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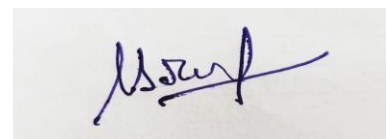
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ABSTRACT

In the era of digital education, traditional one-size-fits-all teaching methods fail to address the diverse needs of learners. Machine Learning (ML) offers innovative solutions to customize educational experiences, enhancing both engagement and outcomes. This research focuses on building personalized learning paths for students by leveraging ML algorithms to analyze individual learning behaviors, strengths, weaknesses, and preferences. The system employs K-Means Clustering to group students with similar learning patterns, Decision Trees and Random Forests to predict weak areas, and Collaborative Filtering to recommend study materials tailored to their needs. Reinforcement Learning dynamically adjusts learning paths based on real-time progress, while Natural Language Processing (NLP) analyzes feedback to improve content recommendations. Key components include data collection from Learning Management Systems (LMS), preprocessing using tools like Pandas and Scikit-learn, and a learning path generator to predict and assign suitable learning activities. A recommendation engine further refines this path by suggesting resources, assignments, and assessments based on students' evolving requirements. This approach empowers educators to provide targeted interventions, promotes self-paced learning, and fosters better academic outcomes. The integration of real-time progress tracking and feedback analysis ensures the system remains adaptive and student-centered. By harnessing the power of ML, this solution aims to revolutionize personalized education, making learning more efficient, engaging, and equitable for students worldwide.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

- ❖ **ML** - Machine Learning
- ❖ **SVM** - Support Vector Machine
- ❖ **KNN** - K-Nearest Neighbors
- ❖ **Gini** - Gini Impurity
- ❖ **MSE** - Mean Squared Error
- ❖ **K-fold** - K-fold Cross-Validation
- ❖ **API** - Application Programming Interface
- ❖ **CSV** - Comma Separated Values
- ❖ **ID3** - Iterative Dichotomiser 3
- ❖ **AUC** - Area Under the Curve
- ❖ **ROC** - Receiver Operating Characteristic
- ❖ **F1-Score** - F1-Score
- ❖ **NLP** - Natural Language Processing
- ❖ **RF** - Random Forest
- ❖ **CV** - Cross-Validation
- ❖ **TP** - True Positive
- ❖ **FP** - False Positive
- ❖ **TN** - True Negative
- ❖ **FN** - False Negative
- ❖ **PR** - Precision and Recall
- ❖ **XML** - Extensible Markup Language
- ❖ **JSON** - JavaScript Object Notation
- ❖ **API** - Application Programming Interface

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT

In an age dominated by digital transformation, education is undergoing a paradigm shift to accommodate diverse learner profiles. The traditional teaching approach often struggles to address the individual needs of students, leading to gaps in understanding and engagement. The advent of Machine Learning (ML) in education provides innovative tools to revolutionize this process, offering data-driven insights to create personalized learning experiences. By analyzing students' learning behaviors, preferences, and performance, ML can design adaptive learning paths that cater to each individual's strengths and weaknesses. This project focuses on utilizing ML algorithms to enhance learning outcomes through customization and automation.

1.2 PURPOSE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE PROJECT

The primary purpose of this project is to develop a system that enables personalized learning paths for students using Machine Learning techniques. Key benefits include:

- **Catering to diverse learning needs:** Tailoring study materials and activities based on students' unique profiles.
- **Boosting engagement and retention:** Delivering content that aligns with learners' preferences and capabilities.
- **Improving learning outcomes:** Identifying weak areas and providing targeted interventions for better performance.
- **Dynamic adaptability:** Real-time tracking and adjustments to align with students' evolving needs.

Personalized learning paths can bridge the gap between students' potential and performance, fostering inclusivity and efficiency in education.

1.3 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the project are:

1. To analyze learning behaviors and identify patterns using ML algorithms such as K-Means Clustering and Decision Trees.
2. To predict students' strengths and weaknesses and recommend study materials accordingly.
3. To design a recommendation engine leveraging collaborative filtering for suggesting resources and activities.
4. To implement reinforcement learning for dynamic adaptation of the learning path based on real-time progress.
5. To provide actionable insights through analytics for both students and educators.

1.4 PROJECT SUMMARIZATION

This project integrates various Machine Learning techniques to build a robust personalized learning system. By collecting data from Learning Management Systems (LMS) and preprocessing it for analysis, the system leverages clustering and classification algorithms to group students and identify their needs. A recommendation engine further refines learning paths, suggesting tailored resources based on student preferences and past interactions. Progress tracking ensures real-time adaptability, while feedback analysis enhances the system's efficiency through Natural Language Processing (NLP). Ultimately, this solution aims to empower both students and educators, creating an ecosystem where learning is efficient, engaging, and aligned with individual goals.

CHAPTER 2

PROJECT METHODOLOGY

2.1 INTRODUCTION TO SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The system architecture for building a personalized learning path leverages Machine Learning to create a modular and adaptive framework. It integrates data collection, preprocessing, model training, and dynamic decision-making to deliver tailored educational experiences. The architecture comprises the following core components:

1. **Data Collection Module:** Gathers information on student interactions, quiz scores, feedback, and progress from Learning Management Systems (LMS) or other educational platforms.
2. **Preprocessing Module:** Cleans and normalizes data to prepare it for Machine Learning models using tools like Pandas and Scikit-learn.
3. **Learning Path Generator:** Uses classification algorithms (e.g., Decision Trees) to predict students' weak areas and assign personalized learning steps.
4. **Recommendation Engine:** Implements collaborative filtering to suggest study materials and resources based on similar students' preferences and past interactions.
5. **Feedback and Progress Analysis Module:** Applies Natural Language Processing (NLP) to analyze textual feedback and tracks students' progress to refine learning paths dynamically.
6. **Real-Time Adaptation Module:** Employs reinforcement learning to adjust the personalized learning path based on evolving performance metrics.
7. **User Interface (UI):** Provides an intuitive dashboard for students and educators to view progress, access materials, and receive recommendations.

2.2 DETAILED SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE DIAGRAM

Below is a textual description of the system architecture diagram:

1. Data Collection Layer

- Input Sources: LMS, student interactions, assessments, and feedback.
- Captures raw data such as course progress, quiz scores, and engagement metrics.

2. Preprocessing Layer

- Tools: Pandas, NumPy, Scikit-learn.
- Tasks: Data cleaning, normalization, and feature extraction.

3. Machine Learning Layer

- **Clustering Module:** Groups students with similar learning patterns (K-Means Clustering).
- **Classification Module:** Predicts weak areas and learning preferences (Decision Trees, Random Forest).
- **Recommendation Engine:** Recommends resources using collaborative filtering or content-based filtering.
- **Reinforcement Learning Module:** Adapts the learning path dynamically based on student progress.

4. Feedback Analysis Layer

- Uses NLP techniques to analyze textual feedback and refine content recommendations.

5. Progress Tracking and Visualization Layer

- Monitors student progress and generates reports for teachers and students.
- Dynamic learning paths are visualized on an interactive dashboard.

6. User Interface Layer

- Student and Teacher Dashboards: Display personalized learning paths, study material, and analytics.

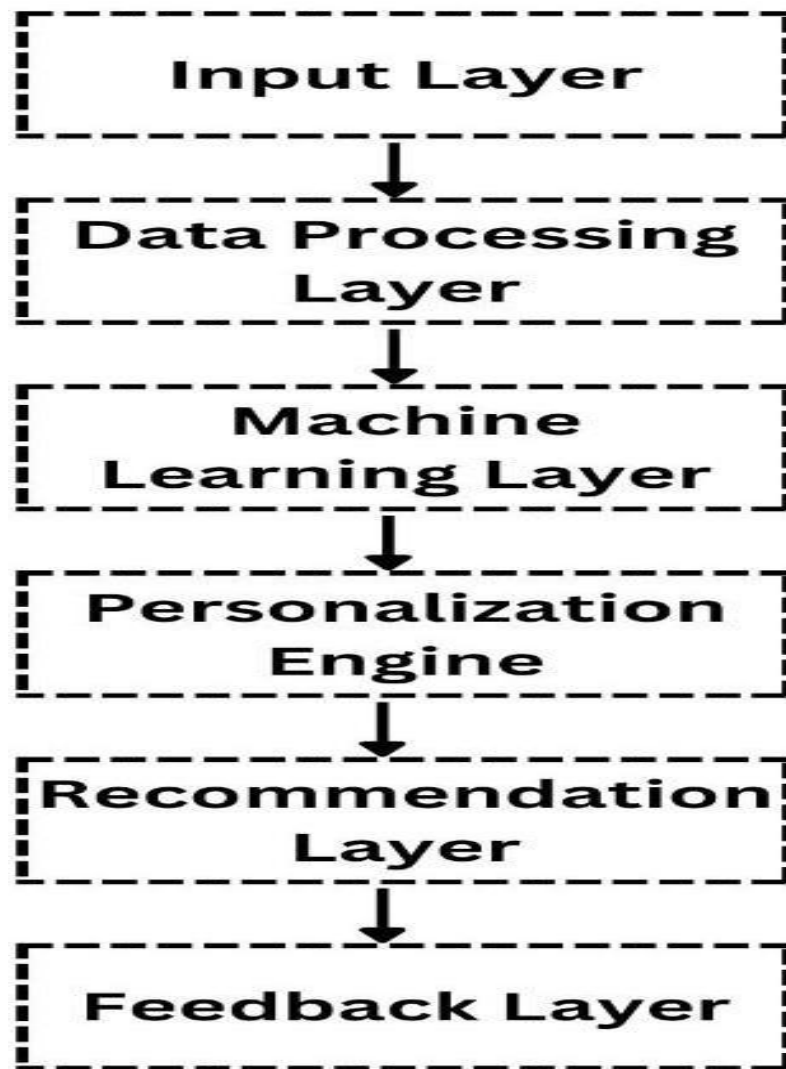


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CHAPTER 3

ML ALGORITHM PREFERENCE

3.1 EXPLANATION OF WHY DECISION TREE CLASSIFIER WAS CHOSEN

The Decision Tree Classifier was chosen for the project due to the following reasons:

- **Simplicity and Interpretability:** Decision trees provide a clear and visual representation of the decision-making process. The model's logic can be easily understood by non-technical users, which is essential in educational contexts like personalized learning path recommendations.
- **Handling Categorical Data:** The decision tree is well-suited for datasets with categorical features (e.g., "Do you enjoy Programming?" with binary values 1 or 0). This is a common scenario in many recommendation systems, including this project, where user preferences are represented as binary indicators.
- **Non-linear Relationships:** Decision trees do not require the relationship between features to be linear. They can handle complex, non-linear relationships between user interests and the learning path, making them flexible for this type of task.
- **Low Computational Overhead:** The dataset in this project is relatively small, and decision trees perform well on smaller datasets without requiring extensive computation power or hyperparameter tuning, which makes them an efficient choice for rapid prototyping.
- **Robust to Outliers:** Decision trees can handle outliers well, making them reliable even if some user inputs are somewhat unusual or extreme.

3.2 COMPARISON WITH OTHER ALGORITHMS

The Decision Tree Classifier has several distinct advantages and limitations when compared to other machine learning algorithms, such as K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), Naive Bayes, Support Vector Machines (SVM), and Random Forest. Here's a detailed comparison:

Decision Tree Classifier

- **Strengths:**
 - Easy to understand and interpret: The decision-making process is transparent, making it simple for non-experts to interpret the model.
 - Handles categorical data well: Since the data in this project is binary (Yes/No), decision trees are naturally suited for handling such categorical data.
 - Works well with small datasets: Decision trees are efficient with small datasets, which is beneficial for this project.
 - Non-linear relationships: Decision trees do not assume linear relationships between features, which makes them versatile in handling complex data.
- **Weaknesses:**
 - Prone to overfitting: Decision trees are likely to overfit the data, especially when the tree is deep. This can lead to poor generalization on new data.
 - Sensitive to small changes in data: A slight change in the data can lead to different splits in the tree, making the model unstable.
 - Bias towards features with more categories: Decision trees might favor features with more possible values, potentially leading to biased predictions.

3.2.1 K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

- Strengths:
 - Simple and intuitive: KNN is easy to understand and implement.
 - No explicit training phase: KNN does not require training, making it ideal for applications where the data constantly changes.
- Weaknesses:
 - Computationally expensive: As the dataset grows, KNN becomes slower because it requires the comparison of each data point with every other data point.
 - Poor performance with high-dimensional data: The algorithm struggles when the number of features increases, often known as the "curse of dimensionality."

Naive Bayes

- Strengths:
 - Fast and efficient: Naive Bayes is computationally fast, making it ideal for real-time applications.
 - Works well with high-dimensional data: It performs well when there are many features, such as in text classification.
- Weaknesses:
 - Assumes independence between features: Naive Bayes assumes that all features are independent, which may not be true in many real-world scenarios.
 - Performs poorly with correlated features: If the features are correlated, the model's performance tends to degrade significantly.

3.2.2 Support Vector Machine (SVM)

- Strengths:
 - Effective in high-dimensional spaces: SVM performs well in environments where there are many features and is effective at handling complex data.
 - Robust to overfitting: SVM is less likely to overfit the data, especially in high-dimensional spaces.
- Weaknesses:
 - Memory-intensive: SVM can require a lot of memory, making it less suitable for large datasets.
 - Not ideal for large datasets: SVM's training process is slow and becomes computationally expensive as the dataset size increases.
 - Difficult to interpret: Unlike decision trees, the results from SVM are harder to explain and visualize, making it less interpretable.

3.2.3 Random Forest

- Strengths:
 - Reduces overfitting: By combining multiple decision trees, Random Forest helps mitigate overfitting and provides more accurate predictions.
 - Handles both regression and classification tasks: It's versatile and can be applied to a wide range of problems.
 - More robust and accurate: Random Forest tends to be more accurate than a single decision tree due to the averaging of multiple models.
- Weaknesses:
 - Computationally intensive: Building and training a Random Forest can be slow and requires more memory, especially for large datasets.
 - Less interpretable: Unlike decision trees, Random Forest does not provide a clear, visual decision-making process, making it less interpretable.

In summary, the Decision Tree Classifier is a great choice for this project due to its simplicity, interpretability, and ability to handle categorical data. Although it has some disadvantages like overfitting and instability, these can be addressed with proper tuning. In contrast, other algorithms like KNN and SVM may be better suited for larger, more complex datasets but come with their own challenges, such as computational cost and interpretability. Random Forest, while more accurate, may be overkill for the smaller dataset in this case, and Naive Bayes assumes feature independence, which may not always be the case.

Choosing a data structure for a phone directory application involves considering trade-offs. A doubly linked list offers efficient insertion, deletion, and bidirectional traversal, making it suitable for dynamic contact management. Arrays provide constant-time access but require resizing for dynamic operations. Singly linked lists are memory-efficient but lack efficient backward traversal. Hash tables offer constant-time operations but introduce overhead with collisions.

3.3 ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF USING DECISION TREE CLASSIFIER

3.3.1 Advantages:

1. Easy to Interpret and Visualize:
 - Decision trees provide a clear flow of decisions, making them easily interpretable. This transparency is important in educational or business environments where users need to understand the model's reasoning.
2. Handles Categorical Data Efficiently:
 - Decision trees naturally handle categorical data (like binary answers) without needing special preprocessing or encoding, which is ideal for this project where user inputs are binary (Yes/No).
3. No Need for Feature Scaling:
 - Unlike algorithms like KNN or SVM, decision trees do not require feature scaling, which simplifies data preprocessing.

4. Non-linearity:

- Decision trees do not assume a linear relationship between features, making them versatile and suitable for complex datasets with non-linear decision boundaries.

5. Robust to Outliers:

- Decision trees are less sensitive to outliers compared to other algorithms, ensuring the model is stable even if the user inputs are extreme.

3.3.2 Disadvantages:

1. Prone to Overfitting:

- Decision trees tend to overfit the training data, especially if the tree is too deep. This results in poor generalization to new data. Techniques like pruning or ensemble methods (e.g., Random Forest) are often used to mitigate this.

2. Instability:

- Small changes in the data can lead to different splits, which makes decision trees unstable. This can be mitigated by using ensemble methods like Random Forest.

3. Bias towards Features with More Categories:

- Decision trees can be biased towards features with more categories, as they may appear more informative. Proper feature selection or balancing can address this issue.

4. Computational Cost:

- While decision trees are efficient for small datasets, they may become computationally expensive with larger datasets or deeper trees. However, for this project, the dataset is small, so this is not a significant concern.

CHAPTER -4

ML ALGORITHM METHODOLOGY

4.1 DECISION TREE CLASSIFIER ALGORITHM

The Decision Tree Classifier is a supervised machine learning algorithm used for both classification and regression tasks. It works by learning to partition the feature space into distinct regions based on the input features. The process can be summarized as follows:

1. **Root Node:** The algorithm starts with the entire dataset as the root node of the tree.
2. **Splitting:** At each node, the algorithm splits the data based on the feature that results in the best separation (i.e., minimizing impurity). This split is made based on the selected splitting criterion (e.g., Gini impurity, entropy).
3. **Recursive Splitting:** This splitting process is recursively applied to each child node, forming a tree-like structure.
4. **Leaf Nodes:** When the data at a node reaches a point where no further splitting is needed (either because all data points belong to the same class or a stopping criterion is met), it becomes a leaf node. Each leaf node represents a class label (for classification tasks).
5. **Prediction:** During the prediction phase, an input sample is passed through the tree, and the class label at the leaf node reached by the sample is the predicted output.

The Decision Tree Classifier is known for its simplicity, interpretability, and ability to model complex decision boundaries. It is particularly useful for classification tasks where the relationships between features are non-linear.

4.2 NODE STRUCTURE

In a decision tree, each node represents a decision or a condition on a feature, while the edges between nodes represent the outcome of those decisions. A typical decision tree consists of the following types of nodes:

1. **Root Node:**

- This is the topmost node, representing the entire dataset before any splits. It is the starting point for the recursive splitting process.

2. **Internal Nodes:**

- These nodes represent a decision point, where the dataset is split based on a specific feature. Each internal node corresponds to a condition that separates the data into smaller subsets.
- The decision is based on selecting the best feature (or attribute) that minimizes impurity (e.g., Gini index, entropy).

3. **Leaf Nodes:**

- Leaf nodes are the end points of the tree where no further splitting occurs. These nodes represent the predicted class label for the given input data.
- In classification tasks, each leaf node contains the majority class of the data that reaches it. In regression, it contains the average of the target variable values.

4. **Edges:**

- The edges or branches represent the outcome of a decision (whether a feature value meets a specific threshold or not) and direct the flow of the data to the appropriate child node.

4.3 TRAINING, SPLITTING CRITERIA & PRUNING

Training the Decision Tree: The decision tree algorithm uses a training dataset to learn how to classify or predict the data based on its features. The training process involves the following steps:

1. **Selecting the Root Node:** The training algorithm starts by evaluating the feature that provides the best split in the dataset. It tries different features and their possible split points.
2. **Recursive Splitting:** Once the best feature is identified for the root node, the dataset is split into subsets based on this feature. The process is repeated recursively for each subset, evaluating the best feature to split at each node.
3. **Stopping Criteria:** The algorithm stops splitting when one of the stopping criteria is met:
 - The maximum depth of the tree is reached.
 - The dataset at a node is pure (all examples belong to the same class).
 - The minimum number of samples required for a split is not met.
 - No further improvement in the splitting criterion is achieved.

Splitting Criteria: To decide where to split the data at each node, the algorithm evaluates several splitting criteria, which measure the "impurity" of the data:

1. **Gini Impurity:** The Gini index measures how often a randomly chosen element from the dataset would be incorrectly classified.
2. **Entropy (Information Gain):** Entropy measures the disorder or impurity of a dataset. The goal is to choose the feature that maximizes the reduction in entropy.

3. **Mean Squared Error (for Regression):** In regression tasks, the algorithm uses Mean Squared Error (MSE) to evaluate the purity of the data.

Pruning: Pruning is a technique used to prevent overfitting by removing parts of the tree that provide little or no additional predictive power. It is typically done after the tree is fully grown and involves the following approaches:

1. **Pre-Pruning (Early Stopping):**

- Pre-pruning involves stopping the growth of the tree before it reaches its maximum potential depth. It can be done by setting constraints like maximum depth, minimum number of samples per leaf, or maximum number of splits.

2. **Post-Pruning (Cost Complexity Pruning):**

- After the tree is grown, post-pruning removes branches that add little predictive value. The goal is to balance the complexity of the tree and its accuracy. This is often achieved by calculating the cost-complexity measure (the trade-off between tree size and accuracy) and removing branches with the least significance.

Pruning helps to reduce overfitting, which occurs when the model becomes too complex and overfits the training data, leading to poor generalization to unseen data.

CHAPTER-5

MODULES

5.1 DATA PREPROCESSING

Data preprocessing is a crucial step in the machine learning pipeline, as it prepares raw data for training and improves the model's performance. In this project, the following preprocessing steps were applied:

1. Handling Missing Data:

- Ensure that all missing or incomplete data entries are addressed, either by imputing values or removing rows or columns with missing data, ensuring the integrity of the dataset.

2. Data Encoding:

- Convert categorical variables into numerical values (binary encoding, one-hot encoding, etc.) so that the machine learning model can process the data.
- For this project, binary encoding is used to represent user preferences (e.g., "Do you enjoy Programming?" is converted to 1 for Yes and 0 for No).

3. Feature Scaling (if needed):

- Although decision trees do not require feature scaling, in some cases, if different algorithms were chosen, scaling might be necessary to normalize the range of independent variables.

4. Data Splitting:

- The dataset is split into two parts: a training set (used to train the model) and a test set (used to evaluate the model). Typically, a 70-30 or 80-20 split is used for training and testing, respectively.

5. Data Cleaning:

- Check for and remove duplicates, outliers, or any irrelevant data that might affect the model's accuracy.

After preprocessing, the data is ready to be fed into the machine learning model for training and prediction.

5.2 MODEL TRAINING

Model training is the process of feeding preprocessed data into the machine learning algorithm to learn from it. In this project, the Decision TreeClassifier is used, and the steps are as follows:

1. Training the Decision Tree Classifier:

- The model is trained using the preprocessed training data, where the algorithm learns the patterns and relationships between the input features and the target labels (learning paths).
- The training involves selecting the best feature splits at each node, based on criteria like Gini Impurity or Entropy (Information Gain).

2. Hyperparameter Tuning:

- During the training phase, hyperparameters such as the maximum depth of the tree, minimum samples per leaf, and splitting criteria are adjusted to improve the model's performance.
- This process can be done manually or by using methods like Grid Search or Randomized Search to find the optimal settings for the model.

3. Fitting the Model:

- Once the algorithm has learned from the data, the model is "fitted" to the training data. This means it has internalized the decision-making process based on the input features and target labels.

5.3 MODEL EVALUATION AND PREDICTION

After training the model, it is important to evaluate its performance and make predictions on new, unseen data. The evaluation and prediction steps involve the following:

1. Model Evaluation:

- Evaluate the model using the test set, which was not used during training. This helps assess how well the model generalizes to new data.

- Common evaluation metrics include:
 - **Accuracy:** Measures the proportion of correct predictions out of all predictions made.
 - **Precision, Recall, F1-Score:** These metrics are used for classification problems, especially when there is class imbalance.
 - **Confusion Matrix:** Shows the true positives, false positives, true negatives, and false negatives, helping understand the performance in more detail.

2. Cross-Validation:

- To ensure the model's robustness, cross-validation techniques like k-fold cross-validation can be used, where the data is split into k subsets, and the model is trained and tested multiple times.

3. Making Predictions:

- Once the model is trained and evaluated, it is used to make predictions. In this project, user input (e.g., answers to interest questions) is passed through the trained decision tree, and the model predicts the most suitable learning path.
- The model outputs a predicted class label, such as "Data Science Path" or "Software Development Path."

4. Model Testing:

- The model is tested on new, unseen data to simulate how it would perform in a real-world scenario. This helps ensure that the model's performance is reliable and accurate when applied to real user inputs.

5. Model Refinement:

- Based on evaluation metrics, adjustments can be made to improve the model. This can involve tuning hyperparameters further, adding more data, or even trying different algorithms if necessary.

CHAPTER 6

CONCLUSION & FUTURE SCOPE

6.1 CONCLUSION

The project, "Building a Personalized Learning Path for Students Using Machine Learning," demonstrates the potential of ML in revolutionizing education by tailoring learning experiences to individual needs. By analyzing student behaviors, performance, and preferences, the system provides customized learning paths, predicts weak areas, and recommends targeted study materials. The integration of algorithms such as K-Means Clustering for grouping students, Decision Trees for predicting challenges, and Collaborative Filtering for recommendations ensures an efficient and adaptive system. The use of reinforcement learning and feedback analysis further refines the personalization process dynamically, ensuring continuous improvement in educational outcomes. This project establishes a framework for adaptive learning systems, addressing the limitations of traditional teaching methods and enhancing engagement, retention, and performance. It serves as a significant step towards creating equitable and inclusive education, empowering both students and educators.

6.2 FUTURE SCOPE

The proposed system lays the foundation for adaptive and intelligent learning platforms, but there are numerous opportunities for further enhancement:

1. **Integration with Advanced Data Sources:**

- Expand data collection to include physiological data (e.g., eye-tracking for engagement) and behavioral data from interactive learning tools.
- Incorporate real-world problem-solving scenarios to assess practical application skills.

2. **Enhanced Personalization with AI:**

- Use **Deep Learning** models to capture complex learning patterns and provide more accurate recommendations.

- Incorporate **emotion recognition** to gauge students' emotional states and adjust content delivery accordingly.
2. **Cross-Language and Multicultural Support:**
 - Implement Natural Language Processing (NLP) for multi-language support to accommodate students from diverse linguistic and cultural backgrounds.
 3. **Gamification and Immersive Technologies:**
 - Integrate gamification techniques to improve motivation and engagement.
 - Leverage Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) to create immersive learning experiences.
 4. **Scalability and Cloud Integration:**
 - Deploy the system on cloud platforms to support a larger user base and ensure real-time processing and scalability.
 5. **Advanced Analytics for Educators:**
 - Develop dashboards with predictive analytics to help educators identify at-risk students and take timely interventions.
 6. **Ethics and Privacy:**
 - Enhance data privacy measures and comply with global standards like GDPR.
 - Implement ethical AI practices to ensure fairness and unbiased recommendations.
 7. **Collaborative Learning:**
 - Introduce peer-learning modules that match students with complementary strengths for group projects and discussions.

By addressing these areas, the system can evolve into a comprehensive, intelligent, and globally scalable educational platform, further revolutionizing the learning experience in the digital age.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX A-SOURCE CODE

```
# Import necessary libraries
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
import numpy as np

# Expanded dataset (features: [Interest in Science, Math, Programming, Design,
Biology, Creativity])
# Labels: Learning Path suggestions
data = np.array([
    [1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0], # Interested in Science, Math, and Programming
    [1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1], # Interested in Science, Design, and Creativity
    [0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0], # Interested in Math and Programming
    [0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1], # Interested in Design and Creativity
    [1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0], # Interested in Science, Math, and Biology
    [1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0], # Interested in Science and Biology
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1], # Interested in Creativity
    [1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1], # Interested in all fields
    [0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0], # Interested in Programming and Design
    [0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0], # Interested in Biology
])

# Corresponding learning paths
labels = [
    "Engineering and Technology Path",
    "Arts and Creative Design Path",
    "Computer Science Path",
    "Graphic Design Path",
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"Medical Research Path",
"Health Science Path",
"Fine Arts Path",
"Comprehensive Multi-Disciplinary Path",
"Web Development and UI/UX Path",
"Pure Medical Sciences Path",
]

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# Train the Decision Tree Classifier

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model = DecisionTreeClassifier()
model.fit(data, labels)

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# User input

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print("Enter your interests (1 for Yes, 0 for No):")
science = int(input("Do you enjoy Science? (1/0): "))
math = int(input("Do you enjoy Mathematics? (1/0): "))
programming = int(input("Do you enjoy Programming? (1/0): "))
design = int(input("Do you enjoy Design? (1/0): "))
biology = int(input("Do you enjoy Biology? (1/0): "))
creativity = int(input("Do you enjoy Creativity and Arts? (1/0): "))

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# Create user input array

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user_input = np.array([[science, math, programming, design, biology, creativity]])

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# Predict learning path

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recommendation = model.predict(user_input)

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print("\nRecommended Learning Path for You: ", recommendation[0])

```

APPENDIX B – SCREENSHOTS

OUTPUT - 1

```
Enter your interests (1 for Yes, 0 for No):  
Do you enjoy Science? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Mathematics? (1/0): 0  
Do you enjoy Programming? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Design? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Biology? (1/0): 0  
Do you enjoy Creativity and Arts? (1/0): 1  
  
Recommended Learning Path for You: Web Development and UI/UX Path
```

Figure No. : A1

OUTPUT – 2

```
Enter your interests (1 for Yes, 0 for No):  
Do you enjoy Science? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Mathematics? (1/0): 0  
Do you enjoy Programming? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Design? (1/0): 1  
Do you enjoy Biology? (1/0): 0  
Do you enjoy Creativity and Arts? (1/0): 1  
  
Recommended Learning Path for You: Arts and Creative Design Path
```

Figure No. : A2