



## Significance of Data Mining in Disease Classification and Prediction for Mining Clinical Data : A Review

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**Abstract:** Data Mining is a well established area of research that has become increasingly popular in health domain in recent years. It plays a vital role the health care towards uncovering latest trends specifically in early disease predictions. Data Mining is now becoming helpful for researchers and scientist towards gaining novel and deep insights of any large biomedical datasets. Uncovering new biomedical and healthcare related knowledge in order to support clinical decision making, is another dimension of data mining. Early disease prediction has now become the most demanding area of research in health care sector. As health care domain is bit wider domain and having different disease characteristics, different techniques have their own prediction efficiencies, which can be increased and tuned in order to get into most optimize way. In this research work, authors have comprehensively compared different data mining techniques and their prediction capability on different set of diseases datasets. Authors also have discussed different Data Mining Techniques such as classification, clustering, association, regression and their applicability and prediction efficiency specifically in health domain.

**Keywords:** Data Mining, Classification, Clustering, Healthcare

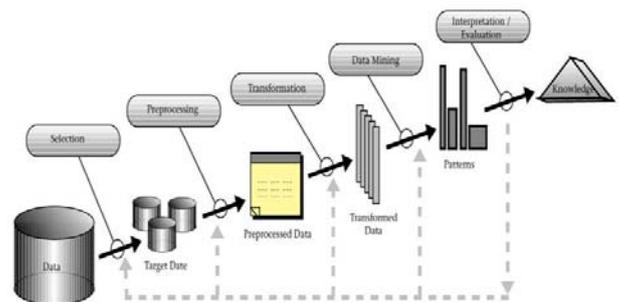
### I. INTRODUCTION

Most crucial and challenging task in the field of medical sciences is getting the right diagnosis at right time. Getting the right diagnosis is big hurdle and frustrating task, it is specially challenging for someone with less commonly known disease. Many people don't get a diagnosis and some time misdiagnosed or have multiple, contradicting diagnoses from doctors. During earlier days, medical diagnosis was based upon information collected from patient history and physical examination of person and such processes also need diagnosis test for further diagnosis of patient. Nowadays some intelligent system has been developed by taking the help of such systems disease diagnosis can be done in earlier stages. Data Mining is a process of digging interest or meaningful information and knowledge from spam of data. Data mining has wide scope in various domain like in retail, finance, manufacturing, medicine, telecommunication, bioinformatics, web mining however out of which health care or medical domain has recently got wider scope as there is terabytes of data is available but still meaningful information is missing. The medical environment is data rich but weaker in information in terms of knowledge and robust tool to identify hidden patterns of knowledge in specific domain. Here data mining techniques has a great extent of applicability in the field of earlier disease prediction and prognosis and biomedical and health care.

Data mining has shown tremendous growth the last few years and already proven analytical capabilities in various research fields like,

- In Retail Domain like Market basket analysis, Customer relationship management (CRM)
- In Financial Domain like Credit scoring, fraud detection
- In Manufacturing Domain like Optimization, troubleshooting
- In Medicine Domain: Medical diagnosis

- In Telecommunication Domain like Quality of service optimization
- In Bioinformatics Domain like Motifs, alignment
- In Web mining Domain like Search engines



**Fig. 1: An Overview of Steps Compose KDD Process [D. Fayyad et al., 1996] [41]**

DM techniques have a proven set of scope towards disease diagnosis and revealing hidden biomedical and health care patterns. This leads to the development of intelligent systems and decision support systems in Healthcare domain to ensure better diagnosis, prediction of diseases. Through massive literature survey it is found that applicability of data mining techniques are more intended towards predicting heart diseases, lung cancer, and breast cancer and so on. The advantages of applying DM techniques in medical domain includes effective treatment identification and disease predictions at its early phases, Patients receive better and more affordable health care services, Generation of quicker reports and faster analysis, Increased operational efficiency and reduce operating cost whereas the disadvantages includes Heterogeneity of medical data volume and physicians explanations, Ethical, Legal and

social issues, Privacy and security of data, Inaccurate information.

## II. KDD PROCESS

The knowledge discovery in database is referred as KDD process. It is a process of selecting the knowledgeable data or data of interest from different repositories of data. KDD has high level of applicability in data mining. The process includes selecting the relevant data, processing, transformation of the data into relevant information and finally extracting hidden information from spam of data. KDD process encompasses the following steps:

### A. Data Cleaning

It is the process of selecting the relevant information by removal of noisy and inconsistent data.

### B. Data Integration

In this process heterogeneous data sources are integrated.

### C. Data Selection

Data Selection involves retrieval of relevant data gathering for further analysis.

### D. Data Transformation

Data collected from different repositories may have not appropriate for applying mining process initially. The data comes from heterogeneous sources so it should first converted or transformed in appropriate form so the data mining techniques can be implemented and patterns to be analyzed.

### E. Data Mining

In this phase various data mining algorithm is applied in order to mine appropriate knowledge pattern.

### F. Pattern Evolution

Pattern evolution includes finding the relevant patterns of information hidden in the data.

### G. Knowledge Representation

This phase represent knowledge in a more sophisticated way applied to a particular domain.

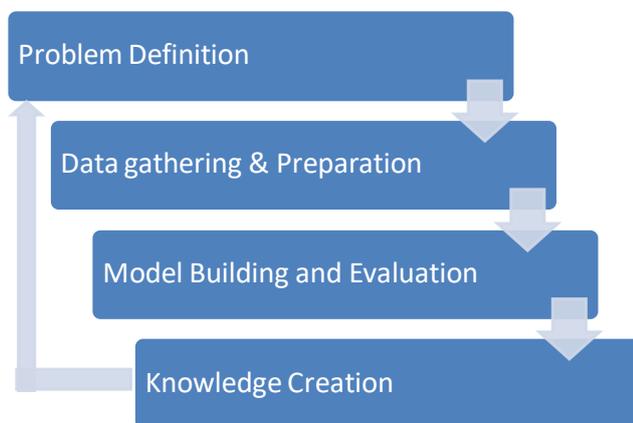


Fig. 2: Major steps involved in KDD process

## III. TECHNIQUES USED IN DATA MINING

For the knowledge discovery and different pattern identification, the different algorithms and techniques of data mining are used. Majorly these techniques and algorithms can be categorized into classification and clustering, regression,

decision tree, genetic algorithms and neural networks. A brief description of all above specified techniques is given below:

### A. Association

Association is one of the techniques of data mining in which association function use to find a relation between co-occurrence of item in crowd of data. These rules or function use to predict occurrence on one item based on occurrence of other item. Association techniques are used to analyze and predict behavior of customer as well as play a significant role in analyzing shopping basket pattern and product clustering and catalog. Multilevel association, Multidimensional association, and Quantitative association all these rules come under Association. Association rules algorithms intend to production of rules with confidence values less than one.. Linear Regression, Multivariate Linear Regression, Nonlinear Regression, Multivariate Nonlinear Regression are major types of association rules.

### B. Classification

classification techniques are supervised learning methods are most widely used tin data mining to classify the data in raw data, a value is assigned to each item in set of data to group them in a class ,these classifier models are mathematical techniques which are used to classify the data. This technique is more suitable for detecting any sort of discrepancy and risks analysis involved with a particular data set. Basically this approach uses decision tree like classification algorithms.

Classification process further can be categorized into two further process called learning and classification. In learning phase data is analyzed by classification algorithm first whereas in classification this test data is used to identify the accuracy of said classification rules if accuracy comes within acceptable bands than this rule can be applied on to newer data sets. The algorithms then encode these parameters into a model called a classifier. Classification techniques includes decision tree, Bayesian classification, neural networks, support vector machine, association based classification.

### C. Clustering

Clustering is a data mining technique which is used to build the cluster of those objects having similarity in their behavior and cluster of the items which having dissimilarity by using the clustering techniques. Clustering is somehow different from classification as clustering is unsupervised learning methods in which cluster is form on base of similarity however in classification tags are assign to put items in a class. Clustering techniques are widely used in field of image processing, data analysis, pattern recognition, and market strategies. Clustering is used to identify similar classes of objects and dense and spare regions in object space along with correlations among the data attributes. Clustering process is an alternative of classification used for attribute subset selection and classification. The methods which come under clustering are Partition, hierarchical agglomerative, density based, grid based and model based.

### D. Prediction

prediction is one of the data mining which is based on predict the future behavior of items and based on current and historical data to create a model of prediction .These techniques are used in market analysis. Regression techniques are used for predications. Regression is used to find the

relationship between independent and dependent variables. Independent variables are those which are already known and response variables are those which we want to predict. Some complex problems depend on complex interactions of multiple predictor variables. Some techniques like logistic regression, decision trees, or neural networks is quite helpful for future value forecasting and to solve complex problems. Even classification and regression models can be created by neural networks.

Prediction includes linear regression, multivariate linear regression, nonlinear regression, multivariate nonlinear regression. Figure 3 given below represents the summarized version of different algorithms applicable to different techniques in data mining.

Associations	Classification	Clustering	Prediction
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multilevel association rule</li> <li>• Multidimensional association rule</li> <li>• Quantitative association rule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decision Tree</li> <li>• Bayesian classification</li> <li>• Neural Networks</li> <li>• Support Vector Machines</li> <li>• Association based classification</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partitioning methods</li> <li>• Hierarchical Agglomerative (divisive) methods</li> <li>• Density based methods</li> <li>• Grid-based methods</li> <li>• Model-based methods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Linear Regression</li> <li>• Multivariate Linear Regression</li> <li>• Nonlinear Regression</li> <li>• Multivariate Nonlinear Regression</li> </ul>

**Fig. 3: Major techniques used in data mining**

has been proposed by Podgorelec et al. [21]. Wang has implemented fuzzy cluster analysis for medical images [22]. Bethel et al. developed a learner mechanism regarding association rules based on parameters collected from past breast cancer patients [12]. Further in the similar direction Xue has applied Bayesian Network algorithm towards diagnosis of Coronary Heart Diseases [25]. Abraham et al. [26] discussed the techniques to increase the accuracy of classification of medical data by using Naive Bayesian classifier algorithm.

Syed Zahid Hassan has proposed an integrated approach to predict diseases by combining K-means algorithm, Self Organizing Map and Naïve Bayes and Neural Network based classifiers.[27]. Berlingerio et al. studied Time Annotated Sequences (TAS) algorithm to mine data with temporal dimensions [28]. The generated patterns are helpful in accurate diagnosis. Abdullah applied apriori algorithm for medical data mining [10]. A decision tree can be generated by CART algorithm has implemented by Mohammad Saraee[18]. Karegowda proposed a model to classify diabetic database to further enhance classification accuracy [2], known as CFS, and GA. CHAO and WONG has developed a decision tree learning approach to interpret attributes in medical data classification with enhanced accuracy by comparing ITI algorithm. Balakrishnan proposed feature selection using SVM to classifying diabetes databases [31]. Role of Fuzzy Cognitive Maps to detect drugs and their health impacts has been explained by Froelich [29].

TANG and TSENG have studied three different classifiers for medical data mining to classify diabetic and cancer datasets [24]. Tu and shin has developed an intelligent system to predict diagnosis of heart diseases by the use of decision tree, bagging, and Naïve Bayes [20]. Significance of data mining algorithms like C4.5, Bayesian Network and Back Propagation was purposed by Further Su[14]. To predict Kidney disease Vijayarani explained the SVM and Naïve Bayes algorithms[42]. Naïve Bayes, Decision tree, SVM, J48, Multilayer Perceptron classification algorithm and Conjunctive Rules has explained by Lambodar and Narendra[44]. Similarly to predict Kidney functions some machine learning algorithms like random forest, kstar, naïve bayes,, J48 and AD tree has been analysed by P.Swathi and Panduranga Vital[46].Ramyra has analyzed Back propagation Neural network, Random Forest, Radial Basis Function, in order to predict kidney function by using chronic kidney disease dataset [43].

Parul Sinha and Poonam Sinha [45] developed a decision support system to predict chronic kidney disease by using Support Vector machine and KNN. The summarized version related to the application of different data mining techniques in different disease identification or used as a data sets, is as under:

**Table 1:**

<b>Technique</b>	<b>Mining Problem Domain</b>	<b>References</b>
Association Rule	Patterns Identification	[11], [12]
J48, C4.5, C5, and CART	Decision Support for Heart Disease, Hypothyroid, Dengue	[14], [15], [16], [3], [18], [19], [1] ,[33], [34], [38], [39], [40]

Data Mining involves analyzing large data to discover trends and patterns that yields to business intelligence [31]. Data mining also plays a significant role in discovering knowledge related to various domains. Another dimension of data is the mining of medical data as Healthcare domain, which produces large amount of data about historical records of patients and their data of medical history, prior diseases, diagnosis and required information. With this approach the Healthcare domain, can improve their overall quality related to patient services and early detection and diagnosis of various applicable diseases [20]. The major application areas of Data mining are medical tests, prediction of surgical processes, and establishment of relationships between pathological with clinical data [21]. Apriori and FPGrowth are the most widely adopted techniques used by different researchers to find frequent used mining algorithms [1, 32]. Different algorithms has been studied and implemented in [1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8]. Brameier and Banzhaf have discussed two different programming models like Neural networks and linier genetic programming for medical data mining [9]. Unsupervised neural network on medical data is well explained by Shalvi [1]. Adepele has introduced approach for drawing different association rules through medical image data [11]. Further Shim and Xu identified a novel classification method based on Bayesian model [13]. He implemented this model to classify liver disease further. M. Khan et al. used decision tree algorithm to perform analysis on medical images [15]. For cardio vascular disease most widely used classification algorithms has been defined by Cheng et al.[3].

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K-means, SVM and Naïve Bayes	Classification for Dengue disease datasets	[27], [35], [37]
k-NN	Classification for Diabetes, Cancer datasets	[24]
Appriori	Association rule mining	[10], [23], [17], [4], [5], [6], [7], [8], [32]
Bayesian Ying Yang	Classification on Liver Disease datasets	[13]
Neural Networks	Patterns and Trends Extraction	[9], [1]
Outlier Prediction Technique	Classification	[21]
Fuzzy Cluster Analysis	Medical images	[22]
Classification Algorithm	Disease Classification for Cardio Vascular Diseases datasets	[3], [2], [24]
Bayesian Network Algorithm	Analysis of medical data for Coronary Heart Disease	[14], [25]
Naive Bayesian	Classification for Coronary Heart Disease datasets	[26], [36]
Genetic Algorithm	Classification on Diabetic Datasets	[9]
Time Series Technique	Disease diagnosis	[28], [29]
Clustering and Classification	Clustering and classification of biomedical databases	[30]
SVM	Classification for Diabetes datasets	[16], [31]
Fuzzy	Drugs and Health effects classification	[29]
SVM, ANN and ID3	Classification	[16]
Naïve Base, SVM	Kidney Disease	[42]
BPN, RBF, RF	Chronic Kidney Disease	[43]
Naïve Base, MLP, SVM, J48 Conjunction Rule, Decision Table	Chronic Kidney Disease	[44]

SVM, KNN	Chronic Kidney Disease	[45]
AD Trees, J48 KStar, Naïve Bays, Random Forest	Kidney Disease	[46]

**V. GAP ANALYSIS**

Authors have performed a regress study on available literature and found following gaps that needs to be resolved and identified as a key area of further research in this field,

- The available literature shows massive use of decision tree and Naive Bayes classification techniques in most of the models.
- Data Sets are primarily taken from the web repositories like UCI, NCBI etc.
- Very few researchers have contributed their own data collected from hospitals and performed mining on that data.
- Open source tools are being the first and recommended choice by most of the researchers.
- The most mined dataset is heart, taken from UCI repositories.
- Recent viral disease predictions were also been made like H1N1 and dengue etc.
- Very few researchers have been made their own contribution towards creating new data repositories collected from trusted resources.
- Performance efficiency of prediction model can also be enhanced by combining more than one algorithms/ techniques together.

**VI. TOOLS FOR DATA MINING**

Various tools are available in field of data mining to help the statistical and analytical studies some of them are as follows:

- SPSS Clementine**  
SPSS Clementine is a tool for text analytical and data mining given by IBM. It is a powerful tool for versatile data analysis and to build a predictive model.
- SAS**  
SAS is a statistical analysis system it is software, developed by SAS institute. It is used for advanced analytical problems. SAS is used for both predictive and descriptive modeling for huge volume of data.
- MATLAB**  
MATLAB is most widely used and popular among different discipline, used by millions of users across industry and business purposes. Mathworks developed this programming language. MATLAB is used in computational mathematics.
- Weka**  
Weka is an open source. Weka is most widely used machine learning programming tool which was developed by University of Waikato New Zealand for

Knowledge Analysis. it supports extensive number of data mining algorithms like classification, clustering, regression techniques to assumption on base of fixed number of attributes.

**E. R**

R is also called GUN S. R is a programming languages as well as free software which can run on various platforms. R is widely used to statistically explore data set to perform graphical display, analysis, classification and data manipulation.

**F. Orange**

Orange is component base machine learning tool for data mining used in analysis of data and visualization. Orange performs data analysis by visual programming. Orange has property to suggest most frequently used combination as it has power of remembrances of choice.

**G. Tanagra**

Tanagra free data mining machine learning software and quite user friendly for researchers and students to implement data mining methods by comparing the patterns of knowledge. It is used in real time studies.

**VII. MAJOR DATASETS REPOSITORIES**

UCI Machine learning public repository is most widely used repository for various domain it contain 351 datasets for learning and research purposes. It is collection of bench mark datasets for comparative assessment and to perform classification and regression techniques.

**VIII. CONCLUDING REMARKS AND FUTURE SCOPE**

In this paper authors have established the applicability of data mining techniques in the field of research in medical domain. Good amount of literature is available which shows major scope of data mining techniques in disease predication and identification. However data security, privacy, misuse, and accuracy algorithms are major issues, which still need to be addressed. The efficiencies of different data mining algorithms can be accessed on the basis most prevalent features available in dataset. Combining different algorithms to get more accurate prediction for weakly classified data is also the major requirement for this field yet to be explored. The future research work will include disease prediction and identification in a more accurate fashion by comparing and then combining to efficient algorithms on weakly or heterogeneous datasets by using different machine learning algorithms.

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