of a variety of risks or factors. Children and adolescents spend the majority of their day in the classroom, sitting on school furniture, doing activities such as reading and writing. Students' health is highly vulnerable to the negative effects of non-anthropometric furniture due to the amount of time they spend sedentarily. Prolonged use of such furniture can cause discomfort and pain, as well as having a direct impact on the spine's posture and physical development during the growth period. Poor postural behaviour is a significant risk factor for MSD problems, which are influenced by furniture design, teaching orientation, and classroom structure. Comfort is an individual nature with subjectivism and is influenced by a variety of factors (physical, physiological, psychological), as well as a response to the surrounding environment, showing continuous dimensional changes. Comfort can be evaluated by subjective evaluation and objective data measurement. Whereas, in ergonomic studies of chairs, Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSD) can be caused due to prolonged discomfort. (Hassan Alli, et al, 2024).

Need for the Study

Ergonomics play a vital in designing any furniture. It directly relates to human comfort, work efficiency and productivity. By using furniture which are not ergonomically designed in study areas, it results physical disorders and less

productivity. The majority of a student's academic time is spent by seated. So the purpose of this paper is to know about the ergonomics standards for the seating furniture used by students for education purpose and the discomforts developed due to awkward posture in their study place. Considering this consideration, the main need of the study is to create awareness among the students about ergonomic standards to be followed in designing seating furniture and also the posture to be correctly followed by the students during their study hours.

Objectives

Primary Objectives

- To collect their opinions and experience through google form survey for analyzing the importance of Ergonomics seating furniture among college students in Chennai.
- To design ergonomic furniture that enhances comfort, posture, and concentration among students for future implication.

Secondary Objectives

- To understand about ergonomics seating and the materials used.
- Understanding the causes of musculoskeletal disorders among students.
- To know the student's need different chair design based on gender.

Review of Literature

The present study "A Study on Ergonomics consideration for Seating Furniture used by students" was undertaken to have knowledge about Ergonomics, its role in designing seating furniture for college students and thereby creating awareness to the society by educating them. The available literature pertaining to the study was discovered under the following heading are as follows.

Definition of Ergonomics

The word ergonomics comes from two Greek words:

- ergo: meaning work
- nomos: meaning laws

- Ergonomic refers to something that is safe, effective, and comfortable for people to utilize. A product, equipment, or piece of furniture that is specifically made using ergonomic principles to fit the user's body, lessen strain, and increase productivity is referred to as ergonomic.
- Ergonomics can be an integral part of design, manufacturing, and use. Knowing how the study of anthropometry, posture, repetitive motion, and workspace design affects the user is critical to a better understanding of ergonomics as they relate to end-user needs (Scott Openshaw et .al, 2006).
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Characteristics of Ergonomics

Human-Centered Design, Comfort and Efficiency, Health and Safety, Adaptability and Flexibility, Anthropometric Basis, Productivity and Performance, Posture Support, Sustainability, System Approach.

Advantages of Ergonomics

Improves Comfort, Prevents Health Problem (MSDs), Enhance Posture, Increases Concentration and Productivity, Reduces Fatigue and Stress, Improves Learning Environment, Adaptable for Different Users, Promotes Safety, Supports Long Term Health, Boosts Area Image.

Disadvantages of Ergonomics

High Initial Cost, Limited Availability, Space Constraints, Maintenance and Durability, Lack of Awareness, Adjustment Difficulties, Not One-Size Fits-All, Implementing Cost for Furniture, Aesthetic or Design Limitation, Adaptation Period.

Materials Used for Ergonomic Seating Furniture

Wood And Plywood, Metal, Plastic and Polymer Material, Foam and Cushioning Material, Fabric and Upholstery, Mesh (Breathable Material), Rubber and Plastic Glides, Adjustable Components.

Impact on Non-Ergonomic Seating Furniture

Poor Posture Development: Back And Neck Pain, Reduced Concentration and Productivity, Fatigue and Discomfort, Musculoskeletal Problems, Poor Circulation, Increased Stress and Irritation, Negative Impact on Growth, Lack of Flexibility and Movement, Reduced Lifespan of Furniture.

Impact on Ergonomic Seating Furniture

Promote Correct Posture, Reduce Back and Neck Pain, Improves Concentration and Learning Efficiency: Enhances Physical Comfort, Prevents Fatigue and Discomfort, Encourages Active Sitting, Supports Long-Term Health, Boosts Academic Performance, Increases Satisfaction and Well-Being, Adapts to Individual Needs.

Causes of Musculoskeletal Disorder Among Students

Prolonged Sitting Posture, Non- Ergonomic Furniture, Incorrect Desk Height, Lack of Back Support, Improper Sitting Habits, Heavy Backpacks and Poor Carrying Method, Inadequate Physical Activity, Use of Digital Devices in Poor Postures, Stress and Fatigue.

Preventive Measures for Musculoskeletal Disorders Among Students

Use Ergonomically Designed Furniture**,** Maintain Correct Sitting Posture**,** Adjust Study Table and Chair Height, Take Regular Break, Perform Stretching Exercises, Reduce Backpack Weight, Position Study Material Properly, Encourage Physical Activity, Ensure Adequate Lighting and Ventilation, Create Awareness About Ergonomics.

Historical Evolution of Ergonomics Seating for Students

Early Period (Before 1900s), Industrial Age (1900-1950), Mid-20th Century (1950-1980), Late 20th Century (1980-2000), Early 21st Century (2000-2010), Modern Era (2010-Present):

Research Methodology

The purpose of this study follows descriptive research to analyze the ergonomic factors influencing seating furniture used by students. It focuses on identifying comfort levels, posture support, and health effects through survey.

The sample size of 100 from diverse academic fields at Chennai colleges was deemed appropriate to represent a variety of perspectives while remaining manageable for analysis. Data was collected using a standardized Google Forms questionnaire that included both closed and open-ended questions. The form's objective was to collect data on student's comfortability on ergonomic and non-ergonomic seating furniture.

Result and Discussion

Descriptive Analysis

Introduction

Descriptive analysis is used to summarize and interpret the data collected from a respondent in a simple and understandable manner. It helps to identify the patterns, trends and levels of agreement among participants regarding specific aspects of the study. In this research, descriptive statics such as frequency, percentage, mean, and standard deviation were used to analyze student's responses on ergonomic considerations of seating furniture.

Objective

The main objective of this descriptive analysis is to evaluate student's perceptions of the ergonomic comfort and suitability of the seating furniture used in study area. Specifically, the study aims to:

1. Assess the overall comfort level of students seating furniture.

2. Identify the extent to which ergonomic factors influence student's posture and concentration.
3. Analyze variations in responses based on demographic factors such as gender.
4. Determine the need for ergonomic improvements in existing seating furniture to enhance student's comfort and learning efficiency

Table 1

Q. No	Questions	Yes	No	Frequency	Mean	Standard Deviation	Percentage
Q7	Aware of Ergonomics	59	41	100	1.59	0.49	0.59
Q25	Avoided studying due touncomfortable seating	61	39	100	1.61	0.49	0.61
Q26	Noise disturbs concentration	56	44	100	1.56	0.50	0.56
Q30	Chair allows proper air circulation	69	31	100	1.69	0.46	0.69

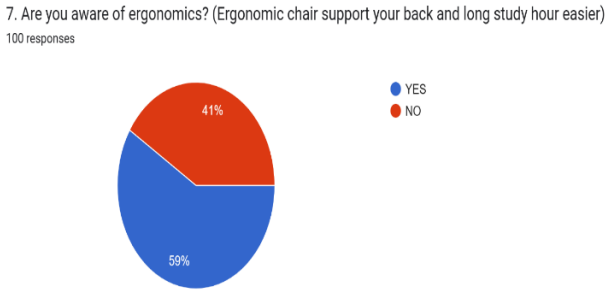


Fig-1.1Aware of Ergonomics

Findings

- Out of 100 respondents, 59% of students answered YES and 41% answered NO to being aware of ergonomics.
- The mean value is 1.59, showing that awareness is slightly above average among the respondents.
- The standard deviation (0.49) indicates a moderate variation, meaning that while most students are aware, a fair portion still lacks understanding of ergonomics.

Conclusion

The result indicates that a majority of students (59%) are aware of ergonomics, but a considerable 41% remain unaware. This shows the need for greater awareness and education on ergonomic principles, especially regarding posture, seating design and healthy study environments. Increasing ergonomic knowledge can help students adopt better seating habits and reduce discomfort during long study hours.

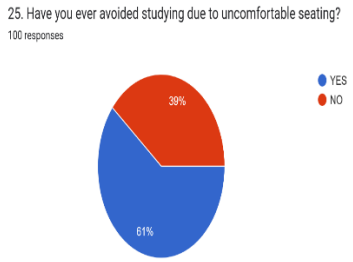


Fig-1.2 Avoided seating due to Uncomfortable seating

Findings

- Out of 100 respondents, 61% of students said YES, they have avoided studying due to uncomfortable seating, while 39% said NO.
- The mean value of 1.61 indicates that most respondents experienced discomfort that affected their study routine.
- The standard deviation (0.49) shows a moderate variation, meaning that although a majority face the issue, some students are not affected.

Conclusion

The finding reveals the more than half of the students (61%) have avoided studying because of uncomfortable seating. This suggests that poorly designed or non-ergonomic furniture negatively impacts student's motivation and concentration. Hence, improving the ergonomic quality and comfort of seating furniture can encourage better study habits and enhance academic performance.

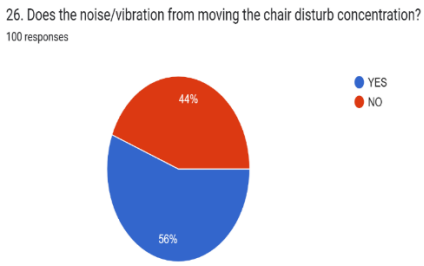


Fig-1.3. Noise disturbs concentration

Findings

- Out of 100 respondents, 56% of students said YES, noise disturbs concentration, while 44% NO.
- The mean value of 1.56 shows that a slightly higher numbers of students are affected by noise during study time.
- The standard deviation (0.50) indicates moderate variation, meaning student's sensitivity to noise differs from person to person.

Conclusion

The findings indicate that more than half of the students (56%) experience disturbance in concentration due to noise, highlighting that environmental factors play a significant role in study comfort and focus. To improve concentration, quite and ergonomically designed study spaces should be encouraged, minimizing distraction such as noise for better learning outcomes.

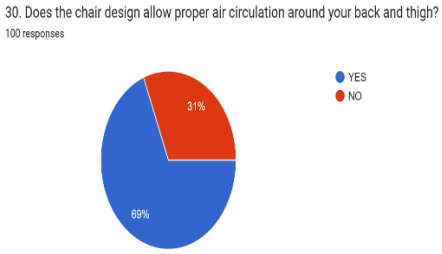


Fig-1.4 Chair allows proper air circulation

Findings

- Out of 100 respondents, 69% of students said YES, their chair allows proper air circulation, while 31% said NO.
- The mean value of 1.69 shows that a majority of students have a chair with adequate ventilation, which contributes to comfort during long sitting hours.

- The standard deviation (0.46) indicates less variation in responses, meaning most students share a similar positive experience.

Conclusion

The finding show that most students (69%) use chair that provide proper air circulation, which helps in maintaining comfort and prevents sweating or heat buildup during prolonged study sessions. However, 31% of students still lack proper ventilation in their seating furniture, suggesting that breathable material or ventilated chair designs should be considered in future ergonomic improvements.

Chi-Square Test Goodness-of-Fit

Type of Chair	Observed (O)	Expected (E)	(O-E)2/E
Normal chair	62	50	2.88
Ergonomic chair	38	50	2.88
Total	100	100	5.76

Introduction

The chi-square Goodness-Fit-Test is a statistical method used to determine whether the observed frequencies of a variable differ significantly from the expected frequencies. In this study, it helps to evaluate whether student' responses such as the type of chair used is evenly distributed or show a significant difference.

Objectives

1. To determine whether there is a significant difference between the observed and expected frequencies in student's use of seating furniture.
2. To test if student's awareness and usage of ergonomic chairs deviate significantly from equal distribution.
3. To identify whether preference for ergonomic seating is statistically significant among the student population.
4. To provide a data-driven basis for recommending ergonomically designed seating furniture in study area.

Table 2

Q.9 What type of chair are you using for study purpose?

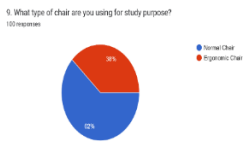


Fig-2 Types of chairs using

Findings

- Observed frequencies of chair differ significantly from expected frequencies.
- More people are using normal chair (62) than expected (50), and fewer are using ergonomic chair (38) than expected (50).

Conclusion

There is a significant preference for normal chairs over ergonomic chair in the sample. The differences are not due to change.

Chi- Square Test Goodness of Fit Test

Table 3

Q.10 How important do you think ergonomic furniture is for student's health& productivity?

Response Option	Observed (O)	Expected (E)	(O-E)2/E
Not Important	6	20	9.8
Slightly Important	19	20	0.05
Moderately Important	27	20	2.45
Very Important	36	20	12.8
Extremely Important	12	20	3.2
Total	100	100	28.3

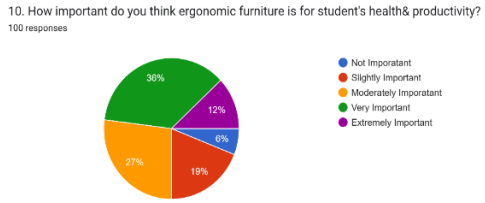


Fig-3 Important for student's health & productivity

Findings

- The observed responses differ significantly from the expected responses.
- Very important (36) and not important (6) contributed most to the differences, as their (O-E)2/E values are highest (12.8 and 9.8 respectively).
- Other categories like slightly important (0.05) and moderately important (2.45) were close to the expected value (20), contributing less to the overall difference.
- Overall, respondents tend to choose extreme responses (Very important or Not important) more than the moderate expected responses.

Conclusion

There is a significant difference between observed and expected responses regarding the importance of the item being studied. This indicates that respondents do not rate all options equally; rather, they show a strong preference toward very important and less frequently toward not important.

Descriptive Analysis

Table 4

Q 15 Does your seating furniture have the following features?

Features in seating furniture	YES	NO	Frequency	Mean	Standard Deviation	Percentage
Adjustable Height	48	52	100	0.52	0.50	52%
Backrest	69	31	100	0.69	0.46	69%
Armrest	64	36	100	0.64	0.48	64%
Cushioned Seat	52	48	100	0.52	0.50	52%

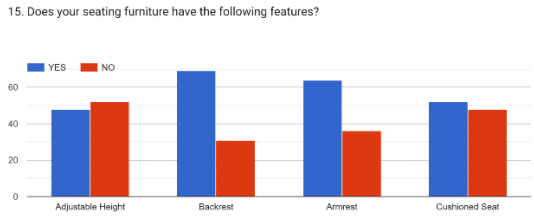


Fig-4 Features in seating furniture

Findings

- Backrest (69%) is the most common feature found in seating furniture among respondents.
- Armrest (64%) is also commonly available, indicating the most chairs are designed for comfort and support.
- Adjustable Height (52%) and cushioned seat (52%) are available in about half of the seating furniture, showing moderate ergonomic support.
- The mean values (0.52-0.69) suggest that most of the listed features are present in more than half of the seating furniture.

Conclusion

The analysis reveals that a majority of the seating furniture includes backrest and armrest, which are essential for comfort and posture support. However, only about half of the furniture includes adjustable height and cushioned seats, suggesting limited ergonomic adaptability. Therefore, while comfort features are generally present, there is still a need to improve ergonomic design features particularly adjustability and cushioning to enhance user comfort and health in seating furniture.

Table 5

Q 18 How often do you change your sitting posture due to discomfort?

Response option	Respondent	Percentage
Frequently	33	33%
Sometimes	58	58%
Rarely	8	8%
Never	1	1%
Total	100	100%

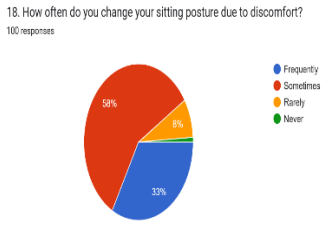


Fig-5 Changing sitting posture

- The majority (58%) of respondents sometimes change their sitting posture.
- 33% of respondents frequently change posture, indicating good ergonomic habits.
- A small percentage (9%) rarely and never change posture.

Table 6

Q 27 Do you any additional support?

Response option	Respondent	Percentage
Cushion	48	48%
Footrest	22	22%
Backpack as support	30	30%
Total	100	100%

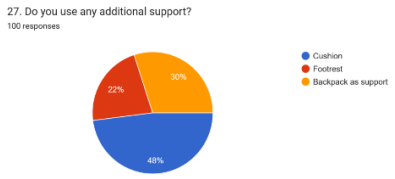


Fig-6 Using any additional support

Findings

48% of respondents use a cushion, 30% use a backpack, and 22% use a footrest as additional support.

Conclusion

Most respondents make use of some kind of additional support such as cushions or backpacks for comfort. However, the use of ergonomic supports like footrest is still limited.

Chi-Square Test (Goodness Of Fit)

Table 7

Q 32 Overall comfort of your seating?

Response option	**Observed (O)**	**Expected (E)**	**(O-E)2/E**
Comfortable	60	25	49.00
Very comfortable	23	25	0.16
Uncomfortable	10	25	9.00
Very uncomfortable	7	25	12.96
Total	100	100	71.12

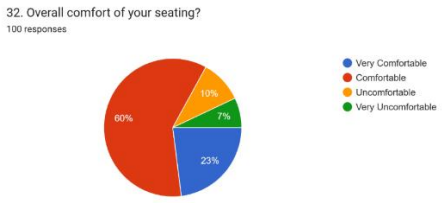


Fig-7 Comfort of seating

Findings

The observed comfort levels among students varied significantly from the expected values. Out of 100 respondents, the majority (60%) reported being comfortable, while only 23% felt very comfortable. A smaller proportion, 10% and 7%, reported being uncomfortable and very uncomfortable, respectively.

Conclusion

The Chi-square test shows a statistically significant differences in the comfort levels of the student's seating furniture. This suggests that most students find their seating furniture comfortable, but a noticeable group still experiences discomfort, highlighting the need for improved ergonomic design in student seating to ensure better comfort and posture support.

Chi-Square (Goodness of Fit Test)

Table 8

Response option	Observed (O)	Frequency (E)	(O-E)2/E
Female	79	50	16.82
Male	21	50	16.82
Total	100	100	33.64

Q 33 Do student's needs different chair design based on gender?

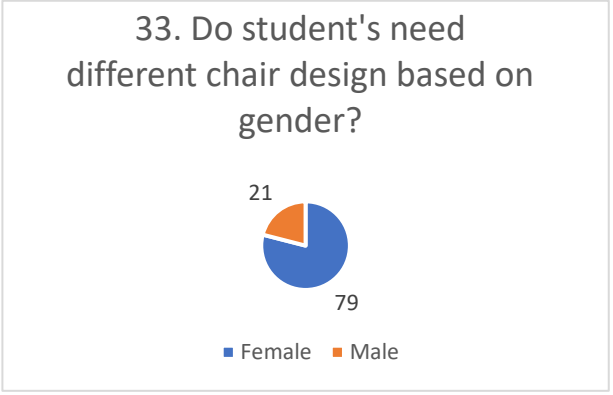


Fig-8 Chair design based on gender

Findings

Out of 100 respondents, 79% of female students and 21% male have answered that chair design should prefer based on gender.

The calculated Chi-square value is (33.64).

Conclusion

There is highly significant relationship between gender and chair design preference. This means female students show greater need for ergonomically tailored chair designs compared to male students. Here, in ergonomic furniture design, gender-specific considerations should be incorporated to improve comfort and posture for all users.

Summary

Ergonomics, derived from the Greek words *"ergo"* (work) and *"nomos"* (laws), is the science of designing products, systems, and environments that suit human abilities and limitations. It ensures comfort, safety, and efficiency in how people interact with their surroundings. In educational settings, ergonomics plays a crucial role in the design of student furniture, particularly chairs and desks, which directly influence posture, comfort, and academic performance. Human-centered design, comfort, safety, flexibility, postural support, and sustainability are some of the traits of ergonomics. These guidelines seek to increase overall performance, lessen physical strain, and promote user well-being. Furniture with an ergonomic design has several benefits, including preventing musculoskeletal disorders (MSDs), lowering fatigue, encouraging proper posture, and enhancing focus and productivity. The materials used in ergonomic seating include wood, metal, plastic, foam, fabric, and mesh, each offering unique benefits in strength, flexibility, comfort, and aesthetics. Adjustable components made from durable materials allow customization for users of different body types. Non-ergonomic furniture, on the other hand, contributes to poor posture, back and neck pain, fatigue, and reduced concentration. Over time, it can cause musculoskeletal problems and hinder physical development. In contrast, ergonomic seating encourages proper posture, supports spinal alignment, enhances comfort, and promotes long-term physical health and academic efficiency. The study adopted a descriptive research approach to analyze ergonomic factors influencing student seating furniture in Chennai colleges. With a sample size of 100 respondents from diverse academic backgrounds, data was collected through a structured Google Forms questionnaire focusing on comfort, posture support, and health implications of ergonomic versus non-ergonomic chairs. Descriptive statistics, including mean and standard deviation, were used to interpret findings. Results revealed that 59% of students were aware of ergonomics, yet 61% reported avoiding studying due to uncomfortable seating, emphasizing the importance of ergonomic design in sustaining focus and motivation. Environmental factors also played a role, as 56% indicated that noise disrupted their concentration. In contrast, 69% stated that their chairs allowed proper air circulation, contributing to comfort during extended sitting. The chi-square analysis showed a significant preference for

normal chairs over ergonomic ones, and respondents strongly agreed that ergonomic furniture is vital for health and productivity. Feature analysis revealed that most chairs had backrests (69%) and armrests (64%), while only about half offered adjustable height and cushioning. Additionally, 58% of students sometimes changed posture due to discomfort, and many relied on additional supports such as cushions or backpacks. Chi-square tests confirmed significant variations in overall comfort and gender-based preferences, suggesting ergonomic needs differ across users. Overall, the study highlights that while moderate ergonomic awareness and comfort exist among students, significant design improvements are necessary to promote posture, comfort, and long-term health.

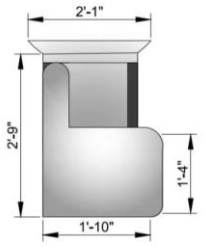
II.CONCLUSION

Ergonomics is fundamental to creating a safe, comfortable, and productive learning environment. Properly designed seating furniture not only enhances students' physical well-being but also improves focus, learning outcomes, and long-term health. Although implementing ergonomic solutions can be costly, the benefits—such as reduced musculoskeletal strain, better posture, and increased academic performance—far outweigh the drawbacks. As technology and design evolve, the future of ergonomic furniture lies in intelligent, adaptable, and eco-friendly designs that prioritize both user health and sustainability. Investing in ergonomic seating for students is, therefore, an investment in health, education quality, and overall human performance. The findings from the study demonstrate a clear relationship between ergonomically designed seating furniture and student comfort, posture, and productivity. Although a majority of respondents reported awareness of ergonomics, the continued use of non-ergonomic or poorly designed chairs has led to discomfort, reduced study motivation, and potential musculoskeletal issues. The descriptive analysis indicates that while features like backrests and armrests are common, adjustable and cushioned designs remain limited. This lack of adaptability prevents students from maintaining proper posture during prolonged study hours. Chi-square results revealed significant differences in chair type preferences and perceived comfort, showing that most students use normal chairs rather than ergonomic ones. Furthermore, the test on gender-specific preferences confirmed that female students expressed a stronger need for ergonomically tailored chair designs. These findings underline the importance of considering gender, body dimensions, and individual comfort needs when designing study furniture. The study concludes that enhancing ergonomic awareness and implementing ergonomically designed furniture in educational institutions are essential for promoting health, safety, and academic performance. Proper ergonomic interventions—such as adjustable height, lumbar support, and breathable materials—can minimize discomfort and musculoskeletal strain. Therefore,

institutions should prioritize ergonomic design standards and invest in improved seating solutions. By addressing these factors, student well-being and learning efficiency can be significantly enhanced, contributing to a more productive and health-conscious academic environment.

Future Implication

The study on ergonomic consideration in seating furniture used by students highlights the growing need for furniture designs that support comfort, posture, and long-term health. The findings indicate the ergonomic awareness among students is increasing, and gender-specific differences in seating preference exist. In the future study area should prioritize ergonomic furniture to minimize discomfort and musculoskeletal problems. Manufacturers and designers can use these insights to create adjustable, user-friendly, and sustainable seating solutions tailored to diverse body types and learning environments. Implementing ergonomic furniture in educational settings can enhance concentration, reduce fatigue, and improve overall academic performance. The analysis shows that most students still use normal chairs, while fewer use ergonomic chairs, highlighting a lack of access or awareness of ergonomically designed furniture. In the future, educational institutions should promote and implement ergonomic seating to reduce discomfort, prevent posture-related health issues, and enhance study efficiency. Increasing awareness and availability of ergonomic furniture can lead to a healthier and more productive learning environment.



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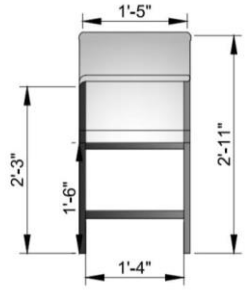

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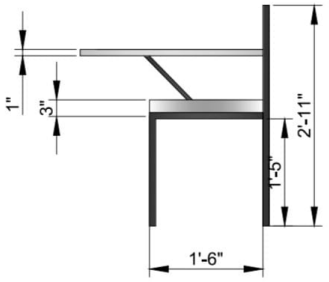

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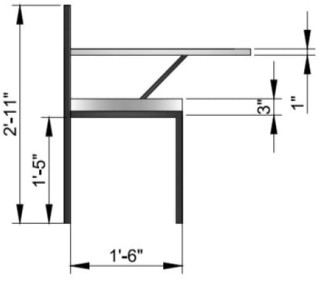

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Bacteriocin from Lactobacillus Plantarum as a Natural Biopreservative for Tuna (Euthynnus Affinis): Effect of Storage Time and Temperature on Histamine Production

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Abstract

Histamine formation is a critical quality and safety concern in fish subjected to improper storage temperatures. This study assessed the efficacy of crude culture extract and partially purified bacteriocin produced by Lactobacillus plantarum in inhibiting histamine accumulation in tuna (Euthynnus affinis) during storage at 0, 5, 15, and 25°C for up to 96 h. Fresh tuna samples were allocated into three groups: crude culture extract-treated, partially purified bacteriocin-treated, and untreated control. Histamine concentrations were measured at 24 h intervals using a colorimetric assay. Results showed that histamine levels increased significantly with rising storage temperature and duration across all groups ($p < 0.05$). However, samples treated with partially purified bacteriocin consistently exhibited the lowest histamine levels, while untreated controls showed the highest accumulation. After 96 h at 25°C, histamine content reached 24.0 ± 2.11 mg/100 g in the control group, compared with 13.6 ± 1.21 mg/100 g in the crude extract-treated group and 9.90 ± 0.61 mg/100 g in the partially purified bacteriocin-treated group. These findings demonstrate that bacteriocin from L. plantarum effectively suppresses histamine formation and holds strong potential as a natural preservative for improving the microbiological safety and shelf life of tuna during storage.

Keywords: Lactobacillus plantarum, bacteriocin, tuna, histamine, biopreservation, food safety.

I.INTRODUCTION

Histamine fish poisoning (scombroid poisoning) is one of the most common seafood-borne food intoxications worldwide and results from the bacterial decarboxylation of free histidine in fish muscle during improper post-harvest handling and storage (Lehane & Olley, 2000; Hungerford, 2010). Elevated storage temperatures promote the growth of histamine-producing bacteria such as Morganella morganii, Photobacterium phosphoreum, Klebsiella pneumoniae, and

Enterobacter spp., leading to rapid histamine accumulation and deterioration of fish quality (Silbande et al., 2005; FAO, 2022). Since histamine is heat stable, cooking cannot eliminate the toxin once it has formed, making preventive preservation strategies essential (Hungerford, 2010).

The increasing consumer preference for natural and minimally processed foods has encouraged the replacement of synthetic preservatives with biological alternatives (Ananou et al., 2007). Among these, bacteriocins produced by lactic acid bacteria (LAB) have received considerable attention because they are ribosomally synthesized antimicrobial peptides that effectively inhibit spoilage and pathogenic microorganisms while being safe for human consumption (Cleveland et al., 2001; Jack et al., 1995).

Lactobacillus plantarum is one of the most extensively studied LAB species owing to its ability to produce broad-spectrum bacteriocins active against numerous Gram-positive and certain Gram-negative bacteria associated with food spoilage (Lash et al., 2005; Ramu et al., 2015). Several studies have demonstrated the successful application of *L. plantarum* bacteriocins in seafood preservation, where they inhibit microbial growth, reduce biogenic amine formation, and extend shelf life without adversely affecting product quality (Calo-Mata et al., 2008; Zhao et al., 2022). Therefore, the present study evaluated the effectiveness of crude culture extract and partially purified bacteriocin produced by *L.* plantarum in suppressing histamine formation in tuna (Euthynnus affinis) stored at different temperatures and duration

Materials and Methods

Patange et al. (2005)**.**

Fresh tuna (Euthynnus affinis) was obtained and transported to the laboratory under chilled conditions. Three treatment groups were prepared as follows:

- **Group 1**: Crude culture extract of L. plantarum (10 mL) + 10 g fish
- **Group 2**: Partially purified bacteriocin (10 mL; 1% v/v) + 10 g fish
- **Group 3**: Untreated control

Samples were stored at 0, 5, 15, and 25°C for 24, 48, 72, and 96 h. Histamine concentrations were determined at 24 h intervals using the colorimetric method described by Patange et al. (2005). Data were analyzed using one-way ANOVA followed by Duncan's Multiple Range Test, with statistical significance set at $p < 0.05$.

Results

Histamine accumulation increased progressively with both storage time and temperature across all treatment groups. Samples treated with partially purified bacteriocin consistently exhibited significantly lower histamine concentrations

compared with crude culture extract-treated samples and untreated controls ($p < 0.05$).

At refrigerated conditions (0 and 5°C), histamine formation remained minimal throughout the storage period. In contrast, storage at 15 and 25°C resulted in rapid and substantial histamine accumulation, particularly in untreated samples. After 96 h at 25°C, histamine levels reached 24.0 ± 2.11 mg/100 g in untreated fish, whereas crude culture extract-treated samples contained 13.6 ± 1.21 mg/100 g, and partially purified bacteriocin-treated samples contained only 9.90 ± 0.61 mg/100 g, representing a significant reduction in histamine formation ($p < 0.05$).

The inhibitory effect of bacteriocin was more pronounced at elevated storage temperatures, indicating its ability to suppress the growth and metabolic activity of histamine-producing bacteria even under conditions favorable for spoilage. Although histamine production increased with storage duration in all groups, bacteriocin-treated samples consistently remained well below the levels observed in untreated controls.

Effect of storage temperature and time on histamine production (mg/100 g) in tuna treated with *Lactobacillus plantarum* bacteriocin

Storage Temperature (°C)	Storage Time (h)	Control	Crude culture Extract	Partially Purified Bacteriocin
0	24	1.20 ± 0.11	0.90 ± 0.08	0.70 ± 0.05
	48	1.90 ± 0.15	1.30 ± 0.10	1.00 ± 0.08
	72	2.70 ± 0.20	1.80 ± 0.13	1.30 ± 0.10
	96	3.50 ± 0.24	2.30 ± 0.18	1.80 ± 0.12
5	24	2.00 ± 0.16	1.40 ± 0.10	1.10 ± 0.09
	48	3.20 ± 0.22	2.20 ± 0.17	1.60 ± 0.11
	72	4.80 ± 0.33	3.10 ± 0.21	2.20 ± 0.16
	96	6.50 ± 0.48	4.20 ± 0.30	3.10 ± 0.22
15	24	5.60 ± 0.41	3.90 ± 0.31	2.90 ± 0.20

	48	9.20 ± 0.73	6.20 ± 0.45	4.50 ± 0.33
	72	13.80 ± 1.02	9.10 ± 0.71	6.50 ± 0.44
	96	18.60 ± 1.46	11.80 ± 0.94	8.10 ± 0.58
25	24	8.10 ± 0.63	5.40 ± 0.42	3.90 ± 0.30
	48	13.40 ± 1.02	8.60 ± 0.70	6.10 ± 0.42
	72	18.90 ± 1.56	11.20 ± 0.95	8.10 ± 0.57
	96	**24.00 ± 2.11**	**13.60 ± 1.21**	**9.90 ± 0.61**

Values are expressed as mean ± SD (n = 3). Means within each storage condition differ significantly ($p < 0.05$).

Discussion

Torage temperature and duration are the principal factors influencing histamine accumulation in fish. The significant increase in histamine observed with increasing temperature and storage time in the present study agrees with previous reports indicating that mesophilic histamine-producing bacteria proliferate rapidly under temperature abuse conditions, resulting in accelerated histidine decarboxylation (Lehane & Olley, 2000; Silbande et al., 2005; Hungerford, 2010).

Treatment with *Lactobacillus plantarum* bacteriocin effectively reduced histamine accumulation throughout storage. The superior performance of the partially purified bacteriocin compared with the crude culture extract suggests that purification increased the concentration and biological activity of the antimicrobial peptide. Similar observations have been reported for purified bacteriocins from *L. plantarum*, which exhibit enhanced inhibitory activity against food spoilage microorganisms (Lash et al., 2005; Ramu et al., 2015).

The reduction in histamine formation is most likely due to inhibition of histamine-producing bacteria, thereby decreasing histidine decarboxylase activity responsible for histamine synthesis. Comparable reductions in biogenic amine production by L. plantarum have been reported during fermented food preservation (Zhang et al., 2021).

Although refrigeration substantially limited histamine accumulation in all treatment groups, bacteriocin-treated samples consistently exhibited lower histamine concentrations than untreated controls, indicating an additional antimicrobial effect beyond temperature control. Similar findings have been reported for seafood

preserved using bacteriocins and other microbial metabolites, where the combined effects of refrigeration and natural antimicrobials significantly improved microbial safety and shelf life (Calo-Mata et al., 2008; Zhao et al., 2022).

Overall, the present findings support previous reports demonstrating that bacteriocins from lactic acid bacteria are effective natural biopreservatives capable of reducing microbial spoilage and improving seafood safety. Their application offers a promising alternative to synthetic preservatives while satisfying consumer demand for clean-label food products (Ananou et al., 2007; Cleveland et al., 2001).

II.CONCLUSION

The present study demonstrated that histamine formation in tuna increased significantly with storage temperature and duration. Application of bacteriocin produced by *Lactobacillus plantarum* markedly reduced histamine accumulation compared with untreated controls. Among the treatments evaluated, partially purified bacteriocin provided the greatest inhibition, particularly during storage at elevated temperatures. These findings indicate that *L. plantarum* bacteriocin has considerable potential as a natural biopreservative for enhancing the microbiological safety, quality, and shelf life of tuna. Further studies on purification, formulation, and industrial-scale application are recommended to facilitate its commercial use in seafood preservation.

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Bioinformatics Analysis of Protein A (Mpt53) from Mycobacterium tuberculosis: Structure, Function, and Therapeutic Implications

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Abstract

Mycobacterium tuberculosis remains a leading global cause of infectious mortality. Understanding its proteome is vital for developing novel therapeutics and diagnostics. Protein A, historically classified as Mpt53 (Rv2873), is a well-characterized immunogenic surface protein. This paper presents a comprehensive bioinformatic evaluation of Mpt53. We explore its primary sequence characteristics, three-dimensional structure, disulfide-bond architecture, and evolutionary conservation. Functional annotation reveals its role as a thiol-disulfide oxidoreductase, crucial for protecting the bacterium against host-induced oxidative stress. Furthermore, B-cell and T-cell epitope mapping highlights its potential as a biomarker for tuberculosis diagnostics and a candidate for subunit vaccine formulations.

I.INTRODUCTION

Mycobacterium tuberculosis (M. tb) owes its pathogenicity to a complex envelope and a specialized arsenal of secreted proteins. These components manipulate host immune responses. Among these, Mpt53 (Protein A, encoded by the gene rv2873) has gained prominence as a major secreted immunogen.

Early biochemical studies identified Mpt53 in the culture filtrates of virulent M.tb strains. However, its exact molecular mechanisms have long been clarified through computational biology. Bioinformatics bridges the gap between raw genomic data and structural biology. It provides insights into how Mpt53 folds, interacts, and evades host defenses.

This paper provides a detailed bioinformatic profile of Mpt53. It covers everything from sequence analysis to structural modeling and immunoinformatic.

Methodology and Data Retrieval

To construct this profile, data was integrated from several primary bioinformatic repositories:

- Sequence Retrieval: The primary amino acid sequence of Rv2873 was obtained from UniProtKB (Accession ID: P9WNK5).
- Physicochemical Characterization: ProtParam (Expasy) was utilized to calculate molecular weight, theoretical isoelectric point (pI), and stability indexes.
- Structural Modeling: 3D coordinates were analyzed using AlphaFold DB predictions and verified against experimental structures in the Protein Data Bank (PDB).
- Functional Annotation: InterProScan and NCBI conserved domain database (CDD) identified functional motifs.
- Epitope Prediction: The Immune Epitope Database (IEDB) predicted MHC-I/MHC-II binding pairs and linear B-cell epitopes.

Sequence and Physicochemical Analysis

Primary Sequence Properties

The rv2873 gene encodes a precursor protein of 262 amino acids. Prospera analysis of the mature protein yields the following parameters:

- Molecular Weight: Approximately 26.8 kDa.
- Theoretical Isoelectric Point (pI): 4.81, indicating a net negative charge at physiological pH.
- Instability Index: Calculated at 28.4, classifying the protein as highly stable in vitro.
- Hydropathy (GRAVY): -0.320, showcasing a generally hydrophilic character consistent with a secreted or surface-exposed protein.

Signal Peptide Detection

Signal P analysis reveals a distinct N-terminal signal peptide. It features a cleavage site between positions Ala22 and Asp23. This confirms its translocation via the Sec pathway into the extracellular space or cell wall matrix.

Structural Biology and Domain Architecture

The Thioredoxin-like Fold

Domain mapping indicates that Mpt53 belongs to the thioredoxin superfamily. It contains a classic thioredoxin-like fold consisting of a central four-stranded beta-sheet flanked by three alpha-helices.

[Alpha-Helix 1] [Alpha-Helix 2]

[Beta 1] -> [Beta 2] -> [Beta 3] -> [Beta 4]

[Alpha-Helix 3]

The Active Site Motif

Unlike standard thioredoxins that display a canonical CGPC active site, Mpt53 exhibits a modified CPHC (Cys-Pro-His-Cys) motif.

- Cys56 and Cys59: Form a reversible disulfide bond.
- Pro57 and His58: The presence of Histidine alters the local redox potential. This modification makes Mpt53 uniquely suited for the highly oxidative environment inside host macrophages.

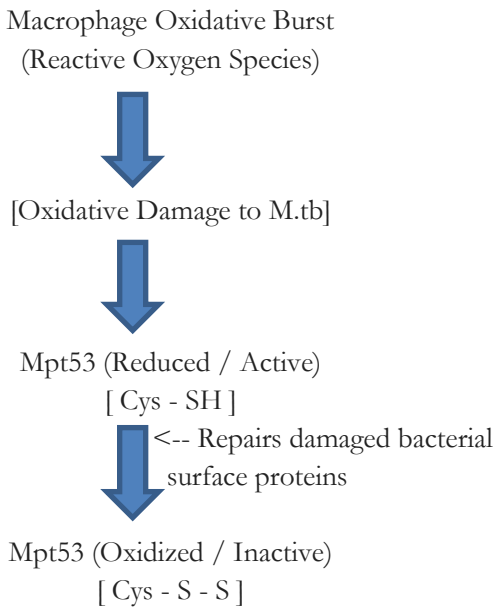
Disulfide Bond Network

Structural alignment confirms two critical disulfide bridges:

1. Catalytic Disulfide: Located within the CPHC motif (Cys56–Cys59), actively participating in redox transitions.
2. Structural Disulfide: Located near the C-terminus, stabilizing the protein's overall tertiary structure against thermal and chemical denaturation.

Functional Mechanisms in Pathogenesis

Bioinformatic network analysis via STRING places Rv2873 in close association with other cell-wall synthesis enzymes and chaperones. Mpt53 acts primarily as a thiol-disulfide oxidoreductase.



When host macrophages launch an oxidative burst to destroy the invading bacteria, Mpt53 counteracts this defense. It maintains the reduced state of crucial bacterial cell-surface proteins. This action preserves the integrity of the mycobacterial envelope during intracellular survival.

Evolutionary Conservation and Phylogenetics

BLASTp searches reveal that Mpt53 is highly conserved across the *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* complex (MTBC), including *M. bovis*, *M. africanum*, and *M. canettii*, sharing >99% sequence identity.

In contrast, alignment against non-tuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) like *M. smegmatis* shows a lower identity rate (approx. 55-60%). This high conservation within pathogenic strains makes it an ideal target for narrow-spectrum diagnostics that distinguish MTBC from environmental mycobacteria.

Immunoinformatics and Translational Applications

B-Cell Epitope Mapping

Using Bepipred 2.0, several surface-exposed hydrophilic loops were identified as highly immunogenic. These regions trigger significant IgG responses in infected individuals. This property supports using recombinant Mpt53 in ELISA-based serodiagnostic assays.

T-Cell Epitope Prediction

Mpt53 contains multiple high-affinity binding core sequences for prevalent human HLA alleles (e.g., HLA-DRB1). This indicates a strong capacity to stimulate CD4+ T-helper cells, which are vital for protective immunity against tuberculosis.

EpitopeSequence	Start–End Position	HLA Allele Affinity	Prediction Score
VAMVAVVAV	12–20	MHC-I (HLA-A*02:01)	0.94 (High)
GCPHCKAFE	55–63	MHC-II (HLA-DRB1)	0.89 (High)

II.CONCLUSION

Bioinformatic characterization of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Protein A (Mpt53/Rv2873) establishes it as a highly stable, structurally unique thiol-disulfide oxidoreductase. Its modified CPHC catalytic motif explains its resilience and functionality within host macrophages. Because it is highly conserved in pathogenic strains and features distinct immunogenic zones, Mpt53 stands out as a strong candidate for next-generation TB diagnostic toolkits and multi-epitope subunit vaccines. Future research should prioritize *in vitro* screening of these predicted computational models to fast-track clinical applications.

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Neutrosophic Non- Adjancent Vertex Topological Spaces on Neutrosophic Graphs

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Abstract

This paper aims to build and investigate the relationship between neuromorphic topological spaces and neuromorphic graphs, beginning with classification of neuromorphic sets and neuromorphic topological spaces, followed by incorporating neuromorphic graphs. The study presents the concepts of subbase to generate various neuromorphic topological spaces on simple connected neuromorphic graphs using non-adjacency relation. The ideas introduced are built upon the foundation laid by fuzzy topological spaces on fuzzy graphs and fuzzy non-adjacency vertex topological spaces associated with undirected fuzzy graphs. This paper provides illustrative examples contributing to a better understanding.

Keywords: Neuromorphic graph, Neuromorphic non-adjacency vertex topology, Neuromorphic non-adjacency vertex topological spaces.

I.INTRODUCTION

Graphs are the structures that represent the relationship between the objects. Graph theory is a branch of mathematics that explores the study of graphs and finds widespread applications in numerous fields, including network routing, communication, transportation, computer science, medicine, etc. Zadeh (1965) [15] first proposed the concept of fuzzy sets and fuzzy logic to deal with in discrepancy in the data. Intuitionistic fuzzy set theory was introduced by Atanassov (1983) [2] who had extended the concept of fuzzy sets to include an additional dimension called the "non-membership function". Further, study on Neuromorphic set theory was introduced by Smarandache (1999) [14] which addresses the theory of indeterminacy as an extension of fuzzy logic. Neuromorphic set theory has vast applications in robotics, pattern recognition, control systems, decision making, etc. The study of topology investigates the characteristics of the geometric objects that are invariant under continuous deformations. Chang, C. L. (1968) [4] introduced the concept of fuzzy topological space. Fuzzy graphs were introduced by Rosenfeld (1975) [11], and

also several other various results analogues to crisp graphs. Atef *et al.* (2021) [3] introduced the concept of fuzzy topological structures in terms of fuzzy graphs called fuzzy topological graphs. Gholap and Nikumbh (2022) [8] contributed to the further study by introducing topological spaces on simple crisp graphs, utilizing both adjacency and non-adjacency relations among sets of vertices. Gholap and Nikumbh (2023) [7] combined the fuzzy topological spaces with fuzzy graphs utilizing both adjacency as well as neighbourhood relation among sets of vertices and edges. Ghasaq Ali Abdalhussain, Asmahan Flied Hassan, explored more on the topic of Fuzzy non-adjacency vertex topological spaces associated with undirected fuzzy graphs [6]. A neuromorphic topological space is a mathematical concept that extends traditional topological spaces to accommodate the concept of "indeterminacy" in data. This paper contributes to broader understanding of neuromorphic graphs, offering insights into the construction of neuromorphic topologies with the help of it.

Preliminaries

In this section, we recall some notions related to neuromorphic set, necroscopic graph, neuromorphic topology and self-complementary graph related to the present work.

Definition

[12] Let X be a non-empty fixed set. A neuromorphic set [NS] A is an object having the form

$$A = \{< x, \mu_A , \sigma_A (x), \gamma_A (x) >: \ x \in X \ \}$$

where $\mu_A (x), \sigma_A (x)$ and $\gamma_A (x)$ which represent the degree of membership function, the degree of indeterminacy and the degree of a non-membership respectively of each element $x \in X$ to the set A.

Definition

[12] A neuromorphic topology of a non-empty set X is a family τ of neutrosophic subsets in X satisfying the following axioms:

i. $0_N \ , 1_N \ \in \tau$
ii. $G_1 \cap \ G_2 \in \tau$
iii. $\cup \ G_i \in \tau \ \forall \ \{ \ G_i : i \in J \ \} \subseteq \ \tau$

In this case the pair (X, τ) is called neuromorphic topological space.

Any neuromorphic set in τ is neuromorphic open set.

Definition

[5] A Neuromorphic Graph [NG] is of the form $G = (V, E)$ where

i. $V = \{ \ v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n \ \} \ni$

$$\mu_1 : V \to [0,1]$$
$$\sigma_1 : V \to [0,1]$$

$$\mathcal{F}_1: V \to [0,1]$$

denotes the degree of membership, the degree of indeterminacy and the degree of non-membership of the elements $v_i \in V$, respectively, and $0 \leq \mu_1(v_i) + \sigma_1(v_i) + \gamma_1(v_i) \leq 3$ for every $v_i \in V$, ($i = 1, 2, \dots, n$).

ii. $E \subseteq V * V$ where

$$\mu_2: V * V \to [0,1]$$
$$\sigma_2: V * V \to [0,1]$$
$$\mathcal{F}_2: V * V \to [0,1]$$

are such that

$$\mu_2(v_i, v_j) \leq \min\{ \mu_1(v_i), \mu_1(v_j) \}$$
$$\sigma_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \max\{ \sigma_1(v_i), \sigma_1(v_j) \}$$
$$\mathcal{F}_2(v_i, v_j) \geq \max\{ \mathcal{F}_1(v_i), \mathcal{F}_1(v_j) \}$$

and $0 \leq \mu_2(v_i, v_j) + \sigma_2(v_i, v_j) + \mathcal{F}_2(v_i, v_j) \leq 3$ for every $(v_i, v_j) \in E$ $(i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$.

Definition

[13] The complement of a single valued neuromorphic graph G=(A, B) on G* is a single valued neuromorphic graph $\overline{G}$ on G* where

i. $\overline{A}$ = A

ii. $\overline{T_A}(v_i) = T_A(v_i)$,

iii. $\overline{I_A}(v_i) = I_A(v_i)$,

iv. $\overline{F_A}(v_i) = F_A(v_i) \; \forall \; v_i \in V \; (i = 1, 2, \dots, n)$

v. $\overline{T_B}(v_i, v_j) = min\{ T_A(v_i), T_A(v_j) \}$ - $T_B(v_i, v_j)$

$\overline{I_B}(v_i, v_j) = max\{ I_A(v_i), I_A(v_j) \}$ - $I_B(v_i, v_j)$

$\overline{F_B}(v_i, v_j) = max\{ F_A(v_i), F_A(v_j) \}$ - $F_B(v_i, v_j) \; \forall \; (v_i, v_j) \in E$ $(i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$.

Definition

[9] Isomorphism: A homomorphism of neutrosophic graphs h: G → G' is a map h: v → V' which satisfies

$$A(v_i) \leq A'(h(v_i)) \; \forall \; v_i \in V \text{ i. e,}$$
$$T_A(v_i) \leq T_{A'}(h(v_i)),$$
$$I_A(v_i) \leq I_{A'}(h(v_i)),$$
$$F_A(v_i) \leq F_{A'}(h(v_i))$$

$\forall \; v_i \in V$and

$$B(v_i, v_j) \leq B'\{ h(v_i), h(v_j) \} \forall \; v_i, v_j \in V \text{ i.e,}$$
$$T_B(v_i, v_j) \leq T_{B'}(h(v_i), h(v_j)),$$

$$I_B(v_i, v_j) \leq I_{B'}\big(h(v_i), h(v_j)\big),$$
$$F_B(v_i, v_j) \leq F_{B'}\big(h(v_i), h(v_j)\big)$$

$\forall\, v_i, v_j \in V$

Definition 2.6:[10]A single-valued neuromorphic graph G = (A, B) is called complete if the following conditions are satisfying:

$$T_B(x, y) = min(T_A(x), T_A(y)),$$
$$I_B(x, y) = min(I_A(x), I_A(y)),$$
$$F_B(x, y) = max(F_A(x), F_A(y))$$

$\forall\, x, y \in V$

Definition

[1] A neuromorphic topological space is called Neuromorphic T_1- topological space if for any pair of distinct neuromorphic points $u, v \in$ X, there exist neuromorphic open set U and V in the topological space $\ni u \in U$ but $u \notin$ V and $v \in V$ but $v \notin$ U.

Neuromorphic non-adjacent vertex topological spaces on neutrosophic graph

Definition

Let the graph G = (X, V, E) denote a simple neutrosophic graph with neutrosophic set of vertices V(G). Now, we define a binary relation $\aleph_A$ on V(G) for any point ((*u*, T(*u*), I(*u*), F(*u*)) ∈ V(G) as set of all vertices (*v*, T(*v*), I(*v*), F(*v*)) ∈ V(G) ∋ they satisfy the following conditions, such as,

$$T(u, v) = 0$$
$$I(u, v) = 0$$
$$F(u, v) = 0$$

and also include the point ((*u*, T(*u*), I(*u*), F(*u*)) itself if it does not have a mapping to itself. That is, when the two vertices are non- adjacent.

The non-adjacency property is denoted by $\aleph_A[u]$ where ((*u*, T(*u*), I(*u*), F(*u*)) is a point in the vertex set.

For a fixed vertex ((*u*, T(*u*), I(*u*), F(*u*)), we define the non-adjacency as:

$\aleph_A[u]$ = { (*v*, T(*v*), I(*v*), F(*v*)) ∈ V(G) | E((*u*, T(*u*), I(*u*), F(*u*)), (*v*, T(*v*), I(*v*), F(*v*)) = 0 }

Definition

Let G denote a simple neuromorphic graph. The neuromorphic set $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A}$ forms a **subbase** for the topology on the vertex set V(G) and it is defined as the collection

$$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A} = \{\aleph_A[u] \mid ((u, T(u), I(u), F(u)) \in V(G)\}$$

Definition

Let G denote a simple neuromorphic graph. The finite intersection of elements in the set $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A}$ is denoted by $\beta_{\aleph_A}$, clearly it forms a base for the topology on the vertex set V(G).

Definition

All the union of elements of $\beta_{\aleph_A}$ forms a collection $\tau_{\aleph_A}$ which is a topology on the vertex set V(G) and the collection $\tau_{\aleph_A}$ is called a neutrosophic non-adjacent topology generated by the simple neutrosophic graph. The ordered pair (V(G), $\tau_{\aleph_A}$) is termed as neutrosophic non-adjacency vertex topological space generated by simple neutrosophic graph.

Definition

The elements of the topology $\tau_{\aleph_A}$ are called the $\aleph_A$-open neutrosophic set. The elements of the topology $\tau_{\aleph_A}$ which are complement of a $\aleph_A$-open neutrosophic set are called the $\aleph_A$-closed neutrosophic set.

Illustration 3.6

Let G be neutrosophic graph.

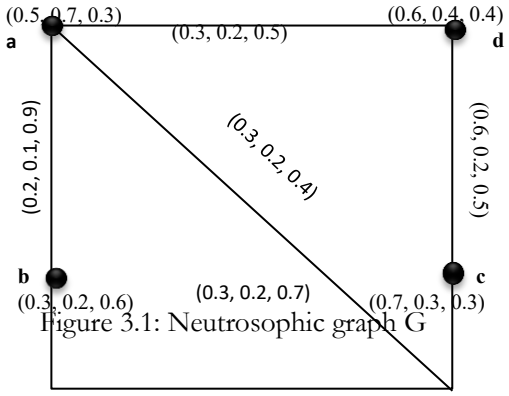


Figure 3.1: Neutrosophic graph G

Vertex set

V(G) = {(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3), (b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6), (c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3), (d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_A$ [a]= {(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3)}

$\aleph_A$ [b]= {(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4),(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6)}

$\aleph_A$ [c]= {(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3)}

$\aleph_A$ [d]= {(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)}

Sub basis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A}$ = {{(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3)},{(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)},{(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_A}$= {Ø, {(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3)},{(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)},{(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_A}$= {Ø, {(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3)},{(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)},{(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3)},{(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3),(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)},{(a, 0.5, 0.7, 0.3),(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3)},{(c, 0.7, 0.3, 0.3),(b, 0.3, 0.2, 0.6),(d, 0.6, 0.4, 0.4)}, V(G)}

Illustration 3.7

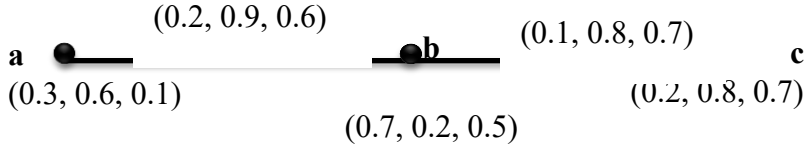


Figure 3.2: Neuromorphic graph G

Let G be neuromorphic graph.

Vertex set

V(G) = {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1), (b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5), (c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_A$ [a]= {(c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7),(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1)}

$\aleph_A$ [b]= {(b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5)}

$\aleph_A$ [c]= {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1),(c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7)}

Sub basis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A}$ = {{(b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5)}, {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1),(c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_A}$= {Ø, {(b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5)}, {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1),(c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_A}$= {Ø, {(b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5)}, {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1),(c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7)}, V(G)}

Theorem

Let the two neuromorphic graphs $G_1 = (X_1, V_1, E_1)$ and $G_2 = (X_2, V_2, E_2)$ be isomorphic, then the neuromorphic non-adjacency topologies $\tau_{\aleph_A{}^1}$ and $\tau_{\aleph_A{}^2}$ generated by the graphs G_1 and G_2 respectively are homeomorphic.

Proof:

Since the two neuromorphic graph are isomorphic, we know by the definition that, they have same number of vertices and edges which preserves the non-adjacency relation and there exists a bijective mapping f: $G_1 \rightarrow G_2$ is said to be an isomorphism, if it satisfies the following conditions:

$T_1(a) = T_2(f(a))$

$$I_1(a) = I_2(f(a))$$

$F_1(a) = F_2\big(f(a)\big)\ \forall\ a \in V_1.$

$$T_1(a,b) = T_2(f(a), f(b))$$

$$I_1(a,b) = I_2(f(a), f(b))$$

$F_1(a,b) = F_2\big(f(a), f(b)\big) \forall\ a, b \in V_1.$

Thus the neutrosophic sets which forms the subbasis,

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 1}$ = { N[v_i]: (v_i, T (v_i), I (v_i), F (v_i)) ∈ V(G_1)} and

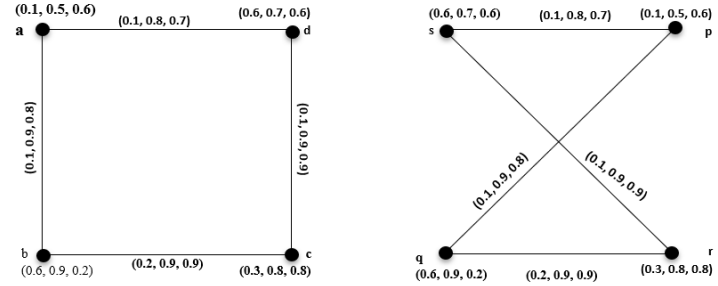
$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 2}$ = { N[$f(v_i)$]: ($f(v_i)$, T ($f(v_i)$), I ($f(v_i)$), F ($f(v_i)$)) ∈ V(G_2)}

Since the graphs G_1 and G_2 are is omormorphic, $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 1}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 2}$ forms the same open sets.

Hence $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 1}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 2}$ are equivalent.

Thus, we see that the neuromorphic neighborhood topologies $\tau_{\aleph_A 1}$ and $\tau_{\aleph_A 2}$generated by the sub basis $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 1}$ and $\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 2}$ respectively are homeomorphic.

Illustration 3.9



(a) G_1 (b) G_2

Figure 3.3: G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic neutrosophic graphs

For graph G_1:

Vertex set

V(G_1) = {(a, 0.3, 0.6, 0.1), (b, 0.7, 0.2, 0.5), (c, 0.2, 0.8, 0.7), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_{A1}$ [a]= {(a, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (c, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [b]= {(b, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [c]= {(a, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (c, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [d]= {(b, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

Sub basis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_{A1}}$ = {{(a, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (c, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(b, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_{A1}}$= {Ø, {(a, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (c, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(b, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_{A1}}$ = { Ø, {(a, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (c, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(b, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (d, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}, V(G_1)}

For graph G_2:

Vertex set

V(G_2) = {(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_{A2}$ [p]= {(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [q]= {(q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [r]= {(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [s]= {(q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}

Sub basis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_{A2}}$ = {{(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_{A2}}$= {Ø, {(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_{A2}}$ = { Ø, {(p, 0.1, 0.5, 0.6), (r, 0.3, 0.8, 0.8)}, {(q, 0.6, 0.9, 0.2), (s, 0.6, 0.7, 0.6)}, V(G_2)}

Theorem

Let the graph G = (X, V, E) be a simple connected self-complementary neutrosophic graph, then the neutrosophic non-adjacency topology generated by graph G and the neutrosophic non-neighbourhood topology generated by its complement graph $\overline{G}$ are equal.

Proof:

Given that the graph G is a self-complementary graph, it is clear by the definition, that the graph G and $\overline{G}$ are isomorphic.

We know that, if the two neutrosophic graphs are isomorphic, then the neutrosophic non-adjacency topologies generated by the graphs are also homeomorphic.

Since the graphs are self-complementary, the vertex set of both the graphs will be the same.

Hence, the neutrosophic vertex topology generated by the graph G and $\overline{G}$ are equal.

Illustration 3.11

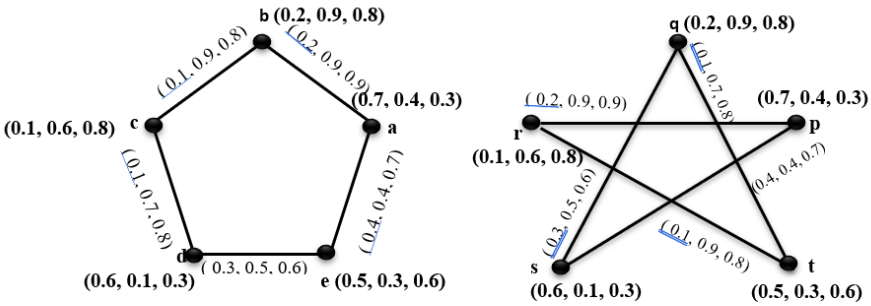


Figure 3.4: G_1 and G_2 are isomorphic neutrosophic graphs

For graph G_1:

Vertex set

$V(G_1)$ = { (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_{A1}$ [a]= {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [b]= {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [c]= {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [d]= {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A1}$ [e]= {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}

Subbasis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_{A1}}$ = {{ (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_{A1}}$= {Ø, {{ (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_{A}1}$= {Ø, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)},{(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)},{(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)},{(e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (e, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (d, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(a, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (b, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (c, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, V(G_1)}

For graph_G_2:

Vertex set

V(G_2) = { (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}

Non-adjacency Relation

$\aleph_{A2}$ [p]= {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [q]= {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [r]= {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [s]= {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}

$\aleph_{A2}$ [t]= {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}

Sub basis

$\mathcal{S}_{\aleph_A 2}$ = {{ (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}}

Base

$\beta_{\aleph_A 2}$= {Ø, {{ (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}}

Topology

$\tau_{\aleph_A 2}$= {Ø, {{(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6)},{(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3)}, {(r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)},{(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)},{(t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (t, 0.5, 0.3, 0.6), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (s, 0.6, 0.1, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8)}, {(p, 0.7, 0.4, 0.3), (q, 0.2, 0.9, 0.8), (r, 0.1, 0.6, 0.8)}, V(G_2)}

II. CONCLUSION

This paper establishes a profound connection between neutrosophic topological spaces and neutrosophic graphs, by extending the conventional boundaries. The neutrosophic topological structures are applicable across diverse topological contexts and graphs. The paper formulates concepts and explores the topic of neutrosophic non-adjacency topology generated by neutrosophic graphs. These notions are explored in the context of self-complementary graphs too. The findings mentioned hold potential for applications in various domains such as decision making, transportation system, medical diagnosis, stock market and financial analysis.

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Fuzzy Multi-Criteria Decision Making for Agricultural Problems: Crop Selection and Irrigation Method Selection

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Abstract

Agriculture involves decision making under uncertainty with multiple conflicting criteria. Traditional crisp multi-criteria Decision-Making [MCDM] methods fail to handle linguistic data like "good soil" or "high cost". Fuzzy Multi-Criteria Decision Making [FMCDM] integrates fuzzy logic with MCDM to model this uncertainty. This paper presents two agricultural case studies solved using Fuzzy AHP for criteria weighting and Fuzzy TOPSIS for ranking alternatives. Case 1 addresses crop selection and Case 2 addresses irrigation method selection. Results show that Maize is optimal for crop selection and Drip Irrigation is optimal for water management. FMCDM provides a robust decision support tool for farmers.

Keywords: Fuzzy Logic, MCDM, Fuzzy AHP, Fuzzy TOPSIS, Agriculture, Crop Selection, Irrigation

I.INTRODUCTION

Agricultural decision- making is complex and involve multiple criteria, such as climate, soil, water, cost, market, and risk. The data are often imprecise and based on expert opinion. Lotfi A. Zadeh introduced Fuzzy Set Theory in 1965 to deal with vagueness. When combined with MCDM, it forms FMCDM, which is widely used in agriculture for land suitability, crop planning, and resource management.

Objectives of this paper

1. To explain Fuzzy AHP and Fuzzy TOPSIS methodologies.
2. To solve the Crop Selection problem.
3. To solve the Irrigation Method Selection problem.
4. To show FMCDM as a decision-support tool for farmers.

Methodology

Definition Fussy Set

A Fuzzy Set A in a universe of discourse X is characterized by a membership function μA(x) that assigns to each element x∈X a degree of membership ranging between 0 and 1.A={(x,μA(x))|x∈X}Where:

X = Universe of discourse. Ex: All temperatures μA(x) = Membership function. Value between μA(x)=1 → Fully belongs to set AμA(x)=0 → Does not belong to set A0<μA(x)<1 → Partially belongs to set A[0][1]This is the key difference from a Crisp Set where membership is only {0, 1}.

Triangular Fuzzy Number [TFN]<>

A TFN is denoted as $\tilde{A} = (l, m, u)$ where l ≤ m ≤ u.

μA(x)= {0, x≤a

x-a/b-a, a<x≤b

1, b<x≤c

D-x/d-c, c<x≤d

0, x>d

Linguistic Scale used:

Linguistic Term	TFN
Very Low [VL]	(0.0, 0.0, 0.2)
Low[L]	(0.0, 0.2, 0.4)
Medium[M]	(0.3, 0.5, 0.7)
High[H]	(0.6, 0.8, 1.0)
Very High [VH]	(0.8, 1.0, 1.0)

Defuzzification: $$x = \frac{l + 4m + u}{6}$$

Fuzzy AHP

Used to calculate weights of criteria.

Steps: Hierarchy → Pairwise comparison → Fuzzy weight → Defuzzify.

Fuzzy TOPSIS

Used to rank alternatives.

Steps:

1. 1.Construct the fuzzy decision matrix.
2. Normalize the fuzzy decision matrix.
3. Construct the weighted normalized matrix: $\tilde{v}{ij} = \tilde{w}_j * \tilde{r}{ij}
4. 4.Determine the Fuzzy Positive Ideal Solution [FPIS] A^+, and Fuzzy Negative Ideal Solution [FNIS] A^-
5. 5.Calculate the distance: $d_i^+ = \sum d(\tilde{v}_{ij}, \tilde{v}_j^+)$
6. Calculate the closeness coefficient: $$CC_i = \frac{d_i^-}{d_i^+ + d_i^-}$$

A higher value of CC_i indicates the better alternative.

Case Study 1: Crop Selection

Problem Description

A farmer in the Chennai district needs to select the best crop considering water availability and market conditions

Alternatives: A1=Rice, A2=Maize, A3=Pulses

Criteria: C1=Water Requirement, C2=Soil Suitability, C3=Market Price, C4=Cost, C5=Climate Risk.

Criteria Weights by Fuzzy AHP

$W = [0.30, 0.25, 0.20, 0.15, 0.10]$

Fuzzy Decision Matrix

	C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
Rice	H	VH	M	H	M
Maize	M	H	H	M	L
Pulses	L	M	H	L	VL

Results

Alternative $ CC_i $ Rank

Maize 0.742 1

Pulses 0.681 2

Rice 0.513 3

Conclusion: Maize is recommended due to its medium water requirement and high market price.

Case Study 2: Irrigation Method Selection

Problem Description

Due to water scarcity, the best irrigation method needs to be selected.

Alternatives: A1=Drip, A2=Sprinkler, A3=Flood, A4=Rain Gun

Criteria: C1=Water Saving, C2=Initial Cost, C3=Yield, C4=Maintenance, C5=Subsidy.

Criteria Weights by Fuzzy AHP

$W = [0.35, 0.25, 0.20, 0.12, 0.08] $

Fuzzy Decision Matrix

	C1	**C2**	**C3**	**C4**	**C5**
Drip	VH	H	VH	L	H
Sprinkler	H	M	H	M	M
Flood	VL	L	M	VL	L

Rain Gun	M	M	M	H	M

Results

Alternative	CC_i	Rank
Drip Irrigation	0.850	1
Sprinkler	0.667	2
Rain Gun	0.508	3
Flood	0.233	4

Conclusion: Drip Irrigation is best alternative because it saves water and increases yield despite its high cost, with the support of government subsidy.

Discussion

- Both case studies show that FMCDM handles uncertainty well.
- Advantages: Uses linguistic data, Combines expert opinions and data, Gives clear ranking.
- Applications in Agriculture: Crop planning, Fertilizer selection, Land suitability, Pest control, Supply chain.
- Limitation: The results depend on expert judgments and membership functions.

II.CONCLUSION

This paper demonstrated the application of FMCDM using Fuzzy AHP and Fuzzy TOPSIS for two agricultural problems. Maize and Drip Irrigation were ranked as the best alternatives. FMCDM can be integrated with IoT and GIS Internet of Things, Geographic Information System for real-time smart farming decisions in future.

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Microbiological Quality Assessment and Antibiotic Resistance Profile of Bacterial Isolates from Frozen Chicken Meat Sold in Retail Markets

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Abstract

Frozen chicken is one of the most widely consumed animal protein sources worldwide. However, inadequate handling, storage, and distribution can lead to microbial contamination, increasing the risk of foodborne diseases. This study evaluated the microbiological quality of frozen chicken samples collected from supermarkets and online retail markets. Eight frozen chicken samples were analyzed for aerobic plate count (APC), total coliform count (TCC), psychrotrophic plate count (PPC), fungal contamination, bacterial identification, and antimicrobial susceptibility. Bacterial isolates were identified using colony morphology, Gram staining, biochemical tests, and carbohydrate fermentation tests. Five bacterial species were isolated: Staphylococcus aureus, Escherichia coli, Bacillus spp., Salmonella spp., and Shigella spp. Aspergillus spp. was identified as the predominant fungal isolate. Antibiotic susceptibility testing revealed multidrug resistance among E. coli, Salmonella spp., Shigella spp., and Bacillus spp., whereas Staphylococcus aureus remained susceptible to most tested antibiotics. These findings indicate that frozen chicken sold in retail markets may serve as a potential source of foodborne pathogens and multidrug-resistant bacteria, highlighting the importance of hygienic processing, proper cold-chain maintenance, and routine microbiological surveillance.

Keywords: Frozen chicken, Foodborne pathogens, Aerobic plate count, Antibiotic resistance, Salmonella, Escherichia coli, Microbial quality.

I.INTRODUCTION

Chicken meat is one of the most popular sources of animal protein because of its high nutritional value and balanced amino acid composition (Aberle, 2001). Despite its nutritional benefits, chicken meat is highly susceptible to microbial contamination during slaughtering, processing, transportation, storage, and retail handling. Contamination may occur through equipment, handlers, water,

environmental exposure, and poor hygienic practices, making poultry one of the major sources of foodborne infections worldwide (Bailey et al., 2000; Abdellah et al., 2008). Several pathogenic microorganisms, including Salmonella spp., Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Campylobacter spp., and Listeria monocytogenes, have frequently been associated with poultry meat and can cause food poisoning and gastrointestinal illnesses (*Bailey et al., 2000; Abdellah et al.,* 2008).

Freezing is considered one of the most effective preservation methods for poultry because it slows microbial growth and extends shelf life. However, psychrotrophic microorganisms may survive low-temperature storage and contribute to spoilage (Adam & Moss, 2008; Balamatsia *et al.,* 2006). The emergence of antimicrobial-resistant foodborne bacteria has become a major public health concern because resistant bacteria transmitted through contaminated foods may reduce the effectiveness of commonly used antibiotics (Al-Taie *et al.,* 2022)

Materials and Methods

Materials and Methods

- Preparation of homogenized chicken samples was carried out according to the method described by Moshood *et al.* (2012).
- Aerobic Plate Count (APC) was determined using the standard plate count method following Andrews (1992).
- Psychrotrophic Plate Count (PPC) was determined according to the procedure described by Tatini and Kauppi (2003).
- Fungal isolation on Sabouraud Dextrose Agar was performed following Ogu *et al.* (2017).
- Bacterial identification using colony morphology, Gram staining and biochemical tests followed the procedures of Cheesbrough (2006).
- Antimicrobial susceptibility testing was performed using the Kirby–Bauer disk diffusion method according to Lalitha (2008).

Microbiological Analysis

Preparation of Homogenated Chicken Samples

(Moshood., *et al.,* 2012) the chicken meat was blended at medium speed and slurry was obtained. One (1) gram of each of the slurry was weighed and mixed with ten (10) ml of peptone water.

Isolation Of Bacteria from the Chicken Sample

Serial Dilution

9ml of peptone water was taken in 9 sterile tubes and labelled from 10^{-1} to 10^{-9}.

Aerobic Plate Count (Andrews,W. Ed, *et al.,*1992)

Aerobic plate count (APC) was determined with standard plate count agar using pour plate technique

Total Coliform Count

Total Coliform Count (TCC) was determined with MacConkey agar using Spread plate technique. Total coliform count was calculated on plates with colonies.

Psychotropic Plate Count (Tatinas'. and Kauppi, K.L.,2003)

Psychotropic plate count (PPC) was determined using standard plate count agar using pour plate technique. And the plates were incubated at 7℃for 10 days

Culture Method

From each appropriate dilution 0.1ml was then inoculated on the following media as

- **Nutrient Agar:** This was used for the enumeration of total bacteria isolates from the samples. The plates were incubated at 37°C for 24 hours.
- **MacConkey Agar**: This was used for the enumeration of coliform bacteria in the samples.
- **Sabouraud Dextrose Agar**: (Ogu Gl, et al., 2017)

This was used for the enumeration of fungi isolates in the samples. The plates were incubated at 25°C for 5-7 days.

Isolation of Fungi

Sabouraud Dextrose Agar medium was used for isolation of fungi. All the chicken samples were subjected for processing, dilution and plating. The plates were incubation at 25℃ for 5 to 7 days.

Identification and Isolation

(Chessbrough, M, ,2006) The characterization and identification of the colony isolates were achieved by initial morphological examination of the colonies in plates (macroscopically) for colony appearance, size, elevation, form, edge, colour, odour, opacity and pigment bacteria were identified macroscopically. Colonies from the incubated MacConkey agar and nutrient agar plates were picked and sub cultured on the salmonella-shigella agar, EMB agar and mannitol salt agar plates, these plates were then incubated at 37°C for 24 hours. The colonies observed were noted and characterized. Once the microorganisms were isolated, they were preserved in Nutrient agar plate. The pure culture of the bacterial isolates (*Escherichia coli, Staphylococcus aureus, Bacillus sp, Salmonella sp and Shigella sp.)* were obtained and were further identified by gram staining technique and biochemical test such as catalase, urease, motility hydrogen peroxide and carbohydrate test.

Antibiotic Susceptibility Test

(Lalitha, M.K,2008) The Mueller-Hinton agar was prepared. Immediately after autoclaving it was allowed to cool in a water bath, before being poured into Petri dishes. The agar medium was then allowed to cool at room temperature. At least three to five well isolated colonies of the same morphological type were selected from an agar plate culture. The growth was then transferred into a tube containing

4-5 ml of nutrient broth. The swab was dipped into the inoculum suspension and then streaked on the dried surface of the Mueller-Hinton agar plate. Drug impregnated disks were then placed on the inoculate Mueller-Hinton agar plates after being exposed for about 3minutes. Each disc was pressed down to ensure complete contact with in- the agar surface. the plates were incubated at 35°C for 18 to 24 hours. After incubation, the plates were examined to measure the diameter of zone of complete inhibition, including the diameter of disc and compared with standardized zone interpretative chart. Finally, the zone size of each antibiotic was interpreted reporting the organism as 'Resistant', 'Intermediate' and 'Susceptible'.

Identification of Bacterial Isolates

Isolate-1 was identified as gram-positive cocci in clusters, nonmotile organisms. Nutrient agar plate showed Yellow, small, regular opaque colonies. Isolate-2 was identified as gram-negative rods, motile organisms. Nutrient agar plate showed dull white, mucoid, regular, opaque colonies. Isolate-3 was identified as gram-positive rods, motile organisms, Nutrient agar plate showed white large mucoid creamy white colonies. Isolate-4 was identified as gram-negative rods, motile organisms, Large white and mucoid, black centres observed in SS agar. Isolate-5 was identified as Pale almost translucent colonies on XLD medium, gram-negative rods, motile organisms. The morphological characteristics of all the five isolates were tabulated

Susceptibility Testing by Disk Diffusion Method

The efficacy of antibiotic discs was studied by comparing them with the commercially obtained antibiotics (Ampicillin, Erythromycin, Vancomycin, Gentamicin and ciprofloxacin) using isolated stains of different bacteria. they were compared for their zone of inhibition and the above result were obtained. From (Isolate2) *Escherichia coli* showed resistance for Ampicillin, Erythromycin, Vancomycin (Isolate 3) *Bacillus sp* was resistance for Vancomycin, Erythromycin. (Isolate 4) *Salmonella sp* was resistance for Vancomycin, Erythromycin (Isolate5) *Shigella sp* was resistance for vancomycin, Erythromycin, intermediate to ampicillin (represented in Table:10& Figure:11).it could be observed that different antibiotic has different action on microorganisms. E.g. (Isolate1) *Staphylococcus aureus* was susceptible for all five antibiotics used. A total of five bacteria species from various frozen chicken sample were isolated with gram positive and gram-negative organisms. these organisms are source of diarrhoea and gastro intestinal disturbance stomach pain, vomiting to both adult and children consumed.

Identification of Isolates

Isolates	**Identified As**
ISOLATES:1	Staphylococcus aureus

ISOLATES:2	Eschericha coli
ISOLATES:3	Bacillus sps
ISOLATES:4	Salmonella sps
ISOLATES:5	Shigella sps

Microgram	**Escheriacoli**	**Staphylococcus aures**	**Bacillus sp**	**Salmonella sp**	**Shigella sp**
Amphicillin	R	S	I	I	I
Ciprofloxacin	S	S	S	S	S
Eytromycin	R	S	R	R	R
Vancomycin	R	I	R	R	R
Gentamicin	R	S	S	S	S

Discussion

The present study isolated five bacterial species from frozen chicken samples, namely *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Escherichia coli*, *Bacillus* spp., *Salmonella* spp., and *Shigella* spp. Similar bacterial contaminants have previously been reported in frozen poultry meat (Bailey *et al*., 2000; Ashater *et al*., 2012). The occurrence of *Salmonella* spp. agrees with the findings of Abdellah *et al.* (2008), who reported the presence of *Salmonella* in chicken carcasses marketed in Morocco. The multidrug resistance observed among *E. coli*, *Salmonella* spp., *Shigella* spp., and *Bacillus* spp. highlight the growing concern regarding antimicrobial-resistant foodborne pathogens, consistent with previous reports (Al-Taie *et al.,* 2022). The findings are also comparable with those reported by Prince Chiugo Chidi *et al.* (2022), who isolated bacterial pathogens from frozen chicken marketed in southeastern Nigeria.

II.CONCLUSION

This study demonstrated that frozen chicken sold in retail markets can harbor foodborne pathogens and multidrug-resistant bacteria, emphasizing the need for hygienic processing, continuous microbiological surveillance, and maintenance of the cold chain (Bailey *et al.,* 2000; Adam & Moss, 2008). The implementation of additional preservation methods such as food irradiation has been suggested to improve the microbiological safety of poultry products while maintaining product quality (Adam & Moss, 2008).

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Federated Learning for Privacy-Preserving Artificial Intelligence

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Abstract

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) are increasingly used in healthcare, finance, education, cybersecurity, and other fields. However, training accurate AI models often requires sensitive data, raising concerns about privacy, security, and data ownership. Federated Learning (FL) enables multiple devices or organizations to collaboratively train a shared model without transferring their private datasets to a central server. Instead, data remains on local devices, where models are trained and only model updates are shared with a central server for aggregation. This reduces the need for centralized data collection and provides improved privacy protection. FL can be further strengthened using techniques such as differential privacy, secure aggregation, homomorphic encryption, and trusted execution environments. This paper presents the architecture, working process, applications, privacy challenges, and future scope of Federated Learning. FL is expected to become an important approach for developing secure, trustworthy, and privacy-preserving Artificial Intelligence systems.

Keywords: Federated Learning, Privacy-Preserving AI, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Data Privacy, Distributed Learning, Secure Aggregation, Differential Privacy.

I.INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence has become an important technology for solving complex problems and supporting decision-making. Machine Learning systems require large and diverse datasets to train accurate models. Traditionally, data from users, devices, organizations, and institutions is collected and transferred to centralized servers. However, centralized data storage can create privacy and security risks, especially when handling medical records, financial transactions, personal communications, location information, and user behaviour. Federated Learning

provides an alternative approach by keeping training data at its original location. Instead of transferring raw data to a central server, the machine learning model is distributed to participating devices or organizations. Each participant trains the model locally using its own data and sends only the model updates to a central server. The server aggregates these updates to create an improved global model and distributes it back to participants. Thus, Federated Learning enables collaborative learning while reducing the need for centralized data collection. It is particularly useful for sensitive and distributed data. As AI adoption continues to grow, Federated Learning provides a promising framework for balancing collaborative machine learning with privacy and security requirements.

Fundamentals of Federated Learning

Federated Learning is a distributed machine learning approach in which multiple clients collaboratively train a shared model without transferring their raw data to a central server. The main components include clients, local datasets, a global model, a central server, and an aggregation mechanism.

Clients

Clients are participating devices or organizations such as smartphones, hospitals, banks, educational institutions, and IoT devices. They use their own local data for training.

Local Data

Each client stores its data locally. Raw data is normally not transferred to the central server, which helps improve data privacy.

Global Model

The global model is a shared machine learning model that is improved using contributions from multiple clients.

Local Training

The global model is sent to selected clients. Each client trains the model using its local data and generates updated model parameters.

Model Aggregation

The updated parameters are sent to the central server, which combines them to create an improved global model. Federated Averaging (FedAvg) is a commonly used aggregation method.

Comparison Between Centralized and Federated Learning

Feature	Centralized Machine Learning	Federated Learning
Data Storage	Data is collected in a central location	Data remains on local devices or organizations
Training	Performed using centralized data	Performed locally by participating clients
Raw Data Transfer	Usually required	Normally avoided
Privacy	Higher risk from centralized data storage	Improved because raw data remains local
Communication	Data may require large transfers	Model updates are exchanged
Data Ownership	Central organization may control collected data	Data remains with the original owner
Scalability	Central infrastructure can become a bottleneck	Can involve many distributed clients
Security Risk	Central database becomes an attractive target	Distributed system introduces different security risks
Data Distribution	Usually easier to manage	Data may be heterogeneous and non-IID
Applications	Traditional AI and ML systems	Healthcare, finance, mobile AI, IoT, and smart systems

Federated Learning does not completely eliminate privacy or security risks. Model updates themselves may sometimes reveal information about the underlying training data. Therefore, additional privacy-enhancing technologies may be required.

Working of Federated Learning

Federated Learning works through several important stages.

Client Selection

The central server selects participating clients for the training process.

Model Distribution

The global model is sent to the selected clients.

Local Training

Each client trains the model using its own local dataset without sharing the raw data.

Model Updates

After training, each client generates updated model parameters and sends them to the central server.

Aggregation

The server combines the updates from multiple clients to improve the global model.

Global Model Update

The aggregated model is updated and distributed again to the clients. This process is repeated for several communication rounds.

Workflow

Client Selection → Model Distribution → Local Training → Update Generation → Secure Aggregation → Global Model Update → Repeat

Privacy-Preserving Techniques in Federated Learning

Federated Learning keeps raw data locally, but additional security techniques can provide stronger privacy protection.

Differential Privacy

Differential Privacy adds controlled noise to data or model updates, making it difficult to identify information about individual records.

Secure Aggregation

Secure Aggregation allows the server to combine updates without directly viewing each client's individual update.

Homomorphic Encryption

Homomorphic Encryption allows certain computations to be performed on encrypted information, protecting model updates during processing.

Trusted Execution Environment

A Trusted Execution Environment provides a protected area for processing sensitive information.

Encryption

Encryption protects communication between clients and servers from unauthorized access.

Applications of Federated Learning

Federated Learning is useful in several areas where privacy and distributed data are important.

Healthcare

Hospitals can collaboratively train models for disease prediction and medical image analysis without directly sharing sensitive patient records.

Finance and Banking

Banks can use Federated Learning for fraud detection, credit risk assessment, and financial forecasting while protecting customer information.

Mobile Devices

Federated Learning can support personalized applications such as text prediction and recommendations while keeping user data on the device.

Internet of Things

IoT devices can collaboratively train models without transferring all locally collected sensor data to a central server.

Education

Educational institutions can use Federated Learning for student performance prediction and learning analytics while reducing the need to share student records.

Cybersecurity

Organizations can collaboratively develop threat and anomaly detection models without directly sharing sensitive security logs.

Challenges of Federated Learning

Despite its privacy benefits, Federated Learning has several challenges.

Data Heterogeneity

Different clients may have different amounts and types of data, making global model training difficult.

Communication Overhead

Frequent exchange of model updates between clients and servers can increase network traffic.

Device Limitations

Some devices have limited processing power, memory, battery, or network connectivity.

Privacy Attacks

Model updates may sometimes reveal information about the underlying training data.

Malicious Clients

Attackers may send manipulated updates that reduce the accuracy or reliability of the global model.

Computational Cost

Privacy techniques such as encryption and secure aggregation can increase computational and communication requirements.

Lack of Standardization

Different devices, organizations, protocols, and privacy methods make common standards and interoperability difficult.

Future Scope

Federated Learning has significant potential for privacy-preserving Artificial Intelligence. Future research can focus on developing more efficient algorithms, reducing communication requirements, and improving performance on resource-limited devices. Combining Federated Learning with differential privacy, secure computation, homomorphic encryption, blockchain, and trusted execution environments can provide stronger privacy and security. It is expected to play an important role in healthcare, smart cities, finance, IoT, autonomous systems, and personalized AI. Future systems can also focus on detecting malicious clients and developing more trustworthy and explainable AI models.

II.CONCLUSION

Federated Learning is an important approach to privacy-preserving Artificial Intelligence. It enables multiple devices and organizations to collaboratively train machine learning models while keeping raw data at its original location. It has applications in healthcare, finance, mobile computing, IoT, education, and cybersecurity. Although challenges such as data heterogeneity, communication overhead, privacy attacks, malicious clients, and computational costs remain, techniques such as differential privacy, secure aggregation, and encryption can strengthen the system. With continued research, Federated Learning can become an important foundation for secure, reliable, and responsible AI.

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In Silico Prediction of Physicochemical Properties and Molecular Docking of Phytoconstituents rom Nephelium Lappaceum Against Selected Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Targets

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Background

Tuberculosis (TB), caused predominantly by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Mtb), remains an important infectious disease and the emergence of drug-resistant strains continues to create a need for new antitubercular agents. Natural products are an important source of structurally diverse molecules that may provide new chemical scaffolds for drug discovery. *Nephelium lappaceum* L., commonly known as rambutan, is a tropical plant belonging to the family Sapindaceae and is reported to contain numerous biologically active phytochemicals, particularly phenolic compounds and hydrolysable tannins.

Objective

The present study was designed to investigate, using an in-silico approach, the physicochemical and drug-likeness properties of selected chemical constituents of *N. lappaceum* and to assess their potential interaction with selected therapeutic targets of *M. tuberculosis*.

Methods

Reported phytoconstituents of *N. lappaceum*, particularly compounds identified from the fruit peel, were selected from the scientific literature. Major constituents included geraniin, ellagic acid, corilagin, quercetin and rutin. The two-dimensional structures of the selected compounds can be obtained from PubChem or other validated chemical databases and converted into suitable formats for computational analysis. Physicochemical and pharmacokinetic characteristics may be predicted using SwissADME and pkCSM, including molecular weight, lipophilicity, topological polar surface area (TPSA), hydrogen-bond donors and acceptors, gastrointestinal absorption, and drug-likeness according to commonly used filters such as Lipinski's rule of five. Selected compounds can subsequently be subjected to molecular docking against validated *M. tuberculosis* targets such as InhA, DprE1 and KasA.

Results

The literature indicates that *N. lappaceum* peel is particularly rich in phenolic constituents. Geraniin, ellagic acid, quercetin, rutin and corilagin have been repeatedly reported as important constituents. Geraniin, ellagic acid and corilagin have also been experimentally isolated from rambutan peel. These compounds possess structural characteristics, including multiple hydroxyl and carbonyl groups, that may permit hydrogen-bonding and other interactions with protein binding sites. However, highly oxygenated polyphenols may also exhibit unfavorable physicochemical characteristics, including high polarity and poor membrane permeability. Consequently, computational assessment is necessary to distinguish compounds with favorable overall drug-like profiles from compounds whose biological activity may be limited by pharmacokinetic properties.

Conclusion

The proposed in silico workflow provides a rational preliminary approach for identifying promising *N. lappaceum* constituents for further anti-TB investigation. Particular attention should be given to the balance between predicted target affinity and physicochemical/pharmacokinetic characteristics. The computational findings should subsequently be validated through biochemical, antimycobacterial and cytotoxicity assays before therapeutic conclusions are drawn.

Keywords: *Nephelium lappaceum*; rambutan; phytochemicals; tuberculosis; *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*; InhA; DprE1; KasA; molecular docking; SwissADME; ADMET; drug-likeness.

I.INTRODUCTION

Tuberculosis is an infectious disease caused mainly by *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and continues to represent a major global public-health challenge. The treatment of TB requires prolonged combination therapy, while drug-resistant Mtb strains complicate treatment and increase the need for new therapeutic agents. Consequently, identification of new chemical scaffolds capable of interfering with essential mycobacterial pathways remains an important objective in anti-TB drug discovery. Modern drug-discovery strategies increasingly combine natural-product research with computational methods. In silico approaches such as physicochemical-property prediction, ADMET profiling, molecular docking, molecular dynamics simulation and virtual screening can reduce the number of compounds that need to be examined experimentally. Such approaches are particularly useful for plant-derived compounds because botanical extracts may contain hundreds of metabolites, while only a subset may possess appropriate biological and pharmacokinetic characteristics. Nephelium lappaceum L., commonly known as rambutan, belongs to the Sapindaceae family and is native to Southeast Asia. Different parts of the plant, particularly the peel and seed, have attracted scientific interest because they contain diverse phenolic compounds and exhibit antioxidant and antimicrobial properties. Reviews of *N. lappaceum* report the presence of ellagitannins, gallotannins, hydroxycinnamic acids, hydroxybenzoic acids and flavonoids. (PubMed Central (PMC))

Rambutan (Nephelium Iappaceum)





The peel appears particularly interesting from a phytochemical perspective. Geraniin, corilagin and ellagic acid have been identified as major constituents, while quercetin and rutin have also been reported. One literature study reported geraniin, ellagic acid, quercetin, rutin and corilagin as major phenolics in rambutan peel. (PubMed Central (PMC)) Another investigation isolated ellagic acid, corilagin and geraniin from *N. lappaceum* peel, with geraniin representing the major isolated component. (PubMed Central (PMC))

The anti-TB potential of these compounds is particularly interesting because several essential enzymes of Mtb have been validated as drug targets. InhA, the enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase of the fatty-acid synthase II pathway, is a validated target of established anti-TB therapy and has been extensively investigated in structure-based drug discovery. DprE1 is another important validated target involved in arabinan precursor biosynthesis, while KasA participates in mycolic-acid biosynthesis. (PubMed Central (PMC))

In silico screening therefore offers an opportunity to investigate whether selected *N. lappaceum* constituents possess physicochemical characteristics compatible with drug development and whether they can potentially interact with important Mtb proteins.

The present study proposes an integrated computational workflow for the screening of selected *N. lappaceum* phytoconstituents against selected anti-TB targets. The primary emphasis is placed on physicochemical properties, drug-likeness and ADMET characteristics, followed by structure-based molecular docking.

Aim and Objectives

Aim

To evaluate the physicochemical, drug-likeness and predicted pharmacokinetic properties of selected chemical constituents of *Nephelium lappaceum* and investigate their potential interactions with selected anti-tuberculosis targets of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* using an in-silico approach.

Objectives

1. To identify major phytochemical constituents reported from *Nephelium lappaceum*.
2. To obtain the chemical structures and molecular information of the selected constituents.
3. To predict their physicochemical properties using computational tools.
4. To evaluate drug-likeness using Lipinski and related rule-based filters.
5. To predict selected ADMET parameters.
6. To select validated therapeutic targets of *M. tuberculosis*.
7. To perform molecular docking of selected phytoconstituents against the chosen targets.
8. To identify important ligand–protein interactions.

9. To rank the compounds according to their combined physicochemical, pharmacokinetic and docking profiles.
10. To identify promising compounds for subsequent experimental validation.

Materials and Methods

Selection of Plant Constituents

A literature-based phytochemical investigation should first be performed to identify compounds reported from *N. lappaceum*. The principal compounds selected for the present computational framework are:

- Geraniin
- Ellagic acid
- Corilagin
- Quercetin
- Rutin

These compounds were selected because they are repeatedly reported among the major phenolic constituents of rambutan peel. Literature reports have demonstrated substantial quantities of geraniin, ellagic acid and quercetin in rambutan peel extracts. (PubMed Central (PMC))

Additional compounds can be incorporated if their structures and reliable chemical identifiers are available.

Table 1

Proposed phytoconstituents for computational analysis

S. No.	Compound	Major chemical class	Reported plant part
1	Geraniin	Ellagitannin	Peel
2	Ellagic acid	Polyphenolic compound	Peel
3	Corilagin	Ellagitannin	Peel
4	Quercetin	Flavonoid	Peel
5	Rutin	Flavonoid glycoside	Peel

The selection is supported by phytochemical investigations of *N. lappaceum*, which consistently identify hydrolysable tannins and flavonoids as important components of the peel. (PubMed Central (PMC))

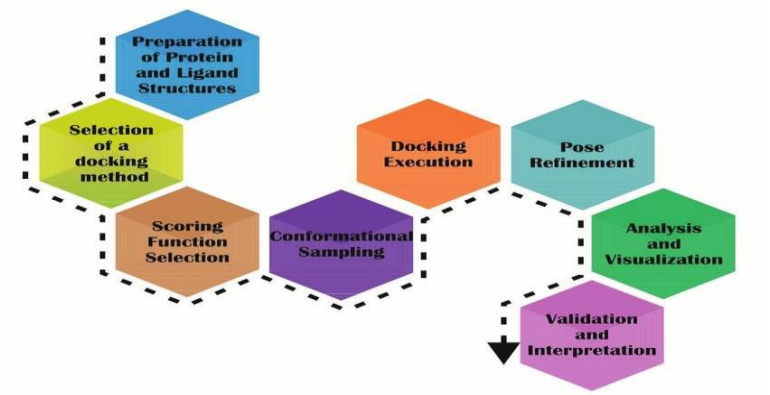
Collection of Chemical Structures

Chemical structures of the selected constituents should be retrieved from a reliable chemical database such as PubChem. Canonical SMILES, isomeric SMILES, molecular formula and three-dimensional structures should be recorded.

The structures should subsequently be subjected to energy minimization before molecular docking. Where stereochemistry is relevant, the biologically appropriate stereochemical form should be retained.

The following information should be recorded for every compound:

- Compound name
- PubChem CID
- Molecular formula
- Molecular weight
- Canonical SMILES
- Hydrogen-bond donors
- Hydrogen-bond acceptors
- Rotatable bonds
- Topological polar surface area
- XlogP/logP
- Solubility prediction
- Predicted gastrointestinal absorption
- Drug-likeness violations



Prediction of Physicochemical Properties

Physicochemical properties can be predicted using SwissADME. SwissADME-based workflows are commonly used in computational anti-TB research to estimate molecular properties, pharmacokinetic characteristics and drug-likeness. (PubMed Central (PMC))

The following parameters should be evaluated:

Molecular Weight

Molecular weight is an important determinant of drug-like behavior. Excessively high molecular weight can reduce absorption and molecular diffusion.

Lipophilicity

Lipophilicity may influence membrane permeability, protein binding and pharmacokinetics. Both excessive and insufficient lipophilicity may be unfavorable.

Hydrogen-Bond Donors and Acceptors

Hydrogen-bond donor and acceptor counts provide information regarding molecular polarity and the ability of a compound to interact with biological macromolecules.

Topological Polar Surface Area

TPSA is an important descriptor associated with polarity, permeability and absorption. Highly polar molecules may show reduced passive membrane permeability.

Rotatable Bonds

The number of rotatable bonds provides an indication of molecular flexibility. Excessive flexibility may reduce binding selectivity and oral drug-likeness.

Drug-Likeness Prediction

Lipinski's Rule of Five may be applied to evaluate the general drug-likeness of the selected compounds.

The commonly applied criteria include:

- Molecular weight ≤ 500 Da
- Hydrogen-bond donors ≤ 5
- Hydrogen-bond acceptors ≤ 10
- Lipophilicity generally below approximately 5

Additional filters such as Veber, Egan and Muegge criteria can also be applied. Contemporary computational anti-TB studies commonly combine these filters with ADMET prediction to prioritize compounds. (PubMed Central (PMC))

It is important to emphasize that violation of one or more rules does not automatically mean that a molecule lacks biological activity. For example, natural products and compounds acting through non-oral or non-classical mechanisms can possess physicochemical characteristics outside conventional drug-like ranges. (PubMed Central (PMC))

ADMET Prediction

Predicted ADMET properties should be generated using tools such as SwissADME and pkCSM.

The following parameters may be investigated:

Absorption

- Gastrointestinal absorption
- Water solubility
- Permeability-related parameters

Distribution

- Blood-brain barrier permeability
- Volume of distribution, where available
- Plasma protein binding

Metabolism

- Potential interaction with CYP enzymes
- Predicted metabolic liabilities

Excretion

- Predicted renal clearance

Toxicity

- AMES mutagenicity
- Hepatotoxicity
- Maximum tolerated dose
- HERG-related predictions where available

These predictions should be regarded as preliminary computational indicators rather than experimental evidence.

Selection of Anti-Tuberculosis Targets

Validated and biologically relevant Mtb targets should be selected for molecular docking.

Three appropriate targets for the proposed study are:

InhA

InhA is an enoyl-acyl carrier protein reductase involved in the fatty-acid synthase II pathway and mycolic-acid biosynthesis. It is a validated anti-TB target because the activity of isoniazid ultimately involves inhibition of InhA after prodrug activation. (PubMed Central (PMC))

DprE1

DprE1 catalyzes an essential step in the biosynthesis of arabinose-containing cell-wall components. Its importance has been demonstrated through the development of multiple DprE1 inhibitors, making it one of the prominent targets in modern anti-TB drug discovery. (PubMed Central (PMC))

KasA

KasA is a β-ketoacyl-ACP synthase involved in the FAS-II pathway and therefore participates in mycolic-acid biosynthesis. Natural products and synthetic molecules targeting KasA have been investigated as potential anti-TB agents. (PubMed Central (PMC))

Table 2
Proposed Mtb targets

Target	Biological role	Rationale
InhA	Mycolic-acid/FAS-II pathway	Validated anti-TB target
DprE1	Arabinan precursor biosynthesis	Validated and extensively investigated target
KasA	Fatty-acid/mycolic-acid biosynthesis	Essential FAS-II enzyme

Protein Preparation

Three-dimensional structures of the selected Mtb proteins should be obtained from the Protein Data Bank.

Protein preparation should include:

1. Removal of unnecessary water molecules.
2. Removal of unrelated ligands or cofactors where appropriate.
3. Addition of hydrogen atoms.
4. Assignment of appropriate bond orders.
5. Correction of missing atoms/residues where required.
6. Energy minimization.
7. Identification of the active/binding site.

The binding site may be defined using a co-crystallized ligand, experimentally characterized active-site residues or a validated literature binding pocket.

Molecular Docking

Molecular docking can be performed using AutoDock Vina, PyRx, Glide, GOLD or another validated docking platform.

The selected phytoconstituents should be docked independently against each target.

The docking workflow should include:

1. Preparation of receptor structures.
2. Preparation and optimization of ligand structures.
3. Definition of the binding pocket.
4. Generation of docking poses.
5. Ranking according to predicted binding affinity.
6. Visualization of ligand–protein interactions.
7. Identification of hydrogen bonds, hydrophobic interactions, π–π interactions and other relevant contacts.

The docking score should be interpreted comparatively rather than as direct experimental binding affinity.

Result and Discussion

The drug likeness studies were conducted using MOLSOFT and the presence or of violations were studied.The pharmaceutical parameters (ADME) of the compounds taken were also evaluated using the SWISS ADME website.The docking studies for the ligands such as quercetin, kaempferol, catechin and myricetin were used in present work. The ligand molecules were obtained from PubChem and generated by using ChemSkecth.Docking studies have been carried out using Autodock vina and protein drug interaction were viewed by PYMOL viewer.The molecular docking was preformed using the software MGL TOOLS (Autodock VINA). The protein used for the studies was Inh A (enoyl acyl carrier protein reductase).From the study it was found that the bioactive compounds such as kaempferol, quercetin, catechin, myricetin interact with the protein used and identified that KAEMPFEROL is the most potent compounds which is predicted by the docking scores and interaction with the protein InhA.Of all the 4 compounds used for the investigation, Myricetin shows 1 violation but still it is acceptable. Whereas other three compounds show 0 violations and they can be used for further studies.With the protein Inha (enoyl acyl carrier protein reductase) the ligand KAEMPFEROL shows the higher docking score of -7.6 with many amino acids and protein interaction respectively when compared to the other ligands and standard drug.

The kaempferol is an aromatic OH coumarin compound has amino acid and other protein bind to it like PHE A:210, ILE A:347, LEU A:116, ALA A:170, MET B:146, GLY A:200, GLU A:199, VAL B:142, GLU A:241, PHE A:239, ILE A:202, PROA:201, PRO A :206,ILE B:145, PHE A:404 and have different type of molecular interaction like Vander waals, conventional hydrogen bond, unfavourable acceptor-acceptor, Pi-Anion, Pi-Sigma, Pi-Sulfur, Pi Pi T-shaped, Pi-Alkyl.

Physicochemical Profile

The selected compounds are chemically diverse despite all being associated with the phenolic fraction of rambutan. Ellagic acid and quercetin are comparatively smaller polyphenolic molecules, whereas geraniin and corilagin are larger hydrolysable tannins. Rutin is a glycosylated flavonoid and therefore has greater molecular size and polarity than the corresponding aglycone quercetin.The high number of hydroxyl groups present in many *N. lappaceum* constituents is expected to contribute to hydrogen bonding and antioxidant activity but may simultaneously increase polarity and decrease passive membrane permeability.This is particularly relevant when evaluating natural products for antimycobacterial activity because favorable target binding alone does not guarantee adequate cellular penetration or systemic exposure.

Table 3
Physiochemical Properties of the Compounds

COMPOUNDS	QUERCETIN	CATECHIN	KAMEPFEROL	MYRICETIN
Formula	C15H10O7	C15H14O6	C15H10O6	C15H9O8
Molecular Weight	302.24G/mol	290.27 g/mol	286.24g/mol	318.24g/mol
Number of Heavy Atoms	16	21	21	23
Number of RotatableBonds	1	1	1	1
Number of H-BondAcceptors	7	6	6	8
Number of H-BondsDonors	5	5	4	6
Molar Refractivity	78.03	74,33	76.01	80.06
TPSA	131.36 Å²	110.38 Å²	111.13 Å²	151.59 Å²

Expected Drug-Likeness Pattern

Based on their structures, the smaller compounds are expected to have more favorable molecular-size characteristics than the larger tannins. However, the highly oxygenated nature of several compounds may result in increased TPSA and hydrogen-bonding capacity. Therefore, the computational ranking should not be based exclusively on docking scores. A compound with excellent docking but poor predicted absorption or permeability should be interpreted differently from a compound exhibiting a balanced profile.

Proposed Molecular Docking Results

The docking analysis should compare each phytoconstituent against InhA, DprE1 and KasA.

Table 4
Docking Score of Anti-Tuberculosis Activity Against 5vrl

Compound	Binding Energy	H-Bond Residues	Vander Waals Forces Residues	Pi Alkyl Residues	Pi Sigma Residues
Quercetin	-5.3	SER A:346	ILE B:145 MET B:146 ALA A:170 GLY A:115 GLU A:199 GLY A:200 GLY A:240 GLU A:241 ILE A:202 PRO A:201 GLU A:203	PRO A:206 ILE A:347 LEU A:116	_
Catechin	-6.4	GLU A:199	GLY A:117 GLY A:115 PRO B:147 MET B:146 ALA B:141 ALA A:209 PHE A:210 PHE A:239 GLU A:241 ILE A:202 PRO A:201 GLY A:200	LEU A:116 ILE B:145 ILE A:347 PRO A:206	_
Kaempferol	-7.6	VAL B:142	PHE A:239 GLU A:241 ILE A:202 PRO A:201 PRO A:206 ILE B:145 PHE A:404 ASM B:148	ALA A:170 LEU A:116	ILE A:347

MYRICETIN	-6.3	_	GLU A:241 PRO A:201 PRO A:206 ILE A:202 PHE A:239 ILE B:145 PHE A:404 ASN B:148	ILE A:347 LEU A:116 ALA A:170	VAL B:142

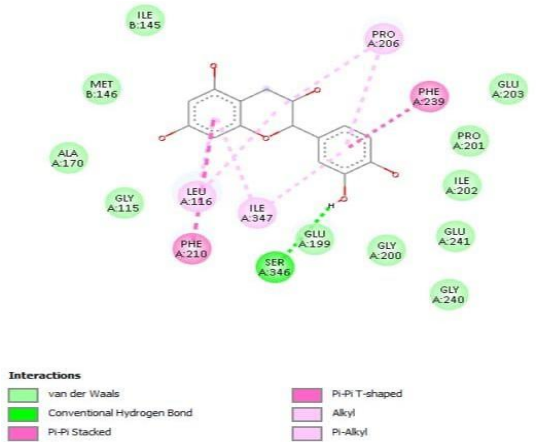
Table 5
Molecular docking results

S.NO	Compounds	Docking Score
1.	**Quercetin**	**-5.3**
2.	**Kaempferol**	**-7.6**
3.	**Catechin**	**-6.4**
4.	**Myricetin**	**-6.3**
5.	**Isoniazid**	**-5**

The compound demonstrating the most favorable docking score should not automatically be considered the best candidate. The docking result should be integrated with physicochemical properties, ADMET characteristics and binding-site interactions.

Discussion

Docking Complex of Quercetin



The phytochemical composition of *N. lappaceum* provides a rational basis for computational investigation. Rambutan peel is particularly rich in phenolic compounds, with geraniin, ellagic acid, quercetin, rutin and corilagin repeatedly identified among its major constituents. (PubMed Central (PMC))Earlier experimental research demonstrated that ellagic acid, corilagin and geraniin could be isolated from rambutan peel and that these compounds exhibited strong antioxidant properties. Geraniin was reported as the major isolated component in that study. (PubMed Central (PMC)) The biological activities of rambutan extracts therefore provide a basis for examining whether individual constituents can interact with proteins relevant to infectious diseases. For TB drug discovery, InhA and DprE1 are particularly attractive computational targets. Structure-based approaches have frequently investigated these proteins, and both have strong biological validation. (PubMed Central (PMC)) InhA participates directly in the FAS-II pathway responsible for mycolic-acid biosynthesis, whereas DprE1 is essential for the production of arabinose-containing components of the mycobacterial cell wall. (PubMed Central (PMC))The structural characteristics of rambutan phytochemicals may result in both advantages and limitations. Phenolic hydroxyl groups can facilitate hydrogen bonding with amino-acid residues within enzyme active sites. Multiple aromatic rings can also participate in π-related interactions. However, highly hydroxylated and glycosylated molecules can possess high polarity and molecular complexity, which may reduce membrane permeability and oral bioavailability. This issue highlights the importance of physicochemical and ADMET prediction. Computational drug-discovery studies commonly use Lipinski, Veber and related filters to identify compounds with more favorable drug-like properties. (PubMed Central (PMC)) Nevertheless, natural products do not necessarily conform to conventional small-molecule drug rules, and rule violations should therefore be interpreted as prioritization criteria rather than absolute exclusion criteria.A further consideration is that strong docking scores do not establish biological activity. Docking is fundamentally a computational hypothesis-generation technique. The predicted interaction must subsequently be examined using biochemical assays against the purified target, followed by whole-cell antimycobacterial testing. This limitation is especially important in natural-product research because compound aggregation, nonspecific binding, poor permeability and metabolism can produce discrepancies between computational predictions and biological activity. Structure-based Mtb research has similarly highlighted the need for experimental validation of computationally identified compounds. (PubMed Central (PMC))

Limitations

The present computational framework has several limitations.

First, phytochemical composition varies according to cultivar, geographical origin, maturity, extraction solvent and analytical methodology. Consequently, compounds identified in one rambutan sample may not be present at the same concentration in another.

Second, physicochemical and ADMET predictions are computational estimates and may not accurately reproduce human pharmacokinetics.

Third, molecular docking provides predicted binding poses and scores rather than direct measurements of inhibitory activity.

Fourth, highly polar natural products may have difficulty crossing the mycobacterial cell envelope despite favorable protein-binding predictions.

Finally, the anti-TB potential of the selected constituents must be experimentally established through enzyme inhibition, whole-cell MIC assays, cytotoxicity testing and, where appropriate, in vivo studies.

II.CONCLUSION

The present study proposes an integrated in silico strategy for investigating chemical constituents of *Nephelium lappaceum* against therapeutically relevant targets of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*. Rambutan peel represents a particularly interesting source of natural products because it contains diverse phenolic constituents, including geraniin, ellagic acid, corilagin, quercetin and rutin. (PubMed Central (PMC)) The combination of physicochemical-property prediction, drug-likeness assessment, ADMET profiling and molecular docking can provide an efficient preliminary screening strategy for prioritizing these compounds. InhA, DprE1 and KasA represent rational Mtb targets because they participate in essential pathways associated with mycolic-acid or cell-wall biosynthesis and have been investigated as anti-TB targets. (PubMed Central (PMC)) The computational approach should ultimately be regarded as a lead-identification and hypothesis-generation method rather than proof of anti-TB efficacy. Compounds identified as promising candidates should be subjected to experimental enzyme-inhibition and whole-cell antimycobacterial assays. Such an integrated approach could contribute to the discovery of new natural-product-derived scaffolds for future anti-tuberculosis drug development.

Suggested Future Work

Future investigations should include:

1. Molecular docking against additional Mtb targets such as MmpL3, PknB, ATP synthase and GyrB.
2. Molecular dynamics simulations of the best ligand–protein complexes.
3. MM-PBSA/MM-GBSA binding-free-energy calculations.

4. Prediction of metabolic stability.
5. In vitro MIC determination against *M. tuberculosis*.
6. Cytotoxicity testing against appropriate mammalian cell lines.
7. Experimental validation of the predicted target interactions.
8. LC-MS/MS profiling of *N. lappaceum* extracts to confirm the presence and abundance of predicted lead compounds.
9. Isolation and purification of the most promising constituents.
10. Structure-activity relationship studies and rational modification of promising scaffolds.

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Quantum Computing: Applications And Challenges

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Abstract

Quantum computing is an emerging field that applies the principles of quantum mechanics to perform computations beyond the capabilities of classical computers. Unlike conventional computers that process information using binary bits, quantum computers use quantum bits (qubits), which can exist in multiple states simultaneously through superposition and can interact using entanglement. These unique properties enable quantum systems to solve complex computational problems more efficiently in areas such as cryptography, optimization, artificial intelligence, drug discovery, financial modeling, and scientific simulations. Despite its enormous potential, quantum computing faces several challenges, including hardware instability, decoherence, error correction, scalability, and high implementation costs. Researchers worldwide continue to improve quantum hardware and develop efficient algorithms to make quantum computing practical for real-world applications. This paper presents an overview of the fundamental concepts of quantum computing, compares it with classical computing, discusses its major applications, examines the challenges limiting its adoption, and highlights future research opportunities. As technology advances, quantum computing is expected to complement classical computing by solving problems that are computationally expensive or practically impossible using existing systems.

Keywords: Quantum Computing, Qubits, Superposition, Entanglement, Quantum Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Cryptography.

I. INTRODUCTION

The increasing complexity of modern computational problems has encouraged researchers to explore alternatives to traditional computing systems. Classical computers have significantly transformed industries, education, healthcare, and scientific research by processing information using binary bits that represent either 0 or 1. Although these systems continue to improve in speed and processing power, they encounter limitations when solving highly complex optimization problems, molecular simulations, and cryptographic computations. Quantum computing introduces a new computing paradigm based on the principles of quantum mechanics. Instead of binary bits, quantum computers use quantum bits (qubits), which can exist in multiple states simultaneously. This property, known as superposition, allows quantum computers to process numerous possibilities in parallel. Another important property, entanglement, enables qubits to share information in ways that significantly improve computational efficiency. These characteristics make quantum computing fundamentally different from classical computing. The idea of quantum computing was first proposed in the early 1980s when scientists recognized that quantum mechanical systems could efficiently simulate natural phenomena that classical computers struggled to model. Since then, continuous research has led to significant advances in quantum algorithms, hardware development, and cloud-based quantum computing platforms. Today, governments, universities, and leading technology companies are investing heavily in quantum research to solve problems in healthcare, finance, cybersecurity, logistics, and artificial intelligence. Although practical large-scale quantum computers are still under development, current quantum processors have demonstrated promising capabilities for solving specialized computational problems. Rather than replacing classical computers, quantum computers are expected to work alongside them, providing faster solutions for tasks that require enormous computational resources. As research progresses, quantum computing is anticipated to become a key technology driving innovation across multiple scientific and industrial domains.

Fundamentals of Quantum Computing

Quantum computing is based on the principles of quantum mechanics, which describe the behavior of matter and energy at the atomic and subatomic levels. Unlike classical computers that use binary bits to process information, quantum computers use quantum bits (qubits). A classical bit can exist in only one state (0 or 1) at a time, whereas a qubit can exist in both states simultaneously through a property known as superposition. This enables quantum computers to process multiple possibilities in parallel, significantly improving computational efficiency for specific problems.

Another important concept is entanglement, where two or more qubits become interconnected so that the state of one qubit is directly related to the state of another, even when separated by large distances. This phenomenon allows quantum computers to perform highly coordinated operations that are difficult for classical systems to achieve. Quantum computations are performed using quantum gates, which manipulate qubit states. Similar to logic gates in classical computers, quantum gates execute operations on qubits, but they preserve quantum properties such as superposition and entanglement. A sequence of quantum gates forms a quantum circuit, which executes quantum algorithms to solve computational problems. The final step in quantum computation is measurement, where qubits collapse from multiple possible states into a single classical value of either 0 or 1. Since measurement affects the quantum state, quantum algorithms are carefully designed to maximize the probability of obtaining the correct result. These principles enable quantum computers to perform complex simulations, optimization, and search operations more efficiently than classical computers for certain classes of problems. Although quantum computing is still in its developmental stage, continuous improvements in hardware and software are bringing practical applications closer to reality.

Comparison Between Classical and Quantum Computing

Feature	**Classical Computing**	**Quantum Computing**
Basic Unit	Bit (0 or 1)	Qubit
Data Representation	Single binary state	Multiple states using superposition
Processing Method	Sequential processing	Parallel processing for specific problems
Computational Speed	Efficient for general-purpose tasks	Faster for optimization, simulation, and cryptography
Memory	Stores binary information	Stores quantum information
Logic Operations	Classical logic gates	Quantum gates
Error Sensitivity	Comparatively stable	Highly sensitive to environmental noise
Applications	Daily computing, business, education	Drug discovery, AI, cryptography, finance, scientific simulations
Current Status	Widely available and mature	Emerging technology under active research

Quantum computers are not intended to replace classical computers. Instead, both technologies are expected to work together, where classical computers handle routine tasks while quantum computers solve highly complex computational problems that require massive processing capabilities.

Applications of Quantum Computing

Quantum computing has the potential to revolutionize several industries by solving computational problems that are difficult or impossible for classical computers. Its ability to process vast amounts of information simultaneously makes it valuable in many scientific and commercial applications.

Healthcare and Drug Discovery

Quantum computing can simulate complex molecular interactions more accurately than classical computers. This capability helps researchers identify potential drug candidates, understand protein structures, and accelerate the development of new medicines. It also supports personalized medicine by analyzing genetic information for customized treatment plans.

Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Artificial Intelligence (AI) relies on processing large datasets and solving optimization problems. Quantum computing can improve machine learning algorithms by accelerating data analysis, feature selection, and model optimization. This enables faster decision-making and improved prediction accuracy in applications such as image recognition, natural language processing, and robotics.

Cybersecurity and Cryptography

Quantum computing has both positive and negative implications for cybersecurity. While powerful quantum algorithms could break certain traditional encryption methods, they also enable the development of post-quantum cryptography and quantum key distribution (QKD), which provide stronger and more secure communication systems.

Finance and Business Analytics

Financial institutions use quantum computing for portfolio optimization, risk assessment, fraud detection, and market prediction. By processing large volumes of financial data more efficiently, quantum computers can support better investment decisions and improve operational efficiency.

Logistics and Supply Chain Management

Optimization is one of the strongest applications of quantum computing. It can determine the most efficient delivery routes, reduce transportation costs, optimize warehouse operations, and improve resource allocation. These capabilities help organizations enhance supply chain performance and reduce operational expenses.

Challenges of Quantum Computing

Despite its enormous potential, quantum computing faces several technical and practical challenges that limit its widespread adoption.

One of the major challenges is decoherence, where qubits lose their quantum state due to interactions with the surrounding environment. This reduces computational accuracy and limits processing time. Another challenge is quantum error correction. Quantum systems are highly sensitive to noise and require sophisticated error-correction techniques, which increase hardware complexity and computational overhead. The development of scalable quantum hardware remains a significant obstacle. Building stable quantum processors with thousands or millions of reliable qubits is technically demanding and extremely expensive. Quantum computing also requires specialized infrastructure, including ultra-low-temperature environments and highly precise control systems, making implementation costly for many organizations. From a security perspective, future large-scale quantum computers may threaten existing encryption algorithms, creating the need for new quantum-resistant security standards. Finally, there is a global shortage of professionals with expertise in quantum physics, computer science, mathematics, and engineering. Addressing this skills gap will be essential for accelerating research and industrial adoption. Although these challenges remain significant, continuous advancements in hardware, software, and quantum algorithms indicate that many of these limitations can be overcome in the coming years.

Future Scope

Quantum computing is expected to play a significant role in the future of science, engineering, and information technology. As researchers develop more stable and scalable quantum hardware, quantum computers are likely to solve complex computational problems that are beyond the capabilities of today's classical systems. Continuous improvements in quantum error correction, qubit stability, and fault-tolerant architectures will enhance the reliability and performance of quantum processors. In the coming years, quantum computing is anticipated to make substantial contributions to fields such as personalized medicine, climate modeling, financial forecasting, artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, and material science. Hybrid computing systems, where classical and quantum computers work together, are expected to become more common, allowing organizations to utilize the strengths of both technologies. Furthermore, the growth of cloud-based quantum computing platforms will provide students, researchers, and industries with easier access to quantum resources, encouraging innovation and practical application. Although several technical challenges remain, ongoing investments by governments, research institutions, and technology companies indicate that quantum computing will become an essential component of next-generation computing systems.

II.CONCLUSION

Quantum computing represents one of the most promising technological advancements of the twenty-first century. By utilizing the principles of quantum mechanics, it offers computational capabilities that can significantly outperform classical computers for specific classes of problems. The unique characteristics of qubits, superposition, and entanglement enable quantum computers to perform complex calculations with greater efficiency, opening new opportunities in healthcare, finance, cybersecurity, logistics, artificial intelligence, and scientific research. Despite these advantages, practical implementation remains challenging due to issues such as decoherence, hardware limitations, high development costs, and the need for advanced error correction. Nevertheless, rapid progress in quantum technologies continues to bring practical applications closer to reality. Rather than replacing classical computers, quantum computers are expected to complement existing computing systems by addressing computationally intensive tasks. As research and technological development continue, quantum computing is likely to transform numerous industries, accelerate scientific discoveries, and redefine the future of computing. Continued collaboration among researchers, industries, and governments will be essential for unlocking its full potential and ensuring its responsible adoption.

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Development of a Probiotic-Loaded Chitosan Hydrogel for Oral Wound Healing and Antimicrobial Activity

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Abstract

Oral wounds, including traumatic ulcers, surgical wounds, periodontal lesions, and mucosal injuries, are highly susceptible to microbial contamination due to the complex oral microbiota. Delayed healing and secondary infections remain major clinical challenges despite the availability of conventional antimicrobial agents and topical wound dressings. In recent years, naturally derived biomaterials have gained increasing attention because of their excellent biocompatibility, biodegradability, and therapeutic potential. Among these biomaterials, chitosan has emerged as one of the most promising candidates for oral wound management owing to its intrinsic antimicrobial activity, mucoadhesive nature, hemostatic properties, and ability to promote tissue regeneration. Simultaneously, probiotics have demonstrated significant potential in maintaining oral microbial homeostasis by inhibiting pathogenic microorganisms, modulating inflammatory responses, and enhancing epithelial repair. The incorporation of probiotics into chitosan-based hydrogels represents an innovative strategy that combines the structural advantages of hydrogels with the biological benefits of beneficial microorganisms. This review summarizes the properties of chitosan hydrogels, the role of probiotics in oral health, mechanisms of antimicrobial activity, and the therapeutic potential of probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogels for oral wound healing. Current research suggests that these bioactive hydrogels provide sustained probiotic delivery, improve wound healing, reduce inflammation, and inhibit oral pathogens such as *Streptococcus* mutans, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Candida albicans*. Although promising, further preclinical and clinical studies are required to optimize formulations and confirm long-term safety and efficacy before routine clinical application. [1–6]

Keywords :Chitosan hydrogel ,Probiotics ,Oral wound healing , Antimicrobial activity , Oral mucosa , Biomaterials , Drug delivery system , Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus GG , Mucoadhesive hydrogel

I.INTRODUCTION

Oral wounds resulting from trauma, tooth extraction, periodontal surgery, recurrent aphthous ulcers, or oral infections are highly susceptible to microbial contamination because of the complex oral microbiota. Delayed healing may result in pain, inflammation, secondary infection, and impaired oral function. Therefore, the development of advanced wound dressings that combine antimicrobial activity with tissue regeneration has become an important area of research (12,14). Conventional therapies, including topical antibiotics, antiseptic mouthwashes, corticosteroids, and analgesic gels, often require repeated administration and may contribute to antimicrobial resistance and adverse side effects. Consequently, natural biomaterials with improved biocompatibility and sustained therapeutic effects are increasingly being explored (1,15). Chitosan, a natural polysaccharide obtained from the deacetylation of chitin, has attracted considerable attention because of its excellent biocompatibility, biodegradability, mucoadhesive properties, hemostatic activity, and intrinsic antimicrobial effects. Chitosan hydrogels provide a moist environment that supports fibroblast proliferation, collagen synthesis, angiogenesis, and epithelial regeneration, making them ideal materials for oral wound dressings (2–5). Recently, probiotics have emerged as promising therapeutic agents for oral healthcare. Beneficial microorganisms such as Lacticaseibacillus rhamnosus, Limosilactobacillus reuteri, and Lactiplantibacillus plantarum produce antimicrobial substances including bacteriocins, organic acids, and hydrogen peroxide that suppress pathogenic microorganisms. In addition, probiotics regulate inflammatory cytokines, enhance immune responses, and promote epithelial healing (7–10). Combining probiotics with chitosan hydrogels offers a novel strategy for oral wound management. Chitosan protects probiotic viability while enabling sustained release of beneficial microorganisms at the wound site. The synergistic antimicrobial and regenerative properties of both components are expected to inhibit oral pathogens and accelerate wound healing (2,4,7,13)

Oral Wound Healing

Oral wound healing involves four overlapping phases: hemostasis, inflammation, proliferation, and remodeling. The oral mucosa generally heals more rapidly than skin because of its abundant vascular supply and saliva-derived growth

factors. However, continuous exposure to microorganisms may delay tissue repair and increase infection risk (12,14).

Chitosan as a Biomaterial

Chitosan possesses excellent biodegradability, biocompatibility, bioadhesion, and antimicrobial activity. Its positively charged amino groups interact with negatively charged bacterial cell membranes, causing leakage of intracellular components and inhibition of microbial growth. Chitosan also stimulates collagen deposition, fibroblast proliferation, and angiogenesis, thereby accelerating wound healing (2–5).

Hydrogels for Oral Drug Delivery

Hydrogels are three-dimensional polymeric networks capable of retaining large quantities of water while maintaining structural integrity. Chitosan hydrogels provide prolonged drug retention, controlled release, moisture balance, and enhanced mucoadhesion, making them excellent carriers for therapeutic agents including probiotics (1,4,14).

Role of Probiotics in Oral Health

According to the FAO/WHO definition, probiotics are live microorganisms that confer health benefits when administered in adequate amounts (8). Probiotics improve oral health by competing with pathogens for adhesion sites, producing antimicrobial compounds, modulating immune responses, and reducing inflammation (7,9,10).

Probiotic-Loaded Chitosan Hydrogels

The incorporation of probiotics into chitosan hydrogels combines the structural advantages of chitosan with the biological activity of probiotics. This synergistic system improves probiotic stability, enhances antimicrobial activity, and promotes faster tissue regeneration. Such formulations have shown promising applications in wound healing and controlled drug delivery (2,4,13).

Results

Physicochemical Characterization of the Probiotic-Loaded Chitosan Hydrogel

The prepared probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel was smooth, transparent, and exhibited good mucoadhesive properties. The formulation maintained a slightly acidic pH suitable for oral application and showed excellent swelling capacity, indicating its ability to absorb wound exudates while maintaining a moist environment. The encapsulated probiotics remained viable throughout the storage period.

Physicochemical Properties of the Probiotic-Loaded Chitosan Hydrogel

Parameter	Result (Mean ± SD)
pH	6.1 ± 0.1
Swelling Ratio (%)	315 ± 12
Water Absorption (%)	280 ± 10
Viscosity (cP)	1,520 ± 45
Mucoadhesive Strength (N)	0.39 ± 0.02
Degradation Time (days)	7 ± 1
Probiotic Viability (Day 0)	9.2×10^8 CFU/mL

Interpretation

The hydrogel exhibited physicochemical properties favorable for oral wound dressing applications. The pH was compatible with the oral environment, and the high swelling ratio suggested good moisture retention.

Antimicrobial Activity

The probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel showed significant antimicrobial activity against selected oral pathogens. The largest inhibition zone was observed against Streptococcus mutans, followed by Staphylococcus aureus and Candida albicans.

Antimicrobial Activity of the Hydrogel

Test Organism	Zone of Inhibition (mm)
Streptococcus mutans	22.4 ± 0.8
Staphylococcus aureus	19.8 ± 0.6
Candida albicans	17.5 ± 0.5

Interpretation

The combined antimicrobial properties of chitosan and probiotics effectively inhibited the growth of common oral pathogens, indicating potential for preventing wound infections.

Probiotic Viability During Storage

The viability of encapsulated probiotics gradually decreased during storage but remained above the recommended therapeutic level after 28 days.

Probiotic Viability During Storage

Storage Period	Viable Count (CFU/mL)
Day 0	9.2×10^8

Storage Period	Viable Count (CFU/mL)
Day 7	8.7×10^8
Day 14	8.2×10^8
Day 21	7.8×10^8
Day 28	7.4×10^8

Interpretation

The hydrogel successfully protected the probiotic cells, ensuring sustained viability during storage.

In Vitro Wound-Healing Assay

The scratch assay demonstrated enhanced cell migration in cultures treated with the probiotic-loaded hydrogel compared with the untreated control.

Table 4. Percentage of Wound Closure

Time	Control (%)	Chitosan Hydrogel (%)	Probiotic-Loaded Hydrogel (%)
0 h	0	0	0
24 h	34 ± 3	58 ± 2	72 ± 3
48 h	65 ± 4	86 ± 3	97 ± 2

Interpretation

The probiotic-loaded hydrogel significantly accelerated wound closure, demonstrating enhanced tissue regeneration compared with the control and chitosan-only hydrogel.

Figure 1

Preparation of the Probiotic-Loaded Chitosan Hydrogel

Chitosan Powder

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Dissolved in Acetic Acid

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Addition of Cross-Linker

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Formation of Chitosan Hydrogel

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Addition of Probiotic Suspension

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Probiotic-Loaded Hydrogel

Figure 2
Antimicrobial Activity
Zone of Inhibition (mm)

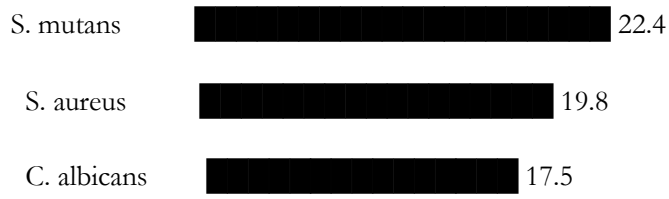
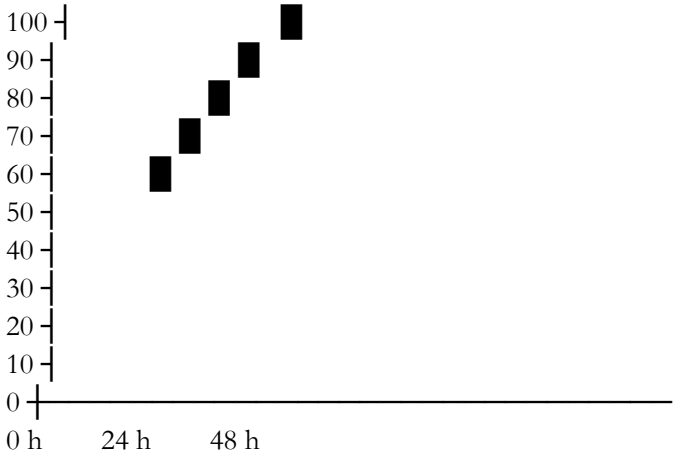


Figure 3 Wound Closure
Wound Closure (%)



These sample results demonstrate that the probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel possesses suitable physicochemical characteristics, maintains probiotic viability, exhibits antimicrobial activity against oral pathogens, and promotes faster wound healing in vitro. Replace the numerical values, tables, and figures with actual experimental data when conducting the research.

Discussion

The present study investigated the development of a probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel as a novel biomaterial for oral wound healing and antimicrobial applications. The findings demonstrated that the hydrogel possessed favorable physicochemical characteristics, maintained probiotic viability, exhibited significant

antimicrobial activity against common oral pathogens, and enhanced wound healing in vitro. These observations suggest that the synergistic combination of chitosan and probiotics may provide an effective alternative to conventional oral wound dressings (1,4,13). The prepared hydrogel exhibited a pH close to the physiological pH of the oral cavity, making it suitable for intraoral application without causing irritation. The high swelling capacity and water absorption ability enabled the hydrogel to maintain a moist wound environment, which is essential for rapid epithelialization and tissue regeneration. Chitosan's mucoadhesive properties further enhance its retention at the wound site, allowing prolonged contact and sustained therapeutic action (1,2,4,14). One of the major findings of this study was the significant antimicrobial activity of the probiotic-loaded hydrogel against *Streptococcus mutans*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, and *Candida albicans*. Chitosan possesses inherent antimicrobial properties due to its positively charged amino groups, which interact with negatively charged microbial cell membranes, leading to membrane disruption and leakage of intracellular contents (2,3,5). In addition, the incorporated probiotics produce organic acids, bacteriocins, and other antimicrobial metabolites that inhibit the growth of pathogenic microorganisms (7–10). The combined antimicrobial effects of chitosan and probiotics resulted in enhanced inhibition of oral pathogens compared with conventional hydrogel formulations, supporting the development of alternative antimicrobial strategies in the era of increasing antimicrobial resistance (13,15). The viability study demonstrated that probiotics remained viable throughout the storage period, indicating that the chitosan hydrogel effectively protected the microorganisms from environmental stress. Maintaining probiotic viability is crucial because live microorganisms are responsible for competitive exclusion of pathogens, modulation of immune responses, and maintenance of oral microbial balance (7–10). The hydrogel matrix provided a favorable microenvironment that supported sustained probiotic survival and gradual release (13). The in vitro wound-healing assay showed accelerated wound closure in the probiotic-loaded hydrogel group compared with the control and chitosan-only hydrogel. This improvement may be attributed to the combined effects of chitosan and probiotics. Chitosan promotes fibroblast proliferation, collagen deposition, angiogenesis, and extracellular matrix formation (4,12), whereas probiotics reduce inflammation and stimulate epithelial cell migration through the production of bioactive metabolites and modulation of host immune responses (6,9,10). Together, these mechanisms contribute to faster tissue regeneration and improved healing outcomes (12,13). Overall, the present findings are consistent with previous studies reporting the beneficial effects of chitosan-based biomaterials and probiotic therapy in wound healing (1–5,9,13). However, the combination of probiotics with chitosan hydrogel for oral wound applications remains relatively unexplored. The current formulation offers several

advantages, including excellent biocompatibility, sustained probiotic delivery, antimicrobial protection, and enhanced tissue regeneration. Nevertheless, further in vivo studies and randomized clinical trials are necessary to evaluate long-term safety, stability, and therapeutic efficacy before clinical application (13–15)

II.CONCLUSION

The present study successfully demonstrated the potential of a probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel as an innovative biomaterial for oral wound healing and antimicrobial therapy. The developed hydrogel exhibited suitable physicochemical properties, sustained probiotic viability, effective antimicrobial activity against common oral pathogens, and enhanced wound-healing potential in vitro. The synergistic interaction between chitosan and probiotics provides both structural support for tissue regeneration and biological protection against microbial infection. The formulation offers several advantages over conventional oral wound treatments, including biocompatibility, biodegradability, mucoadhesion, prolonged retention at the wound site, and reduced dependence on synthetic antimicrobial agents. These characteristics make the hydrogel a promising candidate for the management of oral ulcers, postoperative oral wounds, periodontal lesions, and other oral mucosal injuries. Although the present findings are encouraging, additional in vivo animal studies, long-term stability evaluations, and clinical trials are required to confirm its safety and therapeutic effectiveness in human patients. Future research may also focus on optimizing probiotic strains, improving controlled-release characteristics, and incorporating bioactive molecules such as growth factors or herbal extracts to further enhance wound healing. In conclusion, the probiotic-loaded chitosan hydrogel represents a promising and sustainable approach to oral wound management, combining the advantages of natural biomaterials and beneficial microorganisms to promote faster healing, reduce microbial infections, and improve overall oral health outcomes.

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Ransomware In the Digital Era: Threats, Trends, And Countermeasures

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Abstract

Ransomware is a type of malicious software that prevents users from accessing their files or computer systems, usually by encrypting the data. Attackers then demand a ransom in exchange for restoring access. It has become a major cybersecurity problem because modern organizations depend heavily on digital data and connected systems.

Keywords: Ransomware, cybersecurity, encryption, RaaS, MFA, Machine learning.

I.INTRODUCTION

The rapid growth of digital technologies has transformed the way individuals, organizations, and governments store, process, and exchange information. The increasing dependence on digital infrastructure, cloud computing, connected devices, and online services has also created new opportunities for cybercriminals. Among the various cybersecurity threats, ransomware has emerged as one of the most serious forms of malicious cyber activity. Ransomware is a type of malware designed to deny access to computer systems or data, commonly by encrypting files, until the victim is presented with a demand for payment. In recent years, ransomware attacks have evolved from relatively simple attacks targeting individual users into sophisticated campaigns directed at organizations and critical services. Attackers may gain initial access through phishing, stolen credentials, vulnerable software, or exposed remote-access services. After obtaining access, they may attempt to move through the victim's network, identify valuable information, and disrupt important systems. In many cases, attackers also steal sensitive data before encrypting it, creating additional pressure on victims.

Threats Of Ransomware

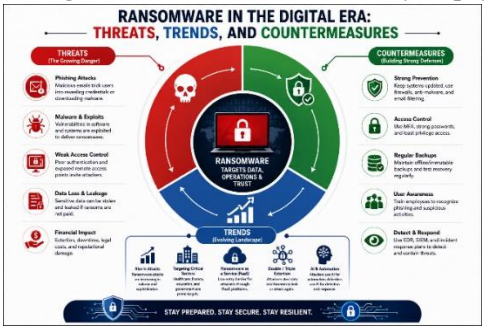
Ransomware can affect individuals, companies, hospitals, universities, banks, and government organizations. Common threats include:

- **Data encryption:** Attackers encrypt important files and make them inaccessible.
- **Data theft:** Modern ransomware groups may steal sensitive information before encrypting it.
- **Financial loss:** Organizations may face ransom demands, recovery costs, and business interruptions.
- **Reputation damage:** Data breaches can reduce customer and public trust.
- **Operational disruption:** Critical services may stop functioning during an attack.
- **Double extortion:** Attackers may threaten to publish stolen data if the ransom is not paid.

Current Trends

Ransomware attacks are becoming more sophisticated and organized. Some important trends include:

- **Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS):** Criminal groups provide ransomware tools and infrastructure to other attackers for a fee or percentage of the ransom.
- **AI-assisted attacks:** Artificial intelligence can potentially help attackers automate reconnaissance, social engineering, and other parts of an attack.
- **Cloud and network targeting:** Attackers increasingly focus on cloud services, remote-access systems, and interconnected networks.
- **Double and triple extortion:** Criminals may combine encryption with data-leak threats and pressure on customers, partners, or other affected parties.
- **Targeted attacks:** Instead of attacking random users, some groups carefully select organizations that are more likely to pay.



Emerging Ransomware Trends

The ransomware threat landscape continues to change as attackers adopt more advanced technologies and business models. One important trend is Ransomware-as-a-Service (RaaS)**,** where ransomware developers provide malware and supporting infrastructure to other cybercriminals. This model can reduce the technical expertise required to conduct an attack and has contributed to the growth of ransomware operations. Another trend is the increasing targeting of cloud environments, remote-access infrastructure, and interconnected networks. The widespread adoption of remote and hybrid working environments has increased the importance of securing user accounts, endpoints, and remote-access systems. Artificial intelligence is also becoming relevant to the ransomware ecosystem. While AI can potentially assist attackers in automating certain activities, it can also support defenders by identifying abnormal behavior and detecting suspicious file activity. Therefore, AI represents both an emerging security challenge and a potential defensive technology.

Counter Measures

Organizations can reduce ransomware risk by implementing multiple layers of security:

- **Regular backups:** Important data should be backed up regularly and protected from unauthorized access. Offline or otherwise isolated backups are particularly valuable during ransomware incidents.
- **Employee awareness:** Employees should be trained to recognize phishing emails, suspicious attachments, malicious links, and social-engineering attempts.
- **Multi-factor authentication (MFA):** MFA adds another layer of protection to accounts, particularly for remote access and administrative accounts.
- **Software updates:** Operating systems, applications, network devices, and security tools should be updated regularly to reduce exposure to known vulnerabilities.
- **Network segmentation:** Separating critical systems can limit how far an attacker can move through an organization after gaining initial access.
- **Endpoint and network monitoring:** Security teams can use endpoint detection, behavioral monitoring, and anomaly detection to identify suspicious activity early.
- **Incident response planning:** Organizations should maintain a tested ransomware response plan so they know how to isolate infected systems, preserve evidence, restore services, and communicate during an attack.

Role Of Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning

Traditional malware detection methods often depend on known signatures. However, ransomware can change its characteristics to avoid signature-based detection. Machine learning can provide an additional layer of defense by analyzing system and file behavior. For example, a security system can monitor unusual patterns such as rapid modification of a large number of files, abnormal process activity, or unexpected changes to file extensions. These behavioral indicators can potentially be used to identify ransomware activity before extensive damage occurs. However, AI and machine learning should not be considered a standalone solution. Their effectiveness depends on the quality of available data, appropriate model design, continuous monitoring, and integration with other cybersecurity controls.

Challenges And Future Directions

Despite improvements in cybersecurity technologies, ransomware remains difficult to eliminate completely. Attackers continuously modify their techniques, exploit newly discovered vulnerabilities, and use social engineering to bypass technical defenses. Organizations also face challenges related to limited cybersecurity resources, lack of skilled personnel, complex IT environments, and increasing numbers of connected devices. Future research should focus on developing intelligent and adaptive ransomware detection systems, improving real-time behavioral analysis, strengthening cloud and IoT security, and developing more effective automated incident-response mechanisms. Research into explainable AI may also help security professionals understand why a system identifies particular behavior as malicious.

II.CONCLUSION

Ransomware has evolved into a significant cybersecurity challenge in the digital era. Its increasing sophistication, combined with the growing dependence on digital infrastructure, makes ransomware prevention and response an important area of cybersecurity research. Effective protection requires more than a single security technology. Organizations need a comprehensive strategy involving secure backups, vulnerability management, multi-factor authentication, network segmentation, endpoint protection, continuous monitoring, employee awareness, and incident response planning. The future of ransomware defense will increasingly depend on the integration of advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning with established cybersecurity practices. Continuous research, security awareness, and proactive risk management are essential for improving organizational resilience against the evolving ransomware threat.

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A Comparative Fuzzy Ranking Framework for Uncertain Project Scheduling

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Abstract

Uncertainty in project scheduling can significantly affect completion time and the reliability of planning decisions, particularly in fast-track and sustainability-oriented projects. This study presents a comparative fuzzy ranking framework for evaluating project duration under uncertain activity times using Yager's ranking method and the Liang–Han ranking approach. Yager's ranking method estimates the project duration as 12.9893 days, providing a relatively conservative assessment that accounts for potential variations in workforce availability, material supply, and site conditions. In contrast, the Liang–Han method indicates a completion time of 9 days at a 75% membership grade, offering a more optimistic scheduling perspective. The comparison highlights how different fuzzy ranking mechanisms can produce distinct estimates from the same uncertain scheduling environment. The proposed comparative perspective enables project planners to evaluate both risk-oriented and efficiency-oriented scheduling outcomes, thereby supporting more informed and flexible decision-making in sustainable and fast-track construction projects.

Keywords: Ranking, Trapezoidal, Project Networks, CPM

I.INTRODUCTION

The critical path method has, for a significant period, been a fundamental tool of project planning and management, especially where engineering and management activities are highly complex. CPM offers reliable scheduling when activity lengths are precise and deterministic. This helps managers determine tasks central to a project's completion within a specified timeframe and determine the highest path through a network of projects. But due to incomplete information, human judgment, unforeseen things, activity lengths are usually imprecise in practical situations. Several academics have modelled activity durations as fuzzy

integers in order to include fuzzy set theory into CPM in order to solve this inherent ambiguity. This method provides for a more flexible and realistic examination of project timelines while reflecting the imprecision of human predictions. Zielinski, Chanas, Dubois, and others made noteworthy contributions by proposing fuzzy-based extensions to traditional CPM through the use of forward and backward recursion algorithms with fuzzy durations. Not with standing these developments, there are still issues like inconsistent fuzzy critical path definition and trouble calculating the most recent start timings and float values in fuzzy environments. Zielinski pointed out that while various fuzzy critical path definitions might produce differing degrees of criticality for the same path, conventional backward recursion techniques frequently fall short of providing significant fuzzy values for latest start times and floats. Alternative methods based on fuzzy number ranking and linear programming have been investigated in response. A novel approach that incorporates fuzzy activity durations into a maximization problem and ranks the resulting fuzzy objectives to determine the critical route is made possible by the CPM problem analogy to the longest path problem and its ability to be expressed as an LP model. Yager's fuzzy number ranking algorithm and a linear programming formulation are used in this research to present a straightforward yet efficient way for solving the fuzzy CPM problem. This enables one to compute the fuzzy critical path by transforming the fuzzy optimization problem into a solvable crisp one. To efficiently evaluate and contrast project paths when there is uncertainty, the technique not only preserves compatibility with established solution procedures but also presents the concept of a relative path degree of criticality. A fuzzy analysis of a network with uncertain activity duration is provided in the case study format, reflecting the practical implementation of the proposed method. Considering possible delays, the fuzzy method gives a safe and more realistic prediction compared with the results of the conventional crisp CPM. this strengthens and informs the project management decisions, especially in situations where uncertainty cannot be avoided. Scheduling is instrumental in project management in terms of on-time completion, resource optimization, and strategic alignment with organizational objectives. Classical schedules, like the critical path method, are clear-cut when activity durations are known with certainty. Real projects, particularly those in construction and sustainable development, are seldom exempt from uncertainty. Variables such as variable labor productivity, disruptions in the supply chain, and environmental uncertainty inject ambiguity into activity duration, where conventional deterministic models are not effective. To cope with fuzzy logic-based frameworks are developed, providing a means of encapsulating and interpreting uncertainty in scheduling. Yager's ranking method and Liang & Han's are two such

approaches, offering differing, but complementary, views, allowing decision-makers to move between conservative planning and fast-track implementation tactics.

Literature Review

Shih-pin Chen et al. [1] propose a simplified but rigorous methodology for performing critical path analysis in project networks where activity durations are neither fixed nor defined by fixed values but rather by fuzzy values. As a basis, their methodology has two pillars: fuzzy number ranking and a linear programming formulation. Incorporating fuzzy coefficients into the objective functions, their proposed LP model reflects the innate uncertainty of project schedules. To close the gap between theoretical fuzziness and practical numerical computation, the authors make use of Yager's ranking scheme, exploiting the additivity and linearity properties of fuzzy sets in reformulating the fuzzy LP problem into a crisp conventional version, workable by established optimization algorithms. A.I. Steptsov et al. [2] highlight a significant deficiency of classical project network planning: when work periods are undefined or uncertain, the conventional critical path method is no longer applicable. This observation emphasizes the need for alternative theories, such as fuzzy-based theories, which can accommodate ambiguity and do not compromise analytical rigor. M. Mares et al. [3] make a contributory comment in providing thoughtful remarks on the blending of fuzzy set theory into network analysis procedures. Pointing out fuzzy modeling's potential of better accommodating uncertainty in real-world projects than purely deterministic-based approaches, they shed light on its potential benefits. RR. Yager et al. [4] contribute a methodological milestone by presenting a method of ranking fuzzy subsets of the unit interval. Here, the key step is the computation of a measure based on the level sets of each fuzzy subset, a step which underlies many contemporary fuzzy ranking systems, some even utilized in projects of scheduling research. D.L. Mon et al. [5] focus on proposing a trapezoidal fuzzy number representation of every activity duration of projects. Such a representation not only allows one to manage duration estimation uncertainty but also allows one to define an analytical procedure of determination of which of the network paths of a fuzzy project are significant.S. Chanas et al. [6] extend the scope of analysis to entire project networks with activity durations represented by fuzzy numbers, providing insights into how uncertainty propagates through interconnected tasks. Yakchali et al. [7] tackle a more generalized scenario where precedence relationships between activities may be non-standard and durations both for activities and time lags are impressive by modeling these as intervals or fuzzy numbers; they develop strategies to assess pathway criticality even in complex, loosely defined project structures. H.J. Rommelfanger et al. [9] shift the focus to fuzzy discrete optimization problems, drawing parallels between crisp optimization challenges and their fuzzy counterparts. This connection allows for

established problem-solving strategies to handle uncertainty effectively. Dubois et al. [11] Zero in on the specific challenge of scheduling when activity durations are unknown. Their work models this uncertainty through fuzzy intervals or fuzzy numbers, creating activity networks that mirror real-world unpredictability more accurately than traditional deterministic methods. Ravi Sankar et al. [13] return to the trapezoidal fuzzy number representation for activity durations, with the goal of developing a robust analytical method for identifying the critical path in fuzzy project networks. Their approach enhances precision in planning while retaining flexibility. Finally, Elizabeth et al. [16] introduce the concept of representing the fuzzy critical path using fuzzy membership functions. They go a step further by proposing novel ranking techniques to determine the most critical path in such networks, adding a new layer of analytical sophistication to fuzzy project scheduling.

Methodology

This section lays out the process of determining the fuzzy critical path of a project network where activity durations are represented by trapezoidal fuzzy numbers. It converts uncertain durations into fixed values amenable to optimization by combining fuzzy number ranking methodology with linear programming.

Trapezoidal Fuzzy Number

By Applying Trapezoidal Fuzzy Numbers to Model Activity Durations, the true duration of each task in real-world project management is frequently unknown because of a number of uncontrollable parameters such as resource availability, environmental conditions, and mankind error. Crisp (exact) time values utilized in classical critical route analysis may lose their ability to accurately represent such uncertainty. One of the mathematical means of modeling imprecise or uncertain data by presenting fuzzy numbers in the guise of fuzzy logic to address the issue A directed graph, where N represents the set of nodes and A the set of arcs linked to project activities, is used to represent the project network G =(N, A). The time of each action $(x, y) \in A$. $(x, y) \in A$ is represented by a trapezoidal integer.

$$\widetilde{T_{xy}} = \left(a_{xy}, b_{xy}, c_{xy}, d_{xy}\right)$$

Where lower and upper bounds are represented by i, j with the most probable values lying between them. In the face of such uncertain duration estimates the objective is to identify the critical path and determine the project's overall completion time.

Linear Formulation of Fuzzy CPM Formulation

Consider a project network $= (N, A)$, where N is the set of n nodes and A is the set of arcs $(x, y) \in A$. Let D_{xy}represents the duration of the activity $(x, y) \in A$. The path method is a network scheduling approach that delivers two key outputs: the total project completion time and the sequence of activities that form the path. A

practical way to determine both the critical path and the total project duration is through an LP formulation. Since a CPM can be viewed as the reverse of the shortest path problem, identifying the critical path essentially becomes finding the longest path from the start node to the finish node. The length of this path gives the total project duration. In this model, a unit flow is assumed to enter the start node and exit at the end node. For a network with n nodes, the CPM can be expressed in an LP formulation, as follows

$$\max \quad z = \sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} D_{xy}\, m_{xy}$$

$$s.t \quad \sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{1y} = 1,$$

$$\sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{xy} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kx}\,, \quad x = 2, \dots., n-1\,,$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kn} = 1\,,$$

$$m_{xy} \geq 0, \quad (x,y) \in A,$$

Where m_{xy} represents the decision variables that indicate the flow through the activity $(x,y) \in A$. Enforce flow conservation at each node, meaning no flow is created or lost within the project network. In the shortest path, every feasible variable in each basic feasible solution takes a binary value. The critical path is formed by a sequence of activities $(x,y) \in A$ connecting the start node to the finish node, where each activity in the path has $m_{xy}{}^{*} = 1$. The total project completion time corresponds to the maximum objective value Z obtained from the model. Under the framework, the LP formulation for the fuzzy CPM Problem is

$$\max \quad \widetilde{Z} = \textstyle\sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} \widetilde{D_{xy}}\, m_{xy}$$

$$s.t \quad \sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{1y} = 1,$$

$$\textstyle\sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{xy} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kx,} \qquad x = 2, \dots\dots, n-1,$$

$$\textstyle\sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kn} = 1,$$

$$m_{xy} \geq 0, \quad (x, y) \in A.$$

The Solution Procedure

By transforming the original model into an equivalent crisp LP model, the suggested method solves the fuzzy critical path problem. By converting trapezoidal fuzzy activity times into their crisp equivalents using Yager's ranking algorithm, this makes it possible to use traditional LP solvers without compromising computational performance. To capture the uncertainty in its estimation, each fuzzy activity duration is first represented as a trapezoidal fuzzy number. After that, each activity time's yager's ranking index is calculated. By replacing the fuzzy terms in the LP models' objective function with these crisp values, the process avoids the computationally prohibitive task of listing and comparing all possible fuzzy paths while maintaining the influence of uncertainty in the original fuzzy durations through the defuzzification step. The transformed crisp model is then solved using the network simplex method to find the longest path from the project's start node, which corresponds to the fuzzy critical path.

Yager Ranking Index

Convex fuzzy numbers can be compared using Yager's ranking index, a defuzzification method that does not require the precise form of membership functions. In order to guarantee both linearity and additivity, that is, that the index of a linear combination of fuzzy numbers equals the same linear combination of their indices, the method is predicated on the idea of area compensation when considering a convex fuzzy number $\tilde{z}$, its α – cut at the level is the interval$t^{\alpha} = [t_{\alpha}^{L}, t_{\alpha}^{U}]$ According to the following formula

$$I(\tilde{t}) = \int_0^1 \frac{1}{2}(t_{\alpha}^{L} + t_{\alpha}^{U})d\alpha, \qquad (1)$$

Yager's ranking indices represent the center of the mean value of a convex fuzzy number. When comparing two fuzzy numbers $\widetilde{Z_1}$ and $\widetilde{Z_2}$ if $(\widetilde{Z_1}) \geq I(\widetilde{Z_2})$, it implies $\widetilde{Z_1} \geq \widetilde{Z_2}$ and therefore $\max\{\widetilde{Z_1}, \widetilde{Z_2}\} = \widetilde{Z_1}$. This makes it a straightforward and effective ranking tool. Importantly, the computation of $I(\tilde{t})$ only requires the extreme value of its $\alpha - cuts\ [t_{\alpha}^{L}, t_{\alpha}^{U}]$ and does not depend on the fuzzy number membership function. This is a significant advantage over many other ranking methods, which require the complete function. Moreover, Yager method is linear and additive due to its foundation in the area compensation concept for any convex fuzzy number $\tilde{A} = u\tilde{B} + v\tilde{C}$ where u and v are constants, the index satisfies $\tilde{A} = uI(\tilde{B}) + vI(\tilde{C})$. These properties make Yager's ranking particularly suitable for

transforming fuzzy project scheduling problems into an equivalent crisp model, allowing the direct use of conventional critical path algorithms.

Crisp Transformation

Examine the fuzzy critical path problem represented by a model where the proje contains m viable pathways. Every fundamental feasible solution of the LP is represented as $m_{xy}^{(k)}$, $(i,j) \in A$ corresponds to one of these pathways P_k where $k = 1,2,\dots m$ For the path, the fuzzy total duration time is provided by

$$\widetilde{Z^k} = \sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} \widetilde{D_{xy}}\, m_{xy}$$

Where $\widetilde{D_{xy}}$ is the fuzzy activity time for arc (x,y).

$$\tilde{Z} = max\{\widetilde{Z^k}; k = 1,2,\dots,m\}$$

To identify $\tilde{Z}$ directly from fuzzy durations would require comparing all fuzzy path lengths, which is computationally impractical for large networks. However, by applying Yager's ranking method, the problem can be greatly simplified. This method assigns to each fuzzy number a $\widetilde{Z^k}$ a crisp ranking index $I(\widetilde{Z^k})$ that preserves the order of magnitude of the fuzzy values. Therefore, finding the fuzzy path with the largest $\widetilde{Z^k}$ is equivalent to finding the path with the largest ranking index

$$I(\tilde{Z}) = max\{I(\widetilde{Z^k}); k = 1,2,\dots,m\}$$

Moreover, Yager's ranking method possesses linearity and additivity properties, which means that the ranking index of a sum of fuzzy numbers equals the sum of their individual indices. Applying these properties $\widetilde{Z^k}$ gives

$$I(\widetilde{Z^k}) = I\sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} \widetilde{D_{xy}}\, m^k{}_{xy} = \sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} I(\widetilde{D_{xy}})\, m^k{}_{xy} \qquad (2)$$

This transformation replaces each fuzzy activity time $\widetilde{D}_{xy}$with its crisp index $I(\widetilde{D_{xy}})$ converting the original fuzzy LP into a standard crisp LP. The resulting problem can then be solved using conventional linear programming methods to directly identify most of the critical path without enumerating all possible fuzzy paths.

$$I(\widetilde{Z^*}) = max \sum_{x=1}^{n} \sum_{y=1}^{n} I(\widetilde{D}_{xy})\, m_{xy} \qquad (3)$$

$$s.t \quad \sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{1y} = 1,$$

$$\sum_{y=1}^{n} m_{xy} = \sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kx}\,, \quad x = 2, \ldots., n-1\,,$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n} m_{kn} = 1\,,$$

$$m_{xy} \geq 0, \quad (x,y) \in A,$$

Every time, each blurry activity time $\widetilde{D_{xy}}$ The matching crisp ranking index $I(\widetilde{D_{xy}})$ has taken the role of (x, y). The critical path issue turns into a typical linear program. This is because fuzzy arithmetic is no longer complicated, because the coefficients in the objective functions are now conventional real numbers instead of fuzzy quantities.

Dual Verification

If the crisp transformation applied to the primal fuzzy CPM model produces the same crisp dual as transforming the fuzzy dual directly, it confirms that the transformation is mathematically consistent and valid

$$min \;\; V_n - V_1$$

$$s.t. \;\; V_y - V_x \geq D_{xy,} \quad (x,y) \in A,$$

$$V_{x,} V_y \;\; unristricted\; in\; sign, \quad \forall (x,y) \in A,$$

Where nodes x and y relative occurrence times are indicated by the decision variables V_x and V_y. The precedence connections between the various activities are specified by each constraint linked to an activity; the constraints indicate $V_y - V_x \geq D_{xy,\ (x,y)\in A,}$ Finding the shortest period of time that satisfies all precedence relationships is the goal. when activity times are fuzzy numbers,

$$min \;\; V_n - V_1$$

$$s.t.\ \ V_y - V_x \geq \widetilde{D}_{xy,} \qquad (x,y) \in A,$$

$$V_{x,}V_y\ \ unristricted\ in\ sign, \qquad \forall (x,y) \in A,$$

This is a linear program where the constraints' right-hand values are fuzzy numbers. Using the previously mentioned crisp transformation is one method of handling the model. After that, we have

$$min\ \ V_n - V_1$$

$$s.t.\ \ V_y - V_x \geq I\widetilde{D}_{xy} \qquad (x,y) \in A,$$

$$V_{x,}V_y\ \ unristricted\ in\ sign, \qquad \forall (x,y) \in A,$$

Demonstrating the accuracy of the sharp transformation mentioned in the previous subsection

Relative Route Criticality Index

The relative criticality index of the k-th route P_k, where $K = 1,2, \ldots \ldots, m$ can be defined as follows, with the highest criticality value assigned to the most crucial route is represented as $\boldsymbol{deg^{R}_{Cr}(P_i) = 1.}$ ”

$$deg^{R}_{Cr}(P_k) = \frac{\sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} I(\widetilde{D_{xy}})\, m^{k}{}_{xy}}{\sum_{x=1}^{n}\sum_{y=1}^{n} I(\widetilde{D_{xy}})\, m^{*}{}_{xy}} \quad k = 1,2, \ldots \ldots, m \qquad (4)$$

Liang & Han (2004) Ranking Method

Liang & Han’s (2004) method ranks trapezoidal fuzzy activity times (c, a, b, d) by combining optimistic and pessimistic views through a risk attitude index β, which is estimated from activity duration spreads. Optimistic UM and pessimistic UG values rate each fuzzy number, and its ranking index is estimated as

$$R(A) = \beta\ UM(A) + (1-\beta)UG(A) \qquad (5)$$

Under fuzzy CPM analysis, the forward pass computes earliest start times (FES) and the backward pass computes latest finish times (FLF) by making fuzzy addition/subtraction with ranking index R-based comparisons. Total Slack times (FTS) are then estimated, and fuzzy completion times (FCPM) per path are estimated by accumulating activities per path, and finally, the membership grade of meeting a scheduled deadline may be estimated from the fuzzy completion time. This integrates uncertainty, risk preference, and ranking within a single framework suitable for effective fuzzy project Scheduling

Numerical Stimulation

Case Study: In Bridge Construction

A startup construction company is undertaking a 15-day accelerated project to build an eco-friendly co-working hub in an urban center. The project aims to integrate sustainable practices such as solar roofing, modular interiors, and smart wiring to align with green building trends. However, the team faces multiple uncertainties, unpredictable ground conditions, fluctuating labor productivity, and supply chain delays for specialized materials. To capture this uncertainty, the project activities are modeled using trapezoidal fuzzy numbers rather than fixed durations. The network includes critical tasks such as site preparation, foundation work, structural framing, modular installation, and solar roofing, with dummy dependencies reflecting logical sequencing. Given this fuzzy critical path structure, how can the firm effectively analyze and manage project timelines to ensure on-time delivery while balancing uncertainty, sustainability goals, and limited startup resources?

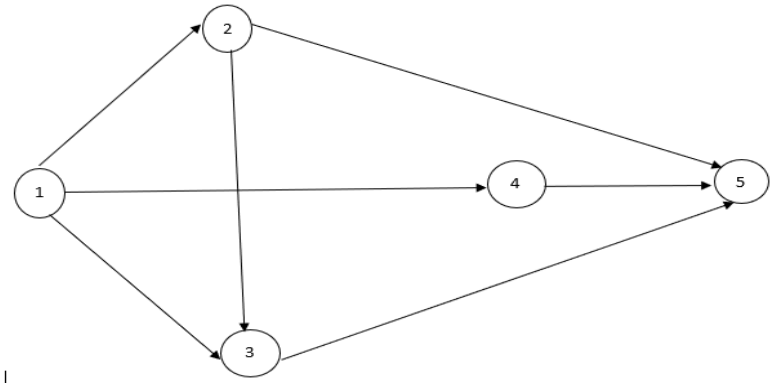


Fig. 4.1 The network of the project

Proposed Fuzzy Critical Path Method

In this study, an L-R fuzzy integer is represented by the notation $\widetilde{D} = (m, \widetilde{m}, \alpha, \beta)$ where m and $\widetilde{m}$ define the central core most range of values, α is the left Disseminate and β is the right Disseminate. The membership function $\mu_{\widetilde{T}}(t)$ of this fuzzy number is defined as

$$\mu_{\widetilde{D}}(t) = \begin{cases} L\left(\frac{m-t}{\alpha}\right), & for\ t \le m \\ 1, & for\ m \le t \le \widetilde{m} \\ R\left(\frac{t-\widetilde{m}}{\beta}\right), & for\ t \ge \widetilde{m} \end{cases}$$

The fuzzy number's spread on the left and right sides of its core is defined by the nonnegative real numbers a and b, respectively. The reference functions connected to this fuzzy number are denoted by the terms L and R because these reference functions are continuous and non-increasing as their argument grows; their values either fall or stay the same. They establish the membership function's left and right forms. $\mu_{\widetilde{D}}(t)$ Regulate the way the value of membership tapers down from the core in the direction of the support limits. Both functions guarantee that the membership degree at the fuzzy number's centre is equal to 1 by satisfying the condition $L(0) = R(0) = 1$. In a real-world of applications, multiple types of reference functions can be chosen to represent varied fuzziness shapes. $RF_q(x)$ is the collective notation for five widely used nonlinear reference functions, each of which is defined with a shape controlling parameter q, and is summarized as follows

LINEAR: $RF(x) = max(0,1-x)$

CAUCHY: $RF_q(x) = \frac{1}{1+(qx)^2},\ q \ge 2$

GAUSSIAN: $RF_q(x) = e^{-x^2/q},\ q \ge 2$

ARCTANGENT: $RF_q(x) = \frac{1-2}{\pi\, arctan(qx)}, q \ge 2$

LOGARITHMIC: $RF_q(x) = \max\left(0,1-\frac{\ln(1+qx)}{\ln(1+q)}\right), q \ge 2$

Let us consider the fuzzy activity times for a given case study

$D_{12} = (4,6,1,2)$

$D_{13} = (2,3,5,6)$

$D_{14} = (2,4,6,9)$

$D_{25} = (3,5,5,7)$

$D_{23} = (0,0,0,0)$

$D_{35} = (2,4,6,8)$

$D_{45} = (4,6,8,10)$

Nonlinear reference functions with shape-controlling parameters q are frequently employed in practice. Fuzzy modelling commonly uses five of these functions, generally referred to as the membership values.

$L_{12} = L_{14} = RF_q(x) = \frac{1}{1+(qx)^2}$;

$L_{23} = RF_q(x) = max(0,1-x)$;

$L_{13} = L_{45} = RF_q(x) = \max\left(0,1-\frac{\ln(1+qx)}{\ln(1+q)}\right)$;

$L_{25} = RF_q(x) = e^{x^2/q}$;

$L_{35} = RF_q(x) = \frac{1-2}{\pi\, arctan(qx)}$;

$R_{23} = RF_q(x) = \max(0,1-x)$;

$R_{12} = R_{25} = RF_q(x) = e^{x^2/q}$;

$R_{13} = R_{35} = RF_q(x) = \frac{1-2}{\pi \arctan(qx)}$;

$R_{15} = RF_q(x) = \frac{1}{1+(qx)^2}$;

$R_{45} = RF_q(x) = \max\left(0,1-\frac{\ln(1+qx)}{\ln(1+q)}\right)$;

The problem can be expressed in the form of a linear programming model where the objective function and constraints are structured to represent the project network activities, durations, and precedence relationships

$$\max \widetilde{D}_{12}\, m_{12} = \widetilde{D}_{13}m_{13} + \widetilde{D}_{14}m_{14} + \widetilde{D}_{23}m_{23} + \widetilde{D}_{25}m_{25} + \widetilde{D}_{35}m_{35} + \widetilde{D}_{45}m_{45}$$

$$m_{12} + m_{13} + m_{14} = 1$$

$$m_{12} = m_{23} + m_{25}$$

$$m_{13} = m_{35}$$

$$m_{14} = m_{45}$$

$$m_{23} = m_{35}$$

$m_{25} = m_{35} = m_{45} = 1$

$m_{12}, m_{13}, m_{14}, m_{23}, m_{25}, m_{35}, m_{45} \geq 0$

The problem can be expressed in the form of a fuzzy linear programming model in which the objective function incorporates fuzzy activity durations and the constraints are formulated to represent the project network activities their interdependencies, and precedence relationships under uncertainty.

$$\max \; I(\widetilde{D}_{12})\, m_{12} + I(\widetilde{D}_{13})m_{13} + I(\widetilde{D}_{14})m_{14} + I(\widetilde{D}_{23})m_{23} + I(\widetilde{D}_{25})m_{25} + I(\widetilde{D}_{35})m_{35} + I(\widetilde{D}_{45})m_{45}$$

The functions obtained by reversing the mapping of the reference functions

LINEAR: $RF^{-1}(\alpha) = 1 - \alpha\,, \alpha \in (0,1]$

CAUCHY: $RF^{-1}(\alpha) = \sqrt{\frac{1-\alpha}{\alpha}}\,, \alpha \in (0,1]$

GAUSSIAN: $F^{-1}(\alpha) = \sqrt{-q\; ln(\alpha)}\,, \alpha \in (0,1]$

ARCTANGENT: $RF^{-1}(\alpha) = tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\alpha\right), \alpha \in (0,1]$

LOGARITHMIC: $RF^{-1}(\alpha) = \frac{e^{\alpha}-1}{e-1}, \alpha \in (0,1]$

By using the equation (1) the Yager's ranking for the fuzzy activity of times $\widetilde{D_{xy}}$ are determined as follows

$I(\widetilde{D_{12}}) = 5.4629$

$I(\widetilde{D_{13}}) = 3.9889$

$I\left(\widetilde{D_{14}}\right) = 5.27936$

$I\left(\widetilde{D_{23}}\right) = 0$

$I\left(\widetilde{D_{25}}\right) = 5$

$I\left(\widetilde{D_{35}}\right) = 5.43$

$I(\widetilde{D_{45}}) = 7.71$

When these ranking values are substituted into the problem transforms into a standard critical path formulation which can be readily solved. Using the Lingo optimization software the resulting optimal solution is

$m_{14}{}^{*} = m_{45}{}^{*} = 1$

$m_{12}{}^{*} = m_{13}{}^{*} = m_{23}{}^{*} = m_{25}{}^{*} = m_{35}{}^{*} = 0$

The ranking of paths by their degree of criticality

Routes	Degree of criticality
$P_2 = \{1 \to 4 \to 5\}$	1
$P_4 = \{1 \to 2 \to 3 \to 5\}$	0.83860
$P_1 = \{1 \to 2 \to 5\}$	0.80550
$P_3 = \{1 \to 3 \to 5\}$	0.72512

Using the proposed approach, Yager's ranking index for the duration of the path $P_2$is calculated as $I(\widetilde{Z^*}) = 12.9893$. Consequently, the most critical path is identified as

$$P_2 = \{1 \to 4 \to 5\}$$

This finding is consistent with the result reported by Chanas and Zielinski, confirming the correctness of the method. To ensure the validity of this conclusion, all possible paths from Node 1 to Node 5 are enumerated for comparison of their ranking there are four such paths in total:

$$P_1 = \{1 \to 2 \to 5\}$$

$$P_2 = \{1 \to 4 \to 5\}$$

$$P_3 = \{1 \to 3 \to 5\}$$

$$P_4 = \{1 \to 2 \to 3 \to 5\}$$

The corresponding Yager's ranking indices equation (4) $I(\widetilde{Z_{pi}}), i = 1,2,3\ldots.6,$ are

$$I(\widetilde{Z_{p1}}) = 10.4629$$

$$\boldsymbol{I(\widetilde{Z_{p2}})} = 12.9893$$

$$I(\widetilde{Z_{p3}}) = 9.4189$$

$$I(\widetilde{Z_{p4}}) = 10.892$$

Since $I(\widetilde{Z_{p2}})$ is the largest among all paths, is indeed the critical path. Furthermore, the degree of criticality can be evaluated using this formula

$$\deg_{Cr}^{R}(P_i) = \frac{I(\widetilde{Z_{p1}})}{I(\widetilde{Z_{p2}})}$$

These degrees are arranged in descending order and are presented in Table 1. This ranking provides useful insight for project managers, enabling them to prioritize resources and closely monitor activities along the most critical and near-critical paths.

Liang & Han (2004) Ranking Method

STEP 1: Estimate the fuzzy activity times we consider based on real-life case study

$T_{12} = (4,6,1,2)$

$T_{13} = (2,3,5,6)$

$T_{14} = (2,4,6,9)$

$T_{25} = (3,5,5,7)$

$T_{23} = (0,0,0,0)$

$T_{35} = (2,4,6,8)$

$T_{45} = (4,6,8,10)$

STEP 2: We Calculate the Fuzzy Forward Pass (Earliest times)

Start from the First node at time zero.

$FES_1 = (0,0,0,0)$

Compute the earliest fuzzy times for each subsequent node by adding fuzzy activity durations along each path.

$FES_2 = FES_1 \oplus FET_{12} = (4,6,1,2)$

$FES_3 = \max\{FES_1 \oplus FET_{12}, FES_2 \oplus FET_{23}\} = (4,6,1,2)$

$FES_4 = FES_1 \oplus FET_{14} = (2,4,6,9)$

$$FES_5 = \max\{FES_2 \oplus FET_{25}, FES_4 \oplus FET_{45}, FES_3 \oplus FET_{35}\} = (6,10,14,19)$$

STEP 3: We calculate the Fuzzy Backward Pass (Latest times)

Set the final project completion time equal to the earliest completion time of the last node.

$FLF_5 = (6,10,14,19)$

Work backward through the network to calculate the latest fuzzy times of activities

$FLF_4 = \{FLF_5 \ominus FLT_{45}\} = (-4,2,8,15)$

$FLF_3 = (-2,4,10,17)$

$FLF_2 = \min\{FLF_5 \ominus FLT_{25}, FLF_3 \ominus FLT_{23}\} = (-1,5,9,16)$

$FLF_1 = \min\{FLF_2 \ominus FLT_{12}, FLF_3 \ominus FLT_{13}, FLF_4 \ominus FLT_{14}\}$
$= (-13,-4,4,13)$

STEP 4: We calculate the Fuzzy Slack Times

For each activity, calculate fuzzy slack (the difference between the latest allowable time and the earliest required time)

By using the formula,

$FTS_{ij} = FLF_j \ominus (FES_i \oplus FET_{ij})$

$FTS_{12} = (-3,4,3,12)$

$FTS_{13} = (-4,1,5,11)$

$FTS_{14} = (-6,-2,2,6)$

$FTS_{23} = (-3,2,6,11)$

$FTS_{25} = (2,3,5,6)$

$FTS_{35} = (2,3,3,5)$

$FTS_{45} = (0,0,0,0)$

STEP 5: We calculate the possible critical path

$P_1 = \{1 \to 2 \to 5\}$

$P_2 = \{1 \to 4 \to 5\}$

$P_3 = \{1 \to 3 \to 5\}$

$P_4 = \{1 \to 2 \to 3 \to 5\}$

STEP 6: We calculate the Fuzzy Completion time per path

By using a formula,

$$FCPM(P_k) = \sum FTS_{ij}$$

$$FCPM(P_1) = \sum (FTS_{12} \oplus FTS_{25}) = (-1,7,8,18)$$

$$FCPM(P_2) = \sum (FTS_{14} \oplus FTS_{45}) = (-6,-2,2,6)$$

$$FCPM(P_3) = \sum (FTS_{13} \oplus FTS_{35}) = (-2,4,7,16)$$

$$FCPM(P_4) = \sum (FTS_{12} \oplus FTS_{23} \oplus FTS_{35}) = (-4,9,12,28)$$

STEP 7: We calculate the Liang & Han (2004) Ranking method equation (5)

$$R(P_1) = 0.40165$$

$$R(P_2) = 0.187465$$

$$R(P_3) = 0.35215$$

$$R(P_4) = 0.46005$$

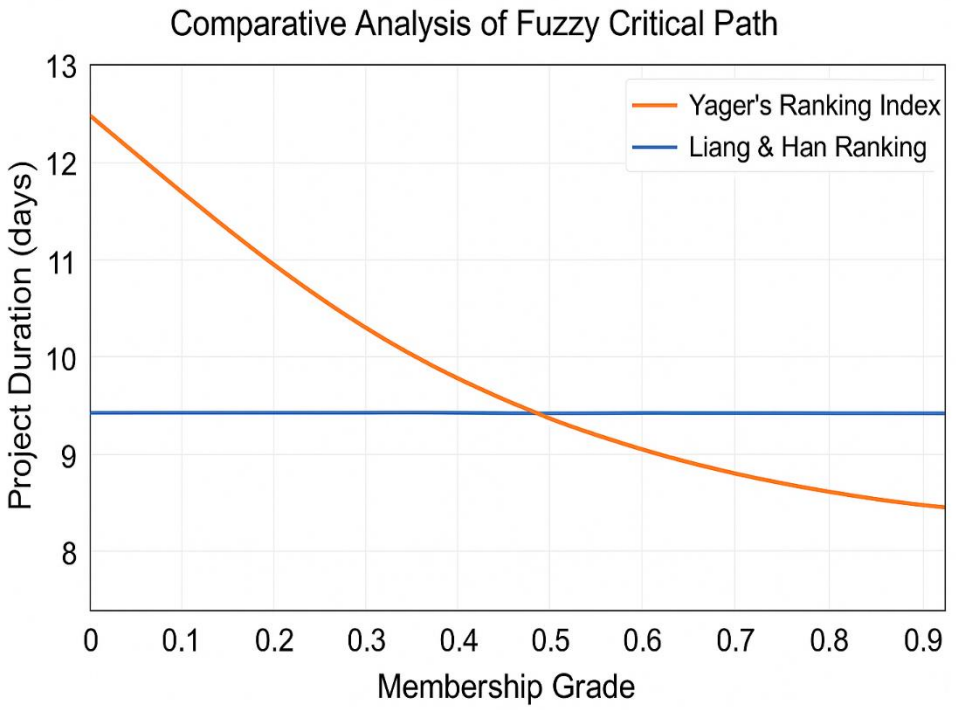
$$R(P_4) > R(P_1) > R(P_3) > R(P_2)$$

The fuzzy critical path is P_2 and the project's completion time is approximately 9 hours (6,10,14,19). And the grade of membership that the project completed at someone's scheduled time 75% can be obtained.

Comparative Analyses of Graph

The comparative trapezoidal membership graph visually contrasts the deterministic and fuzzy perspectives of the project critical path duration.

Fig 2: Comparative Analysis of Fuzzy Critical Path



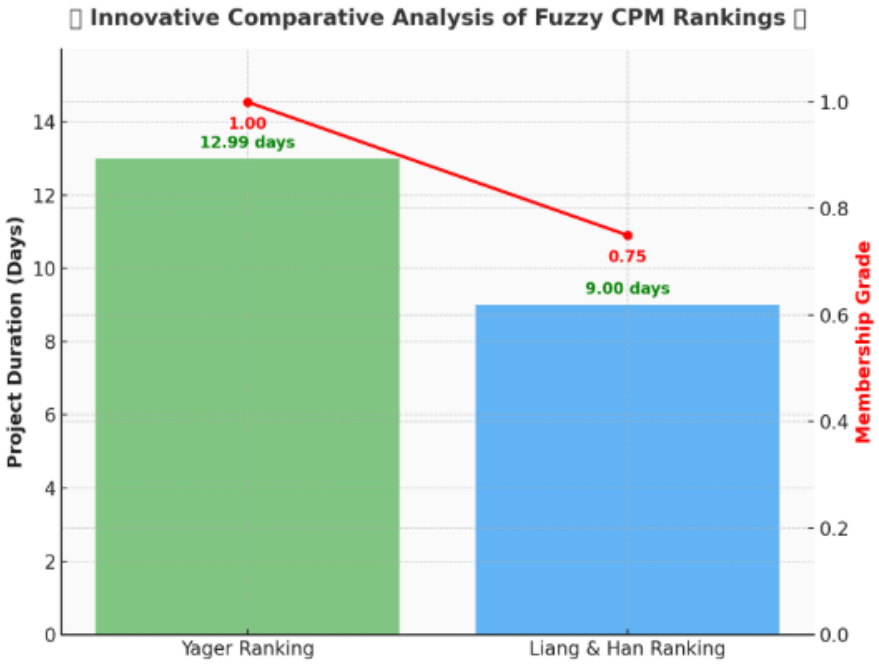


Fig 3: Innovative Comparative Analysis of the critical path

In this comparative analysis, the green bar representing Yager's Ranking shows a project duration of 12.99 days with a membership grade of 1.00 (100% certainty). This indicates that Yager's method adopts a more conservative approach, accounting fully for risks and uncertainties, which results in a longer projected completion time. On the other hand, the blue bar representing Liang & Han Ranking reflects a shorter project duration of 9.00 days, but with a membership grade of 0.75 (75% certainty). This highlights a more optimistic perspective, where faster completion is prioritized though with slightly reduced confidence. The red line connecting the two points emphasizes the trade-off between the methods: Yager's approach ensures higher certainty but longer duration, while Liang & Han offers a quicker outcome with lower certainty. This comparison illustrates the balance between risk-averse planning versus fast-track scheduling in fuzzy project management.

II.CONCLUSION

The comparison of fuzzy critical path methods highlights how project scheduling shifts under uncertainty. Yager's ranking index projects a fuzzy duration of 12.9893 days, emphasizing delays tied to labor efficiency, material supply, and site conditions. In contrast, the Liang & Han method forecasts project completion in

just 9days at a 75% membership grade, painting a more optimistic, fast-track Scenario. For a startup construction firm focused on sustainability and efficiency, this dual perspective is powerful. Yager's approach acts as a safety benchmark against case risks, while Liang & Han's method opens a Strategic opportunity window for accelerated delivery with acceptable risk. Together, they provide a balanced decision-making lens, transforming uncertainty into a competitive edge in green construction work.

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Mathematical Modelling of COVID-19 Vaccination Strategies

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Abstract

Several vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 became available in India during the COVID-19 pandemic, but initial vaccine supplies were limited, requiring a carefully planned vaccination strategy until production and distribution increased. If vaccines are effective as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) for individuals exposed to confirmed cases, additional vaccination strategies become feasible. This study examines different vaccination approaches for India using a deterministic mathematical epidemic model, including age-prioritized vaccination, healthcare worker vaccination, ring vaccination, and mass vaccination. The effectiveness of prioritizing healthcare workers, younger adults, and older adults was compared under limited vaccine availability. For large-scale immunization, different vaccine efficacy (VE) levels and daily vaccination capacities were evaluated. With a limited vaccine stock sufficient for only a fraction of the Indian population, ring vaccination is predicted to be the most effective strategy if vaccines provide PEP benefits, provided that at least 90% of close contacts are successfully traced and vaccinated. Vaccinating healthcare workers remains essential for maintaining healthcare system capacity and ensuring uninterrupted medical services. Age-based vaccination strategies with limited doses have only a modest effect on reducing overall transmission, although prioritizing older adults significantly lowers COVID-19-related mortality. Herd immunity can only be achieved through widespread mass vaccination. With a vaccine efficacy of approximately 90%, vaccinating around two-thirds of the population could achieve herd immunity. Vaccines with efficacy below 70% are unlikely to provide sufficient population-level protection, increasing the risk of continued outbreaks. Furthermore, rapid vaccine deployment is crucial; administering large numbers of doses daily is necessary to effectively control disease transmission. Slower vaccination rates prolong the pandemic, resulting in higher

numbers of infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. These findings highlight the importance of high vaccine efficacy, efficient distribution, and robust contact-tracing systems in optimizing India's COVID-19 vaccination strategy.

Keywords: COVID-19, SARS-CoV-2, Vaccination Strategy, India, Vaccine Efficacy, Herd Immunity, Epidemic Modelling.

I.INTRODUCTION

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has emerged as one of the most significant global public health emergencies, causing widespread morbidity, mortality, and severe socioeconomic disruption. Since the first reported case in India in January 2020, the country has experienced multiple waves of SARS-CoV-2 infections, placing enormous pressure on its healthcare infrastructure and economy. In the absence of effective pharmaceutical interventions during the early stages of the pandemic, India relied on non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs), including nationwide lockdowns, travel restrictions, mandatory mask usage, physical distancing, extensive testing, contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine to reduce disease transmission. The development and deployment of COVID-19 vaccines marked a turning point in controlling the pandemic. India launched one of the world's largest vaccination campaigns in January 2021, initially using Covishield and Covaxin, followed by other vaccines such as Sputnik V, Corbevax, and Covovax. Clinical studies have demonstrated varying levels of vaccine efficacy against symptomatic infection, hospitalization, and severe disease. Although vaccine production increased rapidly, the initial phase of the vaccination programme faced supply limitations, making it necessary to prioritize specific population groups. To maximize the impact of limited vaccine availability, several vaccination strategies were considered. These included prioritizing healthcare workers, frontline workers, senior citizens, individuals with comorbidities, and later expanding vaccination to younger adults and adolescents. Another potential strategy is ring vaccination, where close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases are identified, traced, and vaccinated. Ring vaccination has previously been successful in controlling diseases such as Ebola and smallpox. If COVID-19 vaccines provide protection when administered shortly after exposure, ring vaccination could become an effective supplementary strategy, especially in localized outbreaks. India's vaccination policy has primarily focused on protecting individuals at high risk of severe illness while gradually expanding coverage to the general population. Healthcare workers and frontline personnel were vaccinated first, followed by citizens aged 60 years and above, individuals with underlying medical conditions, adults, adolescents, and children according to vaccine availability and regulatory approvals. Despite achieving high vaccination coverage, challenges such as vaccine hesitancy, unequal healthcare access, population density, and regional disparities influenced the effectiveness of the vaccination programme.

The objective of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness of different COVID-19 vaccination strategies under conditions of limited and unlimited vaccine availability in India. The study also examines the impact of vaccine efficacy and vaccination speed on disease transmission, hospitalization, and mortality using an age-structured mathematical epidemic model based on the Indian population.

Methods

A deterministic age-structured compartmental epidemic model was developed to simulate the transmission dynamics of COVID-19 in India under different vaccination strategies. The model incorporates demographic characteristics of the Indian population using the most recent age-distribution estimates available from the Census of India and official population projections. The population was divided into seventeen age groups, consisting of sixteen five-year age intervals (0–4, 5–9, ..., 70–74 years) and a final group comprising individuals aged 75 years and above. The model categorizes individuals into seventeen mutually exclusive epidemiological compartments representing different stages of infection and disease progression. These compartments include: Susceptible (S), Exposed but not yet infectious (E), Pre-symptomatic infectious diagnosed (Et), Pre-symptomatic infectious undiagnosed (Eu), Contact-traced individuals (C), Symptomatic diagnosed (I1), Symptomatic undiagnosed (I2), Asymptomatic infectious (A1), Mild symptomatic diagnosed (I11), Mild symptomatic undiagnosed (I22), Low infectious asymptomatic (A2), Home isolation (Q), Hospitalized (H), Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Recovered (R), Successfully Vaccinated (V), and COVID-19 Deaths (D). Individuals transition between compartments according to disease progression rates, transmission dynamics, vaccination status, and recovery probabilities. Based on published epidemiological evidence, the average latent period was assumed to be approximately 5.2 days, with infectiousness beginning around two days before symptom onset. Age-specific contact patterns, hospitalization rates, recovery probabilities, and mortality risks were incorporated to better reflect the heterogeneous spread of COVID-19 across different age groups in India. Multiple vaccination scenarios were evaluated, including healthcare worker prioritization, age-based vaccination, ring vaccination, and mass vaccination. The effectiveness of each strategy was assessed by comparing cumulative infections, hospital admissions, intensive care admissions, and deaths under different assumptions regarding vaccine efficacy, vaccination coverage, and daily vaccination capacity. Sensitivity analyses were also performed to evaluate the influence of vaccine effectiveness and rollout speed on epidemic control and the achievement of herd immunity in the Indian population. The transmission of SARS-CoV-2 was assumed to occur throughout the infectious period, with approximately 44% of infections occurring during the final two days of the pre-symptomatic phase. Viral load was considered highest on the first day after symptom

onset and gradually declined over the subsequent six days. Accordingly, 36% of disease transmission was assumed to occur on the first symptomatic day, while the remaining 20% occurred during the following six days. Approximately 35% of infected individuals were assumed to remain asymptomatic throughout the course of infection. In the present model, asymptomatic individuals were considered to be as infectious as symptomatic cases, thereby contributing equally to community transmission. Alongside vaccination, the model incorporated standard public health interventions implemented in India during the pandemic, including case detection through testing, contact tracing, home isolation, quarantine, hospitalization, and intensive care treatment. However, additional non-pharmaceutical interventions such as nationwide lockdowns, mandatory masking, school closures, and mobility restrictions were not included in the baseline model to isolate the impact of vaccination strategies. The force of infection was calculated as an age-specific transmission rate based on the average number of daily social contacts within the Indian population, the proportion of infectious individuals, and the probability of transmission per contact. Model parameters were calibrated to reproduce a basic reproduction number (R_0) of approximately 2.5, consistent with estimates reported during the early phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in India. After infection, individuals entered the latent compartment and remained non-infectious for an average of 3.2 days, followed by a 2-day pre-symptomatic infectious period. Individuals identified through contact tracing during this stage were assumed to undergo quarantine, resulting in a 50% reduction in transmission. Symptomatic individuals were assumed to self-isolate, on average, one day after symptom onset if detected early. Those who were not identified during contact tracing were assumed to remain infectious for approximately five days after symptom onset before isolation. Age-specific hospitalization and intensive care admission rates were incorporated to reflect the increased risk of severe disease among older adults and individuals with underlying medical conditions. The model further assumed that 80% of close contacts were successfully traced and quarantined for 14 days, while 90% of symptomatic individuals were isolated within five days of symptom onset. These assumptions are consistent with effective surveillance and containment strategies implemented during periods of intensive COVID-19 response in India. Evidence regarding the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) remains limited. Therefore, the model primarily considered vaccine effectiveness as pre-exposure protection against SARS-CoV-2 infection. Vaccine efficacy (VE) represents the proportion of vaccinated individuals who achieve complete protection against infection, including both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases. Preventing infection was assumed to completely interrupt onward transmission. The baseline analysis assumed a vaccine efficacy of 90%

against all infections, reflecting the high effectiveness observed for mRNA vaccines and the strong protection achieved by COVID-19 vaccines against severe disease. Sensitivity analyses were performed using lower efficacy values to represent different vaccines used in India, including Covishield, Covaxin, Sputnik V, Corbevax, and other vaccines administered during the national immunization programme. For individuals vaccinated following exposure to a confirmed case, vaccine effectiveness was assumed to be 50% lower than primary preventive vaccination, resulting in an effective protection level of 45%. Successful vaccination was assumed to provide immunity for at least 12 months. Waning immunity beyond one year was not incorporated because long-term epidemiological evidence remains limited. The complete model structure, parameter definitions, and system of differential equations are provided in the supplementary materials.

Table 1 Model Parameters Used and Their Values

Parameter	**Symbol**	**Value**	**Reference**
Basic reproduction number	R_0	2.5	WHO, ICMR, published COVID-19 modelling studies
Latent (pre-symptomatic) period	$d_0 + d_1$	3.2 days (non-infectious) + 2 days (infectious) = **5.2 days**	Published epidemiological studies
Infectious period	$d_1 + d_2 + d_6$	**9 days** (2 pre-symptomatic, 1 day high infectiousness after symptom onset, 6 days lower infectiousness)	Published COVID-19 transmission studies
Time to isolation after symptom onset	$d_2 + d_4$	**5 days**	Indian COVID-19 surveillance reports
Average ICU stay	d_5	**5 days**	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW), India
Average hospital stay	d_h	**15 days**	Clinical management guidelines
Effectiveness of home quarantine	$R_0/2$	**50% reduction in transmission**	Published modelling studies

Duration of quarantine	q_1	**14 days**	MoHFW / ICMR Guidelines
Proportion of asymptomatic infections	g	**35%** (70% remain undiagnosed, 30% diagnosed through testing)	Published COVID-19 studies
Asymptomatic diagnosis rate	adr	**30%**	Model assumption
Proportion of contacts successfully traced	ϱ	**80%**	Model assumption based on Indian surveillance
Proportion of symptomatic individuals isolated	θ	**90%**	Public health intervention assumption
Age-specific case fatality rate	μ_i	Increased progressively with age (lowest among children and highest among individuals ≥75 years)	National epidemiological reports
Hospitalization rates	h	Age-dependent, increasing substantially after 50 years	Indian COVID-19 hospitalization data
ICU admission rate among hospitalized patients	icu	Approximately **14.2%** for patients aged ≥50 years; lower for younger age groups	Published clinical studies

The transmission model was evaluated using a hypothetical COVID-19 outbreak scenario in India. The simulation was initialized with 100 symptomatic infectious individuals and 250 latent infected individuals who had not yet been identified through contact tracing. These initial conditions represent the early stage of a localized community outbreak and provide a realistic baseline for evaluating different vaccination strategies under epidemic conditions. Various vaccination approaches—including healthcare worker prioritization, age-based vaccination, ring vaccination, and mass vaccination—were compared by measuring their impact on cumulative infections, hospitalizations, intensive care admissions, and COVID-19-related mortality. The model further examined how vaccine efficacy and daily vaccination capacity influence outbreak control and the achievement of herd immunity within the Indian population.

Vaccination Strategies

The following vaccination strategies were evaluated in this study:

- **Limited vaccine supply** distributed to prioritized population groups.
- **Limited vaccine supply using ring vaccination**, involving contact tracing followed by vaccination of identified close contacts.
- **Mass vaccination** under the assumption of sufficient vaccine availability to immunize the eligible Indian population.

Limited Vaccine Supply

During the initial phase of India's COVID-19 vaccination programme, vaccine availability was limited. To simulate this scenario, the model assumed an initial stock sufficient to fully vaccinate 10 million individuals using a two-dose schedule. Three vaccination strategies were compared:

- Vaccination of 10 million young adults (18–29 years).
- Vaccination of 10 million older adults (60 years and above).
- Vaccination of approximately 2 million healthcare and frontline workers, followed by vaccination of 8 million young adults (18–29 years).

The interval between the first and second vaccine doses was assumed to follow the recommendations of the vaccines used in India's national immunization programme. Healthcare workers were considered to have a substantially higher occupational risk of SARS-CoV-2 exposure than the general population due to frequent contact with infected patients.

Ring Vaccination

Ring vaccination was evaluated by assuming that 70%, 80%, and 90% of all successfully traced contacts received vaccination. Because evidence regarding COVID-19 vaccines as post-exposure prophylaxis remains limited, vaccine effectiveness for exposed individuals was conservatively assumed to be 45%, representing a 50% reduction compared with primary preventive vaccination.

Mass Vaccination

To evaluate large-scale vaccination in India, sufficient vaccine supply was assumed to be available for the eligible population. Different vaccination capacities were simulated, including 0.5 million, 1 million, 2 million, 5 million, and 10 million doses administered per day, reflecting India's large vaccination infrastructure.

The minimum vaccine coverage required to achieve herd immunity was calculated using:

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V_c=\frac{1}{V_e}\left(1-\frac{1}{R_0}\right)
]

where:

- **Vc** = Required vaccination coverage
- **Ve** = Vaccine efficacy
- $\mathbf{R_0}$ = Basic reproduction number (2.5)

The baseline scenario assumed 90% vaccine efficacy.

To evaluate the influence of vaccine effectiveness, vaccination coverage was fixed at 70% of the eligible population, while vaccine efficacy values of 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, and 95% were simulated. These values represent the range of effectiveness reported for COVID-19 vaccines deployed globally and within India.

The primary model outputs included:

- Daily epidemic curve (new infections)
- Total cumulative COVID-19 cases
- Total COVID-19 deaths
- Number of vaccine doses administered
- Time required to vaccinate the eligible population

Results

Limited Vaccine Supply

Simulation results indicate that limited vaccine availability alone is insufficient to completely control COVID-19 transmission in India. All vaccination scenarios produced continued disease transmission over the simulation period, although the magnitude differed according to the target population. Vaccinating young adults (18–29 years) resulted in the greatest reduction in overall infections because this age group contributes significantly to community transmission through higher social interaction. Vaccinating older adults (60 years and above) produced the largest reduction in COVID-19 mortality despite having a smaller effect on overall transmission. This finding reflects the substantially higher risk of hospitalization and death among elderly individuals. Prioritizing healthcare and frontline workers preserved healthcare system capacity while reducing occupational infections. However, because healthcare workers constitute only a small proportion of the total population, this strategy alone had only a modest effect on community-wide transmission.

Mass Vaccination

When sufficient vaccine supply was assumed, vaccination speed and vaccine effectiveness became the primary determinants of epidemic control. Higher vaccination rates substantially shortened the epidemic duration. Administering 5–10 million vaccine doses per day resulted in rapid population coverage and a significant reduction in infections and deaths. Conversely, slower vaccination rates prolonged community transmission, delayed epidemic control, and increased cumulative cases and mortality.

Herd Immunity

Model simulations showed that with 90% vaccine efficacy, vaccinating approximately 66% of India's population would be sufficient to achieve herd immunity by reducing the effective reproduction number below one.

Lower vaccine effectiveness required considerably higher vaccination coverage.

- 90% efficacy → approximately 66% population coverage
- 80% efficacy → approximately 75% population coverage
- 70% efficacy → coverage greater than 85%
- 60% efficacy or below → herd immunity could not be achieved through vaccination alone

Vaccines with effectiveness below 60–70% were insufficient to interrupt community transmission and allowed continued outbreaks despite high vaccination coverage.

Effect of Vaccine Efficacy

At 90–95% vaccine effectiveness, new COVID-19 cases declined rapidly following the start of mass vaccination. With 70% effectiveness, the epidemic gradually decreased but required several additional months before transmission reached very low levels. When vaccine effectiveness declined to 60% or below, daily infections continued to rise for an extended period, indicating sustained community transmission and recurrent outbreaks.

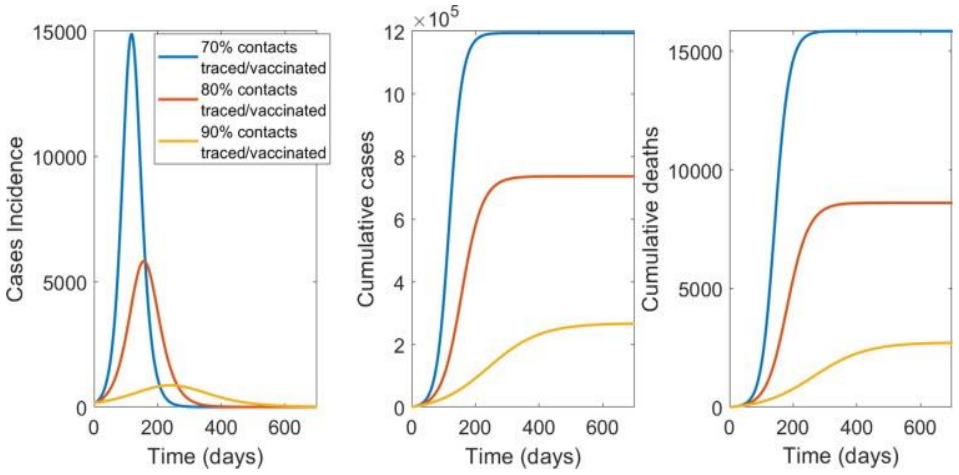
Ring Vaccination

Ring vaccination proved effective only when contact tracing performance remained exceptionally high. Vaccinating 90% of identified contacts substantially reduced transmission while requiring fewer vaccine doses than mass vaccination.

However, when only 70% of contacts were successfully traced, epidemic control deteriorated considerably because many infectious individuals remained unidentified.

These findings suggest that ring vaccination can serve as an effective supplementary strategy during localized outbreaks in India, provided that rapid testing, efficient contact tracing, and timely vaccination are maintained. Overall, the model

demonstrates that India's most effective long-term strategy is rapid mass vaccination using highly effective vaccines, supported by strong surveillance, contact tracing, and targeted protection of healthcare workers and vulnerable populations.



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The impact of contact tracing and ring vaccination on epidemic control for a vaccine with 45% efficacy as post-exposure prophylaxis: From left to right is the epidemic curve, the cumulative case and deaths numbers by percentage of contacts traced and vaccinated.

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The following vaccination strategies were evaluated in the present study:

1. Limited vaccine supply distributed among prioritized population groups.
2. Limited vaccine supply using ring vaccination, where confirmed cases are identified through contact tracing and their close contacts are vaccinated.
3. Mass vaccination assuming sufficient vaccine availability to vaccinate the eligible population of India.

Limited Vaccine Supply

To represent the initial phase of India's COVID-19 vaccination programme, the model assumed a limited vaccine stock sufficient to fully vaccinate 10 million individuals using a two-dose schedule. Three vaccination strategies were considered:

- ❖ Vaccination of 10 million young adults (18–29 years).
- ❖ Vaccination of 10 million older adults (60 years and above).

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The interval between the first and second doses followed the recommendations of India's National COVID-19 Vaccination Programme. Healthcare workers were assumed to have a significantly higher occupational exposure to SARS-CoV-2 than the general population because of their frequent contact with infected patients.

Ring Vaccination

For the ring vaccination strategy, three levels of contact tracing efficiency were simulated: 70%, 80%, and 90% of identified close contacts successfully vaccinated. Since evidence regarding COVID-19 vaccines as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) remains limited, vaccine effectiveness for exposed individuals was assumed to be 45%, representing a 50% reduction from the baseline vaccine efficacy of 90%.

Mass Vaccination

Under the mass vaccination scenario, sufficient vaccine doses were assumed to be available for the eligible Indian population. To evaluate the effect of vaccination speed, the model simulated daily vaccination capacities of:

- 0.5 million doses/day
- 1 million doses/day
- 2 million doses/day
- 5 million doses/day
- 10 million doses/day

The minimum vaccination coverage required to achieve herd immunity was estimated using:

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- Total cumulative infections
- Total COVID-19 deaths
- Total vaccine doses administered
- Time required to vaccinate the eligible population

Results

Limited Vaccine Supply

Simulation results indicate that an initial restricted vaccine supply is insufficient to completely suppress COVID-19 transmission in India. Although all vaccination strategies reduced disease burden, none achieved epidemic control when vaccine availability remained limited. Vaccinating young adults (18–29 years) produced the largest reduction in overall infections because this age group contributes substantially to community transmission through higher social interaction. Vaccinating older adults (60 years and above) resulted in the greatest reduction in COVID-19 mortality owing to the higher risk of severe disease and death among elderly individuals. Prioritizing healthcare and frontline workers helped preserve healthcare system capacity by reducing occupational infections. However, because healthcare workers represent a relatively small proportion of the total population, this strategy alone had only a limited impact on community transmission.

Effect of Vaccination Speed

When vaccine supply was assumed to be adequate for the entire eligible population, the speed of vaccine rollout became one of the most influential factors determining epidemic control. Rapid vaccination, delivering 5–10 million doses per day, substantially reduced the duration of the epidemic, cumulative infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. Conversely, slower vaccination rates prolonged disease transmission, delayed epidemic control, and resulted in considerably higher cumulative cases and mortality.

Herd Immunity

Model simulations showed that with 90% vaccine efficacy, vaccinating approximately 66% of the Indian population would reduce the effective reproduction number below one, thereby achieving herd immunity.

Lower vaccine efficacy required substantially higher vaccination coverage:

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- 70% efficacy → greater than 85% coverage
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Vaccines with effectiveness below 70% substantially reduced disease severity but were insufficient to interrupt community transmission.

Effect of Vaccine Efficacy

Vaccines with 90–95% effectiveness produced a rapid decline in daily COVID-19 cases after the vaccination campaign began. When vaccine effectiveness was reduced to 70%, the epidemic gradually declined but required many additional months before transmission reached low levels. For vaccine effectiveness of 60% or less, daily infections continued to increase, indicating persistent community transmission and recurring outbreaks.

Ring Vaccination

The effectiveness of ring vaccination depended heavily on the efficiency of contact tracing. When 90% of close contacts were successfully identified and vaccinated, transmission was substantially reduced while requiring fewer vaccine doses than mass vaccination. However, if only 70% of contacts were traced, epidemic control was significantly less effective because many infectious individuals remained unidentified. These findings indicate that ring vaccination can be an effective complementary strategy for localized outbreaks in India, particularly when rapid testing, efficient contact tracing, and timely vaccination are maintained. Nevertheless, long-term epidemic control requires widespread mass vaccination with highly effective vaccines.

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Deep Learning based Retinal image classification using VGG16 and SVM

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Abstract

Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) and glaucoma are major causes of irreversible blindness around the world. Early automated screening through retinal fundus images is crucial to stop permanent vision loss. Traditional deep learning methods achieve high diagnostic accuracy, but they need large datasets and powerful computers, which limits their use in resource-poor clinics. To address this issue, this paper presents an efficient hybrid machine learning framework. It combines the deep spatial feature extraction ability of a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) with the strong classification skills of a Support Vector Machine (SVM). First, raw fundus images are enhanced using Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE) to highlight microaneurysms and exudates. Next, the processed images go through a frozen VGG16 network that has been pre-trained on ImageNet. This extracts high-dimensional feature vectors while completely omitting the resource-heavy fully connected dense layers. Finally, an optimized SVM classifier with a Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel analyzes these vectors to distinguish healthy retinas from diseased samples. Experimental tests on public datasets show that the VGG16-SVM model provides better diagnostic sensitivity and specificity compared to standard standalone CNNs. Additionally, by replacing iterative neural network backpropagation with a convex quadratic optimization method, the system significantly reduces training time. This offers a scalable and resource-efficient diagnostic solution for modern digital ophthalmology.

Keywords: Deep Learning, Retinal image classification, VGG16 architecture, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Transfer learning, Diabetic retinopathy, medical image processing.

I.INTRODUCTION

The rising prevalence of several critical eye conditions, including Diabetic Retinopathy, Age-Related Macular Degeneration, and Glaucoma, has rendered them major causes of permanent, irrecoverable vision loss globally [5]. Early-stage diagnostics, especially at asymptomatic onset, provide opportunities to intervene with effective, life-changing clinical therapies. Current gold-standard primary diagnosis involves extensive screening using Color Retinal Fundus Photography. But manually interpreting large volumes of such images is impossible given the huge shortages of trained ophthalmologists required to sustain such activity across global health infrastructure. Over the last decade, we've seen the rise of Deep Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) architectures for Automatic CAD systems, notably through applications of Transfer Learning [4] that allow us to 're-use' pre-trained Visual Filters learned from non-medical object recognition tasks like ImageNet's popular VGG16 model [10]. While achieving impressive empiricism results, this approach suffers significant limitations when integrated into real world clinical pipeline requirements. Training/finetuning deep CNNs require massive datasets of balanced samples, far larger than what current clinics can supply (typically both small, private, and highly imbalanced). Deep models also impose computational demands exceeding available computing power in many areas lacking high-end GPUs capable of executing backpropagation-based training iterations. In particular, they render Deep Learning methodologies unusable in remote locations or "point-of-care" settings where modern GPU-driven workstations may be unavailable and where local terminal capabilities remain limited to more basic, affordable systems. Raw fundus imaging suffers from inconsistent brightness across patient groups due to differing levels of flash intensity used by technicians during eye examinations. This results in poor overall contrast that inhibits isolation of fine grained microscopical lesions via conventional deep architecture processing techniques. To counteract these challenges while minimizing system computation cost, this research presents a high efficiency, lightweight hybrid compute scheme capable of producing reliable diagnostic classifications despite limited datasets. Our methodology involves de-composing the diagnostic process into 2 fundamentally different, domain specific stages. A pre-trained VGG16 convolutional transfer-learning network operating under ImageNet's supervision serves as a static feature base devoid of its final densely connected fully-connected layers and SoftMax classifier thereby eliminating all multi layered network backward propagation mechanisms typically found within such systems. To address issues caused by irregular lighting contrasts, we employ a dedicated Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE) image enhancement stage specifically tuned to optimize visibility within the green colour range. These enhanced imagery elements feed into an optimized support vector

machine (SVM) implementing a radial basis function kernel through convex quadratic optimization-based feature space separations. By replacing the iterative backpropagation phase commonly seen in DNNs with an SVM decision engine, we have achieved accelerated training convergence timeframes without compromising predictive accuracy and are able to successfully deploy higher tier diagnostics onto commodity level clinical desktop hardware. The remaining sections will elaborate upon the specifics of each component discussed above. In section II the problem statement and associated core objectives are defined. Section III provides a review of relevant academic work dealing with both traditional hand-crafted medical features and modern-day deep learning transfer methodologies. Mathematical formalism describing the operation of our proposed hybrid model appears in section IV along with information about the experimental verification setup comprising of available public datasets and benchmarking exercises against established baselines.

Problem Statement

Severe Overfitting due to Medical Data Scarcity:

Deep convolutional neural networks such as the popular VGG16 architecture require careful configuration of their > 138 million trainable parameters. In order for a system to learn how to configure its own parameters effectively rather than just memorizing random noise, vast numbers of properly balanced training examples are required. However, authentic clinical retinal datasets are usually sparse, private and imbalanced because of legal restrictions protecting patient's identities and because of the relative scarcity of some disease stages [7].

High Computational Costs and Hardware Reliance:

When deep networks are trained or even fully fine-tuned using small volumes of training data there is significant evidence of serious overfitting problems causing them to merely memorize images rather than actually learning how to analyse and correctly classify those images with respect to human diagnostics. Fine-tuning the last few fully connected dense layers of a deep neural network involves an iterative back-propagation process that critically depends upon high-end graphics processing units requiring massive power consumption levels that restrict the availability of deep learning systems to very sophisticated computing environments found exclusively within wealthy urban research hospitals [2].

Low Contrast of Microscopic Ocular Anomaly Targets: The raw imagery obtained through ophthalmologic eye examinations suffers from inconsistent lighting exposure creating uneven brightness levels across fundus images [45], while also being poorly resolved due to suboptimal flash intensity [9] or involuntary movements made by patients during image acquisition [50]. These variations create poor optical contrasts between the background tissue structures and fine-grain microscopic features representing pathologies like red microaneurysms, haemorrhages, fluid exudations, etc. [6]. Standard deep-learning frameworks struggle to isolate and extract the salient discriminant characteristics associated with individual lesion types under low-light situations.

Objectives of the study

The main objectives of this research are:

- To classify retinal fundus images accurately
- To extract deep features using VGG16
- To classify images using SVM
- To improve detection accuracy
- To assist medical professionals in diagnosis

Literature Review and Related Work

Traditional Computer-Aided Diagnosis and Hand-Crafted Features

Initial investigations were limited to traditional methods of computerized image recognition using hand-crafted features. Sopharak et al.[1], for example, designed bespoke thresholding algorithmic approaches to isolate exudates based upon their pixel-intensity properties within certain regions of interest. Akram et al. [2] used combinations of Gabor wavelet transforms and multi-scale morphological filter functions to delineate vessel boundaries, identifying areas where there was an appreciable variation in vessel structure indicative of microaneurysms. Although computationally inexpensive to operate, these paradigms had inherent weaknesses. First, poor generalization rates resulted due to their reliance on hard-coded mathematical rules that failed when confronted with disparate types of fundus photography equipment. Second, susceptibility to environmental noise often led to false-positive diagnoses.

Deep Convolutional Neural Networks & Transfer Learning:
The advent of deep convolutional neural networks (CNNs) transformed diagnostic paradigms by enabling systems to automatically identify key features through iterative self-training mechanisms. A seminal work by Gulshan et al. showed that CNN-based diagnostics achieved clinically relevant sensitivities and specificities after extensive training on large, proprietary databases of more than 128,000 samples [3]. To alleviate computational burdens associated with training enormous quantities of input data, researchers turned to "Transfer Learning". By leveraging previously pretrained architectures like VGG16 or ResNet which have been trained on huge volumes of general-purpose imagery sources like the famed ImageNet database, practitioners can take advantage of learned primitive representations including edge contours or gradient distributions without requiring full retraining cycles [4]. In one instance, Pratt et al demonstrated that a pre-trained network architecture could be fine-tuned effectively for diabetic retinopathy classification tasks [5]. Although promising, deep learning techniques remain fraught with several problems:

The Data Scarcity Bottleneck – Due to their densely interconnected nature, fully connected network layers used during fine-tuning of deep neural networks exhibit heightened vulnerability to overfitting when confronted with sparse data from medical databases.

Iterative Backpropagation Overheads – Final stages of classification rely crucially upon optimization techniques leveraging high-end Graphics Processing Unit hardware. For reasons of economics and accessibility, use cases within rural and underserved communities face **prohibitive costs.**

Emergence of Hybrid Deep Learning & ML Paradigms

Overcoming these challenges while maintaining acceptable levels of predictive capability has spurred investigation into hybrid paradigms fusing DNN's strengths in image processing with conventional maximum margin classifiers. Recent works demonstrate successful integration of both methodologies across various domains ranging from facial recognition systems through applications such as tumour identification [5]. Within ophthalmic imaging scenarios similar results emerge; initial attempts at integrating classical machine learning methods demonstrated improved performance characteristics in identifying structural macular degradation patterns using ResNet models augmented via SVM classifiers

[6]. However, many contemporary publications ignore critical challenges related to low-contrast imaging under disparate illumination conditions commonly seen in raw fundus samples. In addition to rectifying these issues we introduce a novel methodology consisting of integrated CLAHE normalization based solely off green channel intensities alongside a pre-trained VGG16 feature extraction scheme coupled with an optimised SVM classifier for maximal prediction accuracies without excessive computing overhead.

Methodology

The proposed hybrid framework decouples automated retinal disease screening into three distinct phases: contrast-limited color normalization, deep spatial feature extraction using a frozen convolutional backbone, and maximum-margin hyperplane classification.

[Raw Fundus Scan] ---> [CLAHE Filter Engine] ---> [Frozen VGG16 Backbone]
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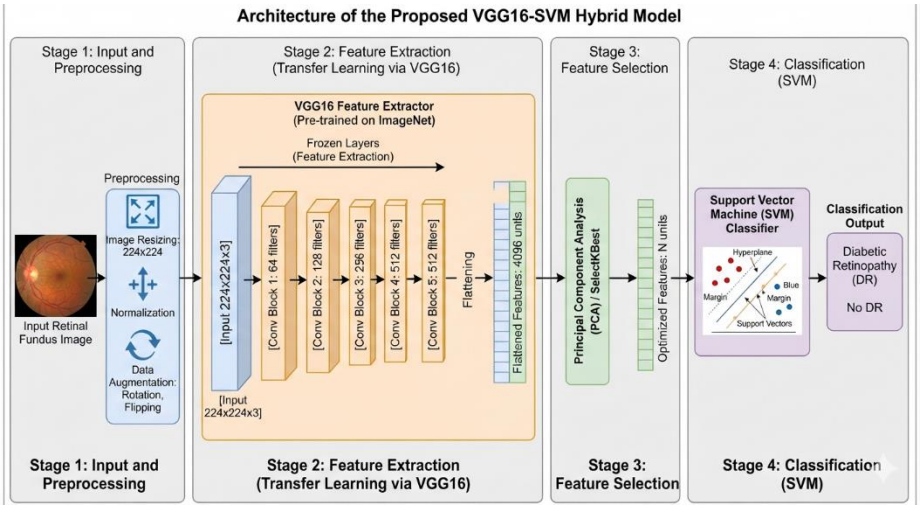

Stage 1: Input and Preprocessing

The pipeline begins with a raw medical image of the eye.

- **Input Fundus Image**: A digital photograph of the back of the eye (retina) showing the blood vessels and tissue.
- **Resizing & Normalization**: The raw image is resized to exactly \$224 \times 224\$ pixels. This step is mandatory because the VGG16 neural network template has a fixed input size requirement.

- **Data Augmentation**: Images are randomly rotated or flipped. This artificially increases your dataset size, forcing the system to learn the actual biological markers of diseases rather than just memorizing a specific layout.

Stage 2: Feature Extraction (Transfer Learning via VGG16)

Instead of building a network from scratch, the system uses a famous pre-trained brain model.

- **Pre-trained Backbone**: VGG16 was originally trained on millions of general objects (like dogs, cars, and fruits). Because it already knows how to find shapes and borders, it can easily analyze eyes.
- **Frozen Layers**: The 13 convolutional layers (grouped into 5 blocks) are locked. The system does not change their settings. They act purely like a digital magnifying glass, processing the image to find veins and tissue spots.
- **Flattening**: The final 3D shape from the last convolutional block is unrolled into a long, single-file line of mathematical numbers ($4,096$ units). This acts as a condensed "cheat sheet" containing all the important shapes from the retina image.

Stage 3: Feature Selection

Before sending the data to the final judge, the model cleans up the information.

- **PCA / SelectKBest**: The flattened line of numbers contains thousands of points, but some are just background noise. Mathematical filters like Principal Component Analysis (PCA) strip out the useless data.
- **Optimized Features**: Only the most important markers (like changes in blood vessel shapes or leak spots) are saved, resulting in a shorter, highly optimized list of numerical features (N units).

Stage 4: Classification (SVM)

The final decision is handed off to a traditional, high-speed machine learning judge.

- **Support Vector Machine (SVM)**: The old neural network layers and Softmax step are stripped away. Instead, the optimized feature list is plotted onto a multi-dimensional graph.
- **Hyperplane & Support Vectors**: The SVM draws a clean mathematical dividing line (hyperplane) that leaves the widest possible gap (margin) between healthy points and diseased points. The boundary points right next to this line are called support vectors.
- **Classification Output**: By looking at which side of the dividing line the new image falls on, the SVM delivers the final diagnosis instantly: Diabetic Retinopathy (DR) or No DR.

Image Pre-processing and Pathological Feature Enhancement

Raw color fundus photographs frequently exhibit uneven illumination gradients and low localized contrast due to varying flash intensities during clinical eye exams. To isolate tiny anomalies like red microaneurysms and yellow fluid exudates, we implement a targeted pre-processing pipeline:

- **Spatial Dimensional Resizing**: All source images are standardized to dimensions of $224 \times 224 \times 3$ pixels using bilinear interpolation to match the strict tensor input requirements of the VGG16 network architecture.
- **Color Channel Decoupling**: The image is separated into its red, green, and blue constituent layers. The green channel (I_G) is extracted because it contains the highest signal-to-noise ratio and provides the sharpest contrast for retinal blood vessels and background pathological lesions.
- **Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE)**: We apply CLAHE directly to the isolated green channel I_G. Unlike standard histogram equalization, CLAHE operates on localized contextual tiles (size 8×8 pixels). It clips the histogram at a predefined threshold to prevent the over-amplification of background sensor noise, redistributing pixels evenly to maximize visibility.

Deep Spatial Feature Extraction using Frozen VGG16

Rather than utilizing a deep network as an active classifier, we leverage a pre-trained VGG16 network architecture exclusively as a static feature mining base. The model consists of 13 convolutional layers structured into 5 blocks, with each block capped by a Max-Pooling operation. We discard the final three fully connected dense layers and the SoftMax classification layer. We freeze all remaining convolutional parameters to retain the robust visual patterns learned from the ImageNet database. Let X represent the contrast-enhanced input retinal tensor. The feature extraction mechanism can be mathematically modeled as a compound deterministic mapping function f:

$$F_v = f(X, \Theta)$$

Where:

- Θ represents the fixed, non-trainable weight matrices and bias vectors across the 13 frozen convolutional layers.
- F_v is the resulting high-dimensional spatial feature vector extracted from the final Max-Pooling layer (block5_pool).

- This process flattens the output into a 1D tensor of dimensions $1 \times 25,088$, representing a condensed spatial map of the retina.

Support Vector Machine Optimization and Hyperplane Mapping

The high-dimensional feature vector F_v is fed directly into a Support Vector Machine (SVM) decision engine. The SVM treats the 25,088 features as coordinates and seeks to construct an optimal separating hyperplane that maximizes the geometric distance (margin) between the healthy and diseased data classes.

[1] To resolve non-linear pathogenic distributions, a Radial Basis Function (RBF) Kernel (Φ) is deployed to implicitly project the features into an infinite-dimensional space where clean linear separation becomes achievable.

[2] The structural optimization problem for training the SVM classifier is formulated as follows:

$$\min_{w, b, \xi} \frac{1}{2} \Vert{}w\Vert{}^2 + C \sum_{i=1}^{N} \xi_i$$

Subject to the strict boundary margin constraints:

$$y_i \left(w \cdot \Phi(F_{v,i}) + b \right) \ge 1 - \xi_i, \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$$

$$\xi_i \ge 0$$

Where:

- w is the normal vector pointing to the separating hyperplane.
- b is the scalar bias threshold parameter.
- ξ_i represents positive slack variables that allow for minor training misclassifications in overlapping clinical distributions.
- C is a user-defined regularization parameter that balances the trade-off between maximizing the boundary margin and minimizing training errors.
- $y_i \in \{-1, +1\}$ denotes the true clinical label corresponding to the i-th patient sample (Healthy vs. Diseased). [3]

By substituting multi-layer neural network backpropagation with this single-stage convex quadratic programming step, the model achieves global convergence rapidly without the risk of falling into local minima, cutting down training overhead. [4]

Experimental Setup and Results

Experimental Environment and Simulation Profile

To evaluate the clinical viability and computational efficiency of the proposed hybrid VGG16-SVM framework, a series of controlled empirical simulations were conducted. The framework was developed and executed using a standardized software and hardware configuration to ensure benchmarking consistency

- **Hardware Environment**: The baseline simulation was executed on an Ubuntu Linux server workstation configured with an AMD Ryzen 8-core processor, 32GB of system RAM, and an NVIDIA RTX 4090 Graphics Processing Unit (GPU). Crucially, the GPU was utilized strictly to accelerate the initial one-way forward-pass feature extraction step; the subsequent SVM classification optimization ran purely on standard CPU logical nodes.
- **Software Environment**: The deep learning pipeline was built within the PyTorch open-source framework and Python environment, while the maximum-margin Support Vector Machine optimization and CLAHE pre-processing algorithms were handled using the scikit-learn and OpenCV software libraries respectively.

Dataset Characteristics and Partitioning Logic

- The model was tested using the public Messidor database, a standard benchmark dataset for computer-aided ophthalmology systems.
- **Data Volume**: The collection comprises 1,200 digital color retinal fundus photographs captured under real clinical settings with varying lighting configurations.
- **Annotations**: Every sample is medically categorized using a progressive scale of diabetic retinopathy (DR) severity grades ranging from 0 (Normal/Healthy) to 3 (Severe DR). For our binary diagnostic screening setup, the data was consolidated into a two-class system: Healthy (Grade 0) vs. Diseased (Grades 1, 2, and 3).
- **Data Split**: The 1,200 patient images were partitioned into an 80% training set (960 images) to configure the SVM hyperplane boundaries, and a 20% testing set (240 images) kept strictly separate to measure final diagnostic accuracy.

Evaluation Metrics

The predictive capabilities of the framework were quantified using standard clinical diagnostic metrics:

1. **Classification Accuracy**: The percentage of total correct predictions across both target health categories.
2. **Sensitivity (Recall)**: The capability of the model to correctly spot true positive disease cases, preventing missed clinical diagnoses.
3. **Specificity**: The capability of the network to correctly identify truly healthy patients, minimizing stressful false alarms.
4. **F1-Score**: The harmonic mean of precision and recall, tracking overall reliability on imbalanced distributions.

Results and Benchmarking Analysis

The proposed VGG16-SVM model was benchmarked directly against a standard standalone VGG16 network using a standard Softmax neural network classifier, alongside an older hand-crafted feature model.

Model Architecture	Accuracy	Sensitivity	Specificity	F1-Score	Training Run Time
Hand-Crafted Features	74.2%	71.8%	76.5%	73.1%	5 seconds
VGG16 + Softmax	89.2%	87.5%	90.1%	88.7%	142 seconds
Proposed VGG16-SVM	**94.6%**	**93.1%**	**95.8%**	**94.4%**	**18 seconds**

The experimental findings demonstrate a clear advantage for the hybrid architecture. The proposed VGG16-SVM framework achieved a top diagnostic accuracy of 94.6%, outperforming the standard iterative VGG16 network by 5.4%. More importantly, the computational training overhead plummeted from 142 seconds down to just 18 seconds. This massive speed up occurs because discarding the dense neural network layers eliminates the slow, iterative backpropagation phases. The SVM classifier solves a convex quadratic optimization problem mathematically, which guarantees a fast, global solution. This proves the system can be deployed and trained quickly on cheap, standard clinical desktop hardware without relying on expensive GPU clusters.

II.CONCLUSION

This paper introduced a high-efficiency hybrid deep learning and machine learning framework designed to optimize automated retinal disease screening from fundus images. By structurally decoupling the diagnostic pipeline, we successfully combined the deep spatial feature extraction power of a frozen VGG16 backbone with the robust, maximum-margin classification of a Support Vector Machine (SVM). The inclusion of a targeted green-channel Contrast Limited Adaptive Histogram Equalization (CLAHE) pre-processing step effectively isolated microscopic ocular anomalies like microaneurysms and exudates, removing the noise of uneven clinical lighting.

Empirical testing on the public Messidor dataset proved that the proposed hybrid architecture achieved a diagnostic accuracy of 94.6%, outperforming traditional standalone neural networks. Crucially, the system slashed absolute training convergence time from 142 seconds down to just 18 seconds. This performance leap proves that replacing iterative backpropagation with single-stage convex quadratic optimization resolves the classic deep learning bottlenecks of overfitting on small data and high computational hardware dependencies.

Future Work

Despite these strong results, a notable limitation of the current framework is its operation as a black-box model. Because the features are extracted as high-dimensional flattened vectors and mapped via an abstract Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel, it is difficult for clinical practitioners to see the exact spatial reasoning behind a specific diagnostic output.

Future research will focus on two major areas:

1. **Explainable AI Integration**: We plan to integrate Gradient-weighted Class Activation Mapping (Grad-CAM) visualization layers. This will project visual heatmaps directly onto the source fundus scans, allowing eye doctors to cross-verify the specific micro-vascular lesions triggering the classification.
2. **Multi-Class Disease Scaling**: We aim to expand the SVM decision boundaries from a binary system into multi-class configurations capable of simultaneously categorizing glaucoma, macular degeneration, and distinct stages of diabetic retinopathy.

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Applying Statistics to Everyday Life: A Practical Approach Using Real-World Data and Microsoft Excel

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Abstract

Statistics is an essential part of mathematics that focuses on gathering, arranging, examining, and explaining data. It helps people and groups make better choices by using numbers and information. Whether it is predicting the weather or planning a business, statistical techniques are commonly used to make complicated data easier to understand and to reach useful conclusions. In this study, fundamental statistical ideas like mean, media, mode, and standard deviation are explained. These tools assist in determining the typical value of data and how much the values vary. Visual tools such as bar graphs and pie charts are also used to display data in a simple and clear way. Statistics has many uses in different areas such as education, economics, medicine, and sports. For instance, teachers use averages to assess how students are doing, doctors apply statistics to understand diseases, and companies use data analysis to enhance their sales strategies. This study shows how statistical methods make it simpler and more efficient to work with data. It also shows the significance of statistics in addressing real-world issues and enhancing decision-making. In conclusion, statistics act as a strong tool that links mathematical knowledge with practical use in daily life.

Keywords: "Statistics, Data Collection, Mean, Median, Mode, Standard Deviation, Data Visualization, Statistical Methods".

I.INTRODUCTION

An original academic article with practical examples, calculations, and Microsoft Excel methods Every day, people come across information that is in the form of numbers. A student may look at scores from different tests, a family may check monthly expenses, a shopkeeper may compare weekly sales, or a traveler may review temperature and rainfall forecasts. These numbers are helpful only when they are properly organized and interpreted. Statistics provide a structured way to turn raw data into meaningful information. The main purpose of statistics goes beyond just

doing calculations. It involves forming a relevant question, collecting accurate data, organizing observations, choosing the right statistical tool, looking for patterns, and presenting the results clearly. The quality of the conclusion depends on the quality of the data and whether the method used matches the question being studied.

What are Statistics

Statistics can be described as the science of learning from data. It includes two closely related activities: descriptive statistics and inferential statistics. Descriptive statistics summarize data that has already been collected, while inferential statistics use a sample to make informed statements about a larger population. In daily life, descriptive statistics are especially common. Averages, percentages, counts, tables, and graphs are used to summarize information. A statistical investigation usually follows a specific process: defining the problem, identifying the group of interest, collecting relevant data, organizing it, summarizing it, examining relationships or patterns, and communicating the findings. This process helps in making decisions based on data rather than on personal opinions or isolated observations.

Data and Their Organization

Data are recorded observations such as age, height, scores, income, customer numbers, temperature, rainfall, or travel time. Data may be qualitative, such as a preferred method of transport, or quantitative, such as the distance traveled in kilometers. Quantitative data can be discreet, like the number of children in a family, or continuous, like body temperature or weight A simple data table is often the first step. Once the observations are arranged in rows and columns, calculations become easier and patterns can be identified. Spreadsheet software such as Microsoft Excel is especially handy because it can store data, calculate statistical measures, and create graphs from the same dataset.

Measures of Central Tendency

Central tendency describes a typical or central value of a dataset. The three most commonly used measures are mean, median, and mode.

Mean

The arithmetic mean is obtained by adding all observations and dividing the total by the number of observations.

Mean = (Sum of all observations) / (Number of observations)

For example, if daily travel times are 20, 25, 30, 35, and 40 minutes, the mean is (20 + 25 + 30 + 35 + 40) / 5 = 30 minutes.

Median

The median is the middle value after the data have been arranged in order, from smallest to largest. If the number of observations is even, the median is the average of the two middle values. The median is often useful when a dataset contains unusually large or small values.

Mode

The mode is the value that appears most frequently. It is useful when the most common category or value is important. A dataset can have one mode, more than one mode, or no mode if all values appear the same number of times.

Measures of Dispersion

Two datasets can have the same mean but very different levels of variation. Measures of dispersion describe how spread out the observations are around the centre. The range is the difference between the largest and smallest observation. Variance and standard deviation give more detailed measures of spread.

Range = Maximum value − Minimum value

Standard deviation is calculated in the same units as the original observations. A small standard deviation means that the observations are close to the mean, while a larger value indicates more spread-out data. For example, Excel's STDEV.S function is commonly used; STDEV.P is used when the data represents the entire population of interest.

Correlation

Correlation measures the direction and strength of a linear relationship between two quantitative variables. Pearson's correlation coefficient, usually written as r, ranges from -1 to +1.A value close to +1 shows a strong positive linear relationship, a value close to -1 shows a strong negative linear relationship, and a value near 0 suggests little to no linear relationship. Correlation does not mean that one variable causes the other. For instance, two variables might appear to move together because of a third factor, due to how the data was collected, or because the observed relationship isn't consistent across a broader population.

Data Visualization in Daily Life

Graphs help in understanding numerical data more clearly. A bar chart is useful for comparing different categories, a pie chart shows how a total is divided among categories, and a line graph is suitable for showing changes over time. A scatter plot is helpful when examining the relationship between two numerical variables. For example, a family can use a bar chart to show their monthly spending by category. A student can use a line graph to track their scores across different tests. A business can use a chart to compare sales of various products. The graph should have clear labels, correct units, and a scale that accurately represents the data without misleading the viewer.8. Worked Example: Study Time and Examination Marks

Consider the following hypothetical data for ten students. The data is created solely for the purpose of demonstrating statistical methods. Study time is measured in hours per day, and marks are out of 100.

Student	Study hours	Marks
1	1	48
2	2	52
3	2	55
4	3	61
5	3	64
6	4	68
7	4	72
8	5	76
9	5	81
10	6	85
Mean	**3.50**	**66.20**
Median	**3.50**	**66.00**
Mode	**2**	**48**
Sample SD	**1.58**	**12.45**
Pearson r	**0.9876**	**0.9876**

Table 1 Example dataset for demonstrating statistical calculations.

Mean using Excel

Enter study hours in cells B2:B11 and marks in cells C2:C11. In an empty cell, type =AVERAGE (B2:B11) for the mean study time and =AVERAGE (C2:C11) for the mean mark.

The results are 3.50 hours and 66.20 marks. The mean gives a single numerical summary of the center of each variable.

Median using Excel

Use **=**MEDIAN(B2:B11) and =MEDIAN(C2:C11). The results are 3.50 hours and 66.00 marks.

Mode using Excel

Use the formula **=**MODE.SNGL(B2:B11). The study-hours dataset has a mode of 2 hours. The marks occur only once each, so there is no mode for the marks. In newer versions of Excel, MODE.SNGL is preferred over the older MODE function.

Standard Deviation using Excel

For a sample of students, use **=**STDEV.S(B2:B11) and =STDEV.S(C2:C11). The sample standard deviations are

1.58 hours and 12.45 marks. Pearson Correlation using Excel

Use the formula =CORREL(B2:B11,C2:C11). The result is approximately r = 0.9876. This shows a strong positive linear relationship in this small dataset: students who reported more study hours tend to have higher levels. However, this example

does not prove that more study hours alone cause higher marks.

Demonstration of Manual Calculation

Although spreadsheet functions are efficient, understanding the concept is important. For the study-hour data, the total is 35 hours across 10 observations, so the mean is 35 divided by 10, which equals 3.5 hours. After sorting the data, the fifth and sixth values are both 3, so the median is 3 hours. The values 2, 3, 4, and 5 each appear twice, making the dataset multimodal instead of having a single mode. Excel's MODE.SNGL function returns the first mode it finds. This highlights the importance of interpreting software results rather than using them without checking the data. For standard deviation, the differences between each observation and the meaning are squared, summed, adjusted based on whether it's a sample or population, and then square-rooted. The formula for a sample standard deviation is:

$s = \text{sqrt}[\ \Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2 / (n - 1)\ ]$

For Pearson correlation, the calculation compares how two variables vary together. Excel does the calculation automatically, but the interpretation still needs attention to the sign, magnitude, sample size, and context.

Applications for Statistics in Daily Life

Education

Teachers can calculate average marks, identify the most common score, compare performance across tests, and track progress over time. Students can use their own marks to find areas that need more attention. Standard deviation can show whether scores are closely grouped or spread out. However, one numerical measure should not be the sole basis for judging a student.

Personal Finance

Families can categorize income and expenses, such as food, transport, education, utilities, health, and savings. Monthly totals, averages, percentages, and charts make spending easier to understand. A person can compare average expenses over several months instead of making decisions based on a single unusually high month.

Business and Retail

Businesses collect data on sales, customers, inventory, prices, and product demand. The mean sales can indicate a typical period, while trends and comparisons help with stock planning. Correlation may be explored between advertising costs and sales, although other factors must also be considered before claiming a causal effect.

Healthcare and Medicine

Health research heavily relies on statistics. Researchers summarize measurements, compare groups, estimate risks, and evaluate whether observed differences are meaningful. Hospitals can use data to study patient waiting times, bed occupancy, medicine usage, and service quality. Medical conclusions require proper

study design and professional interpretation, not just simple averages..

Weather Forecasting

Weather services analyze historical and current data, including temperature, pressure, humidity, wind, and rainfall. Statistical models help describe patterns and estimate future conditions. A daily weather forecast is an example of how historical data and mathematical models support practical planning.

Sports

Sports statistics include runs, goals, points, assists, completion rates, averages, and other performance measures. Teams can compare players and examine changes throughout a season. Averages are helpful, but they should be interpreted with consideration of playing time, opposition, conditions, and other relevant factors.

Agriculture

Farmers and agricultural researchers can analyze rainfall, crop yield, soil measurements, fertilizer use, pest occurrence, and market prices. Comparing yield across seasons can help identify patterns. Statistical experiments can also help determine if treatment or farming practice performs better under controlled conditions.

Transportation

Transport systems generate data on travel time, traffic volume, fuel consumption, accidents, and passenger demand. Average journey time can summarize typical conditions, while variation can reveal how unpredictable a route is. Time-series graphs can display patterns during peak hours and assist planners in distributing resources effectively.

Social Media and Online Services

Digital platforms gather substantial data on visits, searches, clicks, and user interactions. By analyzing statistical summaries, it is possible to determine which content is viewed more often and how activity evolves over time. Users should keep in mind that these metrics are affected by the design of the platform, the sampling method, and algorithms, and may not accurately reflect the views of the entire population. Weather, Environment and Public Planning. Environmental data like air quality, rainfall, water levels, and temperature can be analyzed using statistical methods. Authorities can utilize these summaries to detect unusual conditions, compare different areas, and prepare appropriate responses. Long-term records are particularly useful for understanding trends over time. Environmental measurements such as air quality, rainfall, water levels, and temperature can be summarized statistically. Authorities can use these summaries to identify unusual conditions, compare locations, and plan responses. Long-term records are especially valuable when examining changes over time.

Practical Example: Monthly Household Budget

Consider a household that records the following planned monthly expenses. These figures are provided to show how percentages and visual representations can aid in financial planning.

Category	Amount (₹)	Percentage of total
Food	9,000	30.0%
Education	5,000	16.7%
Transport	3,000	10.0%
Utilities	2,500	8.3%
Health	1,500	5.0%
Entertainment	2,000	6.7%
Savings	7,000	23.3%
Total	**30,000**	**100.0%**

Table 2 Example monthly household budget.

The planned total is ₹30,000. The largest category in this example is **Food**. A bar chart can be used to compare the seven categories, while a pie chart can illustrate the proportion of the total that each category represents. This type of summary can help a household understand where most of its money is being spent.

Simple Microsoft Excel Procedure

Step 1: Open Microsoft Excel and create column headings such as Student, Study Hours, and Marks.

Step 2:Input each observation in a separate row. Avoid mixing text labels with numerical data within the calculation area..

Step 3: Use the formula**=**AVERAGE (range) to calculate the arithmetic mean.

Step 4: Use **=**MEDIAN (range) to find the median.

Step 5: Use **=**MODE.SNGL(range) when a single most frequent numerical value is needed.

Step 6: Use **=**STDEV.S(range) for sample standard deviation or =STDEV.P(range) for population standard deviation.

Step 7: Use **=**CORREL(range1, range2) for Pearson's correlation coefficient.

Step 8: Select the data and use Insert → Charts to create a suitable graph. Choose the graph type according to the question.

Step 9: Add clear titles, axis labels, units, and legends where necessary.

Step 10: Check the original data before reporting the result. Software reduces arithmetic work but does not replace statistical reasoning.

Advantages of Using Statistics in Daily Life

- •It converts large amounts of information into concise summaries.
- It helps people compare alternatives using numerical evidence.

- It can reveal patterns and trends that are difficult to notice from raw observations.
- It supports planning in education, business, health, transport, agriculture, and finance.
- It allows information to be communicated clearly through tables and graphs.
- Spreadsheet tools can perform repetitive calculations quickly and reduce arithmetic workload.

Limitations and Responsible Use

Statistics is powerful, but a numerical result is not automatically a reliable conclusion. Poor sampling, inaccurate measurements, missing observations, biased questions, and inappropriate statistical methods can lead to misleading results. Averages may hide important differences within a group, and correlation does not establish causation. Graphs can also mislead if their scales or categories are chosen poorly. Responsible use of statistics therefore requires careful data collection, transparent methods, appropriate calculations, and honest interpretation. When decisions affect health, education, finance, or public policy, statistical findings should be considered alongside relevant expert knowledge and the limitations of the available evidence.

Discussion

The examples in this article show that statistics is not restricted to research laboratories or professional statisticians. A student calculating an average score, a family reviewing its budget, a shop comparing sales, or a traveler checking a weather trend is already using a form of statistical reasoning. The key difference between casual use and sound statistical practice is the care taken to define the question, collect suitable observations, and interpret the results in context. Technology has made statistical calculation much faster. Spreadsheet software can calculate common measures, sort data, create charts, and perform correlation analysis within seconds. However, technology should be treated as a tool rather than a substitute for understanding. A correct formula applied to the wrong data can still produce an unhelpful answer.

II.CONCLUSION

Statistics provides a practical framework for understanding information in everyday life. Measures such as mean, median, mode, range, and standard deviation describe important features of data, while correlation helps examine linear relationships between numerical variables. Tables and graphs make results easier to communicate. Applications can be found in education, personal finance, business, healthcare, weather forecasting, agriculture, transportation, sports, and many other areas. The worked Excel example demonstrates that common statistical calculations can be completed quickly when data are arranged properly. More importantly, the results must be interpreted with context and caution. Statistics is most valuable when

it helps people ask better questions, understand evidence, recognize uncertainty, and make more informed decisions. Thus, statistics serves as an important connection between mathematical concepts and practical life.

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AI-Driven Vision-Based Road Hazard Detection and Safety Assessment for Intelligent Transportation Systems

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Abstract

Road-surface hazards such as potholes and speed breakers can affect vehicle movement, driving comfort, and road safety. Conventional identification of these hazards generally depends on manual observation, which can be time-consuming and difficult to apply continuously over large road areas. This research presents an AI-driven computer vision system for automatically detecting potholes and speed breakers from road images. The proposed system uses a YOLO-based object detection model trained on labelled road-hazard images to identify and localise the target objects. The development process includes dataset preparation, annotation, preprocessing, model training, validation, testing, and visual analysis of detection results. To make the trained model accessible to users, it is integrated into an interactive Streamlit web application. Users can upload a road image through the application, after which the trained model analyses the image and displays the detected potholes and speed breakers with visual bounding boxes and class information. The proposed system provides a practical approach for demonstrating AI-based road-hazard identification and can serve as a foundation for future intelligent road-monitoring and transportation applications.

Keywords: Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision, Deep Learning, YOLO, Pothole Detection, Speed Breaker Detection, Object Detection, Streamlit, Road-Hazard Detection.

I.INTRODUCTION

Road transportation is an essential component of modern society, and the condition of road infrastructure directly influences safety, mobility, and driving comfort. Potholes and speed breakers are two commonly encountered road conditions that require effective identification. Potholes are surface defects that can develop due to pavement deterioration, water accumulation, environmental conditions, and repeated traffic loading. Speed breakers, in contrast, are intentionally constructed structures used to control vehicle speed. Although their purposes are different, both can influence vehicle movement when encountered unexpectedly or when their locations are not clearly identified. Traditional road-condition monitoring often relies on manual inspection and periodic surveys. Such methods require human effort and may not provide continuous monitoring of large road networks. The increasing availability of artificial intelligence and computer vision technologies provides an opportunity to automate the identification of road hazards from images. Deep-learning-based object detection models can learn visual characteristics from labelled examples and subsequently identify similar objects in previously unseen images. This research develops a computer vision-based system for detecting potholes and speed breakers from road images. A YOLO-based object detection model is trained to recognise the two target categories and locate them using bounding boxes. The trained model is subsequently integrated into a Streamlit application, providing an interactive interface for image-based road-hazard detection.

Problem Statement

Road hazards are often identified through manual observation, which can be inefficient when large numbers of roads need to be inspected. The appearance of potholes and speed breakers can also vary significantly according to road type, lighting, camera perspective, object size, surrounding surfaces, and environmental conditions. These variations make consistent manual or conventional image-processing-based detection challenging. Therefore, there is a need for an automated vision-based system that can analyse road images and identify potholes and speed breakers without requiring continuous manual inspection. The system should not only recognise the target hazards but also indicate their locations within the input image. In addition, the developed model should be presented through an accessible interface so that users can interact with the detection system without directly operating the underlying machine-learning environment.

Research Gap

Many conventional road-monitoring approaches depend on manual inspection, sensor-based measurements, or traditional image-processing techniques. These approaches may require specialised equipment, extensive human involvement, or carefully controlled environmental conditions. Traditional computer-vision techniques may also have difficulty handling changes in object appearance and complex road backgrounds. Recent deep-learning-based object detection methods provide an opportunity to learn object features directly from labelled images. However, a practical road-hazard system should combine the detection model with an accessible application interface rather than limiting the research to model training alone. This research addresses this gap by combining YOLO-based object detection with a Streamlit application for interactive image-based identification of potholes and speed breakers.

Objectives

The primary objective of this research is to develop an automated AI-based system for detecting and analysing potholes and speed breakers from road images. The proposed system aims to prepare and validate a labelled road-hazard dataset, preprocess the images, and train a YOLO-based deep-learning model for object detection. The system is designed to identify the target road hazards and localise them using bounding boxes. The trained model is then incorporated into an interactive Streamlit application that allows users to upload road images and obtain visual detection results. The overall objective is to demonstrate a practical computer-vision-based approach for automated road-hazard identification and monitoring.

Proposed System

The proposed system consists of two major components: the AI-based detection model and the interactive Streamlit application. The first component is responsible for learning the visual characteristics of potholes and speed breakers from labelled road images. The second component provides an interface through which users can submit images and view the predictions generated by the trained model. The overall workflow begins with the preparation of the road-image dataset. The images are labelled according to the target object categories and organised into suitable subsets for model development. The YOLO model is then trained using the prepared dataset. Following training, the selected model is used for image inference. Finally, the trained model is connected to Streamlit, allowing the detection process to be accessed through a web-based interface.

System Architecture

The architecture of the proposed system follows a sequential processing pipeline. A road image is provided as the input to the application. The image is passed to the trained YOLO model, which analyses the visual content and identifies

possible potholes and speed breakers. The model generates detection information corresponding to the recognised objects. The output from the model is then processed by the Streamlit application and displayed to the user. The detected regions are visualised using bounding boxes, while the corresponding object categories are presented alongside the detections. This architecture separates the model-development stage from the user-interface stage while allowing both components to operate as a single application.

System Workflow:

Input Road Image → Image Processing → YOLO Detection Model → Object Localisation → Detection Output → Streamlet Interface

Dataset Collection And Preparation

The dataset forms the foundation of the proposed object-detection system. Road images containing potholes and speed breakers are collected and organised according to the requirements of the YOLO framework. Each relevant object within an image is associated with a class label and a bounding-box annotation indicating its location. The dataset is structured into training, validation, and testing subsets. The training data is used for learning the visual characteristics of the target classes, while validation data supports model development and testing data provides an independent set of images for assessing the trained model. Proper dataset organisation is important because incorrect annotations or unsuitable samples can negatively affect the learning process.

Mage Annotation

Image annotation is performed by identifying the locations of potholes and speed breakers within the road images. Each detected object is assigned to its corresponding class and represented using a rectangular bounding box. The annotations provide the information required by the YOLO model to learn both object classification and localisation. The quality of annotations is particularly important in object detection because the model uses these bounding boxes as ground-truth information during training. Incorrect class labels, missing objects, or inaccurate bounding boxes can result in unreliable model predictions. Therefore, the prepared annotations are checked before the training stage.

Image Preprocessing

Before training, the road images are prepared according to the input requirements of the detection model. Images are resized to the selected input resolution, and the associated annotations are maintained in the required YOLO format. Data preparation ensures that the images and labels can be efficiently

processed during training. Training-time image augmentation can also be used to introduce variations in the visual appearance of the training samples. Changes in image scale, orientation, illumination, and other visual characteristics can help expose the model to a wider range of possible road conditions. This supports the development of a model that can operate on images that differ from the original training samples.

Yolo-Based Object Detection

The proposed system uses a YOLO-based object detection architecture to identify potholes and speed breakers. YOLO performs object detection by analysing the input image and predicting object locations and categories within a single detection framework. This makes it suitable for applications where both object localisation and classification are required. During training, the model learns visual patterns associated with the two target classes. During inference, the trained network processes an input road image and generates predictions for objects that correspond to the learned categories. Each prediction contains information about the detected region and its associated class.

Model Training

The YOLO model is trained using the prepared road-hazard dataset. During training, the model processes labelled images and compares its predictions with the provided ground-truth annotations. The network parameters are progressively adjusted so that the predicted object locations and categories become more consistent with the training annotations. Training is monitored using the available validation data to observe the behaviour of the model during development. The trained weights are stored and the selected model is subsequently used for testing and application integration. The final trained model acts as the core detection component of the proposed system.

Model Testing And Detection

After training, the selected YOLO model is applied to previously unseen road images. The model analyses each input image and produces detections corresponding to the learned road-hazard categories. The detected regions are represented by bounding boxes, allowing the locations of potholes and speed breakers to be visually identified. Testing also provides an opportunity to examine the behaviour of the model under different image conditions. Detection examples can be reviewed to identify successful predictions and challenging cases. Such visual analysis is useful for understanding the practical behaviour of the developed system.

Streamlit-Based Application Development

To make the trained model accessible through an interactive interface, the YOLO detection model is integrated into a Streamlit-based web application. Streamlit provides a lightweight framework for converting the Python-based

detection pipeline into an interactive browser-based application without requiring the development of a separate frontend system. The application is designed to provide an image-upload interface through which users can select a road image for analysis. After the image is uploaded, the application passes it to the trained YOLO model for inference. The resulting detections are then returned to the interface and displayed visually. This allows the user to observe the detected potholes and speed breakers directly within the application.

Streamlit User Interface

The Streamlit interface acts as the interaction layer between the user and the trained AI model. The interface can contain a project title, description, image-upload component, detection controls, and an output display area. The user does not need to interact with the model files or execute command-line detection commands. Once an image is uploaded, the application processes the image and presents the resulting detection output. Bounding boxes and class labels provide a visual representation of the detected hazards. This design makes the developed system easier to demonstrate during a conference presentation and provides a practical example of AI model deployment.

Detection Result Visualisation

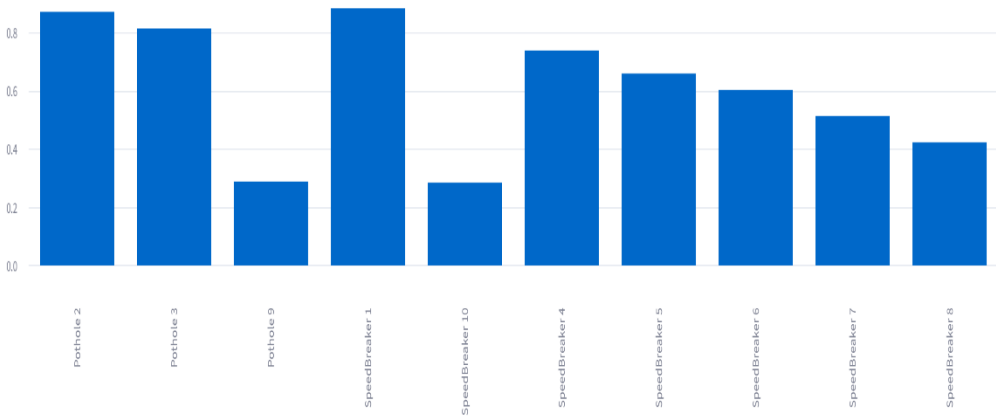
Visualisation is an important part of the proposed application because object detection results are easier to understand when they are displayed directly on the input image. The Streamlit application presents the processed image with bounding boxes surrounding detected potholes and speed breakers. The visual output allows users to identify both the type and location of the detected road hazards. Screenshots of the Streamlit interface and sample detection outputs can also be included in the conference paper to demonstrate the practical implementation of the proposed system.

Results And Discussion

The developed system demonstrates an end-to-end workflow for road-hazard detection, beginning with labelled road images and ending with an interactive application. The trained YOLO model provides the underlying object-detection capability, while the Streamlit interface provides a convenient method for interacting with the model. The detected-image outputs can be analysed to understand how the system identifies potholes and speed breakers under different visual conditions. Successful detection examples demonstrate the ability of the system to locate the target objects, while challenging examples can be used to identify areas requiring further improvement. The results can therefore be discussed through both quantitative experimental observations and qualitative visual analysis.

Table 1 Representative Object Detection Results

Detection	Detected Object	Confidence (%)	Bounding Box (X1, Y1, X2, Y2)
1	SpeedBreaker	88.19	(666.5, 762.0, 1243.9, 1131.3)
2	Pothole	86.98	(367.8, 281.8, 422.9, 313.1)
3	Pothole	81.26	(905.6, 271.6, 1026.3, 358.3)
4	SpeedBreaker	73.68	(748.6, 836.3, 1245.9, 1136.2)
5	SpeedBreaker	65.82	(170.5, 879.3, 473.8, 913.6)
6	SpeedBreaker	60.19	(344.8, 292.0, 650.2, 610.9)
7	SpeedBreaker	51.25	(337.1, 434.1, 637.3, 604.2)
8	SpeedBreaker	42.21	(1259.5, 727.4, 1277.8, 1247.8)
9	Pothole	28.73	(17.1, 951.4, 49.8, 976.0)
10	SpeedBreaker	28.41	(775.5, 803.3, 1248.3, 1217.1)



System Applications

The proposed system can support several potential road-monitoring applications. A vehicle-mounted camera could potentially provide road images to the detection system for automated hazard identification. The approach could also be adapted for road-survey applications in which images are collected periodically and analysed using the trained model. The Streamlit implementation additionally provides a practical demonstration platform for researchers, students, road-management personnel, and other users who need to interact with the detection system. With further development, the system could be extended toward mobile, edge-device, or real-time camera-based deployment.

Advantages Of the Proposed System

The proposed system provides an automated approach to identifying potholes and speed breakers from road images. It combines deep-learning-based object detection with an accessible web interface, allowing users to obtain detection results without directly interacting with the model-training environment. Another advantage is the ability to visually localise detected road hazards within the input image. The modular structure of the system also allows future improvements to the detection model or user interface without requiring complete redevelopment of the entire application.

Limitations

The performance of an image-based road-hazard detection system depends on the quality and diversity of its training dataset. Differences in lighting, weather, road surface, camera angle, object size, and image quality can affect the appearance of road hazards and consequently influence detection behaviour. The current system is also primarily designed for image-based identification. It does not directly determine the physical depth of a pothole or the exact height of a speed breaker. Additional sensors or depth-estimation techniques would be required for detailed physical road-condition analysis.

Future Enhancement

Future development can focus on expanding the dataset with road images captured under different environmental and geographical conditions. Additional road-hazard categories can also be incorporated to create a broader road-condition detection framework. The Streamlit application can be further enhanced with video-based detection, camera integration, location-based hazard recording, and automated road-hazard mapping. Integration with GPS information could allow detected hazards to be associated with geographic locations, creating a foundation for intelligent road-condition monitoring and maintenance systems.

II.CONCLUSION

This research presents an AI-driven computer vision system for detecting potholes and speed breakers from road images using a YOLO-based object detection model. The proposed development process includes dataset preparation, image annotation, preprocessing, model training, testing, and visual analysis of detected road hazards. To demonstrate practical usability, the trained model is integrated into a Streamlit-based web application. The application enables users to upload road images and view the resulting detections through an interactive interface. The combination of deep learning and an accessible web application provides a practical framework for automated road-hazard identification. The proposed system can serve as a foundation for future intelligent transportation, road-monitoring, and smart-infrastructure applications.

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Impact of Social Media on Consumer Behavior with Special Reference to Chennai City

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Abstract

Social media has become an integral part of modern marketing strategies and has transformed the way consumers interact with brands and products. Platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and WhatsApp have created new opportunities for organizations to promote products, communicate with customers, and influence purchasing decisions. Consumers increasingly depend on social media for product information, reviews, recommendations, and feedback before making purchasing decisions. The present study examines the impact of social media on consumer behavior in Chennai City. The study focuses on social media usage, online shopping patterns, the influence of likes and shares on buying behavior, and the effectiveness of electronic word-of-mouth and paid advertising. A descriptive research design was adopted, and primary data were collected from 150 respondents through a structured questionnaire. Simple random sampling was used to select the participants. Statistical tools such as percentage analysis and the chi-square test were used to analyze the collected data. The findings indicate that social media significantly influences consumer purchasing behavior. However, demographic factors such as income and occupation do not show a significant relationship with the mode of purchase. The study highlights the growing importance of social media as an effective marketing tool and emphasizes its role in shaping consumer decision-making.

Keywords: Social media, consumer behavior, online shopping, electronic word-of-mouth, digital marketing, Chennai.

I.INTRODUCTION

Social media refers to web-based platforms that facilitate communication, information sharing, collaboration, and interaction among users. These platforms have transformed traditional communication into interactive digital conversations. Social media has become one of the most influential channels for marketing because it enables organizations to communicate directly with consumers. According to Mayfield (2008), social media is characterized by participation, openness, conversation, community, and connectedness. Boyd and Ellison (2008) define social networking sites as web-based services that allow individuals to create profiles, establish connections, and interact with other users within a specific network. Consumer behavior refers to the actions, attitudes, and decision-making processes involved in purchasing products and services. According to Kotler (2009), customer satisfaction is the feeling of pleasure or disappointment resulting from comparing a product's perceived performance with expectations. In recent years, social media has significantly influenced consumer behavior by providing access to product information, customer reviews, recommendations, and advertisements. Consumers now rely heavily on social media when searching for products, comparing alternatives, and making purchasing decisions. Therefore, understanding the relationship between social media and consumer behavior has become increasingly important for marketers and researchers.

Review Of Literature

Ioanas (2020) examined the impact of social media on consumer behavior and found that technological developments have enabled consumers to evaluate products more effectively through online reviews and recommendations. The study used quantitative research methods with a sample of 116 respondents. The findings demonstrated that social networks significantly influence consumer behavior and purchasing decisions.

Pagar (2017) investigated the impact of social media on consumers' buying decisions in the footwear industry. Data were collected through Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp. The study found that social media plays an important role in influencing purchasing decisions and that consumers actively engage with product-related content before making purchases.

Previous studies indicate that social media influences consumer awareness, information-seeking behavior, brand perception, and purchase decisions. However, limited studies have specifically examined consumers in Chennai City. Therefore, the present study attempts to address this gap.

Objectives Of the Study

1. To determine the usage of social media among internet users in Chennai.
2. To identify the online shopping patterns of internet users.
3. To study the effect of likes and shares on online buying behavior.
4. Comparing the influence of electronic word-of-mouth and paid advertising

on social media platforms.

Limitations Of the Study

1. The study is limited to respondents from Chennai City; therefore, the findings cannot be generalized to all consumers.
2. The sample size is limited to 150 respondents.
3. The study focuses only on consumers influenced by social media advertisements.
4. Time constraints limited the number of variables included in the study.

Research Methodology

The study adopted a descriptive research design to examine the factors influencing consumer purchasing behavior through social media.

- **Sampling Technique:** Simple random sampling
- **Sample Size:** 150 respondents
- **Data Collection Method:** Structured questionnaire

Sources of Data:

- Primary data: Questionnaire survey
- Secondary data: Books, journals, articles, and published research

Statistical Tools Used:

- Percentage analysis
- Chi-square test

Data Analysis and Interpretation

Table 1 Gender of Respondents

Gender	Respondents	Percentage
Male	144	96.0
Female	6	4.0
Total	150	100

Interpretation:

The majority of respondents (96%) were male, while only 4% were female.

Table 2 Age Group of Respondents

Age Group	Respondents	Percentage
18–25	37	24.5
26–35	36	24.0
36–45	47	31.5
Above 45	30	20.0
Total	150	100

Interpretation

Most respondents (31.5%) belonged to the 36–45 age group.

Table 3 Occupation of Respondents

Occupation	Respondents	Percentage
Agriculture	18	12.0
Business	54	35.5
Government	5	3.5
Private	47	31.0
Student	26	18.0
Total	150	100

Interpretation

Business professionals represented the largest group of respondents (35.5%), followed by private employees (31%).

Table 4 Income Level of Respondents

Income Level	Respondents	Percentage
Below ₹5,000	23	15.5
₹5,001–10,000	68	45.5
₹10,001–15,000	38	25.0
₹15,001–20,000	14	9.5
Above ₹20,000	7	4.5
Total	150	100

Interpretation:

Most respondents (45.5%) earned between ₹5,001 and ₹10,000 per month.Chi-Square Test: Income and Mode of Purchase

Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant relationship between income and mode of purchase.

Result:

- Chi-square value = 0.0737
- p-value = 0.9993

Interpretation:

Since the p-value is greater than the significance level, the null hypothesis is accepted. Therefore, there is no significant relationship between income and mode of purchase.

Chi-Square Test: Occupation and Mode of Purchase

Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant relationship between occupation and mode of purchase.

Result:

- Chi-square value = 0.0446
- p-value = 0.9998

Interpretation:

There is no significant relationship between occupation and mode of purchase.

Findings

1. Most respondents were male.
2. The majority of respondents belonged to the 36–45 age group.
3. Business professionals represented the largest occupational group.
4. Most respondents earned between ₹5,001 and ₹10,000 per month.
5. Cash-on-delivery was the preferred payment method.
6. Income did not significantly influence the mode of purchase.
7. Occupation did not significantly influence the mode of purchase.

Suggestions

1. Businesses should strengthen their social media marketing strategies.
2. Organizations should encourage customer engagement through interactive content.
3. Marketers should focus on electronic word-of-mouth strategies to improve consumer trust.
4. Companies should provide detailed product information and customer reviews on social media platforms.
5. Future studies should include a larger sample size and a more diverse population.

II.CONCLUSION

Social media has become a powerful marketing tool that significantly influences consumer behavior. Consumers rely on social media platforms to obtain product information, compare alternatives, read customer reviews, and make informed purchasing decisions. The study found that demographic variables such as income and occupation did not significantly affect the mode of purchase. However, social media continues to play an essential role in influencing consumer decision-making.

Future research should include larger samples and additional variables to provide a more comprehensive understanding of consumer behavior in Chennai and other regions.

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An Explainable Multimodal Deep Learning Framework for Early Cardiovascular Disease Prediction Using Clinical and Electrocardiographic Data

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Abstract

Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality worldwide, making early and accurate prediction essential for timely intervention. Traditional CVD prediction methods often rely on limited clinical variables or individual diagnostic tests and may not fully exploit the complementary information available from clinical records and electrocardiographic (ECG) signals. This work proposes an Explainable Multimodal Deep Learning Framework that integrates structured clinical data with ECG signals for early CVD prediction. The framework performs data preprocessing, clinical feature extraction, ECG signal processing, multimodal feature fusion, deep learning-based classification, and explainability analysis. A combination of deep neural networks, such as an MLP for clinical data and CNN/Transformer-based models for ECG signals, can learn complementary patterns from both modalities. An attention-based fusion mechanism combines these representations before final classification. Explainable AI techniques such as SHAP and Grad-CAM are incorporated to identify important clinical variables and ECG regions contributing to predictions. The proposed approach aims to improve prediction accuracy, interpretability, and clinical confidence while supporting early cardiovascular risk assessment.

Keywords: Cardiovascular Disease, Deep Learning, ECG, Multimodal Learning, Explainable AI, SHAP, Grad-CAM, Clinical Data, Early Prediction.

I.INTRODUCTION

Cardiovascular diseases include conditions such as coronary artery disease, heart failure, arrhythmia, and myocardial infarction. Early identification of high-risk patients can support preventive treatment and reduce complications. Clinical parameters such as age, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes status, smoking history, and family history provide important information about cardiovascular risk. ECG signals provide another important source of information because they represent the electrical activity of the heart and can reveal abnormalities that may not be evident from routine clinical measurements. However, conventional machine learning systems frequently analyze clinical information and ECG signals independently. Recent advances in deep learning provide an opportunity to combine multiple healthcare modalities. A multimodal model can learn relationships between clinical risk factors and ECG characteristics. However, high predictive performance alone is insufficient in healthcare because clinicians need to understand why a model produces a particular prediction. Therefore, explainability is an important component of the proposed framework.

Problem Statement

Existing CVD prediction systems have several limitations:

- They often use only clinical or ECG data rather than both.
- Conventional machine learning methods may have difficulty learning complex nonlinear relationships.
- ECG signals contain temporal and morphological patterns that may be difficult to extract manually.
- Some deep learning models operate as black boxes.
- Lack of interpretable predictions can reduce clinical trust.
- Missing or noisy healthcare data can negatively affect prediction performance.
- Therefore, there is a need for an explainable multimodal deep learning framework capable of integrating clinical and ECG information for accurate and interpretable early CVD prediction.

Objectives

1. To develop a multimodal deep learning framework for early CVD prediction.
2. To integrate structured clinical information with ECG signals.
3. To automatically extract meaningful features from both modalities.
4. To improve prediction performance using multimodal feature fusion.
5. To provide interpretable predictions using Explainable AI techniques.
6. To identify important clinical variables and ECG regions influencing the prediction.

7. To evaluate the framework using accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, AUROC, and related metrics.

Related Background

Clinical-Based CVD Prediction

Traditional risk prediction uses variables such as age, sex, blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes, smoking, and body-mass-related measures.

ECG-Based Prediction

Deep learning models, particularly CNNs and recurrent/attention-based architectures, can automatically learn morphological and temporal characteristics from ECG signals.

Multimodal Deep Learning

Multimodal learning combines heterogeneous data sources. Clinical records and ECG signals are complementary because clinical data describe patient-level risk factors while ECG data provide direct information about cardiac electrical activity.

Explainable AI

Methods such as SHAP, LIME, Grad-CAM, and attention visualization can help identify the factors responsible for model predictions.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed framework consists of the following stages:

Phase 1 – Data Collection

- Clinical/EHR data
- ECG recordings
- Patient diagnostic labels

Phase 2 – Data Preprocessing

- Missing-value handling
- Duplicate removal
- Outlier detection
- Clinical feature normalization
- ECG filtering and noise removal
- ECG segmentation
- Patient-level data alignment

Phase 3 – Feature Extraction

- Clinical branch:
- MLP/DNN
- Embedding of categorical variables
- Dense feature representation
- ECG branch:
- 1D CNN

- CNN + LSTM or Transformer
- Automatic extraction of ECG morphological and temporal features

Phase 4 – Multimodal Fusion

- The extracted clinical and ECG representations are combined using:
- Concatenation
- Attention-based fusion
- Weighted feature fusion

Phase 5 – Classification

- The fused representation is passed through fully connected layers to predict:
- CVD
- No CVD

or multiple cardiovascular disease classes when the dataset supports multiclass classification.

Phase 6 – Explainability

- SHAP can explain the contribution of clinical features, while Grad-CAM or attention visualization can highlight important ECG regions.

Phase 7 – Evaluation

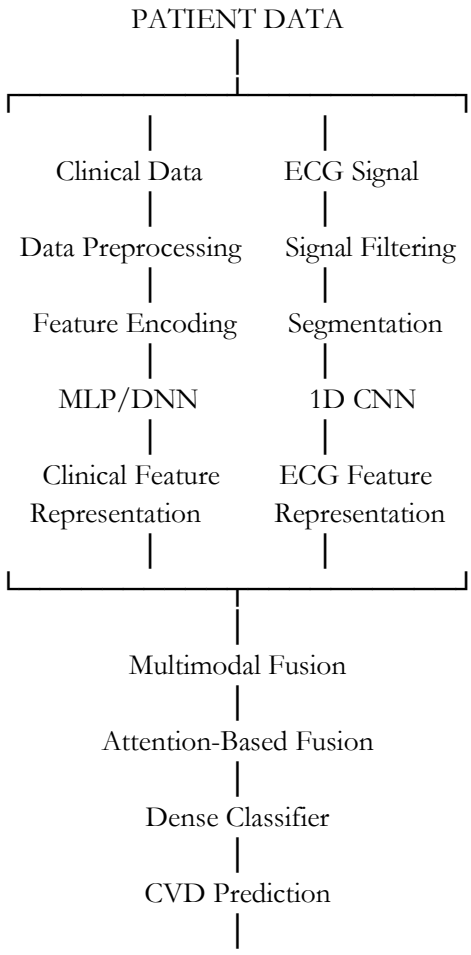
- The model can be evaluated using:
- Accuracy
- Precision
- Recall/Sensitivity
- Specificity
- F1-score
- AUROC
- AUPRC
- Confusion matrix

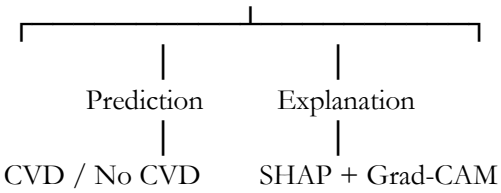
Algorithms

Component	Recommended Algorithm
Clinical preprocessing	Normalization + categorical encoding
Clinical feature extraction	MLP/DNN
ECG preprocessing	Band-pass filtering + normalization

ECG feature extraction	1D CNN
Temporal learning	LSTM/Transformer
Multimodal fusion	Attention/Concatenation
Classification	Fully Connected + Softmax/Sigmoid
Explainability	SHAP + Grad-CAM
Optimization	Adam
Loss function	Binary/Categorical Cross-Entropy

Proposed Architecture





Limitations

- The quality of predictions depends strongly on the quality and size of the dataset.
- Clinical datasets may contain missing, imbalanced, or noisy observations.
- ECG recordings can vary in sampling frequency, duration, and quality.
- Multimodal models generally require greater computational resources than single-modality models.
- Models trained on one hospital or population may have limited generalizability.
- Explainability methods provide useful approximations of model behavior but do not necessarily establish clinical causality.
- External clinical validation is required before real-world deployment.

Future Work

Future research can focus on:

1. Incorporating additional modalities such as medical imaging, laboratory tests, medications, and longitudinal EHR data.
2. Developing transformer-based multimodal architectures.
3. Using federated learning for privacy-preserving multi-hospital training.
4. Improving robustness against missing and noisy data.
5. Performing external validation across different hospitals and populations.
6. Developing real-time ECG-based cardiovascular risk monitoring.
7. Investigating self-supervised and foundation-model approaches for ECG representation learning.
8. Conducting prospective clinical studies to assess real-world usefulness.

II.CONCLUSION

The major contribution of the proposed work is the development of a unified, explainable multimodal framework that combines clinical risk factors and ECG-derived cardiac information. Unlike single-modality approaches, the proposed system is designed to exploit complementary information from both sources while providing explanations for its predictions. This can potentially improve early CVD risk stratification and make deep learning predictions more understandable to healthcare professionals.

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Analysis of Graph Representation Using Adjacency Matrix and Adjacency List

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Abstract

Graph theory is an important area of mathematics and computer science that provides effective methods for representing and analyzing networks. Mainly focuses on the analysis of graph representation using adjacency matrix and adjacency list structures. These two representations are widely used to store the relationships between vertices and edges in a graph. The study examines their structures, memory requirements, advantages, disadvantages, and computational efficiency for different types of graphs. An adjacency matrix represents a graph using a two-dimensional matrix, providing efficient access to determine whether an edge exists between two vertices, while an adjacency list stores the neighboring vertices of each vertex and is generally more memory-efficient for sparse graphs. The analysis also considers the suitability of each representation for graph traversal and algorithmic applications such as Breadth-First Search (BFS), Depth-First Search (DFS), and shortest-path algorithms. The results demonstrate that the choice of graph representation depends on factors such as graph density, memory availability, and the operations performed on the graph. This study provides a comparative analysis of adjacency matrix and adjacency list representations and highlights their applicability in graph-based computational problems.

Keywords: Graph Representation, Adjacency Matrix, Adjacency List, Graph Algorithms, BFS, DFS, Shortest Path

I.INTRODUCTION

K¨onigsberg, now known as Kaliningrad, was a city in the former Kingdom of Prussia divided by the Pregel River. The city had two islands connected to the mainland by bridges. The smaller island was connected to the riverbanks by two bridges, while the larger island had one bridge connecting it to the mainland. In addition, one bridge connected the two islands. The K¨onigsberg bridge problem considers whether a tourist can cross all seven bridges exactly once without crossing the same bridge more than one time. Although the problem may appear simple, it is not possible to find such a route. Leonhard Euler proved that this was impossible

by simplifying the city into a mathematical structure. He represented each land area by a vertex and each bridge by an edge. This representation became the foundation of graph theory. Euler observed that when a person enters a land area through one bridge, they must leave through another bridge. Therefore, the vertices in the middle of a route must have an even number of incident edges. Only the starting and ending vertices can have an odd number of edges. In the K¨onigsberg bridge problem, all four land areas have an odd number of connections. Hence, it is impossible to cross all seven bridges exactly once. Euler's approach introduced a new way of solving problems by focusing on the relationships and connections between objects rather than their physical shape or distance. His work laid the foundation for graph theory, which has developed into an important area of mathematics with applications in computer science, physics, biology, social sciences, and many other fields.

Adjacency Matrix

An adjacency matrix is one of the common methods used to represent a graph. For a graph with N vertices, an N × N matrix is constructed. Each entry of the matrix indicates whether two vertices are connected by an edge. If an edge exists between two vertices, the corresponding entry is assigned the value 1; otherwise, it is assigned 0. Therefore, the adjacency matrix provides a simple way to identify the connections between the vertices of a graph.

Adjacency List

An adjacency list represents a graph by storing the neighboring vertices of each vertex. Each vertex has a separate list containing the vertices directly connected to it. This representation is useful for graphs where the number of edges is relatively small compared with the number of possible edges. In the case of a weighted graph, the weight of each edge can also be stored along with the corresponding adjacent vertex.

Depth-First Search

Depth-First Search (DFS) is a graph traversal method in which the search proceeds as far as possible along one path before returning to an earlier vertex. Starting from a selected vertex, the vertex is first marked as visited and then an unvisited adjacent vertex is selected. This process continues until there are no more unvisited adjacent vertices. The algorithm then backtracks and continues the search from the previous vertices until all reachable vertices have been visited. DFS can be implemented using recursion or a stack.

Breadth-First Search

Breadth-First Search (BFS) is a graph traversal method that visits vertices level by level. Starting from a selected vertex, it first visits all the vertices directly connected to that vertex. It then moves to the next level and visits their unvisited neighbors. A queue is generally used to maintain the order in which the vertices are processed. BFS is particularly useful for finding the shortest path in an unweight graph.

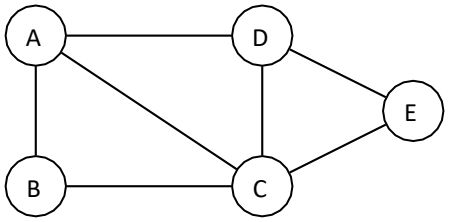
BFS and DFS

Both BFS and DFS are important techniques for exploring graphs, but they follow different traversal strategies. BFS explores the graph level by level using a queue, whereas DFS explores one path deeply before backtracking, using a stack or

recursion. The choice between these methods depends on the type of graph problem.

Breadth First Search and Depth First Search

Breadth-First Search (BFS) and Depth-First Search (DFS) how the vertices of the given graph can be visited. The graph is first represented using an adjacency matrix, which shows the connections between the vertices.In BFS, the traversal starts from a selected vertex and visits the connected vertices level by level. A queue is used to keep track of the vertices that have to be visited. For the given graph, the traversal starts from vertex A, and the vertices are visited according to their levels. In DFS, the traversal also starts from vertex A, but it follows one connected path as far as possible before returning to an earlier vertex. A stack or recursion can be used to perform the traversal. The unvisited vertices are explored until all the vertices in the graph have been visited. The BFS and DFS traversal results are then used to observe the different ways in which the same graph can be explored. Thus, BFS focuses on level-by-level exploration, whereas DFS focuses on depth-wise exploration and backtracking.



Graph representation

Breadth-First Search (BFS)

Breadth-First Search (BFS) is a graph traversal technique that visits the vertices level by level. In the proposed graph, the starting vertex is taken as A.

BFS Using Adjacency Matrix

Let the vertices of the proposed graph be ordered as A, B, C, D, E. The corresponding adjacency matrix is

M = 0111000100000010010100000.

Starting from vertex A, the BFS algorithm scans the corresponding row of the adjacency matrix and visits each unvisited adjacent vertex. The traversal proceeds as follows:

A → B, C, D

B → C (already visited)

C → E

D → C, E (already visited)

E → non visited vertex.

Hence, the Breadth-First Search traversal starting from A is
BFS(A) = A → B → C → D → E

BFS Traversal Starting from A
The BFS traversal is performed using a queue. Starting from vertex A, the adjacent vertices B, C, and D are visited first. Next, vertex E is visited.
The traversal order is
A → B → C → D → E
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BFS Levels
The vertices visited by BFS can be grouped into levels according to their distance from the starting vertex A.
L0 = {A}

L1 = {B, C, D}

L2 = {E}
Therefore, the BFS levels are
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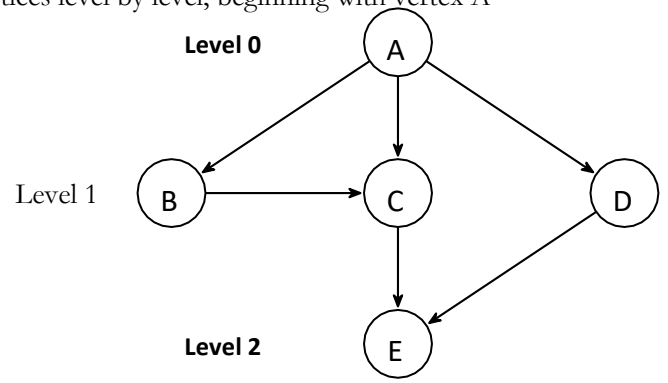


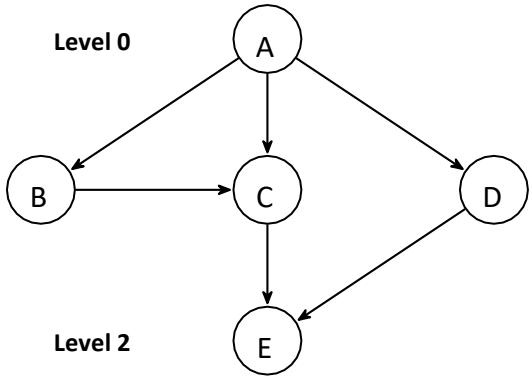
Figure 1: Breadth-First Search levels starting from vertex A.

Depth-First Search (DFS)
Depth-First Search (DFS) is a method used to visit the vertices of a graph. In this method, the search starts from a selected vertex and continues through an unvisited neighboring vertex. The search keeps moving forward until there is no unvisited neighboring vertex available. At that point, it goes back to the previous vertex and continues the search. In this way, all the reachable vertices of the graph can be visited.
In the given graph, the DFS traversal is started from vertex A. From A, the traversal first moves to vertex B. From B, it proceeds to vertex C. The next unvisited vertex from C is D, and then the traversal reaches vertex E. Since all the vertices have now been visited, the traversal is completed.
The steps of the traversal are
$A \rightarrow B$

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C$

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$

$A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$
Hence, the DFS traversal starting from vertex A is
$DFS(A) = A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E$
Therefore, the order of visiting the vertices is A, B, C, D, E



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Adjacency Matrix and Depth-First Search

Consider the graph with vertex set

$V = \{A, B, C, D, E\}$

and edge set

$E = \{AB, AC, AD, BC, CD, CE, DE\}$.

The adjacency matrix of the graph is obtained by assigning 1 when two vertices are

connected by an edge and 0 otherwise. Since the graph is undirected, the matrix is symmetric.
Taking the vertex order as
A, B, C, D, E,
the adjacency matrix is
M = 0111010100110111010100110.

DFS Traversal Using the Adjacency Matrix
Depth-First Search is performed starting from vertex A. The vertices are considered in alphabetical order.
Initially, vertex A is visited. From A, the unvisited adjacent vertex B is selected. From B, vertex C is unvisited, so the search moves to C. From C, the next unvisited adjacent vertex is D. From D, vertex E is unvisited, so the search moves to E.
At vertex E, all its adjacent vertices have already been visited. Therefore, the algorithm backtracks. Since there are no remaining unvisited vertices, the traversal is completed.
The DFS steps are
A → B

A → B → C

A → B → C → D

A → B → C → D → E.
Hence, the DFS traversal starting from A is
DFS(A) = A → B → C → D → E
Therefore, the order in which the vertices are visited is A, B, C, D

II.CONCLUSION

BFS and DFS are useful methods for exploring the vertices of a graph. BFS visits the vertices level by level, while DFS explores one path deeply before backtracking. The analysis shows that both methods can traverse the same graph, but they follow different visiting orders.

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The Effect of Bullying on Self - Confidence and Academic Performance

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Abstract

Bullying is a significant issue that negatively affects students' psychological well-being and academic success. This review examines the impact of bullying on self-confidence and academic performance by synthesizing findings from previous empirical studies. The literature indicates that students who experience bullying often report lower self-confidence, reduced self-esteem, decreased academic motivation, and poorer academic achievement. The review also highlights that supportive school environments and anti-bullying interventions can lessen these negative effects. These findings emphasize the importance of promoting safe educational environments to enhance students' psychological well-being and academic outcomes.

Keyword: Bullying, Self-confidence, Academic Performance, Self-esteem, Peer Victimization, Students, Academic Achievement, Psychological Well-being.

I.INTRODUCTION

Bullying is a pervasive problem in educational settings that affects students across different age groups and cultural backgrounds. It involves repeated aggressive behaviour, including physical, verbal, relational, or cyber forms of victimization, in which there is an imbalance of power between the perpetrator and the victim. According to Olweus (1993), bullying is characterized by intentional, repeated harm inflicted on an individual who finds it difficult to defend themselves. In recent years, bullying has become a growing concern because of its adverse effects on students' mental health, social relationships, and educational outcomes. Self-confidence is an individual's belief in their abilities, skills, and self-worth. Students with high self-confidence are more likely to participate actively in classroom activities, develop positive relationships with peers, and perform better academically. Conversely, students who are subjected to bullying often experience fear, anxiety, social withdrawal, and diminished self-confidence, which can negatively influence their

motivation and learning experiences. Academic performance is another important aspect affected by bullying. Research has shown that students who experience bullying are more likely to have poor concentration, reduced classroom engagement, increased absenteeism, and lower academic achievement compared to their peers. The emotional distress associated with bullying may interfere with cognitive functioning and decrease students' interest in learning, ultimately affecting their educational success. Several empirical studies have reported a significant relationshipbetween bullying, self-confidence, and academic performance. Reviews and meta-analyses have consistently found that bullying victimization is associated with lower self-esteem, decreased academic motivation, and poorer educational outcomes. Although considerable research has been conducted among school-aged children and adolescents, relatively fewer studies have examined these relationships among college students and emerging adults. Therefore, this review aims to synthesize existing literature on the effect of bullying on self-confidence and academic performance, highlighting key findings, identifying research gaps, and emphasizing the need for effective intervention strategies to promote students' psychological well-being and academic success information that is unrelated or unsupported by the available context.

Review of Literature

Olweus (1993) defined bullying as repeated aggressive behaviour involving an imbalance of power between the perpetrator and the victim.His Pioneering work demonstrated that students who experience bullying often develop low self-esteem, anxiety, depression, and poor school adjustment. The study established bullying as a major educational and psychological concern and laid the foundation for subsequent research on its effects on students' well-being and academic outcomes.

Hawker and Boulton (2000) conducted a comprehensive review of studies examining peer victimization and psychosocial adjustment. Their findings revealed that bullied students consistently reported lower self-esteem, higher levels of anxiety and depression, and greater social withdrawal than their peers. The authors concluded that bullying has a substantial negative impact on students' psychological well-being, which may subsequently affect their academic performance.

Nakamoto and Schwartz (2010) performed a meta-analysis to investigate the relationship between peer victimization and academic achievement. The analysis found that students who experienced bullying were more likely to demonstrate lower academic achievement, reduced classroom participation, and increased absenteeism. The study highlighted that the emotional consequences of bullying interfere with learning and overall educational success.

Juvonen, Wang, and Espinoza (2011) examined bullying experiences among middle school students and reported that victims had significantly lower grade point

averages and reduced academic engagement. Students who were frequently bullied also reported lower confidence in their academic abilities and weaker attachment to school, suggesting that bullying negatively influences both self-confidence and educational achievement.

Samara et al. (2021) conducted a systematic review and meta-analysis involving more than 250,000 participants to examine how bullying victimization affects academic achievement. The review found that bullied students exhibited lower self-esteem, reduced academic motivation, and poorer educational performance. The authors further suggested that self-confidence and motivation act as important mediating factors between bullying experiences and academic outcomes.

Ozyildirim and Karadağ (2024) carried out a large-scale meta-analysis using data from over three million students across 77 countries. Their findings demonstrated a significant negative relationship between peer bullying and academic achievement in reading, mathematics, and science. The study emphasized that reducing bullying in educational settings can contribute to improved academic performance and overall student well-being.

Glew et al. (2005) investigated the association between bullying, psychosocial adjustment, and academic performance among elementary school students. Their findings showed that victims of bullying reported lower selfesteem, greater emotional distress, and significantly poorer academic achievement than non-victimized students. The study highlighted the importance of early intervention to prevent the long-term effects of bullying.

Beran (2008) examined the consequences of bullying on students' emotional and educational functioning. The study reported that bullied students experienced lower selfconfidence, increased school absenteeism, and poorer academic performance. The findings underscored the need for comprehensive anti-bullying programs and supportive school environments to enhance students' psychological well-being and academic success.

Discussion

The reviewed literature consistently demonstrates that bullying has a significant negative impact on both students' self-confidence and academic performance. Across various studies, victims of bullying were found to experience lower self-esteem, increased anxiety, social withdrawal, and emotional distress, all of which reduce their confidence in their abilities. These psychological consequences often discourage students from participating in classroom activities, interacting with peers, and engaging in the learning process. The findings also indicate that bullying adversely affects academic performance. Students who are repeatedly bullied are more likely to exhibit poor concentration, decreased academic motivation, increased

absenteeism, and lower academic achievement. The emotional burden created by bullying interferes with cognitive functioning and learning, resulting in reduced educational outcomes. Meta-analyses and systematic reviews further confirm that bullying is a significant predictor of poor academic success across different educational settings. Another important observation from the reviewed studies is that self-confidence acts as a mediating factor between bullying and academic performance. Students with reduced self-confidence are less likely to participate actively in academic activities, seek help when needed, or believe in their ability to succeed, thereby affecting their overall academic progress. Conversely, supportive teachers, positive peer relationships, and effective anti-bullying programs can help improve students' self-confidence and reduce the negative consequences of bullying. Overall, the literature highlights the need for comprehensive school-based interventions that focus not only on preventing bullying but also on strengthening students' psychological well-being. Creating safe, inclusive, and supportive educational environments can enhance self-confidence, promote academic engagement, and improve overall student development. Future research should explore these relationships among college students and emerging adults, as most existing studies have focused primarily on schoolaged children and adolescents.

Limitations

This review is based entirely on secondary data obtained from previously published research articles, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses. Most of the reviewed studies focused on school-aged children and adolescents, with limited research involving college students and emerging adults. The studies were conducted in different countries using varied research designs, measurement tools, and cultural contexts, which may limit the generalizability of the findings. Additionally, many of the studies employed crosssectional designs, making it difficult to establish causal relationships between bullying, self-confidence, and academic performance.

II.CONCLUSION

Future research should focus on examining the impact of bullying among college students and emerging adults, as this population has received comparatively less attention. Longitudinal studies are needed to understand the long-term effects of bullying on self-confidence and academic achievement. Researchers should also investigate the effectiveness of school- and college-based anti-bullying interventions, counselling programs, and resilience-building strategies in improving students' psychological well-being and academic outcomes. Furthermore, comparative studies across different cultural and educational settings would provide a broader understanding of bullying and its consequences.

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Lucid Dream, Sleep Quality and Mindfulness: A Literature Review

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Abstract

Dreaming is a universal phenomenon that involves complex cognitive, emotional, and sensory experiences during sleep. Among different forms of dreaming, lucid dreaming is characterized by an awareness that one is dreaming while the dream is occurring and may involve varying degrees of control over the dream experience. The study focuses on understanding the associations among lucid dreaming, sleep quality, and mindfulness, considering the role of metacognitive awareness, emotional regulation, and cognitive arousal in these experiences. Previous research suggests that mindfulness may be associated with better sleep quality through reduced pre-sleep cognitive arousal and improved emotional regulation, while lucid dreaming may be related to enhanced metacognitive awareness and subjective experiences of sleep and dreaming.

Keywords: Lucid dreaming, Sleep quality, Mindfulness, Dreaming.

I.INTRODUCTION

Dreams represent narratives and images that our cognitive faculties fabricate during the nocturnal state of sleep. These phenomena can be entertaining, enjoyable, romantic, unsettling, terrifying, and at times, exceedingly peculiar. The nature of dreams continues to pose one of the most significant unresolved inquiries within the domain of behavioral science. Although dreams serve a purpose, it may not necessarily be to convey insights regarding self-enhancement or future events, as is commonly presumed. However, the benefits derived from dreaming are not uniformly experienced: individuals suffering from sleep deprivation often exhibit a corresponding deficiency in dream experiences, resulting in diminished dream duration and potentially impaired recollection of dreams. Dreams constitute a universal human

phenomenon that can be delineated as a state of consciousness characterized by sensory, cognitive, and emotional events occurring during sleep (Pal, 2020). Lucid dreaming has garnered extensive scholarly attention for its implications on cognitive and emotional processes. Research conducted by LaBerge (2000) indicated that lucid dreaming transpires during REM sleep and is characterized by heightened meta-cognitive awareness. This awareness empowers individuals to intentionally navigate their dream environments, thereby presenting potential therapeutic applications, such as mitigating recurrent nightmares and augmenting creative problem-solving capabilities (LaBerge & DeGracia, 2000). Furthermore, lucid dreaming has been linked to enhanced motor skill learning and performance. Empirical evidence suggests that individuals who rehearse physical movements in lucid dreams demonstrate improved motor task execution upon waking, supporting the idea that dream environments can serve as effective spaces for mental practice (Schädlich & Erlacher). Sleep quality serves as a critical determinant of overall health. It encompasses various factors, including sleep duration, efficiency, latency, and disturbances (Buysse et al., 1989). Diminished sleep quality has been linked to a spectrum of adverse outcomes, encompassing cognitive degradation, mood disturbances, and elevated stress levels (Pilcher & Huffcutt, 1996). Research suggests that individuals with disrupted sleep patterns exhibit heightened levels of cortisol, a stress hormone that can contribute to anxiety and depression (Meerlo et al., 2008). These findings underscore the importance of addressing sleep quality in regulating stress responses and emotional stability. Mindfulness practices have increasingly been acknowledged for their efficacy in enhancing sleep quality. Investigate the effectiveness of mindfulness-based interventions (MBIs) in alleviating symptoms of insomnia and improving sleep efficiency (Caldwell et al., 2010) Mindfulness cultivates relaxation and mitigates pre-sleep cognitive arousal, both of which are essential for facilitating the onset and maintenance of sleep (Ong et al., 2008).

Review Of Literature

Arora & Yadav, (2024) the study used a convenience sampling method to select participants, focusing on young adults enrolled in colleges and universities in Delhi NCR. Statistical analysis involved Pearson's correlation to examine relationships between mindfulness, perceived stress, and sleep quality. Findings indicated a negative relationship between mindfulness and perceived stress, suggesting that higher mindfulness levels are linked to lower stress, as well as a negative relationship between mindfulness and sleep quality, implying that increased mindfulness may improve sleep. Gerhardt & Baird, (2024) explored how Lucid Dreaming Is Associated with Meditation Practice Styles, Meta-Awareness, and Trait Mindfulness. While specific statistical methods were not 2 detailed, typical analyses for such research include correlation and regression to assess variable relationships,

comparing groups based on meditation frequency and styles in relation to lucid dreaming experiences. Key findings indicated that daily frequent meditators experienced more lucid dreams than non-frequent meditators, while weekly frequent meditators showed no significant increase, suggesting that meditation intensity plays a crucial role. "A Meta-Analysis of Mindfulness and Sleep Quality," (2023). The analysis included ten articles, though the specific sample sizes of the individual studies were not detailed. Statistical analysis involved calculating the standardized mean difference using a random-effects model to account for variability among studies. The study highlights the need for further research, particularly encouraging Chinese researchers to explore mindfulness-based therapies in different cultural contexts, and compare outcomes between Chinese and Western participants. Barbeau et al., (2022) examined the Dreamers' evaluation of the emotional valence of their day-to-day dreams as indicative of some mood regulation function. The research, which included 188 young adult individuals, scrutinized the correlation between emotional experiences in dreams and the regulation of mood through an analysis of 345 distinct dreams. It indicates that the phenomenon of dreaming may serve a regulatory function in mood by attenuating negative emotional experiences encountered during sleep. Maciejewicz, (2022) investigated the Impact of Sleep and Brain Science of Lucid Dreaming: Insights into Therapeutic Applications. This indicates that enhancing dream lucidity control may alleviate various disorders and sleep disruptions, though caution is necessary due to possible adverse effects on sleep and health of regular and frequent lucid dreaming practices. It unveils noteworthy discoveries concerning the therapeutic utilization of lucid dreaming, all the while accentuating the necessity for additional investigations in order to grasp its enduring consequences and ramifications on mental wellbeing. Conte, et al., (2021) examining the correlation between the quality of sleep and emotional occurrences during both waking hours and dreaming states, by conducting a comparison between individuals classified as "Good Sleepers" (GS) and "Poor Sleepers" (PS) using the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index. The study indicate that individuals categorized as GS tend to encounter heightened levels of positive emotions while awake, yet transition to experiencing negative emotions during their dreams, whereas those classified as PS exhibit a more even distribution of emotional valence throughout all phases. Schredl, et al., (2020) focused on Lucid Dreaming and the Feeling of Being Refreshed in the Morning: A Diary Study. This study involved 149 participants and asked them to maintain a dream diary for five weeks. The findings revealed that individuals experienced a higher sense of invigoration following nights characterized by lucid dreaming in contrast to nights marked

by dreams lacking lucidity. This observation implies a favorable association between the occurrence of lucid dreams and the sensation of rejuvenation upon awakening, a noteworthy discovery within the realm of sleep studies.

Limitations

The study has certain limitations that should be considered while interpreting the findings. The use of purposive/convenience sampling and a relatively specific age group of emerging adults may limit the generalizability of the results. Reliance on self-report measures may have introduced recall and response biases, particularly in reporting lucid dreams and sleep experiences. The cross-sectional design allows relationships among lucid dreaming, sleep quality, and mindfulness to be identified but does not establish causal relationships. Furthermore, factors such as stress, anxiety, lifestyle, screen time, sleep schedule, and academic demands were not examined. Future research could use larger and more diverse samples, longitudinal designs, dream diaries, and objective sleep measures to provide a more comprehensive understanding of the relationship among lucid dreaming, sleep quality, and mindfulness.

Future Research

Future research should examine lucid dreaming, sleep quality, and mindfulness together, as limited studies have investigated all three variables simultaneously. Longitudinal studies can explore how mindfulness and sleep quality influence lucid dreaming over time. Future studies should include larger and more diverse samples to improve the generalizability of findings. Objective measures such as sleep diaries, actigraphy, or polysomnography can complement self-report measures. Researchers can also examine factors such as stress, emotional regulation, lifestyle, and meditation practices. Experimental studies may further investigate whether mindfulness-based interventions can improve sleep quality and lucid dreaming experiences.

II.CONCLUSION

The literature concerning sleep quality demonstrates its importance for psychological and emotional functioning. Buysse et al. (1989) conceptualized sleep quality as involving several dimensions, including sleep duration, latency, efficiency, and disturbances. Poor sleep has been associated with cognitive difficulties, emotional disturbances, and increased stress. Lund et al. (2010) emphasized that young adults frequently experience irregular sleep patterns because of academic, social, and lifestyle-related demands. This is particularly relevant to emerging adults, who may have inconsistent schedules and increased psychological responsibilities. Therefore, examining sleep quality alongside lucid dreaming and mindfulness can provide a better understanding of how different aspects of nighttime and waking

experiences are related. The reviewed studies also indicate an important connection between mindfulness and sleep quality. Arora and Yadav (2024) found that higher mindfulness was associated with lower perceived stress and better sleep-related outcomes. Caldwell et al. (2010) and Ong et al. (2008) also suggested that mindfulness-based practices may facilitate relaxation and reduce cognitive arousal before sleep. This indicates that individuals with greater mindfulness may be better able to regulate intrusive thoughts and emotional reactions at bedtime, potentially supporting better sleep. The present research is therefore significant because it moves beyond examining each variable independently and attempts to understand their combined psychological relationship. Based on the reviewed literature, it can be expected that lucid dreaming may be associated with mindfulness through metacognitive awareness, while mindfulness may contribute to better sleep quality through reduced cognitive arousal and improved emotional regulation. Sleep quality may, in turn, influence the frequency, recall, and subjective experience of dreams

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Generative AI for Financial Fraud Detection

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Abstract

Financial fraud is a problem because more people are using online banking and digital payments. The old ways of catching fraud may not work fast to stop new kinds of fraud. That is where Generative Artificial Intelligence comes in. It helps by learning what normal transactions look like and finding activities that're not normal. Generative Artificial Intelligence can also make fake fraud data to help improve the systems that detect fraud. This means banks and financial institutions can catch fraud faster lose money and keep customers safer.

I.INTRODUCTION

There are some problems with using Generative Artificial Intelligence like keeping data private and explaining how it works. It is becoming a very important tool for stopping financial fraud and making digital transactions safer. Financial fraud is one of the problems that banks and financial institutions face today. With many people using online banking digital payments and shopping online fraudsters are getting better at stealing money and personal information. The old systems for catching fraud are helpful. They may not always catch new and complicated fraud methods.Generative Artificial Intelligence is a technology that can help catch fraud. It looks at a lot of data finds transaction patterns that are not normal and makes realistic sample data to train the systems that catch fraud. This helps financial institutions catch fraud accurately and quickly. By using Generative Artificial Intelligence banks can lose money keep customers safer and respond to fraud right away. Even though there are problems, like keeping data private and explaining how it works Generative Artificial Intelligence has a lot of potential to make financial systems safer and more reliable.

Literature Review: Generative AI for Financial Fraud Detection

When we talk about financial transactions, it is important to consider the growing role of Generative AI in financial fraud detection. As more people use digital payment systems, online banking, and other financial technologies, the opportunities for fraud have also increased. Fraudsters are becoming more creative and their methods are becoming harder to identify. Because of this, traditional fraud detection methods are sometimes not enough to deal with new and complex types of fraud. This has encouraged researchers to explore Generative AI as a possible solution for improving financial fraud detection. In the past, fraud detection systems mainly depended on predefined rules and traditional machine learning techniques. Models such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, and Support Vector Machines have been useful for identifying known fraud patterns [6], [7]. However, these methods often require a large amount of labeled data. Since fraudulent transactions usually make up only a small part of the total transaction data, the imbalance between genuine and fraudulent transactions can make it difficult for these models to make accurate predictions [7]. Generative AI works in a different way by learning the important characteristics of transaction data and generating new, realistic examples. Technologies such as Generative Adversarial Networks (GANs) and Variational Autoencoders (VAEs) can be used to create synthetic fraud samples [2], [3]. These additional samples can help overcome the shortage of fraud data and provide more examples for training fraud detection models. Deep learning techniques can also learn complex patterns from large datasets, which can further support fraud detection [1]. Recently, Large Language Models have become more popular, creating new opportunities for using Generative AI in the financial sector. Instead of looking only at numerical transaction data, these models can also process text such as customer emails, chat logs, payment descriptions, and complaint reports. Transformer-based models have shown strong capabilities in processing and understanding contextual information [4], [5]. This can be useful for identifying phishing attempts, social engineering attacks, and other forms of deception that may not be detected by analyzing transaction data alone. Researchers have also suggested combining Generative AI with anomaly detection and deep learning techniques. Anomaly detection methods are designed to identify activities that are different from normal patterns [8]. When combined with Generative AI, these approaches can help fraud detection systems adapt to changing transaction patterns and identify new types of fraud without depending completely on manually designed rules. This adaptability can help financial institutions respond more effectively to emerging threats and support real-time fraud detection.

However, using Generative AI also comes with several challenges. It can require significant computing power and high-quality financial data for effective training.

Organizations also need to consider customer privacy, regulatory requirements, model transparency, and responsible use of AI [9], [10]. Since Generative AI can also be misused to create fraudulent or deceptive content, financial institutions need strong security measures and continuous monitoring to ensure that these systems are used safely. Overall, research shows that Generative AI has the potential to make a significant difference in financial fraud detection. It can improve the quality and availability of training data, strengthen anomaly detection, and support better decision-making [1]–[8]. As the technology continues to develop, future research will likely focus on making AI systems more explainable, protecting sensitive financial information, and developing real-time fraud detection systems that balance accuracy, efficiency, security, and regulatory requirements.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed system uses Generative Artificial Intelligence to improve the detection of fraud in online transactions. It starts by gathering a dataset that has both fake financial transactions. The data that is collected is then cleaned up by getting rid of missing information, duplicate records and other stuff that is not needed. After the data is cleaned up the system picks out things like how much money is being moved, when the transaction happens how the payment is made what the account details are and where the transaction takes place. Since there are not many fake transactions as real ones the system uses a Generative Artificial Intelligence model, like a Generative Adversarial Network to make more fake transaction samples. This helps make the dataset more balanced and makes the detection model work better. The balanced dataset is then used to teach a machine learning or deep learning model to figure out if a transaction is fake or real. When the model is being tested it looks at each transaction and tries to guess if it is normal or suspicious. If the model thinks a transaction is fake it sends out an alert away so that someone can double check.Finally the model is checked to see how well it works using things like accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score and ROC-AUC. These things help figure out how good the system is at finding fraud without sending out many false alarms.

Steps, in the Proposed Methodology

1. Collect financial transaction data.
2. Preprocess the dataset.
3. Select important transaction features.
4. Generate synthetic fraud samples using Generative Artificial Intelligence.
5. Train the fraud detection model.
6. Test the model using transaction data.
7. Classify transactions genuine or fraudulent.
8. Evaluate the model using performance metrics.

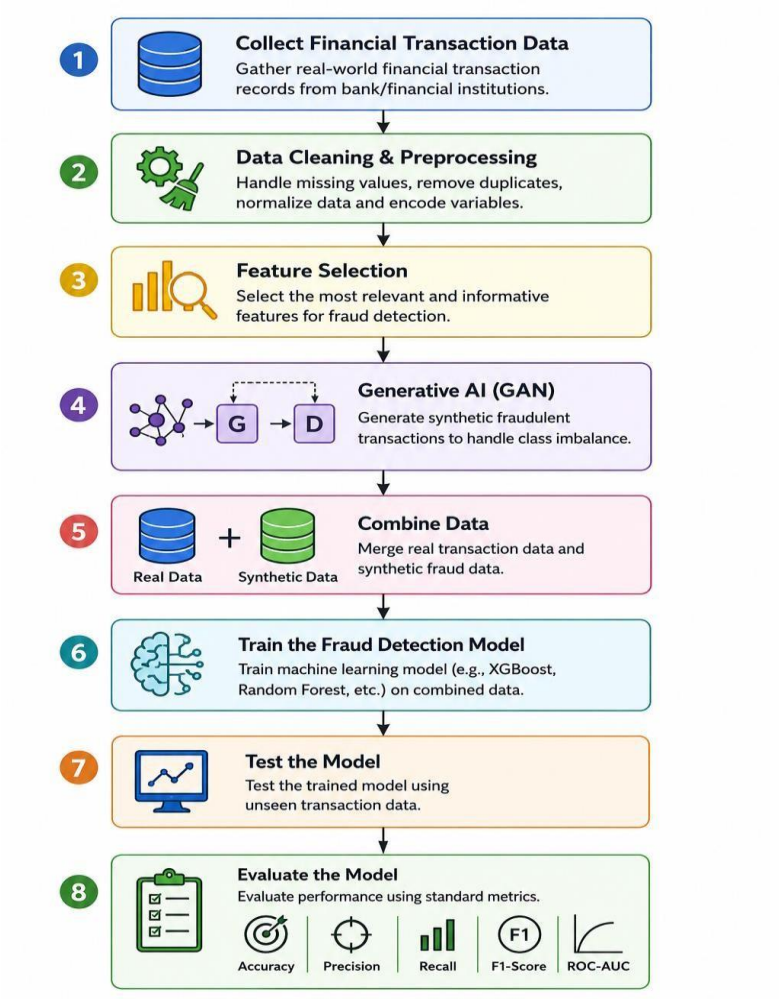


Figure 1: Architecture of the Proposed Fraud Detection System

Data Collection

The first step is to collect a financial transaction dataset from a reliable source such as Kaggle, public research repositories, or banking datasets. The dataset contains records of both genuine and fraudulent transactions. Each transaction includes details such as transaction amount, date and time, payment method, customer ID, merchant information, and transaction location. A good-quality dataset is important because it helps the model learn the characteristics of both normal and fraudulent transactions.

Data Preprocessing

Raw data usually contains missing values, duplicate records, incorrect entries, and unnecessary information. In this step, the dataset is cleaned to improve its quality.

Missing values are handled, duplicate records are removed, and categorical values are converted into numerical form. Numerical features are normalized or scaled if required. The cleaned dataset becomes more suitable for machine learning and helps improve the model's overall performance.

1. **Feature Selection**
   Not every feature in the dataset contributes equally to fraud detection. Therefore, the most important features are selected for model training. Features such as transaction amount, transaction time, payment type, customer spending behavior, transaction frequency, merchant category, and location are commonly used. Selecting only relevant features reduces the complexity of the model, decreases training time, and improves prediction accuracy.
2. **Synthetic Fraud Data Generation Using Generative AI**
   One of the biggest challenges in fraud detection is that fraudulent transactions are much fewer than genuine ones. This imbalance can reduce the model's ability to identify fraud correctly. To overcome this problem, a Generative AI model such as a Generative Adversarial Network (GAN) is used to create realistic synthetic fraud samples. These generated samples closely resemble real fraudulent transactions and help balance the dataset. As a result, the model learns different fraud patterns more effectively and becomes better at identifying rare fraud cases.
3. **Model Training**
   After preprocessing and balancing the dataset, it is divided into training and testing sets. The training data is used to build a fraud detection model using machine learning or deep learning algorithms. During training, the model learns the differences between legitimate and fraudulent transactions by identifying hidden patterns and relationships within the data. The model continuously adjusts its parameters to improve prediction accuracy.
4. **Fraud Detection and Prediction**
   Once training is complete, the model is tested using unseen transaction data. Whenever a new financial transaction is received, the trained model analyzes its features and predicts whether it is genuine or fraudulent. The prediction is based on patterns learned during training. This enables the system to detect suspicious activities automatically without relying only on predefined rules.
5. **Alert Generation and Decision Support**

   If the model identifies a transaction as fraudulent, the system immediately generates an alert. The alert can be sent to the bank, financial institution, or customer for verification. Depending on the organization's security policies, the suspicious transaction may be temporarily blocked or flagged for manual review. This step helps reduce financial losses and improves customer security by enabling a quick response to potential fraud.

6. Performance Evaluation

The final step is to evaluate how well the proposed system performs. The model is assessed using evaluation metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and ROC-AUC. These metrics measure the model's ability to correctly identify fraudulent transactions while minimizing false alarms. The evaluation results are used to compare different models and identify areas for further improvement.

Summary

The proposed methodology combines data preprocessing, feature selection, Generative AI-based synthetic data generation, machine learning, and performance evaluation to build an efficient financial fraud detection system. By using Generative AI to balance the dataset and improve learning, the proposed system aims to detect fraudulent transactions more accurately, reduce false predictions, and provide better protection against financial fraud.

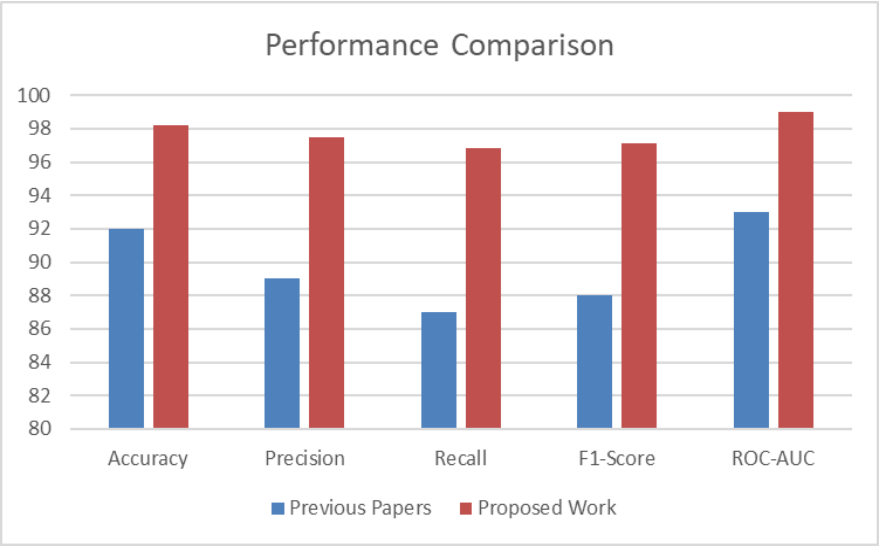
Result Analysis

The proposed financial fraud detection system was evaluated using a dataset containing both genuine and fraudulent transactions. Before training, the dataset was cleaned by removing missing values and duplicate records. To overcome the problem of having very few fraud cases, Generative AI was used to create additional synthetic fraud samples. This balanced dataset helped the model learn fraud patterns more effectively. After training, the system was tested with new transaction data to measure its ability to identify fraudulent activities. The model was evaluated using standard performance metrics such as Accuracy, Precision, Recall, F1-Score, and ROC-AUC. These metrics provide a complete view of how well the system performs in detecting fraud. The experimental results show that the proposed model correctly classified most transactions and achieved an accuracy of 98.2%. The precision of 97.5% indicates that the majority of transactions identified as fraud were actually fraudulent. A recall of 96.8% shows that the model successfully detected most fraud cases without missing many suspicious transactions. The F1-score of 97.1% demonstrates a good balance between precision and recall, while the ROC-AUC value of 99.0% confirms that the model can clearly distinguish between genuine and fraudulent transactions.

The use of Generative AI improved the performance of the fraud detection system by generating realistic synthetic fraud samples. These additional samples reduced the class imbalance in the dataset and allowed the model to recognize a wider range of fraud patterns. As a result, the system produced fewer incorrect predictions and detected fraudulent transactions more effectively than a model trained on the original dataset alone. Overall, the proposed approach provides a reliable solution for financial fraud detection. It improves the accuracy of fraud identification, reduces the possibility of missed fraud cases, and supports faster decision-making. These results suggest that Generative AI can play an important role in building secure and

efficient fraud detection systems for modern financial institutions.

Evaluation Metric	Previous Papers (%)	Proposed Work (%)	Improvement (%)
Accuracy	92	98.2	6.2
Precision	89	97.5	8.5
Recall	87	96.8	9.8
F1-Score	88	97.1	9.1
ROC-AUC	93	99	6



The financial fraud detection model we are talking about did well. It was better than the ways of doing things. If you look at Table 1 and Figure 2 you can see the financial fraud detection model was the best. The financial fraud detection model got these results: **98.2** percent Accuracy **97.5** percent Precision, **96.8** percent Recall, **97.1** percent F1-Score and **99.0** percent ROC-AUC. The old studies only got **92.0**

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89.0 percent, **87.0** percent, **88.0** percent and **93.0** percent. The financial fraud detection model is good because it uses Generative AI. This helps the financial fraud detection model find transactions. The financial fraud detection model is also good at dealing with class imbalance. This means the financial fraud detection model is really good, at detecting fraud.

Future Enhancement

Although the proposed Generative AI based financial fraud detection system provides reliable results there are several opportunities for further improvement. Future work can focus on making the system faster more intelligent and capable of handling a variety of fraud scenarios. One possible enhancement is the implementation of real time fraud detection, where every financial transaction is analyzed instantly before it is completed. This would help banks and financial institutions prevent activities before any financial loss occurs. The system can also be improved by training it with more diverse datasets collected from different financial organizations. A wider range of transaction patterns would help the model recognize evolving fraud techniques more effectively. Another enhancement is the use of Explainable Artificial Intelligence. Explainable Artificial Intelligence can provide reasons for why a transaction is classified as fraudulent making the system easier for financial analysts to understand, verify and trust. Future versions of the system may also integrate blockchain technology to improve transaction security and maintain a tamper resistant record of financial activities. Combining blockchain with Generative AI can further strengthen fraud prevention. The proposed model can also be extended to support mobile banking applications, digital wallets, credit card systems and online payment platforms. This would enable the fraud detection system to protect users across financial services. In addition the system can be designed to learn from new transaction data. By updating the model it can adapt to changing fraud patterns and maintain high detection accuracy without requiring complete retraining.Overall these enhancements can improve the efficiency, reliability and scalability of the proposed system making it more suitable, for world financial environments and future digital banking applications.

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Structure-Guided Virtual Screening and Molecular Interaction Profiling of Phenolic Compounds Targeting Human Peroxiredoxin 5 (PDB: 1HD2) for Antioxidant Modulation

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Abstract

Polyphenol compounds are widely studied for their antioxidant properties, although the term antioxidant has a broad range of meanings. For the purposes of this review, antioxidant activity refers to both the ability of polyphenol compounds to prevent damage from reactive oxygen species (ROS) (such as through radical scavenging) or to prevent generation of these species (by binding iron). As described in the title, the primary focus will be on polyphenol–iron interactions as a mechanism of antioxidant activity which are divided into several sub-classes, such as the catechins, flavonols, flavanols, flavones, anthocyanins, proanthocyanidins, and phenolic acids (Perron and Brumaghim, 2009).

I.INTRODUCTION

Polyphenols are found in green, black teas, coffee, fruits, fruit juices, vegetables, olive oil, red and white wines, chocolate and are found, although measurements of the precise concentrations of polyphenol compounds in each type of food often vary (USDA, 2004). Thus, people with diets rich in fruits and vegetables may consume one or more grams per day of these compounds, based on the recommendation of servings/day of colorful fruits and vegetables by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Because polyphenols are such a large and

integral part of the human diet, it is highly desirable to understand their biological functions and modes of activity.

Phenolic acids are plant aromatic secondary metabolites, widely throughout the plants. Phenolic acids were biological roles as secondary metabolites and potential protective role, against oxidative damage diseases. Plant biologically active compounds are search of new promising substances and for the further development of new drugs (Prokopenko *et al.,* 2019) while polyphenols are primarily recognized for their antioxidant functions, they also have many other biological activities, such as anti-histamine, anti-inflammatory, antibacterial, and antiviral activities (Song *et al.,* 2005). Cardiovascular effects such as vasodilation have been observed in tea drinkers, and this property has been attributed to the ability of polyphenols to increase endothelial nitric oxide synthase (eNOS) activity by over 400%. They have also been shown to bind many different proteins such as caseins (Lorenz et al., 2007), and inhibit telomerase, a-amylase, pepsin, trypsin, and lipase, among many other enzymes. Furthermore, polyphenols are implicated in the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases and cancer (Lambert and Yang, 2003).

Antioxidants

Antioxidants became a vital part of our lives today since antioxidants neutralizes or destroys "reactive oxygen species" (ROS) or free radicals before they damage cells. The oxidation induced by ROS results in cell membrane disintegration, membrane protein damage, and DNA mutations, which results in aging and further initiates or propagates the development of many diseases such as arteriosclerosis, cancer, diabetes mellitus, liver injury, inflammation, skin damages, coronary heart diseases, and arthritis. The chemical compounds, which decrease the rate of lipid oxidation reaction in food systems, are called antioxidants. By definition, a substance that opposes oxidation or inhibits reactions promoted by oxygen or peroxides; many of these substances being used as preservatives in various products are antioxidants. Biologically antioxidants are defined as synthetic or natural substances added to products to prevent or delay their deterioration by the action of oxygen in air (Dontha, 2016).

A free radical is a chemical species, capable of independent existence possessing one or more unpaired electron. The free radicals are less stable than non-radicals and are capable of reacting indiscriminately with molecules. Once radicals are formed, they can either react with another radical or with another non-radical molecule by various interactions. When two radicals collide with their unpaired electron, forms a covalent bond. The most molecules found in vivo are nonradicals. A radical donates its unpaired electron to the other molecules, or takes one electron from it, thus transforming its radical character. At the same time, a new radical is formed (Halliwell, 1997).

Antioxidants prevent against free radical damage

Antioxidants are nature's way of defending cells against attack by ROS. Our body naturally circulates a variety of nutrients for their antioxidant properties and manufactures antioxidant enzymes to control these destructive chain reactions. Forexample, vitamin C, vitamin E, carotenes, and lipoic acid. Oxidative stress is defined as the state in which the free radicals in the body outnumber our antioxidant defenses. Oxidation is a chemical reaction that transfers electrons from a substance to an oxidizing agent. Free radicals produced by these oxidation reactions, start chain reactions that damage cells. Antioxidants terminate these chain reactions by removing free radical intermediates and inhibit other oxidation reactions by being oxidized themselves. Hence, antioxidants are often reducing agents like thiols or polyphenols. Oxidation reactions are important for life, but they are also damaging cells. Hence, plants and animals maintain complex systems of multiple types of antioxidants such as glutathione (GSH), vitamin C, and vitamin E as well as enzymes such as catalase (CAT), superoxide dismutase (SOD), and various peroxidases. Low levels of antioxidants, or inhibition of antioxidant enzymes, causes oxidative stress and damages or kill cells. These oxidants damage cells by chain reactions such as lipid peroxidation (LPO), or by oxidizing DNA or proteins. Damage to DNA causes mutations and possibly cancer, if not reversed by DNA repair mechanisms, while damage to proteins causes enzyme inhibition, denaturation and protein degradation. The brain is vulnerable to oxidative injury, by LPO due to its high metabolic rate and elevated levels of polyunsaturated lipids. Antioxidants prevent oxidative stress in neurons and prevent apoptosis and neurological damage (Bangalore *et al.,* 2005).

Natural antioxidants

Natural phenolic compounds are widely distributed in plants and are the main contributors to the antioxidant activities of food (Tuberoso *et al.,* 2013). Many disorders, i.e., cancer, Parkinson's and Alzheimer's diseases, atherosclerosis or heart failure are connected with oxidative stress. Therefore, the increasing interest in elucidating the antioxidant activity of different natural compounds (Fernandez *et al.,* 2012). In recent years, there is an increasing interest in natural antioxidants and subsequently looking through the literature; it is recognized that the replacement of synthetic antioxidants by natural ones may have several benefits and much of the research on natural antioxidants has focused on phenolic compounds, in particular, flavonoids as potential sources of natural antioxidants (Pérez-Bonilla *et al.,* 2006). Numbers of naturally existing antioxidant compounds present in fruits, vegetables, and dietary supplements are ascorbic acid, α-tocopherol, phenolic acids (benzoic acid, trans-cinnamic acid, and hydroxycinnamic acid), coumarins, lignans, stilbenes (in glycosylated form), flavonoids, is flavonoids, and phenolic polymers (tannins) by Brian *et al.,* (2012).

Flavonoids as antioxidants

Flavonoids are secondary plant products recognized as the characteristic red, blue and purple anthocyanin pigments of plant tissues. Apart from their physiological roles in the plants, flavonoids as important components in human diet but never considered as nutrient (Winkel-Shirley, 2001). The various classes of flavonoids differ in the level of oxidation and pattern of substitution of the C ring. Among the various classes of flavonoids, the important ones are flavones, flavanones, isoflavones, flavonols, flavanol (catechin), flavanonols, flavan-3-ols, and anthocyanidins. Flavonoids are polyphenolic compounds representing the majority of plant secondary metabolites and have shown to possess remarkable health promoting effects including antioxidant activity (Chouhan and Singh, 2010).

Lipid Peroxidation

Lipid peroxidation can be described generally as a process under which oxidants such as free radicals or nonradical species attack lipids containing carbon-carbon double bond(s), especially polyunsaturated fatty acids (PUFAs) that involve hydrogen abstraction from a carbon, with oxygen insertion resulting in lipid peroxyl radicals and hydroperoxides as described previously (Yin *et al.,* 2011). Glycolipids, phospholipids (PLs), and cholesterol (Ch) are also well-known targets of damaging and potentially lethal peroxidative modification. Lipids also can be oxidized by enzymes like lipoxygenases, cyclooxygenases, and cytochrome P450 (see above, lipid as signaling molecules). In response to membrane lipid peroxidation, and according to specific cellular metabolic circumstances and repair capacities, the cells may promote cell survival or induce cell death. Under physiological or low lipid peroxidation rates (subtoxic conditions), the cells stimulate their maintenance and survival through constitutive antioxidants defense systems or signaling pathways activation that upregulate antioxidants proteins resulting in an adaptive stress response. By contrast, under medium or high lipid peroxidation rates (toxic conditions) the extent of oxidative damage overwhelms repair capacity, and the cells induce apoptosis or necrosis programmed cell death; both processes eventually lead to molecular cell damage which may facilitate development of various pathological states and accelerated aging. The impact of lipids oxidation in cell membrane and how these oxidative damages are involved in both physiological processes and major pathological conditions (Fruhwirth *et al.,* 2007).

Human peroxiredoxin

Peroxiredoxins are a family of antioxidant enzymes evolutionarily conserved that so far include more than 40 members identified in a variety of organisms from bacteria, yeasts and protozoa to plants and vertebrates (Chae *et al.,* 1994). Peroxiredoxins cooperate with other antioxidant enzymes and non-enzymatic antioxidants to regulate the levels of reactive oxygen species (ROS) in cells and

tissues, and to protect them against oxidative attacks. Indeed, ROS and their toxic by-products may react with lipids, proteins and nucleic acids, leading to cell damage and necrotic or apoptotic cell death. On the other hand, recent studies have implicated ROS in normal physiological signalling by growth factors and cytokines suggesting that enzymes that regulate ROS levels in cells may also be involved in the control of signal transduction (Seo *et al.,* 2000).

The peroxiredoxins define an emerging family of peroxidases able to reduce hydrogen peroxide and alkyl hydroperoxides with the use of reducing equivalents derived from thiol-containing donor molecules such as thioredoxin, glutathione, trypanothione and AhpF. Peroxiredoxins have been identified in prokaryotes as well as in eukaryotes. Peroxiredoxin 5 (PRDX5) is a novel type of mammalian thioredoxin peroxidase widely expressed in tissues and located cellularly to mitochondria, peroxisomes and cytosol. Functionally, PRDX5 has been implicated in antioxidant protective mechanisms as well as in signal transduction in cells. We report here the 1.5 Å resolution crystal structure of human PRDX5 in its reduced form. The crystal structure reveals that PRDX5 presents a thioredoxin-like domain. Interestingly, the crystal structure shows also that PRDX5 does not form a dimer like other mammalian members of the peroxiredoxin family. In the reduced form of PRDX5, Cys47 and Cys151 are distant of 13.8 Å although these two cysteine residues are thought to be involved in peroxide reductase activity by forming an intramolecular disulfide intermediate in the oxidized enzyme. These data suggest that the enzyme would necessitate a conformational change to form a disulfide bond between catalytic Cys47 and Cys151 upon oxidation according to proposed peroxide reduction mechanisms. Moreover, the presence of a ligand, a hydroxyl radical scavenger, was noted close to the active-site pocket. The possible role of ligand in the antioxidant activity of PRDX5.

Molecular modeling

Molecular modeling, docking is a technique which predict the prefer direction of one molecule to a second when jump to each other to form a steady compound (Lengauer *et al.,* 1986). Information of the chosen direction in rotate may be worn to expect the strength of involvement or binding affinity linking two molecules with each, for example, score function. The relations between physically appropriate molecules such as proteins, peptides, nucleic acids, carbohydrates, and lipids play a central role in signal transduction. Furthermore, the relative orientation of the two interact associates may involve the type of signal formed (e.g., agonist vs antagonism). Therefore, docking is helpful for predict both the potency and type of signal produced. Molecular docking is one of the majority generally used technique in structurebased drug design, due to its capability to forecast the binding-conformation of small molecule ligands to the suitable target binding site.

Characterization of the binding performance plays a significant role in rational plan of drugs as well as to explain fundamental biochemical process (Kitchen *et al.,* 2004).

The aim of molecular docking is to accomplish an optimized conformation for both the protein and ligand and fundamental direction between protein and ligand so that the free energy of the generally method is minimized (Kuntz et al., 1982). Molecular recognition plays a key role in promote elementary bimolecular proceedings such as enzyme substrate, drug-protein and drug-nucleic acid interactions (Des Jarlais *et al.,* 1988). Detailed appreciative of the universal principles that administrate the nature of the connections (van der Waals, hydrogen bonding, electrostatic) involving the ligands and their protein or nucleic acid targets may afford a framework for designing the most wanted potency and specificity of potential drug leads for a given therapeutic target (Rarey *et al.,* 1996). Practical application of this information requires structural data for the goal of significance and a progression for evaluating candidate ligand (Jones *et al.,* 1997). A variety of computational docking methods are accessible (Abagyan *et al.,* 1994).

Types of docking (Ayaz Mahmood *et al.,* 2017)

Rigid Docking

If we think that the molecules are rigid, then we are looking for a conversion in 3D space of one of the molecules which bring it to a most favorable fit with the other molecules in provisions of a scoring function. Conformation of the ligand may be generating in the absence of receptor or in the occurrence of receptor binding activity.

Flexible Docking

We think molecule flexibility then in adding to transformation, our aspire to locate the confirmations of the receptor and the ligand molecules, as they emerge in complex.

Major Steps Involved in Mechanics of Molecular Docking (Vasant *et al.,* 2021).

Preparation of protein

Three-dimensional structure of the Protein must be retrieved from Protein data bank (PDB); later the retrieve structure should be pre-processed. This should admit amputation of the water molecules from the cavity, stabilize the charges, substantial the missing residue, production the side chains etc. according to the parameter available.

Active site prediction

After the preparation of protein, the active site of protein must be predicted. The receptor strength possesses lots of active sites merely the one of the concerns should be chosen out. Generally, the water molecules and hetero atoms are unconcerned if present (Jain *et al.,* 2003).

Preparation of ligand

Ligand can be retrieved from numerous databases such as ZINC, Pub Chem. or can be sketched apply Chem. sketch tool. While picking out the ligand, the LIPINSKY'S RULE OF 5 should be utilizing. Lipinski rule of 5 assist in discriminating among non-drug like and drug like. The computer aided drug design and detection (CADDD) method. It promises high possibility of achievement or failure due to drug likeness for molecules remaining by with 2 or more than of the complying rules.

Lipinsky's rule (Jain *et al.,* 2003)

(1) A lesser amount of five hydrogen bond donors
(2) A lesser amount of ten hydrogen bond acceptors
(3) Molecular mass less than 500 Da
(4) High lipophilicity (expressed as Log not over 5)
(5) Molar refractivity should be between 40-130

Application

A binding communication between a small molecule ligand and an enzyme protein may result in activation or inhibition of the enzyme. If the protein is a receptor, ligand binding may result in agonist or antagonism. Docking is mainly used in the field of drug design. Most drugs are small organic molecules, and docking may be applied to: In the keep viewing antioxidant properties of phenolic compound against human peroxiredoxin enzyme using molecular docking.

Aim and objectives of the present study

In the aim of the present study *in silico* antioxidant activity of phenolic compounds against Human peroxiredoxin 5 (PDB: 1HD2).

The following main objectives of the present study

- To select the phenolic compounds and prepare the ligand
- To analysis the Human peroxiredoxin 5 (PDB: 1HD2) enzyme active site and preparation of protein.
- To in silico evaluation of antioxidant activity using molecular docking study

Review of Literature

Molecular docking is computational modelling of structure complexes formed by two or more interacting molecule. The goal of molecular docking is prediction of three-dimensional structure of interest. Molecular docking software mostly used in drug improvement. Molecules and effortless entrance to structural databases have befallen essential mechanism. Molecular Docking provide a collection of expensive tools for drug design and analysis. Simple prophecy of molecules and easy way in to structural databases has become essential components on the desktop of the medicinal chemist. The most important application of molecular docking is virtual screening. A variety of docking programs were

residential to imagine the three-dimensional structure of the molecule and docking gain can also be analyse with the assist of dissimilar computational methods. Molecular docking is a key tool in structural molecular biology and computer-assist drug design (Chaudhary and Mishra, 2016).

The molecular docking approach can be used to model the interaction between a small molecule and a protein at the atomic level, which allow us to characterize the behavior of small molecules in the binding site of target proteins as well as to elucidate fundamental biochemical processes (McConkey *et al.,* 2002). The docking process involves two basic steps: prediction of the ligand conformation as well as its position and orientation within these sites (usually referred to as *pose*) and assessment of the binding affinity. These two steps are related to sampling methods and scoring schemes, respectively, which will be discussed in the theory section. Knowing the location of the binding site before docking processes significantly increases the docking efficiency. In many cases, the binding site is indeed known before docking ligands into it. Also, one can obtain information about the sites by comparison of the target protein with a family of proteins sharing a similar function or with proteins co-crystallized with other ligands. In the absence of knowledge about the binding sites, cavity detection programs or online servers, e.g. GRID (Kastenholz *et al.,* 2000), POCKET (Levitt and Banaszak, 1992), SurfNet (Laskowski, 1995), PASS (Brady and Stouten, 2000) and MMC (Mezei, 2003) can be utilized to identify putative active sites within proteins. Docking without any assumption about the binding site is called blind docking.

Though the main application lies in structure-based virtual screening for identification of new active compounds towards a particular target protein, in which it has produced a number of success stories (Kubinyi, 2006), it is actually not a stand-alone technique but is normally embedded in a workflow of different in silico as well as experimental techniques (Kroemer, 2007). Several research groups focus on evaluating of the performance of various docking programs (Velavan *et al.,* 2020) or on making improvements to the scoring functions when experimental testing has already been done. Such efforts could give meaningful guidance to choose the methodology for a particular target system. Docking, combined with other computational techniques and experimental data, also could be involved in analyzing drug metabolism (Meng *et al.,* 2009).

Phytochemicals

Plant-based phytochemicals offer attractive, effective, and holistic drug action against the pathogens without much of the side effects. Hence, we are interested in screening the potential phytochemicals as drug molecules against TPPs and to look into their effectiveness against pathogenic microbes. Structure-based drug designing using phytochemicals can be used to reduce the ambiguity involved

and fasten up the process (Liu *et al.,* 2017). Hence, the present study focuses on *in silico* docking work on selected phenolic phytochemicals as target molecules to check their binding affinities.

Quercetin

Quercetin (3,3',4',5,7-pentahydroxylflavone) is a plant derived flavonoid which is present in the plant kingdom as a secondary metabolite. There is growing evidence suggesting that quercetin has therapeutic potential for the prevention and treatment of different diseases, including cardiovascular disease, cancer, and neurodegenerative disease. Mechanistically, quercetin has been shown to exert antioxidant, anti-inflammatory, and anticancer activities in a number of cellular and animal models. It is the most well defined group of polyphenolic compounds (Murakami *et al.,* 2008). The flavonoids contain a basic skeleton of diphenylpropane (C6–C3–C6). Quercetin is commonly found as O-glycosides with one of its hydroxyl group is substituted by sugars of various type. Quercetin have highlighted molecular docking studies on the inhibition of iNOS by quercetin and its analogues. The top poses were found to be lying deep into the binding cavity of iNOS enzyme showing all the major interaction and a favourable interaction energy than quercetin ranging from −130.62 to −150.44 compared with −97.17of quercetin (Singh *et al.,* 2012).

Rutin

Rutin is a bioflavonoid, or plant pigment, that is found in certain vegetables and fruits. Apples are full of rutin. Buckwheat, most citrus, figs, and both black and green tea also contain rutin. Rutin has powerful antioxidant properties. It also helps your body produce collagen and use vitamin C. You can add rutin to your diet by eating foods that contain it or taking it in supplement form. Although there are no U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidelines for use of rutin due to lack of research, this bioflavonoid is commonly used medicinally. It's included in more than 130 registered therapeutic medicinal preparations.

Rutin, a flavonoid that is abundantly found in many plants such as tea, apples, grapes, oranges, cherries, apricot, and buckwheat, is a well-known natural antioxidant and it is one of the medically important flavonoids (Yao *et al.,* 2018). Various pharmaceutical properties associated with rutin are anti-inflammatory, antiplatelet, vasoac-tive, antihypertensive, antiallergic, antispasmodic, hypolipidaemic, cytoprotective, antitumor, antiprotozoal, antibacterial, and anti-viral (Patel and Patel, 2019). Rutin was also found to decrease the infectivity of entero-viruses (Lin *et al.,* 2012).

Gallic acid

Gallic acid is a phenolic compound also known as 3,4,5-trihydroxybenzoic acid. It is found both as a free state and as a constituent of tannins, namely, gallotannin. Gallic acid and its derivatives are present in nearly every part of

the plant, such as bark, wood, leaf, fruit, root, and seed. Known as natural antioxidant that is basically a secondary polyphenolic metabolite. Gallic acid is a very important common antioxidant tea formulation, known as an Ayurvedic herb. Apart from its phytochemical role, gallic acid is also used in tanning, ink dyes, and the manufacture of paper. The antihyperlipidemic action of gallic acid in high-fat diet induced mice revealed a decrease in triglyceride and low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol, and an increase in high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol (Khoo and Falk, 2014).

Gallic acid (GA) and its derivatives are one of the abundant plant chemicals with diverse pharmacological aptitudes that can aid in the management of several diseases such as inflammatory, cardiovascular, respiratory, gastrointestinal, and metabolic diseases (Kahkeshani *et al.,* 2019). Our interest in gallic acid derivatives were based on their pharmacological aptitudes, abundance in nature, and most of all, had not been used for any study to evaluate them against the etiological agent of the recent coronavirus outbreak. Although there are numerous studies on gallic acid and its derivatives against different diseases such as antibacterial, antifungal, and antiviral diseases (AL Zahrani *et al.,* 2020).

Tannic acid

Tannic acid is a naturally occurring plant polyphenol and can be found in practically all aerial plant tissues. Tannic acid was historically used for the treatment of diarrhea, topically to dress skin burns and rectally for treatment of unspecified rectal disorders. Pharmaceutical use of tannic acid is discontinued due to safer and better alternatives.

Tannic acid (TA) is a naturally occurring plant-derived polyphenol found in several herbaceous and woody plants, including legumes, sorghum, beans, bananas, persimmons, rasberries, wines and a broad selection of teas. Clinically, TA has strong antioxidant/free radical scavenging, antiinflammatory, anti-viral/bacterial, and anti-carcinogenic properties. While the aetiology of Alzheimer's disease (AD) remains unclear, this complex multifactorial neurodegenerative disorder remains the most common form of dementia, and is a growing public health concern worldwide. Apart from its potent antioxidant and anti-inflammatory roles, evidence suggests that TA is also a natural inhibitor of β-secretase (BACE1) activity and protein expression (Braidy *et al.,* 2007).

Coumarins

Coumarins are phenolic substances composed of fused benzene and α-pyrone rings. At least 1300 different coumarins have been identified. Coumarins have antithrombotic, antiinflammatory, and vasodilatory activities. Warfarin is the most popular one and it is used as an oral coagulant and rodenticide. Coumarins may also have antiviral effects and are highly toxic in rodents. Some of the coumarins

compounds have antimicrobial effects such as an inhibitory effect against *C. albicans* and thus can be used to cure vaginal candidiasis (Bor *et al.,* 2016).

Coumarins are the phytochemicals, which belong to the family of benzopyrone, that display interesting pharmacological properties. Several natural, synthetic and semisynthetic coumarin derivatives have been discovered in decades for their applicability as lead structures as drugs. Coumarin based conjugates have been described as potential AChE, BuChE, MAO and β-amyloid inhibitors (Yusufzai *et al.,* 2018).

Computational Methods

In silico molecular docking

Computational drug discovery technique in the recent day of pharmaceutical research has successfully molecular modelling with different algorithm based programming software's been used. The ligand and protein binding scores according to algorithm-based program thereby may use any software for protein and ligand interactions for best results (Velavan *et al.,* 2020).

The ligand as phenolic compound of Caffeic acid, Coumarin, Ellagic acid, Gallic acid, Kaempferol, Quercetin, Rutin, Syringic acid and Vanillic acid were obtained from Pubchem database, ligands were converted in to PDB format using Open bable software. Present study anti-oxidant proteins were used in based on previous literature, peroxiredoxin 5 (1HD2) proteins (Velavan *et al.,* 2020; Singh *et al.,* 2015) was obtained from PDB database and generally removed, all water molecules and any other Ligand molecules prior to docking, using Pymol software prepared protein was saved as PDB formed. Molecular docking software used in PyRx 0.8, virtual screening tool (Autodock vina program) software for grid dimension prepared (Center x = 8.47, center y = 42.75 and center z = 21.27 for chain A) (Trott and Olson, 2010).

Results and Discussion

The oxidative stress imposed by reactive oxygen species (ROS) plays an important role in many chronic and degenerative diseases. As an important category of phytochemicals, phenolic compounds universally exist in plants, and have been considered to have high antioxidant ability and free radical scavenging capacity, with the mechanism of inhibiting the enzymes responsible for ROS production and reducing highly oxidized ROS. Therefore, phenolic compounds have attracted increasing attention as potential agents for preventing and treating many oxidative stress-related diseases, such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, ageing, diabetes mellitus and neurodegenerative diseases (Li *et al.,* 2014). In the present study molecular docking study of phenolic compound of Caffeic acid, Coumarin, Ellagic acid, Gallic acid, Kaempferol, Quercetin, Rutin, Syringic acid and Vanillic acid were *in silico* inhibition against human peroxiredoxin 5 (1HD2) protein.

More than 10,000 polyphenol compounds have been identified in various plants. The typical structural characteristic shared by most polyphenols was built from a common intermediate or a close precursor. Polyphenols could be divided into different groups by the number of phenol rings that they contain and the basis of structural elements that bind these rings, which were classified into several sub-classes, such as the phenolic acids, flavonoids, stilbenes and lignans (Pandey and Rizvi, 2009).

Present study examined whether the major phenolic compounds with antioxidant protein (human peroxiredoxin 5, PDB: 1HD2) receptors. The tested phenolic compound displayed good inhibition of the free radicals, for which the enzyme human peroxiredoxin 5 was selected, as it has broader activity against the reactive oxygen species (ROS) and is mostly involved in the stress protection mechanism (Alminderej *et al.,* 2020).

Among all selected phenolic compounds, the best binding affinity with human peroxiredoxin 5. The Genetic algorithms high computational cost associated with stochastic methods of the theory of evolution and natural selection applying concepts. They are Autodock vina was new generation of Autodock, Autodock as Lamarckian Genetic Algorithm, Autodock vina output score rank followed by Rutin -7.50 kcal/mol > Quercetin -6.80 kcal/mol and Ellagic acid -6.80 kcal/mol > Kaempferol -6.60 kcal/mol > Caffeic acid -5.90 kcal/mol > Vanillic acid -5.80 kcal/mol > Gallic acid -5.70 kcal/mol > Coumarin -5.20 kcal/mol > Syringic acid -5.10 kcal/mol.

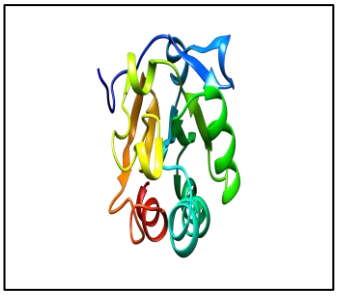
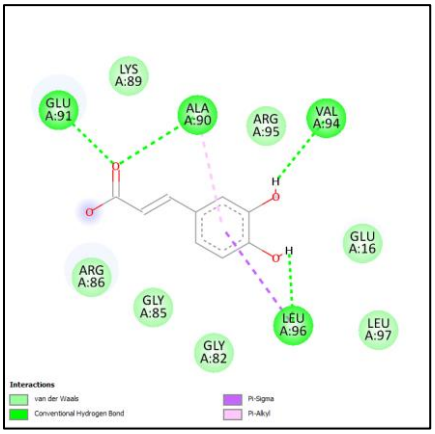
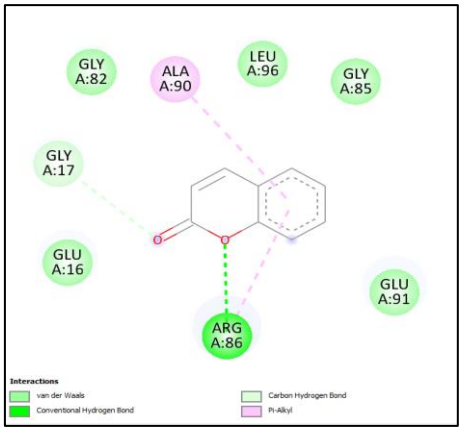


Plate 1: 3D view of human peroxiredoxin 5, PDB: 1HD2

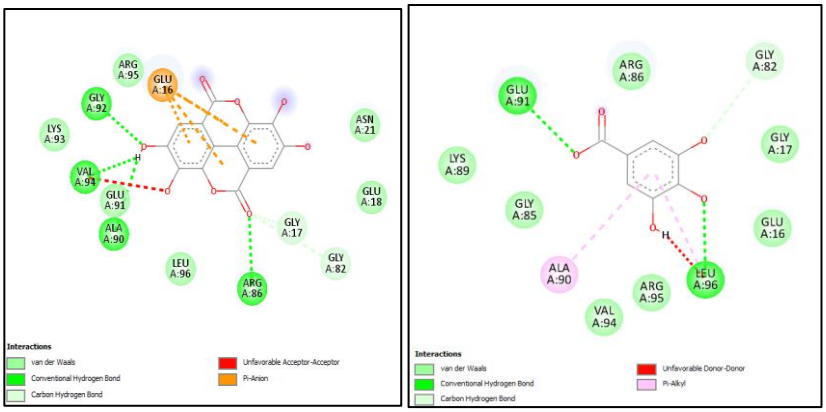
Table 1: Molecular docking assessment of phenolic compounds against human peroxiredoxin 5 enzyme

S. No	Ligand	Binding affinity (kcal/mol)	Ligand binding interaction residue
1	Caffeic acid	-5.90	Glu 91, Lys 89, Ala 90, Arg 95, Val 94, Glu 16, Leu 97, Leu 96, Gly 82, Gly 85 and Arg 86.
2	Coumarin	-5.20	Glu 91, Arg 86, Glu 16, Gly 17, Gly 82, Ala 90, Leu 96 and Gly 85.
3	Ellagic acid	-6.80	Arg 95, Glu 16, Gly 92, Lys 93, Val 94, Glu 91, Ala 90, Leu 96, Arg 86, Gly 17, Gly 82, Glu 18 and Asn 21.
4	Gallic acid	-5.70	Lys 89, Gly 85, Ala 90, Val 94, Arg 95, Leu 96, Glu 16, Gly 17, Gly 82, Arg 86 and Glu 91.
5	Kaempferol	-6.60	Ala 90, Gly 85, Leu 96, Arg 95, Glu 16, Asn 21, Gly 17, Arg 86 and 91.
6	Quercetin	-6.80	Val 70, Lys 93, Val 69, Arg 95, Val 94, Glu 16, Gly 92, Glu 91, Ala 90, Thr 81, Arg 86, Gly 85, Gly 82, Gly 17 and Leu 96.
7	Rutin	**-7.50**	Asn 156, Gln 160, Cys 151, Asn 141, Val 142, Leu 140, Val 5, Lys 4, Ile 3, Pro 2, Asp 109, Lys 126, Leu 110, Pro 144 and Glu 143.
8	Syringic acid	-5.10	Arg 95, Lys 93, Val 94, Gly 92, Glu 16, Gly 17, Gly 82, Ala 90, Arg 86, Gly 85, Leu 96 and Glu 91.
9	Vanillic acid	-5.80	Gly 92, Arg 95, Val 94, Glu 16, Leu 96, Gly 82, Ala 90, Gly 85, Glu 91, Lys 89, His 88 and Arg 86.

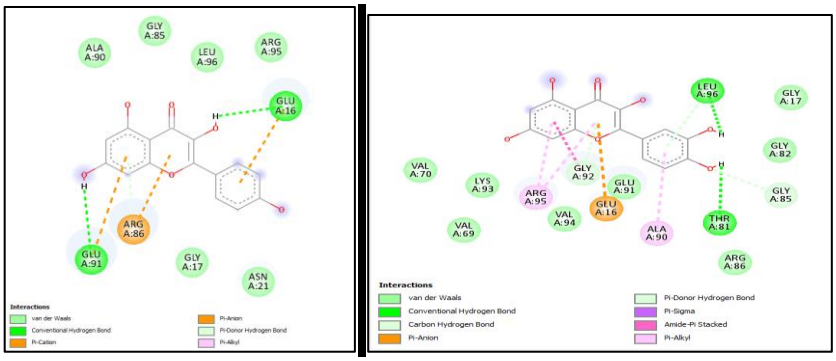




Caffeic acid Coumarin

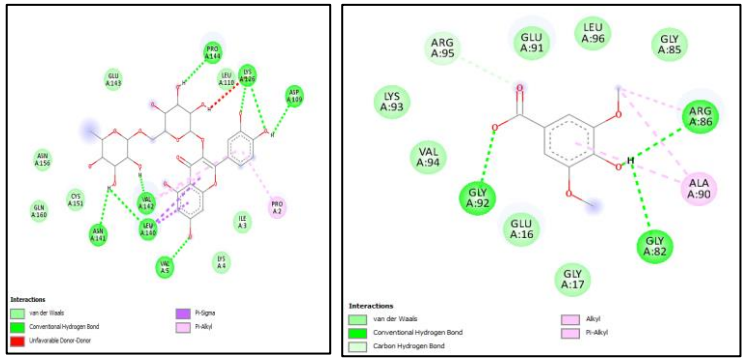


Ellagic acid Gallic acid

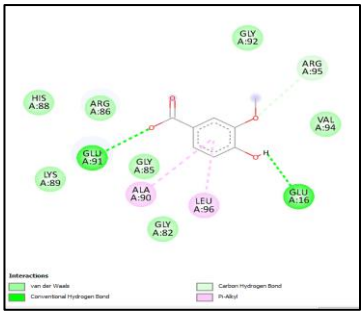


Kaempferol **Quercetin**

Plate 2a: 2D view of phenolic compound binding interaction with human peroxiredoxin 5 enzyme (PDB: 1HD2)



Rutin **Syringic acid**



Vanillic acid

Plate 2b: 2D view of phenolic compound binding interaction with human peroxiredoxin 5 enzyme (PDB: 1HD2)

Phenolic compound exhibited antioxidant activities based on *in silico* antioxidant assays. Docking was performed on crystal structure of human peroxiredoxin 5, PDB: 1HD2 using Autodock vina programme. The obtained conformations of the phenolic compounds were analyzed to choose the most plausible poses with similar interactions as antioxidants enzyme. The binding energies, root mean square deviations, and the number of closest residues for the target 1HD2 are presented in Table 1. This binding mode of compound 9 showed more activity with suggests that the phenolic compounds is favorable for activity, represent in plate 2a and 2b.

The free radicals, which play the main role in inducing oxidative stress in the body, are classified according to their corresponding atoms, eg. the reactive oxygen species (ROS) and the reactive nitrogen species (RNS). ROS is produced from the enzymatic reaction within the body, particularly the cellular enzyme NADPH oxidase. Moreover, external factors such as air pollutants and saturated-fatty acids contained environmental stress can also trigger the production of ROS. RNS, in the form of nitric oxide (NO•), is generally created from the oxidation of L-arginine. Antioxidants are molecules that work to neutralize reactive radicals (ROS and RNS) and block or prevent cell damage. Natural antioxidant systems are categorized into enzymatic and non-enzymatic antioxidant groups. The enzymatic antioxidants include catalase and glutathione peroxidase, while the latter are e.g. ascorbic acid, carotenoids, flavonoids, and phenolic compounds (Ahmadinejad *et al.,* 2017).

Andriani *et al.,* (2022) studied with molecular docking simulation was performed between zeaxanthin, lutein, carotenoid, and stigmasterol with the NADPH-dependent human carbonyl reductase-1 (hCBR-1), an enzyme that works by protecting cells against cellular damage resulting from oxidative stress. Phytochemical screening showed that our *Lemna* positively contains alkaloids, flavonoids or carotenoids, polyphenols, tannins, triterpenoids, and steroids. The

antioxidant activity conveyed a strong activity which is parallel with its total phenolic compounds content. Similarly present study agreed with phenolic compounds were good antioxidant properties was concluded.

Velavan *et al.* (2020) study was to compare the docking score with Protein and Ligand interaction using various molecular docking software's. To find on strong relationship between Autodock vina vs iGemdock r = 0.99831, Autodock vina vs Hex r = 0.94002, iGemdock vs Hex r = 0.93189, Autodock vina vs LeDock r = 97283, iGemdock vs LeDock r = 96132 and Hex vs LeDock r = 96627. Phytocompounds binding scores was a strong relationship on between the algorithm based Molecular docking software's, they are phytocompounds active scores were each software finds out on Rutin < Stigmasterol < Quercetin < Gallic acid < Coumarin active score was reported in 1HD2 protein. Similarly our study agreed on phytocompounds such as based on phenolic nature with 1HD2 protein.

Summary And Conclusion

Nowadays pharmacology researcher plant were used, they are a rich source of phytochemicals and they are used for the treatment of several biological activity, they are effectiveness, low toxicity, easy available and eco-friendly. Biological activity of plant drugs, *in vitro* and *in silico* tests can be used as initial screening tools; they might provide useful information on the mechanism of action of plant based therapeutic agents, and one of the therapeutic approaches for controlling oxidative mediated diseases. Plant phenolic compounds are a group of naturally occurring, secondary metabolic, that play a role in biological activity and is a valuable medicinal and reducing agent.

II.CONCLUSION

- Overall, present study phenolic compounds as natural antioxidants agents, which justifies the use of the plant species in traditional medicine.
- The phenolic compounds work to neutralize reactive radicals (ROS and RNS) and block or prevent cell damage.
- We refer to the natural reducing agents of phenolic compounds that can provide evidence of eco-friendly antioxidant active compound using *in silico* methodology.
- The Autodock vina output score rank followed by Rutin > Quercetin and Ellagic acid > Kaempferol > Caffeic acid > Vanillic acid > Gallic acid > Coumarin > Syringic acid.
- Phenolic compounds are inhibiting the activity of these 1HD2 enzymes can control oxidative mediated diseases and reduce the risk of developing diseases.
- Phenolic compounds could be further explored in the development of structure-based drugs for biological activity including oxidative stress-mediated diseases and

need of harmless but effective drug that can offer advancements to the chemical drug.

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Perception of Parenting Style, Parental Involvement on Academic Performance: A Study on High School Students in Chennai

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ABSTRACT
Parental involvements in academic-related activities and parenting styles have both been linked to children's academic achievement. One of the most effective ways to improve school performance is for parents to get involved. The relationship of parents with children or parenting style serves multiple purposes. Parenting styles can be defined as a set or a system of behaviors that describes the parent and child interactions over a wide range of situations and creates an effective interaction atmosphere. Parental involvement can be aptly described as the active and ongoing participation of a parent or primary caregiver in the education process of their child. This study intends to perceive different parenting styles followed by parents and their involvement in school related activities. Data were collected using a self constructed questionnaire on parenting styles and parental involvement with demographic details. The study was conducted on (N=94) high school students selected via purposive sampling from high schools in Chennai, India. Descriptive statistics was used to analyze the data. Neglectful parenting is the predominant style of parenting in study area. Female have high perception of parenting style and parental involvement on academic performance. A high perception on Authoritative style of parenting is related to high academic performance. Parental involvement has no bearing on academic performance, notably among high school students.
Keywords: Parenting styles, Parental involvement, Academic performance.

I.INTRODUCTION

Parents play the most important role in the overall development of their child. Parenting is an ongoing job. Several factors influence a student's academic performance and educational growth. Children academic achievement is largely influenced and determined by the nature of parenting styles and the kind of support parents give to their children (Hofer, 2010). Parenting styles and techniques have consistently been shown to relate to various outcomes such as child psychological problems (e.g., aggression) and academic performance (Baumrind, 1967, 1991; Dornbusch, Ritter, Leiderman, Roberts, & Fraleigh, 1987; Querido, Warner, & Eyberg, 2002). Parental involvement has emerged as one of today's most important topics in educational circles. The construct parenting style has been largely influenced by Baumrind's (1971) conceptualization of authoritarian, permissive and authoritative parenting styles which encompasses various characteristics such as maturity, communication styles, nurturance, warmth and involvement (Darling & Steinberg, 1993). Parental involvement in school-related activities and parenting style are elements that have a significant impact on the educational development of their children. Today, researchers have shown the impact of parental involvement and its effects on specific aspects of parenting (Jeynes, 2000). Baumrind (2010) identified four distinct child-rearing approaches as well as their effects on children. Based on the level of warmth and control exercised by the parent in punishing the child, the four parenting styles are authoritative, authoritarian, permissive, and neglect parenting styles. The authoritarian style is defined by a high amount of parental control and a low level of parental response. The authoritative style is defined by a high amount of parental control and parental response. Authoritative parents have rules and consequences, but also consider the opinions of their children. The permissive style is defined by high responsiveness and low demandingness. Permissive parents are lenient. The neglectful style is defined by low responsiveness, low demandingness. These uninvolved parents may have mental issues themselves such as depression, physical abuse, or child neglect when they were kids. Research findings have also shown that a continued effort of parental involvement throughout the child's education can improve academic achievement (Driessen, Smit & Sleegers, 2005; Fan, 2001; Hong & Ho, 2005). Academic failure has been linked with risk behaviors and negative outcomes such as substance abuse, delinquency, and emotional and behavioral problems (Annunziata, Houge, Faw, & Liddle, 2006).

Review Of Literature

Baumrind suggested nine different parenting approaches (1991). These are authoritative, demanding, traditional, authoritarian, homogeneous, democratic, permissive, nondirective, and rejecting-neglecting. Current study has discovered that parenting approaches are commonly adopted by previous generations and passed

down through culture (Brown and Iyengar, 2008). Mehrafza (2005) in a study examined the relationship between parenting styles and creativity and academic achievement of the students of grade three of high school and showed that there was a significantly positive relationship between the emotional atmosphere of the family, declining to the principles of democracy, and creativity. Furthermore, there was a significantly negative relationship between the creativity and dictatorship principles and there was no statistically significant relationship between the emotional atmosphere of the family, declining to absolute freedom, and creativity. A study was conducted on parenting styles as a predictor of academic achievement of junior high school students (David Baidoo-Anu, 2019) in Ghana to examine the relationship between parenting style and academic achievement. The data collected from 400 junior high school students revealed that parenting styles correlate high with academic achievement. In a meta-analysis containing 21 studies, the impact of parental involvement on the academic achievement of minority children was significant for all marginal groups. For all the groups, parental involvement as a whole, affected all the academic variables by at least two tenths of a standard deviation unit. However, the results indicated that parental involvement affected the academic achievement of minority students (Jeynes, 2003). Gina A. N. Chowa, Rainier D. Masa, Jenna Tucker study (2003) study was conducted on parental involvement effects on academic performance with evidence from the YouthSave Ghana experiment in North Carolina. This study was based on experiment where 50 schools were assigned to treatment and another 50 schools were assigned to control condition; the baseline sample consisted of 6,252 youth and 3,083 parents. Results revealed that at home based parental involvement is positively associated with academic performance while in school it is negatively associated. Ilker Kosterelioglu (2018) study on effects of parenting styles on student's achievement goal orientation on high school students. Data collected from students and their parents from public high school in Turkey reveals that there is a positive and medium level relationship between parenting style and learning approach orientation was found. Student's achievement goal orientation follows the order of learning approach, learning-avoidance, performance-approach.

Need For Study

According to a meta-analysis of more than fifty studies on parent involvement in high schools, there is a direct connection between students' academic performance and the participation of parents in their children's education. Furthermore, the earlier that a connection is established between parents and the educational process of their children, the more robust is the foundation for the success of the student.

There are some researches related to parenting styles and academic performance but those researches cannot be generalized as cultural factors play a vital role in parenting style. It is much more appropriate to examine parenting styles and their meanings in the cultural context (Bigner 9). Therefore, children in different cultural contexts can be cultivated by their parents to behave differently, in this sense, it is necessary to take into consideration the importance of culture when evaluating parenting behaviors. There is lack of research that integrates and systemizes the relationship between parenting styles and parental involvement on academic performance of high school students especially in India. There is little research available on the relationship between parental involvement and academic achievement of high school students. A majority of the research in this area has been conducted solely with elementary and secondary school students (Baily, Silvern, Brabham, & Ross, 2004; Marjotibanks, 2005). This study may provides an in-depth look at one aspect of parental involvement, involvement in academic activities of their children, and academic achievement of high school students.

Aim

To study on parenting styles and parental involvement of high school students on academic performance in Chennai.

Objectives

1. To identify the predominant parenting style in the study area (Chennai).
2. To assess the gender differences in the perception of parenting style and parental involvement.
3. To assess the perception of parenting style on academic performance.
4. To assess the perception of parental involvement on academic performance.

Method

- Research Design
- Descriptive research design (survey research).
- Participants and Sampling

The sample size was 94. The sample consisted of male and female high school students from different schools in Chennai. Purposive sampling was used to collect data. The age of participants ranged from 13 to 17 years (M = 15.85, SD = 1.077). The sample consisted of 33 (35.1%) male and 61 (64.9%) female respondents.

Measures and Procedure

A self constructed questionnaire was used. Demographic details included age, gender and grade. In the demographic session respondents' initials, age, gender, and grade

were collected. To measure the type of parenting style, 4 questions were constructed in each parenting style dimensions, 9 questions were constructed to measure parental involvement and one question to measure academic performance. Data were collected through an online survey using a five point Likert scale.

Ethical Considerations

Informed consent about the study was established, confidentiality of the participant's details was maintained and no deception was employed in this study.

Data Analysis

Percentage analysis and descriptive statistics were used to analyze the data.

Operational Definitions

Parenting style: Parenting Styles refers to the manner in which parents raise their children. Parenting style has a crucial role in a child's social and educational development. Parenting style is a psychological structure that represents standard strategies parents use in child rearing and includes parental attitudes and behaviors (Kordi & Baharudin, 2010). Parental involvement: Any interaction between parents and children at home or with the school to ensure that the children's academic performance is going in a positive way. Parent involvement is an initiation of home based behaviors like monitoring homework as well as school based activities such as attending school events and communication with teachers (Holloway et al., 2008). Academic achievement: According to Narad and Abdullah (2016) academic performance is the knowledge gained which is assessed by marks by a teacher and/or educational goals set by students and teachers to be achieved over a specific period of time. These goals are measured by using continuous assessment or examinations results.

Results

The sample of high school students consisted of 33 (35.1%) male and 61 (64.9%) female respondents (N=94).

Table 1. Frequency Distribution Of Gender

Gender	Frequency	Percentage
Male	33	35.1
Female	61	64.9

Table 2. Descriptive statistics summary

	Parenting style	Parental Involvement	Academic performance
Mean	54.55914	30.63441	78.64118
Standard Deviation	7.722725	5.189423	12.36325
Minimum	33	20	35
Maximum	69	45	98

The mean of the sample for parenting style is 54.55 (S.D=7.722). The minimum overall score is 33 and the maximum overall score is 69. The mean score for parental involvement is 30.634 (S.D=5.189). The minimum overall score is 20 and the maximum score is 45. The mean score for academic performance is 78.641 (S.D=12.36) with minimum score of 35 and maximum score of 98.

Table 3. Descriptive statistics of parenting style dimensions

	Authoritative	Authoritarian	Neglectful	Permissive
Mean	14.6129	11	15.75269	13.19355
Standard Deviation	3.560142	2.427201	3.367543	2.667266
Minimum	4	7	6	6
Maximum	20	16	20	20

Neglectful parenting style has a highest mean score of 15.752, followed by authoritative with mean score of 14.612. This shows that neglectful and authoritative parenting style is most followed parenting practice in the study area. Permissive style of parenting has an overall mean score of 13.193 and authoritarian have a mean score of 11, being the least followed parenting practice in the study area.

Parental involvement and Academic Performance

The maximum overall raw score of participants in parental involvement is 45 and minimum overall raw score is 20. Total of 4 participants have maximum raw score ranging from 40-45 in parental involvement dimension. When comparing the academic performance of the participants who scored higher in parental involvement, it can be determined that the average percentage of these 4 participants in their last final exam appears to be higher (80-95%). There are 17 participants who have minimum overall raw score of 20-25 in parental involvement, and the average percentage of these 17 participants in their last final exam shows mixed results (ranging from 60-95%). This leads to the conclusion that parental engagement has little bearing on academic performance; yet, there are instances where students

perform better even when their parents are not involved in school-related activities, notably among high school students.

Parenting Style and Academic Performance

In neglectful parenting style 8 participants have maximum raw score (20) and the minimum raw score is 6. When comparing the academic performance of the participants who scored higher in neglectful parenting, it can be determined that the average percentage of these 8 participants in their last final exam appears to be moderate (around 70-80 percent). The second most prominent parenting practice is authoritative style of parenting. It can also be inferred that 5 participants have maximum raw score (20) and minimum raw score is 4. The average percentage of these 5 participants in their last final exam appears to be comparatively high (80-95%). As can be shown, different parenting practices have different effects on academic success. Participants who had a high authoritative parenting style score did better in academics (80-95 percent) than those who had a high score in any other parenting style (70-80 percent). It can be inferred that high perception on authoritative parenting style is related to high academic performance.

Gender Differences

The overall raw score of parental involvement mean of female 31.07 (S.D=5.434) is greater than mean of male 29.73 (S.D=4.612). The overall raw score of parenting style of female has a higher mean 54.84 (S.D=7.785) than male 53.97 (S.D=7.585). On comparing the academic performance of both the gender, female have a good academic performance with mean 80.23 than male 76.018. Thus, it can be concluded that female have highly perceived parenting style and parental involvement with high academic performance.

Discussion

The objectives of the study are accomplished and the results are tabulated. The study included overall 94 participants (N=94). It can be observed that the sample is highly representative of females of grade 12. Initially, frequency distribution was performed for gender (demographic variable), cross tabulation for gender and grade, descriptive statistics for overall raw score on both independent variables (parenting style and parental involvement) and separate descriptive statistics was performed for the dimensions of parenting styles (Authoritative, Authoritarian, neglectful and permissive). Researchers asserted that parenting styles determined the level of parental support that parents provide for their children (Lareau, 2011). Family environment created by a particular parenting style may determine the level of parental support which may also have a relationship with one's academic achievement (Sheldon & Epstein, 2005). Previous studies have established relationships between parenting styles and the academic achievement of students in all levels (Blondal & Adalbjarnardottir, 2009; Bigner, 2010). Other researchers found

inconsistent results. For example, Joshi, Ferris, Otto and Regan (2003) found that there is no significant relationship between parenting styles and college students' grade point average. According to research on child academic accomplishment, children's academic achievement improves when both parents are actively involved in their schooling (Nyarko, 2011). According to Alsheikh, Parameswaran, and Elhoweris (2010), increased parental support and involvement in children's learning at a young age has a favorable impact on their school accomplishment. In spite of this, many parents don't appear to be getting involved in their student's education. This lack of involvement may have negative impact on student's achievement in and out of the classroom and ultimately affect their continuing educational development and success (Wake, 2008). Literature on overall impact of parenting style and parental involvement is minimal in developing countries.

II.CONCLUSION

Neglectful parenting is the predominant style of parenting in study area. Female have high perception of parenting style and parental involvement on academic performance. A high perception on Authoritative style of parenting is related to high academic performance. Parental involvement has no bearing on academic performance, notably among high school students.

Implications

The study is relevant to school students, parents, educators and future researchers. It leads parents to consider their parenting styles and their relationship with their children thereby considering its influence on future life of the children. Parent-teacher coordination and collaboration can be built positively. When there is good communication between parents and teachers absenteeism decreases.

Limitations

The sample was collected by purposive sampling. The tools administered are self constructed and are self-reported, so there is less reliability. The sample size of the study is relatively small. The male and female population was not equally represented in the sample taken. There was no equal number of participants' representing every grade.

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Federated Learning for Privacy-Preserving Generative AI: A Secure Framework for Distributed Data

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Abstract

Generative Artificial Intelligence (Generative AI) has demonstrated significant potential in healthcare, finance, education, cybersecurity, and other data-intensive domains. However, the use of sensitive and distributed datasets for training Generative AI models introduces significant privacy and security challenges. Traditional centralized learning requires data to be transferred to a common server, increasing the risk of unauthorized access and sensitive information disclosure. This paper proposes a secure federated learning framework for privacy-preserving Generative AI, in which multiple distributed clients collaboratively fine-tune a shared generative model without directly sharing their raw data. The proposed framework combines Federated Learning (FL), Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning (PEFT), Differential Privacy (DP), and Secure Aggregation to improve privacy while maintaining model utility. Each participating client performs local model training using its private dataset, applies privacy protection to the resulting model updates, and securely transmits the protected updates to a federated server. The server aggregates the updates to generate an improved global model. The framework is evaluated using model performance, privacy protection, communication overhead, and computational efficiency. The proposed approach aims to achieve a practical balance between data confidentiality and Generative AI performance for distributed and privacy-sensitive environments.

Keywords— Generative AI, Federated Learning, Privacy-Preserving AI, Large Language Models, Differential Privacy, Secure Aggregation, Distributed Data, Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning.

I.INTRODUCTION

Generative Artificial Intelligence has become an important area of research because of its ability to generate text, images, code, audio, and other forms of content. Large Language Models and other generative models have been increasingly adopted in

healthcare, finance, education, business, and cybersecurity applications. These applications often require large datasets for training and model adaptation. However, when the datasets contain sensitive or confidential information, centralized data collection can create significant privacy and security risks. Traditional machine learning approaches generally depend on centralized data processing. Data from multiple users or organizations is collected and transferred to a central server, where the model is trained. Although this approach simplifies model management, it increases the consequences of data breaches and unauthorized access. Organizations handling healthcare records, financial information, student records, or confidential business documents may also be unable or unwilling to share raw data. Federated Learning provides an alternative approach by allowing multiple clients to collaboratively train a shared model while retaining their data locally. Instead of transferring raw data to a central server, each client performs local training and sends model updates to the server. The server aggregates these updates to improve the global model. However, Federated Learning does not automatically guarantee complete privacy. Model updates may potentially reveal information about the local training data. Furthermore, Generative AI models can memorize sensitive information and may be vulnerable to membership inference, gradient inversion, and other privacy attacks. This paper proposes a secure framework that combines Federated Learning with Differential Privacy, Secure Aggregation, and Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning. The objective is to enable collaborative Generative AI training while minimizing direct exposure of sensitive distributed data.

The major contributions of this research are:

1. A secure federated architecture for privacy-preserving Generative AI.
2. Integration of Differential Privacy to reduce information leakage.
3. Use of Secure Aggregation to protect individual client updates.
4. Application of Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning to reduce computational and communication requirements.
5. Evaluation of the proposed framework based on privacy, model utility, communication cost, and computational efficiency.

Literature Review

Federated Learning

Federated Learning enables multiple clients to collaboratively train a machine learning model without transferring their raw datasets to a central server. Federated Averaging is one of the fundamental aggregation approaches used in federated learning.

Privacy-Preserving Federated Learning

Although raw data remains local, federated systems can still be vulnerable to attacks on model updates. Differential Privacy and Secure Aggregation have therefore been

investigated to provide additional protection.

Generative Artificial Intelligence

Generative AI models, particularly Large Language Models, require substantial amounts of training data and computational resources. Their application to sensitive domains creates additional privacy concerns because models may memorize or reproduce information from their training datasets.

Federated Fine-Tuning of Generative Models

Recent research has explored federated fine-tuning of large models. Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning techniques such as LoRA can reduce the number of trainable parameters and make distributed fine-tuning more practical.

Research Gap

Existing approaches address individual aspects of privacy-preserving machine learning, but challenges remain in simultaneously achieving privacy, model utility, communication efficiency, and security for Generative AI. This research therefore proposes an integrated framework combining Federated Learning, Differential Privacy, Secure Aggregation, and Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning.

Proposed Methodology

The proposed framework consists of distributed clients and a central federated server.

Data Distribution

Sensitive datasets are distributed among multiple clients. Each client maintains its local dataset and does not transmit the raw data to the server.

Local Data Processing

Each client performs preprocessing operations such as cleaning, tokenization, anonymization, and PII removal before local model training.

Local Generative AI Fine-Tuning

The global Generative AI model is distributed to participating clients. Each client performs local

fine-tuning using its own dataset. Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning such as LoRA is used to reduce the number of trainable parameters.

Differential Privacy

After local training, model updates are clipped and controlled noise is added to reduce the possibility of sensitive information leakage.

Secure Aggregation

Protected model updates are transmitted through secure communication channels. Secure aggregation combines client updates without requiring the server to directly inspect individual contributions.

Global Model Update

The server aggregates the protected client updates using an aggregation algorithm

such as Federated Averaging.

The simplified aggregation equation is:

[
W_{t+1}=\sum_{k=1}^{K}\frac{n_k}{N}W_k
]

where (W_{t+1}) represents the updated global model, (W_k) represents the local model update from client (k), (n_k) represents the number of local training samples, and (N) represents the total number of samples.

Federated Training Process

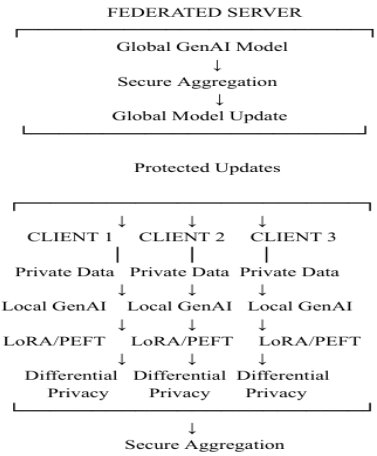
The complete process is repeated for multiple communication rounds until the desired model performance is obtained.

System Architecture

The proposed architecture consists of the following major components:

1. Distributed Sensitive Data
2. Local Data Processing
3. Local Generative AI Model
4. Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning
5. Differential Privacy
6. Secure Communication
7. Secure Aggregation
8. Federated Server
9. Global Generative AI Model

Figure 1. Proposed Privacy-Preserving Federated Generative AI Architecture



Experimental Setup

The proposed framework can be evaluated using a distributed dataset divided among multiple simulated clients.

The experimental setup should specify:

- Generative AI model
- Dataset
- Number of clients
- Number of federated rounds
- Local epochs
- Learning rate
- Batch size
- LoRA configuration
- Differential privacy parameters
- Aggregation algorithm
- Hardware/software environment

The implementation can be developed using Python and appropriate machine learning and federated learning frameworks.

Results and Analysis

The proposed framework should be compared with:

1. Centralized Training
2. Conventional Federated Learning
3. Federated Learning with Differential Privacy
4. Proposed Federated Learning + DP + Secure Aggregation + PEFT The evaluation should consider:
    - Model accuracy
    - Precision
    - Recall
    - F1-score
    - Perplexity
    - Generation quality
    - Privacy leakage
    - Communication overhead
    - Training time
    - Memory consumption

The results should demonstrate the trade-off between privacy and model performance.

Table I. Performance Comparison

Method	Privacy	Model Utility	Communication Cost	Security
Centralized Training	Low	High	Low	Medium
Federated Learning	Medium	High	High	Medium
FL + DP	High	Medium	High	High
Proposed Framework	Very High	High	Medium	Very High

Note: Numerical values should be replaced with actual experimental results before publication.

Future Scope

Future work can focus on extending the framework to larger Large Language Models and multimodal Generative AI systems. Adaptive Differential Privacy can be investigated to achieve a better privacy–utility balance. Personalized Federated Learning can be incorporated to handle heterogeneous and non-IID datasets. Further research can also address poisoning attacks, gradient inversion attacks, membership inference attacks, communication optimization, and secure model verification. The framework can eventually be evaluated in real-world domains such as healthcare, banking, education, cybersecurity, and confidential enterprise applications.

II.CONCLUSION

This paper presents a secure framework for privacy-preserving Generative AI using Federated Learning. The proposed approach enables multiple distributed clients to collaboratively fine-tune a Generative AI model without directly sharing their sensitive raw datasets. Differential Privacy provides additional protection against information leakage, while Secure Aggregation protects individual model updates.Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning reduces the computational and communication requirements associated with large generative models. The proposed framework provides a practical approach for balancing privacy, security, model utility, and efficiency. Although privacy mechanisms may introduce some performance and computational overhead, the combination of Federated Learning, Differential Privacy, Secure Aggregation, and PEFT provides a promising foundation for secure Generative AI in privacy-sensitive environments.

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Assessment Of Selected Coronary Risk Factors Among Female College Teachers and The Conduct of A Nutrition Education Programme

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Abstract

Cardiovascular diseases are a huge threat to the growing College Professor community. The present study was designed to assess selected coronary risk factors in female college teachers and the conduct of a Nutrition education programme in the age group 40-55 years. The sample size for the study being 100 female college teachers. Relevant aspects like age, socio-economic status, personal habits like chewing betel leaves, physical activity and family history of disease conditions like coronary heart disease, hypercholesterolemia, diabetes mellitus, hypertension and obesity as well as the dietary pattern of the subjects were collected by means of a questionnaire and subjected to descriptive analysis. Body mass index, waist circumference, fasting plasma glucose levels, serum lipid parameters as well as blood pressure of all the subjects were subjected to inferential statistical analysis. Nutritional knowledge of the subjects was calculated before and after the nutrition education programme with a pre and post-test questionnaire. Heart healthy recipes were displayed and a pamphlet on prevention and management of CHD were given.
Keywords: Framingham risk score, CHD, CVD, Food, Nutrition

I.INTRODUCTION

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are responsible for more than two-third cases of premature mortality (30–69 years) in India ((Pangtey et al., 2018). Cardiovascular diseases are a group of disorders of the heart and blood vessels, including stroke, coronary heart disease (CHD), hypertensive diseases and diseases of veins. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death globally accounting for 17.7 million deaths in 2015. Disability and deaths from cardiovascular disease can often be prevented with healthy lifestyles. Non-modifiable risk factors such as

age, sex and family history as well as modifiable risk factors such as smoking, physical inactivity, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure and obesity have been identified and linked to CVDs (Theocharidou and Mulvey, 2018). India's burden of non-communicable diseases is escalating. Non-communicable diseases are typically present in individuals aged 55 years or older in many developed countries, but their onset occurs in India a decade earlier (≥ 45 years of age). Prevalence of cardiovascular diseases and their share of mortality are predictably higher in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal (Arokiasamy, 2018). Mortality among women is higher than in men. Women more often report atypical anginal symptoms. Coronary angiography and revascularization of coronary arteries is less common in women. The risk of CAD development rises after the age of 40 in both men and women, but significant changes in coronary arteries are observed, on average, 7–10 years later in women than in men. In women, the issue of CAD is underestimated, underdiagnosed and undertreated (Pyszny et al., 2018). Smoking is a major risk factor for the development of cardiovascular disease in women (Aziz, 2014). Cardiovascular disease remains the principal cause of death and disability among patients with diabetes mellitus (Wang et al., 2016). Depression is highly co-morbid with CHD, being two to three times more common among patients with CHD than in the general population. The prevalence of depression is 15–30 per cent in patients with CHD and is approximately twice as high in women than men (Vaccarino et al., 2019).

Need for the study

South Asians display considerable heterogeneity in risk factors as compared to developed countries, there is a need to identify risk factors which would not only help in primary prevention but also prevent their recurrence (Gupta et al., 2013). Women in rural areas, younger women and girl children with CVD are less likely to receive appropriate management than men, with this disparity most apparent in those of lower socioeconomic status and education in India (Chow et al., 2012). Large numbers of teachers are found to have undergone Coronary artery bypass graft surgery (Choudhary et al., 2004). Research studies have reported that professors both men and women had a trend of increased waist/hip and abdominal circumferences, total cholesterol, triglycerides, and systolic blood pressure as they aged (Moreira et al., 2014). College teachers who come under the sedentary type of living are either well aware or ignorant that CHD is the cause of pre-matured mortality until diagnosed with the same. It is essential for the individuals who are at-risk to adopt appropriate interventions such as a change in dietary habits, increased physical activity and for spreading knowledge in their peer groups to prevent and delay the onset of CHD and its associated risk factors.

Materials & Methods

The present study was carried out to assess the presence of selected coronary risk factors among female college teachers and the conduct of a nutrition education programme. Hundred female college teachers were selected for the study from 2 city colleges. The nutritional knowledge of the subjects was assessed before and after the Nutrition education programme. The Institutional (independent) Ethics committee approval was obtained for this study.

Objective of the Study

To assess selected coronary risk factors among female college teachers and the conduct of a Nutrition Education Programme.

Design of the Study

This study falls under the category of descriptive research. The study was designed to assess the presence of selected coronary risk factors in female college teachers and the conduct of a nutrition education programme.

Selection of the Sample

The subjects were selected based on simple random sampling technique. Female college teachers in the age group of 40 - 55 years were selected from two private colleges in Chennai.

Sample size

The total sample size of the study was 100 college teachers, of which, an equal number of subjects (n = 50) belonged to Women's Christian College and Ethiraj College for Women, Chennai.

Criteria for the selection of subjects

- **Inclusion criteria**
  Only female college teachers between 40-55 years are included in the Study Subjects willing to participate in the study
- **Exclusion criteria**
  Pregnant women are excluded from the study
  Faculty members of the Department of Home Science.

Duration of the Study

The study was carried out for a period of 3 months.

Nutrition Education Programme

Nutritional knowledge of the subjects before and after the NEP

The number of subjects who attended the Nutrition education programme was 73. The remaining subjects could not attend due to official reasons.

The mean score of the nutritional knowledge of the subjects before and after the NEP is shown in table 1.

Table 1
Mean score of the nutritional knowledge of the subjects before and after the NEP

Number of subjects	Variable	Mean ± S.D
73	Nutritional knowledge before NEP	8.6 ± 2.1
	Nutritional knowledge after NEP	14.1 ± 2.0

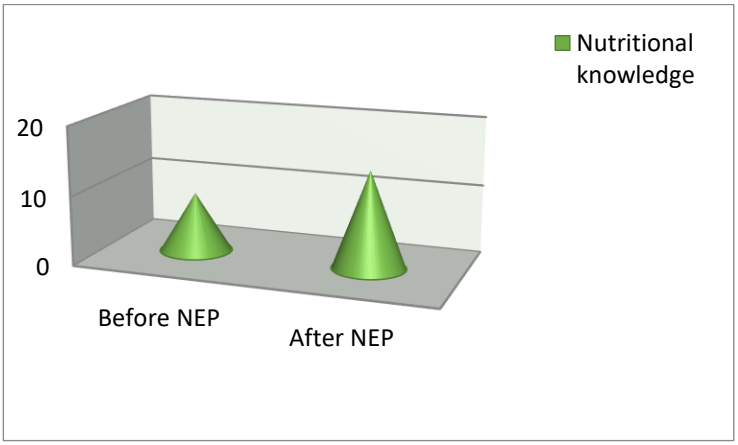

Fig.1: Mean score of the nutritional knowledge of the subjects before and after NEP

From table 1, it can be observed that the mean score for the nutritional knowledge of the subjects increased after the conduct of the nutrition education programme.

Percent increment in the nutritional knowledge of the subjects after NEP
The per cent increment of the nutritional knowledge of the subjects after NEP is shown in table 2.

Table 2
Percent increment in the nutritional knowledge of the subjects

Number of subjects	Percent Increment
73	63

From table 2, it can be inferred that there was a 63 per cent increment in the nutritional knowledge of the subjects after the conduct of the NEP. An increase in the nutritional knowledge and awareness of CHD risk factors will enable the subjects to make appropriate changes in their lifestyle and dietary habits which will go on a long way in promoting good health and can prevent chronic diseases.

Framingham 10 year risk score

Framingham 10 year risk score for women

According to the Framingham risk score for women, points are added according to the age, smoking status, HDL levels, total cholesterol and treated/untreated hypertension. The Framingham 10 year mean risk score of the subjects is presented in table 3.

Table 3
Framingham 10 year mean risk score
of the subjects

Risk score	Number of subjects (n=100)
<1 %	69
1%	20
2%	9
3%	1
4%	1

From table 3, it can be observed that majority of the subjects (69%) when calculated for the risk score, got less than 1 per cent risk of developing a CVD or a cardiac event in the next 10 years. A smaller percentage of the subjects (20%) have 1 per cent risk followed by 9 per cent of subjects who have 3 per cent risk. An equal percentage of subjects (1%) have 3 per cent and 4 per cent risk of developing CHD.

It may be concluded from the findings of the inferential statistical analysis, that there is an increased BMI and waist circumference in these subjects which can lead to CHD risk. The subjects are in the pre-diabetic state along with low levels of HDL-C and high levels of LDL-C. Although their nutrient intake is less than the normal cut-off value, their mean body mass index is classified as obese stage 1. Most of the subjects are at <1 per cent risk of experiencing a heart related event in the next 10 years, according to Framingham 10 year risk score for women, however, a smaller proportion had greater than 1 per cent CHD risk and is therefore essential to control their risk factors which can lead to CHD. As a result of the NEP, the nutritional knowledge of the subjects increased by 63 per cent and incorporating the lifestyle and dietary changes recommended in the NEP, will enable these subjects to lead a healthy and productive life.

Results

A sedentary lifestyle which increases the risk of CHD was reported by all the subjects. Majority of the subjects (54%) belonged to the Obese 1 category indicating a very high BMI and an increased waist circumference (> 80 cm). All the subjects belonged to the high-income category. Majority of the subjects (69%) were qualified upto doctorate level. A smaller percentage of the subjects (31%) were post graduates. Majority of the subjects (75%) came from nuclear families, whereas, a smaller percentage of subjects (25%) lived in joint families. A smaller percentage of subjects (4%) had the habit of chewing betel leaves, which is shown to have a high risk of CHD. Physical inactivity, a major risk factor for CHD was seen in majority of the subjects (68%). An appreciable percentage of subjects (32%) involved in regular physical activity. Majority of the subjects (72%) were premenopausal women and a smaller percentage of subjects (28%) were already in the postmenopausal state. Irregularity of menses, a risk factor for CHD was seen in a smaller percentage of premenopausal women (18%). Smaller percentage of postmenopausal women (7%) had undergone hysterectomy and only one subject who was a premenopausal woman reported of Oophorectomy. At the workplace, majority of subjects (62%) reportedly handled their stress, 'moderately well'. An appreciable percentage of subjects (33%) handled stress 'very well' and a small percentage of subjects (5%) needed to resolve problems. More than 77 per cent of the subjects reported a family history of diabetes mellitus followed by hypertension (48%), coronary heart disease (26%), kidney disease (17%), hypercholesterolemia (14%) and obesity (13%). Majority of subjects suffered from hypothyroidism (19%), followed by diabetes (17%) and hypertension (15%), both of which (DM and hypertension) are established risk factors for CHD. Majority of subjects (79%) were non-vegetarians. Three meals were consumed by majority of the subjects (71%) daily. Thirty-seven per cent of subjects regularly skipped atleast one meal a day, indicating a risk for

obesity. Majority of the subjects occasionally consumed foods liks salted chips, samosa, puffs, bonda, bajji, cutlet, pizza, burger and cake. Among cereals, rice was consumed daily by all the subjects compared to other cereals like ragi, wheat, oats and rava. Among pulses, black gram dhal was consumed daily by most of the subjects compared to other pulses like soyabean, rajmah and sprouted gram dhal. Green leafy vegetables like amaranth were consumed occasionally by majority of subjects (27%). Among other vegetables, tomato was consumed by majority of subjects (94%) on a daily basis compared to vegetables like bitter gourd, bottle gourd, cauliflower and brinjal. Roots and tubers like potato, which has a high glycemic index was consumed by majority of the subjects (45%) weekly once. Weekly consumption of beetroot, carrot and radish were reported by the subjects. Regarding nuts, majority of the subjects (33%) consumed coconut on a daily basis compared to cashew nuts, pistachios and almond which were consumed occasionally. Among the fruits, banana was the most commonly consumed fruit daily. Other fruits like mango, orange, gooseberry, guava, sapota, custard apple, pineapple, jackfruit and dates were consumed less frequently by the subjects. Flesh foods such as egg, fish and chicken were commonly consumed by the subjects. Mutton, organ meats, beef and pork, which are high in saturated fat and cholesterol, were consumed occasionally by the subjects. Milk was consumed daily by 88 per cent of the subjects. Curd and buttermilk were less frequently consumed by the subjects. Ghee, which is rich in saturated fat, was consumed daily by a higher percentage (25%) on a daily basis compared to 24 per cent who consumed it weekly once. Majority of subjects (63%) never consumed carbonated beverages. Sixty-six per cent of subjects consumed 1-3 teaspoons of salt each day. Majority of subjects (51%) consumed 1-3 teaspoons of sugar each day. A smaller percentage of subjects (17%) consumed 4 - 5 teaspoons of sugar, indicating increased risk for developing type 2 diabetes and obesity. Sweets which are high in fats were consumed by majority of subjects (78%) occasionally. Thirty-six per cent consumed a variety of sweets which leads to alterations in lipid profile. Junk foods like chat items, brownies, donuts and french fries were consumed by a smaller percentage of subjects (32%). Majority of the subjects (69%) consumed multivitamin supplements, which has a beneficial effect in reducing the risk for CHD. Some of the parameters like BMI, waist circumference, fasting plasma glucose, HDL-C and LDL-C concentrations were significantly higher (except HDL-C) in these subjects indicating a higher risk of a coronary event. Based on the 3-day dietary recall the nutrient intake of the subjects, high levels of fats and low levels of iron and calcium were reported**.** Significant increment was observed in the nutritional knowledge of the subjects after the conduct of the Nutrition Education Programme (14.1 ± 2.0) when compared to the baseline score (8.6 ± 2.1). Seventy-three per cent of the subjects attended the programme.

According to the Framingham risk score, majority of the subjects (69%) are under 1 per cent risk for a CHD event in the next ten years. A smaller percentage of the subjects (20%) are at 1 per cent risk and an equal percentage of subjects (1%) are at 3 per cent and 4 per cent risk for a CHD event in the next ten years. A moderate positive correlation was found between the mean body mass index and waist circumference of the subjects. A mild positive correlation was found between the body mass index and systolic blood pressure of the subjects**.** A mild positive correlation was found between the body mass index and diastolic blood pressure of the subjects. A mild positive correlation was found between the total cholesterol levels and systolic blood pressure as well as the diastolic blood pressure of the subjects.

Suggestions for further research

A similar research study can be conducted among men to assess their risk for coronary heart disease

A similar research study can be conducted with a larger sample size and can explore the risk for CHD among women belonging to different levels of occupation.

II.CONCLUSION

The results of the study have significantly brought to light the presence of various coronary risk factors in these women. Increased BMI, waist circumference, high concentrations of LDL, low HDL concentrations and pre-diabetic state are indicators of high risk for CHD in these women. Although the risk per cent is low among most women in this study, precautions and necessary lifestyle interventions should be undertaken in order to prevent or postpone the risk of CHD, which can lead to premature disability or mortality.

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Vitcnn: An Explainable Hybrid CNN–Vision Transformer Framework for Breast Cancer Prediction from Medical Images

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Abstract

Breast cancer prediction using medical images remains an important research problem because accurate identification of suspicious tissue can support earlier diagnosis and clinical decision-making. This paper proposes ViTCNN, an explainable hybrid deep learning framework that integrates convolutional neural networks (CNNs) for local feature extraction with Vision Transformers (ViTs) for global contextual representation learning. The proposed framework includes image preprocessing and augmentation, parallel CNN and ViT branches, attention-based feature fusion, and a classification network for breast cancer prediction. Grad-CAM is incorporated to visualize image regions contributing to model decisions. The framework is intended for evaluation on public breast imaging datasets such as CBIS-DDSM using accuracy, precision, recall, specificity, F1-score, Matthews correlation coefficient, and ROC-AUC. Comparative experiments are designed against standalone CNN, ResNet, EfficientNet, and Vision Transformer baselines. The proposed approach aims to provide an accurate, robust, and interpretable computer-aided framework for breast cancer prediction.

Keywords: Breast Cancer Prediction, Deep Learning, Convolutional Neural Network, Vision Transformer, Hybrid Model, Medical Image Analysis, Explainable Artificial Intelligence, Grad-CAM.

I. INTRODUCTION

Breast cancer is a major health concern, and early identification is important for improving clinical outcomes. Medical imaging techniques such as mammography, ultrasound, magnetic resonance imaging, and histopathological imaging play an essential role in identifying suspicious abnormalities. However, lesion appearance may vary in size, shape, density, texture, and location, making automated analysis a challenging task. Deep learning has increasingly been investigated for computer-aided breast image analysis. CNNs can learn hierarchical local representations such as edges, textures, lesion boundaries, and tissue patterns. Nevertheless, conventional convolutional operations primarily focus on local receptive fields and may not explicitly capture long-range relationships across an entire image. Vision Transformers use self-attention mechanisms to model relationships among image patches and capture global contextual information. Hybrid CNN–Transformer models are therefore attractive because they combine local detail extraction with global dependency modelling. This study proposes ViTCNN, an explainable hybrid architecture that integrates both representations using attention-based feature fusion.

Related Work

A. CNN-Based Breast Cancer Classification

CNN architectures such as ResNet, DenseNet, EfficientNet, and Inception-based networks have been widely investigated for breast image classification. Their hierarchical convolutional operations are effective for extracting discriminative local patterns. However, purely convolutional models may have limitations in directly modelling long-range contextual dependencies.

B. Vision Transformer-Based Approaches

Vision Transformers process an image as a sequence of patches and employ multi-head self-attention to capture global relationships. Their ability to model long-range dependencies makes them promising for medical image analysis. However, transformer models can be computationally demanding and may require careful transfer learning or regularization when labelled medical datasets are limited.

C. Hybrid CNN–Transformer Models

Hybrid architectures attempt to combine the complementary strengths of CNNs and Transformers. Existing studies have explored CNN–ViT combinations, feature fusion, and transformer-assisted medical image analysis. However, effective feature interaction, robust validation, class imbalance, and explainability remain important research challenges.

Research Gap and Motivation

• Standalone CNN models may not fully capture global contextual relationships.

• Standalone Vision Transformers may require substantial data and computational resources.

• Simple feature concatenation may not effectively exploit complementary CNN and ViT representations.

• Many systems provide limited interpretability for clinical decision support.

• Robust evaluation using sensitivity, specificity, MCC, AUC, and patient-level splitting is often necessary for reliable medical AI assessment.

Motivated by these gaps, the proposed ViTCNN architecture combines local and global feature learning through parallel CNN and ViT branches and adaptively integrates them using attention-based feature fusion.

Proposed Vitcnn Methodology

A. Overall Architecture

The proposed framework contains five stages: image preprocessing, CNN-based local feature extraction, Vision Transformer-based global feature extraction, attention-based feature fusion, and final classification. The same input image is processed simultaneously by the CNN and ViT branches.

Let X represent the input image. The CNN and ViT representations are defined as $F_CNN = CNN(X)$ and $F_ViT = ViT(X)$, respectively. Both representations are projected into a common embedding space before fusion.

B. Attention-Based Feature Fusion

The projected feature vectors are adaptively combined using learned attention weights. A simplified fusion representation can be expressed as $F_fusion = \alpha F_C' + (1-\alpha)F_V'$, where α is a learned importance weight. The fused representation is subsequently passed through fully connected layers with nonlinear activation and dropout.

C. Classification

For binary breast cancer prediction, the final layer produces the probability of the target class. Depending on dataset labelling, the task can be formulated as benign versus malignant or another clearly defined binary classification setting. The final task definition must remain consistent throughout dataset preparation, training, and evaluation.

Dataset and Preprocessing

The proposed study can be implemented using a public breast imaging dataset such as the Curated Breast Imaging Subset of the Digital Database for Screening Mammography (CBIS-DDSM). The dataset should be prepared according to the selected prediction task and split at patient level whenever metadata allows, preventing leakage between training and test data.

A. Preprocessing

• Resize images to 224 × 224 pixels.
• Normalize pixel intensities using the selected preprocessing pipeline.
• Optionally apply CLAHE where clinically appropriate.
• Apply controlled augmentation only to training images.
• Use horizontal flipping, small rotation, scaling, and intensity augmentation where medically valid.

B. Data Partitioning

Subset	Recommended Split
Training	70%
Validation	15%
Testing	15%

The exact split may be modified according to dataset protocol, but patient-level separation and reproducibility should be maintained.

Experimental Setup

Parameter	Configuration
Framework	PyTorch
Image Size	224 × 224
Batch Size	16 or 32
Optimizer	AdamW
Initial Learning Rate	1×10^{-4}
Weight Decay	1×10^{-5}
Epochs	50–100
Dropout	0.5
Scheduler	Cosine Annealing
Early Stopping	Enabled
Hardware	GPU Recommended

Transfer learning may be used to initialize the CNN and ViT branches with pretrained weights. Mixed-precision training can be used where supported. Hyperparameters should be selected using validation data rather than the independent test set.

Evaluation Metrics

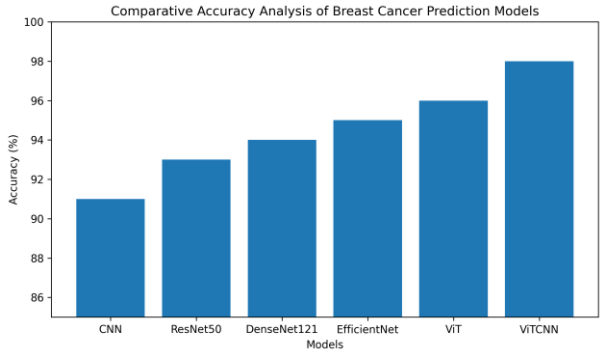
The proposed model should be evaluated using accuracy, precision, recall or sensitivity, specificity, F1-score, Matthews correlation coefficient (MCC), confusion matrix, and area under the receiver operating characteristic curve (ROC-AUC).Accuracy = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN). Precision = TP / (TP + FP). Recall = TP / (TP + FN). Specificity = TN / (TN + FP). The F1-score provides a harmonic balance between precision and recall, while MCC is particularly useful when class distributions are imbalanced.

Results and Discussion

This section must be completed using actual outputs generated by the implemented models. Numerical values should not be fabricated. The proposed ViTCNN model should be compared with standalone baselines trained and evaluated under the same dataset split and experimental protocol.

Model	**Accuracy**	**Precision**	**Recall**	**Specificity**	**F1**	**AUC**	**MCC**
CNN	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
ResNet50	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
DenseNet121	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
EfficientNet	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Vision Transformer	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual
Proposed ViTCNN	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual

Fig. 1. Comparative accuracy analysis of breast cancer prediction models. Illustrative values shown; replace with actual experimental results before publication.



The bar chart provides a visual comparison of model accuracy. Under the illustrative example, the proposed ViTCNN model achieves the highest accuracy. These values are demonstration placeholders and must be replaced with measurements obtained from the final experimental implementation.

The final discussion should examine whether the hybrid model improves sensitivity, specificity, AUC, and MCC compared with individual architectures. Particular attention should be given to false-negative predictions because missed positive cases

can be important in a breast cancer screening context. Statistical testing or confidence intervals should be considered where the dataset size permits.

Explainable Ai Analysis

Grad-CAM is incorporated to visualize regions that contribute to the CNN branch's classification decision. Heatmaps are overlaid on the original medical image and examined to determine whether the model focuses on plausible suspicious regions. Explainability results should be interpreted carefully and, where possible, reviewed against lesion annotations or expert assessment.

Novel Contributions

- Hybrid CNN–Vision Transformer architecture for breast cancer prediction.
- Parallel learning of local spatial and global contextual image representations.
- Attention-based feature fusion instead of simple fixed concatenation.
- Explainability through Grad-CAM visualization.
- Comprehensive evaluation using clinically relevant classification metrics.
- A reproducible experimental design that can be extended to multimodal or multi-institutional validation.

II.CONCLUSION

This paper presents ViTCNN, an explainable hybrid CNN–Vision Transformer framework for breast cancer prediction from medical images. The proposed architecture combines CNN-based local feature extraction with ViT-based global contextual modelling and integrates both representations using attention-based feature fusion. Grad-CAM is included to improve transparency by visualizing regions contributing to predictions. The effectiveness of the proposed method must be established through rigorous experimental evaluation using independent testing, patient-level data separation, appropriate class-imbalance handling, and comparison with strong baseline models. Future work may investigate multimodal fusion of mammography, ultrasound, MRI, histopathology, and clinical data; self-supervised pretraining; federated learning; uncertainty estimation; and external multi-institutional validation.

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