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ABSTRACT

Coconut copra is the white stout inside a coconut. Besides coconut oil, coconut copra has become a trendy snack and ingredient in cooking, owing to its numerous health merits. A good quality coconut without any infections is maintained by the farmers by employing the procedure of sulfur fumigation over the coconuts. The usage of sulfur is poisonous, and the pollution caused by burning of sulfur is toxic. This sulfur addition creates breathing, skin problems for the consumers. The proposed method is intended to make sure the availability of good quality coconut in the market by assessing the quality of each individual sample going into the production line. The sulfur content in the copra is predicted by the feed-forward machine learning technique. The features of dissimilar kinds of copra are examined and are used to train the machine model. Simulation of the proposed work is carried with MATLAB. From the validation and testing, it is found that 70% of the samples are trained; among them; 15% are validated and 15% are tested. Results indicate that 96.5% accuracy is obtained from the validation.

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Introduction

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) study reports that the total population is envisaged to hit 9.1 billion in 2050 as reported in Arivazhagan ([2010\)](#page-17-0). In this way, the rural formation should be expanded up to 70% to satisfy the food prerequisites of a consistently developing population. Then again, abundant utilization of synthetic mixtures, for example, bactericides, fungicides, and nematicides, to control the plant sicknesses, has been causing unfriendly impacts in the agro-biological system. Presently, there is a requirement for a successful early contamination detection procedure to control the plant infections for food security and supportability of agro-biological system. One specific area of concentration is the coconut copra. There is an increasing demand for coconut and its products. Coconut is enriched with more vitamins and necessary nutrients essential for human bodies. It is commonly consumed in daily diets and acts as a major source of anti-oxidant. India is the third-largest coconut producing country (area-15.5%,

coconut production-21%) in the world. In the coconut copra, the addition of sulfur is increasing day to day. Sulfur is fumigated in the form of gas by burning yellowcolored sulfur as stated in Stephen Sagayaraj and Kalavathi Devi ([2015\)](#page-18-0). Sulfur is poisonous and toxic, which causes numerous diseases like illness in the respiratory system, leads to cancer, skin rashes, and hair fall in the form of oil, etc. Breathing sulfur gas is toxic, and too much exposure can cause serious illness or possibly even death. Thus sulfur addition in copra causes more health issues that affect the common public.

The proposed method discusses the feed-forward algorithms to predict the content of sulfur present in the copra with the extracted features, which depends upon drying properties as Adel (Bakhshipour [2012;](#page-17-1) Mishra [2014](#page-17-2)) and to classify the sulfur fumigated and non-fumigated copra. Based on the prediction, the non-fumigated copra is used for edible and health care appliances.

Depending on the category of the application, different deep neural network architectures and local binary patterns are used for prediction as stated by Dubey and Jalal [\(2012](#page-17-3)). According to Jhuria ([2013\)](#page-17-4) it comprises of multi-layer perceptrons (MLP), Long Short Term Memory (LSTM), Recursive Neural Networks (RNN), and CNN (Convolutional Neural Network). Many studies have been done to predict diseases of fruits and vegetables. Models such as Hysplit and KF use the dynamic process in the atmosphere and determine the mechanisms of accumulation and indulgence of pollutants in the atmosphere. Athira et al. ([2018\)](#page-17-5) discussed Gaussian Process Regression (GPR) and vSupport Vector Regression (vSVR) and also look how training data size affects the outcome, and it predicts the symptoms that affect the accuracy. A deep learning framework is used in the field of automatic wheat diagnostic system. A random forest algorithm was used for predictive modeling purposes in the farm management system and concert is assessed using Out of bag (OOB). Smart technology currently tends to further development in image processing classification and prediction of leaf and fruit diseases. According to Kumari and Neelamegam [\(2015](#page-17-6)) the shape, color, and texture characteristics of the examined fruits are measured using image processing algorithms. Artificial neural network is used to predict the moisture condition of the fruit. Various fruits are analyzed by these methodologies and they are provided with the proper grading system in automation industry. Gray level features, intensity features, and shape features are extracted and performances are measured using probabilistic neural network classifier as reported by Deepa and Geethalakshmi [\(2013](#page-17-7)). Apple fruits are graded using a machine vision system. Unay and Gosselin [\(2010\)](#page-18-1) discussed that it provides an accuracy of 93.5% and cascaded classifier architecture provides more accuracy. The FPGA implementation in the image provides more accuracy by using the Xilinx system generator (Elamaran [2012](#page-17-8) ; Raut, N. P. [2013](#page-17-9)) . It uses VLSI architecture to implement it in various fields as discussed by (Kalavathi Devi and Venkatesh [2010;](#page-17-10) Thangavel, Palaniappan, and Shanmugam [2020](#page-18-2)). According to Sadegaonkar, Vilas [\(2013](#page-18-3)), the

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quality of fruits, inspecting the diseases finds more accuracy by using statistical classifier methodology whereas, fruit grading through labour is more difficult and it ends in more errors.

To rectify, computer vision is used to sort out the error. Bayesian networks are used in the prediction of fruit yields per hectare as stated in (Jhuria [2013](#page-17-4); Leemansa [2002](#page-17-11)). Sima, Kumari, (Kumari and Neelamegam [2015](#page-17-6); Specht [1994](#page-18-4)) discussed about adaptive general regression neural network and adaptive probabilistic regression neural network are advanced methodologies to increase the accuracy in classification. Various methods for analysis of adulteration in fruits have been discussed earlier in the survey. Analysis of sulfur content in copra is a new domain; the sulfur content in copra was analyzed by different feature extraction techniques like K-NN, ANFIS methodologies are used for classification and they provide good accuracy as discussed by Stephen Sagayaraj, Ramya, and Dhanaraj et al. [\(2016\)](#page-18-5). The features are extracted with the above K-NN, ANFIS methodologies. The extracted features are used to train the neural network; here the feed forward algorithm is used for training the network and perform testing and validation.

This paper is organized as follows: The first section discusses the Introduction and Literature survey which is followed by Materials and Methods Section then followed by Simulation results and discussion.

Materials and Methods

Methodology of Prediction of Sulfur Content in COPRA

The methodology of predicting sulfur content copra is shown in [Figure 1.](#page-4-0) Image scquisition is the first step which is done with proper CCD (charge-coupled device). The image is acquired from copra (Dried Coconut). The real-time image taken from the coconut drying industry is with the maximum size. The size of the copra is reduced as it is very easy to implement the image in desired software. The noise present in the image due to the environment is removed using the basic filter. Segmentation of the captured image is done using algorithms as active contour, multi-thresh, and threshold-based segmentation to segment the region of interest which is the white layer of copra. Active contour classifies the white layer of copra with greater accuracy which is used for feature extraction. The segmented image undergoes feature extraction by using the GLCM technique. The extracted features are trained and tested using K-means NN (K means Neural Network), ANFIS (Adaptive Neuro Fuzzy Inference System), and NN pattern recognition- Feed-forward network as implemented in (Vani Ashok, [2014](#page-17-12); Gokulnath and Usha Devi [2020\)](#page-17-13). The classification is to classify the sulfur fumigated and non-sulfur added copra. The following section describes the procedures carried out to implement the proposed method.

Figure 1. Sequential flow for prediction of sulfur content in copra.

An Approach of Image Processing

To differentiate the sulfur fumigated copra from normal copra, the image is acquired and segmentation is carried out using active contour, multi-thresh, and threshold-based segmentation. The Gray Level Co-occurrence Matrix (GLCM) features are extracted using the segmented image.

Image Acquisition of Copra (Dried Coconut)

The image is acquired in the coconut drying industry. The environmental parameter differs from place to place which affects the image quality and results in noises as discussed by Pavan Kumar and Padmaja ([2013\)](#page-17-14). The noise affected image is *t* retrieved using basic filters such as adaptive filter and mean filter as discussed by (Ramesh, Sasikala, and Paramanandham [2020;](#page-17-15) Sasikala and Murugesan [2017](#page-18-6)) . The adaptive filter results with high PSNR value, which is used to recover the image from external noises. The noise removed image undergoes segmentation process.

Segmentation

The segmentation is carried out to differentiate the sulfur and normal coconut. The segmentation is to separate the patches in sulfur fumigated copra. The copra is examined under three methodologies such as active contour, multi-thresh and threshold-based segmentation. Comparing these three methodologies active contour segments the copra with greater accuracy.

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(A) Active Contour

Normally sulfur fumigation over coconut forms a sulfur patch on the white layer of coconut. The active contour separates the sulfur patch (foreground layer) from the white layer (background layer). The mask is applied to the coconut to separate the patch from its background. The mask separates the region of the patch from the background as shown in [Figure 2](#page-5-0). This methodology provides a greater accuracy for segmenting the patches present in the copra.

(A) Multi-Thresh

Multi-thresh displays the uniqueness of the system. The multi-thresh is applied to sulfur coconut. Multi-thresh results in three color planes. The Yellow color plane has the same intensity, which has more sulfur content. The segmentation has an uniqueness of 188. The multi-thresh displays the three-color plane which is shown in [Figure 3](#page-5-1). This method deploys the accuracy of segmenting the patches in copra.

Figure 2. Active contour segmentation of sulfur copra.

Figure 3. Multi-thresh of sulfur copra.

(A) Threshold-Based Segmentation

Threshold segmentation highlights the low-intensity region by threshold. The threshold is set to 100. When $T < 100$ it highlights the region of low intensity. The low-intensity region has low content of sulfur. The region of *T* > 100 is not highlighted which has more sulfur content. The threshold value is tested for 50 to 150 and chosen as 100. The threshold segmentation is tested for sulfur fumigated image as shown in [Figure 4.](#page-6-0) The method does not have a greater vision to segment the patches in copra.

The threshold segmentation is tested for normal coconut image as shown in [Figure 5.](#page-6-1)

From the above methodologies active contour results with good segmentation, which classifies the sulfur patches with more accuracy. The active contour covers the entire spaces of white patches, leaving the remaining spaces in copra. The segmented image undergoes feature extraction using GLCM.

Feature Extraction

GLCM Features

The features of normal and sulfur fumigated coconut are measured using GLCM and Intensity features. The feature measures the different properties of copra, which helps to classify the normal and sulfur copra. It is second-

Figure 4. Threshold-based segmentation of sulfur added image.

Figure 5. Threshold-based segmentation of normal image.

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order statistical texture feature which is extracted by using co-occurrence matrix as Rampun, Strange, and Zwiggelaar ([2013\)](#page-17-16). It measures the variation of gray levels that occurred in an image in which pixels '*i*' is spatially related with pixels \hat{i} where *i* and *j* are gray level pairs, *P* is a GLCM element, $p(i,j)$ is a joint probability of gray level pairs. The measured GLCM features are listed below.

(A) Contrast

The contrast is pixel variation in grayscale which measure the quality of an image. The contrast of sulfur and normal copra are similar. The value of contrast for sulfur image lies from 0.02 to 0.04. The contrast of normal image is similar to sulfur image which lies from 0.02 to 0.05. The contrast is measured by using the formula which is shown in Equation (1).

$$
Contrast = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} p_{i,j} (i-j)^2
$$
 (1)

(A) Correlation

The correlation of image is the difference between each pixel values. The correlation of image for Sulfur and normal copra is 0.9. The correlation is measured using Equation (2), where μ_i is the mean of an image and σ_i is the Standard Deviation of an image.

$$
Correlation = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} P_{i,j} \frac{\left(i - \mu_i\right)\left(j - \mu_j\right)}{\sqrt{\left(\sigma_i\right)^2 \left(\sigma_j\right)^2}} \tag{2}
$$

(A) Energy

The energy of image is the confined change in pixels. It is the rate of change in pixel between sulfur and normal copra image. The variation between the pixels in the images is calculated for normal and sulfur fumigated copra using Equation (3).

Energy =
$$
\sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} p_{(i,j)^2}
$$
 (3)

(A) Homogeneity

The homogeneity is the measure of similarity between the pixels in an image. It measures the relation between the neighborhood pixels in the image. The similarity is measured by using Equation (4).

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$$
Homogeneity = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} \frac{P_{i,j}}{1 + (1-j)^2}
$$
 (4)

[Table 1](#page-9-0) describes the feature extracted for sulfur fumigated copra. The GLCM and intensity features are extracted by using the generalized formula which is discussed. The feature which differs for various images and it is given as input to the various classification methods.

Intensity Features

Pixel intensities are the simplest available feature that measures entropy, mean, standard deviation, and median. It measures the luminousness and aptness of an image. The intensity features like entropy, mean, standard deviation, median, maximum, and minimum values are measured and listed below.

(A) Entropy

The entropy is the degree of randomness in an image. It is a measure of uncertainty in an image. It is mainly used to mark the texture of an individual image. The entropy is calculated by using Equation (5).

$$
Entropy = \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} p_{i,j}(-mp_{i,j})
$$
 (5)

(A) Mean

The mean of the image is the average of points in an image. It describes the brightness of color and it is the sum of pixel values to the total number of values. The mean value is represented using Equation (6).

Mean =
$$
\sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} i(p_{(i,j)}) \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} j(p_{(i,j)})
$$
 (6)

(A) Standard Deviation

The standard deviation is the mean square value. SD measures the variation of pixels in an image. It spreads out the image region, which measures the distance from the mean value using Equation (7).

$$
SD = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} i(p_{(i,j)}) \sum_{i,j=0}^{N-1} j(p_{(i,j)})}
$$
(7)

(A) Median

The median is a middle value of intensity. The median values lie from 125 to 200 for sulfur copra and 70 to 120 for normal copra images.

(A) Max Intensity and Min Intensity

The maximum intensity is the maximum value of the image and the minimum intensity is the minimum value of an image. The maximum and minimum intensities are measured through Equation (8).

Maximum Intensity
$$
=_{i,j}^{Max} M_{I,J}
$$

Minimum Intensity $=_{i,j}^{Min} M_{I,J}$ (8)

[Table 2](#page-11-0) describes the feature extracted for normal copra which is not fumigated. It is measured to show the differences of extracted features from sulfur fumigated copra. Both sulfur fumigated copra and normal copra features are extracted to classify both.

System Description and Performance of Parameters with ANFIS, KNN, and Feed Forward

To achieve the purposes of minimizing the prediction error by training and testing similar patterned behavior; and to reduce the number of training examples within a training data set, network training is more efficient. The extracted features from GLCM are trained and tested using K-means NN (K means Neural Network), ANFIS (Adaptive Neuro Fuzzy Inference System), and NN pattern recognition- Feed forward network. When the response variable is **categorical**, then the problem is called as a classification problem.

Methodology 1: ANFIS

ANFIS provides the accuracy of classification by matching, training, and testing data. The result of classification using ANFIS is shown in [Figure 6.](#page-12-0) It describes the training data by dot and testing data by asterisk. The 10 inputs are given in the model and it generates 1 output. For each individual input, 10 Gaussian membership functions are generated, which leads to an output.

[Table 3](#page-12-1) describes about the accuracy of ANFIS which is measured by obtained ANFIS GUI. TP, FP, TN, FN is measured using dotted and asterisk in the output. As a result, sensitivity, accuracy, precision, recall, and F-Measure are calculated using the four parameters (TP, FP, TN, and FN).

The ANFIS architecture consist of 10 input layers and 1 output layer. There are 173 trained set of data and 50 test data to measure the classification parameters of ANFIS. As Hyper parameters, the correlation coefficient (R^2) value), MSE values are measured. The MSE is 0.8291 for training and 1.5391

Figure 6. Classification using ANFIS.

for testing. The R^2 value is measured as 0.7963. The number of nodes used in ANFIS is 343, linear parameter is 165, and non-linear parameter is 300. The total parameter is 465, and 15 fuzzy rules are used in ANFIS.

Methodology 2: KNN Classifier

KNN classifies the neighbor pixels by joining as a cluster and provides a descent classification with a accuracy of 80%, which is lower than ANFIS. [Table 4](#page-12-2) describes about the measure of accuracy parameters similar to the ANFIS parameters. The accuracy of KNN algorithm goes to 81 when $k = 3$ (i.e. considering the nearest neighbor value is 3). If *k* value is increased more than 3, the accuracy tends to decrease.

Methodology 3: Feed-Forward Network

The structure of the feed-forward network with the hidden layers from the MATLAB simulation is shown in [Figure 7](#page-13-0).

Pattern recognition follows feed forward and it classifies inputs according to the target specified. It is represented by the value '1ʹ for a target and '0ʹ for rest. The three samples representing training, testing, and validation are divided randomly. The dataset is divided into 70% of training, 15% of validation, and 15% of testing in neural network modeling as discussed by Sada and Ikpeseni

Figure 7. MATLAB simulation setup of feed-forward network.

([2021\)](#page-18-7). The training algorithm such as LM (Levenberg- Marquardt (LM), Scalar conjugate gradient (SCG), Bayesian Regularization(BR) is determined to measure the best performance. Along with training algorithm activation functions such as tansig, logsig are evaluated to measure the best performance in training and testing. The hyper parameters such as correlation coefficient (R2), MAE, RMSE, Number of Neurons, Activation Function, and Batch Size are measured to determine the accuracy of network as (Athira et al. [2018;](#page-17-5) Selvin et al. [2017](#page-18-8)).

Cross entropy and error percentage are calculated to measure the performance of the network. Minimizing cross entropy gives better performance in classification. Error percentage decides the data that is misclassified. The error percentage should be in minimum condition for a good classification. Confusion matrices in [Figure 8](#page-14-0) are the consequent for training, testing, and validation. Overall it decides the performance of classification of the sulfur in the copra. All Confusion matrix is used to detect TP, FP, TN, and FN visually and to calculate the classification parameters like accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, precision, and recall. From the confusion matrix the accuracy of training is measured as 98.2% and testing is 92 and overall accuracy of all the confusion matrices is 96.5%. From the value of TP, FP, TN, FN, the sensitivity value is 95, specificity value is 97, precision value is 97, and recall value is 95.

Training state provides the training record of the data in [Figure 9.](#page-15-0) It has a gradient of 0.025257 at epoch 21. [Table 5](#page-15-1) describes the accuracy measures of pattern recognition in which TP, FP, TN, and FN are measured to determine the accuracy parameters such as sensitivity, specificity, precision, recall, and F-Measure.

[Table 6](#page-15-2) describes hyper parameter values such as MSE, MAE, and R^2 are measured for different algorithms. Levenberg-Marquardt (LM) measures mean square value of 0.0287 compared to Scalar conjugate gradient (SCG), Bayesian Regularization (BR).

It also describes the measurement of statistical evaluation of different training algorithms in which LM algorithm measures the highest R^2 value of 0.9407. MAE value of LM algorithm is measured as 0.072 for training and 0.0681 for testing, which records the lowest statistical parameter with the lowest error. So LM algorithm is chosen as the best learning algorithm with higher accuracy of classification.

Figure 8. Confusion matrix.

Comparison of KNN, ANFIS, and NN

[Table 7](#page-15-3) represents the comparison of ANFIS, KNN, and pattern recognition. By comparing other classification methods, the neural network pattern recognition method provides the greatest accuracy as stated in Selvin et al. [\(2017](#page-18-8)). Comparison with other classification methods is shown in [Figure 10](#page-16-0).

By comparing the hyper parameters of ANFIS and NN Pattern Recognition the *R*2 values are measured as 0.9407 for NN Pattern recognition and 0.7963 for ANFIS. By comparing MSE value 0.0287 error values for pattern recognition and 0.8291 error value for ANFIS. In [Figure 10](#page-16-0) the comparison is made by comparing all three classification accuracy parameters. The neural network pattern recognition has more correctness of classification by comparing the other two networks.

Figure 9. Training performance.

Classification Parameter TP FP TN FN Sensitivity Specificity Accuracy Precision Recall F-Measure						
Test Images			88 02 79 04 95	96.5	97	

Table 6. Statistical evaluation of different training algorithm.

		Activation function		Training		Testing		
Learning Algorithm	Hidden	Output	R^2	MAE	MSE	p ²	MAE	MSE
LM	Tansig	Logsig	0.9407	0.072	0.0128	0.9407	0.0681	0.0287
SCG	Tansig	Logsig	0.9145	0.082	0.0141	0.9145	0.0646	0.0296
BR	Tansig	Logsig	0.9316	0.089	0.0280	0.9316	0.0907	0.0330

Table 7. Comparison of classification method.

Figure 10. Comparison chart of classification.

Conclusion

Information obtained from the extraction of the feature is categorized using supervised learning algorithms such as pattern recognition of neural networks, ANFIS, and KNN to differentiate the sulfur fumigated and non-sulfur fumigated copra. By using GLCM and intensity features classification part is successfully determined. The various training and testing parameters are determined to measure to study ANFIS, KNN, and Neural network pattern recognition.

From the result of Pattern recognition, ANFIS, and KNN the accuracy of neural network pattern recognition is high (96.5%) compared to ANFIS and KNN. The pattern recognition is superior to ANFIS by considering the R^2 and MSE values. The R^2 value is 0.9407 for Pattern Recognition which is loftier than ANFIS. The predicted error value by using MSE is low (0.0287) in NN Pattern recognition and higher (0.8291) in ANFIS. It is concluded that by applying supervised machine learning algorithm for classifying sulfur fumigated and normal copra, NN Pattern recognition classifier shows more accuracy than ANFIS and KNN.

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