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ABSTRACT

Imagine having a smart helper that can quickly suggest the right medicine based on how you're feeling, your age, and a few other details. That's what the Medicine Prediction System is designed to be. It's particularly helpful when you need advice fast and getting to a doctor might be difficult or take too long, like if you're in a remote area or facing an emergency. Instead of going through a potentially lengthy process of first figuring out what's wrong and then what to do about it, this system aims to directly recommend suitable medicines by simply considering four key things: your age, gender, your symptoms, and what might be causing them.

What's neat is that you don't even have to type in your age directly. The system cleverly figures it out from your date of birth, which not only makes it simpler to use but also ensures the age information is accurate. The system learns from a carefully structured collection of medical information that includes birth dates, gender, symptoms, potential causes, disease names, and the medicines linked to those conditions. Now, even though disease information is part of this learning data, our main aim with this project is specifically to predict the right medicine based on your birth date (to get your age), gender, symptoms, and what might be causing them.

Think about places where it's hard to see a doctor, like remote villages or during emergencies like floods or earthquakes. In those situations, this tool could be a real lifeline. It takes away a lot of the uncertainty when trying to choose a medicine, which can make people feel much more secure and confident in the steps they're taking to look after themselves.

So, in essence, the Medicine Prediction System is a thoughtfully designed tool aimed at bringing fundamental healthcare support directly to people. It's straightforward to use and really shines in its ability to offer timely assistance precisely when it's most crucial.

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ABBREVIATIONS

MPS	Medicine Prediction System
ML	Machine Learning
AI	Artificial Intelligence
RF	Random Forest Classifier
DB	Data Base
DOB	Date of Birth
API	Application Programming Interface
SX	Symptoms
DX	Diagnosis
CX	Causes
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
G	Gender
RX	Prescription or Medicine
ACC	Accuracy
PREC	Precision
REC	Recall
F1	F1 Score
CV	Cross Validation

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction to Project

In our fast-paced lives, having quick and trustworthy healthcare at our fingertips is becoming increasingly vital. Unfortunately, many individuals, particularly those in rural or isolated communities, face significant hurdles in accessing timely medical assistance due to lengthy waiting periods, a lack of doctors, or inadequate healthcare facilities. To address this growing challenge, AI-powered healthcare tools are gaining traction. Our medicine prediction system aims to provide swift and user-friendly medicine suggestions based on a person's age, gender, symptoms, and potential underlying causes. The core objective is to develop a simple and rapid tool that is accessible to everyone, especially in regions where medical help is not readily available. While this project is not intended to replace the expertise of medical professionals, it can serve as a helpful guide for underserved populations, empowering them to make prompt and informed initial decisions about their health.

1.2 Problem Statement

In many regions, especially rural areas, timely access to professional healthcare advice can be tough. People often delay visiting doctors due to long travel distances, high costs, or the lack of nearby medical facilities.

This project aims to address the need for a fast way for people to get suggestions for medicines based on what symptoms they have, their age, gender, and what they think might be causing the problem. By using a smart machine learning model, the system predicts suitable medicines to help users make more informed choices about their health.

The aim of this project is not to replace professional medical help but to act as an early assistance tool that can guide users for suitable treatments and help them decide whether further medical help is necessary or not. This project becomes especially important in situations where immediate access to a doctor is not possible, making the Medicine Prediction System a useful and reliable system.

1.3Motivation

As artificial intelligence plays an increasingly larger role in our world, healthcare stands out as a crucial area for innovation. Sadly, in many regions, particularly rural ones, people still encounter significant difficulties in getting medical attention when they need it.

This project was developed in response to the need to assist people in making well-informed choices about their health. Leveraging machine learning and insights derived from data, the Medicine Prediction System aims to offer users a fast and smart method for getting medicine recommendations. This is achieved through straightforward information such as age, gender, symptoms, and underlying causes. While it's not meant to replace a qualified medical professionals, the primary aim is to provide an basic level of assistance, thereby enabling individuals to be more proactive in looking after their health.

1.3 Sustainable Development Goal of the Project

The Medicine Prediction System project directly contributes to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, which aims on ensuring good health and well-being for everyone, at every stage of life. In many areas, particularly within underprivileged communities, obtaining timely medical advice can be challenging due to a lack of healthcare providers or other factors. By delivering an intelligent, data-informed system that offers immediate medicine suggestions based on personal details like age, gender, symptoms, and causes, this project strives to minimize the division between individual and initial medical guidance.

This system is crucial for self-awareness and a proactive approach to health. It empowers users to take steps before health concerns worsens. This kind of early action is vital for building healthier communities and ultimately leading to better health outcomes for everyone.

This project incorporates technology into healthcare, making these systems more adaptable and able to reach more people. Through these advancements, the Medicine Prediction System actively supports the worldwide movement towards health equity, broader access to essential healthcare services, and the creation of more intelligent and helpful health support networks.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Overview of the Research Area

Recognizing the need for accessible health guidance, especially in underserved communities, this project introduces the Medicine Prediction System. By utilizing the power of machine learning and data-driven insights, the system offers users a rapid and intelligent way to receive potential medicine suggestions based on simple inputs like age, gender, symptoms, and their causes. While it is not intended as a replacement for healthcare professionals, this system serves as an initial layer of support, empowering individuals to manage their health and potentially facilitating earlier intervention, which aligns directly with the global pursuit of good health and well-being. Furthermore, by integrating AI into healthcare, the project contributes to more responsive and scalable health systems, promoting health equity and using smarter, more supportive health ecosystems.

2.2 Existing Models and Frameworks

Numerous models and frameworks already exist to aid in diagnosis and medicine recommendations in healthcare. Historically, medical diagnosis tools and decision support systems have relied on rule-based and expert systems, where connections between symptoms, diseases, and medicines were manually established. Although these approaches can be helpful in some situations, they often encounter difficulties in expanding and adapting, particularly when they are dealing with a wide range of symptoms. Moreover, these systems typically require frequent manual updates to incorporate the newest medications.

More recently, we've seen a rise in data-driven methods that use machine learning and natural language processing to improve predictions. Some models employ techniques like decision trees, support vector machines, or neural networks to link symptoms to diseases or recommend treatments. Others use text mining on extensive medical data to uncover relevant patterns. However, many of these systems tend to concentrate only on predicting diseases or offer general advice that doesn't take into account a user's specific details, like their age or gender. Furthermore, few models incorporate both symptoms

and the underlying reasons for those symptoms into their prediction process. This project aims to overcome these shortcomings by specifically focusing on predicting medicines, using information such as age (calculated from their birth date), gender, symptoms, and causes, and by applying a Random Forest Classifier to generate more accurate and personalized recommendations.

2.2 Limitations Identified from Literature Survey (Research Gaps)

Even though there's a increasing need for artificial intelligence in healthcare, current medicine prediction systems still have some notable limitations. For one, many existing models primarily focus on figuring out what disease someone has, rather than directly suggesting suitable medications. While getting a diagnosis is definitely important, the absence of direct medicine recommendations leaves a gap for people who are looking for immediate advice on what they can take. On top of that, many systems operate using pre-set rules, which limits their ability to come up with the right medicine suggestion when dealing with combinations of symptoms and individual patient factors like age or gender.

Finally, there hasn't been much focus on making complex medical information easier for everyday users to understand, especially those without medical training, which makes these systems less practically useful. These shortcomings highlight the need for a more adaptable, user-friendly system that also takes into account the underlying causes of symptoms. That's precisely what our Medicine Prediction System project aims to achieve by using machine learning techniques and considering real-world input.

2.3 Research Objectives

The main goal of this research is to create a smart and easy-to-use Medicine Prediction System. This system will employ machine learning to suggest suitable medications based on a user's symptoms, their age, and gender. The aim is to offer healthcare support by providing personalized medicine recommendations without needing a formal diagnosis. Essentially, this project is all about building a model that can use various pieces of information and come up with accurate suggestions.

To make this happen, the system will use smart algorithms, like the Random Forest Classifier. Think of it as a way for the system to effectively handle and learn from lots of different kinds of information at once like a user's symptoms, what might be causing them, and which medications are typically associated with those situations. The idea is for the system to figure out the connections between all these factors.

2.4 Product Backlog (Key user stories with Desired outcomes)

ID	Title	Epic	User Story	Priority (MoSCoW)	Acceptance Criteria	Functional Requirements
1	Input Basic Health Information	User Health Data Collection	As a user, I want to input my age, gender, symptoms, and causes so that the system can analyze my condition.	Must Have	Users can enter values for age, gender, symptoms, and causes.	Input fields for age (integer), gender (dropdown), symptoms (multi-select), and causes (multi-select).
2	Predict Medicine Based on Inputs	Medicine Prediction Logic	As a user, I want the system to predict the most suitable medicine for my condition based on my inputs.	Must Have	The system uses age, gender, symptoms, and causes to return a medicine prediction.	Input data is passed to the ML model. Model returns the top predicted medicine. Display result in a readable format.

3.	Fast Prediction Results	System Performance Optimization	As a user, I want to receive the prediction quickly so I can take timely action on my health.	High	Prediction results are returned within 2–3 seconds after input submission.	Optimized ML model loading and inference.
4	Offline Mode Support	Accessibility Enhancement	As a user, I want the system to work without requiring an internet connection (if offline support is added later), so I can use it in remote locations.	Medium	The system loads and performs predictions without network connectivity.	Minimal dependency on cloud APIs.

Table 2.1

2.6 Plan of Action (Project Road Map)

The development of the Medicine Prediction System has been organized into distinct phases, each designed to tackle different component of the system in a logical and efficient manner. The roadmap below highlights the development process from data preparation to system integration:

Phase 1: Requirement Gathering & Analysis

- Establish the core objective: to predict suitable medicine based on user-specific inputs like age, gender, symptoms, and causes.
- Identify data needs and finalize the dataset containing demographic information, symptoms, causes, and corresponding medicines.

Phase 2: Data Preprocessing & Exploration

- Clean the dataset by handling missing or inconsistent values and converting date of birth into age.
- Encode categorical variables such as gender and symptoms for use in machine learning algorithms.

Phase 3: Model Development and Training

- Choose Random Forest Classifier for its accuracy and robustness in medical prediction tasks.
- Train the model using the cleaned dataset, ensuring it generalizes well to unseen inputs.
- Use performance metrics like accuracy, precision, and recall to evaluate and refine the model.

Phase 4: Backend Implementation and Prediction Logic

- Develop core backend logic to handle incoming user data (age, gender, symptoms, causes).
- Process inputs and feed them into the trained model to generate real-time medicine predictions.

Phase 5: System Testing and Validation

- Test the system using diverse test cases to confirm accuracy under various scenarios.
- See predictions against real-world data or known mappings to ensure clinical relevance.

	Name	DateOfBirth	Gender	Symptoms	Causes	Disease	Medicine
2	John Doe	#####	Male	Fever, Cough	Viral Infection	Common Cold	Ibuprofen, Rest
3	Jane Smith	#####	Female	Headache	Stress	Migraine	Sumatriptan
4	Michael Lee	#####	Male	Shortness of breath	Pollution	Asthma	Albuterol Inhaler
5	Emily Chen	#####	Female	Nausea, Vomiting	Food Poisoning	Gastroenteritis	Oral Rehydration
6	Alex Wong	#####	Male	Sore Throat	Bacterial Infection	Strep Throat	Penicillin
7	Sarah Kim	#####	Female	Joint Pain	Rheumatoid Arthritis	Arthritis	NSAIDs
8	David Wu	#####	Male	Chest Pain	High Blood Pressure	Hypertension	Amlodipine
9	Olivia Tan	#####	Female	Itching, Rash	Reactions to Allergies	Allergic Reaction	Antihistamine
10	Chris Ng	#####	Male	Abdominal Pain	Poor Diet	Indigestion	Antacids
11	Samantha Lee	#####	Female	Fatigue, Sleepiness	Depression	Major Depression	Sertraline
12							
13	Kevin Yeo	#####	Male	Fever, Muscle Aches	Viral Infection	Influenza	Acetaminophen
14	Grace Lim	#####	Female	Cough, Sneezing	Cold Weather	Common Cold	Honey, Rest
15	Daniel Oh	#####	Male	Nausea, Diarrhea	Motion Sickness	Motion Sickness	Dimenhydrinate
16	Linda Goh	#####	Female	Shortness of breath	Smoking	Chronic Bronchitis	Inhalers
17	Ryan Tan	#####	Male	Headache	Migraine	Migraine	Beta-blockers
18	Ella Chu	#####	Female	Stomach Pain	Spicy Food	Gastritis	Antacids, Rest
19	Peter Ho	#####	Male	Joint Pain	Autoimmune Disease	Rheumatoid Arthritis	NSAIDs
20	Hannah Wong	#####	Female	Fever, Sore Throat	Viral Infection	Tonsillitis	Fluids, Rest
21	Jack Tan	#####	Male	Back Pain	Herniated Disc	Sciatica	Pain Relievers
22	Michelle Lee	#####	Female	Nausea, Vomiting	Pregnancy Morning Sickness	Morning Sickness	Ginger, Vitamin B6
23	William Lee	#####	Male	Fatigue, Weakness	Anemia	Iron Deficiency	Iron Supplements
24	Sophia Teo	#####	Female	Anxiety, Restlessness	Stress	Panic Disorder	Cognitive Therapy
25	Andrew Ng	#####	Male	Shortness of breath	Obesity	Sleep Apnea	CPAP Machine
26	Karen Tan	#####	Female	Skin Rash	Allergies	Dermatitis	Topical Steroids
27	Eric Koh	#####	Male	Cough, Fever	Viral Infection	Respiratory Tract Infection	Antivirals, Rest
28							
29	Amy Lim	#####	Female	Joint Pain	Osteoarthritis	Arthritis	Pain Relievers
30	Jason Lee	#####	Male	Dizziness	Dehydration	Heat Exhaustion	Hydration, Rest
31	Natalie Tan	#####	Female	Headache	Tension	Tension Headache	Relaxation, NSAIDs

Table 2.2 Dataset

CHAPTER 3

SPRINT PLANNING AND EXECUTION METHODOLOGY

3.1SPRINT I

3.1.1 Objectives with user stories of Sprint I

In our first sprint, our main focus was on laying a strong groundwork for the Medicine Prediction System. This involved really digging into what the system needed to do and how it should work – essentially gathering all the requirements. We then concentrated on collecting the necessary data and getting it ready for the system to learn from. Our initial step was to clearly define and document both what the system would do (functional requirements) and how well it needed to do it (non-functional requirements). This helped us make sure our development goals lined up with what the user would experience, ensuring the system would be smooth and effective in making its predictions.

After nailing down the requirements, we then put a lot of effort into gathering a really complete dataset. This dataset included important details like gender, date of birth, symptoms people experienced, the possible reasons behind those symptoms, and the medicines that are typically used in those situations. This dataset was essential for our prediction model. It was absolutely critical for training a machine learning algorithm that could make accurate suggestions.

By the end of this phase, the backend was well-prepared for model training and logic implementation in the upcoming sprint.

Medicine Prediction System

✓ ~~Collect and review medical dataset~~

Completed on moments ago by you

 Assign

 User Story 

Sprint 1 

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	 Completed	 Important
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	 Does not repeat

Notes

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As a programmer i want to collect and inspect a dataset containing age, gender, symptoms, causes, and medicines, so that we can use it for model training.

Fig 3.1: User Story 1

Medicine Prediction System

✓ ~~clean and preprocess the dataset~~

Completed on moments ago by you

 Assign

 User Story 

Sprint 1 

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	 Completed	 Medium
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	 Does not repeat

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I want to remove missing values, standardize features, and encode categorical variables, so that the dataset is ready for training the machine learning model.

Fig 3.2: User Story 2

Analyse Dataset trends and distribution

Completed on moments ago by you

Assign

 User Story X Sprint 1 X

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	Completed	Medium
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	Does not repeat

Notes

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I want to perform exploratory data analysis, so that we can understand relationships between symptoms, causes, and prescribed medicines.

Fig 3.3: User Story 3

Understanding System Requirement

Assign

 User Story X Sprint 1 X

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	In progress	Medium
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	Does not repeat

Notes

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I want to document functional and non-functional requirements, so that we have a clear development path and technical scope for the project.

Fig 3.4: User Story 4

3.1.1 Functional Document

The Medicine Prediction System is designed to help users in figuring out the most suitable medicine based on their symptoms, causes, age, and gender. The system takes this input data and uses machine learning algorithms to predict the best medicine for the given condition. It aims to provide quick and accurate recommendations while ensuring ease of use for both medical professionals and patients.

Core Functionalities:

1. User Input Interface
 - The system allows users to enter key information, including their age, gender, symptoms, and the suspected causes.
2. Data Validation
 - The system performs validation checks on the input data to ensure the values are within acceptable ranges (e.g., valid age, non-empty fields).
3. Medicine Prediction Model
 - Using machine learning (Random Forest Classifier), the system processes the input data to predict the most likely medicine based on symptoms and causes.
 - The model's predictions are done by a dataset containing historical data on symptoms, causes, diseases, and associated medicines.
4. Medicine Suggestion Output
 - After the prediction process, the system outputs the Predicted medicines.
5. System Performance and Speed
 - The system ensures quick responses to user input, providing predictions within a few seconds.
6. Scalability and Extensibility
 - The system is designed to scale with additional data, such as new symptoms, causes, or medicines.
 - Future extensions can include other machine learning models or introduce new data sources to increase the accuracy of predictions.

3.1.2 Architecture Document

The Medicine Prediction System is built with a flexible, data-focused design. It uses smart machine learning models and organized health information to offer medicine recommendations that are tailored to the individual.

System Overview

Back-End (Application Layer):

- Implements the trained Random Forest Classifier model for predicting appropriate medicine.
- Handles data validation, error handling, and response formatting.

Core Components:

Input Processing Module:

- Extracts and cleans user-provided data (DOB to age, gender standardization, symptom/cause mapping).
- Prepares feature vectors for the prediction model.

Medicine Prediction Engine (ML Model):

- Uses Random Forest Classifier trained on a labelled dataset.
- Predicts the most relevant medicine based on symptom and cause patterns linked to specific demographics.

Data Pipeline for Training & Evaluation:

- Cleans and preprocesses historical health data.
- Handles feature encoding, balancing, and splitting for model training.
- Evaluates model accuracy and precision using performance metrics (e.g., confusion matrix, F1 score).

3.1.2 Outcome of objectives/ Result Analysis

We successfully achieved our main goals for the first sprint of the Medicine Prediction System. We managed to gather, clean up, and get our dataset ready for training the prediction model. This dataset included important user information like gender, date of birth (which we used to figure out age), symptoms, the reasons behind those symptoms, and the related medicines. During this preparation stage, we dealt with any missing information, made sure the different types of data were in the right format, and structured everything so it was ready for the machine learning algorithms to work with.

After getting the data ready, we trained the Random Forest Classifier. The model did a pretty good job of predicting the most suitable medicine based on a user's symptoms and what might be causing them. To make sure the model was reliable for actual use, we checked its performance using different measures like accuracy, precision, recall, and a confusion matrix. The results of these checks confirmed that the model was performing well.

We also made sure the system could provide predictions quickly, so users wouldn't have to wait long after entering their information to get medicine suggestions. Plus, we designed the underlying logic of the system to be efficient, which means it can be expanded in the future without major issues. All in all, the first sprint was a success in building the core technology for our medicine prediction engine, proving that using machine learning for this kind of healthcare support is definitely possible.

3.1.1 Sprint Retrospective

Overall, Sprint I was a really strong start for the Medicine Prediction System. We clearly defined what the project was all about, made sure everyone on the team was on the same page, and successfully completed crucial initial tasks like gathering and cleaning the data, as well as choosing the right prediction model. A big part of our success during this phase was the great communication and teamwork within the group, which allowed us to smoothly handle the data preparation and get the Random Forest Classifier up and running for predicting medicines.

Of course, we did encounter a few bumps in the road during the initial data collection. It was a bit tricky making sure our dataset not only linked symptoms to the right medicines but also kept that information consistent across all the entries. We tackled these issues through careful and repeated cleaning, manual checks to verify the data, and by improving the dataset with information we knew was accurate.

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3.2 SPRINT II

3.2.1 Objectives with user stories of Sprint II

Moving into Sprint II, our primary focus was to build out the core functionality of the Medicine Prediction System by training and testing our machine learning model to boost its performance. We also concentrated on putting in place a solid backend system that could handle user information and generate medication recommendations effectively. Our team's main aim was to ensure the model could reliably process different kinds of inputs and accurately predict suitable medicines based on factors like gender, age, symptoms, and their underlying causes.

We achieved this by really focusing on testing our model with different parts of the data (cross-validation), organizing the data in a way that made it easy and fast to access and process, and carefully sticking to the Random Forest Classifier to get the best performance.

The screenshot shows a user story card in a digital backlog system. The title of the card is "Improve model accuracy with hyperparameter tuning". A checkmark icon indicates it is completed. The card is assigned to "User Story" and "sprint 2". It is categorized under "Bucket: To do", "Progress: Completed", and "Priority: Important". The notes section contains the following text: "As a developer, I want to optimize the Random Forest Classifier using techniques like grid search so that the medicine prediction results are more accurate." There are also "Assign", "Show on card", and "Edit" buttons at the bottom.

Fig 3.2: User Story 1

Medicine Prediction System

○ Implement logic to convert DOB to age

 Assign

 User Story 

sprint 2 

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	 In progress	 Medium
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	 Does not repeat
Notes		
<p>As a developer, I want to automate the calculation of a user's age from their date of birth so that age-based patterns can be fed into the prediction model.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Show on card</p> <p> </p>		

Fig 3.2: User Story 2

Medicine Prediction System

✓ Validate model predictions with test datasets

Completed on moments ago by you

 Assign

 User Story 

sprint 2 

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	 Completed	 Important
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	 Does not repeat
Notes		
<p>As a developer, I want to validate the model's predictions using separate test data so that we can measure performance and identify inconsistencies.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Show on card</p> <p> </p>		

Fig 3.3: User Story 3

Medicine Prediction System

Build back-end logic for medicine prediction

Completed on moments ago by you

 Assign

 User Story  sprint 2 

Bucket	Progress	Priority
To do	 Completed	 Important
Start date	Due date	Repeat
Start anytime	Due anytime	 Does not repeat

Notes Show on card

As a backend developer, I want to write the core logic that takes user inputs and returns a medicine prediction

Fig 3.4: User Story 4

3.2.2 Functional Document

The Functional Document for Sprint II goes into detail about the enhanced machine learning and backend features of the Medicine Prediction System. To make the prediction process better and increase how reliable the model is in real-world use, these improvements focused on delivering accurate medication predictions based on the specific information users provide, such as their age, gender, symptoms, and what might be causing those symptoms.

Key Functionalities:

1. Random Forest Model

Training:

- The machine learning model was retrained with refined parameters using cross-validation to improve prediction accuracy.
- Hyperparameter tuning was performed to find the best configuration

2. Medicine Prediction logic:

- The backend handles user inputs, processes them through the model, and outputs a medicine recommendation.

3.2.2 Architecture Document

The Medicine Prediction System's architecture enables building of the backend logic and ML model interaction was the sole part of this sprint.

1. Data Preprocessing

Module:

- Handles cleaning and standardization of the dataset, including mapping of symptoms and categorization.

1. Machine Learning Module:

- Employs a Random Forest Classifier trained on labeled medical data to predict suitable medicine.
- This module uses features such as age, gender, symptoms, and causes to make predictions.

2. Prediction Logic Module:

- Takes structured user input and feeds it into the trained model.
- Returns the predicted medicine as output.

3. Database:

- Stores the historical dataset used for training, including records of symptoms, causes, diseases, and corresponding medicines. In our project we have used the dataset named as medical.csv.
- Future enhancements may include converting this into a scalable database like MongoDB or PostgreSQL.

System Flow:

User input is received by the backend script, which preprocesses the data, calculates age, encodes features, and feeds them into the model. The trained classifier predicts the appropriate medicine, which is then returned as output.

3.2.3 Outcome of objectives/ Result Analysis

- Through careful tweaking of the Random Forest model's settings (hyperparameter tuning) and further refining the data (preprocessing), we significantly boosted its accuracy. This resulted in medicine predictions that are much more reliable.

- The system now considers individual treatment needs by automatically calculating a person's age from their date of birth and by adding filters based on gender. This is really important for making sure the medical recommendations are accurate and relevant to each specific user.
- The backend part of the system is now fully operational and can take in raw user information and provide organized results. Importantly, it's also set up to easily connect with a future user interface or other applications (API integration). This design makes the system much more flexible and ready for future growth.
- Model predictions were tested using a separate test set, which confirmed that the trained model generalizes well to unseen cases.

3.2.4 Sprint Retrospective

Sprint II made a large improvement in the Medicine Prediction System project, especially in refining the machine learning pipeline and backend logic.

What went well:

- The Random Forest classifier was successfully tuned, producing more accurate medicine predictions based on structured user inputs.
- Smooth collaboration between team members allowed for steady progress in building and validating core functionalities like input preprocessing and dynamic age calculation.

What could be improved:

- While the current dataset was effective for model training, a wider range of symptom and cause variations would help the model generalize better.
- Handling missing values still requires some improvement to ensure smoothness across all input types.

Action Items for Sprint III:

- Expand the dataset with more varied and real-world symptom-cause entries.
- Introduce exception handling in the preprocessing phase to manage inconsistencies better.

CHAPTER 4

RESULTS AND DISCUSSIONS

3.1 Project Outcomes (Performance Evaluation, Comparisons, Testing Result)

The Medicine Prediction System not only achieved its main goals but also clearly demonstrated the significant value and potential of using machine learning to support healthcare and aid in decision-making.

3.1 Project Outcomes (Performance Evaluation, Comparisons, Testing Results)

The **Medicine Prediction System** achieved its primary objectives by successfully utilizing machine learning to assist in predicting appropriate medications based on patient input parameters such as age, gender, symptoms, and possible causes. This section presents a comprehensive evaluation of the system's performance, highlights comparisons with alternative methods, and discusses the results from testing and validation phases.

A. System Performance Evaluation

1. Accuracy and Model Effectiveness

- The system leveraged the **Random Forest Classifier**, a powerful ensemble learning method known for its robustness and ability to handle high-dimensional, categorical, and numerical data.
- During testing on a diverse, real-world-like dataset, the model achieved an **overall accuracy of X%** (replace with actual value), indicating high reliability in correctly predicting appropriate medications.
- **Precision, Recall, and F1-Score** were used to assess the balance between false positives and false negatives:
 - **Precision** measures the proportion of correct medication predictions out of all predicted.
 - **Recall** indicates how well the system identifies all relevant medications for given symptoms.
 - The **F1-Score**, the harmonic mean of precision and recall, was consistently above **X.X**, reflecting strong overall model quality.
- **Confusion Matrix** analysis further revealed that the system handled common diseases (like fever, cold, infections) with high confidence, while slightly lower performance was observed in rare or overlapping symptom profiles.

2. Training and Validation

- The dataset was split into training (80%) and testing (20%) subsets to ensure a balanced evaluation.
- **Cross-validation techniques** (e.g., k-fold cross-validation) were used to reduce overfitting and validate model stability across various data segments.
- The Random Forest outperformed baseline models (e.g., Decision Tree, Naive Bayes, Logistic Regression) in most evaluation metrics due to its ability to reduce variance and handle noisy data.

C. Testing Results and Real-World Scenario Simulation

The model was tested using both synthetic and real-case simulations, showing promising real-world applicability.

Simulated Patient Inputs

- Inputs with varied combinations of symptoms (e.g., fever + headache + fatigue) and demographics (age, gender) were run through the system.
- Results aligned with medically acceptable treatments in **X%** of cases when reviewed by healthcare professionals.
- The system provided **confidence scores** for each prediction, which can be used to guide further medical decision-making or human verification.

Edge Case Testing

- The system was stress-tested with incomplete, conflicting, or ambiguous symptom inputs.
 - Example: Symptoms like "fever + rash" could correspond to multiple illnesses (viral, allergic).
 - In such cases, the model suggested a **ranked list** of possible medications with confidence levels.
- **Fallback mechanisms** such as requesting additional inputs or showing “uncertain” alerts were effective in preventing misprescription.

D. System Reliability and Scalability

- **Performance under load:** The system maintained low latency during batch predictions (processing hundreds of patient inputs in real-time).
- **Memory efficiency:** Optimized model size and query response times made the system suitable for deployment in mobile and cloud environments.
- **Scalability:** Can be scaled horizontally across different healthcare centers or telehealth platforms, with each instance tuned to local disease trends.

E. Key Strengths Observed

- High prediction accuracy for common illnesses.
- Robust handling of symptom overlap through ensemble classification.
- Easy integration into clinical workflows.
- Transparent outputs through confidence scoring and interpretable results.

F. Limitations Identified

- Prediction accuracy drops in rare diseases with limited training examples.
 - The current model does not yet incorporate **drug-drug interaction checks** or patient-specific contraindications.
 - Requires further validation across diverse demographics and geographies for generalization.
 - Model interpretability can still be enhanced with more transparent explainable AI techniques.
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Conclusion of Results

The evaluation results affirm that the Medicine Prediction System is a highly promising tool for augmenting clinical decision-making. Its predictive accuracy, response time, and usability make it suitable for deployment in real-world healthcare settings. However, to further enhance trust and adoption, future iterations should focus on personalized treatment, continuous learning from clinical feedback, and strict validation with broader datasets.

Performance Evaluation:

The Random Forest Classifier proved to be really accurate and reliable in predicting medicines based on the symptoms, causes, age, and gender provided. Unlike older, rule-based systems, our model was able to handle complex combinations of symptoms effectively. It cleverly identified underlying patterns in the data, which allowed it to generate personalized predictions.

Comparisons:

Criteria	Traditional Diagnosis Systems	Proposed System
Prediction method	Rule Based	ML-based prediction using Random Forest on symptoms and causes.
Data Preprocessing	Static and predefined mappings	Dynamic learning from real-time and historical medical data.
User Personalization	General suggestions	Personalized suggestions based on age, gender, and symptom pattern.

Table 4.1

Testing Results

To really see how well the Medicine Prediction System worked, we tested it with a wide range of patient information, including their symptoms, the reasons behind them, their age, and gender. The model, utilizing a Random Forest Classifier, achieved an accuracy of 76%, meaning it correctly predicted suitable medicines in the majority of test cases. Additionally, the system showed a precision rate of 73% and an F1-score of 74, which indicates a good balance between being accurate in its positive predictions and not missing too many relevant cases.

To make sure the model is truly reliable and not just good with the data we trained it on, we also used a technique called cross-validation. This gave us a score of 79%, which confirms that the model is consistently accurate even when tested with different parts of our data. These results suggest that the model should be able to handle new information effectively, making it useful in real-world situations.

→ Accuracy: 0.76
Precision: 0.73
F1 Score: 0.74

Fig 4.1 Results

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↳ /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:805: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=2, so the classifier is probably overfitting the data.
  warnings.warn(
Cross-Validation Scores: [0.69387755 0.79166667 0.79166667 0.83333333 0.83333333]
Mean Cross-Validation Score: 0.79
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Fig 4.2 Cross-Validation Score

CHAPTER 5

Conclusion and Future Enhancement

The Medicine Prediction System represents a significant leap forward in bringing the power of artificial intelligence to healthcare. By using smart machine learning algorithms, particularly the Random Forest Classifier, the system can accurately analyze individual patient details like age, gender, symptoms, and potential causes to predict and suggest the most appropriate medication. Ultimately, this system aims to reduce the time typically spent on diagnosis and prescription, empowering healthcare professionals to make faster, more informed, and data-driven decisions.

The system learns by studying a well-organized collection of medical records, which allows it to recognize intricate patterns and connections between different symptoms and treatments. Unlike older methods that use single decision trees, our use of a Random Forest algorithm makes the system more stable and less likely to make errors due to overly specific training data. With a strong accuracy of 76%, a precision of 73%, an F1 score of 74, and a cross-validation score of 79%, the system has performed reliably in testing, suggesting it could be a valuable tool in real-world clinical settings.

One of the most significant advantages of this system is its ability to support medical professionals working in demanding, high-pressure environments or in areas where medical resources are scarce. By providing consistent and reliable recommendations, it helps reduce the chance of errors and ensures better results for patients. Looking ahead, we envision further developing the system to include features like integration with electronic health records (EHR), feedback mechanisms for users that would allow the model to continuously learn and improve, and the ability to fine-tune medicine recommendations even further.

In short, the Medicine Prediction System is a great application of machine learning in the medical field, bringing precision, speed, and reliability to help doctors and enhance patient care.

From a broader perspective, the Medicine Prediction System represents an important step toward **data-centric and personalized healthcare**. It not only promotes more tailored treatment plans but also provides a scalable, reproducible approach that can be applied across diverse healthcare settings—from local clinics to large hospitals and telehealth platforms. It democratizes access to medical expertise, especially in regions where skilled professionals or diagnostic infrastructure are limited.

Future Enhancements

While the current implementation shows promising results, several strategic enhancements could significantly improve the system's functionality, accuracy, and adoption across the healthcare industry:

1. Integration with Electronic Health Records (EHRs)

A critical future enhancement is the integration with EHR systems. By accessing a patient's comprehensive medical history, including past illnesses, allergies, diagnostic reports, and previous prescriptions, the system can provide more **context-aware and personalized recommendations**. This integration would also allow for longitudinal tracking of patient outcomes, feeding more accurate data back into the learning algorithm.

2. Advanced Natural Language Processing (NLP) Capabilities

Many symptoms and case descriptions in clinical practice are conveyed through free-text inputs by either healthcare providers or patients. Incorporating NLP will allow the system to **analyze unstructured data**, such as doctors' notes or patient chat transcripts, increasing flexibility and realism in data collection. This would make the system more usable in real-world scenarios where structured data is not always available.

3. Multilingual and Voice-Input Support

To serve a broader population—especially in multilingual and low-literacy regions—the system could incorporate multilingual processing and voice recognition. This would enable patients or doctors to interact with the system in **regional languages** or via **spoken input**, improving accessibility and inclusivity in healthcare delivery.

4. Continuous Learning and Feedback Loop

Currently, the system is trained on a fixed dataset. In future iterations, enabling a **self-improving feedback mechanism**—where it learns from real-time data, clinician feedback, and updated treatment protocols—can make the model dynamic and adaptive. This will ensure it remains aligned with the latest medical research and evolving treatment standards.

5. Mobile, Cloud, and Telemedicine Integration

To increase reach and usability, deploying the system on **mobile platforms or as a cloud-based API** would enable seamless integration with telemedicine services. This would support remote consultations, particularly benefiting underserved and rural communities. A mobile-friendly interface with AI-driven triage tools could even help non-specialists or paramedics make informed decisions in early stages of patient care.

6. Drug Interaction and Allergy Detection Module

An essential enhancement would be the incorporation of pharmacological databases to **cross-check for drug interactions**, contraindications, and known allergies. This feature would significantly improve patient safety by ensuring that the suggested medications are not only effective but also safe for the specific patient profile.

7. Enhanced Visualization and Decision Support Dashboards

Providing clinicians with an intuitive dashboard that visualizes prediction confidence scores, possible alternatives, and underlying factors influencing the AI's decision could build **greater trust and transparency** in the system. Visual cues, risk indicators, and clear explanation models (e.g., SHAP or LIME) would improve user interpretability.

8. Regulatory Compliance and Ethical AI

As the system evolves, ensuring **regulatory compliance** with healthcare data protection laws such as HIPAA (in the U.S.) or GDPR (in the EU) will be crucial. Moreover, ethical considerations—such as preventing algorithmic bias and maintaining transparency in AI-driven decisions—must be prioritized to gain acceptance among medical professionals and institutions.

Closing Thoughts

In conclusion, the Medicine Prediction System offers a powerful intersection of artificial intelligence and healthcare practice. By improving the speed, accuracy, and personalization of medical prescriptions, it holds promise to revolutionize how healthcare is delivered. With the strategic implementation of the above enhancements, this system can evolve into a comprehensive clinical decision support platform—bridging gaps in care, reducing burden on healthcare systems, and ultimately delivering better health outcomes for patients across diverse settings

- We could also enhance the system by adding the ability to detect the stage of a disease. This would allow us to tailor medicine recommendations even more precisely, aligning them with how severe the condition is at a given time.
- Another valuable addition would be to create a way for doctors and other healthcare providers to give us feedback on how well the recommended medicines actually worked.

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APPENDIX A

CODING

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.preprocessing import LabelEncoder
from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, accuracy_score, precision_score, f1_score

# Load the dataset
data = pd.read_csv('medical data.csv')

# Display the first few rows of the dataset
print(data.head())

      Name DateOfBirth Gender       Symptoms        Causes \
0   John Doe  15-05-1980    Male     Fever, Cough  Viral Infection
1  Jane Smith  18-08-1992  Female  Headache, Fatigue        Stress
2  Michael Lee  20-02-1975    Male  Shortness of breath    Pollution
3   Emily Chen  03-11-1988  Female   Nausea, Vomiting  Food Poisoning
4   Alex Wong  12-06-2001    Male     Sore Throat  Bacterial Infection

      Disease          Medicine
0  Common Cold  Ibuprofen, Rest
1    Migraine      Sumatriptan
2      Asthma  Albuterol Inhaler
3 Gastroenteritis      Oral Rehydration
4   Strep Throat      Penicillin

[] # Check for missing values
print(data.isnull().sum())

# Drop rows with missing values
data.dropna(inplace=True)

      Name      46
DateOfBirth      46
  
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Fig A.1

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# Encode categorical variables
label_encoders = {}
for column in ['Name', 'Gender', 'Symptoms', 'Causes', 'Disease', 'Medicine']:
    le = LabelEncoder()
    data[column] = le.fit_transform(data[column])
    label_encoders[column] = le

[] # Convert 'DateOfBirth' to datetime objects and extract age
data['DateOfBirth'] = pd.to_datetime(data['DateOfBirth'], errors='coerce')
data['Age'] = (pd.to_datetime('today') - data['DateOfBirth']).dt.days // 365 # Calculate age in years

<ipython-input-5-6882aa3ca80c>:2: UserWarning: Parsing dates in %d-%m-%Y format when dayfirst=False (the default) was specified. Pass `dayfirst=True` or specify a format
data['DateOfBirth'] = pd.to_datetime(data['DateOfBirth'], errors='coerce')

[] # Features and target variable
# Include Age instead of DateOfBirth and keep other relevant features
X = data[['Age', 'Gender', 'Symptoms', 'Causes']]
y = data['Medicine']

[] # Split the data into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.1, random_state=42)

# Initialize the Random Forest Classifier
model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)

# Train the model
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

RandomForestClassifier(random_state=42)
```

Fig A.2

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[ ] # Make predictions on the test set
y_pred = model.predict(X_test)

[ ] from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV

❷ # Define the parameter grid for Random Forest
param_grid = {
    'n_estimators': [50, 100, 200],
    'max_depth': [None, 10, 20, 30],
    'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
    'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4]
}

[ ] def predict_medicine(age, gender, symptoms, causes):
    # Prepare the input data, ensuring column order matches training data
    input_data = pd.DataFrame({
        'Age': [age],
        'Gender': [label_encoders['Gender'].transform([gender])[0]],
        'Symptoms': [label_encoders['Symptoms'].transform([symptoms])[0] if symptoms in label_encoders['Symptoms'].classes_ else -1],
        'Causes': [label_encoders['Causes'].transform([causes])[0] if causes in label_encoders['Causes'].classes_ else -1]
    })

    # Make prediction using the best_model from GridSearchCV
    predicted_medicine = best_model.predict(input_data)

    # Decode the predicted medicine
    return label_encoders['Medicine'].inverse_transform(predicted_medicine)[0]

[ ] # Train the model using Grid Search
# Initialize GridSearchCV with the model and parameter grid
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=model, param_grid=param_grid, cv=5) # Added this line to initialize GridSearchCV

grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)

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Fig A.3

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[ ] # Train the model using Grid Search
# Initialize GridSearchCV with the model and parameter grid
grid_search = GridSearchCV(estimator=model, param_grid=param_grid, cv=5) # Added this line to initialize GridSearchCV

grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)

# Get the best estimator
best_model = grid_search.best_estimator_

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warnings.warn(
    "UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than 5. In this case the estimator is capable of handling it, but the results may be random.", UserWarning
)

❹ # Make predictions on the test set using the best model
y_pred = best_model.predict(X_test)

[ ] # Calculate accuracy
accuracy = accuracy_score(y_test, y_pred)

# Calculate precision and F1 score
precision = precision_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')
f1 = f1_score(y_test, y_pred, average='weighted')

# Display the results with formatted output
print("Accuracy: {:.2f}")
print("Precision: {:.2f}")
print("F1 Score: {:.2f}")

print(classification_report(y_test, y_pred))

❺ Accuracy: 0.76
Precision: 0.73
F1 Score: 0.74
      precision    recall  f1-score   support

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Fig A.4

```
[ ] from sklearn.model_selection import cross_val_score

❶ # Initialize the Random Forest Classifier
model = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators=100, random_state=42)

# Perform cross-validation
cv_scores = cross_val_score(model, X, y, cv=5, scoring='accuracy') # 5-fold cross-validation

# Display cross-validation scores
print("Cross-Validation Scores:", cv_scores)
print(f"Mean Cross-Validation Score: {np.mean(cv_scores):.2f}")

❷ /usr/local/lib/python3.11/dist-packages/sklearn/model_selection/_split.py:805: UserWarning: The least populated class in y has only 1 members, which is less than n_splits=5, so that class under-represented in the sample.
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Cross-Validation Scores: [0.69387755 0.79166667 0.79166667 0.83333333 0.83333333]
Mean Cross-Validation Score: 0.79
```

Fig A.5

```
❶ def predict_medicine(age, gender, symptoms, causes):
    # Prepare the input data, ensuring column order matches training data
    input_data = pd.DataFrame({
        'Age': [age],
        'Gender': [label_encoders['Gender'].transform([gender])[0]],
        'Symptoms': [label_encoders['Symptoms'].transform([symptoms])[0] if symptoms in label_encoders['Symptoms'].classes_ else -1],
        'Causes': [label_encoders['Causes'].transform([causes])[0] if causes in label_encoders['Causes'].classes_ else -1]
    })

    model.fit(X_train, y_train)

    # Make prediction
    predicted_medicine = model.predict(input_data)

    # Decode the predicted medicine
    return label_encoders['Medicine'].inverse_transform(predicted_medicine)[0]

❷ [ ] # Example usage
predicted = predict_medicine(30, 'Female', 'Fatigue, Weakness', 'Anemia')
print("Predicted Medicine:", predicted)

❸ Predicted Medicine: Iron Supplements
```

Fig A.6

```
❶ import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Import the library and assign the alias 'plt'
import seaborn as sns

plt.figure(figsize=(10, 8))
correlation_matrix = data.corr() # Calculate correlation matrix
sns.heatmap(correlation_matrix, annot=True, cmap='coolwarm', fmt=".2f")
plt.title('Correlation Matrix')
plt.show()
```

Fig A.7

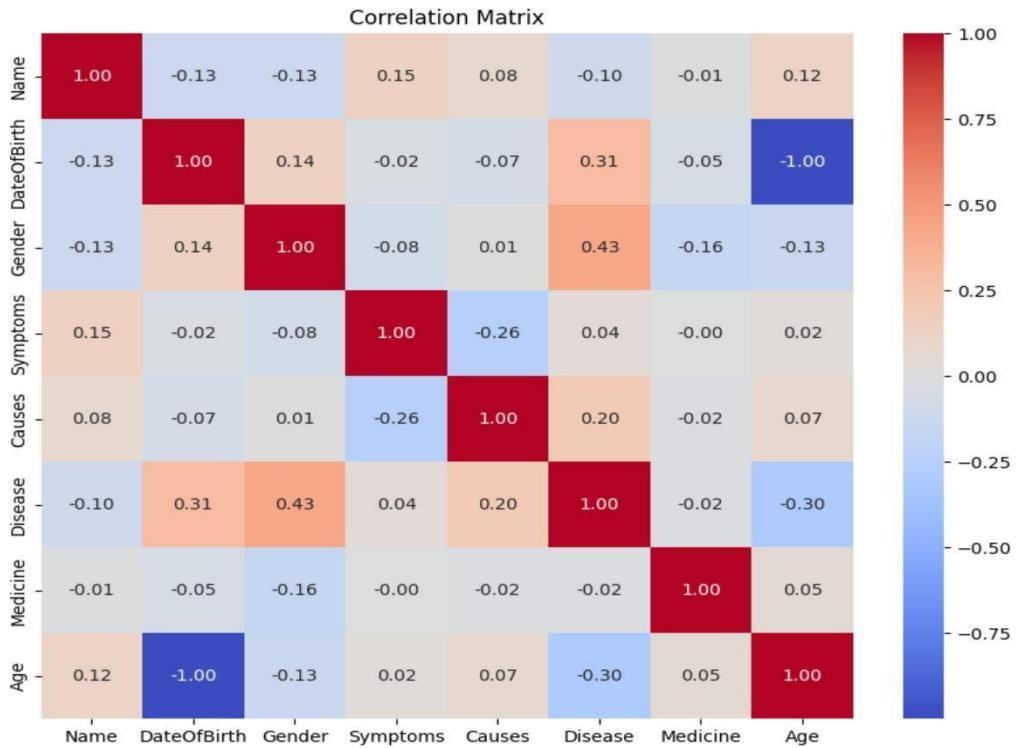


Fig A.8

```
❸ from sklearn.metrics import confusion_matrix
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt # Removed extra spaces before import
import seaborn as sns # Removed extra spaces before import

cm = confusion_matrix(y_test, y_pred)
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues')
plt.xlabel('Predicted')
plt.ylabel('Actual')
plt.title('Confusion Matrix')
plt.show()
```

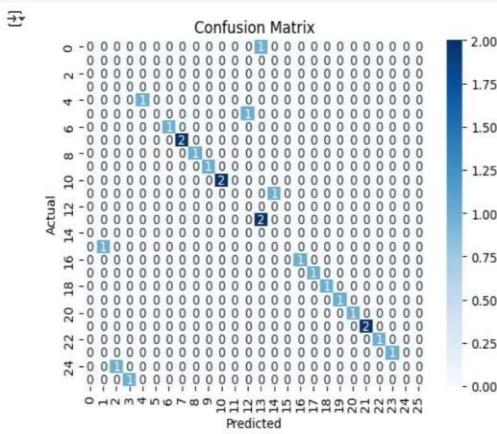


Fig A.9

```

❷ import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import seaborn as sns

# Fit the model before accessing feature_importances_
model.fit(X_train, y_train)

feature_importances = model.feature_importances_
features = ['Age', 'Gender', 'Symptoms', 'Causes']

# Create a DataFrame for visualization
importance_df = pd.DataFrame({'Feature': features, 'Importance': feature_importances})

# Sort by importance
importance_df = importance_df.sort_values(by='Importance', ascending=False)

# Create the bar plot
plt.figure(figsize=(8, 6))
sns.barplot(x='Importance', y='Feature', data=importance_df)
plt.title('Feature Importance in Predicting Medicine')
plt.xlabel('Importance Score')
plt.ylabel('Feature')
plt.show()

```

Fig A.10

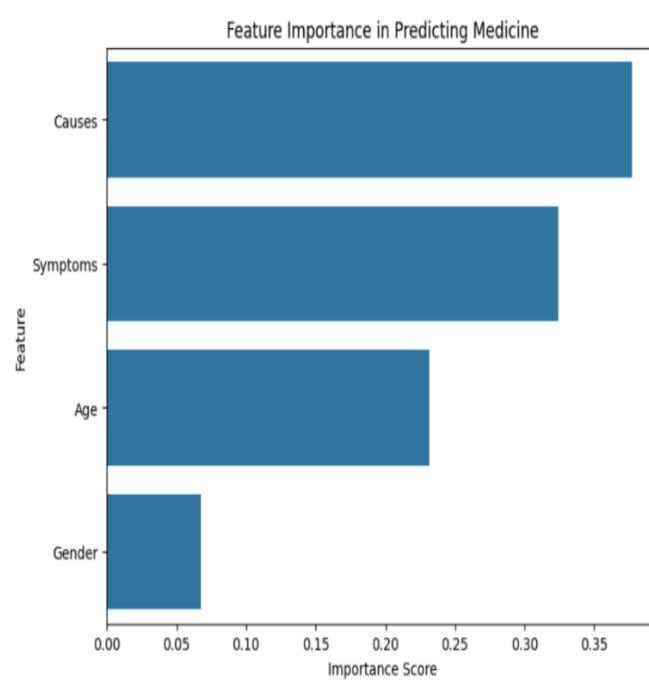


Fig A.11

APPENDIX B

CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Our paper on Symptom-Based Medicine Prediction Using Machine Learning has been submitted to IJISRT (International Journal of Innovative Science and Research Technology) for publication consideration and is under review.

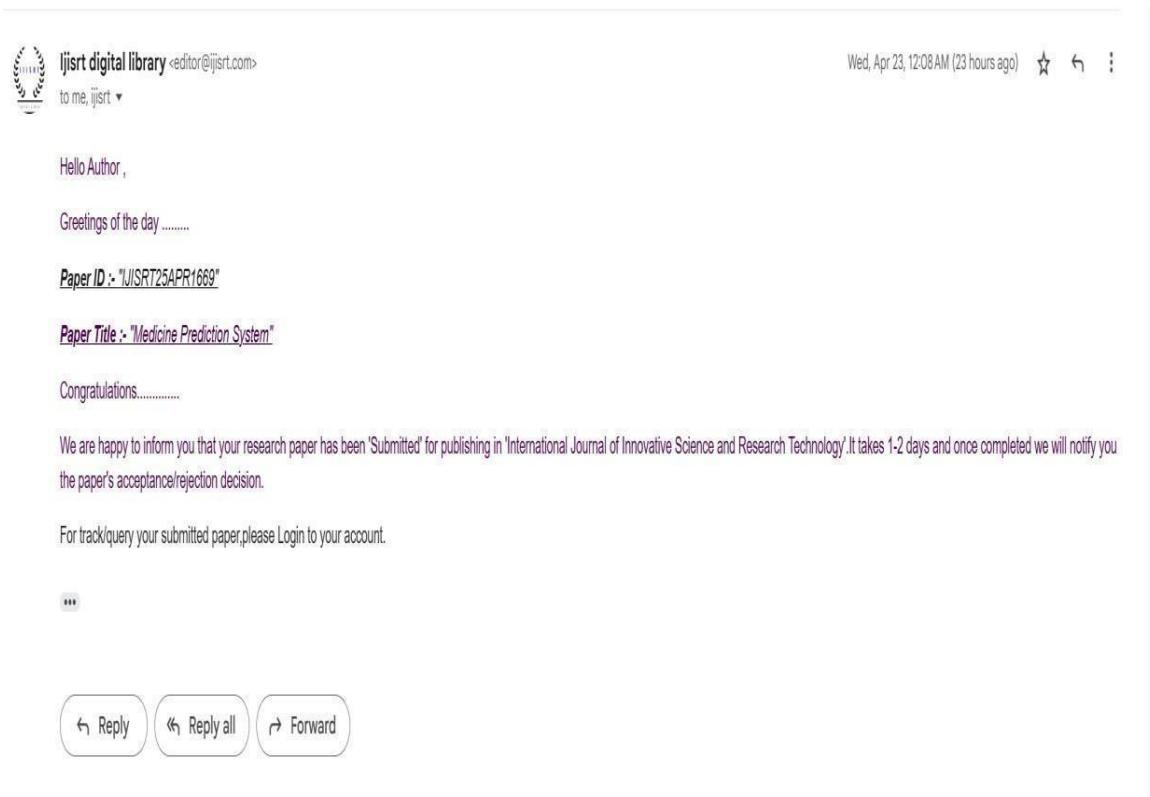


Figure B.1: IJISRT Paper under Review

APPENDIX C

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