

Severity Prediction of Covid-19 Patient Using Machine Learning Techniques

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Abstract- A COVID-19 (coronavirus disease 2019) was detected and has spread rapidly across almost all countries throughout the world since the end of the year 2019. It is an unusual viral pneumonia in patients. It was declared a pandemic by WHO because of its deadly effect on public health. Due to increase in the COVID-19 cases in present, we are here to predict the severity of the COVID-19 patients. We are performing this analysis based on the cases occurring in different states of India in present dates. Our dataset contains multiple classes so we are performing multi-class classification. This analysis contains four classifier Decision -tree, Random-Forest, Gradient boosted trees and Artificial Neural Network. This analysis will help the patients to know the amount of severity of COVID-19 which may reduce the crowd in Hospital, so that more severe patient can get the treatment as soon as possible.

Keywords: Viral pneumonia, multi-class classification.

I-INTRODUCTION

The virus of coronaviruses is a special kind of virus that itself is a disease and it enhances the existing disease in humans body which makes it a very dangerous virus. This virus results in wheezing, hard to breathe, bad digestive system, and liverwort, effects badly human nervous

system, and also harms animals like cows, horses, and pigs that are kept, raised, and used by people and different wild animals. Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a highly contagious viral illness caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome SARS-CoV-2. It has had a devastating effect on the world's demographics resulting in more than 5.3 million deaths worldwide. After the first cases of this predominantly respiratory viral illness were first reported in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, in late December 2019, SARS-CoV-2 rapidly disseminated across the world in a short span of time, compelling the World Health Organization (WHO) to declare it as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020. A COVID-19 diagnostic testing kit has been developed and is available in clinical testing labs. The gold standard for testing for COVID-19 is Reverse Transcription Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR). However, current data suggest that RT-PCR is only 30-70% effective for acute infection, this may be due to incorrect use of lab kits or not enough virus in the blood at the early stages of testing. Plus, the availability of testing will vary from country to country. In the proposed system which is able to predict the state of COVID-19 patient. For prediction Machine Learning algorithms Decision tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted Tree and Artificial Neural Network is used. Therefore, more accuracy is achieved. Fig. 1 Structure of coronavirus, showing the structure of COVID-19, this

structure looks like a crown. The different parts of this virus are also introduced in this diagram .

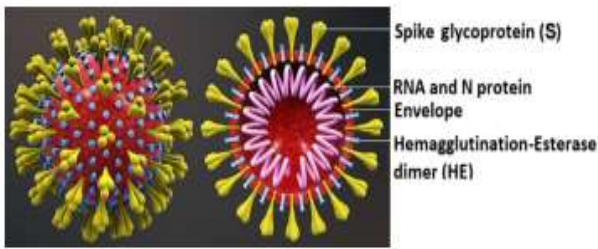


Fig. 1 -Structure of coronavirus.

The objectives of the Severity Prediction of Covid-19 Patient are:

- To predict severity of covid-19 patient using 4 different Machine Learning models such as Decision Tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted Trees and Neural Networks.
- To predict high-accuracy by interpreting Decision Tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted Trees and Neural Networks.
- To reveal the most significant indicators in early diagnosis of patient.
- To reduce the death rate in COVID Pandemic.

II- METHODOLOGIES

2.1 Data Collection

Machine learning needs two things to work, data (lots of it) and models. When acquiring the data, be sure to have enough features (aspect of data that can help for a prediction, like the surface of the house to predict its price) populated to train correctly your learning model. In general, the more data you have the better so make to come with enough rows.

The primary data collected from the online sources remain in the raw form of statements, digits and qualitative terms. The raw data contains error, omissions and inconsistencies. It requires corrections after careful scrutinizing the completed questionnaires. The following steps are involved in the processing of primary data. A huge volume of raw data collected through field survey needs to be grouped for similar details of individual responses.

2.2 Data pre-processing

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come with enough rows.

Data Pre-processing is a technique that is used to convert the raw data into a clean data set. In other words, whenever the data is gathered from different sources it is collected in raw format which is not feasible for the analysis. Therefore, certain steps are executed to convert the data into a small clean data set. This technique is performed before the execution of Iterative Analysis. The set of steps is known as Data Pre-processing.

It includes –

- Data Cleaning (K-Nearest Neighbor)
- Data Transformation
- Data Reduction

2.3 Data visualization

The process of organizing data into groups and classes on the basis of certain characteristics is known as the classification of data. Classification helps in making comparisons among the categories of observations. It can be either according to numerical characteristics or according to attributes. So here we need to visualize the prepared data to find whether the training data contains the correct label, which is known as a target or target attribute. Next, we will slice a single data set into a training set and test set.

Training set—a subset to train a model.

Test set—a subset to test the trained model.

2.4 Model building and training

The process of training an ML model involves providing an ML algorithm (that is, the learning algorithm) with training data to learn from. The term ML model refers to the model artefact that is created by the training process. The training data must contain the correct answer, which is known as a target or target attribute. The learning algorithm finds patterns in the training data that map the input data attributes to the target (the answer that you want to predict), and it outputs an ML model that captures this pattern.

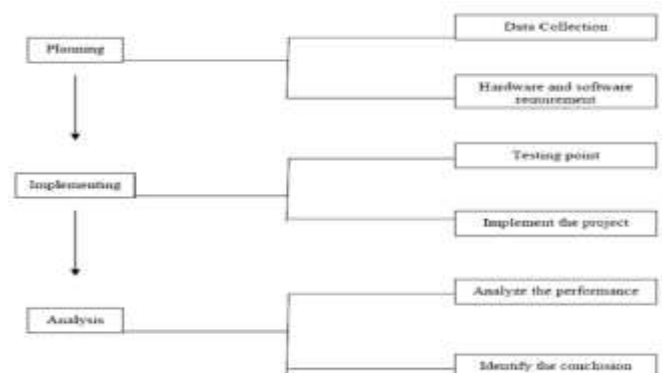


Fig. 2-Methodology of work.

2.5 Model classification and Result Analysis

In testing phase the model is applied to new set of data. The training and test data are two different datasets. The goal in building a predictive model is to have the model perform well. On the training set, as well as generalize well on new data in the test set. Once the build model, classification is done using Decision tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted tree and Artificial Neural Network algorithms in which and classified into levels of severity in which we can classify whether the given patient’s severity.

I. MACHINE LEARNING MODELS USED IN THIS STUDY

These are the models used for the Severity Prediction of Covid-19 Patient Using Machine Learning classification.

3.1 K-Nearest Neighbor

Missing values must be marked with NaN (not a number) values and can be replaced with nearest neighbor estimated values.

Distance calculation in the presence of missing values

In the presence of missing coordinates, the Euclidean distance is calculated by ignoring the missing values and scaling up the weight of the non-missing coordinates

$$d_{xy} = \sqrt{\text{weight} * \text{squared distance from present coordinates}}$$

Equation 1 is the formula to calculate the Euclidian distance.

$$\text{weight} = \frac{\text{Total number of coordinates}}{\text{Number of present coordinates}}$$

Equation 2 is used to find the weight

For example, the Euclidean distances between two points (3, NA, 5) and (1, 0, 0) is:

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{2} [(3 - 1)^2 + (5 - 0)^2]} = 6.595453 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Table

4.1: Sample dataset containing missing values

Using equation 1, the Euclidean distances between two points (5, NA, 1.6,0.2) and (5.2, 3.5, 1.5,0.2)

is:

$$= 4/3 * \{(5-5.2)^2 + (1.6-3.5)^2 + (0.2-0.2)^2\} = 2.6$$

Similarly for (4.8,3.1,1.6,NaN) (5.4,3.4,1.5,0.4)

$$= 4/3 * \{(4.8-5.4)^2 + (3.1-3.4)^2 + (1.6-1.5)^2\} = 0.4$$

All the missing value is calculated and is represented in the table 4.2

Table 4.2-Table after finding new value of NaN

3.2 Decision Tree

Root Nodes – It is the node present at the beginning of a decision tree from this node the population starts dividing

NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	1
5	3	1.6	1.2	1
5	2.6	1.6	0.2	1
5.2	3.5	1.5	0.2	1
5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	1
4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	1
4.8	3.1	1.6	0.4	1
5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1
7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0
6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0
6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	0
7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0
6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0
6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	0

according to various features.

Leaf Nodes – the nodes where further splitting is not possible are called leaf nodes or terminal nodes

- Information Gain
- Gini Index

Entropy

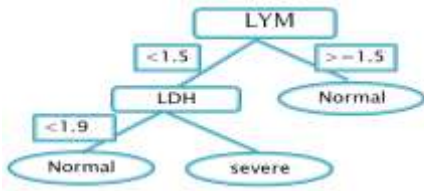
Entropy is nothing but the uncertainty in our dataset or measure of disorder.

The formula for Entropy is shown below

$$E(S) = -p_{(+)} \log p_{(+)} - p_{(-)} \log p_{(-)}$$

Here,

- p₊ is the probability of positive class
- p₋ is the probability of negative class
- S is the subset of the training example



Gini Index

It favours larger partitions and easy to implement. It is

calculated by subtracting the sum of squared probabilities of each class from one.

$$Gini = 1 - \sum_{i=1}^C (P_i)^2$$

Equation 4 is used to calculate the Gini index of the attributes.

Table 4.3: Sample dataset

index	NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
1	4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	1
2	5	3	1.6	1.2	1
3	5	3.4	1.6	0.2	1
4	5.2	3.5	1.5	0.2	1
5	5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	1
6	4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	1
7	4.8	3.1	1.6	0.2	1
8	5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1
9	7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0
10	6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0
11	6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	0
12	5.5	2.3	4	1.3	0
13	6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	0
14	5.7	2.8	4.5	1.3	0
15	6.3	3.3	4.7	1.6	0
16	4.9	2.4	3.3	1	0

After finding the average point of all the attribute values, we consider the two parts i.e. greater than or equal to that average point and less than that average point which is as shown below.

NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM
>= 5	>= 3	>= 4.2	>= 1.4
< 5	< 3	< 4.2	< 1.4

Calculating Gini Index using equation 4 for Var A:

Value >= 5: 12

NTproBNP A >= 5 & class = severe: 5/12

NTproBNP A >= 5 & class = normal: 7/12

Gini(5, 7) = 1 - [(5/12)^2 + (7/12)^2] = 0.4860

Value < 5: 4

Attribute NTproBNP < 5 & class = Severe: 3/4

Attribute NTproBNP < 5 & class = Normal: 1/4

Gini(3, 1) = 1 - [(3/4)^2 + (1/4)^2] = 0.375

By adding weight and sum each of the gini indices:

gini(Target, A) = (12/16) * (0.486) + (4/16) * (0.375) = 0.45825

Gini Index of CRP = 0.33

Gini Index of LDH = 0.2

Gini Index of LYM = 0.2

We consider the attribute of least Gini index value as the root node i.e LDH = 0.2 and construct the Decision tree which is as shown in below figure 4.4.

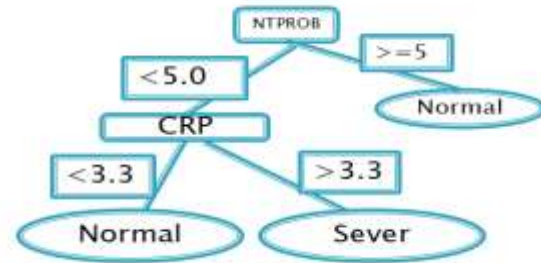


Table 4.6: Training Sub-dataset

The above table 4.6 is the sub-set of table 4.4, we construct decision tree for the above sub-dataset 2 which is as shown in below figure 4.7

Figure 4.7: Decision tree for sub-dataset 2

Table 4.7: Training Sub data-set 3

index	NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
3	5	3.4	1.6	0.2	1
4	5.2	3.5	1.5	0.2	1
5	5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	1
11	6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	0
12	5.5	2.3	4	1.3	0
13	6.5	2.8	4.6	1.5	0

index	NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
5	5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	1
6	4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	1
7	4.8	3.1	1.6	0.2	1
8	5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1
14	5.7	2.8	4.5	1.3	0
15	6.3	3.3	4.7	1.6	0
16	4.9	2.4	3.3	1	0

The above table 4.7 is the sub-set of table 4.4, we construct decision tree for the above sub-dataset 1 which is as shown



in below figure 4.8

Figure 4.8: Decision tree for sub-dataset 3.

We classify the new instances by selected decision tree.

Classifying New Instance:

NTprob	CRP	LDH	LYM	Result
6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0

Classifying from all Decision trees = Normal=0

3.4 Gradient Boosted Tree

Shrinkage refers to the fact that the prediction of each tree in the ensemble is shrunk after it is multiplied by the learning rate (eta) which ranges between 0 to 1 which is calculated using the below equation .

$$y(\text{pred}) = y1 + (\text{eta} * r1) + (\text{eta} * r2) + \dots + (\text{eta} * rN)$$

Table 4.8: Sub-dataset for Gradient boosted tree

index	NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
1	4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	1
2	5	3	1.6	1.2	1
3	5	3.4	1.6	0.2	1
4	5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1
5	7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0
6	6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0

For the above table 4.8, we start with one leaf node that predicts the initial value for every individual passenger.

$$\text{Log (Sever/normal)}$$

$$\text{Log}(4/2) = 0.7$$

0.7 becomes our initial leaf.

If the probability of Sever is greater than 0.5, then we first classify everyone in the training dataset

as sever

We need to find the residual which would be:

$$\text{Residual} = \text{Observed} - \text{predicted}$$

After calculating the residual values for all the instances in table 4.8 we construct table 4.7 with residual value column which is as shown below

Table 4.9: Sample dataset with residual value attribute

index	NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result	Residual
1	4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	1	1-0.7 = 0.3
2	5	3	1.6	1.2	1	0.3
3	5	3.4	1.6	0.2	1	0.3
4	5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1	0.3
5	7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0	-0.7
6	6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0	-0.7

We will use this residual to get the next tree. It

may seem absurd that we are considering the residual instead of the actual value.

W
e use a
limit of
two leaves
here to
simplify
our
example,

$$\frac{0.3+0.3+0.3+0.3}{(0.7 * (1-0.7)) + (0.7 * (1-0.7)) + (0.7 * (1-0.7)) + (0.7 * (1-0.7))} = 1.428$$

but in reality, Gradient Boost has a range between 8 leaves to 32 leaves.



Figure 4.10: Graph of prediction of severity in Gradient boosted tree

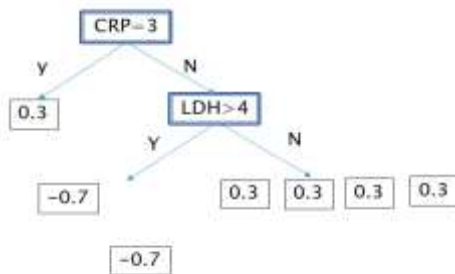


Figure 4.11: Gradient boosted tree

Because of the limit on leaves, one leaf can have multiple values. Predictions are in terms of log(odds) but these leaves are derived from probability which cause disparity. So, we can't just add the single leaf we got earlier and this tree to get new predictions because they're derived from different sources. We have to use some kind of transformation. This is as shown in below figure 4.10.

The numerator in this equation is sum of residuals in that particular leaf.

The denominator is sum of (previous prediction probability for each residual) * (1 - same previous prediction probability).

The first leaf has only one residual value that is 0.3, and since this is the first tree, the previous probability will be the value from the initial leaf

$$\frac{0.3}{[0.7 * (1 - 0.7)]} = 1.43$$

$$\frac{-0.7-0.7}{[0.7 * (1 - 0.7)] + [0.7 * (1 - 0.7)]} = -3.33$$

Figure 4.13: Gradient boosted tree

3.5 Artificial Neural Network

Consider the sample dataset which is as shown below table 4.11

Table 4.10: Sub-dataset for calculating weights in ANN

NTproBNP	CRP	LDH	LYM	result
4.8	3.4	1.9	0.2	1
5	3	1.6	1.2	1
5	3.4	1.6	0.2	1
5.2	3.5	1.5	0.2	1
5.2	3.4	1.4	0.2	1
4.7	3.2	1.6	0.2	1
4.8	3.1	1.6	0.2	1
5.4	3.4	1.5	0.4	1
7	3.2	4.7	1.4	0
6.4	3.2	4.7	1.5	0
6.9	3.1	4.9	1.5	0

For below table 4.10, consider: $x_1=4.8$, $x_2=3.4$, $Y=1$ for the first Record

W is weighted edge vary from 0.1 to 0.3 which considered as constant

$$F = 0.1 * 4.8 + 0.1 * 3.4 + 0.1 * 1.9 = 0.19$$

$$F(x) = 1/(1+E(0.19)) = 0.3$$

This output will become the input for the next neuron

Initially $W_1=0.2$ and $x_1=1$

$$t_1 = w_1 * x_1 = 0.2$$

Applying Sigmoid activation function i.e equation

8:

$$y_1 = 1/(1+e^{-(0.2)}) = 0.73$$

$$w_2 = 0.7$$

$$t_2 = 0.73 * 0.7 = 0.511$$

$$y_2 = 1/(1+e^{-(0.511)}) = 0.625$$

$$\text{Loss} = 0.9 - 0.62 = 0.27$$

where **target = 0.9**

For updating weights in ANN we use Back propagation algorithm which constantly updates weights minimizing

the error which leads to high accuracy.

Back propagation:

We consider sample data present in the table 4.10 for back propagation.

Propagate error from output layer to hidden layer

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_2 &= y_2 * (1-y_2) * \text{error} \\ &= 0.625(1-0.625) * 0.27 \\ &= 0.072 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta w_2 &= \alpha * \delta_2 * y_1 \\ &= 0.9 * 0.072 * 0.73 \\ &= 0.0477 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} w_2 &= w_2 + \Delta w_2 \\ &= 0.7 + 0.034 \\ &= 0.734 \end{aligned}$$

Propagate error from hidden layer to input layer

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_1 &= y_1 * (1-y_1) * (\delta_2 * w_2) \\ &= 0.73(1-0.73) * (0.072 * 0.7) \\ &= 0.0099 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta w_1 &= \alpha * \delta_1 * x_1 \\ &= 0.8 * 0.0099 \\ &= 0.008 \end{aligned}$$

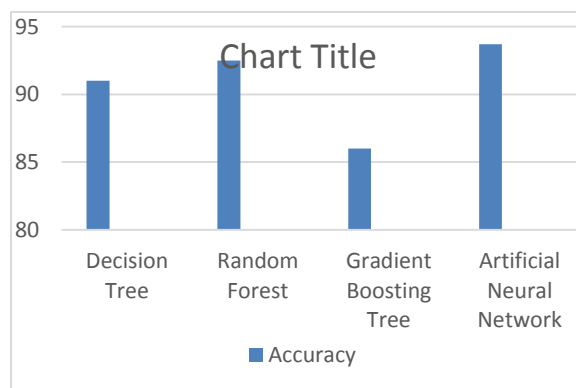
$$\begin{aligned} w_1 &= 0.2 + \Delta w_1 \\ &= 0.208 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly the process repeats until the error becomes zero, finally resulting in optimal weights which leads to high accuracy.

Artificial Neural network gives accurate value when compared to other algorithms.

IV-RESULT ANALYSIS AND RESULT ANALYSIS

Classification is done using 4 algorithms: Decision tree, Random Forest, Gradient Boosted tree, Artificial Neural Network. The result is predicted using the algorithm which gives highest accuracy and will classify severity level of COVID-19 patient.



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