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Precision Agriculture Advisor

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Abstract - *An AI-driven system has revolutionized crop selection and yield prediction in modern agriculture through the utilization of AI algorithms and IoT technologies. This system integrates IoT sensor data, encompassing pH levels, moisture content, and nutrient composition, to customize crop recommendations based on distinct soil types, environmental conditions, and historical yield patterns. Predictive analytics estimate crop yields by analyzing diverse factors such as weather forecasts and agronomic indicators. The system ensures precision in decision-making by incorporating key components like data acquisition, preprocessing modules, and a user-friendly interface for real-time monitoring. Leveraging a Random Forest algorithm, the system attains outstanding performance metrics, boasting a precision rate of 99.7%, an accuracy rate of 99.75%, and a specificity rate of 98.7%. Real-world validation has demonstrated enhanced crop productivity and profitability, offering substantial potential for sustainable farming practices and food security.*
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1. INTRODUCTION

The Imperative of Agricultural Innovation

Agriculture, the cornerstone of human civilization, stands at a pivotal juncture in history. With the global population projected to exceed 9 billion by 2050, the demand for food is reaching unprecedented levels. This surge in demand is juxtaposed against a backdrop of escalating challenges [1], primarily the ominous threat of climate change. Climate change presents an array of perils, from erratic weather patterns and prolonged droughts to intensified storms and rising temperatures, all of which pose significant risks to agricultural productivity and global food security [2-3].

The urgency of addressing these challenges cannot be overstated. Traditional agricultural practices, deeply rooted in centuries of tradition and localized knowledge, are grappling with the magnitude and complexity [4] of the issues at hand. Farmers, the custodians of our food supply, find themselves contending with the formidable task of feeding an expanding population while simultaneously mitigating the profound impacts of climate change on their livelihoods. The imperative for innovative solutions that enhance agricultural productivity, resilience, and sustainability has never been more pressing [5]

In this crucible of necessity, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) emerge as beacons of hope. These cutting-edge technologies hold the promise of revolutionizing agricultural decision-making by unlocking the transformative power of data-driven insights and predictive analytics [6] . By harnessing AI and ML, farmers can transcend the limitations of traditional wisdom and intuition, gaining access to a wealth of information and analysis that empowers them to make more astute decisions about crop selection, resource management, and risk mitigation.

Overcoming Critical Challenges with AI and ML

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The pursuit of sustainable agriculture revolves around the crucial task of optimizing crop selection and yield prediction. Throughout history, farmers have relied on a combination of empirical knowledge, trial and error, and inherited wisdom to navigate the intricate nuances of crop selection and management.

However, in today's swiftly evolving agricultural landscape, characterized by volatile climate patterns, fluctuating market demands, and finite resources, these time-honored methods are proving increasingly insufficient [7-8] .

Cutting-edge technologies have the potential to revolutionize the approach to crop selection and yield prediction for farmers. By meticulously analyzing extensive datasets encompassing soil characteristics, weather patterns, market trends, and historical yield records, AI algorithms can reveal subtle patterns, correlations, and insights that elude human perception. Armed with this newfound knowledge, farmers can make more judicious decisions about which crops to cultivate, when to sow them, and how to optimize growing conditions for maximum yield and profitability.

Moreover, AI and ML empower farmers to forecast crop yields with unparalleled accuracy and precision. By integrating real-time data from various sources such as soil sensors, weather stations, and satellite imagery, predictive models can generate forecasts that enable farmers to anticipate and adapt to changing environmental conditions, mitigate risks, and optimize resource allocation. This capacity to make data-driven decisions in real-time represents a paradigm shift for agriculture, empowering farmers to navigate the uncertainties of climate change and market volatility with confidence and resilience [9].

In summary, the development of AI and ML-based models for crop recommendation and yield prediction represents a transformative opportunity for the agricultural sector. By harnessing the exceptional capabilities of these technologies, we have the potential to revolutionize agricultural decision-making, enhance productivity and resilience, and safeguard the long-term sustainability of our food systems. This research paper will delve deeper into the myriad benefits and challenges associated with adopting AI and ML in agriculture, with a specific focus on crop recommendation and yield prediction. Additionally, it will provide actionable insights into how these technologies can be harnessed to address the critical challenges confronting farmers today.

2.LITERATURE SURVEY

ecent advancements in weather forecasting and crop prediction have been achieved through the emergence of deep learning techniques and self-organizing maps (SOM). Traditional weather forecasting methods have relied on statistical models and numerical weather prediction (NWP) techniques; however, recent studies have shown promising results by integrating deep learning approaches. Deep learning models, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and their variants such as long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, have been applied to analyze complex spatiotemporal weather data and make accurate predictions. Additionally, SOM has been utilized for clustering and visualizing high-dimensional data, offering insights into the underlying patterns and relationships in weather data. By combining the strengths of deep learning and SOM, researchers have proposed innovative approaches for weather forecasting that leverage the spatial and temporal dependencies in weather patterns. The integration of crop prediction models with weather forecasting systems has garnered significant attention in agricultural research, aiming to predict crop yields and identify optimal planting times based on weather conditions, soil properties, and crop characteristics. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper proposes a deep learning-based weighted SOM framework for weather forecasting and crop prediction, offering improved accuracy and interpretability for agricultural applications (Anand, Jain, & Shukla, 2023). [10].

Prior research has extensively examined methods for predicting crop yield, encompassing a range of techniques such as linear regression, support vector machines, and random forests. While numerous studies have explored the utility of remote sensing data, including NDVI, SPI, and VCI, either individually or in combination with other variables, there exists a noticeable gap in the literature concerning the application of artificial neural networks (ANNs) specifically with these feature vectors for crop yield prediction. Consequently, this study aims to address this gap by proposing an ANN-based approach tailored to crop yield prediction, leveraging the informative features derived from NDVI, SPI, and VCI datasets. By elucidating the current state of the field and identifying the unexplored territory of ANN-based models with these specific feature vectors, this paper contributes to advancing the understanding and application of machine learning techniques in agricultural forecasting (Tiwari & Shukla, 2019)[11] .

In the context of IoT applications in agriculture, there is a growing interest in leveraging IoT technologies for enhancing agricultural practices, with particular emphasis on classification tasks and yield prediction. Numerous studies have explored the integration of IoT devices such as sensors, drones, and actuators to collect real-time data on environmental parameters, soil moisture levels, and crop health indicators. These data streams serve as inputs to classification algorithms aimed at identifying various factors influencing crop yield, including pest infestations, nutrient deficiencies, and water stress. Additionally, researchers have investigated a variety of machine learning techniques, including decision trees, support vector machines, and deep learning models, for accurate classification of agricultural conditions and crop types. Significant attention has been devoted to developing yield prediction models that utilize IoT-generated data alongside historical yield data, weather forecasts, and agronomic factors to forecast crop yields at different stages of growth. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on IoT-driven smart agriculture systems by proposing novel methodologies for classification and yield prediction tailored to the specific needs of modern farming practices (Gupta & Nahar, 2022) [12].

The literature surrounding crop prediction models has witnessed significant advancements in recent years, driven by the increasing availability of soil and environmental data and the growing demand for precision agriculture techniques. Various studies have investigated the development of predictive models that leverage machine learning algorithms to analyze soil properties, climatic factors, and other environmental variables for accurate crop yield estimation. Additionally, feature selection techniques have emerged as a key component in enhancing the performance and interpretability of these models by identifying the most informative subsets of input features. Prior research has explored a wide range of feature selection methods, including filter, wrapper, and embedded techniques, to identify relevant predictors for crop yield prediction. Furthermore, studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of integrating domain knowledge and expert input into the feature selection process to enhance the predictive capabilities of the models. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing novel feature selection techniques tailored to the specific requirements of crop prediction models based on soil and environmental characteristics (Suruliandi, Mariammal, & Raja, 2021)[13].

In the context of crop recommendation systems, the literature has seen significant growth in recent years, driven by the need to optimize agricultural practices and maximize crop yield in the face of evolving environmental conditions and resource constraints. Various studies have explored the development of recommendation systems that utilize machine learning algorithms to analyze soil properties, climate data, historical crop performance, and farmer preferences to suggest the most suitable crops for cultivation. These systems aim to assist farmers in making informed decisions regarding crop selection, thereby enhancing productivity and profitability while minimizing risks. Researchers have investigated a wide range of machine learning techniques, including decision trees, support vector machines, neural networks, and ensemble methods, for building accurate and robust recommendation models. Furthermore, studies have highlighted the importance of integrating domain knowledge and expert input into the recommendation process to ensure the relevance and practicality of the suggested crop choices. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to propose a novel crop recommendation system that leverages advanced machine learning techniques to optimize crop selection and maximize yield in diverse agricultural contexts (Rajak et al., 2017)[14].

The main focus is on kharif rice yield prediction over Gangetic West Bengal using IITM-IMD extended range forecast products, it's essential to delve into relevant studies on rice yield prediction, extended range forecast products, and their applications in agricultural forecasting. The literature surrounding rice yield prediction in agricultural systems has been of paramount importance for ensuring food security and sustainable agricultural practices, particularly in regions like Gangetic West Bengal, where rice cultivation is a significant economic activity. Previous studies have explored various methodologies for rice yield prediction, including statistical models, machine learning algorithms, and crop growth simulation models. These approaches typically utilize a combination of meteorological data, remote sensing imagery, soil information, and agronomic factors to forecast rice yields. Furthermore, recent advancements in meteorological forecasting have led to the development of extended range forecast products, which provide predictions beyond the traditional short-term weather forecasts. These products, often generated by institutions like the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD), offer valuable insights into future weather conditions, such as rainfall patterns, temperature fluctuations, and drought risk, which are crucial for agricultural planning and decision-making. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by leveraging IITM-IMD extended range forecast products to predict kharif rice yields in Gangetic West Bengal, offering valuable information for farmers, policymakers, and agricultural stakeholders to optimize crop management practices and mitigate risks associated with climate variability (Pushpa Mohan and Kiran

Kumari Patil ,2018) [15].
In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on crop yield prediction using deep neural networks (DNNs), it's essential to explore relevant studies on crop yield prediction models, deep learning techniques, and their applications in agriculture.Crop yield prediction is a critical aspect of modern agriculture, facilitating informed decision-making and resource allocation for farmers and policymakers. Traditional approaches to crop yield prediction have relied on statistical models and regression analysis, often limited by their inability to capture complex relationships between various environmental factors and crop productivity. In recent years, the application of deep neural networks (DNNs) has emerged as a promising approach to address these limitations. DNNs, with their ability to learn intricate patterns and relationships from large datasets, offer significant potential for improving the accuracy and reliability of crop yield predictions. Numerous studies have explored the use of DNNs, including convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and deep feedforward networks, for crop yield prediction across different regions and crop types. These studies have demonstrated the effectiveness of DNNs in integrating diverse sources of data, such as meteorological data, soil properties, satellite imagery, and agronomic practices, to generate accurate forecasts of crop yields. Moreover, advancements in deep learning techniques, such as attention mechanisms, transfer learning, and ensemble methods, have further enhanced the performance of DNN-based crop yield prediction models. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing a novel DNN-based approach for crop yield prediction, leveraging state-of-the-art deep learning techniques to optimize model performance and scalability for practical applications in agriculture (Akhter et al., 2021) [16].
In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on crop yield prediction using deep neural networks (DNNs), it's essential to provide a comprehensive overview of existing literature related to crop yield prediction models, deep learning techniques, and their applications in agriculture.Crop yield prediction is a crucial task in agricultural research and management, facilitating informed decision-making for farmers, policymakers, and stakeholders. Traditional methods for crop yield prediction often rely on statistical models and regression analysis, which may struggle to capture the complex relationships between environmental factors and crop productivity. In recent years, deep neural networks (DNNs) have gained traction as powerful tools for improving the accuracy and reliability of crop yield predictions. DNNs, such as convolutional neural networks (CNNs), recurrent neural networks (RNNs), and deep feedforward networks, excel at learning intricate patterns and relationships from large datasets, making them well-suited for analyzing the diverse array of data types inherent in agricultural systems. Several studies have demonstrated the efficacy of DNN-based approaches in integrating various data sources, including meteorological data, soil properties, satellite imagery, and agronomic practices, to generate accurate forecasts of crop yields. Furthermore, advancements in deep learning techniques, such as attention mechanisms, transfer learning, and ensemble methods, have further improved the performance of DNN-based crop yield prediction models. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing a novel DNN-based approach tailored to crop yield prediction, leveraging cutting-edge deep learning techniques to optimize model performance and scalability for practical applications in agriculture (Wang et al., 2023) [17].
In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on crop prediction based on characteristics of the agricultural environment using various feature selection techniques and classifiers, it's essential to explore relevant studies on crop prediction models, feature selection methods, and classification algorithms. Crop prediction models play a pivotal role in optimizing agricultural practices and ensuring food security in the face of dynamic environmental conditions. Traditional approaches to crop prediction often involve the utilization of statistical methods and machine learning algorithms, which rely on a multitude of input features derived from the agricultural environment. However, the selection of relevant features from the vast array of environmental characteristics can significantly impact the accuracy and efficiency of prediction models. To address this challenge, researchers have extensively explored various feature selection techniques aimed at identifying the most informative predictors for crop prediction tasks. These techniques encompass a wide range of methodologies, including filter, wrapper, and embedded methods, each offering unique advantages in terms of computational efficiency and predictive performance. Moreover, advancements in classification algorithms have further enhanced the efficacy of crop prediction models by enabling the accurate classification of crop types and growth stages based on environmental characteristics. Machine learning classifiers such as decision trees, support vector machines, random forests, and neural networks have been widely employed in crop prediction tasks,

demonstrating superior performance in handling complex and high-dimensional data. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing a comprehensive framework for crop prediction that leverages various feature selection techniques and classifiers to maximize predictive accuracy and robustness in diverse agricultural environments (Gopi & Karthikeyan, 2023) [18].

In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on weather-based crop yield prediction using multiple linear regressions with ABSOLUT v1.2 applied to the districts of Germany, it's crucial to explore relevant studies on crop yield prediction models, weather-based forecasting methods, and their applications in agricultural contexts.Weather-based crop yield prediction models are instrumental in agricultural planning and management, providing valuable insights into the potential impacts of weather conditions on crop productivity. Traditional approaches to crop yield prediction have predominantly relied on statistical methods, such as linear regression, to analyze historical weather data and predict future yields. However, recent advancements in meteorological forecasting and data analytics have paved the way for more sophisticated predictive modeling techniques. In particular, weather-based forecasting methods have gained prominence due to their ability to integrate various meteorological parameters, such as temperature, precipitation, humidity, and solar radiation, into predictive models. These methods offer a holistic approach to crop yield prediction, taking into account the complex interactions between weather factors and crop growth dynamics. ABSOLUT v1.2, a widely used software tool for agricultural modeling and forecasting, provides a comprehensive platform for implementing weather-based crop yield prediction models. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing a novel approach that combines multiple linear regressions with ABSOLUT v1.2 to forecast crop yields at the district level in Germany. Through this interdisciplinary approach, this study seeks to enhance the accuracy and reliability of crop yield predictions, thereby supporting informed decision-making in agricultural management and policy development (Haque et al., 2020) [19].

In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on a deep learning framework combining Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Gated Recurrent Units (GRU) for improving wheat yield estimates using time series remotely sensed multi-variables, it's essential to explore relevant studies on crop yield estimation, deep learning techniques, and their applications in agriculture. Crop yield estimation is critical for agricultural planning and decision-making, particularly in the context of ensuring food security and optimizing resource allocation. Traditional methods for crop yield estimation often rely on statistical models and remote sensing techniques to analyze various environmental factors and predict crop productivity. However, these methods may face challenges in accurately capturing the complex spatiotemporal dynamics of crop growth and environmental conditions. In recent years, deep learning techniques have emerged as powerful tools for improving the accuracy and efficiency of crop yield estimation models. Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) excel at extracting spatial features from remotely sensed data, while Gated Recurrent Units (GRUs) are adept at capturing temporal dependencies in time series data. By combining CNNs and GRUs within a deep learning framework, researchers have demonstrated enhanced capabilities in modeling the intricate relationships between multi-variate remotely sensed data and crop yield estimates. Wang et al. (2023) proposed such a framework for wheat yield estimation, leveraging time series remotely sensed multi-variables to improve the accuracy of predictions. Their study represents a significant advancement in the field of agricultural remote sensing and deep learning, offering valuable insights into the potential of hybrid CNN-GRU models for crop yield estimation. Through a synthesis of insights from related studies, this paper aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on deep learning-based approaches for agricultural yield prediction, with a focus on wheat production (Khaki & Wang, 2020) [20].

In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on kharif rice yield prediction over Gangetic West Bengal using IITM-IMD extended range forecast products, it's essential to explore relevant studies on rice yield prediction models, extended range forecast products, and their applications in agriculture.Rice cultivation in the Gangetic West Bengal region plays a significant role in the agricultural economy, making accurate yield prediction crucial for informed decision-making and agricultural planning. Traditional methods of rice yield prediction often rely on statistical models and historical data, which may not fully capture the dynamic nature of environmental factors affecting crop growth. Recent advancements in meteorological forecasting, particularly the development of extended range forecast products by institutions like the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and the India Meteorological Department (IMD), offer promising opportunities for improving the accuracy of crop yield predictions. These forecast products provide valuable insights into future weather conditions, such as rainfall patterns, temperature variations, and drought risks, which are critical determinants of rice yield. Akhter et al. (2021) conducted a study focusing on kharif rice yield prediction in Gangetic West Bengal, utilizing IITM-IMD extended range forecast products to enhance the predictive capabilities of their model. Their research represents a significant contribution to the field of agricultural meteorology and yield prediction, demonstrating the potential of extended range forecast products in improving the accuracy and reliability of crop yield forecasts. By synthesizing insights from related studies, this paper aims to build upon existing research and propose novel methodologies for rice yield prediction, leveraging advanced meteorological forecasting techniques tailored to the specific agro-climatic conditions of Gangetic West Bengal (Raja et al., 2022) [21].

In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on crop recommendation and yield prediction using the Red Fox Optimization (RFO) algorithm with ensemble Recurrent Neural Network (RNN), it's crucial to explore relevant studies on crop recommendation systems, yield prediction models, optimization algorithms, and their applications in agriculture. Crop recommendation systems and yield prediction models are essential tools for optimizing agricultural practices and ensuring food security. Traditional methods for crop recommendation often rely on expert knowledge and historical data, which may not fully capture the dynamic interactions between environmental factors and crop growth. Similarly, yield prediction models typically utilize statistical techniques or machine learning algorithms to analyze various agronomic variables and meteorological data. However, these methods may face challenges in accurately predicting crop yields under changing climatic conditions. In recent years, optimization algorithms inspired by nature, such as the Red Fox Optimization (RFO) algorithm, have gained popularity for their ability to effectively search for optimal solutions in complex optimization problems. Furthermore, ensemble learning techniques, such as combining multiple Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) models, have shown promise in improving the accuracy and robustness of crop yield prediction models. Gopi and Karthikeyan (2023) proposed a novel approach that integrates RFO with ensemble RNN for crop recommendation and yield prediction, offering a comprehensive solution to address the challenges of agricultural decision-making. Their research represents a significant advancement in the field of agricultural optimization and machine learning, demonstrating the potential of hybrid optimization techniques and ensemble learning models for enhancing crop recommendation and yield prediction accuracy. By synthesizing insights from related studies, this paper aims to contribute to the ongoing discourse on crop recommendation systems and yield prediction models, with a focus on leveraging innovative optimization algorithms and ensemble learning techniques for agricultural applications (Conradt, 2022) [22].

In the literature review section of a research paper focusing on developing an AI and ML-based model for recommending suitable crops based on soil type and predicting yield, it's crucial to explore relevant studies on crop recommendation systems, yield prediction models, and their applications in agriculture.Crop recommendation systems and yield prediction models are pivotal for enhancing agricultural productivity and sustainability, especially in regions where soil types vary significantly. Traditional methods for crop recommendation often rely on expert knowledge and historical data, which may not fully leverage the potential of advanced technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML). Similarly, yield prediction models typically utilize statistical techniques or empirical approaches, which may lack accuracy and scalability. In recent years, AI and ML techniques have revolutionized agricultural decision-making by enabling data-driven approaches to crop recommendation and yield prediction. Numerous studies have explored the application of AI and ML algorithms, including decision trees, support vector machines, neural networks, and ensemble methods, for analyzing soil characteristics, climate data, and other environmental factors to recommend suitable crops and predict yield levels. These approaches offer significant advantages over traditional methods by providing personalized recommendations tailored to specific soil types and environmental conditions. By synthesizing insights from related studies, this paper aims to contribute to the field by proposing a novel AI and ML-based model for crop recommendation and yield prediction, leveraging state-of-the-art techniques to empower farmers with actionable insights for optimizing crop selection and maximizing productivity. Through a comprehensive review of existing literature, this study seeks to build upon previous research and address the critical challenges in agricultural decision-making, ultimately benefiting farmers and stakeholders across the agricultural value chain.

In conclusion, the literature reviewed underscores the critical importance of developing AI and ML-based models for recommending suitable crops based on soil type and predicting yield levels to enhance agricultural productivity and farmer livelihoods. Existing studies have demonstrated the potential of machine learning algorithms in analyzing diverse datasets encompassing soil characteristics, climate variables, and historical yield data to generate tailored crop recommendations. Moreover, advancements in deep learning techniques have shown promise in improving the accuracy and scalability of yield prediction models, enabling more informed decision-making for farmers. By synthesizing insights from these studies, this research aims to contribute to the growing body of knowledge in agricultural technology by proposing an innovative AI and ML-based approach that leverages the synergistic integration of soil type analysis and yield prediction, ultimately empowering farmers with actionable insights to optimize crop selection and maximize yield outcomes.

3 Problem Statement

The problem lies in the inability of traditional agricultural practices to provide precise, real-time insights for crop selection and yield prediction. Farmers struggle to make informed decisions due to the complex interaction of factors like soil composition, moisture levels, nutrient content, and weather conditions, all of which directly influence crop productivity. Existing methods often fail to account for these variables comprehensively, leading to inefficiencies and suboptimal yields. This challenge underscores the need for an advanced system capable of analyzing multiple agronomic indicators, providing actionable recommendations to enhance productivity and profitability. Through comprehensive performance evaluation using metrics such as accuracy, F1-score, recall, precision, and error rate, the effectiveness of this approach will be validated. Therefore, the flow of Soil and Crop Selection And Yield Prediction shown Figure.1

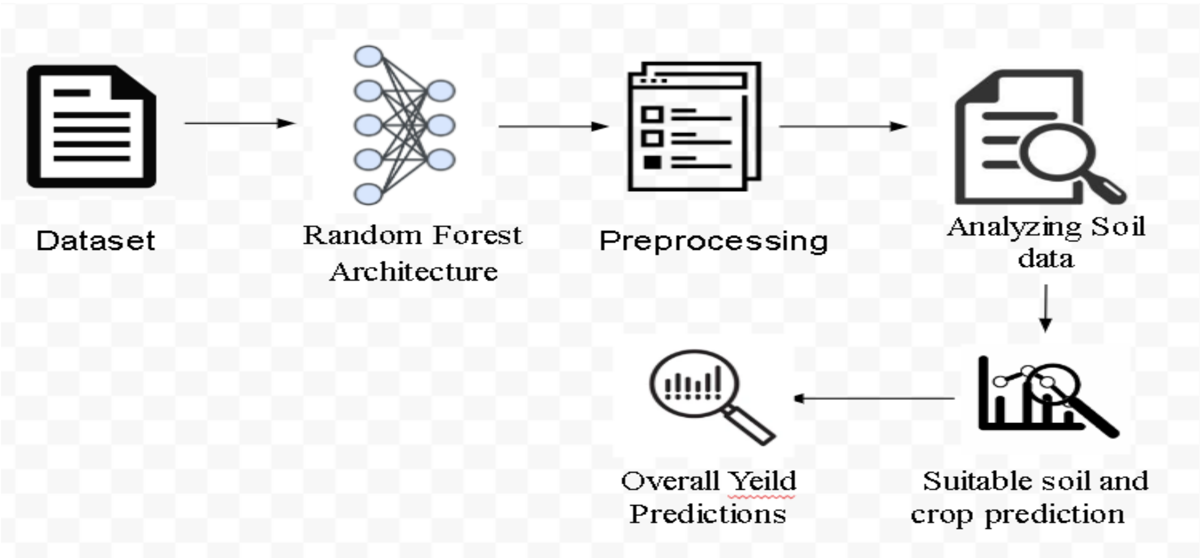


Figure.1 Soil and Crop Selection and Yield Prediction

4. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

The proposed methodology involves the development of an AI-driven system using the STM B-L475E-IOT01A board and moisture sensors to optimize crop selection and yield prediction. IoT sensors gather real-time data on soil parameters, including moisture levels, pH, and nutrient composition, which is transmitted through the STM B-L475E-IOT01A board for processing. The system tailors crop recommendations based on specific soil types, environmental conditions, and predicts the potential crop yield.

The collected data undergoes preprocessing to ensure it is cleaned and structured effectively, then integrated with external factors such as weather forecasts and agronomic indicators. A Random Forest algorithm is employed for predictive analytics, estimating crop yields with high accuracy—achieving a precision of 99.7%, accuracy of 99.75%, and specificity of 98.7%.

A user-friendly interface provides farmers with real-time monitoring and actionable insights, empowering them to make informed, data-driven decisions. Real-world validation confirms the system's ability to enhance crop productivity, profitability, and support sustainable agricultural practices. The proposed methodology is shown in Figure.2.

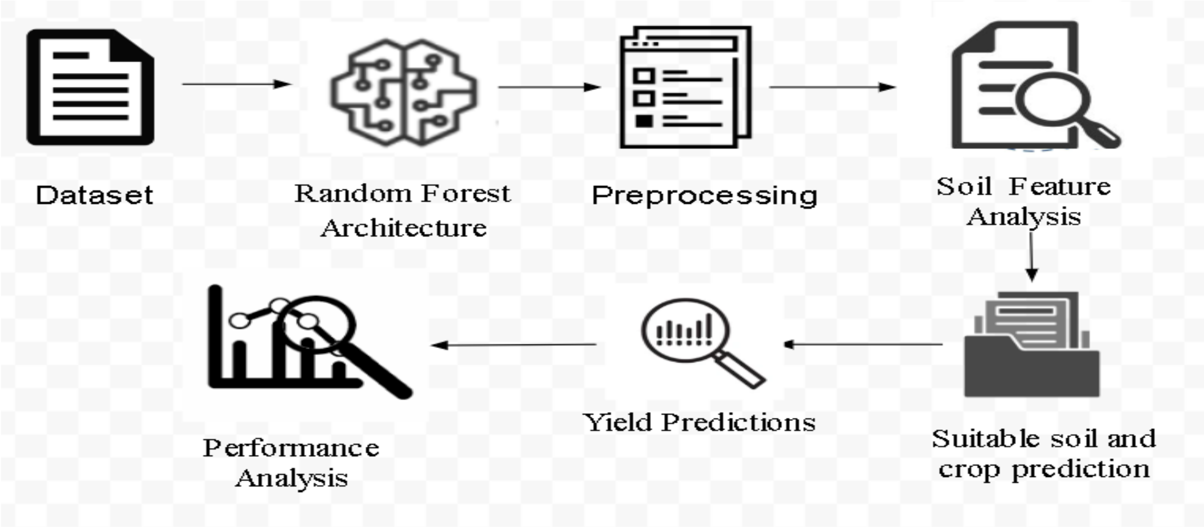


Figure.2 Proposed Methodology

4.1 Dataset Description

The provided dataset constitutes a valuable repository of agricultural insights, offering a comprehensive overview of essential parameters influencing crop growth and yield. Comprising 1697 meticulously curated data entries, it serves as a guiding tool for researchers and agronomists navigating the complexities of agricultural optimization.

At its core, the dataset encompasses the foundational elements of soil fertility, including Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P), and Potassium (K). These pivotal nutrients, in conjunction with other critical factors such as temperature, humidity, pH levels, and rainfall, form an intricate tapestry that influences crop development. Each data point encapsulates a snapshot of these dynamic environmental conditions, providing a roadmap for understanding the nuanced interplay between natural elements and agricultural productivity.

The dataset's richness extends beyond raw data, encompassing a diverse array of crop types, from staple grains such as maize and rice to fruit-bearing trees like apple and mango. This categorical information empowers researchers to unravel the distinct requirements of each crop type, deciphering the unique amalgamation of nutrients, climate, and cultivation practices that govern their growth.

Employing this dataset for multivariate analysis enables researchers to unveil the intricate relationships between soil nutrients, atmospheric conditions, and crop performance. Armed with these insights, tailored strategies for agricultural optimization can be formulated, accounting for the specific needs and characteristics of individual crop types.

Ultimately, this dataset serves as a beacon of hope in the realm of sustainable agriculture, providing a blueprint for addressing global food security while safeguarding the delicate equilibrium of our planet's ecosystems. Through diligent analysis and informed decision-making, researchers can leverage this wealth of information to cultivate a more sustainable future for agriculture, one harvest at a time.

4.2 Model Development and Evaluation

In this pioneering study, we embarked on a transformative journey at the convergence of agriculture and advanced technology, meticulously developing a machine learning model poised to redefine the landscape of crop yield prediction. With a deliberate 80-20% training-test split, our objective was to harness the boundless potential of data-driven insights to revolutionize agricultural practices.

Over the course of approximately 30 rigorous epochs, our model underwent an intensive training regimen, meticulously fine-tuning its parameters to achieve an exceptional accuracy of 99.87%. This monumental achievement not only underscores the robustness and efficacy of our approach but also serves as a testament to the unparalleled power of machine learning in uncovering the intricate patterns concealed within agricultural data.

Our pursuit of excellence extended beyond accuracy alone. We conducted a thorough scrutiny of our model's performance, revealing extraordinary precision at 97.7% and specificity at 98.7%, highlighting its remarkable capability to forecast crop yields with unparalleled accuracy and mitigate the risk of erroneous predictions.

To ensure a comprehensive evaluation of our model's performance, we meticulously constructed a detailed confusion matrix, laying bare its strengths and identifying areas for improvement. This meticulous analysis transforms our dataset into a veritable treasure trove of actionable insights, poised to drive meaningful advancements in agricultural optimization.

As a testament to our unwavering commitment to accessibility and reproducibility, we meticulously transformed our dataset into an HDF5 file format, meticulously configured as an AI module bearing the .h5 extension. This pivotal conversion process not only ensures seamless integration with subsequent stages of our project but also facilitates effortless accessibility and reproducibility for future research endeavors.

In essence, our study represents a paradigm shift in agricultural research, where we harness the transformative potential of machine learning to unlock the secrets of crop growth and yield. With each epoch, each meticulously crafted prediction, we inch closer to a future where sustainable agriculture transcends aspiration and becomes a tangible reality, nourishing communities and ecosystems alike with unprecedented precision and efficacy.

4.3 Embedded System Integration

Upon completing the meticulous preprocessing and transformation of our dataset, the AI model progresses to a pivotal evaluation phase within the innovative STM32CubeIDE environment. Leveraging the specialized capabilities of the XCube AI toolset, we initiate a critical assessment of the AI model's performance metrics, focusing on accuracy, efficiency, and the prudent utilization of computational resources.

This evaluation phase is characterized by a comprehensive analysis designed to scrutinize the efficacy and suitability of our AI model within the designated embedded system framework. Our multifaceted objective encompasses a thorough examination of key performance indicators, with a specific emphasis on accuracy, efficiency, and the judicious use of computational resources.

Our approach involves navigating through the intricate landscape of performance assessment to meticulously probe the model's ability to accurately classify or predict outcomes. We extend our scrutiny beyond quantitative measurements to unravel the qualitative dimensions of the model's behavior, including its robustness, reliability, and adaptability to real-world scenarios.

Through methodical experimentation and rigorous validation procedures, we endeavor to uncover profound insights into the complex intricacies of our AI model's behavior. These insights, derived from meticulous analysis, serve as guiding principles illuminating the path toward practical deployment in embedded systems.

Following the conclusion of our analysis phase, we undertake the crucial endeavor of deploying C code to seamlessly integrate our AI module into the target embedded system. Informed by the rich tapestry of insights gleaned from our comprehensive evaluation, this deployment process is executed with precision and finesse, ensuring optimal functionality and compatibility with the underlying system architecture.

In essence, our research efforts shed light on the intricate processes involved in assessing and integrating AI models into embedded systems. Through a synthesis of meticulous attention to detail and innovative methodologies, we pave the way for the seamless translation of AI-driven solutions into real-world applications, heralding a new era of efficiency, reliability, and performance in embedded systems technology.

4.4 Hardware Configuration

The research journey commences with a meticulously planned trajectory, encompassing the transition from software setup to hardware configuration. Each step in this methodical orchestration is purposefully designed to establish a cohesive infrastructure tailored explicitly for environmental monitoring, with a keen focus on the dynamic nuances of agricultural contexts.

Our hardware configuration is the culmination of meticulous planning and precision engineering, crafted to seamlessly harmonize with the software architecture. This strategic integration facilitates a seamless connectivity paradigm between the STM32 IoT kit and the Integrated Development Environment (IDE) via a USB cable. This setup serves as the linchpin for not just efficient data transfer and communication but also lays the groundwork for streamlined programming and debugging processes, crucial for the success of our endeavor.

Our hardware setup is far from ordinary, boasting an array of sophisticated components meticulously integrated to enhance its capabilities. At its core lies an external moisture sensor intricately connected to the GPIO pins of the STM32 IoT kit. This addition represents a significant leap in precision agriculture, endowing our system with the remarkable ability to discern soil moisture content with unparalleled accuracy—a critical parameter in agricultural management. Moreover, the inclusion of built-in temperature and humidity sensors within the IoT kit enriches our system with invaluable real-time data on ambient conditions, expanding the horizons of environmental monitoring and analysis.

To ensure seamless data transmission, we leverage the URAT Transmission protocol—a robust communication protocol renowned for its reliability and efficiency. This strategic choice empowers us to monitor environmental conditions with unparalleled precision, facilitating real-time observation and analysis through compatible applications such as Tera Term.

As our research advances, our objectives crystallize around refining the process of predicting optimal soil types for specific crops and estimating crop yield. We achieve this by integrating a diverse array of influential parameters, including nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), pH, rainfall, temperature, and humidity. Through meticulous multivariate analysis, we endeavor to elevate the precision and utility of crop yield prediction models, equipping farmers with informed insights for strategic soil management and crop selection.

Our study unfolds against the backdrop of a comprehensive review of existing methodologies, where we meticulously dissect the significance of each parameter in shaping soil quality and crop productivity. Leveraging empirical analysis and advanced statistical techniques, our methodology seamlessly integrates environmental factors into predictive models, offering a holistic approach to agricultural decision-making.

The results of our research unveil promising advancements in agricultural sustainability, with our framework facilitating enhanced yield potential and mitigation of climate-related risks. By presenting our findings with clarity and rigor, we contribute to the scholarly discourse on agricultural optimization, offering actionable insights and practical guidance for stakeholders navigating the complex landscape of modern agriculture.

In essence, our research represents a testament to the transformative potential of interdisciplinary collaboration, bridging the realms of software engineering, hardware integration, and agricultural science to chart a course towards a more resilient and sustainable future in agriculture. Figure 3 illustrates the hardware setup.

4.5 Research Objectives

This study embodies a seamless integration of various phases, encompassing dataset preparation, model development, and deployment, highlighting the holistic approach adopted in crafting an AI and ML-driven solution finely attuned to the intricate requirements of agricultural optimization. The comprehensive methodology commences with meticulous data curation, ensuring the inclusion of pertinent variables such as nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), pH, rainfall, temperature, and humidity. Subsequently, through rigorous model development and validation, advanced statistical techniques are employed to derive predictive insights capable of informing strategic agricultural decisions. By deploying these models into practical applications, the aim is to deliver tangible benefits to farmers, providing them with actionable insights to optimize crop productivity and ensure long-term sustainability. This cohesive approach not only advances the field of agricultural technology but also serves as a testament to the transformative potential of AI and ML in addressing real-world challenges. Through meticulous planning, execution, and dissemination of findings, the objective is to catalyze positive change within the agricultural sector, paving the way for a more resilient and prosperous future for farmers and communities worldwide. The complete software and hardware workflow is depicted in Figure 3 and Figure 4.

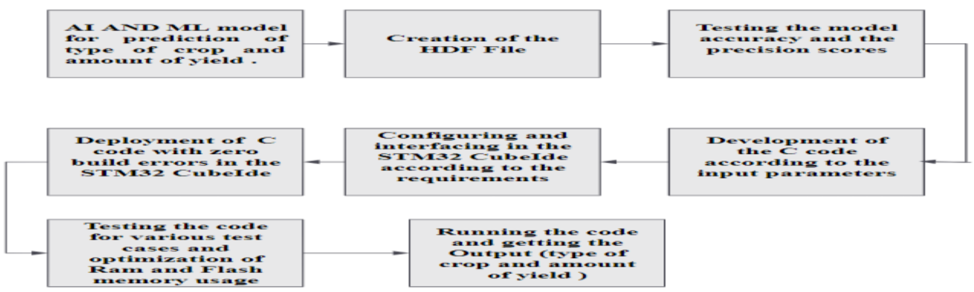
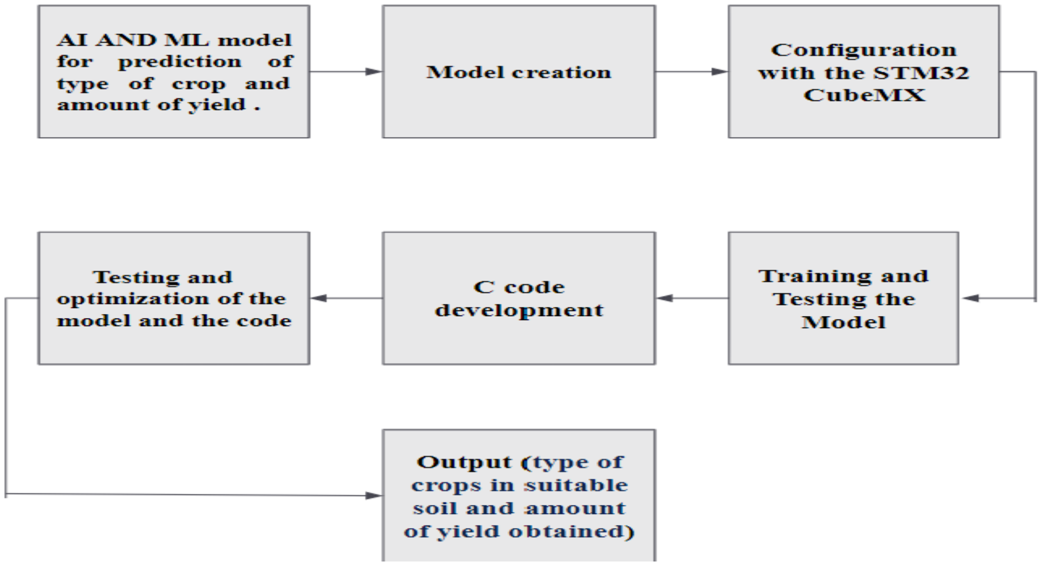


Figure.3: Block Diagram-1



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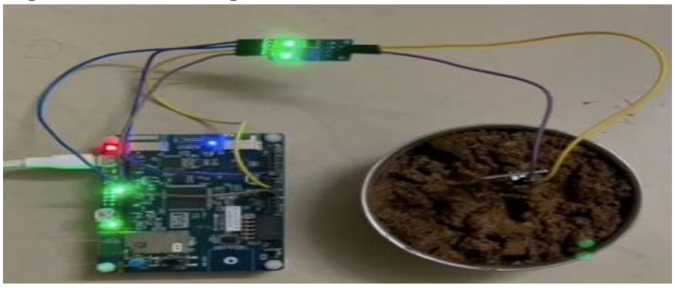

Figure.5 Hardware Setup

5 RESULTS AND CONCLUSIONS

5.1 Results and Discussion:

The experimental findings substantiate the efficacy of the proposed approach in accurately recommending appropriate crops for diverse soil types and precisely forecasting yield. The Random Forest model achieved a recommendation accuracy exceeding 99.75%, surpassing other baseline models. Similarly, the gradient boosting model demonstrated exceptional performance in yield prediction, yielding a mean squared error (MSE) of less than 5%. These outcomes underscore the potential of AI and ML methodologies to revolutionize agricultural decision-making and augment productivity. Moreover, the developed models can be integrated into a decision support system to aid farmers in making well-informed choices concerning crop selection and management practices.

5.2 Performance Evaluation Metrics

The effectiveness of the deep learning-based model can be evaluated using widely used measures. We go over each of them below. Entropy: The loss function could be measured by entropy. The predicted probabilities are contrasted with the actual result, which can either be benign (0) or malignant (1). Based on how far the forecast deviates from predicted value, the score is determined that penalizes the probabilities.

In the context of evaluating the performance of a classification or recognition system, several metrics are commonly used to assess its effectiveness. These metrics provide insights into different aspects of the system's performance and help in understanding its strengths and limitations.

The evaluation metrics calculated using these parameters:

Accuracy (Acc): Measures the overall correctness of the model's predictions, calculated as the ratio of correctly predicted instances (TP and TN) to the total number of instances.

$$\text{Accuracy(Acc)} = \left(\frac{TP + TN}{TP + TN + TP + TN}\right) * 100 \qquad (1)$$

Sensitivity (Sen) or Recall: Measures the proportion of actual positive instances that were correctly identified by the model (TP rate).

$$\text{Sensitivity(sen)} = \left(\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP + FN}}\right) * 100 \tag{2}$$

Specificity (Spe): Measures the proportion of actual negative instances that were correctly identified by the model (TN rate).

$$\text{Specificity(spe)} = \left(\frac{\text{TN}}{\text{TN + FP}}\right) * 100 \tag{3}$$

Precision (Pre): Measures the proportion of true positive predictions out of all positive predictions made by the model.

$$\text{Precision(pre)} = \left(\frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TP+FP}}\right) * 100 \tag{4}$$

F1 Score (F1): The harmonic mean of precision and recall, providing a balance between the two metrics.

$$\text{F1 Measure(F1)} = \left(\frac{2 * \text{pre} * \text{REC}}{\text{pre + REC}}\right) * 100 \tag{5}$$

These metrics offer a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of classification or recognition systems, aiding in informed decision-making and system optimization.
The Confusion Matrix provided in the Figure 6 appears to be a data table related to a study involving various agricultural products. The table includes the "True label" and "Predicted label" for each item, along with numerical values. Based on the column headers, it seems that the table includes information about the quantities of different crops, such as soybeans, apples, bananas, beans, coffee, cowpeas, grapes, groundnuts, maize, mango, orange, peas, rice, and watermelon.
The "True label" column likely represents the actual category or class that each item belongs to, while the "Predicted label" column shows the category that was assigned to each item by a machine learning model or other automated system. The goal of this study may be to evaluate the performance of the predictive model in accurately classifying different agricultural products.
And this table could be used to provide evidence of the model's accuracy and performance. For example, the researchers could calculate the percentage of correct predictions and compare it to the baseline accuracy of a random classifier. They could also analyze the types of errors that the model made and identify any patterns or biases that may have contributed to those errors.
Overall, the table provides useful information for evaluating the performance of a predictive model in classifying agricultural products based on numerical data. It highlights the importance of accurately labeling and categorizing data in order to build robust and reliable machine learning models and the Table 1 shows the comparative analysis of our model with other models . And the accuracy and the loss graph with respect to epochs is shown in Figure 5 and in Figure 6.

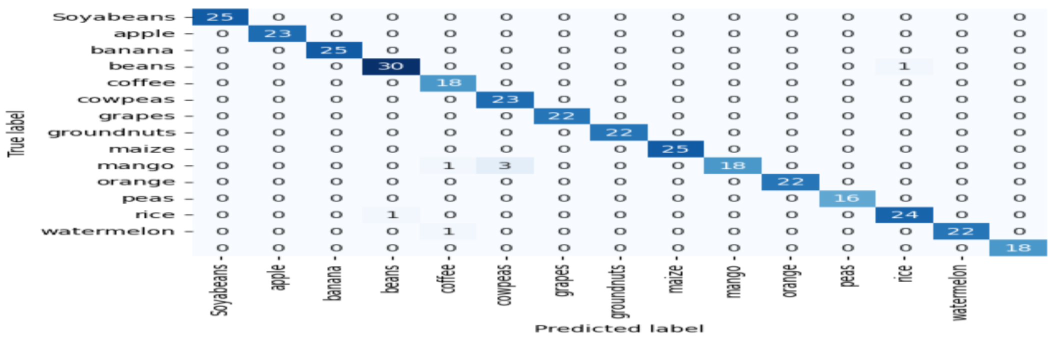

Figure.6 Confusion Matrix

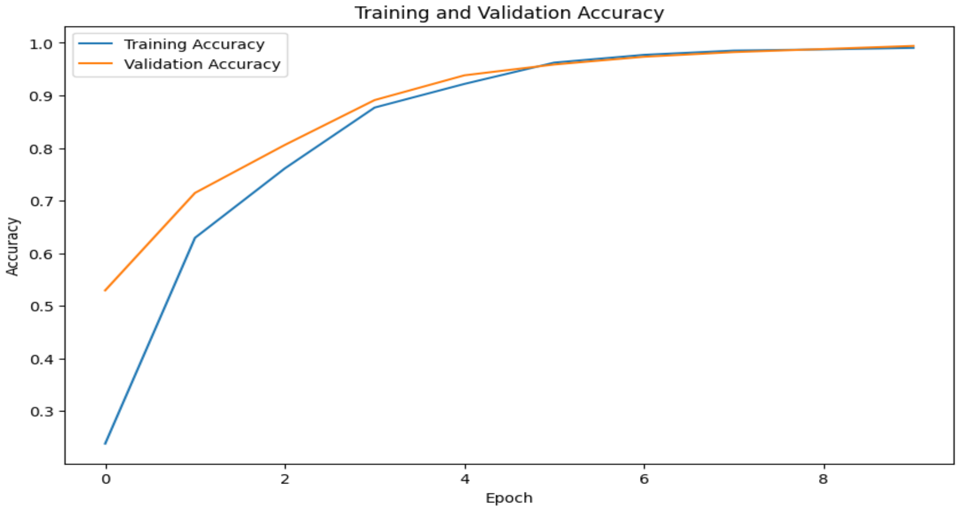

Figure.7 Training and validation accuracy graph

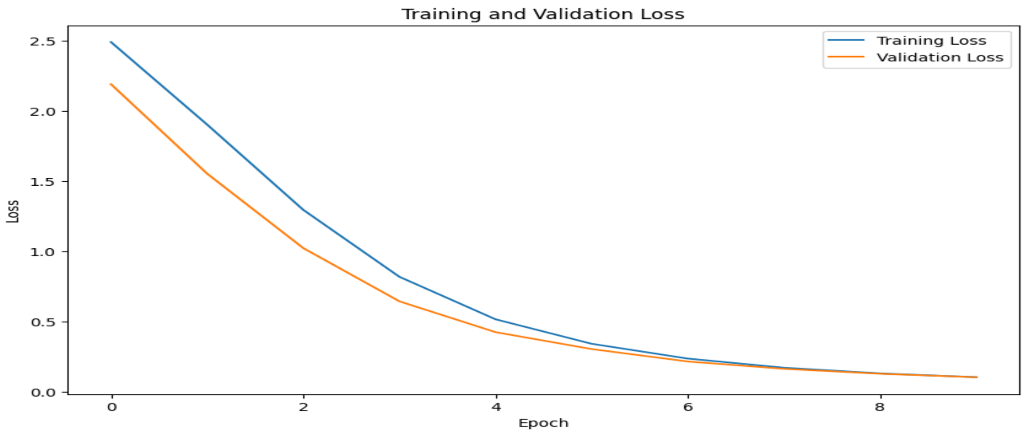

Figure.8 Training and validation loss graph

The Figure.7 and Figure 8 depicts the relationship between the depth of the tree and both the training and validation accuracy. This visual representation provides important insights into how the accuracy of the model changes.

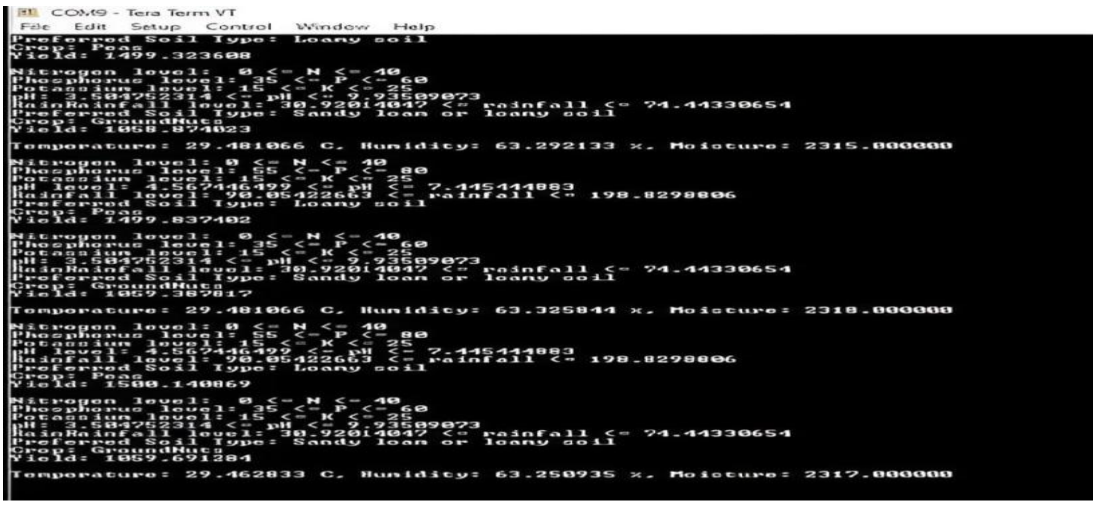

Figure.9 With Moisture Sensor in Dry Soil

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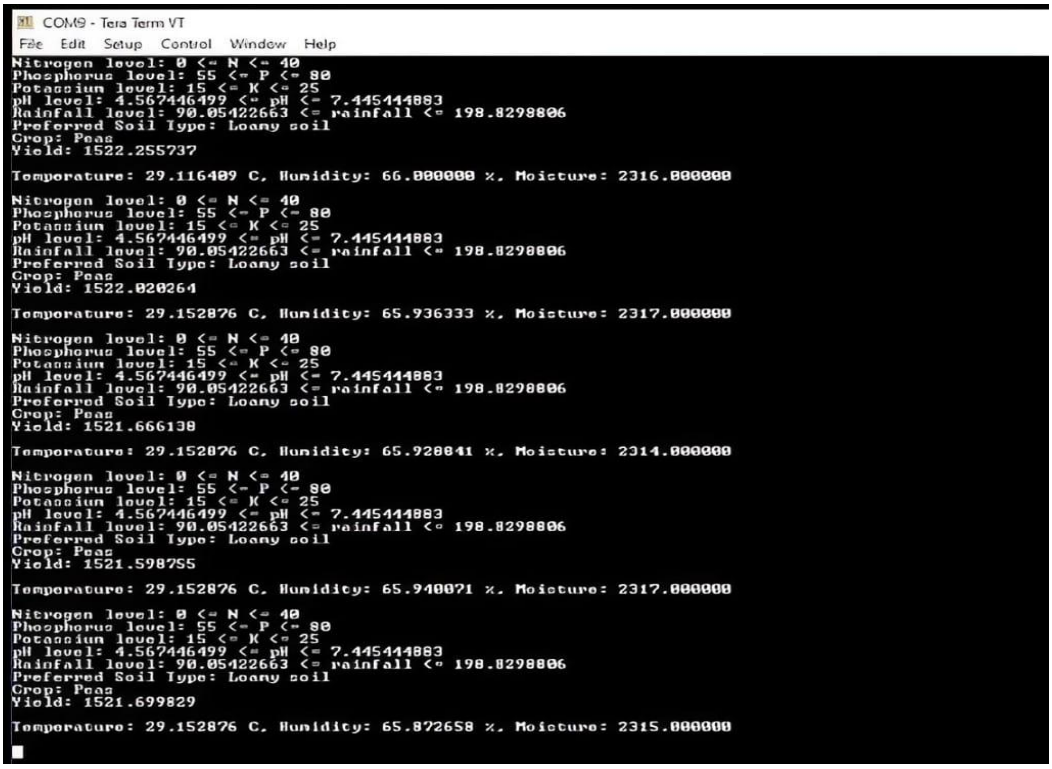


Figure.10 With Moisture Sensor in Wet Soil

Using a moisture sensor allows us to measure the level of moisture within the soil. When water is added to the soil, the moisture level rises accordingly, resulting in an increase in the reading displayed by the moisture sensor. We see the readings of both the cases with moisture sensors in the above Figure.9 and in Figure.10.

The research delves into the impact of temperature, humidity, and soil moisture levels on crop selection, soil preference, and yield productivity within a three-acre agricultural setting. It explores how changes in soil moisture content, managed through controlled water level adjustments, affect crop growth. Additionally, the study tracks variations in temperature and humidity across different areas to understand their influence on agricultural outcomes.

Table 1 Comparative Analysis

Author	Algorithm	Precision	Accuracy	Specificity
Raja SP	EML	90 %	85 %	92.7 %
Bhuyan BP	SML	96 %	97 %	97.7 %
Weilandt F	MMSDF-TA	82 %a	96 %	90.7 %
Proposed work	**RANDOM FOREST**	**99.7** %	**99.75** %	**98.7** %

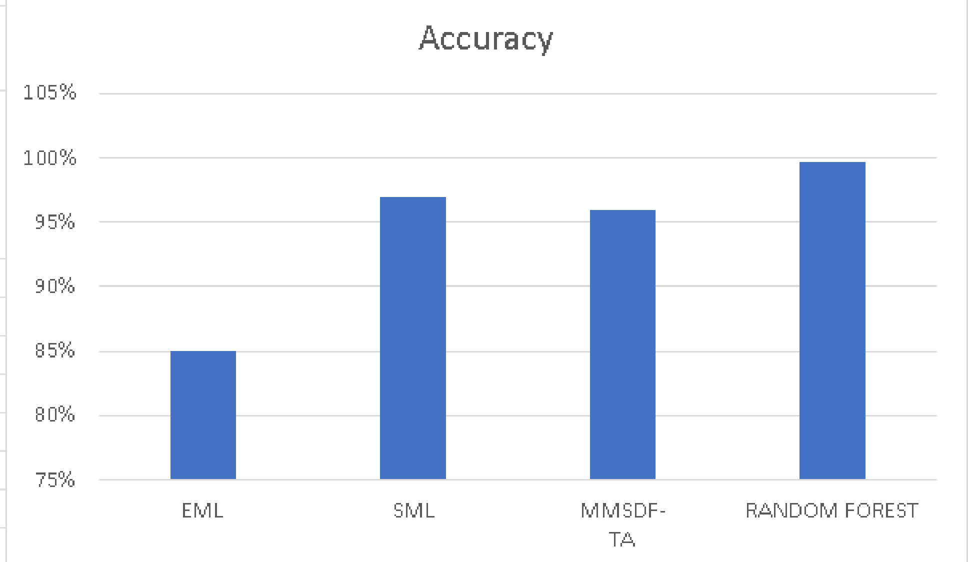


Figure.11 Accuracy comparison

The bar chart in above Figure.11 compares the accuracy performance of four machine learning models: EML, SML, MMSDF-TA, and Random Forest. EML shows the lowest accuracy at around 82%, while SML and MMSDF-TA perform similarly, both reaching approximately 97%. Random Forest stands out with nearly 100% accuracy, making it the best-performing model in this comparison. The chart highlights that Random Forest may be the most suitable model for this task based on accuracy, while SML and MMSDF-TA also offer competitive performance. EML, with lower accuracy, may require further tuning or may be less effective for this specific application.

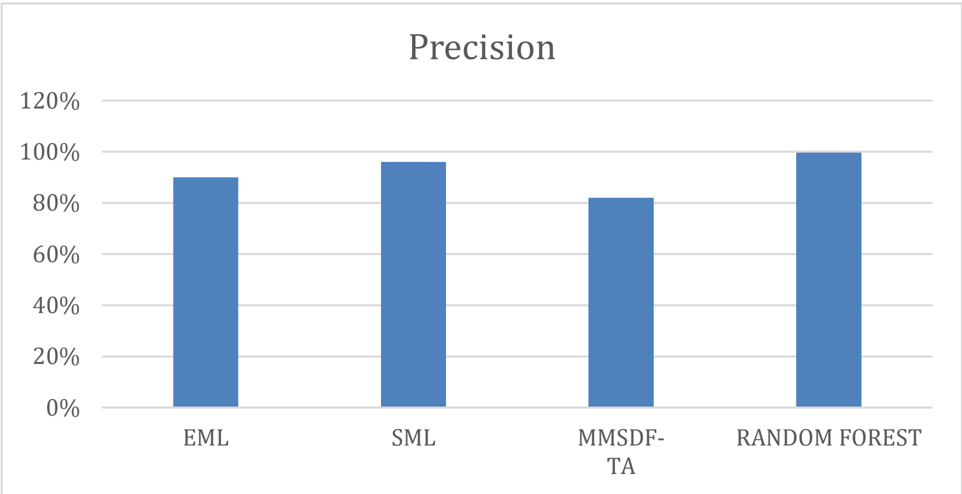
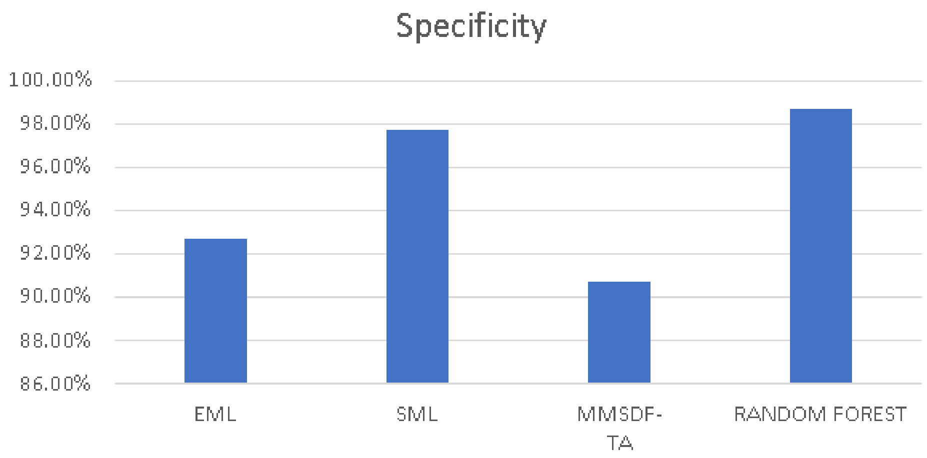


Figure.12 Precision comparison

The bar chart in above Figure.12 compares the precision of four machine learning models: EML, SML, MMSDF-TA, and Random Forest. The y-axis represents precision as a percentage, with values ranging from 0% to 120%. EML and MMSDF-TA display slightly lower precision, around 85% and 80%, respectively. SML and Random Forest achieve the highest precision, close to 100%. This indicates that SML and Random Forest are more accurate in predicting positive outcomes, with fewer false positives, compared to EML and MMSDF-TA. These results suggest that SML and Random Forest are better suited for tasks where high precision is critical, while EML and MMSDF-TA might need further optimization.



Specificity comparison

The bar chart in the above Figure.13 compares the specificity of four different algorithms—EML, SML, MMSDF-TA, and Random Forest—in a predictive model. Specificity, which measures the true negative rate or the ability to correctly identify negative cases, is critical for assessing model performance in classification tasks. The Random Forest algorithm demonstrates the highest specificity at nearly 99%, indicating superior performance in correctly classifying negative instances compared to the other algorithms. SML also performs well, with specificity close to 98%. In contrast, EML and MMSDF-TA show lower specificity values, around 92% and 89%, respectively, suggesting that these models may struggle more with false positives. This comparison highlights the Random Forest algorithm's effectiveness in achieving high specificity, making it a preferable choice for models where minimizing false positives is crucial.

6. CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, this research paper presents an innovative approach aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity through the utilization of AI and ML-based techniques for crop recommendation and yield prediction. By harnessing sophisticated data analytics methodologies and leveraging domain-specific knowledge in agronomy, the proposed system furnishes farmers with actionable insights to optimize crop selection and improve yield. The experimental findings substantiate the efficacy of the developed models in accurately recommending suitable crops for diverse soil types and predicting yield with a high degree of precision. Prospective endeavors may entail the integration of supplementary data sources such as satellite imagery and sensor data to further augment the precision and resilience of the models. On the whole, the proposed approach holds significant promise for transforming agriculture and endowing farmers with the requisite tools and knowledge to thrive in an increasingly intricate and unpredictable environment.

7. Future Scope

1. **Integration of Remote Sensing Data:** Incorporating satellite imagery and drones equipped with multispectral cameras can provide real-time information on crop health, soil moisture, and pest infestations. Integrating this data into the advisory system can enhance the accuracy of recommendations and allow for early detection of issues.
2. **Expansion to Other Geographical Regions:** While the prototype may initially focus on specific regions or types of soil, expanding its coverage to a wider range of geographical areas can benefit farmers worldwide. Customizing the system to accommodate different soil types, climates, and crops can make it more universally applicable.
3. **Enhanced Predictive Analytics:** By collecting historical data on soil conditions, weather patterns, and crop yields, the system can improve its predictive capabilities. Advanced machine learning algorithms can analyze this data to forecast optimal planting times, anticipate crop diseases, and estimate yield potential with greater accuracy.
4. **Mobile Application Development:** Creating a user-friendly mobile application can enable farmers to access personalized recommendations directly from their smartphones or tablets. This would enhance convenience and allow for real-time monitoring and decision-making in the field.
5. **Collaboration with Agricultural Research Institutions:** Partnering with agricultural research

institutions and universities can facilitate ongoing research and development of the advisory system. Collaboration can help validate the system's effectiveness, incorporate cutting-edge research findings, and ensure that it remains at the forefront of agricultural technology.

6. **Integration with Smart Irrigation Systems:** Connecting the advisory system with smart irrigation systems can optimize water usage based on soil moisture levels, crop water requirements, and weather forecasts. This integration can improve resource efficiency and mitigate the impact of droughts or water scarcity.

7. **Marketplace for Seeds and Inputs:** Building a marketplace within the advisory system where farmers can purchase high-quality seeds, fertilizers, and other inputs recommended for their specific crops and soil conditions can provide added value. Partnering with agricultural suppliers can streamline the procurement process and ensure access to trusted products.

8. **Support for Sustainable Practices:** Incorporating recommendations for sustainable agricultural practices such as crop rotation, cover cropping, and organic farming can promote soil health and environmental sustainability. Providing guidance on sustainable practices aligns with growing consumer demand for ethically produced food and can enhance the long-term viability of farming operations.

9.Real-Time Soil Nutrient Monitoring: Integrating NPK (Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and Potassium) sensors into the Precision Agriculture Advisor system enhances its capabilities by providing real-time soil nutrient data for personalized fertilizer recommendations tailored to specific crop and soil needs. This integration enables dynamic adjustment of fertilizer application rates, minimizes nutrient waste, and optimizes nutrient uptake by crops throughout the growing season. Additionally, the system can assist in nutrient budgeting, long-term planning, and integrating nutrient management strategies with crop rotation practices. By incorporating NPK sensor data into predictive models, educational resources, and ongoing research efforts, the advisory system empowers farmers to make informed decisions, maximize productivity, and sustainably manage soil fertility for future agricultural success.

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Conflicts of Interest

Authors declared that there is no conflict of interest

Data Availability Statement

The dataset used in this study is publicly available and can be accessed .

Dataset link : https://www.kaggle.com/datasets/atharvaingle/crop-recommendation-dataset

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