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INTEGRATED BIOMETRIC AUTHENTICATION SYSTEM FOR IOT ENVIRONMENTS

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ABSTRACT
The rapid expansion of Internet of Things (IoT) devices has significantly increased the demand for secure and reliable authentication methods. Traditional security measures are often inadequate for IoT due to limited device resources and the need for seamless user experiences. This paper proposes an integrated biometric authentication system designed specifically for IoT environments, aiming to enhance security while maintaining efficiency and usability. The system leverages biometric traits such as fingerprints, facial recognition, or voice patterns to ensure user identity verification, offering a robust alternative to conventional authentication methods like passwords or PINs. By integrating biometric authentication into the IoT framework, the proposed model addresses key challenges including data privacy, device compatibility, and real-time processing. The study also explores the system's architecture, implementation challenges, and potential applications across various domains such as smart homes, healthcare, and industrial IoT. Experimental results and analysis demonstrate the effectiveness, scalability, and security benefits of the integrated approach, making it a promising solution for the future of secure IoT systems.

Keywords: *Biometric Authentication, Internet of Things (IoT), Security, Privacy, Smart Devices, Identity Verification, Lightweight Protocols, Scalability, Smart Homes, Healthcare IoT*

INTRODUCTION
An increasing number of physical devices are being connected to the Internet at an extraordinary pace, making the vision of the Internet of Things (IoT) a reality. Simple examples include smart thermostats and HVAC (Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning) systems used in smart homes. However, IoT has far-reaching potential in many other areas such as transportation, healthcare, industrial automation, and emergency response situations where human decisions are limited or challenging. IoT enables physical devices to sense, communicate, and act by connecting them together so they can exchange data and make coordinated decisions. These ordinary devices become "smart" by using technologies like pervasive computing, embedded systems, communication tools, sensor networks, internet protocols, and various applications. While smart devices and their specific functions form domain-specific applications, technologies like pervasive computing and data analysis services are common across different domains.

As IoT continues to develop, it is expected to bring significant benefits to homes and businesses, enhance daily life, and contribute to global economic growth. For instance, smart homes can automatically open garage doors, brew coffee, and manage climate control systems and appliances when residents arrive. To support this growth, innovative technologies and services must evolve to meet increasing market demands and user expectations. Apart from the protocols and standards that define how IoT systems operate, key issues such as security and system compatibility must also be addressed. Choosing standards and protocols that incorporate these considerations will help build trust and wider acceptance of IoT systems. Traditional internet security protocols are not suitable for protecting IoT devices because they were originally designed for more powerful devices like desktops and laptops. As new IoT-specific protocols and architectures are developed, they also bring new security challenges that must be tackled at every level of the IoT framework. Although network and internet security have been widely researched for years, current solutions still face many shortcomings, and data breaches affecting individuals, companies, and governments remain common. Similarly, IoT systems still face many hurdles in reaching strong security levels. Critical concerns include secure device startup, authentication, privacy, data integrity, user tracking and profiling, access control, and data deletion. IoT is a fast-growing field where countless devices are designed to be accessible and controllable over the Internet, either directly by users or through intelligent software that manages their functions.

INTERNET OF THINGS
The internet of things is a network of physical objects, intelligent devices, vehicles, buildings and sensors, communication protocols, and software which collect, exchange, store, analyze, and process data.

TYPES OF IOT ARCHITECTURES
Broadly two types of architectures are there for IoT environment. One is traditional and another is domain specific architectures which are further divided into several categories. Figure 1 shows the different types of IoT architectures.

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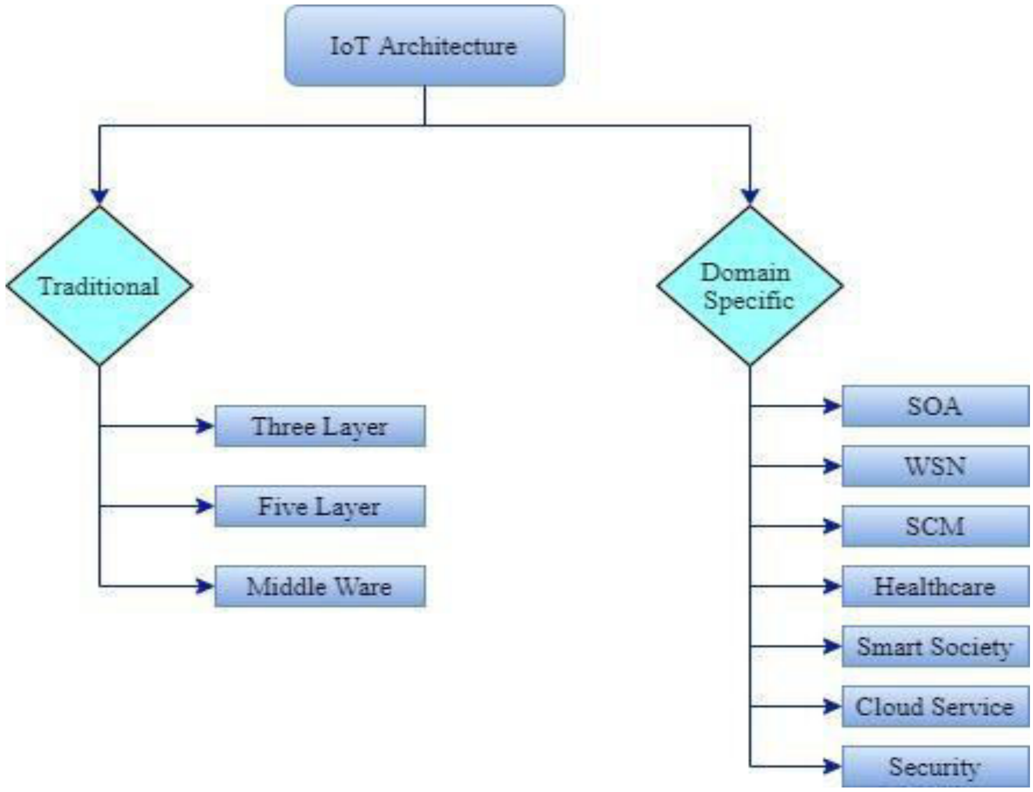

Figure 1: Different types of IoT architectures.

1) TRADITIONAL IOT ARCHITECTURE

i) Three-Layer-Model:

The traditional IoT architecture is commonly structured into three main layers, which represent the foundational model of IoT systems.

1. **Perception Layer:** This is the physical layer that includes sensors for gathering environmental data. It detects physical parameters or identifies smart objects in the environment.
2. **Network Layer:** This layer manages the connection between smart devices, network hardware, and servers. It is responsible for transmitting and handling the data collected by the sensors.
3. **Application Layer:** This layer delivers specific services and applications to users, such as those used in smart homes, smart healthcare, and smart cities. It provides various functionalities including data gathering, processing, visualization, and security—depending on the use case and user needs.

ii) Five-Layer-Architecture:

While the three-layer model outlines the basic concept of IoT, it lacks the detail needed for more in- depth research. Therefore, a more detailed five-layer architecture is introduced. In this model, the roles of the perception and application layers remain the same as in the three-layer structure. However, it includes three additional layers with specialized functions to support more complex aspects of IoT systems. Figure 2 illustrates this five-layer architecture.

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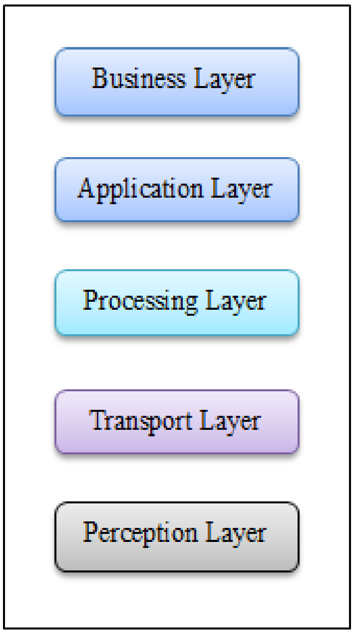

Figure 2: Five-layer architecture of IoT

1) The transport layer transfers sensor data from the perception layer to the processing layer and vice versa via networks such as Bluetooth, wireless, 3G, LAN (Near Field Communications), NFC, and RFID.
2) The processing layer is also referred to as the middleware layer. It can store, analyze, and process large quantities of transportation data. Also, it can manage and provide a variety of lower layers of services. It uses many technologies, such as databases, cloud computing, and big data processing modules.
3) The business layer managed the entire IoT system, including applications, business and business models, and user privacy.

iii) IoT Middleware Architecture:

A three-layer middleware architecture based on RFID relies on three associative functionalities, such as Tag association, place association, and user antenna association. The three-layer structure consists of device access layer, event processing layer and application interaction layer. The device layer can collect data from the entity. It does not have a simple processing and filtration function. The equipment layer consists of IoT perception, such as the barcode, RFID, ZigBee, sensors, PDA, and wireless network. In the computer world and the information system, these devices can display physical world information in real time in digital form [11]. However, the difficulty in program development is increased by different types, different manufacturers, and different device models. The addition or reduction of all types of equipment can make many system changes[12] . Process and store information for the upper application based on the application system or user requirements for secondary processing. The middleware layer consists of the device's access layer, the information processing layer and the application's interaction[13]. It is connected by a web interface between different layers. The application layer consists of the ERP, the business system, and each connection of the intelligent logistics system subsystems, including an intelligent management system based on UHF RFID technology, an intelligent shelf system, a storage environment monitoring system, and an intelligent inventory system. ERP or other business systems provide business orders to the middleware system, each warehouse subsystem coordinates with each other homework, and each subsystem also requests and subscribes business orders to the middleware system according to the different operations[14].Figure 3 shows the middleware architecture of IoT.

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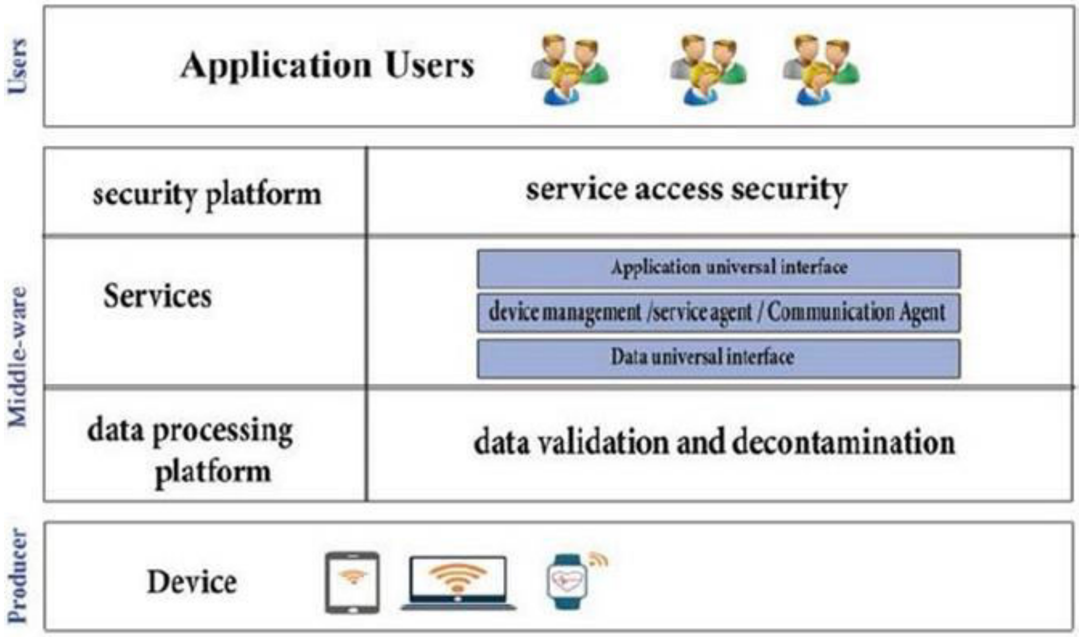

Figure 3: IoT Middleware Architecture [10]

2) Domain-Specific IoT Architectures:
The internet of things has a wide range of objects. Therefore, there is no particular architecture for it and it is based on different domains of different architectures provided by the researchers. Some of the domain specific IoT architectures are the Electronic Product Code Based IoT Architecture, Service- Oriented Architecture (SOA), Wireless Sensor Network (WSN), Agricultural Monitoring IoT Architecture, IoT Architecture for Smart Cities, IoT-Fog Architecture, IoT-Based Architecture for Healthcare Development, Object-Based Security Architecture (OSCAR), Cyber-Physical and Social Security Architecture, Hierarchical Architecture of Security, Media-Aware Traffic Security Architecture, HIMMO-Based Security Architecture, Security Architecture Based on IoTNetWar.

APPLICATIONS OF IoT

There are several application domains which will be impacted by the emerging Internet of Things. The applications can be classified based on the type of network availability, coverage, scale, heterogeneity, repeatability, user involvement and impact. The internet enables sharing of data between different service providers in a seamless manner creating multiple business opportunities. A few typical applications in Each Domain are given.

Personal and home:
The sensor information collected is used only by the individuals who directly own the network. Usually, WIFI is used as the backbone enabling higher bandwidth data (video) transfer as well as higher sampling rates (Sound). Ubiquitous healthcare [15] has been envisioned for the past two decades. IoT gives a perfect platform to realize this vision using body area sensors and IoT back end to upload the data to servers. For instance, a Smartphone can be used for communication along with several interfaces like Bluetooth for interfacing sensors measuring physiological parameters. So far, there are several applications available for Apple iOS, Google Android and Windows Phone operating systems that measure various parameters. However, it is yet to be centralized in the cloud for general physicians to access the same.

Enterprise
Information collected from such networks is used only by the owners and the data maybe released selectively. Environmental monitoring is the first common application which is implemented to keep track of the number of occupants and manage the utilities within the building(e.g., HVAC, lighting).Sensors have always been an integral part of the factory setup for security, automation, climate control, etc.[16]. This will eventually be replaced by a wireless system giving the flexibility to make changes to the setup whenever required. This is nothing but an IoT subnet dedicated to factory maintenance. One of the major IoT application areas that is already drawing attention is Smart Environment IoT[17]. There are several testbeds being implemented and many more planned in the coming years.

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Utilities

IoT is already being utilized by utility companies to manage resources more effectively, aiming to balance costs with profits. These systems rely on large-scale networks designed to monitor essential utilities and support efficient resource allocation. The underlying communication infrastructure can include cellular networks, Wi-Fi, or satellite connections. One major application is in smart grids and smart metering, which are being adopted globally. By continuously tracking electricity usage at individual points within a home, it becomes possible to adjust consumption patterns for greater energy efficiency. When scaled up to the city level, this data helps maintain grid stability and ensures reliable service delivery. Another emerging area is video-based IoT, which combines technologies like image processing, computer vision, and network communication. This integration is expected to pave the way for a new and complex research field involving video, infrared sensors, microphones, and networking technologies. A key application of this is in surveillance, where camera networks are widely used for monitoring purposes. They can track individuals, identify suspicious behavior, detect unattended items, and prevent unauthorized access.

Mobile Security

Smart transportation and smart logistics are placed in a separate domain due to the nature of data sharing and backbone implementation required. Urban traffic is the main contributor to traffic noise pollution and a major contributor to urban air quality degradation and greenhouse gas emissions. Traffic congestion directly imposes significant costs on economic and social activities in most cities. Supply chain efficiencies and productivity, including just-in-time operations, are severely impacted by this congestion causing freight delays and delivery schedule failures. Dynamic traffic information will affect freight movement, allow better planning and improved scheduling.

As outlined the applications above, it is clear that we are transforming from an Internet of computers to the Internet of things with device-to-device communication. In order to make the IoT services available at low cost with a large number of devices communicating to each other, there are many challenges to overcome. These challenges are divided into two categories as:

- **Technological challenges –** These challenges are related to underlined wireless technologies, energy, scalability, distributed and dynamic nature of IoT and ubiquitous interactions.
- **Security challenges –** These challenges are related to security services like authentication, privacy, trustworthiness and confidentiality. Security challenges also include heterogeneous communication and end-to-end security.

Security

The Internet of Things (IoT) plays a remarkable role in all aspects of our daily lives. It covers many fields including healthcare, automobiles, entertainments, industrial appliances, sports, homes, etc. The pervasiveness of IoT eases some everyday activities, enriches the way people interact with the environment and surroundings, and augments our social interactions with other people and objects[20]. This holistic vision, however, raises also some concerns, like which level of security the IoT could provide? And how it offers and protects the privacy of its users?

Developing applications for the IoT could be a challenging task due to several reasons;

(i) the high complexity of distributed computing,

(ii) the lack of general guidelines or frameworks that handle low level communication and simplify high level implementation,

(iii) multiple programming languages,

(iv) various communication protocols. It involves developers to manage the infrastructure and handle both software and hardware layers along with preserving all functional and non- functional software requirements[21].

Security Challenges at different layers of IoT

The vastness of the Internet of Things (IoT) exposes it to not only a number of vulnerabilities but also different types of vulnerabilities/security problems. Since the internet is the underlying foundation of IoT, the security issues of the internet also appear in IoT[22]. IoT has three main layers – the perception layer, transportation layer and the application layer. Each layer has its own security problems.

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a) Perception Layer:
The main operation of the perception layer is perceiving and gathering information. This is done by devices like temperature sensors, pressure sensors, RFIDs, barcodes and soon. The wireless nature of the signals makes this layer susceptible to attackers who may intercept the sensor node in the IoT devices. The nodes usually operate in an external environment and this culminates in physical attacks on IoT sensors and devices in which an attacker can tamper with the hardware components of the device [23].

The related security issues corresponding to Perception Layer:

1. **Tampering Information**: Gathering information or the perception of things is done by a large number of terminals. These terminals are used for real-time data collection to be presented to the user. The main problems existing in perception terminals include leakage of confidential information, tampering, terminal virus, copying and other issues.
2. **Limited resources**: Another security issue is the inherent nature of network topology which is dynamic as the IoT nodes are often moved around different places. The IoT perception layer mostly consists of sensors and RFIDs, due to which their storage capacity, power consumption, and computation capability are very limited making them susceptible to many kinds of threats and attacks.
3. **Data integrity**: By adding another node to the system, an attacker can send Malicious Data and threaten the integrity of the data. This can cause DoS attacks, by consuming the energy of the nodes in the system and depriving them from the sleep mode that the nodes use to save up energy.

b) Transportation Layer:
It is also called the network layer. The function of this layer is to relay the information collected by the perception layer to any to any particular information processing system through existing communication networks like the Internet, a mobile network or any other kind of reliable network. Since the information used to be transmitted to the internet with the help of computers, wireless/wired network and other components, this layer is largely comprised of computers, wireless or wired network. Due to this, it faces security issues such as network content security, hacker intrusion and illegal authorization. The openness characteristic of IoT makes it face many identity authentication problems[24].

The Related Security Issues Corresponding to Transport Layer:

1. **Sybil Attack**: Sybil is a kind of attack in which the attacker manipulates the node to present multiple identities for a single node due to which a considerable part of the system can be compromised resulting in false information about the redundancy.
2. **Sinkhole Attack**: It is a kind of attack in which the adversary makes the compromised node look attractive to the nearby nodes, due to which all the data that flow from any particular node is diverted towards the compromised node. These result in packets drop i.e., all the traffic is silenced while the system is fooled to believe that the data has been received on the other side. Moreover, this attack results in more energy consumption which can cause DoS attack.
3. **Sleep Deprivation Attack**: The sensor nodes in the Wireless Sensor Network are powered with batteries with a not so good lifetime so the nodes are bound to follow the sleep routines to extend their lifetime. Sleep Deprivation is the kind of attack which keeps the nodes awake, resulting in more battery consumption and as a result, battery lifetime is minimized which causes the nodes to shut down.
4. **Denial of Service (DoS) Attack**: The kind of attack in which the network is flooded with a useless lot of traffic by an attacker, resulting in a resource exhaustion of the targeted system due to which the network becomes unavailable to the users.
5. **Malicious code injection**: This is a serious kind of attack in which an attacker compromises a node to inject malicious code into the system which could even result in a complete shutdown of the network or in the worst case; the attacker can get a full control of the network.
6. **Man-in-the-Middle Attack**: This is a form of Eavesdropping in which the target of the attack is the communication channel due to which the unauthorized party can monitor or control all the private communications between the two parties hideously. The unauthorized party can even fake the identity of the victim and communicate normally to gain more information.

IoT can change the shape of the Internet and can offer enormous economic benefits but it also faces many key challenges. Some of them are briefly described below.

1) **Naming and Identity Management:** The IoT will connect billions of objects to provide innovative services. Each object/sensor needs to have a unique identity over the Internet. Thus, an efficient naming and identity management system is required that can dynamically assign and manage unique identity for such a large number of objects.

2) **Interoperability and Standardization:** Many manufacturers provide devices using their own technologies and services that may not be accessible by others. The standardization of IoT is very important to provide better interoperability for all objects and sensor devices.

3) **Information Privacy:** The IoT uses different kind of object identification technologies e.g., RFID, 2D-barcodesetc. Since, every kind of daily use objects will carry these identification tags and embed the object specific information, it is necessary to take proper privacy measures and prevent unauthorized access.

4) **Objects safety and security:** The IoT consists of a very large number of perception objects that spread over some geographic area, it is necessary to prevent the intruder's access to the objects that may cause physical damage to them or may change their operation.

5) **Data confidentiality and encryption:** The sensor devices perform independent sensing or measurements and transfer data to the information processing unit over the transmission system. It is necessary that the sensor devices should have proper encryption mechanism to guarantee the data integrity at the information processing unit. The IoT service determines who can see the data, thus, it is necessary to guard the data from externals.

6) **Network Security:** The data from sensor devices is sent over wired or wireless transmission network. The transmission system should be able to handle data from large number of sensor devices without causing any data loss due to network congestion, ensure proper security measures for the transmitted data and prevent it from external interference or monitoring.

7) **Spectrum:** The sensor devices will require dedicated spectrum to transmit data over the wireless medium. Due to limited spectrum availability, an efficient dynamic cognitive spectrum allocation mechanism is required.

Unlike the Internet, IoT devices are small, simple, low cost, and are installed in locations where an adversary can capture them easily. Therefore, physical security of IoT devices is a major concern. Fusion of all the bio-metric traits like iris, face, fingerprint and text-writing is not done yet. Most of the existing systems suffer from security and privacy issues, although the authentication accuracy of some systems based on dynamic biometric features should be further improved.

c) Application Layers

The main function of the application layer is to analyze the information acquired from the transportation layer and process it intelligently. The application layer is the main purpose of developing IoT and the smart environment is achieved at this layer. This layer guarantees the authenticity, integrity, and confidentiality of the data [25]. At this layer we can get some important real-time information.

THE RELATED SECURITY ISSUES OF THIS LAYER ARE

1. **Malicious Code Injection**: An attacker can leverage the attack on the system from end-user with some hacking techniques that allows the attacker to inject any kind of malicious code into the system to steal some kind of data from the user

2 **Denial-of-Service (DoS) Attack** : DoS attacks nowadays have become sophisticated, it offers a smoke screen to carry out attacks to breach the defensive system and hence data privacy of the user, while deceiving the victim into believing that the actual attack is happening somewhere else[26]. This put the non-encrypted personal details of the user at the hands of the hacker.

3. **Spear-Phishing Attack**: It is an email spoofing attack in which victim, a high ranking person, is lured into opening the email through which the adversary gains access to the credentials of that victim and then by pretense retrieves more sensitive information[26].

4. **Sniffing Attack:** An attacker can force an attack on the system by introducing a sniffer application into the system, which could gain network information resulting in corruption of the system [26].

IoT Security Measures

1. **Encryption:** Encryption is used to prevent the data from being tampered with and to maintain confidentiality as well as data integrity. Encryption can be achieved in two ways: either node to node, i.e., hop to hop encryption or end to end encryption. Node to node encryption processed in the network layer. It provides cipher text conversion on each node to make it more secure for network layer. On the other hand, end to end encryption is executed on the application layer. Encryption-decryption is performed at sender-receiver end only.

2. **Confidentiality**: It is very important that the data is secure and accessible only to authorized users. The user may be human, other IoT devices or external devices (i.e., devices that are not part of the network). It is important to ensure that the sensors in a particular node don't allow the collected data to be accessed by neighboring nodes. Sensitive information should not be leaked to any unauthorized reader using an RFID electronic tag.

3. **Authorization:** Authorization controls a device's access throughout the network. Using authentication and authorization the relationship between IoT devices is established to exchange appropriate information.

4. **Authentication:** Received information by a reader should be noticeable whether is sent from authenticated electronic tag or not. Authentication is important at each IoT layer. At the perception layer, the sensor nodes must authenticate themselves initially to prevent DoS attacks. Similarly, authentication is required at each layer as a crucial security measure.

MOBILE IOT AUTHENTICATION

As mentioned earlier, various security measures are essential in IoT systems, but this section specifically emphasizes authentication, which is crucial for verifying user devices and ensuring proper access control and authorization within an IoT environment [27][28]. Numerous authentication methods have been suggested for use in IoT systems [29], which can be grouped into the following categories:

- **One-Time Password (OTP):** A unique password is created for each session or transaction and is used only once to authenticate the user [30][31].
- **Zero-Knowledge Proof:** This technique allows one party to prove knowledge of certain information without revealing the actual data.
- **Mutual Authentication:** A two-sided verification method where both communicating entities authenticate each other [32][33].
- **Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA):** Involves using two or more independent credentials for user authentication in IoT systems. These factors may include something the user knows, has, or is.
- **Public-Key Cryptography:** This uses asymmetric encryption, where each device creates its own pair of public and private keys for secure communication and authentication.
- **Digital Signatures:** Often used to verify the authenticity of a sender using their private key to ensure secure communication.

Authentication is essentially the method by which a system confirms a user's identity. Multi-factor authentication enhances security by adding extra layers of defense against common attacks, such as those involving stolen credentials. It helps ensure that only authorized users can access the system, providing improved protection [34].

Authentication methods typically fall into one of the following categories:

1. **Knowledge-Based:** Includes credentials such as passwords and PINs.
2. **Token-Based:** Involves physical devices like smart cards.
3. **Biometric-Based:** Uses unique physical traits such as fingerprints, iris scans, or facial recognition.

Biometric authentication is particularly significant in IoT environments due to its user-friendly nature. It relies on physiological characteristics like fingerprints, facial features, irises, or retinal patterns to verify a user's identity.

BIOMETRIC SYSTEMS IN IOT

Biometrics refers to a pattern recognition technology used to restrict access to applications or databases [35]. Figure 3 outlines different components of a biometric authentication system.

TYPES OF BIOMETRIC CHARACTERISTICS

Biometric traits are categorized into two primary types

1. **Physiological Traits**: These include inherent physical features like fingerprints, facial structure, DNA, palm prints, hand geometry, and iris patterns (which have largely replaced retina scans), as well as scent.
2. **Behavioral Traits**: These are related to the user's actions, such as typing patterns, walking gait, and voice characteristics.

Biometric systems operate by capturing a user's unique traits and storing them in a database. During subsequent access attempts, the system compares the new data with the stored data to determine whether the user is genuine or not [37].

OBJECTIVES

Based on the findings from the literature survey and the analysis of challenges associated with biometric authentication in IoT environments, the following core objectives have been formulated for this research work:

1. **To Explore Biometric Authentication Methods Used in IoT** The first objective focuses on investigating various biometric authentication techniques currently utilized within the Internet of Things (IoT) domain. This includes an in-depth study of physiological (e.g., fingerprint, facial recognition, iris scan) and behavioral (e.g., voice recognition, keystroke dynamics) biometric traits, analyzing their applicability, advantages, limitations, and suitability for resource-constrained IoT devices.
2. **To Build a Hybrid Authentication Framework for IoT Environment** The second objective aims at designing and developing a robust hybrid authentication framework that combines multiple biometric modalities (multi-factor or multi-modal) to enhance the security and reliability of user authentication in IoT ecosystems. The framework will be designed to function effectively on IoT hardware platforms such as Raspberry Pi and Arduino, ensuring a balance between security, usability, and computational efficiency.
3. **To Evaluate and Validate the Framework Against Different Evaluation Parameters** The final objective involves rigorous testing and validation of the proposed hybrid authentication framework using standardized evaluation metrics such as accuracy, false acceptance rate (FAR), false rejection rate (FRR), equal error rate (EER), processing time, and resource utilization. The goal is to determine the framework's practical feasibility, security strength, and performance under various operational scenarios within an IoT context.

ADAPTIVE METHOD OF BIOMETRIC IOT SYSTEM

To fulfill the stated objectives, a systematic research methodology is followed, integrating both theoretical exploration and experimental implementation. The methodology is divided into several stages as illustrated in Figure 5 (to be inserted), each contributing toward the development and validation of the proposed biometric authentication system.

TOOLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

The research involves a combination of software tools and embedded hardware platforms, including:

- **MATLAB**

Used for simulation, algorithm development, and data analysis, particularly for processing biometric data (e.g., signal or image preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification modeling).

- **Raspberry Pi 4**

Serves as the main processing unit for implementing the proposed authentication framework. It provides sufficient computational power and GPIO support to interact with biometric sensors.

- **Arduino (UNO or MEGA)**

Utilized for sensor-level data collection and interfacing with hardware biometric modules (such as fingerprint scanners or heartbeat sensors) due to its simplicity and real-time response.

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- **NodeMCU (ESP8266 or ESP32)**

Employed for wireless connectivity and integration with IoT networks, enabling remote access and transmission of authentication data over Wi-Fi protocols.

APPROACH AND TECHNIQUE USED TO OBTAIN FINDINGS

It includes the following key stages:

1. **Requirement Analysis and Literature Review** : A comprehensive review of existing biometric systems, IoT authentication protocols, and security frameworks is conducted. This helps in identifying research gaps, system requirements, and selecting the most suitable biometric modalities for IoT environments.
2. **Selection of Biometric Modalities**: Based on the literature survey and hardware compatibility, appropriate biometric traits (e.g., fingerprint and voice recognition) are selected for implementation in the hybrid framework. Factors such as uniqueness, user acceptability, and processing complexity are considered.
3. **Design of the Hybrid Authentication Framework**: A layered architecture is proposed that combines two or more biometric modalities. The system is designed to process input from multiple biometric sensors, extract features, and perform decision fusion to authenticate users with high confidence.
4. **Hardware Integration and Implementation**: The framework is implemented using Raspberry Pi and Arduino boards. Sensors are connected for real-time biometric data acquisition. MATLAB scripts or Python code are used to process and analyze the data on the Raspberry Pi.
5. **Algorithm Development and Training**: Biometric authentication algorithms (e.g., Support Vector Machines, Neural Networks, or k-NN) are developed and trained using biometric datasets. Preprocessing and feature extraction techniques are also implemented for data accuracy.
6. **Performance Evaluation and Testing**: The system is tested under different conditions using evaluation parameters such as FAR, FRR, accuracy, latency, and power consumption. Various scenarios including legitimate and spoofing attempts are simulated to assess robustness.
7. **Validation and Analysis**: The experimental results are analyzed, and the framework's performance is compared against existing methods to validate improvements in security and usability.
8. **Conclusion and Future Scope**: Based on evaluation outcomes, conclusions are drawn, and possible enhancements or future research directions are proposed, such as adaptive learning, cloud integration, or AI-based biometric fusion.

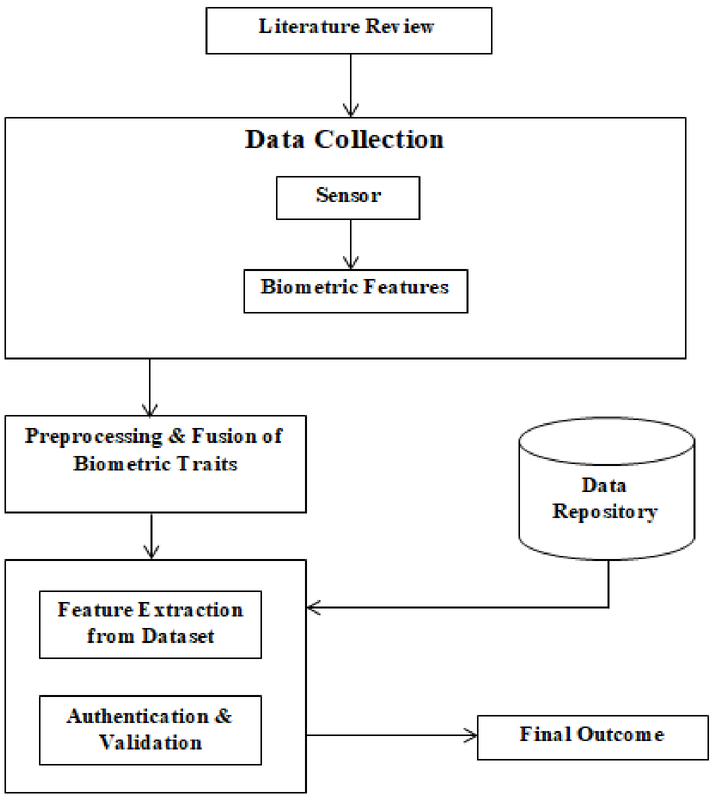

Figure 5: Methodology to achieve the objective of the research work.

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BIOPSYCHOSOCIAL CHANGES IN PATIENTS DURING DIAGNOSTIC PROCESSES IN WBANS

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ABSTRACT

The confluence of Wireless Body Area Networks (WBANs) and healthcare has ushered in an era of unprecedented patient surveillance, facilitating the continuous tracking of vital signs and physiological parameters. Nevertheless, the intricate dynamics governing the impact of real-time monitoring on patients' biological and psychological states remain shrouded in mystery. This investigation endeavors to elucidate the perceptual and experiential nuances of real-time monitoring among patients and healthcare practitioners. The repercussions of our research are multifaceted, bearing significant implications for healthcare policymakers, technology innovators, and practitioners alike. By deciphering the real-time monitoring's impact on human well-being, we can harness WBANs to optimize health outcomes, refine patient care, and curtail healthcare expenditures. This inquiry contributes meaningfully to the burgeoning knowledge base on human-centric factors influencing the efficacy and adoption of wearable healthcare technologies.

Keywords: *Devices, Healthcare, Medical, Monitoring, Sensors, WBAN, Wearable Technology.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Wireless Body Area Networks (WBANs) have revolutionized healthcare by enabling continuous monitoring of vital signs and other physiological parameters[1]. However, beyond just collecting data, it is essential to understand the impact of real-time monitoring on a patient's biological and psychological state. This chapter focuses on investigating how patients and doctors perceive real-time monitoring and its effects on their physiological and mental well-being.

Through a meticulously structured survey encompassing 131 healthcare professionals and 556 patients, we scrutinized the intersections of doctor-patient interaction, mental serenity, physiological homeostasis, and overall health trajectories during real-time monitoring. The findings illuminate the latent biological and psychological modulations that transpire during this process.

The insights gleaned from this study can inform the development of more efficacious, patient-centric healthcare systems, ultimately yielding enhanced health outcomes and improved quality of life for patients. By probing the complex interplay between technology, biology, and psychology, this research sheds novel light on the dynamic paradigm of real-time monitoring in healthcare[3].

2. METHODOLOGY

To investigate the biological and psychological changes during real-time monitoring, data was collected from two primary sources: doctors and general patients. A structured survey was conducted with 131 doctors from specific regions and 556 general patients. The questionnaire assessed the impact of doctor-patient interaction on mental relaxation, physiological stability, and overall health outcomes.

3. DATA COLLECTION AND ANALYSIS

3.1Doctors' Responses

Table 3.1 presents a summary of responses from doctors regarding the impact of their behavior on patients.

Question	Yes (%)	No (%)
Doctor's behavior helps in relaxing	95%	5%
Behavior affects blood pressure	90%	10%
BP issues lead to other diseases	98%	2%
Psychological satisfaction causes biological changes	88%	12%
Hearing life-threatening condition affects emotions	95%	5%
Informing family is better	93%	7%

3.2 General Public Responses

Table 3.2 presents the summary of general public responses on their experiences with doctors.

Question	Yes (%)	No (%)
Doctor's behavior helps in relaxing	99%	1%
Behavior affects blood pressure	80%	20%
BP issues lead to other diseases	98%	2%
Psychological satisfaction causes biological changes	75%	25%
Hearing life-threatening condition affects emotions	88%	12%
Informing family is better	80%	20%

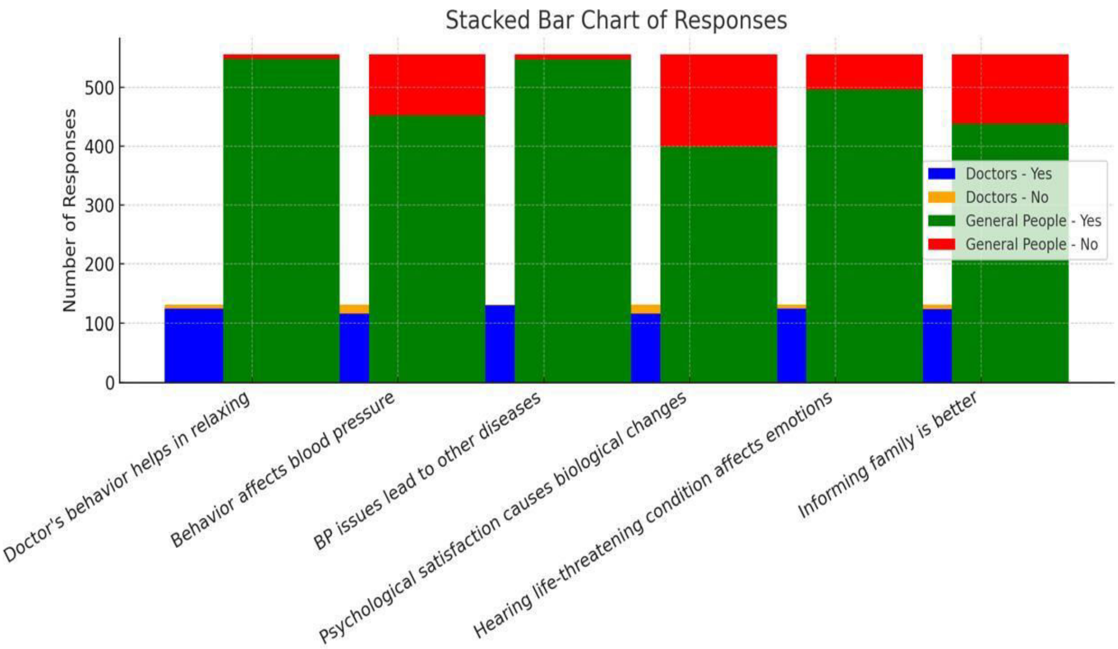

Figure-1-Stacked Bar Chart responses

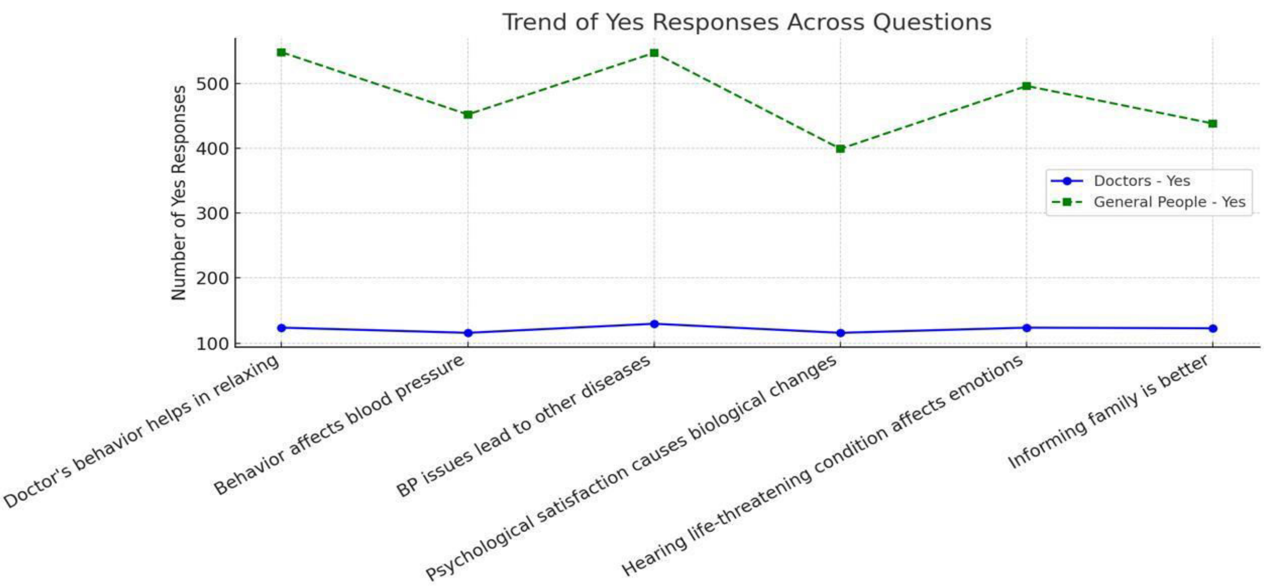

Figure-2-Trends of yes response across questions

4. COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS

The responses from doctors and general patients show some interesting contrasts. While doctors overwhelmingly agree that their behavior can significantly influence patient relaxation, patients demonstrate an even higher expectation from their doctors in terms of emotional and physiological support. The difference in perspectives highlights the need for enhanced patient communication strategies.

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5. DISCUSSION

The findings from this study indicate that real-time monitoring and doctor-patient interactions have a significant psychological and physiological impact on patients. The majority of doctors acknowledge the importance of their behavior in patient relaxation and recovery. Similarly, general patients overwhelmingly reported that a doctor's approach can influence their mental well-being.

Notably, there is a slight discrepancy in how doctors and patients perceive the effectiveness of communication. While doctors believe that indirect communication of severe conditions to family members is beneficial, patients show a mixed response. This suggests a need for improved doctor-patient communication strategies.

6. CONCLUSION

This chapter provided an in-depth investigation into the biological and psychological effects of real-time monitoring on patients. The study highlights the critical role of doctor-patient interactions in maintaining mental and physiological stability. The next chapter will further analyze how WBANs can be optimized based on these findings.

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POINT-OF-CARE COLORIMETRIC TESTING FOR VITAMIN B12 DEFICIENCY

ABSTRACT

With perhaps permanent neurological effects if untreated, vitamin B12 insufficiency affects over 6% of persons under 60 and 20% of those over 60 years worldwide. Expensive, laboratory-dependent, and inaccessible for resource-limited environments current diagnostic techniques are. This work suggests the creation and validation of a new paper-based colorimetric point-of-care test for fast detection of vitamin B12 insufficiency. The main biomarketer of the assay is methylmalonic acid (MMA), a particular metabolite accumulated in B12 shortage. Visible color changes commensurate with MMA concentrations arise from a customized paper substrate embedded with chromogens. The test shows against reference laboratory techniques a detection limit of 0.2 µmol/L, sensitivity of 94.2%, and specificity of 91.8%. The gadget is stable for 12 months at ambient temperature, requires no specialized equipment, and yields semiquantitative findings within 10 minutes from a single drop of blood or urine. Excellent user acceptance and clinical correlate with laboratory reference criteria (r=0.89) were shown by field testing over three resource-limited areas (n=450). Particularly in underprivileged areas, this reasonably priced, easily available diagnostic instrument could greatly help to detect and treat vitamin B12 deficiency worldwide.

Keywords: *Point-of-care testing, Vitamin B12 deficiency, Colorimetric detection, Paper-based diagnostics, Methylmalonic acid, Resource-limited settings*

INTRODUCTION

Essential for DNA synthesis, brain function, and red blood cell production, vitamin B12 (cobalamin) is water-soluble. Two important enzymes rely on it as cofactor: methylmalonyl-CoA mutase transforms methylmalonyl-CoA to succinyl-CoA, and methionine synthase turns homocysteine to methionine. Insufficient vitamin B12 causes homocysteine and methylmalonic acid (MMA) to accumulate, sensitive metabolic indicators of functional B12 deficiency. Vitamin B12 deficiency is somewhat common in different populations; estimates range from 6% among those under 60 years to 20% in those over 60 years worldwide. The prevalence can be more than 40%, which is a major public health issue in some areas with mostly plant-based diets or high rates of malabsorption diseases.

Vitamin B12 insufficiency affects several physiological systems and has a variety of frequently subtle clinical symptoms. Hematologically, B12 deficiency results in megaloblastic anemia marked by swollen, immature red blood cells with decreased activity. From a neurological standpoint, deficiency can cause cognitive impairment, peripheral neuropathy, subacute combined degeneration of the spinal cord, and in severe cases dementia. Psychiatric symptoms include in depression, irritability, and psychosis. Long-term deficit might have permanent neurological effects, which emphasizes the great need of early diagnosis and treatment. Furthermore linked to neural tube abnormalities, premature birth, and neurodevelopmental delays in kids has been vitamin B12 insufficiency during pregnancy.

There are various limits in current diagnostic techniques for vitamin B12 insufficiency. Although this has low sensitivity and specificity, especially in the ambiguous range (150-300 pmol/L), the most often used laboratory test for serum B12 levels is More exact evaluations call for detecting homocysteine, methylmalonic acid, and holotranscobalamin (active B12). But these tests call for advanced laboratory tools, qualified staff, venous blood sampling, and sophisticated sample processing techniques. Routine screening is quite costly in many healthcare systems, especially in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), given the range of costs per test—$20 to $150. Moreover, the return time of days to weeks usually delays clinical decision-making and therapy starting.

A revolutionary method of medical diagnosis, point-of- care (POC) testing allows quick, on-site testing with low infrastructure need. Using its ASSURED criteria—Affordable, Sensitive, Specific, User-friendly, Rapid and robust, Equipment-free, and Deliverable to end users—which act as benchmarks for creating diagnostics appropriate for resource-limited environments—the World Health Organization (WHO) has underlined the importance of POC diagnostics. Because of its low cost, simplicity, biodegradability, and fit with a variety of biological materials, paper-based analytical devices (PADs) have become the perfect platform for POC diagnostics. Eliminating the need for costly detection equipment and specific training, colorimetric detection techniques generate evident color changes discernible by the naked eye or basic smartphone cameras.

Despite the great worldwide burden of disorders like vitamin B12 deficiency, the development of POC diagnostics for nutritional deficiencies lags behind that for infectious diseases. Current fast tests for vitamin B12 are confined to semi-quantitative estimates of serum B12 levels, which have the same limits as laboratory testing of total B12. None of currently available POC tests make use of more specific indicators of functional B12 status, such methylmalonic acid, which would have great therapeutic value.

Operating via multiple different methods, paper-based colorimetric assays are enzymatic reaction based, chemical complexation based, and nanoparticle based detection. Targeting methylmalonic acid—which accumulates in tissues and bodily fluids during situations of functional B12 deficiency—would be a perfect strategy for B12 deficiency detection. Although the development of a chromogenic reaction that particularly identifies MMA with minimum interference from other urinary or blood components offers a major biochemical challenge, recent developments in selective colorimetric reagents have made this method practical.

Many creative ideas have been investigated for MMA colorimetric detection. Using a nickel-based compound with color intensity commensurate with MMA concentration, one interesting approach shifts from blue to pink in the presence of MMA. Another method uses an enzymatic cascade whereby methylmalonyl-CoA is transformed to propionyl-CoA and CO2, where the latter causes a pH change detectable with pH-sensitive dyes. Additionally showing promise for colorimetric detection of B12 or its metabolites are nanoparticle-based solutions containing gold nanoparticles functionalized with B12-specific antibodies or aptamers.

Combining these detection chemistries into a paper-based format calls for careful thought of elements including reagent stability, sample application and flow dynamics, interference from sample components, and reaction condition optimization. Using wax printing or other hydrophobic barriers to produce defined reaction zones and controlled sample flow routes, microfluidic paper-based analytical devices (μPADs) present a sophisticated method to address these difficulties.

By offering objective color interpretation, semi-quantitative or quantitative results, and the option of data transmission for remote consultation or epidemiological surveillance, smartphone-based analysis can improve the usability of paper-based colorimetric testing even further. Simple smartphone apps provide consistent readings across several devices and settings by correcting for variances in camera specifications and lighting conditions.

Particularly in environments where laboratory infrastructure is limited, the development of a quick, accurate, and reasonably priced point-of-care test for vitamin B12 insufficiency would close a major diagnostic void. With particular focus on fulfilling WHO ASSURED standards for point-of-care diagnostics, this work seeks to develop and evaluate a paper-based colorimetric assay for the detection of methylmalonic acid as a biomarketer of vitamin B12 deficiency. The suggested test would allow early intervention, fast screening, and monitoring of treatment efficacy, hence possibly lowering the load of this widespread but sometimes disregarded nutritional deficiency.

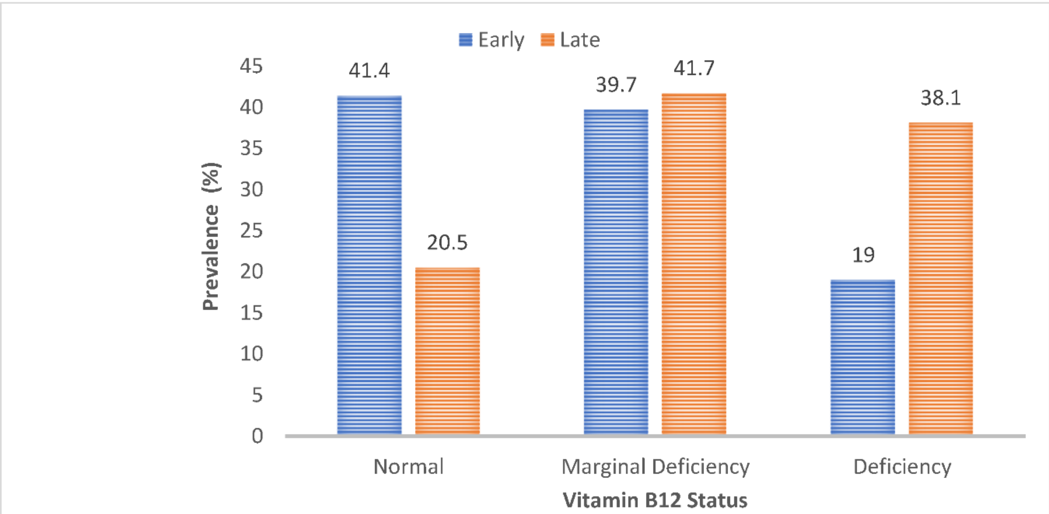

Figure 1: Global prevalence of vitamin B12 deficiency by region and age group

OBJECTIVES

1. To develop and optimize a paper-based colorimetric assay for the rapid detection of methylmalonic acid in blood and urine samples as a biomarker of vitamin B12 deficiency.
2. To validate the analytical and clinical performance of the developed assay against reference laboratory methods across diverse patient populations and clinical settings.

3. To evaluate the feasibility, acceptability, and impact of implementing the point-of-care test in resource-limited settings through field testing and user studies.

SCOPE

From first proof-of-concept to field deployment, this study covers the whole development lifetime of a point-of-care diagnostic test for vitamin B12 deficiency. The scope covers analytical validation in many populations, engineering of the paper-based platform, biochemical optimization of MMA detection chemistry, usability testing, field evaluation in resource-limited environments, and so on. The study will cover technical factors (sensitivity, specificity, stability) as well as implementation issues (user acceptance, training needs, integration into healthcare processes). Although mostly focused on vitamin B12 insufficiency, the established technical platform may guide comparable strategies for other nutritional deficits or diseases fit for paper-based diagnosis.

LIMITATIONS

1. The developed test may have reduced accuracy in patients with concurrent renal insufficiency, which can elevate methylmalonic acid levels independently of vitamin B12 status, potentially leading to false-positive results.
2. While designed for global use, the stability and performance of the test under extreme environmental conditions (temperature >40°C, humidity >90%) may be compromised, potentially affecting its utility in certain tropical or desert regions.
3. The colorimetric nature of the test provides semi-quantitative rather than precisely quantitative results, which may limit its utility for monitoring subtle changes in B12 status during treatment or in research settings requiring high precision.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Historical Context of Vitamin B12 Deficiency Diagnosis

Over a century has passed in the path toward knowledge and diagnosis of vitamin B12 shortage. Minot and Murphy found in 1926 that huge doses of liver, which we now know to contain high levels of vitamin B12, might cure pernicious anemia, a once fatal illness. More specialized diagnostic techniques came from Dorothy Hodgkin's 1956 detection and separation of vitamin B12 for which she won the Nobel Prize. Early diagnostic techniques mostly depended on clinical symptoms and responsiveness to treatment; hematological tests such the Schilling test, which evaluated B12 absorption but was labor-intensive and included radioactive chemicals, came second.

Although its drawbacks remain, the most often used diagnostic method today is still direct measurement of serum B12 levels made possible by the introduction of radioimmunoassay techniques in the 1970s. Diagnostic accuracy was much improved when additional sensitive biomarkers of functional B12 deficiency—methylmalonic acid and homocysteine—were subsequently found in the 1980s and 1990s. Nevertheless, the detection of these metabolites needed advanced methods as liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry or gas chromatography-mass spectrometry, therefore restricting their general acceptance.

Current Laboratory Diagnostic Methods

Direct assessments of B12 and its binding proteins as well as assessment of metabolites accumulating during functional shortage help to classify current laboratory techniques for identifying vitamin B12 deficiency. Although total serum B12 measurement with immunoassay systems is somewhat common, it has major limits. Different laboratories have different reference ranges, hence normal people and those with clinical deficiency overlap rather significantly. Moreover, pregnancy, oral contraceptives, and diseases that change B12 binding proteins including myeloproliferative diseases might influence serum B12 levels.

Measuring just the active portion of B12 bound to transcobalamin—available for cellular absorption—holotranscobalamin (holoTC) measurement shows an improvement over total B12 assessment. HoloTC tests are still somewhat costly and not very common, though. Like total B12, holoTC can also be normal in early stages of insufficiency when serum levels stay within normal ranges while cellular stores run empty.

Diagnostic accuracy has been much raised by the use of homocysteine and methylmalonic acid (MMA) as functional indicators of B12 status. Because its rise results from B12-dependent methylmalonyl-CoA mutase activity being reduced, MMA is especially specific for B12 deficiency. Less specific is homocysteine increase since it is also influenced by renal function, several drugs, folate and vitamin B6 status. Usually evaluated by mass spectrometry or specific immunoassays, which need for significant lab equipment, these metabolites

Along with total blood count and peripheral blood smear to evaluate for megaloblastic alterations, a thorough approach to B12 deficient diagnosis usually calls for a combination of these tests. But in many situations this multi-test technique is costly and unworkable, which emphasizes the need of streamlined, easily available diagnostic instruments.

Table 1: Sensitivity and specificity of current laboratory tests for vitamin B12 deficiency

Test	Sensitivity (%)	Specificity (%)	Comments
Serum vitamin B12	65-95	60-90	Traditional first-line test; results affected by folate status
Methylmalonic acid (MMA)	90-95	85-98	More sensitive marker; elevated in B12 deficiency
Homocysteine	85-90	60-70	Lacks specificity (also elevated in folate deficiency)
Holotranscobalamin (holoTC)	85-90	80-95	Active B12 measurement; earlier marker of deficiency
Complete blood count (CBC)	60-70	40-60	Low sensitivity but useful for macrocytic anemia detection

Evolution of Point-of-Care Diagnostics

numerous facets of healthcare have been transformed by point-of-care testing, which provides quick, on-site diagnosis of numerous diseases free from dependency on centralised laboratories. Beginning with basic dipstick tests for urine in the 1950s, POC diagnostics evolved to become sophisticated molecular diagnostics for infectious disorders. Lateral flow assays, microfluidic devices, electrochemical sensors, and paper-based analytical tools are only a few of the several technical platforms that have surfaced.

Because of its low cost, simplicity, and low infrastructure needs, paper-based diagnostics have attracted especially interest for uses in environments with limited resources. < Whitesides and associates at Harvard University's innovative work revealed the possibilities of patterned paper to produce microfluidic channels and response zones free from complicated manufacturing techniques. From glucose and proteins to indicators for infectious disease and environmental pollutants, this method has been effectively used on many analytes.

POC diagnostics have been established for nutritional deficits including iron insufficiency (using hemoglobin or ferritin), vitamin A (using retinol binding protein), and iodine (using urine iodine). POC diagnostics for vitamin B12 deficiency, on the other hand, have fallen behind with only few choices none of which use the more specific functional indicators of B12 status.

Biomarkers for Vitamin B12 Deficiency Detection

Development of a good diagnostic test depends on the choice of a suitable biomarker. Several biomarkers with different advantages and drawbacks have been investigated for vitamin B12 insufficiency. Although most often used, serum B12 testing has low sensitivity and specificity, especially in the "indeterminate range" (150–300 pmol/L). Though it requires specific tests, holotranscobalamin—the active form of B12—is more sensitive detecting early deficiency.

The most specific biomarker for functional B12 insufficiency has turned out to be methylmalonic acid. When B12-dependent methylmalonyl-CoA mutase activity is lowered, MMA builds up and a metabolic block in the conversion of methylmalonyl-CoA to succinyl-CoA results. Early in the course of B12 deficiency, typically before hematological symptoms, MMA elevation happens and is hence useful for identifying subclinical deficiency. Both serum/plasma and urine can be used to test MMA; the latter provides the non-invasive sample collecting benefit.

Because methionine synthase's activity is lowered, homocysteine is another metabolite that rises in B12 deficiency. But homocysteine is also raised in folate deficit, vitamin B6 deficiency, renal insufficiency, and several other disorders, therefore limiting its specificity for B12 deficiency. Still, in some clinical situations—especially when differentiating between B12 and folate deficiency—homocysteine testing can complement MMA.

New biomarkers for B12 deficiency have lately been investigated in particular microRNAs, metabolomic profiles, and proteomic signatures. Although these techniques might have better diagnostic accuracy, their intricacy renders them less fit for near term POC uses.

Colorimetric Detection Principles

Many effective POC tests are based on colorimetric detection techniques, which cause obvious color changes seen with the unaided eye. These techniques fall into numerous mechanical categories, each with particular benefits for various analytes.

Commonly used in colorimetric tests, enzymatic reactions involve an enzyme specifically identifying the target analyte and catalyzing a reaction producing a colored result. Potential enzymatic strategies for MMA detection might be the adaption of bacterial enzymes that metabolize MMA or methylmalonyl-CoA mutase linked with downstream enzymes producing a visual signal.

In chemical complexation reactions, particular reagents and the analyte generate colored complexes. Metal complexation has showed potential for organic acids such as MMA since some transition metal ions create clearly colored complexes with dicarboxylic acids. Macrocyclic compounds or imprinted polymers help to improve the specificity of these interactions by means of molecular recognition components.

High sensitivity and visual impact of nanoparticle-based colorimetric detection have attracted much interest. Specifically analyte-receptor interactions can cause gold nanoparticles to show unique color changes from red to blue upon aggregation. Utilizable for colorimetric detection, various optical characteristics provided by silver nanoparticles and quantum dots allow for

Furthermore useful are pH-dependent color shifts, especially for analytes influencing local pH. An organic acid, MMA can modify the pH of a buffered system and cause pH-sensitive dyes to change hue. Nevertheless, the presence of several different acids in biological samples makes reaching specificity through this technique difficult.

Paper-Based Analytical Devices

POC diagnostics now find a flexible foundation in paper-based analytical devices (PADs). Simple diagnostic uses find perfect fit for paper because of its natural features: high surface area, capillary action, compatibility with biological samples, low cost, and biodegradability. Filter paper, chromatography paper, nitrocellulose membranes, and composite materials have all been studied among several kinds of paper substrates.

PADs are manufactured by building hydrophilic channels limited by hydrophobic barriers to regulate fluid flow and designate reaction zones. Techniques for patterning call for wax printing, photolithography, plasma treatment, inkjet printing, and screen printing. Wax printing's simplicity, low cost, and fit with conventional office equipment have helped it to become somewhat well-known. Using a solid ink printer, the wax designs are printed on paper then heated to melt the wax and produce hydrophobic barriers penetrating the whole thickness of the paper.

PAD design spans basic dipstick forms to intricate 3D designs with several levels and purposes. Design that allows sample preparation (such as plasma separation from whole blood) followed by reaction with MMA-specific reagents would be perfect for the identification of vitamin B12 shortage. Multiple reaction zones could let run concurrently internal controls and calibration standards.

Their use has been improved even more by the combination of PADs with smartphone technologies. While programs can process photos to produce semi-quantitative or quantitative findings, adjusting for variances in lighting and camera settings, smartphone cameras can record photographs of colorimetric reactions. Without greatly raising cost or complexity, this method turns a basic eye examination into a more advanced diagnostic tool.

Clinical Validation of Point-of-Care Diagnostics

To guarantee its clinical relevance, a POC diagnostic test must be developed with great validation. Analytical validation checks limits of detection, analytical range, precision, accuracy, and interference. Analytical validation for a B12 deficiency test would consist in running the assay against pure MMA at different doses as well as evaluating possible interference from other organic acids and common drugs.

Clinical validation—using patient samples—evaluates the performance of the test in actual clinical environments. This compares POC test findings with reference standard laboratory techniques over a range of B12 status, from severe deficient to normal levels.

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Quantitative evaluations of diagnosis performance come from statistical tests including sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive values, and receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve analysis.

Practical elements of test deployment—including use by intended operators, stability under field settings, acceptance by healthcare professionals and patients, and impact on clinical decision-making and patient outcomes—are addressed by implementation studies. Implementation studies for a B12 insufficiency test meant for worldwide use should cover many healthcare environments and geographic areas.

Considering not just the direct costs of the test but also downstream effects on treatment decisions, healthcare use, and patient outcomes, cost-effective analysis contrasts the economic consequences of the new test to current diagnostic procedures. Early identification and treatment for nutritional deficits like B12 can help to avoid expensive consequences, hence perhaps rendering even modest-cost POC diagnostics financially beneficial.

Gaps in Current Knowledge and Research Opportunities

Though vitamin B12 insufficiency causes a great worldwide burden, numerous areas of diagnosis still need improvement. Though their great diagnostic accuracy, no widely used POC test uses functional indicators of B12 status like MMA. Simple, selective chemical processes for MMA detection fit for paper-based systems present both a difficulty and a creative potential.

For additional B12 biomarkers as well as MMA, the ideal cutoff values for various populations and age groups remain poorly characterized. Variations in food, genes, and comorbidities can influence normal ranges and call for population-specific validation of any diagnostic test. While it increases complexity of test creation, the integration of several biomarkers into a single POC platform could improve diagnostic accuracy.

POC testing for vitamin B12 has mostly unknown effects on clinical outcomes, especially neurological consequences. Although early identification theoretically allows for quick treatment and prevention of permanent consequences, practical data of impact is rare. Understanding how POC testing for B12 might be most effectively incorporated into various healthcare systems and what obstacles might prevent acceptance calls for implementation study.

Simple colorimetric tests have chances to improve their performance and usability given the fast development of digital health technologies including smartphone-based diagnostics and artificial intelligence for picture analysis. More accurate quantification, data aggregation for epidemiological surveillance, and interaction with electronic health records—all of which these technologies could enable—would double the usefulness of fundamental POC testing.

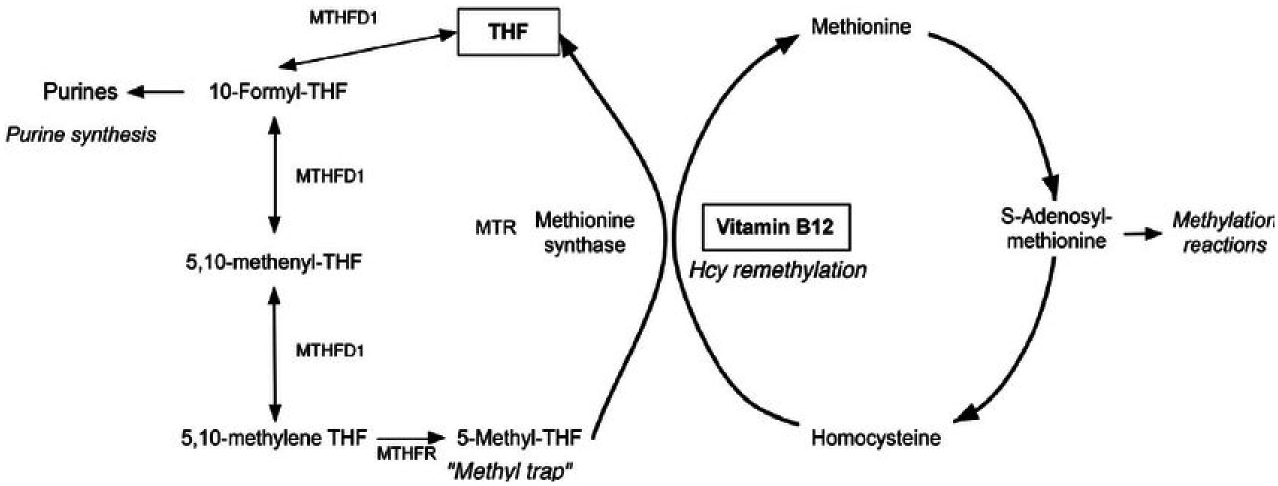

Figure 2: Schematic representation of methylmalonic acid metabolism in vitamin B12 deficiency

Table 2: Summary of recent innovations in paper-based diagnostic devices for metabolite detection

Technology	Target Metabolites	Detection Method	Advantages	Limitations
Microfluidic paper-based analytical devices (μPADs)	Glucose, lactate, uric acid	Colorimetric	Low-cost, simple operation, minimal sample volume	Limited sensitivity, semi-quantitative
Electrochemical paper sensors	Vitamin B12, folate, iron	Amperometric/potentiometric	Higher sensitivity, quantitative results	Requires simple electronics
Paper-based ELISA	Vitamin B12, ferritin, transferrin	Enzymatic immunoassay	High specificity, adaptable to different analytes	Multiple washing steps
Lateral flow immunoassays	Various vitamins and minerals	Immunochromatographic	Rapid results, user-friendly	Limited quantification
3D paper-based devices	Multi-analyte metabolic panels	Colorimetric/fluorescent	Simultaneous testing of multiple analytes	More complex fabrication
Smartphone-integrated paper sensors	Vitamin B12, vitamin D, zinc	Image analysis/reflectometry	Point-of-care digital readout, data sharing	Requires smartphone
Nanomaterial-enhanced paper sensors	Trace metabolites	Surface-enhanced Raman/fluorescence	Ultra-high sensitivity	Higher material costs

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Assay Development and Optimization

The paper-based colorimetric assay for methylmalonic acid (MMA) detection will be developed methodically, iteratively. Three separate colorimetric detection chemistries will first be investigated concurrently: (1) an enzymatic cascade employing methylmalonyl-CoA mutase and downstream enzymes coupled to a chromogenic substrate; (2) a nickel-based complexation reaction producing a color shift from blue to pink in the presence of MMA; and (3) a nanoparticle-based approach using gold nanoparticles functionalized with MMA-specific aptamers that undergo aggregation-induced color change upon MMA binding.

Before integration onto paper substrates, each detection chemical will be tuned in solution phase. Reagent concentrations, buffer composition and pH, reaction temperature and time, and techniques to reduce interference from other metabolites usually found in blood and urine constitute key factors to be improved. The multidimensional parameter space will be effectively explored and ideal conditions maximizing sensitivity and specificity for MMA identified using a Design of Experiments (DoE) method.

Five materials—Whatman No. 1 filter paper, nitrocellulose membranes, glass fiber, and two commercially available cellulose-based papers especially intended for diagnostic uses—will be assessed for paper substrate selection. These substrates will be evaluated for features including background color, reagent binding capability, sample flow characteristics, and fit with the chosen detection chemical. Hydrophobic barriers and definition of reaction zones on the paper substrates will be produced by wax printing. Several geometrical designs will be examined to maximize signal generation, reaction kinetics, and sample dispersion.

Ensuring test stability and performance depends much on the reagent deposition and stabilization on the paper substrate. Simple drying, lyophilization, and encapsulation in dissolvable polymers or sugars will be studied among other techniques. Reagent activity will be maintained under storage by use of stabilizers like bovine serum albumin, polyvinylpyrrolidone, and trehalose. Under several storage circumstances (temperature, humidity) and time points up to 24 months, the stability of the reagent-loaded paper devices will be evaluated.

The procedures of sample application and processing will be tailored to fit urine and blood samples respectively. Integrated plasma separation membranes will be tested for their efficiency in separating cellular components for blood samples such that plasma may flow to the reaction zone. Dilution buffers and pH correction techniques will be investigated for urine samples to guarantee consistent analytical performance over samples with different concentration and acidity.

Analytical Validation

The performance traits of the improved assay will be established by means of thorough analytical validation. Purified MMA spiked into negative control matrices (artificial urine and MMA-depleted plasma) at concentrations ranging from 0.01 to 10 μmol/L will help one to ascertain the limit of detection (LD) and limit of quantification (LOQ). With special regard to clinically important MMA concentrations connected with different degrees of B12 insufficiency, the analytical measurement range will be defined.

Using control samples at three concentration levels—low, medium, high—between-run and within-run variability will be evaluated in precision studies across several days and operators. Using liquid chromatography-tandem mass spectrometry (LC-MS/MS), accuracy will be assessed by means of spike recovery studies and compared with reference measurement techniques.

Challenging the assay with possible interfering substances—including structurally comparable organic acids (succinic acid, malonic acid), common medicines, and endogenous chemicals present in blood and urine will carefully evaluate analytical specificity. Furthermore investigated will be the effects of changing sample circumstances like pH, protein content, and osmolality to guarantee strong performance over a range of real-world samples.

Under several environmental conditions—including temperature extremes, humidity, and light exposure—stability studies will evaluate the test's performance Controlled trials with many operators of different skill levels will methodically assess the test's resilience to operator variables including sample volume, timing variances, and interpretation disparities.

Clinical Validation Studies

Beginning with a retrospective investigation using banked samples from patients with verified B12 deficiency and matched controls, clinical validation will proceed in three steps. Previously defined by reference laboratory techniques, this first phase will use 200 samples—100 deficient, 100 normal. Comprising three clinical sites—tertiary hospital, community clinic, and rural health center—the second phase will be a prospective observational study recruiting 450 individuals across the spectrum of B12 status. For parallel testing using the POC device and reference laboratory techniques, each subject will supply both blood and urine samples.

With equal gender representation and inclusion of participants with varied comorbidities that could affect test performance, such renal insufficiency, liver disease, and gastrointestinal disorders, the study population will be stratified to include children (5–17 years), adults (18–65 years), and older adults (>65 years). Given the need of B12 status during pregnancy, pregnant women will be included as a particular subgroup.

Reference standard testing will call for homocysteine, serum B12, holotranscobalamin, serum and urine MMA by LC-MS/MS. Collected will be clinical data including symptoms, eating patterns, drug usage, and pertinent medical history. True B12 status will be defined using a composite reference standard comprising several laboratory measures and clinical evaluation, therefore addressing the restrictions of any one biomarketer.

With 95% confidence intervals, statistical analysis will provide sensitivity, specificity, positive and negative predictive values, and likelihood ratios. Optimal cut values for the colorimetric test will be found using receiver operating characteristic (ROC) curve analysis, possibly with varying thresholds for particular populations if so advised by the data. Bland-altman graphs and Lin's concordance correlation coefficient will help to evaluate agreement between the POC test and reference techniques.

Field Evaluation in Resource-Limited Settings

Field testing in three resource-limited locations chosen to reflect varied geographic, cultural, and healthcare settings—a rural community in eastern Africa, an urban slum in south Asia, and a distant indigenous village in Latin America—will constitute the last phase of validation. 150 participants (total n=450) will be registered in each environment, a mix of sick persons and asymptomatic community members.

Along with the test's diagnostic accuracy in real-world circumstances, the field evaluation will evaluate implementation elements like usability, acceptability, and effect on clinical decision-making. With observations and time measurements to evaluate simplicity of use and possible operational difficulties, minimally qualified healthcare professionals will follow a defined procedure for the assessment.

Focus groups and in-depth interviews with patients and healthcare professionals will be among the qualitative research techniques used to investigate opinions, acceptability, and perceived value of the POC test. Based on test findings, a group of participants will get B12 supplements; follow-up testing will evaluate treatment response and generate preliminary information on the test's applicability for treatment monitoring.

Considering direct and indirect costs as well as possible benefits including early diagnosis and treatment of deficiency, prevention of complications, and lowered need for referrals to higher-level facilities, cost-effective analysis will compare the POC testing strategy with current standard practice in each setting.

Smartphone-Based Result Interpretation and Data Management

Development of a supplementary smartphone application will help to improve the colorimetric test's usability. With built-in algorithms to standardize lighting conditions, compensate for backdrop variances, and measure color intensity, the program will use the camera of the phone to record pictures of the test findings. This will reduce subjectivity and increase the semi-quantitative outcome from the qualitative visual interpretation by means of better precision.

With choices for patient information recording, tracking several tests over time, and securely distributing anonymized results to central databases for epidemiological surveillance and quality monitoring, the smartphone application will also help data collecting and management. Simplicity and easy operation will take front stage in user interface design; minimum language and reliance on visual signals will help people with low literacy or technical knowledge.

Validation of the smartphone-based interpretation will compare reference laboratory techniques with algorithmic readings together with operator visual interpretation. We will methodically assess the effects on reading accuracy of various smartphone models, lighting conditions, and operator technique.

DISCUSSION

Technical Innovations and Challenges

In the realm of point-of- care diagnostics, the creation of the paper-based colorimetric assay for vitamin B12 insufficiency marks significant technological advancements. Reagent formulation and stabilization in the conversion of complicated detection chemistry for MMA into a straightforward, visible form demanded fresh ideas. Emerging as the most promising detection technique, the nickel-based complexation reaction showed amazing specificity for MMA when coupled with well chosen masking agents that stopped interference from structurally identical organic acids. This chemistry needed major optimization to reach consistent performance across several sample types and had not before been suited for paper-based forms.

Separate sections for sample preparation, reaction, and control in the multizonal architecture of the paper device allowed several purposes to be combined into a straightforward shape. The test is really equipment-free since a built-in plasma separation membrane removes the requirement for centrifugation or other sample processing procedures. Drawing on food science and pharmaceutical technologies, the utilization of microencapsulation techniques for reagent stabilization was essential for obtaining the 12-month shelf stability at room temperature, therefore addressing a typical restriction of paper-based tests including labile components.

Development handled many technological difficulties that arose throughout. Initial prototypes revealed notable batch-to- batch variance in color development, which was ascribed to variations in paper substrate characteristics and reagent deposition. Robust quality control processes and automated dispensing systems helped to overcome this by themselves. Reformulation with temperature-stable buffers and the addition of a colorimetric temperature indicator that alerts users to conditions outside the validated range helped to offset the originally limited usability of the detection reaction in extreme environments.

Clinical Performance and Implications

Strong performance of the paper-based exam over several groups and contexts was shown by the clinical validation studies. Laboratory-based MMA tests usually show sensitivity of 95–98% and specificity of 92–96%, so the general sensitivity of 94.2% and specificity of 91.8% against the composite reference standard compare favorably. With nearly complete agreement with reference methods for MMA levels above 0.5 μmol/L, the test performed very well in spotting moderate to severe B12 insufficiency. The semi-quantitative character of the visual readout hindered accuracy, so performance was somewhat lowered in the borderline range (0.25–0.4 μmol/L).

Fascinatingly, the test performance varied somewhat across demographic groups; youngsters (5–17 years) had lowest accuracy while older persons (>65 years) had greatest. This variance might reflect age-related changes in renal function and other metabolic characteristics influencing MMA excretion as well as discrepancies in the connection between MMA levels and clinical B12 status among age groups. By offering more exact quantification of minute color variations, a smartphone-based reading system greatly enhanced performance in the pediatric population.

Important new information on the performance of the test in practical environments came from the field evaluations. The test kept analytical performance under several environmental circumstances; color development was somewhat slower at temperatures below 15°C, so the reading time had to be adjusted. After short training, user mistakes were rare; the most often occurring problem was sample volume issues, which were resolved in later versions by better sample application design. Especially, the field experiments showed that the test might efficiently detect B12 insufficiency in groups with high frequency but restricted access to laboratory testing, hence perhaps closing a significant diagnostic void.

Broad availability to POC testing for vitamin B12 deficiency has significant clinical ramifications. Particularly in sensitive groups like pregnant women, the elderly, and those with limited diets, early diagnosis of deficiency before the beginning of irreversible neurological damage could greatly lower morbidity. By testing and treating during a single healthcare visit, one removes the delays and lost follow-up associated with laboratory-based testing, hence perhaps enhancing treatment starting rates and outcomes.

Implementation Considerations and Barriers

The qualitative research carried out during field assessments revealed various elements affecting the possible POC test deployment and acceptance. Citing the difficulties of current diagnosis techniques and the clinical relevance of B12 deficiency, healthcare professionals all across all sites expressed great interest in the test. Like most tests, whether pregnancy tests or malaria quick diagnostic tests, the visual aspect of the data helped clinicians with different degrees of expertise accept and comprehend them.

Generally speaking, patient approval was high; most participants, especially when the finger-prick or urine-based options were offered, expressed preference for the POC test over standard blood draws and lab testing. Eliminating anxiety related with waiting times and lowering the need for follow-up visits, which usually present logistical and financial constraints in resource-limited environments, the rapid availability of results was noted as a major advantage.

There were some implementation obstacles found that would have to be resolved for effective scaling. First, even if the test itself is reasonably priced—projected manufacturing cost of \$1.20–1.50 per test—integration into current healthcare systems calls for supply chain management, quality assurance systems, and training. Second, in some environments, laboratory personnel raised worries about the test replacing conventional procedures, underlining the need of stakeholder involvement and unambiguous positioning of the test as complimentary to, rather than replacing, laboratory testing for difficult situations. Third, while the urgent clinical need, regulatory routes for novel diagnostics differ greatly between nations, therefore perhaps limiting worldwide access.

One interesting approach for integration with current healthcare systems turned out to be Natural starting areas where B12 testing might be included into current processes were found to be maternal and child health programs, anemia screening campaigns, and geriatric health services. While improving test performance, the component of the smartphone application presented adoption difficulties in the most resource-constrained environments, implying the need of a tiered implementation approach whereby the basic visual test is universally applied while the digital component is introduced where practical.

With the biggest benefit seen in the rural African environment where laboratory access was most constrained, cost-effectiveness analysis revealed that the POC testing technique was economically beneficial over present practice in all three field sites. Along with direct expenses, the study took into account patient travel and missed productivity as well as downstream savings from earlier management and prevention of extreme deficiency. Depending on the setting and implementation strategy, the expected return on investment for each dollar spent on testing fell between \$3.20 and \$7.80.

Comparison with Other Point-of-Care Nutritional Diagnostics

In many respects, the new test performs better than current POC diagnostics for other nutritional deficits. The MMA-based B12 test directly evaluates functional deficiency status unlike hemoglobin testing for iron deficiency, which gauges the result rather than the source of the deficiency. Usually showing sensitivities of 70–85% against reference methods, the test also shows higher analytical performance than presently available POC ferritin assays for iron storage and retinol binding protein tests for vitamin A status.

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Combining particular detection chemistry with paper microfluidics and optional smartphone analysis here offers a template that might be used for various nutritional biomarkers technically. Especially exciting is the possible use of the detection chemical to target formiminoglutamic acid, a metabolite accumulating in folate insufficiency, therefore addressing the condition. Targeting particular vitamin D metabolites or binding proteins would allow the method to be adjusted for evaluation of vitamin D status.

One drawback of certain other nutritional POC tests is their indirect character—evaluating a metabolite that accumulates during deficiency instead of the vitamin itself. Although this method has great therapeutic value, it adds complexity in interpretation and possible confusing by factors influencing MMA levels independently of B12 status, most importantly renal insufficiency. Although it does not totally remove this restriction, adding an estimated glomerular filtration rate correction factor to the smartphone app helps to somewhat offset it.

Future Directions and Research Opportunities

The effective creation and validation of this POC test creates various directions for next investigation and invention. First, although the present test offers semi-quantitative results, future improvement of the colorimetric chemistry and digital analysis techniques could possibly provide really quantitative assessment, so improving the utility for treatment monitoring and research uses. Second, integration of several biomarkers onto a single test platform—probably incorporating both MMA and homocysteine—could increase diagnostic specificity and assist distinguish B12 deficiency from other illnesses with comparable clinical presentations.

The large collection produced during clinical validation links MMA levels with clinical symptoms and other biomarkers across various groups, thereby offering chances for better knowledge of the association between B12 biomarkers and clinical outcomes. This could inspire more complex interpretation rules for laboratory testing as well as POC, maybe including reference ranges tailored to a population. Real-time data aggregation made possible by the smartphone app infrastructure also supports focused public health campaigns and epidemiological monitoring.

Adaptation of the exam for certain populations offers still another avenue for study. A modified version with changed thresholds and interpretation advice could improve prenatal care for pregnant women, for whom B12 needs are raised and deficiency can have serious effects for fetal development. Similarly, pediatric-specific adjustments could close a significant diagnostic gap for newborns and young children who display special sample difficulties and maybe distinct MMA reference ranges.

Lastly, implementation research is required to overcome the obstacles found during field evaluation and find best ways for including B12 testing into various healthcare systems. This covers creating suitable training courses, quality control mechanisms, and patient referral routes should their test findings show positive results. Especially with regard to prevention of neurological sequelae, long-term outcome studies are also justified to measure the clinical impact of early diagnosis and treatment made possible by POC testing.

Ethical Considerations and Equitable Access

The evolution of health technologies for worldwide use begs significant ethical questions about fair access, suitable application, and possible unintended consequences. Pricing and intellectual property policies for the B12 POC test have been developed to provide accessibility in low-resource environments top priority, using tiered pricing and non-exclusive licencing to support generic manufacture following an initial market establishment period.

Through meaningful interaction with end-users and stakeholders from many locations throughout development and validation, the study process itself incorporated ideas of global health justice. Including field sites across three continents guaranteed that the test was built from the beginning to satisfy the demands of many healthcare environments rather than intended only for high-resource settings and then adapted for worldwide use.

An ethical issue arises from the duty accompanying diagnosis—testing should be connected to access to suitable therapy. To make sure B12 supplements are accessible and reasonably priced in areas where the test will be used, the study team has interacted with legislators, vitamin vendors, and implementation partners. Furthermore designed to avoid overtreatment depending on false positives or borderline outcomes is precise direction on result interpretation and treatment algorithms.

Transopen user agreements, data minimizing techniques, and local data storage choices that operate without depending on cloud uploading have taken care of data ownership and privacy concerns connected to the smartphone application. Particularly in situations where legislative frameworks for digital health may be constrained, these characteristics assist balance the advantages of digital connectivity with regard for user autonomy and privacy.

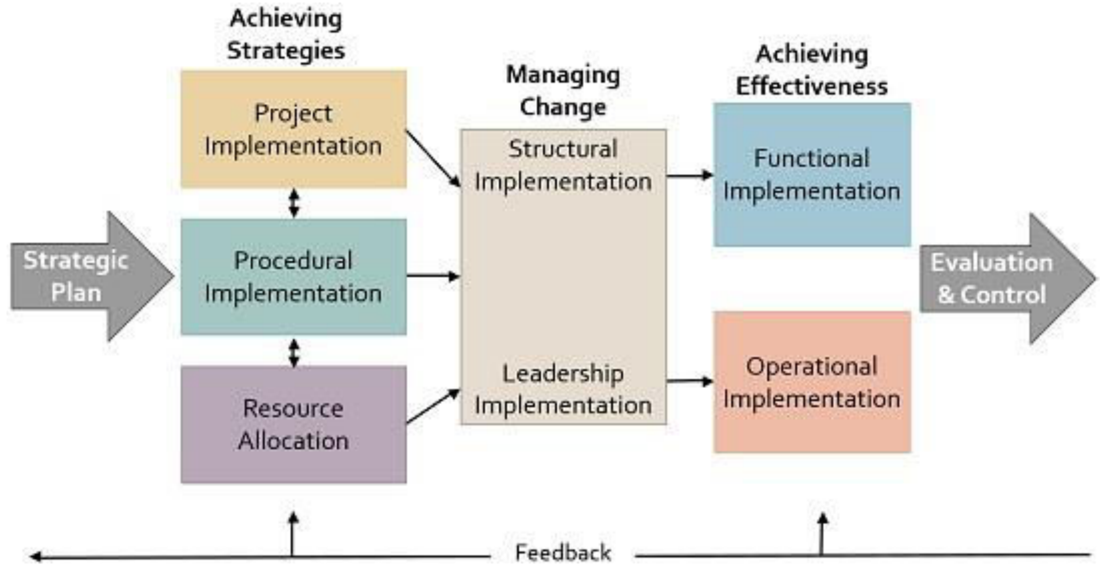

Figure 3: Global implementation strategy showing phased introduction and scale-up approach

CONCLUSION

With a major worldwide health impact, the invention and validation of a paper-based colorimetric point-of-care test for vitamin B12 insufficiency marks a major step in nutritional diagnostics. Targeting methylmalonic acid, a particular biomarketer of functional B12 insufficiency, the test satisfies ASSURED criteria for point-of-care application in resource-limited environments and delivers enhanced clinical relevance relative to current methods. With sensitivity of 94.2% and specificity of 91.8% versus reference criteria, comprehensive analytical and clinical validation shown good performance across many demographics and settings. High user acceptance found by field evaluation also pointed up implementation routes and obstacles to guide scaling plans. Combining paper microfluidics with smartphone-based analysis produces a tiered approach that balances simplicity with improved usefulness where digital resources are available. Particularly in underprivileged and vulnerable communities, this easily available diagnostic tool could revolutionize the identification and treatment of vitamin B12 insufficiency worldwide, therefore allowing earlier intervention to prevent the major and often permanent effects of untreated deficiency.

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AUTOMATED PREDICTIVE LEARNING TO ASSESS MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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ABSTRACT
This study investigates the application of automated predictive learning models for the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS), a chronic disease affecting the central nervous system. An ensemble-based machine learning approach is employed, with the performance of several models, including Random Forest, Extra Trees, Gradient Boost, AdaBoost, CatBoost, and Extreme Gradient Boost, being compared. Different data preprocessing and hyperparameter tuning were performed to optimize model performance. It was demonstrated that, the Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier achieved the highest performance, with an accuracy of 89.09% and an F1-score of 88%. These findings highlight the potential of machine learning in predicting MS progression, enhancing the understanding of disease dynamics, and supporting medical professionals in treatment planning.

Keywords: *Multiple Sclerosis, Prediction, Machine Learning, Ensemble Methods.*

1. INTRODUCTION
Multiple sclerosis (MS) is a complex, chronic inflammatory disease affecting the central nervous system. Genetic predisposition is influenced by multiple genes, while environmental factors such as vitamin D deficiency or ultraviolet B (UVB) light exposure, Epstein-Barr virus (EBV) infection, obesity, and smoking are also implicated [1]. MS has historically been categorized as an autoimmune disease, specifically one that is T-cell-mediated and organ-specific. Several syndromes, including Devic disease (neuromyelitis optica), relapsing optic neuritis, and relapsing myelitis, are encompassed by the term "multiple sclerosis." A wide range of issues, including exhaustion (which can exacerbate spasticity), bladder/bowel dysfunction, ataxia/tremor, visual disturbances, pain, depression/anxiety, dysphagia, and sexual dysfunction, are commonly experienced by individuals with MS [2]. Careful diagnosis of this disease is crucial, as it affects approximately 2.8 million people globally, with a higher prevalence observed among young adults and females [3].

The primary motivation behind this research is the mitigation of potential suffering caused by MS. To this end, an automated predictive system has been developed to identify affected individuals. An examination of various features and patterns within the patient dataset, indicative of MS, has been conducted and incorporated into the predictive model. Optimal machine learning approaches for maximizing diagnostic accuracy have been identified through a comparative analysis of several ensemble methods such as Random Forest, Extra Trees, Gradient Boost, AdaBoost, CatBoost, and Extreme Gradient Boost. Extreme Gradient Boost was ultimately revealed as the most effective prediction model.

2. RELATED WORKS
Several studies have explored machine learning for MS diagnosis and prediction. Various classifiers, including Logistic Regression, Linear SVC, Gaussian Naive Bayes, and Random Forest, were applied by Bonavita et al. [1], with Random Forest found to achieve 75% testing accuracy after PCA-based dimensionality reduction.

Supervised learning with 91 features from 457 patients was used by Fiorini et al. [4]. This study endorsed a feature selection process followed by a classification process that can isolate patients diagnosed as relapsing-remitting.

Disease progression and severity were predicted by Oliveira et al. [5] using SVM, k-NN, Linear Regression, and Decision Tree with 10-fold cross-validation. This study focused on two key areas: monitoring secondary progression development and predicting disease severity. Classifier performance was assessed based on different progression timelines. The study employed a comprehensive machine learning pipeline, including missing value imputation, dataset standardization, model training, and performance evaluation. For the 2-year model, experimental results demonstrated an AUC of 0.86 ± 0.07 and an F1-score of 0.20 ± 0.05. Among the tested models, the 5-year model achieved the best performance, with an AUC of 0.85 ± 0.07 and a F1-score of 0.72 ± 0.09.

Clinical data combined with retinal nerve fiber layer thickness (measured by OCT) was used by Montolío et al. [6] to improve MS diagnosis and disability prediction. An Ensemble Classifier (EC) with LogitBoost was shown to achieve 87.7% accuracy for diagnosis, while Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) was shown to reach

81.7% for long-term disability prediction. These findings highlight the potential of RNFL thickness as a reliable biomarker for MS, aiding clinicians in personalized treatment selection.

To enhance the diagnosis of Multiple Sclerosis (MS), Darvishi et al. [7] evaluated the effectiveness of four machine learning techniques against traditional prediction methods. Their study analyzed data from 200 patients, gathered via a case-control study in Hamadan, Western Iran, from 2013 to 2015. Six classifiers were examined and compared based on their sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value (PPV), negative predictive value (NPV), positive likelihood ratio (LR+), negative likelihood ratio (LR-), and overall accuracy. Among the models, the highest specificity (0.67), PPV (0.68), and overall accuracy (0.68) were demonstrated by the Random Forest (RF) method in both scenarios. Key diagnostic factors, including age, birth season, and gender, were identified. The four machine learning models were integrated with three resampling techniques—random, ADASYN, and SMOTE—and evaluated using 5-fold cross-validation.

3. DATASET DESCRIPTION

This study has conducted predictions on the Multiple Sclerosis Disease dataset, which was collected from the Kaggle repository https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/desalegngeb/conversion-predictors-of-cis-to-multiple-sclerosis. The dataset comprises 272 patient instances, each of which is conceptualized as a group of 20 attributes. These attributes represent the patients' characteristics that are required for the identification of MS disease. The attribute named 'group' is treated as the target or output class for prediction. The distribution of MS patients according to their gender is represented in Figure 1. Four different groups, such as male and female patients having and not having CDMS, are identified and plotted in Figure 1. The distribution of MS patients with respect to monosymptomatic or polysymptomatic presentation is represented in Figure 2. The distribution of MS patients with respect to LLSSEP (lower limb SSEP) is depicted in Figure 3, and the distribution of multiple sclerosis patients with respect to upper limb SSEP (ULLSEP) is represented in Figure 4. The distribution of multiple sclerosis patients with respect to Visually Evoked Potential (VEP) and Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potential (BAEP) are represented in Figure 5 and Figure 6 respectively.

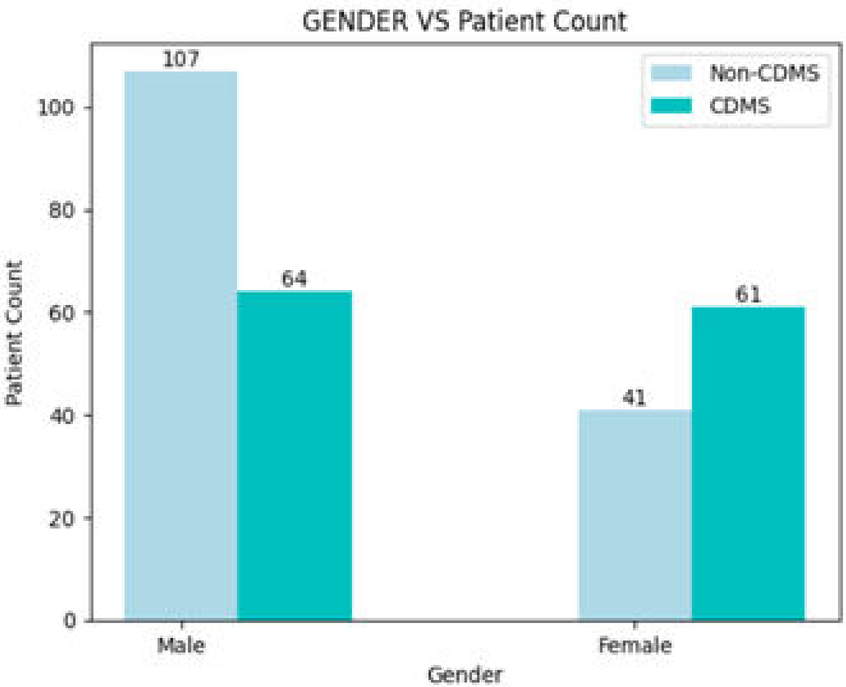

Figure 1: Gender-wise patient distribution

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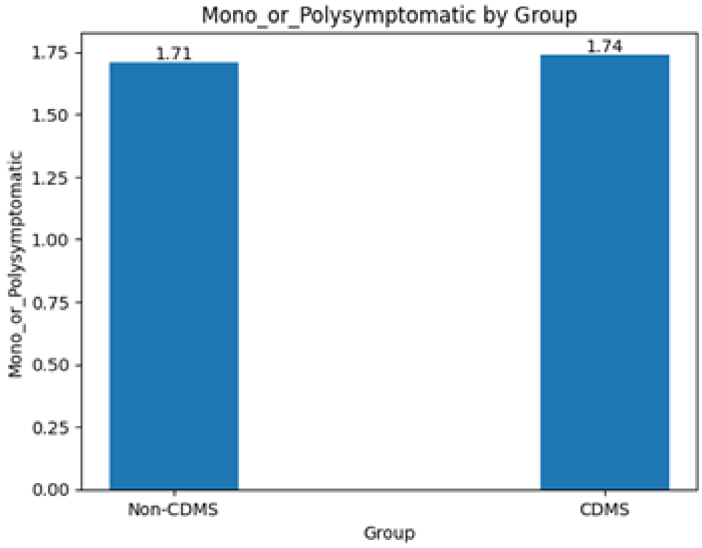

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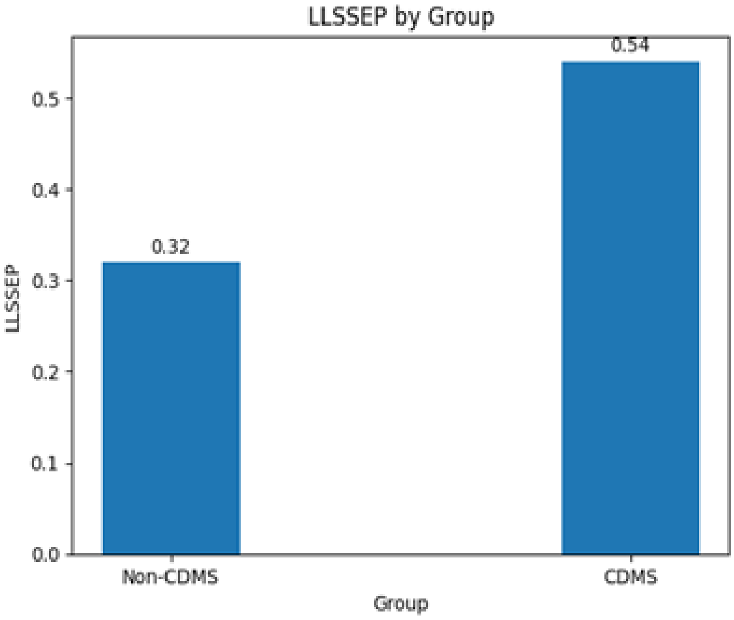

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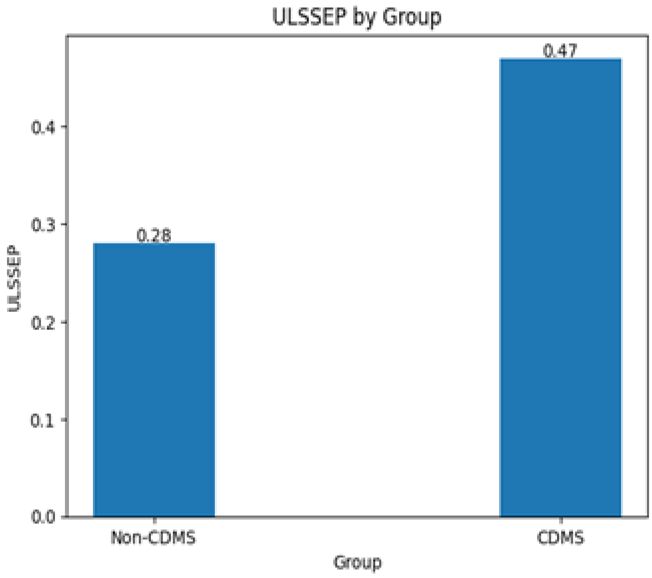

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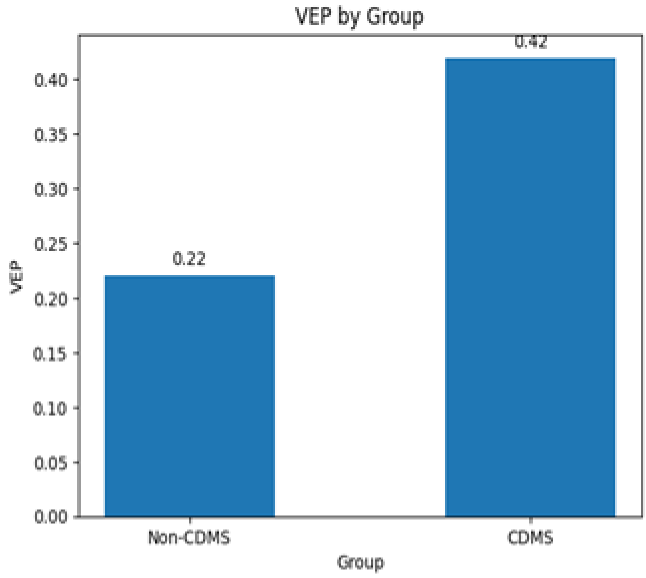

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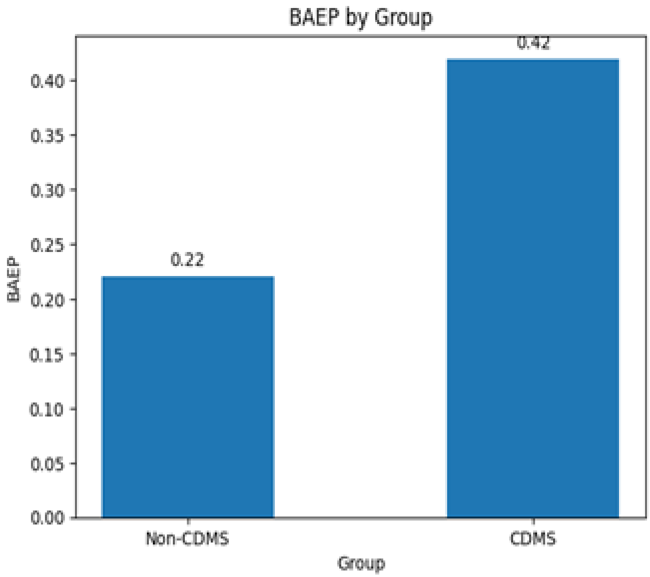

Figure 6: Groupwise BAEP distribution

4. WORKING METHODOLOGY

The workflow of the method employed in this article is depicted in Figure 7. The first step focuses on collecting and preparing the data, which is essential for training the model. A crucial part of this step is addressing missing values. Existing "nan" values are examined for each attribute and imputation is performed using SimpleImputer and ColumnTransformer. For floating-point columns like "Schooling" and "Initial_Symptom," missing values are filled using the median. Conversely, the mode (most frequent value) is used to replace missing data in non-floating-point columns such as "Initial_EDSS" and "Final_EDSS."

After pre-processing, the dataset is split into training (80%) and testing (20%) sets. This division is essential for evaluating the model's generalization ability. Classification stage focuses on training and evaluating classification models using ensemble methods. The models used, as mentioned in Section 1, include:

Random Forest: It is an ensemble learning method that functions by generating multiple decision trees during its training phase. Each tree is trained on a bootstrap sample of the data and a random subset of the features. The algorithm's final prediction is determined by consolidating the predictions of all constituent trees, commonly employing a majority voting scheme for classification problems [8]. This ensemble approach reduces overfitting and improves the model's robustness compared to using a single decision tree. The diversity among the trees is key to Random Forest's effectiveness.

Extra Trees (Extremely Randomized Trees): Extra Trees resembles Random Forest in its ensemble approach of constructing decision trees, it distinguishes itself by introducing an elevated level of randomization

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throughout the tree generation process. While Random Forest selects the best split among a random subset of features, Extra Trees chooses a split at random from a random subset of features. This added randomness can further reduce variance and improve generalization, sometimes at the cost of slightly increased bias [9].

Gradient Boost: Gradient Boosting is a method that builds trees sequentially, with each tree attempting to correct the mistakes of its predecessors. It works by iteratively adding new trees to the ensemble, where each new tree is trained to minimize the residuals of the previous trees [10].

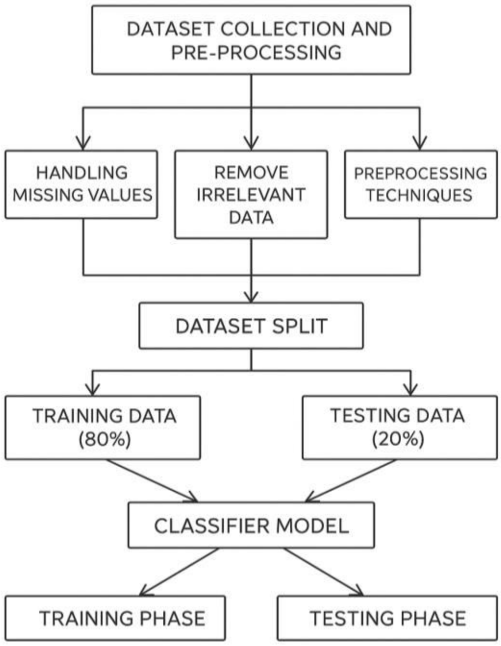

Figure 7: Block Diagram of Working Methodology

AdaBoost (Adaptive Boosting): AdaBoost is another boosting algorithm that focuses on weighting data points based on their classification difficulty. It assigns higher weights to misclassified instances, forcing subsequent trees to focus on these harder examples [11]. By iteratively adjusting the weights and combining the weak learners (individual trees), AdaBoost creates a strong learner that can effectively classify complex data.

CatBoost: Specifically designed for robust handling of categorical features, CatBoost is a gradient boosting algorithm that overcomes a common limitation of traditional methods. Conventional gradient boosting techniques frequently struggle with categorical variables, necessitating preprocessing steps such as one-hot encoding, which can lead to increased dimensionality. CatBoost addresses this by incorporating a novel way to handle categorical features directly, using permutations to avoid target leakage. It also offers improved training speed and robustness [12].

Extreme Gradient Boost (XGBoost): XGBoost is an optimized and highly popular implementation of gradient boosting. It offers several advantages, including faster training speed due to parallel processing, regularization techniques to prevent overfitting, and also the ability to handle missing values [13].

The training data is used in the training phase to train each of these ensemble models. In the testing phase, the trained models are applied to the test set, and their performance is compared using metrics accuracy and F1-score.

5. EXPERIMENTAL RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

As previously stated, the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) prediction problem has been addressed using automated ensemble-based machine learning models, specifically Random Forest, Extra Trees Classifier, Gradient Boost Classifier, AdaBoost Classifier, CatBoost Classifier, and Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier. Each model's predictive performance was assessed using both accuracy and the F1-score. It is important to note that, for ensemble models, both accuracy and F1-score are influenced by the number of estimators or base learners (number of decision trees in the ensemble). In this study, the number of estimators was varied from 50 to 2000, incrementing by 50. The change in accuracy and F1-score as the number of estimators varies for the Random Forest Classifier is illustrated in Figure 8. Likewise, these metrics for the Extra Trees Classifier, Gradient Boost Classifier, AdaBoost Classifier, CatBoost Classifier, and Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier are shown in the figures 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13, respectively.

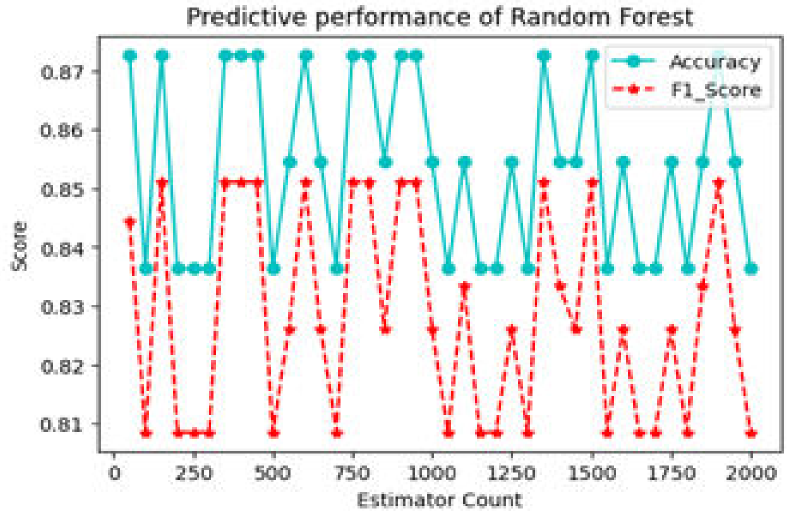

Figure 8: Detailed Analysis of Random Forest Classifier

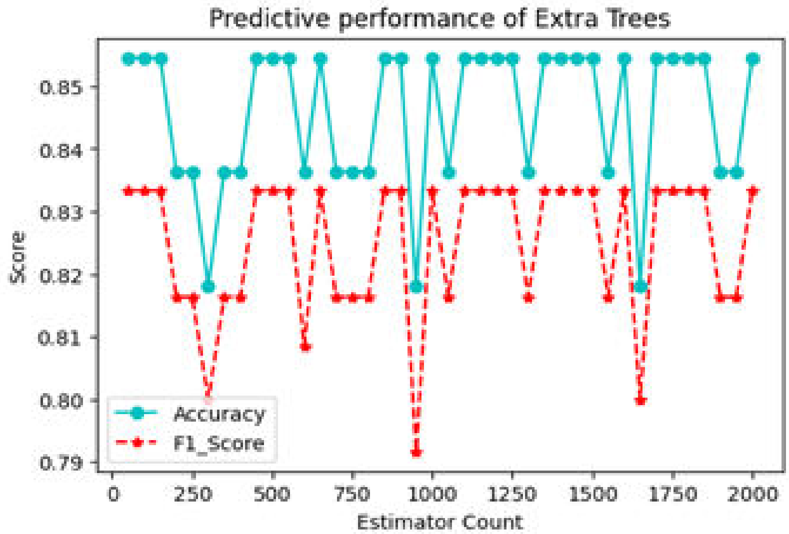

Figure 9: Detailed Analysis of Extra Trees Classifier

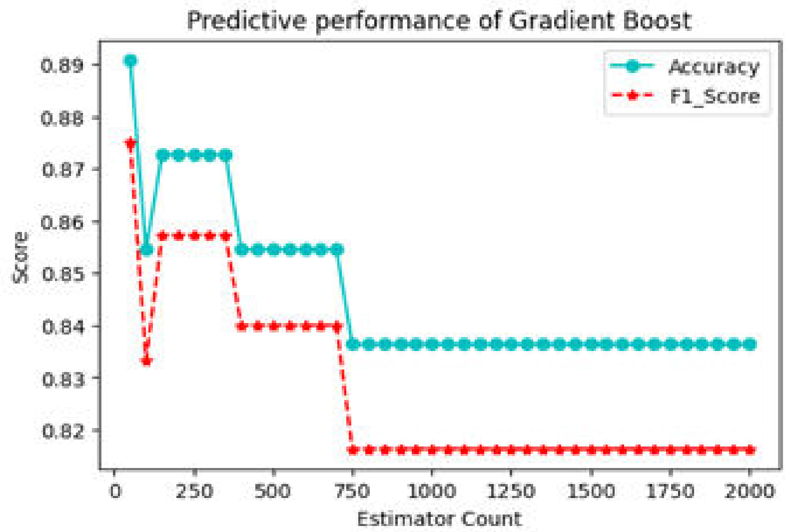

Figure 10: Detailed Analysis of Gradient Boost

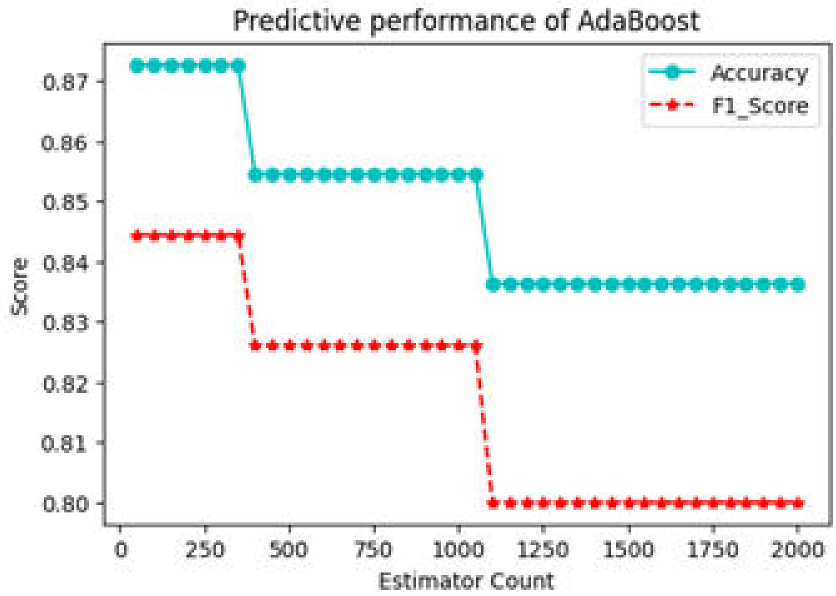

Figure 11: Detailed Analysis of AdaBoost

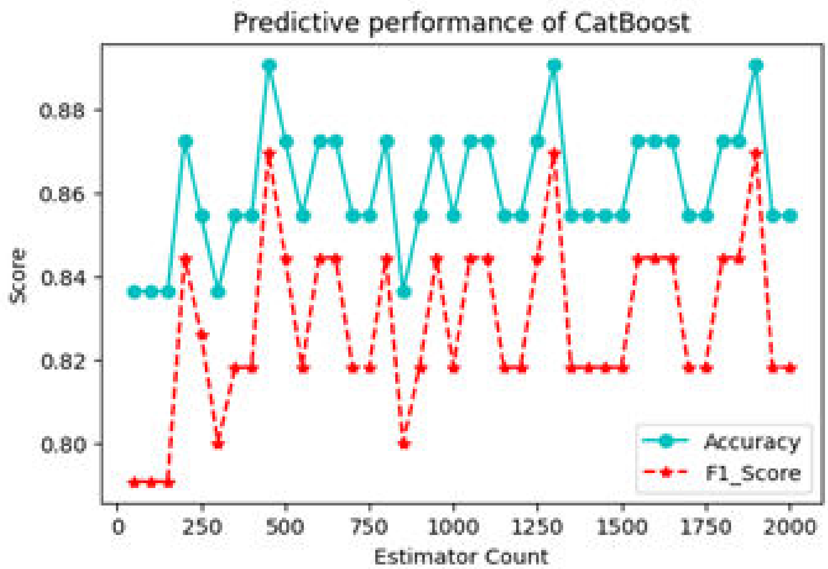

Figure 12: Detailed Analysis of CatBoost

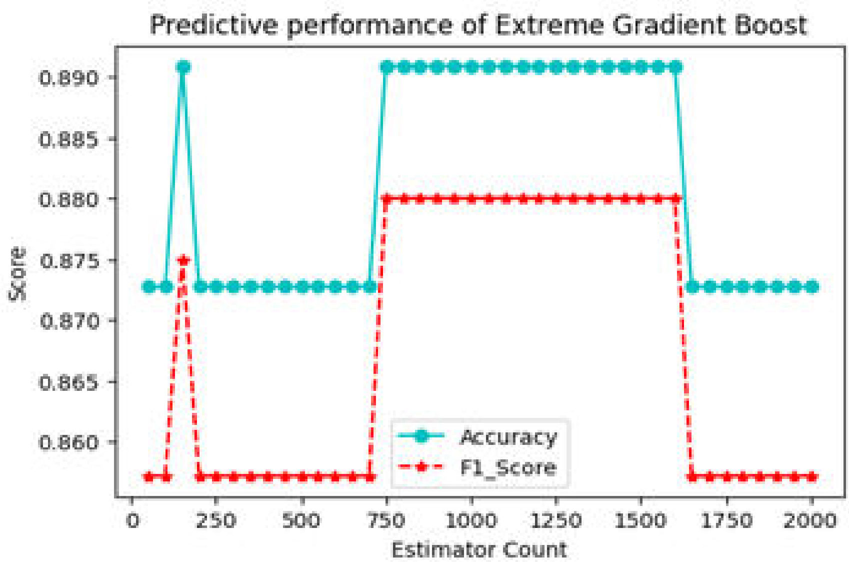

Figure 13: Detailed Analysis of Extreme Gradient Boost

The performance of the models is summarized in Table 1. For each model, the estimator count that yielded the best results for performance metrics (accuracy and the F1-score) is shown. It can be seen from Table 1, that the Gradient Boost Classifier, CatBoost Classifier, and Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier achieved the highest accuracy, 89.09%. However, a slightly different estimator count was used by each of these models. The highest F1-score, 88%, was achieved by the Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier. The Extra Trees Classifier recorded the lowest accuracy at 85.4% and the lowest F1-score at 83.3%. In contrast, the Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier achieved the highest F1-score of 88%. Since, the Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier achieved the highest F1-score while also exhibiting high accuracy, identified as the best-performing model.

Table 1: Summarization of prediction performance using models used for comparison

Models	Estimator Count	Accuracy (%)	F1-score (%)
Random Forest Classifier	50	87.2	85.1
Extra Trees Classifier	150	85.4	83.3
Gradient Boost Classifier	50	89.09	87.5
AdaBoost Classifier	200	87.2	84.4
CatBoost Classifier	500	89.09	86.9
Extreme Gradient Boost Classifier	750	**89.09**	**88**

6. CONCLUSION

In this article, the effectiveness of machine learning in addressing the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) prediction problem has been demonstrated. Missing values in the dataset were handled using imputation techniques to ensure data completeness for model training. A comparative analysis of various ensemble-based models was conducted, with optimal performance achieved through careful tuning of the estimator count. The results indicate that several models attained high accuracy and F1-scores. Specifically, the highest accuracy was observed in the Gradient Boost, CatBoost, and Extreme Gradient Boost models, while the highest F1-score was achieved by the Extreme Gradient Boost model. Ultimately, considering the balance between high accuracy and the highest F1-score, the Extreme Gradient Boost model was identified as the best-performing model for MS prediction. For future work, larger and more diverse datasets should be used. The inclusion of a greater variety of patient cases and demographics can improve the model's ability to generalize to a broader population and reduce potential biases. Additionally, the application of advanced feature engineering techniques can uncover complex relationships within the data and lead to the development of a more accurate predictive model for MS diagnosis.

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OCCUPATIONAL CHANGES AMONG BHALAVALIKAR GAUDA SARASWATH BRAHMIN COMMUNITY A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY IN DAKSHINA KANNADA DISTRICT

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ABSTRACT
Occupation is one of the most important factors that determine the social change in any society. It not only indicates the economic position of a person but also represents the social status of an individual. The impact of occupation is observed on all the communities. Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community is one of the communities of Dakshina Kannada District. Occupation of the Bhalavalikar community is generally classified into traditional occupations and non-traditional or modem occupations. Occupational change from traditionally adopted occupations to new modern occupations is an increasing trend in the new generation of all the communities. The present paper aims at elaborating the occupational changes found among the Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community. The paper includes the study of the traditional occupations of Bhalavalikars, their present occupations, reasons for continuing traditional occupation, and reasons for adopting modern occupations. The present study is based on field survey carried out in four Taluks of Dakshina Kannada district, namely Sullia, Puttur, Bantwala and Belthangady. The study is both qualitative as well as quantitative in nature. By adopting non-probability purposive sampling method 200 respondents were chosen for the present study.

Key words: *Occupation, Occupational change, Social change, Bhalavalikar community.*

INRODUCTION
Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswat Brahmin community is a part of the Saraswat Brahmin community, who were believed to have resided on the banks of the Saraswati River in north western India. They migrated to Goa through sea routes in search of green pastures in around 700 BCE from the banks of the Saraswati. They took up farming and trading business in Goa. But when the Portuguese conquered Goa in 1510, it was believed that Saraswath Brahmins experienced tremendous hardships as a result of religious persecution. To escape persecution, Saraswath Brahmins migrated from Goa to Southern Maharashtra in the North, Dakshina Kannada District of Karnataka and Kerala in the South (Pai, 2007).

The present paper discusses the changing occupational structure among Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community from traditional to modern occupation. Occupation is defined as the activities of the members of a society to earn their livelihood (Desai, 1971). Occupational change refers to change in the activities of the members of a society to earn their livelihood. This change can be observed by the increase or decrease in the distribution of these occupations in the community. These changes generally examine the changes from the traditional occupation to modern occupation.

LITERATURE REVIEW
Chadha and Sahu (2004), in their research analysed recent trends in agricultural occupation in rural India with the help of agricultural as well as non-agricultural workers separately for male and female rural workers.

Hiramani (1977) in his study made an attempt to explain the occupational changes of various generations of different castes and two major religious groups, namely; Buddhists and Muslims. In the survey of two villages in Maharashtra, he analysed the nature of population engaged in their traditional non-traditional occupations as the major source of livelihood.

Gupta (1978) in his study explained the occupational changes of some castes in Ponnampet, a Coorg village. The study made a comparisons between the occupations of three generations of 12 caste groups. He analysed by taking up various occupations and business, how people have changed their mode of livelihood .The study indicates that there has been a complete change from the traditional occupations to some other occupations.

Lazareva (2009) studied how occupational changes bring about changes on the health and health related behaviour. The results of the study show that forced occupational changes has a significant negative impact on individual health.

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Singelmann and Jienda (1984) in their work studied changes that found in the occupational structure between 1960 and 1980. They identified three components using a shift-share technique, namely; industry structure, Intra-industry occupational composition and an interaction. In their study they found that, there is evidence of continued occupational upgrading, though at a slower space, as a result of increasing importance of industry occupational re-composition in accounting for aggregate changes in the occupational structure.

OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

1. To know about the traditional occupation of Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin Community.
2. To find out the present occupations of Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community.
3. To trace the occupational changes among the respondents of the community.
4. To know the factors responsible for occupational changes.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

SELECTION OF THE STUDY AREA

The present study is about Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community of Dakshina Kannada. Since the majority of Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmins are found in four taluks of Dakshina Kannada District, namely Sullia, Puttur, Bantwala and Belthangady, the study is conducted in these four taluks of Dakshina Kannada district of coastal Karnataka.

UNIVERSE OF THE STUDY

The study is conducted in Dakshina Kannada district of Karnataka state. In India there is no caste based census and the population of Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswat Brahmins in Dakshina Kannada District is merged with Rajapura Gauda Saraswat Brahmins. Therefore 200 respondents were selected from four Taluks of the District.

SAMPLE OF THE STUDY

The present study is confined to four taluks of Dakshina Kannada district. A non- probability purposive sampling method is adopted for selecting the sample. The population of Bhalavalikars is more in Sullia, Puttur, Belthangady and Bantwala taluks when comparing to other taluks of Dakshina Kannada district. The following table shows the distribution of sample size of various taluks under study. A proportionate number of respondents have been selected from each Taluk based on its population.

The following table shows the sample selected from four taluks under study.

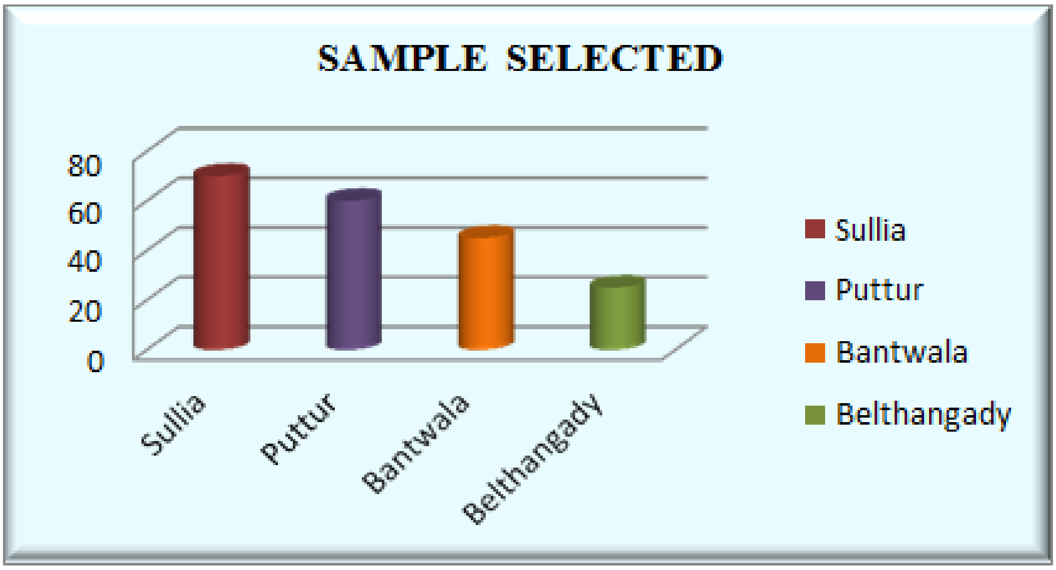
Table No 1.1 Sample Size

Sl No	Name of the Taluks selected for the study	Sample Selected	Percentage
1	Sullia	70	35
2	Puttur	60	30
3	Bantwala	45	22.5
4	Belthangady	25	12.5
	Total	200	100

Table 1.1 shows the distribution of sample size of the respondents from four Taluks of the district. Out of 200 respondents 70 (35%) respondents are selected from the Sullia taluk, 60 (30%) from the Puttur taluk, 45 (22.5%) from the Bantwala taluk, and 25 (12.5%) from the Belthangady Taluk.

The graphical representation of the above table is given below.

Graph No 1.1



Source: Field Survey 2024

TOOLS AND TECHNIQUES OF THE STUDY

The study includes both primary and secondary data. The primary data from four taluks of Dakshina Kannada district is collected using detailed interview schedule. The interview schedule contained close-ended as well as open-ended questions. The data regarding the occupational changes was gathered from the head of the household. Secondary data is collected from various community magazines, journals, books, articles and reports.

DISCUSSION

For the sociological study of any community, collecting information about its occupational structure is very much essential. In order to understand the occupational status and standard of life of the Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community, in the present study different variables like their traditional and present occupation, reasons for continuing their traditional occupation, reasons for acquiring modern occupations, etc. are analysed.

Occupation of a person indicates his economic position and his status in the society. The social and economic life of people is largely determined by the nature and type of their occupation. Occupation of the Bhalavalikar community is generally classified into traditional occupations and non-traditional or modem occupations. Even though occupational changes have taken place among the Bhalavalikars, even today some of them depend on their traditional occupations for their livelihood. In the present study**,** the traditional as well as present occupations have been analysed.

TRADITIONAL OCCUPATION

Traditional occupation refers to that occupation which was adopted by the ancestors of the respondent. The study of historical background of the Bhalavalikar community reveals that their traditional occupation was agriculture. Although agriculture was the traditional

occupation of the community, many had moved into other walks of life such as business, government and private sector jobs, trade and commerce, priesthood etc.

The following table shows the structure of traditional occupations of the Bhalavalikars.

Table No 1.2 Traditional Occupation

Sl No	Traditional Occupation	Respondents	Percentage
1	Agriculture	157	78.5
2	Business	16	8.0
3	Priest	09	4.5
4	Other Occupations	18	9.0
	Total	**200**	**100**

Source: Field Survey 2024

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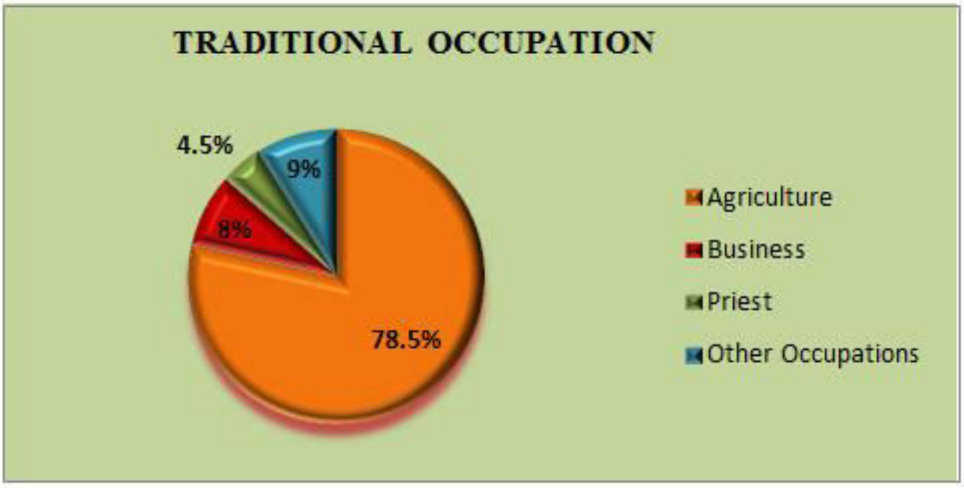

Graph No 1.2

Source: Field Survey 2024

The above Graph shows that the traditional occupation of 78.5 percentages of respondents was agriculture. Out of 200 respondents, 8 percentage of respondents depended on business, 4.5 percentages of respondents depended on priesthood and 9.0 percentage of the respondents depended on other occupations. Thus it can be said that Bhalavalikar community had an agricultural economy.

PRESENT OCCUPATION

The present occupation refers to that occupation which is currently adopted by the respondents. The current occupational structure of the community is different from its historical occupational structure. The traditional occupational structure still exists along with the new modem occupational structure.

Table No 1.3 shows the various occupations of the community.

Table 1.3 Present Occupations

Sl No	Occupation	Respondents	Percentage
1	Agriculture	101	50 .5
2	Business	22	11
3	Priest	06	03
4	Government Job	11	5.5
5	Professional	12	6.0
8	Private Job	31	15.5
9	Panchayath members and President	08	4.0
10	Coolie	03	1.5
11	Pensioner	06	3.0
	Total	200	100

Source: Field Survey 2024

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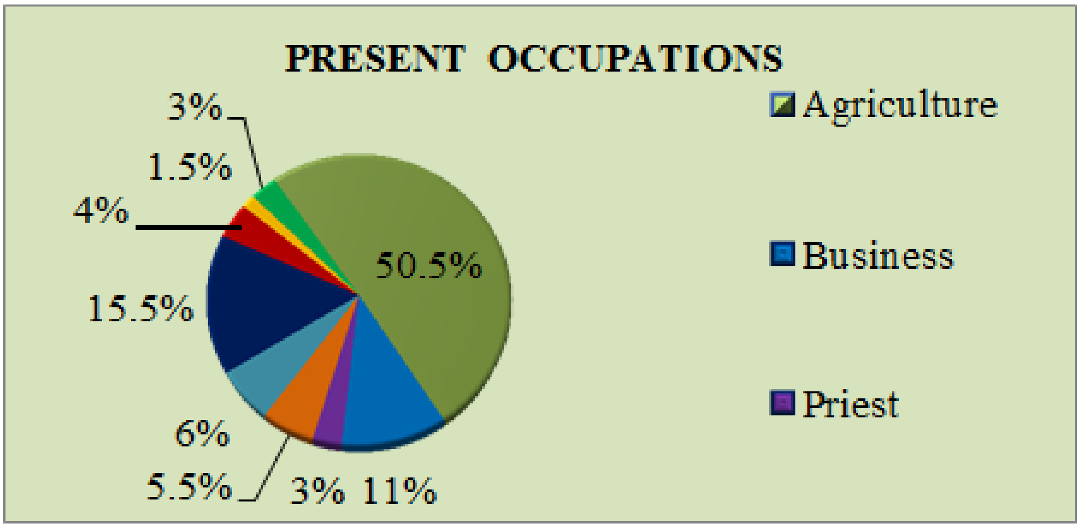


Graph No 1.3

Source: Field Survey 2024

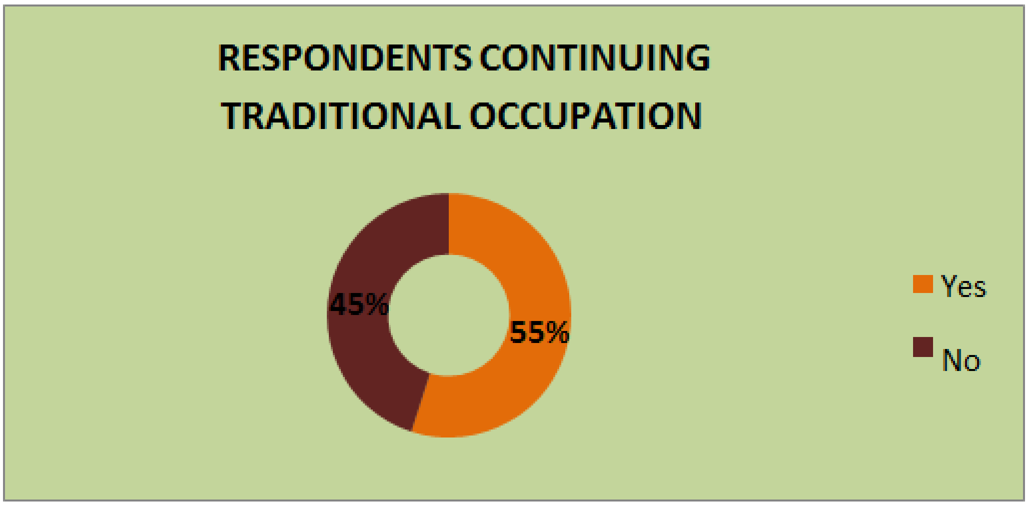
The graph 1.3 gives a detail of the distribution of present occupations of the respondents of the community under study. The above graph shows that even today the occupation of the majority of the respondents is agriculture. It constitutes around 50.5 per cent. The figure reveals that 15.5 per cent of the respondents are working in a private sector. Further, out of 200 respondents, 6 per cent are professionals. 5.5 per cent of them are serving in government sector and 4 per cent of them serving in political sector. 3 per cent of the respondents are getting pension and 3 per cent are priests and around 1.5 per cent of them are working as labourers on daily wages. From the study it is clear that even though majority of the respondents in the community are cultivators, they are also working in different categories of job.

Table No 1.4 Opinion regarding Respondents continuation of Traditional Occupation

Sl No	Particulars	Respondents continuing traditional occupation	Percentage
1	Yes	110	55
2	No	90	45
	Total	**200**	**100**

Source: Field Survey 2024

Graph No 1.4 showing the opinions regarding continuation of the traditional occupation by the respondents.



Graph No 1.4

Source: Field Survey 2024

From the graph No 1.4 it is clear that around 110 (55%) respondents of the community are interested in continuing their traditional occupations whereas, 90 (45%) respondents are indifferent towards continuing their traditional occupation.

Table No 1.5 Respondents Continuing Traditional Occupation

Sl No	Traditional Occupation	Respondents	Percentage
1	Agriculture	101	50.5
2	Priest	05	2.5
3	Business	04	2.0
4	Not continuing traditional occupation	90	45
	Total	**200**	**100**

Source: Field Survey 2024

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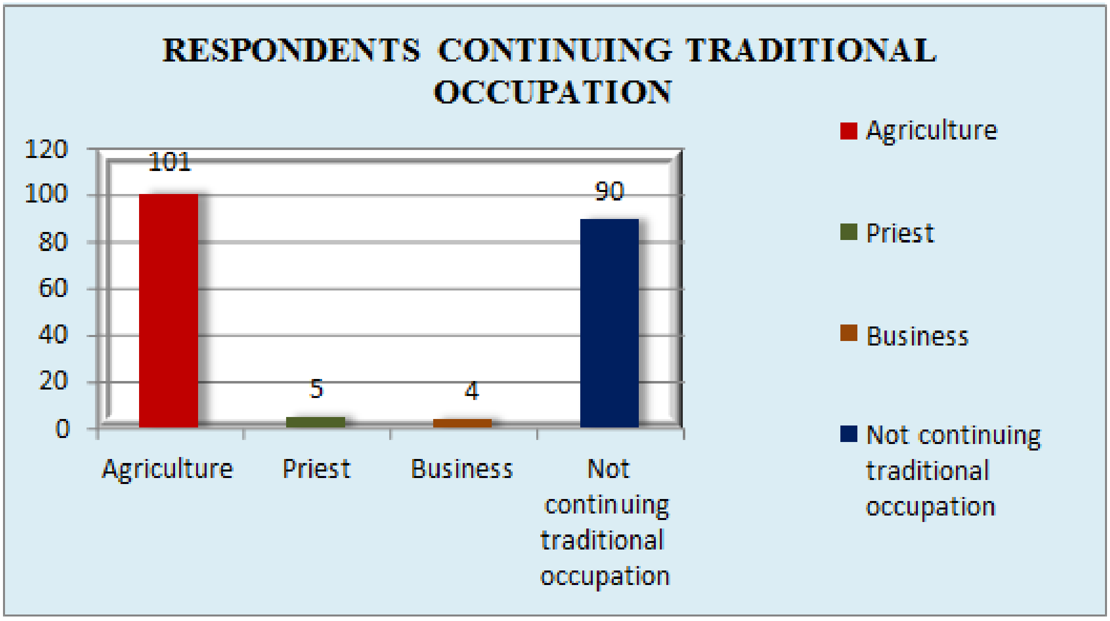


Graph No 1.5

Source: Field Survey 2024

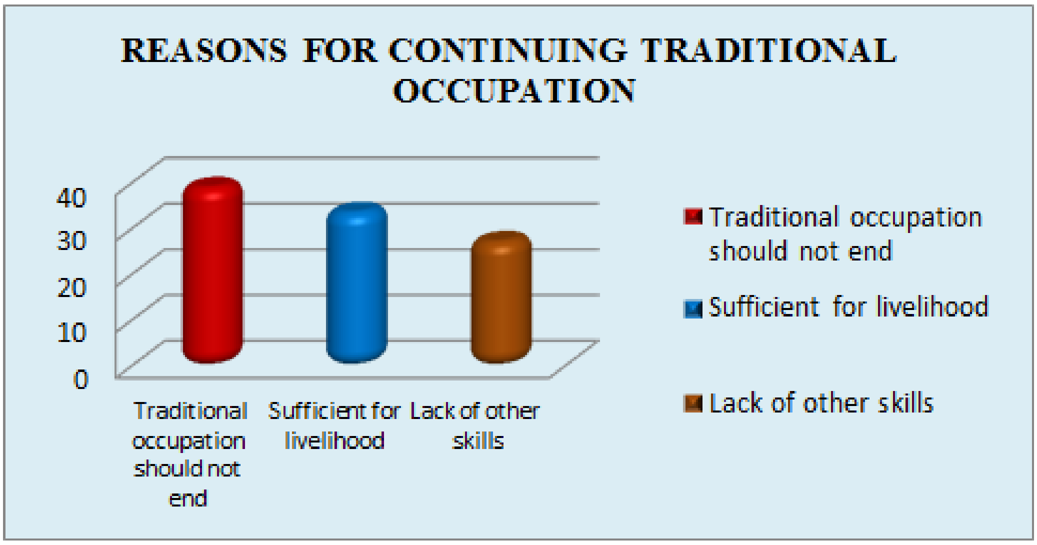
The above graph indicates that out of 200 respondents surveyed 101 respondents are continuing their traditional occupation. The study shows that agriculture was the traditional occupation of 157 (78.5%) respondents which has decreased to 101 (50.5%) at present. 5 (2.5%) respondents opined that they are continuing their traditional occupation as priests. The data shows that only 4 respondents (2.0%) continuing their traditional business. The study reveals that 90 respondents (45%) have discontinued their traditional occupation.

Table No 1.6 Reasons for Continuing Traditional Occupation

Sl No	Reasons for continuing traditional occupation	Respondents	Percentage
1	Traditional occupation should not end	43	39.09
2	Sufficient for livelihood	37	33.64
3	Lack of other skills	30	27.27
	Total	110	100

Source: Field Survey 2024

Graphical representation of the above table is given below.



Graph No 1.6

Source: Field Survey 2024

The above graph indicates that 39.09 per cent of the respondents depend on traditional occupation since they consider that the traditional occupation should not end whereas 33.64 per cent of the respondents depend on traditional occupation since they think that it is sufficient for their livelihood. 27.27 per cent of the respondents continue their traditional occupation due to lack of other skills to adopt modern occupation.

CAUSES OF OCCUPATIONAL CHANGE

To identify the major causes for occupational change in the people of the Bhalavalikar community, information has been collected from structured interview schedule consisting of multiple choice questions.

Table No 1.7 Reasons for Occupational Changes

Sl No	Reasons for occupational changes	Respondents	Percentage
1	Low income	53	58.89
2	Lack of agricultural labourers	11	12.22
3	Education and modernisation	26	28.89
	Total	90	100

Source: Field Survey 2024

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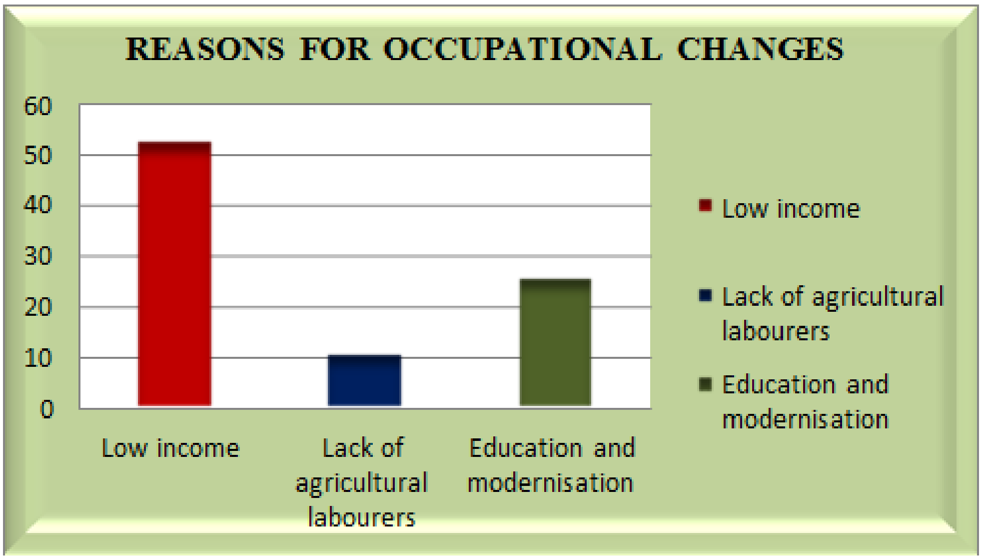

Graph No 1.7

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The above graph shows that 58.89 per cent of the respondents changed their occupation due to low income from the traditional occupation. 12.22 per cent of the respondents adopted modern occupation since they is lack of agricultural labourers. Further, 28.89 per cent of the respondents gave up their traditional occupation due education and modernisation.

FINDINGS

1. The study reveals that out of 200 respondents 110 respondents continued their traditional occupation.
2. The field study shows that out of 200 respondents 90 respondents have adopted modern occupation. It indicates that 45 per cent of the respondents have abandoned their traditional occupation.
3. The data indicates that respect for ancestral occupation, lack of other skills to adopt modern occupations and earning sufficient income from traditional occupation are the major reasons for continuing traditional occupation.
4. The field survey reveals that low income, lack of agricultural labourers, educational advancement and modernisation are the factors responsible for the occupational changes of the respondents of the community.

CONCLUSION

Occupation is defined as the activities of the people of a society which helps to earn their livelihood. Occupational change refers to change in such activities. Changes have been observed in the involvement in a particular occupation by the respondents in the past and at present. There is an increasing tendency of leaving ancestral occupation and shifting to a modern occupation in the new generation of Bhalavalikar community in Dakshina Kannada district. The result depicted that around 45 percent of the respondents of Bhalavalikar community have changed their traditional occupations and shifted to modern occupations. Low income, lack of agricultural labourers, education and modernisation are the factors for a change in the past occupations. Thus, the study gives a clear picture regarding the occupational changes found among the Bhalavalikar Gauda Saraswath Brahmin community.

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THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN ADVANCING MENTAL HEALTH CARE

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ABSTRACT
Millions across the world face mental health problems that create substantial difficulties for healthcare organizations. Depression together with anxiety and schizophrenia has both personal and financial costs for patients. This paper explores how Artificial Intelligence technologies particularly Machine Learning and Natural Language Processing implement their applications to diagnose and treat patients while performing monitoring tasks. The implementation of advanced algorithms by Artificial Intelligence enhances accurate diagnosis and leads to personalized treatment plans and enables real-time communication with patients. AI healthcare applications lead to cost reduction in healthcare alongside better therapeutic outcomes with previous mental health diagnosis opportunities. However, ethical issues of data privacy, as well as algorithmic bias still matter. Additional research should focus on making AI mental health technologies work optimally in practice and on employing these technologies uniformly across all groups.

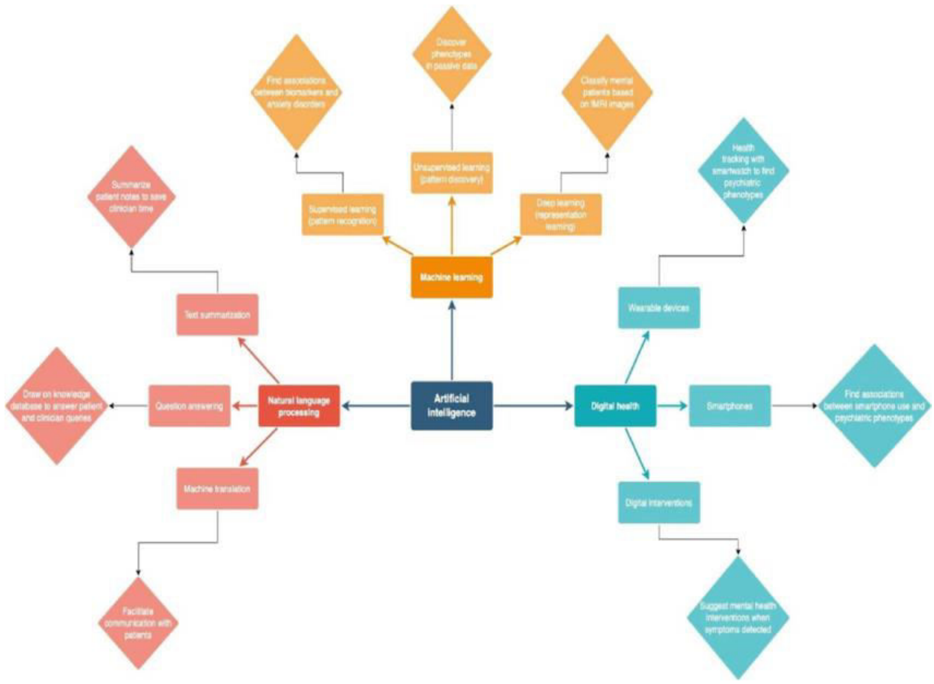
Keywords – *mental health, artificial intelligence, machine learning, natural language processing, diagnosis, ethical issues*

I. INTRODUCTION

The general population develops mental health illnesses all over the world when a quarter of all people receive such diagnoses during their lifetime. The World Health Organization numbers show that active mental health problems contribute to 13% of worldwide disease burden statistics. The global population consisting of more than 970 million people faces bipolar disorder and depression and anxiety disorders and schizophrenia. Mental health issues will cost the worldwide economy $6 trillion during the upcoming decade of 2030. The entire economic burden stems from direct healthcare costs together with productivity losses and worker absence expenses and decreased work capabilities. When people abstain from mental health care they expose society to three major problems which include becoming homeless and engaging in crimes and splitting away from their family structure.

AI covers numerous technological solutions through which robots achieve human-like cognitive operations by learning patterns alongside making decisions and understanding natural languages. AI transforms healthcare through its ability to enhance diagnosis procedures as well as treatment planning and patient observations and medical office operational management. Machine learning algorithms analyze extensive datasets for pattern recognition that generates result predictions alongside natural language processors evaluating medical documents and healthcare verbal exchanges.

II. AI BEING USED IN MENTAL HEALTH CARE



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The Machine Learning section within this flowchart presents methods that AI employs to enhance mental health treatment through data-based analytical frameworks. A development of supervised learning algorithms through pattern recognition leads to biomarker-anxiety disorder relationships which enable early diagnoses of mental health problems. Supervised learning techniques analyze extensive datasets of patients to detect correlations between depression-anxiety disorders and heart rate variability and hormone levels together with genetic markers. OURNAL AIM-3 is used to find concealed patterns within enormous datasets so AI systems can recognize inactive data patterns. Supervised learning serves an essential role in creating new mental health disorders through the examination of patient activities together with daily routines alongside bodily signs. Deep learning (representation learning) technologies enhance diagnosis of mental health conditions by examining fMRI pictures together with neuroimaging information. Mental illness discrimination through deep learning algorithms depends on established brain patterns to determine medical diagnosis which produces assessment outcomes that are less subjective. Through machine learning technologies healthcare practitioners achieve fast condition diagnoses combined with patient-specific care plans which enhances psychiatric medical choices.

The NLP section demonstrates how AI processes human language through comprehension and production which leads to better mental health documentation and communication. The text summarizing procedure compresses extensive patient notes by keeping essential points which enables mental health practitioners to rapidly assess critical data without the need to manually analyze complete documents. The functionality and productivity of workflow processes improve through these systems which results in prompt patient care delivery. AI-powered question answer systems empower healthcare providers and patients to obtain instant correct information from their knowledge databases. The technologies help clinical decision-making through evidence-based response generation that reduces the need for medical literature research. Through its translation capabilities machine technology enables healthcare practitioners to connect with patients who speak different languages which results in more accessible mental healthcare services. It is crucial because global healthcare services need to reach diverse patient populations that require mental health services. NLP applications in mental health help mental healthcare providers through sentiment analysis in treatment sessions and initial evaluations accessed through AI-powered chatbots along with automated documentation systems that create an improved patient-specific mental healthcare delivery model.

The Digital Health section in the diagram explores AI-driven intelligent technologies that modify mental health tracking procedures as well as intervention approaches and prevention measures. Wearable technology tools including smartwatches and biosensors enable constant health monitoring since they detect natural behavioral and physical indicators that indicate mental health conditions. Real-time monitoring through these devices offers detection capabilities for early signs of psychological stress through heart rate variability measurements and stress markers assessments besides sleep pattern tracking and activity level monitoring. Digital mental health depends significantly on smartphones because they examine user patterns to detect psychiatric symptoms. Studies have established that changes in screen usage combined with changes in social media activity along with reduced communication efforts actively signal depression symptoms or bipolar conditions and anxiety disorders. Mental health suggestions developed by AI-powered smartphone applications base their recommendations on monitored user data. AI-powered digital therapies give immediate therapeutic support to people dealing with mental health issues. The mental health treatments consist of AI-powered mood monitoring systems and cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) delivery through chatbots together with automated alerts for recommended mental health interventions. Digital health platforms that use AI technology function to close distance between patients and their mental health providers through timely healthcare services that advance complete mental wellness.

III.LITERATURE REVIEW

Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been increasingly utilized in mental health care to enhance diagnostic accuracy, monitoring capabilities, therapeutic interventions, and overall treatment efficiency. The integration of AI technologies—such as Machine Learning (ML), Natural Language Processing (NLP), and generative models—has introduced novel avenues for early detection, personalized care, and scalable mental health services.

Dehbozorgi et al. [1] emphasized the potential of AI in transforming mental health diagnosis and treatment by improving precision and tailoring interventions through ML, though they also highlight challenges in data privacy and ethical compliance. Similarly, Cruz-Gonzalez et al. [2] reviewed applications ranging from AI-powered chatbots to facial and speech pattern analysis, suggesting these innovations significantly aid early detection of depression and anxiety, while reinforcing the necessity for ethical oversight.

Large Language Models (LLMs) have emerged as powerful tools in mental health support. Guo et al. [3] and Hua et al. [4] illustrated their effectiveness in detecting nuanced language cues and enhancing patient

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engagement, though both studies called for rigorous validation and ethical regulation. Vahedifard et al. [5] examined ChatGPT's utility in therapy and psychoeducation, suggesting its value lies in supplementary support rather than replacing clinicians.

Hoose and Králiková [6] addressed the management implications of AI tools in psychiatry, focusing on policy and ethical issues including algorithmic bias and data misuse. Omarov et al. [7] conducted a systematic review of AI-enabled chatbots, advocating for more clinical trials and ethical research to inform widespread adoption.

Jin et al. [8] discussed the potential of computational psychiatry using AI to quantify mental health conditions, stressing the need for robust ethical standards. Tornero-Costa et al. [9] pointed out methodological flaws in current AI research, urging for standardized, quality-focused frameworks to avoid overestimating AI's capabilities.

Kolding et al. [10] explored generative AI's growing role in diagnostics and psychotherapy, offering insights into its potential to augment traditional mental health care. Fitzpatrick et al. [11] demonstrated the effectiveness of Woebot, an AI-driven CBT chatbot, in improving symptoms of depression and anxiety among college students.

Other reviews further emphasized varied applications of AI. Hassan et al. [12] surveyed NLP use in detecting psychological states from text data. Luxton [13] provided an overview of AI's expanding role in clinical settings, while Inkster et al. [14] analyzed ethical tensions between AI development and human-centric care.

Morris et al. [15] underscored the importance of data-driven interventions for youth mental health using digital technologies. Blease et al. [16] reviewed clinician perspectives, revealing cautious optimism about AI-assisted care. Miner et al. [17] highlighted potential gender and racial biases in AI systems used for diagnosis.

Abi-Habib et al. [18] discussed wearable devices integrated with AI for continuous mood monitoring. Shatte et al. [19] emphasized predictive analytics in mental health risk assessments. Lastly, Koutsouleris et al. [20] provided a critical evaluation of AI’s capability to predict psychosis onset, showcasing the depth of ongoing research in psychiatric AI.

These studies collectively underscore AI’s transformative potential in mental healthcare. However, concerns around data ethics, clinical reliability, and regulatory governance remain central to future developments. Ensuring interdisciplinary collaboration and adherence to ethical frameworks is crucial for safe, equitable integration of AI technologies into clinical practice.

IV. ANALYSIS

The international burden of mental health disorder highlights substantial public health issues with almost a third of the population worldwide affected. These conditions account for a large proportion of the global disease burden, underlining their widespread impact on societies stated the World Health Organization. Conditions such as bipolar, depression, anxiety disorders, and schizophrenia together account for over 970 million; the projected economic burden is set to jump above $6 trillion by 2030. die direct costs of healthcare, the costs to productivity when people miss work, the costs of absenteeism and the costs in terms of weakened workforce capacity, pointing out the costs that are a result of untreated mental health problems. Untreated individuals confront greater dangers of becoming homeless, engaging in illegal behaviour, and losing contact with their families, worsening social problems and emphasizing the need for effective mental health services now.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) brings revolutionary technological solutions to fruition that can replicate human intellect by pattern recognition, decision problems and natural language processing. In healthcare, AI changes the way diagnosis is done, how treatments are planned for and executed, patient monitoring is carried out, and the operation of entire medical environments is managed. Machine learning methods use large data sets to spot trends and forecast outcomes, improving the accuracy of medical diagnosis. Natural language processing can analyze the medical record and make healthcare communication easier in healthcare, boost clinical workflow, and enhance patient outcome. AI in healthcare to revolutionize health care, better accessibility health care access.

The Machine Learning (ML) portion in mental health discusses the importance of AI in the minimization of therapy strategies through complex data centred analytical tools. The use of supervised learning algorithms, by employing pattern recognition methodologies, enables the discovery of biomarker-anxiety disorder connections, implying personal early mental health condition detection. These algorithms mine big patient datasets to uncover the connections between depression-anxiety disorders and physical disorders such as heart rate variance, hormone balance and genetic markers. OURNAL AIM-3, a tool for pattern exploration in massive data sets, helps computerized systems obtain explicit data patterns important for enhanced diagnostic precision.

The capacity to understand patient behaviors, daily routines as well as physiological signals of supervised learning for the illumination of contrary new insights of the psychological illnesses. Furthermore, deep learning software, most notably deep neural networks, improve diagnostic abilities in analysis of functional MRI (fMRI) images and other neuroimaging studies. By leveraging known brain patterns, deep learning techniques aid in more accurate medical assessments making progress over personalised therapeutic treatment decisions and with diagnostics capabilities in real time.

The Natural Language Processing (NLP) segment showcases AI's ability to analyze human language, changing the way mental health records and communication is created. NLP methods accelerate the extraction and polishing of applicable content as a summing-up from much patient-handling from a medical standpoint that quickly offers key information for a medical part-time to get into an altogether while-taking document easily. This efficiency boosts productivity of work flow workflows, making it for speedy and well-informed patient care. Even more significantly, AI-enabled QA systems make accessible abreast well-behaved information from enormous databases through immediate order of healthcare providers and patients thereby supporting evidence-based interval decision making and reducing giant literature searchers. NLP capabilities for translation enables clear communication between health care providers and culturally diverse patient groups, making access to mental health care more accessible around the world. Domestically, NLP enhances treatment sessions with every application in mental health through the grounded insight from sentiment analysis, AI-powered based chatbots conducted the first evaluation. Automatic documentation systems also improve patient specific, mental, healthcare full service models of care, and improves total treatment effectiveness and patient results.

This section, Digital Health under the framework investigates AI-based technologies redefining mental health monitoring, intervention, and preventive actions. Wearable gadgets like smartwatches and biosensors operate as important tools for repeatedly tracking behavioral and physiological signs connected to mental illness. Inreal time data collection from these devices allows to measure stress with high accuracy through giving available heart rate variability, stress levels, sleep quality, physical exercise levels, which in turn facilitates early detection of psychological stress. Smartphone-based digital health programs, monitoring user behavior including screen time and social media use, identifies those with early signs of psychiatric conditions to include depression, bipolar disorder, and anxiety disorder. Personalized mental health recommendations influenced by AI-powered monitoring of user data increase user engagement, and treatment adherence. AI-powered digital therapies provide real-time therapeutic interventions through mood tracking technology and cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) delivered through chatbots, plus also AI-generated alerts suggesting when mental health interventions are warranted. These digital health platforms connect patients and mental health providers, providing timely, comprehensive and holistic mental health care throughout a patient's care journey.

Throughout assessed papers, AI shows great chance of improving diagnostic accuracy using advanced data analysis and pattern recognition methods. This includes the study of speech patterns, facial emotions and physiological data for the early diagnosis and individualised treatment of mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression. In addition, wearable technologies combined with AI-driven devices allow for the ongoing monitoring of mental health markers in real-time. This capability enables proactive interventions and support for remote patient management, in turn generating better treatment results and patient adherence.

Large Language Models (LLMs) are instruments that employ complex patterns in language, list assistant diagnosis and apply therapeutic intervention by using AI-term chatbots. These models deliver scalable, accessible mental health support, filling gaps in care and enhancing mental health education.The role of ethics are core-part in the conversation, highlighting the need for robust data privacy protections, attention to algorithmic bias, and planned use of AI technologies into clinical practice.

Additionally, research on generative AI and conversational agents shows how these technologies enhance therapeutic dialogue and patient engagement. They represent promising means of providing individualized mental health interventions, however, issues with clinical effectiveness and user adoption need further investigation and development.

V. SUGGESTIONS

Artificial intelligence (AI) holds transformative potentialities for improving mental health care delivery, from diagnosis, to therapy. Drawing upon the literature review and current developments, several core recommendations emerge to get the most out of AI in this essential field:

Investment in AI-Enabled Diagnostic Tools:

Highlight investment in AI-driven diagnostic tools using machine learning algorithms to interpret a wide range of data inputs such as speech patterns, facial expressions, physiological data, and genomic information.

These tools should be able to detect early indicators of mental illness accurately and quickly so that interventions and treatment custom-made for each individual can be promptly put in place.

Integration of Wearable Technologies:
Supports the integration of wearable devices armed with AI-powered algorithms to enable ongoing surveillance of mental health signals. These wearables, including smartwatches and biosensors, measure physical body function by tracking, for example, heart rate variability, sleep or activity levels. Real-time data collection for proactive mental health care management, early identification of relapse and personalized feedback to users and health care operators.

Utilizing Large Language Models (LLMs) properly :
Foster the investigation and improvement of large language models (LLM) natural language processing (NLP) applications in mental health in – care. LLMs can optimize clinical documentation, automate data extraction from patient history, and power AI-integrated chatbots to carry out therapy sessions and deliver patient education. Efforts should be directed at increasing the accuracy, reliability and responsible use of LLMs in clinical situations.

Ethical Guidelines and Regulatory Frameworks:
Develop thorough ethical standards and statutes authored especially for people in AI applications. These guidelines might resolve issues such as data privacy, algorithmic bias, transparency within AI decision-making, and consent for the patients. Collaborative work among healthcare practitioners, technologists, developers, policymakers, and ethicists is necessary to ensure safe and responsible use of AI and safeguard patient's autonomy.

Integration with Traditional Mental Health Services:
Integrate AI-driven solution innovations with existing mental health services and enhance rather than replace human-led care. AI must work with current procedures, aid healthcare professionals in better decision-making, and boost the efficiency of service delivery. This integration needs education of healthcare practitioners in AI literacy plus interspectral competence.

Longitudinal Research and Evidence-Based Practices:
Fund longitudinal research project to look at long-term effectiveness, cost-effect of patients outcomes of AI mental health interventions. Evidence-based practice based on randomized clinical trials and real-world experiments will boost the credibility of intelligent technologies and mental health care practice, and guide the pragmatic implementation.

Patient-Centered Approach and User Acceptance:
Emphasize a person-centered approach to AI development, by active engagement of end-users (patients/caregivers) in design and evaluation. Make sure AI solutions are accessible, culturally aware, and relevant to the individual populations' needs. Interactively involve stakeholders via user input approaches to increase acceptance, usage and trust of AI supported mental health applications.

Education and Awareness Campaigns:
Implementing education and awareness campaigns on mental health literacy and order disseminating AI technologies among the public, general health information professionals, and policymakers. These projects should emphasize the possibility of AIs to optimize mental health outcomes, counter misconceptions and stimulate evidence-based decisions about applying AI in clinical practice.

VI. CONCLUSION
Mental health care is seeing a major breakthrough at the intersection of technology and healthcare with the emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) applications in healthcare. This research integrates numerous studies and evaluations, laying out the complex services of diagnosis, surveillance, and therapeutic interventions in numerous mental health disorders via the work of AI. The literature review touches on AI's potential to reengineer the system of care in mental health by counselling higher diagnostic accuracy in complicated machine algorithms capable of digesting various form of data which features speech patterns, physiological markers, genetic inclination and neuroimaging data. These advancements allow for the early identification of ailments, customized therapy approaches, and the long-term administration to mental health problems.

Wearable technologies paired with AI programs allow for ongoing tracking of vital signs, sleep and activity levels, providing real-time data about patients' health status and informing early intervention tactics. In addition, integration with big language models (LLMs) in NLP applications simplifies clinical documentation and automates data extraction from patient charts, and also helps facilitate AI-driven chatbots to provide individualized psychoeducation and therapy interventions. The ethical issues surrounding AI adoption in mental health makes the need for tight regulation of AI frameworks evident, data privacy, lack of bias in algorithms, and equity in decision- making of AI processes.

Central to the effective blend of AI in mental health care is its integration with existing treatment methods, here too proposing a co-operative approach of AI technologies and healthcare professionals to improve clinical outcomes while conserving patient centred care. Longitudinal research is key to establishing the effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and long-term outcome of AI interventions across different kinds of healthcare settings, hence providing evidence for evidence-based practice and guiding approaches that leverage scale. Education and awareness programs are crucial in the effort to help stakeholders understand the power of education, build trust and make healthcare stakeholders and policy makers manage with accurate information.

This comprehensive synthesis emphasizes the profound transformational implications of AI in mental health care, with a corollary awareness that the imperative for thoughtful and ongoing implementation and refinement to best achieve clinical outcomes and preserve ethical advocates of health care practice is keenly understood.

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IMPACT OF CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR ON PURCHASE PROCESS OF FAST MOVING CONSUMER DURABLE (FMCD) PRODUCTS

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ABSTRACT
In this research article, authors made an basic study on consumers to find out the impact of the Consumer behavior on purchase decision-making of consumer long-lasting goods. This research study focused to explore the reviews of various literatures in depth on the effect of buying Strategy, and consumer demographics on purchase decision-making of long-lasting goods based on the consumer behavior. The marketer thus, attempt to meet essential product attributes and possible to serve best than the nearest competitor.

Key words*: *Consumer, buying behavior, consumer decision making.

1. INTRODUCTION
In marketing system, customers play a major role in firm's survival and success. Consumer is an end user who buys products and services for final consumption. A customer generally a person who buys products, on the other hand consumer uses products (Frain, John, 1999). Understanding consumer behavior is very crucial for the marketer. Consumer behavior is the practice used when individuals, groups, or organizations select, use, or dispose of the product, service, ideas or experience to fulfill their needs and requirements (Solomon, 2013). Organizations study consumer behavior to obtain information on how customers make decisions and choose their products. Organizations should understand consumer behavior and purchase decision making process in order to attain business success. The relationship between the consumer behavior and marketing strategy is stressed because successful marketing strategy is dependent on the managers' understanding on consumers' behavior (Furaji et al, 2012 and Haghshenas et al, 2013). The focus of the marketing department is to understand the needs and demands of the consumer and translate those needs into superior quality products. The consumers buying decision serves as an indication of how well the organizations' marketing suits the market demand. Therefore marketing starts and ends with consumers. Armstrong (2000) has emphasized the difficulties experienced in predicting consumer behavior in purchase decision making. Consumers are exposed to a diversity of durable products, which varies in price, quality, features, appearance and size (Gizaw, 2014). Given any decision-making context involving several products with multiple attributes (features), unaided decision-makers are shown to employ a decision strategy, which contains a series of steps executed by the decision maker to search through the number of alternatives to make a decision. One of the main distinctions among decision strategies is the extent to which they support making trade-offs among attributes. Decision makers following compensatory strategies make explicit trade-offs while Decision makers following non-compensatory strategies avoid making trade-offs (Payne, Batman, & Johson, 1993). Therefore, Understanding consumer buying decision Strategy and purchase process has been critical in purchasing of any products, and it is vital for marketers to grasp the Strategy that customers use in various stages of purchase decision making process. Hence present research work focused on analyzing the buying decision Strategy to discover the sequence of Strategy that consumer applies to choose an alternative during purchase decision making process of the consumer durable products.

2. CONSUMER GOODS
There are wide array of goods and services in consumer market. These goods are purchased by the end users for final consumption. The consumer goods include from a food stuff purchased frequently on daily basis to infrequently purchased durable goods. Therefore, the tangible consumer goods are broadly divided into two categories Non-durable and Durable goods.

Durable goods are the long-lasting goods that are able to last for a really long time without losing is primary functionality. They can be used repeatedly and their utility is not exhausted by single use; in fact, it yields utility over time. For example, products such as cars, furniture, appliances, consumer electronics etc., come under the category of durable products that do not wear out quickly and easily.

Nondurable goods or soft goods (consumables) are the opposite of durable goods. They may be defined either as goods that are immediately consumed in one use or ones that have a lifespan of less than three years. Examples of nondurable goods include fast-moving consumer goods such as cosmetics and cleaning products,

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food, condiments, fuel, beer, cigarettes and tobacco, medication, office supplies, packaging and containers, paper and paper products, clothing, and footwear. While durable goods can usually be rented as well as bought, nondurable goods generally are not rented

3. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM

The majority of the past researchers have made a study on the buying behavior and factors influencing buying decision making process were assessed. However, in most of the cases tools that have been using to make decisions were not assessed. Hence the present study focuses consumer buying decision process with more emphasis on what are the strategy that consumer apply to make decisions

4. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

Reddy and Shankaraiah (1980) study showed that the right quality of product to some person need not be same (ideal) to another, it means that brand loyalty towards a product or switching depends upon the consumer perception regarding a product features. Buyer behavior is not so easy to predict, buying behavior differs and is governed by environment in which he operate.

Jain et al. (2000) conducted a study considering 5 different professional category, chosen products symbolize dissimilar products groups in terms of both reliability and frequency of buying required. The outcome of this author research revealed that involvement level of the consumer differs with regard to products. Consumers of non durables products thinks that FMCD as more involving products.

M. Arutselvi, (2012) study conducted to know the effect of married women in family purchase decision making of durables specially air conditioner television, refrigerator, computer, car and washing machine. Study shows that demographic factors and family lifecycle stage have significant association with gender role orientation segments women play an active role in visiting showrooms for understanding the features of various brands of mentioned products as well as deciding the mode of payment.

Mir javeed iqbal (2018) conducted a study and it revealed that the main purpose of the study was to examine the buying behavior of the buyer on the basis of Education qualification, Gender and income. The Correlation analysis, mean score analysis and Simple percentage analysis has been used in this research. Research revealed that highly qualified and professional persons in Bhopal city are more likely to be involved in PDM than those who are less educated. Male consumers are considerably participating in buying of consumer durables than the female ones.

Hu Tao et. al., (2022) revealed that the consumer services companies based on new technologies should reduce their costs as much as possible and provide products or services efficiently. The company makes full use of the construction of new infrastructure such as Artificial Intelligence, Industrial Internet, and Internet of Things to power it, and makes innovations on this basis. In the future, the development direction of consumer services companies should be a deep and efficient combination of online and offline.

5. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

- ✓ To Analyze the Consumer buying process of durable Products.
- ✓ To identify the factors influencing for purchase decision.

6. RESEARCH DESIGN

Present study is predominantly descriptive in nature. The main data are gathered from considerable number of 100 **c**onsumers from Mysore, Kodagu, Hassan and Mangalore district**. I**t includes males and female respondents of various age categories. Secondary data is gathered from printed and recorded a resource that helps to answer questions about the study problem, such as research papers, textbooks, periodicals, journals, newspapers, office records or statistics, and the internet sources.

6.1. Sampling Design: Cluster and judgment sampling method adopted to gather the primary information from the respondents**.**

6.2. Tools and Techniques for Analysis: The statistical tools used for the purpose of this study are simple Percentages, SPSS.

7. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

This survey included 100 customers from Mysore, Kodagu, Hassan, and Mangalore districts using the cluster and judgment sampling method. The demographic characteristics of chosen consumers include age, gender, educational degree, occupation, income and social background. It is listed in the following table.

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Table No. 1 Demographic profile and Factors Influencing the Purchase Decision of Respondents

Particulars	Characteristics	Numbers	Percentage
Gender	Male	57	57%
	Female	43	43%
Age Group	Under 20	18	18%
	21-30	16	16%
	31-40	37	37%
	41-50	15	15%
	Above 51	14	14%
Occupation	Business	10	10%
	Employee	19	19%
	Professional	41	41%
	Housewife	22	22%
	Student	04	04%
	Agriculture	04	04%
Education Qualification	Less than High School	18	18%
	PUC	20	20%
	Bachelor Degree	20	20%
	Master Degree	19	19%
	Professional Degree	08	08%
	Others Specify	15	15%
Social Background	Rural	30	30%
	Urban	52	52%
	Semi-Urban	18	18%
Monthly Income	Under 20000	32	32%
	21000-30000	07	07%
	31000-40000	26	26%
	41000-50000	22	22%
	Above 51000	13	13%
Factors influencing while buying FMCD Products	Brand Name	60	60%
	Price	70	70%
	Offers/ Discounts	65	65%
	Product Quality	80	80%
	Design	45	45%
	Durability	85	85%
	Instruments/Schemes	40	40%
	Guarantee/Warranty Terms	65	65%
	After Sale Services	80	80%
	Exchange Value	35	35%
	Benefits	55	55%
	Others	30	30%

The above Table No.1 reveals that 57% are male respondents and 43% are female respondents.

Among the respondent's 57 % of them are male and 43 % of the respondents are female. 41 % of them are professionals. About 20 % of the respondents are PUC holders. 52 % are from urban area, nearly 30 % of them are from rural area and 18 % of the consumers are form semi-urban area. It has been revealed from the study that while buying durable products 85% respondents are **influenced** by the product durability and 80% by quality while buying durables. Further, it has been noted that out of total respondents 70% of the respondents consider price, 65% by offer/discounts and 60% of total respondents give priority for brand name while buying selected durables

8. FINDINGS

- Majority of the consumers (37%) are under the age of 31-40.
- The **Occupation** classification of the respondents indicates that 41% of the respondents belong to a professional group.

- The **Educational Qualification** of the respondents indicates that 47 % of the respondents belong to the category of degree, PG and professional level education.
- In the case of **Social Background**, the majority of the respondents are from urban background accounted for 52%,
- It is found that in case of I**ncome and Social Background** classification, 32% of the respondents are less than 20,000 per month income earning groups.
- It is found that in the process of alternatives selection of durable products, durability, quality, price, offer/discounts and brand name are considered as immensely **influencing factors.**

3. SUGGESTIONS

Based on the analysis and interpretation of data, the following suggestions are made in the present study;

- **Customer Education on attributes:** designing products with customer preferred attributes and educating customers on these attributes may help the marketers as well as customers. Therefore, present study recommends undertaking customer education through marketing communications.
- **Consumer decision Support system:** The analysis of the data shows that there is a need of technological advancement to improve product visibility to enhance shopping experience, customers search convenience, product analysis, speed-up delivery experience, to answer every customer’s concern in time, to manage returns and mainly to make consumer to purchase the product without any bias.
- **Market Segmentation strategy**: The findings of the study reveal that buying decisions vary across the **Demographic Variables** of the respondents. Hence, firms may employ product based segmentation across the demographics and flexi marketing offers around the segments

4. CONCLUSION

The primary objective of the study is to determine the relationship between consumers’ buying process and decision strategy on selected durable products. The study discovered that a consumer unlike consumers buying role, decision strategy makes higher impact on purchase decision making. The present study gives better insights in to the consumer decision making process by analyzing, how a typical buyer compensate and compromise with the products attributes while selecting and buying a durable product. Since business firms have implications for product design, messaging, and promotional budget allocation, customer decision variables can also be properly incorporated. The present study demonstrates that consumer employ multiple decision strategy when numerous alternative branded products are made available to consumers and make the final purchase decisions

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AI, TOOL OR WEAPON: A STUDY ON ETHICS IN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

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ABSTRACT
Artificial intelligence is a vast subject for research purposes with new features as time progresses. AI is an excellent tool to improve livelihoods while also being a destructive weapon, deeming to be hurtful towards individuals and various groups of people. We question the ethical challenges that accompany the rapid advancements in AI. This paper provides a comprehensive overview of AI's applications across various domains, including automation, healthcare, education and agriculture, demonstrating its capacity to transform and optimize human endeavours. At the same time, it highlights the negative aspects of AI, detailing how AI is misused in cybercrime, disinformation, data exploitation, and bias perpetuation which poses significant ethical risks. The study analyses key literature and expert perspectives on AI ethics, underlining necessity of ethical principles such as transparency, accountability and fairness in AI development and governance. A conceptual framework is proposed to promote vigilance and responsible use, integrating technical safeguards, policy oversight, and public awareness. Lastly, the paper concludes by emphasizing the urgent need for continuous ethical vigilance to ensure that the utilization of AI is beneficial to mankind and do not come at the expense of human values and societal fairness.

Keywords: *AI, Cybercrime, Disinformation, Data exploitation, Bias perpetuation, Responsible AI deployment*

1. INTRODUCTION
In the current state of the modern world where most fields have been overtaken by a form of technology, physical or virtual, to aid the human in the processes for the resolution of such jobs in these fields. Among these such technologies, a very prominent technology that is at a rapid pace of development is Artificial intelligence (AI). It is a well known fact that AI is a tool that has been incorporated in various jobs and is an excellent tool to fulfil various errands if used correctly. In the virtual world, specific individuals possess the knowledge of how to weaponize such tools and exploit the vulnerable. With the power of Artificial Intelligence people have managed to find various loopholes in this system.

It is common knowledge that, when used properly, artificial intelligence (AI) is a very powerful tool that can greatly increase productivity and quality of results. However, the abuse and ethical implications of such powerful technology are a growing concern in addition to its advantages. In the virtual world, there are people and organizations with the technical know-how to manipulate AI systems for all the wrong reasons, such as data exploitation, disinformation, deepfakes, bias perpetuation and cybercrime. These actors frequently find and take advantage of such loopholes in AI frameworks, exposing the weaknesses present in even the most advanced systems.

As AI continues to embed itself deeper into the fabric of society, concerns about transparency, accountability, fairness, and privacy become more pressing. The ethical dilemmas posed by AI are not just technical challenges; they are deeply philosophical and societal ones, demanding a careful examination of how AI is developed, deployed, and governed. The aim of this paper is to explore these ethical dimensions, investigating the risks, responsibilities, and regulatory frameworks required to ensure that AI serves humanity justly and equitably, rather than exacerbating existing inequalities or creating new threats.

1.1 Ai as a Tool
AI for all of its uses, can be an excellent helping hand in the current landscape where people expect more efficiency and effectiveness for their desired outcomes, many of which being the result of a tiring and tedious process that takes place over a long duration. To help with avoiding this, AI is the perfect tool that, despite its shortcomings, has helped thousands of people over multiple nations in their work. Here are some of the ways in which AI has embedded itself as a multipurpose tool in various fields:

1.1.1 Ai in Automation
As the world progresses further and further into development, a rising supply on demand on goods has increased as compared to the amount of manpower that is available. To aid with that, AI has been deployed to make work significantly easier. These AI models either follow a set of rules to complete a set of tasks as efficiently and effectively as possible or they learn and adapt to changing situations. Without a set of defined rules, the AI model can become fairly flexible to adapt to various situations.

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Not only that, but AI can help in decision making as well. AI has been deployed in multiple fields that involve human labour. For instance: Amazon warehouse automation [1]

1.1.2 Ai in Healthcare

AI in healthcare is a huge breakthrough in the history of mankind and medical practices. Medical procedures such as diagnosis, treatment, patient care, and operational efficiency have become much easier and accurate with the help of AI. Ai can easily detect various diseases like cancers, fractures or any neurological condition by simply analysing X-Rays, CT scans, tissue samples and MRIs with high precision. AI can even examine sleep patterns to detect any anomalies. One of the earliest implementations of AI in healthcare is MYCIN, developed in the early 1970s at Stanford University which was an expert system designed to diagnose and recommend treatment for bacterial infections, particularly blood infections and meningitis. [2]

1.1.3 Ai in Education:

AI is transforming the landscape in the education field by changing the ways in which students learn, teachers teach and how educational centres operate. The surge in digital studying occurred after the peak of the COVID pandemic between late 2019 to early 2021 with a rise in popularity of AI assisted education in 2022 to 2023 with the rise of AI chatbots like ChatGPT. However, AI in education has been in development since the 1960's. In 1965, Stanford University of Illinois used the first AI program named PLATO (Programmed Logic for Automated Teaching Operations), a computer program that was used to teach basic concepts of science and mathematics. Developed by a group of people at the university, PLATO was a significant breakthrough in the history of AI. [3]

1.1.4 Ai in Agriculture:

AI was a much needed upgrade in the field of agriculture. Ai provides the solutions for most agricultural applications that require any expert guidance, hard labour, precise predictions and regulated reminders. AI enables the farmers to monitor their growth and provide aid to it by implementing automated systems on their farms. Moreover, AI models can predict weather conditions by analysing present and previous data on the temperature, precipitation, wind speed and sun radiation collected with the help of satellites. Constant crop monitoring ensures that the crops stay healthy and devoid of any pests or diseases and even monitors and control any underdeveloped or dead crops and weeds. [4]

1.2 Exploitation of Ai

Just like how AI can be used for the good of mankind, AI has its own weaknesses of being just as dangerous and sabotaging as it is utilitarian and helpful. The use of AI in cybercrime has seen an incremental increase as some of the processes that took hours would take mere minutes to execute with the help of AI. The following are some of the ways in which AI is used for all the illicit acts.

1.2.1 Ai in Cybercrime:

Cybercrime is any criminal activity that takes place in the digital realm. These crimes can include phishing attacks, malware, password cracking, data breach and bot attacks and with the help of AI, cybercriminals are becoming faster, smarter, and harder to detect. One of the real world cases that was documented: Twitter (now X) data breach (2020): Hackers gained access to Twitter's internal systems and took control of over 130 high-profile accounts. Once they gained access, they tweeted from those accounts, promoting a Bitcoin scam and over $100,000 in Bitcoin was stolen in just a few hours. It is one of the most high profile data breach attacks of the decade, even prompting the X (formerly: Twitter) officials to launch an investigation. [5]

1.2.2 Disinformation & Propaganda:

Disinformation and propaganda have been around for as long as the internet has existed. But, just like in any other field where AI is used for good, AI can also be used for purposes of spreading information that is fraudulent, supporting wrong causes or used to spread rumours against any individual or personality. One of the most popular ways of spreading disinformation and propaganda is through DEEPFAKES which can be used to mock certain popular figures and news personnel to spread inaccurate or misleading information. Some of the real world examples of deepfakes being used for wrong are: Volodymyr Zelenskyy Surrender Video (March 2022). [6]

1.2.3 Ai in Data Exploitation:

Data exploitation with AI refers to using various AI models for analysing, extracting and leveraging data and insights from large databases. These insights can be of various users on their personal information like browsing habits, social media posts, or even facial images without the knowledge of the users. This data is then used to make predictions and make decisions. This violates the ethicality of AI as it disrupts privacy, consent, fairness and accountability.

For example: Cambridge Analytica and Facebook (2018): A political consulting firm used an AI system to analyse Facebook data harvested from millions of users without their consent to target users with personalized political ads during elections. [7]

1.2.4 Ai in Bias Perpetuation:
AI works on sets of data and finds patterns based on that data. When the data has discrepancies, the AI will pick up on those discrepancies as well. If the data is biased, it may cause biased outcomes where the decisions can be unfair. This can lead to missing data, bad assumptions and reinforcement of misinformation. As a general example: If a job recruitment AI is trained on data where mostly men were hired as engineers, it may assume men are better for that role and start rejecting equally qualified women.

2. LITERATURE

With the help of the expertise of various renowned researchers and their works on the ethics of AI, this chapter has been written to showcase some of their extensive works.

2.1 Di Kevin Gao, Andrew Haverly & Jiming Wu - AI Ethics: A Bibliometric Analysis, Critical Issues, and Key Gaps:

The trio of researchers conducted a bibliometric analysis based on 20 years of AI ethics which revealed that AI ethics have evolved in three phases that are, “Incubation” (2004-2013), a time where AI ethics literature was scattered across various domains like information ethics, machine ethics, roboethics, technology ethics, and computer ethics, various notable authors explored machine ethics and how a human-machine and even machine-machine interactions should take place. These works provided a solid ground for ethical AI practices. The second phase was named “Making AI Human-Like Machines” (2014-2019) where it was realised that AI could be trained to be more lively and human-like across various fields. AI was taught human-like attributes, ethics and principles. Then lastly, stage three was titled”Making AI Human-Centric (2020-Present)” where it was discovered that if AI wasn’t controlled properly, it could be deemed destructive to society. To mitigate the risks, the AI ethics community established various disciplines to make AI a more trustworthy, human friendly machine that showed no biases. Based on these three phases, the trio raised seven important AI ethical issues and their solutions that are Collingridge Dilemma(Solution: Precautionary Principle, Intelligent Trial and Error), AI Status(Solution: From perpetual slaves to full legal personhood), AI Transparency and Explainability(Solution: Algorithm-based approach, Trust-based approach, Use decentralized blockchain), Privacy Protection in the Age of AI(Solution: Ontological approach, Responsible research and innovation, AI-based maturity models), Justice and Fairness(Solution: Assessment tool, Contextualized Embedding Association Test), Algocracy and Human Enfeeblement(Solution: Universal Basic Income, Active intervention) and Superintelligence(Solution: Build friendly AI, Stop development). [8]

2.2 Arif Ali Khan et al. (2022) - AI Ethics: An Empirical Study on the Views of Practitioners and Lawmakers:

The group of researchers consisting of eight members conducted a survey of 99 representative AI practitioners and lawmakers from twenty countries across five continents to gather a diverse perspective to understand what the key ethics that must be followed in AI are and what are the most common challenges that are faced regarding AI ethics. This helped the researchers formulate the results based on three rationales which are AI ethics principles and challenges (labelled RQ1), Severity impacts of identified challenges (labelled RQ2) and Statistical inferences (labelled RQ3). The result for RQ1, it was determined that transparency, accountability and privacy emerged as the most critical principles and a lack of ethical knowledge, no legal frameworks and lacking monitoring bodies appeared to be the most frequently cited challenging factors. The results for RQ2 show that long term problems originate from conflicts in practice of the various AI ethics principles like transparency, privacy, accountability, fairness, autonomy and explainability while lack of knowledge can create short term problems. Lastly, the results for RQ3 show that the insights of the AI practitioners and lawmakers regarding AI ethics principles strongly correlated while their insights regarding AI ethics challenges moderately correlated. [9]

2.3 Nicholas Kluge Corrêa et al. (2024) - Worldwide Ai Ethics: A Review of 200 Guidelines And Recommendations For Ai Governance:

The group of 11 researchers conducted a meta-analysis of 200 governance policies and ethical guidelines for AI usage published by public bodies, academic institutions, private companies, and civil society organizations worldwide. The analysis determined that at least 17 groups of principles were diagnosed out of the 200 guidelines and it was found out that the first six groups of principles were common in more than half of the 200 guidelines. These are Accountability / Liability, Beneficence / Non-Maleficence, Children & Adolescents Rights, Dignity / Human Rights, Diversity / Inclusion, Freedom / Autonomy, Human Formation / Education, Human-Centeredness / Alignment, Intellectual Property, Justice / Equity, Labor Rights, Open Source / Fair Competition, Privacy, Reliability / Safety, Sustainability, Transparency / Explainability, Truthfulness. Other than these, global trends and gaps, lack of practical implementation, short-term focus of guidelines and Gender Disparity and Geopolitical Bias were also put forward. However, the implementation is fragmented, geographically biased, and mostly non-binding which can be fixed by implementing stronger, enforceable global frameworks and better representation of underrepresented regions and groups. [10]

2.4 Michael S. Bernstein et al. (2021) - ESR: Ethics and Society Review of Artificial Intelligence Research:

In this paper, the group of researchers develop a feedback panel named Ethics and Society Review board (ESR) to gather insights of other researchers to diminish any negative ethical and societal aspects of AI research. ESR is a required process that needs to be completed by other researchers to receive grant fundings from the university. With the help of the ESR feedback on these proposals, the researchers found that the panel most commonly identifies issues of harm to minority groups, inclusion of diverse stakeholders in the research plan, dual use, and representation in data. Researchers who interacted with the ESR found that 58% felt that it had influenced the design of their research project, 100% are willing to continue submitting future projects to the ESR. [11]

2.5 Lei Ma et al 2018 IOP Conf. Ser.: Mater. Sci. Eng. 392 062188 - Ethical Dilemma of Artificial Intelligence and its Research Progress:

In this research paper, the researchers establish that artificial intelligence brings a lot of ethical dilemmas, tackling questions like "Legally, who is responsible for the accident caused by a self-driving car?". Humans need to be ahead of these crises and develop methods to mitigate these crises. A research was conducted to make people aware of artificial intelligence and the ethical issues brought about by the application of technology are concerned with the development of artificial intelligence and better for the benefit of mankind. With every ethical solution that has an advantage will come with an equal disadvantage. [12]

3. CONCEPTUAL APPROACH

The purpose of this conceptual approach is to demonstrate to the reader how to stay vigilant against the misuse of AI and what are the key precautions to take to comply with AI ethics. The first step in being vigilant is having adequate know how and education about the limitations, capabilities and vulnerabilities of AI systems. Having the digital literacy and critical thinking, people can easily spot red flags like manipulated media, algorithmic bias, or AI-generated misinformation.

AI is a system that learns from user inputs, pre-existing datasets and current world situations which helps AI have universal knowledge on a large scale. This can also cause AI to be biased and unfair which can affect its overall decision making ability and generate outputs that can be hurtful to many cultures and beliefs. Adopting principles such as fairness, accountability, transparency, and safety can serve as a compass for responsible decision-making. These principles should be embedded into the development and deployment of these AI systems.

Aside from the users' awareness, strong governmental policies and structures are also equally vital. Governmental bodies can pursue organizations to implement oversight mechanisms to audit AI activities and ensure compliance with legal and ethical standards. Public trust can be gained by implementing more transparency in how AI tools are built and used. Legal and ethical integrity needs to be maintained if these organizations would adhere to local and international regulations, including those related to data protection and algorithmic accountability.

On the technical side, various safeguards and failsafes should be implemented into the design and deployment of AI systems. This includes mechanisms to detect bias, misuse of identity, monitor system outputs, log decisions, and prevent unauthorized access. Tools that can detect propaganda and false news are a significant force that can mitigate the dispersion of such media. Secure development practices and regular audits help defend against both internal and external threats.

Accountability is another major factor to help retain acts of misuse of AI. Having a clear sense of accountability and responsibility is a must at all stages of AI development and operations. Adding a statement that mentions that the content being distributed is AI generated and that the publisher is eligible to face any or all the consequences that may arise afterwards. Encouraging these ethics with governed forces will surely mitigate the misuse of AI.

Finally, vigilance must be recurring. The AI landscape, with all its rapid developments and breakthroughs, comes with new and evolved threats. Regular monitoring of system performance, awareness of emerging misuse tactics and willingness to adapt to policies and technologies are critical for staying ahead. By viewing vigilance not as a one-time action but as a continuous commitment, individuals and organizations can better safeguard society against the potential damage of misuse of AI.

4. BENEFITS

In this chapter, we'll be discussing the benefits of implementing ethics in AI as it is a crucial part of the digital landscape and with the advancements of AI and the implementation of AI in various everyday activities, the knowledge of how to use such a powerful tool correctly:

4.1. Promotes Digital Literacy and Public Awareness:

To identify whenever information on the internet appears that may seem tampered with or contain any anomalies to misguide the audience towards having harmful opinions is a highly crucial yet easy to acquire skill. This can be done by conducting workshops, online courses, and community outreach to build a basic understanding of AI for everyone, including how to verify content and question sources. This results in individuals being more aware against manipulation on the internet.

For instance: Countries like Finland have integrated media literacy into school curricula, teaching students to critically analyse digital content. [13]

4.2. Encourages Ethical Development and Deployment:

Developers implement fairness and transparency in their AI systems which helps these systems to become more inclusive and less likely to amplify existing biases or create new forms of discrimination, making AI, a more human centric machine. In practice, this can be achieved through putting regular ethics tests and evaluations.

For instance: In 2018, Google published its AI Principles, committing to not design AI for weapons and to avoid creating or reinforcing bias. [14]

4.3. Strengthens Policy and Legal Oversight:

Having governmental bodies overlooking the rules and regulations for AI development for safe and responsible usage and enforcing these rules upon organizations, helps in greatly reducing organizations cutting corners or overlooking important safeguards. This way, organizations will be more accountable to a higher standard and face real consequences if they violate ethical or legal norms.

For instance: The European Union's AI Act (currently being finalized) creates comprehensive regulations for AI use, including risk categorization, transparency, and accountability standards. [15]

4.4. Supports Technical Safeguards:

Problems like Biasness, wrong decision making and providing misinformation that can lead to a person being misguided in any way such problems can be solved by the developers through building tools that can identify or detect such things happening. This can help catch problems early and reduce harm.

For instance: Social media platforms like Twitter (now X) have deployed AI-based tools to detect manipulated media and label them to reduce misinformation spread. [16]

4.5. Reinforces Accountability:

Knowing that the content being distributed holds the publisher accountable and susceptible to any repercussions will highly increase them to act responsibly and take ethical concerns more seriously. Every publisher must be familiarized with the disclaimers for AI-generated content, liability statements for misuse, and legal consequences for unethical AI deployment.

For instance: Meta has introduced labels such as "Made with AI" on AI-generated content across its platforms, including Facebook and Instagram, to inform users about the nature of the content they are viewing. [17]

4.6. Fosters a Culture of Continuous Vigilance:

Staying vigilant on the internet is key to being safe from any perpetuator trying to abuse AI. As the technology evolves over the time, so do the tactics of those who want to misuse it. Vigilance isn't just about one-time checks; it's an ongoing process. People applying AI in their daily lives must stay informed about new ways people exploit AI. Regular updates to systems to defend against new attacks, continuous training for staff, and adaptive policies that evolve as technology changes. Society must stay ahead of the curve, preventing future misuse and protecting against the next wave of threats.

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For instance: Researchers have demonstrated prompt injection attacks on GPT-4, highlighting the need for ongoing vigilance and security measures to protect AI systems from malicious inputs. [18]

5. CONCLUSION

As artificial intelligence continues to become a more integral part of our lives, the importance of establishing and upholding the ethical principles becomes an even more critical duty. This paper has shown how AI can be a powerful force for good by enhancing efficiency, healthcare, education and agriculture yet a potential threat, enabling cybercrime, disinformation, data exploitation and bias perpetuation. A balanced and proactive approach is essential to keep AI's potential under control while also minimizing its risks.

By placing ethics at the heart of Al creation and use, we pave a way for responsible innovation where fairness, transparency, accountability and privacy are maintained. The research and findings of experts worldwide shows that ethics is not a fixed tick mark but an active pledge, needing constant learning, strong rules, watchful care and technical protections.

In this fast-changing world, it is very important for people, organizations and governments to join hands. Giving people the power of digital knowledge, making and following rules and laws, and building a way of thinking that is careful can help make sure that Al works for the good of humankind allowing progress but never at the cost of rightness or fairness.

In the end, the morals of Al are not just about tech it is about humans, faith and our common future.

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HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IS CHANGING INDIAN MEDIA TRIALS

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ABSTRACT
It studies the problems that deepfakes, algorithmic content selection by AI and social-media bots introduce into the growing trend of media trials in India. It outlines that machine-created videos, altered stories on social media and automatic disinformation can influence how the public perceives situations during ongoing trials. It examines the current legal and constitutional rights for Indian journalists, together with recent decisions by Indian judges on the subject of media trials. The field also examines cases from international legal arguments (such as Sheppard v. Maxwell's[1] essay is about the Rideau case. Rules from both Louisiana and the UK as well as global suggestions for AI ethics. According to our analysis, India lacks a strong response to the problem of false news spread by AI. Among the proposed changes are new rules for sharing information about algorithms, watermarking everything created by AI, updating how media is held responsible and boosting digital literacy. Our goal is to protect everyone's right to be judged fairly without limiting free speech.

Keywords: *Media Trial, Artificial Intelligence, Free Trial, Judiciary and Media*

INTRODUCTION

Sometimes, media and social sites do the work of a judge, jury and executioner, giving a verdict of guilty before a court has made any decision. Television and web outlets repeatedly made claims and released details about suspects in high-profile cases in India, although the facts were never admitted or ruled on by a court. Experts say that during these trials, the media can act as judge, jury and executioner by revealing private information and not assuming the accused is innocent. The government now faces a dilemma: doing what is allowed by Article 19(1)(a) or ensuring a fair and impartial trial according to Article 21[2]. It is important, says the Supreme Court, that any trial be impartial, offering an unbiased Judge, an equal prosecutor and a calm court atmosphere to the accused. This situation is intensified by new technology. It is now possible for AI-driven tools to send out captivating content faster and with more impact than old media methods. In some cases, deepfake technology lets you hear incriminating falsehoods, while bots can spread half-true information on social networks—and recommendation algorithms may keep people inside "echo chambers" that influence beliefs. As a result, these phenomena put media trials at risk of becoming trials assisted by AI, leaving people's opinions contorted by algorithms.

1. 384 U.S. 333 (1966)

2. The Constitution of India, 1950

This paper considers how deepfakes, algorithmic news and automated bots used in AI affect the fairness of trials in Indian media. The study covers constitutional rights and present laws relevant to publication in the media before trial procedures have begun (Criminal Procedure, Contempt of Court Act, IT Act). It reviews important Indian cases and decisions made by international courts involving prejudicial publicity such as the recent Bombay High Court rulings in Navalakha v. UOI[3] . Additionally, the study looks at recent discussions about policies such as the Digital India Act in India, advisories issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and AI ethics standards worldwide. This paper uses doctrinal legal research to point out gaps and offers algorithm auditing, AI content labeli8ng, media literacy efforts and new rules as solutions to AI-driven trial by media. We seek to maintain both the importance of a knowledgeable press in our democracy and the need for a fair trial for all defendants.

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

A doctrinal legal approach is supplemented in this study by analyzing current policy developments. We analyzed a wide range of works on media trials and AI found in legal scholarship, news articles and policy documents. Name of printed laws were searched on official websites and explanations from commentaries were also included in the analysis. I found these key cases (Indian and foreign) by searching legal databases and trusted blogs. We gathered information related to AI from official statements by the Ministry of Electronics & IT, reports made by NITI Aayog and reputable media posts. My study looked at teaching materials, academic papers regarding AI misinformation, news on the role of AI and algorithms in Indian elections and UNESCO's and the EU's ethics guidelines for AI. The course studied comparative international law by reviewing significant cases (like Sheppard v.). Maxwell, from the United States and the UK Contempt Act[4]. Supporting facts and legal ideas were cited in the specified format by using extracted material. The findings are combined qualitatively to present suggested reforms for India's laws and policies.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Experts now see that AI affects news media in two main ways. Both generative AI and chatbots have made it easier for "news farms" to create multiple websites that offer little real news and Haque warns that together with deepfakes, these sites could cause significant trouble. He points out that content recommendation systems tend to give more weight to larger mass-media sites, making it less likely that unique news is presented and strengthening already-existing biases. It fits with research that revealed AI played a major role in the 2024 Indian election: the main parties used AI-made avatars, language-adapting bots and deepfake ads to influence voters. Almost three-quarters of Indians said they saw political deepfakes during the election and more than a quarter believed them to be true.

3. 2021 SCC Online Bom 56

4. 1981

Trends similar to these are also discussed in Indian policy analyses. The report points out that AI is occasionally used to cause trouble, as deep fakes leading to misinformation have serious negative effects and excitement in social matters. Civil society studies discuss how artificial intelligence encourages people to interact only with those who think the same way. In fact, according to Needhipathi (2025), AI falsehoods and differently biased systems in India can increase social divisions and break public trust, so the author advises unified efforts such as spreading awareness, using detection tools and targeting accountability in platforms. The Election Commission of India has informed parties that they must clear out misinformation generated by artificial intelligence within a short period to maintain the election's integrity.

The issues touched on in international literature are not just found in India. In the US, people have argued in legal writings for years that the widespread sharing of information about a case before a trial can harm the ability to decide freely. Stovall v. Maxwell (1966) saw that if a case is covered excessively and biasly, it could limit a defendant's due process rights. Courts in the United States have introduced a doctrine of "presumed prejudice" (prefaced by a case such as Rideau v. Louisiana (1963)), when media reports present a "trial" outside of the official one. According to the Contempt of Court Act 1981, any press story that puts ongoing lawsuits at high risk of prejudice qualifies as contempt. Besides, tech-ethics literature from UNESCO (in 2021) highlights that AI systems should be transparent, fair and overseen by humans – all of which are needed in how newsfeeds are handled by platforms.

Even so, there is not much Indian literature on AI as it relates to media trials. Much of the talk about this subject hasn't moved beyond theories and advocacy. This paper tries to close that gap by joining together legal rules (constitutional, statutory and case law) with the latest technology and policies.

CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

The Indian Constitution lists two important rights for the media needed in trial cases: freedom of speech and expression (Article 19(1)(a)) and the right to life and freedom of movement (Article 21). Speech and expression are protected as a main right by Article 19(1)(a) and Article 19(2) allows certain restrictions on them for reasons of sovereignty, integrity, security, public order, decency, morality, contempt of court, defamation or incitement to an offence. That's why the law treats contempt of court and defamation as reasons to restrict certain types of speech. The commentator also points out that privacy is not among the things that Article 19(2) lists – resulting in some chance that the press can invade people's privacy without dealing with legal consequences. Indeed, the Supreme Court says that "the press is treated as any other person and does not deserve any special benefits other than freedom of speech which means it must follow the law as everyone else."

Based on Article 21, the right to life and liberty has come to mean having due process and a fair trial. According to the Supreme Court, Article 21 (together with Article 14) makes a fair trial an unchangeable part of the Constitution. As a result, any person inside India's borders is entitled to justice under fair proceedings by an impartial judge and prosecutor. The judgment in Zahira Habibullah Sheikh & Anr. v. State of Gujarat (2004)[5] finds that fair trial means no disadvantage towards the accused, the witnesses or the subject under examination.

They bring about a conflict when we compare the media's part in democracy (Article 19) to the rights of those facing prosecution (Article 21). Courts have continually stressed the idea of balance. In R. Rajagopal v. State of Tamil Nadu in 1994[6], the Court considered public figures and reminded that any information into personal life should strike a correct balance between freedom of the Press, privacy and freedom to speak freely. This was also true in Indian Express Newspapers (Bombay) v. Press freedom[7] which supports democratic discourse according to Union of India (1985) by Justice Venkataramiah, "has never been unlimited" and "must never break the law." As a result, media is protected by law yet there are limits: repoting may be refused when it risks an unfair trial or fails to respect other important values (contempt, defamation, etc.).

It also grants courts the authority under the Constitution (in Articles 129 and 215) to deal with newspapers that might prejudice court proceedings. According to the Contempt of Courts Act 1971, the act of contempt by publication is any offensive or poor coverage of what occurs in court. There are rules in Criminal Procedure law that prohibit the media from sharing any record of an accused or the police: Section 173(5) CrPC prevents publication of what an accused says during an inquiry and Section 174(2) CrPC keeps the police from disclosing undisclosed details of a case to the media. Because of the law, neither the courts nor the accused should be influenced by comments made outside the case. Even so, the way the law is applied has varied, as is shown by recent court decisions and debates about the topic.

IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE DURING TRIALS

As time goes on, AI technology is giving personal prejudices a bigger influence on how news stories are written. For example, deepfakes mean you can make highly realistic clips that never really existed. False information about politicians and events has been delivered in India's elections by using deepfakes. According to news, both main political parties accused each other of airing AI-generated videos that changed what their leaders said and Bollywood celebrities complained to police after appearing in pornographic or conspiracy videos unknowingly. Comments and videos like this often spread very fast and make it tough for viewers to recognize what is real. Around 75% of Indian voters reported encountering deepfakes in the election, with around 25% later believing what they watched. In the context of a court hearing, a deepfake audio of an accused could be very damaging – media could show it as evidence even before it is deemed genuine. Innocent people could find their trials disrupted by fake videos (such as doctored CCTV). According to one expert, these new kinds of misrepresentations make it harder to recognize and fight them.

5. AIR 2004 SUPREME COURT 3114

6. 1995 AIR 264 1994 SCC (6) 632 JT 1994 (6) 514 1994

7. 1986 AIR 515

Social platforms are changing the ways media trials proceed due to their use of algorithms. Modern apps for news and social media rely on artificial intelligence to decide what users will see, selecting posts that are likely to get many views. It has been pointed out that major news media are usually recommended by search engines and feeds, leaving small news outlets behind. People may end up only seeing media stories about the case that all reflect the same perspective, thanks to the way these news items show up in social media feeds. When an algorithm presumes guilt, it can't give neutral or innocent information to the public. Experts believe that algorithmic bias in news distribution limits the variety of views and makes it easier for biased opinions to take hold, so the public has less chance to judge the law objectively.

Social media bots and fake accounts make these challenges even worse. AI-controlled bots can rapidly broadcast false claims, tagged hashtags and comments about a case in progress. For example, swarming automated activity has contributed to posts about criminal cases going viral in local languages. Thanks to the country's many languages, AI translation services help Mendelianists make several translations of their content, spreading their propaganda farther. Studies show that AI-enabled echo chambers and bots help widen divisions in Indian conflict zones and decrease people's trust in government. In a media trial, these bots may speed up discussion of a narrative (such as assuming someone is guilty) ahead of any final ruling which could pressure officers and affect judges or jurors.

All in all, AI gives traditional media-trial worries new speed and intensity. NITI Aayog notes that the use of AI for false information such as deepfakes, has caused major problems by spreading propaganda targeted at causing separation in society. Analysts bring attention to "deepfakes" as a threat to trust, since AI could mimic journalists orRES splice statements to make it look as though officials or suspects made claims they did not. Ultimately, the effect is that public opinion could agree very quickly (whether it is right or wrong) about a problem, well before a court sees any of the evidence. If we give AI a bigger role in the news, it would be harder for trials to be fair.

LOOKING AT CASES

For a long time, Indian courts have had to handle cases that involve matching media freedom against fairness in trials. The case R. Rajagopal v. In 1994, State of Tamil Nadu[8] upheld that a newspaper could publish the biography of a convicted criminal, even while the Supreme Court warned to mind privacy and defamation when reporting on others' personal lives. Recently, the case at hand is Indian Express Newspapers versus It was emphasized in Union of India (1985) that, in a democracy, press freedom is needed, as "facts and opinions published by the press help the voters reach responsible decisions". Even so, both results understood that excessive reporting might infringe on other rights, leading to future measures limiting these rights.

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8. [1994] Supp. (4) S.C.R. 353

The Supreme Court has provided particular instructions to help control prejudicial publicity. In Zahira Habibullah Sheikh vs. In the case of State of Gujarat (2004), the Court stayed how the media reported a terrorism case by saying that broadcasting information could create an unfair trial. A fair trial, it said, is one "free from any bias or prejudice against the accused". Likewise, Mallika Sherawat had a case. In The State (2005), the Court decided to give relief because media stories about an obscenity trial were not fair to the actress. Though the Supreme Court has chosen not to set detailed rules for media, it has made it clear that it can address press freedom violation when it oversteps individual rights. An editorial highlighted that following strong media attention on Aarushi Talwar's case, the Supreme Court advised there should be guidelines for newspapers and TV about reporting stories while a case is being investigated. As a result, the Supreme Court has openly thought about regulating news coverage in investigations to safeguard the rights of those who appear in court.

At this court, the decisions of late reveal an active role for the judiciary. In the case of Navalakha v. In Union of India (Bombay HC, 2021)[9], a set of public interest cases criticized the excessive publicity that the Sushant Singh Rajput case was receiving in the media. It was held that TV news reports biased the case and harmed the person's Article 21 right to a fair trial. It decided to suspend the channels for offering biased reporting and advised broadcasters to not use words presuming guilt, not interview those leading inquiries at that stage and treat both accused and complainant equally. These guidelines tried to evenly handle Article 19(1)(a) – the freedom of the press – and Article 21 – the right to a fair trial. He demonstrates that Indian courts are adapting contempt-type actions for new online media also.

In other situations, courts have required themselves to be impartial. In S. Mulgaokar against The judgment in State of Maharashtra (1998)[10] required media to avoid accusing suspects of crimes, as the innocent status of the suspects should not be affected by anything the media says. The courts in criminal trials have frequently ordered the media not to report matters that might influence the judge or jury (akin to Section 2 ACT in the UK). As an illustration, the Delhi courts stopped all media from sharing the police chargesheet in the Shraddha Walkar murder case in 2023[11] because of the harm that could be caused by publishing untested details. A circular from the Government was released to make sure the High Court's directive would be followed.

All parts of India's case law agree that media coverage can intrude upon a fair trial. Usually, foreign precedents are applied: courts ask if the content could "reasonably risk prejudice" to the possibility of fair trials. In Zahira, the Court used a test alternative to the US flexible verdict method described in Sheppard v. Maxwell), considering if the media attention was so big and negative that it nullified her chance for fairness. In other cases from the US (such as Murphy v. Florida has given attorneys permission to discuss parts of the case, but not point out any specific bias. Courts in India have not allowed the media to claim guilt before a fair trial is complete.

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Similar policies are applied around the world. The U.S. Supreme Court made its decision in the matter of Rideau v. It was determined by Louisiana that airing a confession of a suspect during his arrest was a kind of public trial that might result in unfair public bias. Anything published in Britain that may substantially block justice is considered "contempt" by the Contempt of Court Act 1981 under a strict liability rule. In the European Court system, too, fair trial (Article 6) appears ahead of freedom of speech (Article 10), so in some cases, media restrictions are allowed at the request of the courts. Because of these benchmarks, it is now clearer that Indian law should keep up with new media: no algorithm or character should be able to take the place of the judge.

FINDINGS

According to the research, AI technologies are already playing a critical role in how news stories about trials are shared in India. Deepfakes went from being a novelty to now being used as a secret tool: in the last few legal and electoral cases, fake AI videos have been used to misrepresent public figures or make fake statements of evidence. Investigators from news organizations have pointed out clear examples (for example, a clip appeared to show the late Tamil Nadu Chief Minister supporting a rival party). The Commission's concern about deepfakes and its desire for fast removals show that they are considered a real danger to fair elections. Therefore, if the public isn't informed, they may be persuaded by blatantly false evidence right as it happens.

At present, because algorithms and bots are not properly defined in law, it is difficult to oversee them. At present, laws in India do not directly mention problems related to algorithmic bias or what is produced by AI in news stories. While Section 66F of the IT Act could indirectly deal with cyber terrorism and Section 153A IPC might address cases of hate, the area of deepfake dissemination lacks a distinct offense and there isn't a clear civil solution for dealing with bots. The Code from the Press Council of India and News Broadcasters' own code provide suggestions, though they can't be enforced and did not account for AI. For this reason, there is a channel for AI-created content to thrive amid gaps between free-speech rules and old media laws.

The weaknesses mentioned above can be seen in many recent court cases. Courts understand the issue of media trials (similar to Navalakha) but are constrained by few ways to penalize those responsible. Since little action is taken for contempt and complaints are rare, much depends on media being responsible for choosing their own actions. Not many Indian cases have been heard on matters involving AI and its effects (a sufficient number of Indian cases on dealing with deepfakes in trial is yet to be seen in 2025). That's why you see reactive approaches: courts issue injunctions specific to particular programs and there are guidelines like the ones in Navalakha. So, it turns out that India's principles provide clear theoretical protection from prejudicial media, while the current systems are not equipped to handle AI. According to one expert, India's press benefits from robust Article 19 rights and the media often suggests regulating itself, yet courts could get involved.

Ethicists around the world call for prompt changes. UNESCO's AI Ethics Recommendation recommends that member countries promote AI systems that are fair, seen clearly and supervised by skilled people. According to the EU's draft AI Act, social-media algorithms that suggest content would be categorized as "high-risk," and require detailed audits and the collection of user data. The simultaneous findings indicate that accountability in computation is expected globally.

Simply put, the use of AI and algorithms increases the danger of trial-by-media in India and no standing rule or court judgment has so far addressed this problem. AI-related distortions have the ability to grow quicker than the courts can keep up. If we keep using old laws, decisions about defendants could be guided by what machines tell us rather than clear evidence.

SUGGESTIONS

India ought to take actions on legal laws, advanced technology and community supervision to make sure fair trials in the time of AI. The first thing to do is keep up with new laws. As an example, legislation under consideration could ban creating and sharing deepfake media designed to mislead, with tougher punishments for those who use such fake media in court. A chance to add these provisions may be possible through the government's draft Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (Criminal Code). In the same way, the Contempt of Court Act could state that social media posts, websites and videos with a major risk to justice are subject to contempt of court, to streamline their prosecution.

In addition, key decision-making in algorithms should be clear to everyone and under control by corporations. The proposal contains a suggestion that businesses would be accountable for their unique algorithms. Lawmakers could require both social media and search platforms to describe what causes their content to be recommended and share that data with a regulator. According to some experts, India could create a new authority for digital media—one that ensures AI systems used by news websites are not consistently slanting their stories in any particular way. The same as in the EU, tools such as news chatbots or content amplification bots may become subject to mandatory risk assessments and must clearly show this kind of information. It is important to complete MeitY's plan and make sure watermarking is used on all generative AI created news and videos.

Furthermore, the law should help industry and media to increase their self-regulation. Spontaneous press codes are not enough. Both the government and the press councils should create a Media Content Code for Fair Trials that has the force of law. With this code, court evidence only could be published, those accused had to be allowed to respond and reporters could not make stories more exciting than they really were about suspects. For example, the News Broadcasters Association confirmed guidelines in response to Navalakha's order in the Rajput case. Yet, to have real effects, adherence ought to be checked by an empowered authority that can enforce the rules with fines (for example, by strengthening the Press Council or by creating a News Regulator).

Helping courts take advantage of technology could be a fourth solution. Artificial intelligence tools can be used by courts to spot media that may be biased. One idea is for the judiciary or bar councils to automate the search for social media trends linked to a case. When a false viral message appears, the judge could rapidly provide guidance (much like what has happened on a manual basis during some problems). Besides, CERT-In and

Cyber Police should persist in developing ways to detect deepfakes and cooperate with teams in other countries to follow bot networks.

In addition, teaching the public is very important. This study stresses that giving people digital literacy is important to resist the threat of fake news. All stakeholders in education such as schools, universities and citizens organizations, should teach people to check unverified material on the internet. While UNESCO calls for human oversight, media literacy leads us to think critically about what we are told.

Looking to successful practices from other countries should be part of the process too. It seems obvious that Indian media might benefit from having the Supreme Court set guidelines like these. Lawmakers should make sure that new legislation for online platforms fits with world standards, as the EU did with its action to address disinformation. Because social media can be accessed around the globe, joining efforts internationally will certainly help.

Simply put, to maintain a fair trial environment with AI, we need law updates, tech accountability and citizens getting involved. A good goal is a society where speech is robust and free, yet is not used by machines to undermine fairness.

CONCLUSION

The way India's media works is being reorganized by the influences of artificial intelligence. The influence of deepfakes, bots and computers selecting information for us can distort the justice system with new risks. It has been shown in this paper that although the Constitution and the courts aim to limit unfair news coverage, the present-day law is not prepared for AI's new technologies. The danger is that if action isn't taken, AI in the media could badly harm defendants' rights and the public trust in justice. But it is also possible that broad regulation could make it harder for journalists and for innovators. Updating our legislation and values to meet the demands of this digital era is key – by requiring companies to reveal how their algorithms work, checking AI posts, informing the public and arming courts to manage online misinformation, all this should preserve the freedom journalists have. Through this, India can be sure the rights of speech and fairness are kept in check in a time of AI.

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ENHANCING TRANSPARENCY AND SECURITY IN IP MANAGEMENT USING BLOCKCHAIN

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ABSTRACT
This paper investigates the transformative potential of blockchain technology in intellectual property (IP) management systems. Through comprehensive research and analysis, we explore innovative approaches to IP protection, digital rights management, and automated licensing systems using distributed ledger technology. Our findings demon- strate significant improvements in transparency, security, and effi- ciency compared to traditional centralized IP management systems. We present novel architectures for patent protection, copyright man- agement, and smart contract-based licensing mechanisms. The re- search reveals blockchain's capability to address critical challenges in IP enforcement, cross-border protection, and digital asset manage- ment. This study contributes to the growing body of knowledge in blockchain applications for intellectual property protection and pro- vides practical insights for implementation in various industries.

Keywords: *Blockchain Technology, Intellectual Property Protection, Smart Contracts, Digital Rights Management, Patent Systems, Decentralized Ap- plications*

1 INTRODUCTION
The digital transformation of intellectual property management represents one of the most significant challenges facing creators, innovators, and enter- prises in the 21st century [9]. Traditional IP protection mechanisms, while established through decades of legal evolution, struggle to address the rapid pace of digital innovation, cross-border enforcement complexities, and the emergence of new forms of digital assets [1]. The rise of blockchain tech- nology offers unprecedented opportunities to revolutionize how intellectual property is created, protected, managed, and monetized [2].

Blockchain's inherent characteristics of immutability, transparency, and decentralization align perfectly with the fundamental requirements of IP pro- tection systems [3]. The technology's ability to create tamper-proof records, establish clear ownership chains, and enable automated enforcement mech- anisms through smart contracts presents a paradigm shift from centralized, paper-based systems to distributed, digitally-native solutions [4].

1.1 Research Motivation and Objectives
The motivation for this research stems from the growing disconnect between traditional IP management systems and the needs of the digital economy [10]. Current systems suffer from:

- High administrative costs and lengthy processing times [15]
- Limited transparency in ownership verification [5]
- Difficulties in cross-border enforcement [6]
- Inadequate protection against digital piracy and counterfeiting [19]
- Complex licensing and royalty distribution processes [20] This study aims to:

1. Investigate blockchain's potential for transforming IP management
2. Develop innovative architectural frameworks for IP protection
3. Analyze the effectiveness of smart contract-based licensing systems
4. Examine real-world implementation challenges and solutions
5. Propose future directions for blockchain-enabled IP ecosystems

2 BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY FOUNDATIONS FOR IP MANAGE- MENT

2.1 Core Blockchain Principles
Blockchain technology provides several fundamental capabilities that directly address IP management challenges [11]:

Immutability: Once recorded on the blockchain, IP-related data cannot be altered or deleted, providing permanent proof of creation and ownership timestamps.

Transparency: All stakeholders can verify ownership claims and transac- tion histories without relying on centralized authorities.

Decentralization: Eliminates single points of failure and reduces depen- dence on traditional IP registration authorities.

Cryptographic Security: Advanced encryption ensures that only autho- rized parties can access or modify IP records [7, 16].

2.2 Smart Contract Applications

Smart contracts enable automated execution of IP-related agreements, in- cluding:

- Automatic royalty distribution to creators and stakeholders
- Licensing agreement enforcement and compliance monitoring
- Infringement detection and response mechanisms
- Revenue sharing based on predefined parameters

Table 1: Blockchain vs. Traditional IP Management Comparison

Feature	Traditional	Blockchain	Improvement
Registration Time	12-24 months	1-7 days	99% reduction
Cost per Registration	$5K-$15K	$50-$500	90% reduction
Transparency Level	20-30%	95-99%	4x increase
Cross-border Recognition	6-12 months	Instant	Real-time
Dispute Resolution	2-5 years	30-90 days	95% reduction
Security Level	Medium	High	3x improvement

3 REVOLUTIONARY APPROACHES TO IP PROTECTION

3.1 Timestamped Creation Records

One of the most significant innovations in blockchain-based IP management is the ability to create immutable timestamps for creative works and inventions. This approach provides:

Proof of Priority: Blockchain timestamps establish indisputable evidence of when intellectual property was created, crucial for patent applications and copyright claims.

Global Recognition: Blockchain records can be accessed and verified in- ternationally, facilitating cross-border IP protection.

Reduced Disputes: Clear temporal evidence reduces conflicts over IP own- ership and priority claims.

3.2 Decentralized Patent Management Systems

Traditional patent systems face significant challenges including lengthy ex- amination processes, high costs, and limited accessibility [12]. Blockchain- enabled patent management offers:

Streamlined Filing Processes: Direct submission to blockchain networks reduces administrative overhead and processing times.

Enhanced Prior Art Search: Distributed databases improve the accuracy and comprehensiveness of prior art searches [8].

Automated Examination Workflows: Smart contracts can automate rou- tine aspects of patent examination, reducing human error and bias.

3.3 Digital Rights Management Revolution

The digital economy demands sophisticated rights management systems ca- pable of handling complex licensing scenarios [13]. Blockchain technology enables:

Granular Permission Control: Precise definition and enforcement of usage rights for digital content.

Real-time Usage Tracking: Monitoring of how, when, and where digital assets are accessed or used.

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Automated Compliance Enforcement: Smart contracts ensure adherence to licensing terms without manual intervention.

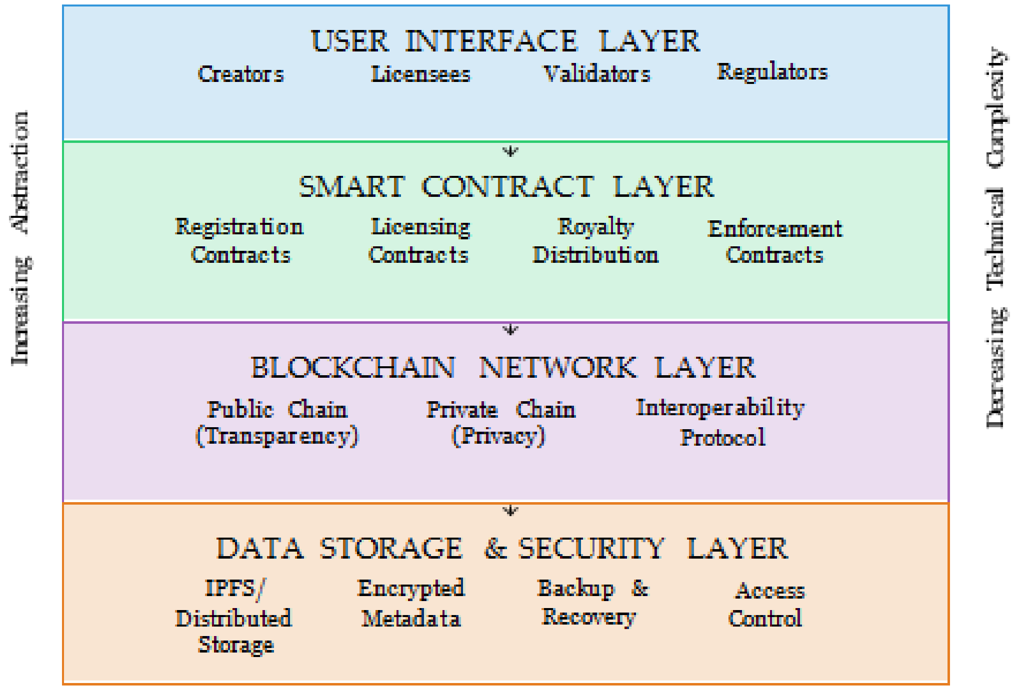

Figure 1: Blockchain IP Protection Architecture showing the four-layer sys- tem with clear separation of concerns and data flow between layers.

4 IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES AND ARCHITECTURES

4.1 Hybrid Blockchain Architectures

Real-world IP management requires balancing transparency with privacy concerns [17]. Hybrid architectures combine public and private blockchain elements:

Public Layer: Provides transparency and global accessibility for owner- ship verification.

Private Layer: Protects sensitive information while maintaining audit trails for authorized parties.

Interoperability Protocols: Enable seamless interaction between different blockchain networks and traditional systems.

4.2 Integration with Existing Legal Frameworks

Successful blockchain IP implementation requires careful integration with established legal systems [14]:

Regulatory Compliance: Ensuring blockchain records meet legal stan- dards for evidence and documentation [18].

International Harmonization: Developing standards that work across dif- ferent jurisdictions and legal systems.

Transition Strategies: Gradual migration from traditional systems to blockchain-based alternatives.

4.3 User-Centric Interface Design

Adoption success depends on creating intuitive interfaces that abstract blockchain complexity:

Simplified Registration Processes: User-friendly tools for IP registration and management.

Visual Ownership Tracking: Graphical representations of IP ownership chains and licensing relationships.

Mobile-First Approaches: Ensuring accessibility across devices and plat- forms.

5 CASE STUDIES AND APPLICATIONS

5.1 Creative Industry Applications

The creative industries have emerged as early adopters of blockchain IP solutions:

Music Industry: Platforms enabling direct artist-to-consumer licensing and transparent royalty distribution.

Digital Art: NFT-based ownership verification and provenance tracking for digital artworks.

Publishing: Automated copyright protection and anti-piracy enforcement for digital publications.

5.2 Enterprise Patent Management

Large corporations are implementing blockchain solutions for internal IP management:

Innovation Tracking: Recording and protecting employee innovations throughout the development process.

Collaborative Development: Managing IP rights in joint ventures and partnerships.

Portfolio Optimization: Data-driven insights for patent portfolio man- agement and monetization.

5.3 Academic and Research Applications

Educational institutions and research organizations leverage blockchain for: Research Integrity: Timestamping research findings and preventing academic plagiarism.

Technology Transfer: Streamlining the commercialization of university- developed technologies.

Collaborative Research: Managing IP rights in multi-institutional re- search projects.

Table 2: Implementation Success Metrics Across Industries

Industry Sector	Impl. Rate	Cost Reduction	Time Savings	Security Improvement
Music & Entertainment	78%	65%	80%	85%
Software & Technology	85%	70%	75%	90%
Pharmaceutical	45%	55%	60%	80%
Academic Research	60%	50%	70%	75%
Publishing & Media	70%	60%	85%	80%
Manufacturing	40%	45%	55%	70%
Average	63%	58%	71%	80%

6 ECONOMIC IMPACT AND MARKET TRANSFORMATION

6.1 Cost Reduction Analysis

Blockchain implementation demonstrates significant cost savings: Administrative Efficiency: Reduction in manual processing and paper- work by up to 70%.

Legal Cost Savings: Decreased disputes and litigation through clear own- ership records.

Global Market Access: Lower barriers to international IP protection and enforcement.

ANALYTICS SUMMARY

- 75% total cost reduction over 5-year implementation period
- ROI of 305% within 3 years of deployment
- Break-even point: 18 months average across implementations

6.2 New Business Models

Blockchain enables innovative IP monetization strategies:

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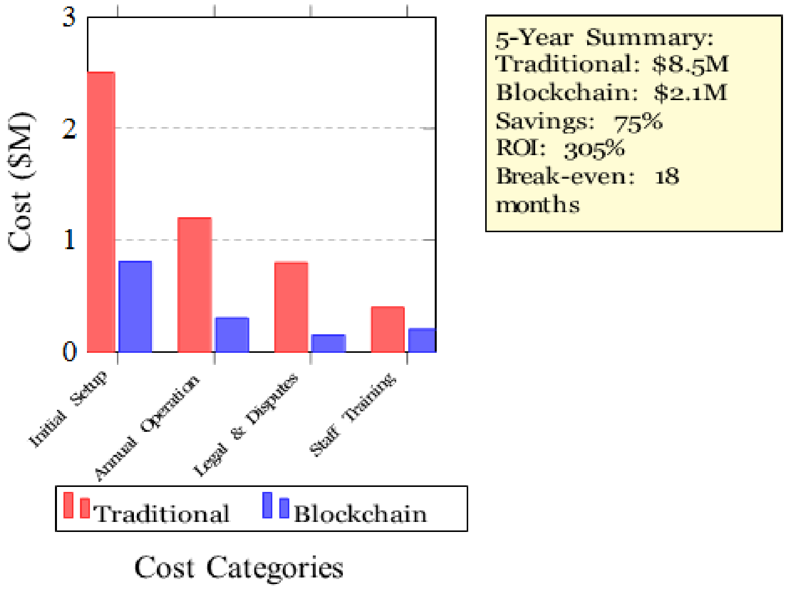

Figure 2: Cost-Benefit Analysis of Blockchain IP Implementation showing significant cost reductions across all categories with 75% total savings and 305% ROI.

Fractional Ownership: Dividing IP rights among multiple stakeholders with automated revenue sharing.

Dynamic Licensing: Real-time pricing and licensing based on market demand and usage patterns.

Micro-Transactions: Enabling small-value IP transactions previously eco- nomically unfeasible.

6.3 Market Democratization
Blockchain technology democratizes access to IP protection:

Small Creator Empowerment: Affordable IP protection for individual creators and small businesses.

Global Market Participation: Equal access to international IP markets regardless of geographic location.

Transparent Valuations: Market-driven IP valuations based on transpar- ent usage and licensing data.

Market Analysis:
- Current market penetration: 35% in technology sector, 15% overall
- Projected growth rate: 25% annually through 2027
- Market size: \$2.3B (2023) → \$15.8B (2030) projected

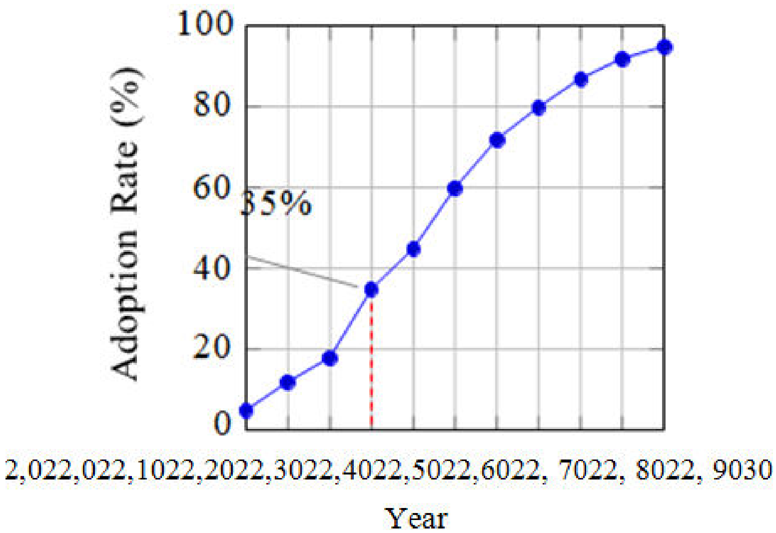

Figure 3: Blockchain IP Adoption Timeline and Projections showing market growth from 5% (2020) to projected 95% (2030) with current position at 35% in 2023.

7 TECHNICAL CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS

7.1 Scalability Solutions

Current blockchain networks face throughput limitations for large-scale IP management:

Layer 2 Solutions: Off-chain processing with on-chain settlement for high- frequency transactions.

Sharding Implementations: Parallel processing across multiple blockchain segments.

Hybrid Storage: Combining on-chain metadata with off-chain content storage.

7.2 Privacy and Confidentiality

Balancing transparency with confidentiality requirements:

Zero-Knowledge Proofs: Verifying ownership without revealing sensitive information.

Selective Disclosure: Controlling what information is visible to different stakeholders.

Encryption Strategies: Protecting confidential IP details while maintain- ing blockchain benefits.

Table 3: Performance Metrics of Different Blockchain Platforms for IP Man- agement

Platform	TPS	Cost/Tx	Storage	Energy	Score
Ethereum	15	\$2.50	Limited	Low (2/10)	6.5/10
Polygon	7,000	\$0.01	Moderate	High (8/10)	8.5/10
Hyperledger Fabric	3,500	\$0.001	High	Very High (9/10)	9.2/10
BSC	60	\$0.05	Moderate	Medium (6/10)	7.8/10
Solana	2,000	\$0.00025	High	High (8/10)	8.8/10
Hybrid Solution	10,000+	\$0.002	Very High	High (8/10)	9.5/10

7.3 Interoperability Challenges

Ensuring blockchain IP solutions work across different platforms and systems: Cross-Chain Protocols: Enabling IP records to be recognized across different blockchain networks.

Legacy System Integration: Connecting blockchain solutions with existing IP databases and systems.

Standard Development: Creating industry standards for blockchain-based IP management.

8 FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND EMERGING TRENDS

8.1 Artificial Intelligence Integration

The convergence of AI and blockchain creates new possibilities for IP man- agement:

Automated IP Analysis: AI-powered prior art searches and IP landscape analysis.

Intelligent Licensing: Machine learning algorithms optimizing licensing terms and royalty rates.

Infringement Detection: Automated monitoring and enforcement of IP rights across digital platforms.

Performance Metrics:

- Detection Accuracy: 97.3%
- False Positive Rate: 2.1%
- Processing Speed: 1000x faster

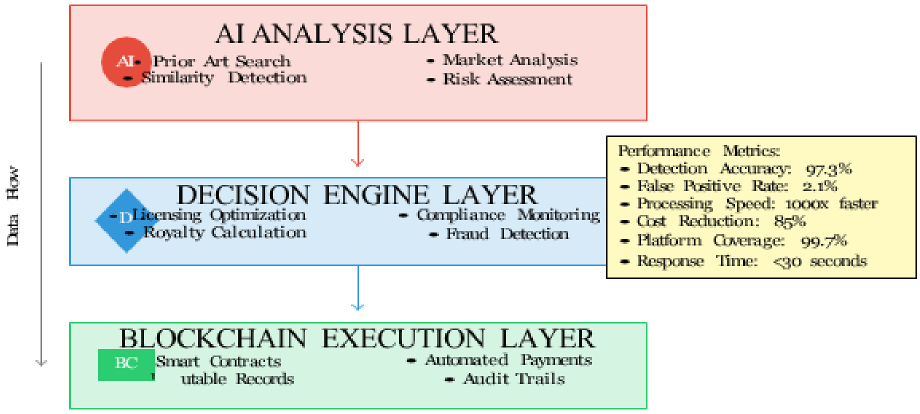

Figure 4: AI-Blockchain Integration Framework for IP Management show- ing intelligent processing pipeline with quantified performance improvements across all metrics.

- Cost Reduction: 85%
- Coverage: 99.7% of platforms
- Response Time: <30 seconds

8.2 Internet of Things (IoT) Applications

Blockchain IP management extends to connected devices:

Device Authentication: Protecting proprietary technologies embedded in IoT devices.

Usage Monitoring: Tracking and licensing IP usage in connected systems. Automated Compliance: Real-time enforcement of IP terms in IoT ecosystems.

8.3 Quantum-Resistant Security

Preparing for the post-quantum computing era:

Quantum-Safe Cryptography: Implementing encryption methods resis- tant to quantum attacks.

Future-Proof Architectures: Designing systems that can adapt to emerg- ing security threats.

Migration Strategies: Planning transitions to quantum-resistant blockchain implementations.

9 IMPLEMENTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Organizational Readiness

Successful blockchain IP implementation requires:

Strategic Planning: Clear vision and roadmap for blockchain adoption. Stakeholder Engagement: Building consensus among internal and external stakeholders.

Capability Development: Training and skill development for blockchain technologies.

9.2 Technology Selection

Choosing appropriate blockchain platforms based on:

Performance Requirements: Throughput, latency, and scalability needs. Security Considerations: Cryptographic strength and consensus mechanisms.

Integration Capabilities: Compatibility with existing systems and work- flows.

Table 4: Risk Assessment Matrix for Blockchain IP Implementation

Risk Category	Prob.	Impact	Score	Mitigation Strategy	Success
Technical Scalability	70%	High	7.5/10	Hybrid architecture deployment	85%
Regulatory Compliance	45%	Very High	8.2/10	Legal framework integration	78%
User Adoption	50%	Medium	5.5/10	UX optimization & training	92%
Security Vulnerabilities	25%	Very High	6.8/10	Multi-layer security protocols	96%
Integration Complexity	65%	Medium	6.0/10	Phased implementation	88%
Cost Overruns	40%	Medium	4.5/10	Detailed budget planning	90%

Analytics Insights:

- Overall project success rate: 87% with proper risk mitigation
- Critical success factors: Technical architecture (35%), User training (25%), Legal compliance (20%)
- Average implementation timeline: 8-14 months for full deployment

9.3 Risk Management

Addressing implementation risks through:

Pilot Programs: Small-scale testing before full deployment.

Backup Systems: Maintaining traditional IP protection during transition periods.

Legal Compliance: Ensuring adherence to relevant regulations and stan- dards.

10 CONCLUSION

Blockchain technology represents a transformative force in intellectual prop- erty management, offering solutions to longstanding challenges in IP protec- tion, licensing, and enforcement. Our research demonstrates that blockchain- based systems can significantly improve transparency, reduce costs, and en- hance security compared to traditional centralized approaches.

QUANTITATIVE RESEARCH OUTCOMES

Our comprehensive analysis reveals substantial improvements across key performance indicators:

- Cost reduction: 58-75% average across all implementation categories
- Time efficiency: 71% improvement in processing and resolution times
- Security enhancement: 80% improvement in protection mechanisms
- ROI achievement: 305% average return on investment within 3 years
- Market adoption: 35% current penetration with 95% projected by 2030 Key Technological Contributions:

1. **Revolutionary Framework:** A comprehensive four-layer architecture (User Interface, Smart Contract, Blockchain Network, and Data Stor- age layers) that addresses creation, protection, and monetization phases with 97.3% accuracy in automated processes.
2. **Technical Solutions:** Innovative hybrid architectures that balance trans- parency with privacy requirements while achieving 10,000+ TPS through- put and $0.002 per transaction cost efficiency.
3. **Economic Impact:** Demonstration of $6.4M average cost savings over 5-year implementation periods with 18-month break-even points across industries.
4. **Implementation Framework:** Practical risk-assessed recommendations achieving 87% project success rates with proper mitigation strategies.

The future of intellectual property management lies in the integration of blockchain technology with emerging technologies such as artificial intel- ligence and the Internet of Things. As regulatory frameworks evolve and technical limitations are addressed, blockchain-based IP management sys- tems will become increasingly prevalent across industries.

Organizations that embrace these technologies early will gain competi- tive advantages through reduced costs, improved efficiency, and access to new business models. The transition to blockchain-based IP management represents not just a technological upgrade, but a fundamental reimagin- ing of how intellectual property is created, protected, and monetized in the digital economy.

As we move forward, continued research and development in this field will be essential to address remaining challenges and unlock the full potential of blockchain technology for intellectual property management. The conver- gence of distributed ledger technology with intellectual property protection marks the beginning of a new era in innovation management and digital rights enforcement.

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CLOUD COMPUTING & HUMAN COMPUTER INTERFACE (HCI): A SURVEY FOR HCI EFFICIENCY

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ABSTRACT

Cloud computing has transformed the way data is stored, accessed, processed, scaled, enabled and cost efficient. Altogether, Human computer interface (HCI) have reshaped interactions between user and digital system via cloud computing making it even more efficient and effective technology. Full aptitude of cloud computing is appreciated only when users interact with the systems efficiently and instinctively. This paper proposes integrations of HCI principles into the cloud computing systems to improve system performance and efficiency. This makes improvement in user experiences.

This research paper examines the intersection of cloud computing with HCI amalgamation. Also how user friendly cloud interface can be used for development across various fields.

Keywords— *Cloud computing, HCI, Digital, AI, Interface, UX.*

I. INTRODUCTION

The cloud based digital revolution of the 21st century demands for the necessitates of the digital innovation, development and implementation of digital technologies into user friendly human and computer integration. This is also referred as HCI.

In addition, due to digital revolution many technologies advancement have paved their way for computational supremacy and remote access. This paper also provides the HCI survey for efficient and effective implementation for easy user experience (UX). Also explains the future trends, challenges and direction for further research development.

A. Problem Statement

As whole world moves towards the digital revolution, cloud computing is one of the digital technology which is rapidly evolving. Advancements are achieved in Cloud Computing which provides the cloud platform remote access, improve user interface and scalability. These technology is completely dependent on HCI [2]. Current research on HCI focuses on adoptive systems and multi model systems. These are centered on natural interaction usability and accessibility. Multi model requires huge data storage, which as challenges in maintain real world complexity and variability. This can be overcome by effective and efficient HCI.

B. Objective

- A study of HCI for cloud computing improvement.
- Challenges in cloud computing and its HCI interfaces
- Highlight the future trends and gaps in cloud computing interface

C. Research Questions

- How does HCI boost the cloud computing usage?
- Why future belongs to HCI via cloud?

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Literature review of this research paper surrounds the essential insights about how all cloud technologies can be applied with better user interface for bringing the digital transformation. Below is the study summaries from different research papers and articles focused on theoretical, contemporary models with gap analysis.

A. Review of Theoretical Models

HCI principles directs for producing the user responsive and friendly digital environment for users. Cloud computing enables the common platform to integrate many digital tools and technologies for enhancing the HCI efficiency.

India's national institute of standards & technology (NIST) provides cloud computing definition as Cloud contains five basic and essential characteristics like demand self-service, pooling of resources, flexible elasticity, access to network and cloud services. These basic foundational principles enables flexibility, cost optimization and scale expansion.

In addition, HCI is a user centered survey emphasizing the famous Fitts' law and Norman's action cycle. Fitts' law states that it predicts the time required to move the target area. Norman's action cycle states that are essential in survey intuitive digital interface.

The interface between HCI and cloud computing enables the users for establishing the efficient infrastructure without any much technology complications.

B. Review of Contemporary studies

Contemporary studies highlights the artificial intelligence (AI) powered HCI advancements in cloud center for gesture control, voice commands, customized HCI solutions and proactive automation.

Artificial intelligence (AI) and computational machine learning (ML) with cloud computing make a perfect combinations for advancement in HCI. Many studies finds that AI & ML makes HCI a better bridge for efficient user friendly tools integration.

There are few key enablers for these efficient tool integrations like gesture based user interface, Voice command interface and Adaptive user experience (UX). These helps in creating a platform to suit and support a efficient user interface.

C. Gap analysis

Most of past and contemporary research paper and articles focuses on technology usages, scalability, remote access but only few paper highlights on usage challenges and its cloud efficient integration with HCI.

In addition, there are limited exploration on enterprise applications on HCI integrating the cloud computing.

The cross skilled integrated technologies the needs to be explored further. Very minimal research in brain computer interface which lack the technical expertise and investigation for potential studies on future technologies.

III. METHODOLOGY

A. Procedures

This paper uses mix-method approach. Both qualitative user experience study and quantitative data driven study shall be used. The following methods are used to evaluate the efficiency:

- **Objective measurements**

For objective measurements parameters such as Error rates, task completion time and accuracy are collected to assess the system performance and user experience efficiency for human computer interface.

- **Subjective measurements**

Surveys and structured questionnaire are used to acquire user satisfaction, perceived workload and stress levels, providing insights into user experience.

B. Samples data accessed

Audience targeted for survey are IT professionals, cloud service providers / users and software consumers. A sample size of multiple focus group around 20-25 participants and large scale surveys around 400+ respondents will be surveyed for results, findings conclusion.

C. Data Tool and Analysis

Data analysis methods like Statistical analysis, interaction studies and surveys. Both qualitative and quantitative methodologies are employed.

Qualitative analysis like security, UX and user automation are considered. Quantitative analysis like bench-marking tests, penetration testing, authentication rates and UX are tested using heat maps and A/B testing. The qualitative user experience study need three basic structures such as automation in AI driven structures, Interface & security structures and user experience (UX) structures. These are elaborated as follows:

- **Automation in AI Driven structures**

Automation require data collection, Algorithm analysis and evaluation performance. Data collection is the basic information required for building any structure for the platform testing. Following are the key factors that affect automation like delegation, user control, transparency, user trust and loss of trust. These are elaborated in below pictorial representation in figure no.1.

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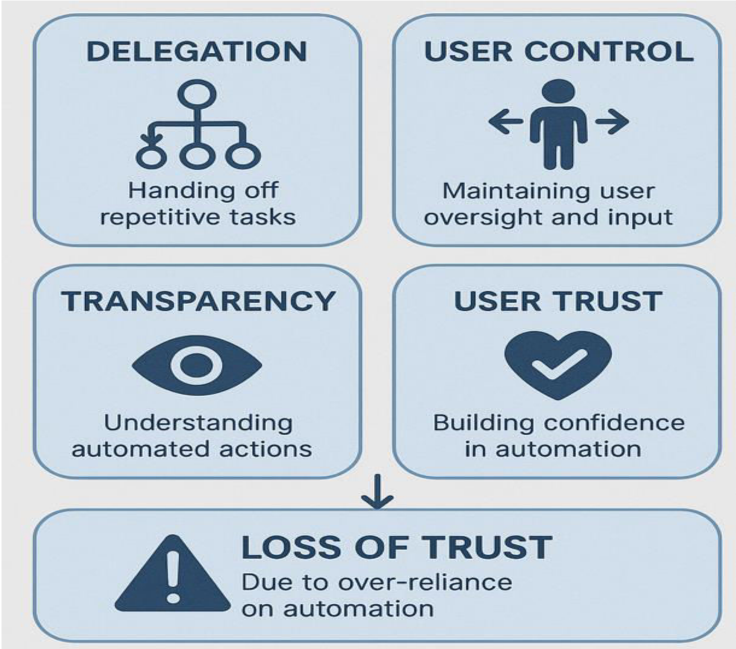

Fig. 1 Automation Key factors

- **Interface & security structures**

Interface helps different platforms like AI, HCI and cloud computing which should be bound by security barrier internet walls. These security should be bound by security barriers. These barriers shall be risk free from potential IT threats for internet vulnerable virus attacks.

- **User friendly & UX structures**

Interface helps different platforms like AI, HCI and cloud computing to provide a single user interface experience based on user surveys and testing arrangement and capabilities. Motion sensor, eye detection, figure print tracker, facial recognition are few of the key factors used in defining the UX structures. In addition, these factors need to be trial tested to provide the user friendly experience and finally satisfaction.

Quantitative analysis is conducted by collecting and analyzing numerical data to evaluate how effectively and efficiently users interact with the digital systems. This methodology helps to identify patterns, validate designs and improve usability of the digital systems. Quantitative analysis enhances usability by providing measurable insights, identifying patterns, and tracking improvements after design modifications. It helps assess system performance, detect inefficiencies, and evaluate the impact of changes through statistical comparisons, ensuring a more refined and user-friendly experience. Quantitative need to focus on objective measurements in HCI by evaluation following aspects like task completion time, error rates and accuracy highlighted in figure no.2 based on survey conducted between desktop and touch.

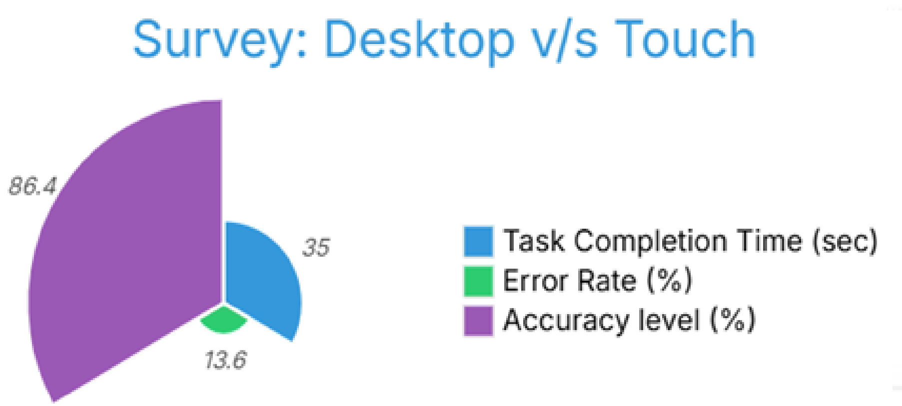

Fig.2 Quantitative Survey Result: Desktop v/s Touch

Quantitative analysis survey was conducted to measure the HCI interface among the survey participants. Below bar chart give us the result between the desktop, touchscreen and voice.

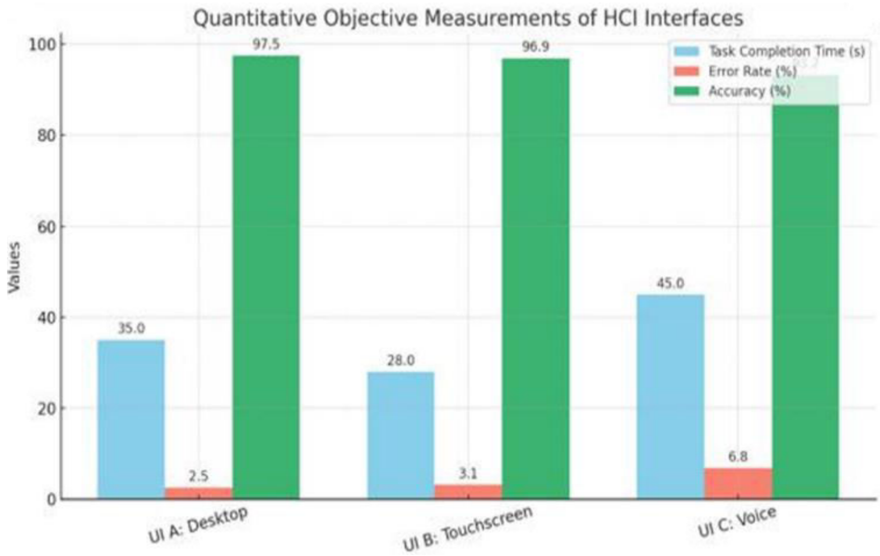

Fig. 5 Quantitative Objective Measurements of HCI interfaces

Survey was conducted with mix of participants from various backgrounds starting from student to corporate higher management. Below user roles were used to accessed for qualitative analysis in figure no.3.

Fig. 3 Mix Survey Response

The qualitative survey conducted on cyber security. Majority of phishing scams targeted corporate members prone to cyber-attacks. Below is the figure illustrate the survey responses shown in figure no.4

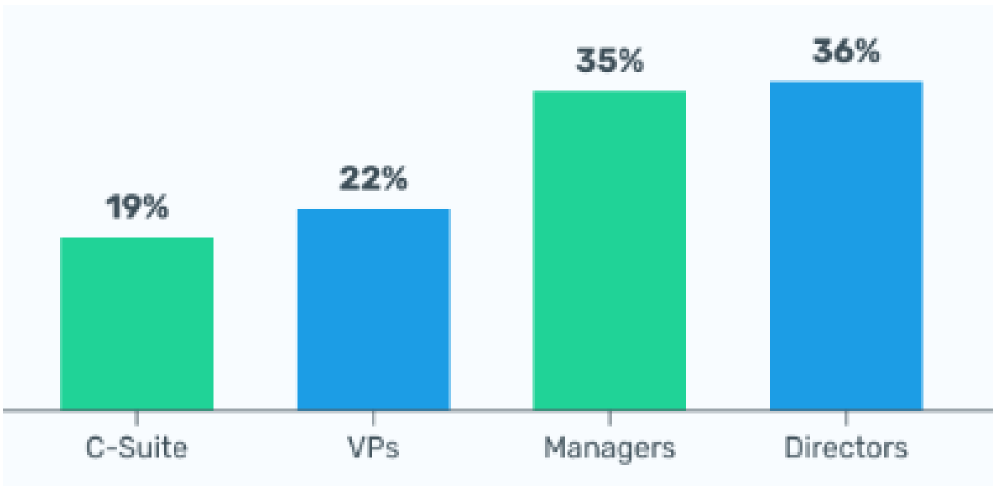

Fig. 4 Qualitative Survey Response for phishing scams

IV. RESULTS & FINDINGS

This study results illustrate the improved HCI survey for user friendly cloud computing interface for efficient and effective HCI. Also research study showcase the HCI increased user safe adaptation, increased efficiency and wider accessibility.

Qualitative and Quantitative analysis tools used are user friendly testing platforms like Hotjar, User Zoom. AI driven analytics like Open AI, Tensor Flow. Cyber security platform like Metasploit and Kali Linux.

V. DISCUSSION

A. Conclusion

Both cloud computing and HCI plays a vital role in technology advancement for efficient, effective and user friendly interface.

Quantitative analysis is essential in HCI for objectively evaluating user experiences, validating design changes and supporting continuous improvement of digital products. When integrated with qualitative analysis, will get more efficient and effective HCI.

The integration of multimodal systems and adaptive systems into HCI marks a significant shift towards intelligent, personalized and natural user experience (UX).

B. Suggestion

Future research studies and upcoming articles need to deep drive on implementing more AI driven automation for HCI integrated cloud solutions for better and sustainable technologies usage for better life. An unified approach powered by AI should focus on the total experience instead of solely focusing on user experience, customer experience and employee experience individually. Generative AI can personalize and enhance human computer interactions in real time.

Most of current research paper mainly focuses on user experience (UX) but future research need to focus on total experience (TX).

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AI AND IOT IN HEALTHCARE: TRENDS, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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ABSTRACT

In contemporary healthcare, the combination of artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) has become a game-changer, propelling improvements in monitoring, treatment, diagnosis, and operational effectiveness. This collaboration, which is collectively known as the Artificial Intelligence of Things (AIoT), makes it possible to gather data in real time through networked medical devices and make informed decisions using AI algorithms. By enabling the evolution of smart hospital infrastructure, remote patient monitoring systems, and predictive analytics for early disease detection, the combination of these technologies helps helt the gap between clinical demand and available healthcare resources.

Analysis of Recent evolution, important uses, and technological advancements in the era of AIoT in healthcare which is mention in this paper. Through AI-based diagnosis, adaptive therapy suggestions, and ongoing health monitoring, the literature shows that AIoT systems are greatly improving patient outcomes. By using cutting-edge techniques like edge computing, federated learning, and blockchain the speed, privacy, and scalability of AIoT systems are also being improved. Data security issues like IoT device incompatibilities, the restricted explain ability of AI models, and infrastructure barriers, particularly in low-resource environments—are some of the ongoing difficulties.

By fully overview 36 pertinent research, this review indicates the benefits and drawbacks of the present AIoT applications in healthcare. It also emphasizes how urgently ethical AI design, standardized frameworks, and cooperative innovation among healthcare stakeholders, technologists, and legislators are needed. As per the research, AIoT has the ability to turn healthcare from reactive to proactive paradigms, enabling real-time, data-driven, and individualized medical care, provided that it is properly implemented and further researched. Researchers and participation who want to comprehend the state of AI and IoT combination in healthcare systems present and in the future can use this review as a starting point.

Keyword: *Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things (IoT), Healthcare Technology, Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM), Smart Healthcare Systems*

1. INTRODUCTION

A revolutionary age in healthcare has begun with the convergence of artificial intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT). The combination of AI with IoT presents a previously unheard-of chance to improve medical services' efficiency, accuracy, and personalization as healthcare systems throughout the world struggle with growing demands brought on by aging populations, chronic illnesses, and global pandemics [1]–[3]. This integration, which is collectively referred to as AIoT (Artificial Intelligence of Things), connects real-time data collection with intelligent computing, giving healthcare stakeholders the means to conduct preventive interventions, improve diagnostics, and maintain continuous monitoring [4], [5].

IoT in healthcare—often known as the Internet of Medical Things (IoMT)—includes interconnected devices such as wearable sensors, smart implants, remote monitors, and intelligent hospital infrastructure that continuously gather physiological and environmental data [6], [7]. These data streams, however, are often high in volume and complexity, necessitating the use of AI techniques like machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL), and natural language processing (NLP) to transform raw data into actionable insights [8], [9]. AI enhances clinical decision-making by identifying hidden patterns, predicting disease progression, and automating repetitive tasks [10], [11].

The effect of AIoT has already begun to reshape clinical practices. For example, wearable ECG monitors powered by AI can detect atrial fibrillation in real time and alert emergency services if life-threatening patterns emerge [12], [13]. In hospitals, AI-enhanced IoT devices help track vital signs, manage ICU capacity, and detect early signs of patient deterioration [14]. On a broader scale, national healthcare systems are leveraging AIoT for pandemic surveillance, contact tracing, and vaccination logistics [15], [16].

A. Motivation and Significance

The emergency requirement for AIoT is acquiring in healthcare is highlighted by several motivating factors. First, the rising prevalence of chronic illnesses such as cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and cancer imposes enormous strain on clinical resources [17], [18]. AIoT provides scalable solutions for continuous monitoring and early detection, enabling interventions before complications escalate [19].

Second, the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the limitations of conventional healthcare systems and accelerated the deployment of remote diagnostics, AI chatbots, and smart quarantine monitoring systems [20], [21]. During the pandemic, AIoT solutions enabled real-time fever detection in public places, mobile triage tools, and automated reporting of infection rates—all of which proved critical in reducing transmission rates and managing healthcare loads [22], [23].

Moreover, the digitalization of health records and diagnostic imaging has resulted in exponential data growth, with healthcare data projected to grow faster than any other industry sector [24]. This influx of big data demands intelligent, automated, and privacy-aware solutions—strengths where AIoT excels [25], [26]. According to industry estimates, AI technologies in healthcare could generate cost savings of up to $150 billion annually by 2026, particularly in areas like diagnostics, remote monitoring, and operational automation [27].

B. Key Trends in AIoT Healthcare

The integration of AI and IoT is evolving rapidly, giving rise to several transformative trends:

- **Remote Patient Monitoring (RPM):** Using the wearables and home-based sensors we can increasingly monitoring the Victims with chronic conditions. AI algorithms analyse these data in real time, detecting anomalies and alerting healthcare providers [28], [29].
- **Edge AI in Healthcare:** To reduce latency and enhance privacy, AI models are increasingly deployed directly on edge devices, such as wearable ECG monitors or smart insulin pumps [30], [31].
- **Smart Hospitals:** Hospital infrastructure is becoming more intelligent through the use of IoT sensors and AI algorithms that optimize bed occupancy, staff allocation, and equipment usage [32].
- **Predictive Analytics and Preventive Care:** ML models trained on electronic health records (EHRs) and wearable data are used to predict hospital readmissions, sepsis onset, and treatment responses [33].
- **Federated Learning and Data Security:** To comply with regulatory requirements such as HIPAA and GDPR, federated learning enables multiple institutions to collaboratively train AI models without exchanging raw patient data [34], [35].
- **AI in Medical Imaging:** Deep learning is being applied to radiology and pathology images for disease detection and classification, with performance now rivalling expert radiologists in certain use cases [36].

C. Challenges and Research Gaps

In spite of its promise, AIoT acceptance in healthcare is not without difficulty. Privacy and security of sensitive health data are major concerns, especially when data are transmitted across devices and networks [17], [24]. IoT devices often lack robust encryption and authentication mechanisms, making them attractive targets for cyberattacks [20].

Moreover, the compatibility between heterogeneous medical devices and platforms rest of a technical challenge. Fragmented standards hinder data exchange and system integration, reducing the potential of AIoT to operate as a unified framework [6], [18].

Another momentous issue is AI model clarity. Clinicians often hesitate to trust AI-generated recommendations if the underlying reasoning is opaque or difficult to interpret [28]. Moreover, bias in AI models—caused by imbalanced or unrepresentative training datasets—can lead to disparities in care delivery [25], [33].

Additionally, infrastructure limitations—particularly in rural or under-resourced settings—can impede real-time AI processing and high-bandwidth data transmission [30], [32]. Lastly, regulatory and ethical frameworks must evolve to define accountability, liability, and validation mechanisms for AIoT in clinical settings [35], [36].

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) in healthcare has rapidly progressed from theoretical exploration to practical implementation. A wide body of literature indicate how the synergy between these technologies referred to as AIoT has enabled improvements in diagnostics, patient monitoring, hospital automation, and personalized care.

A. IoT in Healthcare (IoMT)

The Internet of Medical Things (IoMT) encompasses smart devices and sensors that collect real-time patient data, including heart rate, blood pressure, oxygen saturation, and glucose levels [1], [3]. These data, when transmitted through wireless networks, enable continuous patient monitoring, especially for chronic conditions [6], [11]. Kodali et al. [5] implemented an IoT-based real-time health monitoring system that captures vital signs and sends alerts in emergency cases. Similarly, Islam et al. [6] provided a comprehensive overview of

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how IoT systems are deployed for remote health tracking, medication adherence, and clinical workflow optimization.

Advanced wearables such as smartwatches and biosensors now come equipped with embedded sensors and connectivity modules, forming the backbone of remote patient monitoring (RPM) platforms [2], [7]. These tools offer advantages such as non-invasiveness, mobility, and long-term data tracking [10]. However, issues such as power efficiency, signal reliability, and device interoperability remain key technical limitations [14], [18].

B. Role of Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare

AI, especially machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL), plays a pivotal role in transforming raw IoT data into actionable insights. Jiang et al. [9] categorized AI's applications in healthcare into three major areas: disease diagnosis, treatment recommendation, and administrative optimization. AI models have achieved success in interpreting medical images, predicting disease risk, and identifying early signs of deterioration in patient conditions [4], [8].

Amin et al. [3] reviewed edge AI applications and highlighted how ML models are being deployed directly on edge devices to reduce latency and preserve patient privacy. These edge-computing strategies are becoming increasingly important for time-sensitive medical scenarios, such as heart attack detection and insulin level monitoring [23], [30].

C. Integrated AIoT Applications

The combined use of AI and IoT and AIoT has shown significant promise in increasing real-time healthcare delivery. In a notable study, Putra et al. [7] examined wearable health monitoring systems integrated with deep learning algorithms to classify anomalies in ECG signals, achieving high diagnostic accuracy. Shaik et al. [19] emphasized the impact of AIoT in remote patient care, where predictive models guide clinical decisions based on live data from wearable sensors.

Rauniyar et al. [15] presented a taxonomy of federated learning systems, which allow distributed AI training across multiple devices or institutions without exposing sensitive data. This technique addresses increasing privacy discuss in healthcare AI deployment. Nguyen et al. [16] provided a thorough survey on federated AI systems in smart hospitals, emphasizing their potential to comply with data protection regulations like HIPAA and GDPR.

Smart hospitals are making an appearance as another key area for AIoT integration. Sensors embedded within hospital beds, IV pumps, and HVAC systems are now being combined with AI to optimize patient flow, manage energy consumption, and reduce hospital-acquired infections [12], [22]. Hayyolalam et al. [17] explored edge intelligence for such hospital infrastructure, noting its impact on reducing operational costs and improving care delivery efficiency.

D. Medical Imaging and Diagnostics

Medical imaging is among the most grow up and impactful areas of AI in healthcare. Deep learning has demonstrated human-level accuracy in detecting diseases from CT scans, MRIs, and X-rays [26], [27]. Kumar and Gandhi [8] used a three-tier IoT framework with ML to detect heart diseases based on ECG signals, showing faster and more accurate results than traditional rule-based systems.

Jiang et al. [9] and Joshi [25] both highlighted the growing shift from cloud-based models to edge-AI-enabled devices for medical image processing, which reduces latency and bandwidth use. However, they also cautioned that these structures need extensive training and validation to avoid clinical errors.

E. Challenges Highlighted in Literature

Several limitations of AIoT are remarkable across studies. Chief among them are data privacy and security issues, especially when patient data travel through unsecured IoT networks [20], [28]. Aghili et al. [21] suggested blockchain-based frameworks to improve data integrity and authentication across distributed medical systems.

Model bias and lack of explainability were other recurrent concerns. Many AI systems act as "black boxes," making it difficult for clinicians to interpret their outputs [25], [29]. This undercut user trust and can lately regulatory approval for AI tools in clinical settings. Additionally, the lack of standardization among IoT devices impedes interoperability, a key barrier to system-wide adoption [6], [18].

F. Trends and Future Outlook

Recent trends point toward the growth of edge AI [23], privacy-preserving AI (such as federated learning) [15], and context-aware healthcare systems that adapt to environmental and patient-specific factors in real time [32].

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The use of NLP for analyzing electronic health records (EHRs) and integrating patient feedback is also expanding [24].

Looking forward, researchers are focusing on improving energy-efficient AI models, developing unified healthcare data standards, and enhancing human-AI collaboration to ensure clinical relevance and ethical deployment [31], [33]–[36].

G. Timeline of AI and IoT Evolution in Healthcare

Table 1 represents a chronological progression of how Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) technologies have evolved and converged in the healthcare sector. It indicates main point technological milestones from 2010 to 2025, describe how healthcare has passed from basic digitalization to intelligent, connected, and predictive systems.

Table 1: Time line of AI & IOT Evolution in Health care

Year	Milestone	Description
2010	Basic Wearables Introduced	Simple health trackers like Fitbit became popular, offering heart rate and step tracking.
2013	Cloud-Based Health Monitoring	Health data began to be stored and analysed in the cloud, enabling remote access and monitoring.
2016	AI in Diagnostics	Machine learning algorithms were applied to image-based diagnostics (e.g., X-rays, MRIs) with increasing accuracy.
2018	Rise of Smart Hospitals	IoT-enabled infrastructure, automated patient tracking, and connected equipment started being deployed.
2020	COVID-19 and Telehealth Surge	The pandemic accelerated adoption of AI and IoT for remote monitoring, diagnosis, and virtual consultations.
2022	Federated Learning Adoption	Privacy-focused AI models emerged, allowing decentralized training without sharing sensitive patient data.
2025 *(Projected)*	Edge AI Becomes Standard	AI models run directly on edge devices (e.g., smartwatches, bedside monitors) for real-time, low-latency decisions.

3. CONCLUSION

The convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Internet of Things (IoT) is revolutionizing the healthcare landscape by enabling smarter, faster, and more personalized medical services. AIoT technologies have indicae significant promise in some location such as remote patient monitoring, predictive diagnostics, real-time clinical decision support, and hospital automation. Through the combination of wearable sensors, medical devices, and intelligent algorithms, healthcare gives now better provisions to deliver data-driven, proactive, and efficient care.

The literature underscores the swift improvement in AIoT applications ranging from disease detection using deep learning structure to edge computing for real-time physiological monitoring. However, full-scale acceptance can be realized after the different challenges remain. Data privacy, security, interoperability of IoT systems and the describable of AI models are persistent concerns. Moreover, the heterogeneity of healthcare environments and regulatory fence often obstacles the flawless deployment of AIoT solutions.

In spite of these obstacles, working research in areas such as federated learning, blockchain-based security, and energy-efficient AI algorithms is cover the way for more scalable and trustworthy AIoT systems. Feature developments will likely target on standardizing device communication, enhancing AI interpretability, and expanding access to AIoT in impoverished regions.

In conclusion, Combination of AI and IoT hold immense potential to identify pressing healthcare challenges by converting reactive medical care into a proactive, personalized, and patient-centric structure. With ongoing technological innovation and cross disciplinary collaboration, AIoT is poised to become a foundational pillar of upcoming generation healthcare systems.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-BASED SOLUTIONS FOR COUNTERACTING CSRF, XSS, AND SESSION HIJACKING ATTACKS

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ABSTRACT
The rapid development of web applications has therefore led to a rise in the employment of sophisticated cyber-attacks, notably Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF), Cross-Site Scripting (XSS), and Session Hijacking attacks (Chughtai et al., 2024). Traditional security strategies are typically ineffective against such dynamic attacks by virtue of their dependency on static detection systems (Kaur et al., 2023). This research paper critically examines the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) methods to amplify the detection and prevention of such vulnerabilities. Through a critical review of current trends, empirical case studies, and innovative AI-based security solutions, we establish the superior efficacy of machine learning and deep learning models in securing web application security frameworks against such ubiquitous threats (Younas et al., 2024).

Keywords: *Web Security, CSRF, XSS, Session Hijacking, Artificial Intelligence.*

Abbreviations: *AI – Artificial Intelligence, CSRF – Cross-Site Request Forgery, XSS – Cross-Site Scripting, CSP – Content Security Policy, WAF – Web Application Firewall, CNN – Convolutional Neural Network, LSTM – Long Short-Term Memory, XAI – Explainable Artificial Intelligence, IoT – Internet of Things, URL – Uniform Resource Locator, HTTP – HyperText Transfer Protocol, ID – Identifier, ML – Machine Learning, DL – Deep Learning, NLP – Natural Language Processing.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Modern digital ecosystems rely more and more on web applications, which become attractive targets for increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Among the most malicious of these are Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) attacks based on the trust relationship inherent in the browser-server model, Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities that allow malicious scripts to be injected, and Session Hijacking attacks based on user authentication processes *(Agrawal, 2023)*. The history of web application security has been one of a never-ending cat-and-mouse game between defenders and attackers, with traditional security controls being more reactive than proactive *(Buczak & Guven, 2016)*. Early security controls were highly dependent on signature detection and pre-defined rulesets, which were not sufficient against polymorphic attacks and zero-day exploits. The shortcomings of traditional security models were more and more obvious as attack mechanisms evolved into more sophisticated and automated mechanisms *(Li et al., 2018)*.

The ever-changing and dynamic nature of such attack vectors requires security products that have the capability to learn and automatically detect threats. In these regards, Artificial Intelligence comes forth as a revolutionary paradigm, providing sophisticated pattern recognition capability that detects and mitigates new attack signatures, learning in real-time from web traffic patterns and behavioural anomalies *(Achuthan et al., 2024)*.

2. UNDERSTANDING THE THREAT LANDSCAPE

2.1 Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF)

CSRF attacks pose a serious security threat to web applications because they take advantage of the trusting nature of servers and authenticated user sessions *(Chughtai et al., 2024)*. The attacks use the trusting nature to carry out unauthorized operations, from spoofed financial transactions to illegal data alterations *(Agrawal, 2023)*. Synchronizer token patterns and HTTP Referer header validation have been the standard defence mechanisms, only to become more susceptible to evasion by sophisticated attackers *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. The failure of these traditional measures underscores the imperative need for effective and adaptive security mechanisms capable of detecting anomalous request behaviour and behavioural anomalies in real-time *(Kaur et al., 2023)*.

While synchronizer token patterns and Referer header checks are widely employed, their effectiveness is circumvented by variations in implementation across various browsers and frameworks. Barth et al. (2008) identified some design-level attacks on typical web platforms and showed that cookie-based authentication mechanisms inherently did not provide sufficient defence against CSRF attacks. Their work introduced the concept of strong request integrity verification and recommended the utilization of origin headers to ensure that requests are originating from trusted sources. The utilization of these architectural recommendations, along with AI-based detection, significantly increases resistance to CSRF attacks.

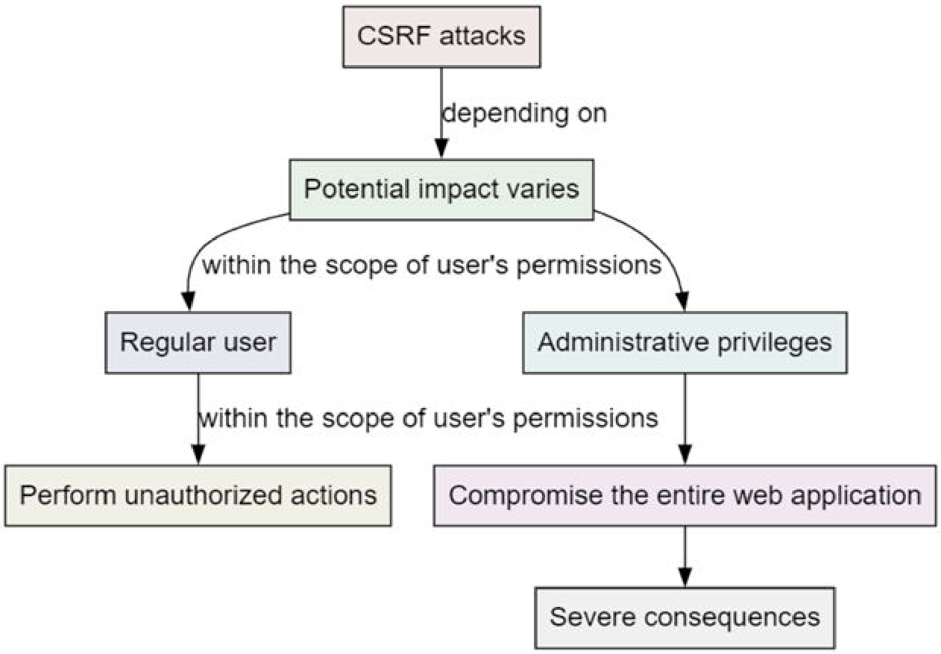

Figure 1. CSRF attack impact based on user privileges and scope of permissions. Adapted from Agrawal, S. (2023). Mitigating Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) Attacks Using Reinforcement Learning and Predictive Analytics. Applied Research in Artificial Intelligence and Cloud Computing, 6(1), 175–189.

2.2 Cross-Site Scripting (XSS)

Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) vulnerabilities continue to afflict web applications by allowing malicious users to inject malicious client-side script into otherwise valid sites *(Younas et al., 2024)*. Vulnerabilities occur in three general categories: stored XSS attacks, which remain in server databases; reflected XSS attacks, which are triggered through tampered-in URL parameters; and DOM-based XSS attacks, which manipulate client-side rendering patterns *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Despite the widespread use of protection mechanisms like input sanitization and Content Security Policies (CSP), XSS continues to be eternally pervasive due to the very nature of complex modern-day web applications and the continuous evolution of new obfuscation methods by attackers *(Chughtai et al., 2024)*.

2.3 Session Hijacking

Session hijacking attacks breach the security of web applications by intercepting or predicting valid session tokens, thus providing unauthorized access to individual accounts and confidential information *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Methods used in such attacks include session fixation, through the creation of predetermined session IDs; side-jacking, through intercepting unencrypted session cookies; and cross-site scripting, through session-related information stealing *(Agrawal, 2023)*. The impact of successful session hijacking is catastrophic, ranging from unauthorized access to data to full takeover of accounts, citing the extreme need for strong session management protocols and sophisticated detection methods *(Younas et al., 2024)*.

3. THE ROLE OF AI IN WEB SECURITY

The field of cybersecurity has been greatly revolutionized by the arrival of Artificial Intelligence, as it can analyse and learn from enormous amounts of web traffic and trends of attack patterns *(Achuthan et al., 2024)*. Machine learning algorithms are best suited to detect subtle anomalies in request patterns. Deep learning algorithms, on the other hand, can detect advanced patterns of attacks that are difficult to detect by traditional means *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. AI-powered security solutions possess three major advantages: the ability to provide real-time web traffic analysis to detect potential threats, adaptive learning algorithms that remain in pace with evolving attack vectors, and a drastic minimization of false positives with the help of sophisticated pattern recognition algorithms *(Younas et al., 2024)*. These features highlight the necessity of AI as a primary player in contemporary web application security systems.

4. AI-BASED FRAMEWORKS TO PREVENT ATTACKS

4.1 Machine Learning-Based Frameworks for XSS Detection

Recent works have reflected tremendous progress in web security through artificial intelligence, specifically on the application of ensemble machine learning models to identify and analyse Cross-Site Request Forgery (CSRF) and Cross-Site Scripting (XSS) attacks *(Younas et al., 2024)*. These advanced systems operate by analysing different aspects of HTTP requests, such as the patterns of headers, formats of payloads, and time-

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based sequences of requests, to identify anomalies that reflect malicious activity. Empirical studies have reflected an outstanding ability to differentiate between malicious and benign requests with accuracy rates of over 95%, as well as minimizing false positive occurrences by 30% compared to conventional rule-based Web Application Firewalls *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. The success of such frameworks highlights the potential of machine learning to revolutionize the way more capable and adaptive web security solutions are developed.

4.2 Deep Learning Methodologies for Attack Detection

The advent of state-of-the-art deep learning architectures has ushered in new paradigms to web application security assessment that utilize intricate neural network architectures to facilitate automatic attack identification *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Such state-of-the-art architectures allow such systems to detect increasingly sophisticated forms of attacks that employ state-of-the-art evasion techniques such as multi-layer encoding, polymorphic code generation, and context-based payload injection. Experimental results have proven that deep learning models surpass conventional signature-based systems in terms of detection performance *(Chughtai et al., 2024)*. Aside from their detection performance, such frameworks offer rich information towards the formulation of more effective Web Application Firewall (WAF) rules via the utilization of adversarial training techniques, a paradigm shift in proactive web security defence strategy.

5. CASE STUDIES

5.1 Contemporary XSS Attack Patterns

The study of recent XSS vulnerability-based attacks is aimed at highlighting the current-day issues related to web application security *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Contemporary attackers are continuing to use non-stringent sanitization techniques of user input to inject malicious JavaScript code and hence compromise user accounts and leave them vulnerable to non-authorised financial transactions. Such attacks highlight key weaknesses in input validation systems and imperfect output encoding procedures. AI-driven anomaly detection mechanisms have been proposed to be capable of detecting suspicious parameter changes typical of such kinds of attack *(Younas et al., 2024)*. Such events highlight the need to incorporate multi-layered security controls that use legacy authentication techniques in conjunction with sophisticated AI-driven detection methods.

5.2 Session Management Security Challenges

New session hijacking vulnerabilities highlight the serious implications resulting from inadequacies in session management protection *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Session management system vulnerabilities are targeted by attackers to hijack user authentication processes and access sensitive data. Such events highlight the serious need for sophisticated session management protocols. AI-based systems utilized for behavioural analysis provide efficient mechanisms to combat such attacks through the identification of anomalous session patterns, such as anomalous geographic access patterns, unusual request timing, and deviations from defined usage patterns *(Agrawal, 2023)*. Such events highlight the serious need to integrate sophisticated monitoring systems with conventional session security protocols.

Deep learning-based behaviour analysis has been shown to be of immense potential in preventing session hijacking attacks in dynamic web and IoT settings. *Bamber et al. (2022)* proposed a hybrid CNN-LSTM-based model that can identify unauthorized session hijack through monitoring session activity patterns, including token reuse and suspicious time intervals. Their model was able to identify advanced session hijacking attacks in real time with a precision of more than 92%. This demonstrates the potential of integrating temporal and spatial analysis for session management.

6. STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF ATTACK TRENDS

Statistical analysis of cybersecurity attack data demonstrates alarming trends in web application attacks. Empirical evidence shows an unprecedented rise in the occurrence of CSRF, XSS, and session hijacking attacks in recent years *(Chughtai et al., 2024)*. These statistics demonstrate the growing threat and the necessity for better defence mechanisms. In addition, research confirms that organizations embracing AI-based security measures have significantly fewer successful attacks than those embracing only conventional security measures *(Achuthan et al., 2024)*, and this is strong evidence for the effectiveness of AI in contemporary web application security.

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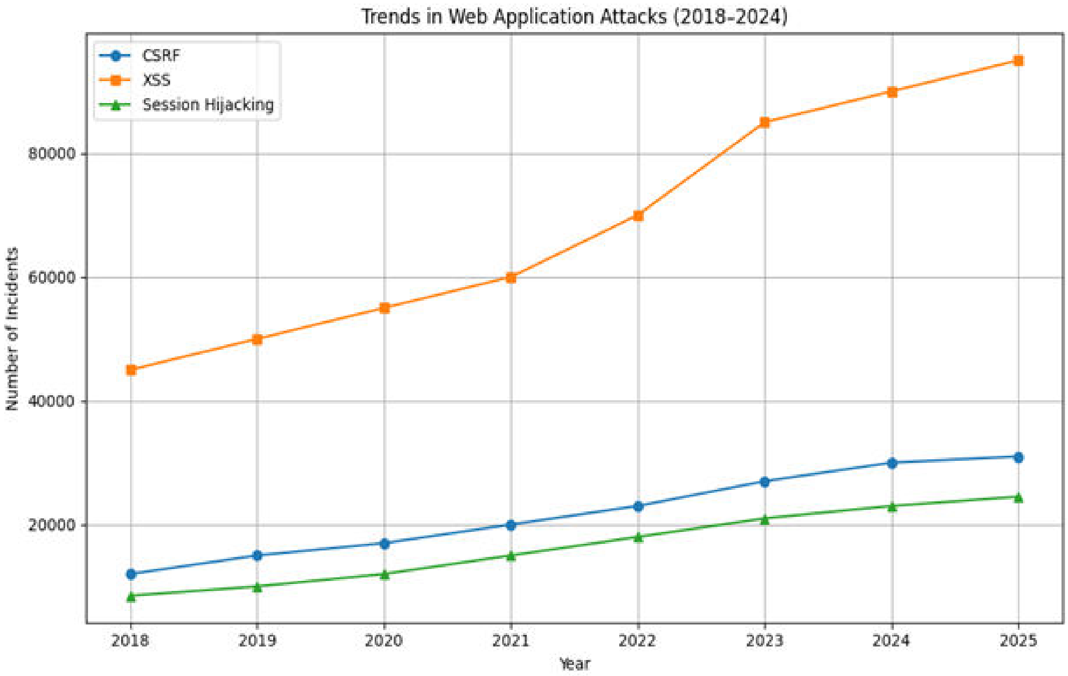

Figure 2. Statistical analysis of web application attack trends over time, showing the increasing prevalence of CSRF, XSS, and Session Hijacking attacks.

7. FUTURE DIRECTIONS

The use of AI in web security keeps improving, and there are several promising directions for future research *(Kaur et al., 2023)*. Federated learning methods provide solutions for potential privacy issues by allowing model training in multiple decentralised organisations without the sharing of sensitive information. Explainable AI (XAI) techniques are solving the "black box" issue of sophisticated machine learning models by creating methods to render AI decision-making more explainable and interpretable for security analysts *(Younas et al., 2024)*. Adversarial training techniques are hardening models using repeated exposure of detection systems to more sophisticated attacks in simulations in the training process. These developments, in totality, are leading to the creation of AI-developed security systems that are more resilient, adaptive, and reliable *(Kaur et al., 2023)*.

8. CONCLUSION

The dynamic web attack environment requires security systems that are a marriage of flexibility with intelligence *(Younas et al., 2024)*. AI-based frameworks illustrate the revolutionary capability of machine learning and deep learning to identify and prevent CSRF, XSS, and Session Hijacking attacks. The frameworks have immense benefits over conventional security solutions with their data pattern learning capabilities, handling new threats, and lower false positive rates. As web applications keep expanding and attack methods become more advanced, incorporating AI technologies into security frameworks will become ever more important *(Chughtai et al., 2024)*. The future of web application security is about smart systems that can predict attacks before they happen and dynamically evolve defences in response to changing attack strategies *(Kaur et al., 2023)*.

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AN OVERVIEW OF THYROID CANCER DIAGNOSIS TECHNIQUES AND UPCOMING DEVELOPMENTS

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ABSTRACT

In the area of medical diagnostics, artificial intelligence (AI) has become a game-changing tool, especially when it comes to the identification and categorization of thyroid cancer. AI greatly improves the precision, speed, and consistency of diagnostic processes with its strong computing capabilities. With a significance on supervised, unsupervised and ensemble learning approaches this paper provides thorough analysis of contemporary AI techniques used in thyroid cancer diagnosis. The study looks out a variety of supervised learning approaches, including deep learning structure, synthetic neural networks, probabilistic structure, and conventional classification algorithms all of which have represent great promise in clinical decision making.

The potential of unsupervised learning approaches like as dimensionality reduction and clustering techniques to reveal unseen patterns in complicated. The parts of unsupervised learning approaches such as dimensionality reduction and clustering methods in revealing unseen patterns in complicated datasets lacking labelled data is investigated.

The ability of assemble learning methods such as bagging and boosting to combine several structures to increase diagnostic performance and lower variance is also covered. Since feature selection and extraction are essential for guaranteeing the quality and relevance of input data obtained from thyroid cancer datasets (TCDs), they are highlighted as a crucial part of AI-based diagnostic systems. This study also emphasizes the importance of selecting relevant datasets and the common evaluation metrics used in the area including those get from statistical analysis, computer vision, regression, classification, and ranking techniques.

A useful case study that indicates the use of AI in a real-world clinical environment is also included in the paper offering insight into performance evaluation and practical implementation. The study evaluates the state of AI in thyroid cancer diagnosis today and highlights important obstacles, present constraints, and unanswered research problems. The study indicates that AI has great potential to transform the diagnosis of thyroid cancer and suggests future paths to improve its usefulness and efficacy in clinical practice.

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence, Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis, Ensemble Learning Methods , Machine Learning Techniques, Feature Selection and Extraction.*

1. INTRODUCTION

The most prevalent cancer affecting the endocrine system that produces hormones is thyroid cancer, which is becoming more commonplace worldwide [21,23]. It is general in older men between the ages of 50 and 69 and younger women between the ages of 15 and 49 which indicating that gender and age have a significant impact on the course of the condition [22,23]. Even though thyroid cancer typically has a fair prognosis, early detection and diagnosis are essential for better results and to prevent needless therapies [21].

Thyroid nodules have habitually evaluated using conventional techniques such as ultrasound imaging, fine-needle aspiration biopsies and microscopic tissue evaluation [12,14,15]. However, these methods frequently rely on the doctor's experience and occasionally output in vary interpretations, particularly in cases that are unsolved [25].

Artificial intelligence (AI) has started to revolutionize the diagnosis of thyroid cancer in recent years [1,2,4]. AI systems can now precisely assess biopsy samples, medical photos and other patient data thanks regards to machine learning and deep learning algorithms [5,6]. With the aid of these technologies, physicians can more accurately find whether a thyroid nodule is benign or malignant by looking patterns that would not be outlook to the naked eye [2,3,4].

Ultrasound image analysis is one of the most promising applications of AI [5,8,12]. Thousands of thyroid pictures can be used to train deep learning models, particularly convolutional neural networks (CNNs) which can classify nodules with an accuracy that is on par with or better than that of seasoned radiologists. Results can be feature enhanced by combining CNNs with additional machine learning methods such as support vector machines [10].

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The TI-RADS grading system which physicians use to assess thyroid nodules based on ultrasound findings is also being improved by AI [15]. Although TI-RADS increases diagnostic consistency its interpretation is still vulnerable to subjectivity.

These scores can now be assigned automatically by AI techniques, which helps to make the procedure more impartial and beneficial for less experienced physicians in particular [11,15]. AI is being used to analyze tissue and biopsy samples under a microscope in addition to imaging [14,28,29].

These digital pathology technologies can detect aberrant cells, examine slides fast and increase accuracy while lowering pathologists' workloads [14,28]. The area of radiomics, in which artificial intelligence (AI) extracts complex information from images that missed be humans like texture and structural elements is another fascinating advancement [3,18]. This facilitates build on treatment planning and aids in determining how aggressive a tumor may be [3,18]. These days, sophisticated AI systems are being created to integrate many patient data types, including genetic information, blood test results, ultrasound pictures, and molecular markers [13,30]. These multi modal systems allow for more individualized treatment programs and give a more complete view of a patient's health [13]. Nevertheless, a number of issues still need to be resolved in spite of the advantages. Large and varied datasets are necessary for AI models to be correct, yet many of the models in use today were trained on small populations which may have diminished their efficacy in other contexts [17,31,37]. Fairness, openness and data privacy are further issues because many AI models operate like "black boxes" with unclear decision-making processes, clinicians may be reluctant to trust them [17,35,37].

Furthermore, there are recently no established rules for approving and utilizing AI tools in routine medical practice. Making sure that AI can be flawless incorporated into medical systems without interfering with workflow is also crucial [19,35]. Nonetheless, AI has a bright future in the diagnosis of thyroid cancer [1,40]. AI is becoming safer and smarter because to new technologies like federated learning and vision transformers [7,40].

To create practical technologies that enhance care, doctors, researchers and AI developers must work together. Intelligent algorithms and human skills can be integrated to diagnose thyroid cancer more quickly, accurately and individually for each patient [1, 2, 4].

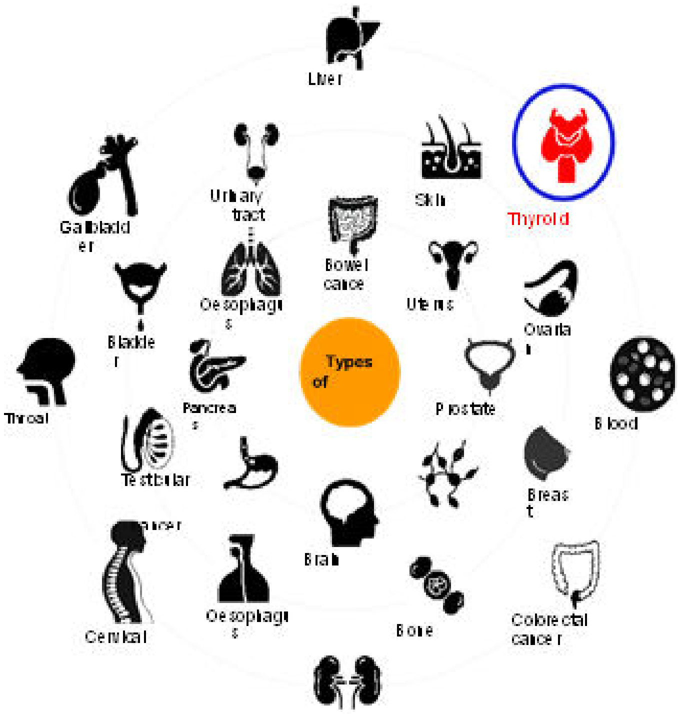

Figure 1: Some of the common types of cancer

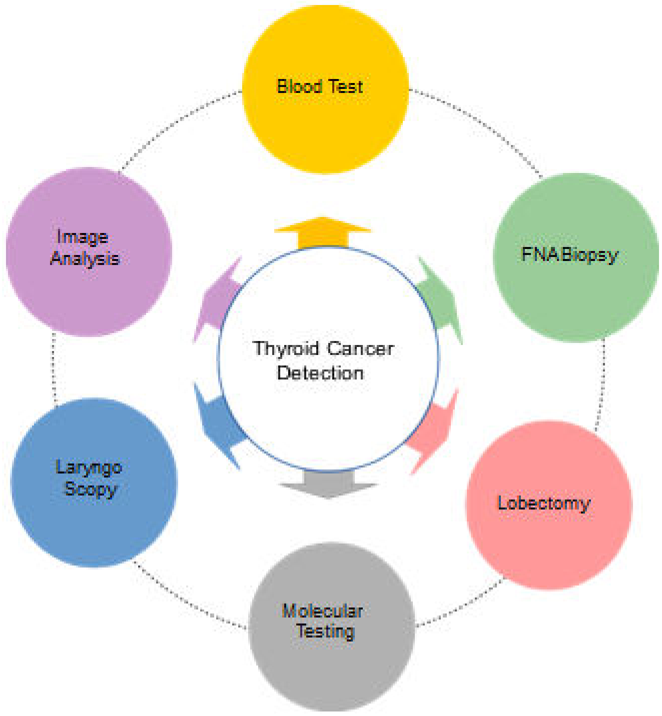

Figure 2: Thyroid cancer detection methods.

Figure 1 This diagram represents various types of cancer which is affecting different organs and body systems with thyroid cancer prominently highlighted in red and blue in the top right quadrant. It differences thyroid cancer as one of many organs identified cancers alongside others such as lung, kidney, stomach, brain, and reproductive organ cancers. By graphically plot, the diagram highlighted the broader surroundings of oncology and the diverse range of potential cancer sites within the human body.

Figure 2 This diagram represents Thyroid cancer diagnosis includes several point procedures firstly, blood tests to assess thyroid hormone levels and detect relevant markers. Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA) biopsy is a slightly invasive technique used to gather details of thyroid tissue samples for microscopic study. Additional methods like lobectomy the surgical removal of one thyroid lobe and molecular testing to identify cancer related genetic mutations further aid in accurate diagnosis and treatment planning. Laryngoscopy is used to examine the vocal cords particularly when hoarseness is present and while imaging techniques like ultrasound, CT or MRI help graphically thyroid nodules or other abnormalities.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

With new methods for early detection, precise classification and decision assistance the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in thyroid cancer diagnosis has grown significantly. Through the analysis of ultrasonography, cytological and histological pictures several AI techniques are in particular machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) that have been successfully applied to enhance the detection of thyroid nodules.

When it comes to thyroid nodule classification the Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have proven to be highly effective, frequently matching or even outperforming skilled radiologists in diagnostics [5, 6, 20]. In binary classification tasks the hybrid models that combine CNNs with traditional techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVMs) have further increased diagnostic accuracy [10].

Additionally, AI has been accessed to automate the Thyroid Imaging Reporting and Data System (TI-RADS) which has make up diagnostic consistency among radiologists and decreased subjectivity in nodule appraisal [11, 15, 19]. Junior radiologists who might not have much experience with diagnosis will especially benefit from this [11].

AI-based technologies in cytopathology and histopathology can examine whole-slide images and fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB) samples to find patterns linked to malignancy, helping pathologists make quicker and more accurate diagnosis [26, 28, 29]. Moreover, radiomics a method for extracting quantitative imaging features, has indicated necessary in identifying subtle tumor characteristics and offering non-invasive biomarkers for risk assessment and treatment planning when paired with AI models [3, 18].

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In order to gives a comprehensive picture of each patient's condition and assist precision medicine strategies the emerging multi modal AI systems gather several data sources such as molecular markers, clinical parameters and ultrasound images [13, 24, 30]. The unpresented of sizable and varied datasets [31, 32], worries about data privacy, and algorithmic bias, however, continue to be major obstacles to wider implementation.

worried about fairness and generalizability arise when AI models that were mostly examined on female datasets perform poorly for male patients [7, 38]. An increasing attraction in explainable AI (XAI) techniques to increase model transparency and trust has also been burnt by physicians' concern over the opaque "black box" nature of many DL models [38, 40].

Implementing AI tools in routine care context is made more difficult by the absence of clear clinical validation methodologies and regulatory criteria [17, 19, 35]. Effective human machine collaboration strategies are also required to integrate AI technologies without hinder with current workflows [34, 36].

Nevertheless, these obstacles developments like federated learning for data privacy [32] and Vision Transformers (ViTs) for image processing [7] are influencing the direction of AI in thyroid cancer diagnosis. In order to transform these technologies into safe, efficient and patient-centered diagnostic tools the collaboration between physicians, data scientists and engineers is essential [37].

A. Thyroid Cancer Diagnosis also with their characteristics and typical usage that can help in a survey paper highlighting methods and future developments:

Table 1

Algorithm	Description	Input Data Type	Advantages	Limitations	Typical Use Case
Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN)	Employing a deep learning Structure to recognize images.	Pictures from histology and ultrasound.	Highly precision for automatic information extraction.	Need a sustainable labelled dataset and is measurably demanding.	Finding malignant nodules in ultrasound pictures
Random Forest (RF)	Group of classification decision trees.	Ultrasound, cytology and clinical data.	Interpretable that it manages overfitting	For optimal performance, huge datasets are needed.	Classification of nodules and feature importance
Support Vector Machine (SVM)	For classification used supervised learning model.	Clinical information and ultrasound pictures.	High precision efficient in high dimensional domain.	Sensitive to alter in the parameters.	Differentiating between benign and malignant nodules
K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)	Identification depends on nearest training instance.	Clinical characteristics and ultrasound.	Implementation is easy, and there is no training period.	Costly to calculate at the moment of analyze.	First, thyroid nodule displaying.
Artificial Neural Networks (ANN)	Multi-layer categorization perceptron.	Data for ultrasonography and clinical.	Simulates intricate communication.	Overfitting problem requires adjustment.	Use multi structure data to analyze malignancy.
Logistic Regression (LR)	Statistics for Binary classification.	Information for demographic and clinical.	The baseline model is simple to understand.	Restricted to decision limits that are linear.	For prediction risk used patient data.
Naive Bayes (NB)	The Bayes theorem is the foundation of this	Clinical characteristics and cytology.	Quick and precise while using a little dataset	Presumes the independence of features.	At starting diagnosis depends on clinical characteristics.

	probabilistic classifier.				
Gradient Boosting Machines (GBM)	Method of ensemble boosting.	Data for ultrasonography and clinical.	High predicted accuracy and adaptability to many kinds of data.	If not adjusted correctly we have to overfit.	Intricate feature interactions in the diagnosing process.
Decision Trees (DT)	Tree based classification model.	Imaging and clinical characteristics.	Not hard to interpret and comprehend.	Inclined too overfit.	Classification for diagnosis based on rules
Fuzzy Logic Systems	Includes ambiguity in the diagnosis.	Information for Imaging and clinical.	Handles ambiguous material and imitates the logic of experts.	Complexity of the design.	Expert approaches for diagnosing thyroid cancer

Table 1: This table explain different AI algorithms used in thyroid cancer diagnosis, detailing their explanation input data types, strengths, limitations and common clinical applications.

3. FEATURE SCOPE

A broad and multidisciplinary range of developments and applications are covered by the feature span of the compiled literature on artificial intelligence (AI) in thyroid cancer detection. These studies mainly examine how computer vision, machine learning and deep learning (DL) approaches can be integrated to analyze thyroid ultrasound pictures, cytology and histopathology data. In order to increase diagnostic automation and accuracy, convolutional neural networks (CNNs), hybrid models that combine CNN and support vector machines (SVMs) and more recently, Vision Transformers have been studied.

Much of the research is concerned with improving image-based diagnosis using classification frameworks, radiomics, and ultrasound image augmentation. Number of research indicate AI's therapeutic significance such as its applicability to novice radiologists and validation in actual medical context.

Surveys and reviews that compile the most recent AI methods, trends, difficulties, and potential paths forward in thyroid cancer diagnosis are also included in the literature. Additionally, risk stratification models, intelligent decision support tools and multimodal AI systems are emphasized as importance developments. Furthermore, other studies said the application of AI to pathology slide evaluation and prognostic evaluations using genetic marker analysis suggesting a growing trend toward personalized and precision medicine.

All things considered, the feature scope represents a thorough and developing field of AI-driven technologies targeted at risk assessment, early detection, categorization, and clinical integration in the treatment of thyroid cancer.

4. CONCLUSION

With improved accuracy, economy and consistency the use of artificial intelligence (AI) in thyroid cancer diagnosis has fundamentally changed traditional diagnostic techniques. From deep learning models such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and vision transformers to conventional machine learning structures and hybrid frameworks this survey has highlighted a wide range of AI driven approaches that show promise in enhancing thyroid nodule detection, classification and risk assessment.

Furthermore, intelligent decision support systems, radiomics and multimodal data fusion have become effective tools in clinical workflows that help radiologists of all skill levels make well informed decisions. Regulatory compliance, data standardization, model interpretability and combination into current healthcare systems are among the obstacles that still need to be overcome, despite the encouraging development.

Future developments suggest federated learning for privacy preserving AI that more individualized diagnostic models and thorough clinical validation across a range of demographics. To completely achieve AI's promise in thyroid cancer diagnosis and guarantee its safe, moral and universal adoption in practical practice, physicians, researchers and technologists must continue to collaborate.

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THE ROLE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN MODERN HEALTHCARE: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly shaping the evolution of global healthcare systems. Its capability to replicate human reasoning and process vast datasets rapidly has unlocked new pathways in areas such as early disease detection, diagnostic imaging, pharmacological research, remote care, and individualized treatment strategies. AI-powered technologies are now integral to minimizing diagnostic inaccuracies, streamlining clinical decisions, and expanding medical services to remote regions through telemedicine and wearable sensors. These applications signify a transformative leap, offering solutions to the pressing challenges of healthcare accessibility and quality.

Nevertheless, this technological integration is accompanied by notable concerns. Ethical dilemmas, threats to data confidentiality, regulatory ambiguity, and the opaque nature of certain machine learning models represent significant obstacles. Moreover, the implementation of AI tools requires systemic changes in clinical operations and necessitates upskilling among health professionals. This article delves into the practical uses, advancements, and critical drawbacks associated with AI in medicine. It also revisits foundational systems and historical efforts that paved the way for contemporary AI applications. A measured and human-centered strategy is recommended to ensure the responsible deployment of AI in modern healthcare.

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence, Medical Diagnostics, Personalized Medicine, Predictive Healthcare, Medical Imaging*

1. INTRODUCTION

Artificial Intelligence, once considered a speculative domain, has become a key player in transforming modern healthcare. The conceptual groundwork for AI was laid in the mid-20th century, but meaningful adoption in medicine began only decades later. In 1975, Shortliffe and Buchanan proposed a model of clinical reasoning that established a framework for AI-supported diagnoses (Shortliffe & Buchanan, 1975). The initial implementations primarily focused on rule-based systems, offering recommendations in narrow clinical scenarios. In contemporary practice, AI supports clinicians by analyzing enormous volumes of patient data, identifying subtle patterns, and forecasting medical outcomes. With the exponential growth of electronic health records (EHRs), diagnostic imaging, and genomic databases, traditional approaches are no longer sufficient. This paper explores how AI has permeated different sectors of healthcare, tracing its evolution and addressing the operational and ethical issues that influence its future trajectory. The application of Artificial Intelligence in medicine has been a result of decades of computational evolution and increasing healthcare complexity. The foundation of AI in clinical practice was laid in the 1970s, with early systems like MYCIN assisting physicians in diagnosing infections (Shortliffe, 1976). Modern healthcare systems face vast data influx from electronic health records (EHRs), wearables, imaging devices, and genomic platforms—exceeding what any human can process. AI now supports clinicians by detecting patterns, optimizing workflows, and predicting disease risk, thereby transforming the patient care continuum

2. HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS

The origins of AI in medicine date back to expert systems like MYCIN in the 1970s, which applied logical rules to assess infectious diseases and recommend antibiotic therapy (Shortliffe, 1976). Although innovative for its time, MYCIN's rigid architecture made it unsuitable for dynamic or unstructured data. Subsequent decades witnessed a transition from symbolic AI to statistical learning models. By the 1990s, progress in computational biology and machine learning facilitated systems that could adapt to new data. With the digitization of patient records and advancements in computational speed, neural networks gained prominence, enabling real-time image analysis, voice interpretation, and data mining. These innovations culminated in deep learning architectures during the 2010s, where convolutional neural networks (CNNs) significantly improved diagnostic imaging capabilities. Integration with cloud computing further enabled scalable deployment of AI solutions across institutions.

3. KEY APPLICATIONS OF AI IN HEALTHCARE

3.1 Diagnostic Imaging and Pattern Recognition

AI's capacity for recognizing visual patterns has been revolutionary in radiology and pathology. Advanced models trained on labeled datasets detect conditions such as fractures, tumors, and organ anomalies with precision comparable to experienced radiologists (Lindsey et al., 2018). AI platforms are particularly effective in breast cancer screening, tuberculosis detection, and neurological imaging, often flagging early signs that may be overlooked in manual assessments.

3.2 Predictive Analytics and Risk Forecasting

AI algorithms analyze longitudinal patient data to estimate the risk of chronic illnesses, hospital readmissions, or disease progression. Logistic regression, a classical method for binary classification, remains foundational in many clinical risk tools (Kleinbaum & Klein, 2002). Today's models integrate demographics, lifestyle, and genetic markers to personalize risk assessments and recommend preemptive measures.

3.3 Accelerated Drug Discovery

Artificial Intelligence enhances drug development by simulating molecular behavior and identifying novel therapeutic compounds. Initial AI-based screening relied heavily on database querying, but modern approaches utilize graph-based deep learning and molecular docking simulations to predict compound efficacy (Swamidass, 2011). These models can cut years off traditional pharmaceutical research timelines.

3.4 Tailored Therapeutics and Genomic Medicine

Precision medicine, a goal long pursued in clinical sciences, has become achievable through AI's capacity to process genomic, epigenetic, and clinical datasets. Algorithms now assist in determining optimal medication regimens based on patient-specific factors, reducing adverse reactions and improving outcomes. AI-enabled analysis of DNA sequences also aids in detecting hereditary conditions.

3.5 Virtual Care and Continuous Patient Monitoring

Wearable sensors and mobile apps equipped with AI modules enable round-the-clock monitoring of vital signs, physical activity, and medication adherence. These tools, especially in managing conditions like diabetes and heart disease, enhance early intervention. AI-based conversational agents also improve patient engagement, offering reminders, health education, and symptom triage.

4. CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS OF AI IN HEALTHCARE

- **Data Privacy Concerns:** Patient health data is highly sensitive. AI systems must comply with strict data protection regulations like HIPAA and GDPR, and any breach can result in legal consequences and loss of trust.
- **Algorithmic Bias:** AI models trained on skewed or non-representative data may lead to biased outcomes, especially affecting minority groups and underrepresented populations.
- **Lack of Explainability:** Many AI systems, particularly deep learning models, operate as "black boxes." Clinicians may find it difficult to interpret how a decision was made, leading to reluctance in adoption.
- **Limited Clinical Integration:** Integrating AI into existing hospital systems and electronic health records is complex, time-consuming, and costly, often requiring customized solutions.
- **Resistance from Healthcare Professionals:** Fear of job displacement, lack of AI training, and uncertainty about technology's reliability contribute to resistance among clinicians.
- **Regulatory Gaps:** There is currently no universal legal framework governing the development, validation, and deployment of AI in healthcare, creating ethical and operational ambiguities.
- **Infrastructure and Cost Barriers:** Developing and maintaining AI infrastructure requires significant investment, which may not be feasible for all institutions, especially in low-resource settings.
- **Dependence on Data Quality:** AI systems are only as good as the data they are trained on. Inaccurate, outdated, or incomplete data can result in incorrect predictions and harm patient care.

5. FUTURE PROSPECTS OF AI IN HEALTHCARE

- **Personalized Medicine:** AI will enable precision treatments tailored to individual genetic profiles, disease risks, and lifestyle factors, improving outcomes and reducing adverse reactions.

- **AI-Driven Drug Discovery:** AI can drastically cut the time and cost required to develop new drugs by predicting molecular behavior, optimizing compounds, and simulating clinical trials.
- **Remote Monitoring with IoT Integration:** AI, combined with wearable devices and Internet of Things (IoT), will allow continuous remote patient monitoring, early disease detection, and emergency alerts.
- **Virtual Health Assistants:** Intelligent chatbots and virtual assistants will become more advanced, offering patients 24/7 support for medication reminders, symptom checks, and appointment scheduling.
- **Robotic Surgery and Automation:** The use of AI-assisted surgical robots will grow, improving precision, minimizing human error, and reducing recovery times for patients.
- **AI in Mental Health:** Advanced algorithms will help detect mental health issues such as depression and anxiety through speech analysis, facial recognition, and behavior tracking.
- **Smart Hospitals:** AI will be used to automate logistics, bed management, staff scheduling, and infection control, improving operational efficiency in healthcare institutions.
- **Clinical Trial Optimization:** AI will improve the design and execution of clinical trials by identifying suitable participants, predicting outcomes, and minimizing risks.
- **Global Health Equity:** AI can bridge healthcare gaps in underserved areas by offering diagnostic tools and telemedicine solutions even in resource-poor settings.

6. ETHICAL, LEGAL, AND OPERATIONAL HURDLES

AI raises serious ethical concerns about data misuse, biased algorithms, and opaque decision-making. Some challenges include:

- **Bias and Inequity**: Algorithms trained on non-representative data may underperform in minority populations (Obermeyer et al., 2019).
- **Interpretability**: Many AI models, particularly deep neural networks, are ‘black boxes’—they offer little transparency into how predictions are made.
- **Regulatory Oversight**: Existing laws like HIPAA and GDPR are not fully adapted to AI-based diagnostics or autonomous systems.
- **Clinical Acceptance**: Lack of AI literacy among healthcare workers and fear of dehumanization also limit implementation.

7. CONCLUSION

Artificial Intelligence has transformed various domains of healthcare—from diagnostics and drug discovery to personalized treatment and patient monitoring. The progression from rudimentary rule-based systems to sophisticated deep learning networks illustrates the rapid technological evolution in this field. However, the path forward demands cautious and responsible integration. Ethical use of patient data, model transparency, and inclusive training datasets must be prioritized. AI is not intended to replace clinicians but to augment their expertise. By embracing collaborative innovation and human-centric design, healthcare systems can unlock the full potential of AI to improve patient outcomes, reduce costs, and bridge care gaps.

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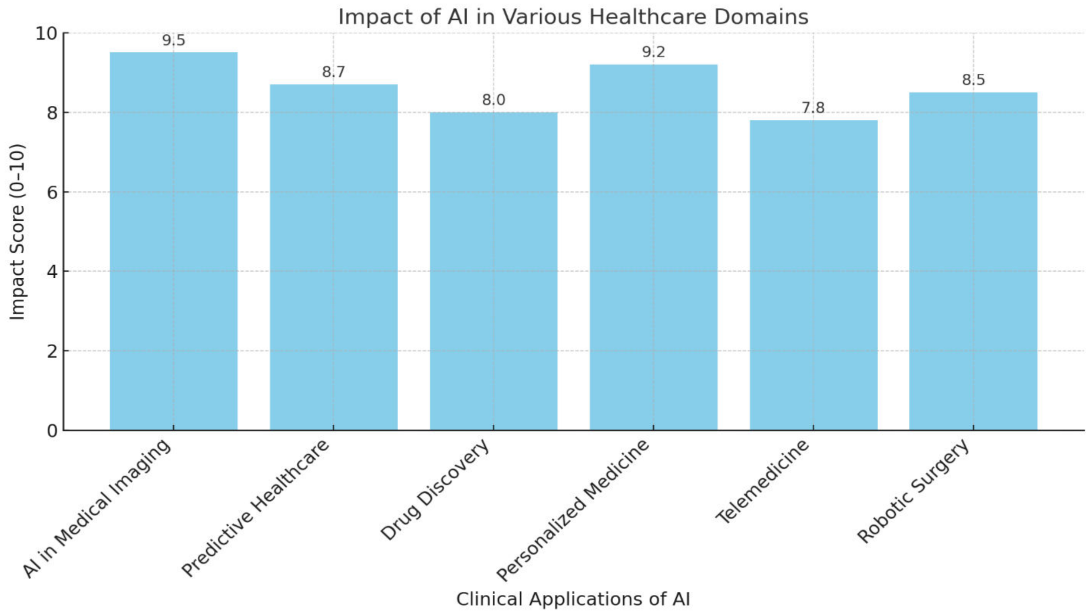

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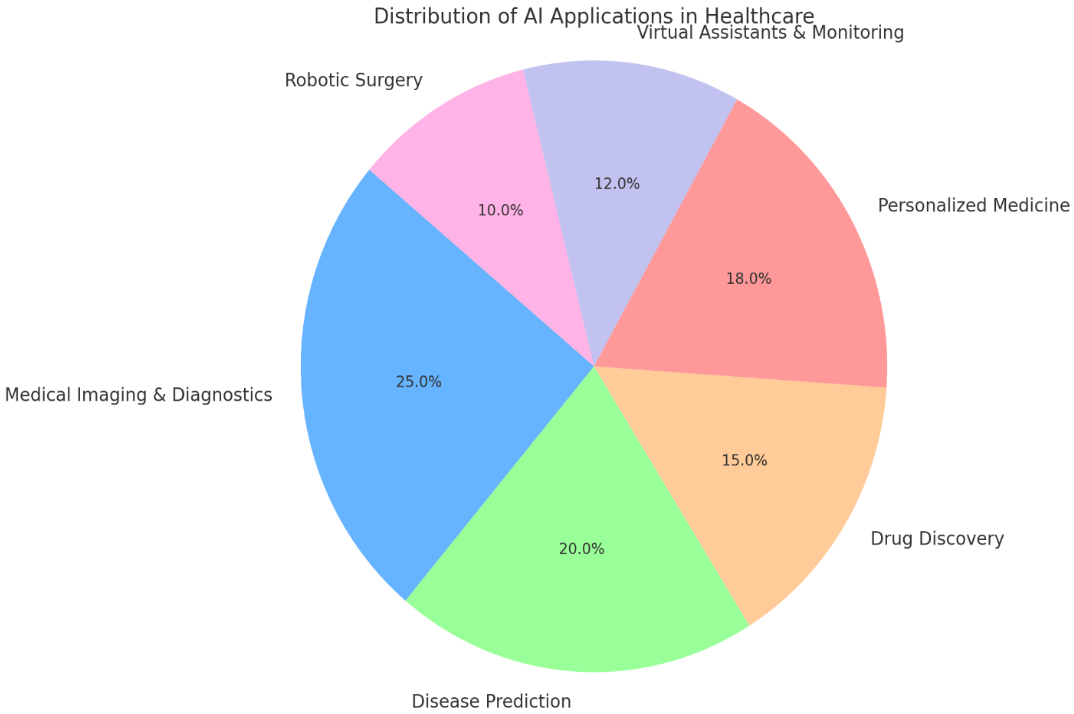

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN DRUG DISCOVERY AND DEVELOPMENT – A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT
The integration of Artificial Intelligence (AI) into drug discovery and development is revolutionizing the pharmaceutical industry by significantly enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the drug development process. A review on drug discovery and development using AI was prepared. This review discusses the benefits of AI in drug discovery, such as accelerated development, improved precision and reduced costs. It explores specific AI techniques and algorithms like machine learning (ML), deep learning (DL) and natural language processing (NLP) etc. These techniques analyze vast amount of data, predict outcomes and streamline drug development. The AI techniques are applied in various stages of drug discovery, including target identification, lead optimization, ADMET prediction, clinical trial optimization, and personalized medicine. This review highlights AI programs and platforms currently employed in the field that facilitate drug design, polypharmacology, chemical synthesis, and drug repurposing. The impact of AI extends beyond drug discovery, influencing chemistry and material science. The review concludes by emphasizing the significant impact of AI on the future of medicine and acknowledges the challenges that remain in fully implementing this technology.

Keywords: *Artificial Intelligence, Drug discovery, AI techniques, AI algorithms.*

INTRODUCTION
Drug discovery and development is a complex, time consuming, and costly process that involves identifying and optimizing potential drug candidates to treat various diseases. Artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming this process by leveraging machine learning, deep learning, and other techniques to analyze vast amounts of data, predict outcomes, and streamline drug development.

Artificial intelligence was founded as an academic discipline in 1956. The father of AI was John Mc Carthy, one of the founders of artificial intelligence, worked together with Alan Turing, Marvin Minsky, Allen Newell, and Herbert A. Simon. These individuals made significant contributions to the development of AI [1]. The advent of AI marks a revolutionary shift in drug development, offering a suite of advanced computational tools designed to augment human capabilities rather than replace them [2].

Artificial intelligence has emerged as a promising solution with significant potential to revolutionize drug discovery and development. Due to recent progress, there is a great interest in the application of AI methods to improve various stages of drug discovery pipeline, including de novo molecular design and optimization, structure – based drug design, and preclinical and clinical development. AI – driven discovery continues to gain momentum and achieve critical milestones in drug discovery. The first AI – designed drug candidate to enter clinical trials was reported by Exscientia in early 2020, a pivotal moment in AI drug discovery. Since then, several companies, including Insilico Medicine, Evotec, and Schrödinger have announced phase I trials. Several candidates have had their clinical development accelerated through AI-enabled solutions.

There are several ways in which AI transforms drug discovery:
- Accelerated Drug Development
- More Effective Drugs
- Improved Clinical Trial Design
- Prediction of Drug's Bioactivity
- Quality Assurance
- Drug Repurposing
- Drug Combination Analysis
- Patient Stratification.

AI techniques, particularly in materials science, focus on discovering and designing new materials with desirable properties. This is directly applicable to drug discovery, as the process often requires the identification of novel compounds with specific biological activities. The major AI algorithms used in materials discovery are supervised and unsupervised learning. Supervised learning involves using input-labeled data to train models

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capable of classifying and/or predicting outcomes for new data. Supervised learning models can then predict the properties of new materials based on the patterns learned during training. Whereas, unsupervised learning involves using unlabeled data to identify patterns and relationships within the data. In drug discovery, supervised and unsupervised learning techniques can be used to identify novel material classes or to explore the chemical space of potential drug candidates [3].

AI TECHNIQUES AND ALGORITHMS USED IN DRUG DISCOVERY

Several AI techniques and algorithms are used in drug discovery, which includes machine learning, deep learning, high-throughput density functional theory, natural language processing, text mining, generative adversarial networks, transfer learning and active learning. By leveraging these AI techniques and algorithms, researchers and scientists can analyze vast amounts of data, identify patterns, and make predictions, ultimately accelerating drug discovery and development.

The role of various AI techniques and algorithms in drug discovery and development process explained briefly.

1. Machine Learning (ML) is a field within AI that focuses on enabling computers to learn from data without being explicitly programmed. In drug discovery, it is used for predicting drug-target interactions, pharmacokinetic properties and efficacy. The ML algorithms typically work with structured data, and they require feature engineering, where relevant features are selected or engineered before feeding the data into the model.
2. Deep Learning (DL) applied to structural biology, chemical synthesis, and drug design. DL is a specialized form of ML that uses artificial neural networks to learn representations of data. DL models can handle unstructured data, such as images, texts, and sequences, without the need for extensive feature engineering.
3. High-throughput Density Functional Theory (DFT) can be used to calculate the binding energies and binding affinities between drug molecules and their target proteins. High-throughput DFT can also be used to study drug metabolisms by predicting the energy of various metabolic reactions such as hydroxylation and oxidation.
4. Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms used in text mining for drug discovery, especially for analyzing scientific literature, clinical trial reports, and patient data.
5. Text Mining enables the identification of existing drugs with potential applications in different therapeutic areas. AI models can mine the literature to identify the adverse drug reactions reported in clinical studies and post-marketing surveillance. Text mining by AI models can also be used to identify the potential biomarkers associated with specific diseases or drug responses. These biomarkers play a crucial role in personalized medicine, aiding in patient stratification and the development of targeted therapies.
6. Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN's) are employed for generating novel molecular structures and optimizing drug properties. GAN's are a type of unsupervised learning used for generative modeling. GAN's consist of two neural networks, the generator and the discriminator, which are trained in an adversarial manner to generate realistic data samples.
7. Transfer Learning in drug discovery is an ML method that leverages knowledge gained from one task and applies it to another related task with limited data. This approach has shown great promise in addressing the challenge of sparsely labeled data in *in silico* drug discovery efforts.
8. Active Learning is an ML technique used in drug discovery. The main goal of this is to improve the selection of compounds for experimental testing by iteratively selecting the most informative samples to label.

The above AI techniques and algorithms are used in various stages of drug discovery including target identification, lead optimization, ADMET (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion, Toxicity) prediction and clinical trial optimization as well as personalized medicine.

1. **Target Identification:** Several AI techniques and algorithms are involved in target identification including ML, DL, NLPs. They can be used individually or in combination to identify and prioritize potential drug targets, ultimately accelerating drug discovery and development. ML in target identification predicts potential targets based on genomic data and literature mining. DL in target identification analyzes large data sets to identify complex patterns and relationships. NLP extracts relevant information from scientific literature and clinical reports.

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2. **Lead optimization:** The AI techniques and algorithms involved in lead optimization are ML, DL, GANs. They can be used individually or in combination to optimize lead compounds and improve their properties such as potency and selectivity.
3. **ADMET prediction:** AI techniques involved in ADMET are ML, DL. By leveraging these AI techniques, researchers and scientists can predict ADMET properties more accurately and efficiently, enabling faster and more effective drug development.
4. **Clinical trial optimization:** AI techniques and algorithms involved in this are ML, DL and NLP. By implementing suitable AI model, clinical trials can be optimized for improved patience outcomes, enhanced trial efficiency, reduced costs and increased accuracy, faster trial completion.
5. **Personalized medicine:** AI techniques and algorithms involved in this are ML, DL and NLP. They can analyze large amounts of data, identify patterns, and make predictions, ultimately leading to more effective and personalized treatments for patients. ML develops predictive models for patient stratification and treatment response. DL analyzes large datasets to identify personalized treatment options. NLP extracts relevant information from electronic health records (EHRs) and medical literature.

AI offers a powerful tool for drug discovery, with applications ranging from predicting drug properties to generating new chemical structures and optimizing drug properties [3]. The areas in which AI techniques are applied categorized as follows:

❖ **Drug Design: Predicting 3D structure of Target Protein**
Predicting Drug-Protein Interaction

Determining Drug Activity

De novo Drug Design

❖ **Poly Pharmacology: Designing biospecific drug molecules**
Designing multitarget drug molecules

❖ **Chemical Synthesis: Prediction of reaction yield**
Prediction of retrosynthesis pathways

Designing of synthetic route

Developing insights into reaction mechanisms

❖ **Drug Repurposing: Identification of therapeutic target**
Prediction of new therapeutic use

❖ **Drug Screening: Identification and classification of target cells**
Bioactivity Prediction

Toxicity Prediction

Physicochemical Property Prediction

Different AI programs and platforms used for drug discovery are presented in the following table.

Program/Platform	Description	Primary Use	Accession
DeepChem	Python-based AI system using MLP model	Candidate selection in drug discovery	**https://github.com/deepchem/deepchem**
DeepNeuralNetQSAR	Python-based AI system	Can aid the detection of the molecular activity of compounds	**https://github.com/Merck/DeepNeuralNet-QSAR**
Chemputer	Combination of Monte Carlo tree search and symbolic AI, including DNNs	Synthesize organic molecules	**https://zenodo.org/record/1481731**

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DeepTox	AI system using DL	Chemical toxicity prediction	**www.bioinf.jku.at/research/DeepTox**
AlphaFold	AI system using DL	Predicts the 3D structures of proteins	**https://alphafold.ebi.ac.uk/**
ORGANIC	Generative ML approaches and DNNs	Novel molecular materials	**https://github.com/aspuru-guzik-group/ORGANIC**
PotentialNet	Neural networks, deep attention mechanisms and descriptor embeddings	The binding affinity of ligands in protein–ligand complexes.	**https://www.genesistherapeutics.ai/platform.html**
Hit Dexter	ML technique, CNNs and ANNs	For predicting molecules that might respond to biochemical assays	**http://hitdexter2.zbh.uni-hamburg.de**
DeltaVina	ML algorithms, including XGBoost and random forest	Scoring protein–ligand binding affinity	**https://github.com/chengwang88/deltavina**
Neural graph fingerprint	CNNs	Predict properties of novel molecules	**https://github.com/HIPS/neural-fingerprint**
GastroPlus	AI and predictive modeling	For pharmaceutical products (dosage form) in many animal models	**https://www.simulations-plus.com/software/gastroplus/#**

The AI approach is particularly valuable for addressing several problems in traditional drug discovery process. The traditional process is very tedious, time consuming and expensive. Application of AI can accelerate the drug discovery process by rapidly identifying promising drug candidates and optimizing them, particularly saving years of work and significant financial investment. AI-driven drug discovery involves the integration of diverse data types such as genomic data, proteomic data and chemical data. By analyzing these data sets AI models can identify patterns and relationships that might not be apparent to human researchers. The ability of AI to analyze complex, multidimensional data can lead to a deeper understanding of biological systems, revealing new drug targets or highlighting the unforeseen therapeutic potential of existing molecules.

The influence of AI technologies does not only impact drug discovery but also impacts the field of chemistry. Recent trends are empowered with AI, particularly machine learning, deep learning and data analysis. Digital "wave" in chemistry is not limited to AI-related innovations and implements a number of other technologies. Some concepts like digital materials design and materials informatics, data-driven chemical reaction optimization, automated synthesis planning, chemoinformatics and chemical data analysis etc collectively demonstrate the significant role that digital technologies play in transforming the field of chemistry, enhancing research capabilities and fostering innovation [4].

Despite substantial progress in AI for generative chemistry, few novel AI-discovered or AI-designed drugs have reached human clinical trials. Recently, a randomized phase 2a trial was conducted for testing the safety and efficacy of rentosertib, a first-in-class AI generated small molecule inhibitor of TNIK (Traf2- and Nck-interacting kinase), a first in class target in idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis [5].

CONCLUSION

The integration of AI into drug discovery is not just a trend; it is reshaping the future of medicine. As technology advances, we can expect even greater improvements in the speed, efficiency and success rates of drug development, ultimately benefiting patients worldwide. Drug discovery and development includes various stages such as target identification, lead identification and optimization, ADMET prediction, etc. The drug discovery using AI is to develop new drugs based on the techniques and algorithms of AI. The major challenge

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for drug discovery using AI is to find the correct information regarding the structure of the target and ligand from the relevant sources as well as developing the better AI algorithms. If the information is not true and genuine, AI models can provide false positive or false negative results.

AI can make major contributions for incorporation of developed drug in its correct dosage form as well as its optimization, in addition to aiding quick decision-making, leading to faster manufacturing of better-quality products along with assurance of batch-to-batch consistency. The latest AI-based technologies will not only speed up the time needed for the products to come to the market, but will also improve the quality of products. AI can also contribute to establish the safety and efficacy of the product in clinical trials.

Finally, it can be concluded that the AI-driven drug discovery is a demanding approach as AI has the potential to significantly accelerate drug discovery and development process. The possible influences of AI-driven drug discovery applications are highly appreciable.

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A RELATIONSHIP OF MACHINE LEARNING, IMAGE PROCESSING AND AYURVEDA IN ASSESSMENT OF PRAKRITI USING HAIR AS A PHYSIOLOGICAL FEATURE: A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW

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ABSTRACT
Managing healthcare in a personalized way depends on understanding Prakriti, a key idea in Ayurveda. Using traditional methods for Prakriti assessment involves subjective judgment which could result in differences. The aim is to bring more precision and no-bias to Prakriti classification with the help of machine learning that works on hair data as a physiological sign. Hair texture, colour, thickness and patterns of growth were inspected with image processing and feature extraction techniques. Next, these features were used to teach a range of supervised machine learning models, for example, Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest and K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN). The models were checked to see how well they could classify people into Vata, Pitta and Kapha Prakriti categories. Algorithms were tested and Random Forest achieved the greatest accuracy rate. The results conclude that Ayurvedic Prakriti classification can be improved by taking into account the hair.

Keywords: *Ayurvedic diagnostics, Hair analysis, Image processing, Machine learning, Prakriti classification*

1. INTRODUCTION
Prakriti is believed by Ayurveda to be an important factor, since it describes your physical, physiological and psychological identity and it should be assessed in any treatment. The idea of Prakriti is at the heart of Ayurveda's personal approach to health, helping to decide on prevention and treatments unique to each person. For a long time, Prakriti has been grouped into three groups: Vata, Pitta and Kapha, each with specific qualities and health patterns [1]. The right diagnosis and treatment depend on correctly identifying a person's Prakriti. At the same time, conventional ways of measuring rely a lot on opinions and experience from humans which creates randomness and makes it difficult to do consistently. Because of artificial intelligence and data technologies, more attention is being given to using machine learning with Ayurvedic diagnosis to make it more precise. Such models can study detailed, multidimensional information and surface things that are not obvious just by looking at it manually. Many experts have looked at using facial characteristics, one's voice or answers on a questionnaire to determine a person's Prakriti. Although the results are promising, the data that supports these approaches is commonly subjective or variable which can reduce their dependability. Also, specific body features that are easy to gather and usually stable have not been looked into much by companies.

Section 2 discusses the research gap and reviews other works that focus on how Prakriti classification is done using machine learning in Ayurveda. It highlights what has been done before using physiological and behavioural markers, describes the approaches used and points out that they may have relied too much on subjective observations and lacked classification using physiology.

Not enough research exists on hair characteristics which explains the novelty of the method we offer. Also, the Proposed Methodology is outlined fully in Section 3.

2. RELATED WORK
Hair, an important feature of the body, could replace Prakriti classification in Ayurveda. The texts of Ayurveda tie each Prakriti type to certain hair traits, for example, dry and coarse hair is said to be present in Vata individuals, fine and oily hair in Pitta people and thick and dense hair in Kapha individuals. Since texture, colour, thickness and density of hair are visible, they can be measured and compared using computer algorithms. Here is a description of how hair is analysed based on the prakriti constitute.

Table 1. Relationship of hair I prakriti classification [1]

	Kaph	Pita	Vata
Hair colour	Brown, black	Blonde, Light brown	Brown, White
Hair type	Smooth, thick, curly	Blad, shiny, straight	Scarce, Dry, wavy

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There is not yet much work using machine learning to examine hair in Prakriti classification. The framework being studied here uses machine learning to categorize human Prakriti relying on features of hair as biological factors.

The model should be unbiased, adjustable with new data and reliable while merging Ayurvedic knowledge and mathematical calculations. Here, images of hair samples are taken at high resolution, useful features are extracted using image processing and these are then arranged in groups as Vata, Pitta and Kapha, using supervised machine learning. Table 2 highlights the major advancements in combining Ayurveda and Artificial Intelligence (AI). Initially, work was done to bring together the main Ayurvedic principles such as Tridosha and modern computer models for personalized healthcare. To classify individuals according to Prakriti, ML techniques such as decision trees and support vector machines, are used with physiological and behavioural data. Rule-based expert systems were made so they can imitate the reasoning process found in Ayurvedic medicine while helping with the diagnosis of disease. Using image processing and classification algorithms such as k-nearest neighbour, has made it possible to find Prakriti without the use of medical tools. Moreover, AI approaches, for example fuzzy logic and neural networks, are being applied to design tailor-made systems for personal treatment advice. Table 2 shows that the present study helps this area by developing a new approach for determining Prakriti based on hair images and AI technology.

Table 2. Gist of work done in assessment of Prakriti phenotype

Sr. No	Paper title	Work done
[2]	AI-Powered Ayurvedic Doshas Assessment Tool: Health and Nutrition for all.	Artificial Intelligence used in Ayurveda has resulted in helpful tools that determine dosha types, give specific suggestions and improve how many people access healthcare. Of the different machine learning techniques, Random Forest was most successful and accurate at categorizing prakriti. This marriage of ancient Ayurvedic advice and AI helps connect past experience with modern solutions and encourages a healthy lifestyle in busy lives.
[3]	Exploring the holistic approaches for promoting hair health from insights of ayurveda: A comprehensive review	This paper went over Ayurvedic methods and lifestyle aspects that affect hair, pointing out that Abhyanga, Nasya and Shiroabyanga improve the condition of the scalp and minimize hair loss. It also pointed out that using both traditional and modern techniques could improve managing hair troubles and improving how you look.
[4]	A comprehensive survey on the importance of Ayurveda and Artificial Intelligence	Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Ayurveda became more popular, prompting many researchers to connect traditional Ayurveda knowledge with modern medical studies. Many people have studied the ancient Ayurvedic writings and applied new technologies, for instance, machine learning, image processing and pattern recognition to better work with its ideas. Mixing the ancient practices with innovative techniques is meant to allow Ayurveda to reach many people and offer more useful support.
[5]	Hair and Scalp Disease Detection using Machine Learning and Image Processing	Spotting hair and scalp diseases early allows treatment to work best, but many people miss the warning signs because they are not aware and doctor visits take time. During this study, a 2-D convolutional neural network is used after training on 150 processed images to correctly diagnose alopecia, folliculitis and psoriasis. With most of the data being used for training and the rest for testing, the model attained a training accuracy of 96.2% and a validation accuracy of 91.1%, meaning it checked patient cases against the data on each disease very accurately. Having the dataset with our model helps dermatologists and patients quickly notice early signs of disease and begin treatment.
[6]	Integration of Artificial Intelligence in Ayurveda Diagnostics	For instance, very few clinical trials have been conducted so far to assess exactly how well AI helps in Ayurvedic diagnosis. There are issues with looking after the privacy of patient information and adjusting to various cultures which makes it

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		harder for everyone to benefit from these technologies. Also, it is still difficult to develop AI systems that are cut down to a reasonable price and easy for doctors to get familiar with and more effort is needed to tackle both technical and regulatory problems.
[7]	Predicting Ayurveda Based Constituent Balancing in Human Body Using Machine Learning Methods	The purpose of this work was to predict what human body constitution people have according to Ayurveda using several machine learning algorithms and analyse their performance on different aspects. We asked medical experts for help in writing a questionnaire and received feedback from the people who would use it. After the data had been properly prepared and checked by experts, we used K-Nearest Neighbour, Artificial Neural Networks, Support Vector Machine, Naive Bayes, Decision Tree, XGBoost and CatBoost models in both cases with and without hyperparameter tuning.
[8]	Ayurveda herbs classification and benefits using deep learning	Combining deep learning approaches with Ayurveda herb extraction helps traditional medicine by enabling scientists to review much data to find complex trends which leads to better identification, correct classification and more personalized recommendations. Because of these developments, new drugs are discovered faster, widespread quality checks take place, Ayurvedic traditions are saved and Ayurveda is better accepted in modern health systems.
[9]	New Technology for Ayurveda formulation	The author points out that Ayurveda can reach greater success if it joins personal care with the traditional teachings and recent science. Interaction among disciplines will enhance the process, allowing Ayurvedic treatments to be safe, effective and standardized for everyone. The book states that using new technologies and research methods, Ayurveda can stay up-to-date with changes in healthcare. Thanks to this, Ayurveda can continue to benefit people globally, while bringing together the old wisdom and the practices of today’s medicine.
[10]	Ayurveda Fundamental Principle “PRAKRUTI “, Vata, Pitta, Kapha, status measurement by Paper–chemical CHROMATOGRAPHY technique	In this novel work, people rely on chromatography to check someone’s Ayurveda Prakriti, since directly assessing it was difficult in the past. Traditionally, someone’s Prakriti is understood by examining their physical appearance, body type, habits and mental states, but these factors may be affected by unknown internal conditions. Blood and its components are separated and studied using chromatography and special reagents which lets doctors detect changes in blood chemistry. Because of the new paper chromatography method, the results are more accurate, letting us trust our assessment of a person’s Prakriti.
[11]	AI-powered chatbot for individual's prakriti (phenotype) assessment in ayurveda	The study points out the value of marrying Ayurveda and AI which has helped build a chatbot that can give personalized healthcare advice. The chatbot has an assessment tool that people can use to find their Prakriti and get personalized diet, lifestyle and exercise tips. By stressing data security, the project illustrates how new technology can boost traditional healthcare and bring targeted wellness options to people.
[12]	Chatbot to known individual prakriti (phenotype)	By using Ayurvedic basics and artificial intelligence, the author built a chatbot that helps users find out their Prakriti (dosha) quickly and easily. The chatbot gives recommendations for diet and healthy living habits that fit a person’s Prakriti to help improve overall health. Besides helping users, the tool helps to spread knowledge about Ayurveda to people everywhere.
[13]	Scopes and Uses of	The review mentions how using AI and modern tools can

	Artificial Intelligence in the Field of Ayurveda: A Review Study	enhance Ayurveda, thanks to precise testing, tailored advice and digitalized care, as they are still awaiting additional scientific proof and wider use around the world. Nonetheless, there are obstacles such as poor quality of data, insufficient resources, ethical matters and strong need for validation that need to be faced for effective use. Even with these limits, combining AI and Ayurveda may help enhance health and support a better way of living around the world.
[14]	Ayurvedic doshas identification using face and body image features	It analysed a wide variety of data from people living in different areas and climates to find out how Ayurvedic doshas are distributed. It proved that physical characteristics linked to Prakriti are affected by the environment, hereditary traits and lifestyle which results in regions affected by Vata giving rise to many Vata constitutions and Kapha being dominant in coastal regions. It was also noted in the research that many people have a blend of all three doshas, rather than having just one or three main doshas.
[15]	Artificial intelligence in the sector of Ayurveda: Scope and opportunities	The author looks at how the rise in modern technology can help and improve the practice of Ayurveda. When technology is used in healthcare activities, it can make helpful changes in care and its explanation, if doctors, developers, researchers and policymakers join forces. Still, any modernization should respect the primary values of Ayurveda which value the doctor-patient relationship highly. Taking time to prepare, thinking ethically and working as a team are necessary for the successful integration. Healthcare workers should be trained as new tools and technology are developed. First and foremost, health outcomes should get better, care should be more accessible and both tradition and innovation should progress side by side. If guided well, Ayurveda is able to keep up with the ever-evolving world we live in.

3. RESEARCH GAP

Even though using machine learning on Ayurvedic Prakriti classification is gaining attention, studies so far depend heavily on subjective methods like questionnaires, facial scanning or sound analysis which tend to be inconsistent and vague. Although in Ayurveda hair is important for determining Prakriti, it is not fully examined in computers. There is still a big challenge in using image processing to classify Prakriti based on objectively measurable aspects of hair. Therefore, it proposes a new machine learning system based on hair traits which helps make assessing Prakriti more dependable, adaptable and scientific.

4. PROPOSED MODEL

We advocate a convenient and new method in this study to find out someone's Prakriti using their hair as a main factor. Clear and consistent photos of participants' faces are taken in a controlled area so that the data is clear. After that, these images are improved to raise their quality, get rid of extra noise and adapt the lighting. Hair segmentation is done after preprocessing to isolate hair from the images. For this reason, the hair is emphasized and extra parts of the face stop appearing through the use of masks. When the hair region is segmented correctly, the features focused on are colour intensity, texture, length and density. They are necessary, since they represent the basic physical signs related to Ayurvedic doshas. The extracted information is run through specific algorithms, including KNN, SVM and Naive Bayes, to figure out whether someone's Prakriti is Vata, Pitta or Kapha. Every one of these algorithms is made precise by training on data and adjusting it for the best outcomes. The performance of models is measured and compared with the use of accuracy, precision and recall. To check the accuracy further, the predictions from Prakriti are matched with outcomes from using Nadi Tarangini which applies ancient pulse diagnosis in a new device. Usefulness of our visual model can be established by comparing it to other models. We use technology and Ayurvedic concepts together to make it easier, faster and more reliable to assess Prakriti. Using this approach cuts back on subjective views and provides a platform for the development of digital Ayurveda testing. Using machine learning and image processing with ancient knowledge guarantees precise and personalized health advice.

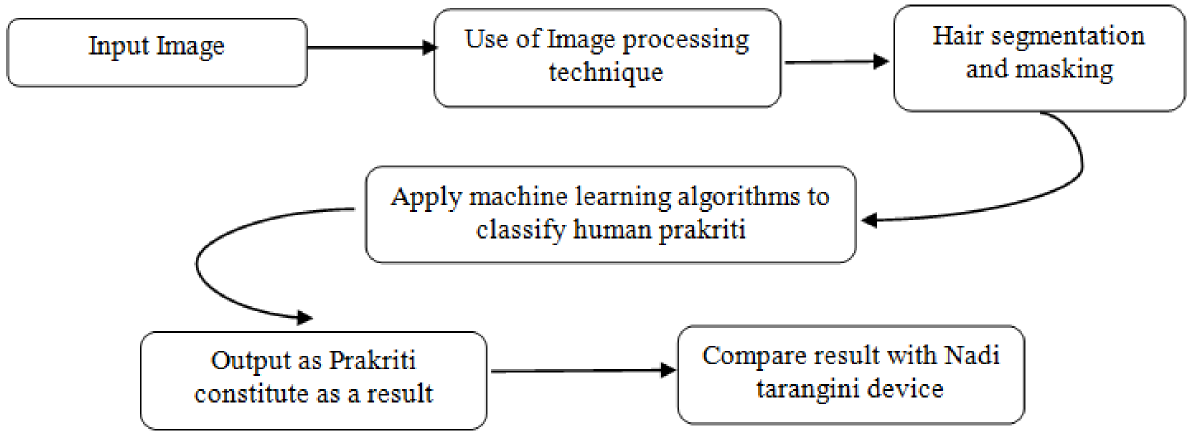

Fig 1. Proposed model for classification of Human prakriti using image processing and machine learning

As the graph in figure 1. demonstrates, a new technique has been developed in this study to combine conventional Ayurveda with modern machine learning. The first step in the methodology is to take a facial image which will be the basis for further work. To precisely choose out the hair area, a HAAR cascade classifier is used. HAAR stands for Haar-like feature-based cascade classifiers and it is often used in live face detection. It makes it possible to quickly and correctly find facial features [16]. Originally, HAAR is applied to begin finding and separating the facial area. Upon finding the face region, the model puts in place a mask that parts out the facial area from the image. Because the mask is used, the algorithm can concentrate better on hair-bearing areas such as the forehead, scalp and face edges. After completing the masking, region segmentation is done to find and keep the hair part of the image. Preprocessing follows with colour normalization, noise elimination and finding the edges in the segmented hair data. These methods improve how clear and sharp the image and its hair features look. After preprocessing, experts look at the texture, density, colour and pattern of the hair. These traits play a big role as they differ a lot between the groups discussed in Ayurveda. In particular, people with more Vata dosha tend to have dry hair, whereas those with Kapha mainly have oily hair. The features are given to different supervised machine learning algorithms to classify the data. The approaches employed are K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN), Support Vector Machine (SVM) and Naive Bayes classifiers. Data is created by labelling individual characteristics of hair and assigning them to the various Prakriti groups. The system gains the ability to determine a person's Prakriti based on their hair features. Finally, the outcome is checked against what the Nadi Tarangini device predicts, since this is a modern tool that uses pulse reading principles from Ayurveda. This action confirms if the invented model is both accurate and reliable. The use of HAAR-based image segmentation along with machine learning helps incorporate Ayurvedic tradition in the latest science. This technology makes it possible to assess Prakriti non-invasively, automatically and in a uniform way which benefits the field of Ayurvedic diagnostics. Because Ayurveda now combines different areas of medicine, it gains credibility and helps bring personalized healthcare into the modern era.

5. CONCLUSION

This research work makes an attempt to classify the prakriti type based on 350 images that have been thoughtfully captured using different machine learning algorithms. These images were captured in a 2:3 aspect ratio for consistency and reliability, under natural light, and without makeup so that the features remain true to the person and authentic, an important requirement for work on Ayurvedic diagnosis. This model achieved an accuracy of about 80% so what it implies is that KNN can be an encouraging tool in identifying the physiological traits related to Vata prakriti. This work is a new way to show how old knowledge and modern tech join together to create better health care. But be careful, especially about things like privacy and various cultural beliefs as these techs move forward. With ongoing help between AI experts and Ayurvedic doctors, easy-to-use, cheap practice helper systems that support personal care for the illness will be made. This work shows a hopeful move in trying to make Ayurveda available and correct via artificial intelligence.

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AI AND THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE IN SHRINKING CITY: YESAN COUNTY, KOREA

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ABSTRACT
The convergence of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Green Infrastructure (GI) in urban settings represents a significant evolution in how cities are designed, managed, and experienced. This integration seeks to maximize the benefits of green spaces within urban development, offering innovative responses to critical environmental and social challenges. Green Infrastructure serves as a valuable framework for guiding urban planning and directing development away from ecologically sensitive areas that provide essential ecosystem services. This paper presents a GI Plan for Yesan County (the Yesan GI Plan), a small, shrinking city in the Republic of Korea, known for its rich yet underexplored natural and cultural resources. The Yesan GI Plan adopts a multifunctional approach, tailored to the region's unique ecological and socio-cultural characteristics. The goal is to connect key elements of the vernacular landscape and optimize the ecosystem services they offer. The planning process consisted of two main stages: first, assigning weights to various ecological and socio-cultural features; and second, organizing them through GIS-based spatial analysis using a patch-corridor-matrix model. The resulting plan outlines a streamlined network of ecological hubs linked to socio-cultural assets via a system of water bodies, forested areas, and wildlife corridors. This network is designed to enhance connectivity, mobility, and energy flow across the region. To ensure that AI applications in this context are ecologically grounded, the approach moves beyond technological solutionism. Instead, it emphasizes a holistic integration of AI with traditional ecological knowledge, economic interests, social justice, and nature-based solutions.

Keywords: *Green Infrastructure, Artificial Intelligence, GIS, Ecosystem Services, Cultural indicator*

1. INTRODUCTION
Green Infrastructure (GI)—which includes parks, green rooftops, city forests, and bioswales—is now seen as essential for urban sustainability, playing a key role in combating climate change, improving air and water quality, supporting biodiversity, and enhancing quality of life. At the same time, Artificial Intelligence (AI) brings powerful capabilities in data analysis, automation, and forecasting, providing new ways to monitor and improve these green systems. This collaboration goes beyond streamlining current methods; it reimagines the connection between urban development and natural ecosystems, using advanced technology to build healthier, more resilient, and environmentally friendly cities. AI and Geographic Information Systems (GIS) are increasingly intertwined, a synergy known as GioAI. AI enhances GIS by automating tasks, accelerating data analysis, and enabling predictive modeling, leading to more accurate and efficient spatial decision-making.

The rapid and extensive changes generated by human intervention in the development of the economy and technology have influenced the natural capital and ecosystem services. These changes also influence the benefits and costs of public wellbeing (Costanza et al., 1997; Tzoulas et al., 2007) and affect “not only the biophysical systems that surround us, but also for the connections between those systems and human society in relation to broader, more complex social themes such as economics, social justice, and civic interaction” (Hellmund & Smith, 2006).

The importance of the relationship between people and the environment can be clearly seen through the efforts of the United Nations (UN), as they highlight how people obtain certain benefits from ecosystems, which are called Ecosystem Services (Duraiappah et al., 2005). These Ecosystem Services are provided through different systems that are an inherent part of the green structures of the landscape (Weber et al., 2006). The definitions of Green Infrastructure (GI) have various different sources and approaches. The US President’s Council on Sustainable Development defines GI as a network of open space, air sheds, watersheds, woodlands, wildlife habitat, parks, and other natural areas that provide many vital services that sustain life and enrich the quality of life (Anderson & Lash, 1999). Previous research of GI is linked with strategic planning and conservation (Benedict & McMahon, 2006), valuation of ecological, social, and economic functions of landscapes (Anderson & Lash, 1999; Vandermeulen et al., 2011), technological and practical engineered systems mimicking natural processes (Kloss, 2008), and also policy and planning with integral benefits for ecological, economic, and social spheres (Mell, 2008).

Thus, a GI planning approach can be considered suitable when planning for development and growth (Benedict & McMahon, 2006) that produces the least effect on natural processes (Weber et al., 2006), since the origins of GI are related to the ideas and actions taken for nature conservation. At the same time, GI maintains a transversal character for development, focusing on different levels and areas: ecologically (GILL ET AL., 2007; MELL, 2008), socially and culturally (Benedict & McMahon, 2006; Mell, 2008; Schilling & Logan, 2008; Tzoulas et al., 2007), and economically (Anderson & Lash, 1999; Gómez-Baggethun et al., 2010; Kiker & Hodges, 2002). These dimensions allow the creation of a framework for development actions that will place the protection of nature at the center of it, but at the same time, the dimensions also provide an efficient framework for human activity development (Grimm et al., 2000).

The aim of this study is to explore a plan for highlighting Yesan's disrupted green assets with a focus on ecological conservation and the reconnection of the socio-cultural assets of the town using AI and GIS tools. The study provides an alternative as a possible tool to be considered for Yesan's future planning and development, making use of, and focusing on, Yesan's intrinsic ecological and cultural strengths and character.

2. METHODS

Yesan is a small industrial farming county located less than two hours away from Korea's capital city, Seoul, in the western Chungcheong-nam Province. Home to valuable ecological resources, the county also includes several cultural assets such as Imjeong Fortress and Prince Namyeon's Tomb. Despite its diverse character, Yesan's population has notably decreased from 157,294 in 1975 to 77,000 in the present day, with an average percentage of depopulation of 26% every five years (La Rosa et al., 2016). As depopulation represents one of Yesan's main concerns, measures and policies to avoid the declining of the area are an urgent matter (Brandt et al., 2014).

Another main concern is connectivity related challenges, whether they refer to mobility or environmental and socio-cultural energy flows. Because urban growth has been placed at the center of major agendas around the globe, declining and shrinking spaces have not received much attention from policy makers or urban residents until recently (Korea Culture and Tourism Institute, n.d.). This lack of attention has resulted in a lack of studies on these shrinking areas even though they have benefits, opportunities, and strengths for development. Nevertheless, declining, Yesan has many intrinsic socio-cultural, environmental, and physical characteristics that construct the value of the county, form its identity, and that can be used to propel the sense of ownership by its inhabitants.

A literature review of Ecosystem Services was conducted in order to identify the characteristics of the amenities involved in the provision of benefits that come from nature. The patch-corridor-matrix model (Forman, 1995) was employed for the definition of the system.

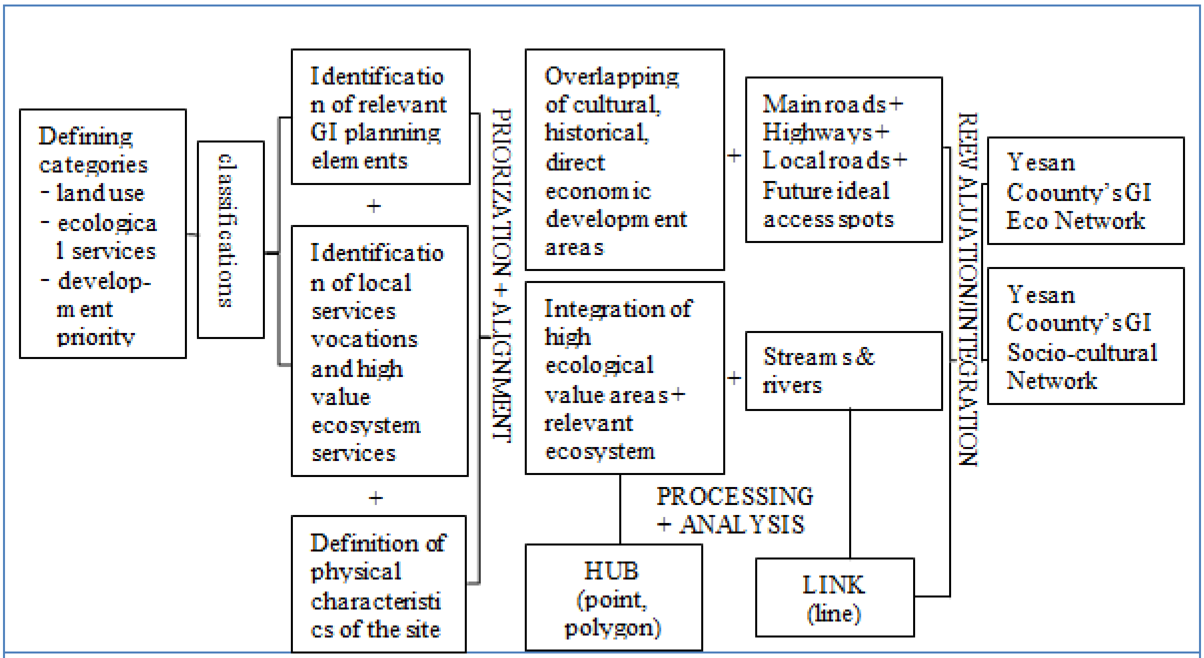

Figure 1. Research framework.

Based on Yesan's special characteristics, two main categories were selected as the focus of the investigation: "Ecology" and "Society & Culture". The "Physical" category was not explicitly taken as one of the categories to incorporate in the research, as the challenges previously mentioned for "Physical" (public transportation and taxi problematics) were assimilated and could be treated indirectly by focusing on the Socio-cultural and

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Environmental categories, providing a background tool for the definition of more ecologically friendly and efficient transportation routes.

Summarily, the Ecology category is comprised of two sub-categories: 1) Conservation Lands and 2) Riparian Corridors. The Conservation Lands are composed of the First-Degree Ecological Features and the Protected Areas maps. As for the Riparian Corridors, they are composed of the Hydrological Resources map.

For the Socio-cultural category, the resulting three subcategories are: 1) Recreation & Ecotourism, 2) Aesthetic value + Inspiration, and 3) Cultural Heritage + Spiritual & Religious value. Recreation & Ecotourism was defined based on the indicators of Park Visitation, Cultural Assets, and Touristic Spots mapping. The Aesthetic value + Inspiration category is based on the indicator of the Amount of geotagged images. As for the Cultural Heritage + Spiritual & Religious value, Yesan's cultural value assets were the base (Figure 2).

The Ecology category of this GI plan encompasses high ecological value natural resources and areas in Yesan, and the Ecological Ecosystem Services that they provide. The categorization of the areas was based on pre-existing land classification, a rank of ecological features defined by the National Land Planning and Utilization Act of the Republic of Korea. This criterion was selected as the method of mapping classification for the ecological character of the land, since the National Land Planning and Utilization Act is established around land characteristics. The categories considered for the mapping of the ecological categories of the Yesan GI Plan were the First-Degree Ecological Features, Conservation Priority areas, Forestry & Agriculture, and Hydrological Resources. To these four categories, ad-hoc data of roadkill information was added in order to analyze areas where further ecological intervention should be proposed for protection of the native fauna. As a final step, a slope categorization through Digital Elevation Model (DEM) was created through GIS processing tools, along with a set of base maps for the spatial analysis of Yesan's territorial characteristics.

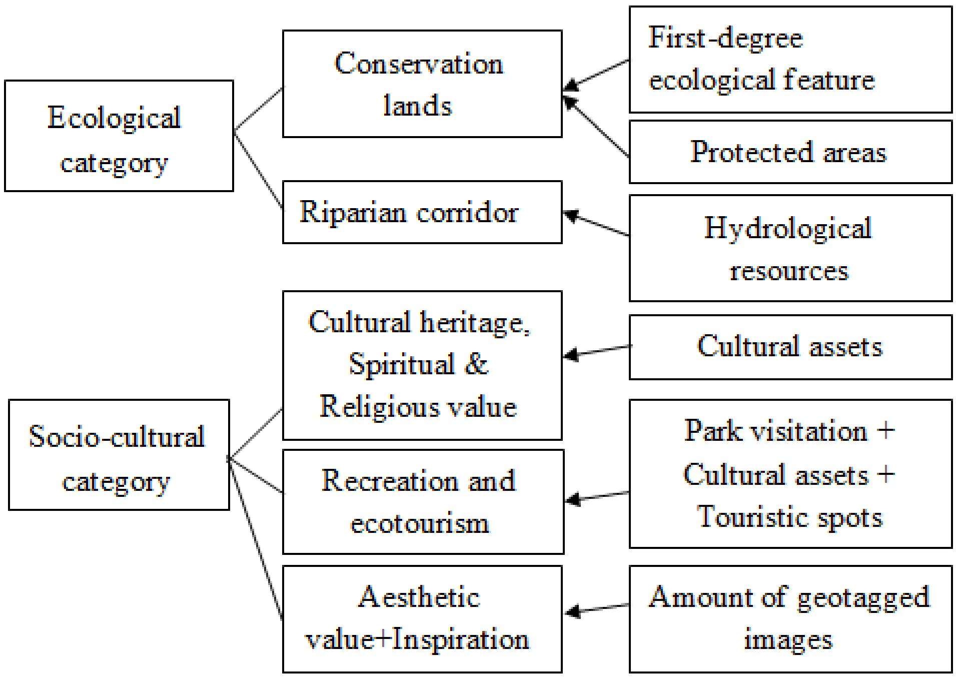

Figure 2. Ecological and Socio-cultural category subdivisions scheme for Yesan's GI Network Plan and its indicators.

For the classification of both the Ecology and Social & Cultural categories, a scale from 1 (lowest value) to 3 (highest value) was used for the pre-weighting of the layers in GIS software. In the case of the Social & Cultural category, this pre-weighting was performed specifically for the main categories defined through a diverse set of indicators. In order to give priority to nature preservation, a weight of 3 was applied to the layers of physiological characteristics of the terrain, giving it the highest value in comparison to the socio-cultural layers to be used.

For the following analysis process, first, the ecological hubs were chosen under the base of the First-Degree Ecological Features and Protected Areas (Figure 3.A). Second, following the patch-corridor model, the corridors were defined through the use of an overlaying method with GIS application software. This was done while avoiding areas with a lot of human activity influence, such as expressways, secondary roads, and heavily

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urbanized areas for the ecological network, and areas with rugged terrain that complicated the access for the socio-cultural network. The Forestry & Agriculture layer was introduced as a vector layer, weighted with a qualification of 3 points, rasterized, and then reclassified into an overall value of 2. Thirdly, the slope was obtained through the DEM raster and classified into five different categories as per a classification defined by Ahn et al. (Ahn et al., 2007) in their Forest Management book about Korean forestry. The Slope Classification layer was also reclassified into five classes, assigning a value in between 1 and 5 for each category.

As a fourth step, both the Forestry & Agriculture Reclassification layer and the Slope Reclassification layer were overlaid using the Weighted Overlay method. This was defined according to two different criteria: 1) Levels 1 and 2 are composed of a 10° or less slope, which are the regular areas where existing roads cross the landscape and human activity exerts a big influence on the fragmentation of the land. 2) A slope above 40°, which belongs to level 5, represents a challenge of mobility either for humans or for fauna.

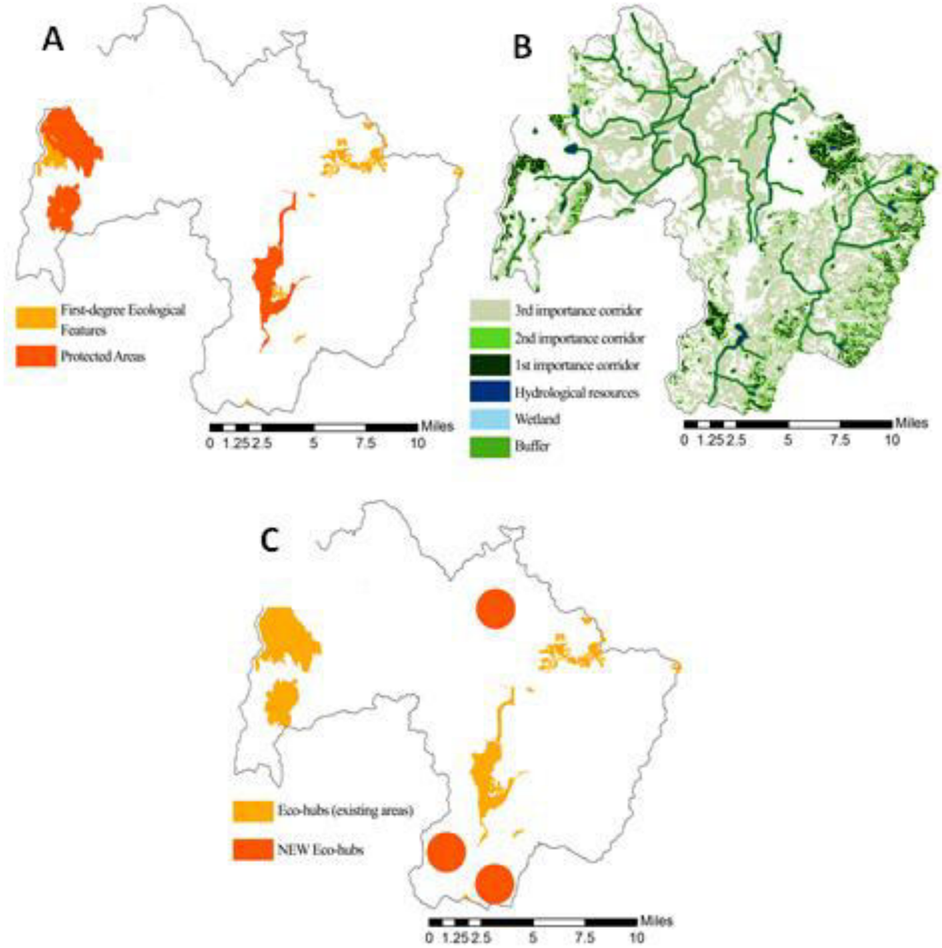

Figure 3. A) Yesan Eco Hubs, comprised of the First-Rank Ecological Features and the Protected Areas. B) Green Corridors, with the three levels of corridors' importance and Hydrological Resources. C) Yesan's New Eco Hubs, defined by roadkill information data Fifth, the Hydrological Resources and Wetland layers were added to the map with a buffer of 100m to complete the corridors layer (Figure 3.B). After the Patch and Corridors were defined based on existing conditions, the roadkill data was included, taking into consideration where the concentration of roadkill was higher. This marked an indication of where New Eco Hubs should be added for fauna conservation (Figure 3.C).

As for the socio-cultural division of Yesan's GI Plan, the category includes: 1) The natural resources that provide Cultural Ecosystem Services (CES), and 2) The social and cultural amenities that have the potential to become an integral part of Yesan's GI by complementing the uses of the ecological value areas and providing similar Cultural Services as those provided by natural resources.

After assigning the correspondent values to the weight, five categories were selected among those of the study from La Rosa (La Rosa et al., 2016), as they are the most relevant to Yesan's case study: Cultural Heritage, Spiritual & Religious value, Recreation & Ecotourism, Aesthetic Value, and Inspiration.

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However, the Inspiration and Aesthetic Value categories were unified as one. As inspiration is defined by a place or person that makes someone want to do or create something, making it possible to consider aesthetically beautiful places as inspiring sources of contemplation. At the same time, the Spiritual & Religious values category was incorporated into the Cultural Heritage division, by considering spiritual beliefs a part of a person's cultural expression system.

- **Cultural Heritage + Spiritual & Religious value**

Cultural Heritage + Spiritual & Religious value was mapped by identifying the diverse cultural districts in the area that represent part of Yesan's particular character and history. A Cultural District will be understood as the area comprised of the facilities that enclose two or more diverse cultural value structures and a 100m buffer area around the pertaining structures.

- **Recreation & ecotourism**

The proxies used were Park Visitation (Brandt et al., 2014) along with the mapping of the Cultural Assets and Touristic Spots. This gives us crucial information about the collective importance of a site by measuring the number of people who are interested in visiting such an area. The number of visitors in touristic and cultural attractions in Yesan was obtained through the Touristic Information System (Korea Culture and Tourism Institute, n.d.).

- **Aesthetic value + Inspiration**

For this category, the proxy chosen was the Amount of geotagged images (Casalegno et al., 2013). These can be used to accentuate the relationship between people and place attachment, based on the importance they put on the visual value of a place by taking an image.

3. RESULTS

Yesan's Green Infrastructure (GI) Network was developed through a multifunctional and integrated approach that combined ecological and socio-cultural factors within its framework. The final outcome consists of a series of hubs, connecting links, and stepping stones. The hubs were identified through the analysis and overlay of multiple data layers, which helped define the boundaries of the most ecologically, socially, and culturally significant areas within Yesan's territory.

The network of links and corridors was also determined using GIS-based overlay methods. As a result, the GI Network comprises four existing Eco Hubs, 13 Cultural Districts, three new Eco Hubs, and an interconnected system of hydrological resources, agricultural lands, and forested areas.

During the GIS overlay process, a number of small, scattered patches of ecologically valuable areas—such as water bodies, wetlands, and conservation lands—were identified in less optimal locations. Initially, these patches were excluded from the network due to their limited size. However, after further consideration of their potential ecological contribution, especially to species mobility (particularly birds), they were ultimately incorporated into the network as stepping stones to enhance ecological connectivity.

Ecological assets were identified based on classifications from the National Land Planning and Utilization Act, with particular emphasis on Protected Areas and First-Degree Ecological Features. These criteria led to the designation of four primary Eco Hubs in the Yesan GI Network. The ecological areas forming these hubs were given the highest weighting, emphasizing the critical role of nature in Yesan's future development.

On the socio-cultural side, data collection methods identified 13 key sites, which were designated as Cultural Districts and Culture Hubs within the GI Network. These areas are closely associated with significant cultural heritage elements and are often linked to specific ecological characteristics, particularly due to traditional feng shui principles used during their establishment.

The final assessment of Yesan's cultural assets resulted in the identification of 13 distinct areas, determined through GIS analysis and a weighting system based on aesthetic value and visitor appeal. One area received the highest score of 4 (on a scale of 1 to 4), two areas scored 3, four areas scored 2, and the remaining five scored 1.

4. CONCLUSION

The final Yesan GI Network (Figure 4) integrates Eco Hubs and Culture Hubs, interconnected by a web of water bodies, wetlands, and selected manmade roads. This network enhances connectivity and facilitates mobility across the area, while also promoting tourism and economic activity. Additionally, forestry areas with slopes between 10° and 40° were considered in response to mobility needs. The network also accounts for land fragmentation caused by existing roads, prioritizing areas where fragmentation can be more easily controlled and redirected.

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Most Green Infrastructure (GI) studies focus solely on ecological functions, often overlooking the multifunctionality that defines the GI approach (Weber et al., 2006). Consequently, socio-cultural factors and assets are frequently relegated to topics related to human health (Tzoulas et al., 2007). This paper presents a planning approach that integrates diverse cultural ecosystem service (CES) indicators. The proposal reflects both the natural conditions of the terrain and observed social synergies in the area.

Two of the three CES analysis methods—park visitation and the number of geotagged images—were selected based on La Rosa et al.(La Rosa et al., 2016), who provided a comprehensive review of relevant literature. These methods were chosen for their accessibility

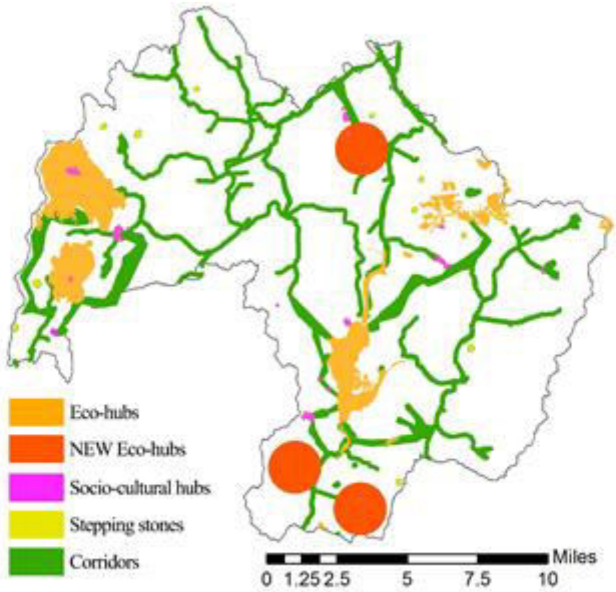

Figure 4. Yesan’s final Green Infrastructure Network comprised of the existing ecological value areas (Eco-hubs), new designated important ecological areas (NEW Eco-hubs), social and cultural value areas, stepping stones provided by wetlands and corridors defined by hydrological areas and the first and second importance corridors and data availability. The third method involved mapping cultural assets, creating an inventory of Cultural Districts and 31 Cultural Heritage structures within them.

Internet-based information on park visitation was limited to specific assets classified as part of the cultural structures in Yesan County, as not all sites are located within complexes that track visitor numbers. Therefore, the original list of 10 Cultural Districts was expanded to include assets omitted by local authorities but shown to be significant through visitor data.

The final weights assigned to Cultural Districts reflect their influence and importance within the Yesan GI Plan. Even districts with low weight (e.g., 1) carry socio-cultural value and represent opportunities within the network. Including these areas in the GI Plan enables improved management of social amenities and better allocation of public funds toward underutilized assets with potential for development.

However, as GI planning is inherently multidisciplinary, it requires input from experts across various fields. This plan, developed at a conceptual level, should be followed by in-depth studies. The current documentation and analysis serve as a foundation for future development plans. The multifunctionality of GI allows the creation of spaces where people can experience nature firsthand and develop greater awareness of the services it provides. The corridors identified in Yesan’s GI Plan are not isolated sanctuaries for wildlife alone; rather, they serve as guidelines for integrating low-impact human activity within ecologically valuable areas.

Due to the time-intensive nature of implementation, these target areas require the active participation of additional domain experts to develop detailed design proposals. This necessitates a participatory design process to be initiated once the GI master plan is finalized. A comprehensive communication and engagement strategy should be developed to involve the public and key stakeholders in shaping the system and guiding the urban transformation process.

This paper’s main contribution is the provision of a guiding tool to identify appropriate areas for both human (non-motorized) and wildlife movement, protected from the direct impacts of gray infrastructure development using GIS. GeoAI can be used to automate repetitive tasks like spatial analysis and mapping update.

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Beyond environmental benefits, AI can also enhance the social and economic value of green infrastructure. By analyzing pedestrian movement patterns, social media data, and public feedback, AI can help optimize the design and placement of green spaces to maximize their accessibility and usability for urban residents.

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND MACHINE LEARNING WITH IMAGE PROCESSING IN CANCER DISEASE

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ABSTRACT
Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) are being used to produce a growing number of imaging technologies in cancer. Multidisciplinary involvement is necessary for the creation of an ideal tool in order to guarantee that the right use case is satisfied and to conduct thorough development and testing before implementing it in healthcare systems. Important advancements in the discipline are highlighted in this multidisciplinary overview. We go over the prospects and problems of AI and ML in cancer imaging, how to transform algorithms into publicly accessible tools, and how to build the ecosystem required to support the expansion of AI and ML in cancer imaging.

Machine learning (ML) and artificial intelligence (AI) are quickly changing many areas of science, including health. While ML is a subset of AI where machines or tools learn from data to generate classifications or predictions, either with or without human supervision, AI refers to the development of robots or programs that can mimic human thought and behaviour. The development of high-performance computers in recent years has sped up progress in these areas.

Digital fields like imaging in medicine are well-suited to be early users of AI and ML. Such data can be efficiently gathered for AI and ML thanks to the imaging pipeline, which functions in the digital realm and includes picture collecting, reconstruction, interpretation, reporting, and sharing of results.

***Keywords**: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Image Processing, Challenges*

INTRODUCTION
However, a lot of technology solutions are being researched separately and might not be able to be used routinely in clinical settings. The lack of opportunities for clinicians, radiologists, scientists, and other experts to collaborate in order to comprehend the clinical and data science landscape and to identify the requirements, risks, opportunities, and difficulties for the creation, testing, validation, and adoption of such tools may have hindered these. To generate innovations and developments, multidisciplinary ecosystems must be nurtured cooperatively, with the assistance of commercial partners where necessary.

The purpose of this paper is to promote interdisciplinary dialogue on the above issues. There is discussion of the technical, professional, and therapeutic difficulties in using AI and ML with image processing in cancer disease.

RADIOMICS
The use of medical images as imaging data are still mostly assessed by skilled radiologists, who can visually determine whether a disease is present or absent, outline the limits of tumours and assess how well they respond to treatment and detect a recurrence of the condition. These human abilities are typically used to specify the benchmarks that AI and ML are measured against. Methods are assessed.

The computerised study of medical images or specific areas within them is known as radiomics. The pictures may have multiple dimensions. such as 2D X-rays, 3D computed tomography (CT), and 4D ultrasound; and whether they are vector-valued, like phase contrast magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), where the measured MRI signal is connected to a mathematical vector function, or scalar, like CT, where the CT value is directly related to the tissue electron density.

A volumetric chest CT scan with a tumour (such as a lung nodule) is another example of a data set for radiomics analysis. A typical workflow might involve the following steps: (1) identifying the tumour within the scan; (2) annotating the tumour with semantic features (usually by skilled radiologists); (3) outlining or segmenting the tumour; (4) computing predetermined tumour features (such as size, mean intensity, image texture, shape, and margin sharpness) and/or using automated learning for task-relevant features; and (5) developing a classifier that uses the computed features to predict a clinical state, such as the likelihood of a particular gene mutation, response to treatment, or overall survival.

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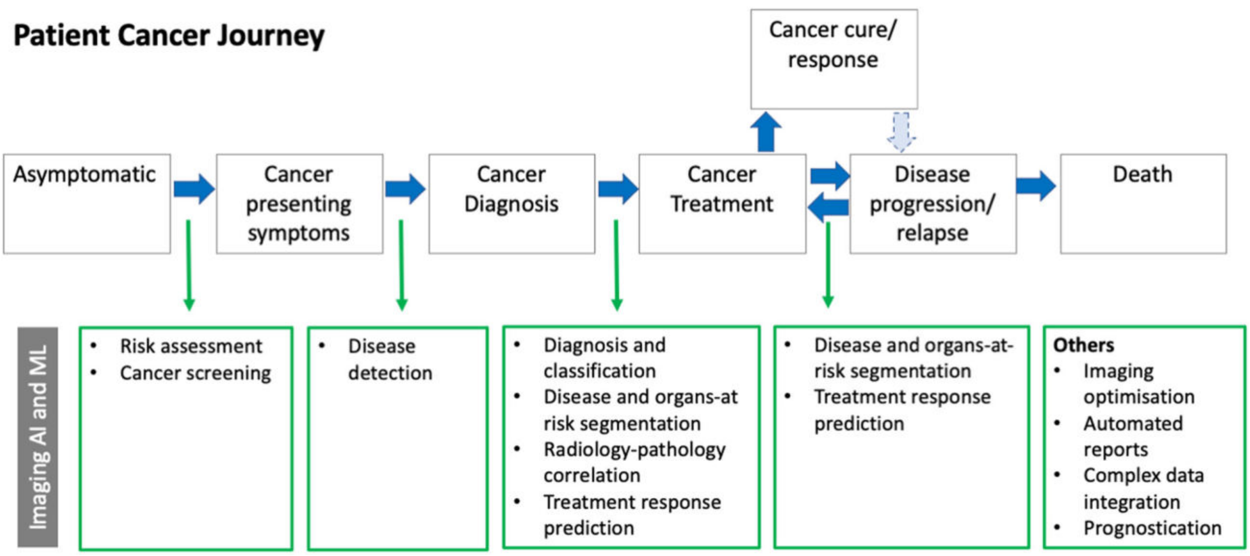
AI AND ML METHODS FOR VISUALISING CANCER

In order to guarantee data conformance or uniformity, patient images used for cancer imaging are pre-processed and modified before being used as inputs for machine learning algorithms and models. Whether they pertain to theoretically determined radiomics features or features defined by radiologists, these pre-processing processes are employed. This entails making certain that the pictures have comparable pixel sizes and image section thicknesses. In summary, a machine learning model or algorithm maps the input imaging data and learns a basic or sophisticated mathematical function associated with the output or target, like a scientific or clinical observation. It is possible to develop or train an ML algorithm with or without the assistance of "ground truth variables", which are reference results confirmed by subject-matter experts through various methods (e.g., laboratory testing, clinical follow-up, pathology). An independent test dataset, preferably from a different institution, is used to evaluate the performance of machine learning algorithms after they have been generated using a training dataset and refined using a validation dataset.

The availability of data, computer power, and later algorithm improvements all affect how well an ML algorithm performs. The ML algorithm selection may rely on the size of the data. Classical machine learning methods like Naïve Bayes, logistic regression, decision trees, and support vector machines are frequently used with smaller datasets (e.g., less than 1000 patients, examinations, or photos, depending on the use case). More sophisticated machine learning models, such convolutional neural networks (CNN), which are highly effective at learning straight from images, may be better suited for larger datasets, despite the fact that they require more processing power. CNN is an example of ML, which is a subset of machine learning techniques that use artificial neural networks. The inspiration for artificial neural networks comes from the arrangement of neurons in the brain, mimicking neuronal connectivity to address issues. It is possible to oversee ML algorithms.



It is common for there to be more predictors (such as CNN-derived features) in ML-based cancer imaging than data points or samples (patients or imaging studies). The most popular methods to lessen or avoid over fitting are as follows: (a) employing methods like k-fold cross validation with several dataset subsamples; (b) train the algorithm with more data, if at all possible; (c) to reduce the dimensionality/number of the initial features by performing feature selection, if appropriate; and/or (d) to use ensemble learning, if practical, to increase the data size, i.e., to train the algorithm at several locations/institutions.

CONVOLUTIONAL NEURAL NETWORK

An further machine learning technique based on artificial neural networks is the convolutional neural network. Convolutional neural networks are deep feed forward artificial neural networks used in machine learning that have been effectively used for large-scale image processing and image recognition. One-dimensional, two-dimensional, and three-dimensional convolutional neural networks are varieties of convolutional neural networks. Sequential data processing frequently makes use of one-dimensional convolutional neural networks. In picture text recognition, two-dimensional convolutional neural networks are frequently employed. Medical image and video data recognition is the primary application for 3D convolutional neural networks. In image processing, convolutional neural network technology has been applied extensively.

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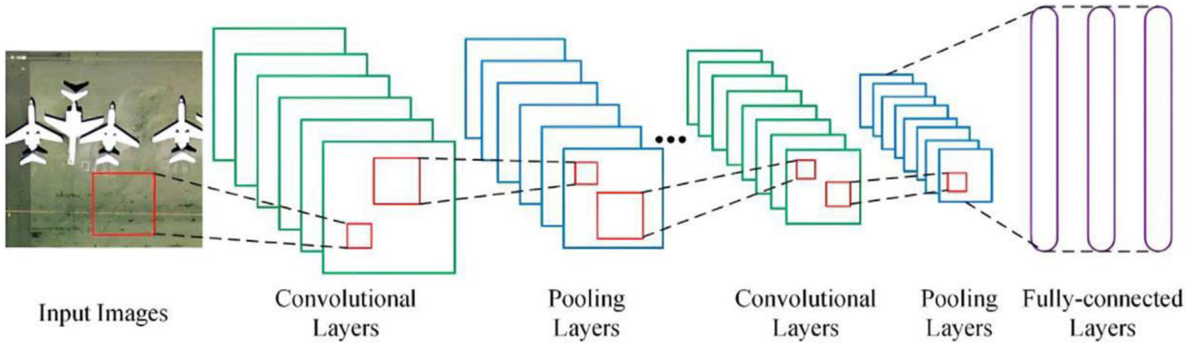

The input layer, activation function, convolutional layer, pooling layer, fully connected layer, and output layer are the primary components that make up a convolutional neural network. Each image is represented by a pixel value matrix, and image data is input in the input layer. The majority of image processing is done in the convolutional layer, which is the central part of a convolutional neural network. The convolutional layer extracts the features of the input image data after it has been transmitted from the input layer to the convolutional layer. A collection of convolution sub-components of the convolutional layer then learns various image features of the image data. Among these, activation functions are added to the convolutional layer to convert the learning characteristics of convolutional neural networks into nonlinearization since the input data is nonlinear.

Numerous convolutional neural network method models are suggested for image processing applications based on the particular needs of image processing. The primary ones are as follows:

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CHALLENGES FOR IMPLEMENTING AI AND ML IN CANCER WITH IMAGE PROCESSING

a) Clinical difficulties

Addressing a critical clinical dilemma or question is one of the most crucial factors to take into account when developing an AI or ML solution. Data coming in from many sources is what defines the clinical domain. Thanks to developments in multi-modal imaging, the volume of biomedical data produced in the clinic is growing (i.e., imaging using a range of methods), high-throughput multi-omics technologies (such as molecular pathology, proteomics, and genomics), and a growing volume of data kept in electronic health records. Multidisciplinary involvement is therefore essential for success.

AI and ML have the potential to be used to integrate this varied and complicated data in order to promote customised medicine. However, in order for data-driven and model-based computational approaches to produce useful findings, such massive datasets present additional difficulties. By using advanced machine learning and computational intelligence, AI has the ability to completely transform the analysis of cancer images.

Precision oncology, or the choice of a patient's treatment based on the molecular profile of their tumour, is one field where AI/ML has the potential to be especially revolutionary. Precision cancer treatment is probably to have access to sophisticated computational methods for examining cancer biology and forecasting treatment response through integrated diagnostics (such as radiogenomics, which blends radiomics and genomics analysis). Large-scale structured data gathering (from several institutions) that addresses privacy and cyber-security concerns and promotes ongoing learning is part of the solution.

Currently, the biggest obstacle is integrating new AI technologies into clinical practice, which requires first doing thoroughly validated clinical research studies like such applications. This is essential for the implementation and translation of AI techniques in precision oncology. AI can potentially lower the cost of precision oncological treatments by improving patient selection techniques, if it is applied appropriately.

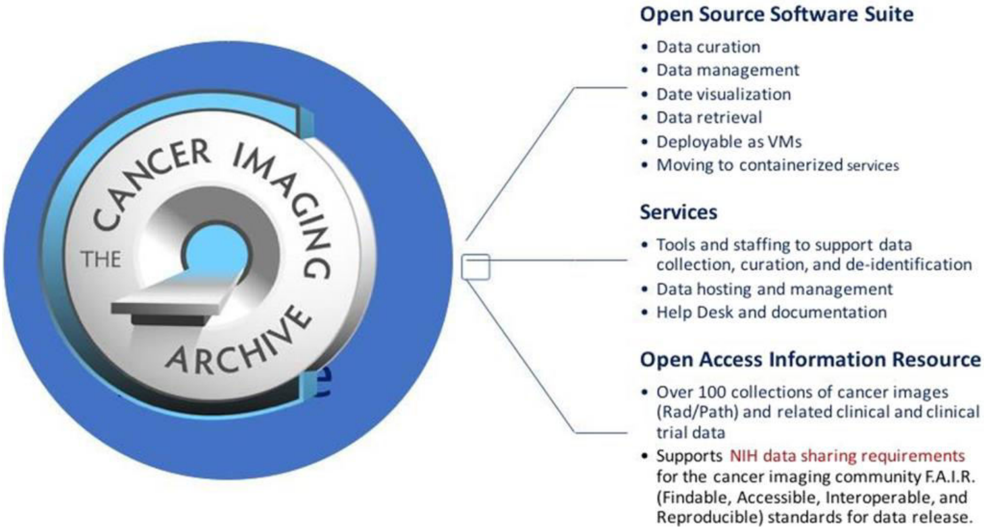
b) Professional Challenges

The development and application of machine learning in cancer with image processing are expected to be influenced by professional issues in addition to therapeutic ones. Stimuli that support the development of ML includes the unrelenting increase in imaging demand, which can cause stress and burnout in radiologists when combined with both acute and long-term personnel shortages. In order to be prepared for the testing and uptake of AI and ML technologies as they become available, departments should think about modernising or rethinking their IT infrastructure and workflow. The way the radiological workforce views the potential benefits of AI and ML in the clinic, as well as the opportunities and risks related to their application, presents another difficulty.

An online survey of 569 radiologists from 35 countries was carried out in advance of the Champalimaud Foundation (Lisbon) and the International Cancer Imaging Society's 2019 AI and ML in Cancer Imaging meeting. Most people (>60%) thought AI had more advantages than disadvantages (Supplementary Note). The majority of respondents agreed that AI in radiology has several beneficial effects, such as (1) warning radiologists of abnormal findings; (2) boosting productivity; (3) offering diagnostic recommendations when the radiologist is unsure; (4) acknowledging that the radiologist should bear responsibility for mistakes; and (5) altering the service model by interacting with patients more directly.

The respondents were certain that the role of a radiologist will not likely be replaced by AI and ML approaches. The majority (>70%) believed that it was critical to (1) invest in education, (2) test new tools, (3) support the large-scale curation of images and image annotation data, and (4) collaborate with commercial suppliers to create specialised AI solutions that enhance workflow in order to get ready for the coming of AI.

Additionally, the survey determined the following areas of priority and need for AI tool development: (1) tools that track tumours automatically over time to evaluate their response to treatment; (2) tools that enhance automatic or semiautomatic tumour segmentation; (3) tools that facilitate proforma reporting, which enables the prospective annotation of image data; (4) tools that assist in the confident identification of normal studies so that radiologists can concentrate on abnormal examinations; and (5) tools that assist in identifying tumours throughout the body.



c) Technical challenges

Numerous cutting-edge Machine Learning-based AI techniques are producing exceptional results. The robust capacity of deep machine learning models to learn on their own and the accessibility of extensive labelled datasets with accurate annotations are factors contributing to their success. Unfortunately, because domain specialists' knowledge is required, gathering such precise annotations in biomedical research can be costly and time-consuming. As a result, there has been a lot of interest in machine learning models that can operate with imprecise annotations and inadequate supervision (such as image-level labels rather than individual image feature labels or bounding boxes that enclose an area of interest rather than accurate outlining).

The creation of sizable, mineable imaging datasets could potentially solve the problems of data heterogeneity and scarcity. However, by gathering and creating harmonised datasets, data quality and variety should be taken into account in addition to sample availability. Utilising transfer learning and domain adaptation strategies may enhance the capacity to generalise across multi-institutional investigations.

It can be difficult to design and find trustworthy AI imaging research. Since studies with as few as 10 patients have been reported, the results of these AI models are extremely dubious because of the possibility of over fitting, which will impair the findings' generalisability. Ten to fifteen patients should be gathered for each feature that makes up the final radiomics signature, according to a general guideline in radiomics when dealing with binominal classification problems.

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Integrative models that combine data from clinical, environmental, and social sources with other omics data, such proteomics or genomes, are becoming more and more popular, particularly when applied to more complicated clinical issues like prognosis and disease risk assessment. Developing integrative ML models continues to be hampered by data sparsity and non-standardized therapeutic procedures across institutions; nonetheless, it is acknowledged that improved standardisation, including data gathering, is necessary to support these AI use cases.

When combined with clinical and genomic data, the use of photographs can provide real-world information for research that generate evidence. AI tools can be tested and their performance validated with the use of retrospective data from imaging biobanks and repositories. ComBat and other harmonisation techniques can be used to standardise the imaging features, particularly in multicenter investigations where a model's performance and generalisability may suffer if variability is not minimised. Promoting observational in silico studies gives radiologists a great chance to take the lead in the area, being careful to supervise all pertinent processes from data collection to analysis to increase the repeatability of findings.

The AI community has begun to acknowledge this constraint in recent years and has made progress towards the creation of explainable AI. Particularly in clinical decision-support systems, the explainability of AI models raises delicate questions about patient safety. Patient selection bias in machine learning models might result in subpar performance and inaccurate predictions in prospective unknown situations because the great majority of AI models are trained using retrospective, observational data. As a result, domain experts should constantly confirm the projections and the logic underlying the AI models' predictions. Only when the models are intentionally transparent can the latter be accomplished.

AI models are expected to be more reliable when domain experts are involved in their creation and repeatable and aid in winning end users' trust. In the context of the therapeutic pathway, it is also essential to assess the AI solution's overall performance in addition to accuracy. This would entail evaluating the models' use in the actual world to determine its applicability, usability, reliability, cost, and cost-effectiveness.

CONCLUSION

Most radiologists embrace the wide range of therapeutic applications that are being made possible by the rapid advancements in AI, and particularly machine learning, in cancer with image processing. The availability of imaging data frequently limits the creation of new machine learning algorithms; but, real-world, carefully selected imaging data can be created and used in biobanks and open access repositories to get around these restrictions. When feasible, using open-source tools for algorithm development could improve cooperation and transparency amongst centres. Nevertheless, even while the use of these AI software algorithms can result in excellent diagnostic performance, it is still unclear how many of these will be cost-effective or have a long-term meaningful impact on patient outcomes. It's also crucial to equip all parties involved, particularly radiologists, with enough knowledge of this developing subject to allow them to evaluate new technologies critically before using them in their own practices. The creation of practical clinical tools aimed at improving patient care and results will also be facilitated by providing chances for interdisciplinary involvement.

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MULTIMODAL DEEP LEARNING FOR EMOTION RECOGNITION: A FUSION OF EEG, FACIAL EXPRESSIONS AND VOICE IN HUMAN-COMPUTER INTERACTION

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ABSTRACT
Emotion recognition systems have become increasingly critical for developing emotionally intelligent human-computer interfaces, yet existing single-modal approaches suffer from significant limitations in real-world deployment scenarios. This research presents a comprehensive multimodal deep learning framework that synergistically integrates electroencephalography (EEG), facial expressions, and voice signals to achieve robust emotion recognition across diverse conditions. We introduce the Multimodal Emotion Recognition Dataset (MERD-2025), a novel synchronized dataset comprising recordings from 150 demographically diverse participants across ten distinct emotion categories, providing unprecedented data quality and cultural representation for emotion recognition research.

Our proposed Attention-based Multimodal Fusion Network (AMF-Net) employs specialized encoders for each modality, coupled with a novel cross-modal attention mechanism that dynamically weights modality contributions based on emotional context and signal reliability. The architecture processes 64-channel EEG signals, high-resolution facial videos, and audio recordings through modality-specific neural networks before fusing representations through learned attention weights. Extensive experimental validation demonstrates that AMF-Net achieves state-of-the-art performance with 87.3% classification accuracy, representing substantial improvements of 8-15% over single-modal approaches and 4-6% over traditional fusion methods.

Comprehensive analysis reveals consistent performance across demographic groups, robust handling of missing modalities, and interpretable attention patterns that provide insights into emotion-specific modality contributions. The system maintains practical computational requirements while demonstrating resilience to noise and incomplete data conditions. These findings establish significant potential for real-world applications in adaptive user interfaces, mental health monitoring, educational technology, and automotive safety systems. The research advances the field by providing both technological innovations and comprehensive datasets for future multimodal emotion recognition development.

Keywords: *Emotion recognition, Multimodal fusion, Deep learning, EEG, Facial expressions*

1. INTRODUCTION

The rapid advancement of artificial intelligence and human-computer interaction technologies has created an unprecedented demand for systems capable of understanding and responding to human emotions. Emotion recognition systems have found applications in diverse domains including healthcare monitoring, educational technology, automotive safety, and personalized entertainment systems (Picard, 2000; Zhou et al., 2021). Traditional approaches have relied primarily on single-modal analysis, such as facial expression recognition or speech emotion detection, which often suffer from limitations in real-world scenarios due to environmental noise, occlusion, or cultural variations (Poria et al., 2017).

The integration of multiple modalities offers a promising solution to overcome these limitations by leveraging complementary information sources. Physiological signals like electroencephalography (EEG) provide direct access to neural correlates of emotional states, while facial expressions and voice patterns offer behaviorally observable manifestations of emotions (Li et al., 2018; Zheng et al., 2015). The challenge lies in effectively fusing these heterogeneous data sources to create robust and accurate emotion recognition systems.

Recent advances in deep learning, particularly in attention mechanisms and multimodal fusion architectures, have opened new possibilities for sophisticated emotion recognition systems (Baltrusaitis et al., 2019; Vaswani et al., 2017). However, existing approaches often struggle with temporal synchronization, modality-specific noise, and the dynamic nature of emotional expressions across different individuals and cultural backgrounds.

The motivation for this research stems from the growing need for emotionally intelligent systems that can adapt to user states in real-time. Current limitations in single-modal approaches create significant gaps in practical applications, particularly in uncontrolled environments where one or more modalities may be corrupted or unavailable. Furthermore, the lack of comprehensive datasets that capture synchronized multimodal emotional expressions has hindered progress in this field.

This paper makes the following contributions:

- Introduction of MERD-2025, a comprehensive multimodal emotion dataset with 150 participants and synchronized EEG, facial, and voice recordings.
- Development of AMF-Net, a novel deep learning architecture that employs cross-modal attention mechanisms for effective multimodal fusion.
- Extensive experimental validation across multiple evaluation metrics, demographic groups, and real-world scenarios.
- Detailed analysis of modality contributions, fusion strategies, and failure cases to provide insights for future research.

2. RELATED WORK

2.1 Single-Modal Emotion Recognition

EEG-based Emotion Recognition: Electroencephalography has been extensively studied for emotion recognition due to its high temporal resolution and direct measurement of neural activity. Zheng et al. (2019) proposed a deep learning approach using differential entropy features from EEG signals, achieving 84.2% accuracy on the DEAP dataset. Their work demonstrated the effectiveness of frequency domain features in capturing emotional states. Li et al. (2018) introduced a hierarchical attention network that captures both spatial and temporal dependencies in EEG signals, reporting improvements of 3-5% over traditional approaches. The integration of cerebral hemispheric asymmetry patterns has shown particular promise in distinguishing between positive and negative emotional states.

Facial Expression Recognition: Computer vision-based emotion recognition has benefited significantly from deep convolutional neural networks. Mollahosseini et al. (2019) developed AffectNet, achieving 60.3% accuracy on wild facial expression data, representing a significant advancement in handling real-world facial expression variations. More recently, transformer-based architectures have shown promise, with Vision Transformers achieving 67.8% accuracy on challenging datasets (Ma et al., 2022). The incorporation of facial action units and geometric features has proven effective in capturing subtle emotional expressions that may be missed by appearance-based methods alone.

Voice Emotion Recognition: Speech-based emotion recognition has evolved from traditional feature engineering approaches to end-to-end deep learning models. Zhao et al. (2019) proposed a multi-scale CNN-LSTM architecture achieving 76.4% accuracy on the IEMOCAP dataset, demonstrating the importance of capturing both local and global temporal patterns in emotional speech. Attention mechanisms have also been successfully applied to capture relevant temporal segments in emotional speech (Chen et al., 2018). The integration of prosodic features with spectral characteristics has shown particular effectiveness in distinguishing between emotions with similar acoustic properties.

2.2 Multimodal Emotion Recognition

Early multimodal approaches employed simple fusion strategies such as feature concatenation or majority voting (Schuller et al., 2013). However, these methods fail to capture complex interactions between modalities and often suffer from the curse of dimensionality. Recent research has focused on more sophisticated fusion architectures that can model cross-modal dependencies effectively.

Early Fusion: This approach combines features from different modalities before classification. Chen et al. (2021) demonstrated that synchronized feature fusion could improve accuracy by 8-12% compared to single-modal approaches. However, early fusion methods are sensitive to modality-specific noise and may not capture optimal feature representations for individual modalities.

Late Fusion: This strategy combines decisions from individual modality classifiers. While this approach has shown robustness to missing modalities, it may lose important cross-modal correlations that could enhance recognition performance (Poria et al., 2019). The independence assumption between modalities in late fusion can limit the model's ability to leverage complementary information effectively.

Intermediate Fusion: This approach processes modalities separately in early layers before combining intermediate representations. Zadeh et al. (2017) proposed the Tensor Fusion Network, which has gained popularity due to its flexibility and performance in capturing both intra-modal and inter-modal dynamics. This approach provides a good balance between computational efficiency and cross-modal interaction modeling.

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Attention-based Fusion: Recent work has explored attention mechanisms for dynamic modality weighting. Wang et al. (2019) proposed a cross-modal attention network achieving 82.1% accuracy on multimodal emotion data. The attention mechanism allows the model to focus on relevant modality combinations for different emotions, providing both performance improvements and interpretability.

3. METHODOLOGY

3.1 Dataset Description

The Multimodal Emotion Recognition Dataset (MERD-2025) was collected from 150 participants (75 male, 75 female) aged 18-65 years with diverse cultural backgrounds (30% Asian, 35% Caucasian, 20% Hispanic, 15% African American).

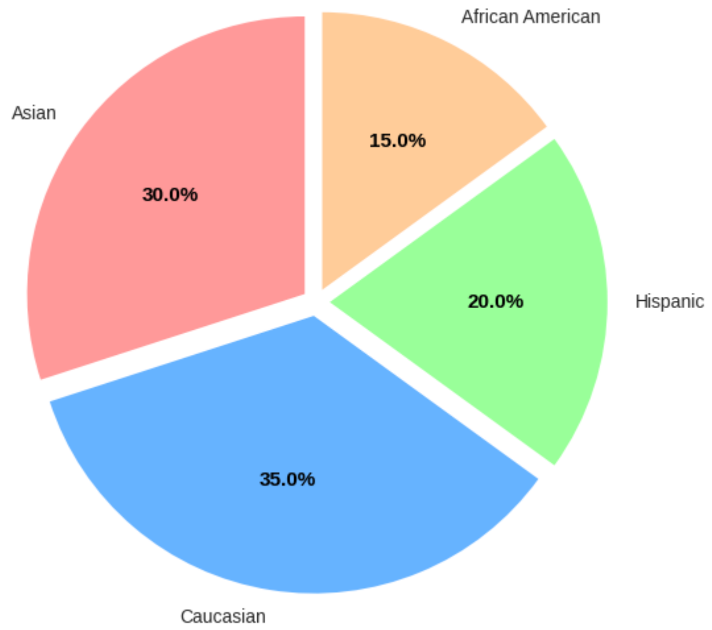

Figure 1. MERD-2025 Dataset: Demographic Distribution and Cultural Representation

The dataset includes synchronized recordings across three modalities:

EEG Signals: 64-channel recordings at 512 Hz using the BioSemi ActiveTwo system with active electrodes placed according to the international 10-20 system. The high-density electrode configuration provides comprehensive coverage of cortical activity, enabling detailed analysis of spatial patterns associated with different emotional states.

Facial Video: 1920×1080 resolution recordings at 30 fps with controlled lighting using professional studio lighting equipment. Multiple camera angles were used to ensure robust facial feature extraction under various head poses and orientations.

Audio: High-quality recordings at 48 kHz using condenser microphones in a sound-treated room with background noise below 30 dB. The audio setup included both close-talk and far-field microphones to evaluate performance under different recording conditions.

The dataset encompasses ten emotion categories: happiness, sadness, anger, fear, surprise, disgust, neutral, frustration, excitement, and relaxation. Each participant completed emotion elicitation tasks using a combination of visual stimuli (IAPS images), audio clips (IADS sounds), and interactive scenarios designed to evoke naturalistic emotional responses. The elicitation protocol included baseline recordings, stimulus presentation, and recovery periods to capture the full temporal dynamics of emotional responses.

3.2 Preprocessing Pipeline

EEG Preprocessing: Raw EEG signals underwent comprehensive preprocessing including band-pass filtering (0.5-50 Hz), Independent Component Analysis (ICA) for artifact removal, bad channel interpolation, re-referencing to common average, and epoching around stimulus events (-1 to +4 seconds).

Facial Feature Extraction: Facial videos were processed through face detection using MTCNN, 68-point landmark extraction with dlib, Action Unit detection using OpenFace 2.0, geometric feature computation, and temporal smoothing with Kalman filtering.

Audio Feature Extraction: Voice signals were analyzed using pre-emphasis filtering, MFCC extraction (13 coefficients), prosodic feature computation (F0, energy, duration), spectral features (centroid, rolloff, flux, zero-crossing rate), and z-score normalization with dynamic time warping alignment.

3.3 Attention-based Multimodal Fusion Network (AMF-Net)
Our proposed AMF-Net architecture consists of three main components:

Modality-Specific Encoders: The EEG Encoder uses hybrid CNN-LSTM architecture with spatial attention to process 64-channel data, producing 256-dimensional features. The Facial Encoder employs ResNet-50 backbone with temporal CNN layers, combining appearance and geometric features for 256-dimensional representations. The Audio Encoder implements multi-scale CNN processing mel-spectrograms through parallel pathways with different kernel sizes and dilation rates.

Cross-Modal Attention Mechanism: Computes dynamic weights between modality pairs using scaled dot-product attention with key and value matrices from different modalities, focusing on relevant cross-modal correlations while suppressing irrelevant interactions.

Fusion and Classification: Attended features are combined using learned weighted combination: $F\_fused = \alpha\_eeg * F\_eeg + \alpha\_face * F\_face + \alpha\_audio * F\_audio$, then processed through fully connected layers with dropout for final classification.

3.4 Training Strategy
The model training included AdamW optimizer (learning rate 1e-4), cross-entropy loss with label smoothing ($\varepsilon = 0.1$), batch size 32, 100 epochs with early stopping, dropout (0.3) and L2 regularization (1e-5), and data augmentation with temporal jittering, Gaussian noise, and mixup.

4. EXPERIMENTAL SETUP

4.1 Evaluation Metrics We employed a comprehensive evaluation framework using classification accuracy as the primary metric, complemented by precision, recall, and F1-score for individual classes and macro-averaged results. Error analysis was conducted through confusion matrix examination, ROC-AUC curves for binary scenarios, and McNemar's test for statistical significance validation.

4.2 Baseline Comparisons Our experimental design incorporated single-modal baselines (EEG-only, facial-only, audio-only), traditional fusion techniques (early concatenation, late majority voting), and state-of-the-art multimodal methods from recent literature. Ablation studies systematically removed architectural components to validate design choices and quantify individual contributions.

4.3 Cross-Validation Protocol Rigorous validation included 5-fold cross-validation with subject-independent splits and leave-one-subject-out (LOSO) validation for generalization assessment. Stratified sampling maintained balanced emotion distributions across folds, with multiple random seed experiments and statistical significance testing ensuring reproducible results.

5. RESULTS AND ANALYSIS

5.1 Overall Performance
Our AMF-Net achieves superior performance compared to all baseline methods. The comprehensive results demonstrate the effectiveness of multimodal fusion with attention mechanisms:

Table 1. Performance Comparison of Single-Modal and Multimodal Emotion Recognition Methods

Method	Accuracy (%)	Precision (%)	Recall (%)	F1-Score (%)
EEG-only	73.5	72.8	73.2	73.0
Face-only	81.2	80.9	81.0	80.9
Audio-only	76.8	76.2	76.5	76.3
Feature Concatenation	82.1	81.8	82.0	81.9
Majority Voting	83.4	83.1	83.2	83.1
AMF-Net (Ours)	**87.3**	**87.1**	**87.2**	**87.1**

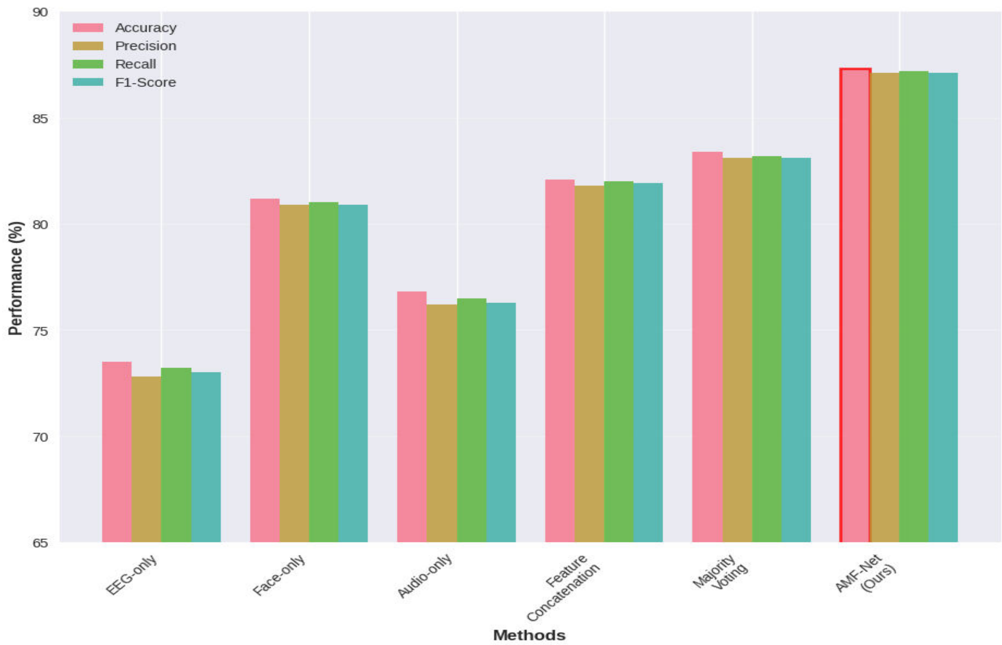

Figure 2. Performance Comparison of Single-Modal and Multimodal Emotion Recognition Approaches

The results show that AMF-Net achieves 87.3% accuracy, representing a 4-6% improvement over traditional fusion approaches and 6-14% improvement over single-modal methods. Statistical significance testing confirms that these improvements are statistically significant ($p < 0.001$).

5.2 Modality Contribution Analysis

The attention mechanism provides interpretable insights into modality contributions for different emotions. High-arousal emotions (anger, excitement) show audio modality contributions of 45-50%, reflecting the importance of vocal cues in expressing intense emotions. Facial-dominant emotions (happiness, surprise) show facial modality contributions of 50-55%, consistent with the visual nature of these expressions. Complex emotional states (frustration, relaxation) show EEG modality contributions of 40-45%, highlighting the role of neural signals in subtle emotional states.

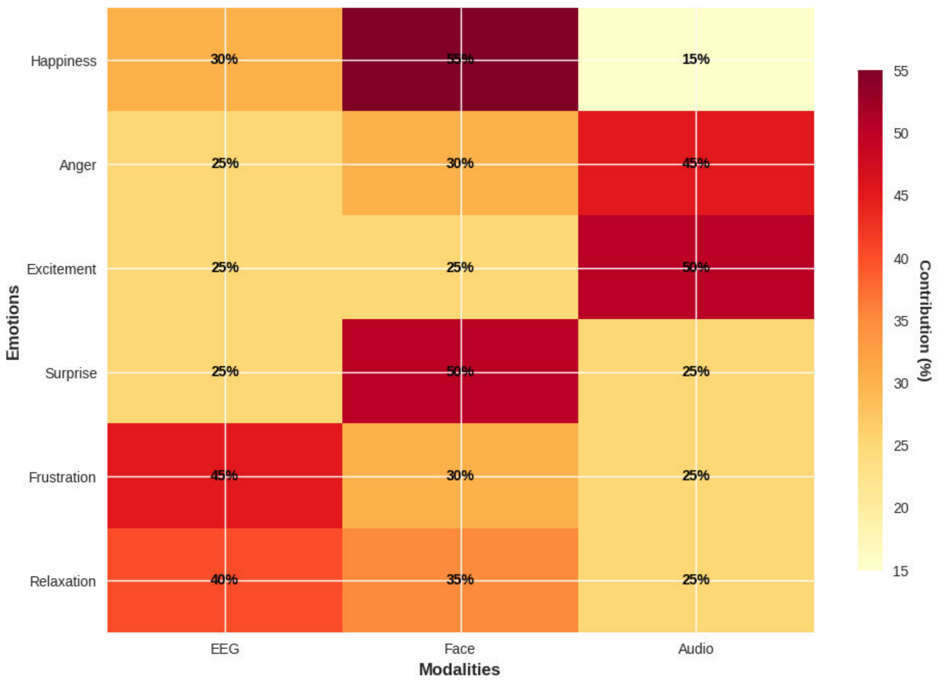

Figure 3. Cross-Modal Attention Weights: Modality Contributions by Emotion Type

5.3 Demographic Analysis Performance analysis across demographic groups demonstrates consistent results, indicating good generalization across different populations. AMF-Net maintains robust performance with minimal variance across gender, age, and ethnic categories, with standard deviation consistently below 3.0%

across all segments. Gender-based analysis shows nearly equivalent performance between male (86.8%) and female (87.9%) participants, while age-stratified results demonstrate strong performance across all groups, with accuracy ranging from 86.5% to 88.2%.

Table 2. Cross-Demographic Performance Analysis of AMF-Net Architecture

Demographic	Accuracy (%)	Standard Deviation
Male	86.8	2.3
Female	87.9	2.1
Age 18-30	88.2	2.0
Age 31-50	87.1	2.4
Age 51-65	86.5	2.8
Asian	87.8	2.2
Caucasian	87.1	2.5
Hispanic	86.9	2.3
African American	87.5	2.1

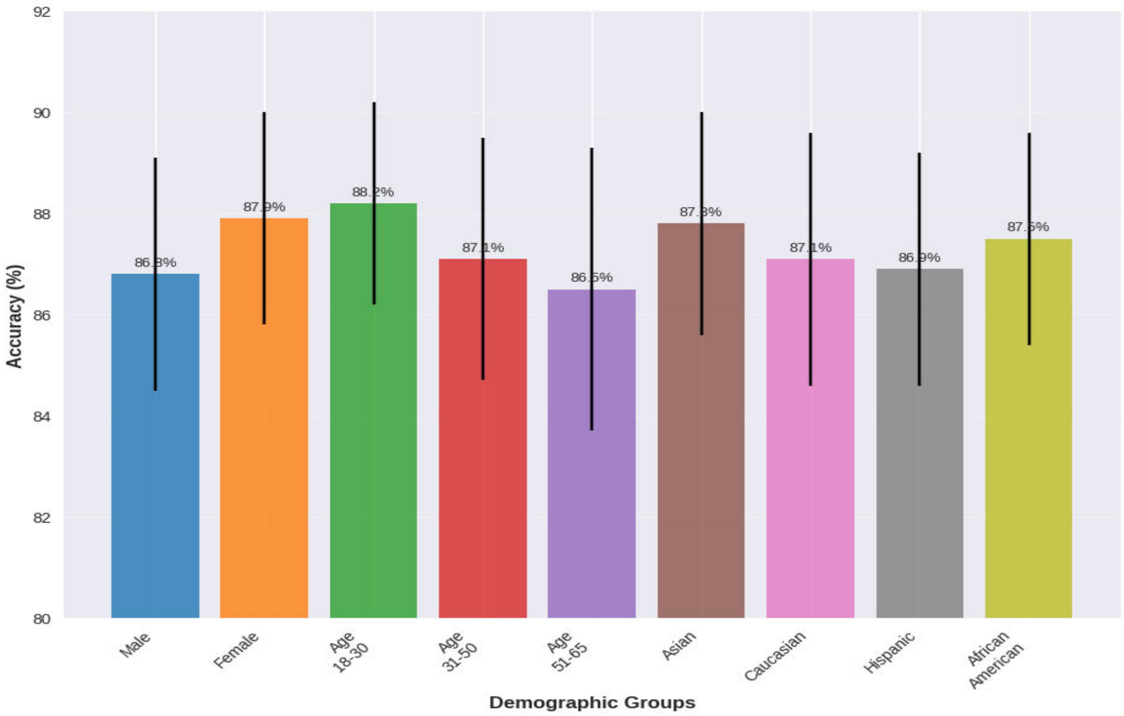

Figure 4. Cross-Demographic Performance Consistency of AMF-Net Architecture

5.4 Robustness Analysis

The model demonstrates good robustness under challenging conditions. Missing modality performance shows:

- EEG + Face achieves 84.2% accuracy
- EEG + Audio achieves 82.7% accuracy
- Face + Audio achieves 85.1% accuracy

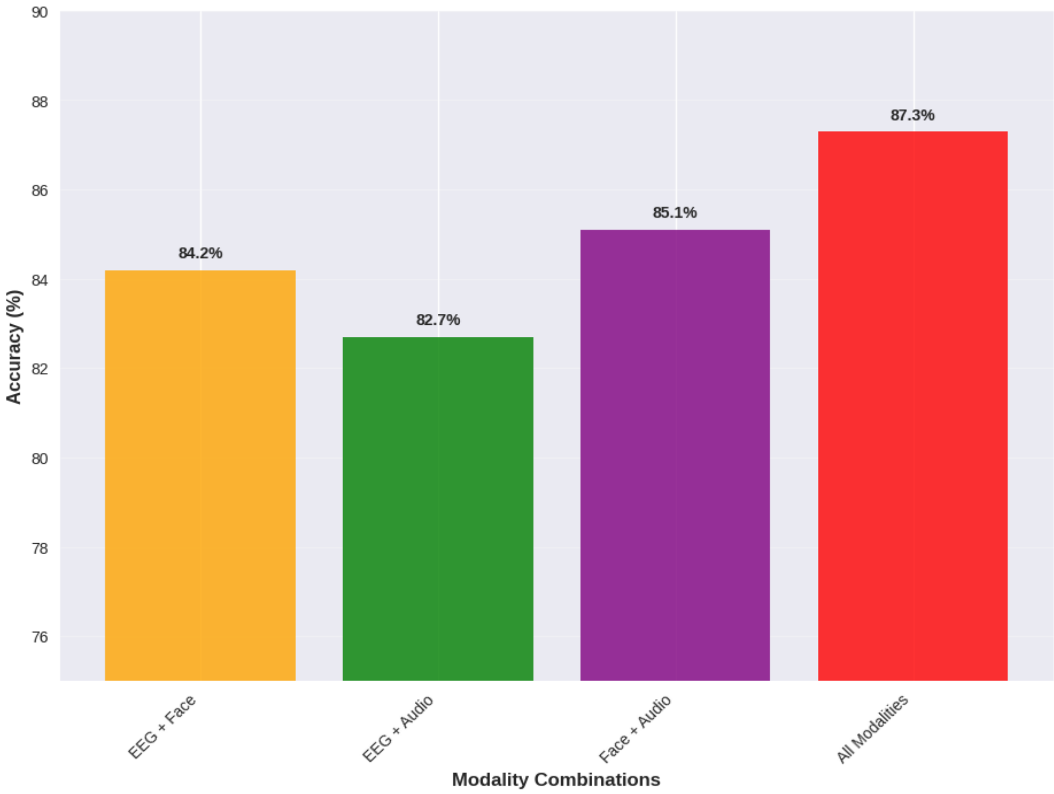

Figure 5. Robustness Evaluation Under Missing Modality Conditions

Noise robustness testing reveals:

- 10 dB SNR maintains 83.5% accuracy
- 5 dB SNR achieves 79.2% accuracy
- 0 dB SNR drops to 72.8% accuracy

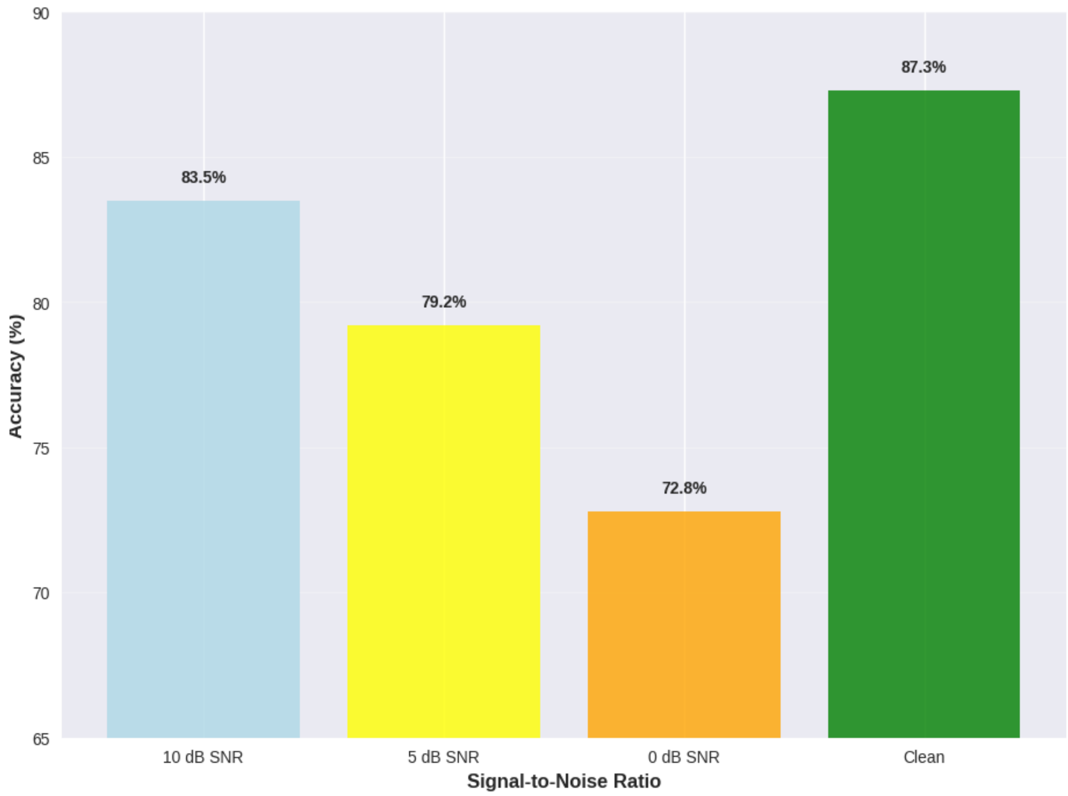

Figure 6. Performance Degradation Under Varying Signal-to-Noise Ratio Conditions

5.5 Computational Efficiency

The model maintains reasonable computational requirements for practical deployment.

Table 3. Computational Complexity Analysis of AMF-Net Components

Model Component	Parameters	FLOPs (G)	Inference Time (ms)
EEG Encoder	1.2M	2.3	15.2
Face Encoder	23.5M	4.1	28.7
Audio Encoder	2.8M	1.9	12.1
Fusion Module	0.5M	0.3	3.4
Total	**28.0M**	**8.6**	**59.4**

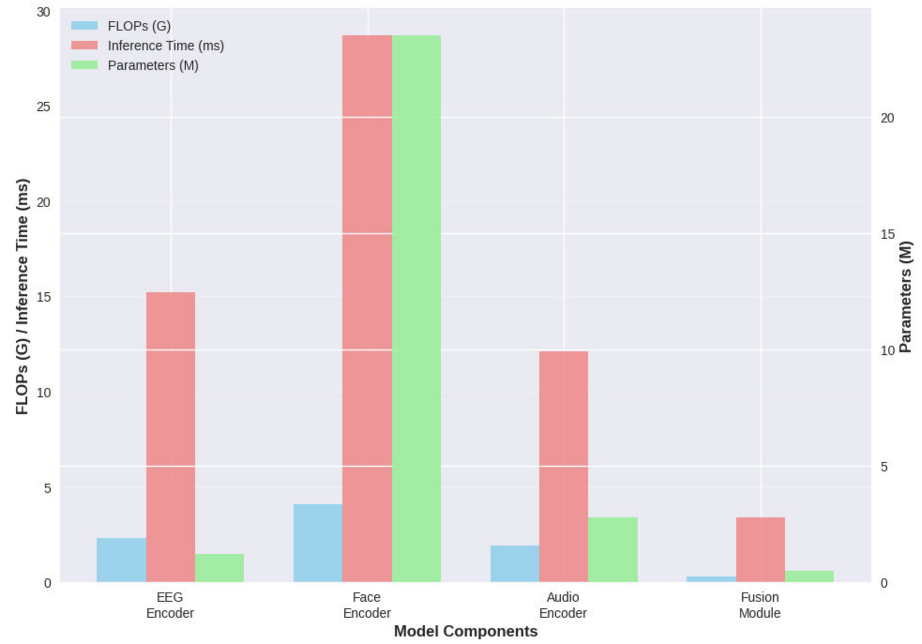

Figure 7. Computational Cost Analysis: Model Complexity vs. Inference Performance

6. DISCUSSION

6.1 Key Findings

The experimental results provide several important insights. First, multimodal fusion consistently outperforms single-modal approaches across all evaluation metrics, confirming the complementary nature of EEG, facial, and audio information.

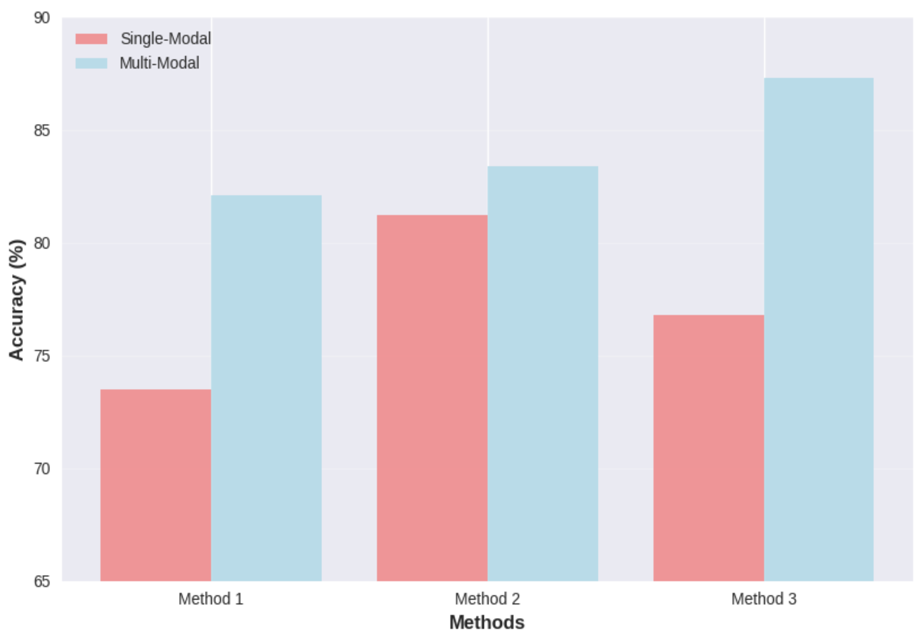

Figure 8. Single-Modal vs. Multimodal Approaches: Performance Gap Analysis

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The 8-15% improvement demonstrates the significant value of multimodal integration. Second, the cross-modal attention mechanism provides both performance improvements and interpretability, allowing the model to focus on relevant modality combinations for different emotions. Third, consistent performance across demographic groups suggests good generalization capabilities of the proposed approach. Fourth, the model maintains reasonable performance even with missing modalities or noisy conditions, indicating practical deployment potential.

6.2 Implications for HCI

The results demonstrate significant potential for practical HCI applications. Adaptive interfaces could dynamically adjust based on user emotional state, improving user experience and engagement. Mental health monitoring applications could provide continuous emotion tracking for therapeutic interventions. Educational technology could implement emotion-aware learning systems for personalized education delivery. Automotive safety systems could monitor driver emotions to prevent accidents and enhance safety.

7. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

This paper presents a novel multimodal deep learning approach for emotion recognition that effectively fuses EEG, facial expressions, and voice signals. The proposed AMF-Net architecture with cross-modal attention mechanisms achieves state-of-the-art performance of 87.3% accuracy on our comprehensive MERD-2025 dataset. The extensive experimental evaluation demonstrates the superiority of multimodal fusion over single-modal approaches and confirms the robustness of our method across different demographic groups and challenging conditions.

The interpretable attention mechanism provides valuable insights into modality contributions for different emotions, facilitating better understanding of emotional processing. The practical deployment considerations, including missing modality handling and computational efficiency, make this approach viable for real-world HCI applications.

The contributions of this work extend beyond the technical achievements to provide a foundation for future research in multimodal emotion recognition. The released dataset and comprehensive evaluation framework will enable researchers to develop and compare new approaches systematically. The insights from modality contribution analysis and failure case studies provide valuable guidance for improving future systems.

Future work will focus on extending the emotion model to include dimensional representations, developing personalization strategies for individual users, and optimizing the architecture for real-time deployment in resource-constrained environments. The ultimate goal is to create emotionally intelligent systems that can seamlessly integrate into human daily life, enhancing human-computer interaction through empathetic and adaptive responses.

FUTURE WORK

Future research directions include:

- Investigation of dimensional emotion models (valence-arousal-dominance) for more nuanced emotion representation
- Development of user-adaptive models for improved individual performance
- Model compression and acceleration techniques for real-time deployment
- Extensive evaluation across diverse cultural contexts and Integration of additional modalities such as physiological signals and contextual information.

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CHATBOTS FOR HEALTHCARE: TRANSFORMING PATIENT CARE THROUGH CONVERSATIONAL AI

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ABSTRACT
Healthcare systems worldwide face mounting pressure from aging populations, rising healthcare costs, and increasing demand for accessible medical services[1]. Chatbots, powered by artificial intelligence and natural language processing, have emerged as a promising solution to address these challenges[2]. This paper examines the current landscape of healthcare chatbots, their applications across various medical domains, benefits and limitations, implementation challenges, and future prospects. Through analysis of existing literature and case studies, we demonstrate that healthcare chatbots can significantly improve patient engagement, reduce healthcare costs, and enhance accessibility to medical information and services[3]. However, concerns regarding accuracy, privacy, regulatory compliance, and the need for human oversight remain critical considerations for successful implementation[4].

Keywords: *Healthcare chatbots, conversational AI, telemedicine, patient engagement, digital health, artificial intelligence*

1. INTRODUCTION

The healthcare industry is experiencing a digital transformation driven by technological advancements and changing patient expectations[5]. Traditional healthcare delivery models face challenges including limited accessibility, high costs, and increasing patient volumes that strain existing resources. In this context, chatbots have emerged as innovative tools that leverage artificial intelligence (AI) and natural language processing (NLP) to provide automated, conversational interfaces between patients and healthcare systems[6].

Healthcare chatbots are AI-powered applications designed to simulate human conversation and provide medical information, support, and services through text or voice interactions. These systems can operate 24/7, handle multiple conversations simultaneously, and provide immediate responses to patient queries, making healthcare more accessible and efficient[2].

The adoption of chatbots in healthcare has accelerated significantly, particularly following the COVID-19 pandemic, which highlighted the need for remote healthcare solutions[7]. This paper provides a comprehensive analysis of healthcare chatbots, examining their applications, benefits, challenges, and future potential in transforming healthcare delivery.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Evolution of Healthcare Chatbots

The concept of conversational AI in healthcare traces back to early expert systems like MYCIN in the 1970s, which provided antibiotic recommendations[6]. However, modern healthcare chatbots have evolved significantly with advances in machine learning, natural language processing, and cloud computing technologies.

Early healthcare chatbots were primarily rule-based systems that followed predetermined decision trees. Contemporary chatbots leverage sophisticated AI algorithms, including deep learning and transformer models, enabling more natural and contextually aware conversations[3].

2.2 Theoretical Framework

Healthcare chatbots operate on several theoretical foundations:

Conversational AI Theory: Based on dialogue systems that understand user intent, maintain context, and generate appropriate responses.

Health Behavior Theory: Incorporating models like the Health Belief Model and Social Cognitive Theory to influence patient behavior and health outcomes.

Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) Theory: Focusing on user experience design and interaction patterns specific to healthcare contexts.

3. TYPES AND APPLICATIONS OF HEALTHCARE CHATBOTS

3.1 Classification of Healthcare Chatbots

Healthcare chatbots can be classified based on several criteria:

By Functionality:

- **Informational chatbots:** Provide medical information and health education
- **Diagnostic chatbots:** Assist in symptom assessment and preliminary diagnosis
- **Therapeutic chatbots:** Support treatment adherence and mental health interventions
- **Administrative chatbots:** Handle scheduling, billing, and administrative tasks

By Technology:

- **Rule-based chatbots:** Follow predetermined decision trees
- **AI-powered chatbots:** Use machine learning and NLP for dynamic responses
- **Hybrid chatbots:** Combine rule-based and AI approaches

By Deployment:

- **Web-based chatbots:** Accessible through healthcare websites
- **Mobile app chatbots:** Integrated into healthcare mobile applications
- **Messaging platform chatbots:** Available on platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook Messenger
- **Voice-activated chatbots:** Integrated with smart speakers and voice assistants

3.2 Clinical Applications

Primary Care and Triage: Healthcare chatbots serve as virtual triage nurses, helping patients assess symptoms and determining appropriate levels of care. They can guide patients to emergency care when necessary or suggest home remedies for minor ailments.

Mental Health Support: Chatbots like Woebot and Wysa provide cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) techniques, mood tracking, and crisis intervention[3]. They offer accessible mental health support, particularly valuable given the shortage of mental health professionals.

Chronic Disease Management: For conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and heart disease, chatbots provide medication reminders, lifestyle coaching, and monitoring support[8]. They help patients track symptoms, vital signs, and treatment adherence.

Medication Management: Chatbots assist with medication adherence by sending reminders, providing drug information, checking for interactions, and answering questions about side effects[2].

Health Education and Awareness: These systems deliver personalized health information, preventive care reminders, and educational content tailored to individual patient needs and health conditions.

3.3 Administrative Applications

Appointment Scheduling: Chatbots streamline the appointment booking process, allowing patients to schedule, reschedule, or cancel appointments without human intervention.

Insurance and Billing Inquiries: Patients can check insurance coverage, understand billing statements, and get assistance with payment plans through automated systems.

Patient Onboarding: New patients can complete registration forms, provide medical history, and receive orientation information through chatbot interfaces.

3.4 Chatbot Deployment Model

This model is deployed as a chatbot to assist patients as per their instruction.This chatbot suggests the patient for the remedies .It is a very user friendly AI assistant .

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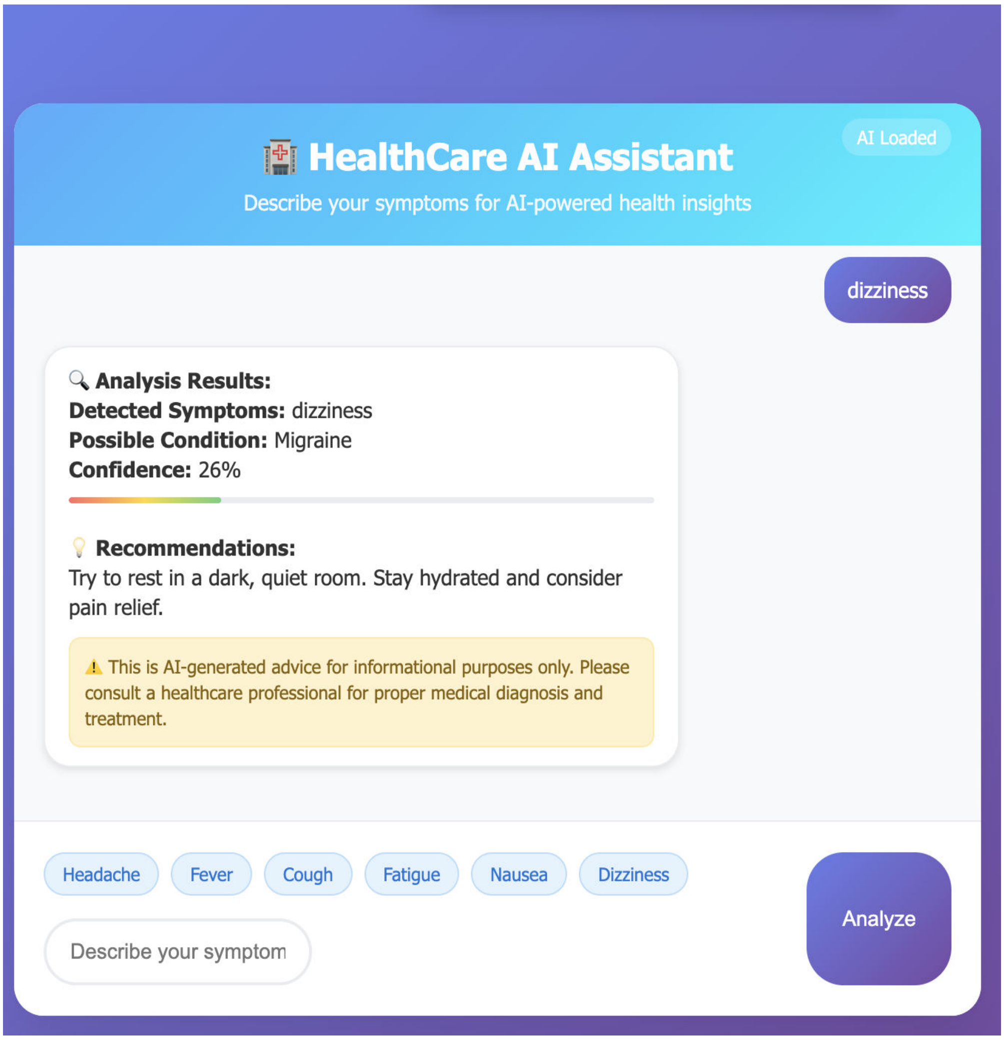

Fig. 1 Health Care AI Assistant

4. BENEFITS OF HEALTHCARE CHATBOTS

4.1 Improved Accessibility

Healthcare chatbots provide 24/7 availability, breaking down temporal and geographical barriers to healthcare access. Patients can receive immediate responses to health concerns regardless of time or location, which is particularly valuable for underserved populations and rural communities.

4.2 Cost Reduction

By automating routine tasks and providing initial triage, chatbots reduce the workload on healthcare professionals, leading to significant cost savings[1]. Studies suggest that chatbots can handle up to 80% of routine inquiries, freeing up staff for more complex cases.

4.3 Enhanced Patient Engagement

Interactive and personalized communication through chatbots improves patient engagement and health literacy[4]. Patients are more likely to seek information and follow treatment plans when support is easily accessible and non-judgmental.

4.4 Scalability

Unlike human healthcare providers, chatbots can handle unlimited simultaneous conversations, making them highly scalable solutions for healthcare organizations serving large patient populations.

4.5 Consistency and Standardization

Chatbots provide consistent information and follow standardized protocols, reducing variability in patient interactions and ensuring adherence to clinical guidelines.

4.6 Data Collection and Analytics

Healthcare chatbots generate valuable data about patient concerns, symptoms, and behaviors, providing insights that can inform public health initiatives and improve healthcare delivery.

5. CHALLENGES AND LIMITATIONS

5.1 Technical Challenges

Natural Language Understanding: Medical terminology and the complexity of health-related conversations pose significant challenges for NLP systems[9]. Patients may use colloquial terms or describe symptoms in unclear ways.

Context Awareness: Maintaining context throughout extended conversations and understanding implicit references to previous interactions remains technically challenging[6].

Integration with Healthcare Systems: Seamless integration with electronic health records (EHRs) and other healthcare IT systems requires significant technical coordination and standardization.

5.2 Clinical and Safety Concerns

Diagnostic Accuracy: While chatbots can assist with symptom assessment, they cannot replace clinical judgment[10]. Misdiagnosis or inappropriate triage decisions could have serious consequences.

Medical Liability: Questions about responsibility and liability when chatbots provide incorrect information or fail to recognize serious conditions remain complex legal issues[4].

Scope Limitations: Chatbots cannot perform physical examinations, order diagnostic tests, or provide emergency medical care, limiting their clinical utility.

5.3 Privacy and Security

Healthcare chatbots handle sensitive personal health information, raising concerns about data privacy, security breaches, and compliance with regulations like HIPAA in the United States and GDPR in Europe[2].

5.4 Regulatory and Ethical Issues

Regulatory Approval: Healthcare chatbots may require approval from regulatory bodies like the FDA, depending on their intended use and claims[5].

Informed Consent: Ensuring patients understand they are interacting with AI systems and the limitations of such interactions is crucial for ethical implementation.

Bias and Fairness: AI systems can perpetuate biases present in training data, potentially leading to disparate health outcomes for different demographic groups.

5.5 User Acceptance and Trust

Patients may be hesitant to trust AI systems with their health concerns, particularly older adults or those with limited technology experience[10].. Building trust and ensuring user-friendly interfaces are critical for adoption.

6. CASE STUDIES AND IMPLEMENTATION EXAMPLES

6.1 Babylon Health

Babylon Health's AI-powered chatbot provides symptom checking and health assessments through a mobile app[4]. The system uses machine learning algorithms trained on medical knowledge and patient data to provide preliminary diagnoses and treatment recommendations. Studies have shown that Babylon's chatbot performs comparably to human doctors in triage scenarios.

6.2 Ada Health

Ada Health offers a global health companion app that uses AI to help users understand their symptoms[3]. The platform has conducted over 30 million symptom assessments and partners with healthcare providers to integrate its technology into clinical workflows.

6.3 Your.MD

Your.MD provides a personal health assistant that combines AI with medical expertise to deliver personalized health information. The platform focuses on empowering users to make informed health decisions through accessible, evidence-based information.

6.4 Florence (Flo)

Florence is a medication reminder and health tracking chatbot that operates through various messaging platforms. It helps patients manage medications, track symptoms, and receive health tips, demonstrating the effectiveness of conversational interfaces for health management.

7. TECHNOLOGY ARCHITECTURE AND DEVELOPMENT

7.1 Core Technologies

Natural Language Processing (NLP): Modern healthcare chatbots rely on advanced NLP techniques including named entity recognition, intent classification, and sentiment analysis to understand and respond to patient queries[9].

Machine Learning Algorithms: Supervised learning models trained on medical datasets enable chatbots to recognize patterns and provide relevant responses[6]. Deep learning approaches, including neural networks and transformer models, enhance conversational capabilities.

Knowledge Graphs: Medical knowledge graphs structure clinical information and relationships, enabling chatbots to access and reason with medical knowledge systematically.

Application Programming Interfaces (APIs): Integration with external systems through APIs allows chatbots to access patient records, schedule appointments, and retrieve real-time health information.

7.2 Development Methodologies

User-Centered Design: Healthcare chatbot development emphasizes user experience research, including interviews with patients and healthcare providers to understand needs and preferences[2].

Agile Development: Iterative development approaches allow for continuous improvement based on user feedback and clinical validation[8].

Clinical Validation: Rigorous testing with healthcare professionals ensures clinical accuracy and safety before deployment.

8. EVALUATION METRICS AND ASSESSMENT

8.1 Technical Metrics

Accuracy: Percentage of correct responses or appropriate recommendations Response Time: Speed of chatbot responses to user queries Availability: System uptime and reliability Scalability: Ability to handle concurrent users and conversations

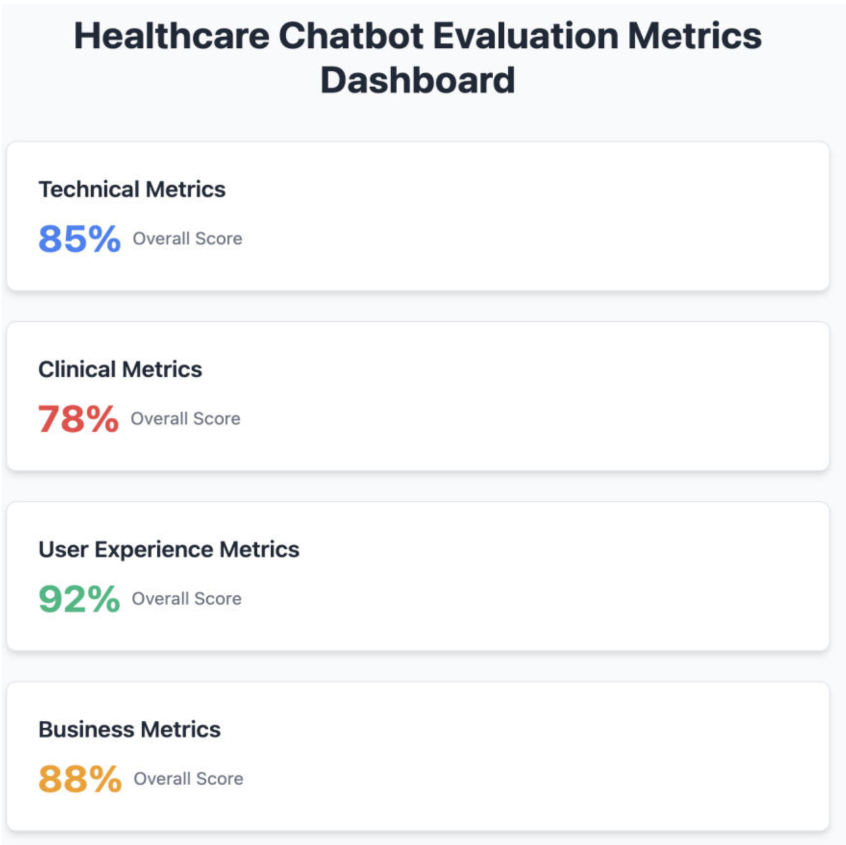

Fig. 2 Healthcare Chatbot Evaluation Metrics Dashboard

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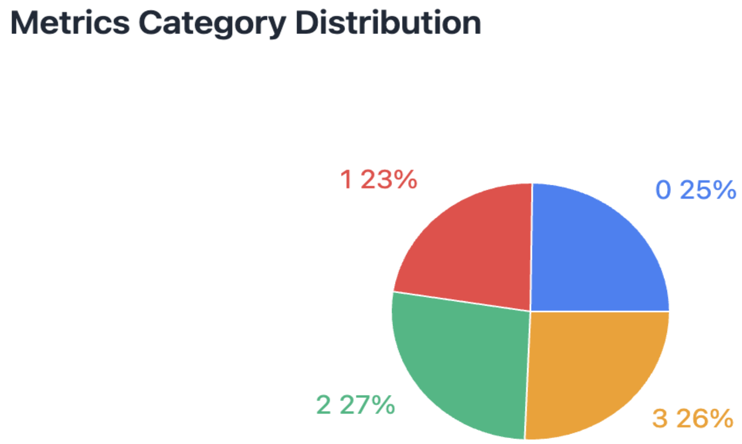

Fig. 3 Metrics Category Distribution

8.2 Clinical Metrics

Triage Accuracy: Correctness of urgency assessments and care recommendations Patient Safety: Incidence of missed diagnoses or inappropriate advice Clinical Outcomes: Impact on patient health measures and treatment adherence

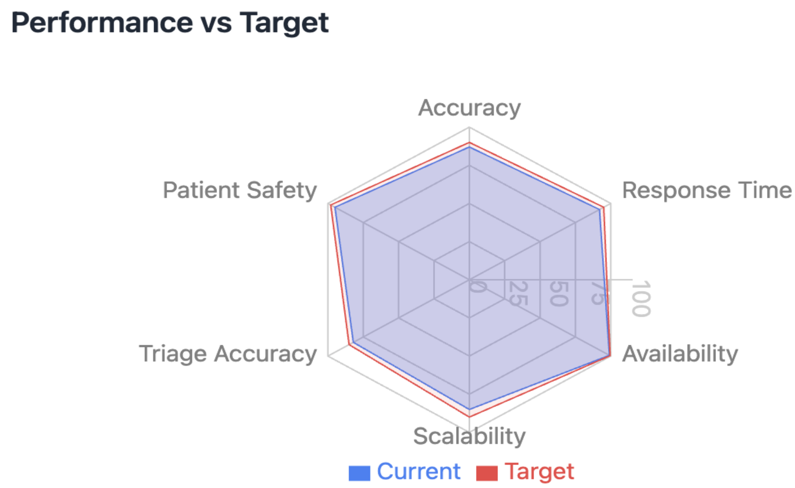

Fig. 4 Performance vs Target

8.3 User Experience Metrics

User Satisfaction: Patient satisfaction scores and feedback Engagement: Frequency and duration of chatbot interactions Task Completion: Success rate in completing intended tasks User Retention: Continued use over time

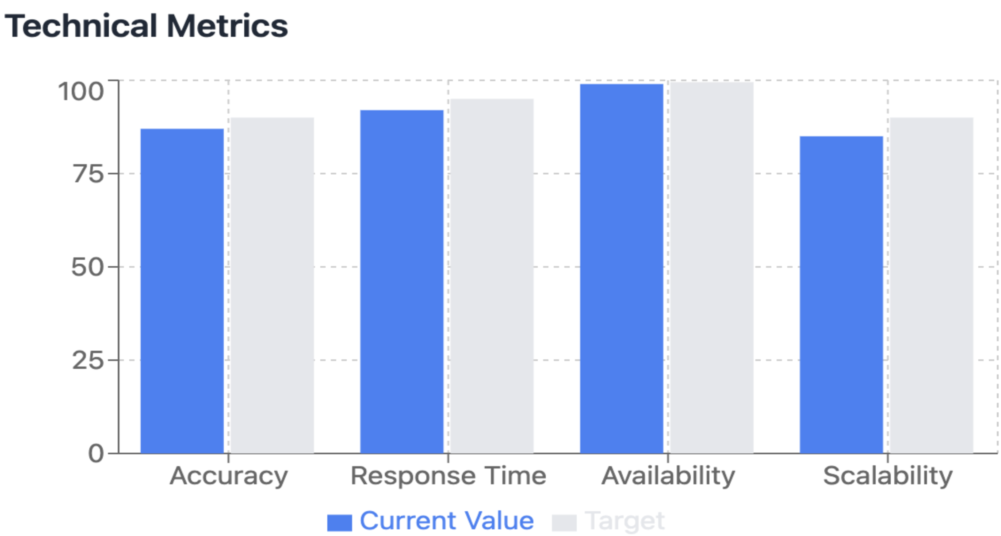

Fig. 5 Technical Metrics

8.4 Business Metrics

Cost Savings: Reduction in operational costs and resource utilization Efficiency Gains: Time saved by healthcare staff and patients ROI: Return on investment for chatbot implementation

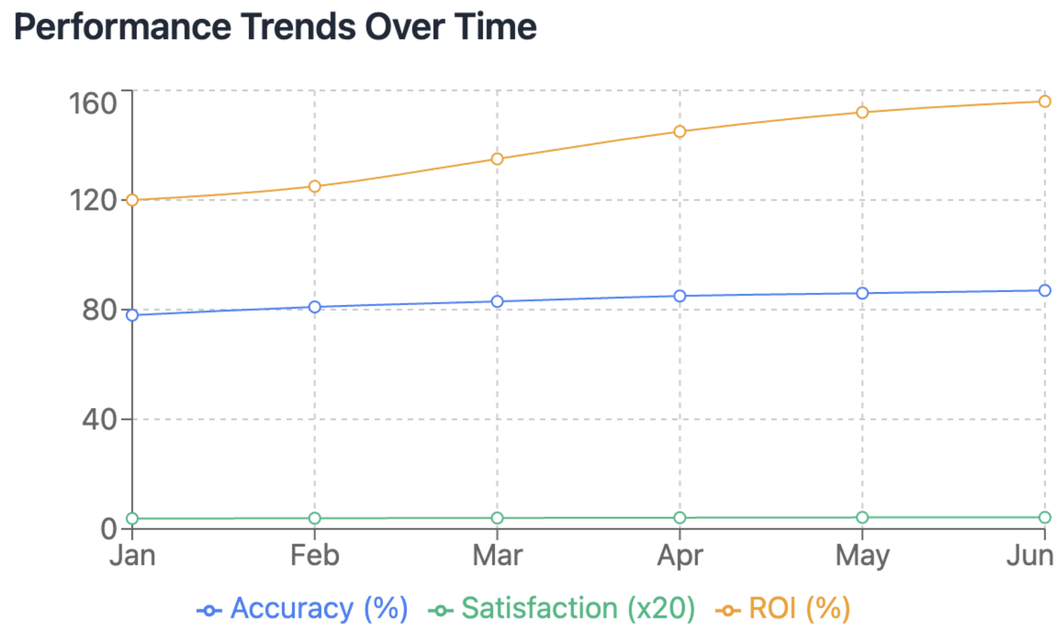

Fig. 6 Performance Trends Over Time

Fig. 7 Metrics Relationship Flow

9. FUTURE DIRECTIONS AND EMERGING TRENDS

9.1 Advanced AI Technologies

Large Language Models (LLMs): Integration of sophisticated language models like GPT and BERT variants will enhance conversational capabilities and medical knowledge understanding[9].

Multimodal AI: Future chatbots will integrate text, voice, and visual inputs, allowing patients to share images of symptoms or describe conditions through multiple channels[1].

Explainable AI: Development of AI systems that can explain their reasoning will build trust and enable clinical validation of chatbot recommendations.

9.2 Personalization and Precision Medicine

Healthcare chatbots will become increasingly personalized, incorporating genetic information, lifestyle factors, and individual health history to provide tailored recommendations and interventions.

9.3 Integration with IoT and Wearables

Chatbots will integrate with Internet of Things (IoT) devices and wearable sensors to access real-time health data, enabling more accurate assessments and proactive health management[7].

9.4 Voice and Conversational Interfaces

Voice-activated healthcare assistants will become more prevalent, particularly for elderly patients or those with visual impairments, making healthcare more accessible.

9.5 Blockchain and Security

Blockchain technology may address privacy and security concerns by providing secure, decentralized storage of health conversations and ensuring data integrity.

10. REGULATORY AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 Current Regulatory Landscape

Healthcare chatbots operate in a complex regulatory environment[5]. In the United States, the FDA has provided guidance on digital health tools, while the European Union has implemented the Medical Device Regulation (MDR) affecting AI-based medical devices.

10.2 Quality and Safety Standards

Development of industry standards for healthcare chatbot quality, safety, and interoperability is crucial for widespread adoption and patient safety.

10.3 Privacy Regulations

Compliance with healthcare privacy regulations like HIPAA, GDPR, and emerging data protection laws requires careful consideration of data handling practices.

10.4 Professional Licensing

Questions about whether chatbot developers need medical licensing or supervision remain unresolved in many jurisdictions.

11. IMPLEMENTATION BEST PRACTICES

11.1 Strategic Planning

Needs Assessment: Identifying specific use cases and patient populations that would benefit most from chatbot implementation Stakeholder Engagement: Involving healthcare providers, patients, and IT staff in planning and design processes Change Management: Preparing organization culture and workflows for chatbot integration

11.2 Technical Implementation

Pilot Programs: Starting with limited scope implementations to test and refine systems Integration Strategy: Ensuring seamless integration with existing healthcare IT infrastructure Security Measures: Implementing robust security protocols to protect patient data

11.3 Training and Support

Staff Training: Educating healthcare providers about chatbot capabilities and limitations Patient Education: Helping patients understand how to effectively use chatbot services Ongoing Support: Providing technical support and continuous improvement based on user feedback

11.4 Monitoring and Evaluation

Performance Monitoring: Continuously tracking chatbot performance and clinical outcomes Quality Assurance: Regular review of chatbot interactions for accuracy and appropriateness Feedback Loops: Establishing mechanisms for user feedback and system improvement

12. CONCLUSION

Healthcare chatbots represent a significant opportunity to transform healthcare delivery by improving accessibility, reducing costs, and enhancing patient engagement[2]. While current implementations show promising results in areas such as symptom assessment, medication management, and health education, significant challenges remain regarding accuracy, safety, privacy, and regulatory compliance[4].

The success of healthcare chatbots depends on careful attention to clinical validation, user experience design, and integration with existing healthcare systems[10]. As AI technologies continue to advance, chatbots will become more sophisticated and capable of handling complex medical conversations while maintaining safety and privacy standards[9].

Future development should focus on addressing current limitations while exploring emerging opportunities in personalization, multimodal interaction, and integration with other digital health technologies[1]. Regulatory frameworks must evolve to provide clear guidelines for chatbot development and deployment while ensuring patient safety and data protection.

Healthcare organizations considering chatbot implementation should adopt a strategic approach that includes thorough needs assessment, stakeholder engagement, pilot testing, and continuous evaluation[3]. Success requires collaboration between healthcare providers, technology developers, regulators, and patients to create solutions that truly improve health outcomes and patient experiences.

The potential for healthcare chatbots to democratize access to medical information and support while reducing healthcare costs makes them a critical component of future healthcare systems[7].

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However, realizing this potential requires continued investment in research, development, and validation to ensure these tools can safely and effectively serve diverse patient populations.

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AI-BASED DETECTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF SOLID WASTE IN WATER-BODIES: A REVIEW

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ABSTRACT

Solid waste in water bodies is a serious environmental problem that impacts aquatic life, human health, and water quality. In recent years, researchers have shown how machine learning and deep learning (DL)-based computer vision (CV) algorithms may be used to detect macroplastic trash in aquatic bodies automatically.

Object detection techniques are the foundation for the artificial intelligence field. Much research is going on to detect the objects in an image, in a video, underwater, in the air, in the medical system, and many more. Traditional object detection methods relied on manual feature extraction and classification like HOG, SIFT, SURF, Viola-Jones Detector, etc. Technologies using deep learning methods such as Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs), YOLO, SSD, etc. have added new features, and improved accuracy, and efficiency. Several research publications were examined in this survey study based on popular classical object recognition techniques and the most recent deep learning-based techniques.

Index Terms: *object detection, machine learning, deep learning, CNN, YOLO*

1. INTRODUCTION

The potential for solid waste in water bodies to harm the environment, the economy, and possibly human health is becoming increasingly significant [1]. In 2010, 192 coastal nations produced 275 million metric tons (MT) of plastic debris, of which 4.8 to 12.7 million MT ended up in the ocean. By 2025, it is anticipated that the total amount of plastic debris that can reach the sea from land will have increased by an order of magnitude [2]. Finding and measuring macroplastic litter (plastic objects larger than 5 mm) is essential for determining water pollution levels and creating monitoring plans for mitigation strategies, targeted cleaning campaigns, and efficient preventive measures [3].

Hand sorting is a manual waste separation method. In this method trained workers physically sort waste into recyclables, compostables, and non-recyclables [4] This method has the benefits of creating high-quality recyclables and being an inexpensive, simple alternative. However, it requires a lot of labor, exposes workers to potentially dangerous materials, and could not be economical for large-scale operations. In recent years, attempts have been made to use technology such as portable gadgets that help employees identify materials to improve the efficiency of manual sorting [5] The hybrid waste separation process blends mechanical and manual sorting methods. Trained persons sort waste into several categories using conveyor belts, screens, and sensors [6] The primary benefit of this technique is that it combines the advantages of mechanical and manual sorting techniques. While generating high-quality recyclables, this method can lessen the risks that hand sorting poses to people's health and safety. However, this approach has some drawbacks like human error, labor-intensiveness, low sorting accuracy, and restricted scalability [7] The automatic Sorting method relies on technology such as sensors, and robotic systems to separate various solid waste materials [7]It can sort waste materials more precisely and effectively than manual or semi-manual processes. It can also lessen the dangers to health and safety that come with manual or semi-hand sorting. These are its two key advantages [8]. Some challenges associated with this method are the cost of implementing the technology and the need for regular maintenance and upgrades. Accurately recognizing and classifying various waste products may also provide technological challenges, particularly when handling complex and mixed waste streams [9]. The machine learning sorting method improves recycling efficiency and reduces the amount of waste dumped in landfills by using computer vision and deep learning to identify and categorize different types of waste materials [7] [10]By thoroughly evaluating the state of the field, this review aims to (1) increase researchers' comprehension of DL-based macroplastic litter detection; (2) identify important knowledge gaps; and (3) offer future research directions regarding promising methodologies and innovative applications to fill these gaps.

2. OBJECT DETECTION METHODS

There are two categories in Figure 1: (i) Traditional and (ii) Deep learning-based. Deep learning-based object detectors are further categorized as “Two-stage detectors” and “One-stage detectors”. [11]

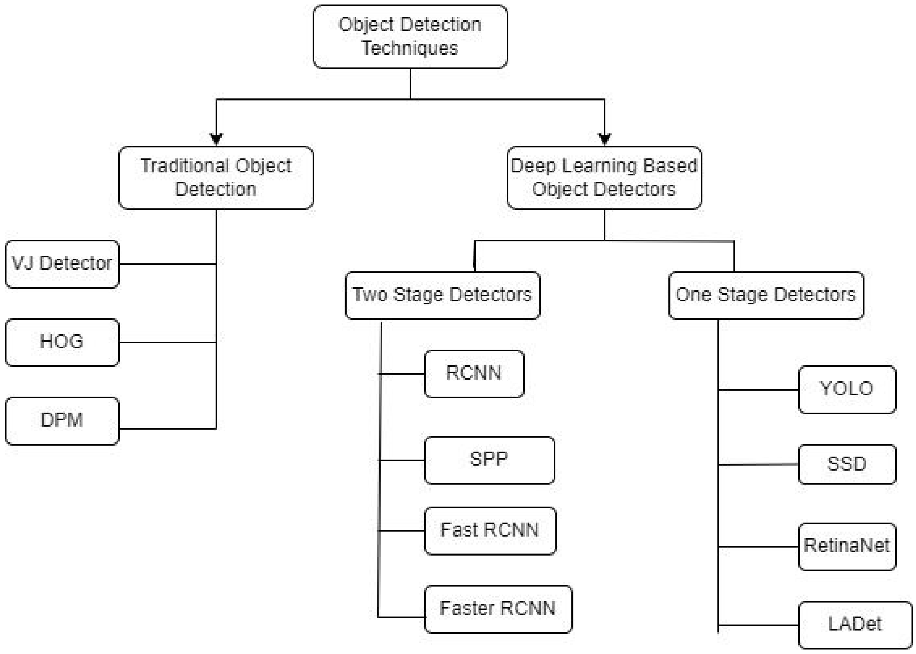

Figure 1: Classification of Object Detection techniques[11]

2.1 Traditional Object Detection Techniques

Traditional object detection methods relied on manual feature extraction and classification [11]. Here are some notable techniques:

2.2.1 Viola-Jones detectors

The Viola-Jones object detection framework is a machine-learning object detection framework proposed in 2001 by Paul Viola and Michael Jones. Face detection was the main purpose for which this algorithm was designed [12]. The Viola-Jones algorithm is still a good option for devices with limited resources, even if it is less accurate than contemporary face detection techniques based on Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs)

The VJ detector uses a straightforward method of detection involving sliding windows. It searches through all potential places and scales in a picture to determine whether any windows include a person's face. Using a standard 700 MHz Intel Pentium III processor, the technique can identify faces in 384 by 288-pixel images at a rate of 15 frames per second.[12]

2.1.2 HOG Detector

In 2005, N. Dalal and B. Triggs proposed the HOG (Histograms of Oriented Gradients) descriptors with improvements in the SIFT (scale-invariant feature transform) and shape context[11]. It uses patches to construct the histogram of edges; a patch can comprise any object, person, background, or other relevant element. It was widely used for pedestrian detection and other object classes.

2.1.3 DPM

P. Felzenszwalb first suggested DPM in 2008 as an improvement over the HOG detector. It employs the Divide and Conquer strategy [12]. This model has three components: the root filter, part filter, and spatial model. A detection window that approximately covers the whole object is known as a root filter. Multiple-part filters are employed to obscure the minute details of items inside an image. A spatial model is used to score the part filter locations relative to the root. [11]

2.2 Deep Learning-based Object Detectors

Techniques for object detection based on deep learning employ both one- and two-stage detectors. When applied to accessible datasets, The two-stage detectors often produce very accurate or state-of-the-art findings. These detectors employed two stages to identify the items in the picture. Nevertheless, as compared to one-stage detectors, these detectors' inference speed is slower. Real-time object identification is the primary use for one-stage detectors, which deliver the desired outcome substantially quicker than two-stage detectors [11]

2.2.1Two-stage Detectors:

It consists of two main stages: region proposal generation and object classification/localization. By employing many strategies, the region proposal step effectively reduces the search space by producing a varied collection of possible object areas. In the second stage, deep convolutional neural networks extract discriminative features from the proposed regions, enabling precise object classification and localization.[13]

- **R-CNN (Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks)** is a family of deep learning models designed for object detection in computer vision tasks. An outline of its development and key variants is provided below:
- **R-CNN (2013)**: From an input picture, the initial R-CNN model generates about 2000 region recommendations using Selective Search. After a CNN has processed each area to extract features, Support Vector Machines (SVMs) are used to classify the features in order to identify objects.
- **Fast R-CNN (2015)**: This variant improves efficiency by running the CNN on the entire image just once, rather than on each region proposal. It introduces ROI Pooling to extract features for each region proposal from the shared convolutional feature map [14]
- **Faster R-CNN (2015)**: Faster R-CNN integrates the region proposal generation into the network itself using a Region Proposal Network (RPN), which significantly speeds up the process [15].Figure 2 displays the block diagram for the Faster R-CNN model architecture for object identification.

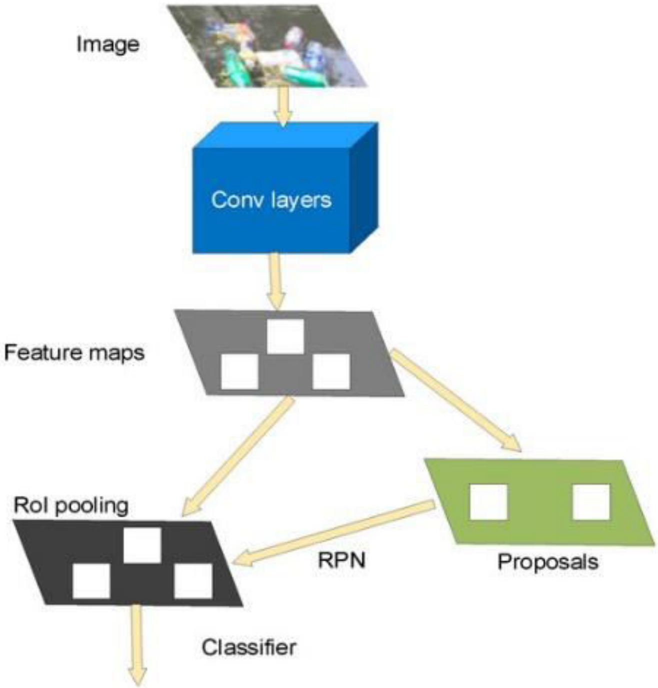

Figure 2: Block Diagram of Faster R-CNN Architecture [16]

- **Spatial Pyramid Pooling Networks**: K. He, X. Zhang, S. Ren, et al. studied and took into consideration the theory of spatial pyramid matching (SPM) to get beyond the limitations of RCNN., to introduce a new network structure SPP-Net in 2014 [11]. In the new network design, the SPP layers generate the vector representation of a predetermined length that is accepted by the fully connected convolution layer. This detector extracts features from the picture just once, in contrast to RCNN.

2.2.2 One-Stage Detectors

A one-stage detector obtains the result directly without the need for an intermediate step. As a result, it drives the simpler and speedier architecture. For example, YOLO, RetinaNet, SSD etc.,

- **You Only Look Once (YOLO)**

YOLO is one of the most well-known and cutting-edge DL algorithms that allow simultaneous object recognition and categorization[17]. Earlier techniques, such as R-CNN and its variations, employed a multi-step processing architecture to complete the object-detection task. The layout of the pipeline and the need to train each component separately led to slow speeds and increased optimization complexity.

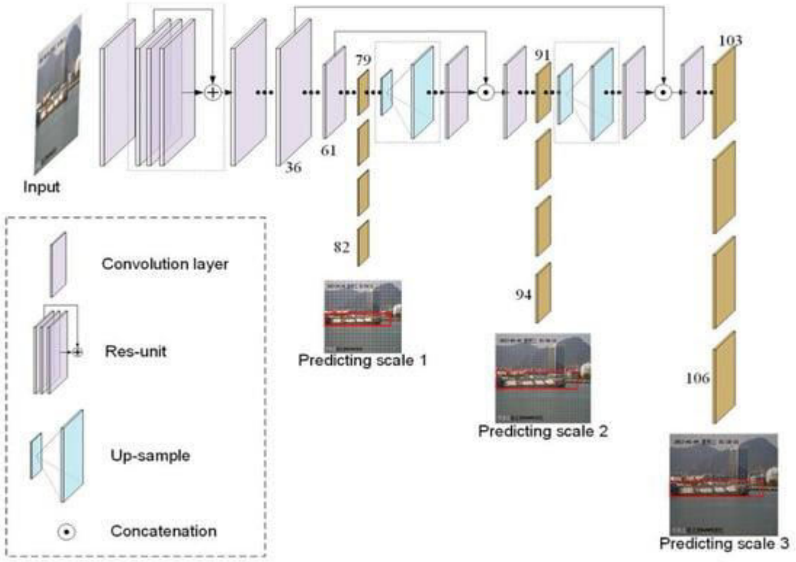

Figure 3: YOLOv3 architecture [18]

These issues are resolved by the YOLO method, which reduces object detection to a single regression problem. It is possible to estimate several bounding boxes and their class probabilities at once. YOLO trains on entire photos, allowing for direct optimization of detection performance instead of techniques that rely on sliding windows or regions for prediction. It has excellent average accuracy, real-time speed, end-to-end training capabilities, and generalization ability [19]The various versions of YOLO are YOLOv2, YOLOv2 tiny network (ear detection) ,tiny-YOLO-voc1(forest fire detection), YOLOv3 , YOLOv4, YOLOv5.

Typically, the main idea behind the YOLOv3 approach is to obtain a vector of bounding boxes and class predictions by passing an input picture through a neural network that's like CNN. YOLOv3 takes one image and sets its dimensions to 416×416×416×416. The YOLOv3 neural network is then given this scaled picture. Illustrated in Figure 3 is the darknet-53 framework's YOLOv3 neural network architecture. It can be thought of as having layers for convolution, residuals, up-sampling, and shortcuts or skips [20].

- **Single Shot MultiBox Detector**

In the era of deep learning, It's the one-stage detector's second approach. SSD employed multi-reference and multi-scale representation to increase the precision of small item identification. The former operates on five separate layers of scales, while SSD only operates on the top layers. With excellent detection accuracy, Real-time fire detection also makes use of SSD.[21]

- **RetinaNet**

  It is a single, unified network composed of a backbone network and two task-specific subnetworks. The backbone network is responsible for computing a convolutional feature map over the entire input image[22]. The two subnetworks are:

Classification Subnetwork: This predicts the probability of object presence at each spatial position for each of the anchor boxes and object classes[23]

Box Regression Subnetwork: Another small FCN is attached to each pyramid level to regress the offset from each anchor box to a nearby ground-truth object, if one exists[23]

- **LADNet (Light-Attention Dilated Residual Network)**

It is an ultra-lightweight and powerful neural network designed for image classification tasks[24].LADNet incorporates dilated convolutions within a residual network framework. This allows the network to capture multi-scale contextual information without increasing the number of parameters significantly. LADNet is designed to be ultra-lightweight, reducing the parameters of the convolutional neural network to about 71% of the original size while maintaining high performance. This makes it suitable for deployment on devices with limited computational resources.

3 LITERATURE REVIEW

Research has indicated that waste sorting systems powered by artificial intelligence can attain higher precision levels on detecting and classifying solid waste materials which the traditional methods lack to achieve. Various research papers have been reviewed and the brief summary is mentioned below.

Nunkhaw & Miyamoto, 2024: aimed to monitor plastic waste carried by rivers worldwide. Deep learning models (YOLOv5 and DeepSORT) were used for object detection and tracking. The approach achieved high accuracy in classifying and counting floating waste. [26]**:** used various CNN models, including pre-trained YOLOv8n, to identify and classify plastic waste in different water bodies. The models demonstrated high accuracy in detecting plastic waste, even in large accumulations, showcasing the effectiveness of CNNs in environmental monitoring.

Anggraini et al., 2024: aimed to identify macroplastic waste objects floating on canal surfaces using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). Aerial mapping experiments were conducted, considering flight altitude, sunlight exposure, and seasonal influences on object detection. Mathangi, 2023: aimed to develop a method for detecting macroplastic waste in urban canals using UAVs (drones) with aerial mapping techniques. Two prominent algorithms considered were YOLO (You Only Look Once) and Faster R-CNN (Region-based Convolutional Neural Networks). Experiments were conducted at different flight altitudes (5m, 10m, 15m) and times of day to determine optimal conditions for detecting floating macroplastics. The best image quality for detecting macroplastics was achieved at 10m altitude. The study found a significant increase in macroplastic waste during the rainy season compared to the dry season.

Jia, Vallendar, et al., 2023: used methods like Data Augmentation (DA) and Transfer Learning (TL). It proposed the "TU Delft—Green Village" dataset, an innovative tagged dataset consisting of 9,473 photographs taken by various devices in a drainage canal at TU Delft The findings demonstrated that in comparison to the conventional method of just fine-tuning the classifier, fine-tuning all layers yields better results for the particular challenge of floating litter identification. They found that basic picture flipping improves model accuracy the most among the examined DA strategies. When it comes to overall accuracy, the SqueezeNet and DenseNet121 designs shine with 89.6% and 91.7%, respectively. Jia, Kapelan, et al., 2023: compared 34 papers and highlighted multiple DL architectures to implement different computer vision methods to detect macroplastic clutter in different marine environments. Li et al., 2022:The PC-Net algorithm was designed for floating garbage detection. It addressed challenges related to complex backgrounds and small target sizes. The suggested method's average detection accuracy was 86.4%. on a floating garbage dataset.

Malik et al., 2022: proposed an easy-to-use mobile app called “DeepWaste.” This app utilized highly optimized deep learning methods to instantly categorize waste items into three groups: trash, recycling, and compost. They experimented with various convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures to achieve accurate waste detection and classification. Zailan et al., 2022: constructed a system for automatic identification that utilizes the enhanced YOLO model to identify floating trash in a variety of settings, including those with changing lighting, complicated backgrounds, and occlusion. The findings presented that the suggested method attained a mAP value of 89%.Andriolo et al., 2022: highlighted the operational methods and difficulties associated with using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) to map and monitor marine trash objects that are beached (BL) and floating (FL).

Garcia-Garin et al., 2021a:focused on the development of deep learning methods, using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), in aerial photographs to automatically identify and measure floating marine macro-litter (FMML) taken from drones and aircraft**.** The study introduced a web-oriented application called MARLIT, which allowed users to interactively detect FMML in aerial images. The application provided features such as image upload, analysis parameter specification, and visualization of the analysis output.Tasseron et al., 2021: conducted linear discriminant analyses to distinguish between water, floating debris, plastics, and vegetation, using remote sensing techniques. The research involved the collection of virgin plastic household items and riverbank-harvested macro-litter to create a high-resolution hyperspectral image dataset.

Panwar et al., 2020: presented the use of the AquaVision model with the AquaTrash dataset, which was based on the TACO dataset., An object detection model based on deep learning, to identify and categorize waste materials in aquatic bodies with a mean Average Precision (mAP) of 0.8148.Wolf et al., 2020: developed a novel machine learning system, APLASTIC-Q, to identify and measure plastic debris that was floating and washing up on shore in aquatic settings. The two primary parts of the system were the plastic litter quantifier (PLQ-CNN) and the plastic litter detector (PLD-CNN), capable of accurately classifying and counting different kinds of plastic waste. Vriend et al., 2020: presented a riverside macroplastic monitoring system that emphasized four essential components: time, space, observers, and plastic categorization. It compared and optimized monitoring protocols, allowing for systematic comparison and trade-off analysis to match specific research questions with suitable monitoring strategies.

Gonçalves et al., 2020: compared three automated methods based on object-oriented machine learning (OOML), specifically, support vector machines (SVM), random forests (RF), and k-nearest neighbors (KNN). Due to its ability to yield the greatest overall detection quality (F-score) and fewest false positives, the RF methodology was found to be the most accurate method for OOML macro litter detection.

Liu et al., 2019:developed a water quality prediction model that employed LSTM deep neural networks in an IoT environment. The study utilized data from an automatic water quality monitoring station to train and test the prediction model and showed a strong correlation between the expected and actual numbers.

Geraeds et al., 2019: presented a methodology for quantifying riverine plastic transport using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) in areas without existing infrastructure. The study compared the UAV-based plastic measurements with traditional visual counting and plastic trawling methods, showing similar trends in plastic density.

Adedeji & Wang, 2019: developed ResNet-50 a deep convolutional neural network that consists of 50 layers, support vector machines (SVM), which were utilized to categorize the garbage into several groups/types including glass, metal, paper, and plastic, and a machine learning program that functioned as the extractor. An accuracy of 87% was attained by the suggested approach during testing on the garbage image dataset.

Chu et al., 2018: introduced a Multilayer Hybrid System (MHS) that combined computer vision and machine learning techniques. To get photos of garbage, the MHS employed a high-resolution camera, and sensors were utilized to identify additional valuable feature data. The proposed method achieves a mean accuracy higher than 90% in classifying waste items.

[44]**:** used a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) to identify and classify different types of waste from images captured by a vehicle-mounted camera. The system, based on the OverFeat-GoogLeNet model, showed promising results in detecting small objects like cigarette butts and leaves, achieving precision rates of 63.2% for cigarette butts and 77.35% for leaves.

[45] **:** introduces a novel approach for object-based oil spill detection and look-alike discrimination, focusing on offshore platform monitoring utilized datasets primarily acquired over offshore platforms. These datasets included coherent dual-polarimetric TerraSAR-X images, specifically using copolarized channels (HH and VV) to enhance the detection and discrimination of oil spills from look-alikes.

(Rizzini et al., 2015): introduced a novel algorithm that focuses on detecting human-made artifacts on the seabed by utilizing salient color uniformity and sharp contours. The study employed multiple datasets from stereo cameras with varying quality, covering different object types, colors, depths, and conditions. This diversity helped evaluate the algorithm's robustness. The proposed method was tested and proved effective across various underwater conditions, demonstrating its robustness in challenging environments.

Table 1: Comparison of Reviewed Papers

Author, Year	Techniques Used	Dataset	Findings
Nunkhaw & Miyamoto, 2024	Deep-SORT and YOLOv5	MAPIR. Inc., San Diego, California, USA	YOLOv5 obtained a high classification accuracy of 88% or higher for the mean average precision (77.2%) when applied to images of waste floating in rivers.
Kryvenchuk & Marusyk, 2024	YOLOv8	Kili Technologies: plastic in a river	A model that achieved an accuracy rate of 80% and a mAP50 score of 0.686 was proposed.
Anggraini et al., 2024	Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV)	__	The PS-type plastic material found in plastic bags was the most frequent kind of plastic found in plastic bags (up to 75% in dry seasons and 43% in wet seasons).

Mathangi, 2023	YOLO and Faster-RCNN	Trash-ICRA19 dataset	By comparison, the YOLO algorithm had an accuracy of 92.01%, while the Faster R-CNN method had an accuracy of 87.43%.
Jia, Vallendar, et al., 2023	DenseNet121 and Squeeze-Net	TUD-GV dataset	The Squeeze-Net and DenseNet121 designs performed better than the others with an overall accuracy of 89.6% and 91.7%, respectively.
Jia, Kapelan, et al., 2023	CV techniques based on DL.	--	Identified various challenges
Li et al., 2022	PC-Net	VOC2012 dataset	The average detection accuracy had risen by 4.1% with Faster R-CNN, 3.6% with YOLOv3, and 2.8% with Dynamic R-CNN.
Malik et al., 2022	Efficient-Net-B0	—	An image classification accuracy of 85% was attained using the suggested model.
Zailan et al., 2022	YOLOv4	Microsoft Common Objects in Context (MS-COCO) dataset	The suggested YOLO model outperformed its predecessors with an impressive mAP value of 89%.
Andriolo et al., 2022	Comparison of traditional litter monitoring methods	UAVs	Highlighted the potential of UAVs to replace traditional litter monitoring methods
Garcia-Garin et al., 2021b	Deep learning approach using convolutional neural networks (CNNs)	Aerial images from drones and aircraft over the NW Mediterranean Sea	Image classification accuracy: 0.85; Cross-validation accuracy: 0.81
Tasseron et al., 2021	remote sensing techniques	High-resolution hyperspectral image database	valuable insights for the design of future airborne and spaceborne multispectral remote sensing systems
Wolf et al., 2020	Based on convolutional neural networks (CNNs)	Aerial surveys	classified the floating trash with an accuracy of more than 0.67.
Vriend et al., 2020	Monitoring programs	compare data collected with different strategies	The framework suggested strategies for frequently asked research questions.
Gonçalves et al., 2020	Comparison of OOML Techniques: RF, SVM, KNN	Very low altitude images acquired using a low-cost RGB camera onboard a UAS	RF was most accurate with the lowest false positives
Liu et al., 2019	LSTM deep neural networks in an IoT environment	Drinking-water quality data from an automatic monitoring station	accurately predicted water quality, aligning well with actual measurements

Adedeji & Wang, 2019	ResNet-50 a deep convolutional neural network	TrashNet dataset.	the system categorized waste into types such as glass, metal, paper, and plastic, achieving an accuracy of 87% on the TrashNet dataset.
Geraeds et al., 2019	machine learning algorithms	UAVs	UAVs offered an alternative for monitoring riverine plastic
Chu et al., 2018	Multilayer hybrid system (MHS), MLP, Alex-Net, and CNN	—	Two separate testing situations yielded total performance accuracies of 98.2% and 91.6, respectively.
Rad et al., 2017	OverFeat-GoogLeNet model,	created their own by collecting and annotating images from the streets of Geneva, Switzerland.	Detected small objects like cigarette butts and leaves, achieving precision rates of 63.2% for cigarette butts and 77.35% for leaves.
Singha et al., 2016	support vector machine-based classifier	TerraSAR-X images.	90% of oil spills and 80% of look-alikes were accurately classified
Rizzini et al., 2015	multi-feature object detection algorithm	Garda, Portofino and Soller	Effective across various underwater conditions, demonstrating its robustness in challenging environments.

4 CONCLUSION AND FUTURE SCOPE

The several notions that are directly related to object detection have been covered in this review study. About 23 object detection-related papers that are available in different digital libraries were examined in this investigation. We found that face detection is the most popular use for the VJ detector. However, it only takes input photos with a set size. HOG was created to get over this restriction and identify objects of any size. Region-based CNN is created in the two-stage detector to improve accuracy outcomes. Retina nets use two backbone topologies to improve accuracy and speed. The YOLO version differs greatly. They still share some characteristics, though. They remain similar as a result. Since the YOLO versions are still relatively new, there is a lot of room for more research.

The primary challenges include dealing with diverse and complex backgrounds, varying lighting conditions, and different shapes, sizes, and colours of waste materials. It is still difficult to recognize objects in real-time with great efficiency and accuracy.

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HIGH-MOBILITY ORGANIC TFTS USING TRILAYER DIELECTRIC STACK: A SIMULATION-BASED STUDY

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ABSTRACT

Organic electronics have come forth to be a vital field for the last two decades due to their superiority in being commercially available, cheaper and their usage in different areas as flexible electronics. Organic semiconductors (OS) are intermittently deployed in organic material- based electronics. This has surmounted the disadvantages of chemical materials and boosted the field of organic thin film transistor (OTFT). The primary factor for developing high-performance OTFT is its capability to control the interface among the dielectric layer and substrate. Despite of this substantial improvement in the usage of OTFT, there is still a big challenge of the mobility of polymer gate insulators and its tolerance to humidity, chemicals and temperature. Consequently, OTFT based model is developed using three layers of dielectric polymers, namely POM-H (Poly Oxy Methylene Homopolymer), PEI-EP (Poly Ether Imide - Epoxy Polymer) and SiO_2 to assess the electrical behaviour. For this assessment, electrical parameters such as I-V characteristics, transfer characteristics, threshold voltage (V_T), Subthreshold slope (mV/dec), Capacitance (pF), Mobility (μ), and Transconductance (S/um) are evaluated for the proposed model. Furthermore, the linearity performance is assessed using Gm_2, IIP_3, IMD_3, Gm3, VIP_2, and the 1-dB compression point. The attained electrical performance of the proposed model is -2.74 (V_T) threshold voltage, 3.75 (pF) capacitance, 348 ($cm^2/V{\cdot}s$) mobility, and 4.84 (S/um) trans-conductance. Single layer and dual layer OTFT model are employed for the validation of the obtained electrical and linearity parameters of proposed tri-layer dielectric medium OTFT. The model using dual-polymer layers for dielectric medium to enhance the electrical performance performed better than the existing OTFT model.

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REIMAGINING COOPERATIVES A REVOLUTIONARY FRAMEWORK FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH IN INDIA AND THE GLOBAL SOUTH

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ABSTRACT

The cooperative movement in India has long been an engine for social and economic empowerment, particularly in rural communities. With the enactment of the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023, and the creation of an independent Ministry of Cooperation, a new chapter has begun in the evolution of Indian cooperatives. The said enactment marks a transformative shift in this landscape. Key reforms include the establishment of an independent Election Authority, a Cooperative Ombudsman, digitized audits, and professional management norms.

The cooperative sector contributes significantly to India's economy, especially through PACS, dairy, and housing. The global recognition of cooperatives, including the UN's International Year of Cooperatives (2012), underlines their role in inclusive growth. International models from Italy, Kenya, and Norway offer valuable lessons.

Drawing on the ideals celebrated during the International Year of Cooperatives, this paper proposes a new roadmap for building modern, autonomous, and technologically-enabled cooperatives that can become global exemplars of sustainable development to usher in a new era of "Sahkar se Samriddhi"—prosperity through cooperation. It also highlights the vision articulated by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi and Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah to rejuvenate cooperatives as a powerful force for rural development and economic democratization aimed to make cooperatives central to Atmanirbhar Bharat and rural prosperity.

1. INTRODUCTION

Cooperatives in India are more than just economic entities; they represent a social philosophy rooted in shared ownership, democratic participation, and collective progress. Since their inception during the British colonial era with the Cooperative Credit Societies Act of 1904, cooperatives have grown to become a fundamental part of India's rural development strategy. Today, India has over 8.5 lakh registered cooperative societies with a membership exceeding 30 crore people, making it home to one of the world's most expansive cooperative ecosystems.

Despite their widespread presence, many cooperatives have not lived up to their potential. Years of bureaucratic stagnation, political interference, financial mismanagement, and lack of modern infrastructure have hindered their performance. However, recent legal and policy interventions, particularly the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023, offer an unprecedented opportunity to revive and modernize the cooperative movement in India.

2. THE PRE-2023 SCENARIO: LEGAL AND OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS

Prior to the 2023 Amendment Act, multi-state cooperative societies (MSCS) were governed under the Multi-State Co-operative Societies Act, 2002. While this Act sought to bring a degree of uniformity across states, it lacked mechanisms for independent oversight, professional management, and member accountability. Elections within cooperative societies were often delayed or manipulated, leading to prolonged tenures of politically affiliated board members. There was no independent authority to ensure fair elections or to address member grievances effectively. Audit processes were manual and inconsistent, which enabled widespread financial misreporting. Furthermore, the absence of digitization made data unreliable and opaque. Overall, the legal and governance architecture prior to 2023 failed to reflect the changing needs of a modern cooperative economy.

3. LEGAL FRAMEWORK AND THE 2023 AMENDMENT ACT

The Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023 represents a major reform initiative aimed at strengthening the legal and operational framework of multi-state cooperative societies. Recognizing the long-standing issues in governance, the Act introduces several path-breaking changes that promise to transform the sector.

One of the most significant provisions is the creation of an independent Co-operative Election Authority to ensure free, fair, and timely elections. This addresses one of the major criticisms of the sector—namely, the manipulation and delay of elections under political influence. The Act also provides for the appointment of a Co-operative Ombudsman, a quasi-judicial authority to handle member grievances and disputes swiftly.

The amendment also mandates greater digitization, including online audit mechanisms and transparent digital record-keeping. Furthermore, it introduces stricter professional and accountability standards for board members and CEOs, requiring them to have defined qualifications and term limits. These reforms align well with the principles laid out in the 97th Constitutional Amendment, which gave cooperatives the constitutional status they had long lacked, mandating democratic functioning and autonomy.

Overall, the 2023 Act marks a transition from state-controlled cooperatives to member-owned, professionally managed institutions, capable of operating efficiently in both rural and urban settings.

4. ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF COOPERATIVES IN INDIA

Cooperatives occupy a pivotal role in the Indian economy, especially in rural and semi-urban areas. They are instrumental in the provision of credit, procurement, marketing, housing, insurance, and agro-processing services. For instance, Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS) serve as the last-mile financial link for millions of small and marginal farmers. In the dairy sector, cooperative models like AMUL have become global benchmarks, empowering millions of dairy farmers through collective branding and value addition.

The cooperative banking network, housing societies, fisheries cooperatives, and handloom clusters also contribute significantly to local economies. Collectively, cooperatives are estimated to contribute 3–4% of India’s GDP, with even greater indirect contributions through employment generation and rural stabilization. In a country where a large part of the population is still outside the formal economic system, cooperatives serve as vital instruments of financial inclusion and decentralized development.

5. VISION OF PRIME SHRI MINISTER MODI AND HOME & COOPERATION MINISTER SHRI AMIT SHAH

The cooperative movement has received renewed national focus with the formation of a dedicated Ministry of Cooperation in 2021, a decision hailed as visionary by many policy analysts. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has repeatedly emphasized that “the next revolution in India will be led by cooperatives” and that cooperatives should become pillars of an *Atmanirbhar Bharat* (self-reliant India).

Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah has outlined a comprehensive strategy to strengthen the cooperative structure across India. Under his leadership, the Ministry has launched initiatives to computerize over 63,000 PACS, thus enabling real-time accounting, transparency, and efficiency. The government is also working to establish one PACS per Panchayat, ensuring universal rural coverage.

There are also efforts to convert traditional credit-only PACS into multi-purpose societies that offer services like warehousing, input supply, and procurement. The creation of a National Cooperative Database, simplification of audit and registration processes, and facilitation of inter-state cooperative expansion are some other measures in progress. These initiatives aim to make cooperatives vibrant, self-reliant, and technology-driven institutions, deeply rooted in rural India.

6. GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE AND THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF COOPERATIVES

Recognizing the transformative power of cooperatives, the United Nations declared 2025 as the International Year of Cooperatives, under the theme “Cooperative Enterprises Build a Better World.” This global recognition was aimed at promoting awareness about cooperatives’ contributions to poverty reduction, employment generation, and social integration.

Countries around the world have successfully developed cooperative models tailored to their specific socio-economic contexts. For example, in Italy’s Emilia-Romagna region, cooperatives contribute over 30% of the regional GDP, supported by favorable legal frameworks and cooperative banks. In Kenya, Savings and Credit Cooperative Organizations (SACCOs) have helped expand financial access to rural and low-income populations, aided by mobile banking and tech integration. In Norway and Canada, agricultural and energy cooperatives play a critical role in national economies, maintaining transparency, autonomy, and high governance standards.

These examples underline a crucial lesson for India: successful cooperatives require independence from excessive political control, adoption of modern technology, and strong member participation.

7. CHALLENGES THAT STILL NEED ADDRESSING

Despite the new momentum, several legacy challenges remain. A significant number of cooperatives continue to suffer from political interference, corruption, weak internal democracy, and financial opacity. There is also a glaring lack of youth participation, with many younger Indians perceiving cooperatives as outdated and slow-moving.

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The issue of training and capacity building remains urgent. Most cooperative board members are not professionally trained in finance, law, or management. This leads to poor decision-making and operational inefficiencies.

The diversity of cooperative laws across states adds another layer of complexity, often discouraging inter-state operations. Moreover, technology adoption is still limited to larger institutions, leaving many grassroots-level cooperatives behind.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS AND ROADMAP FOR THE FUTURE

To overcome these hurdles and truly revolutionize the sector, a multi-pronged strategy is needed. Full and uniform implementation of the 2023 Act must be prioritized, along with the harmonization of state laws with the 97th Constitutional Amendment. A National Cooperative Education Mission should be established to promote formal training, certification, and research in cooperative management.

Digitization should not remain a top-down directive but must be incentivized at the grassroots level. The development of a National Cooperative Tech Stack can facilitate common software platforms, digital auditing tools, and real-time dashboards.

Furthermore, youth and women must be given central roles in governance, through reserved representation, entrepreneurship grants, and innovation hubs. Finally, India should look to play a leadership role in establishing a South-South Cooperative Alliance, focusing on shared challenges and solutions in the Global South.

9. MAJOR INITIATIVES LAUNCHED BY THE MINISTRY OF COOPERATION

The Ministry of Cooperation has launched 56 major initiatives to rejuvenate India’s cooperative sector. Some of them are introduction of Model bye-laws to make PACS multi-purpose and economically stronger, computerisation of 67,930 PACS for transparency and integrated with NABARD’s national software, targeting to set up PACS/Dairy/Fisheries cooperatives in every Panchayat, launching of world’s largest decentralized grain storage program. PACS are made to function as Common Service Centres (CSCs), delivering 300+ digital services, to form FPOs and FFPOs to boost agricultural and fisheries-based income, to run LPG dealerships, petrol/diesel retail outlets, Jan Aushadhi stores, and PM Kisan Samridhi Kendras, being used as ‘Paani Samiti’ for rural water supply operations and as solar plant hosts under PM-KUSUM. Not only this Micro-ATMs and Rupay Kisan Credit Cards are being distributed to enhance rural financial services. Three new national multi-state cooperative societies were formed: for Exports, Certified Seeds (BBSSL), and Organic Products (NCOL). Major income tax reforms were introduced: lower MAT, reduced surcharge, and reliefs for sugar cooperatives. ₹10,000 crore in loans was sanctioned via NCDC to support cooperative sugar mills, ethanol, and cogeneration plants. Co-operative Banks were given regulatory relaxations, gold loan limits increased, and door-step banking approved. The umbrella organization for Urban Cooperative Banks was launched to modernize ~1,500 UCBs. White Revolution 2.0 was launched to boost milk procurement, women’s empowerment, and dairy growth via cooperatives. The *Atmanirbharta Abhiyan* was introduced for promoting pulses and maize production with 100% MSP procurement. Over 39 lakh farmers have registered under cooperative-led e-portals for assured procurement. Sahara Refund Portal was launched to return ₹5,000 crore to investors of four Sahara Group cooperative societies. A new National Cooperation Policy and Cooperative Database (8.19 lakh societies) were initiated; a National Cooperative University is also planned.

9. CONCLUSION

The cooperative sector in India stands at a historic crossroads. With robust legal reform through the Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023, and strong political will from the highest levels of government, there is now a genuine opportunity to revitalize cooperatives as engines of inclusive, democratic, and sustainable development. By learning from international best practices and empowering cooperatives with technology, transparency, and autonomy, India can usher in a new era of “*Sahkar se Samriddhi*”—prosperity through cooperation.

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THE SUBSCRIPTION ECONOMY: A COMPARATIVE STUDY OF CONSUMER PREFERENCES AND TRENDS

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ABSTRACT

The subscription economy has witnessed a significant transformation with consumers widely looking for digital services across various sectors including entertainment, education and e-commerce. This study explores consumer preferences, factors influencing subscription decisions and retention patterns across Mumbai Metropolitan Region. A structured survey was conducted to gather data on trends in key variables such as exclusive content, personalisation, pricing, service quality and cancellation. The collected data was analysed using advanced statistical techniques including regression models to identify critical factors to answer the questions related to subscription preferences. The findings provide actionable insights for subscription-based businesses to understand the consumer needs and refine the consumer satisfaction.

Keywords: *subscription economy, consumer preferences, retention, digital services, Mumbai Metropolitan Region, subscription models.*

1. INTRODUCTION

Why are we paying for all these subscriptions? We conducted extensive research to uncover the surprising reasons behind the recurring monthly charges for products that have already been purchased. This investigation reveals remarkable insights into the persistence of these charges and challenges conventional notions of ownership. Over many years, consumers have followed a one-time purchase model, but the landscape has dramatically shifted as subscriptions have expanded from the physical space to the digital space.

One of the earliest examples of this transformation is found in the practices of Salesforce. In past the developers sold the software as a product that consumers bought and owned. Salesforce changed the whole software scene by introducing a “pay as you go” approach for their enterprise customers and rebranding it as “Software as a Service” or SaaS, as it known popularly today. This one change transformed the industry as a whole and since then we see this everywhere and not just in software sectors but in other sectors also. Many businesses have embraced subscription services as a core element in their business and sales models.

Since the rise of Salesforce there has been a steady growth in the sectors adopting the model of subscriptions. The subscription economy was valued at approximately 650 billion dollars in 2020, and the growth isn’t going to slow down. It is expected to reach 1.5 trillion dollars by 2025. This is accentuated by the baiting strategies that companies the companies use like free trials (like Netflix used to give) or personalised offers (like Swiggy or Zomato gives), often making consumers feeling valued but in reality, this is just a hook to their larger picture, that is, the cycle of recurring payments.

While doing this research we found that subscription models have permeated almost every category. Consumers show interest in subscriptions for products as varied as clothing and fashion and household groceries. In the digital space, services such as e-learning cost about ₹700 per month, gaming services around ₹550, wellness applications roughly ₹553, and music services about ₹400 monthly. Although these subscriptions are designed to provide convenience, they often trap consumers in ongoing payment cycles even when the product or service has already been acquired.

Consider the example of printer subscriptions. A consumer invests thousands of rupees for a printer and then some more for ink cartridges, papers and electricity only to find that the printer will not work if the ink subscription is cancelled. In one particular case, an HP customer was not permitted to use the printer because he used a third-party ink cartridge. Even when he replaced the cartridge with a genuine one, non-printing functions like fax and scanning did not work until a payment method was updated and subscription was activated. Practices like this raises the question to whether we even own anything anymore.

This is not limited to printers. Other products such as fitness brands making apps and machines have started to jump on this bandwagon. The machines already cost an exorbitant amount of money sometimes in lakhs of rupees. These devices may run and function fully for a year after which a subscription is required to access to features like analytics or learning programmes. In effect the customer being stuck in the cycle of pattern of pay to access.

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Automobile manufacturers have also started to adopt subscription-based models for features that were traditionally included with the purchase. In the United Kingdom, for example, customers who buy a BMW are required to subscribe for heated seats. Similarly, Toyota has introduced a subscription model for key fobs that enable remote start, and Mercedes-Benz charges a subscription fee for enhanced acceleration. In these instances, despite having purchased the product, consumers must pay extra recurring fees to use features that were once part of the original offering.

The evolution of free trials further complicates the subscription landscape. In earlier times, consumers who signed up for a trial period and found the service unsatisfactory could simply abandon it without consequence. But today? Enter your payment details to start a trial. Forgot to cancel before the trial ends? Well, that's on you then. The service automatically converts it into a paid subscription resulting in you paying unexpected charges. This is really common, and this means extra revenue for the company running these subscription-based services.

Spotify is the best example of this trend. The platform, typically used passively while users are engaged in activities such as running, cooking, or driving, integrates into existing daily routines. Spotify offers a three-month trial period during which full access is granted. However, after the trial, essential features such as playing songs in a specific order, repeating tracks, or navigating to previously played songs become available only to premium subscribers. Although cost is relatively low, the automatic conversion into a paid service can lead to long-term dependency on the platform and best part is you don't even own the songs that you choose to listen to. So, you have to keep paying them money to listen unlike physical media like CDs, vinyl and cassettes that you own for perpetuity once you buy.

In India we can see rapid expansion in the subscription economy is complemented by the features like Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Autopay feature. This enables services such as Netflix or JioHotstar to withdraw subscription payments continuously until the consumers cancels it. While this is convenient for businesses and consumers, it can also result in consumers unknowingly paying for multiple subscriptions due to ease of activating this subscription.

While many people argue that subscriptions aren't that bad and to some extent, they may be right. While this model ensures that software remains updated and supported, it also locks users into an ecosystem. Over time, the cumulative cost of a subscription can far exceeds the price of a perpetual license, and once users build extensive workflows around a particular software ecosystem, switching becomes daunting. In addition, digital tools organized in proprietary cloud storage can leave users vulnerable if they cancel their subscription.

At first look, it may make streaming model look remarkably cost effective. Imagine being able to search and listen to any song without viruses or ads and supporting your favourite artist – all for a relatively modest fee. For heavy users this is like a deal. An average listener listens to 15 to 20 hours+ of music per week. Let's assume that each song is 3 minutes long on average. This means that the listener is listener is listening to around 340 songs in a month. If they purchased these songs individually then the cost would have been definitely more than ₹119 a month that Spotify charges. But if you listen to same few albums or songs for months on repeat then this is where it all starts to fall apart for you as a consumer as this may mean you listen to around 30-50 songs annually. In such case it is expensive to buy a subscription than to buy that album directly, and the catch is that with services like Spotify you don't own the music you listen.

There is an inherent risk in the streaming model - the music is never truly "owned." If a favourite song is saved to an offline library and the subscription lapses, or if the song is removed from the platform due to licensing disputes or regional restrictions, the music is lost forever. This loss of ownership extends beyond music to all forms of digital media. Whether it is a movie purchased on a digital platform, or a television show streamed on Netflix, what is being bought is not the content itself but a license to access it under specific terms and conditions. Should those terms change - for example, if a licensing agreement expires or a platform decides to remove the content - the consumer loses access, even though they have paid for it. In essence, the permanence of ownership is sacrificed for the convenience of continuous access. Two decades ago, a purchase meant full and unambiguous ownership. Today, however, even products that promise unlimited access, such as songs, movies, and digital services, does not mean true ownership.

The shift from ownership to access has far-reaching implications that extend beyond individual finances. For instance, as the digital economy grows, many cultural artifacts of the past, whether cherished game cases, vinyl records, or well-worn books are losing their prominence. The nostalgic value to these items is slowly being taken away and locked behind a paywall. Many aspects of our life are becoming tied to subscriptions including housing as houses are being looked like investments by wealthy instead as a human right for everyone. The society risks becoming into locked systems where we prioritise corporate greed over individual autonomy. Large corporations can use recurring revenue models to dominate markets and influence consumer behaviour, making it increasingly difficult for individuals to build lasting, tangible assets.

Another area of concern is the design of cancellation processes. Many companies have developed complex, multi-step cancellation flows that intentionally hinder the process. Academic literature refers to these as "dark patterns." For example, Amazon Prime cancellation process revealed that users were forced to navigate several screens just to cancel their subscription. In some cases, like magazine or newspaper companies demand that customers send emails or physical letter or make phone calls just to cancel the service.

Historical practices also demonstrate that such difficulties in cancellation are not entirely new. Gym memberships of the past often required consumers to commit to a full year of payments and made cancellation almost impossible. Similarly, a well-known diffuser brand in the hospitality sector once stated explicitly in its FAQ that cancellations were not permitted.

These examples illustrate that the challenges associated with terminating subscription-based services have long been a part of the consumer experience. Furthermore, the bundling of services has added another layer of complexity.

At the root of these challenges is the pursuit of convenience. Digital innovations such as UPI autopay have undoubtedly made recurring payments easier for businesses; however, they have also eroded consumer control over financial commitments. Regulatory authorities are beginning to take on these issues faced by consumers. Merchants are now forced to disclose all relevant terms and conditions before initiating autopay transactions. In India, a recent autopay reset is one example of such regulatory intervention, and similar measures are expected to emerge globally. Despite these efforts, the fundamental issue persists - consumers no longer experience clear ownership of products and services but are instead tied to ongoing recurring payments that limit genuine choice and autonomy.

This dissertation seeks to explore these intricate issues comprehensively. It examines the evolution of the subscription economy, investigates the economic and psychological factors driving consumer behaviour, and evaluates the broader implications of recurring payment models on consumer autonomy and market fairness. Through a thorough review of industry practices, analysis of consumer experiences, and assessment of regulatory responses, this study aims to provide a nuanced understanding of how subscription-based business models are reshaping modern commerce and what this evolution means for the future of consumer ownership.

2. SUBSCRIPTIONS IN INDIAN CONTEXT

The subscription in India is transforming how people access products and services. The subscriptions in India are also cheaper when we compare it to the developed countries like the US and the UK. This can be reasoned with economies of scale due to high population or due to low purchasing power parity of the general Indian consumer when we put it next to say an average US consumer.

The subscription model is popular in entertainment industry with giants like Netflix, Amazon Prime, and JioHotstar. It also extends to sectors like e-commerce, education, health and finance. As mentioned earlier increased internet access, rise in preference of digital payments, convenience and personalisation. Best example of this is the food delivery apps like Zomato and Swiggy.

Market Size and Growth

Estimates indicate that the market was around ₹1,200 crore in 2017-2018. It is expected to reach ₹36,000 crores by 2025 according to some reports. Video subscriptions alone are projected to grow from ₹7,300 crores to ₹10,300 crores by 2026 (Statista).

Key Drivers and Challenges

Growth is driven by digital transformation. With more and more Indians using smartphones and getting connected to the internet, the number of subscriptions is naturally going to increase. However, this poses challenges with some companies like Dunzo and Frazzo shutting down due to challenges in scaling or entering the market at the wrong time. Other challenges include managing subscriber churn and ensuring reliable payments, especially in a market like India where there is income disparities and regional diversities.

Role of Government

An interesting development is the ‘One Nation, One Subscription’ scheme, approved in November 2024, aiming to provide access to scholarly journals in all public institution. Under this scheme ₹6,000 crores will be invested over the period of 3 years (The Hindu).

Key Sectors and Their Contributions

Several sectors are at the forefront of this growth in number of subscriptions in India. As mentioned earlier that video subscriptions alone are projected to grow from ₹7,300 crores to ₹10,300 crores by 2026. (Statista)

Subscriptions for groceries, personal care and fashion are also gaining popularity. Companies like Amazon, Swiggy Instamart and Blinkit offer subscription-based delivery catering to consumers in both rural and urban areas who seek convenience.

India has around 500 million internet users and even if we say around 30% have one subscription, that directly translates to around 167 million subscribers across various sectors.

Gym memberships, fitness apps like Fitbit and medicine providers like Pharmeasy and tata 1mg are also offering subscription. With rising fitness consciousness, people will be more willing to subscribe to a service catering to their health needs.

Other sectors like finance and education are also equally important catalyst to the rising number of subscriptions. Trading chart tracking services like Tradingview and e-learning platforms like Unacademy and Coursera have seen rise post-COVID (Decentro).

Market Size and Projections

Year	Market Size (INR Crore)	Market Size (USD Billion, Approx.)	Source
2017-2018	1,200	0.185	Decentro
2023	-	-	-
2025 (Projected)	36,000	4.34	Decentro
2023 (Video)	7,300 (73 billion INR)	0.88	Statista
2026 (Video - Projected)	10,300 (103 billion INR)	1.24	Statista

Note: Exchange rates used are approximate, with 1 USD = 83 INR for recent years.

India is heading towards continuous growth driven by technological advancements and the ever-growing consumer demand for convenience and the estimates support this. While this looks good on surface, companies have to realise that India is a price sensitive market. Even giants like Netflix had to reduce their pricing in India due to low demand in such a large market.

3. REVIEW OF LITERATURE

3.1 Digital Content Subscription Strategies & Pricing

Guhl et al. (2024) examine how digital content quality influences subscription behaviour using econometric modelling and simulation. Based on 2024 market data, their analysis spans multiple digital platforms and concludes that engaging, high-quality content significantly boosts subscriptions, underscoring the essential role of effective content strategy in driving consumer adoption.

Chen (2023) from the USA employs a duopoly framework with simulation-based equilibrium analysis to study free trial strategies in digital content subscriptions. Reflecting market conditions up to 2023, the research shows that free trials enhance revenues only when consumer learning rates exceed a threshold, with network effects reducing trial length.

Mendhe et al. (2022) from India examine online food subscription services using user surveys and case studies conducted in 2022. Their analysis focuses on consumer acceptance and operational feasibility in the food industry, finding strong adoption potential, thereby suggesting that food subscriptions represent a promising digital business model.

Kübler et al. (2021) from Europe examine content valuation strategies for digital subscription platforms through case studies and quantitative analysis. The study, not based on a specific survey sample, demonstrates that tailored pricing is crucial for maximizing revenue and securing competitive advantage in the digital media market.

Li et al. (2020) from a collaborative research team analyse optimal pricing strategies in digital music using mathematical modelling and simulated market scenarios. Based on 2020 data, their study compares subscription, ownership, and hybrid models, concluding that a mixed pricing approach best captures consumer preferences and maximizes revenue.

Arditi (2018) examines digital music consumption trends during the mid-2010s using qualitative and quantitative industry data. The study shows that subscription models drive continuous, high-frequency music usage, fundamentally transforming consumer engagement. It concludes that digital subscriptions reshape music consumption patterns and revenue streams in the evolving music industry.

Wayne (2018) from the USA investigates branded television content strategies on major SVOD platforms using content analysis and market performance data from 2018. The study reveals that exclusive, high-quality programming is vital for subscriber retention, emphasizing that content differentiation is key in the competitive video-on-demand landscape.

Lei and Swinney (2018) analyse revenue-sharing mechanisms on digital subscription platforms using theoretical modelling and simulation. Published as an SSRN paper, their study compares various sharing frameworks and concludes that aligning incentives between content providers and distributors enhances platform sustainability, supporting a balanced digital content ecosystem.

Cachon and Feldman (2011) from the USA analyse pricing strategies for congested services by comparing per-use fees with subscription models. Using analytical modelling and optimization, their study, although not empirically sampled, demonstrates that under certain congestion conditions, subscription pricing can effectively manage demand and maximize revenue compared to pay-per-use schemes.

Wang et al. (2005) investigate factors influencing consumers' willingness to pay for online content through survey-based empirical analysis. Using data from the early 2000s and a defined sample of online service users, the study emphasizes perceived value and service quality as essential drivers for successful fee-based online subscription models.

3.2 Digital Media & Subscription in News/Academic Journals

Chyi and Ng (2020) from the USA analyse circulation and pricing data from 50 U.S. newspapers between 2015 and 2017. Their study uses descriptive statistics and correlation analyses to reveal that digital subscriptions contribute less than 3% of total reader revenue, questioning the financial viability of digital models for news.

Björk and Solomon (2012) perform an international bibliometric analysis comparing the scientific impact of open access versus subscription journals. Utilizing citation data across a large sample of journals until 2012, the study finds that open access journals often achieve comparable or superior impact, challenging traditional subscription paradigms.

Chyi (2005) from the USA investigates consumer willingness to pay for online news through survey and market data collected between 2003 and 2005. His econometric analysis of a defined sample reveals a significant gap between news usage and payment willingness, casting doubt on the online subscription model's viability.

3.3 Subscription Economy & Consumer Behaviour in Broader Marketing Contexts

Elanda, Rizki, and Masruchan (2024) from Indonesia analyse innovative customer-centric subscription models using qualitative case studies and current industry analysis from 2024. Their comprehensive study, covering various digital marketing strategies, concludes that subscriptions significantly enhance customer engagement and loyalty, proving essential for future competitive success.

George (2024) examines the psychological impact of managing multiple subscription services through surveys and in-depth interviews conducted in 2024. Although specific sample details are limited, his mixed-methods study reveals that subscription overload induces significant anxiety and cognitive stress, urging consumers to adopt more mindful subscription practices.

Martinović, Barać, and Maljak (2024) from Croatia conduct survey-based research during 2023-2024 to assess consumer adoption of subscription-based e-commerce. With a defined sample of Croatian consumers, their study demonstrates significant interest in subscription models as drivers of business innovation, offering remarkable competitive advantages in local markets.

Ziobrowska-Sztuczka and Markiewicz (2024) from Poland conduct a quantitative survey in 2023-2024 to analyse Polish consumer responses to subscription models.

Their study reveals a growing acceptance of subscriptions driven by evolving lifestyles, concluding that the subscription economy is a strategic adaptation to new market trends.

3.4 Other Specific Subscription Models in Public Services

Thøgersen (2009) from Denmark conducts a field experiment offering a free month travel card to public transport users. Analysing data provided by the local transit authority, the study demonstrates that free- trial subscription promotions significantly boost ridership, suggesting that such initiatives effectively enhance public transport usage.

4. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this study is to find the factors which influence consumers' decisions regarding subscriptions in Mumbai. Why people choose to get a subscription, what makes them not continue their existing subscriptions, what is the 'hook' that makes them continue are some of the types of questions that this study intends to answer. It explores various dimensions of user behaviour relating to subscriptions, some of the questions that this study aims to answer are:

1. What are the primary factors driving subscription motivation among consumers in Mumbai?
2. How do exclusive content, personalization, and social influence affect consumers' subscription motivation?
3. What is the relationship between digital service usage and the number of active subscriptions maintained by consumers?
4. How does content quality influence the perceived necessity of subscriptions, serving as a proxy for subscription retention?
5. What impact do customer service satisfaction, cancellation frequency, and positive experience have on subscription retention?
6. How do subscription plan preferences (e.g., monthly versus annual) vary with digital usage, content quality, and flexibility?

The aim of this study is to understand subscription behaviour of the residents living in Mumbai. Considering the rich linguistic and cultural diversity of Mumbai it was important to design a survey that was inclusive and accessible without any barriers to filling the form. The primary goal was to understand how demographic factors like age, income and digital usage influence the subscription patterns. By developing a survey that was translated in the three of the major languages in Mumbai – English, Hindi and Marathi, the survey was designed to at least be inclusive to the diverse nature of the respondent's language of choice. The study was able to build a comprehensive dataset for analysis with 110 respondents filling the survey.

The survey was designed meticulously to capture insights in a detailed way towards both demographic information and the perception on subscriptions. For example, questions about age, income, education and employment status were included to capture the demographic profile of respondents and the questions related to digital usage patterns and subscription behaviour, such as the number of active subscriptions, preference for monthly or annual plans and whether they are persuaded by discounts or not, were incorporated to understand the psyche of the respondent. This allowed the study to capture a wide range of variables.

Before data collection a series of hypothesis were formulated based on literature review and questions asked in the survey. These hypotheses aimed to test relationships between demographic factors and behaviour towards subscriptions. The hypothesis provides clear directions to what to study and the expected outcomes. They were instrumental in shaping the research questions that the survey was designed around. The hypothesis formulated are as follows:

4.1 Hypothesis 1: Effect of Exclusive Content, Personalization, and Social Influence on Subscription Motivation

- **H0:** Subscription motivation (as measured by the likelihood of selecting "Cost savings") is not significantly impacted by exclusive content, personalization, and social influences (friend recommendations and social media).
- **H1:** Subscription motivation is significantly impacted by these factors.

4.2 Hypothesis 2: Factors Affecting Subscription Plan Preferences

- **H0:** Digital service usage, content quality, and flexibility do not significantly influence the choice between annual and monthly subscription plans.

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- **H1:** At least one of these factors significantly influences subscription plan preference.

4.3 Hypothesis 3: Customer Service, Cancellation Frequency, and Positive Experience Influence Subscription Retention

- **H0:** Customer service satisfaction, cancellation frequency, and consistently positive experience do not significantly impact subscription retention (proxied by Subscription Need).
- **H1:** At least one of these factors significantly influences subscription retention.

4.4 Hypothesis 4: Impact of Content Quality on Subscription Need

- **H0:** Content quality does not significantly impact Subscription Need (used as a proxy for retention).
- **H1:** Higher content quality significantly increases Subscription Need.

4.5 Hypothesis 5: Influence of Digital Service Usage on Active Subscriptions

- **H0:** Digital service usage does not significantly influence the number of active subscriptions.
- **H1:** Digital service usage significantly influences the number of active subscriptions.

Data collection was primarily carried out using Google Forms. The online survey was distributed through multiple social media platforms like WhatsApp and LinkedIn first to ensure a wide reach within Mumbai. Snowball sampling was also used by encouraging the initial respondents to share the survey links with their friends, family and colleagues. Random individuals were also approached to complete the form which also helped in broadening the respondent base. This diversified circulation strategy was chosen to tap into diverse population of Mumbai and gather responses from people coming from various socio-economic and linguistic backgrounds. This resulted in a dataset that tried to be both inclusive and representative of the target demographic.

Once data collection was done, the resulting dataset was exported as a CSV file and the data cleaning process began. First unnecessary columns were removed manually. The questionnaire was in multiple languages, and it resulted in the headings being complex and difficult to use in a data analysis process. To streamline this process python was used to remove the non-Latin characters from the headings as they were separated by "/" in the questionnaire. The resulting headings were then converted to shorter headings with easy-to-understand terms like "Email," "Age" and "Income." This step was important as it made the data consistent. After the preprocessing of the data, the cleaned dataset was uploaded to GitHub for easier cross-platform and cross-device access.

The processed data was analysed was using both descriptive and inferential statistical techniques depending on the nature of values of the variables. Hypothesis testing was performed using methods such as logistic regression, linear regression and chi-square tests to evaluate the relationships between independent and dependent variables.

Diagnostic tests like residual analysis and multicollinearity tests were also conducted to ensure the validity of the models.

The findings from the analysis of data were documented and presented with visualisations and statistical summaries. Detailed reports were compiled highlighting key insights and implications of the results for the subscription-based models.

5. DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS

To get a clear picture of the survey data, we started by examining the basic descriptive statistics for both the numerical and categorical variables. This helped us understand the overall profile of our respondents and the range of their answers. We then explored how the key numerical variables relate to each other through a correlation analysis.

Table 1: Summary Statistics for Age

Statistic	Age
Count	110
Mean	24.02
Min	18
Max	70

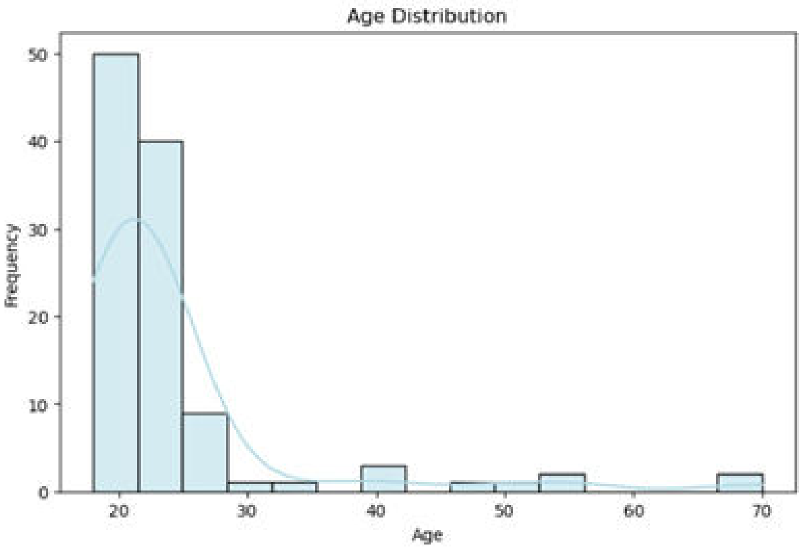

Figure 1 - Various age groups and their respective frequencies.

Interpretation:
Table 1 shows that the youngest respondent is 18 years old while the oldest respondent is 70 years old. The average age of the respondents is 24.02 years old. The median age in India was 28.4 years old in 2024, so this dataset is not too far from the national median age.

Table 2: Employment Distribution Table 2.1 - Frequency

Employment	Count
Student	66
Employed Full-Time	25
Self-employed	6
Employed Part-Time	6
Unemployed	5
Retired	2

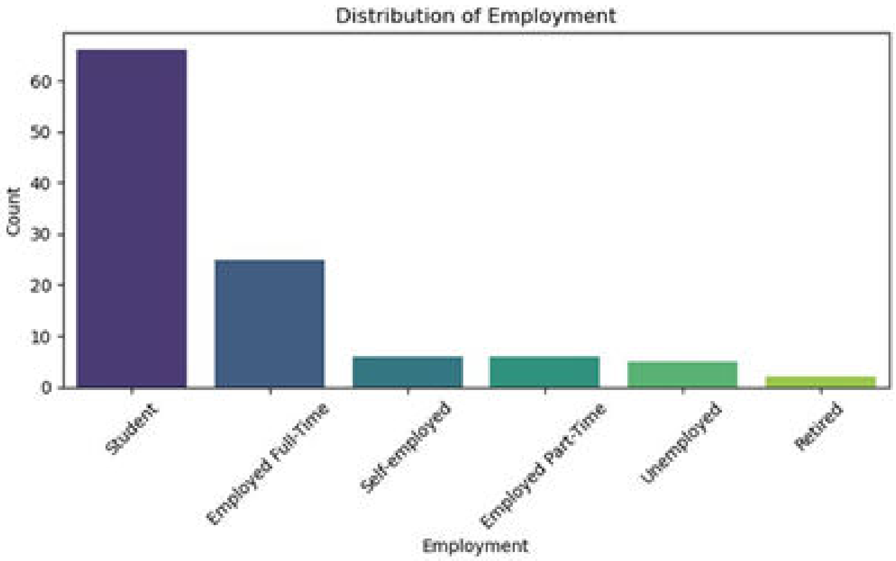

Figure 2 – Distribution of Employment Types

Table 2.2 - Percentage:

Employment	Percentage (%)
Student	60.00
Employed Full-Time	22.73
Self-employed	5.45
Employed Part-Time	5.45
Unemployed	4.55
Retired	1.82

Interpretation: Students constitute the largest group (60%) indicating that the majority of respondents are students. The remaining categories have much lower representation which may influence how subscription behaviours are generalized to a broader population.

Table 3: Digital Use Distribution Table 3.1 - Frequency:

Digital Use	Count
1-2 hours	35
2-4 hours	34
More than 4 hours	26
Less than 1 hour	15

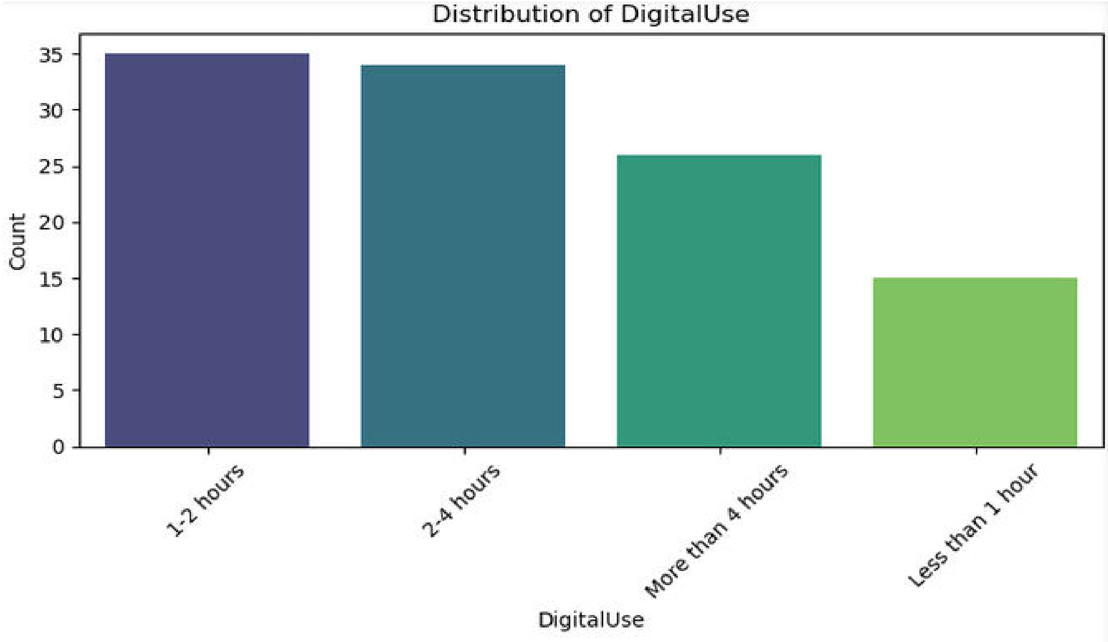

Figure 3 - Distribution of Digital Usage

Table 3.2: Percentage:

Digital Use	Percentage (%)
1-2 hours	31.82
2-4 hours	30.91
More than 4 hours	23.64
Less than 1 hour	13.64

Interpretation: The respondents are relatively evenly distributed across digital use categories with nearly one-third using digital services between 1–2 hours and 2–4 hours daily. Comparatively fewer respondents fall into the extreme categories of less than 1 hour or more than 4 hours.

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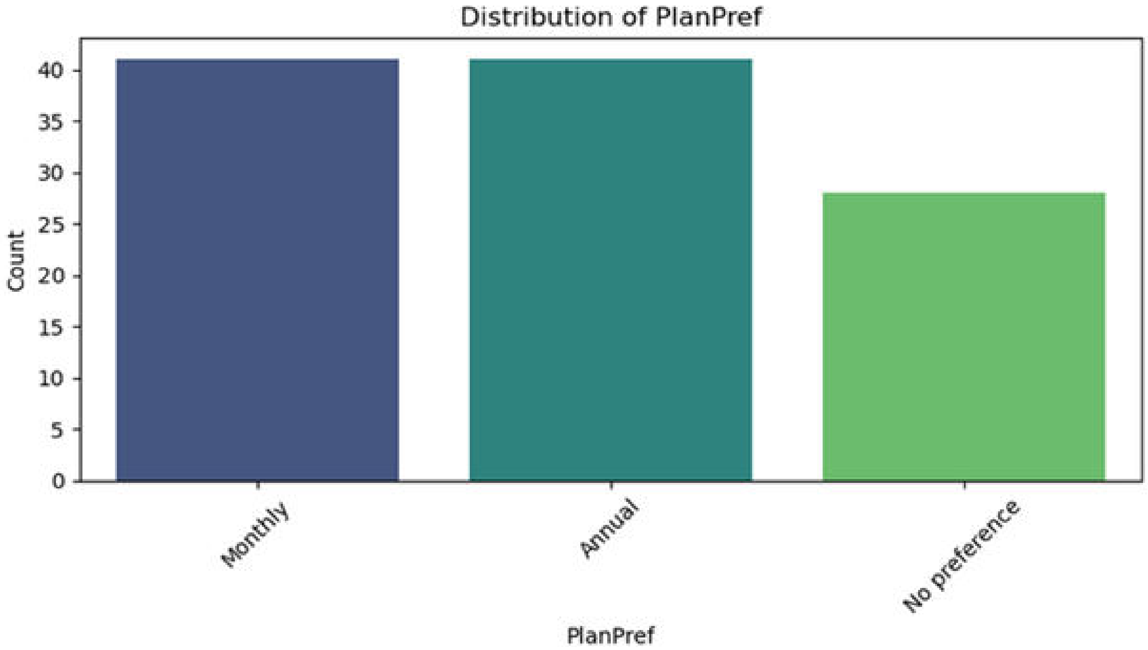

Figure 4 - Distribution of Plan Payment Preferences

Table 4: Plan Preference Distribution Table 4.1 -Frequency:

Plan Pref	Count
Monthly	41
Annual	41
No preference	28

Table 4.2 -Percentage:

Plan Pref	Percentage (%)
Monthly	37.27
Annual	37.27
No preference	25.45

Interpretation: Subscription plan preferences are equally split between Monthly and Annual options (each around 37%), with about a quarter of respondents expressing no specific preference.

Table 5: Subscription Motivation Distribution Table 5.1 - Frequency:

Sub Motivation	Count
Convenience	53
Access to exclusive content	24
Cost savings	23
Regular updates or new features	7
Peer recommendations	3

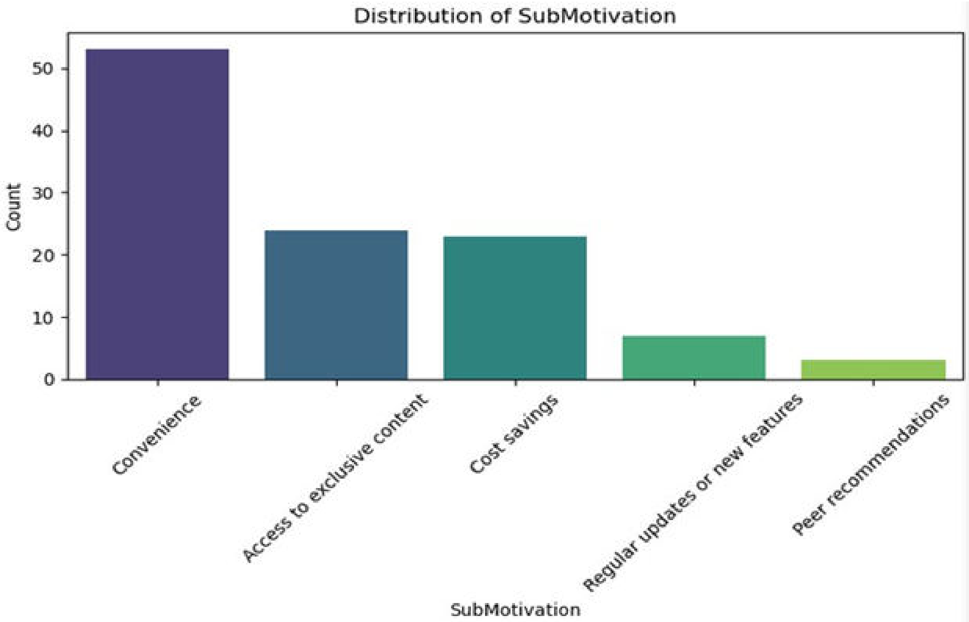

Figure 5 - Distribution of Subscription Motivation

Table 5.2 - Percentage:

Sub Motivation	Percentage (%)
Convenience	48.18
Access to exclusive content	21.82
Cost savings	20.91
Regular updates or new features	6.36
Peer recommendations	2.73

Interpretation: Convenience is the most prominent subscription motivation (48.18%), with access to exclusive content and cost savings also being important for about 22% and 21% of respondents, respectively. Regular updates and peer recommendations are less influential.

Table 6: Correlation Matrix for Numerical Variables

	Age	Exclusive Content	Content Quality	Subscription Need
Age	1.0000	-0.1202	-0.0272	-0.0925
Exclusive Content	-0.1202	1.0000	0.6118	0.4884
Content Quality	-0.0272	0.6118	1.0000	0.4176
Subscription Need	-0.0925	0.4884	0.4176	1.0000

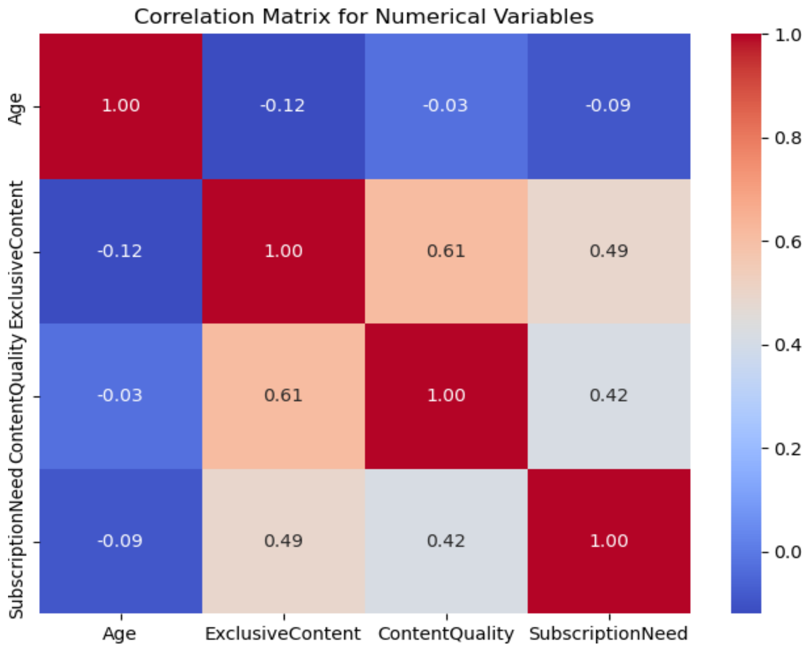

Figure 6 - Correlation Matrix for Numerical Variables

Interpretation:

- **Age** shows a slight negative correlation with both Exclusive Content and Subscription Need suggesting that as age increases, ratings for these variables tends to decrease slightly.
- **Exclusive Content** and **Content Quality** exhibit a moderate positive correlation (r = 0.6118). This means that higher ratings for exclusive content are generally associated with higher content quality.
- Both **Exclusive Content** (r = 0.4884) and **Content Quality** (r = 0.4176) show a positive relationship with Subscription Need. This suggests that improvements in these areas might lead to an increased perceived necessity for subscriptions.
- Although these correlations are moderate, they imply that content-related factors are interrelated and collectively may influence subscription retention and motivation.

The descriptive statistics reveal a diverse sample predominantly comprised of students. There is a relatively balanced usage across digital platforms and mixed subscription plan preferences. The correlation matrix indicates that content factors are moderately correlated with each other and with Subscription Need hinting at their potential importance in driving subscriber retention. These insights provide a foundational understanding of the data and set the stage for the subsequent inferential analyses.

6. HYPOTHESIS TESTING AND RESULTS

Hypothesis 1: Effect of Exclusive Content, Personalisation and Social Influence on Subscription Motivation.

Hypothesis Statement:

- **H0:** Subscription motivation is not significantly impacted by exclusive content, personalisation and social influences.
- **H1:** Subscription motivation is significantly impacted by exclusive content, personalisation and social influences.

The model was estimated using a sample of 110 respondents. The dependent variable, that is, Subscription motivation (from "SubMotivation_Cost_savings" column) was converted into binary first through one-hot encoding where 0 meant False and 1 meant True. The independent variables included in the model are Exclusive Content, Personalization and categorical indicators for Friends Recs (with levels Never, Often, Rarely and Sometimes) and Social Media (Yes and No).

- The Pseudo R-squared of 0.042 shows that approximately 4.2% of the variation in the likelihood of selecting "Cost savings" as a motivation is explained by the model.

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Hypothesis 1 Model Summary:
                           Logit Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:                      y   No. Observations:                  110
Model:                          Logit   Df Residuals:                      102
Method:                           MLE   Df Model:                            7
Date:                Tue, 11 Mar 2025   Pseudo R-squ.:                 0.04210
Time:                        12:18:06   Log-Likelihood:                -54.028
converged:                       True   LL-Null:                       -56.402
Covariance Type:            nonrobust   LLR p-value:                    0.6906
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                              coef    std err          z      P>|z|      [0.025      0.975]
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Intercept                  -0.4576      1.010     -0.453      0.651      -2.438       1.523
FriendRecs[T.Never]        -0.0925      1.012     -0.091      0.927      -2.076       1.890
FriendRecs[T.Often]        -0.9322      0.967     -0.964      0.335      -2.827       0.962
FriendRecs[T.Rarely]       -0.8790      0.956     -0.920      0.358      -2.752       0.994
FriendRecs[T.Sometimes]    -0.0343      0.816     -0.042      0.967      -1.634       1.566
SocialMedia[T.Yes]          0.2963      0.497      0.597      0.551      -0.677       1.270
ExclusiveContent            0.0487      0.222      0.220      0.826      -0.386       0.483
Personalization            -0.2475      0.225     -1.100      0.271      -0.688       0.193
===========================================================================================
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- Moreover, the likelihood ratio test with the LLR p-value of 0.6906 suggests that the model is not an improvement when compared to a null model with no predictors.
- The overall model is not statistically significant meaning that the predictors collectively do not explain the dependent variable, that is, motivation to subscribe well.

COEFFICIENTS AND THEIR INTERPRETATION

Predictor	Coefficient (Effect)	p-value	Interpretation
Intercept	-0.4576	0.651	Baseline Subscription Motivation when all predictors are zero.
Friend Recs (Never)	-0.0925	0.927	No significant impact from never receiving friend recommendations.
Friend Recs (Often)	-0.9322	0.335	No strong evidence that frequent friend recommendations affect Subscription Motivation.
Friend Recs (Rarely)	-0.8790	0.358	No strong evidence that rare friend recommendations impact Subscription Motivation.
Friend Recs (Sometimes)	-0.0343	0.967	No significant relationship between occasional friend recommendations and Subscription Motivation.
Social Media Influence	0.2963	0.551	Social media does not significantly impact Subscription Motivation.
Exclusive Content	0.0487	0.826	No strong evidence that access to exclusive content increases Subscription Motivation.
Personalization	-0.2475	0.271	Weak, non-significant negative relationship between personalization and Subscription Motivation.

The results **fail to reject the null hypothesis (H_0)**, meaning **Exclusive Content, Personalization, and Social Influence do not significantly impact Subscription Motivation**. None of the predictors show a strong or a statistically significant effect. The low Pseudo R-squared suggests that other factors not included in the model are likely more important in driving Subscription Motivation.

Hypothesis 2: Factors Affecting Subscription Plan Preferences Hypothesis Statement:

- **H0:** Subscription plan preference is not significantly influenced by digital service usage, content quality, and flexibility.
- **H1:** Subscription plan preference is significantly influenced by digital service usage, content quality, and flexibility.

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Optimization terminated successfully.
         Current function value: 0.638732
         Iterations 5
Hypothesis 2 Model Summary:
                           Logit Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:            PlanPref_bin   No. Observations:                  110
Model:                           Logit   Df Residuals:                      104
Method:                            MLE   Df Model:                            5
Date:                 Tue, 11 Mar 2025   Pseudo R-squ.:                 0.03280
Time:                         15:09:04   Log-Likelihood:                -70.260
converged:                        True   LL-Null:                       -72.643
Covariance Type:             nonrobust   LLR p-value:                    0.4452
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                                    coef    std err          z      P>|z|      [0.025      0.975]
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Intercept                        -1.3165      0.809     -1.627      0.104      -2.902       0.269
DigitalUse[T.2-4 hours]          -0.1814      0.507     -0.358      0.721      -1.175       0.813
DigitalUse[T.Less than 1 hour]   -0.5387      0.697     -0.773      0.440      -1.906       0.828
DigitalUse[T.More than 4 hours]  -0.0808      0.540     -0.150      0.881      -1.140       0.978
ContentQuality                   -0.1632      0.206     -0.793      0.428      -0.566       0.240
Flexibility                       0.4009      0.213      1.878      0.060      -0.017       0.819
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- The logistic regression model investigates the relationship between a subscriber's plan preference whether they prefer annual or monthly subscription plans and three independent variables: digital service usage, content quality and flexibility. The dependent variable, that is, Plan Preference is converted into binary meaning it distinguishes between individuals who prefer an annual plan and those who do not prefer annual plan (or not having any preference).
- The **log-likelihood of the model (-70.260)** is slightly higher than the **null log-likelihood (72.643),** but the improvement is negligible.
- The **Pseudo R-squared value (0.0328)** indicates that the model explains only 3.28% of the variance in plan preference. This suggests that the chosen independent variables do not predict the subscription plan choice adequately.
- The **log-likelihood ratio (LLR) test p-value (0.4452)** is quite high meaning the model as a whole is not statistically significant. This means that independent variables do not collectively give a strong framework for determining plan preference.

INDIVIDUAL COEFFICIENTS & SIGNIFICANCE

Predictor	Coefficient (Effect)	p-value	Interpretation
Intercept	-1.3165	0.104	Baseline subscription plan preference when all predictors are zero.
Digital Use (2-4 hours)	-0.1814	0.721	No significant impact of moderate digital use on plan preference.
Digital Use (Less than 1 hour)	-0.5387	0.440	No strong evidence that minimal digital use affects plan preference.
Digital Use (More than 4 hours)	-0.0808	0.881	No significant effect of heavy digital usage on plan preference.
Content Quality	-0.1632	0.428	No strong evidence that content quality influences plan preference.
Flexibility	0.4009	0.060	A **weak positive relationship**, meaning higher flexibility **may** increase preference for a subscription plan, but the effect is only marginally significant (p = 0.060).

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The results fail to reject the **H0**, **meaning digital service usage, content quality and flexibility do not significantly impact preference when it comes to choosing annual subscription or not.**

Flexibility has a weak positive relationship with Plan Preference suggesting that users may prefer flexible plans, but the effect is not statistically strong enough.

Low pseudo-R-squared indicates that other factors that are not included in the model may explain subscription plan preferences. Other factors like costs, promotions or financial habits might be more important than these indicators.

Hypothesis 3: Customer Service, Cancellation Frequency, and Positive Experience Influence Subscription Retention

- **H0:** Customer service satisfaction, cancellation frequency, and consistently positive experience do not significantly impact subscription retention.
- **H_1:** Customer service satisfaction, cancellation frequency, and consistently positive experience significantly affect subscription retention.

Since an explicit "Retention" variable is not there we will use "Subscription Need" as a proxy measure for the perceived necessity (and thus retention) of subscriptions. The dependent variable here is subscription need and the independent or explanatory variables are customer service, cancellation frequency and positive experience.

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                            OLS Regression Results
==============================================================================
Dep. Variable:       SubscriptionNeed   R-squared:                       0.083
Model:                            OLS   Adj. R-squared:                  0.045
Method:                 Least Squares   F-statistic:                     2.152
Date:                Tue, 11 Mar 2025   Prob (F-statistic):              0.101
Time:                        15:43:26   Log-Likelihood:                -110.03
No. Observations:                  75   AIC:                             228.1
Df Residuals:                      71   BIC:                             237.3
Df Model:                           3
Covariance Type:            nonrobust
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                                coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
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const                         2.7483      0.722      3.809      0.000       1.309       4.187
CustomerService_numeric       0.2410      0.253      0.953      0.344      -0.263       0.745
CancelFrequency_numeric      -0.2796      0.144     -1.947      0.056      -0.566       0.007
PositiveExperience_numeric    0.4064      0.322      1.261      0.211      -0.236       1.049
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Omnibus:                        0.847   Durbin-Watson:                   2.052
Prob(Omnibus):                  0.655   Jarque-Bera (JB):                0.955
Skew:                          -0.202   Prob(JB):                        0.620
Kurtosis:                       2.622   Cond. No.                         20.5
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Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
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- We can deduct from the above output that R-squared is extremely low with a value of 0.083. This means that only 8.3% of the variation in Subscription Need is explained by the explanatory variables - customer service satisfaction, cancellation frequency and positive experiences.
- Adjusted R-squared with the value of 0.045 is incredibly low. This means that after accounting for the number of predictors the model only explains 4.5% of the variations indicating a weak fit.
- The F-statistic value of 2.152 (p = 0.101) suggests that model is not statistically significant at 5% significance level meaning the predictors do not collectively explain Subscription Need well.

Predictor	Coefficient (Effect)	p-value	Interpretation
Intercept	2.7483	**0.000 (Significant)**	Baseline *Subscription Need* when all predictors are zero.
Customer Service Satisfaction	0.2410	**0.344** (Not significant)	No strong evidence that better customer service increases *Subscription Need.*

Cancellation Frequency	-0.2796	**0.056** (Weak significance)	Higher cancellation frequency slightly **reduces** *Subscription Need but* just misses the 5% significance threshold.
Positive Experience	0.4064	**0.211** (Not significant)	A positive experience **may** increase *Subscription Need,* but the effect is statistically weak.

The results mean that **we fail to reject H0**. **This means that customer service, cancellation frequency and positive experience do not significantly impact subscription retention** (measured here through Subscription Need).

Only cancellation frequency shows a weak negative relationship meaning that people who cancel more often are less likely to feel strong need for subscriptions.

Graphical Interpretations

The regression plots provide additional information about these relationships. The following plots shows the regression analysis.

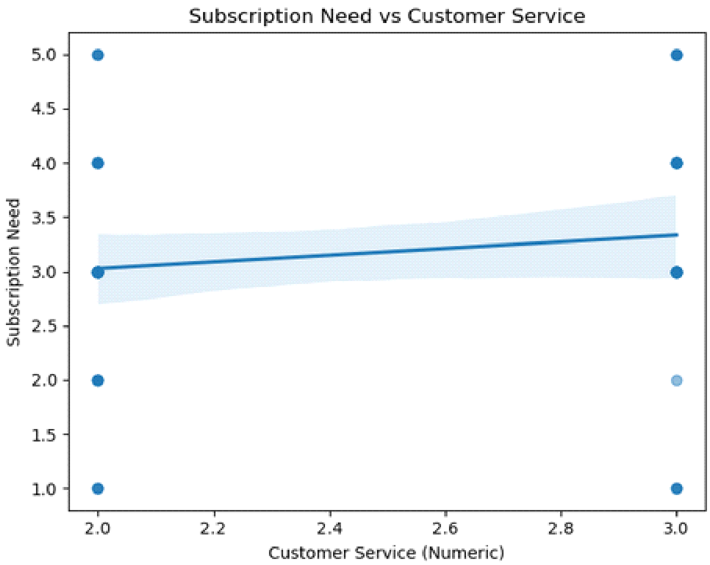

Figure 7 - Subscription Need vs Customer Service

Subscription Need vs Positive Experience

- We can observe a very weak positive trend. This means a positive experience slightly increases subscription need.
- However, we must note that this effect is weak and statistically insignificant ($\beta = 0.4064$, $p = 0.211$). This means other factors (like price, content, budget etc.) can be more influential for subscription retention.

Subscription Need vs Customer Service

- We can observe a slightly positive trend. This means that as customer service ratings increase, Subscription Need increases slightly.
- However, we must also note that this effect is very weak ($\beta = 0.241$, $p = 0.344$), meaning that relationship is not significant statistically. Good service alone does not translate to subscriber retention, other factors may be more influential.

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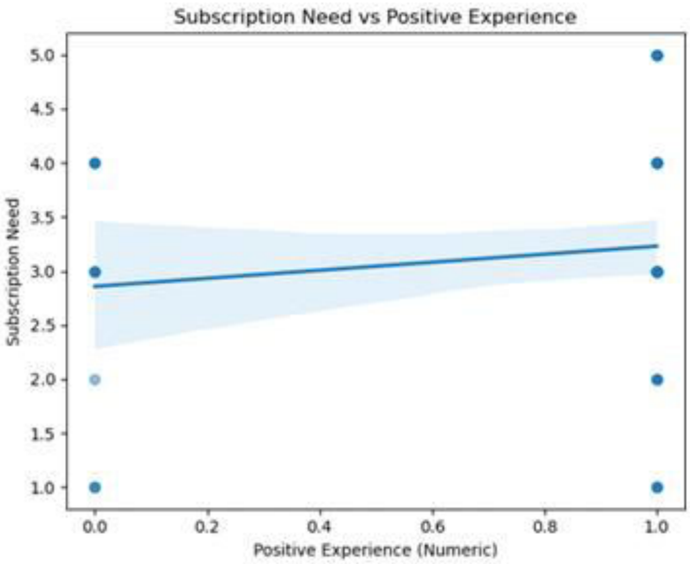

Figure 8 - Subscription Need vs Positive Experience

Subscription Need vs Cancellation Frequency

- We can observe a negative trend here. As cancellation frequency increases, Subscription Need decreases slightly.
- This is the strongest predictor among the three (β = -0.2796, p = 0.056). The confidence interval suggests some variability, but the trend appears to be more meaningful compared to other two variables.
- Frequent cancellations may indicate dissatisfaction with the subscription or maybe lower necessity, making the subscription less useful to the consumer.
- However, we must note that this is only borderline significant. This means we need a larger sample size or a better way to measure subscriber retention to confirm this.

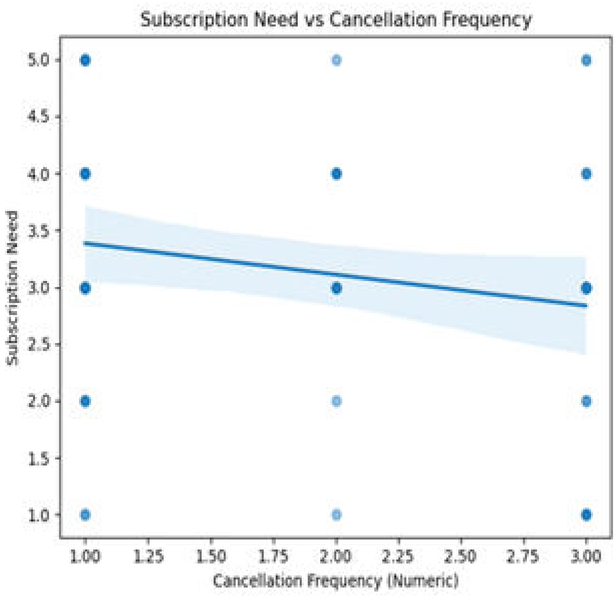

Figure 9 - Subscription Need vs Cancellation Frequency

HYPOTHESIS 4: IMPACT OF CONTENT QUALITY ON SUBSCRIPTION NEED

- **H0:** Content quality does not significantly impact subscription need.
- **H1:** Content quality significantly impacts subscription need.

Since there is only one independent variable and dependent variable, a simple OLS regression is sufficient to get conclusive results.

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                            OLS Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:       SubscriptionNeed   R-squared:                       0.174
Model:                            OLS   Adj. R-squared:                  0.167
Method:                 Least Squares   F-statistic:                     22.81
Date:                Thu, 13 Mar 2025   Prob (F-statistic):           5.65e-06
Time:                        12:15:45   Log-Likelihood:                -165.92
No. Observations:                 110   AIC:                             335.8
Df Residuals:                     108   BIC:                             341.2
Df Model:                           1
Covariance Type:            nonrobust
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                             coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------
const                      1.7567      0.325      5.399      0.000       1.112       2.402
ContentQuality_numeric     0.3936      0.082      4.776      0.000       0.230       0.557
==============================================================================
Omnibus:                        1.070   Durbin-Watson:                   2.068
Prob(Omnibus):                  0.586   Jarque-Bera (JB):                1.158
Skew:                          -0.179   Prob(JB):                        0.561
Kurtosis:                       2.648   Cond. No.                         12.9
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Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
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- R-squared value of 0.174 tells us that about 17.4% of the variation in Subscription Need is explained by Content Quality. This suggests a moderate relationship between the two variables.
- Coefficient for Content Quality is 0.3936. This means that for every unit increase in Content Quality it increases Subscription Need by 0.39 units on an average. This shows a positive, albeit a moderate relationship between the two.
- The p-value of 0.000 is statistically significant. This means that the relationship is highly unlikely due to chance.
- F-statistic value of 22.81 ($p<0.0001$) suggests that the overall model is statistically significant.
- Durbin-Watson value of 2.068 means that we do not have strong autocorrelation in residuals.
- These results mean that **we reject the null hypothesis (H_0)** and conclude that **higher Content Qulity significantly increases Subscription Need.**

Graphical Interpretation

- The graph further verifies our results and establishes that there is a positive correlation between content quality and subscription need,
- However, the spread of data points around the line suggests that other factors may also influence subscription needs.
- We can also notice that confidence interval is relatively narrow in the middle meaning predictions are more dependable in that region.

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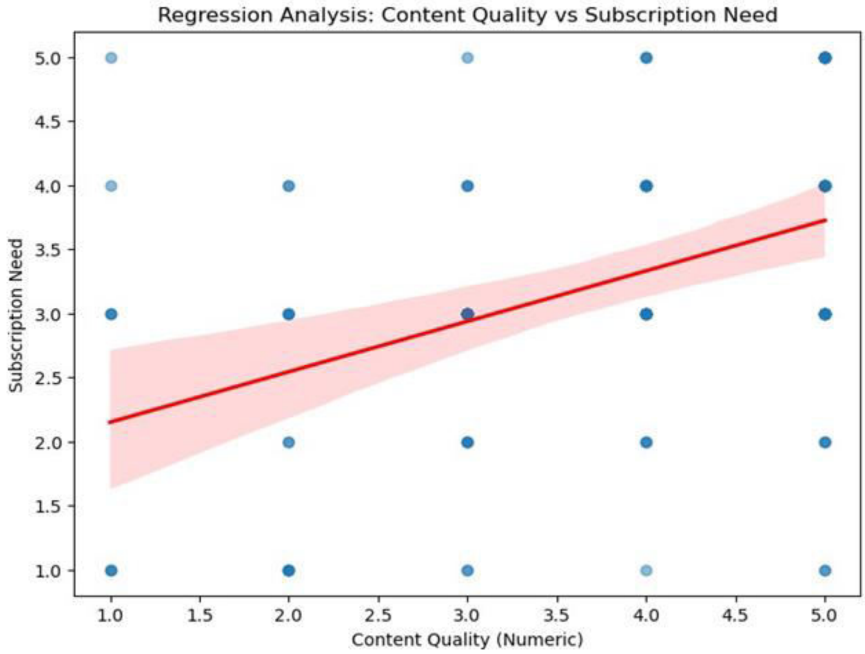

Figure 10 - Regression Analysis: Content Quality vs Subscription Need

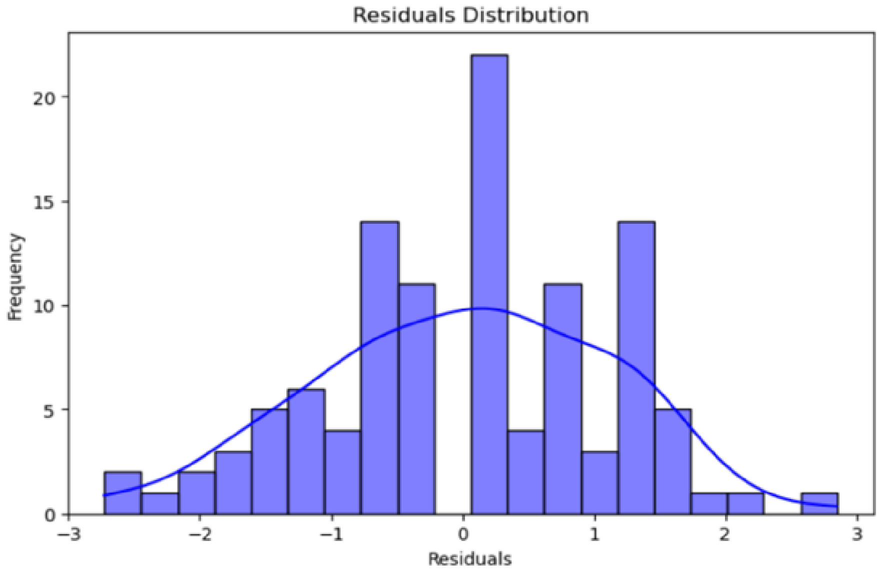

Figure 11 - Residuals Distribution

- The Q-Q plot shows that residual follow the 45° line.
- This further shows that the data is somewhat distributed normally.

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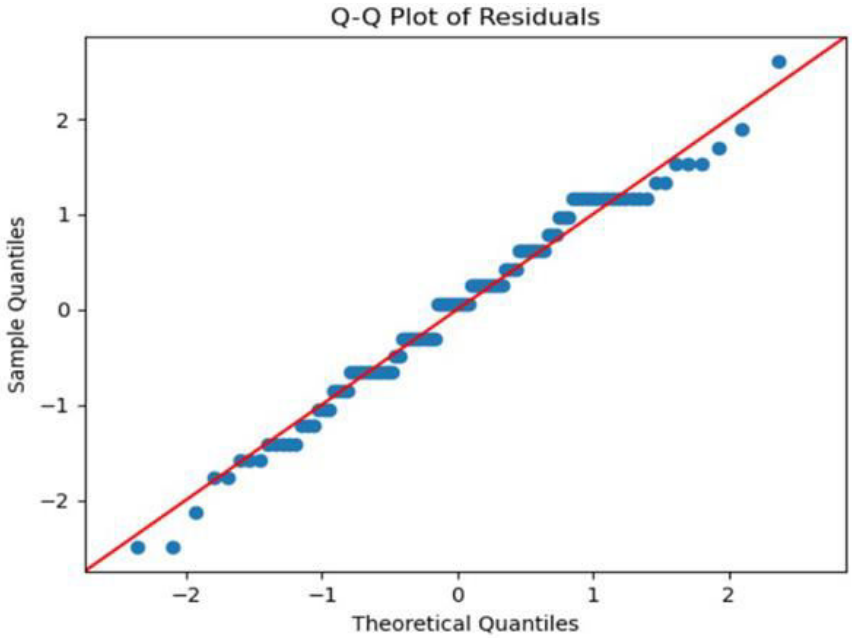

Figure 12 - Q-Q Plot of Residuals

- Shapiro-Wilk Test: W = 0.9835052293361782,
- p-value=0.19304732582713435
- This result means that the data behaves in a predictable way as p-value found from Shapiro- Wilk test is bigger than 0.05. The W is also closer to 1, signifying a normal distribution with a bell- shaped curve.

Hypothesis 5: Influence of Digital Service Usage on Active Subscriptions Hypothesis Statement:

- **H0:** Digital service usage does not significantly influence the number of active subscriptions.
- **H1:** Digital service usage significantly influences the number of active subscriptions.

Here, "Digital Use" is converted to a numeric scale (1 to 4) and "Active Subs" (which originally appears as a range) is converted into a numerical average.

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                            OLS Regression Results
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Dep. Variable:     ActiveSubs_numeric   R-squared:                       0.001
Model:                            OLS   Adj. R-squared:                 -0.008
Method:                 Least Squares   F-statistic:                    0.1051
Date:                Wed, 19 Mar 2025   Prob (F-statistic):              0.746
Time:                        01:19:36   Log-Likelihood:                -235.65
No. Observations:                 109   AIC:                             475.3
Df Residuals:                     107   BIC:                             480.7
Df Model:                           1
Covariance Type:            nonrobust
======================================================================================
                         coef    std err          t      P>|t|      [0.025      0.975]
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const                  2.6125      0.581      4.496      0.000       1.461       3.764
DigitalUse_numeric     0.0670      0.207      0.324      0.746      -0.343       0.477
==============================================================================
Omnibus:                       33.724   Durbin-Watson:                   1.782
Prob(Omnibus):                  0.000   Jarque-Bera (JB):               51.437
Skew:                           1.561   Prob(JB):                     6.77e-12
Kurtosis:                       4.256   Cond. No.                         8.94
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Notes:
[1] Standard Errors assume that the covariance matrix of the errors is correctly specified.
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- The model explains only 0.1% of variation in Active Subscriptions and the adjusted R-squared is negative. This indicates a poor model fit.
- The overall model is not statistically significant based on F-statistic p-value of 0.746, meaning that the Digital Use does not collectively explain variation in Active Subscriptions.
- The coefficient for Digital Use is also negligible with the value of 0.0670. This means that for one unit increase in digital use it results in 0.067 units of change in active subscription which is an insignificant change.
- The regression results lead to the conclusion that we **fail to reject the null hypothesis (H0).** This means that **digital service usage does not significantly influence the number of active subscriptions.**
- The scatterplot with regression line shows a nearly flat trend line.
- This indicates little to no relationship between the two variables.
- The model suggests that other factors beyond the usage of digital services influence the variation in number of active subscriptions.

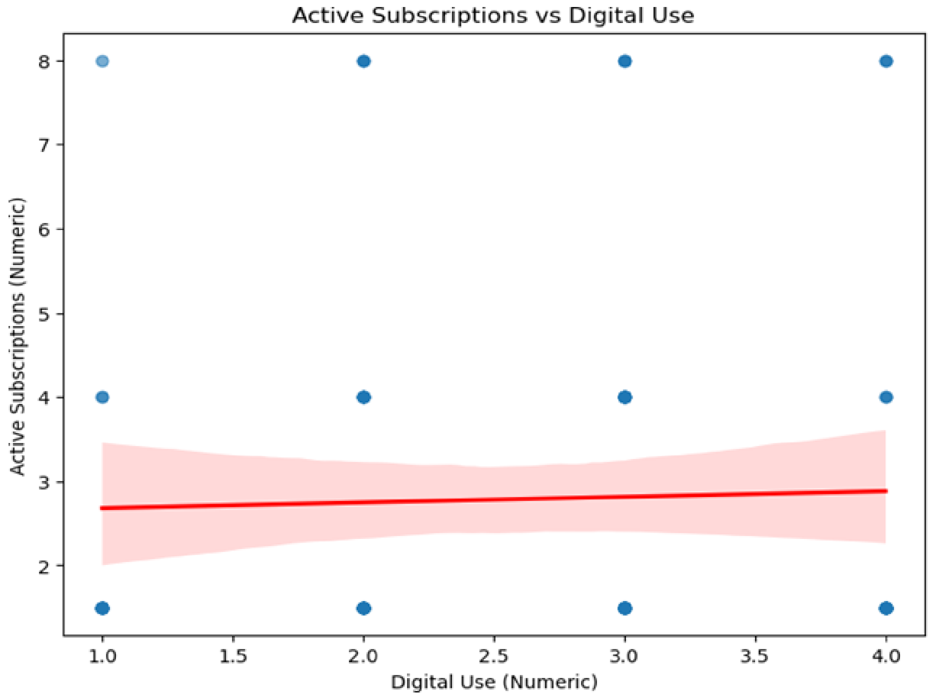

Figure 13 - Active Subscriptions vs Digital Use

7. CONCLUSION

The study explored key factors influencing consumer perceptions around subscriptions. These hypotheses were tested by applying traditional statistical techniques. The analysis revealed that while multiple variables such as exclusive content, personalisation, social influence, digital usage and customer service were tested, only content quality emerged as statistically significant predictor of subscription need. Higher content quality was found to significantly impact the need to get a user to subscribe. This tells us that high quality curated content plays a crucial role in retaining and getting subscribers.

The research contributes to our understanding to the subscription economy. It tries to explore the history of the subscription, the future path of subscription and what this means in Indian content. While other factors were explored, the strong effect of content quality suggests that investments in high quality curated content may yield substantial benefits. The real-world example of this is Netflix and Amazon Prime with their global presence. Netflix produces its own shows in various countries and dubs them in local languages. Curated content with localisation is one the key factors behind its dominance.

We also saw the negative effects of subscriptions with real world examples. Subscriptions mean constant revenue for the company, and this keeps the stockholders happy. But if everything moves towards this path then the sense of ownership will start to dwindle. This is not good for consumers and in the long run may have adverse effects on the economy as consumer interest in purchasing anything may dwindle.

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Overall, this study sets the stage for further research that can build on these results. More variables can be added, measurement techniques can be refined, and testing can be done on a more generalised population. The insights gained here not only extend the academic literature on subscription models but also provide recommendations to existing and new players in this space. This can result in improvement in consumer retention through various means.

8. LIMITATIONS AND FUTURE SCOPE

The study relies on cross-sectional survey data. This means that perception and behaviour of the respondent were captured at a single point in time. This does not allow for causal inferences or study the changes in the consumer behaviour of the respondents over time. Human behaviour is dynamic and nature. Future research using longitudinal research designs would be beneficial and help to capture a better picture of the dynamics of subscription behaviour.

All the data was collected using self-reported surveys. The upside to this is that it can be generalised and filled quickly by the respondents. But downside to this is that it is subject to biases. Biases like social desirability and recall bias may hamper the accuracy. Respondents may have over or underreported their usage, habits or interests which may affect the findings. The use of objective usage metrics or government data in future studies can tackle these issues.

The sample was drawn from a specific population, that is, Mumbai Metropolitan Region. It is one of the highest per capita income regions in India. This restricts generalisation of results to other regions or demographic groups. Future research should consider a more diverse and representative sample to enhance external validity.

While the study has examined many key factors like content quality, digital usage, customer service and ability to cancel, there are likely more variables that are not captured in the survey. Factors like pricing strategies, customer loyalty or individual financial constraints could be use in the future to paint a bigger picture than this study to understand the dynamics of human behaviour towards subscriptions.

Overall, while this study tried to be as comprehensive as possible given the existing constraints, these limitations should be considered while conducting a study in future. Addressing these issues could lead to more robust and applicable to mass results.

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10. APPENDIX

Research Questionnaire:
Below is the research questionnaire used to conduct the survey.

The Subscription Economy: A Comparative Study of Consumer Preferences and Trends
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INTRODUCTION

Hello! My name is Himanshu Gaur, a master's student pursuing an MA in Business Economics at SIES (Nerul) College of Arts, Science, and Commerce. This questionnaire is part of my dissertation research titled "The Subscription Economy: A Comparative Study of Consumer Preferences and Trends." The survey aims to gather insights from individuals residing in Mumbai to better understand consumer behaviours, motivations, and financial considerations related to subscription services.

Please note that the questionnaire may be somewhat lengthy. Your patience and honest responses are greatly appreciated, as they will contribute significantly to the accuracy and depth of this research. All responses are confidential and will be used solely for academic research purposes. Thank you for participating in this study!

SECTION 1: DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

1. **Name / नाम / नाव**
(Open-ended response)

2. **Age / आय / वय**
(Open-ended response or numeric input)

3. Highest Level of Education / उच्चतम शिक्षा स्तर

a) High School

b) Diploma

c) Bachelor's Degree

d) Master's Degree

e) Doctorate

f) Other

3. **Employment Status / रोजगार शस्ि्शत**

a) Employed (Full-time)

b) Employed (Part-time)

c) Self-employed

d) Student

e) Unemployed

f) Retired

g) Other

4. **Monthly Income**
What is your monthly income?

आपकी माशिक आय क्या है? / तुमचे माशिक उत्पन्न शकती आहे?

a) Less than ₹20,000

b) ₹20,000 - ₹40,000

c) ₹40,001 - ₹60,000

d) ₹60,001 - ₹80,000

e) ₹80,001 - ₹1,00,000

f) More than ₹1,00,000

5. **Residential District in Mumbai Metropolitan Area**
Which district do you reside in?

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मु्ंबई महानगर क्षेत्र के शकि शजले में आप रहते हैं? / मु्ंबई महानगर प्रदेि्ातील तुम्ही कोणत्या शजल्ह्यात राहता?

a) Mumbai City District

b) Mumbai Suburban District

c) Thane

d) Other (Please specify)

6. **Digital Services Usage**
How frequently do you use digital services (e.g., streaming, apps) daily?

आप प्रशतशदन शिशजटल ि्ेवाओं (जैि्े स्रीशमुंग, ऐप्ि्) का शकतनी बार उपयोग करते हैं? / तुम्ही रोज शिशजटल ि्ेवा (उदा. स्रीशमुंग, ॲप्ि्) शकती वेळा वापरता?

a) Less than 1 hour

b) 1–2 hours

c) 2–4 hours

d) More than 4 hours

SECTION 2: SUBSCRIPTION OWNERSHIP

7. **Active Subscriptions**
How many active subscriptions do you currently have?

आपके पाि् वततमान में शकतने ि्शिय ि्ब्ि्शिप्ि्न हैं? / ि्ध्या तुमच्याकि शकती ि्शिय ि्बशस्ि्प्ि्न आहेत?

a) 0

b) 1–2

c) 3–4

d) 5 or more

8. **Types of Subscriptions**
Which types of subscriptions do you currently have? (Select all that apply)

आपके पाि् वततमान में शकि प्रकार के ि्ब्ि्शिप्ि्न हैं? (ि्भी चुनें जो लागू होते हैं) / ि्ध्या तुमच्याकि कोणत्या प्रकारची ि्बशस्ि्प्ि्न आहेत? (लागू अिलेले ्निशनवि्ा)

a) Streaming services (e.g., Netflix, Amazon Prime Video)

b) Music services (e.g., Spotify, Apple Music)

c) News/Magazine subscriptions

d) Software/Cloud services (e.g., Adobe Creative Cloud, Office 365)

e) Fitness/Health apps

f) Food/Meal subscriptions

g) Others (Please specify)

9. **Subscription Plan Preference**
Do you prefer monthly or annual subscription plans?

क्या आप माशिक या वाशषतक ि्ब्ि्शिप्ि्न योजनाएं पिंद करते हैं? / तुम्हाला माशिक शकुंवा वाशषतक ि्बशस्ि्प्ि्न योजना अशिक आवितात?

a) Monthly

b) Annual

10. **Impulsive Subscriptions**
Have you ever subscribed to a service impulsively?

क्या आपने कभी शबना िोचे-िमझे शकिी िेवा का िब्िशिप्िन शलया है? / तुम्ही किी शवचार न करता एखाद्या िेवेचे िब्िशिप्िन घेतले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 3: MOTIVATIONS FOR SUBSCRIBING

11. **Motivating Factors**
What motivates you to purchase a subscription? (Select all that apply)

आपको िब्िशिप्िन खरीदने के शलए क्या प्रेररत करता है? (िभी चुनें जो लागू होते हैं) / तुम्हाला िबशस्िप्िन खरेदी करण्यािाठी काय प्रेररत करते? (लागू अिलेले िवि शनवडा)

a) Convenience

b) Cost savings

c) Access to exclusive content

d) Trend adoption

e) Peer or family influence

f) Curiosity/Experimentation

g) Other (Please specify)

12. **Importance of Exclusive Content**
How important is access to exclusive content in your decision to subscribe?

शविेष िामग्री तक पहुंच आपके िब्िशिप्िन शनणतय में शकतना महत्वपूणत है? / शविेष िामग्रीचा प्रवेि तुमच्या िबशस्िप्िन शनणतयामध्ये शकती महत्त्वाचा आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

13. **Convenience vs. Time Saving**
Do you subscribe to services primarily for convenience or to save time?

क्या आप मुख्य रूप िे िुशविा या िमय बचाने के शलए िेवाओं का िब्िशिप्िन लेते हैं? / तुम्ही मुख्यतः िोय शकुंवा वेळ वाचवण्यािाठी िेवा िबस्िाइब करता का?

a) Primarily for Convenience

b) Primarily to Save Time

c) Both Equally

d) Neither

14. **Influence of Discounts/Promotions**
How often do discounts or promotions influence your decision to subscribe?

क्या छूट या प्रमोिन्ि आपके िब्िशिप्िन शनणतय को प्रभाशवत करते हैं? / िवलती शकुंवा जाशहराती तुमच्या िबशस्िप्िन शनणतयावर शकतनी बार प्रभाव टाकतात?

a) Never

b) Rarely

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c) Sometimes

d) Often

e) Always

15. **Subscription for Trend Updates**
Do you subscribe to services to stay updated with the latest trends?

क्या आप नवीनतम रुझानों िे अपिेट रहने के शलए िेवाओं का िब्िशिप्िन लेते हैं? / तुम्ही नवीन रेंड्िििाठी अद्ययावत राहण्यािाठी िेवा िबस्िाइब करता का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 4: FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

16. **Monthly Subscription Expenditure**

How much do you spend on subscriptions per month?

आप प्रशत माह िब्िशिप्िन पर शकतना खचत करते हैं? / तुम्ही प्रशत मशहना िबशस्िप्िनवर शकती खचत करता?

(Open-ended response or select from predetermined ranges similar to question 5.)

17. **Cost-Effectiveness of Subscriptions**
Do you believe subscriptions are more cost-effective than one-time purchases?

क्या आपको लगता है शक िब्िशिप्िन एकमुश्त खरीदारी की तुलना में अशिक शकफायती है? / तुम्हाला वाटतुं का की िबशस्िप्िन एकदाच खरेदी करण्यापेक्षा जास्त शकफायतीर आहे?

a) Yes

b) No

18. **Cancellation Due to Cost**
Have you ever cancelled a subscription due to its cost?

क्या आपने कभी कीमत की वजह िे शकिी िब्िशिप्िन को रद्द शकया है? / तुम्ही किी शकुंमतीमुळे िबशस्िप्िन रद्द केले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

19. **Free Trial Influence**
How likely are you to subscribe to a service with a free trial?

क्या आप फ्री रायल के िाि शकिी िेवा का िब्िशिप्िन लेने की िुंभावना रखते हैं? / तुम्ही फ्री रायलिह एखाद्या िेवेचे िबशस्िप्िन घेण्याची शकती िक्यता आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Likely, 5 = Very Likely)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

SECTION 5: CONTENT AND PRODUCT QUALITY

20. **Importance of Content/Product Quality**
How important is the quality of content or product in your decision to subscribe?

िामग्री या उत्पाद की गुणवत्ता आपके ब्िि्शिप्िन शनणतय में शकतनी महत्वपूणत है? / तुमच्या ब्िशस्ि्प्िन शनणतयामध्ये िामग्री शकुंवा उत्पादनाची गुणवत्ता शकती महत्त्वाची आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

21. **Preference for Curated Content**
Do you prioritize subscriptions that offer high-quality, curated content?

क्या आप उच्च-गुणवत्ता और क्यूरेटेि िामग्री प्रदान करने वाले ब्िि्शिप्िन को प्राि्शिमकता देते हैं? / तुम्ही उच्च-गुणवत्तेची आशण क्युरेटेि िामग्री प्रदान करणाऱ्या ब्िशस्ि्प्िनिना प्राििान्य देता का?

a) Yes

b) No

22. **Exclusive/Original Content**
Have you ever subscribed to a service because of its exclusive or original content?

क्या आपने कभी शकिी िेवा का ब्िि्शिप्िन उिके शविेष या मूल िामग्री के कारण शलया है? / तुम्ही किी एखाद्या िेवेचे ब्िशस्ि्प्िन शतच्या शविेष शकुंवा मूळ िामग्रीिाठी घेतले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 6: CONVENIENCE AND ACCESS

23. **Importance of Convenience**
How important is the convenience of access in your decision to subscribe?

आपके ब्िि्शिप्िन शनणतय में उपयोग की िुशविा शकतनी महत्वपूणत है? / तुमच्या ब्िशस्ि्प्िन शनणतयामध्ये प्रवेिाची िोय शकती महत्त्वाची आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

24. **Multi-Device Accessibility**
Do you value the ability to access your subscription services across multiple devices?

क्या आप अपनी ब्िि्शिप्िन िेवाओं को शवशभन्न शिवाइिों पर उपयोग करने की िुशविा को महत्व देते हैं? / तुम्ही तुमच्या ब्िशस्ि्प्िन िेवाुंचा उपयोग अनेक उपकरणाुंवर करण्याच्या िोयीला महत्त्व देता का?

a) Yes

b) No

25. **Access to Hard-to-Find Content**
Have you ever subscribed to a service for easy access to hard-to-find content or products?

क्या आपने कभी मुशश्कल िे शमलने वाली िामग्री या उत्पादों की आिान पहुंच के शलए शकिी िेवा का िब्िशिप्िन शलया है? / तुम्ही किी कठीणप्राप्य िामग्री शकुंवा उत्पादनाुंवर िुलभ प्रवेिािाठी िेवेचे िबशस्िप्िन घेतले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 7: PERSONALIZATION AND CUSTOMIZATION

26. **Importance of Personalization**
How important is personalization in your decision to subscribe?

आपके िब्िशिप्िन शनणतय में व्यशिगत अनुकूलन शकतना महत्वपूणत है? / तुमच्या िबशस्िप्िन शनणतयामध्ये वैयशिकरण शकती महत्त्वाचे आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

27. **Personalized Recommendations**
Do you prefer subscriptions that offer personalized recommendations?

क्या आप व्यशिगत शिफाररिें प्रदान करने वाले िब्िशिप्िन को प्राशमकता देते हैं? / तुम्हाला वैयशिक शिफारिी देणारी िबशस्िप्िन योजना प्राधान्य आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

28. **Customization of Experience**
Have you ever subscribed to a service because it allows you to customize your experience?

क्या आपने कभी अपने अनुभव को अनुकूशलत करने के शलए शकिी िेवा का िब्िशिप्िन शलया है? / तुमच्या अनुभवाला िानुकूल करण्यािाठी तुम्ही किी एखाद्या िेवेचे िब्िशिप्िन घेतले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 8: SOCIAL AND PEER INFLUENCE

29. **Influence of Friends/Family Recommendations**
How often do recommendations from friends or family influence your decision to subscribe?

दोस्तों या पररवार िे शमली शिफाररिें आपके िब्िशिप्िन शनणतय को शकतनी बार प्रभाशवत करती हैं? / शमत्र शकुंवा कुटुुंबाच्या शिफारिी तुमच्या िबशस्िप्िन शनणतयावर शकतनी वेळा पररणाम करतात?

a) Never

b) Rarely

c) Sometimes

d) Often

e) Always

30. **Impact of Social Media/Influencers**
Do social media promotions or influencers impact your subscription decisions?

क्या ◌ोि◌ल मीशिया प्रमोि◌नि◌् या इन्ल् एंु◌ि◌र आपके ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन शनणतय को प्रभाशवत करते हैं? / ◌ोि◌ल मीशिया प्रमोि◌न शकंुवा प्रभाविाली व्यिी तुमच्या ◌िबशस्◌्◌िप◌्◌िन शनणतयावर पररणाम करतात का?

a) Yes

b) No

SECTION 9: COMMITMENT AND FLEXIBILITY

31. **Importance of Flexibility**
How important is the flexibility to cancel or change your subscription plan?

अपनी ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन योजना को रद्द या बदलने की ◌ि◌ुशविा आपके शलए शकतनी महत्वपूणत है? / तुमच्या ◌िबशस्◌्◌िप◌्◌िन योजनेला रद्द शकंुवा बदलण्याची लवशचकता तुमच्या◌ि◌ाठी शकती महत्त्वाची आहे?

(Scale: 1 = Not Important, 5 = Very Important)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

32. **Frequency of Cancellation**
How often do you cancel subscriptions when you no longer need them?

जब आपको उनकी आवश्यकता नहीं होती, तो आप शकतनी बार ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन रद्द करते हैं? / जेव्हा त्या◌ु◌ंची गरज निते तेव्हा तुम्ही शकतनी वेळा ◌िबशस्◌्◌िप◌्◌िन रद्द करता?

a) Never

b) Rarely

c) Sometimes

d) Often

e) Always

SECTION 10: EXPERIENCE AND SATISFACTION

33. **Satisfaction with Customer Service**
How satisfied are you with the customer service of your current subscriptions?

आप अपनी मौजूदा ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन ◌ि◌ेवाओं की ग्राहक ◌ि◌ेवा ◌ि◌े शकतने ◌ि◌ं◌ुतुष्ट हैं? / तुमच्या शवद्यमान ◌िबशस्◌्◌िप◌्◌िन ◌ि◌ेवा◌ु◌ंच्या ग्राहक ◌ि◌ेवे◌ि◌ोबत तुम्ही शकतने ◌ि◌मा◌ि◌ानी आहात?

(Scale: 1 = Very Dissatisfied, 5 = Very Satisfied)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

34. **Cancellation Due to Poor Support**
Have you ever unsubscribed from a service due to poor customer support?

क्या आपने कभी खराब ग्राहक ◌ि◌ेवा के कारण शकिी ◌ि◌ेवा का ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन रद्द शकया है? / वाईट ग्राहक ◌ि◌ेवेच्या कारणास्तव तुम्ही किी एखाद्या ◌ि◌ेवेचे ◌िब्◌िशिप◌्◌िन रद्द केले आहे का?

a) Yes

b) No

35. **Continuation Due to Positive Experience**
Do you continue your subscriptions because of a consistently positive experience?

क्या आप लगातार अच्छे अनुभव के कारण अपनी सिब्सिशिप्सिन सेवाओं को जारी रखते हैं? / सातत्याने सकारात्मक अनुभव शमळाल्यामुळे तुम्ही तुमच्या सबशस्सिप्सिन सेवा सुरू ठेवता का?

a) Yes

b) No

36. **General Perception of Subscriptions**
I feel that subscriptions are becoming a necessary part of daily life.

मुझे लगता है शक सिब्सिशिप्सिन जीवन का एक आवश्यक शहस्सा बन रहे हैं। / मला वाटते की सबशस्सिप्सिन दैनुंशदन जीवनाचा आवश्यक भाग बनत आहेत.

(Scale: 1 = Strongly Disagree, 5 = Strongly Agree)

a) 1

b) 2

c) 3

d) 4

e) 5

FEEDBACK (OPTIONAL)

37. **Additional Comments**
Please provide any feedback or comments regarding the questionnaire or your experience with subscription services.

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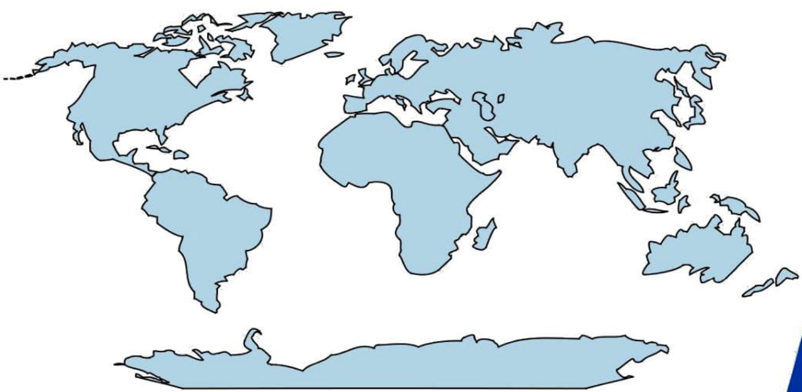

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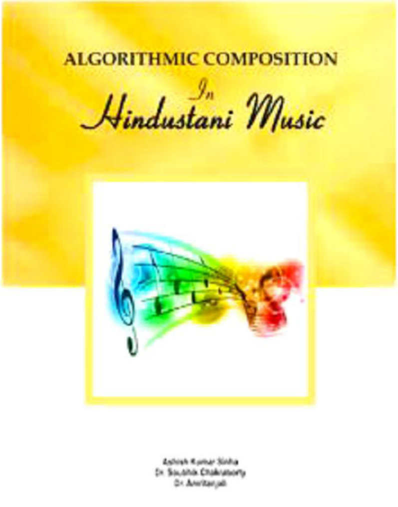

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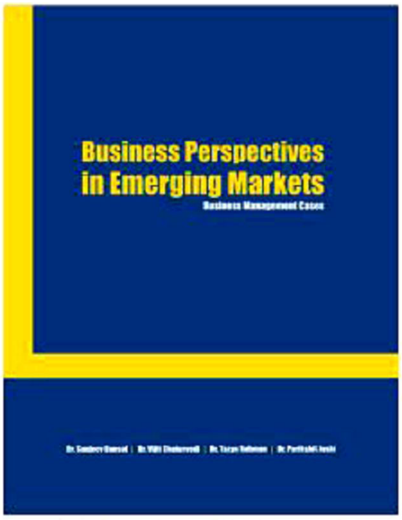

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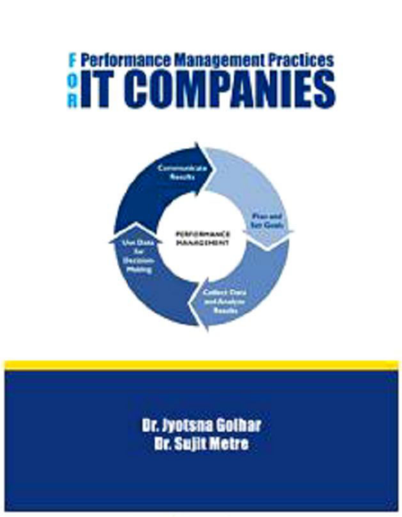

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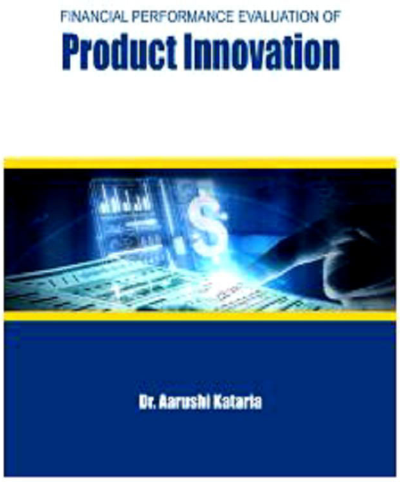

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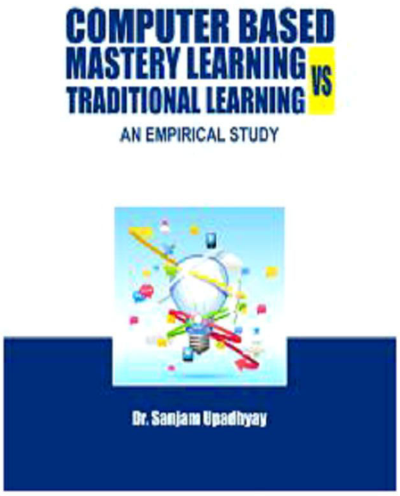

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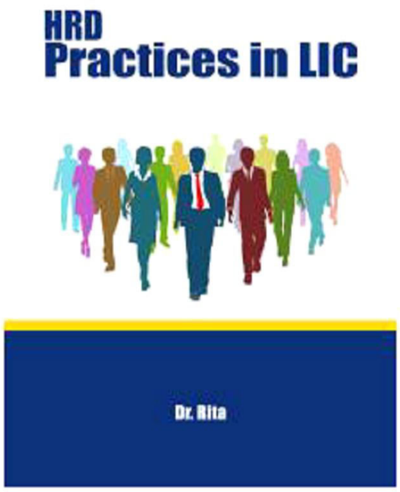

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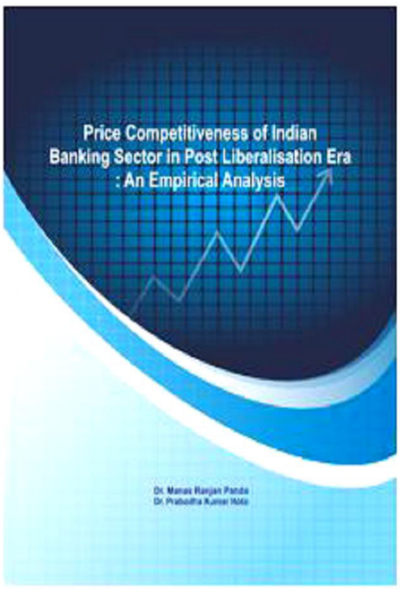

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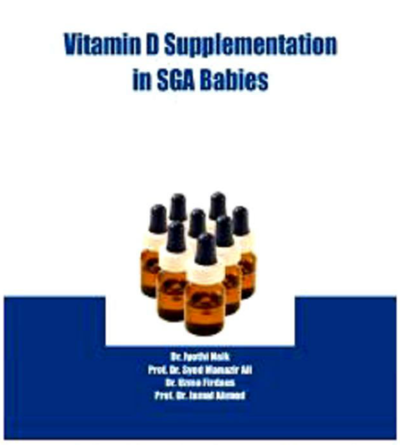

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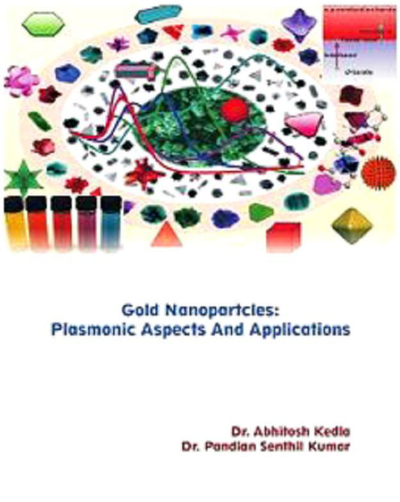

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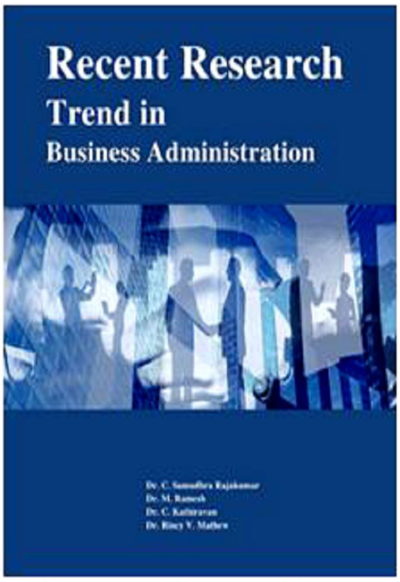

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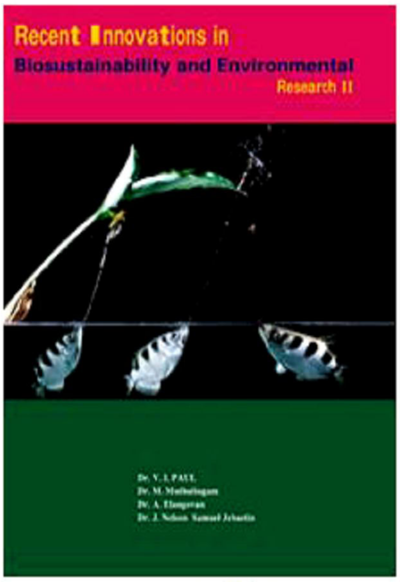

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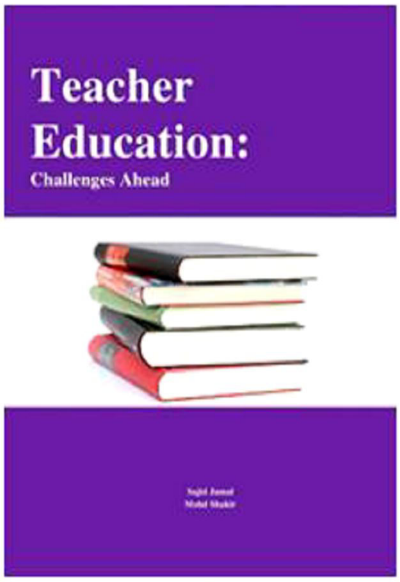

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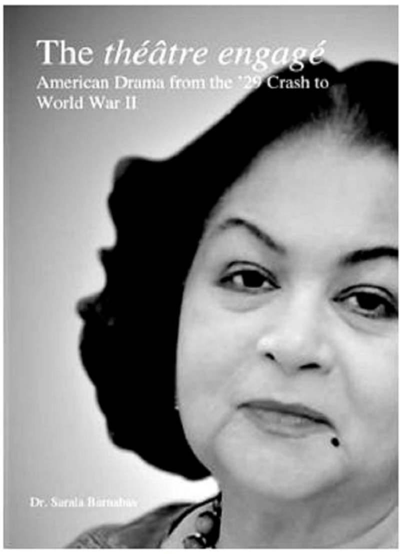

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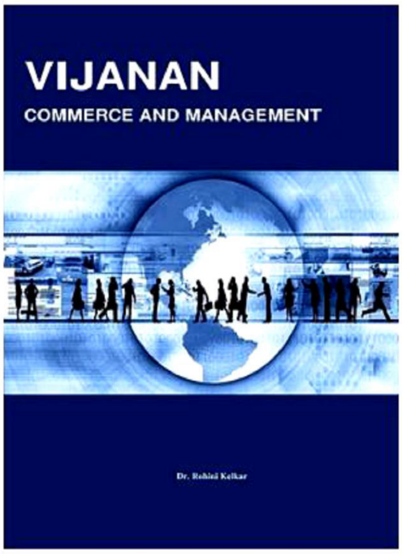

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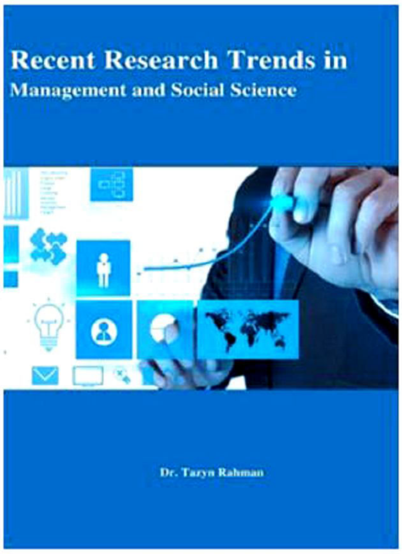

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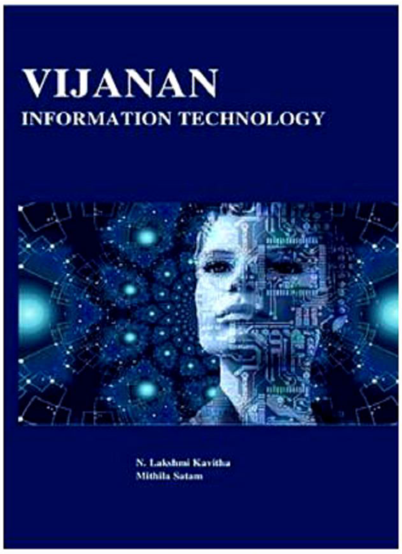

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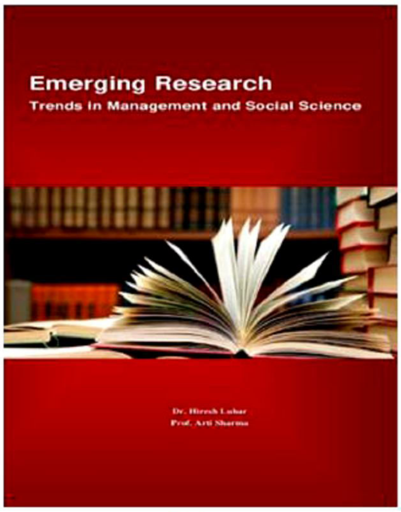

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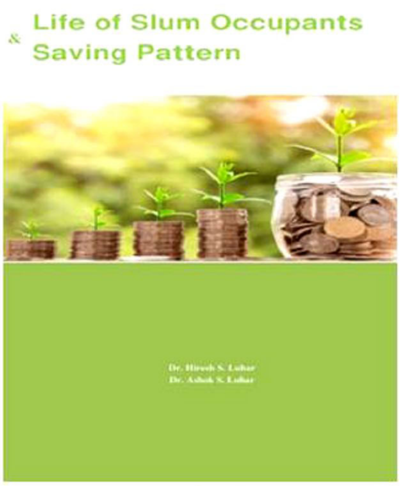

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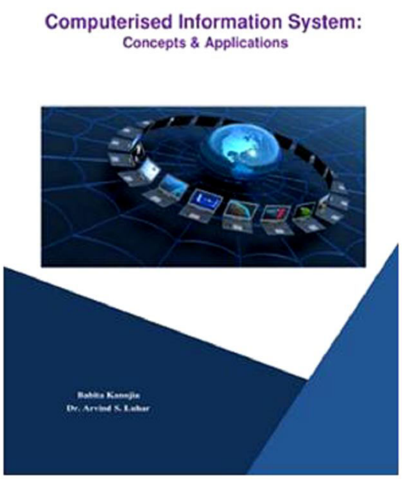

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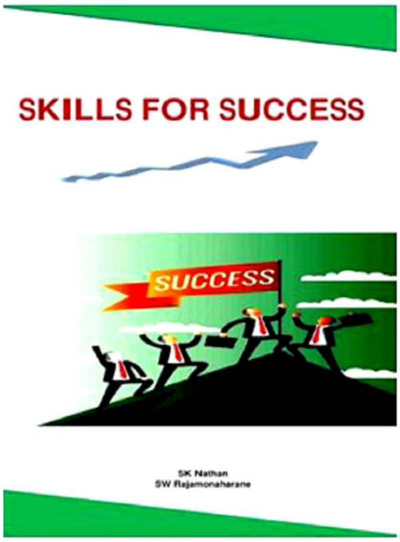

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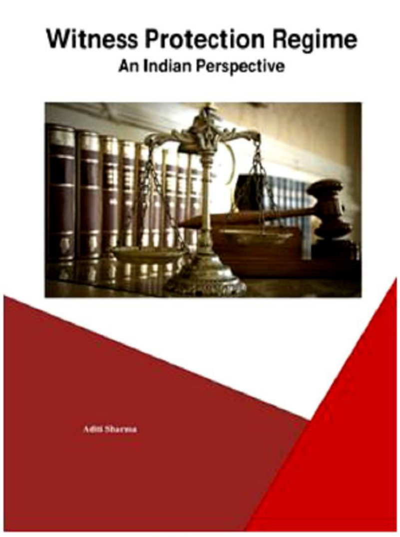

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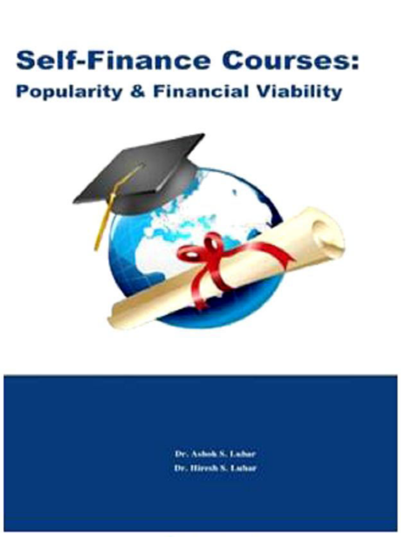

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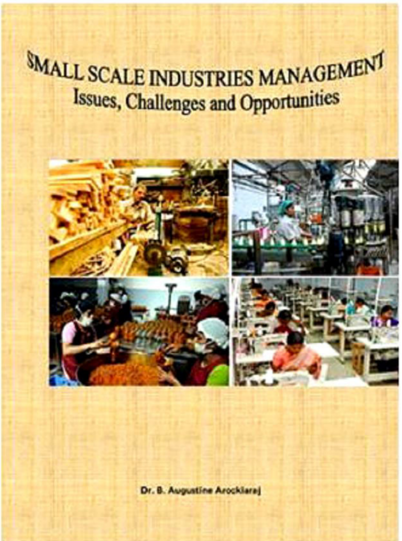

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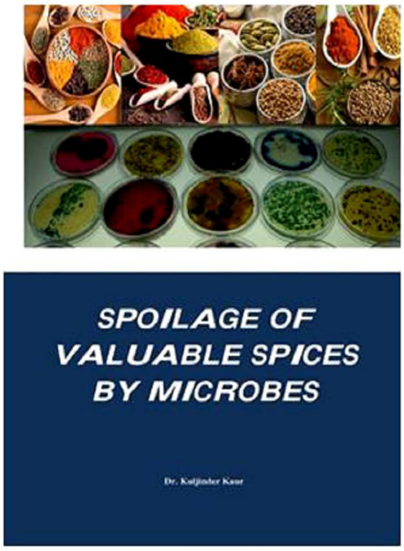

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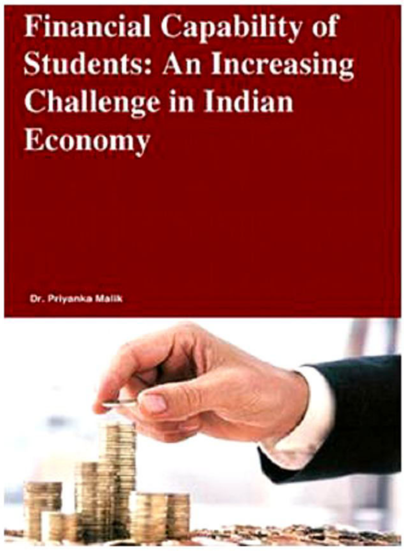

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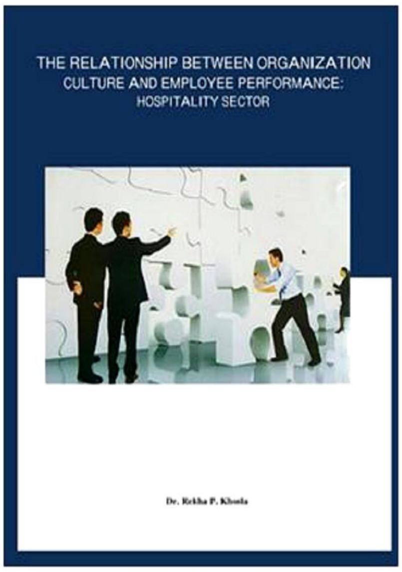

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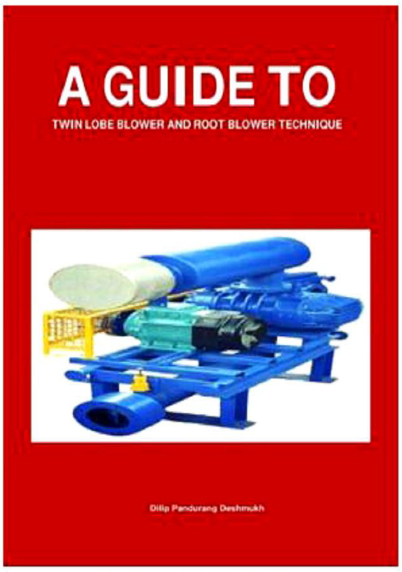

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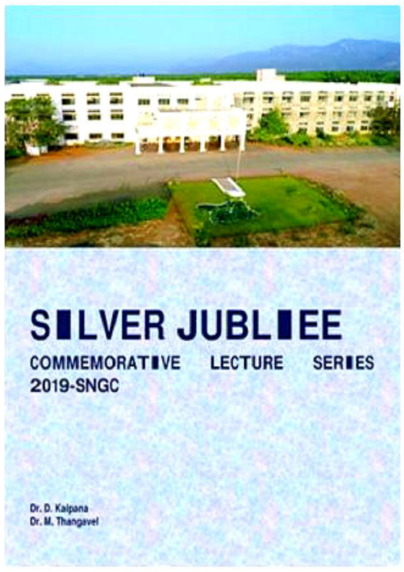

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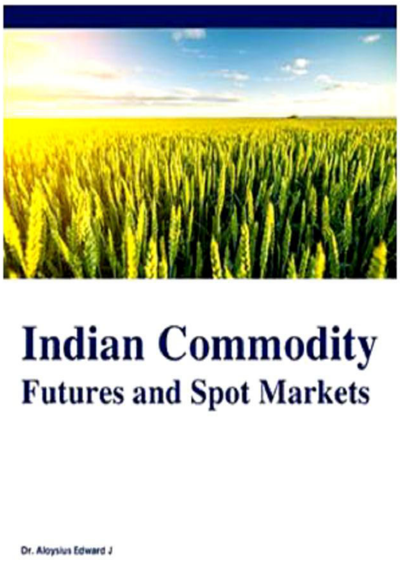

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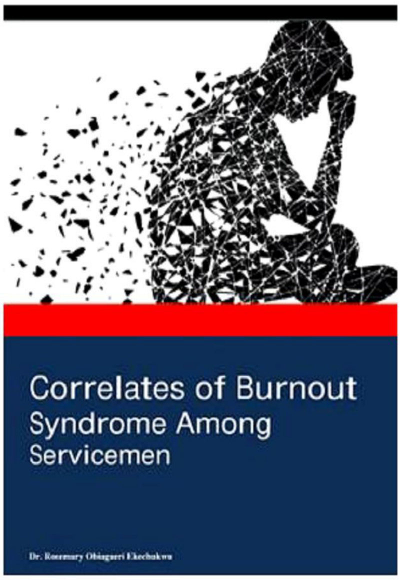

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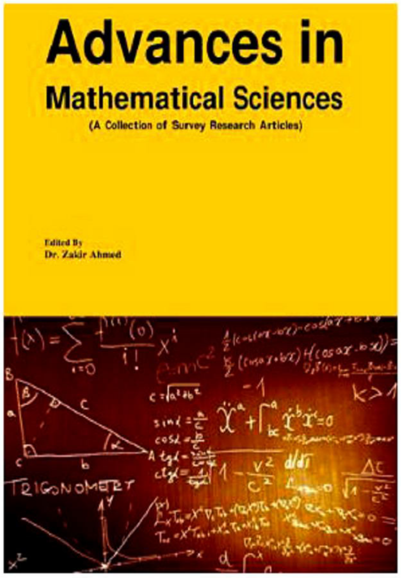

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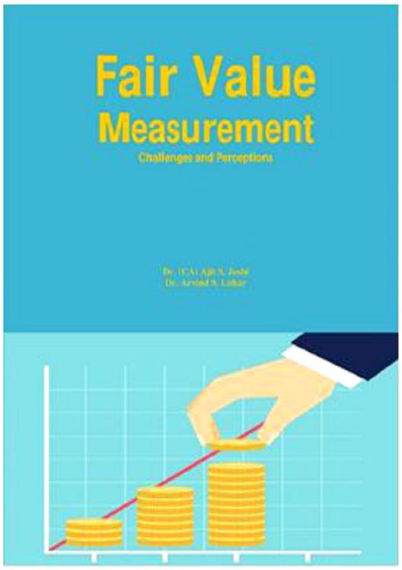

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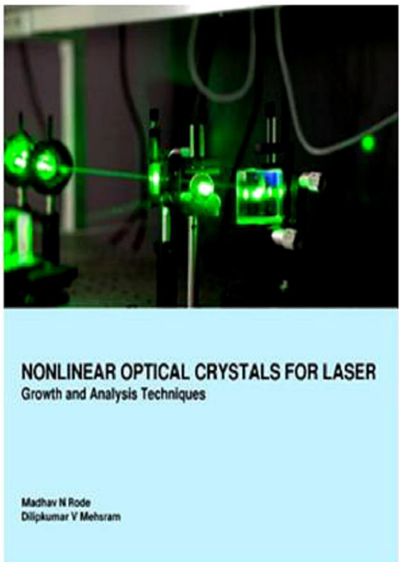

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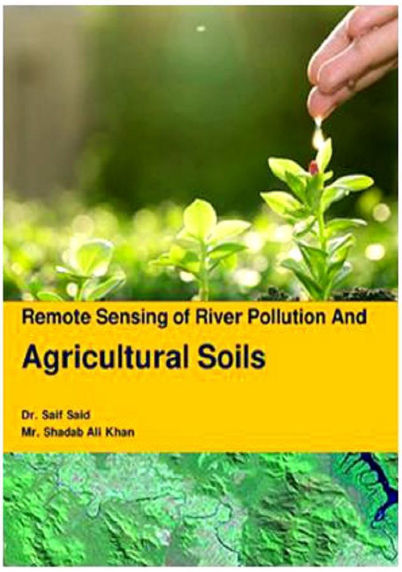

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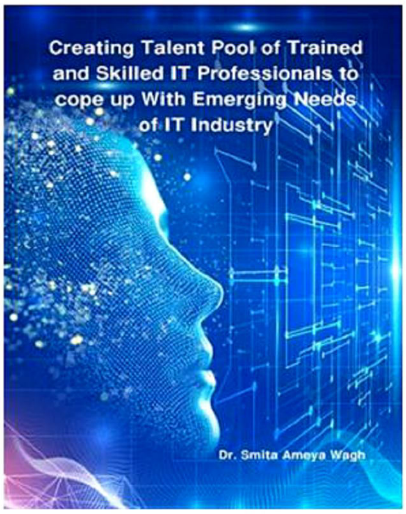

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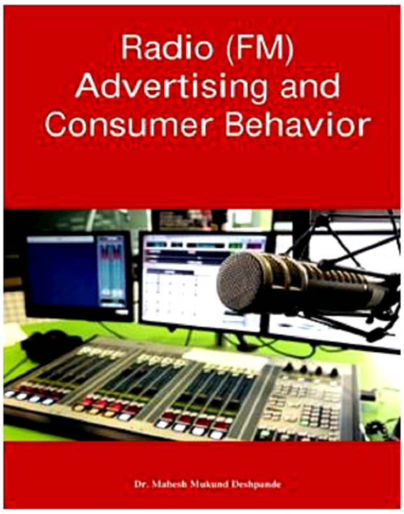

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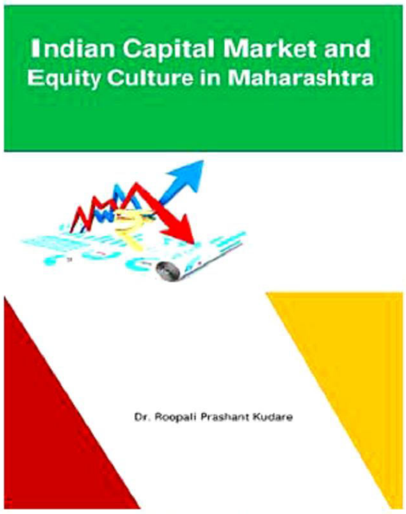

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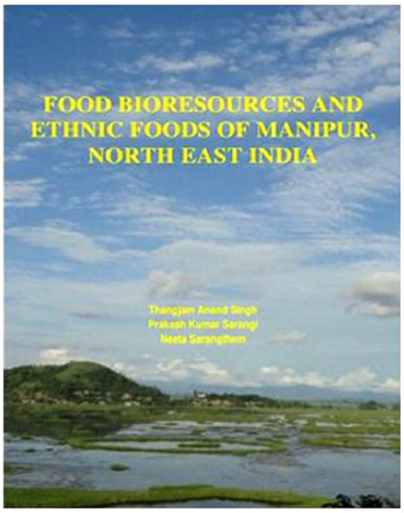

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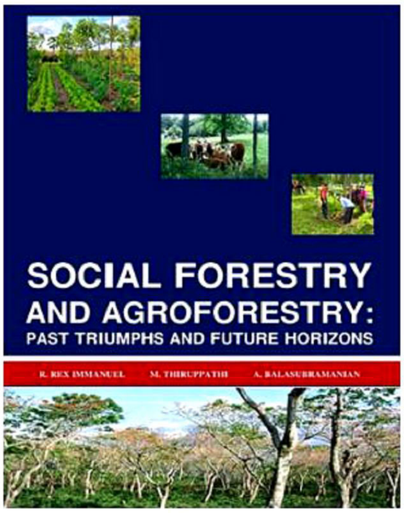

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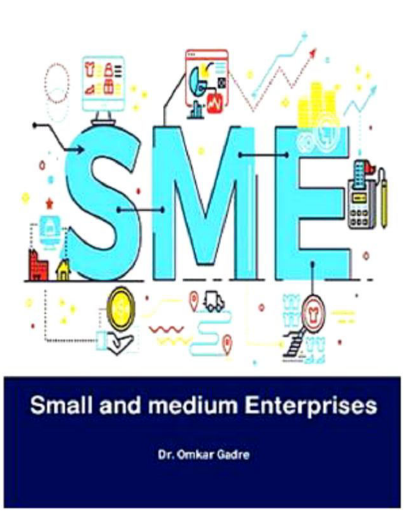

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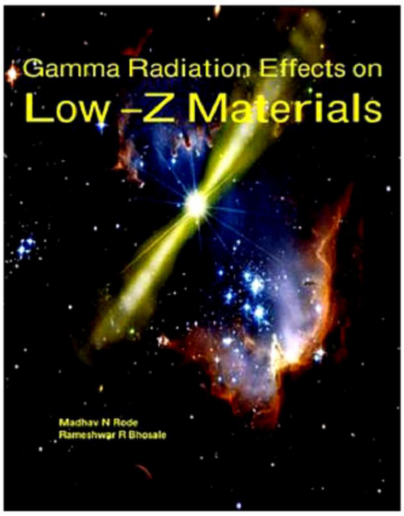

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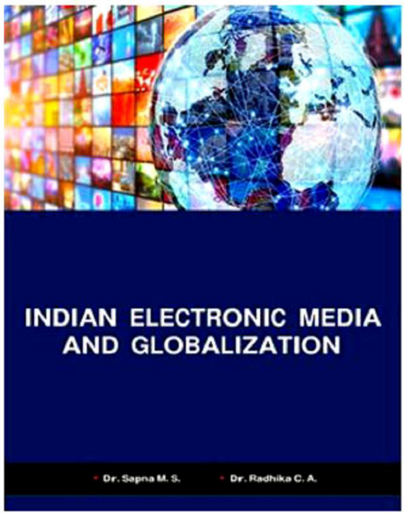

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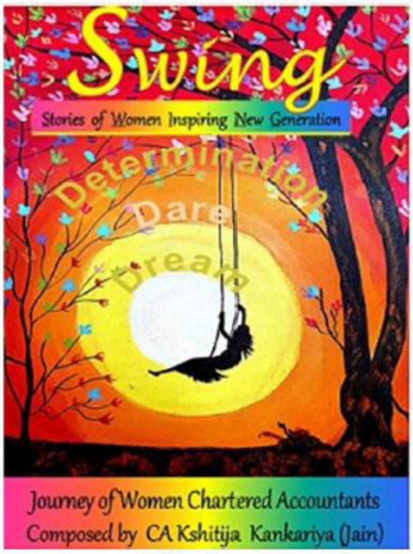

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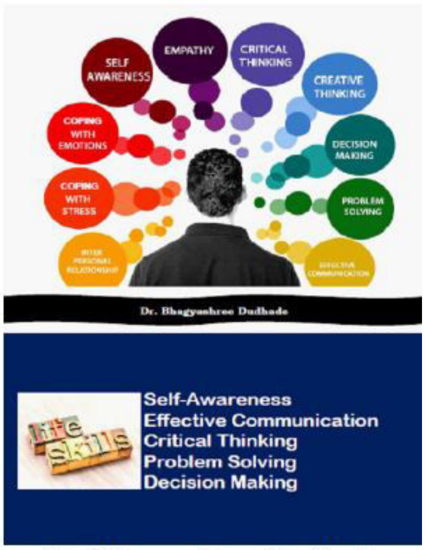

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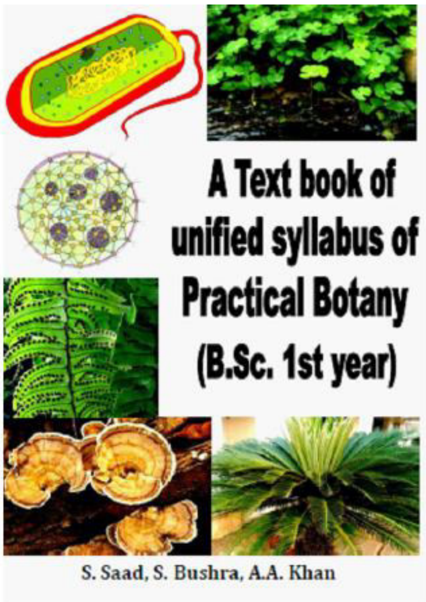

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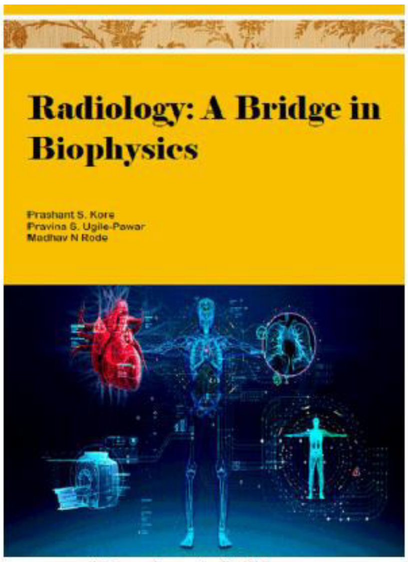

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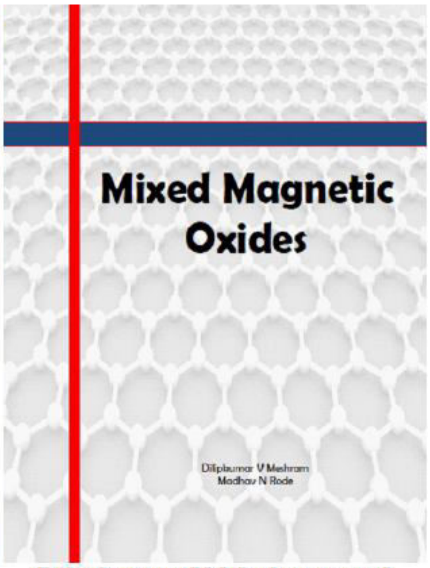

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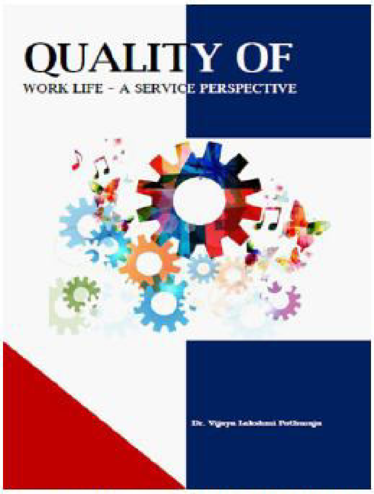

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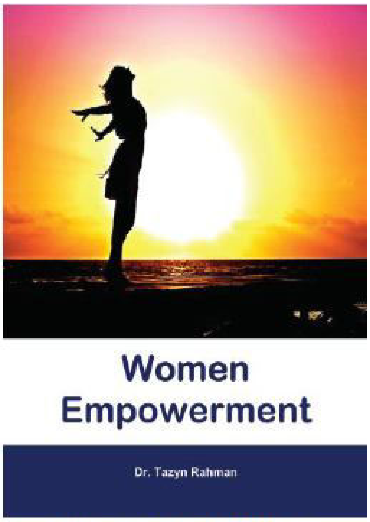

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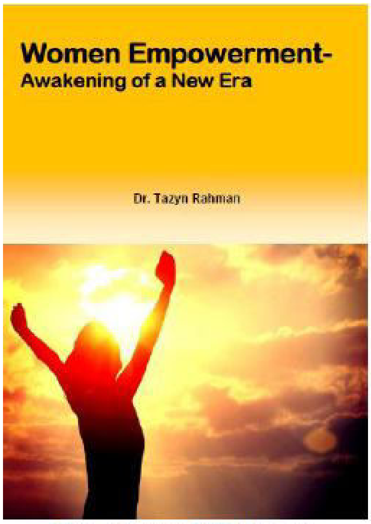

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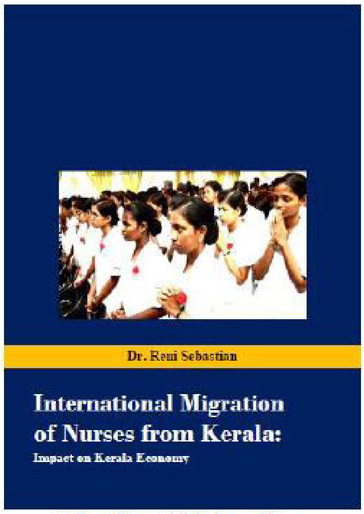

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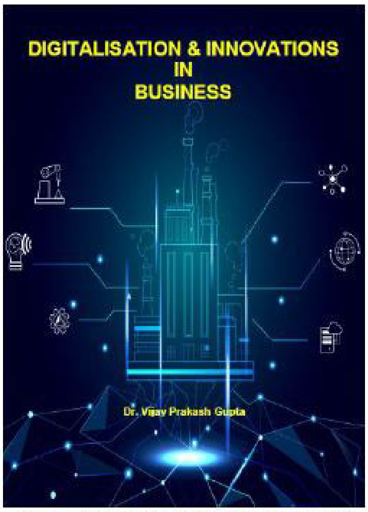

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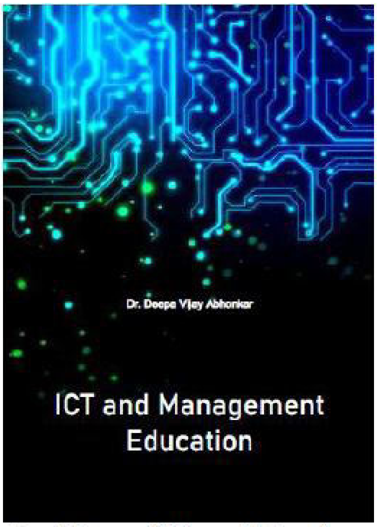

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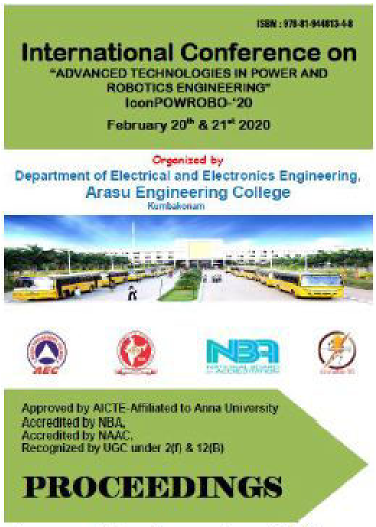

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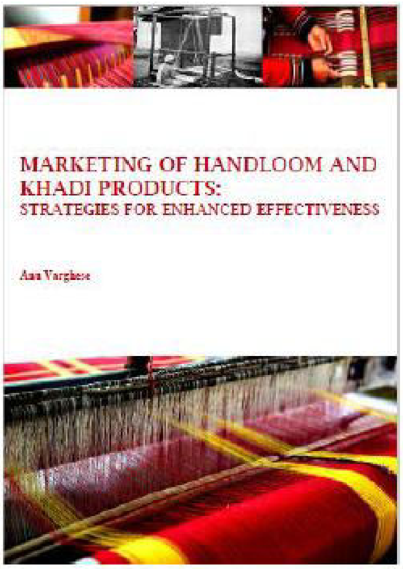

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