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SYNOPSIS

This project is to help the farmers resolve various uncertainties about agriculture and learn new techniques to promote and make agriculture more profitable. The proposed system predicts crop for any farmland situated at Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu. This system operates based on a combination of machine learning models such as Random forest, K - Nearest Neighbours and Decision tree as an ensemble model. loT sensors – temperature and soil pH sensor are also deployed for a precise outcome.

This automated crop suggestion system alleviates farmers from the pitfalls of traditional farming practices and paves way for better agricultural profit and productivity. Furthermore, it proves to give the best accuracy and present the most accurate result. Thus, the most precise crop to be grown in the farmer's agricultural land in Coimbatore is suggested.

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INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

A crop recommendation system has been developed, with an intention to assist the farmers in the Coimbatore district of Tamil Nadu in helping them select appropriate crops based on the soil in their farms. The goal is to mitigate the traditional farming methods, and to achieve this, a combination of machine learning models such as Random forest, K-Nearest Neighbour and Decision tree as an ensemble model is trained. The soil quality is governed by certain parameters like soil and environmental characteristics like temperature and rainfall. The aforementioned ensemble model is constructed and trained based on these input parameters. The trained model is further given real time inputs from the Internet of Things system. In addition, user inputs are also given to generate the output from the ensemble system. In the final step, the most appropriate crop to be grown in that specific soil is recommended to the farmer by considering all the pertinent soil based and environmental parameters by the ensemble model.

1.2 INTRODUCTION

India is the world's second largest producer of wheat and rice and world's first producer of several other crops. So, it's not surprising that agriculture rules more than half of India's population economically.

By taking into account of the undulating nature of the environment and soil parameters that Indian agriculture relies on, farmers don't find the most precise agriculture techniques for better yield. But they are unaware of such influencing parameters. They always prefer to trust their instincts and follow traditional farming methods. Such unsure practices may unfortunately cause the anticipated productivity

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and profitability become unsubstantial. Since soil is a non-renewable natural resource the soil health and land productivity may deteriorate overtime. This may lead to unpleasant implications on the farmer's life as well as the status of food security in the specific region. In the thought of extenuating this situation, smart farming techniques can be imbibed.

A crop recommendation system developed for the Coimbatore region will be beneficial. In our system Machine learning models such as Random forest, KNN and Decision tree are combined to form an ensemble model. The ensemble model gives more prediction and efficiency than any of its models could achieve alone. This system is developed based on certain input parameters like soil pH, EC (Electrical Conductivity), type, N, P, K and environmental conditions like temperature and rainfall will be beneficial. Sensor readings from IoT along with user inputs like soil type, rainfall is fed into the trained model to give the output. This system alleviates the conventional method by providing precise suggestion on the most appropriate crop to be grown in the farmer's agricultural land in Coimbatore.

1.3 MOTIVATION

Coimbatore is a district in the state of Tamil Nadu which is situated on the banks of the Noyyal River and surrounded by the Western Ghats. Coimbatore is the second largest city in Tamil Nadu. The cultivable soil of the district is classified into 16 different soil series having different soil properties. All sorts of traditional farming practices do exist here. Farmers of Coimbatore are unaware of the heterogeneous nature of soil. There are differences in soil properties occurring even within short distances. Growing the same crop as the neighbouring farmer will not be as profitable as it is for them. Also, choosing a crop for cultivation based only on market trends will cause adverse loss financially and worsen the quality of soil.

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1.4 SCOPE

The proposed system addresses various issues of traditional farming techniques. It is hugely beneficial for farmers in Coimbatore. It provides precise suggestion on the crop to be grown for imbibing better farming techniques. Enhanced techniques, collection of data and improved efficiency are all inclusive in the scope of the implementation of this system.

CHAPTER 2

LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 OVERVIEW

This chapter consists of the different methods and algorithms used for crop recommendation.

Zeel Doshi, et.al [2018] discussed about environmental parameters like temperature, rainfall, farm's latitude, longitude, altitude and distance from the sea and soil characteristics such as pH value, soil type and thickness of aquifer and topsoil. Crops used were bajra, jowar, maize, rice and wheat, barley, cotton, groundnut, gram, jute, other pulses, potato, ragi, tur, rapeseed and mustard, sesame, soybean, sugarcane, sunflower and tobacco crops. They compared various machine learning models that have in built support for Multi-label classification (MLC): Decision Tree, K Nearest Neighbor (K-NN), Random Forest and Neural Network and obtained 90.2%, 88.78%, 90.43% and 91% efficiency respectively. Here we learnt the various models that are suitable for MLC and thus our proposed solution combines the power of all 3 models to get a better efficiency.

S.Pudumalar, et.al [2017] stated that a suggestion system based on site specific and soil parameters would be the most useful for farmers. The attributes considered in this paper: Depth, Texture, pH, Soil Color, Permeability, Drainage, Water holding and Erosion. The crops chosen by them include millet, groundnut, pulses, cotton, vegetables, banana, paddy, sorghum, sugarcane, coriander. A recommendation system using an ensemble model with majority voting technique was proposed. The base learners used were Random tree, CHAID, K-Nearest Neighbor and Naive Bayes and it was observed that the prediction accuracy of the model was 88%. Ensemble model is one of the most preferred for this system according to these set of papers and therefore we decided to opt for it.

Kevin Tom Thomas, et.al [2020] used environmental factors like temperature, humidity etc and soil parameters such as N, P, K and pH of the soil in their input dataset. The algorithms: kNN, kNN with cross validation, Decision Tree, Naïve Bayes and SVM were considered for evaluation and their respective efficiencies were 85%, 88%, 81%, 82% and 78%. It was inferred that kNN with cross validation was the ideal model and thus we decided to adopt kNN as one of the base learners in our ensemble model. The idea of adding IoT sensors to measure soil properties in their scope for improvement section inspired us to include the same in our project.

Harshitha L, et.al [2020] discussed about improving crop productivity through crop recommendation. Nutritional features in soil like pH values, organic Carbon, iron, zinc, nitrogen, phosphorus, sulphur have been used as it is assumed that chemical analysis of the soil helps in improving crop production. Other attributes include rainfall and temperature. Algorithm chosen by them is Naïve Bayes Algorithm.

K. R. Akshatha, et.al [2018] considered soil based attributes like depth, texture, pH, soil color, permeability, drainage, water holding capacity and erosion in their dataset. The crop recommendation system is built using an ensemble model – majority voting technique, using a combination of models like Random tree model, K-Nearest Neighbor model and Naïve Bayes model. The crops recommended by mapping with appropriate soil parameters are millet, groundnut, pulses, cotton, vegetables, banana, paddy, sorghum, sugarcane, coriander.

Srilakshmi A, et.al [2020] aims to get the best solution for crop prediction and recommendation system by comparing machine learning algorithms like random forest, decision tree and SVM. Accuracy obtained for random forest is 95.09%, higher than the rest of the models. The datasets are trained using SVM – grid search and random forest algorithms. The soil parameters taken into account for predicting crop based on environmental factors are temperature, humidity, pH and rainfall. The dataset consists of 3100 rows x 5 columns obtained from online that required no preprocessing. It was also found that combination of SVM and decision tree gave an accuracy of 91.8%, randomized search used on random forest gave 94.7% accuracy. Hence, it is concluded that random forest algorithm performs the best accuracy when

compared to other models. Future work comprises of including more soil parameters to perform crop prediction.

Miss Snehal S.Dahikar, et.al [2014] focused on making the farmers attain maximum crop yield at minimum cost using ANN – feed forward back propagation technique. The yield for a crop is predicted based on the soil specific parameters like pH, depth, nutrient contents like nitrogen, phosphate, potassium, organic carbon, magnesium, sulphur, manganese, copper, iron and environment-based parameters like temperature, and rainfall. It is concluded that ANN can be a beneficial tool for prediction.

Varsha A, et.al [2020] proposed to predict a specific crop grown in a soil. The dataset collected IoT system are soil moisture, soil pH and gas content of soil. Firstly, data mining techniques are applied on the sensor values then machine learning steps are applied. A sophisticated front end web interface is also developed for the farmers to view the recommended crop for their soil. The idea of adding IoT sensors to measure soil properties inspired us.

Avinash Kumar, et.al [2019] proposed a recommendation system using soil type, average rainfall, average temperature, pH and its corresponding crop type as attributes for 15 different crops. They have used 3 different algorithms individually to figure out which one provides the best accuracy (SVM – 89.66%, Decision Tree – 86.80%, Logistic Regression – 86.04%). It also provides details of Pests and its management for the recommended crop using Information Retrieval.

Tanmay Banavlikar, et.al [2018] designed a system that deploys soil moisture sensor, temperature sensor, humidity sensor embedded on Raspberry Pi to detect the physical parameters of the soil. Artificial Neural Networks concept is used to train the datasets to suggest the appropriate crop. The attributes for training the datasets include soil moisture content, humidity, temperature and the apt crop.

Devdatta A. Bondre, et.al [2019] described how to predict crop yield based on soil nutrients and recommends fertilizers. The datasets are collected for attributes such as

fertilizer, location and crop yield. Crops considered are rice, wheat, soybean, sunflower, cotton, sugarcane, tobacco and dry chilli. Random Forest and Support Vector Machine were used for Crop Yield Prediction and fertilizer recommendation. They arrived at an accuracy of about 86.35% for support vector machine and 99.47% for random forest which inspired us to use random forest as one of the model for our project.

Dr.A.K.Mariappan, **et.al** [2020] proposed a system to predict crop suitability for particular location and recommends the most suitable fertilizer. They collected data sets for soil and crops. The algorithm used here is Random forest and KNN algorithm.

Preethi G, et.al [2020] described about the method that takes the soil and pH sample as inputs to recommend the suitable crop and fertilizer as the solution. So, the soil information is collected through sensors and the data is transmitted from the Arduino through Zigbee and WSN (Wireless Sensor Network) to MATLAB. Analysis of the soil data and processing is done with help of ANN (Artificial Neural Network) and crop recommendations is done using SVM (Support Vector Machine). We gathered some loT ideas from this paper.

Soumya Sri Attaluri, et.al [2020] provided a crop recommendation system with a prime motive of creating economic welfare of farmers. Factors such as cost of planting, cost of harvesting, rainfall, crop demand, cost of seed, cost of fertilizer and yield of crop are considered to generate a more accurate prediction of whether harvesting a crop will yield profits or not. Dataset for this research is sourced from Indian government websites published by different ministries related to agriculture.

2.2 COMPARING WITH EXISTING SYSTEM

Paper Name	Methodology	Advantages	Disadvantages
	used		
AgroConsultant:	Decision Tree	Compared various	Absence of
Intelligent Crop	(90.2%)	algorithms and	sensors for input
Recommendation			making it essential

System Using	K Nearest	chose the best	for users to type all
Machine Learning	Neighbor (K-NN)	one.	the inputs.
Algorithms	(88.78%)		
	Random Forest	Accuracy of the	Multiple models
	(90.43%)	model is very high.	are not used
	Neural Network		together.
	(91%)		
Crop	Ensemble Model	Combined the	Environmental
Recommendation	(Voting Based	power of multiple	parameters are not
System for	classifier)	models.	used in this model.
Precision	Random tree,		
Agriculture	CHAID, K-Nearest	Use of varying soil	
	Neighbor and	parameters.	
	Naive Bayes		
	(88%)		
Crop Prediction	KNN	Compared various	Absence of
Using Machine	(85%)	algorithms and	sensors for input
Learning	KNN with cross	chose the best	making it essential
	validation	one.	for users to type all
	(88%)		the inputs
	Decision Tree	Tried two different	(mentioned in their
	(81%)	methods for KNN.	scope for
	Naïve Bayes		improvement)
	(82%)		
	Support Vector		
	Machine (SVM)		
	(78%)		
Improving Crop	Naïve Bayes	Nutrient content of	Use of only one
Productivity		the soil is given	model in the entire
			solution.

Through Crop		importance in this	
Recommendation		system.	
Implementation of	Ensemble model	-Sufficient soil	- The combination
Machine Learning	with majority voting	specific attributes	of these models
Algorithms for Crop	technique, using a	are considered.	may not be
Recommendation	combination of	- Ensemble model	complementing
Using Precision	models like	gives more	each other so
Agricuture	Random tree	prediction and	hence might not
	model, K-Nearest	efficiency than any	produce high
	Neighbor model	of its models could	accuracy in
	and Naïve Bayes	achieve alone.	recommendation.
	model.		
Machine learning	Random forest,	-Ample number of	-Less soil
approach:	decision tree and	datasets are	parameters are
Recommendation	SVM	collected for	considered.
of suitable crop for		training and testing	-Only static data is
land using		for better accuracy.	provided to the
meteorological		- Aimed at deciding	trained model.
factors		which model has	
		highest accuracy:	
		Random forest -	
		95.09%.	
Agricultural Crop	Artificial Neural	-Good number of	-Using ANN alone
Yield Prediction	Networks	soil-based	does not give
Using Artificial		attributes like	higher accuracy
Neural Network		different soil	when compared to
Approach		nutrients used.	ensemble models
		-Use of ANN gives	for prediction
		best results for	systems.
		pattern recognition.	

Soil classification	NA	-Use of IoT for	- Preprocessing of
and crop		getting real time	inputs from IoT
recommendation		datasets	system (sensors)
using IoT and		-Well developed	every time are time
Machine Learning		front end for	consuming and
		farmer's usability.	makes the system
			complex.
Recommendation	SVM Classification	All major	Since the user
System for Crop	(89.66%)	parameters are	manually input the
Identification and	Decision Tree	included for	values, he may be
Pest Control	(86.80%)	recommendation	unaware of the
Technique in	Logistic	system.	exact values which
Agriculture	Regression	Used different	might mislead.
	(86.04%)	algorithms to	
		choose the one	
		with highest	
		accuracy.	
		Apart from	
		identification, Pest	
		control techniques	
		is also suggested.	
Recommendation	Artificial Neural	The input data are	Few more
System Using	Networks	collected using	parameters could
Neural Networks		sensors to get the	be taken into
		accurate value	account for more
		which gives the	effective
		correct	recommendation.
		recommendation.	
Prediction of crop	Support vector	Compared various	
yield and fertilizer	machine	algorithms and	
recommendation	(86.35%)	chose the best one	
using machine	Random Forest		
learning algorithms	(99.47%)		

Crop	Random Forest	Compared various	Absence of
Recommendation	and	algorithms and	sensors for input
System through	KNN algorithm	chose the best one	making it essential
Soil Analysis Using			for users to type all
Classification in			the inputs.
Machine Learning			
Agro based crop	Artificial Neural	Gathered ideas	Accurate results
and fertilizer	Networks and	For using soil	are not mentioned
recommendation	Support Vector	sensors	by using artificial
system using	Machine		neural networks
machine learning			and environmental
			parameters are not
			used properly.
Crop Plantation	KNN, ANN	Simulations are	Market price of the
Recommendation	(regression model)	performed using to	crop and yield of
using Feature		improve the model.	the crop are major
Extraction and			impacting factor
Machine Learning			
Techniques.			

Table 2.1 – Overview of Literature Survey

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SYSTEM DESIGN

3.1 OVERVIEW

A detailed design of the proposed system is discussed in this chapter along with the workflow of the entire system and the IoT module.

3.2 WORKFLOW

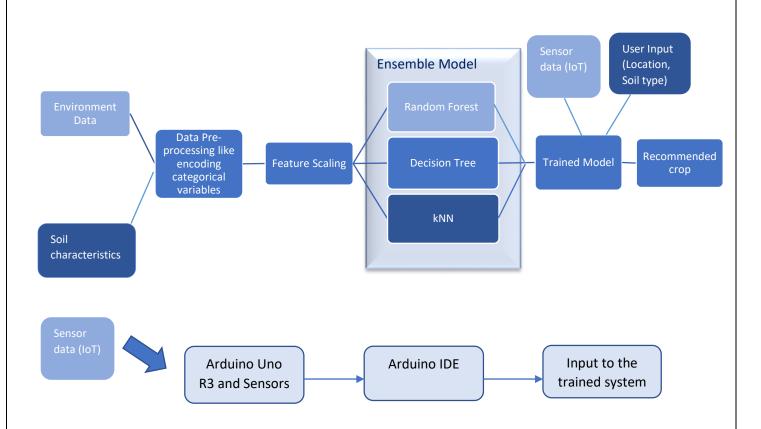


Fig 3.1 - Workflow of the Proposed Model

Fig 3.1 describes the workflow starting from the data pre-processing stage till the user input prediction stage. The IoT Module is separately shown below where the sensor reading is read and transmitted from the Arduino IDE to the input system.

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3.3 ARCHITECTURE DEFINITION

 Firstly, data is collected from Soil Survey department and the Tamil Nadu Agriculture University.

- The data collected is then one hot encoded to convert categorical variables into numeric variables.
- After pre-processing, data is normalized to give equal priority to all the attributes.
- It is then provided as input to the ensemble model for training.
- The sensors are connected to the Arduino board and pH and temperature values are collected. This data is then sent to python serially so that it can serve as input to the trained model.
- User input and input from the IoT sensors is supplied to the trained model and the output is collected.
- The recommended crop is then presented as the output.

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CHAPTER 4

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

4.1 OVERVIEW

This chapter describes the various hardware and software required for implementing the proposed algorithm.

4.2 HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS:

IoT:

- Arduino Uno R3
- Temperature and Humidity Sensor
- Soil pH Sensor

Operating Systems: Windows 8 or above

Memory: Minimum 4 GB RAM

4.3 SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS:

- Arduino IDE 1.8.0
- Python
- Jupyter Notebook

4.4 SOFTWARE DESCRIPTION

4.4.1 JUPYTER NOTEBOOK

Jupyter Notebook version 6.3.0, an Open Source IDE provides an interactive environment by running a sequence of cells for development and presenting our project. It is a popular python IDE to perform modelling, machine learning, data

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transformation and visualization. Libraries like Scikit Learn, Numpy are available without additional installations.

4.4.2 ARDUINO IDE

Arduino IDE version 1.8.13 is another open source IDE that is mainly used for writing and compiling the code into the Arduino UNO module. It provides readily available libraries suitable for the sensors. The main code known as sketch, written on the IDE generates a Hex File which is then transferred and uploaded in the controller on the board. The IDE environment consists of editor and compiler. Editor is used for writing the required code and compiler is used for compiling and uploading the code into Arduino UNO.

CHAPTER 5

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

5.1 OVERVIEW

The proposed methodology is explained elaborately. The machine learning models used along with mathematical formulas are discussed. Description of the sensors used in the IoT module is also specified.

5.2 MACHINE LEARNING MODULE

5.2.1 ENSEMBLE LEARNING TECHNIQUE

Ensemble learning technique in machine learning integrates multiple models to achieve increased performance. It combines the power of multiple ML algorithms so that one model can correct the errors of another and predict results with much higher accuracy. Two or more models can be used as the base learners in this technique. The base learners should be chosen such that each of them perform well individually so that the combined model gives better results.

In our project, we are planning to use k-Nearest Neighbours, Decision Tree and Random Forest as our base learners for the Majority Voting technique. Majority Voting is an ensemble technique that is one of the best models to solve classification problems. In this, the training set is supplied to all the models and each of them gets trained individually. The inputs for prediction is then fed to all the models separately. Each prediction result is counted as a vote and the output with the maximum number of votes is given as the final result.

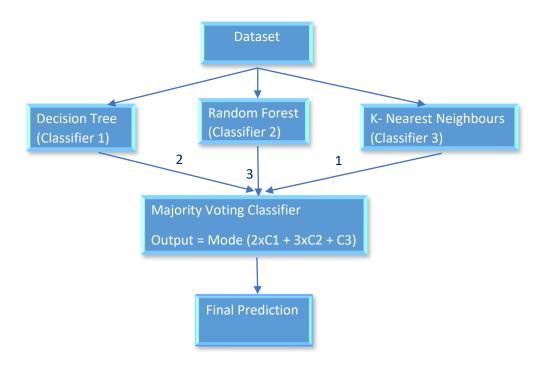


Fig 5.1 – Weighted Ensemble Learning Model Flowchart

Fig 5.1 shows the working of the proposed system. Weighted ensemble technique is used with Decision Tree having weight 2, Random Forest having weight 3 and K-Nearest Neighbour having weight 1.

5.2.2 LEARNERS USED IN THE MODEL

5.2.2.1 DECISION TREE

Decision Tree is a non-parametric supervised machine learning technique used for solving both classification and regression problems. It often mimics a human's thinking ability while making a decision. It is a tree-like structure where the internal nodes represent the features of a dataset; the branches act as the decision rules, and leaf nodes are the final result of the decisions. This uses different attribute selection measure to decide on where to split. They are namely Gini Index, Information Gain, Reduction in Variance and Chi Square. The tree algorithm depends on the selected attribute measure.

GENERAL WORKING:

- 1. Start the tree with root node S (complete dataset)
- 2. Find the best attribute using Attribute Selection Measure, Information Gain. The categorical feature that will maximize the information gain value using the impurity criterion entropy is chosen at each level.

Entropy(T) =
$$\sum_{i=0}^{n} - f_i \log(f_i)$$

n – number of unique values of the target variable

fi- probability of ith value of target variable

$$Gain(T,X) = Entropy(T) - Entropy(T,X)$$

T = target variable

X = Feature to be split on

Entropy(T,X) = The entropy calculated after the data is split on feature X

- 3. Divide S into subsets
- 4. Generate decision tree node (which contains the best attributes)
- 5. Recursively continue from step 3

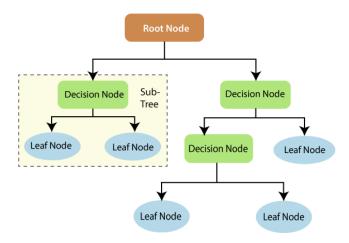


Fig 5.2 – Structure of Decision Tree

Fig 5.2 shows the branches and internal node structure of the decision tree. The branches are the unique categories of the attributes and the leaves indicate the attribute name.

5.2.2.2 RANDOM FOREST:

Random Forest is a popular algorithm that belonging to the supervised learning technique. It basically involves the process of combining multiple classifiers to solve a complex problem and to improve the performance of the model, which is generally called as ensemble learning. Random Forest combines the use of many decision trees. It takes the prediction from each tree and based on the majority votes of predictions, and it predicts the final output.

GENERAL WORKING:

- 1. Number of decision trees to be constructed is chosen as N.
- 2. Any random subset of the training set is considered to construct each decision tree.
- 3. The decision trees for the selected data points is constructed in a similar way using information gain as attribute selection measure.
- 4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 for N times.
- 5. The category of decision trees that wins the majority votes in the predictions will be assigned for the new data points.

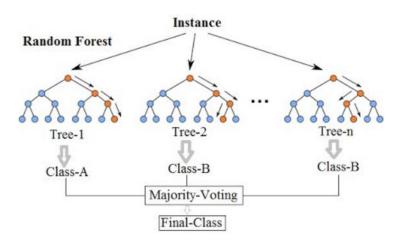


Fig 5.3 - Construction of Random Forest with N Decision Trees

Fig 5.3 illustrates the construction of random forest by considering the outputs of many (N) decision trees.

5.2.2.3 K-NEAREST NEIGHBOUR:

K-NN is a non-parametric algorithm, that stores the dataset and at the time of classification, it performs an action on the dataset. For this reason, it is also called a lazy learner algorithm. K-NN algorithm assumes the similarity between the new case/data and available cases and put the new case into the category that is most similar to the available categories.

GENERAL WORKING:

- 1. Number K of the neighbours is selected.
- 2. The Euclidean distance (Minowski distance with p=2) is calculated to find the K nearest neighbours.

Minowski Distance =
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt[p]{|x_i-y_i|^p}$$

When p = 2, Euclidean Distance = $\sum_{i=1}^n \sqrt{|x_i-y_i|^2}$

x and y are the two points

n – number of dimensions of the two points

- 3. The number of data points that belong to each category of target variable is counted.
- 4. The category that has the maximum number of neighbour will be assigned to the new data point.

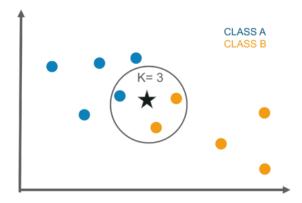


Fig 5.4 – Working of K-Nearest Neighbour Algorithm

Fig 5.4 demonstrates the selection of the nearest neighbours in the kNN algorithm.

5.3 INTERNET OF THINGS (IoT) MODULE

It refers to the different hardware components that are connected to the internet, collecting and sharing data. IoT devices comprises of sensors and minicomputer processors that works on the data collected by the sensors using machine learning.

5.3.1 DHT11 TEMPERTURE SENSOR:

The DHT11 is a simple, low-cost digital temperature and humidity sensor which can measure the temperature and humidity of the surroundings. It uses a thermistor to measure the input data and convert it into electronic data to record, monitor, or signal temperature changes.

5.3.2 pH SENSOR:

pH scale shows the acidity and basicity of a solution. It has values ranging from 0 (acidic) to 14 (basic). pH sensor consists of two main components – pH electrode and signal convertor. pH electrode measures the potential between the electrodes and converts it to pH units. Signal convertor is a voltage regulator chip which supports the voltage supply of 3.3-5.5V DC.

CHAPTER 6

IMPLEMENTATION

6.1 OVERVIEW

This chapters entails the entire process of implementation of the proposed system from dataset collection to user input prediction.

6.2 DATASET COLLECTION

The dataset was obtained from the Soil Testing Lab and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore. This dataset consists of the soil and environmental parameters of all the areas in Coimbatore district. The input parameters considered are Soil N, P, K, EC, pH, Soil Type, Temperature and Rainfall. The data has 20 different crops that are widely grown here like Banana, Bengalgram, Bhendi, Brinjal, Blackgram, Onion, Paddy, Redgram, Sugarcane, Tapioca, Cotton, Cowpea, Cumbu, Greengram, Groundnut, Sorghum, Horsegram, Tomato, Turmeric, Coconut.

6.3 DATA PRE-PROCESSING

Data pre-processing is a technique used in data mining, machine learning which is used to transform the raw data into useful datasets that can be used to perform various tasks. It is generally the first step of any learning model.

Categorical attributes need to be encoded to have numerical values for correct working of the machine learning system. One Hot Encoding is a popular technique used for the same where a binary variable is created for each of the unique values of that categorical variable. This ensures that no ordinal relationship between the different values of the variable is assumed.

6.4 FEATURE SCALING

Feature scaling is a method used to normalize data in each attribute. This is mainly used to keep all attributes in the same value range to avoid giving higher priority to attributes with higher values.

The most appropriate method to do this is: Standardization (Z-score Normalization)

$$X' = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Where μ – mean of the sample

 σ – standard deviation of the sample

6.5 MODEL BUILDING

6.5.1 MACHINE LEARNING MODULE

Random Forest, Decision Tree and kNN are combined to build the majority voting ensemble model to recommend the most suitable crop. Here, each model is first defined. Information gain is used as the criteria to decide the attributes at each level of the decision tree. In Random Forest, 10 decision trees are constructed and combined to predict the result. Euclidean distance (p=2) is considered to determine 26 nearest neighbours in kNN whose output value determine the predicted crop.

These results are combined with weights 2,3,1 for Decision Tree, Random Forest and kNN respectively to give the final predicted crop of the machine learning system. The accuracy score obtained is 0.8927.

6.5.2 IOT MODULE

Temperature sensor and pH sensor are attached to Arduino UNO board to collect the soil attributes like temperature and pH and give it as an input for prediction.

DHT11 Temperature Sensor:

This sensor has 3 pins – Vcc, Gnd and Data.

Pins in Sensor	Arduino Connection
Vcc	Vin
Gnd	Gnd
Data	A1

Table 6.1 - DHT11 Connections

DHT library <dht.h> is added to the Arduino. Temperature values are sensed using DHT.read11(dht_pin) function and the data is printed using the function Serial.print(DHT.temperature)

pH Sensor:

It consists of Signal conversion module and a pH electrode. It has 6 pins – V+, Gnd, Gnd, Po, Do,To

Pins in Sensor	Arduino Connection
V+	5V
Gnd	Gnd
Ро	A0

Table 6.2: pH Sensor Connections

pH electrode should be calibrated in order to get accurate values. A solution whose pH value is known is taken (distilled water pH = 7) and the electrode is dipped onto it to find the value it prints. Finally the difference is added to the calibration value (calibration_value = 20.44).

pH values are sensed using analogRead(A0) function and the pH is calculated using nernst equation

$$volt = avgval*5.0/1024/6$$

 $ph = -5.70 * volt + calibration_value$

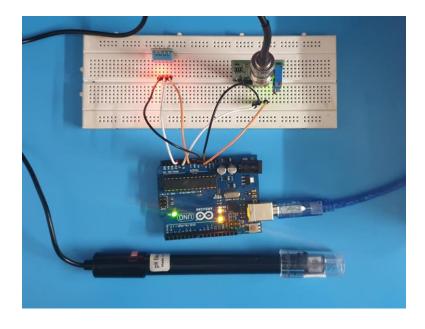


Fig 6.1 - Circuit Connections

Fig 6.1 displays the connections made between temperature sensor, pH sensor and the Arduino Board.

Connecting IoT module to Python:

The data collected from the sensors is collected and sent via serial port. PySerial package is used to access serial port. The average of the sensor values are computed and stored for prediction.

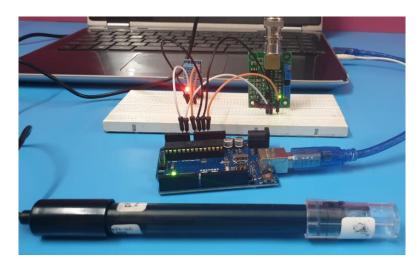


Fig 6.2 - Arduino Connected to Laptop

Fig 6.2 Lateral view of the connections that shows the Arduino connections with the laptop

6.6 USER INPUT PREDICTION

The most appropriate crop is recommended to users for a user defined input. The values entered by the users for attributes such as Soil Type, Rainfall, N, P, K, EC are combined with the readings received from the Temperature and pH sensors and the most appropriate crop is predicted.

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CHAPTER 7

RESULT ANALYSIS

The dataset obtained from Soil Testing Lab and Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore consists of 1162 records of crop data for different areas in Coimbatore. This was split into train and test set with 930 records in the train set and 232 record in test set.

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Out[40]: 0.8927038626609443

Fig 7.1 – Confusion Matrix and Accuracy Score

Fig 7.1 represents the confusion matrix and accuracy score which comes to 89.27%.

This is the confusion matrix that we obtained for our model. It is a 20 x 20 matrix that shows the accuracy of crop predictions. The diagonal of the matrix gives the number of correctly predicted crops and the rest shows the number of incorrect predictions. The accuracy score obtained is 0.8927 which indicates that the system is 89.27% accurate.

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Temperature readings from Arduino: 26.0 pH readings from Arduino: 7.25
Temperature readings from Arduino: 26.0 pH readings from Arduino: 7.25
Temperature readings from Arduino: 26.0 pH readings from Arduino: 7.27
Temperature readings from Arduino: 26.0 pH readings from Arduino: 7.44
Temperature readings from Arduino: 26.0 pH readings from Arduino: 7.26
Average Temperature: 26
Average pH: 7.29
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Fig 7.2 – Readings from Sensor

Fig 7.2 displays the temperature and pH readings recorded by the sensors.

The temperature and pH from the sensor is received from the Arduino board. The average of five values is taken for better accuracy.

Area: Pogalur Soil type: Irugur Series N value: 218.41

P value: 218.4. P value: 12.63 K value: 470.6 EC value: 0.27

pH: 7.29

Temperature: 26 Rainfall: 1500

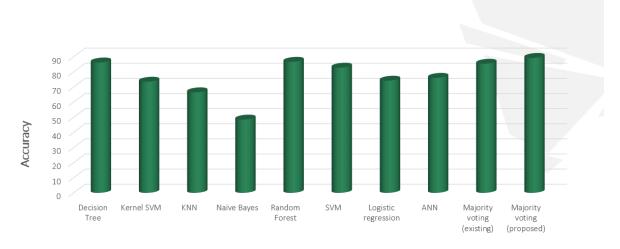
Predicted Crop: Coconut

Fig 7.3 – User Input Prediction

Fig 7.3 shows the prediction of the proposed system for a user specified input along with sensor input.

The required attributes are collected as input from the user. This along with the sensor values are used to recommend the most suitable crop.

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Machine Learning Models

Fig 7.4 - Comparison with Existing Models

Fig 7.4 gives the rundown of the accuracy of the various existing models along with that of the proposed model.

The proposed system was compared with other existing models and the proposed system showed maximum accuracy. The existing majority voting technique with learners such as Random forest, Decision tree and SVM gave an accuracy of 84.54%. Another existing system that used ANN showed an accuracy of 76.1%.

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CHAPTER 8

CONCLUSION

The proposed system plays a major role in assisting the farmers to make a decision on the best crop to be grown on their farm land located in Coimbatore. This system considers various soil and environmental factors, and IoT sensor values to predict the accurate crop. The ensemble learning model used provides an advantage by combining the accuracies of KNN, random forest and decision tree algorithms and gives a resulting accuracy of 89.27% which is higher than the accuracy of the existing majority voting techniques and ANN which are 84.54% and 76.1% respectively.

8.1 FUTURE ENHANCEMENTS

As an enhancement of the proposed system, additional IoT sensors for other parameters can be used. Also, crop rotation can be included as a new feature to predict the crop based on the previously grown crop.

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APPENDICES

DATASET

Area	N	P	K E	C p	Н	Soil type	Temperati R	ainfall	Crop			
Anamalai	148.41	12.63	470.6	0.27	6.97	Anamalai Series	24	750	Banana			
Periyapothu	159.66	13.96	513.38	0.18	6.93	Anamalai Series	27	705	Banana			
A.Mettupalayam	187.52	11.35	672.23	0.45	7.56	Peelamedu Series	24	670	Banana			
A.Sengappalli	178.74	12.58	537.35	0.33	7.53	Peelamedu Series	22	678	Banana			
Allapalayam	183.08	13.71	568.3	0.77	7.53	Peelamedu Series	27	689	Banana			
Ambothi	171.08	12.94	711.08	0.27	7.23	Peelamedu Series	24	689	Banana			
Annur	183.59	13.46	519.02	0.4	7.4	Irugur Series	15	687	Banana			
Kanjapalli	162.36	12.79	578.86	0.18	7.01	Peelamedu Series	19	724	Banana			
Kanuvakkarai	174	13.78	487.16	0.29	7.59	Peelamedu Series	17	726	Banana			
Karegoundenplm	169.83	13.66	720.14	0.36	7.25	Peelamedu Series	20	665	Banana			
Kariampalayam	169.71	12.1	511.32	0.21	7.56	Peelamedu Series	25	650	Banana			
Kunnathur	183.22	13.8	625.83	0.44	7.57	Peelamedu Series	18	668	Banana			
Kuppanur	192.83	13.45	507.8	0.44	7.69	Irugur Series	16	675	Banana			
Kuppepalayam	196.57	13.69	518.38	0.44	7.15	Peelamedu Series	22	690	Banana			
Kuppepalayam	196.57	13.69	518.38	0.44	7.15	Peelamedu Series	35	675	Banana			
M.G.C.Palayam	179.46	12.74	586.48	0.25	7.15	Peelamedu Series	32	735	Banana			
Naranapuram	182.12	12.49	472.92	0.32	7.28	Peelamedu Series	33	748	Banana			
Odderpalayam	174.32	11.45	572.72	0.15	7.29	Peelamedu Series	22	678	Banana			
Pachapalayam	182.27	12.97	508.6	0.3	7.06	Peelamedu Series	18	715	Banana			
Pasur	189.85	13.36	473.25	0.36	7.13	Peelamedu Series	27	710	Banana			
Pogalur	169.82	13.79	468.29	0.33	7.17	Peelamedu Series	21	658	Banana			
Vadakkalur	160.01	11.5	467.11	0.17	7.35	Peelamedu Series	25	695	Banana			
Vadavalli	192.7	11.46	539.08	0.28	7.11	Peelamedu Series	17	693	Banana			
Bellathi	188.5	13.57	564.45	0.41	7.4	Irugur Series	32	745	Banana			
Bellapalayam	185.51	13.89	677.46	0.42	7.29	Irugur Series	35	688	Banana			
Chikkadasampalay	188.98	13.02	587.83	0.21	7.34	Irugur Series	17	674	Banana			
Chikkarampalayam	181.36	12.96	635.27	0.41	7.4	Irugur Series	21	710	Banana			
Chinnakallipatti	175.47	11.78	536.21	0.37	7.29	Irugur Series	18	682	Banana			
Illuppanantham	168.61	12.68	549.64	0.17	7.23	Irugur Series	16	695	Banana			

SOURCE CODE

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Feature Scaling
              1 from sklearn.preprocessing import StandardScaler
                 sc = StandardScaler()
X_train[:, 11:] = sc.fit_transform(X_train[:, 11:])
X_test[:, 11:] = sc.transform(X_test[:, 11:])
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                     [0.0, 1.0, 0.0, ..., -0.5559988121975878, -0.453332387109887, 1.3009580906238893]], dtype=object)
In [37]: 1 X_test
Out[37]: array([[0.0, 0.0, 0.0, ..., -0.38277555026760124, 0.9980603330225151,
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Machine Learning Model
                     from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
                     from sklearn.ensemble import RandomForestClassifier
                     from sklearn.ensemble import VotingClassifier
                 from sklearn.neighbors import voting.tassifier

from sklearn.neighbors import kNeighborsclassifier

classifier1 = DecisionTreeclassifier(criterion = 'entropy', random_state = 0)

classifier2 = RandomForestClassifier(n_estimators = 18, criterion = 'entropy', random_state = 0)

classifier3 = KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors = 26, metric = 'minkowski', p = 2)

classifier = votingClassifier(estimators=[('dt',classifier1),('rf',classifier2),('knn',classifier3)],voting='hard',weights=[

classifier fit(X train w train)
                 9 classifier.fit(X_train, y_train)
Out[38]: VotingClassifier(estimators=[('dt',
                                                             DecisionTreeClassifier(criterion='entropy',
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                                                             RandomForestClassifier(criterion='entropy',
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random_state=0)),
                                                           ('knn', KNeighborsClassifier(n_neighbors=26))],
                                         weights=[2, 3, 1])
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                 print(np.concatenate((y_pred.reshape(len(y_pred),1), y_test.reshape(len(y_test),1)),1))
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In [46]:

| import serial | def main_func(): | list_values=[] | list_in_floats=[] | arduino_serial.serial('comd', 9600) | arduino_serial.serial('comd', 9600) | arduino_data = arduino_readline() | decoded_values = str_draduino_data[e:len(arduino_data)].decode("utf-8")) | list_values = decoded_values.split(' ') | for item in list_values: | list_in_floats.append(float(item)) | arduino_data = 0 | arduino_close() | return list_in_floats | list_in_fl
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Final_Sensordata

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#include <dht.h>
#define dht_apin A1 // Analog Pin sensor is connected to
dht DHT;
float calibration_value = 20.44;
int phval = 0;
unsigned long int avgval;
int buffer_arr[10], temp;
void setup() {
 // put your setup code here, to run once:
  Serial.begin(9600);
  delay(1000);//Wait before accessing Sensor
void loop() {
 DHT.read11(dht_apin);
 Serial.print(DHT.temperature);
 Serial.print(" ");
for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
 buffer_arr[i]=analogRead(A0);
 delay(30);
 for(int i=0;i<9;i++)
 for(int j=i+1;j<10;j++)
 if(buffer_arr[i]>buffer_arr[j])
 {
 temp=buffer arr[i];
 buffer_arr[i]=buffer_arr[j];
 buffer_arr[j]=temp;
 }
 }
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avgval=0;
for(int i=2;i<8;i++)
 avgval+=buffer_arr[i];
float volt=(float)avgval*5.0/1024/6;
 float ph_act = -5.70 * volt + calibration_value;
 Serial.println(ph_act);
 delay(5000);
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User Input Prediction