Research Article

An Ensemble of Deep Learning Enabled Brain Stroke Classification Model in Magnetic Resonance Images

Ala’ A. Eshmawi,1 Mashael Khayyat,2 Abeer D. Algarni,3 and Inès Hilali-Jaghdam4

1University of Jeddah, College of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Cybersecurity, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
2University of Jeddah, College of Computer Science and Engineering, Department of Information Systems and Technology, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
3Department of Information Technology, College of Computer and Information Sciences, Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University, P.O.Box 84428, Riyadh 11671, Saudi Arabia
4Department of Computer Science and IT, College of Community, Princess Nourah Bint Abdulrahman University, P.O.Box 84428, Riyadh 11671, Saudi Arabia

Correspondence should be addressed to Abeer D. Algarni; adalqarni@pnu.edu.sa

Received 30 December 2021; Revised 27 January 2022; Accepted 4 February 2022; Published 18 November 2022

Academic Editor: K. Shankar

Copyright © 2022 Ala’ A. Eshmawi et al. This is an open access article distributed under the Creative Commons Attribution License, which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

Brain stroke is a major cause of global death and it necessitates earlier identification process to reduce the mortality rate. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) techniques is a commonly available imaging modality used to diagnose brain stroke. Presently, machine learning (ML) and deep learning (DL) models can be extremely utilized for disease detection and classification processes. Amongst the available approaches, the convolutional neural network (CNN) models have been widely used for computer vision and image processing issues such as ImageNet, facial detection, and digit classification. In this article, a novel computer aided diagnosis (CAD) based brain stroke detection and classification (CAD-BSDC) model has been developed for MRI images. The proposed CAD-BSDC technique aims in classifying the provided MR brain image as normal or abnormal. The CAD-BSDC technique involves different subprocesses such as preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. Firstly, the input image undergoes preprocessing using adaptive thresholding (AT) technique for improving the image quality. Followed by, an ensemble of feature extractors such as MobileNet, CapsuleNet, and EfficientNet models are used. Besides, the hyperparameter tuning of the deep learning models takes place using the improved dragonfly optimization (IDFO) algorithm. Moreover, satin bowerbird optimization (SBO) based stacked autoencoder (SAE) is used for the classification of brain stroke. The design of optimal SAE using the SBO algorithm shows the novelty of the work. The performance of the presented technique was validated utilizing benchmark dataset which includes T2-weighted MR brain image collected from the axial axis with size of 256 × 256. The simulation outcomes indicated the promising efficiency of the proposed CAD-BSDC technique over the latest state of art approaches in terms of various performance measures.

1. Introduction

Strokes are the 3rd most common cause of death around the world as per the report of the world health organization (WHO). With around 87% the more common type are ischemic strokes, caused by disturbance in the brain blood supply. Measuring volume and lesion location could assist diagnoses and guide treatment decisions [1]. Moreover, lesion classification plays a significant role in cognitive neuroscience research. This frequently includes an anatomical analysis, where brain area is associated with the neurological deficit that requires manual examinations of massive stroke image databases. Hence, an automated methodology for segmenting ischemic lesions in brain images is extremely needed [2, 3]. Ischemic stroke lesions undergo several developmental stages. The moment of partial or total loss of blood supply to the infected brain areas is called the onset of the stroke and marks the beginning of
the hyperacute stage. At onset, the infection areas are separated into a core of infarcted tissue and a surrounding penumbra of under perfused, however possibly salvageable tissue i.e., partially provided by collateral blood flow [4]. The stroke developmental phase is related to amount of cell death and reconstructing mechanism which affects visibility of the stroke area in magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), mostly by the migration of water molecules [5].

Brain imaging methodologies, namely, computed tomography (CT) and MRI are very supportive for a physician for starting the early screening of the patients [6]. Also, there are several imaging modalities for analyzing brain that might involve diffuse optical imaging, X-ray imaging, positron emission tomography, magnetoencephalography, and functional MRI [7]. But this imaging technique requires well-trained operators and higher operating costs, thus many of these imaging methods may not be presented in every hospital and clinic. Image classification is broadly utilized in medical imaging systems [8]. But the classification method outcomes must be closer to the manual diagnoses.

This study introduces a novel computer aided diagnosis (CAD) based brain stroke detection and classification (CAD-BSDC) model on MRI images. The proposed CAD-BSDC technique involves preprocessing using adaptive thresholding (AT) technique to improve the image quality. In addition, an ensemble of feature extractors such as MobileNet, CapsuleNet, and EfficientNet models are used. Besides, the hyperparameter tuning of the deep learning models takes place using the improved dragonfly optimization (IDFO) algorithm. Furthermore, satvin bowerbird optimization (SBO) based stacked autoencoder (SAE) is used to classify the MR brain image as normal or abnormal. The experimental result analysis of the CAD-BSDC technique takes place utilizing benchmark dataset which comprises T2-weighted MR brain images.

2. Literature Review

Currently, deep learning (DL) method was widely utilized as a classification system since it calculates features automatically within the convolution layer of the deep system [9]. The major benefit of utilizing DL method is that it outperforms other traditional methodologies for the classification of images. Several DL methodologies have existed like deep belief nets (DBN), RNNs, LSTM, and so on. Amongst this method, convolutional neural network (CNN) was widely employed in medical image processing and computer vision challenges such as house numbers digit classification, ImageNet, patch classification from medical images, face recognition, and so on [10].

Nishio et al. [11] evaluated and developed an automated acute ischemic stroke (AIS) detection method including 2-phase DL models. Next, the 2-phase method implemented the AIS recognition system in the testing set. To evaluate the detection outcomes, a board-certified radiologist assessed the testing set head CT image with and without help of detection system [12]. Hilbert et al. [13] examined DL methods to build model to directly forecast better reperfusion afterward endovascular treatment (EVT) and better functional outcomes using CT images. This model does not need image annotation and is faster to calculate. The study compared DL to ML methods using conventional radiological image biomarkers. Pan et al. [14] investigated a new method based mainly on DL-ResNet for detecting infarct cores on non-contrast CT images and enhancing the performance of acute ischemic stroke diagnoses. They endlessly enrolled magnetic resonance diffusion weighted image (MR-DWI) confirmed first-episode ischemic stroke patients. Next, utilize decision curve analysis (DCA) model for analyzing the values of this technique in medical settings.

Zhang et al. [15] introduced a DL method that leverages MRI diffusion series for classifying TSS based medically validated threshold. Also, the study presented an intra-domain task-adoptive transfer learning technique that includes model training on simple medical tasks (stroke recognition) and refined the method with distinct binary thresholds of TSS. Wang et al. [16] evaluated and developed a DL based method to assist the selection of appropriate patients with acute ischemic stroke for endovascular treatment-based 3D pseudo-continuous arterial spin labeling (pCASL). The DL and six ML methods have been trained by using 10-fold CV.

3. The Proposed Model

In this study, a new CAD-BSDC model has been developed for MRI images for classifying them into normal or abnormal. The CAD-BSDC technique involves different sub-processes such as AT based preprocessing, ensemble of feature extraction, IDFO-based hyperparameter tuning, SAE-based classification, and SBO-based parameter tuning. Figure 1 illustrates the overall process of CAD-BSDC technique.

3.1. Image Preprocessing Using at Technique. At the primary level, the AT technique is applied on MRI images to remove the noise and enhance the quality. It is an effective method to determine the infected regions by the use of thresholding concept. In the AT technique, the investigation of the MRI images takes place for the distributed pixel intensities and the threshold value is chosen. In this case, the input MRI image can be denoted as \( g(x, y) \), \( I \) implies the threshold value, and the final image can be defined as \( f(x, y) \). It can be mathematically defined as follows [17]:

\[
\begin{align*}
    f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 
    1, & g(x, y) \geq I, \\
    0, & \text{otherwise}.
    \end{cases}
\end{align*}
\]

3.2. Ensemble of Feature Extraction Approaches. During the feature extraction process, the ensemble of feature extractors namely MobileNet, CapsuleNet, and EfficientNet models are used. The DL is a type of CNN and has extremely utilized for images [18]. In recent times, DL was extremely utilized in the analysis of several medical diseases. Also, several researchers are developed by analysis of skin disease utilizing DL. The DL has several linked layers using distinct weight as...
well as activation functions. A fundamental DL technique involves convolution, pooling, and connected layers. Many activation functions were utilized for adjusting the weight. During this case, EfficientNetB3 was utilized for glaucoma detection. The EfficientNetB3 is current, cost-efficient, and robust technique established by scaling 3 parameters namely depth, width, and resolution [19]. An EfficientNetB3 method with noisy-student weight was utilized from scenarios I and III to the transfer learning (TL) procedure, but “isi-call_eff3_weights” weight is utilized as pretrained to scenarios II and IV. The GlobalAveragePooling2D layers were added to all scenarios for generalizing the optimum model. The amount of parameters is decreased. Also, the rectified linear unit (ReLU) activation function was utilized with 3 dense and 2 dropout layers. The resultant layer has several outcome units to multiclass classification utilizing the softmax activation functions. Figure 2 demonstrates the structure of CapsNet.

The MobileNet [20] has lesser framework, minimum computation, and superior precision that is utilized to mobile terminal and embedding devices. According to depthwise separable convolutional, MobileNets utilize 2 global hyperparameters for keeping a balance amongst efficacy and accuracy. The basic concept of MobileNet is decomposition of convolutional kernel. With utilizing depthwise separable convolutional, the typical convolutional was decomposed as to depthwise convolutional and pointwise convolutional with convolutional kernels. The depthwise convolutional filter execute convolutional for all channels, and convolutional was utilized for combining the outcomes of depthwise convolutional layer. During this technique, N typical convolutional kernel. The typical convolution filters integrate an input as to a novel group of outputs, but the depthwise separable convolutional separates the inputs as to 2 layers, one to filter and another to merge. The MobileNetV2 establishes novel components with inverted remaining framework.

In order to compensate for shortcomings of CNN, the network framework named the CapsNet was presented [21]. The CapsNet is a deep network technique involving capsules. The capsule was comprised of a set of neurons. The activation neuron signifies the features of modules from the objects. All the capsules are responsible to determine a single module from the object, and every capsule jointly defines the entire framework of objects. Conversely, for any DNNs (for instance, DBN), this framework preserves object modules and spatial data. Related to CNN, the CapsNet was comprised of multi-layer networks.

3.3. Hyperparameter Tuning Using IDFO Algorithm. For optimally adjusting the hyperparameters of the DL models, the IDFO algorithm is applied. The DFO method was coined by Mirjalili at Griffith University in 2016 [22]. This method is a meta-heuristic approach-based SI is stimulated by dynamic as well as static behaviors of dragonflies in nature. There are 2 primary phases of optimization: exploitation and exploration. These two stages are modelled by dragonflies, either statically or dynamically searching for food or avoiding the enemy. The two further behaviors are added to these three fundamental behavior in DA: move to the food and avoid the enemy. Thus, once each individual moves to food source (equation (5)), they need to avoid the enemy simultaneously (equation (6)).

\[
S_i = - \sum_{j=1}^{N} X - X_j,
\]

\[
A_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} V_j}{N},
\]

\[
C_i = \frac{\sum_{j=1}^{N} X_j}{N} - X,
\]

\[
F_i = X^* - X,
\]

\[
E_i = X^* + X,
\]
where, $X$ indicates the immediate location of the individual, in which $X_j$ indicates the immediate location of $j^{th}$ individual. $N$ characterizes the amount of neighboring individuals, in which $y_j$ shows the speed of $j^{th}$ neighboring individual. $X^+$ and $X^-$ denotes the position of the food and enemy source, correspondingly [23]. The overall steps of the DFO algorithm are given in 1.

To upgrade the place of artificial dragonflies in the searching space and simulate the motion, two vectors are taken into consideration: position ($X$) and step ($\Delta X$). The step vector considers as speed, shows the direction of dragonfly motion (equation (7)). Then estimating the step vectors, the position vector is upgraded (equation (8)):

$$
\nabla X_{t+1} = (s_i + a A_i + c C_i + f F_i + e E_i) + w \nabla X_t,
$$

$$
X_{t+1} = X_t + \nabla X_{t+1}.
$$

(3)

In which, and $f, c, w,$ and $t$ represents the food factor, enemy factor, inertia coefficient, iteration number, correspondingly and the, $a$, and $c$ indicates separation, alignment, and cohesion coefficient, correspondingly. This coefficient and the abovementioned factor enable to implementation of exploitative and exploratory behaviors. In the IDFO algorithm, the traditional DFO algorithm is integrated into the flower authorization algorithm, we set the value ranges $[S_{\text{min}}, S_{\text{max}}]$. To efficiently evade the situation where the dragonfly collectively gathers in the first phase, the uniform distribution is utilized for implementing random initialization process on all the dimensions [24],

$$
x_{\text{id}}^n = S_{\text{min}} + (S_{\text{max}} - S_{\text{min}}).
$$

Afterward preprocessing, the 2 procedures are further merged for guiding the dragonfly to fly to an optimal location.

3.4. Image Classification Using SBO-SAE Model. Finally, the SBO-SAE model can be employed for the classification of MRI images. The SAE is developed based on the concept of auto encoder (AE). In SAE model, the encoding part of the AE is stacked together, i.e., the input of initial layer of an AE model is actual data and the input of lower layer is hidden layer data. Lastly, a classification model is appended to the network [25]. The training process of the SAE model involves the pretraining and the inverse fine-tuning procedure. It makes use of a huge quantity of unlabeled data for unsupervised learning, independently extracted the features, and utilizes the labelled data for inverse fine tuning of the network. For boosting the performance of the SAE technique, the weight and bias values are optimally chosen by the SBO algorithm.

SBO technique begins generating a primary uniform arbitrary population that contains a group of places to bower [26]. All positions ($\text{pop}(i). \text{Pos}$) are determined to arbitrary population that contains a group of places to bower. During the SBO processes, the place of an optimum bower created by bird was estimated as elite of $k^{th}$ iteration ($x_{\text{elite},k}$) that is maximum fitness and is capable of affecting the other places. In all iterations, a novel modification at some bower was computed dependent upon equation (8):

$$
\text{Prob}_i = \frac{\cos t_i}{\sum_{k=1}^{n_{\text{pop}}} \cos t_i}, \quad \forall i \in n_{\text{pop}},
$$

$$
\cos t_i = \begin{cases} 
\frac{1}{1 + f(x_i)}, & f(x_i) \geq 0, \\
1 + |f(x_i)|, & f(x_i) < 0.
\end{cases}
$$

(6)

Same as other evolutionary dependent upon optimizer, elitism was utilized for storing an optimum solution(s) at all iterations of optimized procedure. In the mating season, males like every other bird utilize its drives for building and decorating the bower. Noticeably, older and experienced males are appealed further attention of others to their bower. Conversely, this bower has further fitness than the other bower. During the SBO processes, the place of an optimum bower created by bird was estimated as elite of $k^{th}$ iteration ($x_{\text{elite},k}$) that is maximum fitness and is capable of affecting the other places. In all iterations, a novel modification at some bower was computed dependent upon equation demonstrated in

$$
\hat{x}_i^{\text{new}} = \beta_k \left( \frac{x_i + x_{\text{elite},k}}{2} - x_i^{\text{old}} \right).
$$

(7)

It can be worth maintaining that roulette wheel selective process was utilized for picking up bower with superior probability ($x_{ik}$). In SBO, Parameter $\beta_k$ defines the count of steps for selecting target bowers that are calculated to all variables and modified based on

![Figure 2: Structure of CapsNet.](image-url)
Parameter Initialization
Assume maximum number of hyperspheres
Represent the archive size
While the termination criteria is not fulfilled
  Determine the objective value of every dragonfly
  Compute nondominated solution
  Upgrade the archives based on the attained nondominated solution
  If the archive is occupied
    Execute the archive maintenance scheme to discard the present archive member
    Append the newly attained solutions to the archive
  End if
  If any of the newly appended solutions to the archive is situated external the hyper sphere
    Upgrade and reposition the hypersphere for covering the newly obtained solutions
  End if
  Elect a food source from archive
  Elect an enemy from archive
  Upgrade step vector by the use of \( T(\Delta x) = |\Delta x|/\sqrt{\Delta x^2 + 1} | \)
  Upgrade position vector by
  \[ X_{t+1} = \begin{cases} -X_t, & r < T(\Delta x_{t+1}) \\ X_t, & r \geq T(\Delta x_{t+1}) \end{cases} \]
  Ensure and adjust the newly obtained position depending upon the boundary variable
End while

Algorithm 1: Pseudocode of DFO Algorithm.

Input: population \( P_{sp} \)
Output: optimal searching agent, \( P_{bst} \)
Procedure SOA
Parameter Initialization: \( C_A \) and \( C_B \)
Determine the fitness of every search agent
\( P_{bst} \leftarrow \) optimal searching agent
While \( (z < \text{Maxiterations}) \) do
  for every searching agent do
    Upgrade the location of searching agent
  end for
  Upgrade variables \( C_A \) and \( C_B \)
  Determine fitness value of all searching agents
  Upgrade \( P_{bst} \) when better solution exist over earlier optimum solution
  \( z \leftarrow z + 1 \)
End while
Return \( P_{bst} \)
End procedure

Algorithm 2: Pseudocode of SBO Algorithm.

Finally, all the cycle is an old population and population attained in modifies as aforementioned were evaluated, integrated, sorted and novel population was created. The pseudocode of SBO algorithm is given in 2.

The SBO approach develops a FF for attaining enhanced classification efficiency. It defines a positive integer for representing the optimum efficiency of candidate solution. During this case, the minimized classification error rate was regarded as FF is provided in equation (10). The optimum

\[
\beta_k = \frac{\alpha}{1 + \text{Prop}_i}. \quad (8)
\]

Arbitrary modifies were executed to \( x_{ik} \) with specific probability, where normal distribution (N) has been utilized with average of \( x_{ik}^{\text{old}} \) and variance of \( \sigma \) as stated in equation.

\[
x_{ik}^{\text{new}} \sim x_{ik}^{\text{old}} + \sigma \cdot N(0, 1),
\]

\[
\sigma = Z \cdot (\text{Var}_{\text{Max}} - \text{Var}_{\text{Min}}). \quad (9)
\]
Table 1: Dataset descriptions.

| Categories of MR brain stroke images | Class labels | Dimensions | Number of images |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------|------------------|
| Acute (speech arrest)               | Class 0      | 256 * 256  | 25               |
| Cerebral haemorrhages               | Class 1      | 256 * 256  | 25               |
| Fatal stroke                        | Class 2      | 256 * 256  | 24               |
| Normal images                       | Class 3      | 256 * 256  | 54               |
| Subacute stroke (hesitating speech) | Class 4      | 256 * 256  | 26               |
| Subacute stroke (loss of sensation) | Class 5      | 256 * 256  | 24               |

Figure 3: Sample test images.

Figure 4: Continued.
Table 2: Result analysis of CAD-BSDC technique with different classes and epoch counts.

| Classes   | Sensitivity | Specificity | Accuracy | Precision | F-score | MCC  |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|------|
| Epoch-500 |             |             |          |           |         |      |
| Class 0   | 92.00       | 98.04       | 97.19    | 88.46     | 90.20   | 88.58|
| Class 1   | 96.00       | 98.69       | 98.31    | 92.31     | 94.12   | 93.16|
| Class 2   | 100.00      | 98.05       | 98.31    | 88.89     | 94.12   | 93.36|
| Class 3   | 96.30       | 99.19       | 98.31    | 98.11     | 97.20   | 96.00|
| Class 4   | 92.31       | 100.00      | 98.88    | 100.00    | 96.00   | 95.45|
| Class 5   | 91.67       | 100.00      | 98.88    | 100.00    | 95.65   | 95.13|
| Average   | 94.71       | 99.00       | 98.31    | 94.63     | 94.55   | 93.61|
| Epoch-1000|             |             |          |           |         |      |
| Class 0   | 92.00       | 100.00      | 98.88    | 100.00    | 95.83   | 95.30|
| Class 1   | 88.00       | 98.69       | 97.19    | 91.67     | 89.80   | 88.19|
| Class 2   | 100.00      | 98.05       | 98.31    | 88.89     | 94.12   | 93.36|
| Class 3   | 100.00      | 97.58       | 98.31    | 94.74     | 97.30   | 96.15|
| Class 4   | 88.46       | 98.68       | 97.19    | 92.00     | 90.20   | 88.58|
| Class 5   | 91.67       | 100.00      | 98.88    | 100.00    | 95.65   | 95.13|
| Average   | 93.35       | 98.83       | 98.13    | 94.55     | 93.82   | 92.78|
| Epoch-1500|             |             |          |           |         |      |
| Class 0   | 100.00      | 98.04       | 98.31    | 89.29     | 94.34   | 93.56|
| Class 1   | 84.00       | 100.00      | 97.75    | 100.00    | 91.30   | 90.48|
| Class 2   | 91.67       | 99.35       | 98.31    | 95.65     | 93.62   | 92.67|
| Class 3   | 96.30       | 99.19       | 98.31    | 98.11     | 97.20   | 96.00|
| Class 4   | 100.00      | 100.00      | 100.00   | 100.00    | 100.00  | 100.00|
| Class 5   | 95.83       | 97.40       | 97.19    | 85.19     | 90.20   | 88.77|
| Average   | 94.63       | 99.00       | 98.31    | 94.71     | 94.44   | 93.58|
| Epoch-2000|             |             |          |           |         |      |
| Class 0   | 100.00      | 99.35       | 99.44    | 96.15     | 98.04   | 97.74|
| Class 1   | 80.00       | 100.00      | 97.19    | 100.00    | 88.89   | 88.02|
| Class 2   | 95.83       | 100.00      | 99.44    | 100.00    | 97.87   | 97.58|
| Class 3   | 100.00      | 97.58       | 98.31    | 94.74     | 97.30   | 96.15|
| Class 4   | 100.00      | 98.03       | 98.31    | 89.66     | 94.55   | 93.75|
| Class 5   | 95.83       | 100.00      | 99.44    | 100.00    | 97.87   | 97.58|
| Average   | 95.28       | 99.16       | 98.69    | 96.76     | 95.75   | 95.13|

Table 3: Overall Classification result analysis of CAD-BSDC technique.

| No. of epochs | Sensitivity | Specificity | Accuracy | Precision | F-score | MCC  |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|---------|------|
| Epoch-500     | 94.71       | 99.00       | 98.31    | 94.63     | 94.55   | 93.61|
| Epoch-1000    | 93.35       | 98.83       | 98.13    | 94.55     | 93.82   | 92.78|
| Epoch-1500    | 94.63       | 99.00       | 98.31    | 94.71     | 94.44   | 93.58|
| Epoch-2000    | 95.28       | 99.16       | 98.69    | 96.76     | 95.75   | 95.13|
| Average       | 94.49       | 99.00       | 98.36    | 95.16     | 94.64   | 93.78|
Figure 5: Overall classification result analysis of CAD-BSDC technique.
solutions have reduced error rates and the worst solutions obtain an enhanced error rate.

\[
\text{fitness}(x_i) = \frac{\text{ClassifierErrorRate}(x_i)}{\text{number of misclassified instances \over total number of instances}} \times 100.
\]  

(10)

4. Experimental Validation

The performance validation of the CAD-BSDC technique takes place using the benchmark dataset [27], which contains MRI images under six distinct classes. The details relevant to the dataset are given in Table 1. Figure 3 shows the sample MRI images.

Figure 4 shows the confusion matrices offered by the CAD-BSDC technique on the classification of brain stroke. The figure shows that the CAD-BSDC technique has effectively identified distinct classes of brain stroke. For instance, under 500 epochs, the CAD-BSDC technique has categorized 23 images in class 0, 24 images in class 1, 24 images in class 2, 52 images in class 3, 26 images in class 4, and 23 images in class 5 correspondingly. Furthermore, under 2000 epochs, the CAD-BSDC system has categorized 25 images in class 0, 20 images in class 1, 23 images in class 2, 54 images in class 3, 23 images in class 4, and 23 images in class 5 correspondingly.

Furthermore, under 1500 epochs, the CAD-BSDC methodology has categorized 25 images in class 0, 21 images under class 1, 22 images in class 2, 52 images in class 3, 26 images in class 4, and 23 images in class 5 correspondingly. Furthermore, under 1500 epochs, the CAD-BSDC system has categorized 25 images in class 0, 20 images in class 1, 23 images in class 2, 54 images in class 3, 23 images in class 4, and 23 images in class 5 correspondingly.

Table 2 offers a detailed classification result analysis of the CAD-BSDC technique under various classes and epoch counts. The results ensured the effective performance of the CAD-BSDC technique in terms of different measures.

Table 3 and Figure 5 depict the overall classification result analysis of the CAD-BSDC technique under varying epochs. The results show that the CAD-BSDC technique has resulted in improved classification results. For instance, with 500 epochs, the CAD-BSDC technique has resulted in the sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, precision, F-measure, and MCC of 94.71%, 99%, 98.31%, 94.63%, 94.55%, and 93.61%, respectively.

Finally, with 2000 epochs, the CAD-BSDC approach has resulted in the sensitivity, specificity, accuracy, precision, F-measure, and MCC of 93.35%, 98.83%, 98.13%, 94.55%, 93.82%, and 92.78% correspondingly.

Table 4: Comparative analysis of CAD-BSDC technique with existing approaches.

| Methods         | Sensitivity | Specificity | F-measure | Accuracy |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| CAD-BSDC        | 94.49       | 99.00       | 96.64     | 98.36    |
| SIFT-DT model   | 91.04       | 98.23       | 91.91     | 97.25    |
| SURF-DT model   | 78.10       | 95.11       | 80.15     | 92.62    |
| EM-PSORF        | 92.50       | 95.80       | 95.17     | 93.40    |
| EM-PSOSVM       | 90.40       | 94.60       | 93.44     | 93.20    |
| FODPSO-RF       | 89.40       | 93.70       | 93.54     | 92.40    |
| FODPSO-SVM      | 88.30       | 92.60       | 91.69     | 91.70    |

Figure 6: Accuracy analysis of CAD-BSDC technique with existing approaches.
In order to ensure the improvements of the CAD-BSDC technique, a comprehensive comparison study is made in Table 4 [28].

Figure 6 investigates the comparative accuracy analysis of the CAD-BSDC with recent methods on the test dataset. The figure demonstrated that the FODPSO-SVM technique has accomplished ineffectual outcomes with the least values of accuracy. In line with, the SURF-DT and FODPSO-RF techniques have obtained slightly increased values of accuracy. Followed by, the EM-PSORF and EM-PSOSVM techniques have reached moderately improved accuracy values. Though the SIFT-DT technique has reached near optimal accuracy of 97.25%, the CAD-BSDC technique has accomplished maximum accuracy of 98.36%.

Figure 7 explores the comparative sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure analysis of the CAD-BSDC with current methodologies on the test dataset. The figure illustrates that the FODPSO-SVM approach has achieved ineffectual outcomes with the least values of sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure. In line with, the SURF-DT and FODPSO-RF methodologies have attained slightly improved values of sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure. Then, the EM-PSORF and EM-PSOSVM algorithms have reached better sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure values. Although the SIFT-DT model has reached to near optimum sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure of 91.04% 98.23%, and 91.91%, the CAD-BSDC model has attained maximal sensitivity, specificity, and F-measure of 94.49%, 99%, and 96.64%.

The above mentioned tables and figures demonstrated that the CAD-BSDC technique has showcased superior performance over the other techniques.

5. Conclusion

In this study, a new CAD-BSDC model has been developed for MRI images for classifying them into normal or abnormal. The CAD-BSDC technique involves different subprocesses such as AT based preprocessing, ensemble of feature extraction, IDFO-based hyperparameter tuning, SAE based classification, and SBO based parameter tuning. The experimental result analysis of the CAD-BSDC technique takes place utilizing benchmark dataset which includes T2-weighted MR brain images. The simulation outcomes indicated the promising efficiency of the proposed CAD-BSDC technique over the latest state of art approaches in terms of various performance measures. Thus, the CAD-BSDC technique can be realized in a real time environment to aid physicians. As a part of future extension, the classification performance of the CAD-BSDC technique can be enhanced by the use of DL-based segmentation approaches.

Data Availability

Data sharing not applicable to this article as no datasets were generated during the current study.

Ethical Approval

This article does not contain any studies with human participants performed by any of the authors.

Consent

Not applicable.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

Authors’ Contributions

The manuscript was written through contributions of all authors. All authors have given approval to the final version of the manuscript.
Acknowledgments

This work was supported by Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University Researchers Supporting Project number (PNURSP2022R51), Princess Nourah bint Abdulrahman University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

References

[1] A. Zotin, M. Kurako, Y. Hamad, and S. Kirillova, "Edge detection in MRI brain tumor images based on fuzzy C-means clustering," *Procedia Computer Science*, vol. 126, pp. 1261–1270, 2018.

[2] S. Cheon, J. Kim, and J. Lim, “The use of deep learning to predict stroke patient mortality,” *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, vol. 16, no. 11, p. 1876, 2019.

[3] N. M. Murray, M. Unberath, G. D. Hager, and F. K. Hui, “Artificial intelligence to diagnose ischemic stroke and identify large vessel occlusions: a systematic review,” *Journal of Neurological Surgery*, vol. 12, no. 2, pp. 156–164, 2020.

[4] O. Oman, T. Mäkelä, E. Salli, S. Savolainen, and M. Kangasniemi, “3D convolutional neural networks applied to CT angiography in the detection of acute ischemic stroke,” *European radiology experimental*, vol. 3, no. 1, pp. 8–11, 2019.

[5] R. Gupta, S. P. Krishnam, P. W. Schaefer, M. H. Lev, and R. G. Gonzalez, “An east coast perspective on artificial intelligence and machine learning,” *Neuroimaging Clinics of North America*, vol. 30, no. 4, pp. 467–478, 2020.

[6] A. Clerigues, S. Valverde, J. Bernal, J. Freixenet, A. Oliver, and X. Lladó, “Acute ischemic stroke lesion core segmentation in CT perfusion images using fully convolutional neural networks,” *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, vol. 115, Article ID 103487, 2019.

[7] C. M. J. M. Dourado Jr, S. P. P. da Silva, R. V. M. da Nóbrega, P. P. R. Filho, and V. H. C. de Albuquerque, “Deep learning IoT system for online stroke detection in skull computed tomography images,” *Computer Networks*, vol. 152, pp. 25–39, 2019.

[8] D. S. Lieskobend, “Artificial intelligence in stroke care: deep learning or superficial insight?” *EBioMedicine*, vol. 35, pp. 14–15, 2018.

[9] S. Gallo, J. R. Cortes, D. Aldila, R. Hidayat, R. E. Yunus, and J. Pandelaki, “Ischemic stroke classification using random forests based on feature extraction of convolutional neural networks,” *International Journal of Advanced Science, Engineering and Information Technology*, vol. 10, no. 5, 2020.

[10] Y. Mokli, J. Pfaff, D. P. D’Oca Santos, C. Herweh, and S. Nagel, “Computer-aided imaging analysis in acute ischaemic stroke—background and clinical applications,” *Neurological Research and Practice*, vol. 1, no. 1, pp. 1–13, 2019.

[11] M. Nishio, S. Koyasu, S. Noguchi et al., “Automatic detection of acute ischemic stroke using non-contrast computed tomography and two-stage deep learning model,” *Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine*, vol. 196, Article ID 105711, 2020.

[12] N. Takahashi, Y. Shinozura, T. Kinoshita et al., “Computerized identification of early ischemic changes in acute stroke in noncontrast CT using deep learning,” in *Proceeding of the Medical Imaging 2019: Computer-Aided Diagnosis*, vol. 10950, March 2019, Article ID 109503A.

[13] A. Hilbert, L. A. Ramos, H. J. A. van Os et al., “Data-efficient deep learning of radiological image data for outcome prediction after endovascular treatment of patients with acute ischemic stroke,” *Computers in Biology and Medicine*, vol. 115, Article ID 103516, 2021.

[14] J. Pan, G. Wu, J. Yu, D. Geng, J. Zhang, and Y. Wang, “Detecting the early infarct core on non-contrast CT images with a deep learning residual network,” *Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases*, vol. 30, no. 6, Article ID 105752, 2021.

[15] H. Zhang, J. S. Polson, K. Nael et al., “Intra-domain task-adaptive transfer learning to determine acute ischemic stroke onset time,” *Computerized Medical Imaging and Graphics*, vol. 90, Article ID 101926, 2021.

[16] K. Wang, Q. Shou, S. J. Ma et al., “Deep learning detection of penumbral tissue on arterial spin labeling in stroke,” *Stroke*, vol. 51, no. 2, pp. 489–497, 2020.

[17] D. S. Tan, W.-Y. Chen, and K.-L. Hua, “Deep demosaicking: adaptive image demosaicking via multiple deep fully convolutional networks,” *IEEE Transactions on Image Processing*, vol. 27, no. 5, pp. 2408–2419, 2018.

[18] S. Akter, F. M. J. M. Shamrat, S. Chakraborty, A. Karim, and S. Azam, “COVID-19 detection using deep learning algorithm on chest X-ray images,” *Biology*, vol. 10, no. 11, p. 1174, 2021.

[19] B. Koonce, “Efficient net,” in *Convolutional Neural Networks with Swift for Tensorflow*, pp. 109–123, Apress, Berkeley, CA, 2021.

[20] W. Wang, Y. Li, T. Zou, X. Wang, J. You, and Y. Luo, “A novel image classification approach via dense-mobilenet models,” *Mobile Information Systems*, vol. 2020, Article ID 7602384, 2020.

[21] E. Goceri, “CapsNet topology to classify tumours from brain images and comparative evaluation,” *IET Image Processing*, vol. 14, no. 5, pp. 882–889, 2020.

[22] S. Mirjalili, “Dragonfly algorithm: a new meta-heuristic optimization technique for solving single-objective, discrete, and multi-objective problems,” *Neural Computing & Applications*, vol. 27, no. 4, pp. 1053–1073, 2016.

[23] Ç.İ. Acı and H. Gülcan, “A modified dragonfly optimization algorithm for single- and multiobjective problems using brownian motion,” *Computational intelligence and neuroscience*, vol. 2019, Article ID 6871298, 8 pages, 2019.

[24] F. Liu, “Path recognition of the regional education expansion based on improved dragonfly algorithm,” *Mathematical Problems in Engineering*, vol. 2021, Article ID 9928020, 11 pages, 2021.

[25] H. Pan, W. Tang, J. J. Xu, and M. Binama, “Rolling bearing fault diagnosis based on stacked autoencoder network with dynamic learning rate,” *Advances in Materials Science and Engineering*, vol. 2020, Article ID 6625273, 2020.

[26] S. H. Samareh Moosavi and V. Khatibi Bardsiri, “Satin bowerbird optimizer: a new optimization algorithm to optimize ANFIS for software development effort estimation,” *Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence*, vol. 60, pp. 1–15, 2017.

[27] K. A Johnson and J. Alex Becker, “The whole brain atlas,” 2000, https://www.med.harvard.edu/AANLIB/.

[28] S. Manikanadan and P. Dhanalakshmi, “Computer aided diagnosis model for brain stroke classification in MRI images using machine learning algorithms,” *International Journal of Advanced Science and Technology*, vol. 29, no. 5, pp. 7976–7990, 2020.