**CHAPTER ONE**

1. **INTRODUCTION**
   1. **Background of the Study**

Technology is advancing rapidly, permeating both our daily lives and professional endeavors. This relentless progression has triggered notable transformations in the education sector, rooted in data mining and the application of artificial intelligence (AI). Predicting student performance is a very typical task in the education field, and different methods, algorithms, and approaches have been researched and applied to the use of machine learning (ML), educational data mining (EDM), and artificial neural networks to predict student performance for the best result (Abulhaija et al., 2023; Preetha and Anitha, 2022).

Deep learning techniques have made it possible to understand various predictors of academic performance in students (Smith et al., 2021). Furthermore, in the past few years, the proliferation of mobile applications has taken place, enabling access to performance data anytime and anywhere, thereby allowing students and educators to track and improve learning experiences without restrictions (Johnson & Lee, 2020).

The premise of this work is the strength between mobile devices and predictive analytics technology aimed at helping teachers with students who are possibly at risk of poor performance. The objective of this project is to employ deep learning algorithms to close the lag between data created and its corresponding use in the context of education, thereby, enabling timely implementation of interventions (Clark & Wright, 2019).

* 1. **Statement of Problem**

Despite the advances in educational technology, there remains a challenge in identifying students who require early intervention in their academic difficulties. Traditional performance-tracking methods often lack the precision and adaptability required to analyze complex patterns in real-time, particularly in a mobile environment. As a result, many students may experience a deterioration in performance without sufficient support or proactive measures from educational institutions (Perez & Thomas, 2019). With the availability of a large amount of data regarding students' interactions with learning management systems, educational data mining has become a potential tool to analyze and predict students' academic performance and help them improve their performance by taking timely appropriate actions. Existing studies predominantly make use of demographic attributes from such systems, and other attributes are less investigated. This study leverages attributes related to school, home, and combined tutoring to predict students' academic performance (Sarwat, S. et al, 2022).

* 1. **Aims and Objectives**

This study aims to develop a mobile-based system using deep learning to predict student performance.

The Objectives include:

1. To implement a deep learning model capable of analyzing historical academic data and other factors to predict future performance.
2. To validate the system's accuracy in identifying students who fall under this category.
3. To design a mobile-friendly interface that allows students and educators to view predictive performance data.
4. To assess the system's usability and effectiveness in predicting student outcomes.
   1. **Significance of Study**

The significance of this study is to the educational sector. This will predict a student’s performance academically which will assist educators to be able to provide timely interventions, potentially reducing academic failure rates and improving overall educational outcomes.

* 1. **Methodology**

The methodology used in this project includes the creation of a mobile-based system that will predict student performance with the help of a hybrid deep learning method. A source dataset with different features of students (academic, behavioral, demographic) is preprocessed to be sure of consistency and to make up for the missing values. For the selection of the most relevant features a Genetic Algorithm is used, this approach ensures that only the most important of the predictors are left. The long-term memory and MobileBERT make the neural network hyperparameters the best of the deep learning models with the help of Genetic Algorithm innovation, which also makes them perform better and more efficiently. The hybrid deep learning model is a combination of Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks for sequential data processing and MobileBERT for understanding contextual information, to produce the best predictive algorithm. The two models are mixed to fully use their strengths and to create an ensemble that can both capture temporal patterns and semantic nuances. This solution is portable and can be run on smartphones, thus, it has high accessibility and easy deployment. In the process of application, such metrics as accuracy, precision, recall rate, and F1 score are used to demonstrate that the model is both reliable and generalizes well. In conclusion, the model has been optimized and attached to a user-friendly mobile application so that all its users would see the points of success scored and the benefits of the obtained results.

* 1. **Scope of the Study**

The scope of this project is limited to the development and evaluation of a mobile application that utilizes deep learning algorithms to predict student performance. This study will also be limited to the prediction of students’ academic performance. It will not cover measures to be taken to improve a student’s situation.

* 1. **Limitations of the Study**

The primary limitation of this project lies in its reliance on computational resources, as the hybrid deep learning models combining LSTM and MobileBERT, alongside the genetic algorithm optimization, demand significant processing power and memory. This can cause deployment challenges on low-end mobile devices. Additionally, the model’s performance may be affected by the quality and quantity of training data.

* 1. **Definition of Terms**

**Deep learning:** Deep learning is a type of machine learning inspired by the human brain that uses artificial neural networks to learn from data.

**Predictive analysis:** This is the use of historical data and other factors to make predictions about future outcomes.

**Mobile application:** It is software designed to function on mobile devices.

**Student performance:** This refers to a student’s academic achievement usually measured by grades.

**MobileBERT:** MobileBERT is a variant of the BERT (Bidirectional Encoder Representations from Transformers) model equipped with bottleneck structures and a carefully designed balance between self-attentions and feed-forward networks, specifically designed for mobile devices.

**LSTM:** Long Short-Term Memory or LSTM for short is an advanced Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) algorithm. It uses gates to capture both long-term and short-term memory.

**DNN:** A Deep Neural Network is a type of artificial neural network with more than one network layer between the input and output layers. The term “deep” refers to the use of multiple hidden layers which enables it to model more complex relationships.

**Genetic Algorithm:** It is a type of computational optimization technique inspired by the principles of natural selection and genetics used to solve problems by mimicking the process of evolution to improve a population of potential solutions iteratively.

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