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# An Optimized Model for Breast Cancer Prediction Using Frequent Itemsets Mining

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Abstract—This presented research paper mainly studies the frequent itemsets mining approach for finding the most important attribute to overcome the existing problems in the extraction of relevant information by using data mining approaches from a huge amount of dataset. Firstly a state of art diagram for prediction is designed and data mining classifier like naive bayes, support vector machine, decision tree, k- nearest neighbour are compared and then proposed methodology with new techniques are proposed. Moreover, a new attribute filtering association frequent itemsets mining algorithm is presented. Then, by analyzing the feasibility of the proposed algorithm, the data mining classification classifier is compared. As a result, SVM produces the best result among all the classifier with attribute filtrating and without attribute filtrating. With attribute filtrating algorithm enhances the accuracy of all the other classifier.

*Index Terms*—Association rule mining, Frequent itemsets mining, Decision tree, Naive bayes, Support vector machine, k-nearest neighbour, Prediction.

# I. INTRODUCTION

Data mining techniques is the process of analyzing the datasets for withdrawing the relevant information from the huge dataset. Data mining concept is also used for finding the correlation among the attributes or the relation between the datasets and also used for prediction based on the current dataset[1]. There are many types of methodology in data mining like classification, clustering, association rule mining, regression and many more.

Healthcare data management plays a very challenging role in data mining techniques. Data of healthcare originate from different sources like the patient, nurse, doctor, administration, employee details and many more[2].

Breast cancer is a collection of cancerous breast cell or most common invasive tumor cell in women and after the lungs, breast is the second cause of death in women[3]. BC cell multiple in an unmanageable manner, begin from the inner lining of duct or lobules which is milk carrier and from there it gets spreading throughout the other body parts. Screening of cancerous cell at a benign stage cure the breast cancer within five years by a various range of treatment option like surgery, radiation therapy and chemotherapy. BC is basically of two types benign and malignant. After the diagnosis of BC, it gets decided either it is benign or malignant. Benign mean cancer stage 0 & 1. Cancer stage 2, 3 & 4 comes under malignant stages. Stages of cancer totally depend upon the size of the tumor cell. Malignant stage tumor means cancerous cell started spreading throughout the other body parts[4].

This paper is organized into section as follows. Section 2 is related research work from 2013 to 2018 on breast cancer. Breast cancer diagnosis, prognosis, recurrence, comparison of classifiers to increase the statistical measures. Darkly lighted only those research work which helps in my research work. The proposed architecture and its steps like data collection, data pre-processing, attribute filtering, data mining classification algorithm also frequent itemsets mining proposed algorithm is used for attribute filtering are discussed, in section 3 with the brief introduction of the classification algorithms like naive bayes, decision tree, SVM, k-NN. Implementation on Wisconsin dataset comparative analysis by using attribute filtering is discussed in section 4. Section 5 is the conclusion, summarizes a brief overview of the proposed work followed by and future work.

## II. RELATED WORK

After a study, the number of papers on breast cancer related to prediction analysis, risk analysis, recurrence, diagnosis, and comparison of the classification algorithm with the aim to increase the accuracy level of a classifier which helps the doctors in decision making or prediction analysis. Some research paper which helps in the proposed model of this thesis work, discussed in the next section are-

Sakri et al. [5] proposed particle swarm optimization technique for feature selection which reduces the features

from BC dataset into classifier like Naive Bayes, K-Nearest Neighbor, and fast decision tree learner to increase the accuracy level of recurrence prediction analysis and naive bayes with and without feature selection produces the best output.

Alwidian et al. [6], innovate new techniques for pruning and prediction depend on statistical measures for produces more specific association rule which increases the accuracy level of Association classifier and the problem related to estimated measures and prioritization techniques to be solved as it plays an important role in rule generation of WCBA. For screening the result in different fields, the different methodology is used for weighting, pruning, and prediction.

Shukla et al. [7], invents a new technique for patient survivability in the presence of missing data and also frame cohorts of breast cancer patients that contribute exact features by using SOM & DBSCAN i.e unsupervised data mining methods to create a patient cohort clusters [8] and decision tree gives the best performance and generalized into one of cluster.

Asri et al. [9], Comparison of performance in terms of accuracy, precision, sensitivity, and specificity into classifiers like SVM, C4.5, NB, k-NN on Wisconsin BC datasets and SVM gives high accuracy and its efficiency.

Shah et al. [10], the comparison between classification algorithm such as Random Forest, Naive Bayes, ibk on WEKA tool in terms of correctly classified instances, incorrectly classified instances, time is taken, kappa statistic, relative absolute error, and root relative squared error and naive bayes generates the best accuracy among all classifiers in lowest time.

Tripathy et.al [11], an innovates technique for risk analysis i.e Parallel SVM, which generates a best and

efficient way to work on huge datasets based on map reduce.

Bhardwaj et.al [12], presented new algorithm i.e genetically optimized neural network which classifies diagnosis class either benign or malignant with an aim to deal with classification issues and compares the statistical measures performances like accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, confusion matrix, ROC curve, area under curve.

Gupta et al. [13], given a synopsis of all the current research on breast cancer by applying data mining algorithms to enhance research work on breast cancer detection and prediction.

#### III. PROPOSED MODEL

Breast cancer is also famous as female cancer. Early diagnosis of breast cancer and its related therapy has been well-marked transformation as it increases the number of breast cancer survivor. Breast cancer affecting women living in a bad manner due to change the lifestyle of women like alcohol misuse, pregnancy preventive pills, stress, emotionally break down, over-weighting, having babies after the age of 30 and many more. Breast Cancer affects the quality of life of women by growing uncontrollably. Accurate screening has lots of chances to be cured and the diagnosis of BC in screening helps a doctor for prediction analysis with the help of data mining. After studies, the number of papers based on BC research, this paper is going to be proposed the algorithm for attribute filtration method and the implementation by different classifier like naive bayes, decision tree, svm, k-nn with the aim to get the best output with less number of an attribute [5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12].

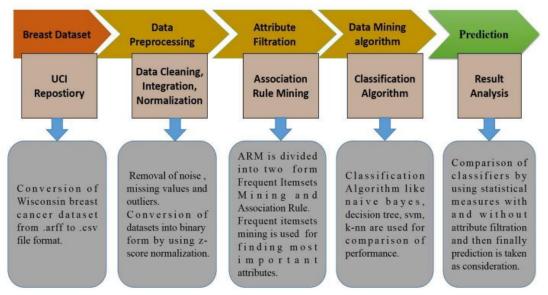


Fig.1. Proposed Model

The Proposed model as shown in Fig.1 is consists of several steps and each step is discussed below-

## A. Data Acquisition

Data acquisition would be collected from UCI. The data available here is been collected from Wisconsin hospital. It is available in .arff format and is converted to .csv file format for further processing.

# B. Pre-processing

Wisconsin BC dataset consists of 17 missing values, remove the missing value by calculating the mean of that particular attribute. Then data normalization is done for converting the datasets in the binary form 0-1. z-score normalization techniques are used for the conversion. The z-score strategy also known as standard score is normal distribution of data where the standard deviations below or above the mean. For z-score, mean and standard deviation are calculated for comparing the results from a test a normal population to thousands of possible results. And after the z-score scaling calculated the mean and applied the condition if the mean(attribute)>=

value(attribute) then '1' else '0' because of z-score range i.e -2 to +2.

$$Z Score = \frac{value - mean}{SD}$$
 (1)

where,

value = value is locate in the distribution SD = Standard deviation.

Equation 1 is standard formula for calculating Z Score with with an average mean of 0 and standard deviation of 1.

#### C. Attribute Filtration

It is a very important step in this research work. For attribute filtration, proposed the frequent itemset mining algorithm that considers only the most important attribute[14]. For example, in the datasets of breast cancer, there is no requirement of a patient's ID. Frequent itemset mining is a very crucial part of association rule mining, which finds out the correlation among attributes and frequent patterns.

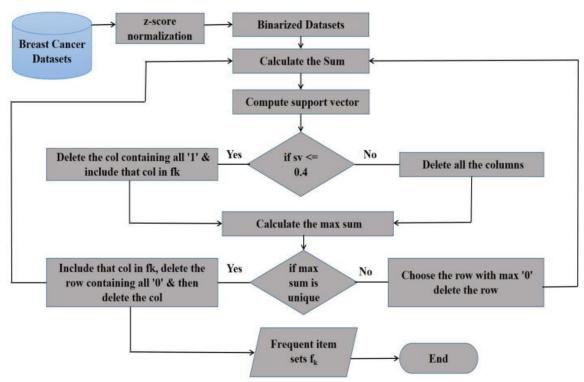


Fig.2. Frequent itemset mining proposed flow chart

In this research, FIM is used to find out important attributes from the dataset which consists of 32 attributes. Algorithm 1 illustrated all the necessary steps.

**Algorithm 1:** Algorithm for Attribute Filtration

**Input:** Wisconsin Breast Cancer dataset (BC) in Binarization form.

**Step1:** Calculate the sum of attributes of BC dataset.

**Step2:** For each attribute of BC dataset, consider support threshold value=0.4.

**Step3:** For each attribute which is less than threshold=0.4, delete that attribute column.

**Step4:** For each attribute which is consists of all '1' delete that attribute column and include that column into frequent itemsets i.e  $f_k$ .

**Step5:** Calculated the maximum sum and check whether the maximum is unique or not. If the maximum sum is unique then first delete that row having '0' and finally delete that attribute column and include in  $f_k$  else find the row having maximum'0' and delete that row.

**Step6:** Repeat step 1 to 5 until the BC dataset is null

**Step8:** Output fk, containing most important attributes.

**Output:** frequent itemsets  $f_k$ = a2, a3, a4, a6, a7, a8, a9, a11, a13, a14, a17 a20, a21, a22, a23, a25, a27, a28, a31. The Most important attribute of Breast cancer dataset (BC) is radius\_mean, texture\_mean, perimeter\_mean, smoothness\_mean, compactness mean, concavity mean, texture se, concave points mean, fractal dimension mean. perimeter se, compactness\_se, symmetry se, fractal\_dimension se, radius\_worst, texture\_worst, area worst, concave\_point\_worst, symmetry\_worst, diagnosis(class).

# D. Data Mining learning Algorithm

Data mining is extremely used in HealthCare Domain to increase diagnostic accuracy. Data mining tool is used to explore diseases, operations, etc in order to improve treatment quality at an affordable cost. For discovering useful and hidden trends or patterns that are used in the diagnosis and in recurrence. Classification data mining algorithm technique categorized the breast cancer datasets into a number of classes[15]. The main classification technique is to accurately predict the new data class and also give an effective result for the analysis of huge datasets[16]. Table 1. describe the classification algorithm advantages and disadvantages.

Table 1. Advantages and disadvantages of Classification Algorithm

Classification	Decision Tree	Naive Bayes			
Advantages	Fast and Simple to understand, interpret.  Can handle categorical as well as continuous variable	Fast to train and classify for single scan and relevant space also.  Not sensitive for irrelevant features.			
Disadvantages	Training cost is high, over fitting.	Assume independence of features.			
	Document connected to one branch.	Outcome is very biased results.			
Advantages	Scale well for high dimensional data.	Non-parametric & best performing text classifier.			
	Less over-fitting.	Handle large amount of predictors.			
Disadvantages	Training time is high for large data.	Difficult for similarity measure.			
	Less effective for noisy data.	Computationally expensive.			

## E. Analytical Tool

Datasets is huge in number and for the analysis of a large number of datasets we need an analytical tool. R programming tool is a free software environment for statistical computing and graphics. R consists of complete packages. It is one of the best analytical tools for data pre-processing. Most of the data scientist and researcher uses R tool for data prediction analysis as R is bit faster for both statistical and programming. R is also less expensive data analytical tool with graphical capabilities or better data visualization facilities.

#### F. Prediction

Predictive model uses statistics to predict the trends and unknown event of model.

## IV. IMPLEMENTATION

## A. Data Description

To classify all the classification algorithm, we have used UCI Wisconsin Breast Cancer datasets. The datasets consists of 31 attributes and one class attribute i.e diagnosis with 699 instances. Fig.3 presents the attribute specification of datasets of breast cancer.

Attr No.	Attribute Name	Description se= standard error lmv= largest mean value
1.	radius mean	mean of distances from center to points on the perimeter
2.	texture mean	standard deviation of gray-scale values
3.	perimeter mean	mean size of the core tumor
4.	area mean	mean area inside the boundary of core tumor
5.	smoothness mean	mean of local variation in radius lengths
6.	compactness mean	mean of perimeter ^2 / area - 1.0
7.	concavity mean	mean of severity of concave portions of the contour
8.	concave points mean	mean for number of concave portions of the contour
9.	symmetry mean	mean of similar area of tumor parts that matches
10.	fractal dimension mean	mean for "coastline approximation" -1
11.	radius se	se for the mean of distances from center to points on the perimeter
12.	texture se	standard error for standard deviation of gray-scale values
13.	perimeter se	standard error for mean size of the core tumor
14.	area se	standard error for mean area inside the boundary of core tumor
15.	smoothness se	standard error for local variation in radius lengths
16.	compactness se	standard error for perimeter^2 / area - 1.0
17.	concavity se	standard error for severity of concave portions of the contour
18.	concave points se	standard error for number of concave portions of the contour
19.	symmetry se	se for mean of similar area of tumor parts that matches
20.	fractal dimension se	standard error for "coastline approximation" - 1
21.	radius worst	worst or lmv for mean of distances from center to perimeter points
22.	texture worst	worst or lmv for standard deviation of gray-scale values
23.	perimeter worst	worst or largest mean value for mean size of the core tumor
24.	area worst	worst or lmv for mean area inside the boundary of core tumor
25.	smoothness worst	worst or lmv for local variation in radius lengths
26.	compactness worst	worst or lmv for perimeter^2 / area - 1.0
27.	concavity worst	worst or lmv for severity of concave portions of the contour
28.	concave points worst	worst or lmv for number of concave portions of the contour
29.	symmetry worst	worst or lmv for similar area of tumor parts that matches
30.	fractal dimension worst	worst or lmv for "coastline approximation" - 1
31.	diagnosis	M = malignant, B = benign

Fig.3. Attribute Description[17]

## B. Comparative Analysis

It is a visualization tool which is commonly used to represent accuracy, sensitivity, specificity of classifier. It is used to show the relationships between outcomes of actual and predicted classes. A Confusion Matrix helps in finding the comparison between classifier by computing Accuracy, Sensitivity, Specificity, Area under curve and ROC curve [10]. Confusion Matrix table for breast cancer diagnosis is shown in table 2.

Table 2. Confusion matrix for breast cancer datasets

		Predicted Class		
		Benign	Malignant	
Actual Class	Benign	ТВ	FM	
	Malignant	FB	ТМ	

**True Benign:**Probability of (+) given the individual has the Benign stage.

**False Benign:** Probability of a Benign stage tests negative (-).

**True Malignant:** Possibility of (-) given the individual does not have the benign stage, have Malignant stage;

**False Malignant:** Probability of a Malignant stage tests positive (+).

**Accuracy:** Actually classified classes divided by the total number of classes in the dataset.

$$Accuracy = \frac{TB + TM}{TB + TM + FB + FM}$$
 (2)

Sensitivity = 
$$\frac{TB}{TP+FM}$$
 (3)

Specificity = 
$$\frac{TM}{TM+FB}$$
 (4)

**Positive Predictive Value:** Possibility of a patients who attempt has Benign stage.

**Negative Predictive Value:** Possibility of a patients who attempt has Malignant stage.

# C. Performance Analysis

Table 3 gives the performance result of classifier algorithms. According to performance table the SVM gives the highest accuracy i.e 97% as compared to other classification algorithms.

Table 3. Performance Table of classifier algorithms without attribute filtration

Classifier	Acc (%)	Sen (%)	Spec (%)	Ppv (%)	Npv (%)	auc
Decision Tree	91.15	93.85	87.50	91.04	91.30	0.9516
Naive Bayes	95.33	97.49	66.51	83.06	94.00	0.9649
SVM	97.35	61.07	41.99	63.93	39.04	0.9888
k-NN	74.99	81.23	22.16	63.73	41.22	0.8147

Fig.4 represents Performance graph between the statistical measures like accuracy, sensitivity, and specificity.

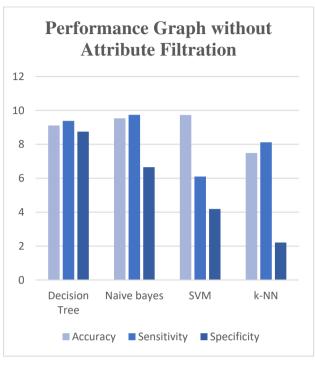


Fig.4. Performance Graph without attribute filtrating

Fig.5 represents the ROC curve for the different classification classifiers and SVM classification techniques is the superior algorithm as compared to other classifier. SVM gives higher accuracy and higher area under curve.

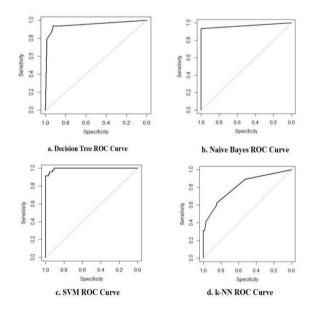


Fig.5. ROC curve of classification algorithm without attribute filtrating

Table 4 shows the comparison of classification classifier algorithm with attribute filtration, fig.6 shows the performance graph of classification classifier among statistical measures like accuracy, sensitivity, specificity.

Table 4. Performance Table of classifier algorithms with attribute filtration

Classifie rs	Acc( %)	Sen( %)	Spec( %)	Ppv( %)	Npv( %)	auc
Decision Tree	90.27	61.06	41.98	63.92	39.03	0.9497
Naive Bayes	96.46	59.10	46.22	64.92	40.16	0.9949
SVM	96.61	64.14	33.49	61.89	35.67	0.9553
k-NN	91.74	65.82	34.43	62.83	37.43	0.9571

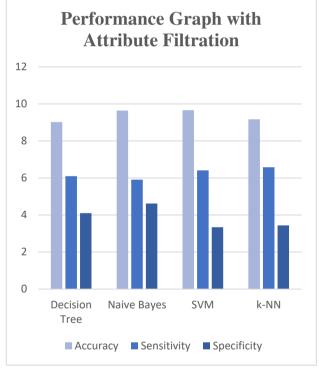


Fig.6. Performance Graph with attribute filtrating

Fig.7 shows the ROC curve. SVM produces best result among all classifiers and also enhances the accuracy level of all the other classifier as compared to without attribute filtration.

Out of 31 attribute (expect patient's ID) only 19 attribute are most important. Enhances the accuracy level of each classifier. Roc curve i.e receiver operating characteristic describe the usefulness of diagnosis class I.e benign and malignant. SVM produces best result with low negative predictive value.

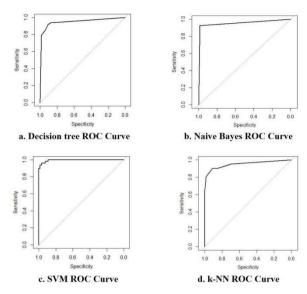


Fig.7. ROC curve of classification algorithm with attribute filtrating

#### V. CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

Frequent itemsets mining proposed algorithm for attribute filtration which enhances the work of predictive analysis by finding only the most important attributes from the datasets and the comparative study of statistical measures like accuracy, sensitivity, specificity, positive predictive value, negative predictive value, area under curve and roc curve for the popular classifying algorithms, NB, DT, SVM and k-NN also performance graph and performance table with and without attribute filtration is clearly shown and final output of our implementation is also shown as ROC curve. SVM generates better output with attribute filtration as compared to without attribute filtration as it produces highest area under curve as compared to other classification techniques and also enhances the accuracy level of all the other classifier. In future work we will try to enhance the attribute filtration techniques on real time databases. Also try to implement model by using ensemble algorithm and the comparison will be done.

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