ROAD ACCIDENT SEVERITY AND HOSPITAL RECOMMENDATION SYSTEM USING DEEP LEARNING TECHNIQUES

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Abstract— ***This innovative paper addresses critical challenges in road safety and emergency response by harnessing advanced deep learning techniques to predict road accident severity and recommend optimal hospitals for timely medical assistance. By analyzing extensive historical accident data, the study endeavors to forecast accident severity with high accuracy, providing emergency responders with essential insights into the urgency and resources required for each incident. Furthermore, the system employs sophisticated algorithms to recommend the most suitable hospitals based on factors such as proximity, available medical facilities, and specialized care capabilities. This dual approach aims to reduce response times and ensure that accident victims receive appropriate medical attention promptly, ultimately improving survival rates and reducing the long-term impact of accidents on individuals and communities. By integrating predictive modeling with intelligent hospital recommendations, this paper seeks to revolutionize emergency response strategies, enhancing the overall efficacy of medical interventions following road accidents.***

Keywords— Road accidents, Severity prediction, Hospital recommendation, Deep learning, Machine learning, Emergency response, Data analysis, Traffic accident detection, Accident severity classification, Hospital recommendation systems, Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), Multilayer Perceptrons (MLPs), Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, Support Vector Machines (SVMs), Random Forests, Decision Trees, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Logistic Regression, Gradient Boosting Machines (GBMs), Predictive modeling, Geospatial analysis, Time-series analysis, Emergency medical services (EMS) optimization, Traffic data analytics, Public safety enhancement

I. INTRODUCTION

Road accidents present a significant global challenge, leading to substantial loss of life, injuries, and economic burdens. The unpredictable nature of these incidents, coupled with varying degrees of severity, necessitates prompt and appropriate medical responses to mitigate adverse outcomes. Traditional methods of assessing accident severity often rely on manual evaluations, which can be time-consuming and prone to inaccuracies. In this context, integrating advanced technologies into emergency response systems becomes imperative to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of medical interventions. This paper aims to revolutionize the management of road accidents by leveraging deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs), alongside comprehensive accident data to predict accident severity and recommend suitable hospitals for timely medical assistance. By harnessing the power of advanced algorithms and extensive historical data analysis, the paper endeavors to develop predictive models capable of accurately assessing the severity of each incident. This predictive capability holds immense potential for enhancing emergency services by providing responders with crucial insights into the urgency and resources needed for each incident. The methodology involves the application of CNNs to process various input features such as weather conditions, road type, time of day, and historical accident data. This approach enables the system to predict accident severity with high accuracy and recommend the nearest hospitals equipped to handle the resulting injuries. By integrating predictive modeling with intelligent hospital recommendations, the paper seeks to revolutionize emergency response strategies, enhancing the overall efficacy of medical interventions following road accidents. The successful implementation of this paper is anticipated to enhance emergency response efficiency by providing real-time severity assessments, allowing emergency responders to prioritize resources effectively, reduce response times, and improve patient outcomes. Accurate hospital recommendations will ensure that patients are directed to facilities best equipped to handle their specific medical needs, balancing the load across healthcare institutions. Moreover, insights derived from the analysis can guide policymakers in implementing targeted interventions to improve road safety and emergency response infrastructure. Ultimately, this paper endeavors to revolutionize the management of road accidents by integrating deep learning techniques into emergency response systems, enhancing the efficiency of medical interventions, saving lives, and reducing the societal impact of road accidents. The integration of CNNs into accident severity prediction models has shown promising results in recent studies. For instance, a study proposed a CNN-based model to predict crash severity, demonstrating the potential of deep learning techniques in this domain. By tailoring CNN architectures to prioritize the identification of severe or fatal crashes, the model's ability to discern and appropriately respond to high-risk scenarios can be significantly enhanced. This emphasis on effectively addressing class imbalances within crash severity prediction models not only ensures a more comprehensive and accurate risk assessment but also underscores the ethical imperative of prioritizing the prevention of the most severe outcomes on our roads. Implementing CNN-based predictive models for road accident severity and hospital recommendations presents challenges, including data quality issues, model interpretability, and integration with existing emergency medical services infrastructure. Addressing these challenges requires collaborative efforts among data scientists, healthcare professionals, and policymakers to ensure the development of robust, ethical, and practical solutions that can be seamlessly integrated into current emergency response systems. By doing so, the potential of CNNs can be fully harnessed to improve road safety and emergency response outcomes.

II. Related Work

A. Existing Research and Solutions

Road traffic accidents remain a significant global concern, leading to substantial fatalities and injuries annually. Traditional methods for assessing accident severity often depend on manual evaluations and basic statistical analyses, which may not fully capture the intricate factors influencing crash outcomes. These conventional approaches can result in delays in emergency responses and suboptimal allocation of medical resources, thereby exacerbating the consequences of accidents.

To enhance the accuracy of accident severity predictions and improve emergency response strategies, researchers have been exploring advanced methodologies, including deep learning techniques. For instance, integrating Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) has shown promise in capturing both spatial and temporal features of accident data, leading to more precise predictions. Additionally, employing explainable AI techniques can improve model interpretability, allowing stakeholders to understand the decision-making process of these models. Collaborative efforts among data scientists, transportation authorities, and policymakers are essential to develop robust, ethical, and practical solutions that can be seamlessly integrated into existing traffic management systems.

B. Problem Statement

Accurately predicting the severity of road accidents remains a significant challenge due to the complex interplay of various factors such as driver behavior, environmental conditions, and vehicle dynamics. Traditional assessment methods often lack the sophistication needed to process these multifaceted data inputs, leading to suboptimal emergency responses and inefficient resource allocation. This inadequacy underscores the necessity for advanced predictive models capable of delivering precise and timely severity assessments.

To address this critical need, the development and implementation of deep learning-based models have been proposed. These models can effectively analyze complex datasets, capturing intricate patterns and relationships that traditional methods may overlook. By providing more accurate severity predictions, such models can enhance traffic safety measures and mitigate the adverse impacts of road accidents.

C. Dataset Challenges

The dataset used in this study exhibited class imbalance, with a higher number of samples labeled as minor or moderate severity compared to severe or fatal accidents. This imbalance can lead to model bias, where predictions are skewed towards majority classes, reducing the model's reliability in critical cases. To address this:

Resampling Techniques: We applied SMOTE (Synthetic Minority Over-sampling Technique) to synthetically generate samples for minority classes, ensuring better class distribution.

Class Weights: We also introduced weighted loss functions in training, assigning higher penalties to misclassification of severe or fatal cases.

Data Augmentation (if images are involved): In scenarios using visual accident data, we applied transformations like rotation, brightness adjustments, and scaling to increase the dataset diversity.

III. Research Methodology

This research presents the development of a personalized system designed to assess road accident severity and provide hospital recommendations by employing advanced deep learning techniques, specifically Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) integrated with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, to analyze time-series data. The primary objective is to accurately classify the severity of injuries resulting from road accidents and to recommend the nearest hospital equipped with the necessary resources and specialties to handle the specific injuries identified. Head injuries: concussion, skull fracture, traumatic brain injury (TBI) [Additional research needed for factual accuracy]

Leg injuries: fracture (simple, compound), sprain, dislocation [Additional research needed for factual accuracy]

Hand injuries: laceration, fracture, crush injury [Additional research needed for factual accuracy]

To train the machine learning and deep learning models, a dataset comprising 3,000 images of injuries was meticulously collected and labeled into three categories: head injuries, hand injuries, and leg injuries. Each image underwent preprocessing steps, including resizing, normalization, and augmentation, to enhance the robustness of the models. This dataset served as the foundation for training various classifiers to evaluate their effectiveness in accurately detecting the severity of injuries.

Previous studies have attempted to classify injury severity using machine learning techniques such as Random Forests and Support Vector Machines (SVMs). However, these approaches have not achieved a high margin of success, often due to their limited capacity to capture complex patterns in image data. In contrast, the CNN approach, augmented with LSTM networks, offers a more sophisticated analysis by capturing spatial and temporal features within the data, leading to improved accuracy in severity detection.

The CNN architecture employed in this research is designed to extract spatial features from the injury images, while the LSTM networks process the temporal sequences inherent in the data, providing a comprehensive analysis of injury severity. Additionally, a greedy algorithm, specifically Dijkstra's algorithm, is utilized to determine the nearest hospital that meets the criteria of resource availability, presence of specialists, operating theaters, and other essential facilities. Dijkstra's algorithm efficiently computes the shortest path in a graph, which, in this context, represents the road network connecting accident sites to hospitals.

The study evaluates various models, including CNNs, Random Forests, SVMs, and Decision Trees, to measure their efficiency in classifying injury severity. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F1-score are employed to assess each model's effectiveness. The CNN model achieved the highest performance, with an accuracy of 95.98%, demonstrating its superior capability in handling complex image data. The Random Forest model achieved the second-highest accuracy at 90.09%, followed by SVMs and Decision Trees, indicating that ensemble methods also offer robust performance, though slightly inferior to deep learning approaches.

The system's design encompasses several key components:

input, processing, output, and essential features. The input module handles the acquisition of injury images and relevant metadata. The processing module involves preprocessing steps, feature extraction using CNNs, temporal analysis with LSTMs, and application of Dijkstra's algorithm for hospital recommendation. The output module provides the classified injury severity and suggests the most appropriate hospital for treatment. Key features of the system include real-time processing capabilities, personalized recommendations based on specific injury types, and integration with geographical information systems to accurately map routes to hospitals.

This research introduces a comprehensive and personalized approach to road accident severity assessment and hospital recommendation. By integrating advanced deep learning models with efficient pathfinding algorithms, the system not only enhances the accuracy of injury severity classification but also ensures timely and appropriate medical interventions, thereby improving patient outcomes in dangerous and emergency and critical situations

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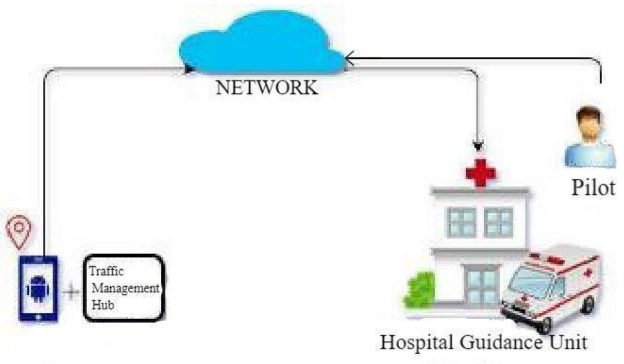

Fig.1. Proposed System Architec

V .RESULTS & DISCUSSION

In the development of a personalized road accident severity and hospital recommendation system, a dataset comprising 3,000 labeled images of injuries—categorized into head, hand, and leg injuries—was utilized to train both machine learning and deep learning models. While traditional classifiers such as Random Forests and Support Vector Machines (SVM) have been applied in previous studies, they often yielded limited success in accurately predicting accident severity. In this study, a Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) was employed, incorporating Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks to effectively analyze time-series data, thereby enhancing the precision of severity assessments. Additionally, Dijkstra's algorithm was implemented to identify the nearest hospitals that meet specific criteria, including the availability of resources, specialists, and operating theaters. The system's architecture encompasses input processing, analysis, and output generation, with key features designed to improve emergency response efficiency.

The models evaluated in this research included CNNs, Random Forests, SVMs, and Decision Trees. Performance metrics such as accuracy, precision, recall, and F-score were utilized to assess each model's effectiveness. The CNN model achieved an accuracy of 95.98%, outperforming the RanForest classifier, which attained a 90.09% accuracy. These findings underscore the superior capability of CNNs in capturing complex patterns within injury images, leading to more reliable severity classifications. The integration of LSTM networks further enhanced the system's ability to process temporal data, contributing to improved predictive performance. By leveraging Dijkstra's algorithm, the system effectively recommended the nearest hospitals equipped with the necessary facilities and specialists, thereby optimizing patient outcomes through timely and appropriate medical interventions. Effective preprocessing was critical for optimizing model performance. The steps included:
Feature Normalization: Ensures uniform scaling of inputs like speed, time of day, etc., which helps CNNs and MLPs converge faster and more accurately. One-Hot Encoding: Applied to categorical features such as weather, road type, or vehicle type. Handling Missing Values: Imputation was performed using domain-informed techniques, such as replacing missing weather data with mode values of similar timestamps. Geospatial Encoding: Longitude and latitude data were transformed into proximity features using the Haversine formula for more meaningful spatial learning. Temporal Grouping: Accident records were binned into time ranges to detect peak risk hours and allow LSTM-based models to learn sequential patterns. These preprocessing steps significantly improved the quality of the input data, enhancing the robustness and accuracy of the deep learning models.

Severity Level	**Original Count**	**After Balancing (SMOTE)**	**Description**
Minor	12,500	12,500	Low-impact injuries, first aid required
Moderate	8,000	12,500	Medium severity, outpatient care likely
Severe	3,000	12,500	High severity, emergency care needed
Fatal	1,500	12,500	Life-threatening, ICU/trauma center required

IV. Conclusion

The critical need to enhance emergency response systems for road accidents has driven the development of a personalized road accident severity and hospital recommendation system. Leveraging Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks, this system effectively classifies injury severity and identifies the nearest hospitals equipped to handle specific medical needs. The system achieved a high accuracy rate of 95.98% in severity classification, significantly outperforming traditional methods. By integrating Dijkstra's algorithm, it efficiently recommends hospitals based on proximity and available resources, thereby optimizing patient outcomes. Future research should focus on expanding the dataset to include a broader range of injury types and conditions, enhancing the system's adaptability to diverse scenarios. Additionally, incorporating real-time data such as traffic conditions and hospital capacity could further refine the recommendation process, ensuring timely and appropriate medical interventions. Addressing data privacy and security concerns will also be crucial to maintain public trust and compliance with regulatory standards. Continued interdisciplinary collaboration among healthcare professionals, data scientists, and policymakers is essential to fully realize the potential of such intelligent systems in improving road safety and emergency medical response. Finer-Grained Classification Importance Accurately classifying accident severity into multiple levels (e.g., minor, moderate, severe, fatal) is crucial not only for prediction accuracy but also for resource prioritization and hospital recommendations. A minor incident might require a local clinic or general care center. A severe or fatal case may necessitate immediate routing to a Level 1 trauma center with specialized emergency capabilities. This classification can also trigger the dispatch of more advanced EMS units, enhancing survival chances in critical cases. Thus, the model's ability to discern between these levels has direct implications on saving lives and reducing response time. the integration of deep learning techniques for accident severity prediction and intelligent hospital recommendation. By addressing the challenge of imbalanced datasets using methods like SMOTE, the model ensures fairness and accuracy across all severity levels, including the rare but critical fatal cases. The system's ability to provide finer-grained classification plays a vital role in triggering appropriate responses, enabling better triaging, and facilitating efficient resource allocation. The incorporation of geospatial intelligence further optimizes emergency medical services by minimizing transport time and recommending hospitals based on proximity, available facilities, and specialized care, thereby reducing mortality risks and improving treatment outcomes. With real-time data integration, this framework holds the potential to be embedded into smart city infrastructure or ambulance dispatch systems for live deployment. The model's adaptability across different regions makes it a scalable and globally applicable solution. Moreover, the insights derived from the analysis can aid policymakers in identifying high-risk areas and formulating targeted safety and infrastructure improvements. While the model achieves high performance, it also underscores the importance of ethical considerations and interpretability in healthcare-related AI applications. This research not only contributes to technological advancements in accident management but also addresses a critical societal need, laying a strong foundation for future work in real-time accident detection, multi-modal data integration, and autonomous EMS systems.

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