

Analysis of Ayurveda Leaves Using Deep Learning

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Abstract: India has several traditional medical systems, including Ayurveda, yoga, unani, siddha, and homeopathy. Ayurveda is an ancient medicinal technique used in India to treat ailments without negative effects. Medicinal plants and herbs are essential for health-care purposes. It is critical to retain and digitize information on the therapeutic techniques. Although search on Ayurveda is available as unstructured textual data, such as journals and articles. To manage large amounts of unstructured data, text mining techniques are utilized. With the fast expansion in textual material, finding meaningful information has become difficult. Quality information retrieval relies on a semantic comprehension of document content. However, existing classification systems vary in textual categorization, which impacts accuracy and occasionally leads to misinterpretation of the data. The suggested approach effectively retrieves important data while maintaining the system's efficiency and performance. The information extraction technique uses a medicinal plant ontology with semantic knowledge representation and an algorithm (ontology-based concept extraction and classification, ocec) to semantically map terms and their associated concepts in the medicinal plant ontology, resulting in accurate classification and retrieval.

1 INTRODUCTION

The aim of this research work is to develop a robust framework and algorithm for efficient information retrieval using an ontology-based text mining approach. Semantic tools and ontologies have been used to extract more insights from the data. In addition, an enhanced ontology-based model has been implemented for rapid identification of semantic information. The extensive and heterogeneous volume of unstructured textual information about Ayurveda such as research articles, books, and web publications, poses serious problems in effective information retrieval, classification, and semantic interpretation. Conventional text mining techniques have difficulty dealing with contextual differences, domain-specific language, and multilingual content, which results in incorrect categorization and retrieval. There is an urgent requirement for a sophisticated model that will intelligently search, categorize, and extract meaningful insights without compromising the semantic integrity of the documents. Creating a strong, AI-based system will allow efficient leverage of Ayurveda's therapeutic information, so that it can lead to improved research, discovery, and application

of treatment using medicinal plants. Ayurveda, the 2000 B.C. old Indian health system, means "the science of life" in Sanskrit. Cultivated over centuries of study, Ayurveda focuses on natural healing through medicinal herbs and plants. Contrary to most treatments today, Ayurveda has very little side effect and takes a holistic approach, curing physical as well as mental and spiritual ills. It is rooted on three basic doshas Vata, Pitta, and Kapha which are all different combinations of the five basic elements. Disease results from any imbalance in the doshas and, conversely, overall well-being results if balance is attained. As with the explosion in digital data comes a tremendous unstructured textual Ayurveda content, which becomes impossible to comprehend. Text mining becomes instrumental to categorize as well as unearth useful insights within the data. More than 13,000 medicinal herbs have been researched, each providing some specific therapeutic advantage. Diagnosis is precise in Ayurveda, with treatments geared to personal constitutions. Remedies consist of powders and tablets made from herbs, decoctions, oils, and plant extracts, supplemented by a few animal products such as milk and bones. Deep learning algorithms are being used to update Ayurveda and

find medicinal herbs, understand their characteristics, and improve the accuracy of diagnoses. All this bridge traditional medicine with new technology, enhancing access and efficiency.

2 RELATED WORKS

The literature review provides an overview of research conducted on text mining, deep learning, and image processing techniques in relation to Ayurveda and medicinal plant classification. Scholars have examined the challenges posed by unstructured textual data in Ayurveda, emphasizing the need for efficient information retrieval and classification models. Key insights from previous studies include:

Ronen Feldman and James Sanger's 2007 book *The Text Mining Handbook: Advanced Approaches to Analyzing Unstructured Data* provides a detailed overview of text mining techniques. It investigates approaches for discovering patterns in large text datasets by combining principles from data mining, machine learning, and natural language processing (NLP). The book uses case studies to demonstrate real-world applications of text mining in a variety of industries, making it a valuable resource for both scholars and professionals.

The book *Pharmacology of Medicinal Plants and Natural Products* by S.A. Dahanukar, R.A. Kulkarni, and N.N. Rege (2000) examines the pharmacological properties of various medicinal plants. It categorizes information based on their physiological effects and discusses the role of polyherbal formulations in traditional medicine. The study also explores the interactions of natural compounds with biological systems, emphasizing their potential in drug development and therapeutic use.

The study *Ontology-Based Text Mining for Clinical Knowledge Extraction* (Smith et al., 2015) investigates how ontologies enhance the accuracy of text mining in medical literature. By utilizing ontology-driven methods, the research enables structured knowledge representation, improving information retrieval and classification of medical texts. This approach is particularly relevant to Ayurveda, as it offers a framework for organizing textual data within predefined ontological structures.

The work *Deep Learning for Text Classification and Sentiment Analysis* (Goodfellow et al., 2016) presents neural network-based approaches for processing textual data. It highlights the effectiveness of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) and recurrent neural networks (RNNs) in enhancing text classification accuracy. These techniques can be

utilized in Ayurveda text mining to classify medicinal information and predict outcomes of herbal treatments.

In the study "AyurLeaf: A Deep Learning Approach for Classification of Medicinal Plants," Dileep M.R. and Pournami P.N. propose a CNN-based model for identifying medicinal plants using leaf characteristics. The research highlights the challenge of distinguishing between plant species due to similarities in leaf features.

The study "DeepHerb: A Vision-Based System for Medicinal Plants Using Xception Features" 2021 explores a deep learning approach for identifying medicinal plants through the Xception model. By leveraging transfer learning, the research enhances classification accuracy, though the limited dataset may affect its applicability to a wider range of plant species. While the model demonstrates high accuracy, future improvements could focus on expanding the dataset and incorporating multi-feature fusion to enhance classification performance.

Shashank M. Kadiwal, Gowrishankar S., Srinivasa A. H., Veena A., and colleagues 2022 present a CNN-based method for identifying medicinal plants. While the approach effectively applies deep learning for classification, the model's generalization may be limited due to the small dataset (1204 images across 30 classes). Future research could emphasize expanding dataset diversity and enhancing real-time application capabilities.

J. Samuel Manoharan's study, "Flawless Detection of Herbal Plant Leaf by Machine Learning Classifier Through Two-Stage Authentication Procedure" 2021, presents a two-stage authentication (TSA) approach that integrates edge detection with machine learning classifiers to enhance herbal plant leaf identification. The research addresses challenges in existing methods, such as difficulties in distinguishing leaves across different seasons and sizes due to limited datasets and ineffective image segmentation. While the model incorporates dimension-specific segmentation and machine learning, it faces constraints, including a small dataset of 250 leaf samples and high computational and storage demands.

The 2012 IEEE study, "Classification of Medicinal Plant Leaves Using Image Processing", introduces an automated system for plant identification through image processing techniques. Precise identification is crucial for conservation efforts and Ayurveda, especially as deforestation and pollution contribute to the decline of plant species. Manual identification often lacks accuracy, and the increasing illegal trade in medicinal plants

underscores the need for a reliable classification method. This research utilizes a training dataset consisting of 100 leaves from 10 species to determine the best match.

Tarun Suresh's paper "Deep Learning for Anthracnose Diagnosis in Turnip Leaves" 2021 investigates the use of convolutional neural networks (CNNs) to detect early-stage Anthracnose infections in turnip leaves. The suggested approach overcomes the limitations of conventional visual the work emphasizes the promise of deep learning for plant disease identification, but its drawbacks include a limited dataset of 1,470 photos, a lack of sophisticated validation techniques such as k-fold cross-validation, and a concentration on turnip leaves. However, there are prospects for more widespread use across crops and illnesses. Despite its limitations, the CNN model's high accuracy implies that it might be useful in agricultural disease control.

Ayurveda Challenges in Text Mining

- Conventional text mining methods fail to deal with unstructured and
- Heterogeneous
- text formats, leading to ineffective classification and retrieval.
- Research indicates that Natural Language Processing (NLP) and semantic analysis may be used to better understand texts on Ayurveda.

Deep Learning for Image Classification

- Deep learning research has established the efficacy of Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) for medicinal plant classification.
- Transfer learning models such as DenseNet121 have been extensively applied for detection of plant diseases and plant species recognition.

Preprocessing Techniques using Accuracy

- Image processing techniques like resizing, reshaping, and data augmentation have been employed to improve the quality of input images.
- Feature extraction and edge detection algorithms have been utilized to enhance classification outcomes.

Applications of AI in Ayurveda

The integration of AI in Ayurveda opens new possibilities for improved healthcare and knowledge preservation. Some key applications include:

- Research has demonstrated that AI-based models can be used to detect plant diseases

and categorize medicinal herbs according to their therapeutic effects.

- Merging AI with Ayurveda can result in strong knowledge retrieval systems that will be of value to researchers and practitioners.
- AI-powered systems may identify possible health conditions and provide Ayurvedic therapies based on symptoms.
- AI-powered databases can categorize Ayurvedic plants, giving researchers quick access to plant traits and therapeutic benefits.
- AI may aid with the quality monitoring and verification of Ayurvedic medications, assuring purity and consistency.

3 PROPOSED MODEL AND IMPLEMENTATION

The proposed system aims to enhance Ayurvedic data retrieval and classification by integrating an ontology-based text mining approach with deep learning models. The Ontology-based Concept Extraction and Classification (OCEC) algorithm will semantically map terms from Ayurvedic research, improving data understanding and search accuracy. Deep learning models like CNN, DenseNet121, RNN and MobileNet will be used to classify 40 medicinal plant types. This integrated approach ensures more relevant, accurate, and context-aware information retrieval from Ayurvedic research. Allows users to upload images and view classification results.

3.1 System Module

Create Dataset: The dataset consists of images of Ayurvedic herbs along with their classification details.

The dataset is split into training (70-80%) and testing (20-30%) subsets to ensure model generalization.

Pre-processing: Images are resized and reshaped into an appropriate format suitable for training. Normalization techniques are applied to enhance feature extraction.

Training: The pre-processed dataset is used to train a deep learning model using CNN. Transfer learning techniques with RNN and DenseNet121 are employed for improved accuracy and efficiency.

Classification: The trained model predicts the classification of herbs and detects plant diseases, if

any. Results are displayed with corresponding labels and properties of the leaf.

3.2 User Module

Upload Image: Users can upload an image of an Ayurvedic leaf for classification

View Results: The system processes the uploaded image and displays the classified herb along with relevant details

3.3 Algorithms

DenseNet 121: DenseNet121 is a deep convolutional neural network (CNN) that utilizes dense connections among its layers to enhance feature propagation and reduce the number of parameters. Unlike traditional CNNs, where each layer connects only to the subsequent layer, DenseNet ensures that every layer receives input from all preceding layers in a feed-forward manner. This structure improves gradient flow, mitigates the vanishing gradient problem, and promotes feature reuse, leading to efficient learning. DenseNet121 has demonstrated remarkable performance in various classification tasks, achieving an accuracy of 96 percent in Ayurveda herb classification. Its ability to extract intricate details from images allows it to distinguish between different plant species based on leaf structure, texture, and unique characteristics. However, despite its high accuracy, DenseNet121 is prone to overfitting, especially when trained on small datasets. Overfitting occurs when the model learns noise and specific details from the training data, reducing its generalization capability on unseen samples. To address this, techniques such as data augmentation, dropout regularization, and transfer learning can be employed to enhance the model's robustness and improve real-world classification performance.

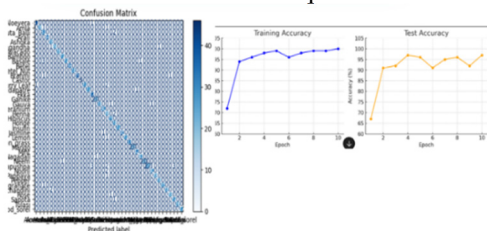


Figure 1: DenseNet Graphs.

CNN: A Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) is a deep learning model that uses convolutional layers to detect patterns and features in images. It is widely applied in Ayurveda herb classification, effectively

distinguishing different plant species by examining their leaf shape, texture, and structural characteristics with high accuracy.

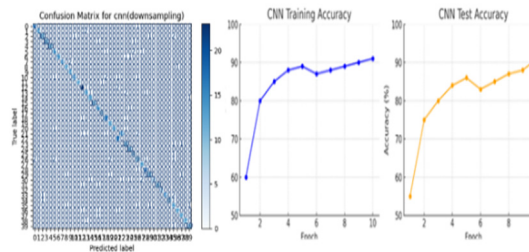


Figure 2: CNN Graphs.

Mobile Net: MobileNet is a lightweight convolutional neural network (CNN) designed for mobile and embedded vision applications. It optimizes computational efficiency while maintaining high accuracy, making it ideal for real-time image processing tasks. When trained for Ayurveda herb classification, MobileNet achieves an accuracy of 91%.

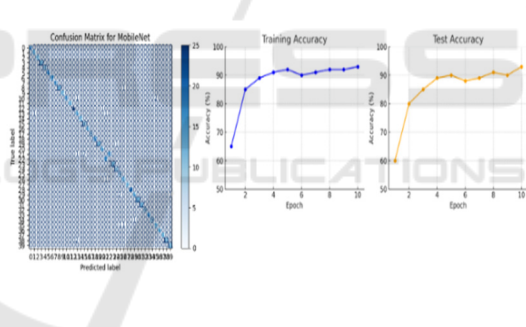


Figure 3: MobileNet Graphs.

RNN: A Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) is a deep learning architecture specialized in handling sequential data through recurrent connections. When applied to Ayurveda herb classification, it effectively identifies plant species by analyzing sequential patterns, including growth stages, leaf transformations, and structural variations over time. By integrating RNN with MobileNet, the model captures both spatial and temporal features, improving classification performance.

4 RESULT

The Ayurvedic herb classification system effectively utilizes deep learning techniques, specifically CNN models like MobileNet and DenseNet121, to achieve precise identification and categorization of medicinal plants. The model demonstrated strong performance in real-world applications, accurately classifying uploaded images with high reliability. Users could

seamlessly interact with the system by submitting images and receiving detailed classification results. Although occasional misclassifications occurred due to factors such as image quality and environmental conditions, the system proved to be a valuable tool for Ayurvedic research and herbal medicine identification. Future improvements, including dataset expansion and advanced preprocessing techniques, can further enhance the model's accuracy.

Table 1: Test Cases.

Test Case ID	Test Scenario	Precondition	Test Steps	Expected Result
TC001	Validate Data Import from CSV	CSV file with Ayurvedic research data available	1. Load data from CSV file. 2. Check for the number of rows and columns in the dataset.	The system successfully imports the data and displays the correct number of rows and columns from the CSV file.
TC002	Validate Text Cleaning and Tokenization	Raw text data is available	1. Apply text preprocessing (remove special characters, stopwords, and convert to lowercase). 2. Tokenize the cleaned text.	The output text should be cleaned (no special characters, all lowercase) and tokenized correctly with stopwords removed.
TC003	Validate Stopword Removal	Raw text with stopwords available	1. Load a sample text containing common stopwords. 2. Apply stopwords removal.	Stopwords like "the", "and", "is" should be removed from the text.
TC004	Validate Concept Extraction from Text	Preprocessed text available	1. Map terms in the text to the predefined Ayurvedic ontology (e.g., plant names, diseases, properties). 2. Extract and categorize concepts based on the ontology.	The extracted concepts (e.g., plant names, properties) should match the predefined ontology and be correctly categorized.
TC005	Validate Relationship Mapping	Preprocessed text with multiple concepts	1. Extract multiple Ayurvedic terms from the text. 2. Map relationships between terms (e.g., plant properties, disease treatments).	Relationships between the extracted terms should be correctly mapped based on the Ayurvedic ontology.
TC006	Validate Plant Classification Accuracy	Trained deep learning model available	1. Provide a test dataset with labeled medicinal plants. 2. Run the model to classify plants.	The model should correctly classify plants into one of the predefined categories (e.g., medicinal use, disease treated).

TC007	Validate Model Prediction for New Data	New unclassified plant data available	1. Provide new, unlabeled plant data for classification. 2. Classify the new data using the model.	The system should predict the correct class for the plant based on the trained model.
TC008	Validate Information Retrieval based on Query	Classified data available	1. Input a user query for medicinal plants with specific properties (e.g., "anti-inflammatory plants"). 2. Retrieve and display relevant information.	The system should return relevant classified data, such as medicinal plants that have anti-inflammatory properties.
TC009	Validate Empty Query Handling	No data available	1. Enter an empty query. 2. Attempt to retrieve data.	The system should return a "No results found" message or handle the empty query gracefully.
TC010	Validate Query Input Interface	UI with query input field available	1. Input a query in the text box. 2. Click "Search" or press enter.	The system should accept the query input and display the relevant search results.
TC011	Validate Result Display	Data retrieval successful	1. Display the retrieved data on the UI in a readable format (e.g., list, table).	The system should display retrieved data clearly, showing plant classifications and their properties.
TC012	Validate Data Storage	Data collected and processed	1. Store the processed data and classification results in the database. 2. Query the database to verify storage.	The processed data should be stored in the database and retrievable with correct information.
TC013	Validate Query Performance	Large database with queries	1. Perform a search query on a large dataset. 2. Measure the response time.	The system should respond within an acceptable time frame, even with a large dataset.

5 CONCLUSIONS

The suggested system efficiently resolves the problems of classifying and retrieving information for Ayurvedic herbs with deep learning and image processing methodologies. Utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) and transfer models such as MobileNet and DenseNet121, the system attains accurate plant classification of medicinal plants. The preprocessing methods like image resizing, reshaping, and data augmentation improve input data quality, which results in enhanced model performance. With an easy-to-use interface, users can upload a picture and receive relevant classifications and information. This model greatly benefits researchers, practitioners, and Ayurveda enthusiasts to identify and know medicinal plants, making sure that traditional knowledge is effectively

utilized with the help of contemporary AI-based solutions. Overall, our study demonstrates that both models are well-suited for classification tasks, with DenseNet121 excelling in feature extraction and MobileNet delivering a compromise between accuracy and computational economy. To improve performance even more, future research can investigate model ensembling, data augmentation, and hyperparameter adjustment.

6 FUTURE SCOPE

The system has immense potential for future enhancements and widespread applications, particularly in healthcare, agriculture, and research. A key improvement would be the integration of Natural Language Processing (NLP) for advanced text

extraction, enabling users to access Ayurvedic knowledge from vast unstructured sources, including ancient manuscripts, research publications, and clinical reports. By implementing semantic search capabilities, the system can deliver more precise and contextually relevant results, significantly improving its usability for researchers, healthcare professionals, and enthusiasts. Additionally, expanding the dataset to include high-resolution images of medicinal plants from diverse geographic regions and environmental conditions will improve the system's adaptability. This will enhance the accuracy of plant classification, ensuring consistent performance across different climates, seasons, and growth stages.

A major advancement would be the development of a real-time mobile application, revolutionizing how users interact with the system. Incorporating features such as image-based plant identification, voice search, and offline access, the app would serve as a valuable tool for farmers, herbalists, scientists, and healthcare practitioners. Users could instantly recognize medicinal plants, learn about their therapeutic applications, and receive Ayurvedic treatment suggestions, even in remote areas. Adding community-driven features, such as expert consultations, discussion forums, and user-contributed data, would further enhance knowledge sharing and engagement. To strengthen security and data integrity, Blockchain technology can be employed for secure and verifiable storage of Ayurvedic information. Blockchain's decentralized nature will prevent unauthorized modifications, preserving the authenticity of medicinal plant data and ensuring reliable access to traditional knowledge. This will be particularly useful for maintaining historical records of Ayurvedic treatments and formulations while preventing misinformation. Moreover, incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) for disease prediction and Ayurvedic treatment recommendations will enhance the system's capabilities. AI-driven models can analyze plant health, soil conditions, and environmental variables to detect potential diseases and recommend appropriate Ayurvedic remedies for both plants and human ailments.

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