

# Enhancing the Prediction of Depression in Medical Fielders with CES-D using MPF method

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**Abstract**— Stress acts as a normal reaction given to outside forces from obligations that may trigger sensations like nervousness, worry, even overload. Depression being another intense lowness, desolation, often losing curiosity or enjoyment towards the hobbies. These two disorders have considerable effects on someone's routine including general health. Mood disorders around people in the medical industry frequently result in decreased career success, higher incorrect diagnosis, along with exhaustion within those who practice medicine. Certain personality disorders may contribute to increased desertion and attrition reducing entire effectiveness with efficacy concerning medical treatment. Also, persistent mood disorders could negatively impact psychological wellness even work-life balance among physicians, potentially threatening all over medical fielders flexibility. The psychological state of physicians can be assessed using the Multilayered Progressive Formulation method (MPF), which involves translating information as distributed design while discovering separate groups using resemblance measurements. This strategy efficiently exposes similarities with clusters, allowing for a classification for different psychological states. This enhanced Classification detects the various levels of stress and depression with the people in the medical sector, achieving an accuracy of 86% and precision score as 0.86, recall score 0.85 and F1 score as 0.86. The developed classification method gives a well performance of multilayered progressive and achieving better accuracy and performance metrics.

**Keywords**— Mental health, Multi Layered Progressive Formulation, Spectral Clustering, Stress classification, Stress measures.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Considering stressful circumstances of their everyday setting, depression forecasting constitutes an important topic of emphasis for physicians[1]. Healthcare workers, notably nurses, support staff, doctors and medical students are frequently under immense stress because of lengthy work hours, psychological difficulty, alongside the duty for treating patients[2]. Recognition and treatment of depression for such persons is critical to ensuring both the health of them and the standard of attention they give[3]. Modern forecasting, which uses massive information, provides a viable approach in early psychological distress identification and treatment[4]. Such continuing pressure could lead to burnout, which is marked with mental tiredness, detachment, in addition a decreased feeling of one's own performance[5]. Furthermore, continuous contact to pain and mortality, along

with a demand for regularly an elevated level towards treatment, may increase depression and nervousness[6].

Depression impairs a physician's state of mind and body, as well as the capacity to give effective treatment for sufferers[7]. Depression signs, that include exhaustion, trouble with concentration, and also not having interest, may affect workforce efficiency while raising the risk of healthcare mistakes[8]. Additionally, the misconceptions linked to psychotic concerns in the healthcare sector frequently discourages people from seeking care, exacerbating the problem[9]. Managing anxiety and mood disorders in the medical sector is critical to guaranteeing clinical staff satisfaction while preserving the entire efficiency as well as integrity in the medical industry[10]. Adding aids like assistance with mental health, psychotherapy, and programs to control stress will assist in alleviating these issues and build a healthy workplace[11].

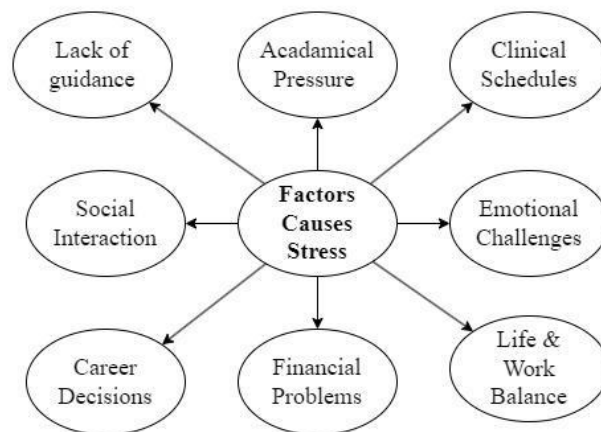


Fig 1. Factors that causes Stress for people in medical field

Stress and mood disorders have a deep and diverse effect on physicians, impacting simultaneously their own wellness and the whole medical sector[12]. The fig.1 represents the Factors that causes in a person. Depression and stressful situations among medical professionals can result in serious problems with both their minds and bodies such as heart disease, reduced immunity, mood swings, and serious mood swings[13][14]. These problems lower their standard of living, additionally limit the opportunity to perform efficiently when holding seeking occupations[15]. The psychological stress may cause difficulties sleeping, memory loss, and poor decision-making, creating an environment

harder for medical employees to fulfill their responsibilities with accuracy along with concern[16].

For a daily basis, consequences in mental health disorders affecting health care workers are frequently far-ranging[17]. Extreme amounts in anxiety and mood disorders can result in greater inactivity, more turnover, with less satisfaction with work[18]. This personnel uncertainty may impose a burden on medical centers, resulting in a lack of employees with increasing responsibilities for those who persist, prolonging the pattern increasing anxiety and exhaustion[19]. Furthermore, the economical consequences of hiring and educating fresh staff members to take over people who quit because of stressful reasons might be tremendous[20]. The fig.2. represents the different scaling measures for the detection of stress and depression. Wellness centers can also experience economic and social consequences when employee depressive symptoms lead to poor treatment of patients or clinical blunders[21][22].

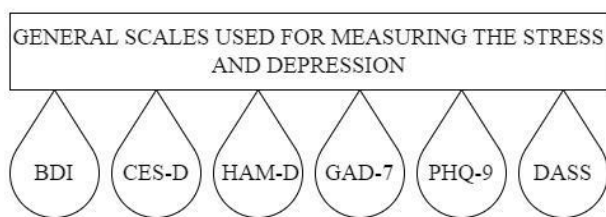


Fig 2. Different Scale used for identifying the level Stress and Depression

Finally, its effect over treating patients could be the greatest alarming facet of feeling sad and tension among physicians[22]. Exhausted and feeling low, medical staff were inclined to make flaws, impacting the welfare of patients as well as medication effects[23]. The psychological strain that medical staff present may negatively impact one's capacity to understand and connect professionally among the sick, resulting in negative clinical outcomes and fulfillment.[24] Treating healthcare workers' psychological wellness is critical besides as their own welfare, yet to assure a high standard of treatment of patients[25]. Developing robust psychological infrastructures, encouraging a healthy relationship between work and personal life, and creating a friendly work atmosphere are all key steps toward minimizing the effects of anxiety and sadness across the health care sector.

#### Highlights of Main Contributions:

- 1. Multilayer Grouping Strategy-** The layered model identifies the information which are non- linear relationships and being complex in the model as it enhances the clustering in a meaningful and interpretable way.
- 2. Targeted Interventions-** Finding out the medical students who are facing with extreme stress level through various layered classification will give the information to the medical interventions and also to cope with support strategies.
- 3. Innovative Application-** The integration with the multilayer approach in classification towards medical fielders mental health, provides a novel advancements in the medical analytics in different phases.

**4. High Accuracy-** The MPF method achieves accuracy of 85% in multilayer classification with various mental states among the medical pupils.

#### Organization of the paper

**Section 2-** states the related works and existing works based on the classification in stress faced by the medical students.

**Section 3-** explains the proposed methodology with the preprocessing of information and next step as feature selection and implements in multilayer progressive method to classify the data's with the stress.

**Section 4-** discusses the implementation of the method and the obtained results and implications.

**Section 5-** concludes the outcomes of the paper and suggesting a future implementation idea based on the method in a summarized way.

## II. RELATED WORK

Incidence with effect that psychological problems have risen across areas of contention, and whenever neglected, often may result in significant long-term handicap. Since change in lifestyle, the result led to anxiety levels in Kashmir increased significantly. Utilizing machine learning is currently effective in identifying and predicting the severity of various illnesses. As a result, by categorizing the anxiety issues promptly using a preliminary psychological database obtained in Kashmir. Creation and implementation of a forecasting system using classification toward one of five pre-clinical anxiety stages, i.e., Stage 1: minimal anxiety, Stage 2: mild anxiety, Stage 3: moderate anxiety, Stage 4: severe anxiety, and Stage 5: very severe anxiety, through this recognition providing suggestions to individuals who suffer from anxiety-related issues. Selecting features with predicting is employed to forecast the appropriate level of nervousness to earn an extremely effective healthcare treatment. Three separate methods Random Forest, Multilayer Perceptron, Support Vector Machine have been applied for identifying stress phases. Between this, random forest (RF) attained an accuracy score of 98.13%. An anticipated possibility factor has been evaluated to make an appropriate suggestion[1].

Initial identification for psychological wellness concerns within people matters most over accurate identification and evaluation through psychologists. Machine learning is the most likely method for completely digital computerized predictions regarding psychological disorders. Therefore, to test out many common machine learning methods for categorizing along with detecting mental wellness difficulties employing a certain set of data, using either one classifier technique and a collaborative machine learning technique. The information set includes results to an online poll from Open Sourcing Mental Illness. Machine learning methods such as Neural Networks, K-Nearest Neighbors, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Gradient Boosting as well as a collaborative strategy is applied. Evaluations are performed as well between additional current machine learning methodologies, such as Deep Neural Networks and Extreme Gradient Boosting. In the end Gradient Boosting had the best accuracy of 88.80%, next to Neural Networks at 88.00%. Extreme Gradient Boosting came in second with 87.20%, then Deep Neural Networks with 86.40%. The ensemble classifier obtained 85.60%, whereas the other

models scored from 82.40 to 84.00%. The results reveal Gradient Boosting achieved the maximum classification accuracy over the specific psychological wellness bi-classification forecasting problem. In terms, they successfully achieved the forecasting outcomes obtained from all the methods of machine learning evaluated and it is more than 80% accurate, representing an extremely feasible method to help psychological practitioners to computerized diagnostics[2].

While the world's population ages, the amount of old people suffering with impairments increases. Aged individuals who decrease in their sense of self are prone than the average old to experience signs of depression. Managing stress can assist to simplify the impairment treatment for persons who have reached the aged condition. Examine the forecasting responses to demographic variables, behaviors related to health, medical condition, closeness to family, social relationships, and personal attitudes upon sadness in both urban and rural impaired elderly in order to enhance timely depressive illness diagnosis.

The algorithm for forecasting was built using 70% with the initial learning data as well as 30% with the validation data. The depressed percentage among remote area crippled old were 57.67%, while the rate among metropolitan disabled seniors was 44.59%. The 10-k cross-validated findings yielded mean scores of 0.71 in remote regions with 0.70 in metropolitan areas. AUC:0.71, specificity: 65.3%, sensitivity: 80.6% in remote handicapped senior to depressive symptoms; and AUC:0.78, specificity: 78.1%, sensitivity: 64.2% in metropolitan disabled old with depressive disorders. Some clear disparities for best 10 classifiers for both rural and urban impaired seniors. The primary factors are personal health assessment, changes in assessed health, illness or accident experience during the last two weeks, life satisfaction, trusting people, BMI, and having faith in the coming days. Long-term illnesses, neighborly interactions, overall healthcare costs over a year, social feelings, sleeping length, and home average income also were not frequent factors. Applying random forest knowledge for forecasting depressive illness among crippled old might result in earlier identification of mood disorders[3].

Novel algorithms are being developed in technology and science that help in determining the cause for psychological issues. Predictive techniques created using machine learning techniques will recognize diseases like schizophrenia that aid with making medical choices. The efficiency of machine learning methods, including AdaBoost, Random Forest, K-Nearest Neighbor, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree in predicting patients in hospitals having schizophrenia. The data collection includes 11,884 digital hospitalization reports for 6933 individuals with diverse psychological conditions; these data sets are taken from intensive wards across 11 general hospitals over an area in Spain. There are 5968 data for individuals having schizophrenia (3002 persons) and 5916 recordings of individuals who have different psychological illnesses (3931 patients). The findings show that Random Forest has a highest accuracy score of 72.7%. Likewise, this method has 79.6% AUC, 72.8% precision, 72.7% F1-Score, and 72.7% recall. The findings indicate that the application from the machine learning method will categorize hospitalized people having schizophrenia according to their demographic and aid for the

medical care of such a condition, hence lowering treatment expenses[4].

Depression becomes a growing crucial aspect in people's lives nowadays. The WHO defines depression as an emotional disorder that has an impact on individuals' wellbeing. Everyone on this earth experiences stress or despair at some point in their lives. Everyone experiences a certain degree of depression. Depression is an important sign of psychological wellness. Stress impacts all aspects in an individual's life, including feelings, ideas, and habits. Machine learning methods are used widely for detection and prediction, an approach for detecting individuals' depression using the support vector machine (SVM) and random forest (RF) algorithms. Numerous factors influence consumers' depression levels. This information was gathered through questionnaires of persons of various ages, with an overall of 270 respondents. This information was developed upon an organized questionnaire. SVM and RF classifiers are used for classification. Effectiveness was evaluated through recall, accuracy, and precision metrics. SVM provides higher accuracy of 80.2% over Random Forest[5].

### III. PROPOSED WORK

Extensive statistics include a variety of characteristics, including task difficulty, working hours, sleep duration, fitness, and personal anxiety degrees. Through constantly tracking such factors, it is feasible to identify trends that indicate rising stress levels. The MPF method, a powerful combination of training techniques, is used to evaluate those complex datasets and forecast depression regarding accurate results. This technique uses numerous decision trees for presenting detailed evaluation, resulting in prediction accuracy levels which can considerably improve coping methods.

Using stress forecasting techniques within medical practice to track crucial metabolic along with psychological markers. A MPF method exists a model using machine learning that could offer immediate information about healthcare personnel's trouble rates. Medical facilities are beneficial for detecting depression effectively by spotting initial indicators using a variety regarding medical information, activity measurements, and internal suggestions. Such a preventative approach will assist to minimize stress and keep employees happy and motivated.

The advantages in precise depression forecasting stretch behind personal wellness and affect all levels of healthcare. Lowering depression between healthcare workers will probably result in less errors in medicine, improved results for patients, and greater fulfillment at work. It also minimizes levels of attrition and accompanying hiring and training expenses. Since the medical sector experiences growing pressures, utilizing tools for depression detection and handling turns into a vital approach to retain optimal levels of patient satisfaction and performance.

#### A. Data Collection

The collection of data regarding the psychological wellness of persons in the medical sector is gathered from Kaggle with 22 various characteristics with 2034 cases. These factors encompass a variety of topics related to psychological evaluation, such as age, gender, training period, time spent studying, fulfillment in having good health, and previous counseling sessions.

Broad records include a variety of characteristics, including job stress difficulty, variation in shifts, hours of sleep, exercise routine, and personal anxiety symptoms. Through constantly tracking all of this, it gets feasible to identify trends which indicate more stress. The MPF method, a powerful ensemble technique for learning, is used to evaluate such complex datasets along with forecast depression with better accuracy. This approach uses various decision chains to go through analysis, resulting in prediction accuracy scores that can considerably improve managing stress tactics.

### B. Data Preprocessing

Data preparation remains a key stage towards forecasting depression within medical learners through the MPF method, particularly while facing a large dataset containing heterogeneous characteristics. The method starts by managing values that are not present, which could result in calculating inaccurate information for mean, median, or mode numbers. Categorical variables are formatted as numbers. Features scaling serves to standardize the variation with parameter values, which improves the technique's effectiveness. Furthermore, feature selection approach is utilized to discover and maintain foremost important factors, lowering complexity and increasing designs performance. Outliers were identified and treated accordingly to avoid affecting the outcome. In order evaluation of models, this data set has been splitted as 70% in the training phase, 30% in the testing phase. This segmentation allowed for better designs training and testing, making sure outcomes were reliable and generalizable.

### C. Resemblance Matrix Derivation

Development to the Resemblance matrix becomes an important stage during the multilayer progressive method because this stage identifies identical pairs among information, laying a framework basis to support the later plot visualization. The use of Radial Basis Function (RBF) kernel, becoming the preferred method for calculating resemblance considering capacity for dealing with dynamic interactions. The RBF kernel calculates a comparison among two measurements using actual Euclidean distance, with nearby spots receiving stronger matching ratings. After constructing a Resemblance matrix, information gets converted through Arrangement and interaction assessment, representing how information can be structured in a graph. Every statistic appears through a node, as Eq.1 states with edges connecting hubs valued based upon its RBF kernel resemblance values.

The RBF kernel, stated by

$$S(m_a, m_b) = \exp \left( -\frac{\|m_a - m_b\|^2}{2\sigma^2} \right) \text{ ---Eq.1}$$

Where,  $m_a$  and  $m_b$  are data points,  $\sigma$  where represents an attribute that controls dimension associated with the kernel. Choosing a suitable  $\sigma$  value matters most since there's a significant effect for how it forms a matrix of similarities with, therefore how it clusters.

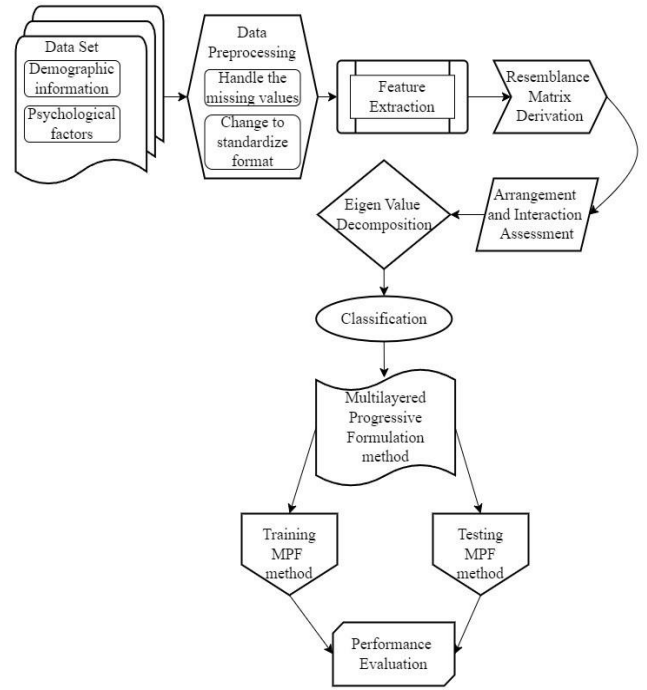


Fig.3 - MPF method

### D. Arrangement and Interaction Assessment

The Arrangement and Interaction assessment, often adjusted by adjusting the various component extents, is essential throughout multilayer progressing, subsequently providing a base to eigenvalue breakdown that captures important characteristics required for classification. The resemblance matrix along with arrangement and interaction graph allow multilayer grouping to successfully locate categorizes within intricate and irregular collections with Eq.2 in similarity identification. When starting through MPF, an connectivity matrix has been turned over a map of arrangement and interactions identification, that remains balanced. Any adjusted interaction usually selected since it adjusts over differences in component levels gives in the Eq.3 & Eq.4 , giving an improved consistent depiction regarding the structure.

Compute the degree of matrix  $P$ , which is a diagonal matrix where each entry  $P_{aa}$  is the sum of the similarities of node  $a$ :

$$P_{aa} = \sum_b^a x S_{ab} \text{ ---Eq.2}$$

The unnormalized Arrangement and interaction  $A$  is given by:

$$A = P - S \text{ ----Eq.3}$$

The normalized Arrangement and interaction  $A_{norm}$  is:

$$A = I - P^{-\frac{1}{2}} S P^{-\frac{1}{2}} \text{ ----Eq.4}$$

Similarly,  $P \rightarrow$  Degree matrix

$I \rightarrow$  Identity matrix

$S \rightarrow$  Adjacency matrix

The resulting matrix represents variations among every node extent with interaction, leading to easy recognition of groups. The fig.3. illustrates the multilayer progressive approach of the proposed model.

### E. Eigen value Decomposition

Eigenvalue reduction being an important phase for the MPF method, involving information's graph framework. The Arrangement and Interaction assessment is subsequently splitted into eigenvectors and eigenvalues with the method of Eq.5 in matrix. Eigenvectors with least not null eigenvalues have been employed in form of Eq.6, when converting information as smaller spaces containing greater distinguishable categories. Such change allows the next phase towards segmentation which accurately determines as well as classifies identical details, exposing its fundamental progressive pattern. From Eq.7, This technique uses eigenvalue reduction for identifying complicated, irregular correlations among knowledge, allowing for efficiency with significance in categorization.

Perform Eigenvalue decomposition on Arranged points:

$$A_{norm}r_a = \lambda_a r_a \text{ -----Eq.5}$$

Where  $\lambda_a$  and  $r_a$  are the eigenvalues and eigenvectors, respectively

Select the first  $k$  eigenvectors corresponding to the smallest  $k$  non-zero eigenvalues to form the matrix  $T$ :

$$T = [r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n] \text{ -----Eq.6}$$

The rows of  $T$  are used to represent the data points in the lower- dimensional space. Each row  $Z_a$  in  $T$  represents the transformed data points:

$$Z = (r_1(a), r_2(a), \dots, r_n(a)) \text{ ----Eq.7}$$

### F. Multilayered Progressive method

Information within these modified spaces were readily identifiable, making classification better, which allocates every information in a category determined by its current location within that compressed area, actually clustering the likely spots altogether. This method seems very effective when discovering complicated, unpredictable correlations among facts that can be hard to detect using standard processes. The fig.4. represents the MPF in the stress level with the x-axis in stress scale with y-axis in the inventory trait. From Eq.8, MPF method, that utilizes network framework with dimensional characteristics associated with information, offers a reliable and adaptable tool to identify relevant sequences with categories, in Eq.9 that clusters especially that expressing distinct well-being levels across physicians.

Applying Multilayer Progressive method to the rows of  $T$ :

$$\text{minimize } \sum_{a=1}^k a \sum_{b=1}^c b ||Z_a - \mu_b||^2 \text{ -----Eq.8}$$

Where  $\mu_b$  are the cluster centroids.

Assign each data point  $m_a$  to the cluster  $X_b$  with the nearest centroids  $\mu_b$

$$\text{Cluster}(m_a) = \arg \min_b ||Z_a - \mu_b||^2_x \text{ ----Eq.9}$$

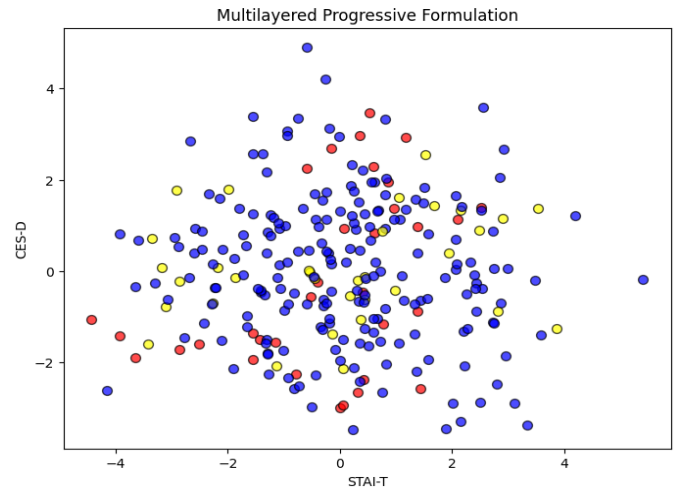


Fig.4 – MPF in stress level

## IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

With CES-D scores for assessing tension and pressure over health care workers determined important information about how common and widespread these factors are across these workers. The information had been carefully studied along with a significant dimensional grouping technique utilized for identifying separate patterns indicating various degrees of pressure. The success achieved by the method has been assessed using accuracy which achieved 86% with performance metrics precision score of 0.83, recall is 0.81 and F1 score 83 .The fig.5 represents the accuracy level with the multilayer approach with the x axis in the threshold and y-axis in the accuracy level. This success rate shows that the MPF technique works proficiently through discriminating over distinct degrees facing difficulty over healthcare workers, making it a trustworthy method to analyze the mental wellness of people in medical sectors. The fig.6 represents the performance metrics achieved in the multilayered approach with the x-axis number of epochs and y-axis in the recall, precision and F1 score values.

$$\text{Accuracy} = \frac{\text{no of correctly classified instances}}{\text{total no of instances}} \text{ ----Eq.10}$$

$$\text{Precision} = \frac{\text{True positives}}{\text{True positives} + \text{False positives}} \text{ ---Eq.11}$$

$$\text{Recall} = \frac{\text{True Positives}}{\text{True Positives} + \text{False Negatives}} \text{ ----Eq.12}$$

$$\text{F1 Score} = 2 * \frac{\text{Precision} * \text{Recall}}{\text{Precision} + \text{Recall}} \text{ ----Eq.13}$$

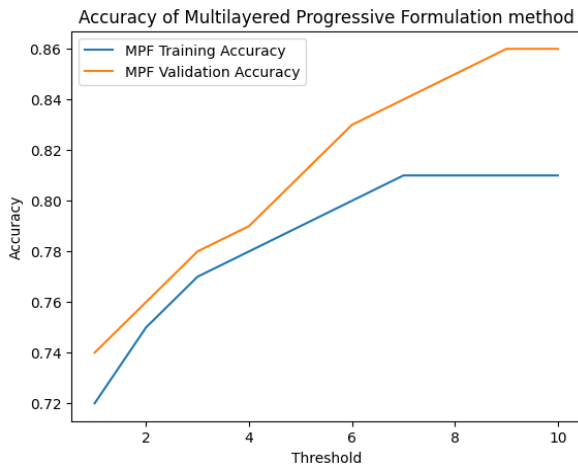


Fig.5 – MPF Accuracy

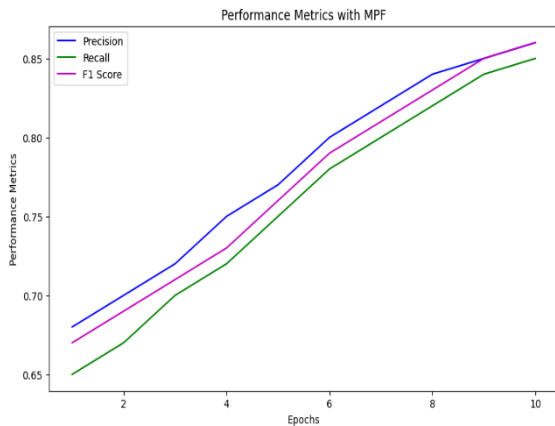


Fig.6 –Graph of Performance metrics

Our results have significant consequences, implying potentially specialized therapies should be designed for satisfying unique requirements for health sector workers under intense pressure. The calculation of accuracy is obtained using Eq.10, precision, recall and F1 score is obtained using Eq.11, Eq.12, Eq.13. Medical facilities will initiate proactive steps, like conducting management of stress programs, therapy sessions, including schedule changes, through recognizing high-risk personnel. Furthermore, an effective execution with spectral clustering especially these factors highlights the possibilities towards wider utilization around psychology analysis, especially with challenging occupations. The table.1 represents the comparison results between the algorithms.

Table.1 - Comparison results

| Algorithm                   | Accuracy |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Random Forest Algorithm     | 72.7%    |
| Support Vector Machine      | 80%      |
| Gradient Boosting Algorithm | 84.6%    |
| MPF method                  | 86%      |

As classification is evaluated with the MPF method (MPF), and succeeded with 86% of the accuracy when compared to other methods like SVM, Gradient boosting and Random Forest.

## V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

By summary, applying quantitative CES-D scores with spectral clustering, categorizing psychological strain across healthcare workers offers helpful knowledge regarding such vital personnel psychological well-being. This method's excellent precision as well as accuracy reveal how well it can recognize unique pressure groups that connect all recognized stressors like job demands, insufficient rest, poor peer interaction. It highlights the basic necessity of integrating specific psychological wellness care with assistance methods to help healthcare workers. Clinical organizations could utilize enhanced grouping methods that easily finds, assists employees experiencing pressure, and helps in resulting happier with less susceptible staff members. Later study shall concentrate towards continuous along with combining all other characteristics that will improve with optimizing difficulty identification with treatments.

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