

Recent Trends in Detecting Crop Ailments Using Machine Learning Techniques

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Abstract: This article provides a comprehensive analysis of studies on the diagnosis of crop ailments using machine learning techniques (MLT). Agriculture is the major resource for a densely populated country like India. Farmers faced numerous challenges with the traditional method, including unpredictable weather, plant diseases, and water shortages, which claimed many lives. Today, various developments have been made in farming using image processing, data mining, and machine learning techniques. The review's primary objective is to assist researchers in conducting pertinent machine-learning-based studies. This study highlights the most popular machine learning methods, including classification and regression trees and neural networks to detect the crop ailments. This assessment of the literature not only indicates that these strategies may compete with more established ones, but also shows how sensitive these techniques are to the training data.

Keywords: Machine Learning Techniques (MLT), Neural Networks (NN), crop ailments detection, image processing, agriculture.

1. INTRODUCTION

Environmental changes have led to the fungus and other illnesses that have affected crops. Hence, in order to increase productivity, farmers must address current issues and take appropriate action. By analysing the leaves of the crops, IoT, machine learning, and neural network techniques are employed to identify crop illnesses. Studies is being done to identify the climate change sources that will have an impact on production and the illness detection training model that will be used. [2] The appropriate insecticides should be applied to the plant to prevent the spread of disease and boost yield.

To avoid wasting resources, it is important to conduct a thorough investigation of the plant diseases. By detecting changes in the plant's leaf and appropriately setting the system to identify the diseases, early disease detection can be made [1] [2] [4]. By using neural networks, the prediction is to be made in order to identify the disorders [3] [5]. Using a decision tree, the temperature and soil moisture sensor data from the prior and current years must be taken into account to provide adequate water management and prevent disease infection in the plant [1].

The model was trained to identify the illnesses affected in the plant using machine learning techniques [2] [4]. In order to construct a model, raw data on the diseases affecting the leaves are combined with a vast amount of data to identify the affected leaves [3] [5]. When trained data and untrained data are compared, information regarding diseases can be given to the farmer to increase output.

This study focuses on several machine learning paradigms. The comparative analysis of machine learning techniques with appropriate application domains is also examined in our research. This article's remaining sections are organised as follows: This article's Section 2 discusses the literature review. Section 3 presents the various crop diseases, including Powdery mildew, Alternaria, and Grey Mildew for wheat and cotton crops. The major machine learning techniques, including SVM, K-NN, and CNN, are highlighted in section 4. The conclusion is presented in section 5.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY ON LEAF DISEASES

Jayraj Chopda, et al [1] detection of the cotton crop diseases using decision tree algorithm with real time data from the sensor data like temperatures, sensors etc. are compared with the previous data and based on the obtained values the diseases like anthracnose, areolate and wilt are detected using decision tree algorithm. The decision tree classifier predicts the infected leaf with the temperature and the sensor data by the decision

prediction and informs the user about infected leaf.

Anuradha Badage[2] crop diseases is detected in the early stage by using edge detection and histogram matching. The threshold values are obtained for both aging and infected leaves based on the previous data is analysed with present values of the healthy and diseased leaves. With the obtained values the diseases are detected by canny edge detection.

Pooja Pawar et al [3] cucumber diseases are identified by the Artificial Neural Network by using image acquisition, image pre-processing, feature extraction of the leaf of cucumber this data is compared with trained dataset. The GLCM and statistical data is used to extract the texture feature and this system provides the classification accuracy of 80.45%

Shima Ramesh, Et al[4] plant diseases is detected by random forest algorithm accurate compared to the other technique SVM, Gaussian Navie Byes method the random forest is more accuracy with less number image dataset. The accuracy of the random forest classifier is approximately 80 percent.

Ritesh Sharma, et al [5] Neural Network is used to extract image features from the leaves to detect what type of disease the paddy plant is suffering. The images are augmented to increase the training data. CNN has predicted dataset values which verified with actual values. CNN technique requires a large dataset to detect disease in the crop.

Bhumika S, et al [6] a survey on cotton diseases uses SVM to detect and classify various crop diseases image obtained from digital cameras. Pre-processing is applied in order to remove the background images. Segmented images are extracted to get the colour and shape of the image.

P. Revathi, et al [7] cotton leaf disease detected by using neural network. The trained dataset is used to identify the early detection of diseases. The image segmentation is done to get the exact spot of disease. The image boundary, shape and color are identified to find the diseases and the pest recommendation is done by supervised classification.

Yuan Tian, Chunjiang Zhao et al [8] the leaf diseases of wheat are identified by SVM, stacked generation structure and mid-level feature generation is used to improve the performance to identify the diseases.

Sunil S. Harakannavar et al [9] the computer vision techniques like RGB conversion to gray, HE, K-means clustering, contour tracing is equipped in pre-processing stage. Discrete Wavelet Transform, Principal Component Analysis and GLCM are used to extract the informative features of the leaf samples. The machine learning technique is implemented to detect diseased leaves from the healthy leaves.

3. CROP DISEASES

Diseases in wheat crop:

The diseases that harm wheat crops include leaf rust, stem rust, powdery mildew, and yellow rust as illustrated in fig.1. The leaf rust will spread from the base of the leaf to the stem node and the leaf rust is normally small, round, and causes less leaf tissue [2]. Powdery mildew usually appears as circular, powdery white spots, which can appear on leaves, stems, and sometimes fruit. It is caused by nutrient deficiencies, pests, and disease. Powdery mildew is caused by white lesions on leaves [2]. Yellow rust, or stripe rust, takes its name from the appearance of yellow-colored stripes produced parallel along the venations of each leaf blade [2].

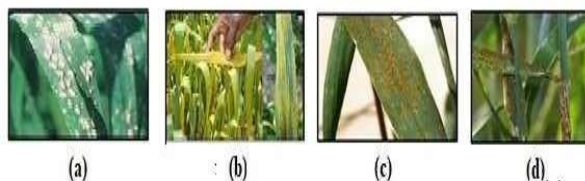


FIGURE 1. (a) Powdery mildew (b) Stripe rust (c) Leaf rust (d) Stem rust

Diseases in cotton crop:

Xanthomonas citri pv. *malvacearum* is the culprit behind cotton's bacterial blight, also known as seedling blight, angular leaf spot, and boll rot. The bacterium can infect stems, leaves, bracts, and bolls of the cotton plant at any stage of its growth. It results in boll rot, seedling blight, leaf spot, black arm, and black vein. These bacteria on the leaves are areolate, measuring 1-2 mm on the bottom surface, and are dispersed in small, dark-green, wet areas [2]. Brassica crops

frequently contract *Alternaria* leaf spot, a foliar disease brought on by the fungus *Alternaria brassicicola*. The disease is more likely to develop in plants that have prolonged leaf wetness periods. Water encourages disease growth since viruses don't start to germinate and infect leaves until they've been exposed to it for more than nine hours [2]. The fungus *Pseudocercospora purpurea* is the cause of cerea. Circular to asymmetrical leaf patches up to 10 mm in diameter were more or less vein-limited. When heavily fructified, the spots changed from uniformly brown to reddish brown to pale brown with a purple border and revealing patches of greyish skin on the lesion [2]. The fungus *Botrytis cinerea* is the source of the illness known as grey mildew, which results in a gentle degradation of plant tissues and the formation of fuzzy, grey-brown mold. Numerous plants are impacted, especially those raised in humid, glass-covered environments [2]. The yellowing, stunting, and death of seedlings as well as the yellowing and stunting of older plants are indications of fusarium wilt. The lowest leaves of infected plants quickly turn yellow and dry, and the xylem tissues turn brown and also it causes the plant to die [2]. Fig.2 identifies the ailments that influence cotton leaf.

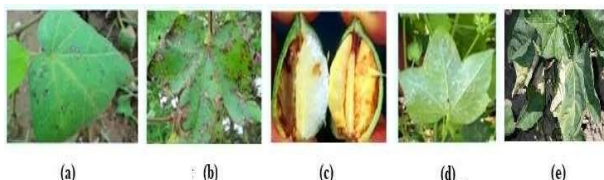


FIGURE 2. (a) *Alternaria* (b) Bacterial blight (c) Bacterial blight (d) Grey Mildew (e) Fusarium Wilt

Frequently employed method for finding diseased leaves:

The approach, which uses a random forest classifier to classify more leaf pictures, can accurately identify diseased and infected leaves [4]. By feeding previously recorded values into the neural network and training it to produce the required output, the proper diseases can be identified [3] [5]. Photos that can be retrieved from aerial or satellite photos are used as input by a trained model that uses machine learning to identify plant diseases and assess the health of the plant.

4. MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

Programming computers using machine learning allows them to learn from the data. The computer is forced to learn while being specifically programmed to produce a certain outcome. The model could be descriptive to learn from the data or predictive to make predictions about the future. The supervised learning, unsupervised learning, and reinforcement learning are the three categories of machine learning algorithms.

Unsupervised learning:

Unsupervised learning uses machine learning algorithms to make decisions based on input data from datasets without labeled answers. Unsupervised learning methods do not classify or categorize an observation. Cluster analysis, the most widely used unsupervised learning technique, is used to uncover hidden patterns or grouping in data through exploratory data analysis. The most similar objects remain in one group and have minimal tonosimilarities. When using the association technique, an association rule is a form of unsupervised learning that is used to discover correlations between variables in a big database. It identifies the group of objects that appear collectively in the collection. Reinforcement Learning is a feedback-based machine learning technique in which an agent learns to behave in an environment by performing the actions and seeing the results of actions. For each good action, the agent gets positive feedback, and for each bad action, the agent gets negative feedback. In Reinforcement Learning, the agent learns automatically using feedback without any labeled data. The agent interacts with the environment and explores it by itself. In reinforcement learning the agent has to improve the performance by getting the maximum positive rewards.

Supervised learning:

It is a type of machine learning where computers are taught with carefully "labelled" practice data and then anticipate results using that information. After the training phase is complete, the model is tested using test data, and then it predicts the output. In supervised learning, the training data give to the machines act as the supervisor that train them to predict the output properly. Regression and classification are two examples of supervised machine learning. If there is a correlation between the input and output variables, regression procedures are applied. Linear Regression, Regression on Trees, Non-Linear Regression, Bayesian Linear Regression, and Polynomial Regression are some of the regression techniques that fall within the category of supervised learning. The various classification algorithms include Random Forest, Decision Trees, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, KNN, and deep learning. Fig.3 depicts the process for creating a prediction model using the trained and test dataset.

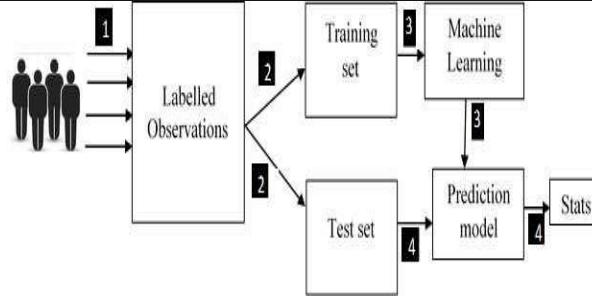


FIGURE 3. Supervised Learning

Decision Trees algorithm:

A decision tree is a supervised learning technique that can be used to tackle classification and regression issues, but it is frequently preferred for doing so. It is a tree-structured classifier, where internal nodes represent the features of a dataset, branches the process of generating decisions, and each leaf node the classification outcome. The creation of a leaf node given a classification outcome is shown in Fig.4. According to the findings of their investigation, soil moisture, temperature, and a decision tree algorithm can all be utilized to detect illnesses in cotton crops. Jayraj Chopda, et al. [1] got to this result.

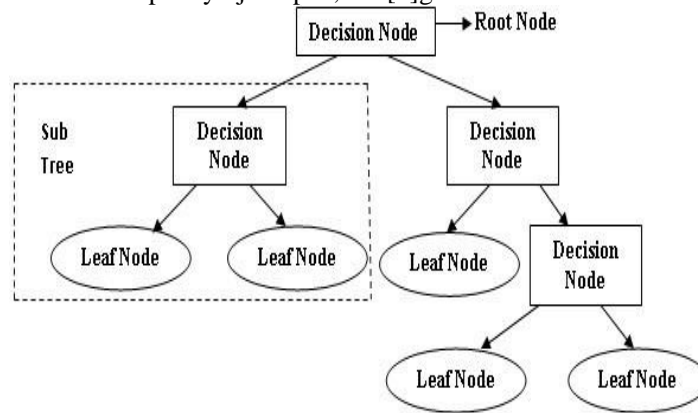


FIGURE 4. Decision Trees algorithm

Random Forest algorithm:

A Random Forest classifier uses many decision trees to categorize different subsets of the input data. To anticipate the outcome based on the votes of the majority of projections, the random forest uses predictions from all the trees rather than just one. The more trees there are in the forest, the more accurate the results will be. The predictions that the random forest algorithm produced for the data are shown in Fig.5. According to Shima Ramesh, et al. [4], the random forest method performs better in detecting plant illnesses with fewer photo datasets than SVM and the Gaussian Navie Byes method.

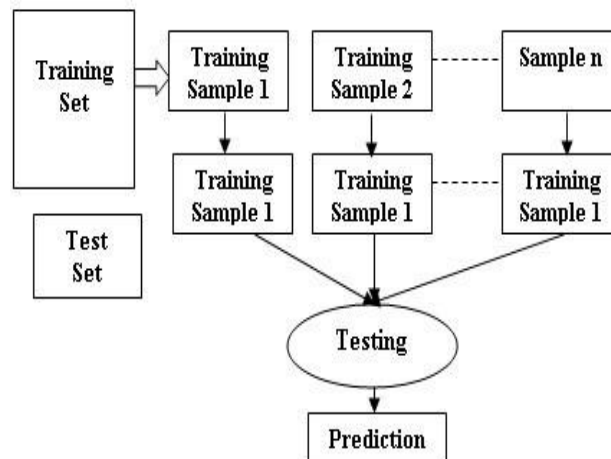


FIGURE 5. Random Forest algorithm

Support Vector Machine:

The trained model's ability to predict the new data is shown in Fig. 6. The SVM algorithm's objective is to establish the best line or decision boundary that can divide n-dimensional space into classes, allowing us to quickly classify fresh data points in the future. An SVM model, a supervised machine learning approach used for classification and regression, may identify leaf illnesses by being given sets of labeled training data [6],[8]. Even with few available samples, SVM executes more efficiently and quickly.

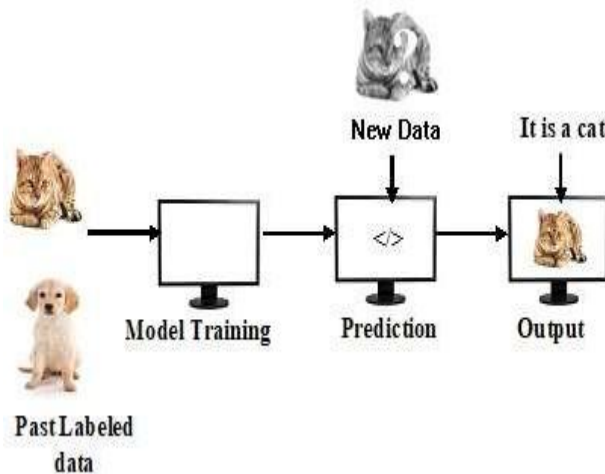


FIGURE 6. SVM algorithm in face detection

Deep learning:

Deep learning models are computer files that data scientist strain to perform tasks using an algorithm or a predetermined set of steps. Deep learning models are used in various applications to analyze data and generate predictions. Deep neural network types include Multi-Layer Perceptrons (MLP), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), and Recurrent Neural Networks (RNN). A complete y-connected multi-layer neural network is referred to as a "Multilayer Perceptron" (MLP).

There are three levels total, one of which is underground. If an ANN has more than one hidden layer, it is referred to as a deep ANN. MLPs perform well for classification prediction problems where the input should have been given a class or label. They are effective for problems involving regression prediction, where a real-valued quantity is predicted from a variety of inputs. Recurrent neural networks (RNNs) are a form of artificial neural network that are used in speech recognition and natural language processing (NLP). RNN is used in both deep learning and the development of models that resemble the firing of neurons in the human brain. RNN is frequently used in sentiment analysis, text analysis, machine translation, and image captioning. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and other deep learning algorithms are particularly good at processing and identifying images. By looking for patterns in the images, CNNs are highly useful for identifying items, classes, and categories in photographs. When identifying the healthy and damaged leaves in a paddy crop, the CNN algorithm can produce a more accurate result [5]. Using image acquisition, image pre-processing, and feature extraction of the cucumber leaf, Pooja Pawar et al. [3] claim that the artificial neural network can diagnose cucumber disorders. The leaf's health is then determined by comparing the results to trained datasets; fig. 7 shows how the input layer is transformed into the output layer.

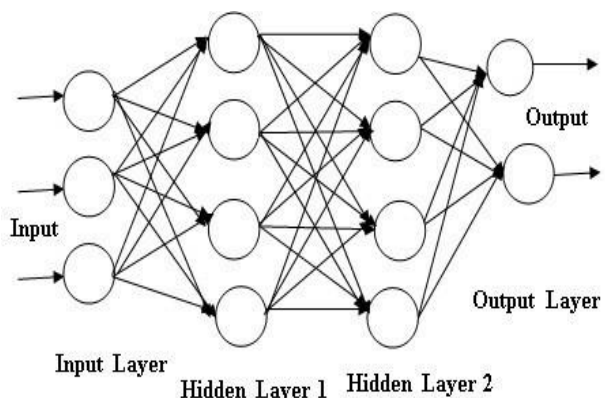


FIGURE 7. Deep learning model

K-nearest neighbour's algorithm:

The k-nearest neighbour's algorithm, often known as KNN or K-NN, is a method for supervised machine learning. As seen in fig. 8, it is a non-parametric classifier that

uses proximity to make predictions or classifications about the clustering of a single data point. Assuming that the new scenario and previous ones are similar, the K-NN approach provides a fresh instance in a group that appears closest and most similar to the previous groups. K-NN does not immediately learn from the training set; instead, it maintains the dataset and at the time of classification, it performs an action on the dataset. KNN assumes that a value will be assigned to the new data point based on how much it resembles the points in the training set [9]. Table 1 provides results for various machine learning techniques.

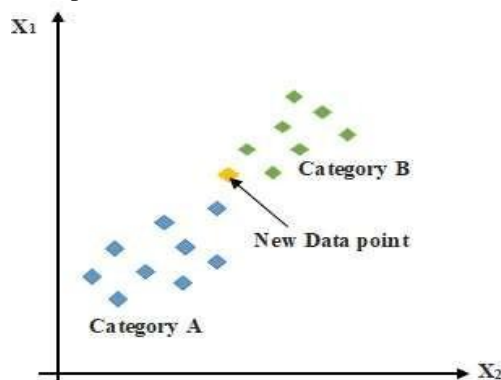


FIGURE 8. Identifying new data point using KNN

Comparison of different machine learning techniques:

By employing machine learning techniques, it is possible for computers to gain knowledge from data. Being deliberately programmed to achieve a particular result forces the computer to learn. A descriptive or predictive model could be used to draw conclusions from the data and make future projections. The machine can identify the data more precisely by using a classification method. The outcomes of different machine learning approaches are displayed in Table 1.

Techniques used	Results	References	Accuracy
Decision tree algorithm	Cotton crop diseases is predicted by the previous data and real time data from the parameters like temperature, soil moisture	Jayraj Chopda, et al [1]	-
Canny edge detection	Crop diseases is identified by edge detection and histogram	Anuradha Badage[2]	-
Artificial Neural Network	Texture of image is detected by GLCM, statistical data and with neural network produce 80.4% accuracy	Pooja Pawar et al [3]	80.45%
Random Forest Algorithm	Plant diseases is detected by random forest algorithm accurate compared to the other technique this algorithm is more accuracy with less number image dataset	Shima Ramesh, Et al [4]	70%
Convolutional Neural Network	This Neural Network is used to extract image features to detect what type of disease the plant is suffering. CNN has the predicted dataset values which verified with actual values.	Ritesh Sharma, et al [5]	90.32%
Support Vector Machine	Cotton and wheat diseases use SVM to detect and classify various crop diseases. The pre- processing and segmentation are done to get the colour, shape of the image. The stacked generation structure and mid-level future generation is used to improve the performance to identify the diseases	Bhumika S, et al[6], Yuan Tian, Chunjiang Zhao et al[8]	-
Segmentation, Edge detection	Cotton leaf disease is detected by boundary, shape, colour and texture are extracted for the disease spots using segmentation, edge detection.	P. Revathi, et al [7]	-
SVM, K-NN and CNN	The multiple descriptors Discrete Wavelet Transform, Principal Component Analysis and GLCM are used to extract the informative features of the leaf and SVM, K-NN and CNN used to identify infected leaf	Sunil S. Harakannavar et al [9]	90%

5. CONCLUSION

The primary contribution of this article is a study about the different Machine-Learning Tools for analyzing leaf photos and to detect crop diseases. The report also provides a comparative analysis of all the strategies based on their uses, benefits, and drawbacks. It is impossible to identify one strategy as the best after analysing every method. Based on its strengths, each strategy has a variety of applications and can be effective across a range of fields. Therefore, the approach that best fits a given application should be utilized, while keeping in mind both the limitations of every method and the overarching objective of enhancing both productivity and performance. For example, the Random Forest Classifier aids in the identification of

diseased leaves, allowing farmers to determine the type of disease. Our findings also revealed that there is no single machine learning technique that is perfect for detecting crop disease and recommending pesticides. As a result, we have a specific goal to continue our research on this subject by recommending pesticides for plants that are plagued with disease and by incorporating more data to identify the true ailments.

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