Group 16 - Final Project Report

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Project Title: Web Scraping tool for extracting the abstracts from Research Papers available on PubMed

Aim: The aim of this project is to scrape and analyze scientific literature from PubMed to identify and document various machine learning and deep learning models used for predicting permeability. The report will provide insights into the dataset size, availability for download, the most commonly mentioned models, top performing model, and extend the analysis to properties beyond permeability, such as Blood barrier Permeability.

Introduction: Permeability prediction is a crucial aspect of drug discovery and pharmaceutical research. Machine learning and deep learning models have gained prominence in predicting permeability, among other properties. This report focuses on the task of scraping relevant scientific literature from PubMed and Google Scholar to gain insights into the models utilized for permeability prediction and other properties like Binding affinity, blood brain barrier permeability.

Methodology: The methodology involves web scraping PubMed and Google Scholar to retrieve articles related to permeability prediction. For each article, the following information is extracted:

- 1. Title
- 2. Year of Publication
- 3. Authors
- 4. Link to the Article
- 5. ML and DL Models used
- 6. Data set size used
- 7. Download Ability (Availability for download)
- 8. Top Performing Model

The provided code snippet below performs web scraping on PubMed for articles related to a specified search query, covering the years from 2010 to 2023, covering a broad range of recent research in the field. It iterates through each year and all the available pages of search results, opens the PubMed webpage, waits for results to load, simulates scrolling to fetch additional results, and finally extracts the page source HTML and parses it using BeautifulSoup. This process facilitates the collection of data for subsequent analysis, enabling the identification of machine learning and deep learning models mentioned in the articles related to permeability prediction.

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# Loop through each year from 2010 to 2023
for year in range(2010, 2024):
    year_data = []

# Inside the loop for each page
    for page in range(1, 5): # Extract data from the first 10 pages

# Open PubMed
    driver.get(f"https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/?term={search_query}&filter=years.{year}-{year}&page={p:
        # Wait for the results to load
        time.sleep(5)

# Scroll down to load more results (you can adjust the number of scrolls)
        for _ in range(3):
            driver.execute_script("window.scrollTo(0, document.body.scrollHeight);")
            time.sleep(2)

# Get the page source and parse it with BeautifulSoup
        page_source = driver.page_source
        soup = BeautifulSoup(page_source, 'html.parser')
```

In the following code segment, for each article in the search results, the title, authors, link, and PubMed ID (PMID) are extracted. The code then navigates to the article's page, waits for it to load, and checks for the presence of a "Save" button to determine if the article is downloadable. It also extracts the article's abstract and the entire text content, converting both to uppercase for consistent comparison. It then iterates through a list of model keywords, checking if any of these models are mentioned in the article's abstract or text. Any mentioned models are recorded. This process allows for the identification of models discussed in the articles retrieved from PubMed.

```
for result in results:
   title = result.find("a", {"class": "docsum-title"}).text
   authors = result.find("span", {"class": "docsum-authors"}).text
   link = "https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov" + result.find("a", {"class": "docsum-title"})["href"]
   pmid = result.find("span", {"class": "docsum-pmid"}).text
   driver.get(link)
   time.sleep(5) # Wait for the article page to load
   article_page_source = driver.page_source
   article_soup = BeautifulSoup(article_page_source, 'html.parser')
   # Check if the "Save" button element is present inside the article
   save_button = article_soup.find("button", {"id": "save-results-panel-trigger"})
   downloadability = "Yes" if save_button else "No"
   abstract = result.find("div", {"class": "abstract-content"}).text
   article_text = article_soup.get_text()
   article_upper = article_text.upper()
   abstract_upper = abstract.upper()
   models_mentioned = []
   for model in model_keywords:
       model_upper = model.upper()
```

Future We Focused on the following aspects:

- Identifying Top-Performing Models: Analyzing which machine learning or deep learning models are consistently mentioned or associated with higher predictive accuracy in the literature.
- 2. Dataset Size Investigation: Conducting a systematic search to determine the dataset sizes used in these studies and how they impact model performance.
- 3. Exploring Other Properties: Extending the analysis to properties beyond permeability, such as Blood Barrier permeability.

```
data_by_year = {}
def find_data_size(text):
   max_value = None
   line with max value = None
       numeric_values = re.findall(r'\d+(?:\.\d+)?', line)
           # Convert the numeric values to float and find the maximum
           line_max_value = max(float(value) for value in numeric_values)
           if max value is None or line max value > max value:
              max_value = line_max_value
           line_with_max_value = line
   return line_with_max_value
def find_top_performing_model(abstract_text):
   lines = abstract_text.split('. ')
   line_with_top_model =
       if re.search(r'\b(?:top|best|leading|outperformed|performance|highest)\b', line, flags=re.IGNORECASE):
           line_with_top_model += line
   return line_with_top_model
```

Approach:

- 1. We use Python with Selenium and BeautifulSoup libraries to automate web scraping.
- A list of model keywords is provided to identify models mentioned in the articles.
- 3. We iterate through search results, scroll down to load more articles, and extract relevant information.
- 4. For each article, we navigate to its page to check if it is available for download and to extract the abstract.
- 5. The models mentioned in the abstract are recorded for analysis.
- 6. Data is organized by year, and the results are saved in an Excel file.

Observations:

The web scraping and analysis have yielded valuable insights into the models used for permeability prediction. Key observations include:

- The dataset size is not directly mentioned in the scraped data.
- Some articles are available for download, while others are not.
- Various machine learning and deep learning models are mentioned, with some being more prevalent than others.
- The report provides a year-wise breakdown of articles, authors, models, and downloadability status.





