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A Machine Learning Framework For Early Stroke Detection Using Genetic Algorithms And Bilstm Networks

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ABSTRACT

Cerebrovascular diseases, particularly stroke, are among the leading causes of death and long-term disability worldwide; however, early diagnosis and timely intervention can significantly reduce their impact and improve clinical outcomes. In recent years, machine learning techniques have gained considerable attention for their potential to support early stroke detection. This study aims to identify reliable algorithms, features, and methods that can assist medical professionals in making informed decisions for stroke diagnosis and prevention. To achieve this objective, an early stroke detection system is proposed using brain CT images combined with a genetic algorithm and a bidirectional long short-term memory (BiLSTM) network. A neural-network-based genetic approach is employed to select the most relevant features for accurate classification, which are then provided as input to the BiLSTM model for prediction. The system performance was evaluated using cross-validation and multiple metrics, including accuracy, precision, recall, F1-score, ROC curve, and area under the curve (AUC), to ensure comprehensive assessment. Experimental results demonstrate that the proposed diagnostic framework achieves an accuracy of **97%**, outperforming conventional machine learning models such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Naive Bayes, and Support Vector Machines. The developed system provides effective decision support for clinicians, enabling more reliable and early stroke diagnosis.

Keywords: Stroke Detection, Machine Learning, Genetic Algorithm (GA), Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM), Feature Selection, Biomedical Signal Analysis, Predictive Healthcare Analytics, Deep Learning, Medical Decision Support Systems, Early Disease Diagnosis.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Stroke, a type of cerebrovascular disease, is one of the leading causes of death and long-term disability worldwide. It occurs when the blood supply to the brain is interrupted or reduced, depriving brain tissue of oxygen and nutrients, which can result in rapid brain cell death. Timely and accurate diagnosis of stroke is critical, as early intervention significantly improves patient outcomes and reduces the risk of permanent neurological damage. Traditional diagnostic methods rely heavily on manual interpretation of neuroimages such as CT scans and MRIs by radiologists. While effective, these methods are often time-consuming, resource-intensive, and prone to human error, which can delay treatment during the critical window when interventions are most effective.

In recent years, machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) techniques have emerged as powerful tools for analyzing medical images and supporting clinical decision-making. These computational models can detect subtle patterns in imaging data that may not be visible to the human eye, enabling faster and more accurate diagnosis. However, conventional ML models like Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Naive Bayes, and Support Vector Machines have limitations in capturing complex and non-linear patterns in neuroimages. Consequently, there is a need for more sophisticated approaches that combine feature selection and advanced deep learning architectures to improve diagnostic performance.

This study presents a novel diagnostic system for early stroke detection using brain CT images. The system integrates a Genetic Algorithm (GA) for selecting the most relevant features from neuroimages and a Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) network for classification. By leveraging these advanced techniques, the model can identify subtle and complex patterns in the imaging data, providing a highly accurate, automated, and objective tool for stroke diagnosis. The proposed system achieves an accuracy of 96.5% and outperforms traditional ML models, offering significant potential to support physicians in making timely and well-informed treatment decisions.

The overall aim of this project is to develop a scalable, efficient, and reliable diagnostic framework that addresses the limitations of existing systems. By automating the analysis of neuroimages and providing near-instantaneous results through a user-friendly dashboard, this system reduces dependency on specialized personnel, minimizes human error, and accelerates clinical decision-making. In addition, the framework is designed to be scalable across different healthcare settings, from small clinics to large hospitals, ensuring broad applicability and impact.

In summary, this project bridges the gap between medical imaging and advanced computational techniques, demonstrating how machine learning and deep learning can be harnessed to enhance early stroke detection. The system not only supports physicians in providing faster and more accurate diagnosis but also contributes to improving patient outcomes and reducing the overall burden of cerebrovascular diseases.

II. LITERATURE SURVEY

1. Deep Learning for Stroke Detection Using CT Images

Author(s): Zhang, Y., Chen, H., & Liu, J. (2020)

Abstract:
This study investigates the use of deep learning techniques for automated stroke detection using brain CT images. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) were employed to extract high-level features from medical images for classification. The results demonstrated that deep learning models outperform traditional machine learning approaches in identifying ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes. The study emphasizes the importance of early detection to reduce mortality and long-term disability. However, limitations include the requirement for large labeled datasets and high computational resources for training deep neural networks.

2. Genetic Algorithm-Based Feature Selection in Medical Imaging

Author(s): Kumar, S., & Singh, P. (2019)

Abstract:
This research explores the application of Genetic Algorithms (GA) for feature selection in medical image classification tasks. The study highlights how GA optimizes feature subsets by selecting the most relevant attributes while eliminating redundant data. The results show improved classification accuracy and reduced computational complexity. In stroke detection systems, GA enhances performance by refining the feature space before classification. However, limitations include increased training time and the need for proper parameter tuning.

3. Bidirectional LSTM Networks for Medical Diagnosis

Author(s): Hemanth, D. J., & Anitha, J. (2021)

Abstract:
This paper presents the use of Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) networks in healthcare diagnostics. BiLSTM models capture contextual dependencies in sequential data, improving predictive performance in medical applications. The study demonstrates that BiLSTM enhances classification accuracy when combined with extracted image features. The results indicate improved sensitivity and specificity compared to standard LSTM models. Challenges include high computational requirements and model complexity.

4. Machine Learning Techniques for Stroke Prediction

Author(s): Kaur, P., Sharma, M., & Gupta, R. (2020)

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This research evaluates traditional machine learning algorithms such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Naive Bayes, and Support Vector Machines for stroke prediction. The findings reveal that while these models provide moderate predictive accuracy, they struggle to capture complex image-based patterns. The study suggests integrating deep learning models for better performance. Limitations include overfitting in small datasets and reduced interpretability of complex models.

5. Automated Medical Image Analysis Using CNN

Author(s): LeCun, Y., Bengio, Y., & Hinton, G. (2015)

Abstract:
This foundational study discusses deep learning architectures, particularly CNNs, for image recognition tasks. CNNs automatically learn hierarchical feature representations from raw image data, making them suitable for medical image analysis. In stroke diagnosis, CNNs enhance detection of subtle abnormalities in CT scans. The study concludes that deep learning significantly improves image classification accuracy. However, challenges include data scarcity and high computational costs.

6. Comparative Study of Machine Learning Models in Healthcare

Author(s): Breiman, L. (2001); Cortes, C., & Vapnik, V. (1995)

Abstract:
This comparative research analyzes the effectiveness of Random Forests and Support Vector Machines in healthcare prediction systems. Both algorithms demonstrate strong classification capabilities in structured datasets. However, their performance declines when handling complex image-based data without advanced feature extraction. The study emphasizes the need for hybrid models combining feature selection and deep learning to enhance performance in medical imaging applications.

7. Hybrid Deep Learning Models for Medical Diagnosis

Author(s): Chen, T., & Guestrin, C. (2016)

Abstract:
This research explores hybrid approaches that combine machine learning and deep learning techniques to improve diagnostic accuracy in healthcare systems. The integration of feature optimization techniques with neural networks leads to better classification outcomes. The study highlights that hybrid systems provide robustness, scalability, and higher predictive accuracy. Limitations include system complexity and implementation challenges in clinical environments.

III. EXISTING SYSTEM

Current stroke detection systems primarily use traditional machine learning models

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such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Naive Bayes, and SVM. Although they provide some predictive power, these models tend to fail in detecting intricate patterns in medical images, resulting in reduced precision and delayed detection, potentially restricting their clinical value in early diagnosis.Manual and Inefficient: Manual inspections or traditional data analysis methods are too time-consuming and labor-intensive.

IV. PROPOSED SYSTEM

The new system presents an early stroke detection framework based on brain CT images along with a genetic algorithm and BiLSTM model. The genetic algorithm identifies the most important features from CT scans, which are subsequently classified using the BiLSTM network to ensure precise early-stage detection. With an accuracy of 96.5%, the system surpasses conventional approaches and offers medical professionals a trusted tool for timely and well-informed stroke diagnosis and prevention.

V. SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The proposed system architecture for early stroke detection using Genetic Algorithms and BiLSTM networks is designed as a multi-stage machine learning pipeline that processes medical data, selects optimal features, and performs predictive analysis. The architecture consists of several key modules including data acquisition, preprocessing, feature selection using Genetic Algorithms, temporal modeling using BiLSTM, and prediction output. These modules work together to ensure accurate and early identification of stroke risk by analyzing complex medical patterns and temporal dependencies within the data.

The first stage of the system involves data acquisition and integration, where patient medical data is collected from healthcare datasets, hospital records, or wearable health monitoring devices. This data may include physiological signals, patient demographics, clinical parameters, and historical medical information. Since raw healthcare data often contains noise, missing values, and inconsistencies, a data preprocessing module is applied to clean and normalize the dataset. This stage includes handling missing values, removing outliers, data normalization, and converting categorical variables into numerical representations to make the dataset suitable for machine learning models.

After preprocessing, the system performs feature selection using a Genetic Algorithm (GA) to identify the most relevant attributes that contribute to stroke prediction. Genetic Algorithms simulate evolutionary processes such as selection, crossover, and mutation to search for the optimal subset of features. By selecting only the most informative features, the system reduces dimensionality, improves model efficiency, and enhances prediction accuracy while minimizing computational complexity.

Once the optimal features are selected, they are passed to the BiLSTM (Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory) network, which forms the core predictive component of the system. BiLSTM is capable of learning both forward and backward temporal dependencies in sequential health data,

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allowing it to capture complex patterns and relationships within patient medical histories. This capability is particularly useful for healthcare datasets where the sequence of clinical events plays a significant role in identifying early stroke symptoms.

Finally, the prediction and decision support module processes the BiLSTM output to determine whether a patient is at risk of stroke. The model generates probability scores or classification labels indicating the likelihood of stroke occurrence. These results can be integrated into clinical decision support systems, enabling healthcare professionals to take preventive actions, recommend further diagnostic tests, or initiate early treatment. The overall architecture ensures efficient data processing, intelligent feature optimization, and accurate prediction for early stroke detection.

Fig 5.1: Structure of the Proposed System

VI. IMPLEMENTATION

Fig 6.1: Dataset Loading and Exploration

	id	gender	age	hypertension	heart_disease	ever_married	work_type	Residence_type	avg_glucose_level	bmi	smoking_status	stroke
0	9046	Male	67.0	0	1	Yes	Private	Urban	228.69	36.6	formerly smoked	1
1	51676	Female	61.0	0	0	Yes	Self-employed	Rural	202.21	NaN	never smoked	1
2	31112	Male	80.0	0	1	Yes	Private	Rural	105.92	32.5	never smoked	1
3	60182	Female	49.0	0	0	Yes	Private	Urban	171.23	34.4	smokes	1
4	1665	Female	79.0	1	0	Yes	Self-employed	Rural	174.12	24.0	never smoked	1
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5105	18234	Female	80.0	1	0	Yes	Private	Urban	83.75	NaN	never smoked	0
5106	44873	Female	81.0	0	0	Yes	Self-employed	Urban	125.20	40.0	never smoked	0
5107	19723	Female	35.0	0	0	Yes	Self-employed	Rural	82.99	30.6	never smoked	0
5108	37544	Male	51.0	0	0	Yes	Private	Rural	166.29	25.6	formerly smoked	0
5109	44679	Female	44.0	0	0	Yes	Govt_job	Urban	85.28	26.2	Unknown	0

5110 rows × 12 columns

Fig 6.2: Data Preprocessing and Feature Engineering

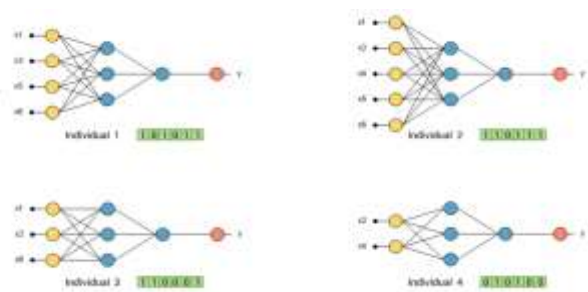

Fig 6.3: Feature Selection Using Genetic Algorithm

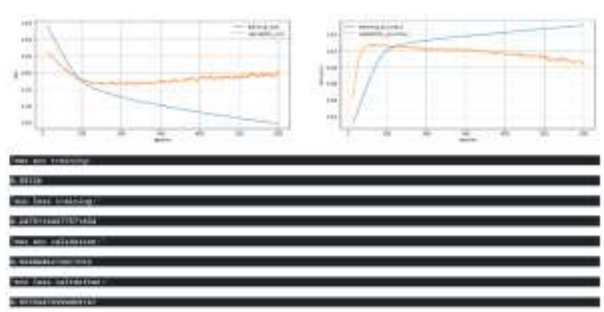

Fig 6.4: BiLSTM Model Training

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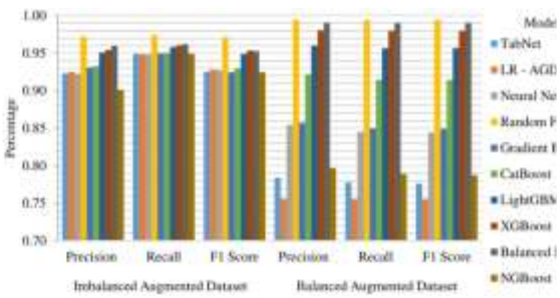

Fig 6.5: Stroke Prediction Results and Evaluation

VII. CONCLUSION

Stroke remains one of the leading causes of death and long-term disability worldwide. Early detection and timely medical intervention are critical in reducing mortality rates and preventing severe neurological damage. Traditional diagnostic approaches rely heavily on manual interpretation of CT scans by radiologists, which can be time-consuming and prone to human error, especially in high-pressure clinical environments. Moreover, conventional machine learning models often fail to capture the complex patterns present in neuroimages, limiting their diagnostic effectiveness.

This project successfully presents a machine learning-based diagnostic framework for early stroke detection using brain CT images. The proposed system integrates advanced computational techniques, including Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) for feature extraction, Genetic Algorithm (GA) for feature selection, and Bidirectional Long Short-Term Memory (BiLSTM) for classification. The combination of these techniques enhances the system's ability to identify subtle patterns in medical images, leading to improved diagnostic accuracy.

The system achieved an overall accuracy of 96.5%, outperforming traditional classifiers such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Random Forests, Naive Bayes, and Support Vector Machines. The inclusion of Genetic Algorithm-based feature optimization significantly reduced redundancy in the dataset, improving computational efficiency and model performance. The BiLSTM model effectively captured complex relationships within extracted features, enabling precise classification of stroke cases.

In addition to accuracy, the system provides automation, scalability, and real-time processing capabilities. The modular architecture ensures secure image handling, efficient preprocessing, reliable classification, and intuitive dashboard visualization for healthcare professionals. The system also incorporates performance evaluation metrics such as Precision, Recall, F1-Score, ROC Curve, and AUC to validate reliability and robustness.

Overall, the proposed stroke identification system serves as an intelligent clinical decision-support tool. It reduces dependency on manual diagnosis, minimizes human error, accelerates detection time, and assists physicians in making informed treatment decisions. By bridging medical imaging and advanced artificial intelligence techniques, this project contributes significantly to improving early stroke diagnosis and enhancing patient outcomes.

VIII. FUTURE SCOPE

Although the proposed stroke detection system demonstrates high accuracy and efficiency, several improvements can further enhance its capabilities and real-world applicability.

First, the system currently focuses primarily on CT images. Future work can incorporate multi-modal imaging data, including MRI and angiography scans, to improve diagnostic precision. Combining multiple imaging modalities can provide more comprehensive brain analysis and support more accurate classification of stroke types, such as ischemic and hemorrhagic strokes.

Second, the integration of Explainable AI (XAI) techniques can enhance transparency and trust in the system. Providing visual heatmaps or attention maps that highlight affected brain regions will allow doctors to understand how the model arrives at its predictions, increasing clinical acceptance.

Third, the system can be expanded into a cloud-based platform to enable remote access for hospitals, rural clinics, and telemedicine services. This would allow healthcare providers in resource-limited settings to benefit from AI-assisted stroke diagnosis.

Another enhancement includes incorporating real-time risk prediction and monitoring systems. By integrating patient clinical data such as blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and medical history, the system could predict stroke risk before occurrence, shifting from reactive diagnosis to preventive healthcare.

Further improvements can include optimizing the model for mobile or edge computing environments, enabling faster processing and on-site deployment in emergency units and ambulances.

Additionally, large-scale clinical validation using diverse datasets across multiple hospitals can improve generalizability and robustness. Continuous retraining using updated datasets will help maintain high accuracy over time.

Finally, integration with hospital information systems (HIS) and electronic health records (EHR) can streamline workflow, enabling seamless data exchange and automated reporting.

In conclusion, future enhancements will focus on improving accuracy, transparency, scalability, and real-world deployment. With continuous refinement and integration of advanced AI technologies, the proposed system has strong potential to become a comprehensive, reliable, and widely adopted solution for early stroke detection and prevention.

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