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Novel Approaches to Early Parkinson's Disease Detection using Phonetic Pattern Analysis and machine learning Techniques

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Abstract

Parkinsonism exemplifies a ubiquitous ailment encompassing neuron-related deterioration in other words, recurring encephalic decline-related ailment that emerges via motile impairments (mobility restrictions) and brain-related issues (cognitive), symptoms often echoing embodiments concerning aging-related afflictions or frailties. Regrettably, Parkinson's Disease has no solution, consequently, patients experiencing Parkinson's count on premature diagnosis and personalized therapies to decelerate the advancement of the affliction. PD is possible to be addressed via prompt identification, as a result facilitating healthcare recipients to maintain standard living. Considering initial symptoms are non-aggressive, numerous sufferers persist unacknowledged prior to the time when the manifestations develop extremely in addition the intervention progresses substantially arduous. These conditions commence sporadically and incrementally transform uninterrupted while the disorder evolves. Preliminary indicators concerning this ailment constitute for instance, patients perhaps perceive moderate trembling or experience struggle standing up a chair or sitting place. Parkinsonism exhibits 5 phases involving advancement plus 90% PD demonstrate evidence related to vocal fold lesions being an indication of initial phase. Because of these individuals possibly encounter communication obstacles, for instance garbled vocalization, struggle enunciating, as well as communicating extremely at a slow pace or rapidly. The aforementioned obstacles are recognized as dysarthria (verbal motor impairment) furthermore is able to be triggered as a result of muscle fibres utilized in articulation unable to perform adequately, promptly, otherwise with ample force. This research paper emphasizes the implementation pertaining to (ML) machine learning strategies regarding the articulation datasets for the purpose of identifying Parkinsonism throughout its preliminary phases. The (ML) machine learning approaches highlighted within the research paper include Support Vector Machine (SVM), Random Forest (RF), K-Nearest Neighbours' (KNN) and AdaBoost including strategies aimed at optimizing the hyperparameters in order to elevate overall accuracy. This paper further displays comparative analysis pertaining to these four (ML) machines learning methodologies.

Key words: Parkinson Disease, SVM, Random Forest, K-Nearest neighbours,Adaboost,Hyperparameter Tuning, speech data.

1.Introduction

Parkinson's syndrome remains exceptionally widespread universal, standing runner-up amidst aging-associated deteriorative cerebral illness. It exists as the foremost prevalent locomotor encephalic malady. Specialists approximate the fact that Parkinson's impacts a minimum of one out of every hundred (1%) among individuals exceeding 60 years of age universally [1]. Parkinson's condition triggers a precise zone belonging to a person's cranial structure, the basal ganglia (basal brain region), to break down. Since the aforementioned region degrades, a person will be deprived of the capabilities of the aforementioned regions previously governed. Experts have revealed the reality that Parkinson's leads to a considerable shift across the patient's encephalon arrangement. Under standard scenarios a person's nerve network utilizes constituents termed synaptic transmitters to govern the method by which one's nerve Fibers communicate information amidst each other. Whenever an individual is afflicted with Parkinsonism, he/she is deficient of dopaminergic chemical (dopamine), an exceptionally essential synaptic chemical. Whenever neural system dispatches motor impulses which command musculature to function, the cerebrum calibrates gestures by employing nerve Fibers showing that they necessitate dopamine hormone. For this reason, shortage of dopaminergic chemical induces the decelerated motor functions as well as trembling indicators pertaining to Parkinsonism. Prevalent indicators encompass quivers, aching musculature compressions in addition to challenges while articulating. Parkinson's syndrome leads to significant occurrences of debility and the dependency on support and treatment. A large number of patients experiencing Parkinson's additionally acquire senility (cognitive decline). This particular sickness typically arises among patients advanced in age, although less-aged individuals might as well experience the impact. Men tend to be influenced with greater frequency in comparison to women [2]. This underlying factor concerning Parkinsonism continues to be unidentified however individuals possessing hereditary records involving the illness exhibit a more significant predisposition. Indicators related to Parkinson's evolve more extreme over the course of time. These symptoms could profoundly diminish overall condition along with standard of living. Reflexive (uncontrolled) motor activities (dyskinesias) as well as agonizing muscle Fiber constrictions (dystonia) might induce complications vocalizing in addition to locomotion. Such manifestations contribute to substantial instances concerning handicap and also the requirement for assistance. A large number of people diagnosed with PD additionally experience (dementia) intellectual impairment amid the progression of an individual's disorder. This incidence involving Parkinson's has increased twofold during the past quarter-century (25 years). Worldwide projections as of 2019 demonstrated surpassing approximately 8.5 million sufferers diagnosed with PD. Contemporary assessments propose the fact that during 2019, Parkinson's brought about 5.8 million disability-adjusted life years (DALYs), an escalation of about 81% beginning in 2000, furthermore induced approximately 329,000 fatalities, a surge beyond 100% starting in 2000. Parkinsonism represents a therapeutic evaluation showing that it is not exclusively conducted via neurologic experts but also can be performed by qualified non-specialized medical practitioners. During these preliminary phases, adequate interventions that facilitate the deceleration of the advancement of the ailment otherwise inhibit the disorder from worsening constitute to be fundamental. Despite this, detecting PD in accordance with therapeutic manifestations remains challenging as well as convoluted. Nevertheless, this contemporary diagnostic procedure comprises diverse evaluations along with expert analyses, that might be protracted as well as financially demanding. As a result of the condition's intricate character, there exists no antidote concerning Parkinsonism thus far. Despite this, prompt recognition accompanied by appropriate therapy might alleviate indicators within sufferers, empowering individuals to maintain standard everyday life. Throughout these preliminary phases regarding PD, one's countenance might exhibit hardly any emotion [3]. An individual's forearms could stay immobile while you are walking. Your articulation might transform muted or garbled. Standard manifestations comprise Low-volume speech, Unvarying tone, Indistinct talking, Raspy or husky speech, Mumbling. The following article concentrates on initial recognition by means of vocalization by utilizing (ML) machine learning methods. This study highlights application of machine learning algorithms SVM, Random Forest, KNN Classifier, Adaboost by integrating essential strategies aimed at hyperparameter tuning to enhance the efficacy and moreover a contrast of the exactness achieved by diverse ML models.

2.Literature Review

Callum Altham, Data-driven (ML) approaches including SVM mechanisms, K-NN model, and Random Tree ensembles have demonstrated promise in the initial recognition of the ailment (PD) through means of vocalization information. Support vector Machines have excellent proficiency in dual-category sorting by locating ideal decision boundary (hyperplane) which segregates the categories, while on other hand K-NN model forecasts consequences that rely on proximities of the analogous observations [4].

Ensemble of Decision trees augments forecasting precision via a hierarchical framework that segments datasets into subsets that are grounded on input variables. These approaches are prized for their ease-of-use nature, intelligibility and capability in dealing with systematic information yielding substantial aptitude for bettering the preliminary appraisal as well as involvement in Parkinsonism. Raya Alshammri, Efficiency analyses of diverse models have disclosed that SVM mechanisms incorporating Recursive Feature Elimination have outdid them. The conclusions of these techniques are presented by the researchers Gil and Manuel (2009) by employing neural networks and SVMs to assist practitioners in the detection of PD revealing an accuracy which is approximately 90%. SVM exhibited an holistic accuracy of 95%, an overall sensitivity (recall) of 96%, and a precision of 98% as well as an F1-rating of 97% [5].

Khaled M. Alalayah, The parameters exhibiting anomalies will be filtered out, the RFE was employed for prioritizing by their significance, thereafter the dimensionality is minimized by employing two procedures t-SNE and Principal Components Analysis for portraying the information in a compressed spatial framework [6].

The SVM, KNN, RF, classifiers were inputted the ensuing aspects via both t-SNE and PCA algorithms. Among all the classifiers, in the evaluation stage RF applying the t-SNE procedure attained an accuracy percentage of 97%, precision of 96.50%, recall of 94%,and F1-score of 95%.Nurul Rifqah Fahira, A compilation of data which comprises 20 patients diagnosed with Parkinson's and 20 healthy subjects. Information for every individual was gathered from 26 categories of acoustic data, and consequently, the aggregate data was of 1,040

observations. Then acquired data is readied through filtration and normalization. Next, the information is segmented and analysed using Random Forest approach. This approach garnered an accuracy of 72.50%, a precision percentage (normal) of 72.28%, a precision percentage (Parkinson's) of 72.73%, detection rate (normal) of 73.00%, detection rate (Parkinson's) of 72.00%, and the Area Under Curve is 80.70% [7].

Moumita Pramanik, The parameters exhibiting anomalies will be filtered out, the RFE was employed for prioritizing by their significance, thereafter the dimensionality is minimized by employing two procedures t-SNE and Principal Components Analysis for portraying the information in a compressed spatial framework [8].

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Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN). The data collection was cleaned, equalized, and examined by applying numerous appraisal standards. To sum up, The K-NN model demonstrated superior accomplishment, attaining remarkable precision (0.96-1.00), recall measure (0.97-1.00), and F1-ratings (0.98-0.99) for both Parkinson's and non-PD categories reflecting an aggregate accuracy of 0.98 over 59 samples. This illustrates the capability in discerning PD via phonetic analysis, (S. R. Samal) [9].

Amit Kumar Patra, The stochastic tree model will guarantee a top-tier potency showcasing an unparalleled exactness of 84.59%. These results demonstrate that it meticulously segments 84.59% of the cumulative findings in a data array, illustrating its durability and trustworthiness as a segmentation technique. Despite that, when we direct our attention towards the F1 metric, considering it as the chief appraisal criterion for the organization motives. Boosting schemes do fractionally outperform by hitting a record of 83%. The F1 score embraces both the exactness and sensitivity by furnishing an enhanced equitable gauge of a framework's throughput, noteworthy in occurrences where the classification dispersion is lopsided [10].

A K Ho, The shrinking of the motion blueprint concurs with the conjecture pertaining to a minimized cortex-related mobility configuration stemming from subcortical nuclei (basal ganglia abnormality. This stance posits that the biological mechanisms driving verbal disruptions in Parkinsonism (PD) is akin to the dynamics responsible for limb manoeuvrability abnormalities. In these examples dysfunctional BG activity contributes towards lessened initiation and modulation of movement schemes influencing precision and implementation of motor functionalities. Regarding vocalization, it contributes towards challenges in articulation and voice production resembling bradykinesia and stiffness which is witnessed in limb activities, (R Iansek) [11].

Manoj Suvvala, The ground breaking PD prognosis has been accomplished utilizing the RF (Random Forest) and DT (Decision Tree) approaches. It was validated over a data collection of 757 samples. As both approaches underwent programming trials where N=10 cycles were conducted to uncover the signs of state-of-the-art PD prediction along with their exact assessment. As a conclusion from the undertaken experiment, by applying the independent t-test, the RF technique's prognosis accuracy is considerably (0.28) superior to that of DT procedure in detection of Parkinsonism. As well as the accuracy of cutting-edge PD forecast that is contrasted between both algorithms and the RF model seems to be higher at 93% and DT model accuracy of 91%.(Rajendran T) [12].

AsmaeOuhmida, As per the extensive investigation, it is determined that the KNN classification technique exhibited exceptional results relative to other segmentation techniques. The K-Nearest Neighbour method accomplished an impressive accuracy of 97.22% reflecting its competence to precisely categorize a substantial quantity of instances in the data compilation. Furthermore, the KNN model obtained an exceptional F1 rating of 97.30% demonstrating an equitable efficiency by covering the duo precision and sensitivity [13].

3.Materials and Methods

3.1.Data set

The records adopted in this particular analysis were amassed from 188 subjects diagnosed with Parkinson's (107 male subjects and 81 female subjects) with age spanning 33 to 87 (average age 65.1±10.9) at the Department of Nervous System studies at Cerrahpasa Medical School, Istanbul University. The comparison group comprises 64 healthy participants (23 male subjects and 41 female subjects) aged between 41 to 82 years old (mean age 61.1±8.9). Throughout the information gathering process, the sound capture device (mic) is calibrated to 44.1 kHz sampling rate upon the doctor's assessment, the prolonged vocalization of the vowel /a/ phoneme was acquired from every participant repeated three times. Diverse speech processing techniques encompassing Time-Frequency Attributes, Mel-Frequency Cepstral Parameters (MFC), Wavelet-Derived Features, Vocal Fold Characteristics, and TWQT metrics have been implemented to the vocal recordings of people with Parkinson's to retrieve clinically significant details for Parkinson's evaluation [14].

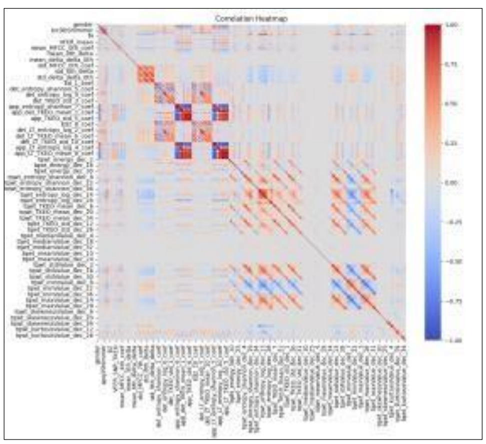
3.2. Data Visualization

3.2.1. Correlation heatmap

A correlation heatmap can be facilitated to detect interactions amidst characteristics. It illustrates the bilateral correlation among the attributes showcasing the specific factors whether they are positively or negatively associated in Fig-1.

3.2.2. PCA

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) diminishes the complexity of the data collection and facilitates the depiction of the leading few major components to examine the variability accounted for by each element. It is shown in Fig-2.



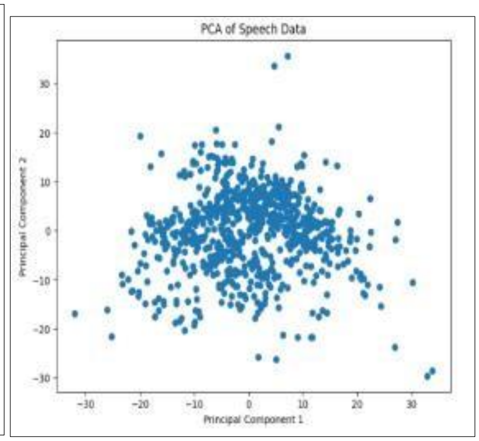


Fig. 1. Correlation Heatmap

Fig. 2. PCA

3.2.3. T-SNE

t-distributed Stochastic Neighbour Embedding is a stand-alone dimensionality minimization approach notably beneficial for depicting multi-dimensional datasets in 2D or 3D space Fig -3.

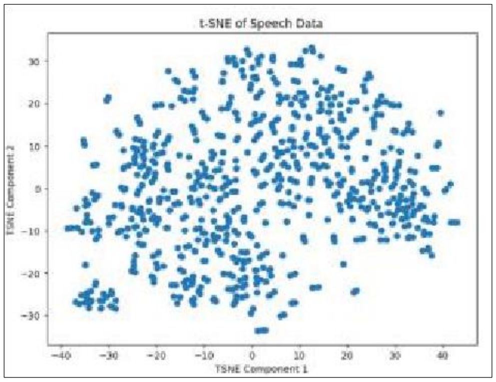


Fig. 3. T-SNE

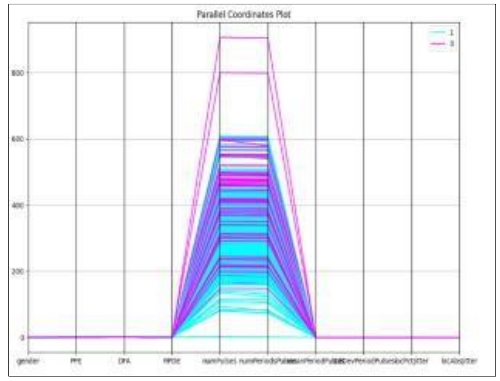


Fig. 4. Parallel coordinate visualization

3.2.4. Parallel coordinate visualization

Parallel coordinate visualization is advantageous for illustrating data with many dimensions by demonstrating each data instance in linear form Fig – 4.

3.2.5. Feature Importance

If you are able to possess an annotated dataset, then you feature its significance from a developed model, which is similar to Random Forest, which can aid in depicting the impact of each parameter Fig – 5.

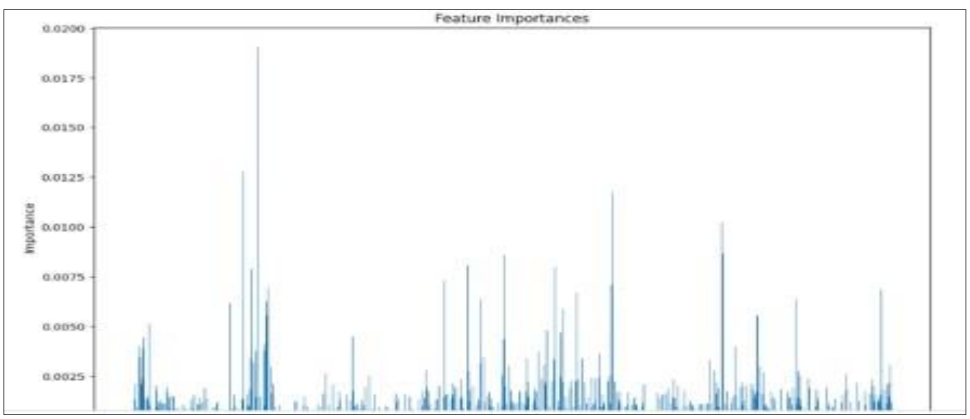


Fig. 5. Feature Importance

3.3. Data Preprocessing

Normalization does constitute a data preprocessing approach which is intended to regulate the figures of the quantitative characteristics to a comparable scale without modifying disparities in the spans of the values.

This procedure is extremely valuable in the Machine Learning (predictive modelling) concept when the characteristics do possess variation in metrics or magnitudes as it guarantees that no individual attribute can overwhelm the algorithm by virtue of its scale.

3.4. Prediction Models for early PD detection

The intended approach retrieves statistics obtained from UCI data archive. The information has been refined, scrutinized and illustrated to ensure an exhaustive awareness concerning the aspects. Four classifiers Random Forest, Support Vector Machine, K-Nearest Neighbours, and AdaBoost are developed using three-quarters of the data (75%). Algorithms are programmed to distinguish supplied acoustic data as either the individual has Parkinson's or unaffected, determined by fluctuations in pitch. These classifiers are validated on one-quarter of the data and are appraised relying on Accuracy, precision, Recall and F1score, confusion matrix and ROC score.

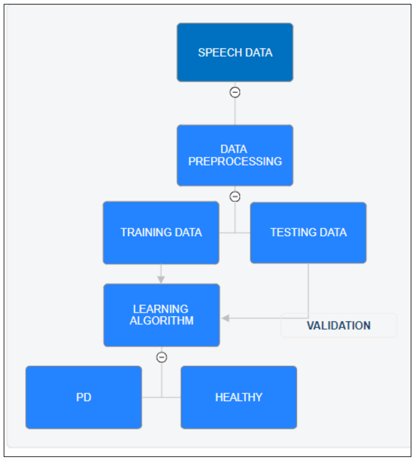


Fig. 6. Model

3.4.1. Random Forest (RF):

Random Forest stands as a robust or a highly capable controlled machine learning approach which is extensively utilized with regard to both categorization and as well as regression challenges. The current practice comprises the formation involving an ensemble of arborous algorithms. wherein every system is formulated on discrete fragments of the data aggregation, via collating the forecasted results sourced from different decision tree models. Stochastic trees strive to enhance the overall prediction accuracy and sturdiness of the model.

Notably, this study leverages a Random Forest model to develop numerous predictive trees on various segments of the data collection. The ultimate forecast is acquired by calculating the mean of the conclusions from all the separate trees, thus boosting the accuracy of the outcomes. This aggregated technique is fundamentally egalitarian signifying no individual decision tree exerts more control relative to others. Conversely, the algorithm counts on the predominant vote or mean estimation from all the decision trees to establish the concluding result.

While the count of trees in the Random Forest expands the probability of overfitting the framework diminishes. This is mainly due to the aggregate technique assists in levelling the estimates (predictions) rendering the algorithm more versatile to unobserved data. Therefore, Randomized trees prove to be extremely efficient in generating accurate and trustworthy (reliable) projections resulting in it being widely chosen for a broad range of ML applications.

3.4.2. Support Vector Machine (SVM):

Support Vector Machine is a formidable controlled learning approach which is crafted to construct a partitioning plane that can accurately segregate N parameters by projecting them into a multi-faceted space. This particular distinction is realized by the alteration of the input characteristics into an elevated dimension facilitating a more accurate differentiation among numerous categories. The framework and workings of the SVM mechanism are illustrated in the Diagram below. Considering that Parkinsonism (PD) vocalization information is not linearly distinguishable, an SVM kernel is adopted for the conversion of the data into a more complex space (multi-dimensional), where it becomes more manageable to discern the variables of the data collection. This alteration empowers the SVM to establish the optimal decision boundary (hyperplane) that enhances the separation among distinct categories rendering it extremely efficient for labelling Parkinson's data.

The capability of SVM in handling Parkinson's data is chiefly caused by optimization of its memory and by the utilization of support vectors. These signify essential vectors sourced from a segment of the training examples, which are most essential in setting up a decision surface(hyperplane). By giving precedence to these crucial points, the Support Vector Mechanism affirms an enhanced processing and sturdy functioning causing it to be especially apt for tackling the nuances of Parkinson's verbal data.

3.4.3. K-Nearest Neighbours (KNN):

k-nearest neighbour algorithm is a multi-purpose and extensively employed assumption-free guided machine learning technique. Contrary to parameter-based procedures that hypothesize (predict) concerning the intrinsic data pattern, KNN is independent of the presumptions ensuring it is especially resilient and pliable for assorted data types. The approach can be performed by clustering the instances of the data into categories in accordance with their innate congruences.

Whenever a novel observation must be categorized, KNN determines the 'k' most proximate data points from the training collection. These nearby points are subsequently utilized to ascertain the classification of a new observation, often by predominant voting for categorization responsibilities or by using the mean for regressions. The parameter 'k' can be calibrated to optimize the model's productivity.

KNN model is extremely proficient in some contexts where data configuration is obscure or convoluted and it is adept at identifying the proximal arrangement of the records (dataset). This trait renders KNN an effective instrument for recognizing analysis, advising systems, and assorted categorization as well as regression issues in computational learning (ML).

3.4.4. Adaboost:

AdaBoost, is a shorthand for Adaptive Boosting or reinforcement technique which is a robust collective ML approach that is crafted to augment the proficiency of rudimentary classifiers. Brought forth by Freund and Schapire in the year 1996, AdaBoost accomplishes outcomes by integrating numerous suboptimal predictors, typically classification trees with one segmentation (referred to as decision stumps) to fabricate a robust model. The predominant concept of AdaBoost is to accentuate the inaccuracies of prior models and dynamically recalibrate the weights of erroneously labelled examples (instances) to refine prospective models.

Employing the AdaBoost framework, each predictor is educated progressively and the significance of the training records (dataset) are amended depending on the inaccuracies of the earlier model. At the outset, all the measurements are allocated identical significance. Once the primary predictor is crafted the approach boosts the significance of erroneously labelled samples rendering them more impactful in the enhancement of subsequent classifiers. This routine is reiterated for a determined series of loops or until the learning inaccuracy is lessened.

4. Results:

The experimental results consist of performance measures of different Machine Learning classifiers with different combinations of hyperparameters.

Table -1 shows the accuracy, precision, recall and F1 score of different algorithms used.

Classifiers performance comparison

Classifier	Accuracy	Precision	Recall	F1 Score
SVM	90.79%	91.06%	97.39%	85.47%
Random Forest	90.13%	84.03%	97.39%	93.72%
KNN	91.45%	94.74%	93.91%	94.32%
AdaBoost	86.18%	88.52%	93.91%	91.14%

The corresponding confusion matrix and performance comparisons are shown as

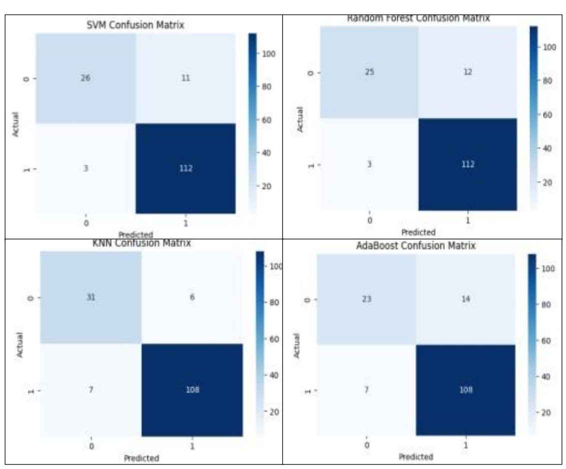


Fig. 7. Confusion Matrices of proposed Models

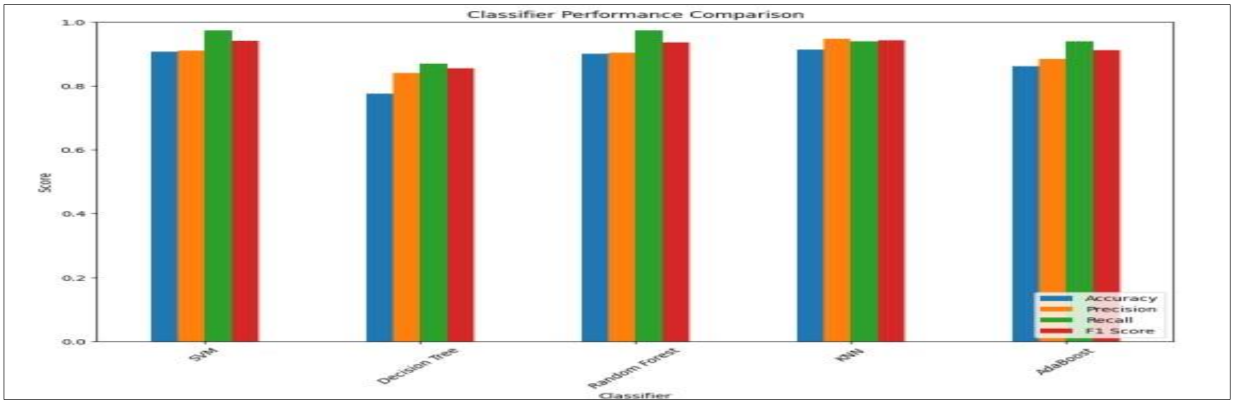


Fig. 8. Classifier Performance Comparison

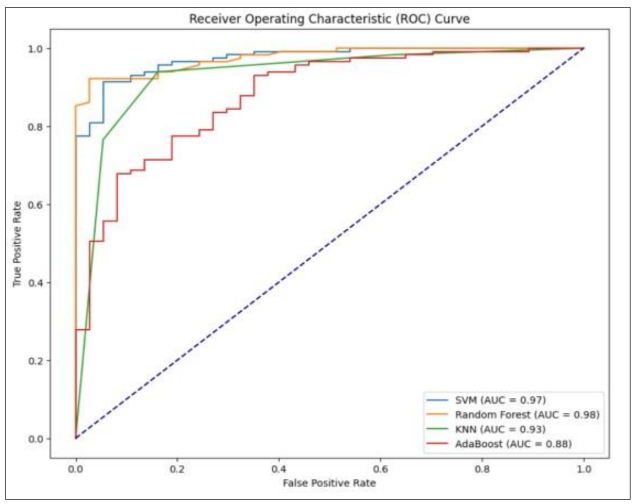


Fig. 9. ROC Curve

5.Conclusion

Ultimately, this extensive analysis reveals the potency of machine learning frameworks for the disclosure of Parkinson's condition in its onset by employing phonetic information. By the deployment of assorted ML models for instance, SVM mechanism, Randomized tree model, K-Nearest Neighbour model, and AdaBoost technique, we have accomplished marked advancements in the accuracy of recognizing the PD syndrome. The inclusion of hyperparameter calibration has additionally boosted the overall functionality of these algorithms by guaranteeing dependable and accurate predictions.

Our observations demonstrate that the SVM and KNN classifiers exhibited remarkable performance in the process of diagnosing initial PD syndrome with greater accuracy, precision, recall rate, and F1 index as well as ROC-AUC measurements in contrast to RF and AdaBoost. The relative evaluation of these approaches furnishes essential perspectives concerning their pros and cons by offering a groundwork for opting suitable techniques for upcoming exploration in this sector.

5.1. Future Scope

The optimistic outcomes stemming from this exploration opens the path for numerous upcoming investigative routes:

Enlarged Data Acquisition: Broadening the data pool through the incorporation of more diverse and extensive populations can augment the applicability of the models. Synthesizing data from multiple societal divisions and geographical locations can promote the establishment of more vigorous categorization systems.

Multifaceted Data Fusion: Uniting acoustic data alongside other data kinds including script analysis, locomotion patterns, and neuroimaging could help in yielding a more exhaustive diagnostic technique, possibly boosting the accuracy in preliminary detection of the PD syndrome.

Continuous Surveillance: By designing perpetual oversight mechanisms like leveraging portable and body worn equipment, that will permit a constant appraisal of articulation and physical abilities that enables a quick response and bespoke therapeutic regimens for the sufferers of Parkinson's ailment.

By embarking on these prospective avenues, the academic domain can persist in enhancing and ameliorating ML techniques for initial screening of Parkinsonism, in due course enhancing for the well-being of patients hampered by this crippling ailment.

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