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ABSTRACT

In today's world, we can see our daily life full of software, so it's of maximum probability that the software might contain some bugs. Software Defect Prediction (SDP) is predicting all the technical as well as front end, and back end bugs.

All we have to predict is bugs using various Ensemble Learning techniques. Software Defect Prediction (SDP) is one of the most helpful tools in the Testing Phase of the Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC). It identifies the modules that are prone to defects and require testing.

Along these lines, the testing assets can be utilized proficiently without abusing the constraints. However, SDP is extremely useful in testing, foreseeing the faulty modules is difficult all the time. Late advances in the area of Software Defect Prediction (SDP) incorporate the coordination of numerous characterization strategies to make a group or half and half methodology. This procedure was acquainted with further developing the forecast exhibition by beating the constraints of any single arrangement strategy. Basically Ensemble methods are classified into two types based on the base learners, first, one is Homogeneous ensemble methods such as Bagging, and Boosting, and the second one is Heterogeneous ensemble methods such as Stacking, Super Learner. In homogeneous ensemble methods, the same base learners are applied to a different set of instances in a dataset using various classifiers. Examples include bagging, boosting, rotation forest, etc. And using Stacking We achieved an accuracy of 90.3% on the Lucene dataset.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

SDP Software Defect Prediction

SQA Software Quality Assurance

SDLC Software Development Life Cycle

SVM Support Vector Machine

ML Machine Learning

SMOTE Synthetic Minority Oversampling Technique

DT Decision Tree

BN Bayes Network

AUC Area Under Curve

RF Extra Trees

CHAPTER - 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

The most valuable and cost-effective activity in programming is defect prediction. It is regarded as a crucial stage in the development process that defines the quality of the final product by software professionals. It has been critical in lowering the costs connected with the product company, such as the failure to meet demands on time and budget. SQA is a procedure that comprises tracking and regulating the development life cycle to maintain software quality while minimizing costs. This type of work includes structured code audits, code walkthroughs, software testing, and software fault prediction, to name a few elements.

The capacity of the product to fulfill its necessary duty under specified conditions for a certain timeframe," according to the definition of software reliability. Software reliability is often difficult to accomplish because of the rapid expansion and increasing complexity of software. One of the most fundamental and crucial parts of software quality is reliability.

Software reliability, according to ANSI, is "the probability of failure-free operation of a computer program for a particular period of time in a specified environment." (Quyoum and colleagues, 2010). The model was used to predict and estimate the number of errors in the programme in this study.

The main purpose of software reliability modeling is to determine the likelihood of a system failure in a given time interval or the expected time interval between subsequent failures. Machine Learning (ML) techniques have shown to be more accurate and precise in forecasting results than statistical methods and can be used to better predict software failures. ML is a machine learning approach that allows computers to automatically learn and predict system

behavior based on past and current failure data. As a result, it's only natural to want to know which strategy works best for a certain failure dataset and to what extent statistically. (Aggarwalet al. 2006; Goel and Singh et al. 2009).

To forecast and evaluate software models based on their performance, an ensemble learning approach is applied in this study. To estimate the period between software failures, various machine learning algorithms are applied. Different models are trained on input data and then used to forecast values based on test data in prediction work. The most difficult aspect of the prediction problem is determining the performance of the models using various error measuring approaches. Using a single model to forecast data may not always produce superior results. To determine the next failure time, various regression models are utilized, and the error measurements of the various models are compared. Furthermore, the goal is to offer a model by merging several models. The goal is also to provide a model that improves performance on many datasets by merging several models.

Software Defect Prediction (SDP) is a highly cost-effective and valuable procedure in the realm of software engineering. Before the release of a new product, such approaches would focus on directing software testing activities by estimating potential flaws in code.

Software defect prediction is a way of constructing machine learning classifiers to forecast incorrect code snippets by using historical data from computer repositories such as code complexity and change in records to model software metrics flaws. Program faults are common in sophisticated source code, and these flaws can lead to software failure.

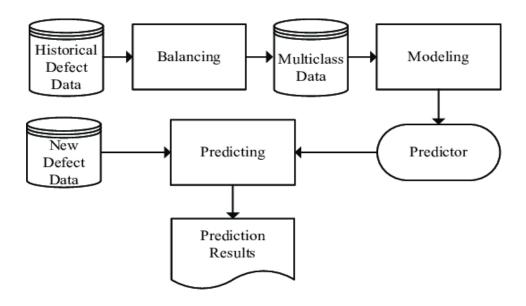


Fig 1.1: Software defect prediction method

The ensemble learning model is created by integrating many machine learning classifiers to increase prediction performance. Ensemble learning is described in the literature using a variety of names, including hybrid, combined, integrated, and aggregated classification. To develop the prediction model on a pre-labeled dataset, the classic technique of defect prediction uses an individual classifier, such as the naive Bayes classifier, decision trees, or a multilayer perceptron, as shown in Fig 1.1.

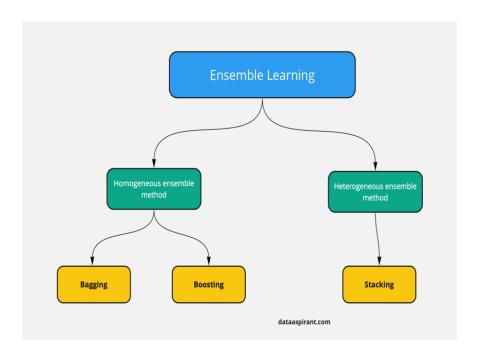
Under certain circumstances, individual classifiers may have flaws in predicting a given fault. As a result, ensemble learning was employed to combine the strengths of many classifiers in order to improve defect detection in the dataset. In the recent decade, a slew of studies has shown that ensemble approaches outperform individual classifiers in terms of classification accuracy.

Ensemble methods are broadly classified into two types based on the types of base learners:

Hybrid ensemble methods

Hexagonal ensemble methods

- 1. The same base learners are applied to a different set of instances in a dataset in homogenous ensemble methods. Bagging, boosting, and forest rotation are a few examples.
- Different base learners are generated using different machine learning techniques in the heterogeneous ensemble method. These base learners are combined, and the final prediction is performed by statistically or democratically integrating the results of the base learners.
- 3. Because of the different natures of base learners, heterogeneous methods are more diverse than homogeneous methods.



[Fig 1.2: ENSEMBLE TECHNIQUES]

BAGGING: Bagging, also known as bootstrap aggregation, is an ensemble learning method for reducing variance in a noisy dataset. It is the process of choosing a random sample of data from a training set with replacement—that is, the individual data points might be chosen many times.

BOOSTING: It is an ensemble modeling strategy that aims to create a strong classifier from a large number of weak ones. It is accomplished by constructing a model using a sequence of weak models. To begin, the training data is used to create a model. The second model is then created, which attempts to remedy the original model's flaws. This approach is repeated until either the entire training data set is properly predicted or the maximum number of models is added.

STACKING: It is a way of combining diverse ensemble approaches. Stacking is an ensemble strategy that builds a new model from predictions from numerous models (for example, decision tree, KNN, or SVM). When the outcomes of the individual algorithms are considerably varied, stacking comes in handy.

1.2 MOTIVATION

It can be seen that on different techniques and different datasets we observe different performance metrics and accuracy. So to get a perfect and accurate idea of accuracy and outcome we need to work on the common dataset and common performance metrics and propose an ensemble-learning algorithm for the software defect classification problem.

Various other motivations are listed below:

Statistical:

When the amount of training data is too tiny compared to the size of the search area, the learning algorithm produces the same accuracy on the training data despite the fact that the hypotheses are different. The program may average the accurate hypotheses, lower the danger of selecting the incorrect classifier, and obtain a good approximation to the genuine hypothesis by applying ensemble methods.

Computational:

The computational problem arises when training data is enough but the learning algorithm is still stuck. So it's still very difficult computationally for the learning algorithm to find the best hypothesis. An ensemble constructed by running the local search from many different starting points may provide a better approximation to the true unknown function than any of the individual classifiers.

Representational:

The function can be expressed in most machine learning systems by producing weighted sums of hypotheses. It may be possible to broaden the range of functions that can be represented in this way. As a result, for a given training dataset, we must consider the chosen search space to be the effective space of hypotheses examined by the learning algorithm.

1.3 PROJECT OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this project is to make a Comparative Analysis of several Ensemble Techniques for Software Defect Prediction to get the best accuracy.

1.4 SCOPE:

Instead of employing a single feature selection approach, ensembles of feature selection methods aim to mix numerous feature selection methods. Experiments show that ensembles with a small number of rankers are as effective as or better than ensembles with a large number of rankers. Although there are various Ensemble learning approaches, we are only allowed to work with three of them: Homogeneous Ensemble techniques like Bagging and Boosting, and Heterogeneous Ensemble techniques like Stacking.

1.5 RELATED WORK:

[1] Balogun et al. To increase the performance of defect prediction models, a method employing SMOTE (synthetic minority oversampling Technique) and homogeneous ensemble approaches (bagging and boosting) were presented. In their model, they used DT (Decision Tree) and BN (Bayes Network) as baseline classifiers. Their experiments revealed that the proposed technique outperformed base classifiers by a significant margin. The proposed defect prediction model's performance is measured using the AUC, Accuracy, and F-measure in this method. NASA software programs were used to create 5 datasets. The performance of DT and BN were compared to a SMOTE-based homogeneous ensemble approach on five projects with a homogeneous set of metrics. Bagging and boosting ensembles were used, with DT and BN as basic classifiers.

Alazba et al. [2] In defect prediction, proposed an approach that compared the prediction performance of seven Tree-based ensembles. Random forest and Extra Trees were used as bagging ensembles, and Ada boost, Gradient Boosting, Hist Gradient Boosting, XGBoost, and Cat Boost were used as boosting ensembles. The empirical data revealed that Tree-based bagging ensembles outperformed Tree-based boosting ensembles. However, none of the Tree-based ensembles performed significantly worse than individual decision trees in terms of prediction performance. Furthermore, of all Tree-based ensembles, the Ada boost ensemble performed the lowest. Extra Trees (ET), XG- Boost, Cat Boost, Gradient Boosting, Hist Gradient Boosting, Ada-Boost, and RF were used to compare the prediction performance of individual decision tree classifiers to tree Based ensembles using 11 datasets from NASA software projects. They discovered that, except for the Ada ensemble, the decision tree classifier performed poorly for all defect datasets, whereas Tree-based ensembles consistently outperformed the decision tree classifier. RF and ET bagging ensembles outperformed all other ensembles in terms of prediction.

Tong et al. [3] used a Heterogeneous layered method with '2-levels' to forecast software defects. The training and testing of base classifiers are at level one. 10-fold Cross-Validation is used to validate the level-1 learners. Then, in this model, the level-1 prediction outputs are provided as training data to meta learner or level-2 classifier. Nasa's CM1, KC1, KC2, PC1, and JM1 datasets in the SDP The suggested defect prediction model's performance is measured using the AUC, Accuracy, and F-measure models. The suggested classifier's performance is compared to that of traditional classifiers in terms of AUC and accuracy. Artificial Neural Network Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, K-nearest neighbor, and Support Vector Machine are the most prevalent classifiers found in the studies. All traditional classifiers and proposed stacking ensembles have their AUC values recorded. The results show that stacked Ensemble outperforms all other traditional classifiers across all datasets. The heterogeneous stacking technique outperforms the traditional technique by an average of 90%.

Kaur et al. [4] The bagging, boosting, and RF(Reinforcement) ensemble approaches were compared. In ensembles, fifteen basic classifiers were used. 9 open source datasets from the

Promise repositories were used in the experiments. On base learners, AUC performance gains for bagging, boosting, and RF was attained, according to the findings. With no decrease in AUC performance, RF outperformed bagging and boosting. For bagging, boosting, and RF, NB, logistic regression, and voted feature interval learners were not recommended as base learners. In this model, the AUC, TP-rate, FP-rate, and F-measure were used to compare their performance. IBM's integrated development environment (IDE) was used. 32 software metrics linked to various source code and structural measures were included in these datasets.

Friedman et al. [5] A technique was proposed. Boosting has been used to predict software defects. Their experiments revealed that the proposed technique outperformed base classifiers by a significant margin. The proposed defect prediction model's performance was measured using the F-measure accuracy and recall in this approach. KC1 dataset Nasa 716 samples for testing 1391 samples for training Boosting works by using classification algorithms successively on reweighted versions of training data. The completion class label is based on a weighted majority vote, the overall outcome, and software complexity measures such as LOC measure, Cyclomatic complexity Boostingm5, and Decision stump.

Rathore et al. [6] Heterogeneous and homogeneous ensemble approaches, as well as linear and nonlinear combination rules, were compared. On 15 datasets, they tested six defect prediction techniques: DTR, LR, MLP, genetic programming (GP), negative binomial regression (NBR), and zero-inflated Poisson regression (ZIP) and chose the top three techniques—DTR, MLP, and LR—as base learners for ensemble models. With M5P as a base learner, the researchers evaluated the proposed heterogeneous ensemble model against homogeneous bagging and boosting ensembles. Heterogeneous ensemble methods based on nonlinear combination rules outperformed homogeneous ensemble methods for the majority of datasets. However, as compared to homogeneous ensemble methods, heterogeneous ensemble approaches based on linear combination rules did not exhibit significant differences. In comparison to linear combination rule-based ensembles, they found that nonlinear-based ensemble approaches were more stable and performed better in forecasting the number of faults.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 LITERATURE SURVEY

Several machine learning algorithms for software dependability modeling have been proposed and applied in the literature. Some of the techniques employed include generic programming, gene expression programming, artificial neural networks, decision trees, support vector machines, feed-forward neural networks, fuzzy models, generalized neural networks, and others (Malhotra et al. 2011; Xingguo and Yanhua 2007; Hua Jung 2010; Karunanithi et al. 1992; Singh and Kumar 2010d; Eduardo et al. 2010). Ho et al. (2003) investigated connectionist models and their relevance to software reliability prediction in-depth, concluding that they outperform standard methods. Su and Huang (2006) employed a neural network to predict software dependability.

[7], H. Laradji. et.al., H. Laradji. et.al., H. Laradji Researchers The impact of feature selection (FS) paired with ensemble learning on defect prediction performance was investigated, and a strategy was presented. They presented an APE (average probability ensemble) technique for defect classification. Feature selection was done in the pre-processing step using greedy forward selection (GFS) and correlation-based FS. The APE model was built using RF, gradient boosting, stochastic gradient descent, W-SVMs, logistic regression, multinomial NB, and Bernoulli naive Bayes. According to the model's evaluations on six datasets, GFS outperformed correlation-based FS, and the APE model had the highest AUC when compared to W-SVMs and RF. They also supplied a more advanced version of APE with GFS for a higher AUC.

[8] Misha Kakkar. et.al An technique based on Feature Selection was proposed for Software Defect Prediction. To measure accuracy and ROC for software defect prediction before and after preprocessing, we used cleaned versions of five datasets from the NASA MDP repository, namely CM1, JM1, KC1, and PC1, and applied them to the pre-processed dataset's specified attributes. In almost every scenario, a close review of both tables demonstrates that accuracy

has improved. The PC1 and KC1 datasets yielded maximum accuracy of 91.96 and 91.17, respectively, with ROC values of 0.8760 and 0.8050, indicating that 10-fold cross-validation is the best testing method. After attribute selection, overall computing time was decreased by roughly 80%, with greater accuracy and ROC.

Faseeha. et. al[9] present a feature selection-based ensemble classification for accurate software defect prediction in this paper. The framework is broken down into four sections:

- 1) Dataset selection
- 2) Preprocessing
- 3) Classification and
- 4) Results Reflection

The preprocessing stage also includes three significant activities:

- 1) Normalization of Data
- 2) To remove irrelevant columns Feature Selection is to be done
- 3) Balancing Majority and Minority classes

MLP is utilized as the Feature Subset Evaluator, and there are six search methods: BF, GS, GA, PSO, RS, and LFS. The suggested framework is assessed using F-measure, Accuracy, MCC, and ROC on six NASA MDP datasets that have been cleaned. The scores of all search methods within the framework are compared to each other, and the results of the proposed framework with all search methods are compared to the results of 10 well-known machine learning classifiers from a published paper in two dimensions: first, the scores of all search methods within the framework are compared to each other, and second, the results of the proposed framework with all search methods are compared to the results of 10 well-known machine learning classifiers from a paper. The suggested approach beat all other classifiers, according to the findings. Because none of the search strategies were able to outperform the standard.

S.NO	YEAR	DATASET	TECHNIQUE	PERFORMANCE METRICS	OUTCOME
1	2020	5 datasets of NASA Software projects were utilized	Researchers proposed a method using SMOTE and homogeneous Ensemble methods (bagging and boosting)	AUC, Accuracy and F measure are employed to measure the performance of the proposed defect prediction model	Boosted DT+SMOE Achieved highest average accuracy of 86.8%. The total results suggested thatBoosted BN + SMOTE and Boosted DT + SMOTE
2	2020	11 datasets of NASA software projects were employed;	compared the prediction performance of seven Tree-based ensembles	AUC, Accuracy and F measure	Higher prediction performance compare for each dataset Dt Ada classifier is better than other classifier
3	2020	Nasa CM1, KC1, KC2, PC1, and JM1- the SDP datasets	Software defect prediction using Heterogeneous stacked technique	(AUC) and accuracy evaluation metrics.	Average accuracy of 90% Heterogeneous stacked technique better than traditional technique
4	2014	IDE developed by IBM. These datasets comprised 32 Software metrics related to various source code and structural measures	Ensemble methods like bagging, boosting, and RF were compared.	Performance was compared using AUC, TP-rate, FP-rate, and F measure	AUC performance gain for bagging, boosting, and RF was achieved on base learners. RF outperformed bagging and boosting with no AUC performance loss.

5		2013	KC1 dataset Nasa 716 sample used for testing 1391 sample used for training	Software Defect prediction Using Boosting	F-measure accuracy, recall,	Boostingm5 provide best accuracy 87.35% better than Re tree and Decision stump
6		2017	five projects' datasets viz., Xerces, Camel, Xalan Ant, and PROP	compared heterogeneous and homogeneous ensemble methods and linear and nonlinear combination rules	Average Absolute E (AAE) and Aver Relative Error (ARE)	rage ensemble methods
7	201	datas	ldition to the NASA ets KC3, MC1, PC2 I PC4, Ant 1.7 and mel 1.6 were used.	25 25 25 25 25 25	Accuracy	In the PC2 dataset, APE had the greatest AUC of 0.91, and its performance was improved. In the MC1 dataset, APE had the best accuracy (0.98). In any dataset, no other strategy outperformed the suggested model.
8	201	NASA's MDP collection contains five datasets: CM1, JM1, KC1, KC3, and PC1.		Prediction:		From the PC1 and K(datasets, the maximum accuracy was 91.96 and 91.17, with ROC values of 0.8760 and 0.8050, respectively.
9	2019 six publicly available Cleaned NASA MDP datasets		Using Feature Selection and Ensemble Learnin Techniques, a Framework for Predicting Softwa Defects	terms used to describe how	GA outperformed F-measure, MCC, and Accuracy, but GA outperformed ROC.	

Table 2.1: Related Previous Work

2.2 FEATURE SELECTION

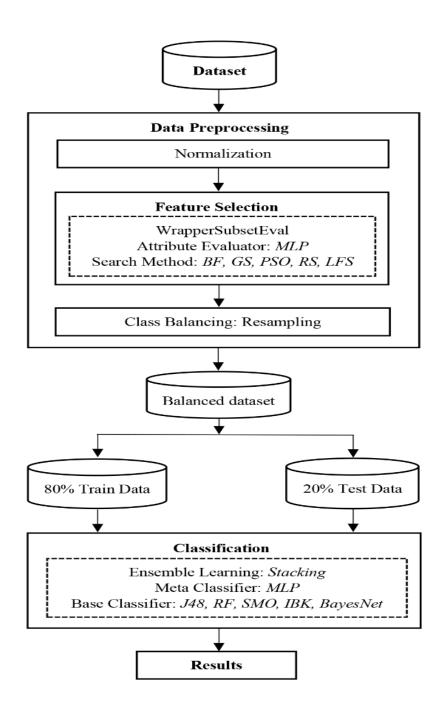


Fig 2.1: Random Forest Feature Selection.

The purpose of feature selection is to improve data structure so that classification can produce better results. To execute ensemble learning, the classification step employs techniques such as stacking,' 'bagging,' and 'boosting.' The performance of the proposed framework is assessed using several measures, including the F-measure, accuracy, MCC, and ROC. The outcomes of the proposed framework are evaluated in two ways: first, the performance of search algorithms on each dataset is evaluated within the framework by comparing them across all accuracy calculations. Second, the outputs are compared to all of the suggested framework's findings (including all search methods).

Area Under Curve (AUC): Area Under Curve the ROC (Receiver Operating Characteristics) curve simply shows the tradeoff between True +ve and False +ve rates.

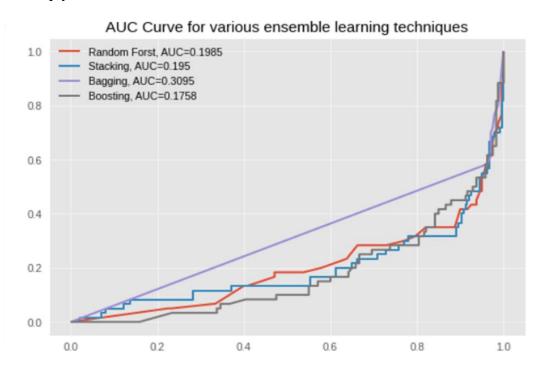


Fig 2.2: Area Under Curve for various Ensemble Learning techniques

CHAPTER - 3

SYSTEM DESIGN AND METHODOLOGY

3.1 SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

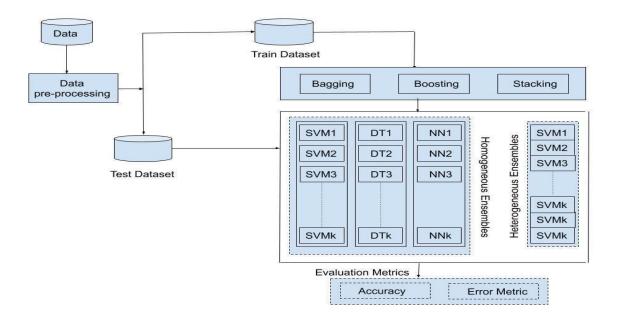


Fig 3.1: Structure of Ensemble Technique.

- 1. By focusing on evaluation criteria, simulation tools, and datasets, the goal of this work is to find, analyze, and summarise empirical evidence about the efficacy of ensemble learning approaches for software fault prediction.
- **2.** This research will provide concise information on the most recent trends and developments in ensemble learning for software defect prediction, as well as a foundation for future innovations and reviews.
- **3.** Random forest, boosting, and bagging are among the most commonly used ensemble methods, according to our research. Stacking, voting, and Extra Trees are some of the

less commonly used ways.

- **4.** Here, we have used three different modules or techniques to find the best accuracy.
 - 1. Bagging Ensemble Technique
 - 2. Boosting Ensemble Technique
 - 3. Stacking Ensemble Technique

3.2 METHODOLOGY

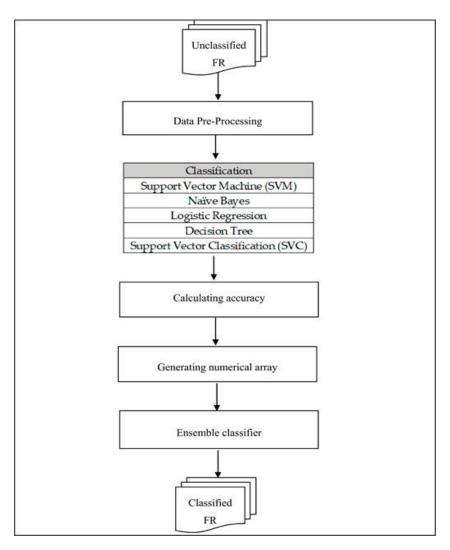


Fig 3.2: Architecture of the Ensemble Technique

The architecture illustrated in **Figure 3.2** consists of several elements:

- Cleaning and Preprocessing of data.
- Feature Selection for removing irrelevant features in the dataset.
- SVM, Naive Bayes, SVC, Decision Tree, and Logistic Regression are examples of ML base classifiers.
- For each basic classifier, create a confusion matrix.
- Calculating each base classifier's accuracy.

- The process of creating a numerical array.
- classifier in a group (the accuracy per class as per Ensemble Techniques).

3.3 ALGORITHMS

1. Bagging Ensemble Technique:

- **Step 1:** From the original data set, multiple subsets with equivalent tuples are generated, with observations replaced.
- **Step 2:** For each of these subgroups, a base model is generated.
- **Step 3:** Each model is learned independently and in parallel from each training set.
- **Step 4:** Based on the outputs from all models predictions will be done.

2. Boosting Ensemble Technique:

- **Step 1:** Create a new dataset and give each data point an equal weight.
- **Step 2:** Input this into the model and look for data points that have been incorrectly categorized.
- **Step 3:** Increase the weight of the data points that were incorrectly categorized.
- **Step 4:** If the requisite findings have been obtained, proceed to step 5; otherwise, proceed to step 6.

Go to the second step.

Step 5: Finish

3. Stacking Ensemble Technique:

- **Step 1:** Similar to K-fold cross-validation, we partition the training data into K-folds.
- **Step 2:** The K-1 parts are fitted using a base model, and predictions for the Kth part are made.
- **Step 3:** We repeat this process for each segment of the training data.
- **Step 4:** The base model is then fitted to the entire train data set to determine how well it performs on the test set.
- **Step 5:** We repeat the previous three stages for the remaining base models.
- **Step 6:** The train set predictions are used as features in the second level model.
- **Step 7:** On the test set, the second-level model is utilized to produce a prediction.

CHAPTER 4

IMPLEMENTATION AND RESULTS

4.1 SOFTWARE AND HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

Software:

- 1) Python 3.7 environment.
- 2) A user-friendly platform like GOOGLE COLAB enables easy execution of code.
- 3) Libraries like Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, Seaborn must be included in environment.
- 4) All types of classifiers support ensemble models to some extent.

Hardware:

- 1. A laptop with an i5 processor.
- 2. A min of 8 GB or more RAM is necessary.
- 3. A Win 64-bit or LINUX OS.

4.2 DATASET

1. AEEEM:

- **a. EQ**: Shape of Dataset = (324, 62)
- **b. JDT:** Shape of Dataset = (997, 62)
- **c. LUCENE**: Shape of Dataset = (691, 62)
- **d. MYLYN:** Shape of Dataset = (1862, 62)
- **e. PDE:** Shape of Dataset = (1497, 62)

2. RELINK:

- **1. APACHE:** Shape of Dataset = (194, 27)
- **2. SAFE:** Shape of Dataset = (56, 27)
- **3. ZXING:** Shape of Dataset = (399, 27)

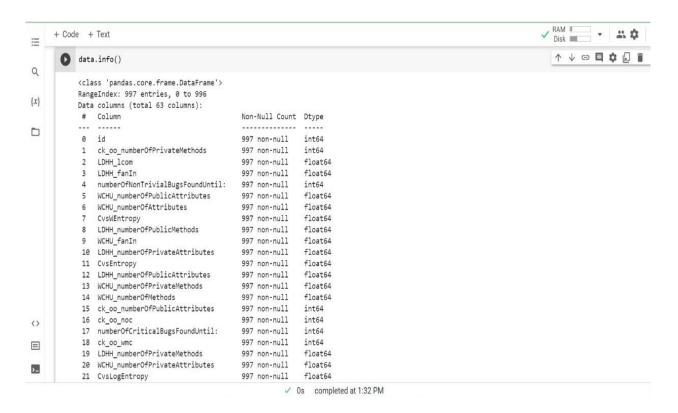


Fig 4.1: Description of Dataset used in the project

4.3 IMPLEMENTATION:

1. Snapshots of Interfaces:



Fig 4.2: Snapshot of importing the dataset.

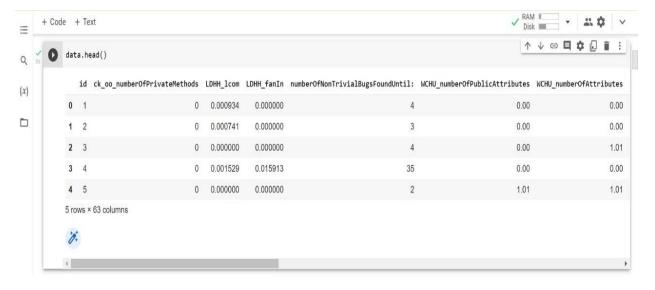


Fig 4.3: Preprocessing of Dataset

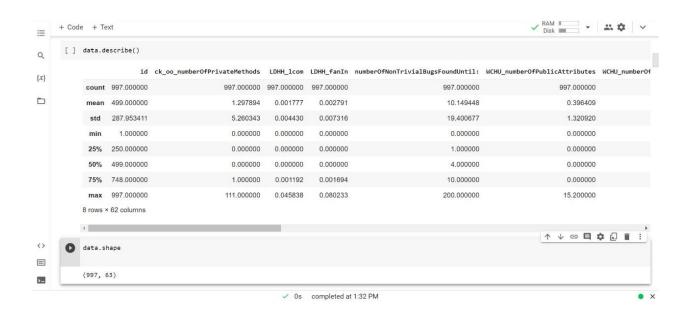


Fig 4.4: Description of Dataset

4.4 RESULTS:

Results for the experiments mentioned in the previous chapters are from fig 4.5 to 4.11:

1. AEEEM:

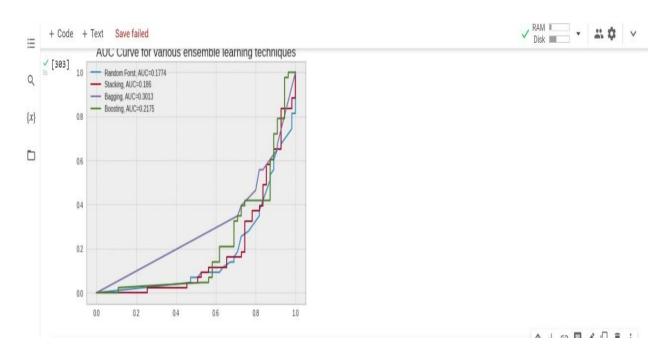


Fig 4.5: AOC of the accuracy of EQ dataset

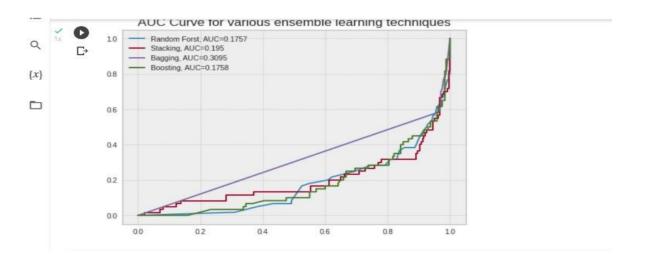


Fig 4.6: AOC of the accuracy of the JDT dataset

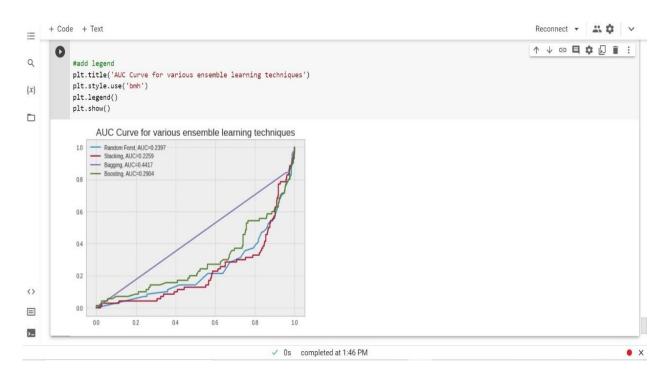


Fig 4.7: AOC of the accuracy of the MYLYN dataset

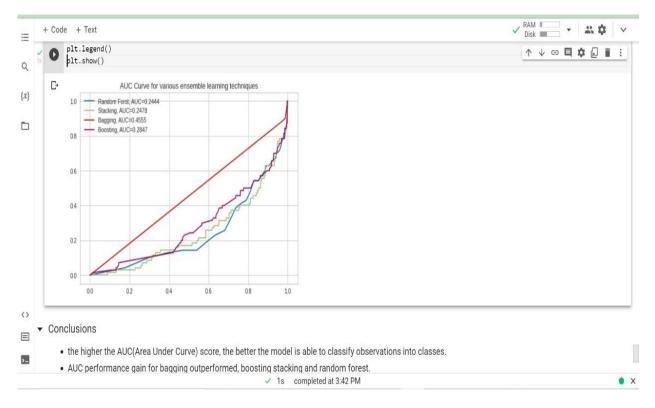


Fig 4.8: AOC of the accuracy of the PDE dataset

2. RELINK:

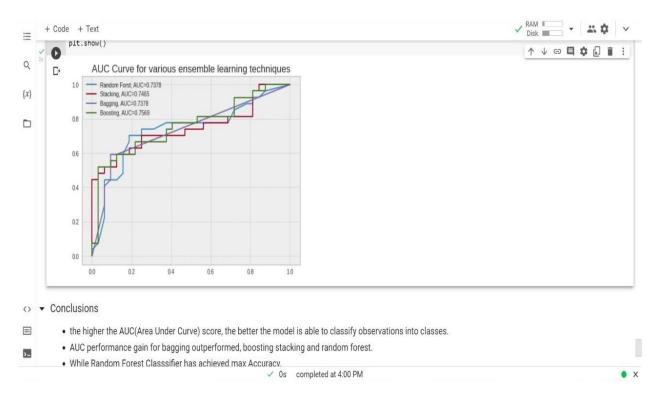


Fig 4.9: AOC Curve of APACHE dataset



Fig 4.10: AOC Curve of the SAFE dataset

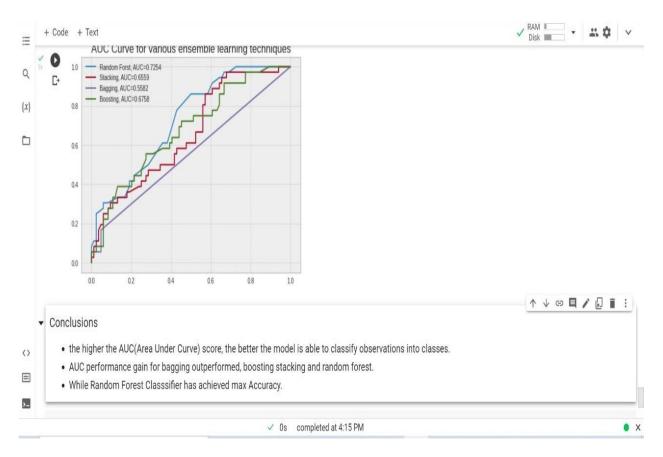


Fig 4.11: AOC Curve of ZXING dataset

CHAPTER 5

CONCLUSION, PERFORMANCE EVALUATION, AND FUTURE SCOPE

5.1 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION:

DATASET	RANDOM FOREST	BAGGING	BOOSTING	STACKING
MYLYN	67.11%	87.2%	86%	86.6%
PDE	85.5%	84.64%	84.6%	86.6%
АРАСНЕ	74%	69%	68%	92%
SAFE	70%	82%	82%	70.54%
ZXING	70%	70%	70.24%	71.84%
JDT	84.6%	83%	80%	84.3%
EQ	74.4%	66%	69%	90.3%
LUCENE	88.94%	88%	89%	90.3%

TABLE 5.1: Accuracy Percentage of all the datasets

5.2 CONCLUSIONS:

The higher the AUC(Area Under Curve) score, the better the model can classify observations. AUC Performance Gain for bagging outperformed, boosting stacking and random forest. While Random Forest Classifier has achieved max Accuracy.

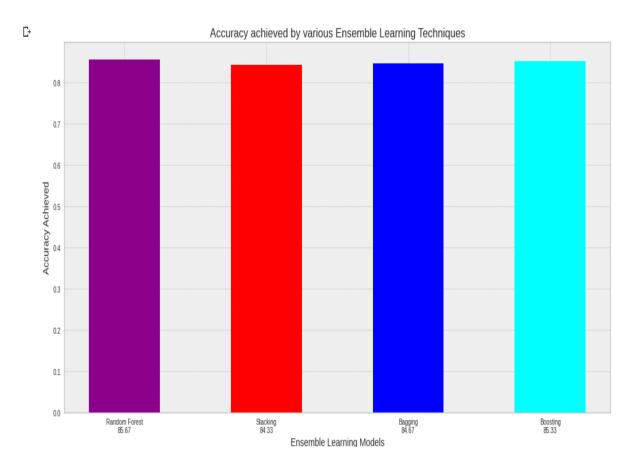


Fig 5.1: Graphical Plot of Accuracy achieved by various Ensemble Learning Techniques

5.3 FUTURE SCOPE

- One exciting subject we want to look into is how effective a single classifier technique would be if it was given more time to explore its idea space than the ensemble method requires to train several classifiers.
- Bagging and Boosting will be compared to other recently introduced approaches.
- To avoid the effect of having to weight classifiers, we plan to study the usage of Stacking and Super Learner as a technique of training a combining function.
- The goal will be to design a learner that can be turned on and off with a one-button click. We will be keeping the advantages of Boosting but also avoid overfitting on noisy datasets.

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